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Long Street Presbyterian Church. Image courtesy of the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

^[2]The [Long Street Presbyterian Church](#) ^[2], originally known as McKay's Meeting House, was established in 1756 on land that is now part of the [Fort Bragg](#) ^[3] military reservation to serve a community of Scottish settlers. In 1758 the [Reverend James Campbell](#) ^[4], a Scotsman, established three "preaching stations": Long Street, Bluff, and Barbecue Churches. These are among the oldest Presbyterian churches in North Carolina. The third building to house the Long Street congregation, a Greek Revival derivation, was constructed in 1847 and still stands on the military reservation amid firing ranges and training fields not generally accessible to the public. [Elise Academy](#) ^[5], a boarding school, was once located near the church. In 1921 the federal government purchased the church building and six acres surrounding it for addition to the Fort Bragg; it now maintains the building, the cemetery, and the grounds.

Many gravestones in the cemetery bear the inscription "Born in Scotland," and a large monument commemorates the burial at the site of a number of Civil War dead, including 30 Confederate casualties from a nearby battle. On the last Sunday in June each year, descendants of former members of Long Street congregation gather at the church for a worship service, a picnic lunch, and a program to recount their [Scottish Highlands](#) ^[6] heritage.

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