

Mr. James E. Shepperson was born in Charlotte County, Virginia. At the age of fourteen his parents moved to Farmville, Virginia, where he attended the public schools, and where he met the greatest tragedy of his life, the death of his mother. He was nineteen years of age when he removed to Jacksonville, Florida; remaining but a short time, he removed to Readsville, North Carolina, and attended the public school at Greensborough, North Carolina. The two villages were only a short distance apart, Readsville had no schools.

From there he migrated to the north and spent seven years in Iowa and Illinois. In 1888 he came to the state of Washington and located in Roslyn. He was selected by the citizens to solicit the migration of the members of his group to settle in that city and he secured three hundred, who became permanent citizens. He has been a Mason for 44 years, was made Grand Senior Warden in Iowa in 1886, also a Past Grand Master of the state of Iowa, Past Grand Master and Organizer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction. He has served as Chairman of the Trustees Board from the time of its organization. At the present time he is affiliated with Cascade Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., Roslyn, Washington. In politics Mr. Shepperson is a Republican. He served for four years as President of the Washington State Colored Republican Club. As an active Republican he has served the party for the past 38 years, under every Republican governor. At the present time he is holding a position under Governor Hartley at Olympia.

While not identified with any church, he thinks deeply along religious lines, and his theories of life are sound and his entire career is characterized by recognition of the rights of others, and his duty and obligations to his fellowman.

MR. Z. D. HAMILTON

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he came to the state of Washington, and located in the city of Seattle. October 12th he received license from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church to become a minister; in September, 1926, was ordained by that denomination as a minister of the gospel. He is a member of Hercules Lodge No. 17, F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Patron of Queen of Sheba Chapter, Eastern Star.

Mr. Hamilton takes deep interest in all matters relating to the welfare of our group and is esteemed by all for his loyalty to his friends. He resides at 216 21st Ave. N., Seattle, Washington.

Thoughtful and earnest when the occasion demands, at all times strong and purposeful, he stands a high class type of manhood and chivalry.