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Easom, Horace (Education & Music Minister)

Music Ministers, Organists, and Education Ministers of First Baptist, Shelby

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## **Biography Notes - Horace Easom**

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## SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING HORACE EASOM:

Born in Johnston County, North Carolina.

Parents were James H. Easom and Mary Parrish Easom.

Educated in Smithfield Elementary Schools, Buies Creek Academy (now Campbell College), Wake Forest College, New York School of Music and Arts.

Saw Military Service in Werld War I.

1992

Married to Margaret Stevens, Clinton, N. C., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Stevens. Children: Horace Easom, Jr., who died in infancy; daughter- Mrs. Robert B. Litton; grandchildren: Lu, Robert, Jr., and Margaret Stevens Litton.

Served the following Churches: Southside Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C.; First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.; First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C., August 1st, 1928 to August 1, 1934, Aug. 1st, 1936 to June 1st, 1947. Buffalo Baptist Church, May 1, 1960 to present time.

Directed Music for Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and State

Evangelistic Conference; directed music conferences at Seaside and Fruitland
Assemblies.

Directed Fund Raising Campaign to raise Two Million Dollars through the Baptist Churches of North Carolina for the relocation and enlargement of Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem.

Served as Campaign Chairman for enlargement and development of Boiling Springs Junior College, later known as Gardner-Webb College.

First State Brotherhood Secretary of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention Foundation.

Vice-President of Union Trust Company, Shelby, in charge of Public Relations.

Moderator of Kings Mountain Baptist Association-

Executive Secretary of Cleveland County United Fund, Inc.

Received Shelby Lion's Club "Citizenship" Award in 1960.

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Director of various religious conferences at Fruitland, Seaside, and Ridgecrest Southern Baptist Assembly.

One of Founders of Christian Laymen's Witnessing Organization.

Served as Lieutenant Governor of Division One, Carolina Kiwanis.

Chairman of Americanism Committee and Chaplin of American Legion Post No. 82.

Is known among the Baptist Denomination as Laymen-Evangelist, Songleader, Choir Director, and Religious Education in the Churches. A Soul Winner through the years in various areas of activity and service.