



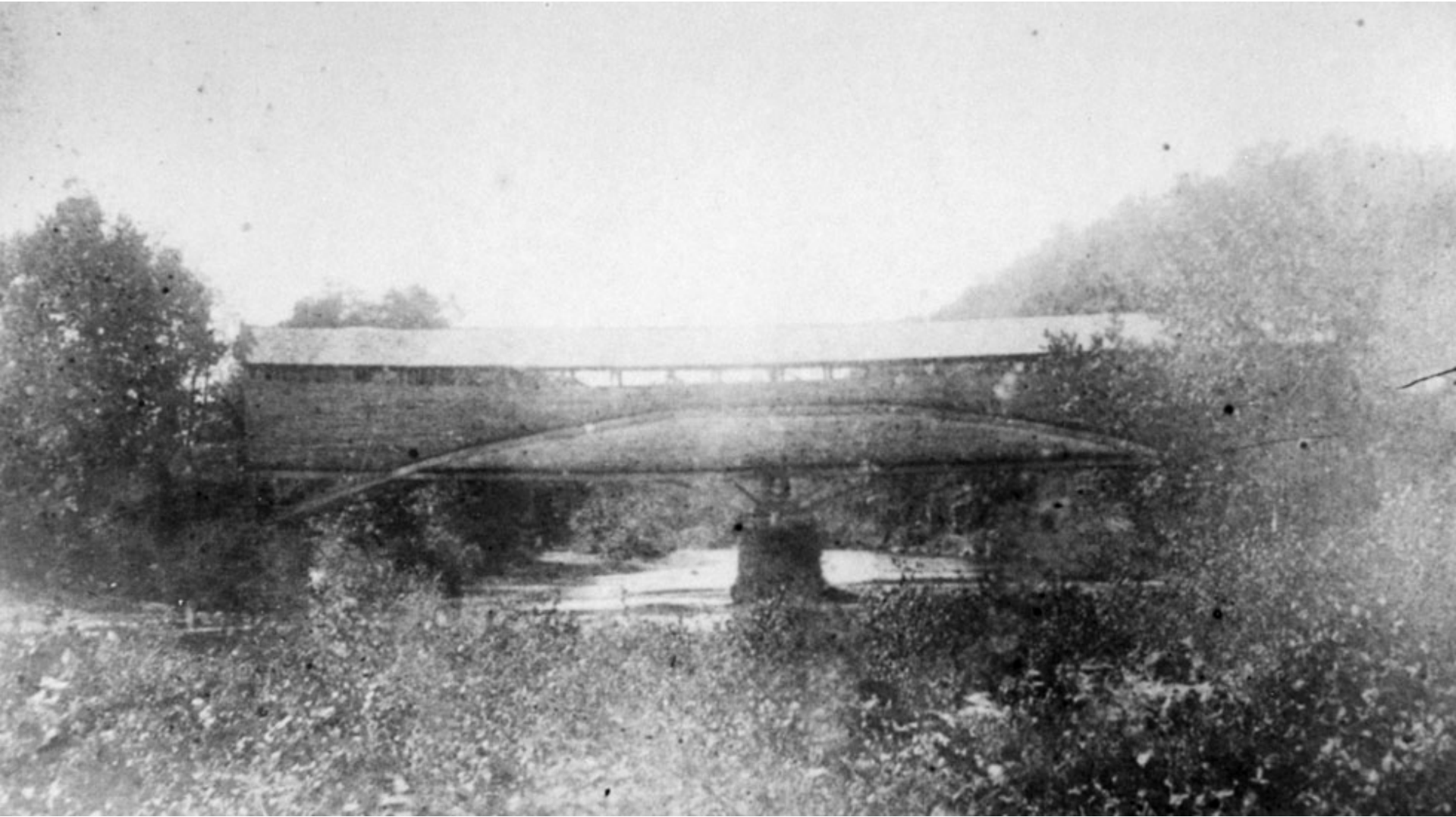


MOUNT BETHEL CHURCH

The Presbyterians established a church near here in 1792. At first called the Mountain Church in 1808, it became the nucleus of Presbyterian work in Hampshire County under the auspices of the Rev. John Lyle. The Rev. James Black reorganized the congregation in 1812 and the newly formed congregation was named Mount Bethel. The present church, built of logs in 1837, is the oldest house of worship in this county.

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The wooden covered bridge over the Cacapon River at Capon Bridge, West Virginia

CAPON CHAPEL

EARLY SETTLERS GATHERED AT THIS SPOT UNDER A LARGE OAK TREE FOR RELIGIOUS OCCASIONS AND FAMILY BURIALS. BENEATH THE BOARDS COVERING CAPON CHAPEL IS THE ORIGINAL LOG STRUCTURE BUILT IN THE 1750S. IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST CHURCH BUILDINGS IN WVA STILL STANDING. THE OLDEST GRAVES ARE LOCATED IN WHAT IS NOW THE LAWN AND PARKING AREA. THE FIELDSTONE MARKERS WERE LOST OVER THE YEARS.

MOUNT BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1792



Rev. Joseph Walker Wauchope: Born December 28, 1826, Natural Bridge, VA, Died: December 30, 1903, Columbia, SC. Worked for the American Tract Society, was pastor of Old Conord Church, VA, 1867-1873, Evangelist and domestic missionary in Hampshire County, WVA, 1873-1890.

First Wife: Jennie Armstrong was the daughter of Rev. W.J. Armstrong. Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Virginia. Joseph changed the spelling of his last name to "Walkup" and used that for most of his life. His son George changed it back to the original Scottish name.

Jane Wilson "Jennie" Armstrong Wauchope: Born: January 25, 1834, Rockbridge County, VA. Died: June 21, 1862, Long Island City, Queens County, NY. Daughter of Rev Thomas F. and Charlotte Chapman Armstrong. Married Rev Joseph Walker Wauchope on July 2, 1861. Jennie died a month after the birth of her only child when she lost her life by the wrecking of a steamer in Long Island Sound.



Rev. Joseph Walker Wauchope's second wife was Katherine "Kate" Kendrick of Frederick County, VA. (Born: March 6, 1845. Died: July 6, 1927). **Children included** Professor George Armstrong Wauchope, University of SC, Rev. Joseph Alleine Wauchope, Rev. Arthur Douglass Wauchope, and Rev. William Crawford Wauchope. She is buried in Somerville Cemetery, Somerville, Fayette County, TN.



Rev. William Crawford Wauchope: Born: 4 September 1880, Capon Bridge, WVA. A.B. degree: Hampden-Sydney College, VA, 1900; was member of Kappa Alpha. Harvard Divinity School, 1905-1906. S.T.B. degree: Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA, 1908. Ordained, Oklahoma, 1909, Missionary to Indians, Colony, OK; received into the Presbytery, Lexington, Virginia; Pastor of Columbia Memorial Church, Colony, OK., 1907-1910. (Same church that Rev. J. Leighton Read later served). He served in the US Army: War Work Council Y. M. C. A. (April 1, 1918, to Dec. 31, 1918); religious secretary at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., and assistant camp secretary at Fort Moultrie, SC.

Concord, NC Presbytery: 1913-1915. Missionary to Upper Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia, starting May 1, 1915. Rev. Hughes and his family visited Rev. Wauchope at his home in Concord, NC, before he passed away, 27 July 1985.

Rev. Samuel Kendrick Wauchope: Born: April 18, 1871. Died: September 20, 1945. **taught at an Indian school near Albuquerque, New Mexico.** Son of **Joseph Walker Wauchope and Katherine Ann Kendrick.** Married Olga N. Poulson, 1876. Children: Marie Karen Wauchope (Born: June 18, 1903, Died: September 10, 1994), Roe Kendrick Wauchope (Born: December 27, 1904, Died: April 11, 1984), Irene K. Wauchope, Martin A. Wauchope (Born: March 22, 1913. Died: February 2, 2000), Olga Carol Wauchope (Born: January 12, 1876, Died: October 18, 1961).

Roe Kendrick Wauchope: Wife's name: Lola D. Children: Ida Ruth Wauchope, Chas Roe Wauchope. They lived in Shawnee, OK. Rev. Hughes and family visited them.

Rev. Edward Houston Wauchope: Graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, VA. Lived in Colony, OK. (Born: December 18, 1875. Died: October 29 1914). Buried in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, Custer County, OK.

Dr. George Armstrong Wauchope: Born 26 May 1862, Natural Bridge, VA. Died: 10 June 1943, Spartanburg, SC. He earned three degrees from Washington and Lee University, including a Ph.D. in 1889. He taught at the University of Missouri and the University of Iowa before coming to the South Carolina College as associate professor in the Department of Language and Literature in 1898. He was a prolific writer of articles and essays, and his most well-known was The Writers of South Carolina. He is probably best remembered on campus as the composer of the University's alma mater, "A Health to Carolina," which he wrote in 1911. He taught until his retirement in 1943, a total of 45 years of service at Carolina.

Dr. Wauchope Is Dead At 81

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 10.—(AP)—Dr. George Armstrong Wauchope, 81, for more than 40 years a member of the University of South Carolina faculty, died last night at Spartanburg.

Dr. Wauchope had left Columbia by train about noon yesterday for his summer home at Saluda, N. C., but was removed from the train at Spartanburg when he became ill and was taken to the Mary Black Clinic. He died several hours later.

Dr. Wauchope retired at the age of 75 from his position as head of the English department at the University and since had been professor emeritus and had continued to lecture.

He was born at Natural Bridge, Va., and attended Washington and Lee University where he received his bachelor, master, doctor of philosophy and doctor of literature degrees.

He served as supply professor at the University of Virginia in 1910, professor of English in the summer school at the University of Virginia in 1910-1917 and was lecturer at Monticello Association in 1927.

The author of numerous books and articles, Dr. Wauchope also had served as assistant editor of The Baltimore (Md.) Sun, The Critic and the Library of Southern Literature and at one time was associate editor of The Southern Literary Magazine.

Surviving are his widow, the former Elizabeth Bostedo of Chicago, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Bass and a son, Robert Wauchope.



Spouse: Elizabeth Bostedo Wauchope (1877-1972).

Children: Virginia Wauchope Bass (1905-1998), Robert Wauchope (1909-1979)



Dr. Robert Wauchope: Born: 10 December 1909, Columbia, SC. Died: 26 January 1979, New Orleans, LA.

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Wauchope was born to George Armstrong Wauchope and Elizabeth Bostedo Wauchope in Columbia, South Carolina on December 10, 1909. His interest in archaeology developed early as an Eagle Scout, and upon graduating high school, he wrote Alfred V. Kidder and asked to join him on excavations at Pecos, New Mexico. Kidder accepted Robert's request and invited him to be an assistant at the Forked Lightning Ruin site.



Robert attended the First Pecos Conference in 1927 where he met H.S. and C.B. Cosgrove, who invited him to their 1928–1929 excavations at Stallings Island, Georgia. After leaving Stallings Island, he attended the University of South Carolina where he received a bachelor's degree in English in 1931.

He enrolled at Harvard University in 1931 with his interests focused on archaeology. During 1932, Wauchope accompanied Alfred V. Kidder during excavations at Uaxactun, Guatemala. In 1938, he graduated from Harvard with a Ph.D. in anthropology, and took a job at the University of Georgia teaching anthropology courses and Southeastern prehistory. Wauchope held his position for 18 months between 1939 and 1941. He is noted for being the first archaeology professor at the University of Georgia, though his career was predominantly at Tulane University.

Throughout his tenure at the University of Georgia, Wauchope directed the WPA archaeological survey of Georgia. He surveyed over 200 sites north of Macon, and excavated 23 sites in Macon, Savannah, Stallings Island, and at Etowah. Wauchope developed and ran an archaeology laboratory at the University of Georgia, in addition to setting up the state's first detailed archaeological site file. He played a large part in developing the ceramic sequence for north Georgia during the two years he was there.

In 1940, Wauchope got a job as associate professor of anthropology and director of the Laboratory of Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Furthermore, Wauchope is noted for his extensive work on house mounds in Uaxactun, Guatemala. The study of these sites is one of the most extensive of its kind, pertaining to household archaeology of the Maya area and modern Maya house. In 1943 Wauchope was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services in the Mediterranean for the duration of the war. In 1947 he continued his work on his previous research from 1935-1936 at Zacualpa, in the Guatemalan highlands. 1947-1957 Wauchope taught a multidisciplinary middle American research program with weekly seminars, working with other Latin American scholars at Tulane. During the 1950s Wauchope was asked to be general editor of the Handbook of Middle American Indians. The Handbook was assembled at Tulane and consisted of 16 volumes. It was published by the University of Texas press from 1964-1976 with Margaret Harrison as the editor to the handbook. Wauchope did not perform any field work after his work in 1957 until 1974 when he returned to Guatemala to work on small sites near Asuncion Mita. Wauchope is respected for his long and celebrated time with the Middle America research institute, as well as building a foundation and picking early staff for Tulane University. In 1967 Tulane had a single independent anthropology facility, no longer joint with the sociology department.

Wauchope is an uncle of underwater archaeologist George F. Bass.

Rev. Joseph Alliene Wauchope: Born: September 9, 1873. He married the former Carol W. Harper. Taught school in Texas; later worked for Department of Education, City of St. Paul MN.

Mary Armstrong Wauchope (Called “Aunt Mary” by Mrs. Frank Hughes).

Rev. Arthur Douglas Wauchope: Born: July 11, 1878, Capon Bridge, WVA. Died: March 15, 1931, Atlanta, GA. Married: Edna Mae Rohr, May 14, 1883, Harrisonburg, VA. Children: Catherine Lois Wauchope (Born: September 18, 1907. Died: September 26, 2001), Edna A. Wauchope (Born: 1908, TX. Died:?), Arthur Douglas Wauchope, Jr. (Born: October 18, 1912, Concord, NC. Died: October 26, 1985, Brevard, NC. Married Laurie Tappan Hayes, June 27, 1940. (Born: March 3, 1916. Died: June 11, 1997, Brevard, NC). Four living children.

Maria Todd Houston: Born: 23 May 1798. Died: 30 Nov 1875. Maria Todd Houston (**1st cousin of General Sam Houston**) Buried in High Bridge Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Natural Bridge, VA.

She was the second daughter of Rev. Samuel Houston. **Her husband, Samuel Walkup (Wauchope)**, was a brother of the wife of Rev. Dr. John. McElhenney, the celebrated "Pioneer" preacher of the Presbyterian Church of Virginia in the early part the century. Mr. Wauchope was at first the editor of a newspaper, or magazine, in Lexington, Va.; afterwards the Sheriff of Rockbridge Co., Va. In the war of 1812, he was Paymaster in the Army, stationed at Norfolk, Va.

After the war he bought a farm in Rockbridge Co., Va., and, while a farmer, married Mary Todd Houston. She was a superior woman, both as to intellect and heart. There never was a truer woman in all respects, faithful to a fault in every relation of life, governed by genuine religious principle under all circumstances, always in her place at church, generous and liberal beyond her means, carefully instructing her children in religious truth, sympathizing with neighbors in distress, and finally died a martyr to the health and comfort of her grandchildren. Her death was sudden, in consequence of over-exertion and fatigue in her attention to the family of her son, Samuel Houston Walkup, while changing his place of residence. She died in the year 1875, in the 77th year of her age.

Mary Todd Houston (continued):

She had eight children, all of them sons:

1. Samuel Augustine Walkup, Dr.
2. John Arthur Walkup, Farmer.
3. Joseph Walker Walkup, Rev.
4. Matthew Henry Walkup, Teacher and Farmer. He was a merchant and a soldier in the Civil War; son of Maria T. Houston and Samuel Walkup. Born: 1829, Rockbridge County, VA; Died: 1909, Monroe County WVA. Buried in High Bridge Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Natural Bridge, VA.
5. Samuel Rutherford Walkup, died in infancy
6. James Douglas Walkup, Merchant and Farmer
7. Wm. Madison Walkup, Teacher
8. Samuel Houston Walkup, Teacher

From these have descended thirty-one grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

When their children began to grow up Mr. [Samuel] Walkup sold his farm and settled in Lexington, where he built a brick house of considerable size. His object in this move was to enable him to give his children a good education. Some years after this he sold his property in town and settled on a portion of the Rural Valley estate which Mrs. [Maria Todd Houston] Walkup inherited from her father [Rev. Samuel Houston] after his death in 1839. Mr. Walkup became helpless from paralysis some years before he died, and entirely speechless. He lived and died a true, warm-hearted Christian. He was peculiarly independent and unconcerned about what others might think of him; hence his true character was not well understood except by his most intimate friends.