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Rutland's Early Clerical Leaders: Samuel Williams and Lemuel Haynes

This issue contains three articles published in the winter of 1981, written by F.P. Elwert. Elwert examines the lives of Samuel Williams and Lemuel Haynes, two Rutland clerical leaders of the East and West Parishes respectively, from the late eighteenth to early nineteenth centuries, and concludes by comparing the two men. In the first article, Elwert examines the background and personal life of Williams, his schooling at Harvard and his scientific achievements as a Harvard professor, the reasons for his 1789 move to Rutland, and his accomplishments as a Vermont preacher and scholar. Elwert notes that, among other achievements, Williams founded the Rutland Herald, helped Ira Allen secure a charter for the University of Vermont, and served as the first historian of Vermont. In the second article, Elwert examines Reverend Lemuel Haynes, who was of illegitimate birth (father was a black bondman), had no formal education, and, as an African American pastor, served Rutland Parishes for fifty years. In the final article, Elwert compares the backgrounds of Williams and Haynes, their religious and political ideologies, and their primary attributes as contributors to Rutland and Vermont society. The issue contains pictures of the two men and the covers of some of their works, as well as a photo of one of Williams's medical instruments.