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Parrish, Madison Edward (1904 – 1908)

Pastors of First Baptist Shelby

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### **Correspondence - January 26, 1966 - Woodford B. Hackley, Virginia Baptist Historical Society**

Woodford B. Hackley

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# The Virginia Baptist Historical Society

FOUNDED 1876

## OBJECT

To discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the history of Christianity  
and to the Baptist Denomination in Virginia in particular, and  
to use this material to serve the Baptists of Virginia

January 26, 1966

Rev. Roland Leath  
Shelby, N.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 21st, addressed to  
Dr. Lucius Polhill, has been referred to me for  
answer.

The Portsmouth Minutes of 1909 show that Rev.  
M.E. Parrish was pastor of the South Street Baptist  
Church, Portsmouth, Va. He is shown as pastor of that  
church only one year.

And the sketch of this man in VIRGINIA BAPTIST  
MINISTERS, 5th series, pp. 277-78, explains why  
the listing of just one year. The man died with  
pneumonia on June 11, 1910. This brief pastorate  
in Portsmouth is the only pastorate this man held  
in his native State.

Fortunately, we have a very good photograph of  
Mr. Parrish. If you wish a copy of same, let me know  
the type and size, and I will have the copy made and  
sent to you at your expense.

I hope this will help.

Sincerely yours,

*Woodford B. Hackley*  
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P.S. If you should know any one who might be interested  
in the enclosed announcement, please pass same on  
to them. Thanks. WBH

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## History

The Virginia Baptist Historical Society was incorporated by Act of the Legislature of Virginia March 29, 1876. Since then, the Society has been at work gathering valuable historical data. Much remains to be done, and it is hoped that fresh interest will be added to the movement by reason of the generous action of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia in providing an adequate home for the Society.

We cordially invite attention to this important work. Every Baptist of Virginia should resolve to aid in rescuing and preserving the rich historical legacy left by our wise forefathers.

We are interested in collecting material pertaining to the Baptist denomination in general, but we wish especially printed matter and original documents dealing with the early Baptists of Virginia. The older the documents, the better. The Society is glad to act as custodian of your valuable church records.

You will help the Society materially by taking a life membership at ten dollars, or an annual membership at one dollar per year. Send your membership to W. B. Hackley, Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia Baptist Historical Society, University of Richmond, Virginia.

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*When you come to Richmond, call and see the beautiful memorial.*