

Date May 67

H. T. Hudson

James Willson-- In answer to a questionnaire sent out in 1878 by "Brother Hudson"
 "At the close of this year I was ordained an elder at Wilmington and sent to
 Mt. Airy Station by Bishop McTyeire for 1876, having been ordained a deacon at Goldsboro/
 by Bishop Keever in 1873. I was returned to the same charge for the three succeeding
 years--making a term of four years -where I am now laboring. During the first three
 years of my ministry here, God wonderfully blessed my labors. The station then embraced
 two main appointments with one evening appointment. There were powerful revivals
 during the past three years. In 1877 a handsome church was built 4 miles west of Mt.
 Airy at which there was a most glorious revival. Thirty odd persons were converted and
 a church of twenty five members was organized. In 1878 a church four miles northeast
 of Mt. Airy was added to the station and the fall of the same year another one seven
 miles west of Mt. Airy. At both of these there has been some religious interest and
 some accessions to the church. So that the station has grown into a circuit of six
 appointments. During the past three years between one hundred and seventy five and two
 hundred persons have been converted to Christ and between one hundred and fifty seven
 added to the church--an average of over fifty five each year to the church. Thirty
 enfants have been dedicated to God during the time--an average of ten each year.....
 One young man, Rev. James M. Ashby, now at Trinity College, was a member of the church
 when I came here, has been licensed to preach and other converted since I came here,
 preparing for the ministry.

"The prospect for 1879 seems to be flattering. Our Sunday Schools are at work,
 and some revival interest is manifested. We have selected a place and have in con-
 templation the building of a new church seven miles west of this place. This summer.
 The church has partially furnished and has in contemplation. The building of a parsonage
 this year. It is thought by 1880 the present work will require two pastors, making it
 a station with a circuit surrounding it.

Walter L. Creasy --in answer to a questionnaire sent out by H. T. Hudson in 1874. 1878

"Born May 14th, 1847 "Lloyd County.

"Converted Sept 1863 at Salem Church, Surry Circuit(now Mt. Airy Station) under
 John B. Stevenson. Was received in the church by R. T. N. Stephenson of our conference.

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 "In 1876 I was appointed by Bishop McTyer as a supply for Surry Circuit...The
 following year I was received on trial and have been returned to the same work until this
 time. I am now in my fourth year here. "We have succeeded in building 7 churches, some
 of them very good for this section. They range in value from \$250 to \$1200.

"At elkin and Stony Knoll, about 63 converts at the former and about 70 at the latter."

Marquis L. Wood--in answer to questionnaire sent by H. T. Hudson in 1878.

Born "in the southwestern of Randolph county, three miles west of Uwharrie River,
 October 23, 1829. "

Converted" In 1842 during a camp meeting....1843 joined the church.

"1858. had some very gracious revivals on the Surry Circuit.

"Dec. 17, 1859. Sailed for China from New York

"March 20, 1867. Landed in New York on my return from China.

"In fall of 1868 had an extraordinary revival in Mt. Airy--also a good work Salem four
 miles from Mt. Airy and Oak Grove 2 miles from Mt. Airy. 1869-70 Had a number of converts
 on the same charge.

*Wood - History
 Oct 1799 -
 at Grahams
 1843 - "preached
 at Grahams.*

(from the estate of Ruth Minick)

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Marquis Lafayette Wood -b. October 23, 1829-D. November 25, 1893

Born in Randolph County. Ordained in 1857
Surry Circuit 1858-9
China 1860-66

1868-70 Mount Airy Station
1871-74 Salisbury District

"Dr. Wood and wife, in company with Rev. Young J. Allen sailed from New York to China Dec. 17, 1859. They went in no richly furnished modern steamer, but in a sailing vessel. They were seven months on the voyage, rounding the Cape of Good Hope. According to Dr. Allen's statement at Fayetteville Conference 1887, the drinking water in the oaken casks got so low that it was black as ink, and the biscuits were mouldy and worm-eaten. They were weeks and weeks when they were out of sight of land and every sign of human existence except themselves. They landed in Shanghai, China, July 13, 1860.

Three times married. First wife died in China, leaving infant 2 months old. Cared for by mission.
Received honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1884 by Wetherford College.

Married Miss Carrie Pickett in 1869. ~~Married~~ She died in 1873 (Mount Airy)

Married Mrs. Robbins in 1875. She died in 1890.

In 1884 became president of Trinity but returned to pastorate in 1885.

Ardent friend of education. He had little patience with parents who neglected to "Dr. Wood was; like a father to the younger preachers. He laid broad and deep foundations on which we are now building. He labored and we have entered into the fruits of his labors. His preaching was such as everybody could understand, and his style of expression such that people would remember his sayings and speak of them in after days. Hence it will take the light of judgment day to reveal all the influence of his teaching.

"Dr. Wood's moral power was great. His life in any community represented a great moral force. People rose up before him, and did him reverence for his purity of character, his unflinching devotion to principles, his fearless utterance of truth.

to give their children all possible advantage of an education!"

Up to three weeks before his death preached at his appointment sitting in a chair (like A. B. Burby).

Remained interested and alert to last. Sent word to the conference that everybody would have an appointment but him.

"In admiration for his splendid courage, indomitable spirit, we almost forgot to mourn him as a friend, but when, amidst a pelting rain and to the solemn "dust to dust, ashes to ashes" as read by Dr. William H. Moore, his remains lowered into the grave by the side of those of his last wife ... Rockingham, N. C. and realized that this was the very last we should see of him on earth, grief at the parting touched all our hearts; love for the man rose supreme over every other emotion." ~~emotion.~~

W. P. Doub

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Example from diary of Marquis Lafayette Wood - 1857-8

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