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FIRST LIBRARY

My father, Rev. Gilbert Thompson, served in the Civil War. He was a missionary minister and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Tahlequah, 1884 - 1885. He went to the States to educate his large family. After the last son finished school he turned to Tahlequah as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church where he remained for six years until he retired, thinking he was too old to hold further pastorate. The Church became independent during his first year and his pastorate received no further assistance from the Board of Missions.

My parents both came from Georgia. Father preached at Springfield, Mo., Sherman, Texas, Franklin, Kentucky and Charlotte, N. C., between 1885 and 1903.

Father and I are responsible more than any one else in getting the Carnegie Library at Tahlequah. We wrote Andrew Carnegie about it and he said he would be glad to give us a Library.