

## PASTORS OF FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. & Mrs. James Boggs  
Pastor from 1857 - 1866



Born in 1810, the Rev. James Boggs was 47 when he came as pastor of the church. He served from 1857 until 1866, during the agonizing years of the Civil War when homes were torn apart by divided loyalties, and the bodies of sons of the congregation were returned for burial in the Old Stone Church cemetery. During his second year in Fairton, a revival appears to have burst with great suddenness and force. In 1858 the membership swelled from 104 to 154. Thirty-three adult baptisms were reported. Membership remained constant throughout the rest of his pastorate.

Boggs married Sarah Orr. Their daughter, Caroline, married Elmer Craig of Daretown, near Salem. The Craigs were members of Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Boggs lived with her daughter there for a number of years after Rev. Boggs died in 1888. His body was returned to Fairton for burial in the Old Stone Church yard. Sarah, born in 1814, died in 1908, and was buried beside his grave, as was also their daughter, Mary. Caroline was buried in the yard at the Pittsgrove church.

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THE BACKS OF THE BOGG'S PHOTOS  
 Noting that they were given to the church by  
 Grandson Albert Boggs Craig

Rev. James Boggs  
 Born 1810  
 Died 1888  
 Minister of Fairfield Presbyterian  
 Church 1857-1866.

Buried in cemetery of that church,  
 known as the "Old Stone Church"  
 near Fairton, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

Graves near front of yard, about  
 half way between the two entrances.

This photograph, with one of his wife  
 Mrs. Sarah Orr Boggs, are given into  
 the keeping of the church by their grand-  
 son, Albert Boggs Craig who is the son  
 of their daughter, Caroline (Mrs. Elmer  
 Craig) Mrs. Craig was a member of the  
 Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church (Daretown, Salem Co.  
 N. J.) and is buried in its cemetery adjoining  
 the church.

Mrs. Sarah Orr Boggs  
 Born 1814 - Died 1908.  
 Wife of Rev. James Boggs  
 who was the minister of Fairfield  
 Presbyterian Church 1857-1866.  
 Buried in cemetery of that church known  
 as "the Old Stone Church" near Fairton, Cumberland  
 County, New Jersey. Graves are near front of  
 yard about half way between the two  
 entrances.

This photograph, (with a small one taken  
 when she was past ninety years of age)  
 and one of Rev. Boggs are given into the  
 keeping of the church by their grandson,  
 Albert Boggs Craig who is the son of their  
 daughter Caroline. (Mrs. Elmer Craig)  
 Mrs. Craig was a member of the Pittsgrove  
 Presbyterian Church, (Daretown, Salem Co., N. J.)  
 and is buried in its cemetery adjoining the  
 church.

Mrs. Sarah Boggs lived with her daughter  
 Mrs. Caroline Craig, near Daretown for many  
 years.

1843-1937

Another daughter, Mary M. Boggs married  
 Rev. David Dickson on Nov. 2, 1865.  
 She and their daughter, Mary Dickson, are buried  
 in the same plot with Rev. and Mrs. Boggs.  
 Rev. Dickson was a missionary to the "Free  
 Men of the South", is buried in a Southern State.

A Photo of Mrs. Boggs at  
 ninety years of age.  
 1814 - 1908

