

August 9, 1884: "Then while the congregation sang a beautiful and appropriate hymn, the following persons came forward and requested that their names be enrolled in order that they might take part in organizing the church, to wit:

O. H. Dishong	Letitia C. Dishong
W. C. Hayman	Sallie Hayman
O. S. Harris	A. A. Harris
Wilis Hanchey	Susan Hanchey
S. L. Hancock	Amanda Hancock
William Wilson	E. J. Wilson
Henry Langford	Jane Langford
M. F. Lanier	Narcissa Lanier
Delia Daniels	
Susan Wilson	
Mary F. Johnson	P. A. Johnson

Then O. H. Dishong was unanimously elected Church Clerk and O. S. Harris, Church Treasurer. It was then resolved that the minutes be read and adopted at the close of each conference. It was decided that the organization be called and known as the Mount Ephraim Church and be located at the Hayman School House. Elder J. H. Hayman was then called to the Pastoral care of the Church for the remainder of the current associational year.

F. J. Seward, secretary
J. H. Hayman, moderator"

April 11, 1885: "The building of the church was freely conversed upon and the following committee was appointed to be known as the Building Committee: O. H. Dishong, O. S. Harris, W. C. Hayman, M. F. Lanier, Wiles Hanchey, Henry Langford, whose duty shall be to draft the plan of the house, make out the bill of lumber and at all times receive subscriptions. Forwarding the work to it each contribution."

May 1, 1886: "W. C. Hayman and wife, Sallie Hayman, deeded three (3) acres of land more or less in the County of Manatee, Florida, Described as a tract or parcel of land, to wit: A part of the S.E. quarter of the S.E. quarter, Section 8, Township 38, Range 24, to the Deacons and their successors of the Mount Ephraim Baptist Church. Deed recorded on the 25th day of August A.D., 1886, Book G, page 400 at Manatee Co., Fla.

William Cunningham Hayman, who gave the land for the Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church was a son of James and Delilah Hayman. The renowned Jeremiah Madison Hayman, pioneer Baptist preacher who laid the foundations of many of the strong Baptist churches of south Florida, was William's older brother. William was also a Baptist preacher and served as such at the Mt. Ephraim Church.

William married Mrs. Sarah "Sallie" Carlton Hooker in Polk County on December 14, 1865. She was the daughter of Alderman Carlton and his wife, Martha Maria Alderman and widow of Stephen P. Hooker. William's brother, Jeremiah M. Hayman, married Sarah's sister, Martha Jane Carlton.