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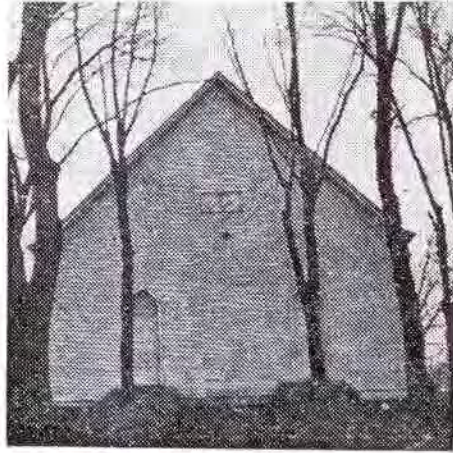
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LUSBY BAPTIST



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John Reese was among the early settlers on Eagle Creek and is supposed to have gathered Mt. Island church on the Eastern border of what is now Owen county as early as 1802. Benjamin Lambert succeeded John Reese as pastor of Mt. Island church as early as 1813. About this time he also established a preaching place near Mussel Shoals on Eagle Creek. Here he gathered a church, constituted with the aid of John Scott and John Searcy on October 11, 1817. To this congregation which took the name, Mussel Shoals, and to the church at Mt. Island he continued to minister until 1820. At that date he moved to Indiana, as had his predecessor, John Reese, a few years before. Mt. Island church was finally absorbed by that of Mussel Shoals and the latter has continued a large and flourishing body to the present time. Some of the early ministers here, besides those previously mentioned, were Elisha Cobb, Asa Cobb, P. H. Todd, Andrew Suter, Elisha Threlkeld, William Cobb, Louis Alexander and John W. Waldrop. One of the greatest of these, according to Spencer's History of Kentucky Baptists, was Elisha Cobb. This church was first in what was known as the Concord Association but later came into the Owen County Association in which it yet remains.

The Baptist church at Lusby's Mill was built about 55 years ago. Some of the early preachers were J. W. Waldrop, Elisha Cobb, Jim Clark, Louis Alexander and Archie Smith. Of these, Louis Alexander of New Liberty was one of the greatest. He is described as a "pulpit orator of great force and power, a pious and popular leader of his day." The last sermon he preached at Mussel Shoals was at a session of the Concord Association held there in 1861. The Lusby Mill church was one of the first to join the Owen County Association when it was first organized.



LUSBY METHODIST

The Methodist church at Lusby was organized about the year 1893. A Rev. Humphreys from Wilmore, Ky. came and held a revival in a store house. Some of those who were saved during this revival decided to organize a Methodist church in their home community. Among the first leading members were, Joe Whitton, Dr. A. W. Smither, Granville Simpson, John and Dave Coleman, Luther Howard, L. S. Starnes and Frank Tolbert. The first pastor to serve the congregation was Rev. Bosworth.