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Duncan O'Bryant.

Duncan O'Bryant, first Missionary to the Old Settler Cherokees and Immigrants, was born in Georgia. He married a white woman named Patsy Whitehead. He and his wife came to the Cherokee Nation about 1830 and settled in Piney community, now Adair County.

Reverend O'Bryant was a Baptist Minister but there is no record to show where he ever established a church.

He had eight children : Fannie, Harriet, Sarah Ann, and Eliza Jane, the mother of Zeke Proctor, Jr.; Caleb, Jake, Hugh and Humphrey were the boys. Caleb and Jake joined the Texas Rangers about 1840. Six years later they joined the United States Army in the War with Mexico. They were never heard from any more. They were supposed to have been in the battle of San Jacinto.

Hugh and Humphrey went to California in the gold rush of 1848. They never returned.

Reverend O'Bryant died at Piney in 1834 and was buried a half mile north of the present Piney School.

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He was the earliest minister in this part of the Cherokee Nation. He is the grandfather of Zeke Proctor, now living at Proctor, Oklahoma.