



# **HISTORY DAY 2022**

**A Tribute to the Ven. Odell Greenleaf Harris  
with Ebonee Davis of the VTS Office of Multicultural Ministries**

Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 127 N. Main St., Warrenton

## **WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH - 200 YEARS OF HISTORY & MINISTRY**

Our story starts about 1821 when the first mention of an Episcopal congregation in Warrenton was noted in the records of the Diocesan Convention. With a permanent home lacking for worship, the need was answered the following year when Miss Hannah Lee donated the lot where Emmanuel stands. Part of the conditions of her donation included the request that she and her father be buried beneath the church, and they are. Money was raised through subscription, and by 1824 they had contracted with a local architect and builder of note – Thomas Bragg, Sr. He erected a simple frame church with no tower and no steeple, an edifice that would stand largely unchanged for more than 30 years with the exception of the addition of galleries and vestry being added prior to 1842.

In 1855 the congregation found it was time to enlarge and enhance the church built by Bragg, and called on famous builder Jacob Holt to accomplish this renovation. Lizzie Montgomery writes that, “the church building was much enlarged in length, width, and height, and a steeple was added.” This steeple was to become an important part of the Warrenton skyline towering over Main Street to the current day.

Emmanuel’s final major facelift came in 1927 when William Lawrence Bottomley redesigned the church into brick and transformed it to the Gothic Revival style, though keeping its basic form. The original frame church, built and consecrated in 1824, is still there underneath the layers, a silent sentinel watching the growth of downtown Warrenton. (online excerpts from *The Warren Record*, January 25, 2017)

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### *It Can Be Done:*

*The struggle to overcome racial segregation and  
inequality in the Episcopal Church*

*A tribute to the life and ministry of Warren County Native  
and Episcopal Priest,  
The Ven. Odell Greenleaf Harris (1903-1983)*

The Ven. Odell Greenleaf Harris waged a life-long fight against racial segregation and inequality. His achievements in the Dioceses of North Carolina, Southern Virginia and Atlanta are a testimony to his character and courage. But they are more than that. They stand as a tribute to the remarkable Black churches and schools where he was nurtured and educated. These include St. Luke's, Warren County; St. Anna's, Littleton; the Henderson Institute, Henderson; St. Augustine's School, Raleigh; and the Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, VA. History Day 2022 will offer a close look at the life and ministry of Archdeacon Harris, along with an opportunity to visit the nearby churches he served.

To set the wider context for Harris's life and ministry, Ebonee Davis of Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA, will offer a keynote address, drawing on her work as historian and researcher in the Seminary's office of Multicultural Ministries. She is currently responsible for coordinating the Seminary's Reparations Program.

The Rev. N. Brooks Graebner, Ph.D., Historiographer of the Diocese of North Carolina, will chart the course of Harris's education in his presentation, "An Appreciation for the Life and Ministry of the Ven. Odell Greenleaf Harris." Following this presentation, Atiba Madyun (Harris), a member of Harris's family and BNC News Political Contributor, will offer a personal appreciation.

Following lunch, the day continues at Historic All Saints', Warrenton, where attendees will hear about the plans for Revisioning All Saints', tour portions of the building and view various exhibits.

From All Saints, and in no particular order, attendees are invited to use the map found on the back of this booklet for visits to the Historic St. Luke's site in the Russell Union Community of Warren County, and to Historic St. Anna's, Littleton. Hosts will be at both sites to welcome visitors. Archdeacon Harris served all three of these churches from 1933 to 1937; he was baptized and confirmed at St. Anna's, and his gravesite is in the cemetery at St. Luke's.

**Timeline of the Life and Ministry of the Ven. Odell Greenleaf Harris**  
**Compiled by the Rev. N. Brooks Graebner**

- Sep 3, 1903      Odell Greenleaf Harris born near Ridgeway, Warren County, NC, to Robert L. and Susannah Russell Harris. Odell is baptized at St. Luke's, Warren County
- Aug 1912      The Robert Harris family relocates to Littleton, NC, so Odell and his siblings can attend the parochial school of St. Anna's Episcopal Church. Archdeacon Henry B. Delany reports, "The coming of Mr. Robert L. Harris from St. Luke's Mission, with his family of eight, to take charge of our school farm, is and will be of great help in our work." [NCDJ, 97<sup>th</sup> (1913) p. 98]
- 1916      Odell Greenleaf Harris is confirmed by Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr. at St. Anna's, Littleton.
- 1919      Odell Greenleaf Harris completes the 7 grades taught at St. Anna's School. When his parents return to Warren County, Odell and his brother James remain behind to work.
- Jul 1923      At age 19, Odell Greenleaf Harris becomes a barber and makes plans to return to school and continue his education. He moves to Henderson to work in the shop of Thomas Rogers and to attend the Henderson Institute, a Presbyterian-affiliated high school. He enrolls in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and after 5 years, graduates as valedictorian of the senior class.
- Aug 5, 1928      Harris marries Lizzie Elnora Henderson, a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, and a public school teacher in Henderson. The marriage takes place at Holy Innocents, Henderson.
- Sep 1928      Harris enters St. Augustine's in Raleigh. He rooms on campus in the men's dormitory and returns to Henderson on weekends to see his wife and to continue his work as a barber.
- Sep 1930      After two years at St. Augustine's, Harris is accepted at Bishop Payne Divinity School in Petersburg, VA. He takes seminary classes in the morning and attends Virginia State College in the afternoons to complete the credits he needs to graduate from St. Augustine's.
- May 30, 1932      Birth of the Harrises' first child, a son, Odell Greenleaf Harris, Jr.
- Spring 1933      Harris is named valedictorian of his seminary class. He is also awarded an A.B. degree from St. Augustine's, and he passes the ordination exams for both the diaconate and priesthood.

Jun 11, 1933	Harris is ordained to the diaconate at All Saints', Warrenton, by Bishop Penick. Harris is assigned to All Saints', Warrenton; St. Luke's, Warren County, and St. Anna's, Littleton. At this point, he gives up his trade as a barber. In 1934, Harris is ordained priest.
Apr 30, 1936	Birth of the Harrises' second child, a daughter, Marion Elizabeth.
Aug 1937	Harris accepts a call to Bishop Payne Divinity School to serve as Warden and Professor of Old Testament and New Testament Greek. While teaching and directing pastoral training at Bishop Payne Divinity School, Harris spends summers studying at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in New York, earning an M.A. degree in 1944.
1943 - 1947	Harris serves as dean of the Colored Convocation in the Diocese of Southern Virginia.
1947	Harris is elected an alternate deputy to General Convention and appointed Archdeacon for Negro Work in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, succeeding his cousin, Bishop Bravid Washington Harris.
1949	Bishop Payne Divinity School closes for a trial three-year period to determine whether black candidates for the ministry will be allowed to attend white seminaries. When the three-year period ends, Bishop Payne Divinity School officially closes its doors.
Sep 1951	Harris accepts a call as Director-Chaplain of Fort Valley College in Fort Valley, Georgia and Archdeacon for Negro Work in the Diocese of Atlanta. He is appointed to the diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains in Atlanta.
Sep 1961	Harris accepts a call as Rector of St. Peter's Church, Richmond, VA. While in the Diocese of Virginia, Harris serves as Chair of the Board of Examining Chaplains.
Feb 11, 1964	The property of St. Luke's, Warren County is conveyed to Odell Greenleaf Harris from the Diocese of North Carolina.
Dec 1968	Harris retires after 35 and ½ years of service and returns to Petersburg, where he continues to serve part-time at St. Stephen's.
1974	The death of Harris's first wife, Lizzie Henderson Harris. Harris would subsequently marry Gladys Ward of Henderson, NC.
Nov 7, 1983	The death of Odell Greenleaf Harris.



## HENDERSON INSTITUTE, HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA



**Original Building of Henderson Institute, a Presbyterian school in Henderson, NC.  
"The school had the highest educational standards for blacks in the state."**

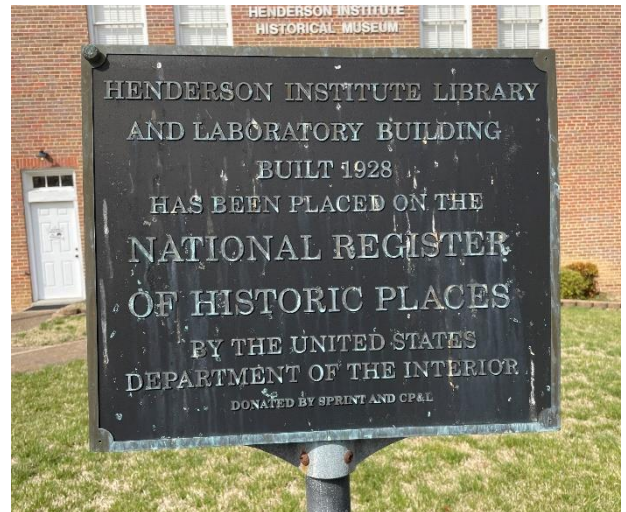
(Odell Greenleaf Harris, *It Can Be Done*, p. 48)



**Only Remaining Building of Henderson Institute  
(1865-1974) in Henderson, North Carolina**

**"Prior to 1865, there was not a school in Vance County and the surrounding counties dedicated to providing 'Colored People' an opportunity to obtain a formal education."**

See: <https://henderson-institute.org/history/>



**National Register Plaque for Henderson  
Institute Library & Laboratory Building (1995)**

See National Register application documentation:

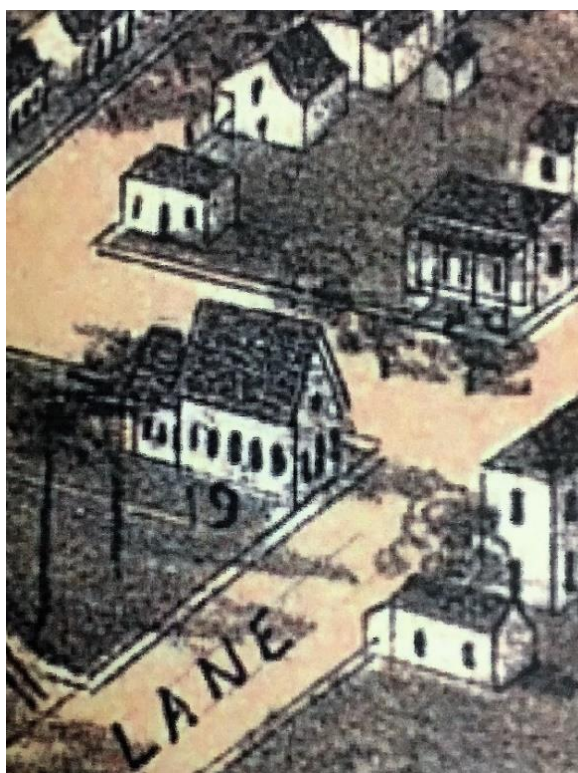
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## SAINT AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL AND CHAPEL

In July 1867 the national Episcopal Church incorporated Saint Augustine's Normal School and Collegiate Institute in Raleigh, North Carolina. Serving as the original incorporators were Bishop Thomas Atkinson, along with five leading clergymen and five prominent laymen from the Diocese of North Carolina. The school opened in January 1868 with four students. Contemporary reports noted that this school was designed to educate teachers of both sexes, "for the instruction of the colored people of the South." Bishop Atkinson also hoped to begin the preparation of colored men for the ministry. Saint Augustine's various names indicate its growth: it became a School in 1893; a 2-year Junior College in 1919; a 4-year College in 1928; and a University in 2012.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH AT LANE & DAWSON STS.  
*Detail from 1872 Illustrated Map of Raleigh, NC*

### A CHAPEL FOR ST. AUGUSTINE'S

In 1895 Mrs. Sarah Hunter, wife of the Principal of St. Augustine's (The Rev. Aaron B. Hunter), made a national appeal for donations to help build a Chapel on the school's campus.

"We would be very grateful if you could interest some of the more distant branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the work of our Church school for training Colored young men and women. We would like to have the interest of the whole Church in this country. Money for general expenses is always needed. Mr. Hunter and I have to be away from home frequently to raise money to carry on the work, and we feel sure that when the school is better known, it will receive the help it needs.

Just now the need that lies nearest our hearts is a chapel to be built on our school grounds. We have several reasons for needing this chapel:

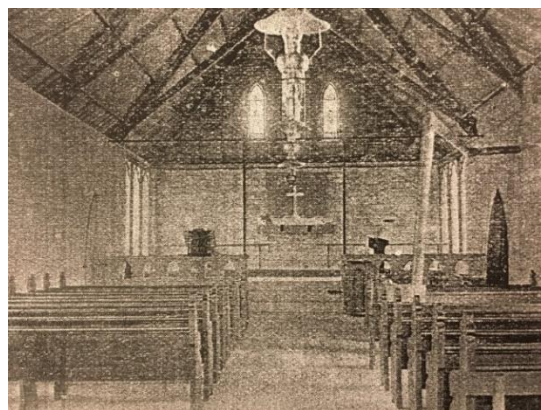
"1<sup>st</sup>. Our temporary chapel, a large room in the main building, is much too small for our students.

"2<sup>nd</sup>. We need the room to be divided into recitation rooms, for we have not enough.

"3<sup>d</sup>. We cannot teach our students, many of whom come from other Christian bodies, the sacredness of God's house, when we must use our chapel for a recitation room, society meetings, commencement hall, etc. We want our chapel to be used exclusively for divine worship.

"4<sup>th</sup>. We need a chapel to which we can invite the people from the neighborhood, many of whom go nowhere to church. Most of them send their children to our afternoon Sunday-school, and *might* be drawn to the Church themselves if we had a place to which to ask them.

"5<sup>th</sup>. The city church is too far for our students to walk except on pleasant Sundays, and we think it will be better for them to have a church separate from the city church. We expect to need for this about \$2,500. Who will help us.?" (*Spirit of Missions*, April 1895)



THE ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL CHAPEL  
*1897-1898 St. Augustine's School Catalogue*



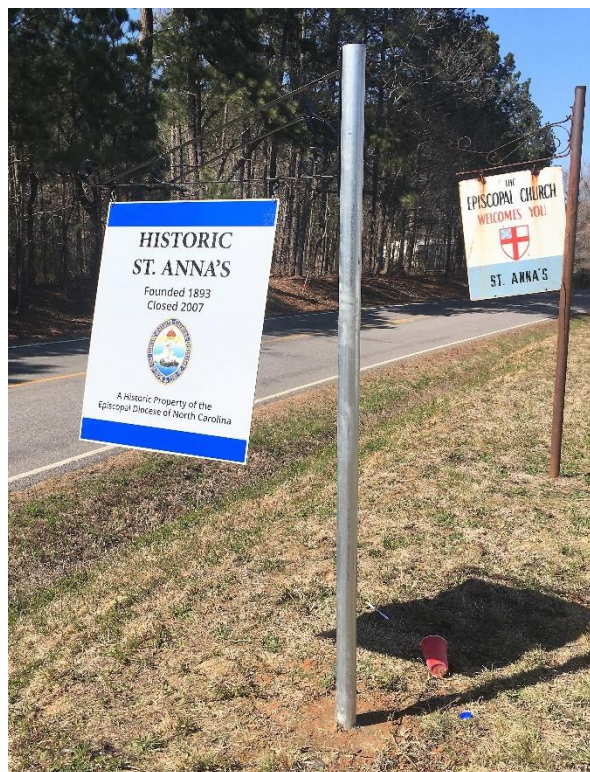
## OUTWARD AND VISIBLE SIGNS



At the Fort Valley College Center in Georgia between 1951 and 1961, Fr. Harris baptized 97 persons and presented 135 for confirmation (*It Can Be Done*, p. 51)



Commemoration of the Laying of the Thomas Cain Memorial Cornerstone on September 4, 1914 (September 10, 2020, service booklet cover)



New signage for St. Anna's provided by the Diocesan Historic Properties Commission

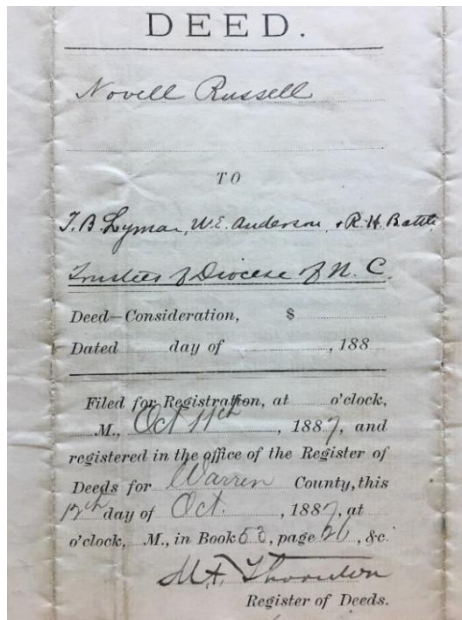


On August 18, 2018, Virginia Broach joined a large crowd of area residents and friends to celebrate this new marker, which her research and enthusiasm made possible.



## ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WARREN COUNTY/NORLINA (1887-1948)

- 1875 William Paschall Russell buys 55 acres in Warren County from his former master, John T. Russell
- 1887 William Russell's son Norvel deeds land to Diocese for an Episcopal congregation of Colored People
- 1889-93 St. Aug's postulant George W. Williams, formerly with Zion Union Apostolic Church, leads St. Luke's
- 1891 Archdeacon Walker reports visiting the little chapel with 15 communicants; travelling was very bad.  
  
NOTE: Beginning with Archdeacon Walker (1891-1898), the Archdeacons for Ministry Among Colored People (John. H. M. Pollard from 1898-1908, and Henry B. Delany from 1908 to 1915) served several congregations, including St. Luke's, with the help of various lay readers.
- 1892 Bishop Lyman reports visitation to St. Luke's via train from Littleton to Ridgeway, then by carriage
- 1892 Archdeacon Walker: St. Luke's struggles to raise money to finish the church and get suitable furniture
- 1894 St. Luke's Parochial Report: 20 Sunday-school scholars; 150 chapel seats; \$200 value of building
- 1896 For St. Luke's Archdeacon Walker makes use of the services of Mr. Virgil Bond as lay reader
- 1899 Archdeacon Pollard hopes the great mass of Zion Union church people "shall come into the Church"
- 1901 Archdeacon Pollard thinks a school would serve as a means of building up the St. Luke's Mission
- 1901 Archdeacon Pollard describes tragic death of Belle Russell (William's daughter) on her wedding day
- 1903 St. Luke's is determined to be a good place to link with All Saints', Warrenton, under one missionary
- 1904 St. Luke's described as enthusiastic, deserving of consideration: "There is great hope of a good work."
- 1905 Robert Harris reports that the work needs encouragement from the Colored Convocation
- 1909 Lay reader Robert J. Johnson reports bright prospects for growth, if regular services are held
- 1910 After cut to school fund, Virgil Bond requests and receives two months funding from the Convocation
- 1914 Old, unfinished chapel on rough road raises question of relocating to good road nearer "our people"
- 1915 Death in March of William P. Russell, Sunday School Superintendent and one of the founders
- 1920 At Convocation meeting W. H. Russell makes plea for "at least one service a month at St. Luke's"
- 1922+ Black clergy serving St. Luke's: Bravid W. Harris (1922-24); Jacob R. Jones (1928-31); Frederick H. U. Edwards (1933); Odell G. Harris (1934-37); Robert J. Johnson (1943-51); Henry J. Hill (1952-53)
- 1939-47 Negro District Woman's Auxiliary Branch officers for St. Luke's: Miss Eunice A. Harris; Mrs. Susanna Russell Harris; Mrs. Berlena Jenkins; Mrs. Ida M. Russell
- 1948 St. Luke's last listed in Diocesan Journal, but Warrenton clergy continue reporting occasional services
- 1964 The Rev. Odell Greenleaf Harris purchases one-acre site of St. Luke's from the Diocese
- 1983 Upon death of Odell G. Harris, his daughter Marion inherits the property (*Warren Record* 3-8-1989)



### 1887 DEED OF LAND FROM NORVEL RUSSELL, SON OF ISABELLA & WILLIAM PASCHALL RUSSELL

"To Trustees of the Diocese of North Carolina for the use of a P. E. Episcopal Congregation of Colored people worshipping in St. Luke's Church near Ridgeway in Warren County in the State of North Carolina" (Property Records, Diocese of North Carolina Archives)



**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WARREN COUNTY, 1938**  
Photo from 1938 Diocesan Property Survey



**ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL, WARREN COUNTY, N. C., 1912**  
Photo by Archdeacon Henry B. Delany, Delany Papers,  
Saint Augustine's University Archives

The Archdeacon: "This little mission is made up of the best element of the once effected members of the "Zion Union Connection," who, at one time, eagerly rushed into the church, and almost as eagerly rushed out. The founding of this mission might rightly be attributed to the charities of the Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina, who in the days of his early ministry, visited these people, encouraged them, preached for them, and gave them \$25.00, with which to start the building of a chapel. Two of the men, William Russell and the late Robert Edwards, moved by the deacon's liberality, gave the timber, hewed the framing with their own hands, and with the assistance of others, completed their little chapel, the cut of which is shown above." (The Carolina Churchman, February 1912)



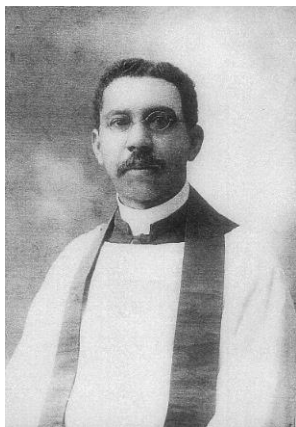
**SITE OF FORMER ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, 2013**  
Front step & four PVC pipes mark the chapel's footprint

The Rev. Odell Greenleaf Harris describes the final years of the church his grandfather helped establish in 1887: "During the nineteen forties, St. Luke's Church was finally closed by the Diocese, because it became increasingly hard to get and keep a priest for that rural work All the member who dies were buried in St. Luke's Cemetery, including my paternal and maternal grandparents, parents, sisters, uncles and aunts. So, when it was available for sale, I purchased the land and the church. I did this so that I could arrange to care for the graves of my relatives and friends; and this I have done to date." ("An Historical Sketch of William Paschall Russell: His Life, Work and Contribution," typescript, 1980)



## ST. ANNA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LITTLETON (1893-2007)

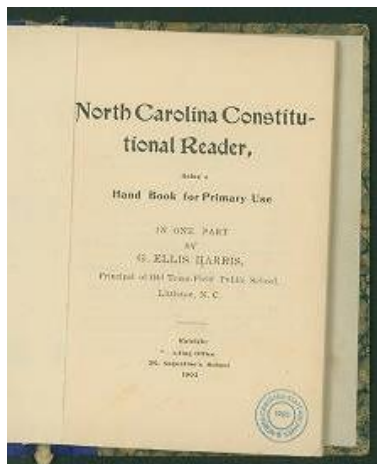
- 1892 Virgil Bond, who had been living in Henderson with the family of the Hon. Henry Plummer Cheatham while attending St. Augustine's School, moves with the Cheathams when they relocate to Littleton following a federal redistricting decision. Congressman Cheatham becomes a resident of Littleton and supports local educational efforts.
- 1890s A few colored people attend new Chapel of the Cross mission in Littleton (later renamed St. Alban's)
- 1893 Virgil Bond and St. Augustine's grad, Clara C. Leary of Edenton, start a school in a small store room, with assistance from Mrs. Louisa Cheatham. The Cheathams three children become the first pupils.
- 1894 *Spirit of Missions* cites Littleton among signs of promise in the heart of North Carolina's "black belt"
- 1894 Diocese receives a lot from Virgil Bond for church & school at Furguson & Heptenstall (now Harvey)
- 1895 Mission Chapel is built and the school roll numbers 90 scholars "by the zeal of Mr. Virgil Bond"
- 1896 "Mission Chapel (colored)" listed by Diocese; no "colored" persons now listed at Chapel of the Cross
- 1896 Archdeacon Walker reports on the school's growth and progress: "it is no longer an experiment"
- 1897 Archdeacon Walker: only the lack of means prevents this Mission from developing to its potential
- 1898 John H. M. Pollard begins decade as Priest-in-Charge at Littleton and Archdeacon for Colored Work
- 1900 George C. Pollard begins teaching at the school without salary, under Virgil N. Bond
- 1900 Archdeacon Pollard buys 31-acre farm "in trust for work among the colored people in the Diocese"
- 1903 Name of St. Anna's is first used in the diocesan journal for the colored mission at Littleton
- 1904 George C. Pollard reports for St. Anna's at Convocation of Colored Clergy & Congregations
- 1905 Report at annual Colored Convocation: average attendance 17; 46 registered (9 adults; 37 children)
- 1906 Fire consumes school building that houses teachers and students; loss of Pollard's 1,200-book library
- 1908 Virgil Bond makes public appeal for \$800 to add teachers/girls dorm, with sewing & cooking rooms
- 1908 Archdeacon Pollard dies; Henry B. Delany becomes Archdeacon and Priest-in-Charge at Littleton
- 1910 Loss of teacher's salary; Blanche B. Wood, a graduate of St. Augustine's, comes to teach at half salary
- 1912 Robert L. Harris family moves from rural Warren County to Littleton because St. Anna's had a school
- 1915+ Black clergy serving St. Anna's: Joseph H. Hudson (1919-21); Bravid W. Harris (1923-24); Herbert C. Banks (1925-27); Jacob R. Jones (1928-32); Frederick H. U. Edwards (1933); Odell G. Harris (1934-37); Robert J. Johnson (1940-46); Henry J. Hill (1952-54); Robert J. Johnson (1955-56)
- 1935-54 Negro District Woman's Auxiliary Branch officers for St. Anna's: Mrs. K. J. Barnes; Mrs. Kate J. Bond; Mrs. V. D. Boyd; Mrs. Amy Burgess; Mrs. Jesse Davis; Miss Virginia Davis; Mrs. Emma Davis; Miss Ellen Faison; Mrs. Inez Faison; Mrs. Olivia Faison; Mrs. O. C. Finch; Mrs. Emma J. Harris; Mrs. Eva Harris; Mrs. Helena Harris; Mrs. C. B. Hicks; Mrs. W. B. Jamieson
- 1959+ Clergy serving St. Anna's come from All Saints, Roanoke Rapids, St. Alban's, Littleton, and others
- 2007 St. Anna's closes; Diocesan Council designates it a Preserved Historic Church in 2011



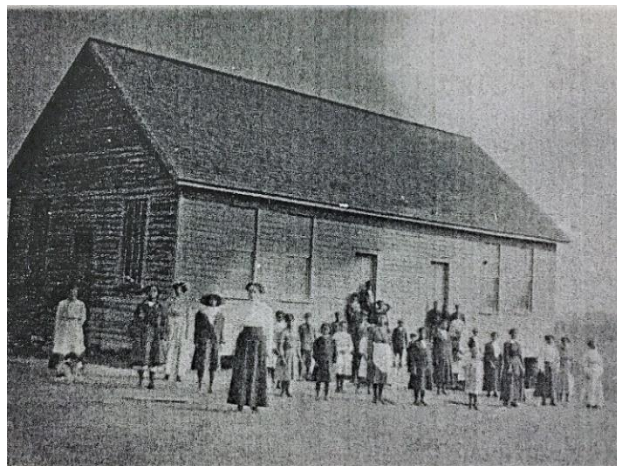
**JOHN HENRY MINGO POLLARD (1855-1908)**  
Archdeacon for Colored Work, 1898-1908



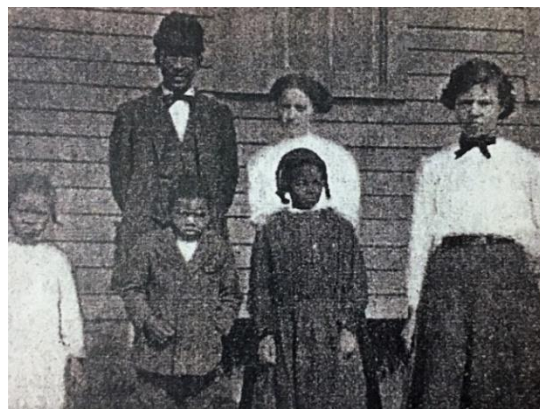
**HENRY PLUMMER CHEATHAM (1857-1935)**  
U. S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District (1889-1893)  
Recorder of Deeds, District of Columbia (1897-1901)



Title page of *North Carolina Constitutional Reader*, written by G. Ellis Harris, a Littleton teacher, and published in 1903 by Saint Augustine's School. With its spelling, pronunciation, and other aids, Ellis hoped to help "every colored man who cannot now read and write and who contemplates casting a ballot in any future election in North Carolina." Harris taught in both the Sunday and the Parochial School at St. Anna's. His daughter Helena, was also a Saint Augustine's graduate and a teacher. She led the Woman's Auxiliary at St. Anna's. McIver High School named the Helena Harris Gymtorium in her honor.



**ST. ANNA'S MISSION SCHOOL c. 1912**  
Photo by Archdeacon Henry B. Delany  
Delany Papers, Saint Augustine's University Archives



**VIRGIL NATHANIEL BOND, 1912**  
Bond shown with assistants and pupils at St. Anna's, Littleton  
(*The Carolina Churchman*, July 1912)



**HISTORIC ST. ANNA'S, LITTLETON (2012)**  
Organized 1893 - Closed 2007

St. Anna's has been a Preserved Historic Property under the Historic Properties Commission of the diocese since 2011.



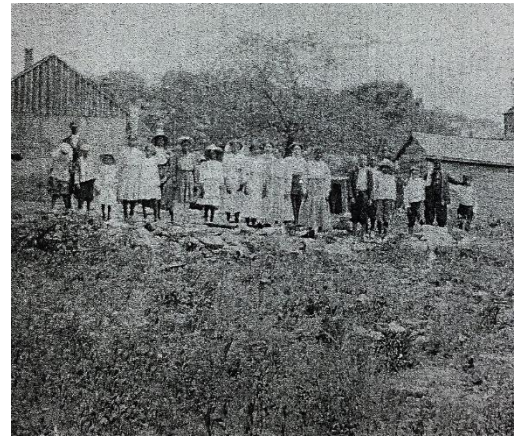
## ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WARRENTON (1893-2016)

- 1880 Emmanuel Church: Cottage lectures held for the colored people at home of William Williams, colored
- 1892 Colored people in Warrenton buy a \$400 property with a building they fitted up for a chapel
- 1893 The Rev. Henry B. Delany spends one Sunday each month; Archdeacon Walker has general oversight
- 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hunter of Emmanuel organize different classes for All Saints' Sunday School
- 1893 Mission School meets in home of Annie & Albert Burgess, in back of the Hendricks house on Front St.
- 1894-96 Rectors of Emmanuel have charge at All Saints'; the Rev. H. B. Delany has charge from 1896 to 1903
- 1897 All Saints' Mission School teacher, Miss Louise B. Ellyson, receives high praise in the local newspaper
- 1900 The Rev. Thomas Cain and his wife, Warren County natives, perish with children in Galveston flood
- 1900 Mr. Theodore Pollard takes charge of school; brings it to standard of proficiency not before reached
- 1901 The Rev. H. B. Delany: mission small; growth slow; but members are very zealous for its development
- 1901 Archdeacon Pollard: plans are to build a Memorial Chapel in memory of the late Thomas White Cain
- 1904 Archdeacon Pollard: while Day School and Sunday School are good; contributions are poor
- 1905 Newspaper warns loss of community support if new church is not built where the colored people live
- 1906 Miss Lucy Ransom a delegate to Colored Convocation of Woman's Auxiliary at St. Luke's, Tarboro
- 1909-14 As the Archdeacon for Colored Work, Henry B. Delany has charge at All Saints', Warrenton
- 1910 Deed dated September 2, 1910 for 53' x 93' lot at SW corner of Front & Franklin Streets for \$700
- 1913 First material for construction of Thomas Cain Memorial Church (All Saints') is laid on the property
- 1914 All Saints' hosts Convocation for Colored Clergy & Congregations in partially-built new church
- 1915-21 Joseph Hoyle Hudson in charge; attended St. Augustine's and Bishop Payne Divinity School
- 1916 Campaigns in both Diocese and Warrenton community try to secure funds to finish church building
- 1918 Thomas Cain Memorial Church opens on December 1, First Sunday in Advent; still unfinished
- 1922-24 Among the black clergy serving All Saints: Bravid Washington Harris; native of Warrenton, NC; (son of Bravid Harris, Sr. & Margaret O. Burgess); Rector of Grace Church, Norfolk, VA (1924-45); Secretary of Negro Work (1943-45); Bishop of Liberia (1945-64)
- 1928-32 Jacob R. Jones, native of South Carolina; attended St. Augustine's School
- 1933 Frederick Hubert Uriah Edwards served All Saints and was Priest in Charge of St. Cyprian's, Oxford
- 1934-37 Odell Greenleaf Harris (see chronology for Harris on pages 4 & 5 of this booklet)
- 1940-49 Robert Josiah Johnson; attended St. Augustine's and Bishop Payne Divinity School
- 1952-53 Henry J. Hill, native of British West Indies; attended St. Augustine's and Philadelphia Divinity School



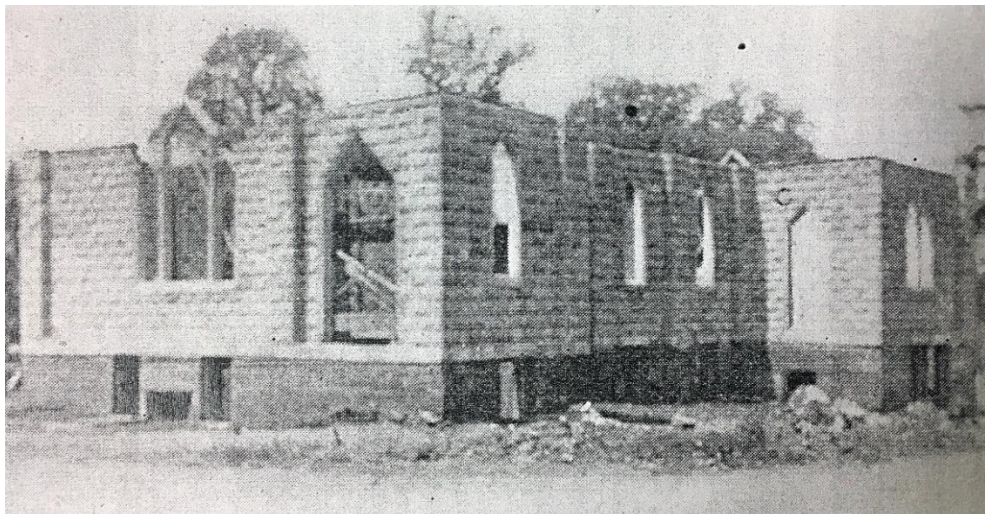
**EARLY EPISCOPAL MISSION SCHOOL**

First classes held at home of Albert & Annie Burgess



**SITE FOR CAIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1912**

Photo by Archdeacon Henry B. Delany, Delany Papers,  
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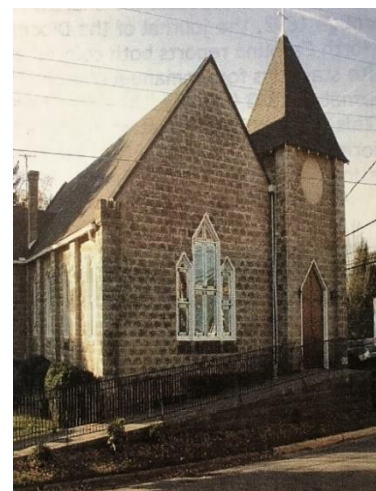
**THOMAS CAIN MEMORIAL CHURCH (ALL SAINTS' MISSION), 1914**

Begun in May 1913; Convocation for Colored Work met in the basement in September 1914;  
still unfinished when regular worship began in December 1918



**BRAVID WASHINGTON HARRIS (1896-1965)**

Born in Warrenton & served All Saints', 1922-1924  
Bishop of Liberia, 1945-1964



**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WARRENTON, 2012**

Preservation Warrenton 2012 Home Tour Brochure