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Peek into the Past: “It is much to be lamented that we have no authentic or written record of the origin and early history of the Philadelphia Church. We are therefore confined to a few traditional (sic) facts in making out this history and of course many interesting events ... unknown, and many years are entirely overlooked. We have found a written compact between this congregation and the congregation of New Providence in which they agreed to stand by each other through all difficulties in the support of a minister of the Gospel, his time to be divided between the two congregations. This instrument was drawn up in 1770 at that time the congregation was called the Clear Creek congregation.” (*History of Philadelphia Church written by Angus Johnson in 1837*)

Interesting Fact: In 1765, the Presbyterians keep their strength in Mecklenburg and Rowan Counties due to strength in numbers and faith. Elsewhere the Baptists began to dominate in numbers. In one writing it was stated: “A Presbyterian would sooner marry ten of his children to Members of the Church of England than one to a Baptist”. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

A Musical “Note”: in 1753 Cumberland County numbered 1000 Highlanders these were the Scots of the kilt and the pipes. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Important National Event of 1773: On December 16, 1773, American colonists disguised themselves as Indians, and raided three ships in Boston Harbor. This came to be known as the 'Boston Tea Party'. The colonists emptied 342 chests of tea to keep from paying taxes to England