

Rumbley, Wailes Howard (1881-1936) was born in Monroeville, Alabama the son of John W. and Nancy Faulk Rumbley. In 1920, He served as pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Molino, Poplar Dell Baptist Church, Century and Enon Baptist Church, Walnut Hill. Rumbley married Minnie Lee Howell in 1901 and they had five children. Visit our website floridabaptisthistory.org

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.

Enon Baptist Church

Enon Baptist Church, situated on four and one-half acres west of Walnut Hill and sixteen miles south of Atmore, Alabama, appears

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in the 1885 Elim Baptist Association Minutes. Already an established church with fifty members, Enon probably organized between 1882-1884, the years for which no Elim Association records exist. Enon was not listed in 1881.

Some pioneer members of Enon were the families of James



*Enon Baptist Church, 8530 Highway 97A,
Walnut Hill, FL 32568*

Larkin Mathis, J.W. Beck, William Keevan, William W. Lowery, Enoch A. Bray, William B. Bray, John M. Brunson, John J. Grimsley, George Lewis, Emanuel Grubbs, Edward Grubbs, John Underwood, Frank Waters, A.T. Lee, Benjamin Jernigan, and Mary Ann (Mathis) Holland, widow.

Most of the members were settlers from Conecuh and Covington counties, Alabama and were farmers and/or engaged in the timber industry. Descendants of those early families still worship in the church today.

Enon's first building faced west and was constructed on land owned by the Muscogee Lumber Company. A cemetery, begun about 1888, has remained adjacent to the church. In the early 1900s protracted meetings were held. Large crowds attended preaching which lasted most of the day and on into the evening. Attendees enjoyed dinner and supper on the grounds.

Some of the nearly thirty pastors of Enon include R.M. Guy, Henry Kierce, A.M. Lowery, John H. McAnally, **Howard Wailes Rumbley**, N.T. Cardwell, B.A. Davis, Carlton Riddles, Byron Lee, and Mike Campbell. William J. "Buddy" Boles has served since 1991.

A member of Pensacola Bay Baptist Association since 1922, Enon celebrates homecoming each October.

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Written by: Judith R. Jolly, Pensacola, FL. Sources: Church Records; Records of Elim and Pensacola Bay Associations; Census, Land, and Vital Records; Personal Knowledge.*

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Rev. Wales Howard Rumbley

Wales Howard Rumbley was born January 11, 1881 in Monroeville, Alabama to John W. and Nancy Faulk Rumbley. The oldest of seven children, Wales had three sisters, Cornelia, Annie, and Elizabeth, and three brothers, Ted, Oscar, and Thomas Franklin. On October 15, 1901, at the age of 20, Wales married Minnie Lee Howell (September 15, 1883-December 16, 1971), daughter of John F. and Eliza Jane Kirksey Howell, in John's and Eliza's home.

To the union of Wales and Minnie Lee Rumbley were born five children. The oldest was Fannie Lou Rumbley. She was born November 29, 1903 and died October 8, 1992. Clarence Howard Rumbley was born November 14, 1905 and died September 24, 1906. Maggie Sue Lizer Rumbley was born June 5, 1909 and died March 16, 1987. Lucille Rumbley was born July 26, 1913 and died October 17, 2001. Gladys Idell Rumbley was born October 14, 1916 and died January 2, 1918. Both Clarence Howard Rumbley and Gladys Idell Rumbley died at a very early age, and this left the three sisters that loved each other as only sisters could.

In 1920, Wales Rumbley became the first pastor to be called to the newly organized Highland Baptist Church. This church was located on what is now West Molino Road about a quarter of a mile west of Highway 29. I remember going to the church early on Sunday mornings to run the goats out of the church and clean the floor before the services.

The lineage of Wales and Minnie Lee Rumbley is as follows: Fannie Lou Rumbley married James Leon Hendrix (1904-1974) on December 20, 1922. To this union were born eight children: Howard Hendrix (1926-1928), Jewel Hendrix (1928-1978), Charles Hendrix (born 1930), Wilbur Hendrix (born 1933), Donald Hendrix (born 1936), Mary Lou Hendrix (born 1940), Winford Hendrix (born 1943), and Sarah Hendrix (born 1945). Fannie Lou Hendrix worked in her home all her life, and she and James raised their children in the same Godly fashion that they had been raised. Fannie Lou loved her church and her God and always taught Sunday School and was very involved in the mission work of her church for as long as she was physically able. As her health began to fail, it was her only wish to be with God in Heaven and reunited with James.

Maggie Sue Rumbley married Norman Rush Ray (March 10, 1912-March 23, 1995) on May 28, 1938. To this union were born four children: Thomas Ray (born 1939), an infant girl that died at birth (born/died August 17, 1942), Judith Ray (born 1948), and Charlotte Ray (born 1951). Maggie Rumbley Ray was a school teacher for many years. She taught at Molino, Bratt, and Brownsville schools. I also remember so vividly that on those frequent phone calls to check on each other they never called each other by name but always by just "sister".

Lucille Rumbley married Kermit C. Johnson (1914-1998) on October 15, 1941. To this union were born two children: Linda Johnson (born 1946) and Eugene "Buddy" Johnson. Lucille worked as a secretary for the County Agent in Pensacola, Florida. Lucille was the last in this dear family to be reunited in Heaven with the family that had gone on before her.

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McMurray; extension, Mrs. Flora Sugarman; scrap book, Mrs. Emma Wilson.

Relief Measure Is Beseled With Trouble

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 6.—Trouble from both Democratic and Republican quarters beset the \$1,500,000,000 relief appropriation today as the House prepared to begin work tomorrow on the \$2,225,000,000 deficiency bill carrying the works-relief fund asked by President Roosevelt.

Republicans were called into conference tonight by Representative Taber (R-NY) to plan their strategy in opposing what he said amounted to "giving more money to incompetents."

Tomorrow night a Democratic caucus will be held to consider demands of a group headed by Representative Belter (D-NY) that \$700,000,000 of the relief appropriation be earmarked for Secretary Ickes' public works projects.

Florida Senator Is Still In Bad Shape

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 6.—Dr. Walter A. Bloedorn said tonight Senator Park Trammell, Florida Democrat, still was seriously ill.

He said there had been "no material change" since a week-end statement, which reported "encouraging signs" in the senator's condition.

Trammell has been ill several weeks of complications which followed an attack of influenza and pleurisy.

Black-Draught Good Laxative

Black-Draught has been kept on hand for all the family in the home of Mr. W. A. Lemons, of Independence, Va., since twenty years ago. Mr. Lemons writes that he takes it as a laxative in case of "headache, dull, tired feeling, biliousness."

"And I take it if I feel uncomfortable after a heavy meal," he adds. "I especially use it for sick headache. It certainly is good."

When a man says "Black-Draught is good," it is probably because he remembers the prompt, refreshing relief it brought in constipation troubles. It is a simple, herb laxative; natural in composition and action.—Adv.

colived here. She was the daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. John P. Avery.

WILLIAM J. BYRD

The body of William J. Byrd, who died in Sacramento, Calif., last Saturday, arrived here Wednesday afternoon and funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 3:30 p.m. from the home of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Marble, 317 West Gadsden street, with Dr. Allen S. Cutts of the First Baptist church officiating.

The I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 4 will have charge of services at the cemetery. The deceased had been a member of the lodge for the past 30 years. Mr. Byrd had been connected with the Louisville and Nashville railroad here for a number of years before going to California, where he was engaged in the fruit business.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Mary Byrd of Pensacola; six brothers, L. V., P. H., and R. D. Byrd of Pensacola, A. C. of Atmore, J. H. of Ferdido, and Martin of Oak Grove; five sisters, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. J. W. Hale, Mrs. J. J. Roberts and Mrs. W. M. White, of Pensacola, and Mrs. Morris Taylor of Uriah, Ala.

Pallbearers will be: Honorary: H. E. Gandy, J. M. Herrington, R. L. Kendrick, Lawrence Mayo, J. C. Nichols and T. E. Williams; active, H. W. Stark, W. R. Parks, H. Henderson, J. H. Delmar, J. E. Watson, and N. P. Eoer. Burial will be in St Johns cemetery with Waters & Hibbert in charge.

WAILLES H. RUMBLEY

Funeral services for Wailles H. Rumbley, who died Wednesday morning at his home in Molino, will be held from the Highland Baptist church at Molino this morning at 10 o'clock, with Dr. Allen S. Cutts and Dr. A. C. Abney officiating. Burial will be at Monroeville, Ala.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Minnie Rumbley; three daughters, Mrs. James Hendrix, Misses Maggie and Lucille Rumbley of Molino; two brothers, N. T. and Oscar Rumbley of Monroeville, Ala.; two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Smith and Miss Elizabeth Rumbley of Montgomery, Ala., and three grandchildren.

Political Campaign Costing Thousands

(By The Associated Press)
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 6. —

While a federal grand jury pondering their "ad racket" in which the U. S. Navy uniform allegedly used illicitly in self-advertising to local merchants, Robinson, alleged ring leader in the plot, was making an effort to get evidence in the case, Safety Director Eugene S. Forsyth revealed last night.

Two Navy uniforms, those of a machinist mate, first class, taken from a Tucker taxi driver, he attempted to deliver them to Robinson, Forsyth said. The driver, he said, had been directed by Robinson to get the clothing from an apartment where Robinson, his asserted partner and John F. Wells allegedly carried out the scheme, which was set up here several weeks ago.

Forsyth said the taxi driver had been innocently directed to bring the clothing to Robinson, who sought to destroy it as evidence in the case, which is now before the grand jury. An indictment is expected to be returned today or Friday.

Foreign War Vets Meet At 7 o'Clock

Because of the joint meeting of war veterans scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight, Post No. 706, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30 tonight, in order that the meeting may be adjourned before the joint session begins. Williams will preside and all officers and members are requested to attend.

Pensacolian Gets Honor In Masonic

(By The Associated Press)
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 6.—The Florida Masonic organizations in a convention here voted today to honor their 1937 convention in Tallahassee.

The four-day gathering will begin tomorrow with election of officers by the Knights Templar.

Royal Arch Masons, at their election, named Jesse C. Clark of Pensacola grand scribe.

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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

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

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

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

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 _____

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

13. NAME John Rumbley

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

15. MAIDEN NAME Levinny Falk

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

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

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

19. UNDERTAKER Waters & Nelson (Address) Pensacola Fla.

20. FILED 3-6 1936 S. H. N. R. R. R. Local Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

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.

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

Influenza

Pneumonia

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:

Name of operation Bare exposed Date 4-29-36

What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ 1936

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

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

Manner of injury _____ Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No

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

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.