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KING, ELDER THOMAS CURTIS-b. JANUARY 7,1861-d. AUGUST 27,1934-

Aged: 73 Years-7 Months-20 Days

BIRTH AND BACKGROUND- YANCEY,COUNTY,N.C.

I. THOMAS CURTIS KING, was born January 7,1861, in Yancey,County, North Carolina. He was the son of Samuel King and his wife _____. He was ~~licensed~~ to the ministry in the year 1884 and ordained to the ministry in 1885 by the Elks~~hole~~ (Elk Shoal?) Baptist Church in Yancey County, N.C. He studied at Judson College in Hendersonville,N.C., and Fair View Baptist Institute in Buncombe, County, N.C. He died at the home of his son Jack W. King, on 64¹/₂ Mitchell Avenue, in West Asheville on Monday, August 27,1934. His age was 73 years, 7 months and 20 days.

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EARLIEST PASTORATES

2. His earliest pastorates were Burnsville in Yancey County and Morgan Hill, Homing and Fair View in Buncombe County. Elder John Ammons in his "History of French Broad Association and Mars Hill College" 1807-1907, reports at pages 71 and 75; " T.C. King came into the French Broad Association from Yancey County and has been with us about two years(between 1885 and ~~and~~ 1894). He is pastor at Laurel Branch, Madison Seminary, and Gabriel's Creek (all located in Madison County and in proximity to Mars Hill College). He is a man of considerable culture and is a good preacher. The work in his churches is in a prosperous condition. He is well suited to pastoral work." " T.C. King is pastor of several country churches, preaching to each once a month. He is an able and succesful preacher and is much loved by his people."

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PASTORATES IN BUNCOMBE ASSOCIATION

The historian's report by Rev. W.T. Bradley, in the August 13-15, 1895, in the Buncombe County Associations minutes includes the following item: " Brother T.C. King has moved from Yancey County into our bounds and is preaching for Morgan Hill Church". Page 10. The 1896 Buncombe County Minutes at page 31, notes that the following brethren made comments on a given subject under discussion: the Clerk, A.I. Justice, E.J. Morgan and T.C. King." In 1897, the Buncombe County minutes record that the report on "Foreign Missions" was given by Rev. T.C. KING." Pages 16,17. In 1897, the historian's report at page 24, notes that "T.C. King has been called as pastor of Hominy Church."

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In 1898, the historian's report records at page 17, "T.C. KING has been called as pastor to Cane Creek and Berea Churches." W.T. Bradley, Historian. In 1898, page 2, "T.C. King was elected Clerk of the Buncombe Baptist Association." The Buncombe Minutes in 1899, record that T.C. King made the report on "Education". The 1899 minutes at page 20, record: "T.C. KING, Pastor of Berea Church, has been preaching as a Missionary at Cooper's Station (Now The First Baptist Church at Swan~~na~~ noa with some 1,200 members). In 1900 T.C. King is still serving as Clerk of the Buncombe Baptist Association. He also preached the Introductory Sermon ^{from} the text in Luke 19:10. Minutes page 3.

The minutes of Old Salem Church (now Fletcher First Baptist Church) in Book No.II. at pages 58 and 69, record that "T.C. King served as pastor of ~~Salem Church~~ (Fletcher First Baptist) from January 21, 1899, to October 21, 1900." (.Salem.church was constituted in Buncombe County, November 17, 1838- From Minutes)*.

MINISTER OF CHURCHES IN CAROLINA ASSOCIATION-HENDERSON CO.,

4. The name of the Reverend THOMAS CURTIS KING, appears on the minutes of the Carolina Baptist Association during the years 1915-1918. His address is given as Saluda, N.C. in 1915, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ and ~~XXXXXX~~ as Horse Shoe, N.C., in 1916; finally as Hendersonville, N.C. in 1918. He served as pastor of the following church with the dates as given:

- A. Saluda Baptist Church..... 1915
- B. Horse Shoe Baptist Church..... 1915-1916
- C. Tuxedo Baptist Church.....1915-1917
- D. French Broad Baptist Church.....1915-1916
- E. Mud Creek Baptist Church..... 1917-
- F. Salem Baptist Church (Fletcher First)... 1899-1900
(As given above in Buncombe Co. Association Report)*
- G. T.C. King was pastor of the Mills River Baptist Church from October 18, 1890, until November __1890, according to the records of Mills River Baptist Church.

FORKS OF IVY BAPTIST CHURCH-MADISON, CO. N.C.

- Pastors- 1843-1972.
- 5. Rev. T.C. King was pastor from Sept. 1925 to July 1927. Minutes*

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1. On Thursday^{And 9} November 7,1974, Harry L. Vinson[^] made a journey to Clarksville, Georgia and Elijay, Georgia in search of cemetery "Markers" of Baptist Ministers. Some two miles out of Clarksville, at the Cemetery of Bethlehem Baptist Church we copied the following markers of the Thomas Curtis King family:

A. Reverend Thomas C. King-b. January 7,1861-d. August 27,1934- /G/

B. Martha Louise (King) b. February 18,1858-d. February 7,1937-

C. Mary Etta (King) Daughter of Rev. T.C. and Lartha L. King-
born: October 18,1883--d. April 18,1912-

The grave stone is a "monolith" not too expensive but very impressive. The letter "G" is carved on his grave marker denoting that he was a member of the Masonic Order.

I. Elder Thomas Curtis King was active in the Habersham County Baptist Association Clarksville, Georgia for a period of five years-1927-1932. This includes from the sixth through the eleventh sessions.

1. Wed. Oct.5,1927, he conducted the devotional from II. Cor. 4:7f.

He among others spoke to the following reports: The Georgia Baptist Hospital, Ministerial Support, and Christian Literature.

~~2. In the session of Oct.12-14,1928, which met with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Turnersville, Ga., on page 28, he gave the recommendation of the Executive Committee as follows:~~

" To send out Rev. T.C. King as Association worker with the endorsement of the Association. We recommend the cooperation of the churches and the pastors with no financial obligation on the part of the Association or the churches except that a free will offering be allowed for Brother King at the close of any service or services he may hold. On motion carried. Agreed to meet once a month during the ensuing year."

T.C. KING, Chairman

M.E. FREE, Clerk- Page 18

3. At the ninth annual session, Aug.22,1930, convened with the AMY'S CREEK Baptist Church, Rev. T.C. Burrell as Moderator, Ernest J. Kimsey, Clerk. The report on Benevolences on page 11, was signed by T.C. King and T.C. Burrell.

4. The tenth annual session convened with the Bethlehem Baptist Church, August 21,1931. T.C. King submitted the report on Officers for the B.Y.P.U on page 5, and the Report On Foreign Missions at page 8. King's address is given as Clarksville, Ga.

5. At the eleventh annual session of Habersham County Baptist Association August 21,1932, at page 12, Rev. T.C. King is listed among the Orgained Ministers and living at Clarksville, Ga.

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Age: 73 yrs. 7 mos. 20 Days-

Funeral services for the Rev. Thomas Curtis King, aged 73 years, old, retired Baptist Minister whose death occurred yesterday morning (Mon. Aug. 27, 1934) at the home of his son, Jack W. King, 64 Mitchell Avenue, will be conducted at the residence at 9:30 O'clock this morning.

The Rev. James A. Ivey, pastor of the West Asheville Baptist Church will officiate assisted by the Rev. J.B. Grice, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, the Rev. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene, Texas.

Interment will be in a Clarksville, Georgia, Cemetery, at 3:30 O'clock this afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Ivey and the Rev. Wayne W. Williams, pastor of Oteen Baptist Church will have charge of the rites at the grave. Fell bearers will be the Rev. Mr. Grice, the Rev. Mr. Davis, the Rev. Mr. Williams, and Rev. W.H. Fitzgerald, the Rev. Stephen J. Morgan, and the Rev. Claude K. Turner.

The Reverend Mr. King served in pastorates in Western North Carolina and North Georgia for 52 years. He was a native of Yancey County, N.C., and retired from the ministry two years ago, because of his ill health.

He taught a Bible Class at West Asheville Baptist Church and was one of the Deacons of that church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Martha L. King, seven sons: James R. King, of Los Angeles, California, Carl King of Lookout, Kentucky, and B.L. King of Macon County, J.O. King, Thomas N. King, and Jack W. King, of Asheville, N.C. Two daughters: Mrs. F.J. Barry, and Mrs. W.T. Gastley, of Clarksville, Georgia, and two brothers: W.A. King of Jonesboro, Tennessee, and M.A. King of North Carolina.

His death certificate, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in Buncombe County, N.C., is no. 493. His physician was H.G. Brookshire, M.D., of Asheville, N.C. His son Jack W. King was the Informant. The cause of his death is listed as hypertension and acute nephritis. He is listed as a Baptist Minister. His widow is Mrs. Martha L. King. His age is 73 years, 7 months and 20 days. The place of his death was the residence of his son, Jack W. King, 64 Mitchell Street, Asheville. His father is listed as Samuel King. His mother's name unknown. The hour of his death was 3:45 A.M. Aug. 27, 1934. Funeral Director was Dunn-Groce, Company of Asheville, N.C.

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I. Sources Of Information On His Life And Labors-

1. Baptist Ministerial Directory"-George W. Lasher, Published in 1899
By: Oxford News Company, Oxford, Ohio-Page 417-(821 pp.)
2. "History Of French Broad Baptist Association & Mars Hill College"
By: Elder John Ammons- (1807-1907) Pages 71, 75. -Broughton, Raleigh
3. Standard Certificate Of Death- Vital Statistics, Buncombe, County, N.C.
Certificate No. 1132- Office of The Register Of Deeds-Certificate No. 493- Filed August 27, 1934- M. McFee, Registrar-
4. Buncombe County Baptist Association Minutes- 1895-1900.
5. Carolina Baptist Associational Minutes, 1899, 1900; 1915-1917.
On Files In Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute- (R.P. Hamby's Copies)*
6. Roll Of Pastors- Forks Of Ivy Baptist Church, Madison Co. N.C.
1843--1972, Compiled by: Richard Sams Dillingham-
7. Mills River Baptist Church- By; Sadie Smathers Patton-Dates: From
February 21, 1835 to November 1, 1969- (Oct. 18, 1890-Nov. 1890)
8. Sesquicentennial- Hominy Baptist Church (1812-1962) Candler, N.C.
By; Rev. M.D. Smith (T.C. King- 1897-Bun. Co. Ass'n. Min. p. 24)
Roll of Pastors: In Smith's History- Page 35.
9. Macon County Baptist Association Minutes- (Circa 1928-1930 ?)
10. Habersham County Baptist Association Minutes, Habersham, Co. Ga.
Oct. 5, 1927 (Seventh Annual Session) To August 21, 1932 (Eleventh Annual Session). Rev. Thomas Curtis King is active here during this period.
11. The Asheville Citizen- Tuesday- August 28, 1934- Page 8. (Obituary)*
12. Grave "Markers" Cemetery Of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Clarksville, Georgia. Copied: by: Robert P. Hamby & Harry L. Vinson, November 7, 1974-
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N. C.; P. Burnsville, Morgan Hill, Candler, Fairview.

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Note: According to Rev. Robert P. Hamby, Thomas Curtis King
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REV. THOMAS C. KING

Funeral rites for Rev. Thomas C. King, 73, who died Monday at the home of his son, J. W. King, 64 Mitchell Avenue, West Asheville, were held at the home yesterday morning at 9 o'clock.

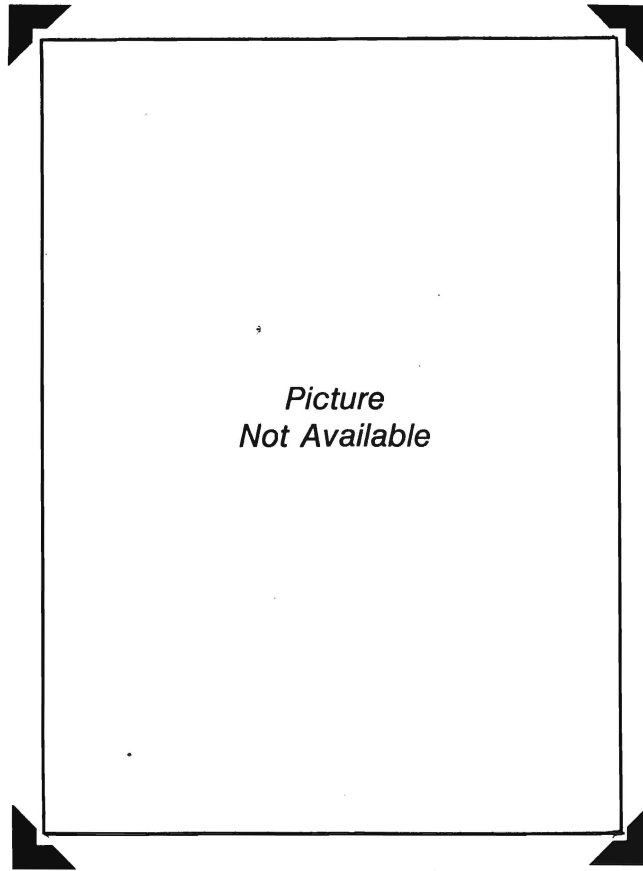
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Following the services the body was taken to Clarksville, Ga. in the hearse of Dunn-Groce, undertakers, for burial there at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. Mr. Ivey and Mr. Williams officiated at the services at the grave.

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Pastor follows uncle's footsteps

Martin Luther King Jr.'s nephew overcomes shadow

By JAMES BASS

Associated Press

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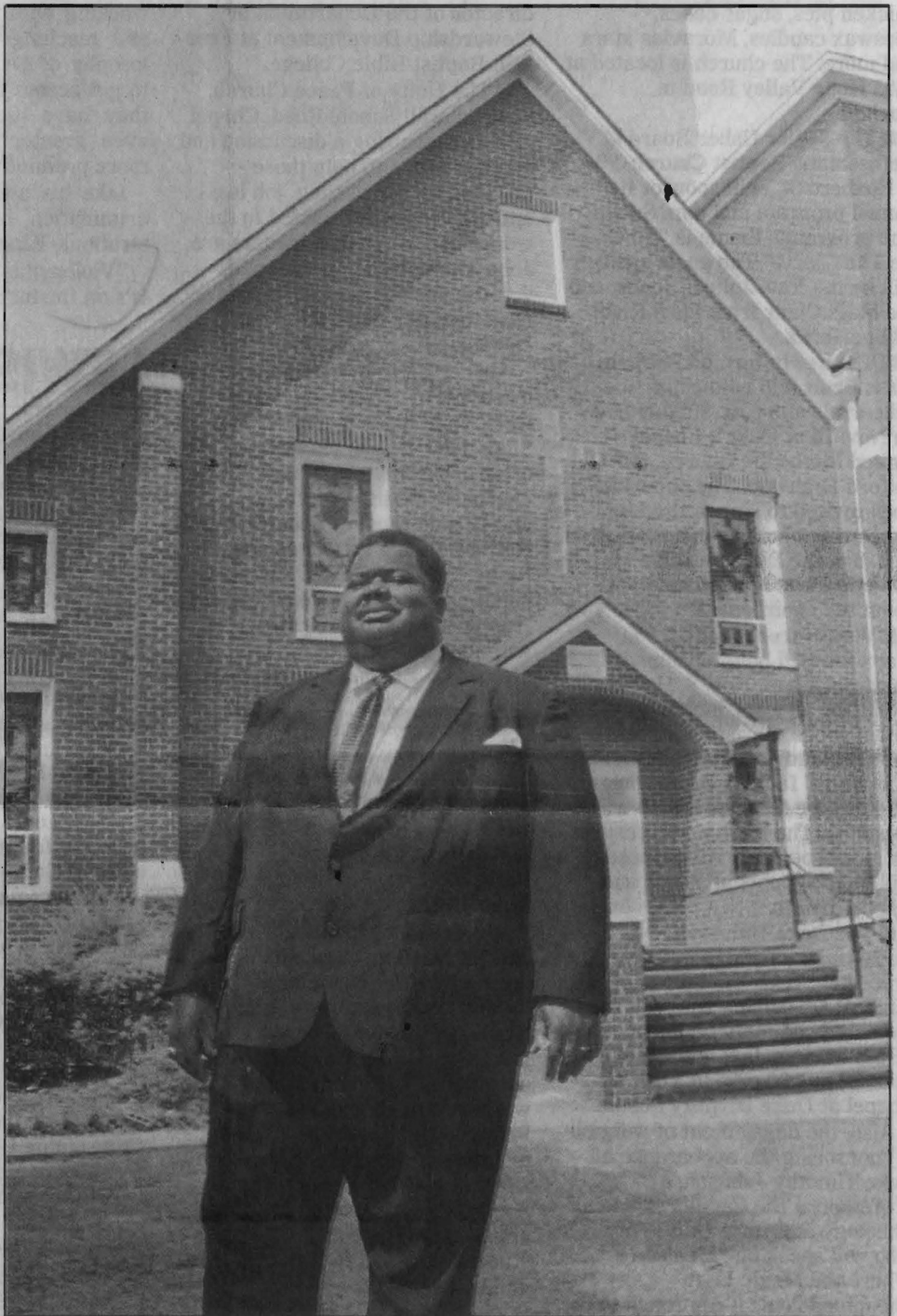
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King was 8 years old when his uncle was assassinated. He has few personal memories of his uncle. Most of what he knows was learned through his family and what he has read.

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