

# CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT

## WADDELL CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION

Shortly after Emancipation a group of independent children of God united to establish a Methodist Church of their own. Land was purchased from S.L. Gillespie and his wife on December 31, 1884. Among the trustees who signed the deed were family cousins, Clifton and Perry Roberts. Oliver and Dinah Roberts were faithful members.

Waddell Chapel was organized in 1867 under the leadership of Rev. Francis B. Moore. He was succeeded by Rev. John Springs, Rev. Henry Harris, Rev. Allen Jennings, and Elder Blackwell.

## MT. TABOR BAPTIST

Rev. Adam Webber and his wife, Betsy Roberts Webber, helped establish Mt. Tabor. It was the forerunner of St. James Church in Bessemer City.

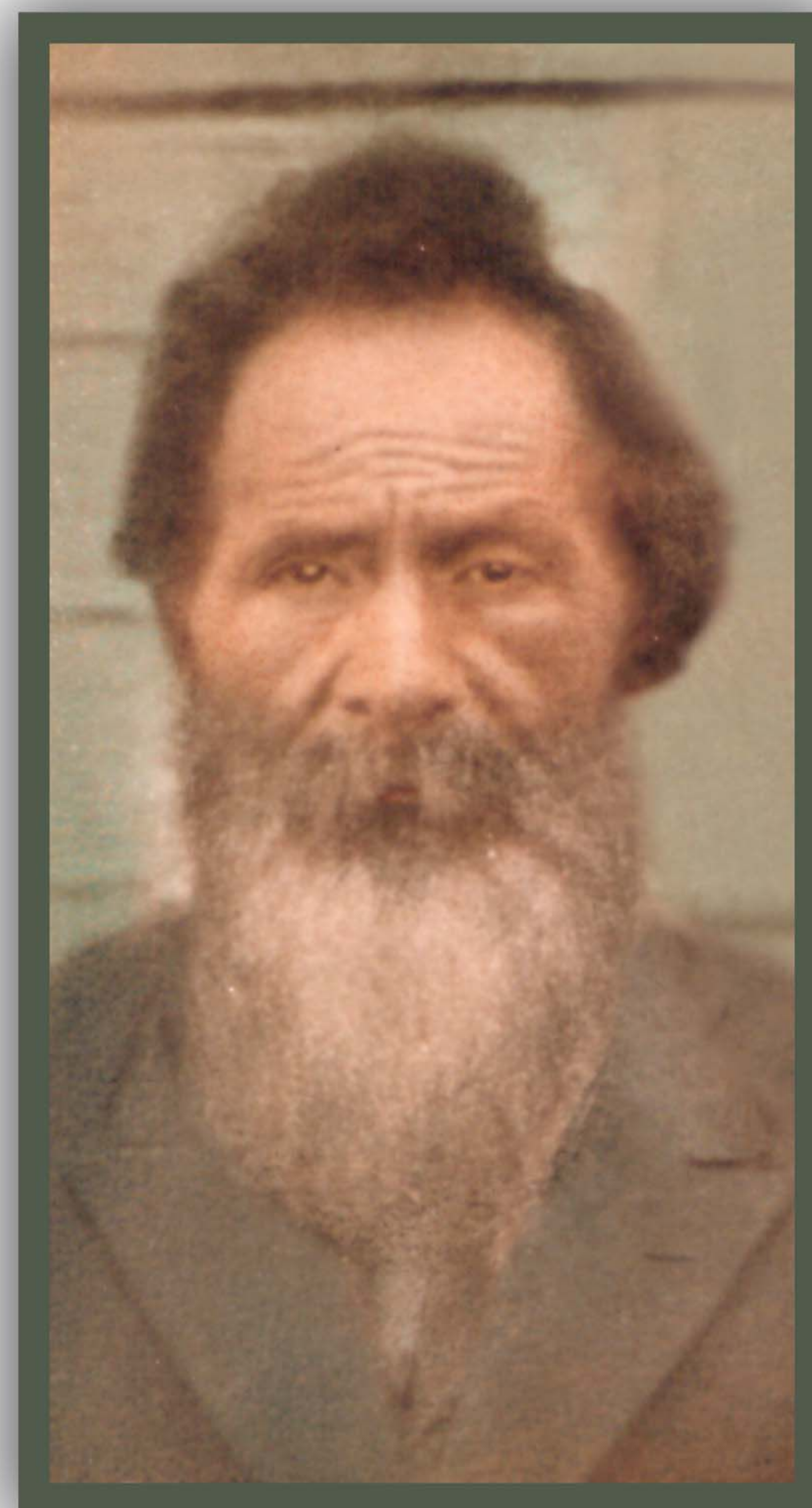
## ZION GROVE A.M.E. ZION

Little information could be obtained about Zion Grove. Its founder was Rev. Caleb Roberts, son of Betsy Roberts Forney, one of the Seven Sisters. He and his wife, Julia Ann, were buried in the Vestibule A.M.E. Zion Cemetery.

## WESLEY CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION

Wesley Mauney took the lead in building this church in Beaver Dam, Gaston County. The pastor and members were so pleased they named the church Wesley Chapel.

Wesley was the son of Priscilla Mauney, one of the Seven Sisters, and Sam Mauney.



## Family Reunion

Roberts Borders Mauney Howell Briggs and Related Families