Original Randolph-Macon College
Boydton, Virginia 1830

This is the original site of the oldest Methodist-affiliated College still operating in the United States. The Virginia Assembly chartered it in 1830 and it was named for Congressman John Randolph of Charlotte County, Virginia, and Nathaniel Macon of Warren County, North Carolina. It opened on October 9, 1832; however, in 1868, largely due to economic difficulties caused by the Civil War, the college was moved to Ashland, where it operates today. The vacated buildings later housed a freedman's School as well as the Boydton Academy and Bible Institute that operated until the mid-1930s. A historical marker is located nearby on US Route 58.

Edward Dromgoole House
Valentines, VA

Dromgoole (1751-1835) came to America from Ireland in 1770. He was an early Methodist leader in Virginia and North Carolina. Greatly influenced by Robert Strawbridge, he began preaching in 1773, later married and settled in southern Brunswick County in 1786. His home was a frequent stop for Bishop Francis Asbury and other Methodist circuit riders.

The Brunswick Circuit

- The Oldest Methodist circuit under continuous appointment.
- Listed as "Petersburg" in 1773 (the year of the first official listing of American appointments)
- Named "Brunswick" in 1774
- Groundwork for the formation of the circuit laid by Devereux Jarratt and Robert Williams
- Circuit included at least 14 Virginia and 2 North Carolina counties
- Area of the most rapid Methodist growth and the most intense revival
- Evangelistic growth a model for Methodist movement.

A Few Brunswick Sites:

**Farmville District**
- Original Randolph-Macon College, Boydton, VA (1830)
- Ebenezer Academy, Boydton Charge
- Blackstone College, Blackstone, Nottoway County
- Farmville College for Women, Farmville

**Petersburg District**
- Ebenezer Academy, Brunswick County
- Edward Dromgoole House, Valentines
- Mason's Chapel (Historical Marker)
- Olive Branch Church, Gashurg
- Salem Chapel, South Hill (Historical Marker)
- Union Street Church, Petersburg (Historical Marker)
- Petersburg Women's Academy
- Saponi Church, Dinwiddie County, VA (Devereux Jarrett)
- The First Methodist Meeting House, Petersburg (Historical Marker)

Mason's Chapel (Historical Marker)

One of the earliest Methodist churches in Southwest Virginia, the Mason's Chapel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969.

Ebenezer Academy
Brunswick County, VA

Ebenezer Academy was founded about 1784 by Bishop Francis Asbury. It was the first Methodist School established in America. It passed out of the hands of the church but remained an important school for many years. A historical marker is on Route 1 in Brunswick County, near Warfield, Virginia.

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Specific Site Locations

Randolph-Macon College
Location: Driving East on U.S. 58, take a right on Jefferson Street (just before Triangle Grocery); Go 0.1 mile, then turn left between the two brick pillars into the yard of a house with a covered well and bell. The old school building is to the right of this house. A historical marker is nearby on U.S. 58 with 3 other markers.

Ebenezer Academy
Historical Marker Location: On Route 1 in Brunswick County, near Warfield, 6.8 miles north of where Route 46 crosses U.S. Route 1.

Edward Dromgoole House
Location: Take Route 46 to Valentines, Virginia: Proceed further 0.2 miles. The remains of the house are on the farm to the left, not visible from the road.

Mason's Chapel
Historical Marker Location: On Route 46 about 17 miles south of Lawrenceville, Virginia, and 0.1 miles south of Gasburg Road (Route 628).