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Spence, Ingram (1840-1910) was born in Alabama. He was ordained in 1872 and pastored New Hope Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church, Milton Baptist Church and Springhill Baptist Church. Spence married Sarah F. Mason in 1866 and they had ten children.

year. That child was Ethel Taylor. She never married but lived with her parents and became a well-known dress-maker in Brewton.

Among the many churches he served other than the one at Milton were Damascus. Bass Church (Springhill), Milligan, Pensacola, Pleasant Hill, Ray's Chapel, Powelton (Gonzalez), Pine Barren, Wallace, Canoe, Elim, Point Pleasant (North Brewton), and Pollard. He was also a member at Brewton First Baptist at one time.

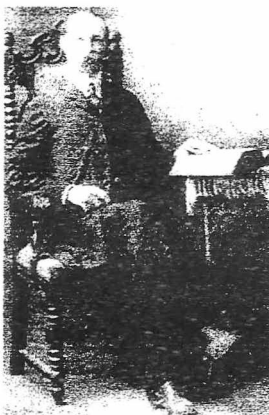
When Dr. Bamberg wrote his history of the church, he had access to church minutes beginning on September, 19, 1897. The business meeting on that date was moderated by Rev. I. L. Taylor. The main business seemed to be collecting back dues to pay church expenses. Two months later the treasurer reported that another \$7.39 was due to Bro. Taylor. The pastor was also asked to preach on missions at least once a quarter and that a mission offering be taken every month. Rev. Taylor was promised a salary of \$250 a year for the next year.

In January 1898 a committee was appointed to raise money for the pastor's salary. The committee members were given a church membership list and told to collect. Apparently, they were not successful, for in May they were behind \$18.98. In the August business meeting the pastor complained that he was owed \$38.50 on August 1 until he was given a check from A. H. Jones for \$40. This brought his salary up-to-date and he tendered his resignation which was accepted. He would return as pastor in 1900 for a short time.

Rev. Taylor died on March 20, 1927, in Brewton and was buried at the Union Cemetery at Alco.

(Clevenger, pp. 70-73 and Heritage v. 2, pp. 469-470)

Ingram Spence-1885



Ingram Spence was born on October 29, 1840, in Alabama. His parents had come from North Carolina in the late 1830s. He had not been included in previous lists of pastors and was discovered in our current research.

Spence grew up to become a farmer, but he joined the 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment in November 1861. He was wounded twice during the war. He fought in the battles of Gaines Farm, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Manassas Gap, Chattanooga, and Petersburg. He was discharged on April 11, 1865, and returned home to Conecuh County, Alabama, where he married Sarah F. Mason on December 13, 1866. They made their home in Old Town and he returned to farming.

Rev. Spence was listed in the 1872 minutes of the Bethlehem Association as having been ordained. He served as one of the missionaries of the Bethlehem, Elim, and Conecuh associations through his years of ministry. In 1885, while serving the Milton church and several others, he reported having travelled 2,389 miles, preaching 138 sermons, visiting 72 churches and preaching stations, and visiting 331 families. He concluded by saying, "I have tried to be faithful and do you a good work."

In 1900 Mrs. Spence died tragically after helping prepare the body of one of their neighbors for burial. The neighbor had died of tuberculosis. Sarah contracted this disease and died, and so did several of their children. Rev. Spence then burned his house and all his belongings to keep from spreading the disease.

On August 23, 1910, Rev. Spence was preaching a revival in Kirkland, Escambia County, Alabama. After the meeting, he was planning to baptize some new converts, when he was suddenly struck with "acute indigestion" and died within 30 minutes. He was buried alongside his wife at Old Town Baptist Cemetery in Conecuh County, Alabama. (Heritage, v. 2, pp.459-460)

William Edwards-1885-1888, 1892

He was born in Virginia on August 25, 1828. Late in life, he married Annie M. about 1876. It was the first marriage for both of them.

As a minister, Rev. Edwards served the Bethlehem, Elim, and Pensacola associations as a missionary. In 1888 while he was pastor at Milton, he reported that he had baptized 49 new converts, had received 19 by letter, and three had been restored. He also stated that he and Dr. F. W. Abbott had organized the Shady Grove Baptist Church (later called Jay FBC).

At the 1887 organizational meeting of the Pensacola Bay Association, he represented Union Hill. He was chosen as moderator for 1888. In 1892 he represented the Palafox church as he petitioned for its membership in the association. (He was also serving as pastor at Milton that same year.) During that 1892 meeting he was asked to lead in prayer after the singing of "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour." The high respect in which he was held was evident as the minutes recorded, "All knees were bent in prayer as that honest soldier of the cross, Dr. William Edwards, earnestly pleaded that the sentiment of the hymn just sung might be verified in this meeting."

In 1895 Dr. and Mrs. Edwards moved to Milligan, Florida, to live out the rest of their lives. In the 1910 census they were living in Milligan and had no children. He served as the association's missionary, preaching, visiting homes and churches, distributing copies of mission journals and tracts, and baptizing new converts. The association often showed its love for the Edwards family by taking special offerings to meet their financial needs.

The January 27, 1911, issue of the *Milton Gazette* reported the news of Dr. Edwards' death. It said, "Dr. Edwards, an old resident of Santa Rosa County, died at Milligan Tuesday night after an illness of a few days. He was well-known here and was one time pastor of the Baptist Church in this city. He was buried in Milligan Thursday afternoon. He leaves a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his loss," (Heritage, v. 2, p. 302)

Frederick C. Waite-1888-1889

Waite was born in Jefferson County, New York, on April 13, 1845. By the 1870 census he was living in Houston County, Georgia, and was a farmer. In October 1876 he was ordained to the ministry, and in 1878 he helped organize the Eastman Baptist Church in Dodge County, Georgia.

Rev. Ingram Spence

Rev. Ingram Spence, a pioneer Baptist minister, lived in Holt, then Santa Rosa County, and pastored New Hope Baptist Church in 1903. The church is present-day First Baptist Church of Holt. In 1903, he also served Macedonia Baptist Church in Walton County. Other pastorates included Milton Baptist Church and Spring Hill Baptist Church (called Bass Church) in Santa Rosa County. Rev. Spence was an early missionary of Elim Baptist Association and was later affiliated with Pensacola Bay Baptist Association (Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Walton). He was also a member of Bethlehem Baptist Association and Conecuh Baptist Association in Alabama. By some in his churches he was called "brave and unselfish" and in later years, "a grand old man."

His longest pastorates were in Alabama. He served Canoe and Sullivan in Escambia County. In Conecuh County he pastored Olive Branch, Old Town, Fairfield, and Long Branch. He also pastored in Butler County and served Fairmount Church in Covington County. It was said that his preaching was strong and could be heard for a mile on a still night.

Ingram Spence, son of Daniel and Sarah Spence, who came to Alabama from North Carolina, was born October 29, 1840 in Alabama. Per census records, his brothers and sisters were Mary, Judson, John, Timothy, Daniel, and Sarah.

During the Civil War, Ingram Spence was a private in Company E, 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment. He joined November 1861 and was wounded in the nose at Knoxville, Tennessee and in the face Chickamauga, Georgia. He served at Ethan's Landing, Gaines Farm, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Falling Waters, Manassas Gap, Thornton River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Williams Island, Racoon Valley, and Hog Mountain and London, Tennessee. He was "absent wounded" in the next sixteen battles of his regiment but present at Petersburg and subsequent Virginia engagements. He was honorably discharged April 11, 1865.

On December 13, 1866, Ingram Spence married Sarah F. Mason in Conecuh County. They lived at Old Town, where Ingram farmed, and were parents of John J., Thomas J., Peter, Sarah C., Anna Lula, Ingram, Jr., Mary Ida, Boadman C., Saphronia, and Fred Daniel. Rev. Spence was ordained to the ministry in 1872.

In 1900, before coming to Holt, tragedy struck his family when Mrs. Spence, then age 51, assisted in preparing the body of a neighbor, a tuberculosis victim, for burial. She fell ill and died. Some of the children also contracted the disease and died. Rev. Spence knew they would all die if drastic measures were not taken. He and the remaining children walked out of their house and burned it with all they owned inside.

Rev. Ingram Spence, almost age 70, died August 23, 1910 at Kirkland in Escambia County, Alabama. After preaching a revival he was looking for a place to baptize when he was struck with "acute indigestion." Per the newspaper account, he died within thirty minutes. He was laid to rest beside his family members in the Old Town Baptist Church Cemetery in Conecuh County, Alabama.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

ON STATE OF RELIGION AND DIGEST OF LETTERS.

To the Bethlehem Baptist Association:

Brethren, your Committee beg leave to report that, after careful examination of letters from the Churches composing your Association, we find one hundred and five accessories to the Churches by baptism.

Brethren, J. M. Travis, J. M. Fortune and J. L. Taylor, were licensed by their Churches, and Brother Ingram Spence ordained. The state of religion generally cold, however, two Churches, Antioch and Montgomery Hill, have special cause for rejoicing, as both have been blessed by a revival and seventeen additions to one, and thirty-seven to the other by baptism. Our harvest is great and laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his vineyard.

J. D. BECK, Chairman.

[B.]

ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee beg leave to state that there has been no queries sent up from any of the Churches. The Church at Montgomery Hill, of the First District, invite you to hold the next session of your body with them. The Churches of Evergreen and Georgiana, of the Third District make the same request: we would, therefore, state that the Third District, is entitled to it, and recommend that the next session be held with the Church at Georgiana. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOCKE, Chairman.

[C.]

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is with decided pleasure that your Committee report the favorable items received from almost all quarters within the boundary of this Association. Actuated by the spirit infused into their minds, the young are rapidly rising up—filling the Sabbath Schools, and thereby rendering them a nursery for the Church. The spirit evinced by the young and uprising generation, indeed, marks an era in our history. Sufficiently patent is the wide spread importance of the Sabbath School to every Church within our bounds, and their efforts, therefore, should be redoubled to strengthen those already existing, and to establish them where they, at present, fail to exist. It is obvious that the Sabbath School is fast giving a proper countenance to society, and the sins of the youth are decreasing each year under its influence. One branch, however, remains to be healed to make the Sabbath School a still more powerful auxiliary. The accompanying of the children to the Sabbath School room by parents, thereby imparting encouragement, which cannot be otherwise supplied. We furthermore admonish our ministers to make more frequent and more favorable mention of the Sabbath School in the future than hitherto. Your Committee beg leave to present these suggestions.

W. T. NETTLES, Chairman.

BBA-1872

Family Group Sheet

Husband's Full Name

Rev. SPENCE, Ingraham/Ingram Chart No.

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	29	Oct	1840			AL	
Chr'd							
Marr.	13	Dec	1866		Conecuh	AL	
Death	23	Aug	1910	(Old Town)	(Conecuh)	(AL)	
Burial	Aug	1910		Old Town Church Cem	Conecuh	AL	Cem BK

Places of Residence

Occupation MINISTER/MISSIONARY/FARM Church Affiliation Old Town BC near Evergreen Military Rec. SGT-Co E-4+AL-CSA
Ordained 1871-1872

His Father SPENCE, Daniel

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

MASON, Sarah F.

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			1849				
Chr'd							
Death			1900	(Old Town)	(Conecuh)	(AL)	
Burial			1900	Old Town Church Cem	Conecuh	AL	Cem BK

Places of Residence

Occupation Church Affiliation Old Town BC near Evergreen Military Rec.

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.

Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father MASON,

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (An arranged in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info on Children
M	1 John J. Spence	Birth	13	Dec	1867		Conecuh	AL	1870 Con
	Full Name of Spouse Julia A. Smith	Marr.	24	Dec	1888		Conecuh	AL	BK B-AL
		Death	15	Jan	1906				
		Burial		Jan	1906	Old Town Church Cem	Conecuh	AL	Cem BK
M	2 Thomas J. Spence	Birth	04	Aug	1869		Conecuh	AL	1870
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death	15	Apr	1890				Cem BK 2
		Burial		Apr	1890	Old Town Chch Cem	Conecuh	AL	Cem BK 2
M	3 Peter Spence	Birth	25	Apr	1871		Conecuh	AL	1880
	Full Name of Spouse Maggie E. Northcutt	Marr.	27	Dec	1899		Conecuh	AL	BK C
		Death	03	Feb	1925				
		Burial		Feb	1925	Old Town Chch Cem	Conecuh	AL	
F	4 Sarah C. Spence	Birth					Conecuh	AL	1880 Cn
	Full Name of Spouse John F. Andrews	Marr.	31	Jan	1894		Conecuh	AL	BK B
		Death							
		Burial							
F	5 Anna Lula Spence	Birth			1875		Conecuh	AL	1880
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death			1900				Cem BK
		Burial			1900	Old Town Chch Cem	Conecuh	AL	" "
M	6 Ingram I	Birth	abt		1877		Conecuh	AL	1880
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	7 Mary Ida Spence	Birth	09	Dec	1879		Conecuh	AL	1880
	Full Name of Spouse Malcolm Joel Brown	Marr.	18	Dec	1901				BK D
		Death			1970				
		Burial			Dec 1970	Olive Branch BC Cem	Conecuh	AL	Cem BK 2
	8 Boardman C. Spence	Birth			1881				1900 Cn
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death			1904				Cem BK
		Burial			1904	Old Town Chch Cem	Conecuh	AL	Cem BK

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Date 2/5/2004

Additional Children and Sources:

Husband's name SPENCE, Ingraham/Ingram Wife's name MASON, Sarah

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arranged in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info on Children
F	9 Sophronia Spence	Birth	Mar	1884	(1885-Cn)	Conecuh	AL	Cem BK	
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death		1901					
		Burial		1901	Old Town Chch Cem	Conecuh	AL	Cem BK	
	10 Fred Spence	Birth	Oct	1887		Conecuh	AL	1900 Cn	
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	11	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	12	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	13	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	14	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	15	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							

Sources for Husband:

1850 Conecuh, AL pg 346 ; 1860 Conecuh pg 998 ; 1870 Conecuh pg 262B
 1880 Conecuh pg 118A ; 1900 Conecuh - Old Town - Fam #349
 MG - Conecuh, AL
 Bethlehem Baptist Assn Minutes (Ordination 1872)
 Elm Baptist Assn Minutes
 "Seven Little Diamonds..." John T. Diamond - SRC, FL
 Heritage Pub Co, AL A9 (Fairmont BC) ; Conecuh Headstones Vol. 2

Sources for Wife:

1. 1870 Conecuh pg 262B ; 1880 Conecuh pg 118A
 2. Conecuh Headstones 2

Sources for Children:

1. 1870, 1880
 2. Conecuh Headstones 2

Additional Information:

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(H) REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance make the following report :

	Missions.	Minutes.		Missions.	Minutes.
Pine Barren.....	\$7.65	\$2.00	Concord	\$ 4.00	\$1.25
Elim.....	11.80	1.80	Sardis.....	22.55	3.00
Wilson	—	1.00	Enon.....	5.50	1.50
Pleasant Grove.....	—	2.00	Perdido.....	—	1.00
Union Hill.....	4.10	2.60	Bay Minette.....	6.75	1.00
Damascus.....	10.25	3.00	Pleasant Hill.....	3.35	2.00
Milton.....	8.20	2.00	Little Escambia..	1.00	1.50
Canoe.....	12.10	1.55			

Sabbath collection, \$26.95; amount paid W. M. Diamond, in cash and vouchers, \$151.40. We can see no necessity of making apportionments, as Churches do not comply. In looking over the last amounts, it amounts to over \$500, and only \$97.25 raised. We think the members of each Church will do what they can and send it up for missionary purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. CURTIS, Ch'n.

(I) REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that we have as corresponding messengers Elders B. H. Crumpton, I. Spence, and Bros. Y. M. Rabb and T. J. Davis, from Bethlehem Association, and recommend that you send messengers to Bethlehem and other sister Associations.

Respectfully submitted.

D. D. McDAVID, Ch'n.

(J) REPORT OF TREASURER.

Your Treasurer makes the following report :

To an't received from Finance Committee—Cash.....\$63.35
Vouchers. 88.15—\$151.50

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By amount paid Missionary..... 34.15
" " Clerk..... 27.20
" " Rev. S. W. Jones..... 2.00—\$ 63.35

(K) REPORT OF REV. I. SPENCE.

Missionary in the Elim Association:

Days of service..... 215
Miles traveled.....2,389
Sermons delivered..... 188
Baptised..... 2
Received by letter..... 8
Sunday Schools addressed..... 8
Preaching Stations without Churches..... 3
Number of visits to Churches and Preaching Stations..... 72
Religious visits to families and persons..... 331
Number of books and pamphlets sold..... 12
Value of books sold.....\$ 7.10
Amount collected for State Missions..... 91.60

I have just reached a point that I could accomplish good. There is great destitution in portions of the field—enough for two men. I have tried to be faithful and do you a good work.

Respectfully submitted.

I. SPENCE, Missionary.

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OLD TOWN CHURCH CEMETERY (Continued)

il Tolbert c. 10, 1846-Feb. 17, 1914	1-Vacant Grave Space
1. Mumford Stallworth br. 18, 1885-June 26, 1960	Enda Perdue Philyaw Dec. 1902-Aug., 1963
-Vacant Grave Space	Roxy Ann Perdue Aug. 6, 1871-Jan. 8, 1960
bbie Stallworth 851-1938	John L. Perdue Sept., 1861-Oct., 1925
m. M. Stallworth husband of Abbie A. Stallworth born June 21, 1840-Died Feb. 20, 1891 age 50 yrs, 8 Mo. and 29 days	Infant-(Name Illegible) Son of Rev. F.M. and P. Turner Born and Died 1900
Broken Stone-"S Deer" born Nov. 18, 1843-Died Jan. 22, 1891(?)	Infant Perdue Sept., 1906-April, 1907
Broken Stone-Illegible	Bertie B. Perdue Dec., 1897-Oct. 1914
Mary Stallworth Sept. 11, 1813-Sept. 6, 1885	1-Vacant Grave Space
m. M. Stallworth Oct. 31, 1809-Mar 6, 1877	Enclosed Smith Lot Nealie Smith Jan. 18, 1913-Mar. 30, 1914
Apparent Vacant space for 10-12 Graves	Bessie B. Smith Sept. 10, 1907-Sept. 8, 1915
Martha Presley Dec. 31, 1812-July 12, 1871	John W. Smith Aug. 26, 1916-Mar. 12, 1919
Martha Stallworth 1787-1862	1-Vacant Grave Space
1-Vacant Grave Space	Ella M. Smith Oct. 6, 1887-Mar. 19, 1977
Double Marker (1) June Stallworth July 1, 1901-Feb. 27, 1977 (2) Joe H. Stallworth Aug. 15, 1880-Nov. 6, 1966	John P. Smith Jan. 26, 1881-July 21, 1961
Lucy Stallworth 1875-1956	1-Vacant Grave Space
Vacant Space for 2-3 Graves	Vacant Space for Several Graves
Herbert F. Perdue Apr. 7, 1893-Sept. 22, 1954	Peter Spence Apr. 20, 1871-Feb. 3, 1925
Enclosed Tolbert-Perdue Lot-2nd row	<u>Ingraham Spence</u> Oct. 29, 1840-Aug., 25, 1910 SGT. CO. E, 4th ALA. CSA.
	B.C. Spence 1881-1904