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## Ruford B. Cook

The Rev. Ruford B. Cook was born in Watertown, N. Y., February 21, 1877. He graduated from Cazenovia Seminary in 1902, and from Syracuse University in 1906. He was long a devoted alumnus of the University and served on its board of trustees for a number of years. During the years 1934 and 1935 he took graduate work in philosophy at Syracuse under the late Dr. Wilson.



He was received on trial in the Central New York Conference in 1903 and in full membership in 1906. He was ordained a Deacon in 1906 and an Elder in 1908. After serving charges in that conference he transferred into the Troy Conference in 1919 as superintendent of Italian work in Albany and Schenectady. In 1925 he was appointed pastor of our church in Dannemora and was the Chaplain at the hospital there. Other pastorates were Schuylerville, Fort Plain, Nassau, Associate at Trinity Albany and for the last ten years of his active ministry at Hudson Falls.

After his retirement he moved to Clockville to the home of his wife. And in 1951 accepted an appointment as pastor of the Stockbridge Circuit of three churches in the Central New York Conference. He died after a brief illness in the Oneida Hospital on Friday, March 12, 1954. The funeral was held in the Cazenovia Methodist Church on Monday, March 15th. T. R. Bundy and T. F. Ogden attended from the Troy Conference. He is survived by a brother, J. Wilbur

Cook and several neices and nephews.

R. B., as he was affectionately known by his friends, was married three times. His first wife, Ada Eastman, died a few years after marriage. He married May Niles and it was she whom we knew during his ministry in the Troy Conference. Mrs. Cook died in Hudson Falls April 8, 1947 while R. B. was pastor there. He later married Helen Merring, a life long friend and the widow of a former District Superintendent of the Central New York Conference. She died in Syracuse April 5, 1951.

It can well be said that R. B. was a good minister of Jesus Christ. He put his whole heart into his work wherever he lived and whatever he was doing. The churches he served will long remember his enthusiasm and loyalty. Even in retirement he continued his very active ministry. His last charge of three churches increased in the whole program of work during his ministry. His activity was that of a much younger man than his years. In his study he kept abreast of all thinking and scholarship of the present day. He was "right up to the minute" in what was going on in the world. While at Hudson Falls he introduced the unit system of finance and laid the plans which are now being carried out in the educational program of the church.

For many years he was a member of the Board of Ministerial Training of the conference. While Registrar he planned and put into operation the present method of presenting the report of that Board to the conference. This is now being used by conferences throughout the church. Many of our present members well remember meeting the Registrar when they applied for entrance into our conference. His geniality and friendliness made them feel immediately at home.

His interests included many things outside his pastoral work. We all remember his love for dogs and the many fine breeds that he raised. He entered into sports with the same vigor and interest. His many friends bear witness to his loyalty and faithfulness. He had a keen sense of humor and many times would relieve a tense situation with just the right word or story.

In all his life his first interest was his work as a Christain Minister of the Methodist Church. He never allowed anything to interfere with that. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. We shall miss him greatly. And whenever we may become discouraged or feel the temptation to "let down a little" we shall call to mind this great soul. The world is better for his having lived; our lives are richer for his friendship. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God."

Theodore R. Bundy

## Mrs. David Hughes

HARRIET BOWN DEAL was born April 29, 1871 at Allens Hill, New York, the third daughter of Asa and Margaret Patterson Deal. Being one of the oldest in the family of ten children she soon was carrying her full share of the responsibility and care of her brothers and sisters. Determined to gain a full

ating from the latter with

ed Law School at Boston strong conviction that he try, he joined the Vermont was appointed to Bloom first wife, Miss M. Maude n 1903.

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born six children, one of living include Dorothy M., son of Greenfield Center, ng in Chestertown, N. Y., ., Rachel M., who married i Isles of Pines, Cuba, and Pierce and lives in Lincoln, ildren also survive him. g the charge at Elizabeth-

Sweet of Barre, Vermont, mber of Hedding Methodist

Cabot. With the coming of at Marshfield, which they their home in Cabot, they ey moved in 1945. The fol- Williamstown, and moved st several years they have ter Rachel has a home.

5th, and died thirteen days orida. Prayer services were April 7th, 1954, the Rev. Harold Buckland and the ervice in Hedding Methodist y lot at Lower Cabot.

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## Eldon H. Martin

16, 1879, in New York City, an early age he became a urch work. The encourage- come a Methodist Minister, hool, and Drew Theological er in 1909 by Bishop Henry

arried to Jessamine A. Lant. The next year he married es him. Two children also d Julia Louise Smith. One October, 1916.

es in Troy Conference from 918 to 1922. For some years ed effectively as Represent- ace. He was deeply devoted nister of Jesus Christ. He in Syracuse, N. Y., and ten 1954. He was buried in Oak

rs. Frederick E. Taussig

**TROY CONFERENCE, 1953**

- CARPENTER, MALCOLM A.** (d. 1944, e. 1945) (t. 1944, f. 1946)  
 1944-45, left without appointment to attend school; '46, Chaplain, U. S. Naval Reserve; '47-48, Chaplain, Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.; '49, Chaplain, San Jose University, San Jose, Calif.; Oct. 1, '49-50, Round Lake and Malta Ridge; Oct. 1, '50-53, Chaplain U. S. Navy.  
 (P. O., Chaplain, U. S. Naval Reserve, U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn.)
- CERNEK, MARTIN E.** (d. 1951, e. 1953) (t. 1951, f. 1953)  
 1951-53, left without appointment to attend school.  
 (P. O., 28 Main St., Acushnet, Mass.)
- CHAFFEE, H. ELLIOTT** (d. 1922, e. 1925) (t. 1920, f. 1925)  
 Northern New York Conf., 1920-25; Genesee Conf., '26-27; Central New York '28-34; Troy Conf., '35-38, Saratoga Springs; '39-46, First, Pittsfield, Mass.; '47-53, Assistant to the President, Green Mountain Junior College.  
 (P. O., Poultney, Vt.)
- CHATTERTON, BRISTOL** (d. 1931, e. 1932) (t. 1930, f. 1932)  
 1930-31, left without appointment to attend school; '32-33, South Cambridge, Buskirk, and Eagle Bridge; '34-36, Pownal, Vt.; '37, South Shaftsbury, Vt., and North Bennington, Vt.; '38-39, South Shaftsbury, Vt., East Arlington, Vt., and North Bennington, Vt.; '40-43, Chazy, Point Au Roche, and West Chazy; '44-45, Valley Falls and Johnsonville; '46-47, Valley Falls, Johnsonville, Buskirk, and South Cambridge; '48, Valley Falls and Easton; '49-53, Esperance and Sloansville.  
 (P. O., Esperance.)
- CLUTE, DOW S.** (d. 1928, e. 1929) (t. 1926, f. 1929)  
 1926-27, left without appointment to attend school; '28, transferred to New England Conf. for ordination and retransfer; '29, transferred to New England Conf. for ordination reception into full membership and retransfer; '30-39, Au Sable Forks and Clintonville; '40-52, Scotia; '53, Superintendent, Troy District.  
 (P. O., 1994 Fifteenth St., Troy.)
- COLE, LOREN T.** (d. 1908, e. 1910) (t. 1907, f. 1909)  
 1907-08, Indian Lake; '09-12, Chestertown; '13, Wilton Circuit; '14-16, Willsboro and Essex; '17-21, Bloomingdale and Vermontville; '22-24, Lake George; '25-26, Hagaman; '27-29, Gansevoort; '30-35, Saranac and Redford; '36, Minerva and Burtonsville; '37-39, Lake Luzerne and Stony Creek; '40-53, retired.  
 (P. O., Box 126, Lake George.)
- CONKLIN, ROWLAND S.** (d. 1946, e. 1948) (t. 1946, f. 1948)  
 1946, Jonesville and Malta Ridge; '47-51, Jonesville and Grooms; '52-53, Keeseville and Harkness.  
 (P. O., Keeseville.)
- COOK, RUFORD B.** (d. 1906, e. 1908) (t. 1903, f. 1906)  
 Central New York Conf., 1903-18; Troy Conf., '19-21, Italian Work, Albany and Schenectady; '22-24, Italian Work, Schenectady, and Center Glenville; '25-27, Dannemora; '28-31, Schuylerville; '32, Fort Plain and Freys Bush; '33-36, Nassau and Brainard; Oct. 1, '36-38, Associate, Trinity, Albany; '39-48, Hudson Falls; '49-53, retired.  
 (P. O., R. F. D., Munnsville.)
- CORLISS, CYRUS L.** (d. 1904, e. 1907) (t. 1902, f. 1904)  
 New Hampshire Conf., 1902-19; Troy Conf., '20-22, Pawlet, Vt. and Wells, Vt.; '23-24, Salem and West Hebron; '25-29, Poultney, Vt.; '30-32, Fair Haven, Vt. and Benson, Vt.; '33, retired; '34-35, Bristol, Vt.; '36-41, Rupert, Vt.; '42-53, retired.  
 (P. O., 11111 St. Patrick St., Detroit, Mich.)
- CORNELL, GEORGE C.** (d. 1919, e. 1921) (t. 1916, f. 1919)  
 1916-17, Panton, Vt. and West Addison, Vt.; '18, war work; '19-20, West Addison, Vt.; '21-23, Hinesburg, Vt.; '24-27, North Creek and North River; '28-31, Ticonderoga and Street Road; '32-33, Ticonderoga; '34-36, Chazy; '37, Chazy, East Beekmantown, and Point Au Roche; '38-39, Chazy and Point Au Roche; '40-42, Lake George and Bolton Landing; '43-48, supernumerary; '49-53, retired.  
 (P. O., 311 Magnolia Ave., Orlando, Fla.)

**COX, JOHN**  
 1950-53  
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**CUBIT, FRANK**  
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 Shushan,  
 Landgro  
 (P. O., ...)

**CURTIS, RALPH**  
 1932-33, E  
 Crescent,  
 (P. O., ...)

**DAY, JAMES**  
 1948-50, le  
 fessor of  
 University  
 (P. O., ...)

**DEALE, D. GEORGE**  
 Maine Co  
 Village, Vt  
 left witho  
 Brownsville  
 Bend, Vt.,  
 supernumer  
 (P. O., ...)

**DECKER, FRED**  
 1890-94, Ce  
 Hedding, T  
 District; '12  
 (P. O., ...)

**DENSON, WILLIAM**  
 Holston Co  
 Mass.; '47, A  
 Riverton, Vt  
 '52-53, Mont  
 (P. O., ...)

**DIEFENDORF, I**  
 1901-03, Eliza  
 Avenue, Wa  
 North Main  
 '27-30, Superi  
 absence; '39-  
 (P. O., 25 ...)

**DI MICELI, ANTONIO**  
 Pittsburgh Co  
 Philadelphia  
 Conf., '32-37,  
 (P. O., ...)