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JOHN D. DOHERTY

John David Doherty, son of John J. and Sarah Jane Cowell Doherty, was born June 1, 1862, at Camden, Tenn. He attended McTyre College, McKenzie, Tenn. In 1882 he became a local preacher, came to Dunklin County, Mo., to teach school and do church work as a local preacher. On December 9, 1888, he married Cora Druell and to this union eight children were born: Marvin, John, Russell, Ruby (Mrs. J. H. Cochran), Ruth Irene (Mrs. Geo. Davis), Jack and the late Earl Doherty. Mrs. Doherty died Jan. 27, 1932. On Dec. 27, 1834, he was married to Jessie Duggins Moore, who survives him. He died July 31, 1949.

He was admitted on trial in the St. Louis Conference in 1889 and ordained deacon by Bishop Duncan. Admitted into full connection in 1891, he was ordained elder by Bishop Hendrix in 1894. He served pastoral charges at Ristine, Greenville, York Chapel (altogether twelve years), Bellview, Fairdealing, Williamsville, Grand Prairie, Cardwell, Bird's Mission, Bernie, Harkey's, Marquand, Farmington Circuit and Fredricktown Circuit. He retired in 1930, and received the "conference cane" in 1943. He became a Freemason in Senath Lodge in 1908.

Brother Doherty was one of our living, loving connections with the pioneer Methodism of America. He knew the pioneers. He learned of Jesus by listening to them. He began his ministry while they were yet the preachers of a growing Methodism. He was a perfect example of friendship. His kindly ways captured the hearts of men. In his sturdy democracy, he cringed not before greatness-in-office, and he knew no one so humble as to be counted unworthy of his respect and affection. He was cheerful, and his bubbling good humor turned darkness into sunshine. His faith in God was simple and strong. His understanding of the Bible was profound, and his loyalty to God and Church was unshakable. This word of appreciation is written by two men: one whose parents were served by Brother Doherty when the writer was an infant, and the other was his pastor when this venerable man left us for the nearer presence of God. Our testimony, therefore, is of his life from his earliest ministry until "age and feebleness extreme." He was a man of goodness, and a man of God.

WILSON E. FORSYTHE

Rev. Wilson E. Forsythe was born near Humbolt, Tenn., September 11, 1876 and died at his home in Essex, Mo., August 5, 1949. He was converted and joined the Southern Methodist Church at the age of 16. He was a graduate of the Humbolt High School, was licensed to preach at Trenton, Tenn., in April 1899. He served on the Murry City circuit one year as a supply minister and at the end of that year he joined the Memphis Conference at Parris, Tenn., and later transferred to the St. Louis Conference. He went to the State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, Mo. He was married to Miss Elia Albertine Jones, September 27, 1905. During his life time he served the following charges as minister: Hornersville, Cardwell, Essex, Bernie, Advance, Benton, Birch Tree, Brides Circuit, Morley, East Prairie, Parma, Luts-ville, Esther and Bernie and Cardwell Circuit, Caledonia and Commerce; also served at Essex three different times.

He retired from the service October, 1939, and moved to his home in Essex where he spent the remaining years of his life.

He is survived by his wife, three brothers, two sisters and one adopted son, Marvin E. Forsythe of Gray Ridge, Mo.

A close friend, Rev. John C. Montgomery, pastor of the Methodist Church at Charleston, was in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. Wm. H. Wolfe of Bloomfield.

Funeral services were held at the Essex Methodist Church last Sunday afternoon, and the body was laid to rest in the Dexter cemetery.

WALT E. HILL

Walt E. Hill was born in Boody, Illinois, August 2, 1885. Part of his boyhood was spent in Nebraska. Later the family moved to Barton, County, Mo. After receiving his education at Central College, he was united in marriage to

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