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Shows, William G. (-1948) was a native of Alabama. He served as pastor of Damascus Baptist Church, Niceville, White House Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Lemon Heights Baptist Church, Palatka, and Kingsley Lake Baptist Church, Jacksonville. Shows and his wife, Margaret Shows had three sons and four daughters.

Rev. W. G. Shows, Retired Minister, Claimed by Death

The Rev. William G. Shows, former pastor of the Kingsley Lake Baptist Church, Camp Blanding, died early yesterday in a local hospital following a lingering illness. He was 58 and was a resident of Shows Circle, off Hogan Road on the Southside.

The Rev. Mr. Shows was a native of Alabama, and he came to Jacksonville in 1924. He retired from his pastorate about a year ago because of failing health and since that time he had operated a barber shop on Smallwood Road. He was a member of Duval Lodge 153 F and A M.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret Shows, three sons, M. L. J. E. and William George Shows, Jr., all of Jacksonville, four daughters, Miss Mae Belle Shows and Mrs. Inez McNeal, both of Jacksonville, Mrs. R. W. Symonds of Kittery, Me., and Mrs. M. L. Bradford of Detroit, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. J. I. Haffingham, Mrs. J. H. Sellers, Mrs. M. L. Hammond, all of Jacksonville, and Mrs. Nora Turner of Ft. Lauderdale; two brothers, M. M. Shows of Florala, Ala., and J. O. Shows of Pensacola; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be announced

by Robert M. Naugle Mortuary.

WHITE HOUSE BAPTIST
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Funeral services for R. Theodore Norris, who died in a local hospital August 3, after several weeks illness, were held in the Smith Funeral Home in Palatka Sunday. The **Rev. W. G. Shows**, pastor of the Lemon Heights Baptist Church in Palatka, officiated. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, near Palatka.

Pallbearers included Clyde M. Rozier, Clifford Reed, Harrison Hickenlooper, Charles Sapp, Owen Ramsey and Harry Godfrey.

Mr. Norris was a native of Birmingham, Ala. He moved to Florida 17 years ago, residing in Palatka for 15 years and afterwards coming to Jacksonville, where he had made his home for the past two years.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Eunice M. Norris, his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Norris of Palatka; one sister, Mrs. M. M. McLeod of Tampa and several nieces and nephews.

Jacksonville — The **Rev. W. G. Shows**, 58, former pastor of the Kingsley Lake Baptist Church, Camp Blanding, at a hospital here.

Damascus Baptist Church

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16. (a) Date present building erected: 1911

(b) Date dedicated by this church: Nov. 1919

(c) Date consecrated by this church: None

(d) If unable to give (b) or (c), give date of first service of this church in building: Nov. 1911

(e) If this building remodeled, give date: None

(f) Give dates of any additions: None

17. (a) Description, architecture (if any definite style), material used, color, form of building:

Rectangular, frame building, painted white.

(b) Special features, as cornerstone, art glass or memorial windows, bell, pipe organ, famous paintings, alter service, etc.:

None

18. Official title clergyman (rector, priest-in-charge, pastor, etc.): Pastor

19. a. First settled clergyman: Rev. Dan Anderson

Dates of tenure: 1910-1914

Education: Common school

b. Earliest known clergyman (If item a is uncontainable): X

Dates of tenure: X

Education: X

c. Present clergyman: Rev. W.G. Shows

Dates of tenure: 1938--

Education: Common school

Address: Baker, Fla.

20. Unpublished historical sketches (author, title, period covered, date written, location, -- note if written in one of church record books): None

21. Published histories, historical sketches, or directories, (author, title, published, place and date of publication, number of pages, location.): None