

THE OLD SHATTERED STONE WAS
REPLACED WITH A NEW MONUMENT

Old High Shoals Baptist Church

Georgia Article

and sent to Jeannette Holland Austin



Shown above is Miss Michelle Parker standing behind the new marble tombstone from the V.A. at the head of the grave of the late Mr. Edward Hagin, III, in the Old High Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery, Route 3, Dallas, Georgia, which was installed by Michael Corley, Anthony Parker, Michelle Parker, Timothy Parker, Mrs. Naomi Corley Holland and Atty. Hubert Glenn Holland on January 18, 1986, as a replacement of the beautiful old marble tombstone which "was blown to pieces by bullets in about 1974" although the late Mr. Edward Hagin, III, was a very honorable, Christian gentleman and a cofounder of the High Shoals Baptist Church and High Shoals School in 1841 and extended many other acts of kindness beneficial to his fellowman and society while in life. Fortunately a parsonage and several other dwelling houses have been constructed adjacent to the famous old cemetery in recent years and, thus, there is less privacy for criminal activity and more exposure to apprehension and prosecution of the few people who once chose to congregate there and use the tombstones as targets and to damage the sacred area in other rude ways contrary to the laws of Georgia and God.

The late Edward Hagin, III, (1807-1890) and Parthenia Scroggins (1813-1881) were married 1-13-1828 in DeKalb County, Georgia, and they had eight children and at least fifty-eight grandchildren named as follows:

(1) Henry Newton Hagin (1830-1914) married Elizabeth A. Stuart (1825-1896),⁶¹⁷⁴ daughter of James and Elizabeth Stuart (he was a descendant of the Royal Stuarts of Great Britain), and they had ten children named as follows:¹⁸⁵² James Edward, William Franklin, Samuel Jackson, George Thomas, Mary Catherine, Sarah Jane, Parthenia E., Amanda E., John H. and Edward H. Hagin. After the demise of his first wife, he married Permelia Upton and they did not have any children.

(2) Mary Jane Hagin (1833-?) married Robert Lewis Spinks on 5-1-1852 and they had five children named as follows: James Monroe, L. Jack, Will, Robert and Ella Spinks.

(3) James Jasper Hagin (1836-1911) married Nancy M. ? and they had nine children named as follows: Parthenia, Elizabeth, Beulah, Frances, Russell, Lou Ann, Ella, Sarah and Snowden Hagin.¹⁸⁵⁸

(4) Dicy Catherine Hagin (1839-1912) married Robert Hays on 11-6-1856 and they had nine children named as follows: George Newton, Edward Anderson, James Jasper, Robert Dawson, Sally, Chloe Parthenia (Emma), Benjamin Franklin, Cora Ann and Eunice Gene Hays.

(5) Louisa Elizabeth Hagin (1842-1933) married Jonathan J. Forsyth (1835-1894), son of Martin and Mary Forsyth, on 10-28-1858 and they had ten children named as follows: Oziah (or Osias, Orias or Isaiah), Nora, Jonathan Ves, Martin Edward, Mary Elizabeth, Henrietta, Cornelius, Willie, Fannie and Henry Frank Forsyth.

(6) Benjamin Franklin Hagin (1845-1920) married Clarendia Ann Camp (1848-1903) and they had five children named as follows: Edward McConnell, Buena Elnora, Virginia Lois, Mira and James Edward Hagin. After his first wife died, he married Lynda Fairfax Anderton and subsequent to Lynda's demise he married Blanche Pearce and did not have any children by wives two and three.

(7) Edward F. Hagin (1846-?) died at an early age.

(8) Thomas Calvert Hagin (1849-1929) married Sarah Jane Lee (1853-1929), daughter of Hartwell and Elizabeth Anderson Lee, on 5-14-1871 and they had ten children named as follows: Edward Hartwell, Thaddeus Augustus, Adna, Ella Eugenia, Thomas Reese, Wyatt Franklin, Homer Lee, William Jackson, Robert Luther and Gertrude Hagin.

The above data about the famous Hagin families was extended by Mrs. Julian Hardage Morgan who is a maternal granddaughter of Thomas Calvert Hagin and Sarah Jane Lee. She learned recently that the middle names of Captain Edward Hagin, Sr., and his son and grandson who were named in his honor were Simeon. The late Mr. Edward Simeon Hagin, III, was a brother of Elizabeth Hagin (1809-1840) who was the first wife of Archibald Holland (1800-1868). It is interesting to note that the Capt. Edward Hagin Chapter of the NSDAR of Paulding County, Georgia, was named in honor of Capt. Edward Simeon Hagin, Sr., famous American Revolutionary War soldier, and Mrs. Ruth Brown Mercer, one of his descendants, was its founding regent.

Mrs. Morgan is completing a pamphlet on the genealogy of the Hagins (often spelled Hagen, Hagan, etc.) all the way back to Great Britain and would like for all the living descendants who are interested in the preservation of their heritage to complete their family charts and mail the same to her at 609 North College Street, Cedartown, Georgia 30125, so that the valuable data on the charts may be included in the new pamphlet. Also, she and Mr. Thomas E. Lee sponsored the Hagin-Lee Reunion at the High Shoals Missionary Baptist Church grounds in 1985 and would like for her Hagin and Lee relatives who are interested to advise her as to whether another such reunion should be held on the famous church grounds in 1986.