

Historical Commission

Baptist State Convention

NORTH CAROLINA

DATA FOR FILES

Give (for the printer) your full name George Henry Johnson
Date of birth—month, day, year June 6th, 1886 d. 7-15-52
Your father's name William S. Johnson
Your mother's maiden name Sarah Catherine Howard
Where you were educated Wake Forest College, Southern Baptist I. S.
Degrees received and the source A. B. 1910; Th. B. Luck one quarter for Th. M. in May 1910
Where and when ordained Great Marsh Bapt. Ch. in Robeson Co. Feb. 1910
When and where you were married Oct. 4th, 1917, Methodist Ch. Clayton, N.C.
Give wife's maiden name in full Ruby Genevieve Perry
Give date of her birth—month, day, year Dec. 7, 1889
Her parents' names Ransom Perry; Henrietta Adams - deceased
(If a second marriage, give like information) _____

Where have been your activities? Two yrs pastor at Kenly N.C. also taught there - In second pastorate at Enfield N.C. ten years
Positions of honor and trust you have held—(Moderator, Trustee, Etc.) Was Grand Chaplain Grand Chapter of N.C. Grand 1924
Preached introductory sermon Roanoke Asso. at Labov 1925
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.

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A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GREAT MARSH BAPTIST CHURCH 35

On September 8, 1883, the conference appointed a committee to examine Bro. W. R. Johnson for ordination. The committee consisted of Elder E. D. Johnson and Elder J. D. Clark. They examined and ordained him and at the same conference appointed him as a delegate to the association and refers to him as Elder W. R. Johnson.

* On August 26, 1905, the church gave a license to Bro. George H. Johnson to preach the gospel. He was a grandson of Elder E. D. Johnson. On May 14, 1910, a committee consisting of Brethren G. M. D. Howard, E. G. Johnson, and J. B. Underwood was appointed to arrange for the ordination of Bro. Johnson on the 5th Sunday in May. Revs. Durham and Dunnaway were invited to assist the pastor, R. E. Sentelle, in the ordination. On May 29, 1910, the presbytery met at Great Marsh and ordained Bro. G. H. Johnson to the full work of the Gospel ministry. The presbytery was composed of I. P. Hedgpeth, J. D. Clark, C. R. Hester, E. O. Johnson, J. W. Cobb, Jr., and W. O. Johnson. The ordination sermon was preached by Bro. I. P. Hedgpeth from II Cor. 12:14, "I seek not yours but you."

On August 25, 1906, the church voted to license Bro. W. O. Johnson to preach. Then on August 22, 1908, the church called for a presbytery for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Johnson for the full work of the ministry on the fifth Sunday in August. He was a grandson of Elder Elias D. Johnson. On August 30, 1908, a presbytery composed of Revs. T. J. Baker, E. J. Harrell and J. W. Cobb ordained him and set him apart for the full work of the ministry. Rev. William Otis Johnson was a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a teacher and principal in the public schools from 1907 to 1921 and served as a pastor of churches in the same period. He retired from the pastorate in 1935 because of failing health. He was a registered surveyor; served as clerk of Robeson Association, 1944-48, and as a supply pastor for a number of years. He was married to the former Hattie Cornelia Poole. Rev. W. Otis Johnson endeared himself to the people of the community during the years of his retirement. Some of the things which he did included surveying the cemetery and laying off the lots in the new section, planting of cedars in the cemetery, seeking donations of bricks from the church members and then doing the work of underpinning the church, painting the oil painting hanging in the baptistry in the church, and organizing the first Vacation Bible School held in the church. His wife, Hattie, was a loyal, sincere, and active leader in the church. She was active in the W.M.U. and taught an adult ladies' class for years. She was a dedicated Christian mother, wife, and worker in the church and her influence was felt by many who knew her. On the second Sunday in May of 1956 an honorary service was held to honor Mr. Johnson for his work and accomplishments to and for the Great Marsh Church. Since he had served as the pastor of the Wingate Baptist Church and was associated with Wingate College the President of Wingate College, the College Chorus, and other guests were present for the program.

The church gave a license to preach the gospel to Bro. J. Samuel Johnson on September 19, 1914. Minutes for May 18, 1918, mentions the ordination service for Mr. Johnson. His ordination was to be held at the

NAME: JOHNSON, G. H.

DATA: Photograph

SOURCE: Centennial Directory of Belmont First Baptist Church (286.175677/B41)

NAME: Johnson, George H

DATA: Ordination, 1910 (V. 2)

SOURCE: Great Marsh Baptist Church Records (CRmf 472)

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SOURCE: Centennial celebration of Great Marsh B/C
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NAME <i>G. H. Johnson</i>		<i>June 6, 1886.</i> b. <i>7-15-52</i>	
Ancestry <i>Wm S + Catharine (Howard) Johnson</i> <i>(Morris + Howard)</i>		Married <i>Ruby G. Penny</i>	
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