

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Enclosed is information concerning Poplar Dell Baptist Church. The data was gathered from the Elim Baptist Association. The staff of Special Collection was unable to find materials concerning the ministers you indicated.

Poplar Dell joined Elim Association in 1911. Our records of the Association end in 1914. However, in 1910 the Florida churches of Elim Baptist Association formed the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association in Florida.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

F. Wilbur Helmbold

Information concerning Poplar Dell BC, Century, Fl. located in Elim Baptist Association Minutes 1911-1914.

- 1911 - Poplar Dell accepted into Elim BA as a new church. Messengers were H. C. Killiam and W. A. Killiam Pastor - W. B. McCrary (Century, Fl.); Clerk-G.M. Gentry; 13 members. Preaching on first Sunday of the month.
- 1912 - Messengers: H.C. Killiam, W.A. Killiam, E.D. Renfroe Pastor-H. W. Rumbley (Bluff Springs, Fl.) Clerk-G.M. Gentry; S.S. Superintendent-W.A. Killum (Killiam) 33 members. Preaching second and fourth Sundays.
- 1913 - Pastor-G.H. Rolley; Clerk-Mrs. W. Killiam. 38 members.
- 1914 - Messengers-H.C. Killiam, L.J. Edwards, C.J. Brown. Pastor- J.M. Nelson (Jay, Fl.); Clerk- J. J. Edwards; S.S. Superintendent-E.D. Renfroe. 54 members; Preaching all four Sundays.

REV. G. H. ROLEY
(Former Pastor, 1913-1914)

Rev. G. H. Roley served as pastor of Poplar Dell Baptist Church in 1913 and part of 1914, the exact dates not known. He was the third pastor of the church. Once each month, on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Roley would come from Peterman, Alabama, to Flomaton, Alabama, by train. Someone from our church would meet him in Flomaton, with a horse and buggy. He would preach in our church on Saturday night and Sunday morning, then return to Peterman, by train, on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Roley was born August 2, 1852, and died January 13, 1928. He is buried in the Biggs Cemetery in Peterman, Alabama, along with his wife Annie Biggs Roley, who was born August 23, 1849 and died May 21, 1921. They were the parents of 3 children. Two daughters and a son who are buried beside their parents in the same cemetery. Rev. Roley's father is also buried in the same cemetery. Rev. Roley's father was born in England, near Liverpool. He worked on a boat. It is not known whether Rev Roley was brought over to this country by his father, or whether he was born here.

The house in which Rev. Roley and his family lived still stands today, on the property of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Andress, of Peterman, Alabama.

It was told to me that Rev. Roley could neither

read or write, and was taught to read the Bible by his wife.

On Saturday, before the second Sunday in September 1889, the Pleasant Ridge Church near Peterman, Alabama, while in conference, voted to license Rev. Roley to preach the Gospel.

Written as told to me-

Marjorie Hall, May, 1977

Poplar Dell Baptist Church Homecoming 1977
(loaned by Doris Chavers, History Committee, 22 May 2002)

FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH
County Escambia District No. 14-02 State File No. 8933
Precinct No. 14-872
or (Write name, not number)
Inc. Town Molino City or Town No. 14-526 Registered No. 38
or
City No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 16 yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

2. FULL NAME Walter A. Rumbley
(a) Residence: No. Molino Fla St. _____ Ward _____

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3. SEX M 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. Single, married, widowed or divorced (write the word) Married

11. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 5-10-1936

5a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Minnie Rumbley

12. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from April 30 1936 to May 10 1936
I last saw him alive on May 10 1936 death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 5:30 a.m.

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) Jan. 11, 1882

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:
Influenza
Pneumonia

7. AGE Years 54 Months 3 Days 25 If LESS than 1 day, ... hrs. or min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Retired
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. Minister
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Moneville Alabama

Name of operation Bars opened Date 4-29-36
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

13. NAME John Rumbley

13. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ 19____

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Alabama

Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)

15. MAIDEN NAME Levinny Talk

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Alabama

Manner of injury _____
Nature of injury _____

17. INFORMANT Thos. Maggie Rumbley (Address) Molino Fla

14. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? Yes

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place Moneville Date 5-7-1936

If so, specify _____ (Signed) H. D. Heath M.D.
Local Registrar. Molino Fla

19. UNDERTAKER Waters & Nelson (Address) Pensacola Fla

20. FILED 3-6-1936 by S. N. Hartung Local Registrar.

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.