

## Miscellaneous Photos



Shelton's Shoe Shop building located near Courthouse Square, Princeton, WV, where R.G. Thomas (Alva's father) had his realty business prior to 1900.

One of the landmarks of the Glade Hill Community of Franklin County is the Primitive Baptist Church — Old Bethel — dating far back into early American History.

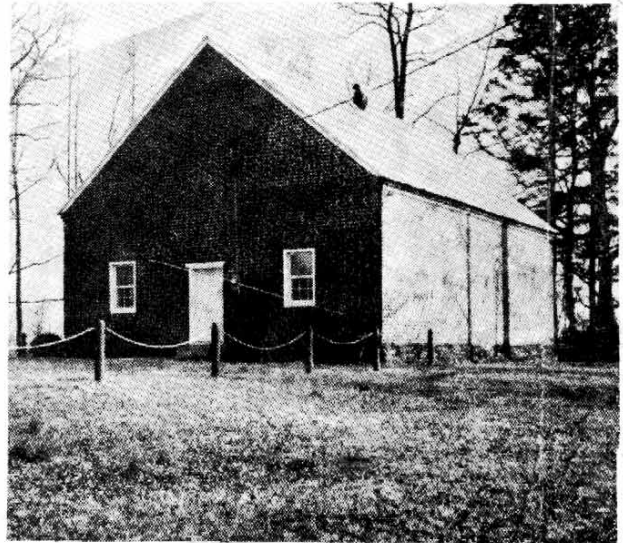
High in the gable of the building the date 1824 stands out distinctly and is easily legible. The building, according to reports, was constructed of brick that were left over in the construction of a brick building on the farm of George Ayers and the Holland brick home nearby. The bricks were made on the farms near the homes being built. The original brick have withstood the weathering of time exceptionally well. The old oak pews have been replaced and minor improvements made but the shop nails and pegs still remain in the woodwork.

John R. Martin was one of the founders and early elders of the church and his grandson, Elder Joe Brooks, was the preacher for many years. John Brooks, great, great grandson of Martin, lives nearby. Currently Jimmy Hollingsworth of Bassett Forks is the elder of the church.

Visiting preachers of the church over the years include: Posey Plybon, Randolph Perdue, Lee Wingfield, John Wood and Jim Stegall. These men labored long and hard in the community with the local ministers to promote the Lord's work.

It is interesting to note that the ministers of the early Primitive Baptist as well as now, served without pay, traded and farmed as others did. Sermons were long, often lasting two or three hours. The way the sermons were preached was more important perhaps than the contents. Often they dealt more with the future and were more personal than social.

The years have rolled on, our nation became free of slavery, wars came and customs and society changed. Progress has made many things change, but to the oldsters, the hardships,



Old Bethel

discipline and work of the pioneer days were necessary to develop character and a Godfearing race of people which we are so proud to boast of.

This is how it was some 150 years ago.

Please remember services at Oyler's Chapel at 10 a.m. and at Epworth at 11 a.m. every Sunday. The Rev. Michael K. Boggs is minister.

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# Deaths

## HENRY W. ARRINGTON

Henry Wise Arrington, 89, died early last evening at his home at Duhring following a long illness. He had been critically ill for the past week.

Mr. Arrington had lived in that vicinity for the past 47 years. He was a farmer and for the past eighteen years had been employed by the McDowell county board of education as janitor of the Montcalm high school. He was born February 9, 1860 in Franklin county, Virginia. He was first married to Miss Betty Craft, also of Franklin county, who preceded him in death. Nine children were born of this union. His second wife, the former Miss Alva Mae Thomas survives. Nine children were also born of this marriage. Two children preceded him in death. He was a member of the Duhring Community church.

Surviving children include: Jim, of Ridgely; Mrs. Kate Mullin, Freeman; Mrs. Victoria Ball, Limestone, Tenn.; Mrs. Ora Whitteker, Mrs. Lila Shrader, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Frances Fuda, all of Duhring; Mrs. Sally Garrison, Goodwill; John, of Arista; Robert, of Beard's Fork; Henry, address unknown; Mrs. Lizzie Richmond and Joe Arrington, Montcalm; Mrs. Elen Farris, Besoco; Mrs. Gracie Meade, Princewick; and H. W. Arrington, Jr. Covel.

Also surviving are 82 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Rites will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the auditorium of the Montcalm high school by the Rev. E. W. Powers, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Ashby. Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

Pallbearers will be C. O. Farley, Roy A. Cole, Brooks Hardy, B. B. Hurst, E. C. Vaughn, Walter Kingrea, J. J. Shrader and Hurst.

The body was removed to the Mercer Funeral home at Montcalm.



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Members of the Duhring Church of Christ choir will furnish music.

## Alva's Obituary



**MRS. ALVA MAY ARRINGTON**

Mrs. Alva May Thomas Arrington, 87, of Duhring, died Thursday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lila Shradler, following a long illness.

Born in Bland County, Va., she was a daughter of the late R. G. and Susan Woodward Thomas. A resident of Duhring for the past 58 years, she was a member of Bluewell United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, H. W. Arrington in 1949, and one son and one daughter.

Survivors, other than her daughter, include five other daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Richmond of Montcalm, Mrs. Mary Hurst and Mrs. Ellen Fares of Josephine, Mrs. Gracie Meade of Princewick, and Mrs. Frances Fuda of Bluewell; one son, H. W. Arrington of Princeton; three step-daughters, Mrs. Ora Whittaker of Duhring, Mrs. Victoria Ball of Limestone, Tenn., and Mrs. Sallie Garrison of Duhring; one sister, Mrs. W. V. Blankenship of Mechanicsburg, Va.; one brother Charles Thomas of Mechanicsburg; 28 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and one great - great-grandson.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Cravens - Shires Funeral Chapel in Bluewell with Rev. E. W. Powers and Rev. D. Homer Stewart officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Richard Hickman, Elliott Garrett, Lundy Dillon, Howard Ward, Euell Vaughn, and Will Robinette. Granddaughters will carry flowers.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 5 to 10 p.m.

## Alva's Birthday



MRS. H. W. (ALVA) ARRINGTON will be 83 years old Monday, August 24 Her home is in Duhring but at present she is living with a daughter, Mrs. Louie Fuda in the Kirby addition at Bluewell. The family recently had a reunion at the Duhring homeplace. There are 15 living children, and among them, Jim Arrington lives in Cumberland, Md., and Robert Arrington is in Fayetteville. There are 326 members in her family, including children by a previous marriage.