

## The Tale of Two Ladies

It was about the year 1925, a disastrous year for most farmers in Georgia -- there was very little rainfall from the middle of March until September.

This was a period of time when it was proper attire for a lady to wear a hat in church. In some churches it was not uncommon for the women to sit on one side of the aisle and *the* men on the other, and the same rule applied in the choir loft.

In the Winder Church there were two ladies: one, Miss Gladys Hanes, age 13, and the other, Mrs. Mary Brumby Quarterman, age 58. Now Mrs. Quarterman was very strict in her beliefs, one being that ladies, young and old, should wear a hat in church.

Now, 13-year-old Miss Gladys Hanes did not like hats, particularly wearing one to church. Miss Gladys had a good voice and she sang in the choir (with no hat). This situation was very disturbing to Mrs. Quarterman. She felt it could not be allowed or tolerated.

After discussing the matter with Miss Gladys and seeing she could make no progress, she *proceeded* in another direction. Mrs. Quarterman sought out a seamstress in Winder who was good at making bonnets for young ladies, the bonnet being the contemporary attire for Miss Gladys. It wasn't long until the seamstress had produced a nice bonnet which would be most fitting for Miss Gladys to wear to church and particularly in the choir.

Shortly thereafter on one Sunday morning, while Miss Gladys was singing in the choir, Mrs. Quarterman very proudly marched up into the choir loft and placed this pretty new bonnet on Miss Gladys' head. We have no record of how it affected the congregation, but it was very disturbing to Miss Gladys and left a mark on her for life.

Miss Gladys Hanes is now Mrs. Gladys Hogan, wife of Mr. Roy Hogan, mother of three children, and the oldest living continuous member of this church (71 years), having joined the church in 1924.

Mrs. Gladys still doesn't like ladies' hats, and continues to be somewhat frustrated with this incident in her life.