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Shackleford, Richard Henry (1812-1869) was born in Georgia, the son of Nathaniel and Hannah Boone Shackleford. He was ordained in 1853 by Elizabeth Baptist Church, Monticello where he served as pastor from 1853-1854, 1862 and 1866-1868. Although primarily a Jefferson County farmer, Shackleford studied the law and worked as an attorney, in addition to serving as a bi-vocational pastor. Shackleford married Mary Jane Amanda Knighton Shackleford in 1841 and they had six children. After her death in 1863, Shackleford married Mary Mathers Shackleford in 1864 and they had one child. It is noteworthy that Rev. Shackleford was a member of the Florida Baptist Association-appointed committee that recommended the establishment of the Florida Baptist State Convention.

TIMELINE

RICHARD HENRY SHACKLEFORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
24 Sept 1812	birth	Georgia
14 Apr 1831	Sarah Collins writes her will	Columbia Co.,GA
1 Dec 1831	Richard mentioned in will-probate of Grandmother Sarah Collins	Columbia Co.,GA
1842	birth of Sarah Eliz,1st child	Georgia
1844	birth of Augustus,2nd child	Florida
1 July 1844	promissory note, William Adams (Book E,p.180)	Jefferson Co.,FL
Sept 1844	promissory note, Sam'l Hays (Book E,p.271)	" " "
11 Oct 1845	purchase Lot 3, Monticello, Martin & Amelia Palmer (Book E,p.271)	" " "
17 Oct 1845	purchase 33-3N-5 from Sam'l Hays (Book E,p.276)	" " "
1 Feb 1847	sold woman & 3 children (slaves) (Book E, p. 410)	" " "
6 Sept 1848	appointed election inspector Governor's election (2 Oct 1848)	" " "
12 Sept 1848	appointed election inspector Presidential election (7 Nov 1848)	" " "
16 July 1849	birth of Richard Storey,3rd child	" " "
20 Nov 1849	Mary Knighton Shackelford dower release to Seaborn Jones of Lot 3 in Monticello (Book F,p.131)	" " "
14 Dec 1850	slaves sold to Wm Chestnutt (Book F, p. 324)	" " "
14 Dec 1850	purchase 35-2N-5 from John W. Argyle (Book F,p. 324)	" " "
14 Dec 1850	purchase 36-2N-5 from Emmala	" " "

	Bellamy (Book F, p. 324)		
18 Dec 1850	purchase Lot 3, eastern addition from Charles & Sussana Burgdorff (Book F, p. 341)	" "	" "
3 Jan 1851	purchase 36-2N-5 from Wm H. Chestnutt	" "	" "
1851	birth of William Henry, 4th child	" "	" "
3 Feb 1851	proposed settlement road through Knighton, Belamy, Palmer & Shackelford properties--R.H. part of committee to study road location	" "	" "
10 Jan 1853	mortgage release on personal ppty to Charles Burgdorff (Book G, p. 63)	" "	" "
* 19 Nov 1856	<i>Elder R.H. Shackelford ordained by Elizabeth Bapt. NOV 11, 1853</i> purchase 1-1N-5 from John & Rebecca Grubbs (Book H, p. 180)	" "	" "
14 Mar 1857	purchase 36-2N-5 from Emmala Bellamy estate (Book H, p. 245)	" "	" "
Oct 1857	birth of Eliza, 5th child	" "	" "
26 Jan 1858	witnessed sale of ppty by Sarah Knighton with A.R. Knighton (Book H, p. 245)	" "	" "
20 Jan 1858	purchase of 2-1N-5 from Sarah Knighton (Book H, p. 381)	" "	" "
18 March 1858	purchase of ppty from Sarah Knighton (Book H, p. 556-557)	" "	" "
1 Apr 1858	purchase of 36-2N-5 from James & E. Walker (Book H, p. 418)	" "	" "
8 Apr 1858	purchase of 30-2N-4 from John E. Wirick (Book H, p. 427)	" "	" "
20 Nov 1858	marriage of Sarah E. to Wm R. Bell	" "	" "
19 Jan 1859	purchase 4-1N-5 from Josiah Knighton estate (Book H, p. 556)	" "	" "
Mar 1859	birth of Emma, 6th child	" "	" "
6 Apr 1859	grant dowry ppty 3-1N-5 to Wm. R. & Sarah E. Bell marriage (Book H, p. 603)	" "	" "

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* 19 Nov 1856	<i>Elder R.H. Shackelford ordained by Elizabeth Bapt. NOV 11, 1853</i> purchase 1-1N-5 from John & Rebecca Grubbs (Book H, p. 180)	" "	" "
14 Mar 1857	purchase 36-2N-5 from Emmala Bellamy estate (Book H, p. 245)	" "	" "
Oct 1857	birth of Eliza, 5th child	" "	" "
26 Jan 1858	witnessed sale of ppty by Sarah Knighton with A.R. Knighton (Book H, p.245)	" "	" "
20 Jan 1858	purchase of 2-1N-5 from Sarah Knighton (Book H, p.381)	" "	" "
18 March 1858	purchase of ppty from Sarah Knighton (Book H, p.556-557)	" "	" "
1 Apr 1858	purchase of 36-2N-5 from James & E. Walker (Book H, p. 418)	" "	" "
8 Apr 1858	purchase of 30-2N-4 from John E. Wirick (Book H, p.427)	" "	" "
20 Nov 1858	marriage of Sarah E. to Wm R. Bell	" "	" "
19 Jan 1859	purchase 4-1N-5 from Josiah Knighton estate (Book H, p.556)	" "	" "
Mar 1859	birth of Emma, 6th child	" "	" "
6 Apr 1859	grant dowry ppty 3-1N-5 to Wm. R. & Sarah E. Bell marriage (Book H, p.603)	" "	" "

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14 June 1859	notices in <u>Family Friend</u> that R.H. wishes to sell 600 acres & house & move to Suwannee Springs due to his feeble health	" " "
23 June 1860	mysterious destruction of fence, corn, & oxen as reported in <u>Family Friend</u> on Shackelford ppty	" " "
6 Sept 1862	purchased 35-2S-5 from Richard Turnbull (Book I, p.420)	" " "
10 Mar 1863	death of wife Mary Knighton Shackelford as reported in <u>The Christian Index</u> --note he is referred to Rev. R.H. Shackelford	Monticello
27 Feb 1864	second marriage to Mary Mathers	Monticello
Jan 1865	birth of Henry T. Shackelford child of Mary Mathers?	Jefferson Co., FL
16 Apr. 1866	relinquishment of dower of Mary Mathers Shackelford on 35-2N-5 (Book J, p. 173)	" " "
30 June 1866	R.H. writes his will	" " "
20 Jan 1869	death of R. H. Shackelford	" " "
3 Feb 1869	will produced by heirs to clerk of court	" " "
5 Feb 1869	will admitted officially to probate	" " "
6 Feb 1869	will accepted by A. B Grumwell, County Judge	" " "

ELIZABETH

In the order of age the next church in the Association is Elizabeth, Jefferson County, four miles north of Aucilla Station, F. C. & P. Railroad. It was constituted in 1834, with six members, whose names were James Walker, Jesse Walker, Charles Walker, Mrs. Sarah Walker and Caroline Kinsey. The first pastor was Jesse Goodman. The first deacons were Jesse Walker and Joseph Kinsey. The records having been either lost or destroyed, it is impossible to give its history. It is said to have had the services of twenty-five different pastors, one of whom, Elder R. H. Shackelford, was called to ordination by the church November 11, 1853.

Father Nathaniel Shackelford

Mother Hannah Boone

wife Mary Jane Amanda Knighton 1841 died 1863

3 sons 3 daughters

Mary Mathers 1864 one son 1865

Profiles of Other Notable Pastors

PASTOR PROFILE/R. H. Shackelford served 1853-1855; 1862; 1866-1868

Richard Henry Shackelford (b. 1812; d. 1869) **holds the distinction of being the first individual to be ordained and commissioned to preach the gospel** by the Elizabeth Baptist Church in 1853.⁴⁰ And then he served as pastor from 1853-1855; 1862; and 1866-1868.⁴¹ Although primarily a Jefferson County farmer, with as many as nine slaves, Shackelford studied the law and worked as an attorney.⁴² A native of Georgia, Shackelford married Mary Jane Amanda Knighton in 1841 and they had six children. After Mary Jane's death in 1863, Shackelford married Mary Mathers in 1864 and they had one child.⁴³ It is noteworthy that Rev. Shackelford was a member of the committee that recommended the establishment of the Florida Baptist State Convention.⁴⁴

PASTOR PROFILE/Dr. Mark E. McCoy served 1979 to 1990

Mark Eugene McCoy (b. 1931; d. 2015) **was Elizabeth Church's longest serving pastor for 12 years.** Born in Kokomo, Indiana, McCoy was the son of Delbert Todd and Carrie Elma Green McCoy. He graduated from Tulane University and Luther Rice Seminary. McCoy served in the U.S. Air Force attaining the rank of Major and during his tour of duty he served parttime as pastor of churches in the Panama Canal, Thailand and Germany. He retired from military service in 1975 and settled in Jefferson County where he briefly served as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, Monticello. In 1979, Dr. McCoy began service at the Elizabeth Church as a bi-vocational pastor. Pastor McCoy led in an extensive renovation and building program, which included the installation of the first baptistry.

His wife, Sarah, began service as a Sunday school teacher that became a long-term ministry into the present day. Mark and Sarah had two sons.⁴⁵



PASTOR PROFILE/Dr. William H. Floyd served 1991 to 1998

William Hugh "Bill" Floyd (b. 1947; d. 2016) **holds the distinction of being the first pastor to serve fulltime at the Elizabeth Baptist Church** beginning in 1991 until 1998.⁴⁶ Pastor Floyd was born in Thomasville, Georgia, the son of Clarence and Leila Simpson Floyd. He graduated from Valdosta State College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Anderson Seminary. He served as pastor of Georgia and Florida churches, including Elizabeth Baptist Church, and later the Damascus Baptist Church, Graceville. Dr. Floyd also served as a director of missions in Florida and was administrative assistant to the vice president of The Baptist College of Florida. Floyd and his wife Linda Gail Godwin had two children, Amanda Rachel and David Michael.⁴⁷



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd. by Let.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter	Excom'g' out'd	Dead.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Asso'n Fund.	Sabbath of Meeting.
					0	0	1	0	2	0	16	0	16	1.50	2	
1 Anon,	Leon, Fla.,	Tallahassee,	Levy,	Eld. R. Levy, J. Crow,	0	0	1	0	2	0	16	0	16	1.50		2
2 Ancilla.	Jefferson, Fla.,	Waukenah,	Shackelford,	Not represented.												
3 Bethpage,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Waukenah,		" "												
4 Concordia,	Gadsden, Fla.,	Concord,	McKeown,	N. T. Scott, A. Bowen,	20	8	1	2	0	2	64	3	67	2.50		4
5 Ebenezer,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Monticello,	Cooper,	Eld. W. B. Cooper, T. Hay,	0	0	0	5	0	0	32	78	110	1.00		1
6 Elizabeth,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Monticello,	Shackelford,	T. P. Hartsfield, A. J. Whitehurst*	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	35	72	1.00		2
7 Friendship,	Thomas, Ga.,	Thomasville	Blewett,	S. Forest*, N. Turner,	4	2	0	0	0	1	53	19	72	2.00	39.75	2
8 Harmony,	" "	" "	Baker,	Eld. R. Fleming, T. Dyson,	0	5	0	0	0	0	18	0	18	1.00		2 & 4
9 Harmony,	Madison, Fla.	Monticello,	Ardis,	Not represented.												1
10 Indian Springs	Leon, Fla.,	Micosaukie.	Cooper,	" "										43.00		2 & 4
11 Liberty,	Brooks, Ga.,	Grooverville	Blewett,	Eld. W. Blewett, C. A. Davis,*	2	1	0	0	0	0	37	26	63	2.00		3
12 Lake Jackson,	Leon, Fla.,	Tallahassee,	McKeown,	Represented by Letter.	0	0	0	1	0	0	23	34	57	1.50	3.50	2
13 Monticello,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Monticello,	Bailey,	Eld. N. A. Bailey, J. M. Marvin*,	12	2	0	0	0	56	134	184	2.00	73.00		1 & 3
14 Mount Bezor,	Wakulla, Fla.,	Sopchoppy,	Bostick,	John Lewis,	0	2	0	1	2	0	23	1	24	.75		1
15 Mount Elon,	Wakulla, Fla.,	Sopchoppy,		Not represented.												
16 Mount Gilead,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Beasley,		" "												
17 New Hope,	Thomas, Ga.,	Thomasville	Blewett,	J. G. Dekle, C. N. Powell,*	3	2	0	0	0	0	40	23	63	2.00	20.00	1
18 Oak Grove,	Leon, Fla.,	Duncanville,	Manning,	Wm. Murray, J. J. L. Miles*,	0	2	0	2	0	1	32	12	44	2.00	20.00	4
19 Ochlockonee,	Thomas, Ga.,	Duncanville,	Cooper,	Not represented.												2
20 Providence,	Gadsden, Fla.,	Quincy,	McKeown,	Eld. O. E. McKeown,	2	3	0	0	1	0	76	5	81	2.40	29.25	3
21 Quitman,	Brooks, Ga.,	Quitman,	Gaulden,	Not represented.												3
22 Shiloh,	Madison, Fla.	Sandy Ford,	Ardis,	" "												2
23 Olive,	Thomas, Ga.,	Glasgow,	Lacy,	Eld. A. M. Manning,	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	0	11	2.50	5.00	2
24 Thomasvillet,	Thomas, Ga.,	Thomasville	Smith,	Eld. C. Smith, T. J. Wombwell,*	14	8	1	17	5	6	81	116	197		16.00	1 & 3
25 Bethaida,	Wakulla, Fla.,	Shell Point,		Not represented.												
26 Bethlehem,	Wakulla, Fla.,	Benbaden,		" "												
27 New Port,	Wakulla, Fla.,	New Port,		" "												
28 Tallahassee,	Leon, Fla.,	Tallahassee,	Fuller,	" "												2

*Absentees.

†\$6.00 was contributed by Colored Members.

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others if needed, or, that there be other columns added to the present table for this purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. D. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

(B.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

It becomes our painful duty to record the departure of our Brethren, W. H. Jordan, S. H. Liuton, R. H. Shackelford, and R. F. Stubbs, Ministers of the Gospel. These brethren for years had labored with us in the vineyard of our Master. It has pleased the Great Head of the Church to call hence these brethren, and we are reminded to be also ready. In view of the demise of God's ministers in our midst, and the fewness of our numbers, we would renew the suggestion of last year, to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into his harvest. Of the Deacons, we mourn the loss of Brethren Whitaker and R. J. Groover. ~~They used the office of a Deacon well, and purchased to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith.~~ And lastly, and recently, our Brother, James M. Marvin, has suddenly, and in the midst of his usefulness, been called from us. The Church of which he was an officer will greatly miss the efficient aid he rendered. While we mourn the loss of these brethren, we would bow in submission to the Divine will.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. Z. ARDIS, Chairman.

(C.)

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following Report. First, from such information as we have had, we believe that both our Domestic and Foreign missions are ~~in a more prosperous condition than they were at the~~ time of our last report. Brethren, we should remember

Listed are all the pastors who have served Elizabeth Baptist Church

Jessie Goodman 1831
 Richard J. Mays 1832
 W. L. Dawson
 Joshua Wm. Pearce McCall 1843
 Sydney Linton 1845-47; 1853
 A.M. Manning 1850's
 B.S. Fuller 1860
 William B. Cooper 1876
 A. H. Barnes
 Rev. Hutohens
 Isaac Clemons
 W.T. Humphrey
 J. P. Shepard
 R.H. Shackelford 1853-54; 1866-1868
 (ordained 1853 at Elizabeth)
 W.W. Bostick 1870
 W. J. Carroll 1870-1871; 1874
 W. Head 1873
 J. R. Kimbress 1875
 C. McCaner 1876
 G.T. Leitner 1877-1879
 S.S. Proctor 1879
 A.G. McCants 1880
 J.M. Hampton 1882-1884
 F.M. Wells 1886-1889
 J.G. Connell 1890-1891
 J.P. McCann 1892-94; 1900-01; 1906
 J.T. Humphries 1894-1895
 J.R. Clemons 1895-1896
 J.T. Montgomery 1896-1899
 P.W. Carr 1899
 W.J. Sullivan 1901-1902
 L.A. Roberts 1903-1905
 L.S. Hutchins 1905-1906
 T.A. Evens 1906-08; 1911-12
 J.E. Clements 1909-1911
 S.A. Cross 1913-1916
 W.L. Spear 1917-1918
 G.W.S. Ware 1918-1920
 S.G. Ward 1920-1921
 M.J. Fowler 1921-22; 1927-29
 S.L. Loudermilk 1922-1923
 Perry N. Shepherd 1923-1926
 E.T. Dawson 1926-1927
 C.L. Clark 1929-1930
 I.N. Aldrich 1930-1932
 T.W. Branch 1932-1939

Paul Hendry 1940; 1945-1946
 Frank Pickern 1941
 Willy Lee Strawn 1942-1943
 H.M. Hawkins 1944-1945
 D.B. McConnell 1947
 A.M. Parker, Sr. 1948
 Richard Wynn 1949-1952
 Purvis Lawson 1952-1954
 Reuben Davis 1954-1955
 James Temple 1955-1957
 (ordained 1955)
 Carl Webb 1958-1962
 Walter Bailey 1962-1970
 D.W. Mitchell 1970-1974
 Roy S. Huguen 1975-1978
 H.C. Meador, Int. 1978-1979
 Dr. Mark E. McCoy 1979-1990
 Dr. William H. Floyd 1991-1999
 Leonard Cone, Int. 1999-2000
 Howard Adams 2000-2005
 Phillip Holbrook 2005-Present
 (This list was researched by Mary Lightsey
 and Mary Elizabeth Brown 12/01/2001)
Church Clerks:
 A.J. Whitehurst 1866-1868
 J.A. Walker 1870
 J.E. Walker 1871; 1875-1882
 Joel A. Walker 1871
 J.B. Standley 1884
 W.E. Standley 1886; 1889-1893
 L.F. Wheeler 1888
 J.T. Walker 1894
 C. W. Hamrick 1894-1907
 J.M. Kinsey 1907-1916
 A.P. Hartsfield 1917-1932
 Reuben Brown 1932-1936
 Arthur Herndon 1936-37; 1943-45
 F.L. Walker 1938-1943
 K.B. Trefry 1946-1950
 Norman Hartsfield 1951-1975
 Bennie Cone 1974
 Mrs. BennieCone 1975
 Roy Faglie 1976-1982
 Belinda Gramling 1983-1984
 Shirley Faglie 1985-1986
 Sonja Walker 1987-1998
 Shirley Faglie 1999-2006
 Donna Warren 2006-Present