

Edwin Wiley Peeples, a Baptist minister of Varnville, S.C., was born in Beaufort District, now Hampton County, on June 26, 1845.

He entered the Confederate Service in the summer of 1862, in Company B, Kirks's Squadron of cavalry, and was later assigned to the Tenth South Carolina regiment. He was made orderly sergeant of Company B, serving as such until the close, and taking part in the Battle of Honey Hill, S.C. and in the engagement taking at Raleigh, N.C., and Florence S.C.

After the war closed he joined his father near Lincolnton Ga., and in the fall of 1865 returned to Beaufort district where he engaged in farming until 1867. At this time, he entered Wofford College at Spartanburgh from which he graduated in 1869 with the degree of A.M. He then taught school for a year in Blackville studying law in the meantime. In the fall of 1870 he abandoned the practice of law for a position as a bookkeeper in the great dry goods firm of C and E. Kerrison of Charleston. In 1871 he entered the Baptist theological seminary at Greenville and graduated in 1874. He then returned to his old home in Hampton County, where he has been preaching since.

He served by appointment as treasurer of Hampton County for eight years.

He was first married on December 21, 1869 in Spartinburg to Marion, daughter of Charles Kerrison who died in 1871, and Susan Balfour 1890, leaving one child Alexander M<sup>c</sup> B. Peeples. He was married the third time, in January 1891 to Harriatt, daughter of Isaac J. Johns, and they have four children: Lulle, Zee, Jennie, Edwin, W.

His father, Alexander Peeples, was born in Beaufort in 1818 and entered Kirk's Company of Calvery and was later appointed Collector Of Taxes In Kind. He was a general in the State Militia before the out break of the war.

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