Rev. William Rogers (Aug.-Nov. 1851)
Born: April 3, 1817
Died: November 24, 1851
Educated at Maryville College and the East Tennessee College (later University of Tennessee)
Married Miss E. J. Williams (parents of two children)
Baptized at Ellijoy meeting house, Blount County
Licensed to preach: September 27, 1842
Southern Baptist Convention established: 1845
Called to ordination by Pleasant Grove Church, Sevier County (Later ordained by Nails Creek Church): 1846
Joined Dandridge Baptist Church: 1848
Pastor of Dandridge Baptist Church: 1849-1851
Dandridge Baptist Church hosted meeting of the Baptist Education Society of East Tennessee to discuss establishment of an educational institution: 1849
Meeting of “Oak Tree Five”: 1849
Educational Society’s twenty-one trustees applied for charter for Mossy Creek Missionary Baptist Seminary and acquired two acres of land: 1850
Appointed financial agent (with C. C. Tipton) for the Baptist Seminary: Feb. 1851
Unanimously elected President of Mossy Creek Missionary Baptist Seminary: Aug. 1851
Mossy Creek Missionary Baptist Seminary offered first classes in the Mossy Creek Baptist Church: Aug. 1851
Died of complications due to typhoid fever: Nov. 1851
While pastor of Dandridge Baptist Church, Rogers was instrumental in establishing a library, Sunday School, and classes for African Americans.