

## Thomas Adolphus Levy



Thomas A. Levy was born on December 1, 1877 Isaac and Caroline Levy in Rosedale, Louisiana.. His primary school began in Iberville Parish at the Rosedale Colored School and at the West Oak lane Elementary School in Maringouin, Louisiana. His education continued at Leland College in Baker, Louisiana. He married Annie Mims and the couple had three children, Freddie, Edna and Earl. He received an honorary doctorates degree at Leland college He became the founder, and organizer of several churches in Rosedale, Louisiana, Grosse Tete Louisiana and in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In Rosedale, Louisiana he formed his first church, Rose Hill Baptist Church. His second church was in Grosse Tete, Louisiana, New Light Baptist Church. He was the pastor of Mount Gideon Baptist Church in Maringouin, Louisiana. In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Reverend Levy organized North Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, now known as Greater New Guide Baptist church and Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church which he organized in 1909.

He purchased Land for a house and for Rose Hill Baptist Church in August 30, 1924. Upon completion of college he served on the board of trustees, the executive committee, and Vice President of Leland College during the 1926 to 1945 period.

In the early 1940's he became President of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, National Ministers' Lecture Roster and General President of the Fourth District Baptist Association.

Prior to his death, Reverend Levy and the community raised money and purchased 14 acres of land in Rosedale, Louisiana. On April 12, 1953, Thomas A. Levy School was dedicated as a tribute to the legacy of Reverend Thomas A. Levy.