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Gentlemen:

Both my grandfather, William James Caines, and his father, John Thomas Caines, were ministers in the Southern Baptist Church. I am writing to see whether you have records concerning them which I might see or of which I might obtain copies.

My grandfather, the Rev. William James Caines, was born 20 April 1877 at Orrum, Robeson Co., NC. He entered the ministry in 1910 and pastored several country churches until 1919, when he accepted a call to the Riverside Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. In 1924 he was pastor of the South LaGrange Church, probably in GA. At the time of his death, 14 July 1942, he was living in Wadley, GA, and was pastor of the Bar Camp and Brinson Hill Baptist Churches.

My great-grandfather, the Rev. John Thomas Caines, was born in Williamsburg Co., SC, in 1852 and was one of four brothers, all of whom were Baptist ministers. I do not know the names of any of the churches he served, but he was living in Horry Co., SC, in 1880, Brunswick Co., NC, in 1900, and in Tabor City, Columbus Co., NC, by 1920, where he died in 1928.

I will be happy to pay the costs involved in obtaining information about these two Baptist clergymen, and will send a check as soon as you let me know the amount. A stamped envelope addressed to me is enclosed.

Sincerely,



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