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Rev. Irl Hendrix Sells, son of Pastor James LeGrande Sells and Clara Catherine Hull, was born in Rulo, Nebraska on August 29, 1892. In 1912, Sells became licensed to preach and then entered Whitworth College in 1914. Two years later he entered Millsaps College, but in 1917 he joined the Navy where he remained until 1919. In 1918, in Boston, Sells was ordained a deacon. He gained full connection in 1921 and was ordained elder in 1923. On Nov. 14, 1919, Sells married Mary Myrtle Alford, granddaughter of Rev. David P. Bradford. They had two daughters, Ellenita (wife of Rev. Herbert A. Zimmerman) and Mary Nell (wife of Rev. Sam S. Barefield), both of whom graduated from Millsaps College. Sells served ten appointments, including: Harrisville, Jackson, Poplarville, Sandersville, and others. He also served as Exec. Secretary of the Conference Board of Education from 1933-45. Sells retired in 1963 and died on January 20, 1978. He donated his body to Vanderbilt University Medical School.

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