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SUBJECT: The Rock where
we are down

o July 30, 1967

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Being continued
later.

THE ROCK WHENCE WE ARE HEWN

Old Western people had a habit of calling the people's remembrance...
One call to remembrance this day.

I. The First Baptist Church in Dallas.

1856 - city of Dallas incorporated with 177' & 400
1846 - 10 years before, or years! Rev. J. M. Meyers presided in
- he was a Baptist circuit rider presides, later killed by a Indian

1847 - one year later, returned, organized First Baptist Church, Dallas
on bank of Trinity River. Met in log structure, 10' x 10' near for
court house and public yardway.

1857 - 10 years later, all churches (with Presby. Bap.) were
meeting in the Masonic Hall, corner ~~of~~ ^{AMAN and ROSS} ~~of~~ ^{corner} ~~of~~ ^{corner}
- that year, Oct. 19, Rev. J. M. Meyers returned.
and organized the church, then re-organized, "to rid themselves
of Yankee overlords."
- a fiery church in fiery times. Formerly lived was quite often
Mentioned several times
Baptist den.
Excluded members as good as dead

1860 - moved out in the country, Jarvis and Beaman,
"to save the new business of the city."

1863 - moved further out to Pleasant View a good house,
in area where now located (Fisher Road and Westinghouse)
in August 1863 church moved to Pleasant View Bap. ch.
recently observed 120th anniversary.

1868

II. The Organization of the other, present First Baptist Church, Dallas

Col. W. L. Williams and his family were devout Baptist
found in the little town of Dallas, but no Baptist church to attend.
He taught a S.S. class in the Cumberland Presby. church. There
were members also of the Pleasant View Bp. church left when
after the church moved out into the country.

Col. Williams went to the two pastors of the Pleasant View church
R. F. PIMSON and W. B. LONG and asked their help in organizing a
Baptist church in Dallas. Decided to conduct a revival meeting at
last two weeks in July in lower part of Mason's Hall.

In the presence of Rev. there came to Dallas from a revival
meeting in Dallas, Texas a young preacher in his twenties,
W. W. HARRIS. He conducted the revival. One conversion,
at the conclusion of the meeting, July 30, 1868, organized the
church with the name, 'The First Baptist Church of Dallas'.

- 11 members: 3 men. { Col. W. L. Williams
- { Deacon Mayes (a scull. to. do more)
- { Capt. John Harris, ex. conf. soldier
- 8 women { Mrs. W. L. Williams
- { Miss S. C. AKARD
- { Mrs. M. L. BOWEN
- { etc.

~~W. W. Harris called as pastor a few days later~~
Rev. Harris prayed at opening dedication of building for 1870
meeting place in the city of Dallas (at that time a new building meeting
would, until your church came. '3)

W. W. Harris called as pastor several days later. 1868.
1870

III. W^m W. Harris

Graduated Baylor University, Independence
Held revival meetings in Christian state
Referred to as a great preacher. Called "the Texas Evangelist."
On 8.13. Link writes: ""

Had a wonderfully clear, sweet voice. Always independent
his sermons with a solo. Powerful, eloquent, long-winded, his
breathes 1 1/2 hrs. (may be only 1 session! Not many saved
after but 20 minutes.)

Let us look closely at this man.

1860 into the Civil war.
Was engaged to a young lady school teacher in small town when he
loved so deeply. They to be married later (and I) he should return
from the war. While he was away, and just before a
war ended, to his surprise - about 7 or 8 family, in a moment
of information, she unexpectedly married a man she had known but
a short time. Regretful to his dying day. After 4 bloody
years of war, he returned home. Came at one to the house 2
days for when he had lived through that 4 trying years. Her
banned the tragic truth. A pathetic picture: sitting before an
open fire, burning the letters he has treasured - as if
never married. On the bank by Mrs. W. J. Williams, says
he was grateful, eloquent, but - the criticisms heard in
that he was too tragic in his speaking. She says, & says
he sang frequently. I would not hear always, I ask not to stay

1879 his last journey.
A lone rider on horse back, 44 yrs old, spread little about a
outings to south Texas & his. No means, no home, no family.
In the loneliness of his family, death nearly his way back to the land
home of the Robert Ross. I had fallen & with me, 173. Wilder than
but my to another reason why the heart of the land, and man
was found to him: it seems to replace just and answer to
and land is all the world.
On way, stop not rest all Seguin, valley filled, 374 days
T. J. OSBORN. Sunday eve. Would he great?

Resided about 1800 beyond San Antonio. Died Aug. 21, 1880.
Died in his nineties years in an alkali flat across the trail
from the little city of San Felipe, in what is now the town,
Del Rio. probably in a place where now stands the mill. died
in 1830 when mill. people put up a new ch. bldg. at the mill.
Some say his bones were unearthed. Buried in city cemetery.
Some say could have been there, W. W. Harris, & the
ch. bldg. beneath the bldg. a work where as the ch. bldg.