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CHAUNCEY WOOD LEONARD

LEONARD, CHAUNCEY W. - FC - (Wife: Marie) - p.
 Chile Conf. 1917; Missionary in
 Chile and Panama 1917; Central
 IL Conf. 1920; Varna 1920;
 Yates City 1921; Chatsworth
 1925; La Prairie 1928; Little
 York 1929; Preemption 1931;
 Leave of absence 1932; Herman
 1933; Yates City 1940; Col-
 chester 1941; Illinois City 1942;
 Jacksonville, Brooklyn Circuit
 1943; Franklin - Durbin 1950;
 Concord, Grace Chapel 1951; White Hall 1952; Astoria -
 Vermont - Sheldon's Grove 1954; Retired 1958.

Chauncey was born on a farm near Savannah, Illinois, on September 18, 1889 to Riley and Elizabeth Leonard. Soon afterward, his father traded the Illinois farm for one in Georgia and here, Chauncey began his education in a one-room log school house. While he was still very young he lost both his parents and two of his sisters. The remaining children scattered and lost touch with each other.

Chauncey came back to Savannah, worked his way through high school and entered Northwestern University. Without any outside financial help he managed, by working at all kinds of odd jobs and taking periods out for teaching, to graduate from Northwestern, Oskaloosa College, Iowa and Garrett Biblical Institute. Having prepared for the missionary field, he was sent, in 1917, to Iquique, Chile where he taught English in a mission school, and then to the Panama Canal Zone where he served as pastor of a Southern Baptist church. On January 31, 1920, in Balboa, C.Z., he married Hazel Heck, a school teacher he had met while serving a student pastorate in Peoria.

Later that year, Hazel and Chauncey returned to the United States and he was admitted as an elder by transfer to the old Central Illinois Conference. For thirty-seven years the Leonards served a succession of churches in that and in the Illinois Conference. They had one daughter, born in 1925.

Hazel Leonard died on June 2, 1958 (Memoir, Illinois Conference Journal, p. 809), just a week before the annual conference session at which Chauncey retired. He moved to a small farm on the east edge of Rushville and supplied pulpits in Beardstown, Astoria, Vermont and Industry. On June 14, 1961 he was married to Marie Stone of Rushville.

Chauncey's activities became somewhat curtailed in 1976 when his right leg was amputated because of poor circulation and gangrene. Although he was henceforth confined to a wheelchair, he continued his pastorate at Curry Chapel where he served for more than ten years. On Tuesday, May 16, after having preached on the previous Sunday, he suffered a stroke and passed away at the Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville thirteen days later, May 29, 1978. Funeral services were held at the Worthington Funeral Home in Rushville, on May 31, with the Reverend Wilbur Payne officiating, assisted by Dr. Joseph Mason. Burial was in the Rushville City Cemetery.

Chauncey Leonard is survived by his wife, Marie; his daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Ruth Murphy; two grandsons and a great-grandson. "He loved the Lord, the church, people and all good things of this world. He was an avid Bible student and was never happier than when in a Bible study class." Orphaned and virtually abandoned in childhood, he became, through determined study and purpose, a profitable servant to his Lord.



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