

Land Deed for Mount Bethel Presbyterian Church

October 25, 1815

Transcribed by Stevie Hughes

Know all men by these presents that Valentine Sevier of Greene County and State of Tennessee have given and by these presents give grant and convey unto the members of Mount Bethel Congregation and to their successors for the use wherein after expressed, a certain piece of ground, containing by estimation near three acres lying in the county aforesaid and including the present meeting house of said congregation. Beginning at a post oak in the angle of the great roads leading to Jonesborough and Roaches ford, thence south twenty west twenty five poles to a stone corner on the road, thence north seventy degrees east sixteen poles to a hickory bush pointed by a bunch of small dogwood bushes on the side of the hill near a rock thence north twenty degrees west thirty three poles to a post oak on the road, thence with the road to the beginning. Which said piece of land I do freely give grant and convey for the sole and exclusive use of said congregation and continue their place of public worship there. And do also give and grant unto said congregation the free use of my well adjacent to said piece of ground. Yet not to be abused in consequence of this privilege provided that if the right of the land adjacent should ever pass out of the hands of said Sevier or his heirs before said congregation discontinues their meeting at that place then the right of said land to remain solely for the benefit of said congregation. If the congregation should discontinue their meeting there to worship and the right return unto the hands of said Sevier or his heirs while the while the house on said piece of ground is of any value, said Sevier or his heirs to pay to said congregation what the house then be adjudged to be worth to him or them. In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal the twenty fifth day of Oct. 1815.

Val. Sevier "seal"

State of Tennessee
Greene County Court
October Sessions 1815

Then was the execution of this deed duly acknowledged in open court by Valentine Sevier and ordered to be recorded.

Attest
And. Patterson, Clk.

Registration this 10th day of Sept. 1816. Attest Geo. Brown