Obituary of Isaiah Jeremiah Langley

Christian Index June 19, 1851 - Died at his residence in Houston County, Ga., on the 9th May, 1851, Mr. Isaac (sic) Langley in the 42nd year of his age. He was fully appraised of his approaching end, and seemed to enjoy happy assurance of his acceptance with God through his Lord Jesus Christ.

At the age of 14 he was baptized upon a profession of his faith, and before he was of age, he had commenced preaching the Gospel of the grace of God. Though uneducated, he loved knowledge and sought it earnestly as opportunity was allowed. He read much and seldom forgot what he read; and few years after his ordination, he had obtained a very respectible reputation as an able minister of the New Testament.

But a dark cloud gathered over him, in after years, and his sun went down with the dreary gloom which it produced. He was the victim of epilepsy and it was probably that which connected with his life, and surprised and mortified his friends may be traced to that blighting, withering influence of that dreadful malady. By A. T. Holmes

[The Thomas E. Langley Bible confirms the birth date and death year, so it is pretty certain that this is the obituary of Isaiah, not Isaac. A history of the Perry Baptist Church, written by Deacon Thos. M. Killen, refers to some incidents in which Isaiah could have had epileptic seisures.]

