

H I S T O R Y
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Thomasville, Georgia

1937-1940

Rev. R. D. Roulhac,
Pastor

We beg to submit a very brief sketch of our work from March 31, 1937 to March 31, 1940.

J. B. Rogers is Clerk of the session.

The Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. E. C. Sampson, President; Mrs. R. D. Roulhac, Secretary; Miss Emma Daniel, Treasurer.

The Auxiliary has two circles which meet weekly. The Auxiliary meets the first Monday in each month. Mrs. Prince Jinright, of the First Church, met monthly with our Auxiliary during 1937-1938, and rendered a great service. It has contributed annually to the Birthday gifts and to other causes.

The Sabbath School is held every Sabbath in the year. The present enrollment is 80. During October, 1937, the School and Pastor petitioned Central Alabama Presbytery to organize the Schools in West Florida and Southwest Georgia into a Convention. The Presbytery appointed the Pastor of this church, R. D. Roulhac, to organize the Convention, which he did, with the co-operation of Rev. Hanson, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., and Mr. D. Chiphe, of Darien, Ga. The organization took place at DeFuniak Springs, with five schools represented. The first annual meeting was held in our Sabbath School in August, 1938; the second meeting was held in Grant Chapel School, in August, 1939, at Darien, Ga. This Convention has helped to strengthen and encourage Sabbath Schools of West Florida and Southwest Georgia.

The Church has a Daily Vacation Bible School annually, which is conducted two to three weeks each year. Two of the Christian workers

of the First Church assist. The Young People of our church who finished their junior work at Stillman Institute rendered valuable service. An average of 100 were enrolled each year.

The Session has received into the church 14 members; 12 have moved to other cities and states. Four are now away at college. One Elder and one Deacon have been elected and installed. Through the kindness of First Church we have been able to cover our church and install sewerage systems in the church and manse.

We have contributed the sum of \$43.00 to the Ministers' Annuity Fund. Last fall a member of First Church gave us a nice heater for the church, which was needed so much. The whole congregation feel very grateful to the giver.

The Pastor of the church, Rev. Richard T. Gillespie, has charge of the Radio Devotionals for two weeks every two or three months and he has given one week each time to our Pastor. Our congregation and people have been greatly benefited. We feel very grateful to the First Church for what it has done and is now doing for us.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Roulhac, Pastor
J. B. Rogers, Clerk of Session.

Central Alabama Presbytery
Second Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1956

3:30 P. M.

Honoring

The Reverend R. D. Roulhac

Retiring Minister

"Man goeth forth to his work and to his labor
until the evening" (Ps. Civ. 23).

Worship Service

Theme: "To Me To Live Is Christ"

Instrumental Prelude: "Largo, from Dvorak's Symphony".

Call To Worship-----Psalm 8
Rev. J. N. Greene

Prayer-----Rev. A. M. Threatt, St. Thomas A.M.E. Church

Hymn-----"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Litany Of Work: (see opposite page)

Hymn-----"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Program

Remarks:

1. Father R. N. Perry, Sr., representing the Ministerial Alliance
2. Rev. James B. Spencer, First Presbyterian Church
3. W. H. Thomas, Thomas County Business-Civic League
4. Dr. George W. Shirley, Georgia Committee of Inter-racial Cooperation
5. Mrs. S. F. Gibson, Second Presbyterian Church

Musical Selection

Announcements

Benediction

Litany Of Work:

Leader: For the desire that we have to find our place in the life of the world.

Response: We praise Thee, O God.

Leader: For the opportunity of becoming a useful member of society,

Response: We thank Thee, O God.

Leader: For the chance of working at some worth-while task,

Response: We give Thee thanks, O God.

Leader: For the dignity and honor of labor, and the joy that comes from reaching a worthy goal,

Response: We thank Thee, O God.

Leader: For the chance to contribute through work to the happiness of those we love,

Response: We praise Thee, O God.

Leader: For the privilege of sharing in Thy purpose for us by accepting our share of the world's work,

Response: We humbly thank Thee, O God.

Leader: Grant that we may make service the motive of our life,

Response: In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

FUNERAL SERVICES

FOR

REV. ROBERT D. ROULHAC

AUGUST 2, 1957

11:00 A. M.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THOMASVILLE, GA.

Internment--Roulhac Cemetery, Marianna, Florida

OBITUARY

"The Lord Giveth And The Lord Taketh Away. Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord."

Rev. Robert Daniel Roulhac was born November 9, 1880, in Mariana, Florida, died July 29, 1957 at Detroit, Mich. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roulhac, Sr. He was called into the Ministry at an early age and dutifully served for over fifty years. He pastored in Selma, Alabama; Columbus, Georgia; Tuscaloosa, Alabama and finally, Thomasville, Georgia; where he served for twenty-six years. Reverend Roulhac, along with his pastoral duties, performed many civic services. He was always God's willing servant and never lost sight of his duty.

Rev. Roulhac is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minerva Roulhac, children; Robert, Simeon, Mary, Joe, Ruth, Edgar and Edwin, three sisters, Emma, Delia and Elviney, eight grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

His exhortation to us is "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

PROGRAM

Processional..... O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

Hymn..... A Charge To Keep I Have

Scripture..... Psalm 27

Invocation..... Rev. Joe Rodgers

Solo..... Miss Lee Prince

Acknowledgments..... Mrs. Sadie Gibson

Remarks..... Rev. J. H. M. Boyce

Remarks..... { Mr. William Watt
Rev. Edwards

Eulogy..... Rev. W. J. Gipson

Hymn..... Abide With Me



Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Roulhac, August 26, 1956., as they
Retired from Second Presbyterian Church,
Thomasville , Georgia

HISTORY OF THE LATE REV. R. D. ROULHAC

Robert Daniel Roulhac was born on November 9, 1879, in Marianna, Florida. The son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Roulhac, Sr., he graduated from high school in Marianna, Florida; and worked as a salesman for a furniture company in Pensacola, Florida.

At the age of 21, he entered Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in the year 1901; and continued to study Theology. He completed his theological training in May, 1906, and was licensed to preach by the Central Alabama Presbytery in the same year.

His pastorates, in the same light, were in Selma, Alabama, from 1906-1925, at the Sylvan Street Presbyterian Church; Beth Salem Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Georgia, from 1925-1926; Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, from 1926-1930; and The Second Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Georgia, from 1930-1956, when he retired from the ministry. He served as the Stated Clerk of Central Alabama Presbytery for 12 years, and as the Stated Clerk of the Snedecor Memorial Synod, from 1947 until its dissolution.

He was married to Minerva Rhodes, a school teacher, at Marianna, Florida, on September 19, 1906. To this union was born 8 children, 6 boys, Robert, John, Simeon, Joseph, Edgar, and Edwin; and 2 girls, Mary and Ruth. John died in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 1925.

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Mr. Roulhac was indeed a family man. He and Mrs. Roulhac provided a wonderful Christian atmosphere for the children in the home, and inspired and encouraged them to pursue the best educations possible. He and Mrs. Roulhac celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Detroit, Michigan, September 19, 1956, at which time all seven of the children and their families were with them. He felt very proud that all of the children had become successful in their professions.

Robert A. Roulhac is a Mortician in Macon, Georgia, and active member of the Pres. Church for over 15 years. Simeon A. Roulhac, Photographer in New York City is a Trustee of the St. James Presbyterian Church, New York city. Mary L. Brown is Church Social Worker for the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Detroit, Michigan. Atty. Joseph D. Roulhac is Assistant Prosecutor in Akron, Ohio, and attorney for the Lexington Conference of the Methodist Church. Ruth M. Best, teacher in the Chicago Public Schools, is a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. Edgar E. Roulhac, also a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools, is an Elder in the Carrah Presbyterian Church. Edwin E. Roulhac, member of a Methodist Church, is an Electrician in Flint, Michigan.

His favorite hobby was gardening. He spent a great portion of his time in his garden. He considered it a very profitable one, especially considering the size of his family. He was also a great "Do-it-yourself" man with a hammer and a saw; and often used his creativity with these implements.

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Another known talent of Mr. Roulhac's was singing. He was so fond of singing that he took every opportunity to sing during the worship service and always advocated one Sunday night a month for hymn singing.

One characteristic of this man that will be long remembered is that no one ever entered and left his home, nor did he visit a home wherein everyone did not kneel with him in prayer.

After his retirement, in 1956, Rev. Roulhac and Mrs. Roulhac moved to Detroit, Michigan, with daughter Mary,

He died one year later, July 29, 1957, survived by his wife, children, and eight grandchildren.

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SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
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The Second Presbyterian Church has been without a minister for more than two years, therefore as a church we have not done anything too outstanding, other than struggle to hold ourselves together.

Our Kindergarten-Nursery has been very successful. We have an enrollment of 65 children.

The church-sponsored Scout Cub Pack has functioned well. There are twenty young boys with a Cub Master, a Den Chief, and two Den Mothers. They have received great co-operation from the community.

In a ceremony at the church one of the young members was awarded honor of becoming an Eagle Scout.

The Women of the Church organization has functioned very successfully and a number of the members have attended a few of the conferences.

We are hopefully anticipating having a minister in the near future.

Mrs. S. F. Gibson
Historian



Siloam

The following charter members of Haisttings Church were transferred to the new church at Siloam in 1903: (# Dead. * Removed)

John T. Dolvin #
 Mrs. Ann Dolvin #
 Miss Mattie Dolvin
 Miss Hattie Dolvin (now Mrs. W. R. Corry)
 W. R. Corry
 J. G. Dolvin #
 Mrs. Mamie Dolvin *
 Mrs. Fannie Brooks #
 J. A. Reynolds #
 Mrs. Joel O'Neal #

John T. Dolvin continued to serve as Elder and Clerk of Session; and J. G. Dolvin and J. A. Reynolds as deacons.

The property of the Siloam Presbyterian Church is located on the left side of the public road running southward from the main street. It is a matter of speculation as to the size of the lot. Tall pines and a hickory nut tree serve as shade. The building, facing northeast, is a white, one-story wooden structure. The lumber used was that of which old Haisttings was built.

Although the minutes of session do not state the date of worship in the new church, it was completed in the Spring of 1903. Impatient to hold their religious services, the congregations assembled before the interior of the church was finished. John T. Dolvin was Superintendent and Reverend E. G. Smith, former pastor of Haisttings continued to serve as pastor. Mrs. E. T. Boswell, Jr., a Methodist, was first organist.

The benches now in use were those used at Haisttings. The pulpit was bought from the Crawfordville Church after a storm had destroyed their house of worship. The pulpit Bible was presented to Haisttings Church by Mrs. Fannie Wright Johnson at its dedication service conducted by Rev. J. T. Plunket. A silver cup, presented to Bethany by the First Church in Augusta, was used for communion service for about

ten years until individual communion service was bought in 1913. The carpet was bought in an unusual manner: each member of the Woman's Missionary Society denied themselves a new winter hat and gave the money for the new carpet.

1906

In December, 1906 the beloved pastor, Rev. E. G. was called to the Greensboro Church, and for a year the Siloam Church was without a regular pastor. In December, 1907 Reverend G. M. Howerton accepted the call extended him.

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1908

W. R. Corry was elected clerk of session in the place of John T. Dolvin, who felt "that on account of his advanced years a younger member should perform this work. The thanks of the session were given to Mr. Dolvin for his long, faithful and efficient service, with the richest blessing of God to rest upon him."

June
1910

The year 1910 brought unspeakable sorrow to the church in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dolvin. Mr. Dolvin, born June 8, 1826, was the sole organizer of the Church, and gave his entire life willingly to its development. He was a charter member of both Hainttings and Siloam Presbyterian Church, and served as elder from 1903 until his death June 26, 1910. Mrs. Ann Boswell Dolvin, his consecrated wife, died Feb. 22, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Dolvin were of earnest and devout christian character, and faithful exponents of the religion of Jesus Christ whom they loved and served.

1912

In 1912 Reverend G. M. Howerton gave up his ministry here, and later in the year Reverend Eugene Mickel began his long and useful service as pastor.

1914 For the first time in the history of the church three societies were reported in 1914. These were: Ladies Missionary, 8 members; Juniors, 11; Loyal Workers, 10. Also in the report were: Elders, 3; Deacons, 2; Communicants, 30; Pastor's salary, \$150.00

May 9 1917 On May 9, 1917 Mrs. Frances Dolvin Copelan, wife of John H. Copelan, died. During the last five years of her life she was confined to her bed, but never complained of her lot. Truly she was a devoted and faithful follower of the Lowly Nazarene. With heart and mind she accepted the Savior as her Redeemer, and through long years of pain and suffering her faith grew stronger and brighter.

Dec. 17 1919 On December 17, 1919 John G. Dolvin went to the Eternal Father. He was a charter member of Hainttings and Siloam Presbyterian Churches. His gracious presence and faithful service were important factors in the success of the early history of the church. He was Elder from 1913 until his death.

Jan. 1 1920 Two weeks after the passing of his cousin, J. G. Dolvin, Mr. William L. Dolvin followed in death. On October 1915 he was elected elder of the church and served faithfully until the time of his death. Mr. Dolvin possessed in an unusual degree those qualities of mind and heart that won the respect and love of his associates. He was genial, kind, unassuming, sincere, and to these gentler graces was added a keen sense of humor.

April 1921 The congregation regretted to see Rev. Mickel leave for Boston, Ga. His sermons were profound and deep. He was a capable, spiritual leader. For two years the Siloam Church