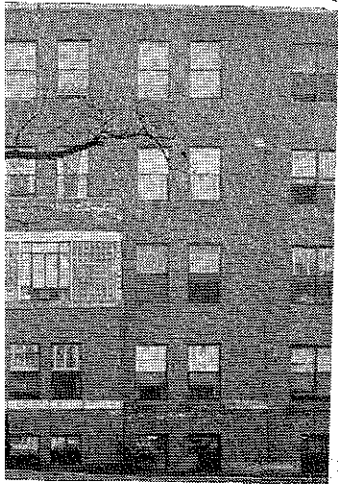


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Boston held student pastorates and upon graduating became a member of the New England Southern Conference.

In 1914 Mr. Felton transferred to the Detroit Conference, receiving as his first appointment the congregation in Algonac, where he met and married Caroline Craddock. In 1923 Bishop Henderson appointed him to the Field Secretariate of the Collegio Monte Mario, a school for boys in Rome, Italy. In 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Felton accepted the retired relationship and made their home among friends in Algonac where they spent four very happy years. A favorite verse, often quoted by this loyal servant of his Master is:

So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.

—Herbert Hausser.

JOHN E. SOMERS

John E. Somers was born June 27th, 1872, in St. Marys, Ont., and came to Michigan in 1897 after being ordained. He began his ministry at Hillman and Long Rapids and later held pastorates at Omer, Turner, Wolverine, Owosso, Grand Blanc, Ridgeway, Dundee, Port Huron, Washington Avenue; Detroit, Harper Avenue; River Rouge, Royal Oak, St. John; Ferndale, Campbell Memorial; Warren, Clawson. He was graduated from Albion College in 1909, having supported his family while attending college by preaching at Winfield and Burlington in the Michigan Conference.

After a faithful and fruitful ministry of many years, Brother Somers took the retired relations in 1940, and lived at Clawson to the day of his death, which was August 21st, 1942.

Funeral services were held at the Clawson Church, Monday, August 24th, at 2:00 P.M., conducted by the Pastor of the Church, Rev. John Parish. Burial was made in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Surviving are his wife, Cora; a son, Judson D. Somers, Rochester, Michigan; two daughters, Mrs. Clem Avers, Royal Oak, and Mrs. Carl Danielson, Detroit; two brothers, Wesley and Russell, St. Marys, Ont.; a sister, Miss Tiller Somers, Port Huron, and four grandchildren.

ANDREW WOOD

Rev. Andrew Wood, retired minister of the Detroit Conference and resident of Imlay City some twenty years, died at his home, Sept. 10, aged 85 years. He had been in failing health for some years.

Andrew Wood was born in Waterloo County, Ont., Feb. 27, 1857. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Church after attending Colburg College and served two charges before coming to Michigan about 60 years ago. He joined the Conference in 1884 and was married to Laura Banks at Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 25, 1885.

He is survived by his widow and a brother, George Wood of Kansas City, Mo. He had two sons. George Wood, who died at Imlay City in 1934,

and Major Charles Wesley Wood, U. S. Army, who died suddenly while on duty in Washington, D. C., June 2, this year.

Brother Wood was widely known because of his effective work on many pastorates in this Conference and his work in the cause of temperance in both Michigan and South Dakota.

Twenty-two ministers attended the funeral service in the Imlay City church on Monday, the fourteenth. The pastor, H. A. Hudgins, opened the service while the attending ministers stood in silent reverence, the District Superintendent, Gordon Phillips, brought the sympathetic expression on behalf of the conference and the district. Neighboring pastors who spoke were Frank Hemingway of Lapeer and David Grasman of the local Christian Reform Church for the community. The other ministers present sang two hymns and served as pallbearers. Burial was in the Imlay City cemetery.

FRED I. WALKER

Fred I. Walker, retired since 1938 died in Memorial Hospital, Owosso, Sunday night, September 13. For the last four years he had been making his home with his son Wilbur where he had received every care until his condition made it necessary to be removed to the hospital some weeks ago.

Fred I. Walker was born August 22, 1870, in Perry, Michigan, the son of Myron and Melissa Walker. He lived there until he was twenty years old when he went to Wisconsin where he graduated from a theological school in 1892. In the same year he was married to Miss Cora A. Hipp of Romeo, Michigan. Conference was held in the First Methodist Church of Owosso that fall, and Fred Walker with his bride came to conference where he wrote his examinations and joined the conference on trial. It is significant that fifty years almost to a day he was buried from the church where he was received on trial.

The charges held by Brother Walker over his long ministry were, Dollar Bay, Seymour Lake, Hartland, Goodrich, Otisville, Byron, Holly, Laingsburg, Rochester, Northville, Redford, Lake Orion, Pontiac (Wilson Ave.), Grass Lake, Newburg, Chelsea, Flat Rock, Imlay City, Freeland, and St. Charles. His wife died at Freeland in 1936.

Here was a long and faithful ministry. Here was a warm and helpful friend. With all sincerity can it be said of him that he lived the simple but real teaching of his Lord. "Blessed are the humble-minded for they shall possess the land." He was a possessor in his own right. His pastor for the last four years of his life, I found him a friend with sympathy, encouragement, and appreciation. In his valley of suffering he kept the faith with fortitude and trust. Now he belongs elsewhere. We gathered for his Christian service of burial in First Church, Owosso, on Wednesday, September 16, with district superintendent, W. Clyde Donald, in charge. Hartley Cansfield read the scripture lesson; William H. Collycott offered prayer; Simon Schofield spoke the personal word; C. E. Doty preached the sermon. The burial was at Perry, Michigan. A number of ministers attended the funeral from among whom bearers were: Ray Birdsall, C. S. Risley, Henry Bushong, Lloyd Blakely, John Meredith and C. F. Oliver.

Surviving relatives are: Wilbur Walker, son; Bonita, granddaughter, and Earl of Detroit, a brother.

—C. E. Doty.