

Florida Baptist Historical Society Biography Collection

This link provides the specific resource information which documents and undergirds the biographical resource information on a specific Florida Baptist pastors, church staff or significant laity leaders.

The link you have chosen connects to the specific individual's resource files that provide the basis for information which the Historical Society has used to develop the respective biographical profile. The sources attached may include copies of articles gleaned from back issues of the *Florida Baptist Witness* and other news publications. Other resources include books, historical journal articles and church histories that are cited as documentation for the biography.

Visit our website at FloridaBaptistHistory.org

Skelton, J. Mark (1883-1925) was born in Lawrenceville, Georgia the son of James William and Jossie Ann Maynard Skelton. He served as pastor of churches in Georgia and Florida including Orange Glade Baptist Church, Miami, Skelton and his wife, Susie Winn Skelton (m. 1907) had one son.

should be stopped on Sundays. If God in His great goodness, mercy and kindness, has allotted six days to be appropriated to our use, that surely, we should be benevolent enough, to allow Him, to have the right-of-way in our life, to the appropriation of the seventh day to his use.

We, therefore, wish to go on record, that we do not favor such indulgences on the Sabbath. Pray that the men who are behind such business, may soon see the evil and quit it, giving their souls and lives to greater use for Him, of whom we are.

As Christians and Baptists, we recommend the assembling together on Sundays, at God's house and not at show houses.

Your Committee,

O. A. UTLEY.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

In as much as we, the messengers of the Miami Baptist Association, in our 1924 session do recognize the fact that we have never been more cordially received and entertained at any of our sessions than we have by the City of Key West and her noble big-hearted people,

Be it resolved, that we do most heartily thank the First Baptist Church, its noble pastor and people composing the membership, for their warm and generous reception, together with all their kindness toward us during our stay in their midst,

Also, that we do express our great appreciation to the good people of the other Churches and denominations, as well as the citizens generally in Key West for their every courtesy which has been much in evidence and greatly manifested on every hand,

And that we pray God's richest blessings upon them all.

Respectfully,

P. T. TAYLOR.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the providence of God, the work of the Kingdom has progressed during the past year, while there have been some disturbing elements evident, and obstacles in the way, yet by faith and courage many of these, if not all, have been surmounted. We are truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for His manifold blessings upon us.

We give a brief account of the mission Churches:

1924

PAHOKEE

Pahokee is about 30 miles West of West Palm Beach. The opportunity for growth is somewhat limited. However, it is a field that needs our help. Your committee has stood ready to give whatever aid it could during the past year. We have no recent report as to just what has been done there this year.

LAKE WORTH

Rev. Fred E. Brittain was pastor at Lake Worth for about a year. He resigned during the summer. During his pastorate a beautiful house of worship was finished and furnished. The church is now without a pastor.

DANIA

Dania has experienced the most gratifying growth in its history. It has been waiting for a chance to do something. So at last an opportunity came. The first of November, 1923, Rev. P. L. Taylor became pastor. Brother Taylor is a pastor evangelist. The fruit of Dania was ripe unto harvest and as a result about one hundred members have been received into the church. The building has been beautifully finished and furnished. The church has just completed a splendid pastorium at a cost of \$4,000.00. There has been a continuous revival throughout the year, and the peace, harmony and fellowship have been continuous. We hope and pray that such may abide.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Dr. Milton M. Bales is pastor of the Ft. Lauderdale Church. The work there has made unprecedented progress. Within the past year they have completed practically a new church plant. There have been many accessions to the church and the work put on a good substantial, self-supporting financial basis. We rejoice with the pastor and church in such splendid accomplishments on this important field. We regret that Dr. Bales, recently met with a serious automobile accident, and we pray for his speedy recovery.

OLANGE GLADE—OJUS

For the past several months these two fields have been served by Rev. J. M. Skelton. Brother Skelton came from North Georgia. He has proved to be, a safe, sane, sound, hard-working pastor. Ojus has done more financially than any previous year. The field has also taken on new life in other ways.

Orange Glade is out on the Tamiami Trail, West of Miami. The first of this calendar year it was constituted into a regular Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Brother Skelton, the work has grown so rapidly that the church moved up to full time service the first of October. The membership has substantially increased. The church is now building a pastor's home. Everything bids fair for the continued growth and prosperity of the work at Orange Glade.

LARKIN

Larkin has been served since early in the summer by Rev. Bigler, as pastor. Brother Bigler was in Miami on a visit when the Larkin Church, became vacant. He accepted the call for the balance of the

6/22/09

file ~~JM~~
Jm Skelton

JW

**REV. J. M. SKELTON WILL
PREACH AT MABEL WHITE**

Rev. J. M. Skelton, the pastor of Mable White church, has returned from Stone Mountain and Atlanta and will preach Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. **Skelton** has received a call to another church, and he wishes all of the members to be at church next Sunday as he will have something to say in regard to the work.

**REV. J. M. SKELTON HAS
RETURNED TO MACON**

Rev. J. M. Skelton, the pastor of Mabel White Baptist church, arrived back this morning from Carrabelle, Fla., where he has been preaching.

Mr. **Skelton** will have charge of the prayer meeting tonight at 7:45 o'clock. All of the members of the church are asked to be there. All visitors will be welcome.

SKELTON URGES VOTE FOR CLEAN OFFICIALS

Orange Glade Baptist Pastor Preaches on the Forthcoming Democratic Primary.

DECLARING his belief that the people of Miami and Dade county should on June 3 exercise their franchise and cast ballots in favor of men who will lead the city and state through a clean administration, the Rev. J. M. Skelton addressed members of the Orange Glade Baptist Church yesterday morning. The Rev. Mr. Skelton petitioned the people to awake to a sense of their responsibilities at the coming primaries, and to vote judiciously for the best qualified candidates. "On June 3," he said, "you will

have the opportunity and the privilege of going to the ballot box. It is not only a privilege, but an obligation. Every woman and child demand that your vote be cast in the right direction. "Are you prepared to vote?" he questioned. The Rev. Mr. Skelton declared that the people must awake, that only by coming to a realization of their obligations at the polls can they be of greatest service to their communities. "Jonah had the opportunity of lead-

BAD BLOOD

causes rheumatism and much suffering. Good blood keeps the body well and strong, the skin clear and healthy. Better take a bottle of

TAYLOR'S BLOOD

ing the ship's crew to Christ," he asserted, "but did not realize it, for he was asleep." An appeal to women of the congre-

gation to vote was made, with the declaration that whiskey and gambling were vices demanding the vote of both men and women for their elimination.

Indoor Workers

Start the Day Right with ENO'S

For those who do not have plenty of fresh air and exercise, the morning glass of water sparkling with a "dash" of ENO'S is your best friend. It assists nature in a gentle, natural way, in keeping your system free from the impurities caused by constipation. At all Druggists.

Sales Agents:
Harold F. Ritchie & Co., Inc.
171 Madison Ave., New York
Toronto, Sydney, Wellington

Two sizes—75c and \$1.25



INDIANA PASTOR CALLED

The Rev. R. D. Walker to Fill Orange Glade Pulpit.

The Rev. R. D. Walker, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Jeffersonville, Ind., but for many years located at Savannah, Ga., was, Wednesday night, called to succeed the late Rev. J. M. Skelton as pastor of the Orange Glade Baptist Church. Mr. Walker left early yesterday morning for his home, but will return to assume charge of his new field November 20.

While on a vacation in Coconut Grove, as guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Wootten, Mr. Walker was asked to supply at the Orange Glades church. He preached there last Sunday and was extended the unanimous call of the church Wednesday night. He is a native of Georgia and recently took his theological work at the Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Orange Glades Baptist Church was organized about two years ago when Mr. Skelton was made pastor. He came here from Georgia and had increased the membership from 31 to more than 100 and a big building program had been launched. Plans and specifications have already been adopted for the erection of a modern church to cost approximately \$80,000 when Mr. Skelton's death came a few weeks ago. The Rev. Walker said that just as soon as he is located he will take up the plans which were started by his predecessor and carry them to completion.

J. Mark Skelton

Birth 8 Sep 1883 Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia, USA

Death 6 Oct 1925 (aged 42) Orange County, Florida, USA

Burial Oconee Hill Cemetery Athens, Clarke County, Georgia, USA

Family Members

Parents

James William Skelton 1857–1923

Jossie Ann Maynard Skelton 1862–1920

Spouse

Susie Winn Skelton 1885–1972 (m. 1907)

Children

Sgt Jewell J. Skelton 1907–1973

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46671498/j_mark-skelton

The Miami Herald

Wed, Oct 07, 1925 -Page 74

