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release came peacefully, and quietly he entered into Eternal Rest.

Brother Webster served many charges, among them Sparta, Herrin, Effingham, Litchfield, Gillespie, Centralia Second, Hoyleton and Central City Church, West Frankfort Central, and Carlyle. After retirement he served 11½ years as Supply Pastor in Benld. In all these there was manifested a wonderful leadership.

He was Secretary of the Committee on Conference Relations for a number of years and was always ready to report accurately for the Committee and aided much in the advancement of the work of the Conference.

He died June 4, 1958 in Lawrenceville, age 86 years, 10 months and 14 days. The funeral services were held in Central City Church where he attended the last three years of his life.

Dr. Paul B. Brown, Superintendent of the Lawrenceville Home presiding, Dr. M. C. Foltz offering the prayer, Rev. R. D. Emerson the pastor read the Scripture and Dr. C. C. Hall preached the sermon.

A number of other ministers were present and a large audience gathered to pay tribute to the life and worth of this soldier of the cross.

Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, June 7, 1958.

"Servant of God well done,  
Thy glorious warfare's past,  
The battles fought, the race is run  
And thou art crowned at last."

#### W. S. WILCOX

Washington S. Wilcox, the son of James W. and Mary E. Wilcox was born in Washington, Indiana, June 29, 1870.

Rev. Wilcox joined the Southern Illinois Conference in the year of 1908. He served the following charges: Tamaroa, Reevesville, Xenia, Sumner and Wheeler. In 1949, he retired and moved to New Albany, Indiana. He moved to the Methodist Home in Lawrenceville, Illinois in 1956 where he lived until death came on July 6, 1958.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilcox were united in marriage in 1893 at Fries, Virginia. To this union were born 11 children. Also, those who survive are, Grace Basden, Viola Stroube, Blanche Logan, Paul and Clyde S. Wilcox.

Rev. Wilcox's funeral was held in Ashley, Illinois with Dr. C. C. Hall and Dr. Paul B. Brown officiating. Interment was in the Ashley Cemetery.



#### REV. J. T. SMITH

Rev. Joe T. Smith was born near Galatia, Illinois and died at Eldorado, Illinois, January 8, 1958 at the age of 80 years.

He was converted and felt the call to the ministry. He began his ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and served there until the union of the three Methodist Churches in 1939. Then he finished his ministry in the Methodist Church of the Southern Illinois Conference, retiring in 1945. He served the following charges: Stonefort, Tioga, Clarksdale, Buckhorn, Girard, Kinmundy, Casey, Moccasin, Cambria, Grand Tower, Pulaski, Dix, Rushville, Shobonier, Shattuc-Huey, Mt. Vernon Circuit, Worden, Tate's Chapel, Creal Springs, and Upper Salem.

Rev. Smith joined the Conference by way of the Course of Study. He was a good preacher and a fine pastor, loving his people and winning them to Christ and the church. He spent 47 years in the active ministry.

He leaves to mourn his home-going his second wife, Lillie; two sons, Clinton Smith of Gary, Indiana and Leland Smith of Murphysboro, Illinois; two step-children, Mrs. Thelma Starrick of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mrs. Ruby Tate of Pontiac, Michigan.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Galatia, Illinois with Rev. John W. Ditterline in charge assisted by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Peyton. Burial was in Tate's Chapel cemetery.

#### S. E. PINKSTAFF

Samuel Earl Pinkstaff, son of James A. and Emma R. Pinkstaff, was born November 30, 1901 at Flat Rock, Illinois and departed this life April 21, 1959.

He was united in marriage to Grace Alice Ford on October 17, 1926. To this union, two sons were born, Clyde W. of Robinson, Illinois and Richard E. of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rev. Pinkstaff was converted at the age of 27 and received the call to the ministry at the age of 32 and started his preparation for the ministry at this time. In 1937, he began his full time ministry and was received into the Southern Illinois Conference as a full member in 1939. He served the following charges: Falmouth; Johnsonville; Calhoun; Ob-long Circuit; Palestine First; Clay City; Farina; and Brownstown.

Surviving are his wife, Grace, his two sons, two grandsons and one sister, Mrs. Nellie Draper of Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Palestine, Illinois with Rev. E. M. Dycus in charge, assisted by Rev. Willet Dean. A second service was held at the First Methodist Church, Brownstown, Illinois with Dr. D. S. Lacquement in charge assisted by Rev. E. L. Lawler, Burial was in the Robinson cemetery.

