

Midway Congregational Church
Midway, Liberty County, Georgia

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Owner: Congregational Church.

Date of Erection: 1792.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction:

Other Existing Records: See text.¹

Additional Data: See following pages.

¹ See Early American Archives for photographs; see Stacy, J.,
History of Midway Congregational Church.

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HISTORICAL NOTES: ¹

The bronze tablet on the front of the church states that the date of erection is 1792, that the church was organized in 1754 by descendants of an English colony which came first to Massachusetts in 1630, and that the present church was built on the same spot as the church which was burned by the British in 1778. ²

The first house of worship was a temporary log hut built in 1754. ³ The church of 1756, "Forty four feet by Thirty six, from out to out", was a frame building with a pitched roof, hipped at one end. The steeple was at the west and the pulpit in the north. ⁴

The cemetery was laid out in 1754 and the brick walls and iron gate were constructed about 1812. ¹

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- ¹ From Folsom, H., Midway Congregational Church.
² Same, page 50.
³ Same, page 18.
⁴ Same, page 20.

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ARCHITECTURAL NOTES:

The present church, finished in 1792, was built as specified in the old records: in size, 60 by 40 feet, and 20 feet "in the stories". The form of the roof was to be the same as the former "Old Meeting House".¹ The present dimensions of the church are 60 feet 5 inches by 40 feet 4 inches.

The main body of the church is "cypress, weather-boarded with wide beaded siding, evidently the 'best wood', as proven by time". A mammoth strap lock (6 1/2" x 11 1/2") once secured the front door.²

On the south end of the steep roof is the tall square tower or belfry, surmounted by a railing of turned spindles and an open hexagonal cupola.

The U-shaped balcony in the interior used to seat the negro worshippers.

¹ Folsom, H., "Midway Congregational Church", p.22.
² Same, page 23.

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