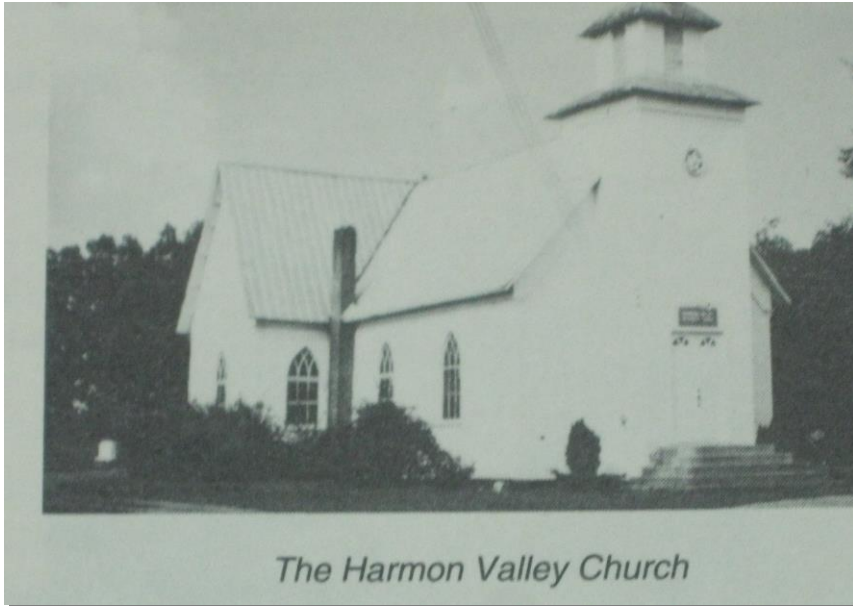# INTRODUCTION TO HARMON'S VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

The Church takes its name from the fertile and historic Harmon's Valley, named for Jacob Harmon Senior who owned well over five hundred acres of land by 1840. Jacob's two sons, John and Jacob Junior, increased the farm to 1,000 acres by the time of the Civil War. The Harmon family graveyard is only a mile or two from the Church.

The Church cemetery is not very old, with the first dated tombstone in1944. The first interment was Lewis Andrew Turner. Both of his parents are interred in the historic Harmon Family Graveyard.

The Church building on the other hand, was originally built as a Lutheran Church in the mid-1890s. The Church was erected near the railroad depot in Mohawk. In 1919 the

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Lutheran Synod sold the building for use by the Southern Methodists. About 1933, a decision was made to relocate the building from Mohawk to a location a few miles away. There are two versions of how this was accomplished. One story is the structure was moved intact by "manpower, strength and ingenuity". Another story relates the building was first dismantled, relocated, and then reconstructed. Regardless of how the relocation was accomplished, the original concrete steps into the Church remain today in the original location near the Depot in Mohawk. Today's Church has a brick veneer façade.

The earliest tombstones found in the Harmon's Valley United Methodist Church Cemetery reflect the surnames of the early 20th century once found in the Town of Mohawk and the nearby farms.

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