Research Information on J. W. Kesterson:

From the Tuckaseigee Baptist Association Minutes:

1899--find no mention of him

1900--is mentioned as being a delegate from the Sylva Baptist Church as well as being its Superintendent

1901--is mentioned as being a delegate from the Head of Tennessee Baptist Church (page 7) as well as being its Superintendent. He was also appointed as a delegate to the Baptist State Convention (page 10).

1902--he is listed as an ordained minister from Sylva N. C.

page 9--"Rev. J. W. Kesterson of Sylva was ordained to the full words of the gospel ministry."

he is listed as the pastor of Sylva Baptist Church. He was also appointed as a messenger to colored association meeting at Webster.

1903--he is listed as an ordained minister from Sylva, N. C. and was the pastor at the church there. He also pastored Shoal Creek Baptist Church and Highlands Baptist Church.

1904--page 7--"Rev. J. W. Kesterson resigned at Sylva and Rev. T. F. Delitz was called and accepted. Bro. Kesterson resigned at Shoal Creek and Rev. T. F. Arrington was called and accepted."

"Bro. Kesterson was called to the Franklin church and accepted."

From the Macon Baptist Association Minutes:

1904--he is listed as an ordained minister from Franklin, N. C. He was appointed as delegate to the State Baptist Convention (page 9).

1905--he was listed as a delegate of Franklin Baptist Church, and was elected as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. During this year he was made moderator of the Macon County Baptist Association, and his photograph is found at the front of the minutes. He pastored the following churches at this time: Coweta, Franklin, Highlands, Mount Hope, and Sugarfork.

1906--there is no mention of him in this issue of the minutes

From the Southern Baptist Convention Minutes:

1906--he is now listed as being at Mountain City, Tennessee.
Research information on J. W. Kesterson—(continued)

We were able to find nothing on this person from 1907 to 1924.

From the South Fork Baptist Association Minutes:

1925—he is listed as the pastor of Maiden Baptist Church, Maiden, N. C. as well as being a delegate from that church
1926—he is listed as the pastor of Maiden Baptist Church
1927—there is no mention of him in this association.

From the Gaston County Baptist Association Minutes:

1925—there is no mention of him for this year
1926—he and his wife are listed as visitors from Maiden, N. C.
1927—he is listed as the pastor of Ranlo Baptist Church as well as being a messenger from that church
1928—there is no mention of him in this association
1929—he is listed as a messenger from Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church. He is also stated as being a member of that church
1930—there is no mention of him for this year
1931—there is no mention of him for this year

From the Carolina Baptist Association Minutes:

1931—he is mentioned as being a member of Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N. C.
1932—he is listed as a messenger from Hendersonville First Baptist Church
1933—he is listed as a messenger from Hendersonville First Baptist Church
1934—he is mentioned as being from Hendersonville, N. C.
1935—he is listed as pastor of Horse Shoe Baptist Church, Horse Shoe, N. C.
1936—he is listed as a member of the Board of Trustees at Fruitland Institute and Junior College. He is also the pastor of Horse Shoe Baptist Church
1937—he is listed as a member of the Board of Fruitland Institute
1938—he is listed as a member of the Board of Fruitland Institute
1939—he is mentioned as being a member of the Board of Trustees of Fruitland Institute and Junior College. He is listed as a messenger from Dana Baptist Church.

1940—he is listed on the Board of Trustees of Fruitland Institute and Junior College, and is listed from Hendersonville, N. C.

1941—he is listed under the obituaries (page 18), but no death date is given.
NAME: Kesterson, J. W.

DATA: Photograph

SOURCE: Macon Baptist Association minutes, 1905, page: 2

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to the influence of the teaching and example of the home. Such an influence is truly a blessing to God's Kingdom!

J.W. Kesterson 1929-30

He was born in Cool Creek, Tennessee on July 22, 1872 and married Lula Cowan of Webster, North Carolina. His training in religious education was from Sylva Collegiate Institute.

Little is known of his life except that he is survived by two sons, James and Jeter, both of whom now live in Florida.

Carmie Everett Phillips, D.D. 1930-36

Dr. Phillips was born July 6, 1896 - died December 6, 1949, born again August 16, 1908.

He was the son of Columbus A. and Ollie Wilson Phillips and married Junnie Bell Hoyle on November 19, 1916.

Dr. Phillips received his early education at Piedmont High School and Business College at Lawndale, North Carolina. He also attended Hamilton College of Law, Chicago, Illinois and completed studies in law at LaSalle University, Chicago.

Having been called to the ministry, Dr. Phillips abandoned his pursuit of law and received his preparation for the ministry at the College of Divine Metaphysics of Indianapolis, Indiana, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.
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Fork mentions on several occasions the gifts of small a-
ments of money to J. A. Hoyle for work in Maiden, the
first being it seems in 1881 with the comment "this was
the beginning of interest in Maiden." In 1891 Hoyle
brought the annual sermon for the South Fork association
meeting with the Hickory church, now the First church.

Others of German extract were attracted to what is
now Maiden because of iron and cotton. It is typical of
our town that our founding pastor was also of German
stock, attracted to this area by the unrefined ore of charac-
ter and religious possibilities, and by the possibility of a re-
fining process in the form of a school for the culture of
people in these parts. Hoyle, the Institute, and the Bap-
tists of the early days of our history have left inspiring im-
print and influence, and they have become a part of the
structure on which the First Baptist church of Maiden
stands today.

*Major Graham in his history spells the name Irvin.
The Mount Zion church mentioned here is not a South
Fork church.

J. W. KESTERSON
1925-1926

The committee was never able to find reliable infor-
mation concerning Mr. Kesterson. Those who remember
him recall that there were two sons; the older was Napol-
eon, the other was Jeter. It is thought that he came to
Maiden from South Carolina, and went from Maiden to
Tennessee. It is the opinion of some that he was a nat-
ive of Georgia, and that
his
sons attended Mars Hill college.
For a
few
years there was occasional correspondence be-
tween the Kestersons and a few Maiden members, but
this eventually dwindled out completely and we have lost
all trace of him or his family.

WILLIAM CALHOUN LINK, JR,
1945-1947

Beginning in December of 1945, Bill Link served as
The passing of one of our veteran pastors is noted in THE TIMES (Hendersonville newspaper). Rev. James Wiley Kesterson, age sixty-six, died a few days ago after several weeks' illness. Services were conducted by Rev. M. L. Lewis. Interment was in the cemetery of the French Broad Church....

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