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#### WILLIAM L. BLACKBURN

William L. Blackburn was born in Gainesville, Texas in the year 1884 and was admitted on trial in the Oklahoma Conference in 1908. He received his B. A. degree from Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas and his B. D. degree from Yale University.

In 1909 he was married to Lena Arnold of Abilene, Texas.

Brother Blackburn served the following appointments: Konowa, Wetumka, Checotah, Durant District; Hugo, Camden, Arkansas, Vinita District; Ada, Ardmore District; at Holdenville, and First Church Vinita. He also served St. Paul Church in Muskogee.

He retired in 1952 and moved to Tulsa where he and Mrs. Blackburn lived until 1954 when they moved to Rochester, Minnesota. On August 7, 1956 his spirit went to be in a more intimate relationship with the Father, whom he had served and his body was laid to rest in the Oak Wood Cemetery at Rochester. He is also survived by two sons.

#### GEORGE EDMOND BRADFORD

George E. Bradford was born November 3, 1894 near Marlow, Okla., and passed away June 15, 1956, at the Hospital in Quanah, Texas.

He was united in marriage to Miss Edna McQuire February 8, 1914. To this union was born two daughters, Mrs. Orphie Chedester and Mrs. Inez Duncan.

Rev. Bradford entered the ministry in 1923 and served two years in Texas, as a local preacher. He then moved to Oklahoma and served churches in the Ardmore, Lawton and Clinton Districts.

He was ordained an Elder in 1930 at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. George Bradford, of Sterling, Oklahoma, two daughters, five grand children, two great-grand children and many friends.

Memorial Services were conducted June 17, 1956 in the Methodist Church, Sterling, Oklahoma by Rev. Rufus F. Walker, District Superintendent of the Clinton District; Rev. Howard Herrod, Pastor of Sterling Methodist Church and Rev. Elbert L. Shumaker, Willow, Oklahoma.

#### HENRY ELMORE BRILL

Henry Elmore Brill, retired Methodist minister and a former member of the faculty of Oklahoma City University, died at the age of 96.

Mr. Brill joined the Illinois Conference in 1887 and was admitted to the Ohio Conference in 1892. In 1906 he was transferred to the Oklahoma Conference, serving in Mulhall, Orlando, Stroud, West Tulsa, Kiefer, Turley, and was pastor of the Reno Avenue Church in Oklahoma City.

From 1912 through 1914 he was a state speaker for the anti-saloon league. Following his retirements as a minister in 1924, he established the University Press for Oklahoma City University. While he was in charge of the Press, he prepared and printed "The Story of Oklahoma City University and Its Predecessors," a volume of 264 pages, and the "Story of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Oklahoma." The latter covers 223 pages and is the only published history of the church.

His first wife, Cynthia, whom he married in 1885, died in 1932. He was married to Elizabeth Anne Jeffrey, the widow of Rev. B. M. Jeffrey, of Collinsville. She also preceded him in death as did three sons and a daughter.

He is survived by two sons, Charles J. of the home and Jim A. of Miami, Florida.

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