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File No. (Over)
Prof. J. T. Alderman,
Henderson, N.C.

Dear Bro. Alderman:

I am sending you here with a paper which ought to have been sent long ago. Please excuse my neglect.

I am also sending you by this mail a few old minutes of the Chowan Association which may be of some help in compiling a history of N. C. Baptists. Wish I had more such to send you.

I think they are worth preserving though you may already have some like them. With every good wish.

Cordially yours,

W. B. Waff
Historical Commission
Baptist State Convention
NORTH CAROLINA

DATA FOR FILES

Give (for the printer) your full name: William Bamberg Staff

Date of birth—month, day, year: November 13, 1863

Your father’s name: Joseph Thomas Staff

Your mother’s maiden name: Elizabeth Ann Bamberg

Where you were educated: at Reynolds Male Institute, Wake Forest College

Degrees received and the source: A.B., Wake Forest College

Where and when ordained: at Reynolds, January 25, 1861

When and where you were married: at Freiders’ Home, Davidson Co., Dec. 21, 1862

Give wife’s maiden name in full: Wilkie Talma Inman Irons

Give date of her birth—month, day, year: December 14, 1862

Her parents’ names: Jeffrey P. Irons and Martha D. Aragon

(If a second marriage, give like information)

Where have been your activities?: In the following associations: 11 yrs. in Chowan, 7 yrs. in Montanges, 41 yrs. in Wadesboro, 1 yr. in Yadkin Union Meet- ing, Trustee of Chowan College about 10 yrs.

Positions of honor and trust you have held:—Moderator, Trustee, Etc.

You are the author of:—(Books, Monographs, Special Articles, Etc.)

Kindly give reference to any write-up, or other articles commendatory of your work which might aid in the preparation of a personal sketch

Give on back of this sheet any further information: nationality, remote ancestry, names of children, foreign travel, industrial engagements and other items of interest.

The information here sought is for use in the preparation of a Biographical Work of the North Carolina Baptist leaders. We hope no name will be omitted.

A personal sketch written by yourself or some friend will be greatly appreciated. Fill and send this blank now; the sketch may come later.

Mail to

J. T. ALDERMAN, Chairman,

Henderson, N. C.
I was born and have spent my life in North Carolina. Our children are as follows:

Charles Manly Naff, Ruth Palmer Naff,
Mary Elizabeth Naff & Jessie Francis Naff. Two died in infancy.

My two grandfathers were Thomas Naff (Baptist preacher) & William Benburg. Grandmother
Mary Naff & Sarah Benburg.

Two great grandfathers: Thomas Naff &
Capt. Stephen Carpenter.
One great, great grandfather was Capt.
Stephen Myles of Eastern Virginia.
William Benberry Waff
Pastor 1884-1907

William Benberry Waff, son of Joseph Thomas and Elizabeth Waff, was born in Chowan County, North Carolina on November 13, 1853. He attended school in Edenton before entering Reynoldson Male Institute at Reynoldson, North Carolina. After graduating from Reynoldson and prior to entering Wake Forest College, Mr. Waff taught one year in Virginia. He then entered Wake Forest College where he was the recipient of the Latin Medal. He graduated from Wake Forest in 1880.

Upon graduation Mr. Waff began a career as a teacher and educator. He taught two years in Davidson County, North Carolina and one year in Washington, North Carolina. While teaching in Washington he met and married Willie L. Traynham on December 21, 1882. Soon after marrying, the Waffs moved to Reynoldson where Mr. Waff became associated as a teacher with his brother, Thomas E. Waff, at Reynoldson Institute. He taught with his brother four years. In 1887, Thomas E. Waff moved to Brunswick, Georgia, William B. Waff purchased and operated Reynoldson Institute until 1905.

At that time he sold it to Gates County for use as a public school.

In 1884, a year after Mr. Waff’s return to the Reynoldson Community, he was elected pastor of Reynoldson. Here he was ordained on January 24, 1885 by Dr. R.R. Overby and Rev. T.G. Speight. He served as pastor of Reynoldson for twenty-three years. He also served as pastor of Gatesville, Ariel, Cool Spring, Beulah, Middle Swamp, Ballard’s Bridge and Great Fork Churches.

In January, 1907, Mr. Waff and his family moved to Murfreesboro, North Carolina where he served as pastor of Merherrin, Conway, Severn and Margarettsville Churches. After eight years of service at these churches, he moved to the Jonesboro field and then to Pittsboro. In 1922 he moved to Mocksville to serve as full-time pastor the next ten years. This was to be his last pastorate. The last year of his ministry he baptized twenty-one persons. During his career as a minister, he baptized nearly 1,500 professing Christians.

“In all these fields he was eminently successful and wherever he served by his noble character, his real ability, his diligent and self-sacrificing labor, he won the love and esteem not only of his own immediate charges but of the communities in which he lived and labored.”

He returned to eastern North Carolina to reside in Winton in
December, 1931. Here he died on January 11, 1933. He left the following survivors; his wife, Mrs. Willie Le Grand Waff; daughters, Mrs. J.B. Whitley, Mrs. Wiley Stone, and Mrs. John A. Northcott; a son, C.N. Waff; two sisters, Mrs. W.O. Carpenter, Mrs. E.L. (Lilley Waff) Smith; and a brother, R.E. Waff. He was buried in the Reynoldson Church Cemetery. Soon after Mr. Waff's death, conference appointed a committee to place flowers on his grave each month.2

Obituary of Mr. Waff prepared by Miss Edith Freeman, Mrs. George Ellis and Rev. T.L. Brown included the following epitaph:

"Servant of God, well done
Thy glorious warfares past
The battle's fought, the race is won
and thou art crowned at last."3

Albert Clyde McCall
Pastor 1918-1922

Albert Clyde McCall was born November 28, 1888. He was educated at Wake Forest College. In January, 1918 upon completion of his education,
TRIBUTE TO REV. W. B. WAFF

(Extracts from article written by Rev. J. T. Byrum for Biblical Recorder.)

In the home-going of Rev. William Benbury Waff, aged 80 years, at Winston, N. C., January 6, 1933, North Carolina Baptists lost one of the best known, highly respected and one of the most useful ministers of the state.

 Shortly after his marriage to Willie LeGrand Traynham, fifty years ago, he was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry. For fifty years they walked together in happy wedlock and faithful service in the Master's Kingdom.

 He served at Reynoldson as pastor about 23 years, along with Great Fork church in Virginia, Gatesville, Ballard's Bridge, Cool Spring, Macedonia and others.

 Then in the West Chowan Association he served as pastor Conway, Holly Grove, Meherrin, Margaretsville and Severn. Then Pittsboro and other churches in Chatham county and then ten years in Mocksville, retiring a few months ago on account of his advanced age.

 He was a high-toned Christian gentleman; a good preacher, rightly dividing the Word of Truth; a safe and sane leader, never lording it over God's heritage. He was a wise under-shepherd leading his flocks into pastures green and beside the waters still. He sought no publick display of the results of his work and never tried to make ostentatious display of his merits and worth.

 His long day's work is finished. Death came to him as it should come to all—not as an enemy, but as a friend; not as a defeat, but as a victory; not as an end, but the beginning of that which is highest and best; not in the guise of a serpent, but in the form of an angel who quietly stopped his weary heart and kissed away the gloom of the dark valley and took him up in heaven's chariot to dwell with the ransomed host of God in the Father's House on high in the realm of eternal day.

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