

Morning Star Tour

Pastor R. Steven Norman, III

Guide and Historian

- 8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."
- 9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book."
- And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

Revelation 10:8-11

• 10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. 11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

Revelation 10:8-11

- October 22, 1844 thousands looked for the coming of Christ.
- They "wept and wept until the day dawned."
- Why didn't Jesus come?
 - Vision at Hiram Edson's farm.
 - More than 8 million Blacks in America still enslaved and still needed to hear the gospel.
- God said "Thou must prophesy again!" Jesus cannot come anywhere until the message has gone everywhere!
- The Seventh-Adventist Church has been called to preach a special message for the end time.

Go and Prophesy Again!

- 1863 January 1 Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation
- 1863 Seventh-day
 Adventist Church is organized to preach truth.
- 1865 Civil War ends
- 1865 Education
 Movement begins



Steps Toward Freedom

- May 20, 1865 The first school for Blacks south of the Mason Dixon Line was established in Lexington, Kentucky.
- 1865 the Methodist Episcopal Church allocated \$10,000 for the education of Negroes and immediately opened the Central Tennessee College in Nashville.
 Other denominations opened

Education Movement

- Fisk University and Meharry College in Nashville.
- Tougaloo College in Tougaloo Mississippi
- Lane College established in Jackson, TN
- Morris Brown College in Atlanta



Education Movement



In 1865, just after the close of the Civil War, Ellen White counseled the Church to begin working in the South.

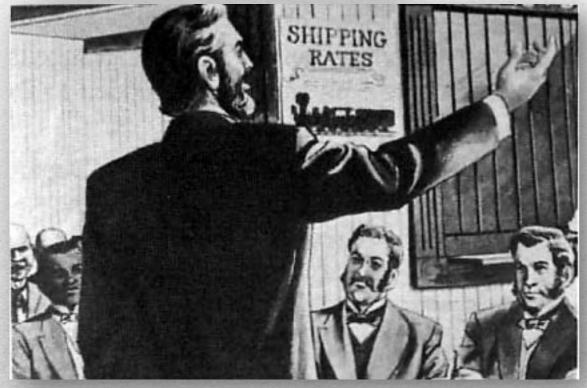
Ellen White Calls for Work in South

The General Conference took the following actions:

- Action: Resolved, that a field is now opened in the South for labor among the colored people and should be entered upon according to our ability.
- Other actions indicated that the Civil war had retarded the work in the South.
- Action: "Resolved, ...
 we solemnly consecrate
 ourselves anew to this
 great work to which God
 has called us."

GC Votes to Work in South

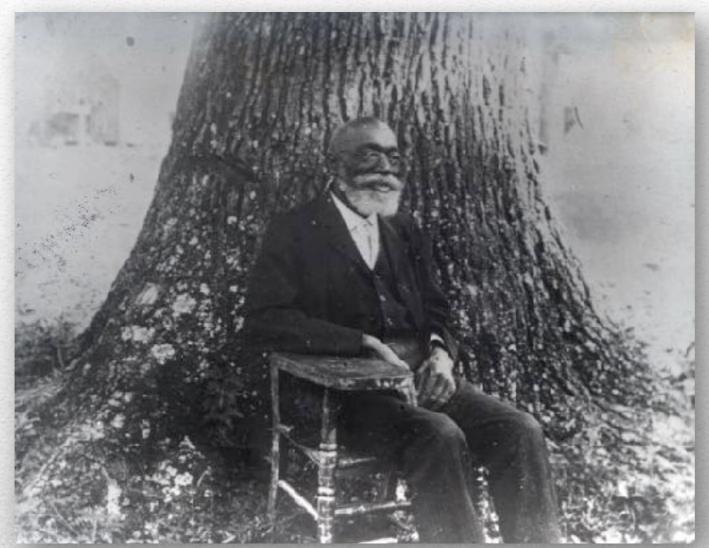




Elbert B. Lane preached for several weeks at the Edgefield Junction L&N Railway Station in 1871 and left a company there.

In 1873 he returned and organized the Edgefield Junction Church, the first Seventh-day Adventist Church south of the Mason Dixon line.

Church at Edgefield Junction





First Two Black SDA Pastors in South

1883 – Edgefield Junction, TN

1890 – Louisville, KY

1891 – Bowling Green, KY

1892 – New Orleans, LA

1894 – Nashville, TN

1894 – Memphis, TN

1896 – Birmingham, AL

First Seven Black Churches

Charles M. Kinney Chronology

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- •When the Church is slow to work in the South, Ellen White wrote "Our Duty to the Colored People" on March 21, 1891.
- Ellen White never expected her son, Edson White, to be the one who would start the first organized, large scale work in the South.

Ellen White Repeats Call for Work in the South



Who was James Edson White?

- Second son of James and Ellen White
- Born on July 28, 1849 in Rocky Hill, Connecticut

James Edson White



- Married on July 28, 1870 (his 21st birthday) to Emma L. McDearmon
- Writer, printer, publisher of five hymnbooks, worked with General Sabbath School Association for seven years 1880-1887

Edson White

Why did Ellen White not expect her counsel to the church to be fulfilled by Edson?

- On May 18, 1893 Edson White wrote a letter to his mother.
 On page 2 he said, "I have no religious inclinations now in the least..."
- Later in the same paragraph he wrote "I am not a Christian yet."

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Edson White "No Religious Inclinations..."



Ellen White received Edson's letter in Wellington, New Zealand. She then dreamed Edson was drowning in an undertow and wrote a tenpage letter to him on June 21, 1893. In the letter she appealed to him to accept Christ as his Saviour.

Edson White Converted by Mother's Letter

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Dear Mother. —We have your last letter and are very slad that you are as well as you are. Exam and I are fairly well, but home to improve after the not weather is over. Jesuie is in Battle trees in the hapts of the best sea I know of in the city. I did intend to bring ter out here, but the stringency is the soney garbet here has sade it difficult to do business, and large saying contracts that I had about sinced are delayed for batter times, and so I have not felt able to keep a horse.

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August 10, 1893 he wrote his mother: "I have surrendered fully and completely, and never enjoyed life before as I am enjoying it now. I have for years been under a strain, with so much to accomplish, and it stood right in my way. Now I have left it all with my Savior, and the burden does not bear me down any longer. I have no desire for the amusements and pleasures that made up the sum of my enjoyments before, but have an enjoyment in the meetings with the people of God such as I never had before."

Edson Accepts Christ



After a talk with Dr. J. E. Caldwell; Edson wrote to his mother, "I have been thinking of going down into Tennessee to work among the colored people . . . I shall go to work in the spring . . . I still hope and trust in God, and am sure He will care for me. I have proved my own way and it is a poor way. I now want God's way, and I know it will be a good way."

James Edson White Dedicates Life to Work for God in the South



Edson worked in the South for eight short years, 1895-1903, during which time God blessed him to open or sponsor

- Approximately 28 schools and churches
- The Gospel Herald Publishing House and
- The Nashville Colored Sanitarium

Edson's Productive Ministry

"He who loves Christ the most will do the greatest amount of good. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God." *Desire of Ages*, p. 250

Edson a No Limit Man

THURSDAY'S ITINERARY

- Memphis Riverboat Cruise
- Mississippi Boulevard Church



Michigan to Memphis



Mississippi Riverboat



Slave Haven



Mississippi Blvd. Church

MORNING STAR BOAT AND STAFF

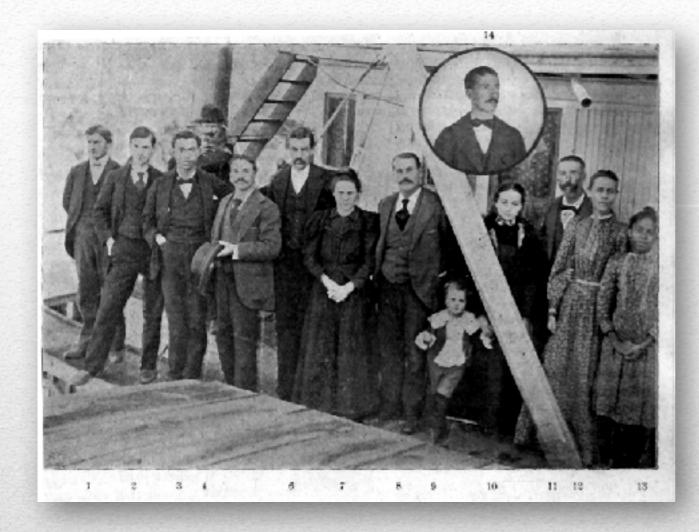


Edson had a steamboat built which he called the Morning Star. He then traveled from Allegan, Michigan and down the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers to Mississippi.



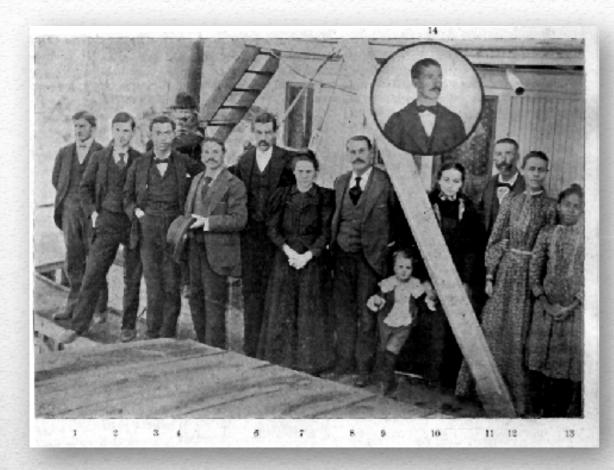


Morning Star Steamboat



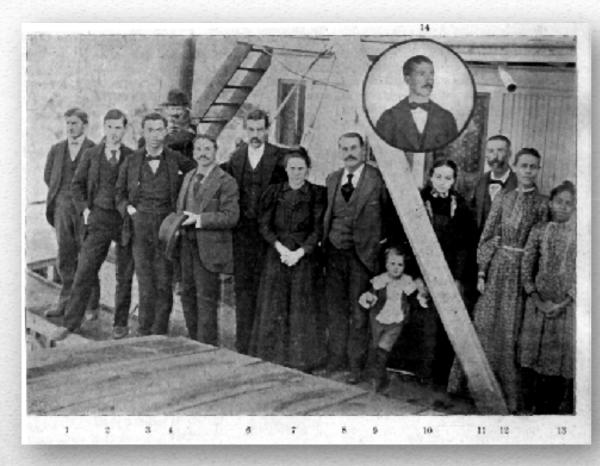
Morning Star Boat Staff

- 1. Isaiah Moore of Pulaski Iowa.
- 2. S. W. Trump from Salem New Jersey, printer and pressman in the Gospel Herald Publishing office on board the Morning Star.
- 3. Frank H. Bryant of Yazoo City, Mississippi. (More about Frank Bryant on next slide)
- 4. J. R. Moore of Vicksburg, Mississippi boat pilot.



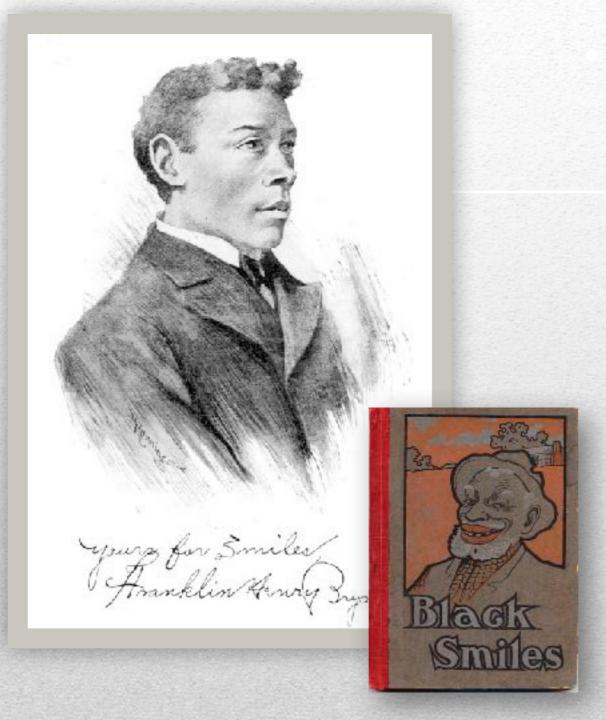
Morning Star Boat Staff

- 5. Dan G. Stephenson, a photographer from Tchula, Mississippi. He gave up his business and became the teacher at the Calmar School.
- 6. Fred W. Halladay of Ottawa, Illinois. Joined boat in summer of 1894. Holds ministerial license and is a Bible worker.
- 7. Mrs. I. C. (Wekell) Halladay, of Farlington, Kansas. Served as Bible Worker and teacher.
- 8. Fred R. Rogers from Walla Walla, Washington. Served as principal of school in Lintonia.
- 9. Chester Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers.



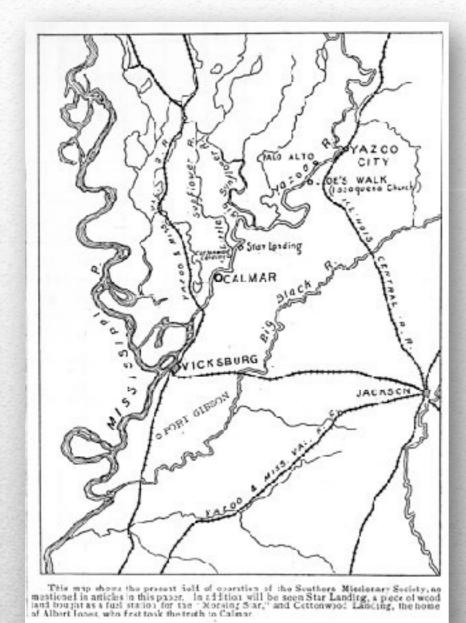
Morning Star Boat Staff

- 10. Mrs. Fred R. Rogers, assistant teacher in and Music teacher in Lintonia.
- 11. James E. White from Battle Creek, Michigan.
- 12. Mrs. Emma McDearmond White. Teacher and Edson's wife.
- 13. Anna Slaughter of Yazoo City. Assistant in kitchen work on boat.
- 14. F. H. Schramm of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bible Worker and teacher. He was also the photographer, pressman, and superintendent of the food work.



Franklin H. Bryant of Yazoo City, Mississippi. Stenographer and later a teacher in Hickory, NC. He also published a book of poetry called "Black Smiles" the first book published by a African-American Seventh-day Adventist.

Franklin H. Bryant



Now that we have met the Morning Star staff, let's visit some of Edson's schools along the Yazoo River.

- Vicksburg (2)
- Calmar
- Palo Alto
- Joe's Walk
- Yazoo City
- Lintonia
- Wilsonia A floating school
- Jackson

Map of Edson's Schools

FRIDAY'S ITINERARY

Jackson

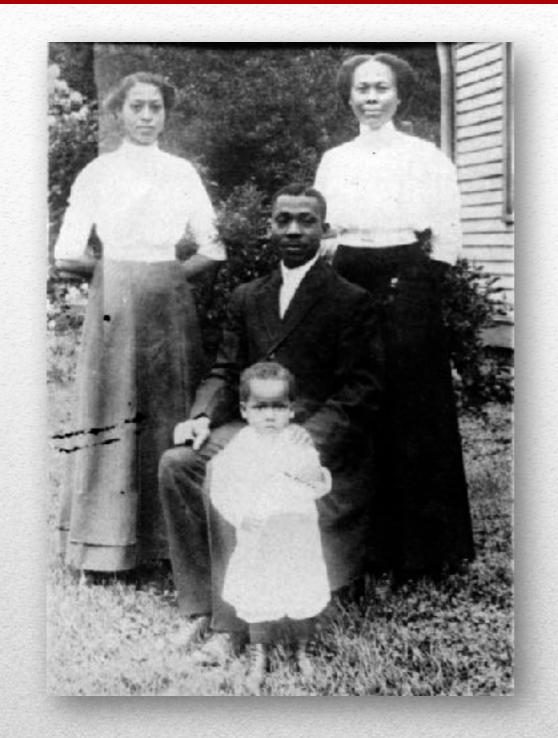
Mississippi Civil Rights Museum

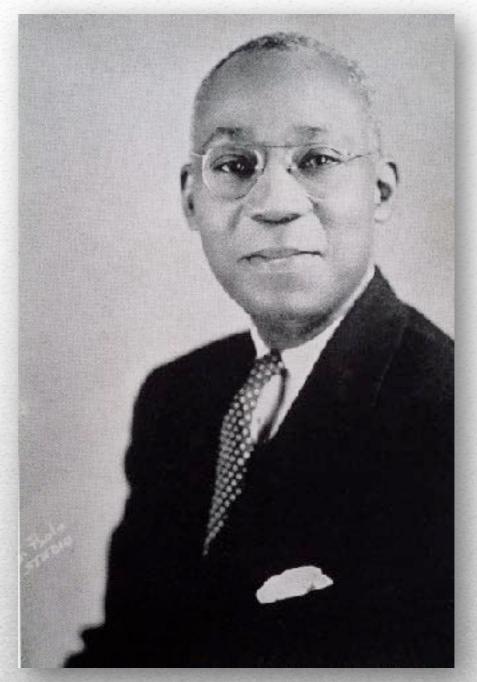
Vicksburg

- Vicksburg National Military Park
- The Walnut Street Chapel and School
- The Vicksburg Mission School

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

- E. E. Rogers School
- Berean SDA Church

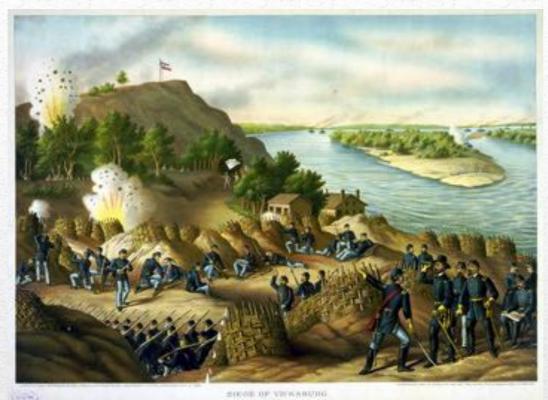


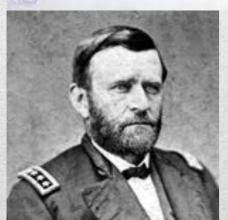


Joseph H. Laurence - 1904

VICKSBURG

- Vicksburg National Military Park
- Site of Walnut Street School
- Fayette Street School





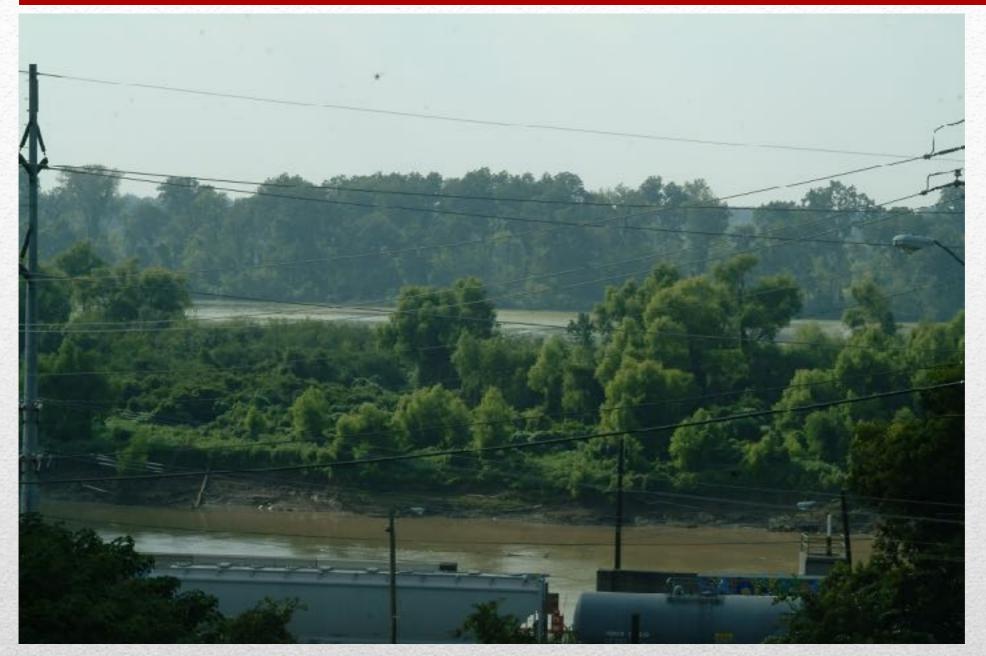


 During the Civil War Lincoln called Vicksburg "the key to the South. We will drive though the historic battlefield where General Ulysses S. Grant defeated General Pemberton and broke the Confederate's hold on the Mississippi River.

Vicksburg National Military Park



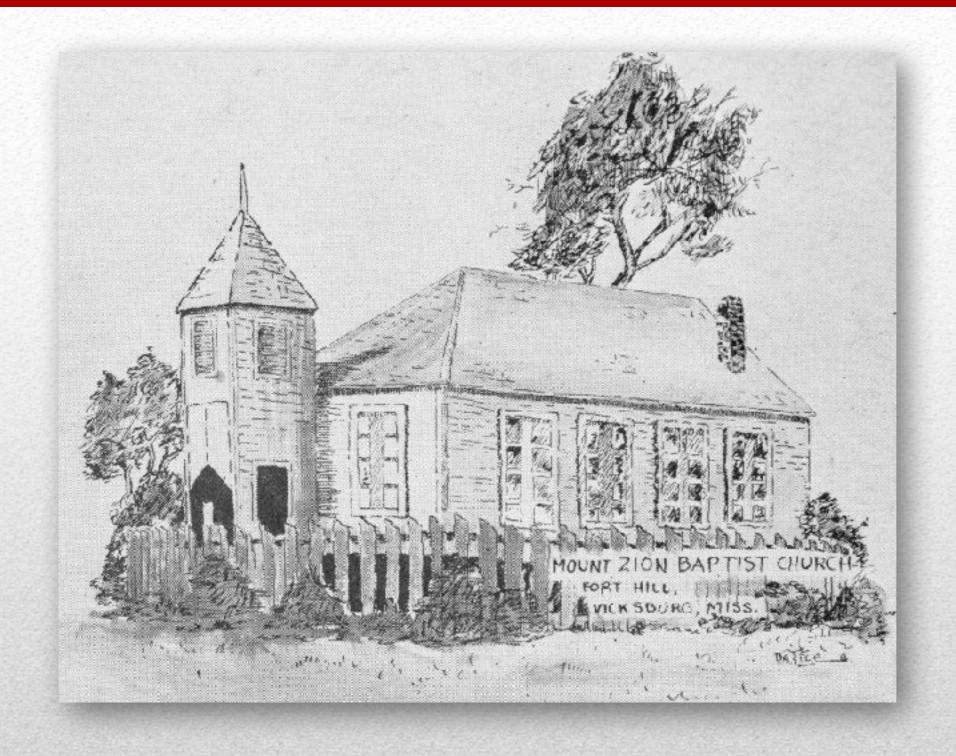
Vicksburg National Military Park and Museum



Edson Anchors on Centennial Lake



Louis and Anna Hansen



Mt Zion Baptist Church Fort Hill



• Edson opened his first school in Vicksburg on the corner of Walnut Street and East First Avenue in 1895. He purchased three bells in Battle Creek. One was on the roof of this school.

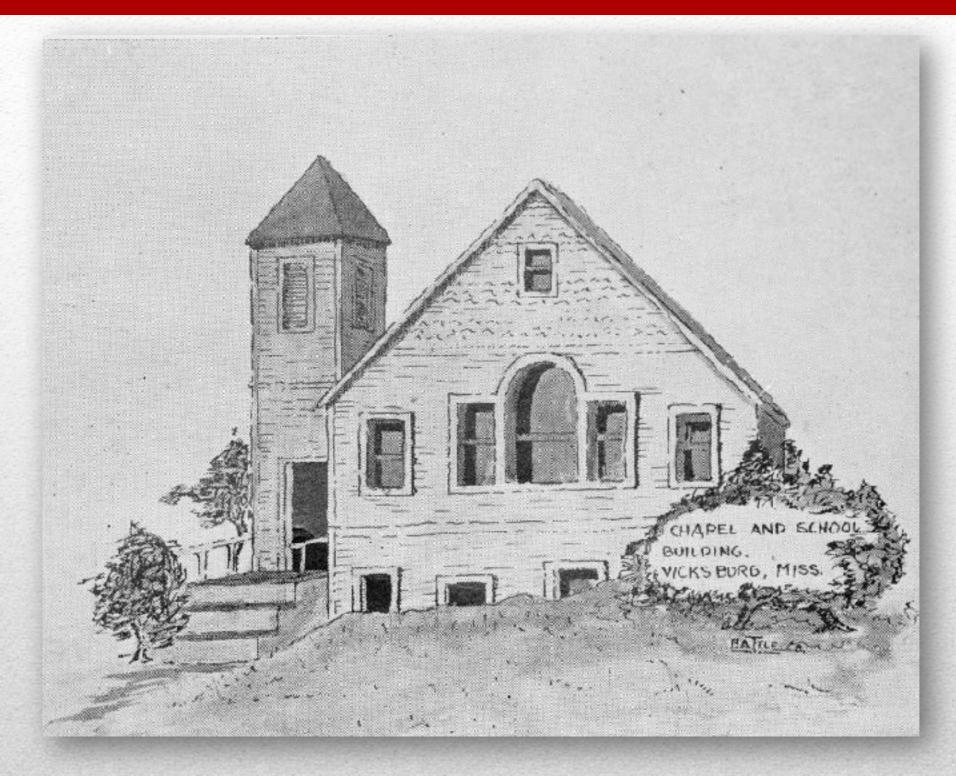
Edson's First School

The Walnut Street School



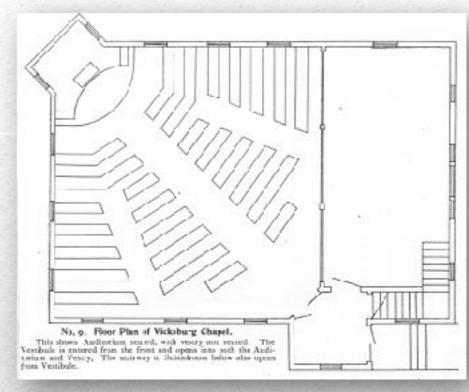
The Mission School was moved from Walnut Street to 209 Fayette Street. It was designed by W. K. Loughborough. Ellen White preached the dedication sermon for this school and chapel on March 18, 1901.

Vicksburg Mission School



Vicksburg Chapel and School





Drawings of Vicksburg School

Architect: W. K. Loughborough



Mission Building

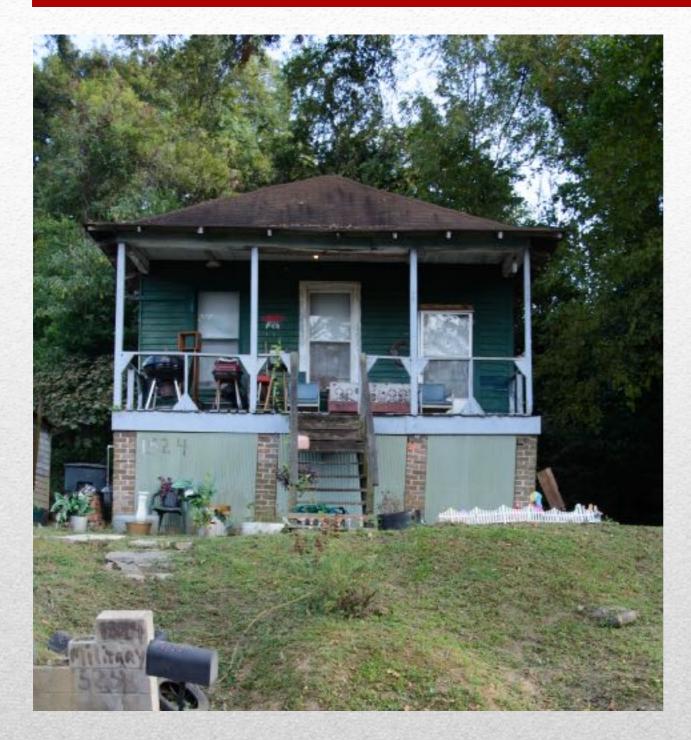


Morning Star Church



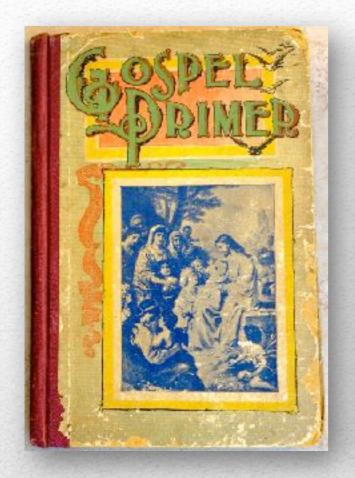
- The original church was destroyed by a tornado in the early 1950's. It was replaced with this building which was renovated in 2006.
- Thomas Murphy was a long time pastor.

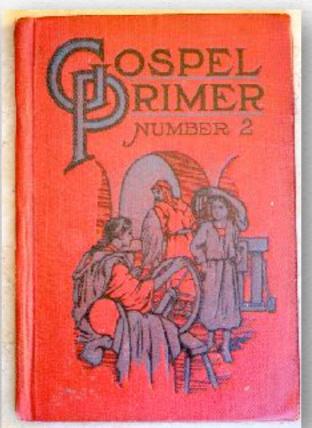
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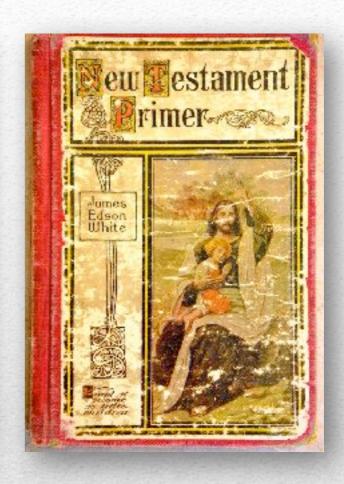


- Barber and trumpet player to pastor
- Born: 1878
- Wife: Addie
- Pastored in Vicksburg and New Orleans

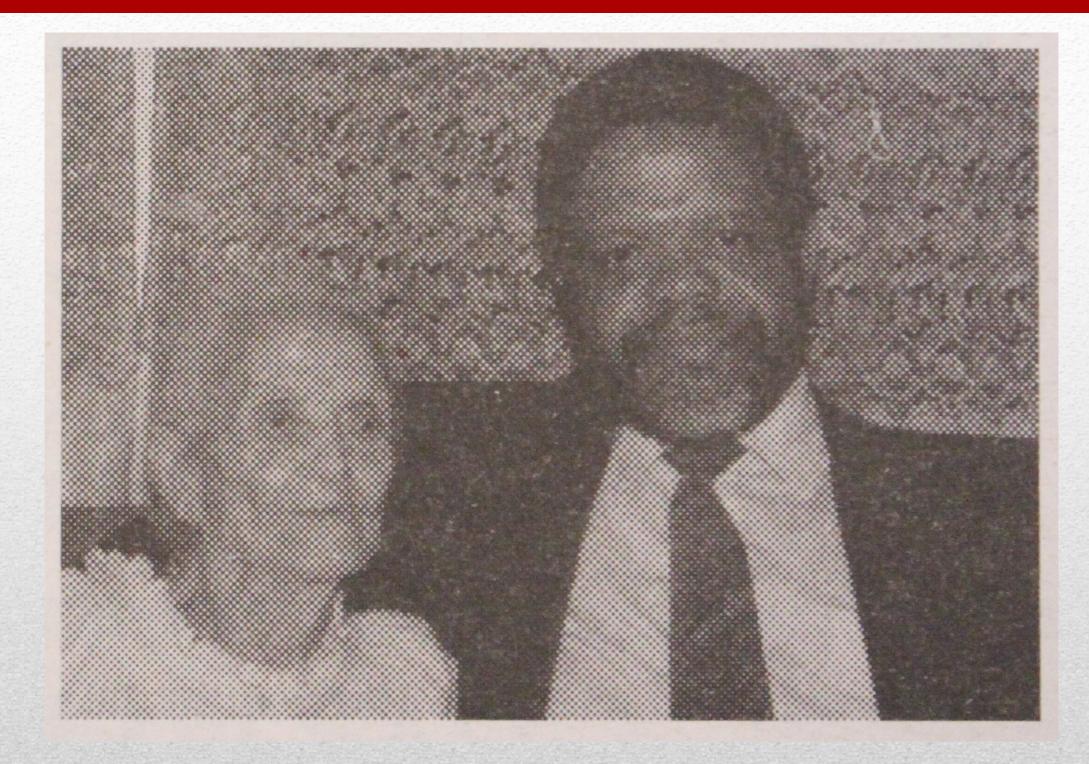
Thomas Murphy







Textbooks



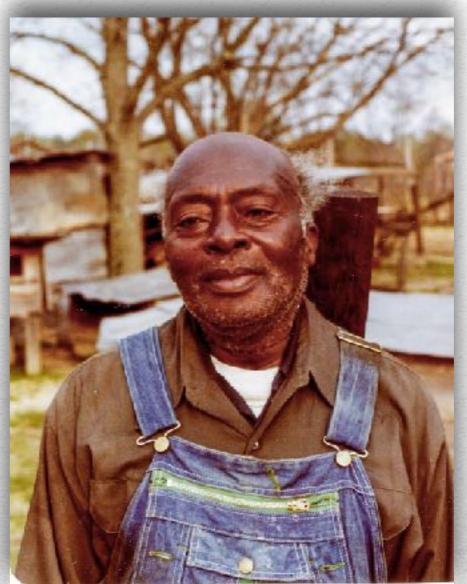
Madeline Shipp Edwards





Cynthia Millet and Etta Littlejohn



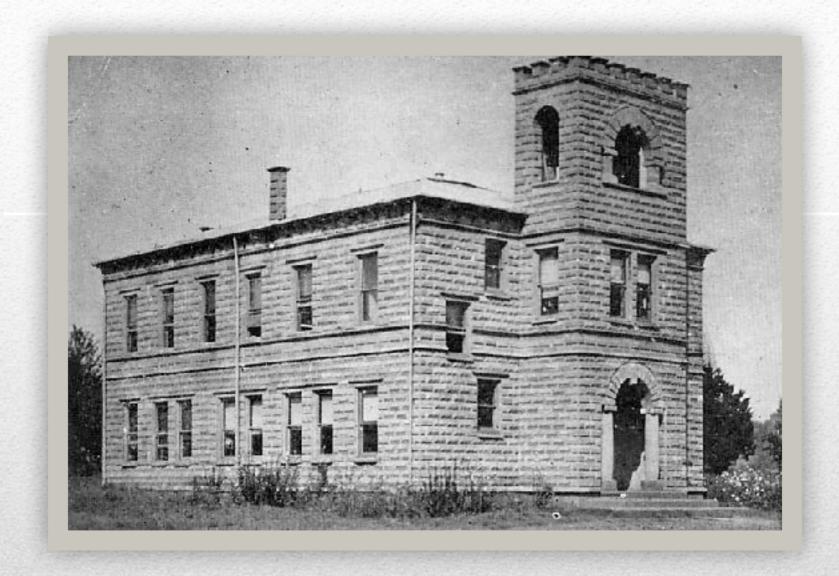


Lula Johnson and John Salfore Nippmach





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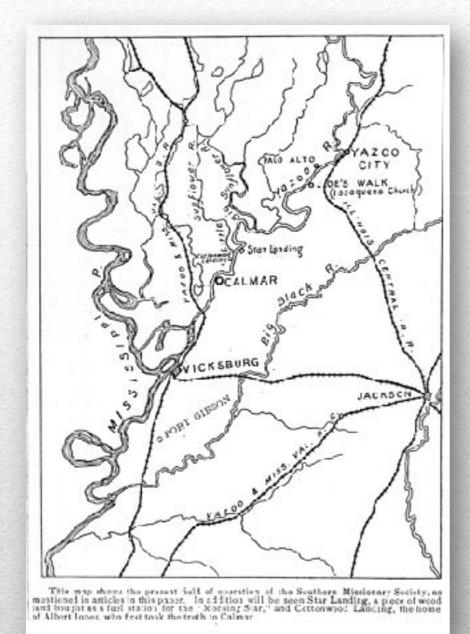


Oakwood College opened on November 16, 1896 in Huntsville, Alabama with sixteen students.

Oakwood College

SABBATH ITINERARY

- Redwood
- Calmar
- Yazoo City
- Natchez



Some of Edson's School along the Yazoo River.

Vicksburg (2)

Calmar

Palo Alto

Joe's Walk

Yazoo City

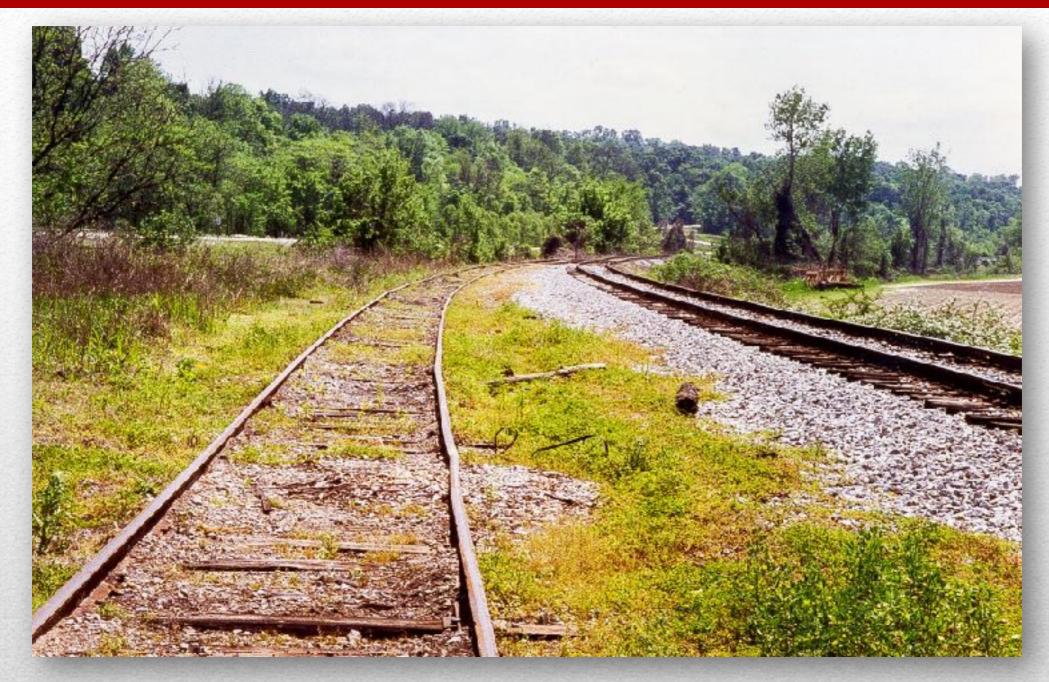
Lintonia

Wilsonia – A floating school

Map of Edson's Schools

REDWOOD

Site of Redwood Train Depot



Site of Former Redwood Train Station

At Redwood Franklin Warnick
leaped from a train to
escape a lynch mob
that was called to kill
him. Warnick was the
grandfather of the
Simons family.



F. R. Rogers, wife, and boy. R. T. Nash, wife, and boy. Franklin G. Warnick
No. 14. Day School at Lintonia.

Redwood, Mississippi



Franklin Warnick Family







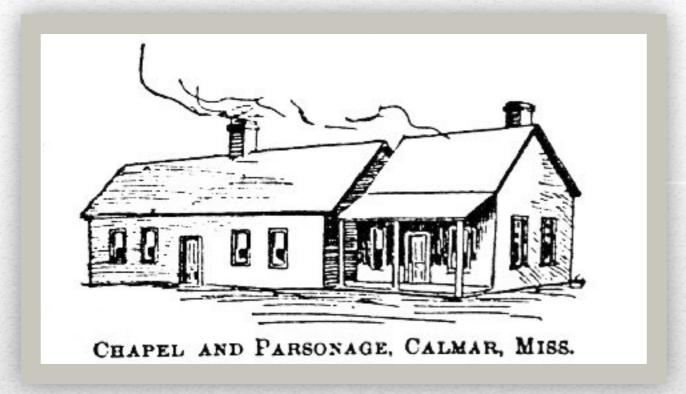




Descendants of Franklin Warnick

CALMAR, MISSISSIPPI

• Site of Calmer School and "Whuppin Spree"

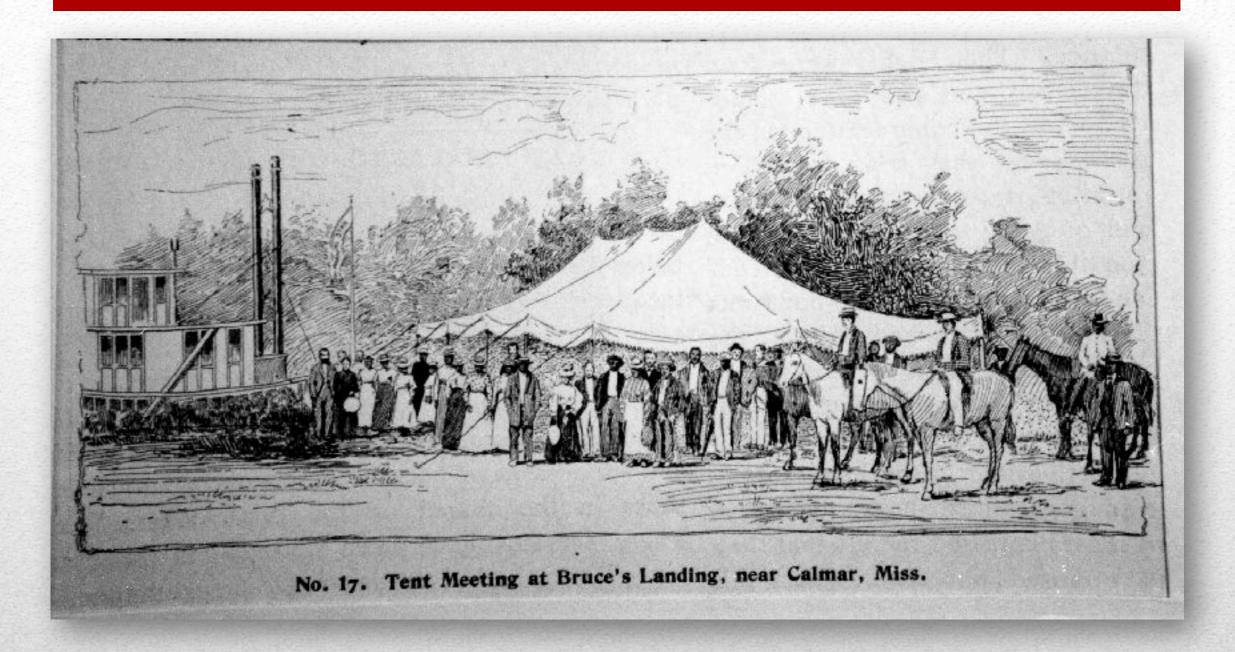


In Calmer is the Ballground Plantation where N. W. Olvin was whipped and his wife shot because of their commitment to keep the Sabbath.

Chapel and Parsonage at Calmar



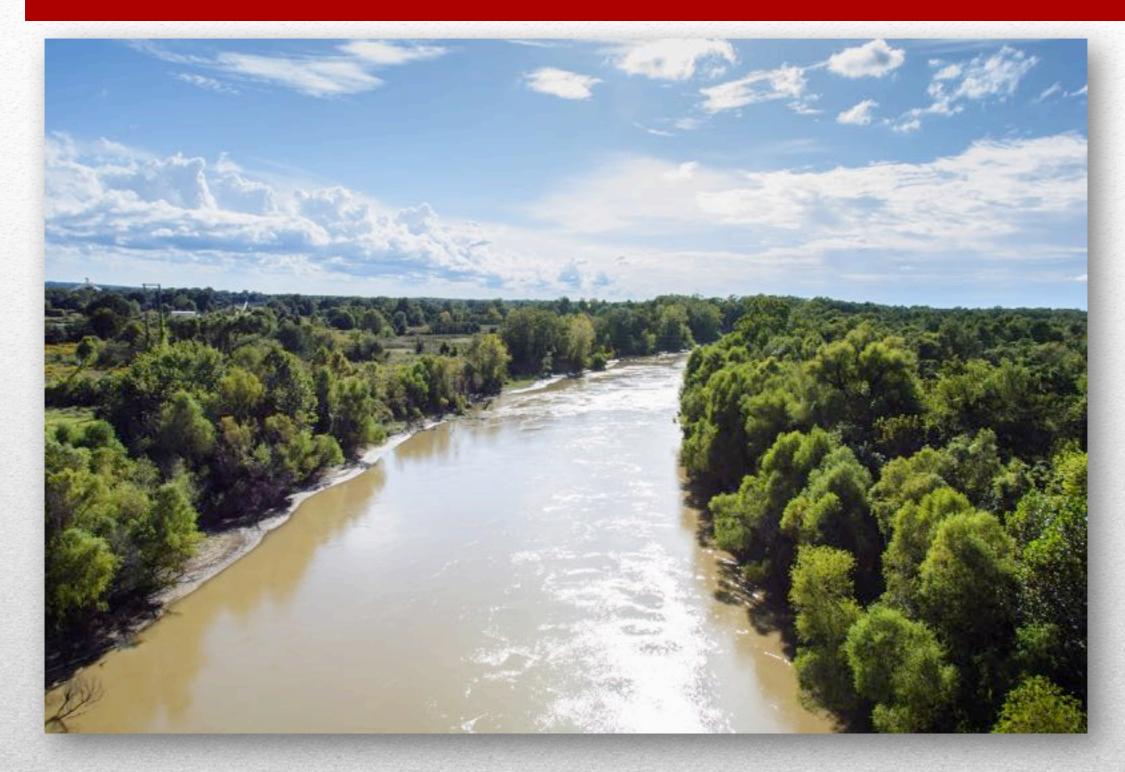
Ballground Plantation



Tent Meeting at Bruce's Landing

YAZOO CITY

- Lintonia Chapel
- Afro-American Sons and Daughters Hospital
- Oakes House



Yazoo River



29. Yazoo Canal 1910

Yazoo Canal 1910



Fred Rogers and family





This school was opened in 1897. It was first a moveable chapel but was rebuilt in 1906. It is believed to be the oldest original Adventist building in the South.

Yazoo City



Lintonia Chapel



Lintonia School Bench





Afro-American Sons and Daughters Hospital

EDSON'S OTHER MINISTRIES

- Wilsonia Floating School
- Dixie Food Company
- Southern Missionary Society
- Gospel Herald



This barge was used for the Wilsonia floating school.



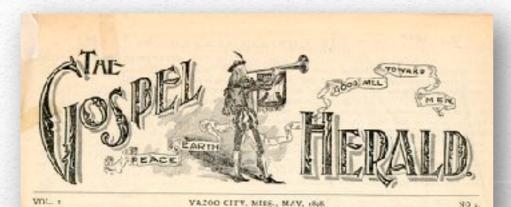
Lelar Knighton, Rosa Jones, Olive Knighton.

'hese are three scholars in the Wilsonia School. They are supported in school our babies' money," sent by Mrs. F. M. Arnold, mentioned on next page.

Wilsonia Floating School

- Edson established the Southern Missionary Society on September 13,1898.
- Mission: "To carry the principles of Christian education to the people of the South." Gospel Herald, December 1899, p. 5.
 - First Headquarters in Yazoo City, Mississippi
 - The Dixie Food Company
 - The Herald Publishing Company
 - The Nashville Colored Clinic
 - 28 Mission Schools with 1,000 pupils (October, 1908)
 - In 1901 it became a branch of the Southern Union Conference.

Southern Missionary Society





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In 1898 Edson launched the Gospel Herald to inform Adventists about the work in the South.

The first nine issues were printed on the Morning Star. Subsequent issues were printed in Battle Creek, MI and Nashville, TN.

Gospel Herald Newsletter

SUNDAY'S ITINERARY

- Natchez
- Soso
- Meridian

NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

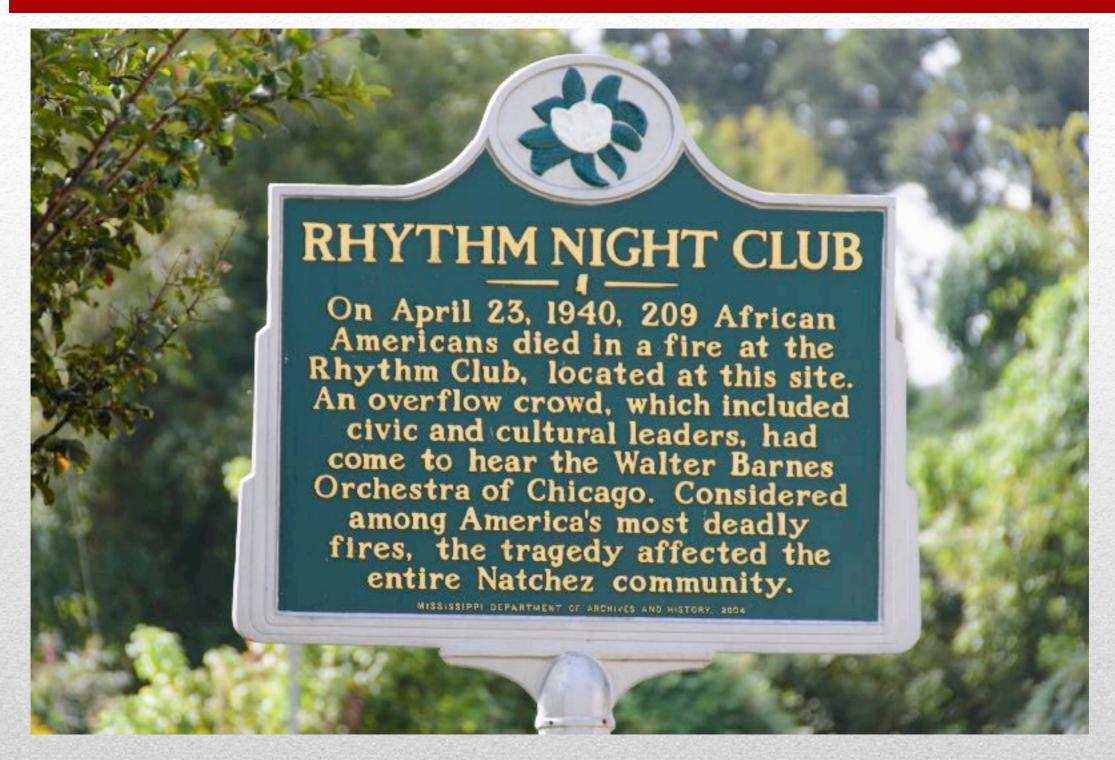
- Monmouth Plantation
- Under the River
- Site Forks of the Road Slave Market
- Rhythm Club



W. H. Sebastian



Richard Wright Home

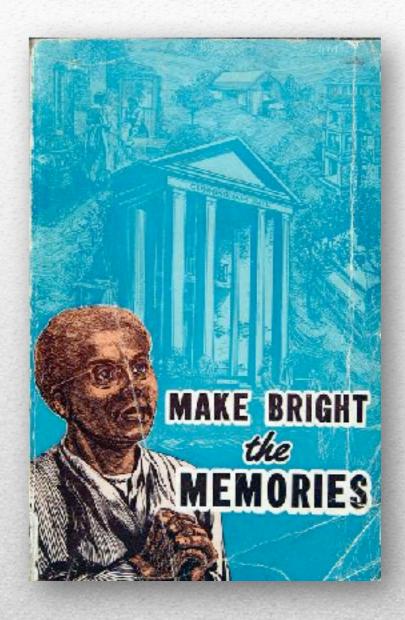


Rhythm Club



Forks of the Road Slave Market





Eugenia Isabella Cunningham



Monmouth Plantation



Monmouth Servant Quarters

SOSO, MISSISSIPPI

- Soso Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Soso SDA Cemetery
- Knight Cemetery
- Home of Florence Blaylock



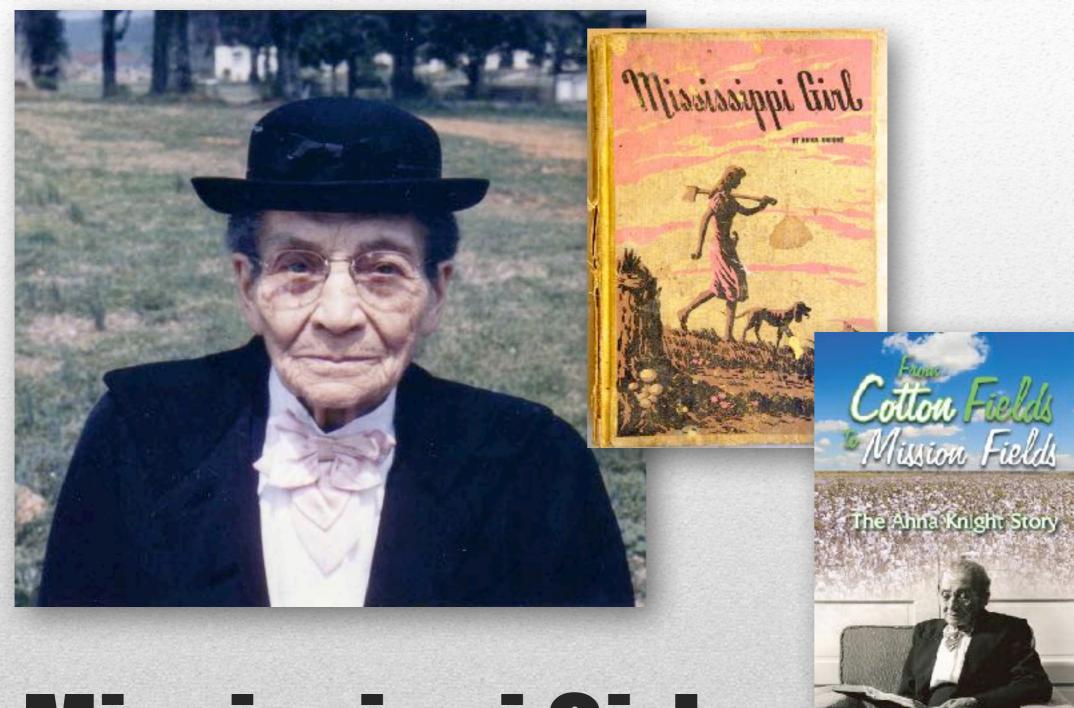


- From Soso, MS
- First woman to serve as a missionary in India.
- Served Southern Union in Education, Health and Youth Ministry.
- Served on the Colored Survey Committee that recommended formation of the South Atlantic and South Central Conferences.

Anna Knight Missionary, Educator, Nurse, Administrator

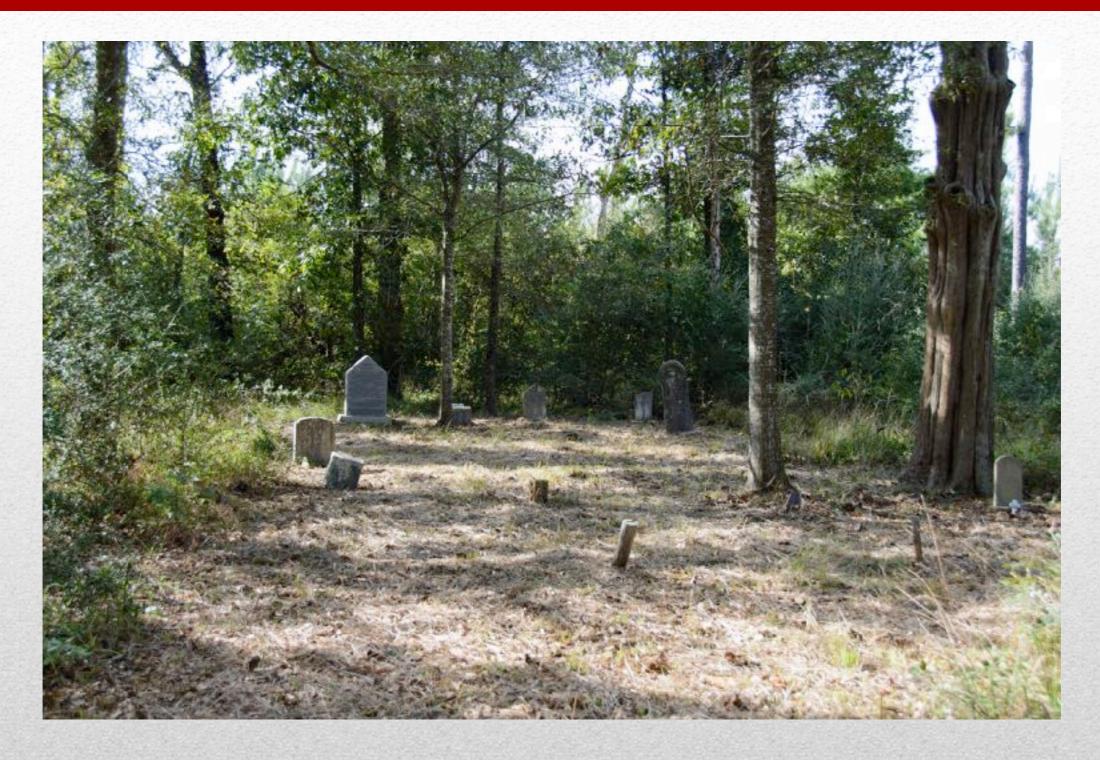


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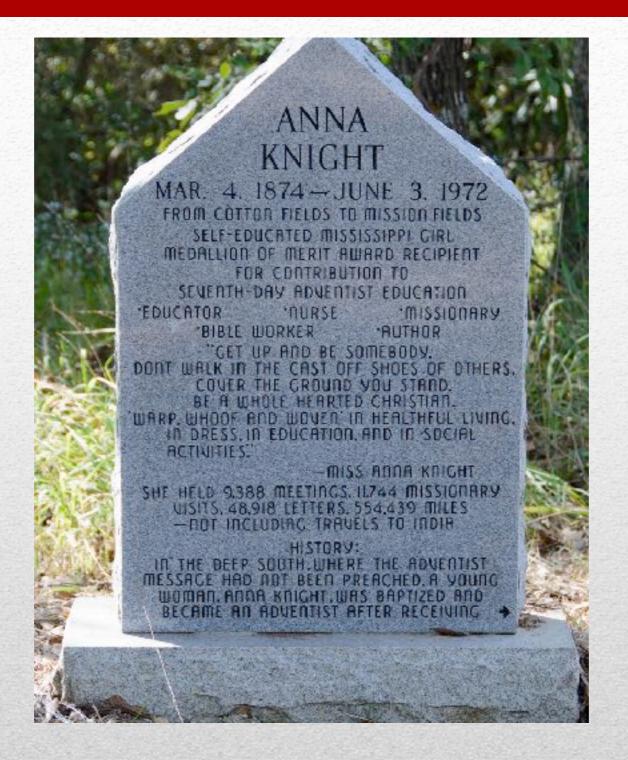


Mississippi Girl

DOROTHY KNIGHT MARSH



Knight Cemetery

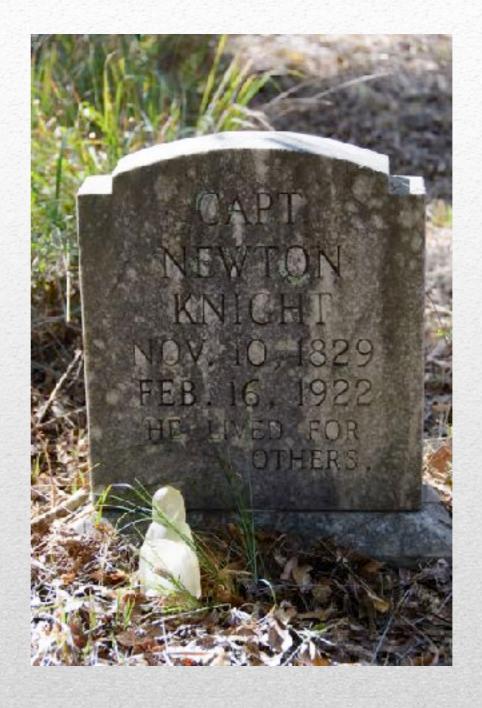


Anna Knight's Grave



Grace Knight





Rachel and Newton Knight

- The gospel has come a long way.
 - Millions know Christ
 - Millions still need to hear the three angels message
- We must go and prophesy again! There are still millions of people Black, White, Hispanic, and others that still need to hear the everlasting gospel.

Go and Prophesy Again!

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