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# SANDY BRANCH CEMETERY



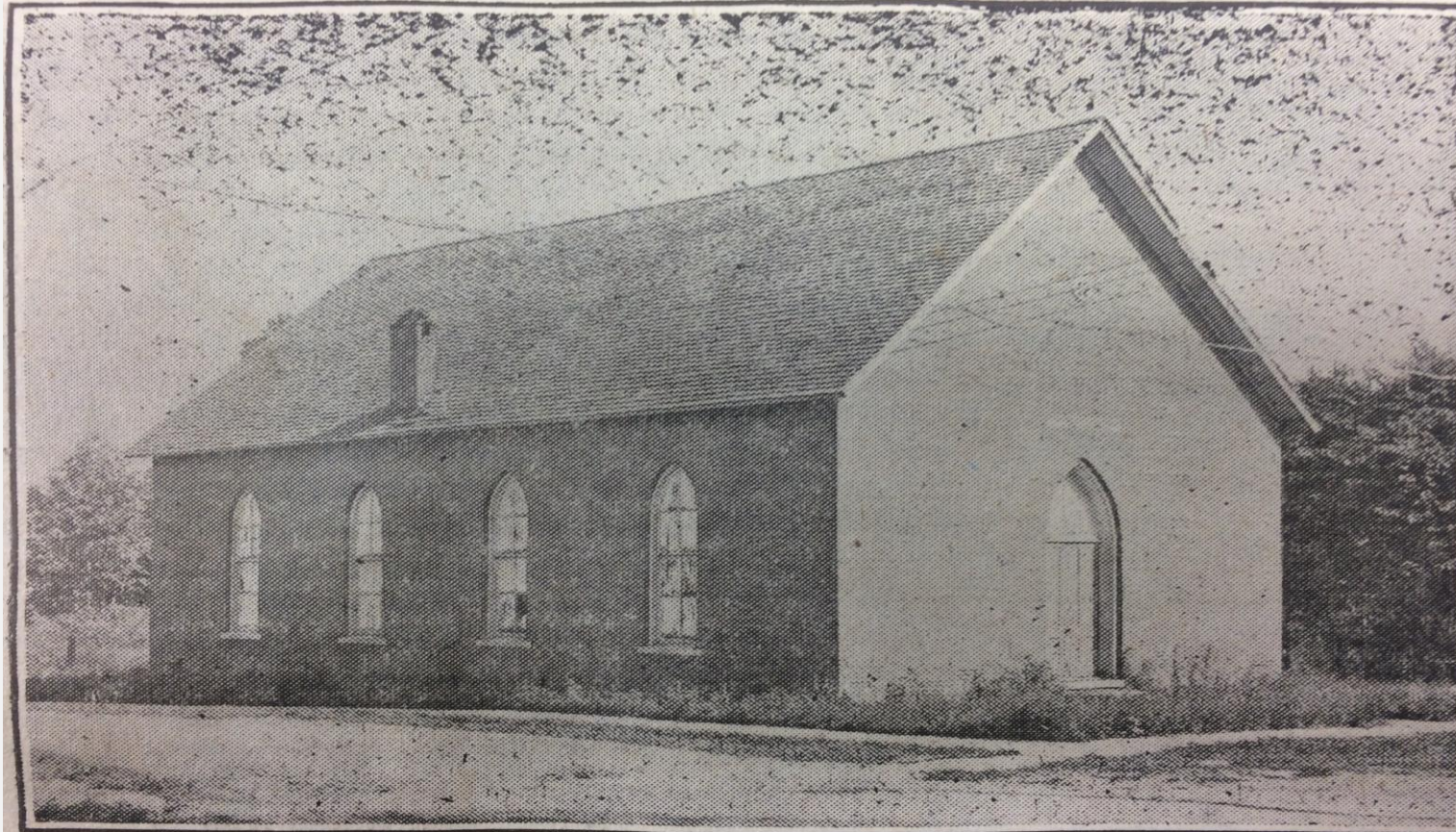
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# SANDY BRANCH CEMETERY



- Oldest marked stone is (Wm. Littleberry Janes) 1857 many older graves are unmarked
- Picture was taken in 1923
- Note the tools to the cut grass
- Wrought iron fence in background
- Marble edging around graves
- Bernice Jenkins on the left, buried at Sandy Branch
- Don / Robert Joyner brothers

# MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH 1900



Primitive Baptist Church

# MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST



- Established 1824 in John Terrell's home in Dresden
- Other locations, Mud Creek, Ralston, McCombs St, West Peach St. est. 1964
- George W. Martin donates land for church
- McCombs St. location built in 1900 - demolished 2020, **this picture**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Elder, Almus Bunyan Ross (BUN)
- **NOTE**, words over the front porch roof

# LOMBARDY HOUSE MARTIN



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# LOMBARDY HOUSE

Weakley County Press—Friday, August 29, 1958



**TRAGIC FIRE**—All that was left of this home, located on the Dresden Highway, near Ralston, were the chimneys and smoldering ashes. The fire not only burned the home but snuffed out the life of a week old Negro child as well. Fire started from an explosion of a coal oil stove Monday morning.

- Built in 1868 by Thomas Dudley Martin
- Grandson to William Martin town name sake
- Known as Lombardy because of poplar grove the house set in
- Spiral staircase imported from France
- 200 yards from railroad tracks, faced east
- Old folks would set on side porch and watch the lights come on in the city of Frost (Martin)

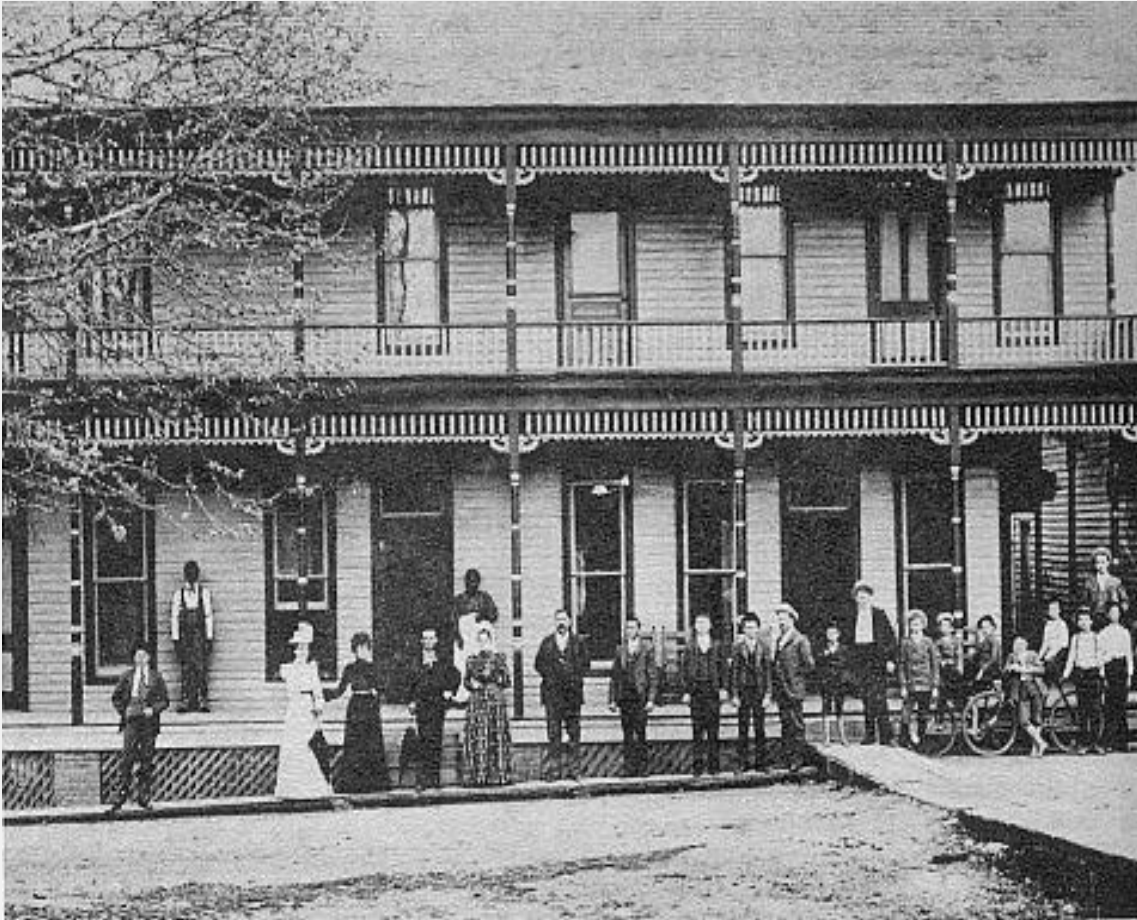
# REAGOR HOTEL SHARON



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# REAGOR HOTEL



- Owner Jim Reagor
- Built hotel soon after railroad come through 1<sup>st</sup> train August 1873
- Large two story hotel facing railroad tracks
- Note the boardwalk, where porters took passengers luggage to hotel/train
- C. B. Brooks last owners. Reagor Hotel burned between 1907 - 1910
- 22 people in photo

# HOLLIS & PARISH STORE SHARON



# HOLLIS & PARISH

**MUST BE FINISHED  
WITHOUT FAIL** 10/8

Reg. No. 1031 Material 10846

**CUSTOM DEPARTMENT  
STROUSE & BROTHERS.**

For Mr. J. D. Bruce  
Order of Hollis & Parish & Co

**VEST.**

Single or Double Breasted Single 5 button  
Notch, Round or no Collar Notch  
Opening 15 Full Length 26 3/4  
Breast 38 1/2 Waist 35  
Eas Stance Welt Pockets

1/4 inch outlet on side seams

**Hand-Made Button Holes.**

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

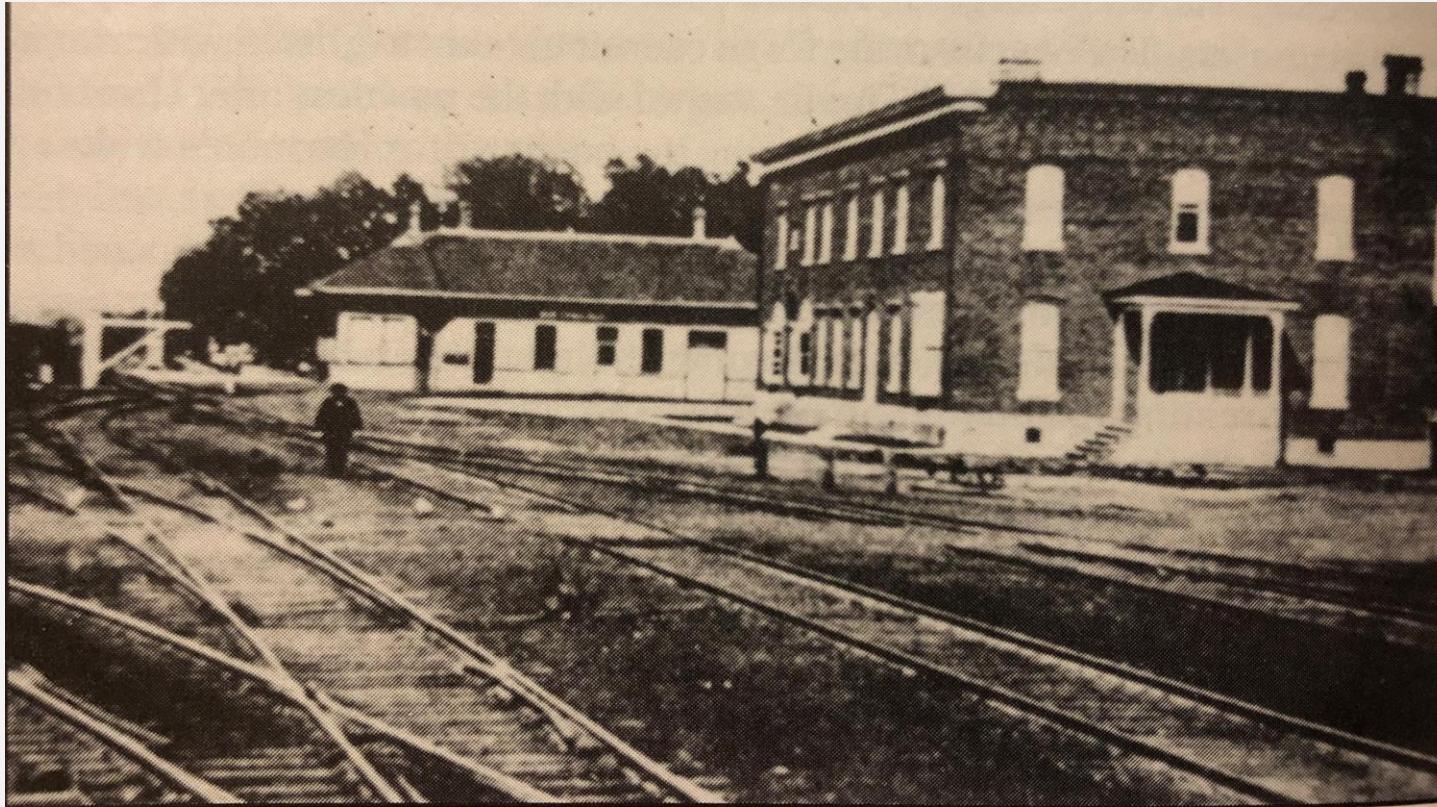
Cutter A. Grace Maker [Signature]

This garment has been carefully inspected and found to be strictly in accordance with measurements and instructions furnished us.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Examined by \_\_\_\_\_

- Captain E.T. Hollis & John Parish partners
- Building was erected in 1893, foot plate is cast in iron at back entrance now
- General store carrying hardware to millinery
- Facing the railroad tracks / back door now
- Located on Main St.
- Sharon Furniture / Appliances
- Current owners Danney & Dianne Lackey

# WILLIAMS HOTEL MARTIN



*Williams Hotel with passenger station in background.*

# WILLIAMS HOTEL



- 1873 George W. Martin built a wood frame hotel and called it the Martin House
- 1883 George Bowden bought it and renamed it the Bowden House
- 1900 G.A. Williams bought it and renamed it Williams Hotel, fire destroyed it in 1900
- 1902 a new brick hotel was opened by John I. Williams brother to G.A. Williams
- 1920 W. S. Banks becomes Banks Hotel,
- 1941 Waggener, 1976 fire destroys the hotel

# THE OAKLAND DRESDEN



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# THE OAKLAND – 2001



- Built in 1850 by Major Alfred Gardner
- Exterior walls were 3 brick thick
- Originally a one story home, around 1870 added a second story
- Thought Nathan Bedford Forrest used it as his headquarters during Civil War
- Gardner, Thomason family & many more owners
- 1960 was the Anderson Funeral Home
- Alexander Funeral Home, Landmark Restaurant, Final Touch Beauty Shop

# MINIDA NORMAL COLLEGE PALMERSVILLE



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# MINIDA NORMAL COLLEGE



*Students at Minida College. A.M. Kirkland, first president and teacher, standing at left. Students standing: far left, Homer Biggs; far right, Webster Henderson. Students seated, far left, Luco Old; far right, Will Kilgore. Others are unidentified. (Courtesy of Dr. Jerry Kennedy)*

- Established in Palmersville in 1891
- Named after A.M. Kirkland's wife **Mini** and J.V. Kirkland's wife **Ida**
- A. M. Kirkland first teacher, also a Primitive Baptist Elder along with his 3 brothers
- Closed in 1912 building was used as a school in Palmersville
- Kirkland Brothers moved to Fulton and took over the Fulton Normal & Business College

# WREN'S NEST



# **WREN'S NEST MARTIN, FIRE 2003**



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# WRENS NEST

## Mrs. Virginia Gardner.

Martin, Tenn., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Virginia M. Gardner, after a short illness, died at her home, Wilmerhurst, here. She is survived by one son, John M. Gardner, of Martin, and two nieces, Mrs. W. W. Morris, of Fulton, Ky., and Mrs. H. G. Kittrell, Jr., of Mount Pleasant, and four nephews, Roy W. Martin, of Tampa, Fla., C. M. and John M. Martin, of Martin, and Walker L. Martin, of Union City. She was a sister of the late G. W. Martin.

- Virginia **Martin** Gardner sister to George Washington, Thomas Dudley, Marshall Presley, William Hartwell 1<sup>st</sup> yellow fever victim (1878)
- George W. Martin builds home in 1894 for his widow sister
- Doc Franklin Wren (Rutherford Co.) buys home in 1908
- Names the home Wrens Nest
- Lived most of his life in Martin, involved in real estate also Sunday school teacher at Methodist Church
- Jett family owner when fire occurred