

Died -

July 30, 1954

First Minister

1921-1926

1925-1929

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### 50 Years Ago In Mount Airy News

Friday, August 20, 1925

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In the corner stone were placed the Bible with which the Rev. Mr. Williams began his ministry, a record of the names of the church members and officers together with a list of those taking part in the ceremony, a copy of the church organs published in Nashville and Greensboro and a copy of the latest issue of The Mount Airy News.

The dedication ceremonies at the Rockford Street Methodist Church here Sunday afternoon were attended by a large crowd. It was announced by the church pastor, Rev. J. M. E. G. Benbow and P. A. Earle and Grand theod. The organ in memory of Mr. Benbow's mother, Mrs. A. Moore Benbow, was dedicated.



G. W. WILLIAMS

## Williams, 71, Mount Airy Pastor, Dies

Special to The Journal

MOUNT AIRY, July 30—The Rev. George W. Williams, 71, of 328 W. Pine Street died at an Elkin hospital late last night after an illness of several months.

He was born Jan. 8, 1883, in Rockingham County, son of George W. and Louisa Truitt Williams. He graduated from Oak Ridge Military Institute in 1905. He joined the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference in 1911, serving continuously in the ministry for 41 years.

He organized and built Rockford Street Methodist Church here, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1925. The church was dedicated in 1929. He served the Mount Airy church for six years.

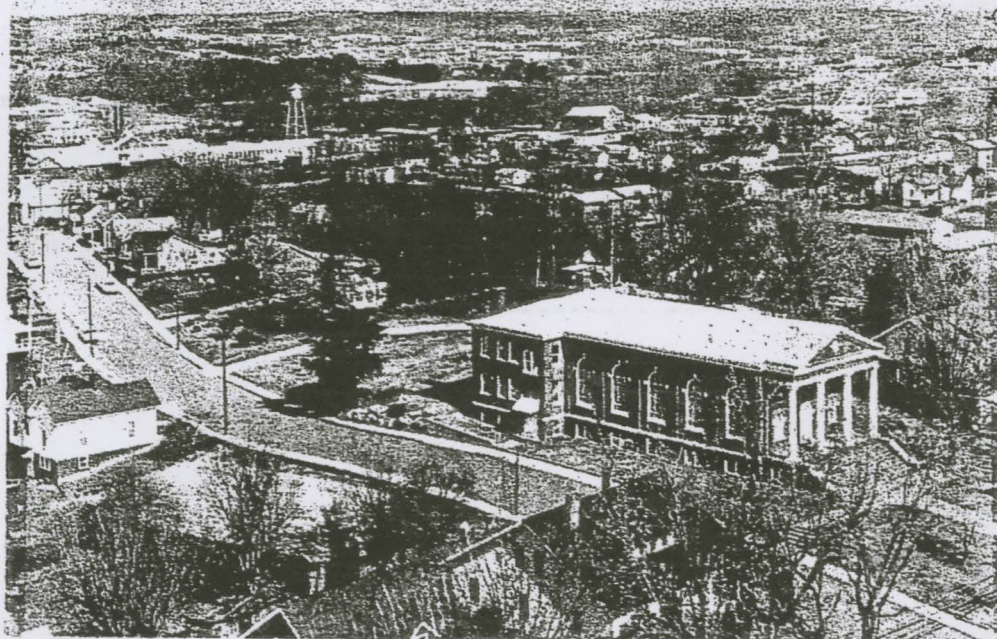
Among other charges served were Ramseur, Pleasant Garden, New Hope, Oak Summit, Winston-Salem, Walnut Cove, Lexington, Marshville, Polkville, Trinity, Ruffin and Oak Grove.

He was a member of the Stokesdale Masonic Lodge for many years.

He was married to Miss Minnie Lou Hudson on May 7, 1905, who survives with three sons, Eddie W. Williams of Walnut Cove, George W. Williams Jr. of Lexington and David V. P. Williams of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; four daughters, Miss Winona and Miss Grace Williams of the home, Mrs. George W. Chandler of Winston-Salem and Mrs. W. E. Treggs of Burlington; 12 grandchildren and one brother, Dr. J. W. Williams of Potsdam, N. Y.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Central Methodist Church here by the Rev. A. C. Waggoner, Dr. Kenneth Goodson of Winston-Salem and the Rev. Joe Hiatt of Elkin. Place of burial will be announced later.

# Mount Airy As It Looks From The Top Of Rockford



...focused on Rockford Street United Methodist Church.

*June 1975*

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In the 25 Year Ago Section*

## Street Water Tank

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PROGRAM

*The Dedication of*  
**Rockford Street Methodist Church**  
*11 O'clock, Sunday, Sept. 22, 1929*

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Prelude

Hymn No. 21—"Holy, Holy, Holy"-----Heber

Apostles' Creed

Prayer-----By the Pastor

Old Testament Lesson (Gen. 28:1-22)-----Rev. A. C. Gibbs

Gloria Patri

New Testament Lesson (Heb. 10:19-25) --Rev. G. W. Williams ~

Announcements

Offertory Solo -----By Prof. Thurston Vernon DeMasters

Hymn No. 55—"The Church's One Foundation"-----Stone

Sermon . -----By Rev. E. K. McLarty, D. D.  
Pastor of Hawthorn Lane M. E. Church. South, Charlotte, N. C.

Hymn No. 59—"Come, O Thou God of Grace"-----Evans

Presentation of the Church -----By Board of Trustees

Dedication of Church By Rev. E. W. Fox, Presiding Elder

Doxology

Benediction