Nashville Adventist Heritage Tour

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- 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

Early Movements



CALLS FOR PREACHING. We have received calls for preaching from the following places, which we publish for the benefit of those who may be seeking fields of labor:

Nasonville, Wood Co., Wis., Grant's Hill, Mo., Edgefield Junction, Tenn., Grass Lake, Mich., Mceme, Manitowoc Co., Wis., Akron, Tuscola Co., Mich., Plano, Ill., Delta, Eaton Co., Mich., Afton, Iowa, Memphis, Mich., Skinner, Bay Co., Mich., Ford's Corners, Mc Lean Co., Ill.

Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald, Sept. 20, 1870

Call for Preaching

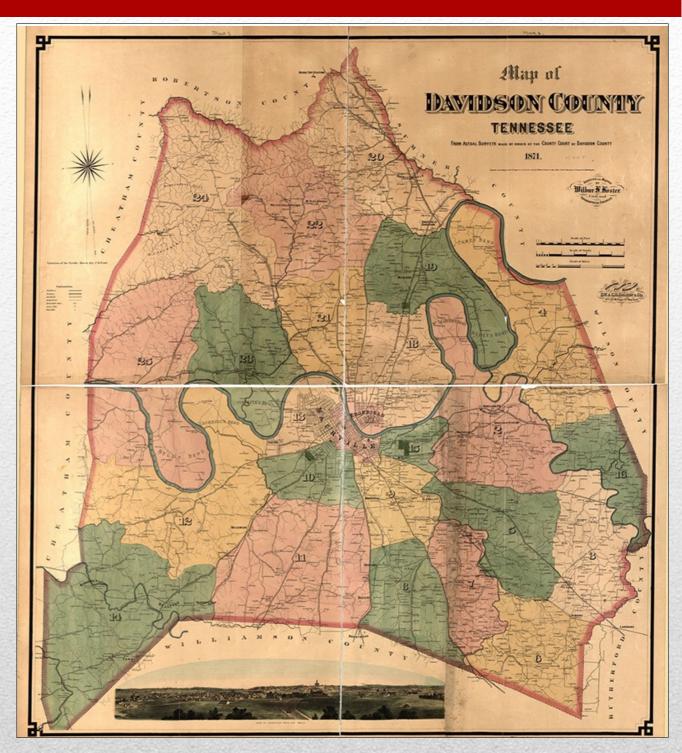




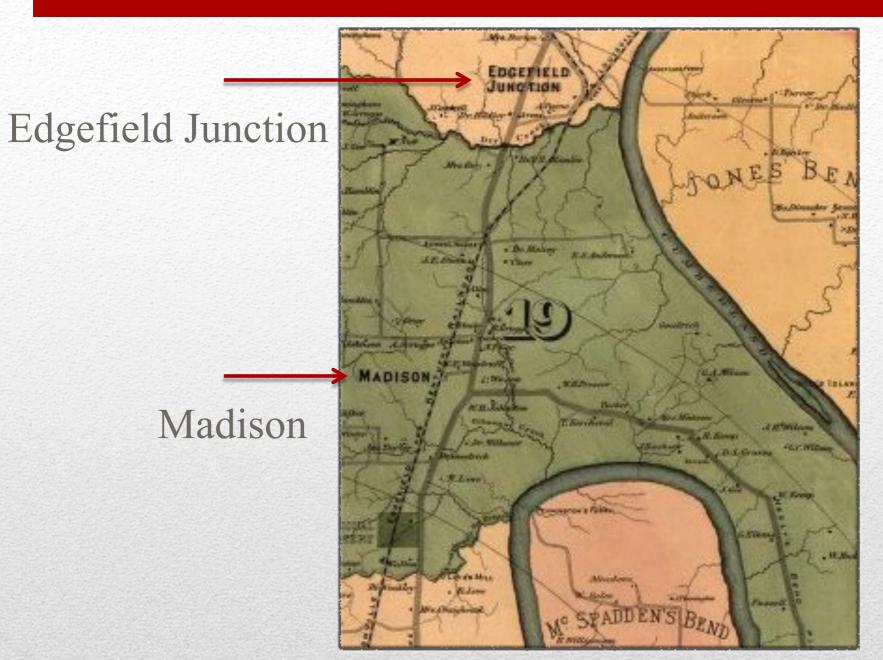
First Adventist Preachers in South Elbert Lane and Squire Osborn

Locations of Early Work

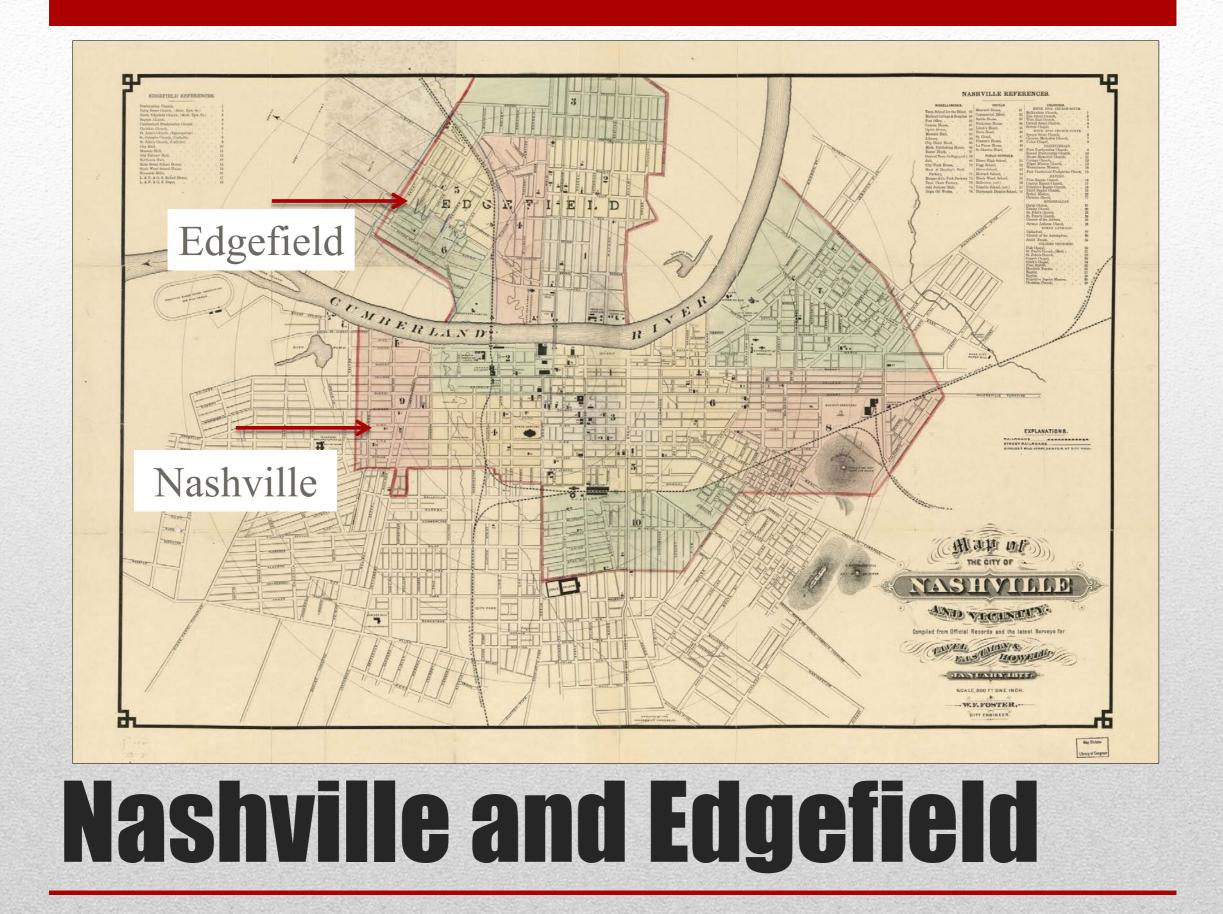
- Edgefield Junction
- Edgefield
- Nashville
- Madison



Davidson County 1871



Edgefield Junction and Madison

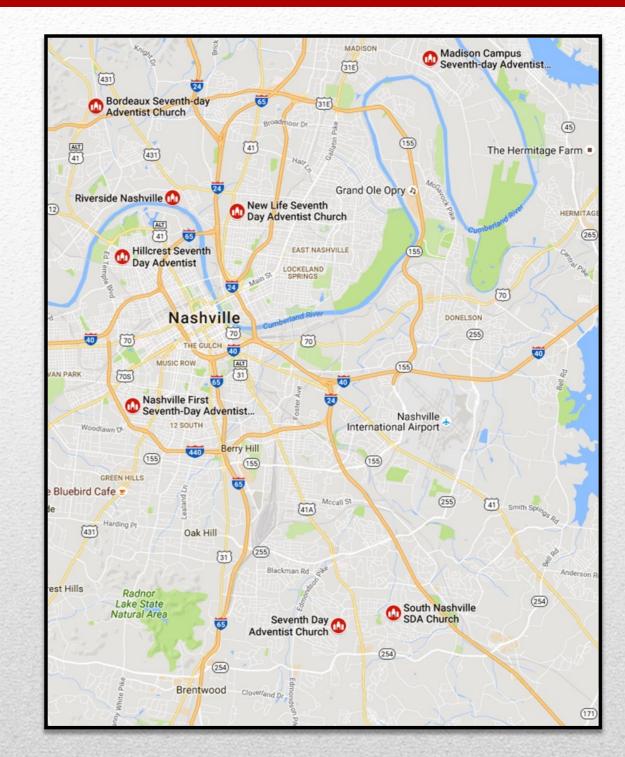




Nashville, the Battle Creek of the South, has been a center for Adventist medical, education, publishing and administrative work in the South since 1897.

Nashville: A Southern Adventist Center

- 8 Adventist Churches
- Two Conference Offices
- Four Schools
 - F. H. Jenkins
 - Madison Elementary
 - Madison Academy
 - Middle Tennessee
 School of Anesthesia



Adventists in Nashville Area

Nashville: Southern Adventist Center



"As a people we should take a special interest in the work at Nashville. At the present time this city is of great importance in the Southern field. Our brethren selected Nashville as a center for the work in the South because the Lord in His wisdom directed them there. It is a favorable place in which to make a beginning." – Ellen White 1902. (Testimonies, Vol. 7, p. 232.) The Lord Led Adventists to Nashville. "Many have asked the question, Why did our brethren select Nashville as a center for work? I answer, Because the Lord in His wisdom directed them to this place. It is His purpose that light shall shine forth from memorials established for Him in and near Nashville. GCB, April 14, 1903 par. 1

2. Suitable for Publishing Work. "There is no place in the South better suited than Nashville for the carrying forward of the publishing work. It is the best place in which to do the work that has been started here. GCB, April 14, 1903 par. 2

3. Less Opposition to Education of African-Americans. "There is not in Nashville the bitter opposition to the work for the uplifting of the downtrodden colored race that exists in many other cities of the South. Much work is being done there to uplift the colored people, and the sentiment in favor of these efforts will be a security to our people in their work. GCB, April 14, 1903 par. 3

4. An Educational Center. "There are in Nashville large educational institutions for the colored people. In these institutions much excellent work has been done and is being done. The teachers and students in these institutions are to be given the privilege of hearing the message of present truth. It is for this reason that God directed that different interests for the advancement of our work should be established in Nashville. GCB, April 14, 1903 par. 4

- Madison College
- Madison Campus Church
- Madison Heritage House
- Madison Foods
- Madison
 Elementary School
- Madison Academy
- Middle Tennessee
 School of
 Anesthesia

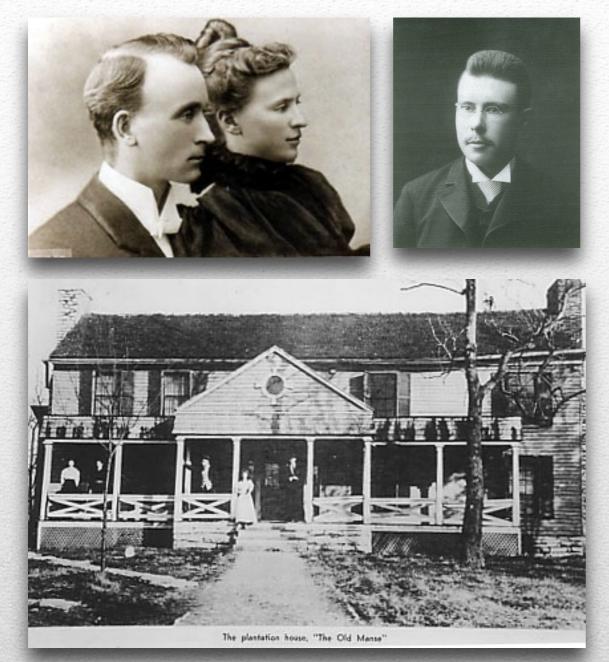




Madison Institutions



Former Tennessee Christian Medical Center



Madison College and Madison Rural Sanitarium were opened by Edward A. Sutherland and Percy Magan.

1904 Madison College Opens



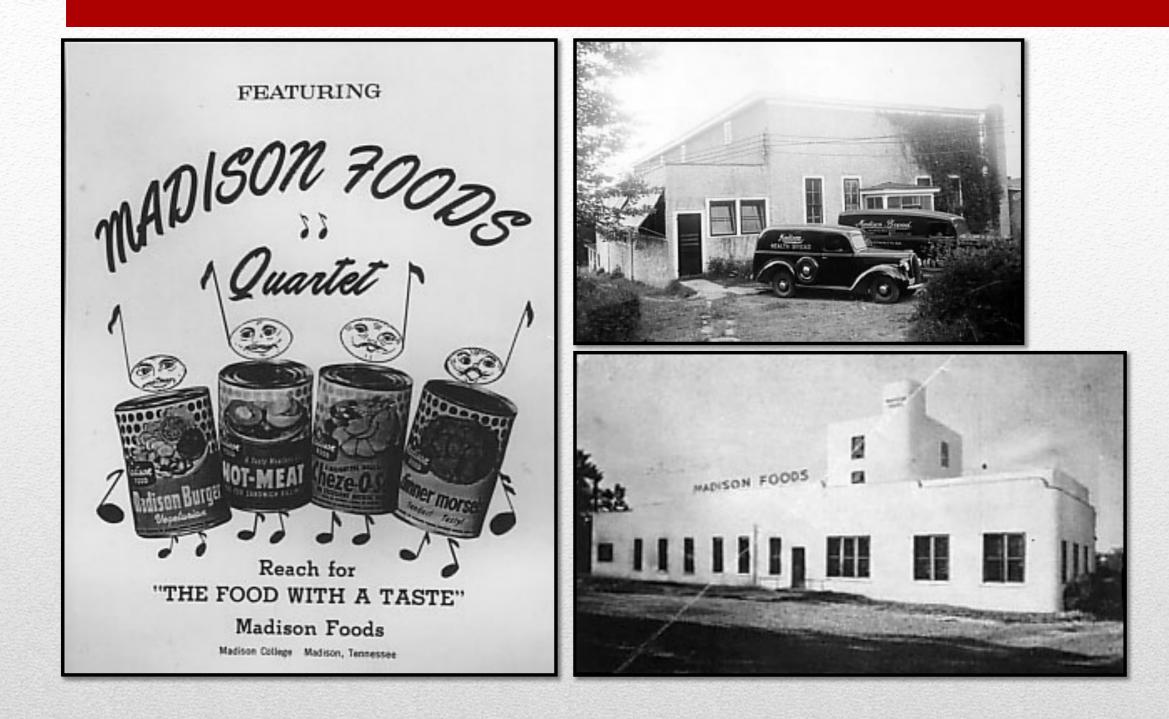


Madison Academy and Madison Heritage House





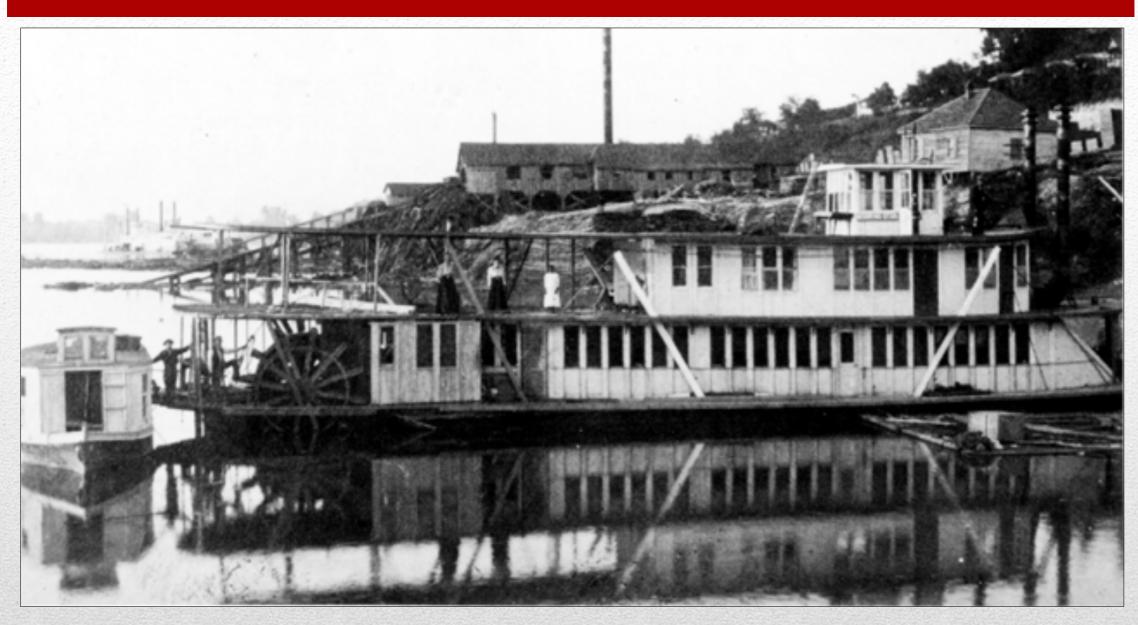
Madison Sanitarium Dr. Edward A. Sutherland, M.D.



Madison Foods and Bakery



Madison Foods

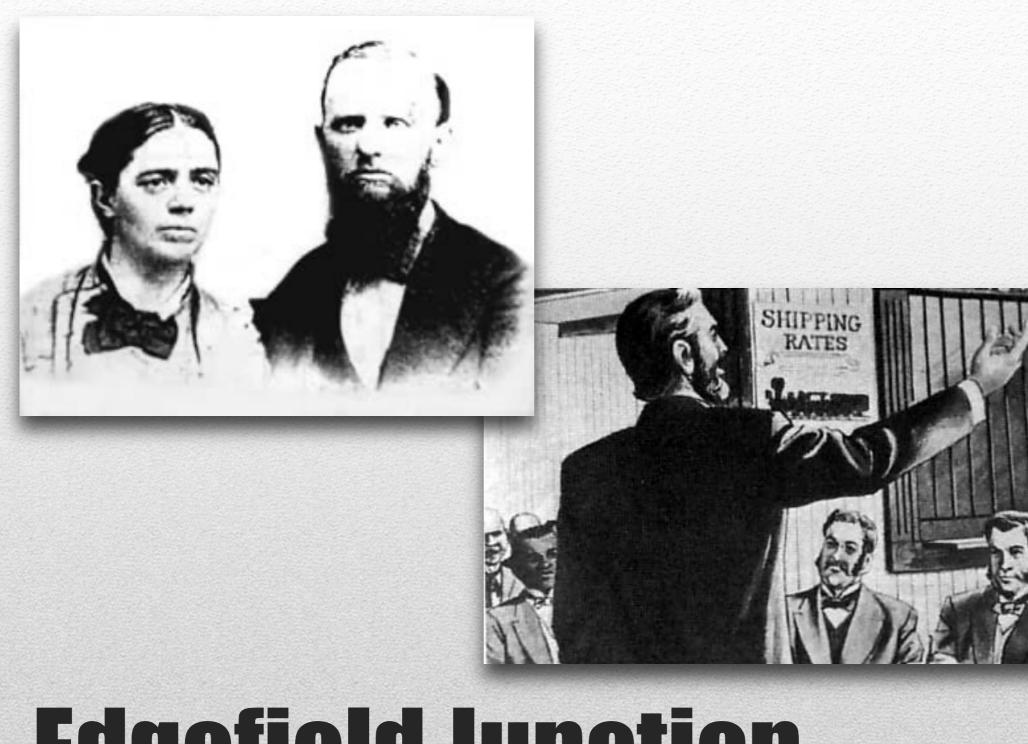


Morning Star and the Dawn. Anchored near Vicksburg, MS.

Morning Star Boat

Near this spot on the mberland River the missionary boat of Edson White, "The Morning Star", moored for repairs in 1904. While the boat was being repaired Ellen G. White and W. O. Palmer went up the bank to look at a farm for sale called the Nelson Place. On returning, Ellen White said to E. A. Sutherland and P. T. Magan, "The Lord wants you to have this place and start a school here." Thus began Madison College and a little later Madison Sanitarium and Hospital.

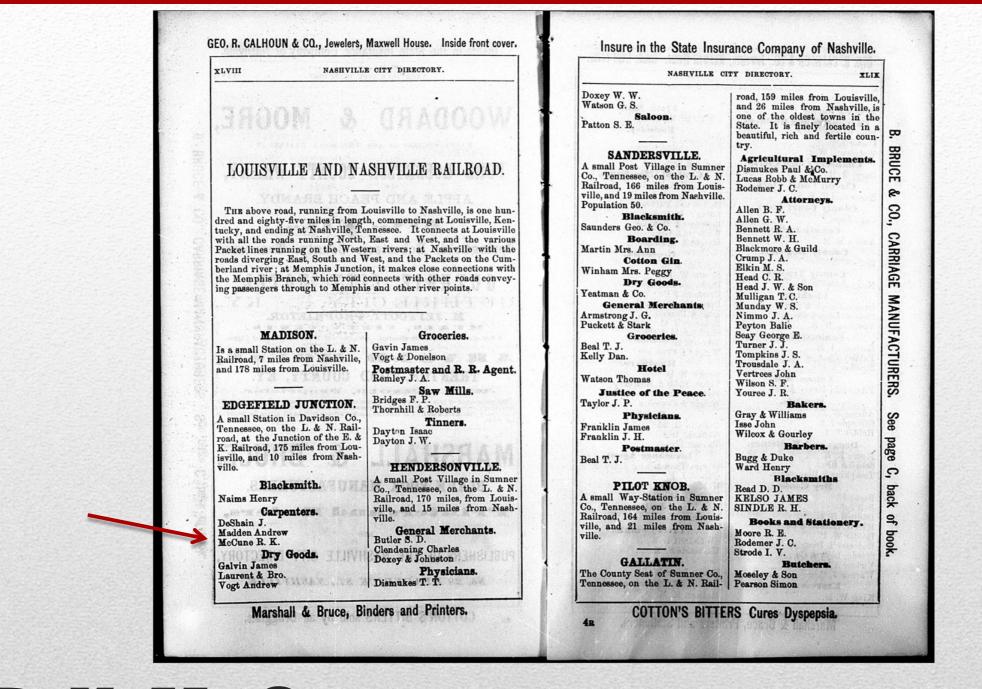
Area of Landing Site



Edgefield Junction



Edgefield Junction Station



R. K. McCune Carpenter in Edgefield Junction

EDGEFIELD JUNCTION.

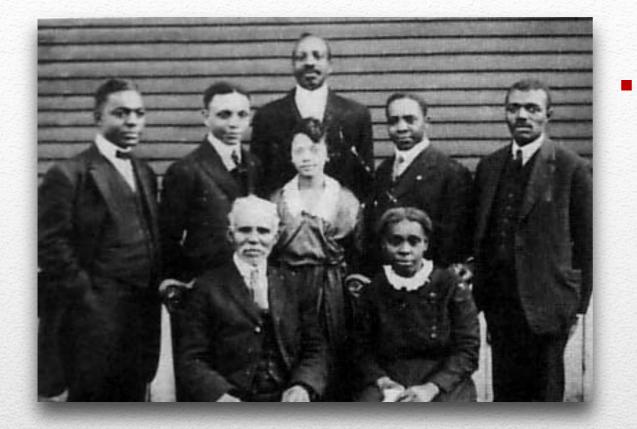
A thriving village of 400 people, located on the Cumberland river in the northern part of Davidson county, and the point of junction of the St. L. & S. E. Ry, and the L. & N. and G. S. R. R., 10 miles north of Nashville. It has a steam grist and saw mill, some smaller industries and 3 stores, a Roman Catholic church, Colored Baptist church and a common school. Corn, wheat and other grain are marketed. Settled in 1864. Tele, raph, Western Union. Express, Adams and Southern. Mail daily. James Galvin, postmaster.

Business Directory.

Barbe, J. W., stock dealer. Barnum & Peyton, nursery and apiary. Bass & Cunningham, general store. Cantrell, Nathan, blacksmith. Crunk, E. W., horse trainer. Donelson. John C., General Store. Einm, Daniel, ferryman. Farleigh, James, telegrapher. Fite, liedford, stonemason, Galvin, James, General Store and H del. Gibbs, Flem, carpenter. Gleaves, G., cattle dealer. Green Bros., Millers. Grizzord, R. W., physician. Gunn, J. T., carpenter. Hall, Riley, plasterer. Hall & Bro, fruit growers. Hetherington, John, R. R. section foreman. Jamison, A. B., wagonmaker. Lowe, Rev. H. (Baptist.) Payne, J. Adam, Stock Dealer. Payne, J. A. jr., town clerk. Pride, Rev. S., (Methodist.) Raymer & Bro., fruit growers. Remley, J. A., Express and Station Agent.

Edgefield Junction profile-1876.

Harry Lowe African-American Baptist Minister



The Jonathan Allison Family

1883

- First Black Adventist congregation organized as a company November 1883 by Samuel Fulton at Edgefield Junction. Became Church in 1886. Some were disappointed with the separation and left the church.
- 1901 First Colored camp meeting is held here.

First Black Adventist Church



Edson White's Edgefield Junction Home



Oak Grove Garden School Goodlettsville



- Organized 1876
- First President: Squire Osborn

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Goodlettsville

- Graves of . . .
 - Edward A Sutherland
 - Sallie Sutherland
 - Bessie McGraw
 Sutherland
 - Josephine Gotzian
 - Lida Funk Scott
 - And others



Spring Hill Cemetery Madison Faculty and Friends



Spring Hill Cemetery Edward and Sallie Sutherland



Spring Hill Cemetery Lida Funk Scott and Josephine Gotzian

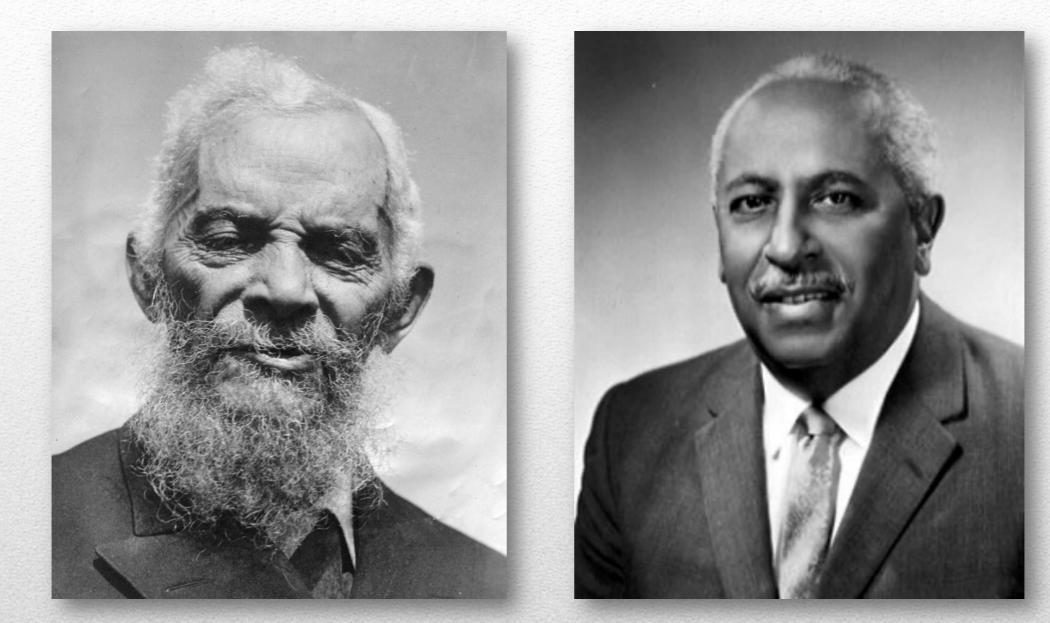


 First woman to serve as editor of *The Report of Progress*, now known as the *Southern Tidings*.

Spring Hill Cemetery Eliza J. Burnham



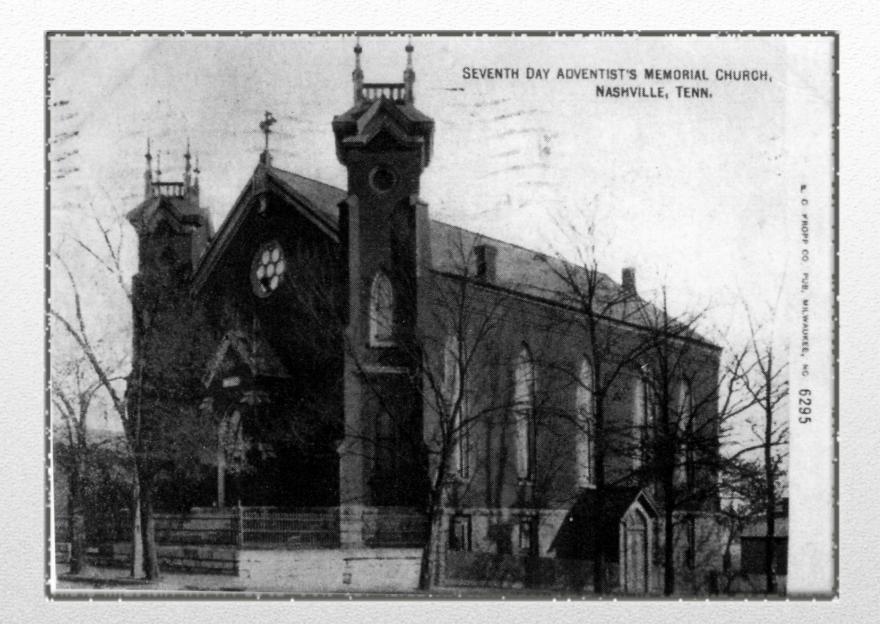
Southern Publishing Assn Elm Hill Pike Location



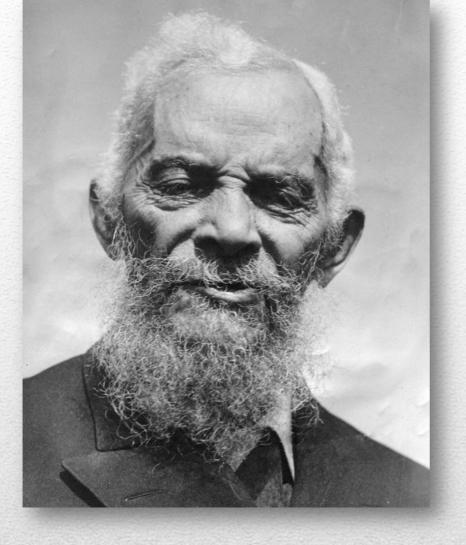
Greenwood Cemetery Charles Kinney and Arna Bontemps

 The first Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nashville was organized in 1894 in the Edgefield Community. The Church first met in back of a paint shop on here at 415 Woodland Avenue. The pastor was Charles McVagh.

First SDA Church in Nashville 415 Woodland , Edgefield, TN

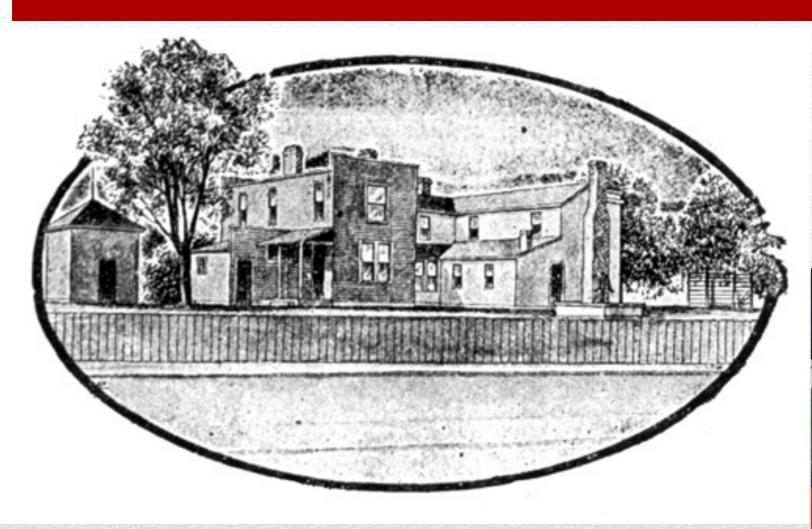


Memorial Church Fatherland Street – Purchased 1905



Seventh-day Adventist Church #2 Winter Street









Rock City Sanitarium Dr. Lottie Blake, M. D.





1901 Nashville Colored Sanitarium



Vegetarian Restaurant



Nashville Sanitarium and Bath Rooms



Riverfront Park



Nashville Union Station



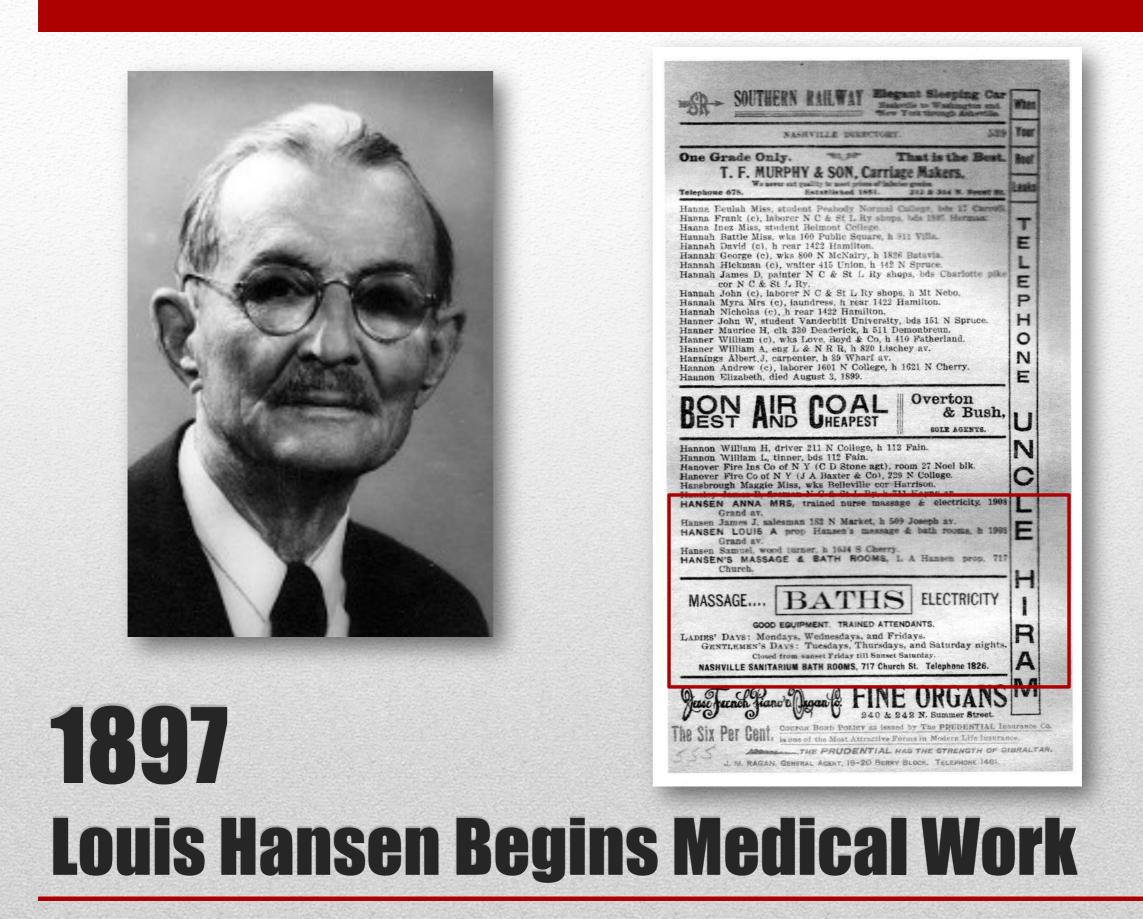
Edson White's First Nashville Office



Nashville First Church Blair Boulevard



Tennessee Centennial Exposition Hansen Begin Health Ministry





South Central Conference First Office

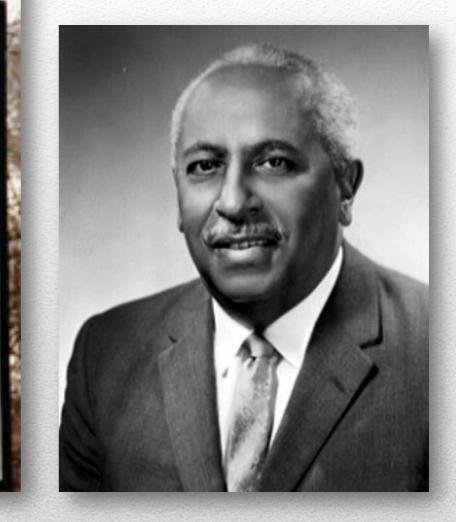


South Central Conference First Administrative Team

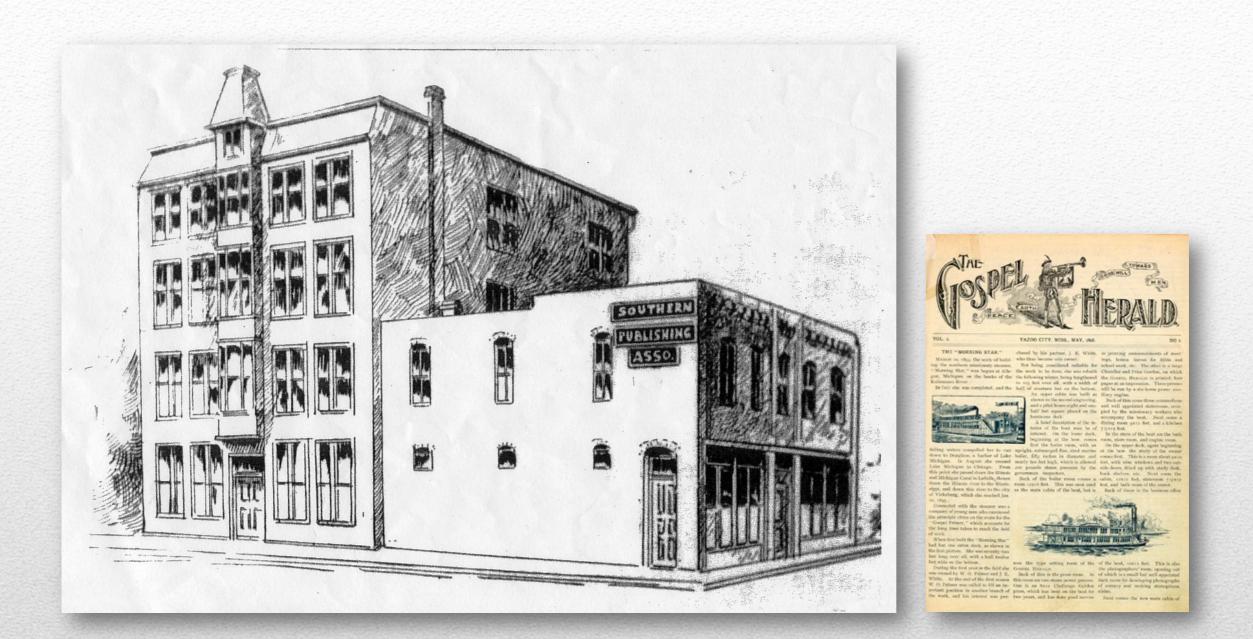
ARNA WENDELL BONTEMPS 1902 - 1973

At this site lived Arna W. Bontemps, one of the most prolific contributors to the Harlem or Negro Renaissance. From 1943 to 1965. Bontemps, an award - winning poet, playwright, novelist, blographer, historian, editor, and author of children's books, was head librarian of Fisk University. During his tenure, the Fisk University Library became a rich repository for the study of African - American culture and history.

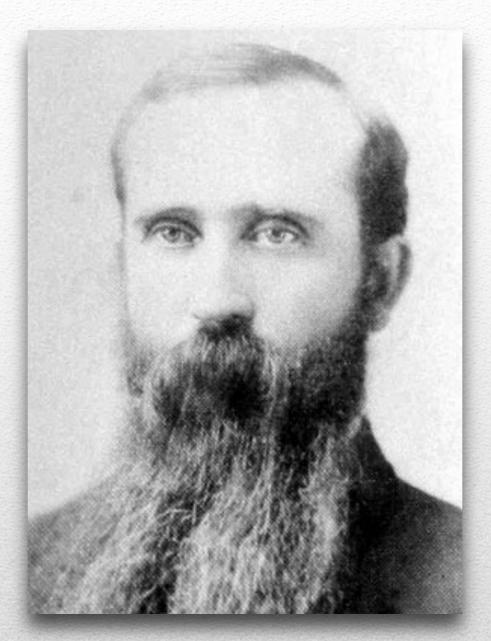
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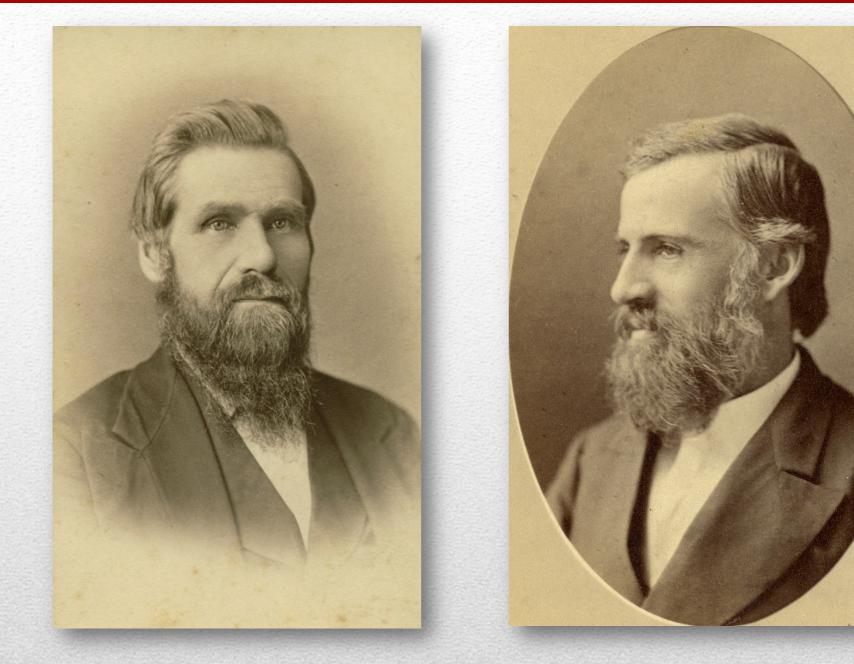
Arna Bontemps House



Gospel Herald and Southern Publishing Association



First Southern Union Office Robert Kilgore, President



Other Early Leaders Stephen Haskell and G. I. Butler



Southern Publishing Association 24th Avenue Location

This school served the children of employees at the Southern Publishing Association and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. It was later replaced by the Greater Nashville Junior Academy on Brick Church Road.

Nashville Junior Academy

 The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference office was located on the corner of 24th and Seifred until 1945 when it moved to West End. It is now located in Goodlettsville, TN

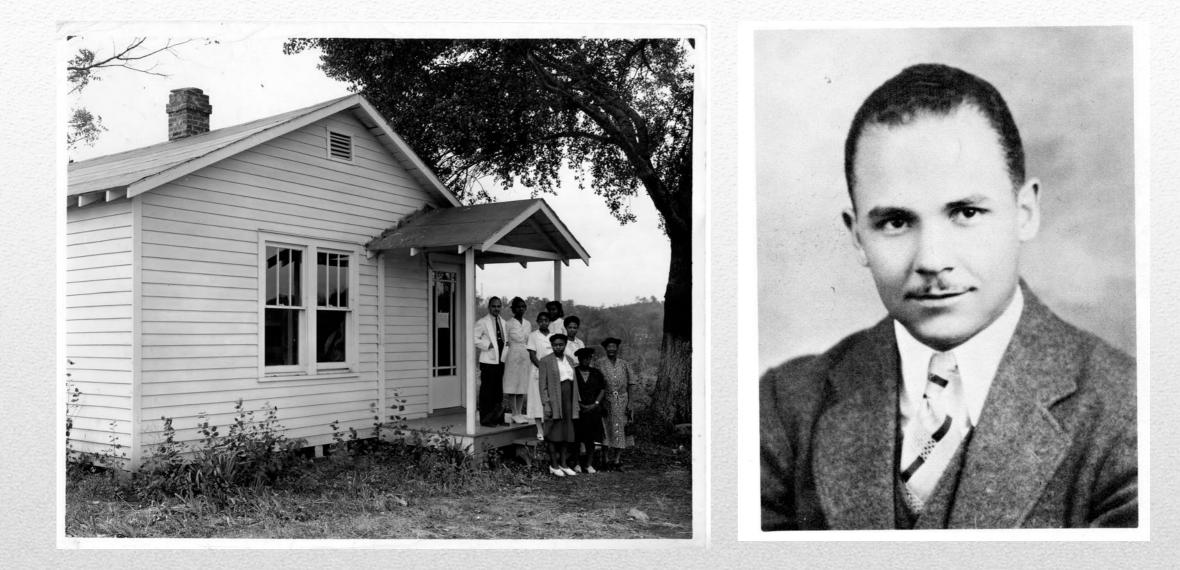
Kentucky-Tennessee First Office



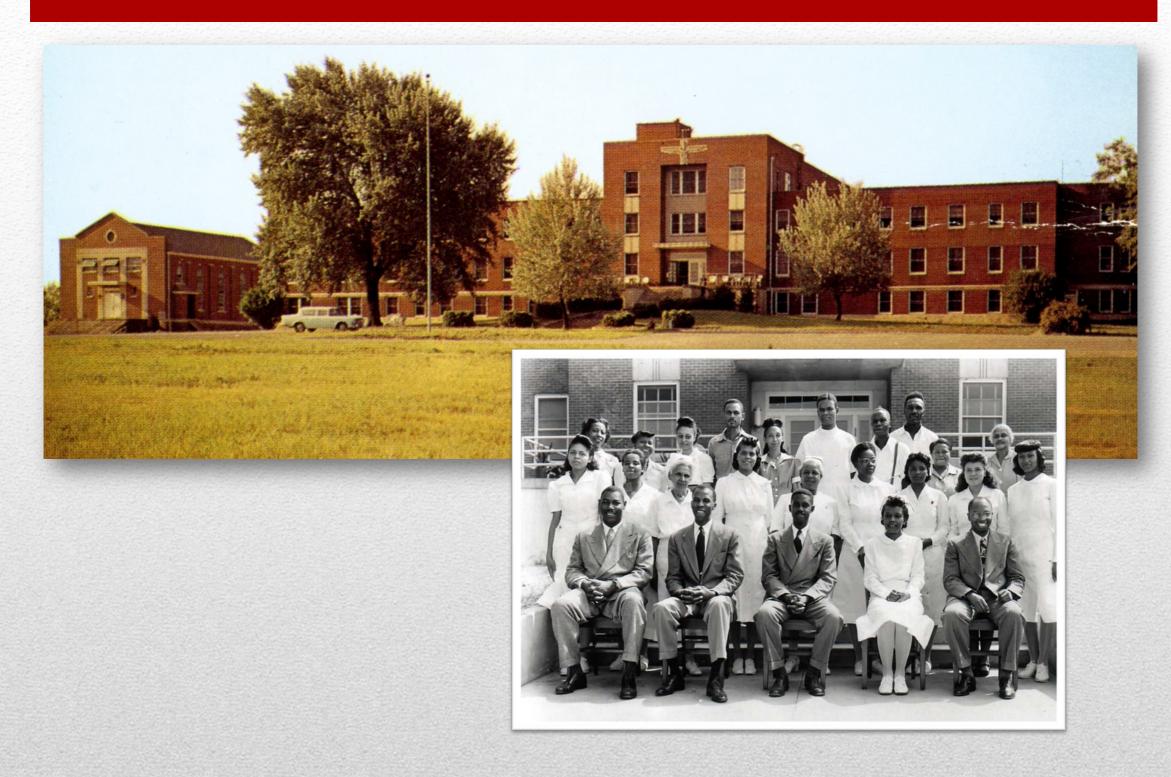
Hillcrest Church



Riverside Sanitarium Established by Nellie Druillard



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Organized December 1945.First President Herman Murphy



South Central Conference

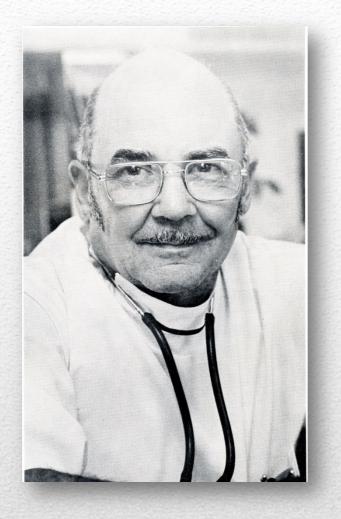


South Central Conference





Riverside Chapel





Pagoda of Medicine Dr. Carl A. Dent, M. D.





Haynes Garden Apartments

HILLCREST SCHOOL FARM

A Training-School for Colored Workers

For years past the spirit of prophecy has been calling for the establishment of a colored training-school near Nashville, Tennessee; and about two years ago the minds of several of our brethren became exercised over carrying out the instruction. One year ago last autumn this, movement began to take form by O. R. Staines, formerly of Huntsville school, proposing definite plans for establishing a school at once.

After much counsel, he, with several others, began looking for a suitable location; and in the early fall of 1907 a farm of ninety-three acres, lying on the White's Creek Pike, five and threefourths miles northwest of the public square of the city of Nashville, was purchased. Sixty-three acres of this is bottom land bounded by White's Creek, the remainder being a hill covered with a beautiful grove, and well set with bluegrass and white clover. This grove furnished an ideal place in which to locate the various buildings of the school. This farm was secured at so reasonable a figure, and the circumstances leading up to finding and securing it were so remarkable, that we cannot but believe God's hand was in it.

The purpose of the school is to train colored workers to go into the colored farming communities and establish small but neat homes where they can support themselves from the soil, and at the same time carry on school and church work for their neighbors' children in a neat little school-house on their own land. By careful work both in precept and example, they can teach their neighbors how to grow fruit and vegetables, how to care for poultry and live stock, how to cook and live healthfully, and how to become independent, self-respecting men. The influence of such families cannot fail to build up a good strong constituency of Seventh-day Adventists.

The Nashville Agricultural and Nor- bu



Teacher's Cottage mal Institute, conducted by Professors Sutherland and Magan at Madison, Tennessee, is demonstrating the wisdom of this plan of work among the poorer white people; and what can be done for one race can be done for the other. In this way not one great center will be built up, but many small centers from which the light of truth may emanate. Such a work will be constructed both inside and out, plastered and neatly finished, and is warm and comfortable.

Another advantage of this cottage plan is that it more nearly preserves the home conditions and ideas. The few students who live in a single small building find themselves responsible for the appearance of *their* home both inside and out, and if proper attention is given to their training while in school, are much more apt to keep good neat homes for themselves.

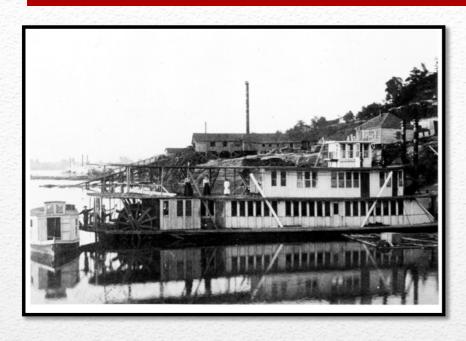
On the farm when purchased stood an old four-room brick house, with a separate out-door brick kitchen, shown in the other cut. The house was in bad repair, but has been put into good condition and

joined with the kitchen by a screened covered porch; and thus easily lends itself to the scheme of not teaching the student to believe he must have great facilities before he can work for the Lord. The school work proper is being carried on in one room of this building, which room is also used as an office, as a chapel, and for church putposes. The remainder of the building serves



The Brick House

Hillcrest School







Morning Star Tour

This three-day tour visits follows James Edson White's ministry in Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Lintonia, Calmer and Natchez, Mississippi. The tour ends near Soso, Mississippi at the grave of Anna Knight, the first missionary to India.

Southern Adventist Heritage Tours

Tours Available By Appointment

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