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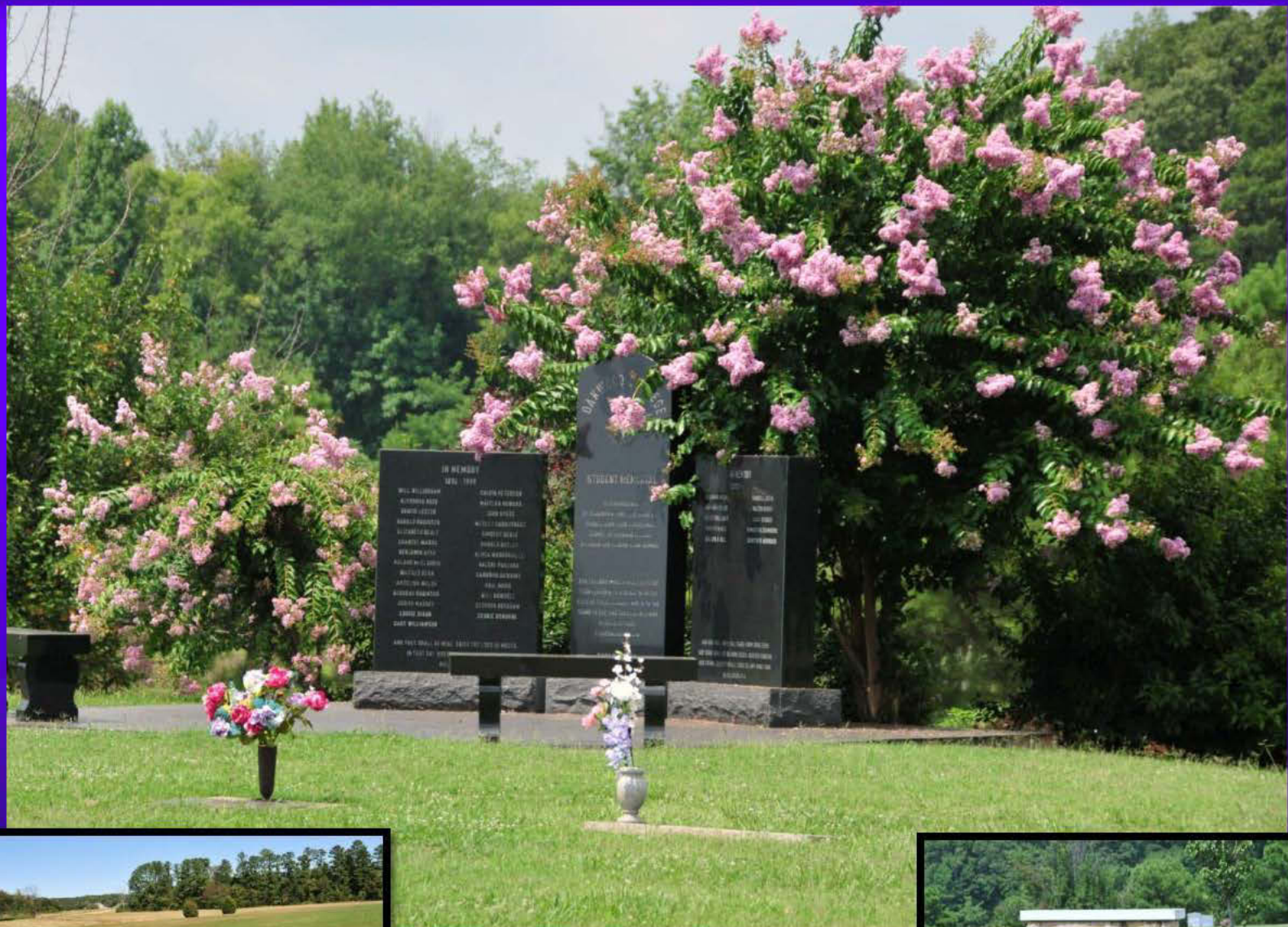


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*Selected
Quotations on
Black People
from the
Writings of
Ellen G. White*



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THREE KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING BLACK SDA HISTORY -The Beginning to 1940-

Association of SDA Librarians
Oakwood University, June 16, 2010
Presenter: Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.



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EDUCATION EXCELLENCE ETERNITY

1896 - 1975



1896 - The Morning Star missionary team first arrived early in the morning with all their work clothes and here is the entrance of the Oakwood Manual Training School



1914 - Main Entrance for Oakwood Junior College



1912 - J. E. Moran, First Black President



1916 - Oakwood College Faculty Established

MUSTN LETTER SING ANOTHERS SONG AT OAKWOOD MEETING

1902 - Ellen G. White at the Oakwood Manual Training School with teachers (Educational Center)



1918 - Oakwood College Family Social

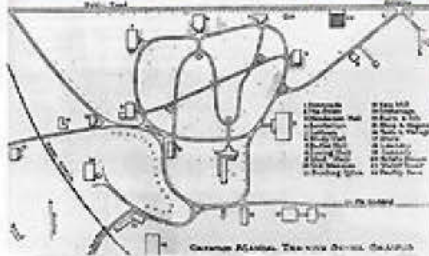


1914 - Main Entrance for Oakwood Manual Training School



1962 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Speaks at Oakwood College

1912 - Oakwood Manual Training School Campus Map



Current Academics: THE NEW OAKWOOD CAMPUS

1974 - Nursing Program Established

1974 - Oakwood College Student Body Reaches 1000



1976 - 2000



1977 - Oakwood College Year Entrance

1978 - First Oakwood College Radio Station, WOCV 16.1 FM www.oakwood.edu/radio



1988 - Oakwood College Gateway Mall



1988 - President Ben Dedmon at Dedication of Administrative Technology Center



2007 - Oakwood College Renames Oakwood Adventist University



2001 - Business and Technology Center

1996 - General Colin Powell Visits Oakwood College During Commencement Celebration



1998 - Eulogies at the White Plaza, Washington, DC

1999 - Mass Cemetery Dedicated



2007 - The Range Story www.oakwood.edu/range-story.html



2007 - The Bradford Cleveland Institute



1999 - Oakwood College Film Video Association



1977 - Oakwood College Church



1999 - Grand Opening of the E. G. White Research Office

1998 - Oakwood College and Lewis Center University Announce Learning Program



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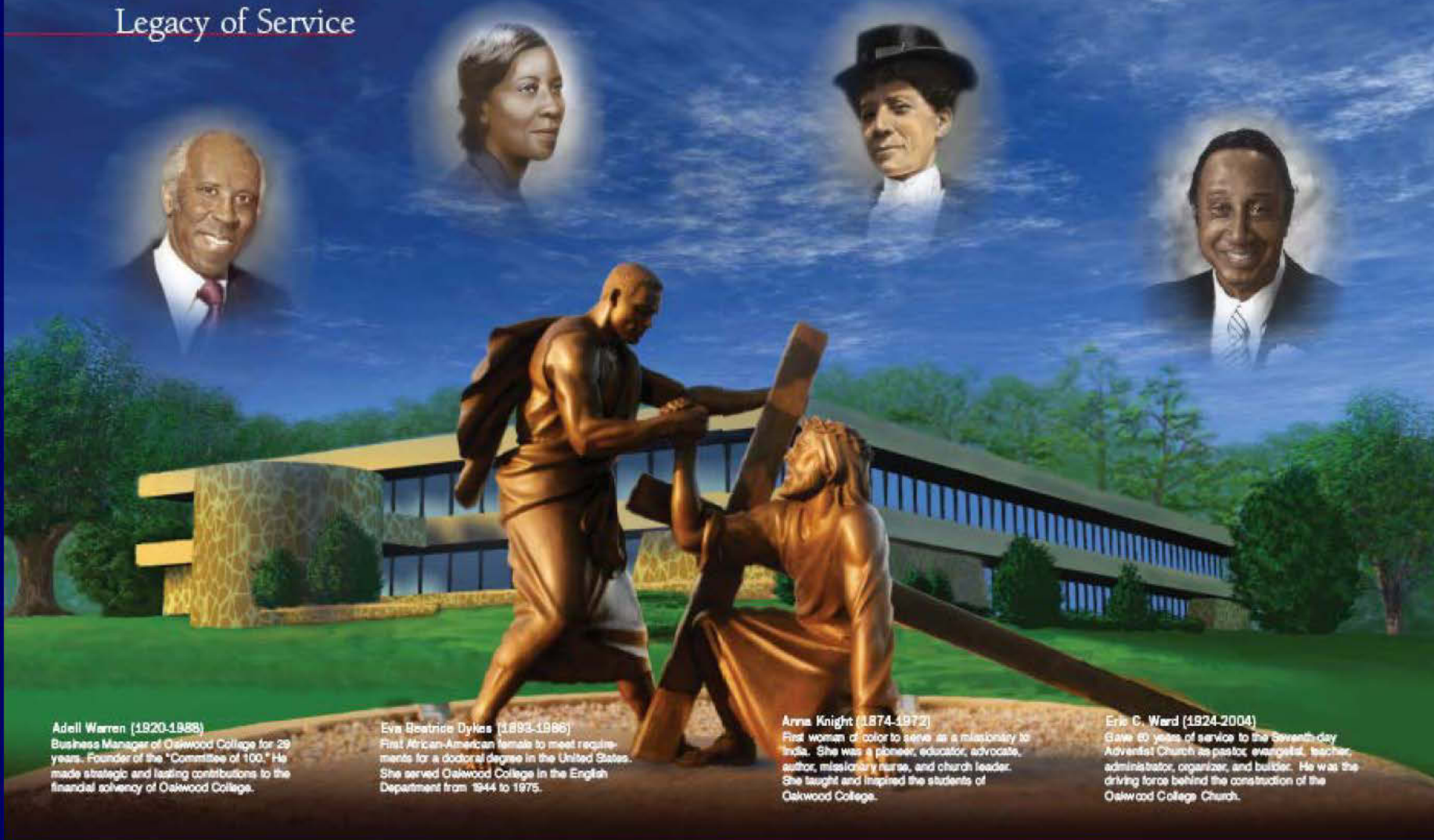
AIM: Education, Excellence, Eternity
MOTTO: Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve

MISSION STATEMENT

Oakwood University, a historically Black Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher learning, provides quality Christian education that emphasizes academic excellence; promotes harmonious development of the mind, body, and spirit; and prepares leaders in service to God and humanity.

The Presence of History

Legacy of Service



Adell Warren (1920-1988)

Business Manager of Oakwood College for 29 years. Founder of the "Committee of 100." He made strategic and lasting contributions to the financial solvency of Oakwood College.

Eva Beatrice Dyles (1893-1986)

First African-American female to meet requirements for a doctoral degree in the United States. She served Oakwood College in the English Department from 1944 to 1975.

Anna Knight (1874-1972)

First woman of color to serve as a missionary to India. She was a pioneer, educator, advocate, author, missionary nurse, and church leader. She taught and inspired the students of Oakwood College.

Erle C. Ward (1924-2004)

Gave 60 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church as pastor, evangelist, teacher, administrator, organizer, and builder. He was the driving force behind the construction of the Oakwood College Church.



Three KEYS to Understand . . .

◆ First: **PROVIDENCE**

– God Delivers a People from Bondage

◆ Second: **DELIVERANCE**

– A New Movement and a Liberated People

◆ Third: **EDUCATION**

– The Plan, People, Place

◆ **Progress Today**



For Further Study on SDA Black History

1. *Telling the Story, An Anthology* (1996), Delbert Baker
2. *Righteous Rebel* (1990), Walter Fordham
3. *A Star Gives Light* (1989), Norwida Marshall, ed.
4. *We Have Tomorrow* (1988), Louis Reynolds
5. *SDAs Believe: 27 Beliefs* (1988), GC Ministerial Dept.
6. *The Unknown Prophet* (1987), Delbert Baker
7. *Angels in Ebony* (1975), Jacob Justiss
8. *The Southern Work* (1966), Ellen White
9. *Crucial Moments in Adventist History*, Benjamin Baker
10. *People of Providence*, Delbert, Susan, Benjamin Baker



FIRST KEY: **Providence**



Divine Providence-Psalm 33:10-12

- ◆ 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.
- ◆ 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.
- ◆ 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance. (NKJV)

A large, light-colored stone sign with a curved top section. The sign is illuminated from below, casting a warm glow. The text is engraved in a serif font. The background shows a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

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Nations and Providence

- ◆ In the annals of human history, the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as if dependent on the will and prowess of man; the shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But **in the word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, above, behind, and through all the play and counterplay of human interest and power and passions, the agencies of the All-merciful One, silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will.** PK 499



PROVIDENCE

Black SDA History: Four Pillars



4. God is Still Providing Direction . . .



3. God Provided Resources and
Events to Accomplish His Desired End



2. God Became Personally
Involved Oppressed People



1. God loves, cares
for the Oppressed,
i.e., People of Color

Israel/African American Parallel

- ◆ “Those who study the history of the Israelites should also consider the history of the slaves in America” (SW 42, 41)
- ◆ “The Hebrew nation is *not the only nation* that has been in cruel bondage, and whose groaning have come to the ears of the Lord of hosts. The Lord God of Israel has looked upon the vast number of human beings who were held in slavery in the United States of America.”
- ◆ “God spoke concerning the captivity of the colored people as verily as He did concerning the Hebrew captives, and said: ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people . . . , and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them.’ The Lord wrought in freeing the Southern slaves; but He designed to work still further for them as He did for the children of Israel, whom He took forth to educate, to refine, and ennoble.”

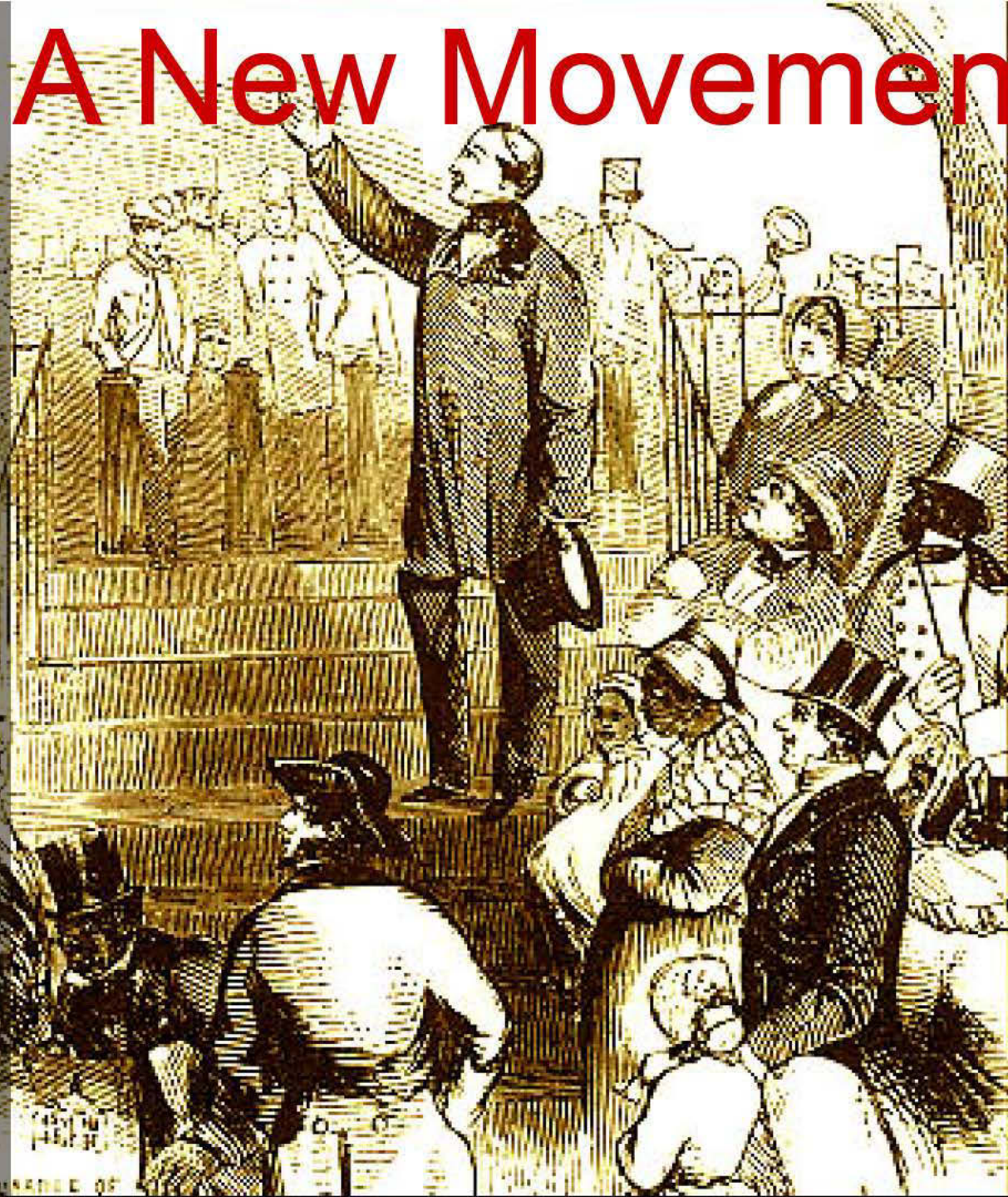




SECOND KEY:
Deliverance

A New Movement

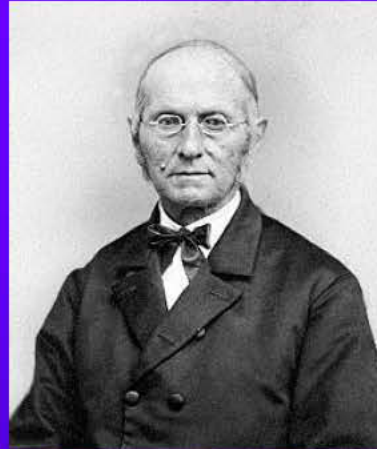
*The Seventh-day
Adventist Church
began forming in
the 1840s but
officially formed
and adopted the
name Seventh-day
Adventist in the
middle 1860s.*



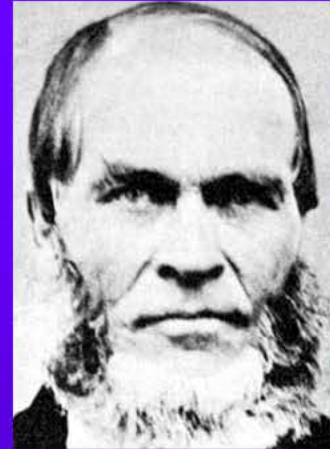
Key People Who Influenced SDAs and Black Adventism . . .



William Miller
1782-1849



Joseph Bates
1792-1872



Hiram Edson
1806-1882



Sojourner Truth
1797-1883



James White
1821-1881



Ellen White
1827-1915



William Foy's Visions: *VICTORY* *January 18, 1842*

◆ Place of reception:

- Southark Street, Boston, while meeting with the 12th Street Baptist Church, George Black, Pastor.

◆ Focus:

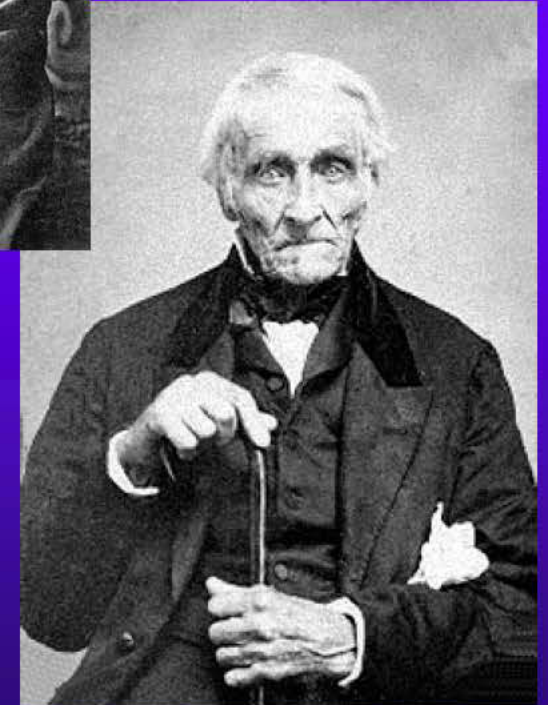
- The vision was about glory and reward to come.
- It also warned the early Advent believers to be faithful regardless of circumstances.
- It showed the early Advent movement traveling to the new earth.

Ellen Harmon Hears Foy

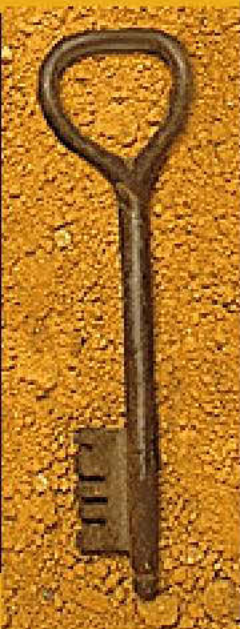
- ◆ In 1842, Ellen Gould Harmon (White), a teenager, and her father, Robert Harmon, heard Foy speak at Portland, Maine, during his several trips to that area.



Ellen G. White

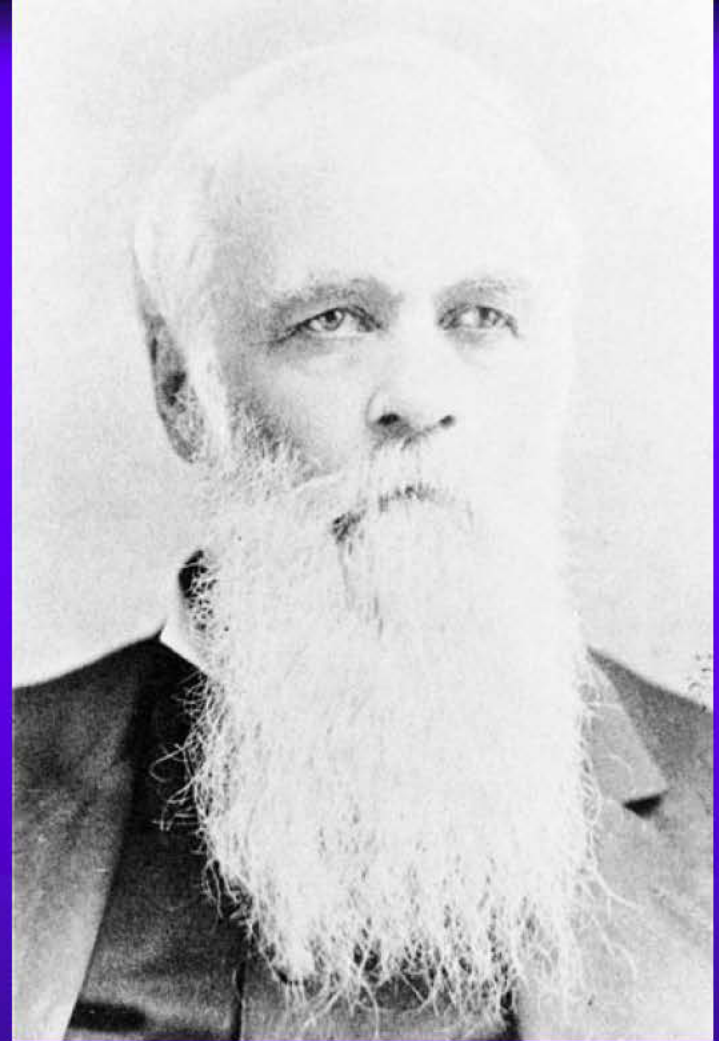


Robert Harmon



Hazen Foss' Vision

- ◆ The vision depicts the travel of the Advent people and Foss was clearly instructed to deliver what the message said to others.
- ◆ Unlike Foy, he declined to relate what he was shown.



Hazen Foss

The SDA Movement Begins

- ◆ In December, 1844, Ellen White received her first revelation for the Advent believers
- ◆ Thus began Ellen White's 70 year ministry to the SDA Church.



Ellen White and Foy

- ◆ Ellen White met and conversed with Foy in 1845.
- ◆ Later that evening, Foy heard her relate what she had seen.
- ◆ When Foy heard her relate her experience, he jumped for joy and exclaimed, “it is just what I’ve seen.”
- ◆ Ellen White later spoke of how Foy had a “genuine experience” As to what become of Foy, she said, “I do not know what became of him.”



Ellen G. White

William Foy Dies, November 9, 1893

Facts

- ◆ Lived until 75
- ◆ Faithfully was a Pastor in the Maine area
- ◆ Preached 2nd Advent (till death)
- ◆ Buried-Birch Tree Cemetery



*Frontal view of the Birch Tree Cemetery.
The Foy marker is in the rear to the far right.*

Epitaph

- ◆ Foy's epitaph reads:

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of life.”

2 Timothy 4:7



A Liberated People

*Black people are
liberated in 1865
during the very
year that the
Seventh-day
Adventist Church
was formally
organized and
named.*



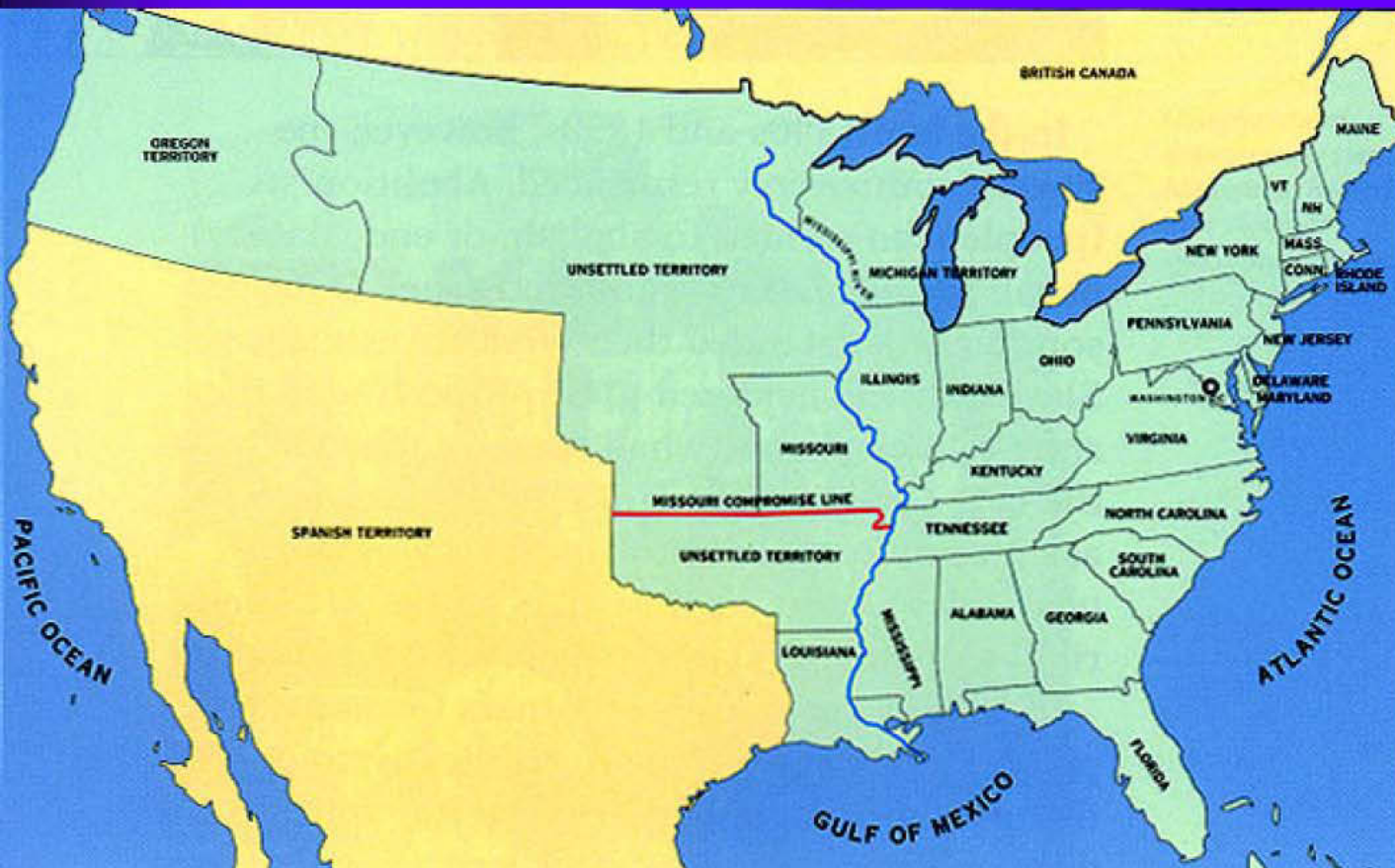
Providence, Slavery, and Freedom

- ◆ Providential events . . .
 - . . . William Foy receives visions prior to Hazen Foss and Ellen White.
 - . . . Blacks revolt against the system of slavery.
 - . . . William Lloyd Garrison started official antislavery movement.
 - . . . David Walker published his famous *Appeal* against slavery.
 - . . . Dred Scott sues for his freedom in the 1850s.



Picture of slaves working on a southern plantation.

United States and the Slavery Conflict



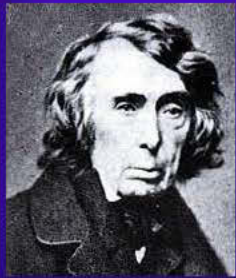
Solution: Divide territory into two sections: northern with no slavery, southern with slavery.

The Missouri Compromise

Dred Scott, Oakwood College, and the Civil War Time Line



Missouri Courthouse



Judge Taney

Civil War

1800
1811
1820
1834
1836
1837
1843
1846
1850
1852
1854
1856
1857
1858
1861
1862
1863
1865

Dred Scott born

Dred Scott, a slave, lives in Huntsville, AL on the property where Oakwood College now is
Missouri Compromise

Emerson and Scott live in Illinois

Emerson and Scott live in Wisconsin Territory

Emerson dies

Scott sues Eliza Emerson for his freedom

Scott wins; Emerson appeals

Missouri's highest court rules Scott a slave

Scott appeals to U.S. Supreme Court

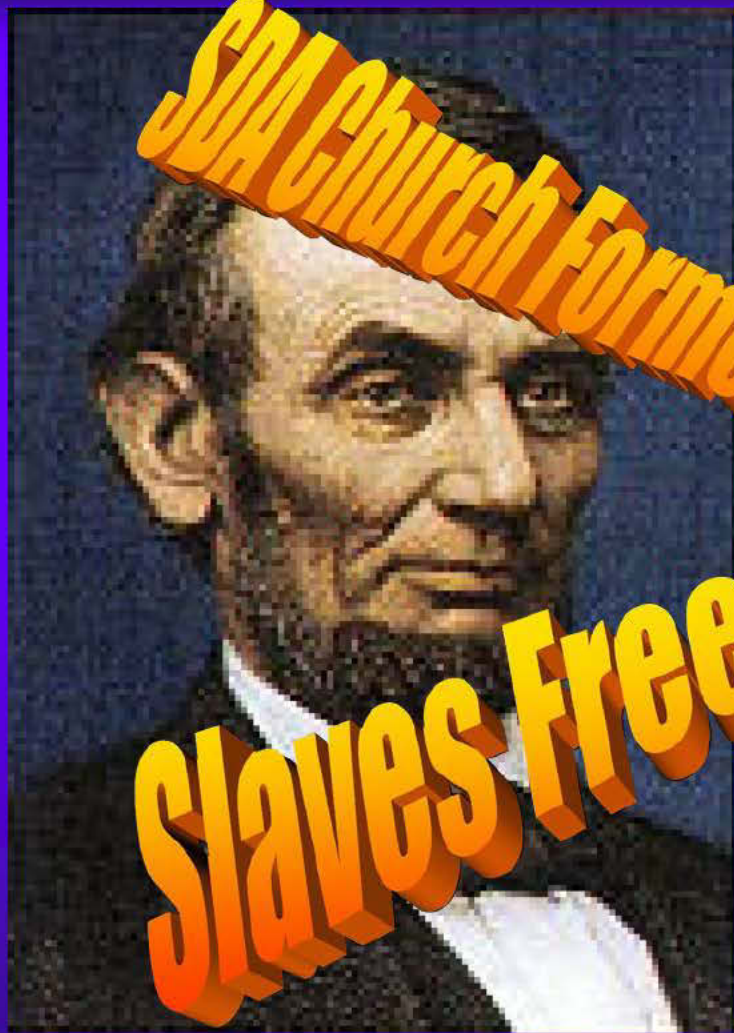
February 11: Case begins in Supreme Court

September 17: Dred Scott dies

Congress bans slavery from territories

Emancipation Proclamation frees slaves

1860s



Slaves Freed

Civil War (1861-65):

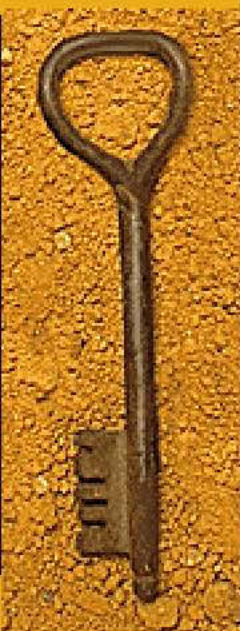
“the irrepressible conflict”

Appeal of SDA Beliefs to Black People Freed From Slavery . . .

Slavery

Seventh-day Adventist

1. **Truth Scriptures/SP**
2. **Sin Problem Savior (Righteousness)**
3. **Equality Salvation**
4. **Overwork Sabbath Rest**
5. **Lifestyle Stewardship**
6. **Spiritualism State of the Dead**
7. **Hopelessness Second Coming**





THIRD KEY:
Education

THE PLAN: Mission to Black America



MORNING STAR
(Moving Headquarters of the Black Work)
Southern Missionary Society: 1895-1901

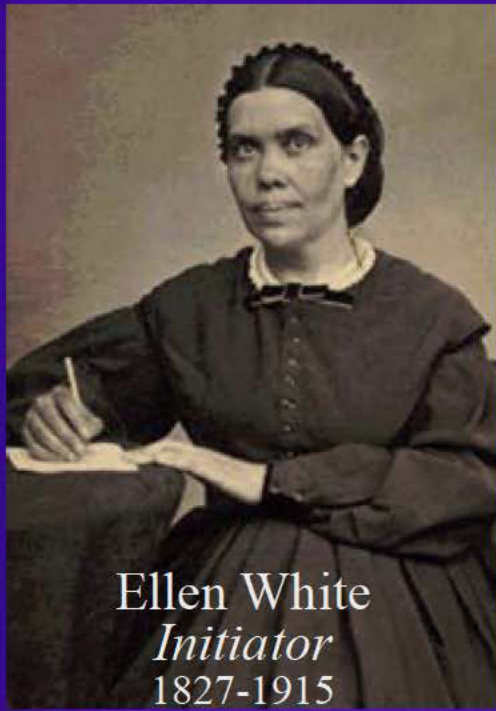


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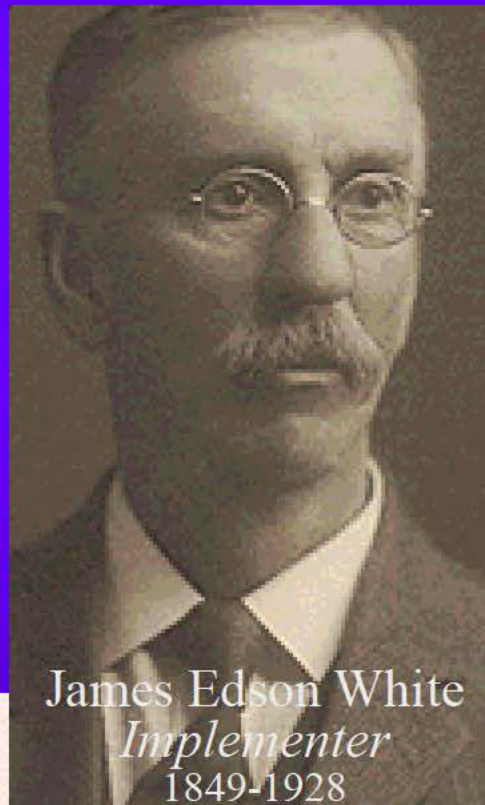
- ◆ *Gospel Herald*, December, 1899
(Printed aboard the *Morning Star*)

James Edson White: “We have ever regarded instruction coming from this source (Spirit of Prophecy) as the very highest authority. The instructions have been plain and explicit, and when followed, success has ever attended this work.”

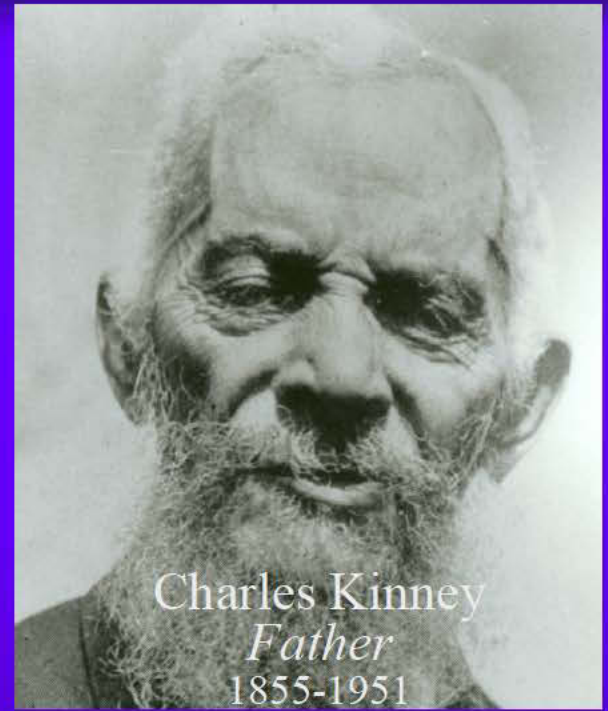
THE PEOPLE: Three Change Agents



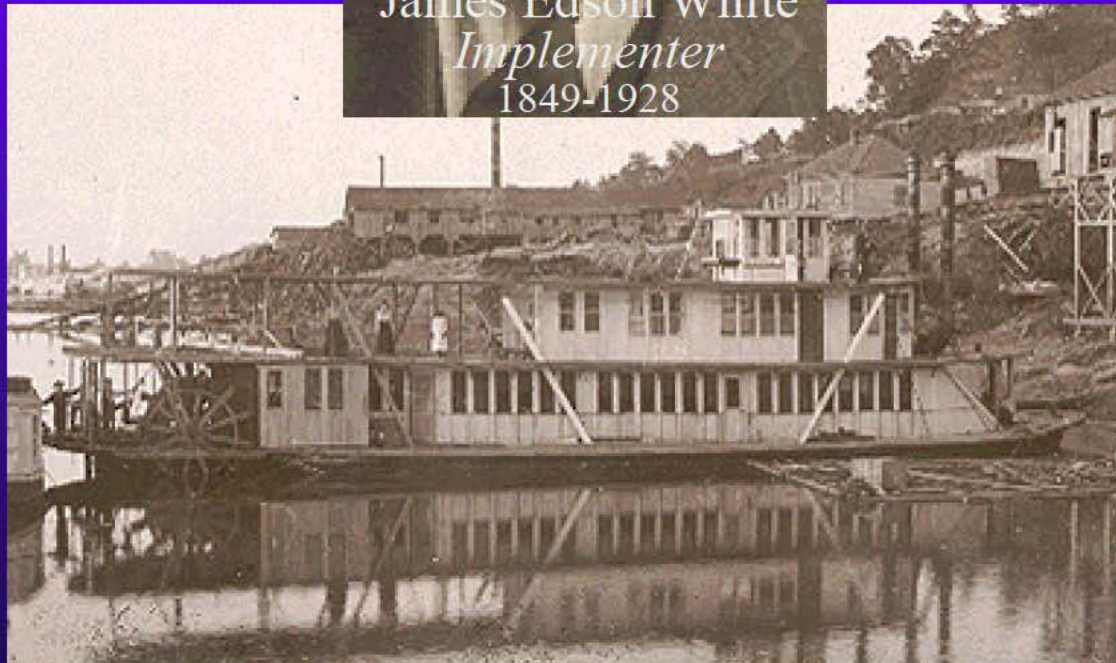
Ellen White
Initiator
1827-1915



James Edson White
Implementer
1849-1928

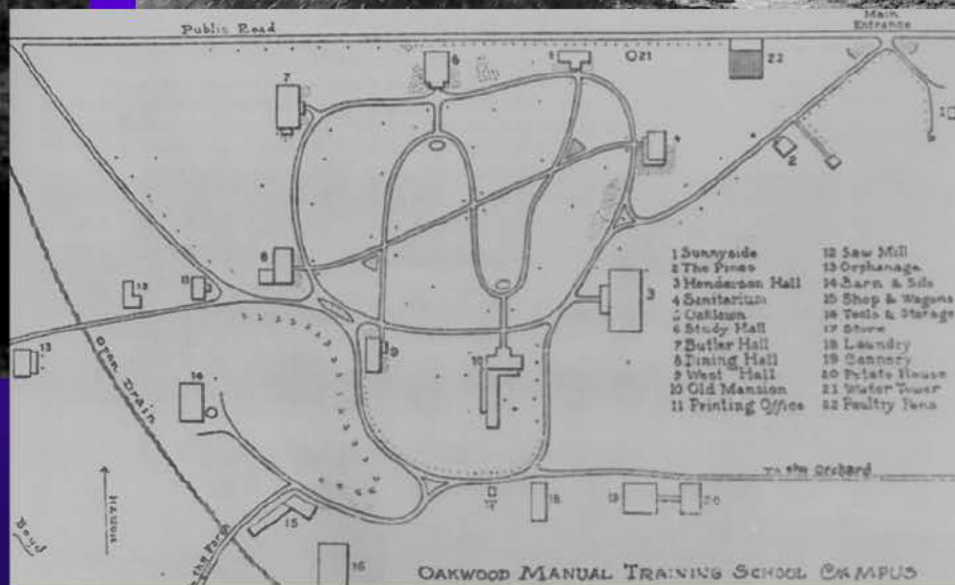


Charles Kinney
Father
1855-1951





THE PLACE: Oakwood University
The Training Center





Ellen White at Oakwood University

1904, 1905, and 1908

In regard to this school here at Huntsville, I wish to say that for the past two or three years I have been receiving instruction regarding it-- what it should be and what those who come here as students are to become. All that is done by those connected with this school, whether they be white or black, is to be done with the realization that this is the Lord's institution... This is the Lord's land, and it is to bear fruit to his glory. Those who attend this school are to be taught in right lines, on the farm or in the school-room. They are to be taught how to live in close connection with God.

Ellen G. White



Special workers meeting at Oakwood, 1904



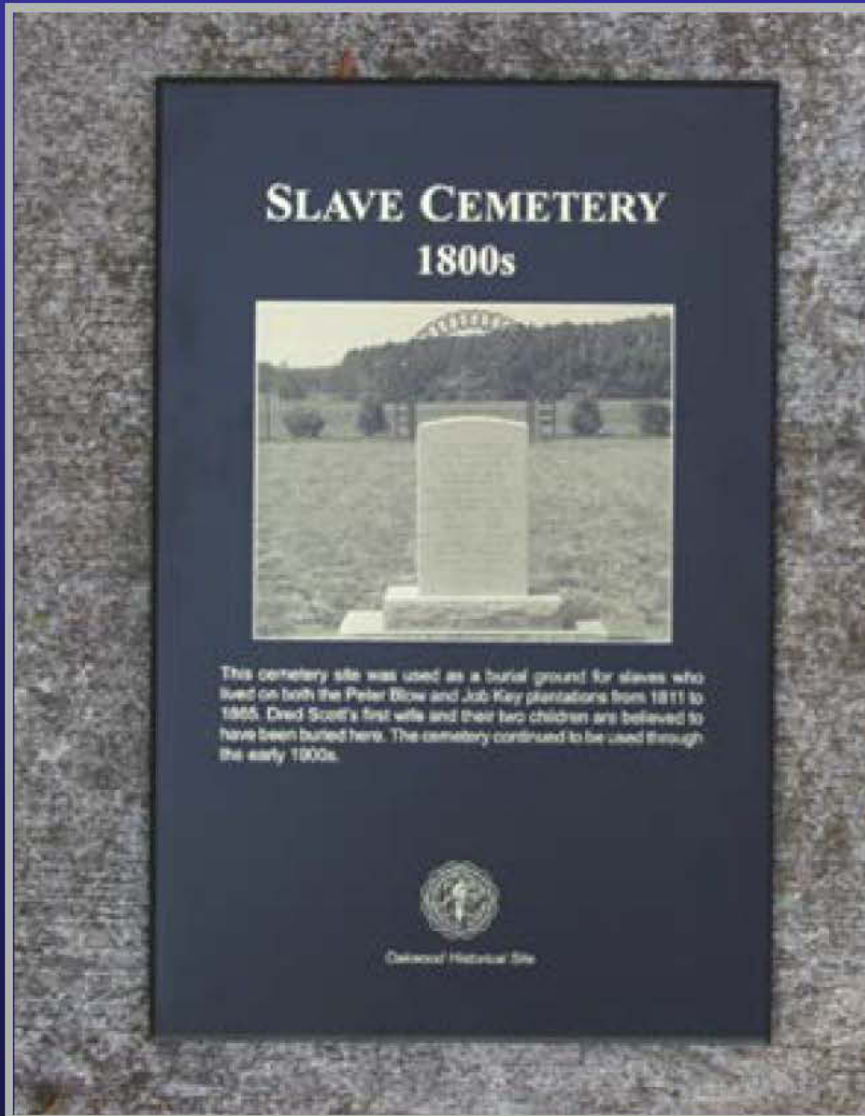
Morning Star House (1898): Where Ellen White Stayed When On Campus





17 Markers On Campus Identifying Historical Sites

The Presence of History!







Progress Today



REGIONAL STATISTICS

◆ Membership

- Approximately 300,000 members (83% of members are located in Regional or Black Administered Conferences)

◆ Tithe

- Representing the 2nd largest tithe base in Adventism

◆ Ministry

- Nine Black administered Regional (Black) Conferences (four entities-Calif & Bermuda), five Regionally supported ministries (e.g. OC, BOL, MM, RV, PF)

◆ Governance

- Regional President's Council and the Black Caucus of SDA Administrators (the Regional Ministries Office, headquarters for the Regional work, is located at OU)

A Promise Kept—Snow from the NP





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- ◆ (Progress Today)



LOCATION OF CEMETERIES SOUTH OF THE B&T COMPLEX OFF WYNN DRIVE



To God be the glory!



MONUMENT TO SERVICE

Have a Blessed Visit!



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