
Individual Narrative of Rev. Frank Alexander

Rev. Frank Alexander was also known as Franklin Alexander. The Carter Co. marriage record is the only place where a first initial of "B." has been found; it is possible that a clerk confused the groom with the prospective father-in-law, Benjamin Franklin Keebler. He was born on 3 October 1838 at Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee, son of John Alexander and Delilah Woods. He was educated circa 1854 at Duffield Academy, Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee, and later at Emory & Henry College, Washington County, Virginia. He was also educated circa 1858 at Emory & Henry College, Washington County, Virginia. He was "a partner...in merchandizing" between 1861 and 1865. He lived between 1861 and 1865 at Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee. He witnessed Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) (R) began 1st term as 16th president. Vice president: Hannibal Hamlin (1809-1891) on 4 March 1861. He married Mary Catherine Keebler, daughter of Benjamin Franklin Keebler and Elizabeth Range Wright, on 24 December 1861 at Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee; the ceremony was performed by Rev. G. Massey. He witnessed Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) (R) began 2nd term as 16th president. Vice president: Andrew Johnson (1808-1875) on 4 March 1865. He lived between 20 March 1865 and 1883 at Marion, Smyth County, Virginia. Between 20 March 1865 and 1925 Rev. Frank Alexander and John Alexander were proprietors in a men's clothing store. This store remained in the family until 1967. Between 1885 and 1910 Rev. Frank Alexander was a Methodist minister in the Holston Conference, covering parts of Virginia and Tennessee; during this period he had posts at Union, Floyd County, Virginia (1885); Lebanon, Russell County, Virginia (1885-1887); West Jasper, Marion County, Virginia (1887-1888); Dunlap, Sequatchie County, Tennessee (1888-1890); Pikeville, Bledsoe County, Tennessee (1890-1898); Castlewood, Russell County, Virginia (1898-1900); and Blountville, Sullivan County, Tennessee (1906-1907). He lived between 17 March 1885 and 19 November 1885 at Union, Floyd County, Virginia. He officiated at the marriage of Robert Moore Baldwin and Lula Elizabeth Alexander on 22 July 1885 at Union, Smyth County, Virginia; ceremony performed by her father. He lived between 19 November 1885 and 27 October 1887 at Lebanon, Russell County, Virginia. He lived between 27 October 1887 and 18 October 1888 at West Jasper, Marion County, Tennessee. He lived between 18 October 1888 and 21 October 1890 at Dunlap, Sequatchie County, Tennessee. He lived between 21 October 1890 and 1898 at Pikeville, Bledsoe County, Tennessee. He performed the marriage ceremony of John Keys Fugate and Annie Eliza Alexander on 8 December 1896 at Dickensonville, Virginia. He lived between 1898 and 1900 at Castlewood, Russell County, Virginia. After 1907 Rev. Frank Alexander lived at Indian Springs, Tennessee. A letter to his children from Indian Springs, dated 8 December 1915, describes events connected with the death of his wife. He died on 13 November 1925 at Rose Lawn, Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia, at age 87 while visiting at the home of his daughter, Carrie Alexander Barns. He was buried at Round Hill Cemetery, Marion, Smyth County, Virginia.