



The Reverend N. H. Skyles was born June 22, 1837, the son of Jacob and Ellen Skyles, in Martinsburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania. He received his early education in the public schools and in 1856, entered Franklin and Marshall College, from which he was graduated in 1860. The fall of the same year he entered the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church, located in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and was graduated July 25, 1862.

He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Eastern Synod of the German Reformed Church, which met in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, October 1862. He was installed pastor of the Shellsburg Charge, Bedford County, Pennsylvania and began his ministry August 16, 1863. He closed his labors in this field ten years later to become pastor of the Sulphur Springs Charge, Bedford County, Pennsylvania. He served in this field for little more than a year when he received a call from the Jefferson Charge, Frederick County, Maryland. Here he was installed as pastor, June 13, 1875; and served for fourteen years, resigning May 1, 1889, to become pastor of a mission church at Jeanette, Pennsylvania. During his pastorate at Jeanette, a new church and parsonage were erected. In June 1893, he received a call from St. Paul's Reformed Church, Woodstock, Virginia. The call was accepted and on July 1, 1893, he began his pastorate. Here he served as a faithful and beloved pastor until 1908, when advancing years caused him to retire after forty-six years in the active ministry.

During the second year of his pastorate at Woodstock, extensive repairs were made to the church property. The One Hundredth and Fiftieth Anniversary of the congregation was celebrated in 1898.

For a number of years, Reverend Skyles was a member of the faculty of Massanutten Academy as well as President of the Board of Trustees.

After retiring from the active ministry he was elected pastor emeritus of St. Paul's Church and continued his interest by supplying vacant pulpits and assisting the ministers of Virginia Classis.

He died at his residence in Woodstock, December 3, 1918, after a brief illness. His funeral was conducted from the church he served so faithfully by Reverend W. H. Causey, assisted by the members of Virginia Classis.

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Minister at St. Paul's
Reformed Church

1893-1908