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Pastors of First Baptist Shelby

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MARS HILL COLLEGE

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MARS HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

December 2, 1963

Reverend Roland Leath
First Baptist Church
Shelby, N.C.

Dear Brother Leath:

Miss Snelson has asked me whether I could supply you with some information concerning W.A. Nelson, once a prominent personage among Baptists of Western North Carolina and the first president of old Judson College, which was located at Hendersonville.

Actually I have no first-hand biographical material on Elder Nelson. He is mentioned frequently in the minutes of the Western Carolina Convention, of which the college has a file. Mrs. Sadie S. Patton, 922 Fleming Street, Hendersonville, well-known local historian and author of the history of Henderson County, might be able to tell you where you could obtain some authentic material.

Incidentally, the original building of Judson College, which was to be the Wake Forest of Western North Carolina, is to be torn down immediately if some person or organization does not save it. Built substantially of hand-hewn mountain granite, it should stand as a lasting memorial to the educational efforts of Baptists in this area.

I trust that all goes well with you and your family.

Cordially yours,

David H. ...