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ROSEBUD, TEXAS

Rev William Holmes Ellison D. D.

← community in Milan Co.
on Brazos River

The subject of this sketch was born in Charleston, S. C. December 4, 1805. When he was twelve years old his parents moved to Fairfield District where he grew to man's estate. He was of Scotch Irish descent. His parents were members of the Presbyterians Church and he was carefully schooled in its doctrines. After due preparations he entered the South Carolina in 1822 and graduated in his twenty first year. Soon after leaving college he became concerned on the subject of religion, and after earnestly seeking for the pardon of his sin was converted at home during family prayer, August 26, 1826. His connections with the Methodist Church was the result of close and impartial investigation. All his teaching and early prejudice had inclined him strongly against that Church, but having determined to investigate for himself he became convinced, to use his own words, "That the doctrine of the Methodist Church accorded more nearly with the Bible than did the teaching of any other denomination". He accordingly cast in his lot with it and lived for fifty eight years within its pale, adoring its doctrines by a pure life reinforced by a gospel of unction and power. Feeling called to the ministry he made his arrangements accordingly, and before the six month of his probation had expired he was in charge of the Enoree Circuit, as not being able to get a recommendation to the Annual Conference for admission, not being in full membership. At the close of 1827 he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference and sent to the Santee Circuit. It was three hundred miles in circumference and contained twenty-eight appointments. In 1829 he was stationed in Charleston. 1830 he was appointed to the Orangeburg Circuit, and at the close of that year was married to Anna White Capers, eldest daughter of Bishop Capers, with whom he lived happily until 1857, when she preceded him to the better world. In 1831 he was stationed in Wilmington, N. C. and in 1832 in Georgetown, of the South Carolina Conference. As is frequently the case, the inhabitants were noted for their wickedness as the town was for its iniquity. Ministers of other denominations left in May and returned in November, while in the meantime, just behind the Methodist pulpit, seven Methodist preachers lay buried.

Young Ellison was not a man to desert his post, let the danger be what it might. Being left alone to confront sin, disease and death, he battled bravely. God was with him. ~~His powerful appeals~~ His powerful appeals reached the hardest hearts. On the ~~18th~~ 18th of July he began a protracted meeting which closed on the 1st of October. The result was that every barroom and sinful place of amusement was closed. Great numbers were added to the church and the whole was revolutionized.

But his arduous labors had seriously impaired his health and Bishop Anster, believing him unable to longer do pastoral work, induced him to transfer to Alabama and accept the Chair of Mathematics in La Grange College which he filled until 1836 when continued throat trouble compelled him to retire. He resigned his professorship, located and removed to Georgia. In 1839 his health being sufficiently restored he entered the Georgia Conference, was appointed to a professorship in the Wesleyan Female College with Dr. afterwards Bishop Pierce as president, and assisted in organizing that institution, which was opened January 1, 1839. After two years, Dr Pierce resigned and Dr Ellison succeeded to the presidency, which position he held for ten years, when on account of ill health he resigned and was superannuated.

4 SUZERRE ELLISON
JOHN ELLISON JOHN POTTS

3 ARNA PATTERSON ELLISON 1750 - 1793 ELIZABETH POTTS
JAMES PATTERSON

4 ABRAHAM PATTERSON MARY FARRELL
ELIZABETH PATTERSON 1793 - 1875 JOB CALDWELL

5 MARGARET CALDWELL NANCY MEDWELL

RICHARD WRIGHT ELLISON

4 RICHARD L. WRIGHT
1794 - 1875

3 MARY ANN WRIGHT
- 1717

4 MARTHA ?

RICHARD WALLACE ELLISON

4 JOHN ARCHBOLD CARLTON

3 JOHN T. CARLTON
1832 - 1916

5 RICHARD HUDSON

4 MARTHA W. HUDSON
1779 - 1862

6 NATHANIAL PARROTT

5 SUSAN PARROTT

2 WILLIAM CARLTON ELLISON

5 HARRISON MCKINNEY

4 JAMES MCKINNEY

6 SAMPSON IVY

5 JENNIE IVY

6 MILLIE IVY

SAMUEL BOZEMAN

3 HARRIET L. MCKINNEY

6 JOSEPH BOZEMAN

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