

FRANCIS MARION HAYGOOD

Rev. Francis Marion Haygood is a good and useful man, and one whose long life in the Saviour's service has been more than usually laborious and beneficial.

He was born in 1817, in what is now Geauga (but which was then Clarke) County.

He enjoyed common country school advantages only, in early life. He professed religion in 1835, and commenced preaching in 1840.

In order to prepare himself better for his ministerial functions, he spent the years 1840 and 1841 in the theological department of Mercer University.

In 1842 he was united in matrimony to Miss Louisa A. Born, thus securing a faithful helpmate and most efficient companion, whose accomplishments, devotional character and pious zeal, have greatly aided and sustained him.

Mr. Haygood's life has been one of great diversity of pursuit and incident.

Much - perhaps most of his life - has been passed in the useful occupation of a carpenter and book-agent; and as such, few men are his superiors.

For many years he was employed by the American Tract Society for the sale of its publications, in which he was greatly successful, and by which he accomplished an amount of good that the Judgment day only will reveal.

Many a tract or book donated by him has resulted in the salvation of a soul, and many an individual with whom he has engaged in personal effort of a religious nature, has professed conversion as a result.

At different times in his life, Mr. Haygood has been the pastor of various churches in Georgia, and, in his evangelistic and Sunday school labors has, perhaps, travelled more miles and preached more sermons than any other Baptist minister in the State.

Noted as a Sunday school man, he has produced great and beneficial results by his many entertaining Sunday school lectures.

A strong advocate of temperance, he has frequently advocated his views in public addresses.

He has, as pastor, served churches in the towns of Macon, Sparta, and Jefferson, and, during the last forty years, has preached and lectured on an average three times a week.

In his preaching, he is plain and simple, and presents the truths of the Gospel plainly and clearly.

Always extemporizing, he has never written his sermons, his plan being to analyze his subject and take into the pulpit a skeleton embracing the heads and subdivisions of his text, from which he delivers his discourse.

The first sermon preached in Atlanta, after the name was altered from Marthasville, was preached by him, by appointment, in July 1846, when the place was merely a little railroad village, with but one public house, which answered for church, school-house, court-house, railroad office, and public meeting-house.

For five or six years Mr. Haygood was the efficient corresponding Secretary, and Agent of the Georgia Baptist Bible and Colporter Society; residing at Macon, and successfully conducting a large denominational book store.

He is a man of great firmness and conscientiousness, undeviating in principle, and of unimpeachable integrity. In social life he is exceedingly polite, affable and hospitable.

Two sons were the fruits of his marriage, one of whom still survives; the other having yielded up his life in Virginia during our late struggle, a sacrifice for Southern independence.

He is at present engaged as an agent and colporter by the American Tract Society, and preaches whenever an opportunity is afforded.

Ref.: "History of the Baptist Denomination in Georgia with Biographical Compendium and Portrait Gallery of Baptist Ministers and Georgia Baptists". Compiled for The Christian Index, 1881 (Pages 257-258).

Note by Louise Haygood Trotti, August 1951:

Decatur was the county seat of DeKalb until 1855 when Fulton County was cut off. Much early history of Atlanta is given in "The History of Atlanta and Her Pioneers", by the Pioneer Society. The marriage record of Francis Marion Haygood and Louisa Horn is recorded in DeKalb County.

FRANCIS M. HAYGOOD

Francis M. Haygood, son of Wm. and Polly Haygood, born August 18, 1817, died April 3, 1901. Buried at Atlanta, Ga.

Married Louisa Ann Born, June 30, 1842. Died June 8, 1899. Buried Atlanta, Ga.

Issue:

- (1) John Elliott Haygood, born July 20, 1843, in DeKalb County, Ga. Died Sept. 4, 1862, in Virginia, buried at Salem, now Marshall, Va. (A Confederate soldier).
- (2) A. Judson Haygood, born Feb. 26, 1846, in DeKalb County, Ga. Married Lizzie Blanche Jackson, Feb. 25, 1869, of Oconee County, Ga.

Issue:

- (a) Annie Lou, born July 28, 1870. Married J. G. Bostwick, Sept. 15, 1887. Died June 9, 1888, buried in Atlanta.
- (b) Lillie May, born May 30, 1874. Married J. G. Bostwick, April 9, 1891. Mr. Bostwick died June 16, 1907.
- (c) Lorena Blanche, born March 29, 1876. Married C. D. Roberts, Nov. 15, 1908.
- (d) Alice Judson, born Jan. 5, 1879. Married L. C. Marcellus, Oct. 7, 1910, who died Dec. 21, 1911.
- (e) Marion Love, born May 8, 1881. Married W. T. Donaldson, March 22, 1898.
- (f) Kate Wilmot, born June 14, 1888, married H. J. Langston, Nov. 23, 1910.

Ref. : Page 180, "The Strouds", by A. B. Stroud.

Note by Louisa Haygood Trotti, August 1901:

This data contributed because of the errors appearing in the Journal July 28 and the DeKalb New Era the same week as to the kinship of Francis M. Haygood to Bishop Abner Greene Haygood, grandfather of Mrs. Trotti. The Atlanta Journal printed the letter of correction by Mrs. Trotti on August 2, 1901.

Among The children of William and "Polly" Stroud Haygood as given on page 171 of "The Strouds":

(2) Greene B. Haygood, who was born 22 Jan. 1811, was the brother of

(5) Francis M. Haygood, b. 18 Aug. 1817.

Greene Berry Haygood, b. 22 Jan. 1811, was the father of
Atticus Greene Haygood, later bishop of the M. E. Church South,
and one time president of Old Emory College at Oxford, Ga.