

# Fiftieth Anniversary and Jubilee

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SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, Old Site  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA.



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1854

1864

1914

# JUBILEE JOTTINGS

(A jubilee shall the fiftieth year be.—Lev. 25 : 11)

THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH (OLD SITE)

Rev. J. C. DIAMOND, B. D., Pastor

50th ANNIVERSARY AND JUBILEE

Began Worship as a Separate Congregation in 1854

Organized as the Shiloh Baptist Church in 1864

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## A Brief History of the Church

For nearly one hundred years there has been a Baptist Church on the "Old Site" on Water Street, where the Shiloh Baptist Church (O. S.) now stands. For the first thirty years it was a white church, the members being composed of both white and colored people, and it is said that the colored members were in the majority. At first they worshipped together, but later on the colored members worshipped in the afternoon and Rev. George Rowe, a white minister, the grandfather of the present Mayor of the city, preached for them.

In 1854, the congregation having outgrown the building on Water Street, moved into a new building which had been erected on Princess Anne St. The old building on Water Street was then turned over entirely to the colored people, and Rev. Armistead Walker, one of the first ordained colored ministers in the State, preached for them.

During the war when the Union soldiers occupied the town the church was used as a hospital. The benches were torn out and the property otherwise damaged. The church has a claim in the Omnibus Claim Bill which is now before Congress and there is a chance that it will receive a goodly sum of money from the government in adjustment of its claim.

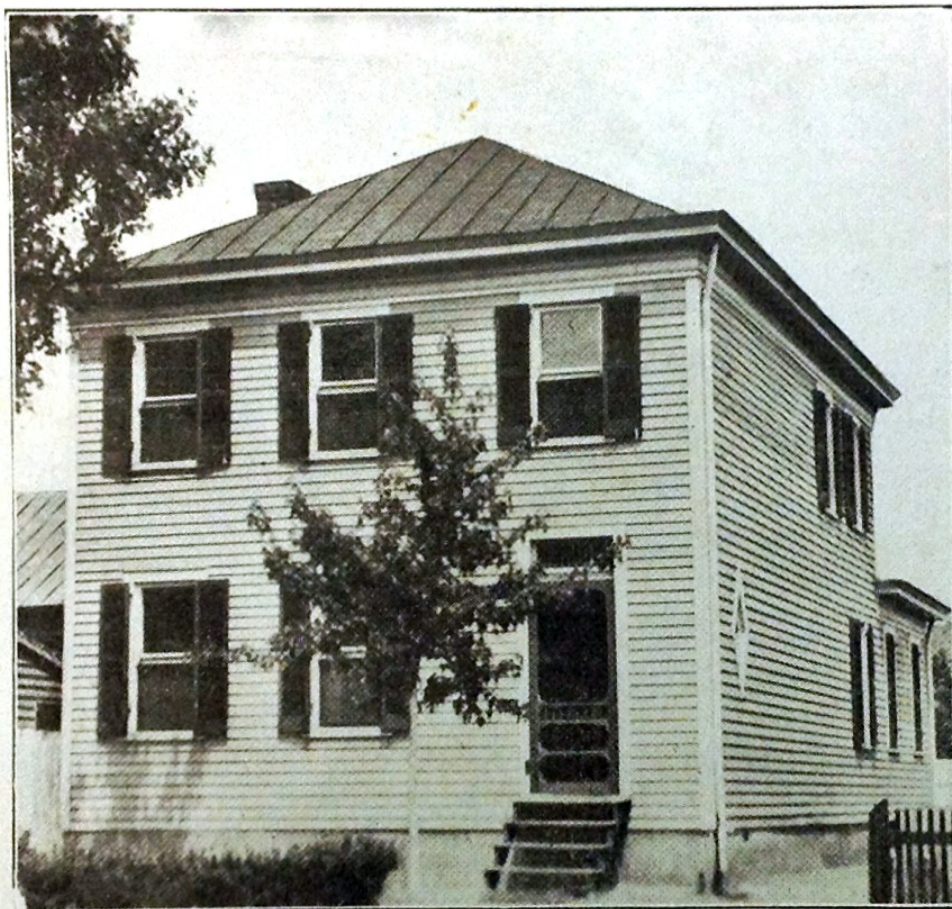
At the close of the war this congregation organized under the name of the Shiloh Baptist Church, and had for its first pastor, Rev. George Dixon. Nearly all of the older members of the church today were baptized by Rev. George Dixon.

Of the twelve men who banded themselves together after the war, organized the church and began to repair the building; only one, Bro. "Jim" Coleman, is in the church today. The other eleven are either all dead or have left the city. While the pastor, Rev. Dixon, was away trying to raise the money to replace the pews destroyed by the soldiers, these men remained behind and did what they could to repair the building and get the congregation together.

Rev. L. G. Walden succeeded Rev. Dixon, and he, after a short pastorate, was succeeded by Rev. Willis Robinson. (For a list of the subsequent pastors, see page 8.)

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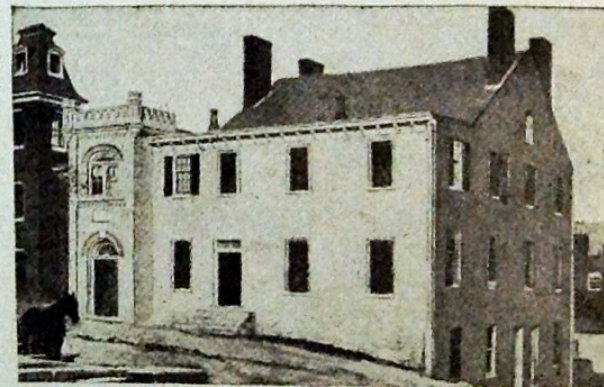
PARSONAGE

In 1887 the old building fell and the congregation split on the question of a site for the new building. The majority remained on the (Old Site) and erected the present building. The congregation worshipping in the Court House and in a temporary building meanwhile.

In excavating for the walls of the new building the workmen dug into an old vault built in the early days when the building was used as a bank, and several pieces of old money were found.

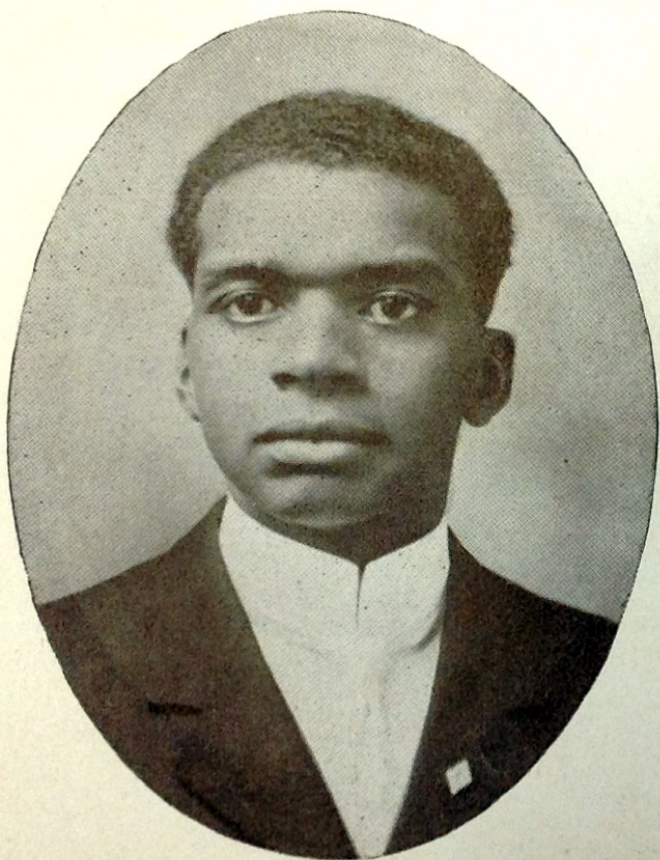
The corner-stone of the present building was laid with Masonic rites by the Fredericksburg Lodge of Masons (white).

This is the Masonic Lodge in which George Washington received his first degree as a Mason November 4th, 1752.



MASONIC HALL





Born July 22nd, 1877.

Spent the first seventeen years of his life on the farm.

Entered Hampton Institute in 1895.

Graduated from the Trade Schools in 1898.

Graduated from the Academic Department in 1900.

Taught Physics and Electricity in the Hampton Institute in 1901.

Taught Manual Training at Walden University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1902-3.

Taught Manual Training at the Calhoun School, Calhoun, Ala., in 1904.

Did General Contracting in Alexandria and Washington in 1905-6.

Entered Howard University, Washington, D. C., in 1907.

Graduated from the Theological Department with the Degree of B. D. (Bachelor of Divinity) in 1910.

Was installed as the pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church (O. S.) January, 1911.

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## Four Years Work Under the Present Pastor

REV. J. C. DIAMOND, B. D.

Installed January 1, 1911.

Renovated the Sunday School room March 1911, cost \$19.37.

Built the Parsonage July-November 1912. Cost \$2,000.00, (Rev. J. C. Diamond, architect and builder.)

Purchased a Piano for the Sunday School in 1913. Cost \$250.00. Given by the Sunday School.

Purchased 300 Hymn Books. Cost \$55.30.

Purchased an Individual Communion Set in April, 1914. Cost \$53.69. Presented by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Purchased a Communion Table May, 1914. Cost \$18.00. Presented by the Children's Club.

Money raised first year . . . . .	\$ 700.00	Money raised for Missions and Education	\$400.00
Money raised second year . . . . .	900.00	Money raised in the Sunday School . . . .	600.00
Money raised third year . . . . .	1,400.00	Money raised for Home Missions . . . . .	250.00
Money raised fourth year . . . . .	2,100.00	Money raised for the Poor Saints' Fund .	240.00
Pastor's Salary, 1911 . . . . .	\$480.00		
Pastor's Salary, 1912 . . . . .	480.00 and vacation		
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Pastor's Salary, 1914 . . . . .	600.00 and vacation		

Number baptized, 150.

Number added to the church, 286.

Present enrollment, 600—Active, 524.

Marriages performed by the pastor, 17.

Funerals attended by the pastor, 62.

Revivals conducted by the pastor in other churches, 5.

Number of converts, 97.

Improvements on foot—estimated cost, \$950.00.

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## **Present Officers of the Church**

PASTOR, REV. J. C. DIAMOND, B. D.

### **DEACONS**

ELMO WASHINGTON, Senior Deacon  
CATO FRAZIER  
AUSTIN JOHNSON  
DALLAS M. KAY

GEORGE WALKER, Clerk of the Board  
J. THOMAS WALKER  
JOHN HARRIS  
SPENCER LEWIS

### **TRUSTEES**

CATO FRAZIER  
EVANS WORMLEY

JOHN T. LUCAS  
BENJ. BUMBRAY

### **TREASURER**

GEORGE WALKER

### **CHURCH CLERK**

WAVERLY ALSOP

### **SUPT. OF S. S.**

GEORGE WALKER

### **CHOIR LEADER**

D. M. KAY

### **CHORISTER**

DR. S. M. TATE

### **ORGANIST**

MISS EVIE R. GRAY

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## Pastors of the Church 1854-1914

REV. ARMISTEAD WALKER  
REV. LEMUEL G. WALDEN  
REV. GEORGE DIXON

REV. WILLIS ROBINSON  
REV. J. E. BROWN  
REV. J. A. BROWN, B. D.

REV. J. C. DIAMOND, B. D.

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## Deacons and Trustees of the Church 1854-1914

### DEACONS

FIELDING GRANT  
WASHINGTON WRIGHT  
JOHN GRANNERSON  
EDMOND MOTEN  
"JACK" ROY  
TARLETON WORMLEY

SIMON BASEY  
BEN PEYTON  
"JIM" WILLIAMS  
"JIM" GORDON  
EDMOND SPROW  
GEORGE TRIPLETT

HILDRED JACKSON  
"JIM" JOHNSON  
CORNELIUS LUCAS  
ELMO WASHINGTON  
CATO FRAZIER  
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LINDSAY ROBINSON

EVANS WORMLEY  
CATO FRAZIER  
BENJ. BUMBRAY

### CHURCH CLERKS

"JIM" BROOKS

HENRY YATES

ESSEX HOWARD

HENRY DEANE

WAVERLY ALSOP

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# Treasurer's Report for the First Quarter

February---April, 1914

## COLLECTIONS AND BALANCE

Balance from last quarter . . . . .	\$55.26
Collections Feb. 1st . . . . .	30.78
“ “ 8th . . . . .	19.07
“ “ 15th . . . . .	15.58
“ “ 22nd . . . . .	20.16
“ Mar. 1st Sun. . . . .	19.01
“ “ 2nd “ . . . . .	23.18
“ “ 3rd “ . . . . .	22.65
“ “ 4th “ . . . . .	13.14
“ “ 5th “ . . . . .	14.57
“ Apr. 1st “ . . . . .	29.59
“ “ 2nd “ . . . . .	28.08
“ “ 3rd “ . . . . .	27.86
“ “ 4th “ . . . . .	24.15
	<u>\$343.08</u>
“ “ Revival . . . . .	106.40
Total for the Quarter . . . . .	<u>\$449.48</u>

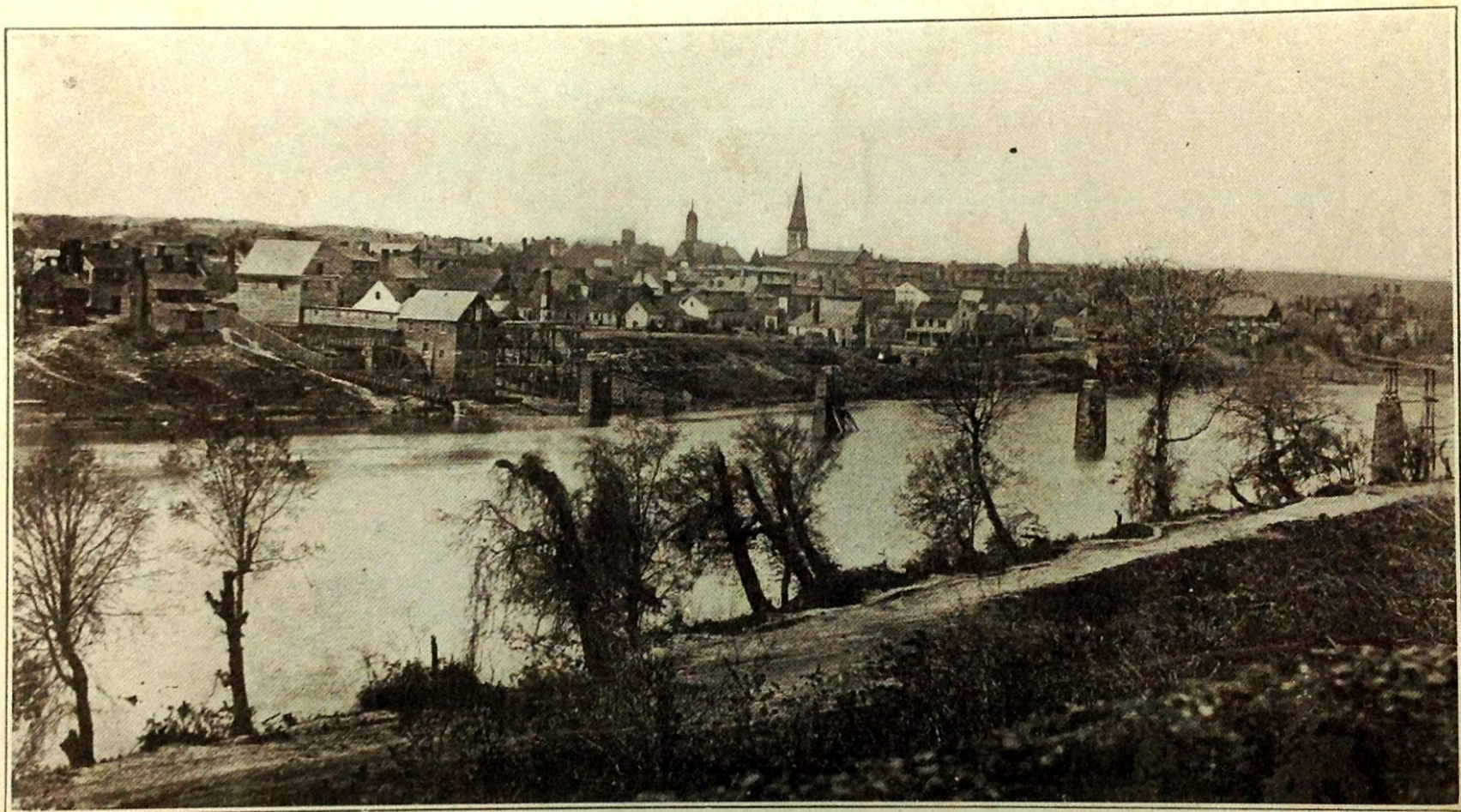
## EXPENDITURES

Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$120.00
Wine and Bread . . . . .	2.40
Organist . . . . .	15.10
Stamps and Lock . . . . .	1.75
Clerk . . . . .	3.00
Gas . . . . .	12.00
Sexton . . . . .	18.00
Rev. Jas. Johnson (services) . . . . .	5.00
Putting away coal-glass . . . . .	1.78
Coal . . . . .	33.38
Cain & Bell . . . . .	24.30
Evangelistic Services . . . . .	89.75
Duplex Envelopes . . . . .	8 30
Flowers . . . . .	3.00
Wood . . . . .	2.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$339.76</u>
	449.48
Balance in Bank May 1st, 1914. . . . .	<u>\$109.72</u>

GEO. WALKER, TREAS.



Star marks the Old Church



FREDERICKSBURG IN 1862

Just before the Bombardment, and after the Car Bridge was Burnt by the Confederate Army



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## Associations and Conventions

The Shiloh Baptist Church is connected with the following bodies :

The Baptist General Association of Virginia,  
Rev. Z. D. Lewis, D. D., President.

The Mattaponi District Association,  
Rev. S. A. Brown, A. B., President.

The Virginia Baptist S. S. Convention,  
Mr. W. P. Epps, President.

The Virginia Baptist Young Peoples' Union.  
Mr. R. E. Clay, President.

The Women's Baptist Missionary and Educational  
Association of Virginia,  
Mrs. M. R. Johnson, President.

The last named body met in this church in June, 1914, and had a very successful and enjoyable session.

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## Some Interesting Facts About Fredericksburg

The first resolution declaring American Independence was passed in Fredericksburg April 27th, 1775, twenty-one days before the next earlier.

Seven Presidents and three of the greatest military leaders were born at Fredericksburg or within a short distance.

It was John Paul Jones, a Fredericksburg man, who raised the first flag over our infant navy in 1775.

At Fredericksburg, and within fifteen miles, more great armies manœuvered, more great battles were fought, more men were engaged in mortal combat, and more officers and privates were killed and wounded than in any similar territory in the world.

The tallest and most imposing monument erected to a woman is erected at Fredericksburg to the memory of Mary Washington.

James Monroe, for many years a citizen of Fredericksburg, announced the American principle known as the Monroe Doctrine.

James Madison, born near Fredericksburg, gave to the country the Constitution of the United States.

It was Fredericksburg that gave to the country the head of the Armies in the Great War for Independence and the first President, in the person of the Peerless Washington

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