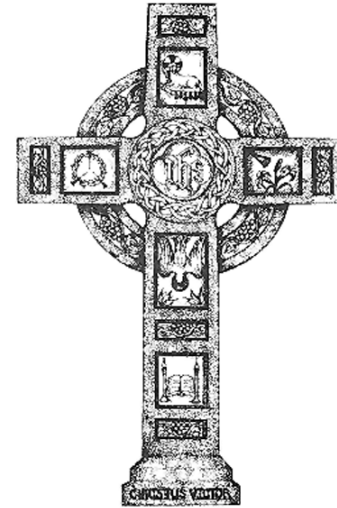




1907 Zion Centennial

David Franklin Fulton, Sr. with his son, Franklin taken from the traditional congregational photo.



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RECOLLECTIONS

*A conversation with
Ruth Hill McAllister about her father
by Penny Shoup*

Franklin Fulton is another direct descendant of one of the original Zion pioneers, Paul Fulton.

David Franklin Fulton was born November 13, 1902 at his family home place on the Hampshire Pike in Columbia. He was the son of the late David Franklin Fulton and Louisa Watkins Fulton. His grandfather, Sam Watkins, was the author of "Co. Aytch" a book of his memoirs as a Confederate soldier. Franklin attended the Stephenson Academy and was a 1921 graduate of Columbia Central High School. Later he attended Vanderbilt University and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. In his early years he farmed in Maury County. From 1932-1942 he served as Deputy Maury County Court Clerk. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy, conducting training on airplane maintenance. In 1942 he married Ruth Hill.

In 1949 he was appointed Clerk and Master of Maury County Chancery Court, where he served until retiring in 1975. Additionally he served as secretary-treasure of Mary County Bar Association for 24 years.

Franklin was a charter member of Maury County Historical Society, serving as its first vice-president and was actively involved in genealogical research for many years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Tennessee Historical Society, Columbia Elks Club and Herbert Griffin American Legion Post#19.

Franklin served as deacon, choir member and Sunday School teacher at Zion Church. For 60 years he served as church treasurer, was an elder for 50 years, and was clerk of the congregation for 68 years. He also served as treasurer and trustee of Zion Cemetery

ZION RECOLLECTIONS

During this bicentennial year, Zion Recollections has been created to share interesting stories about some of the members of our church who are descendents of the original settling families. If you have a story you would like published, please contact Penny Shoup at 381-2896 or bshoup@charter.net



Franklin Fulton

Association and as a member of the board of trustees of Zion Christian Academy. His family was instrumental in the start of Zion Christian Academy. The Brown-Fulton Building bears his name.

Ruth Hill remembers being in church anytime the doors were open. Her mother, Ruth Hill Fulton, stood faithfully at her husband, David Franklin Fulton's side working passionately toward the needs of Zion Church. Because of her parents commitment she received an award for ten year perfect attendance in Sunday-School when she graduated

from high school! She remembers her father leading in-home Bible studies for Zion church. She said both her parents were very strong committed Christians.



*1956 - Play to honor Dr. Samuel Hawes
L-R: Tom Gordon, Lillian Ford, Martha Ford, Jenny Fuldon, Vance Thompson,
Franklin Fulton, Ruth Hill Fulton*

Franklin Fulton passed away in the summer of 1997 at the age of ninety-four. His daughter Lou Banks Fulton passed away in 1999 at the age of fifty-six and his wife died two years later at the age of eighty-eight. Franklin's other two daughters and three grandchildren are his surviving descendents; Ruth Hill Fulton McAllister and her husband Dawson have two sons, Fulton and Gene. Dixie Fulton Williamson and her husband, George have one daughter, Emily. At this time none of the Fulton family are members of Zion Church, however, daughter Ruth Hill and her husband Dawson are still actively involved with Zion Christian Academy. Ruth Hill also is a Trustee of the Zion Cemetery Association and is on Zion's Bicentennial Committee for our church's 200th anniversary this year.

Personally, I remember Franklin's wife, Ruth Hill Fulton, zestfully playing the organ and piano well into her middle 80's. Ruth Hill McAllister said her mother wanted to retire from the organ before the church asked her to retire, but to us in the congregation

her age wasn't a hindrance but an inspiration. Her daughter Lou Banks Fulton followed in her mother's footsteps and played the organ until just before her death in 1999. The shoes that Lou Banks changed into to play still rest under the organ bench, as a tribute to her dedication and love for Zion Church. She poured her heart and soul into the school and church touching the lives of those with whom she came into contact. Our church still feels pain and a sense of loss from her death.



Franklin and Ruth



As a sailor in WWII