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Stevens, M. S. (1862-1910) was born in Rock Mills, Georgia the son of Wilkins Bohannon and Henrietta Hill Pound Stevens. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Wauchula, 1899-1900. He served as pastor of many churches in the Peace River Baptist Association and as missionary and colporter. Stevens moved to Georgia where he started a school. He and his wife, Annie M. Greene Stevens had two children.

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Milton Spafford Stevens

Birth 1 May 1862

Death 25 Oct 1910 (aged 48)

Burial Stevens-Sharman-Randle Cemetery Rock Mills, Randolph County, Alabama, USA

The Roanoke Leader November 1910

NEWSPAPER issue of Wednesday, November 2, 1910

The funeral of Mr. M.S. Stevens, who died in Abbeville, Georgia on Oct. 25th was conducted from the Baptist church in Rock Mills last Thursday by Rev. S.L. Dobbs in the presence of many sorrowing friends and relatives. The remains were then laid to rest in the native soil of the deceased.

M.S. Stevens was born in Rock Mills 48 years ago and in young manhood gained prominence in public life. He was well equipped and possessed of a bright mind. He left this county many years ago for some years had been engaged in school work at Abbeville, Georgia where he had built up a strong institution, enrolling some 500 pupils.

The death of such a man in the prime of life is a serious loss to the country and is a sad blow to his devoted wife and children.

Family Members

Parents

Wilkins Bohannon ""Big Paw"" Stevens 1802–1873

Henrietta Hill Pound Stevens 1825–1901

Spouse Annie M. Greene Stevens

Children

Annie Greene Stevens

1886–1887

FORMER PASTORS



Rev. M. J. Schultz



Rev. Otis Garland



Rev. M. Felts Dent



Rev. Charles F. Granger

1876-1884.....	Rev. J. W. Hendry
1884-1893.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1893-1897.....	Rev. E. J. Hull
1897-1898.....	Rev. W. D. Payne
1898-1899.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1899-1900.....	Rev. M. S. Stevens
1900-1901.....	Rev. J. W. Hendry
1901-1903.....	Rev. E. L. Todd
1903-1906.....	Rev. R. Y. Walden
1906-1907.....	Rev. L. B. Boney
1907-1909.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1909-1911.....	Rev. R. L. Brandenburg
1911-1914.....	Rev. J. R. Wells
1914-1919.....	Rev. R. P. McPherson
1919-1922.....	Rev. W. T. Dart
1922-1928.....	Rev. R. J. Mincey
1928-1932.....	Dr. J. F. Savell
1932-1935.....	Rev. B. A. Roth
1935-1938.....	Rev. E. A. Rice
1938-1943.....	Rev. Otis Garland
1943-1947.....	Rev. M. J. Schultz
1947-1962.....	Rev. Otis Garland
1962-1969.....	Rev. M. Felts Dent
1969-1975.....	Rev. Rev. Charles F. Granger
1976-1984.....	Rev. Herschel Creasman
1984-1994.....	Rev. Cornelius Davis
1994-1999.....	Rev. Mark Douglas



Rev. Herschel Creasman



Rev. Cornelius Davis



Rev. Mark Douglas

M. S. Stevens

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M. S. STEVEN'S FUNERAL

Was Held at Rock Mills Last
Thursday—Deceased Was a
Prominent Educator.

The funeral of Mr. M. S. Stevens, who died in Abbeville, Ga., Oct. 25th, was conducted from the Baptist church in Rock Mills at noon last Thursday by Rev. S. L. Dobbs, in the presence of many sorrowing friends and relatives. The remains were then laid to rest in the native soil of the deceased.

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Wed, Oct 26, 1910 · Page 1

M. S. STEVENS DEAD.

M. S. Stevens was stricken with paralysis yesterday morning at his home in Abbeville, Ga., and died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He formerly lived in this county, and was a brother of G. W. Stevens, of Roanoke. The remains will arrive in Roanoke this evening and will be interred at Rock Mills in the morning.

The DeSoto County News
Fri, Feb 02, 1906 · Page 4

Rev. M. S. Stevens and family left Friday for Statesboro, Ga., where Rev. Stevens will engage in mission work. We all regret to lose this family from our midst.

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FORMER ARCADIAN DIES

In Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Mrs. **Stevens** Stricken With Paralysis
Wednesday.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of Mrs. **M. S. Stevens**. She was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday afternoon, the 25th day of October, and died on Saturday the 28th. At the date of her demise Mrs. **Stevens** was living in Hattiesburg, Miss., with her son, Carlton, who holds a responsible position in said city. The corpse was transported from Hattiesburg to Roanoke, Ala., and there it was given a final resting place by the side of her husband through life, the **Rev. M. S. Stevens**. It will be recalled by many friends of the deceased that just six years ago to the day, the **Rev. M. S. Stevens** passed away as a result of a stroke of paralysis.

The deceased lived at Nocatee for a number of years. Her husband was a leading Baptist minister, and served many churches throughout the Peace River Association. He was at one time missionary and colporter for said association. He organized the Sunday school in the First Baptist church of this city. Through all of his work Mr. **Stevens** was ably assisted by his wife, the deceased. After leaving Florida **Rev.** and Mrs. **Stevens** went to Georgia and were engaged in educational work. After the death of Mr. **Stevens** his wife returned to Florida and for a time was matron of the dormitory for young men at Columbia College, the Florida Baptist College. After this Mrs. **Stevens** moved to Arcadia, where her daughter, Miss **Howard Stevens**

lived at Columbia College, the Florida Baptist College. After this Mrs. **Stevens** moved to Arcadia, where her daughter, Miss **Howard Stevens** taught for two years in the DeSoto County High School. From here Mrs. **Stevens** moved to Bartow, thence to Hattiesburg, Miss., where she was at the date of her death. The departed, whose life means a great deal to this section, leaves behind her one son, Mr. Carlton **Stevens**, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and one daughter, Miss **Howard Stevens**, who is teaching school at Jensen, Florida. A large number of friends join the children of the deceased in their sorrow.

BANQUET GIVEN AT F. D.