

Southern Christian Institute

A few of the earliest black leaders in the Churches of Christ in Michigan attended the Southern Christian Institute in Edward, Mississippi. In 1882 the Cook Plantation east of Jackson, Mississippi was purchased by white Churches of Christ in the north to help educate and give employment to former slaves struggling after the Civil War. White administrators and teachers volunteered to make the school a success. One year over 400 pupils were enrolled. It was closed around 1925.