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First Presbyterian Church
Florence, Ala.
Lauderdale Co.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Presbyterian Church.
Previous Owners: Presbyterian Church.

Date of Erection: 1820. c. 1827

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Presbyterian Church.

Present Condition: Good state of preservation. In 1910, a two story annex was added to the original one story structure. The original roof was destroyed by fire in 1930, at this time much remodeling was accomplished.

Number of Stories: Original building one, Annex two.

Materials of Construction: Brick building, with sheet metal roof. The interior side walls are wainscoted about 4; finished to overhead with plaster. The overhead is panelled with small boards. The floors are of 4" tongue and groove flooring.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data: The following is an inscription found on a tablet in the church.

Tablet

In memoriam of Rev. James L Sloss. Born in the Parish of Bellaghy County, Ireland, 1771. Migrated to this country in 1803, settled at Lexington, Virginia. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of South Carolina, on Nov. 18th, 1817. On the following October 3, 1818, he was ordained and given a commission as a missionary to the Southern frontier, composed then of parts of Georgia and new settlements in the Alabama Territory, where his labors resulted in laying the foundation of Presbyterianism in Alabama. He served churches in Clarke, Dallas and Morgan Counties and was called to Florence, in Ladderdale County in 1830. He faithfully served this church as its pastor from 1830 until his death in 1841, and was originally buried in the church yard adjacent to this present building. He labored all of his life for what he loved with a faith in all good causes that was ever one with his faith in God.

ON A WINDOW.

In memory of Wm. H. Mitchell, D. D., born in the county of Monahan, Ireland, 1812. Died at Florence, Alabama. 1872. Faithful Pastor of this church 1850 - 1872. President of the Synodical Female College , 1856 - 1872.

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OLD VIEW (PRIOR TO 1898-1899 REMODELING)
source unknown; no negative

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FROM ORIG. IN POSSESSION OF CHURCH

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Addendum to
First Presbyterian Church
S. side E. Mobile St., between Seminary
St. and Wood Ave.

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