

### **1850 – 1920 Andrew Jackson Warner (1850- 1920):**

Born in Washington Ky, the son of a black freeman (Rueben Warner) and a slave (Emily Payne/Warner), Warner escaped to Ohio when he was 13 and enlisted in the Union army as a drummer boy. Feeling the need of an education, and there being no good colored schools at the time in Kentucky, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio. From there he went to Wilberforce College, where he studied law. He read law in the office of Hon. W. H. Wadsworth, of Maysville, Ky. He became the leading attorney in the Bishop Hillery case in Hendersonville, Ky. In May, 1872, he converted and joined the Church and was licensed to preach in 1874. Warner pastored churches in Missouri, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Warner had been a candidate for the U.S. Congress from the 1st District of Alabama in 1890, a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention in St. Louis, MO, in 1896, and a nominee for Governor of Alabama in 1898. He became Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church in Philadelphia, PA, in 1908. The Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in Wilmington, NC, was named in his honor. Warner died in Charlotte, NC on May 31, 1920.



\*NKAA, Notable Kentucky African American Database

\*The Kentucky African American Encyclopedia

<https://www.starnewsonline.com/story/lifestyle/faith/2017/04/14/churches-unite-to-talk-about-racial-issues/21379951007/>

\*Era of progress and promise, 1863-1910 : the religious, moral, and educational development of the American Negro since his emancipation

\*One Hundred Years of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; or, The Centennial of African Methodism: Hood, J. W. (James Walker), 1831-1918.



**Bishop A. J. Warner, D.D.**  
**A. M. E. Zion Church**

**Residence: Charlotte, N. C.**

BISHOP WARNER was born in Washington, Ky., March 4, 1850. As a boy he saw service during the Civil War. He was converted in 1873 and licensed to preach in 1874.

He was much interested in public affairs and received at one time the nomination for governor of Alabama. He was on two occasions offered the position of