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ELDER A.R. PITTMAN
1829 - 1902

WAS MODERATOR ROBESON BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION 1883-1885, 1887-1901
A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN YEARS

NAME

Eld. A. R. Pittman

June 18, 1829
b.
d. Nov. 9, 1902

Ancestry

Married

Mary C. McArthur Jan 15, 1852
2^d Martha E. Watson Dec. 25, 1860
b. d.

Ancestry

Robison Co.

Ord. 1861

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HISTORY OF THE PEE DEE (SC) BAPTIST ASSOC.

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THE PEE DEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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J. W. Burns

James W. Burns was affectionately called "Uncle Jimmy". He was a millwright in early life and lived for some time near Society Hill, S. C. He was pastor of the Marion church in 1879. For many years he was pastor at Hartsville where he was a wise master builder and was a potent force in the development of this church. A monument was erected to his memory at Hartsville.

A. R. Pittman

✓ Alfred Rowland Pittman was born near Fairmont, N. C. (at that time Ashpole), June 18th, 1829. He attended the common schools of the community and the Associational High School near Fairbluff for one term. He was a member of the Ashpole church and was licensed October 20th, 1859, and ordained January 23rd, 1861, by this church. He was pastor of Ashpole, 1860; Catfish, 1861; Gapway and Terrell's Bay, 1862, and Reedy Creek, 1864, all the above except Ashpole being in the bounds of the Pee Dee Association. He then served several churches in North Carolina and later was pastor of the following churches in the Pee Dee Association: Piney Grove, Bermuda and Nichols. He assisted in several ordination, services and in the organization of a number of churches. For several years he made his home at Rennert, N. C., and here he closed a life of fruitful service on November 9th, 1902.

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A. J. S. Thomas

Andrew Jackson Spears Thomas, son of J. A. W. Thomas, was born near Bennettsville, S. C., December 14th, 1852, and died at Greenville, S. C., where he had made his home for many years, on April 1st, 1911. He received his college training at Furman University from which institution he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating in 1879. He was ordained by the Bennettsville church

DIED

In Robeson County, on the 20th of September, 1876, LAWRENCE DELANNE, son of Rev. A. R. and M. E. Pittman, aged 1 year, 1 month and 20 days.

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REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

On Nov. 9, 1902, the noble spirit of our much loved brother, Rev. Alfred R. Pitman, passed from the labors of earth to the refreshment of heaven. He was born near Ashpole, N. C., June the 18th, 1829. He was married to Miss Mary C. McArthur, Jan. 15th, 1852, (she died Jan. 19th, 1856.) By this marriage brother Pitman was the father of one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Floyd, and two sons who are now well-known and useful ministers of the gospel. Rev. A. McA., of Greenwood, S. C., and N. R., of St. Joseph, Mo. On Dec. 25th, 1860, he was married a second time to Miss Martha E. Watson. By that marriage were born two daughters, Mrs. M. E. McNeill, deceased, and Miss Snow and two sons, Rev. A. E. C., now living in our midst, and Dr. Isham W., of Turbeville, S. C.

In early life brother Pitman professed faith in Christ at Ashpole church and was baptized into its fellowship by Rev. Wm. Ayers, of blessed memory. Soon after his conversion he felt called to the gospel ministry and Ashpole, recognizing his gifts, licensed him to preach and he delivered his first sermon in the same church, May 15th, 1859. He was afterwards ordained to the full work of the ministry at Ashpole, Jan. 20, 1861, by a presbytery consisting of Rev. P. C. Conoly and Wm. Ayres, and served his church for many years as its faithful and loving pastor. His principal pastorates, in addition to the church named, were Lumberton, Bear Swamp, Back Swamp, Cape Fear, Cumberland Union, Piney Grove, Lumber Bridge, Cedar Creek and several others.

For 41 years he was a faithful and zealous minister of the gospel, giving meat in due season to those who listened to his wise and earnest instructions. During his ministry thousands were converted, and he baptized in this section about 3,000 converts.

As an evidence of the love and esteem of his brethren, he was with the exception of one year, moderator of this association from the time of its organization until he was called from the church militant to the church triumphant. His recent pastor, Rev. O. P. Meeks, bears testimony to the serene fortitude and resignation of the closing days of his life. Even the wandering utterances under his emfeebled and beclouded mentality were about the work of the church and association, like the old warrior fighting his battles o'er. The light came at eventide, as his face brightened at the name of Jesus and the words of Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course," filled his soul with triumphant joy. His last words, as he pointed

through the window were "there is no darkness there." We extend to his bereaved family our prayerful sympathy, praying for a double portion of the Spirit to fall upon his sons in the ministry.

O. P. MEEKS,
J. A. SMITH,
S. MCINTYRE.

On the 3rd day of October, 1902, our beloved brother, Mr. E. K. Proctor, Jr., was called from his earthly labors to enter upon that rest that remaineth for the people of God. In the morning of life and in the very bloom and vigor of youth he professed faith in Christ and united his destiny with God's people. He was converted in a meeting held in the Lumberton Baptist church by Rev. F. M. Jordan 23 years ago, and from the very day of his conversion he entered actively into the Master's work. His church life to the day of his death was a grand success. He was a most zealous worker in the Sunday school and in no small degree moulded the life and character of the young people who came in contact with him. He was an ideal deacon and "purchased for himself a great degree of boldness in the faith"; he thoroughly understood the responsibilities and duties of his office and was a close friend and safe counselor of his pastor. Sixteen years ago he was elected Clerk of the Robeson Association, and the fact that he was his own successor every year to the present, testifies to his efficiency in that position. It was through his superior tact and skill that he uplifted and systematized the work of this body, making it one of the leading Associations in the State. To him, more than any other one man, was due the great prohibitory movement that swept the saloon from our town and county; nor did his influence stop here but reached far out in our State. As a valued trustee of Wake Forest College of the Baptist Female University at Raleigh and a wise adviser in the Baptist State Board of Missions and Sunday schools, he won for himself a foremost place among the Baptist laymen of North Carolina. He was a trustee and ardent supporter of Robeson Institute in interest of which he labored much and gave of his means freely. His gifts to every benevolent cause were large and free-handed, flowing out ever, as the Lord prospered him in business and affluence. To him this beautiful town owes much of its recent growth and improvement. In his death the legal bar loses one of its brightest and successful lawyers, the community one of its most enterprising citizens, his family a most provident and indulgent father, and everybody who knew him intimately, a beloved friend and adviser. The remarkable purity of his private life and character and his adding consecration to God, were the fountal source

of all this wide-spread in an unquenchable love of Home, Foreign and State for the people of East Lu sion Sunday school there light. He was never too own church and Sunday class in that mission sc "Blessed are those that e them." We extend to hi and pastor our tearful, the Blessed Comforter an all.

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REPORT

In the bounds of the territory covering about hundred miles in width

REV. ALFRED R. PITTMAN

Was born in Robeson County and died at Rennert, N. C., on November 2, 1902. He was a faithful and honored preacher of the gospel for about 40 years, Moderator of the Robeson Association during its existence. He was the father of three noble Baptist preachers.

N. C. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION ANNUAL, 1902, p. 51.

Rev. Alfred B. Pittman

Rev. Pittman was born near Ashpole, N.C. June 18, 1829. ~~He was~~ In this little church in Ashpole, Pittman professed his faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. Wm. Ayers. After his conversion, he felt the call to serve Christ as a minister. Ashpole licensed him to preach and he delivered his first sermon in the same church on May 15, 1858. On Jan 20, 1861 he was ordained to full work of the ministry at Ashpole. He remained pastor at Fairmont for many years. In addition to ~~serving~~ Ashpole he ~~was~~ served in Sumner Co., Bear Swamp, Back Swamp, Cape Fear, Cumberland Union, Piney Grove, Sumner Bridge and Cedar Creek.

He married Miss Mary C. McArthur in 1852 and they had ~~two~~^{three} children before her death in 1856, two of which became ministers themselves. In 1860 he married again to Miss Martha E. Watson and four children were born to them.

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He died on Nov. 9, 1902.

Pittman, Alfred R.

B The First Baptist Church, Lumberton, N. C.
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