

Appendix 5N to
THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA

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***Photos of Past Council Executives of
 Nochaway Council***

<i>(No Photo)</i>	<p>Wesley M. Bagby</p> <p>Wesley M. (Micajah or Marvin)¹ Bagby Jr. was the first Council Executive of Nochaway Council. He served from 1921 until 1925. In 1925, he moved to Savannah to become Scout Executive of the Savannah Council a job he held at least through 1930.² He died in 1951 and is buried in the Montezuma Cemetery, Montezuma, Avery County, North Carolina.</p>
<i>(No Photo)</i>	<p>John C. Gamble</p> <p>John C. Gamble was the second Council Executive of Nochaway Council. He began his tenure as Scout Executive on March 9, 1925. Reverend Gamble was apparently working as a Methodist Minister and Council Executive, as he was transferred to a church in Savannah, Georgia, in April of 1925. He served less than 2 months as Council Executive.</p>
<i>(No Photo)</i>	<p>James H. Gillion</p> <p>James Hazelhurst Gillion, Jr. was the third Council Executive of Nochaway Council. He served from 1925 until 1927. Gillion resigned his position as Scout Executive in January of 1927 to become the Scout Executive at the Walter Hines Page Council in North Carolina.³ He died in 1984 in Fayetteville, North Carolina.</p>

¹ His middle name is listed as Micajah in some places like his grave, but Marvin in other places like the obituary.

² Savannah City Directory, 1927.

³ "Walter Page Council . . .," News and Observer, April 25, 1929



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David Mercer Sherman

Mercer Sherman was the fourth and last Council Executive of Nochaway Council serving from 1927 until the Council closed in 1930. In 1925, he was Assistant Council Executive for Nochaway Council.⁴ He was an Eagle Scout from Albany, Georgia. He died in 1997 and is buried in Albany.

---- Other Relevant Information ---

Mercer was a Boy Scout, having been to Camp Nochaway in 1922 and 1923. In 1923, he was one of the honor campers and got to take a boat trip with several others from Albany down the Flint River to the Gulf of Mexico. In 1924, as Assistant scoutmaster of Troop 5 in Albany, he took part in a campaign to eradicate habitat for mosquitoes, draining stagnant water, and pouring oil on water that bred this insect that was responsible for malaria. He was a 1924 graduate of Albany High School.

In 1927, while at the University of Georgia, he participated in the publication of an underground student newspaper, "The Iconoclast," which attacked many of the policies of the University, particularly the emphasis on athletics at the expense of academics, and was expelled from the University. The Georgia State Legislature voted to have him reinstated. The only time this has happened.



Mercer Sherman's Eagle Scout Medal is to the side. The engraving on the medal would have been added by Mercer Sherman. David Sherman was told by Mercer Sherman that the "C.N." stood for "Camp Nochaway." The "M. S." would have stood for "Mercer Sherman." The 1922 was most likely the year.

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