

Fairfax Co.

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Just a sketch of memory
History of Hopewell. Hopewell Church
was build in the year of 1856. It
was erected by the members, at that
time, and the friends and good people
of the Hopewell community, namely
Mr Washington Smith, ^{Mr} A. M. Ruth, ⁸²
Mr Washington Goeth ^{or} Mr W. T. Spraker,
and many others of those ^{christian} people of
Hopewell. A wonderful church of great
ministers of the Gospel, namely, Rev
J. T. Sweatt. Rev Henry Shuman Rev
J. J. Preacher, Rev George Hinard
Rev Jonas Trawell, Rev J. J. Mix, Rev
M. H. Shuman, ^{Rev J. Morrison} Rev W. H. Dowling. These
are some of the ministers of the
earlier life of Hopewell Church, who have
done a great work in helping save ^{precious}
souls, & conducting those glorious protracted
meetings, when so many loved ones joined
the church and were baptized in black creek
waters, and since those days many worthy
ministers, have done and are doing a great
work at Hopewell. Rev J. W. ^{the present} Middleton, and
the members & friends of Hopewell are so
faithful in doing such a great and won-
derful work and still keeping up
Dear old Hopewell Church. Their Sunday
School cant be excelled. Through the
pastor members & friends earnest and —

faithful work. 2

I'll recall the names of some of
the members friends & visitors of
Hopedale who have long ago passed
on to reap their reward. Namely
The Youmans, The Parrells, The Gotthe,
The Peeples, The Gills, The Smiths, The Nixon,
The Trowell, The Shumans, The Muligans,
The Mares, The Chislom, ^{the} Firesters, The
Didoachs, The Keath, The Speakers, The Lawens,
The Whitefords, The Googes, The Bowers,
The Girms, The Kertz, The Hiers, The
Bishop, The Goodings, The Craps, The
Yeiners, The Pies, The Longs, The Browns,
The Hoovers, The Kieds, The Rosiers,
Dr H. W. C. Folk, & family, The Dowling,
The Tulens, ^{the} Fitts, The Palls, The Mitsons,
The Carters, ^{THE SHARPES} ^{the} Johnson ^{the} Hadwinn &
also Mrs Hitt Folk & Mr Getzinger
both singing school Professors,
who taught singing school at Hopedale.
A church I love being, a church my parents
loved who sleep in the cemetery by its side
& also love the grove on which the church
is builded which recall sweet memories
of meeting & greeting loved ones of long
ago. By The only surviving child of my
parents L. J. & Mrs Dowling Emma D. Sparks.