

George Washington Riles

Birth 29 Nov 1843 South Carolina, USA

Death 29 Mar 1918 (aged 74) Orange Springs, Marion County, Florida,

Burial Ochwilla Baptist Church Cemetery Melrose, Putnam County, Florida,

G. W. Riles (1843-1918) was born in South Carolina and was a veteran of the Civil War. After the war he returned to his home at McMeekin, and engaged in orange growing and farming. He served as local pastor of several Baptist churches including Paran Baptist Church, Grandin. Riles and his wife Mary E. Smith Riles had three sons.

RILES, G.W. & Mary E. Smith 23 June 1869 married in Putnam County, Florida

George W. Riles and his wife Mary E. Riles donated the property for the Ochwilla Baptist Church and cemetery July 31, 1882

Enlisted in Company B, Florida 9th Infantry Regiment on 31 Mar 1864. Mustered out on 09 Apr 1865 at Appomattox Court House, VA.

Obituary: Rev. G. W. Riles, one of the pioneer residents of this section and long prominent in the religious life of the county, died very suddenly last Friday at his home at Orange Springs.

Though he had not been in his usual robust health for some weeks past, he had been attending to his regular business duties. Friday morning was spent in his garden, and in the afternoon he visited nearby friends, and in the evening after eating an early supper then retired. Shortly after he suddenly sprang from his bed, and in a few minutes life was extinct. The sudden death of this good man came as a shock to the entire community.

The deceased was born in South Carolina seventy-two years ago. When about five years of age he came with his parents to Florida, settling near McMeekin, where he resided until a year ago, when he moved to Orange Springs. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served nobly and well for the cause of the Southland. After the war he returned to his home at McMeekin, and engaged in orange growing and farming and met with deserved success. He served as local pastor of several Baptist churches, and thus led a life of usefulness to the county. He had been a member of the County School Board and had held other positions of trust and honor. A loyal Southerner, a true friend and Christian, a progressive and liberal citizen, a devoted husband and parent, by his untimely death Putnam County is bereft of one of her most estimable men. He is survived by his wife, and three sons, Walter P. Riles of Jacksonville, Louis B. Riles of Lakeland, and Junius M. Riles of Alifia, Fla.

The funeral was held Monday at noon, Rev. Haines, of Hawthorne, officiating. The interment was in Ochwilla Cemetery. The large concourse of sorrowing friends and the handsome floral offerings bore testimony of the high esteem in which the deceased was held at the community. (*Times-Herald Obituary* dtd Friday, 5 Apr 1918.)

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PASTORS

1856 TO 1956

E. B. Timmons.....	1856.....	1862
Richard M. Perry.....	1862.....	1864
Samuel Timmons.....	1864.....	1866
William Johnson.....	1866.....	1868
M. N. Strickland.....	1868.....	1875
E. B. Timmons.....	1875.....	1878
M. N. Strickland.....	1878.....	1879
E. B. Timmons.....	1879.....	1880
B. W. Becks.....	1880.....	1882
G. W. Hall.....	1882.....	1883
E. H. Robinson.....	1883.....	1884
B. R. Mosley.....	1884.....	1891
E. Trices.....	Dec. 1891.....	Oct. 1892
B. R. Mosley.....	Oct. 1892.....	Oct. 1894
W. E. Stanton.....	.....	Nov. 1894
N. T. King.....	Dec. 1894.....	1895
B. R. Mosley.....	.....	1895.....1903
W. M. Simmons.....	.....	1903.....1904
G. W. Riles.....	.....	1904.....1905
W. M. Simmons.....	.....	1905.....1906
Marshal Strickland	Mar. 1906	Sept. 1906
W. M. Simmons.....	.....	1906 July 1907
B. F. Green.....	Nov. 1907.....	July. 1908
M. N. Strickland	Aug. 1908	Sept. 1909
B. R. Mosley.....	.....	1909.....1910
Frank Strickland.....	.....	1910.....1911
B. R. Mosley.....	Aug. 1911	Apr. 1914
S. S. Proctor.....	.....	1914.....1915
J. F. McBride.....	.....	1915 Jan..... 1916
T. E. Waldryp.....	Feb. 1916	July 1916
F. M. Strickland.....	Oct. 1916	May 1918
A. M. Yarborough.....	May 1918	Dec. 1919
W. R. Wilkerson.....	Dec. 1919	July 1921
Ivan Bohannon.....	Aug. 1921	Nov. 1922
W. G. Doyle.....	Dec. 1922.....	.....
R. D. Bevis.....	Mar. 1925.....	.....
T. D. Denman.....	Aug. 1931.....	.....
L. R. Brothers.....	Dec. 1935	Sept. 1936
Dan Smith.....	Oct. 1936	Oct. 1937
F. Warren Capell	Oct. 1937	Aug. 1939
C. R. Robinson.....	Sept. 1939	May 1942
J. P. Sullivan.....	June 1942	April 1944
V. J. Major.....	May 1944	Sept. 1949
Bro. Squires.....	Oct. 1949	Dec. 1949
John Strickland.....	Jan. 1950	Aug. 1950
R. C. Gray.....	Aug. 1950	May 1954
C. E. Underwood	June 1954	To Date