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Shell, A. C. (1873-1951) was born in Georgianna, Alabama. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Century 1923-1930 and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Shell and his wife, Alice C. Shell had three children.

First Baptist Church of Century

Founded in 1904 with 25 charter members, the church building was placed on land given to the congregation by Alger-Sullivan Lumber Company. Much of the material used in the construction was donated or discounted to the church by Alger-Sullivan.

Early members were the Mayo family and the families of J.W. Moore, W.H. Harrison, J.A. Matthews, and Joel Harrison. Mr. Harrison, Treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent, reported weekly Sunday collections of \$1.60-\$2.40.

Services were held twice monthly. The church went full time under the leadership of Reverend B.A. Hawkins. Previously, the church had been served by many pastors, including Reverends Hunter, Sims, Lindsey, Bosden, A.C. Shell, Alvin Higdon, and Wilson Adkinson. More recent pastors include Evon Ingram, Ralph

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Lee, Vernie Whittaker, Jerry Keese, Jess Wood, Curtis Joyner, and David Scurlock. Earle Green has served since January 1998.

The congregation continues to worship in the original building, which has been renovated and improved in recent years. A Bible teaching program, Church



First Baptist Church, located in the old Alger-Sullivan Historical District

Training program, missions emphasis, and ongoing outreach continue to be major commitments of this congregation.

First Baptist remains strong under the leadership of God through those who have claimed membership for many years, such as the McCutchin family, Barrow family, Dole family, Ina Conway, Maggie Myers, Margarette Williams, Mary Warren, the Wilson family, Willis family, Crawley family, Pritchett family, and many others who have remained faithful over the twentieth century. We look forward together to the blessings God will bestow during this, the twenty-first century.

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THE REV. A. C. SHELL

FLOMATON, July 26 — (Special) The **Rev. A. C. Shell**, 78, died at his home here Thursday morning after an illness of six months.

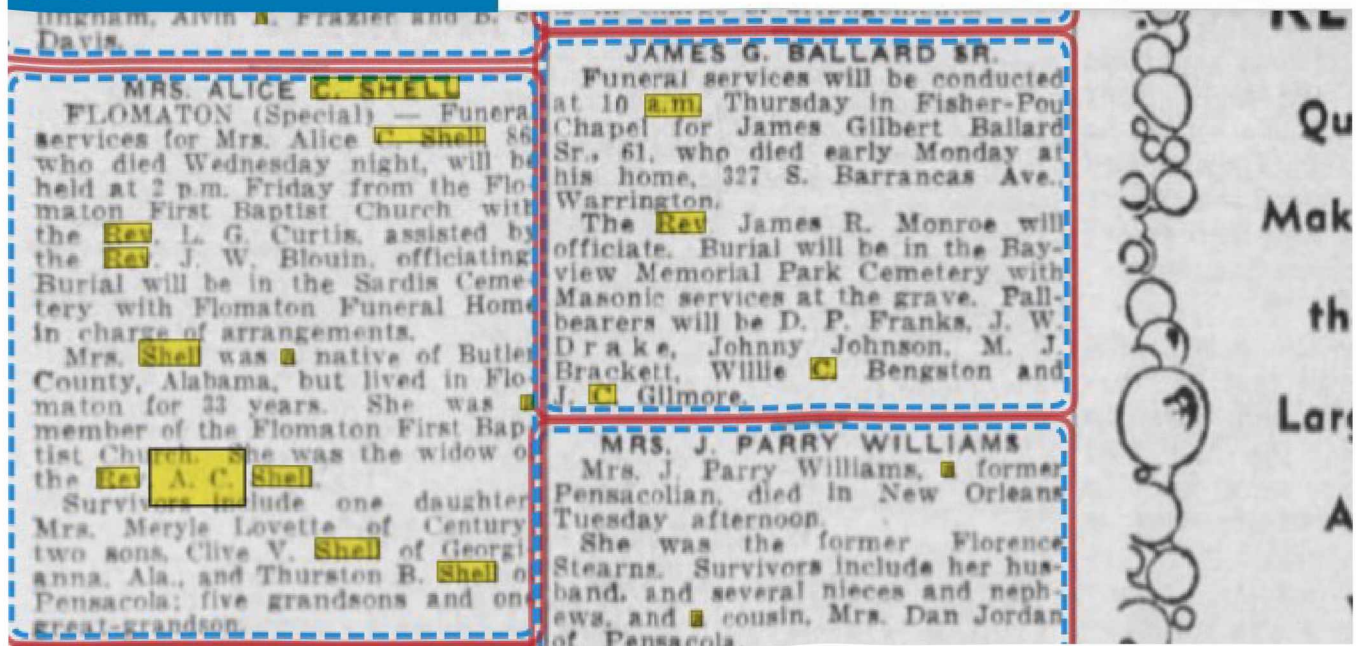
Mr. **Shell** had been a resident of this community for 25 years. He was a former resident of Butler County, Ala., and was a retired Baptist minister. He was born in Georgianna, Ala.

Mr. **Shell** was a member of the Flomaton First Baptist Church and a member of the Georganna Lodge of Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice **Shell** of Flomaton; one daughter, Mrs. Meryle Lovette of Flomaton; two sons, Clive V. of Chapman, Ala., and Thurston B. of Pensacola; one sister, Mrs. J. S. Jordan of McKenzie, Ala.; two brothers, R. L. **Shell** and E. C. **Shell**, both of Georgianna; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Flomaton First Baptist church at 3 p.m. Saturday with the **Rev. L. G. Curtis** officiating.

Burial will be in Sardis Cemetery with Flomaton Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



MRS. ALICE C. SHELL
FLOMATON (Special) — Funeral services for Mrs. Alice C. Shell, 86, who died Wednesday night, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday from the Flomaton First Baptist Church with the Rev. L. G. Curtis, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Blouin, officiating. Burial will be in the Sardis Cemetery with Flomaton Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Shell was a native of Butler County, Alabama, but lived in Flomaton for 33 years. She was a member of the Flomaton First Baptist Church. She was the widow of the Rev. A. C. Shell.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Meryle Lovette of Century two sons, Clive V. Shell of Georgiana, Ala., and Thurston B. Shell of Pensacola; five grandsons and one great-grandson.

JAMES G. BALLARD SR.
 Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fisher-Pou Chapel for James Gilbert Ballard Sr., 61, who died early Monday at his home, 327 S. Barrancas Ave. Warrington.

The Rev. James R. Monroe will officiate. Burial will be in the Bayview Memorial Park Cemetery with Masonic services at the grave. Pallbearers will be D. P. Franks, J. W. Drake, Johnny Johnson, M. J. Brackett, Willie C. Bengston and J. C. Gilmore.

MRS. J. PARRY WILLIAMS
 Mrs. J. Parry Williams, a former Pensacolian, died in New Orleans Tuesday afternoon.

She was the former Florence Stearns. Survivors include her husband, and several nieces and nephews, and a cousin, Mrs. Dan Jordan of Pensacola.

Shell Will Close Revival Tonight

The last of a series of sermons being preached at the Seventh Avenue Baptist church by Rev. A. C. Shell of Flomaton, Ala., will be held at the church tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Shell is well and favorably known in West Florida. He is pastor of the Flomaton-Century Baptist church.

The funeral services was conducted by the writer, (according to her last request), assisted by **Rev** W. M. Murray of the East Hill Baptist Church of Pensacola, **Rev** **A. C. Shell**, of Flomaton, Pastor of Pleasant Hill Church and **Rev** Bridges, pastor of Byrneville Methodist Church. The body was laid to rest in Pleasant Hill Cemetery beside the grave of her husband. Kind friends and neighbors covered the grave with a profusion of the most beautiful flowers, and we left her alone with her Lord.