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August 28, 1969
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Dear Mr. Hamrick:

Our mutual friend, Mrs. Rush Hamrick, Jr., has so very kindly forwarded to me the copy of "What Made Me A Baptist" that she secured from you. Mrs. Hamrick has told me also of your refusal to accept any payment whatever for this book.

This was one of the books written by my Grandfather, the Reverend C. A. Jenkins. You probably know the background and what occasioned the writing of this book. In the event you do not, however, may I tell you that Grandfather was born an Episcopalian and grew up in that church. I have his old Episcopal prayer book with his name written in it and the date 1870, apparently by his Mother.

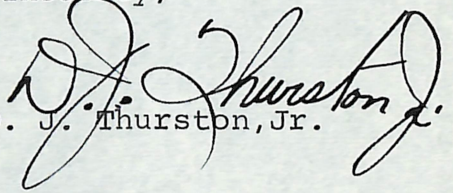
Grandfather remained an Episcopalian until his college days when he was sent back to the University of Virginia for his education. His Mother was a member of the Carter Family of Virginia. I think at the time he went to college he did not intend to be a minister. It is my belief, and the best recollection, that during this period of college training he decided to change his denomination and also to become a minister in his new faith, the Baptist doctrine.

I have heard my Grandfather speak of his very pleasant ministry in Shelby and of the fine people that he always remembered there. He lived until 1927 (age 77 years) and at which time I was a sophomore in college. I had the pleasure of hearing him preach many times and knew him quite well since his latter years were spent in a small home adjoining the lot on which we lived.

I appreciate more than I can ever tell you your kindness and generosity in giving me this book. I shall have it leather bound and try to preserve it for future generations of our family. I hope that at some time I may have the pleasure of meeting you and thanking you in person.

With highest personal regards, and every good wish,
I am

Sincerely,


D. J. Thurston, Jr.

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