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## S. VERA KERR BRANTLEY

873, in Bainbridge, Decatur County, Georgia—the  
ce Kerr and Betty Hartsfield Kerr, and departed  
y, February 12, 1961, at 1:25—So ended a beautiful  
is the Lord's Day every day in the Father's House

schools and the high school of Bainbridge, Georgia.  
attended what is now the Georgia State College  
illedgeville, Georgia. Here she finished her educa-  
school for some years in Decatur County, Georgia.  
shape her future life as a minister's wife and a

On Christmas Day, 1902, she was married to  
his union four children were born: Bradwell, Ruth,  
t great sorrow came December 2, 1909 when little  
ome above. This event was to have a tender in-  
ife. Little Ruth was taken from the parsonage at  
of the Brantleys in Florida, but it is not too much  
has continued through the years.

live to bless the memory of their fine mother.  
s in Atlanta, Georgia; Bruce T. Brantley in Jack-  
3. White in Jacksonville, Florida. These by their  
e name of "mother."

ight years, Rev. W. T. Brantley, in his retirement,  
s and grief the Great White Memory of his dear  
God the Father bless these who remain. "Eye  
ot heard—The joy of that first breath, When first  
a—The other side of Death."

erved for thirty-eight and a half years in the  
n all the years and all the churches, served well.  
t and she was always a teacher. In the Church  
ciety, in the Epworth League and in the Home she  
rk. The success of the children is proof that she  
There were not many twenty-thousand dollar  
t she made every parsonage a home. This writer  
y home and can recall the charm and grace with

in many types of churches and met every place  
Brother Brantley, served at Mayo—Main St., Jack-  
attahoochee—First Church, Madison, where the  
ve Oak, where the present church was finished.  
h came the Jacksonville years: for three years at  
ears at Epworth. Then the retirement years when  
alf years as Supply, in the sunset years of a long  
high or low will come a great host to bless the

held in the large and beautiful Methodist Church  
the former charges and the Jacksonville churches  
at and Good Woman. The service was in charge  
d Rev. S. A. Wilson, a long time friend, gave a  
and character of Mrs. Brantley. Dr. J. M. McLeod,  
John Hanger of Riverside Park and the pastors  
es were in the service. So Jacksonville said  
erved The Methodist Church long and well in  
concluded in Bainbridge, Georgia, by Dr. Roy  
hurch.

r girlhood—in the oak shaded grounds of Oak  
of her mother's grave, rests the body of Vera  
past, home at last forever to Rejoice."  
ague it sounds and yet it will be done—As sure  
t—Into the Shepherd's Arms."

W. A. MYRES

## MRS. NANCY ELLEN HATFIELD

Mrs. Nancy Ellen Hatfield, wife of the Reverend Oliver Hatfield for  
almost 48 devoted years, was born in beautiful Lincoln County, near  
Hamlin, West Virginia, March 17, 1893. Professing faith in Christ at a very  
early age and joining the Methodist Church, she lived an inspired and  
inspiring Christian life until God took her home February 5, 1961.

On November 27, 1913, she was married to Mr. Oliver Hatfield then  
employed with the C & O Railroad Company. In 1920 she and Brother  
Hatfield set their feet in the way of the itinerant ministry, and for more  
than 31 years they traveled this road of service to God and man. They  
served many faithful years in the West Virginia Conference, then in 1943  
they transferred into the Florida Conference where they served the following  
Charges: Naples, Canal Point, Sellers Memorial, Bronson, Archer, Sebastian,  
and Orange City-Lake Helen. There never was a wife of any minister and  
parsonage who was more genuinely a part of the ministry and life of her  
husband than Mrs. Hatfield. She was a willing and cheerful worker, helping  
many persons and rendering many services to friends. With her unassuming  
manner, many times her kindnesses were unknown to others. She was  
honored by the people of her husband's pastorates. They loved and  
respected her.

In 1951, Rev. Hatfield was forced to retire from the active ministry  
because of poor health. They returned to the little community of Canal  
Point, Florida, where they had pastored in 1944-45, and made it their home.  
Immediately she began to be of service to the church and community. This  
service continued until the day of her death. Her faithfulness to her  
church was an inspiration to all. She served The Canal Point Methodist  
Church as teacher, as department superintendent, and for many years as  
church school superintendent. She was always the happiest when she was  
the busiest.

Mrs. Hatfield was also a devoted and intelligent mother. She shared  
richly with her family. Her home responsibilities were never relegated to  
second place. Her children loved her, respected her, and they had the  
utmost confidence in her goodness and judgment. They held her in genuine  
esteem. The children depended upon her for helpful counsel. They came  
to her with their problems, questions, and anxieties from their earliest  
childhood to mature life. Truly, her children rose up and called her blessed.

Because of her beautiful life of service to others, her influence will live  
on and be reflected in the lives of her loved ones. She will be missed by her  
children, grandchildren, and host of friends who loved her dearly. Heaven  
is more wonderful because of her presence there.

REV. ROBERT A. SHELLEY

## MRS. H. B. BOYD

The passing of Mrs. H. B. Boyd takes from us the widow of one of our  
greatly loved pastors, who preceded her to the Heavenly home by some 24  
years.

She was born Susan Mary Ellen Albritton, the daughter of the late A. A.  
and Ellen Albritton, of Myakka, Florida, on June 15, 1888.

She joined the Myakka Methodist Church at an early age, and it was the  
writer's privilege to know her all her life and we joined the same Church,  
attended the same Sunday School, and went to the same public school.  
She was always cheerful and I never heard her say an unkind word about  
anyone and surely no unkind word was ever spoken against her, but she  
was loved and respected by all who knew her.

In 1907 she was married to the Reverend H. B. Boyd, and in that same  
year he was sent to the Ft. Myers Mission in the Florida Conference. For  
29 years she walked by her husband in the Ministry, where she was a  
devoted and faithful wife, a loving Mother and a consecrated Christian.

It was my privilege to assist Brother Boyd in Revivals, and always stayed  
at the Parsonage. It was a real pleasure for me to be in such a congenial

home where you could feel that Christ was the center of the home. She was a real helpmeet to her husband, and was loved and honored by all the Churches he served throughout his Ministry in the Florida Methodist Conference.

The death angel visited the parsonage home many times and she knew the sorrow that comes along the way, but she found strength in the Christ she accepted as a young girl and always looked to that Home over there where no death ever occurs.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Martha Cross, Plant City, Florida, and Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Webster, Florida; three sons, George M., Tallahassee, Florida, Henry B., Jr., Webster, Florida, and John Wesley, Jacksonville, Florida. She also had one preacher son, the Reverend H. J. Boyd of the South Georgia Conference, who preceded her to Heaven by 3½ years. She also had a stepson, The Reverend H. L. Boyd, pastor of the Lake Butler Methodist Church. Also eighteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Edna Schulenberg, Jacksonville, Florida; four brothers, Cornelius Albritton, Myakka, Florida, C. A. and D. A. Albritton, Tallahassee, Florida, and Victor Albritton, Bartow, Florida.

Susie went home early on the morning of October 26, 1960, from a nursing home in Plant City. Her funeral service was held in the Myakka Methodist Church by the writer, who was a lifelong friend of the family, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Clark, Rev. Thomas Williams, and Rev. W. J. Hooker, the pastor of the Church.

She was laid to rest by the side of her husband, surrounded by loved ones and friends in the old Church yard to await the resurrection morning. We all know where Susie is. She had fought a good fight, she had kept the faith, and finished her course.

SHELBY WILSON

#### MRS. FLOY STRICKLAND WILLIAMS

Mrs. Floy Strickland Williams was born March 22, 1876, in Tatnall County, Georgia. She was married to Reverend Thomas Williams on December 22, 1900.

Reverend and Mrs. Williams transferred to the Florida Annual Conference in 1903. They served together in the Florida Conference for forty-four years. She was a most loving and devoted mother to their four children. Her life has been one of Service to the church, and with compassion for the needy as they found them in the communities in which they served. Upon retirement this couple moved to Tallahassee. Brother Williams preceded her to his reward on Nov. 6, 1943. She lived on at the home in Tallahassee until May 11, 1961. Now she has passed to her heavenly home. She was buried in Williston, Florida with the Reverend H. M. Middlebrooks in charge of the service.

She is survived by two daughters and one son, Miss Sallie A. Williams of Tallahassee, Florida, Mrs. Rebecca Barnes of Columbus, Ohio, and W. S. Williams of Cordele, Georgia, also five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A son, Thomas Candler Williams died Sept., 1931.

MISS SALLIE WILLIAMS

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