

Winder Presbyterian Church
Ladies' Aid Society & Woman's Auxiliary
1906 - 1939

The Ladies' Aid Society (and missionary) was organized in .
September 1906 with five ladies present: Miss Mary Russell,
Mrs. Robert Oscar Ross, Mrs. O. S. Hayes, Mrs. Patrick Philip ,
Jennings, and Mrs. Holt.

Mrs. Robert Oscar Ross was made first president and
continued in office for many years.

In 1907 the Ladies' Aid Society raised the money and paid for a
carpet, Communion set, and new collection plates.

Sessional records show very little concerning the work of the
Ladies' Aid Society. However, there are definite records
concerning the financial aid that the women gave to the church

In talking with Mrs. Patrick Philip Jennings, a charter member,
we find a few interesting bits to add to the history. From the
ear/iest beginnings the women ot the church sponsored a
Christmas entertainment and tree for the Sunday School. The
first Christmas Tree was in the home of Miss Mary Russell. A
real Christmas party was given each year for members of the
Sunday School, and In these past years down to the present
time the entertainment has been given in the little church This
custom continues to be one of the highlights of the church's
activities.

Today as we think of war conditions and what changes have
come about, it is indeed interesting to find that tasks undertaking
today were undertaken in the years of World War I. Cotton picking
today is by no means new. It seems that the Ladies' Aid Society
made money for the church by aiding the farmers in the cotton
fields. Mrs. Jennings tells us that members of the Winder
Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society made quite a sum of money
picking cotton. Mrs. Maude Camp (H. O.) was the champion
picker (with 122 lb. to her credit); with Mrs. Jennings a close
second.. (118 lbs.). Their prize was sticks of peppermint" candy.

A great deal of fun was had, and the church itself benefited from
the cotton-picking wages. Today we find that three of the charier
members are living
Robert Oscar Ross, Miss Mary Russell, and Mrs. Patrick
Jennings (the former Jimmie Callahan). Mrs. Jennings is the
only one of these three now residing in Winder. She is an
Invalid, but quite cheerful and always interested in the activities
of the Auxiliary. Names of former Presidents are: Mrs. Rober: Oscar
Ross
Mrs. Reed Mrs. Ada Hester

Mrs. Paul Aufrey
Mrs. Dailey Mrs. James Wiley Griffeth
Mrs. Richard Brevard Russell Mrs. Herman Williams
Mrs. Robert L. Russell Mrs. Parham Monroe Wise Sr

The Society is now The Woman's Auxiliary, With officers and Cause secretaries, and with Circle Meetings in the homes and Auxiliary Meetings in the church. At this time there is a membership of eighteen.

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