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Biography

James Dausey Wroten Sr. was born to Elisha Carroll Wroten and Roxy Narcissa Crabb Wroten on July 24, 1885, in Prentiss County, Mississippi. Wroten attended public schools in Prentiss County and Millsaps College, where he earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in 1912. Afterward, Wroten attended the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and in 1945 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Millsaps College.

James Wroten went on to serve as a trustee of Grenada College, for fourteen years, and later as a trustee of Millsaps College for fifteen years. In spring of 1908, he was licensed as a Methodist local preacher. Wroten served as a supply pastor to Duck Hill, Mississippi while attending Millsaps College. He would ride the Illinois Central train from Jackson, Mississippi to Duck Hill and travel by horseback to different ministries. Also while serving as a supply preacher, Wroten was elected and ordained Deacon at the 1911 Annual Conference held in Macon, Mississippi. At the Annual Conference of 1912, he was admitted on trial and earned full connection in 1914 to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Wroten was ordained an elder in the 1917 Annual conference and received his superannuation at the 1958 Annual Conference after forty-six years of service. During Wroten's time in the Conference he served in many charges over North Mississippi, and as a delegate from the North Mississippi Conference to General Conference.

Aside from pastoral duties, Wroten was very active in the community. He served as the first Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout Troop in Benoit, became active in the Rotary Club and served as President of the Louisville Rotary Club in 1955. He was also a Knights Templar Work Rite Mason, a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Eastern Star.

Wroten married Miss Birdie Grey Steen on September 5, 1916 and of their marriage six children were born and later ten grandchildren. James Wroten died in Greenville, Mississippi, on November 11, 1963. He was 78 years old. His funeral was held at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi and his interment at Lakewood Memorial Park in Hinds County, Mississippi.

Note

The 405 manuscript and typescript sermons of Rev. Wroten were given to the Archives in 2006 by his grandson, Jim Wroten, after he had scanned and digitized each of the sermons. In addition to the manuscripts, he gave 2 compact disks of the digitized sermons to the Archives. Mr. Wroten also has posted the digitized sermons on his personal web site, complete with index and search features and additional information about Rev. Wroten and family. The web address is www.jimandanne.ws/sermons.

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