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## METHODIST HISTORY

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>PASTORS</u>	<u>P. E.s.</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
1804	Asa Shinn	William Burke	Western	Ohio	25
1805	William Patter- son	" "	"	"	1704 White 15 Col.
1806	Abraham Amos	John Sale	"	"	150
1807	John Clingan	" "	"	"	121 White 5 Col.
1808	Frederick Herd	" "	"	"	136 Whites 3 Col.
1809	John Holmes	James Quinn	"	Muskingum	164 Whites 3 Colored
1810	Joseph Bennett	" "	"	"	60 Whites
1811	<i>Jacob</i> Joseph Turman	" "	"	"	87 " 6 Colored
1812	Samuel West	" "	"	"	163 Wh ites 9 Colored
1813	Samuel Brown	David Young	Ohio	"	268 White 25 Colored
1814	John Cord	" "	"	"	340 Whites
1815	Henry B. Bascom	" "	"	"	289 White 26 Colored
1816	John <del>Deem</del> <i>Daw</i> Jacob Young		"	"	240 Whites 12 Colored
1817	Stephen Spurlock	Samuel Parker	"	Kentucky	294 Whites 12 Colored
1818	Samuel Dement	" "	"	"	294 White 12 Colored
1819	Burwell Spurlock	Alexahder Gre- means	"	"	361 White 14 Colored
1820	" "	Alexander King	"	Kentucky	462 White 22 Colored
1821	David Dyke Josiah Browder		Kentucky	Kanawha	438 White 42 Colored
1822	Francis Wilson David Gray	John Brown	"	"	486 White 2 Colored
1823	Burwell Spurlock David Gray		"	"	397 Whites 36 Colored
1824	Laban Hughey Green Malone		"	"	358 Whites 26 Colored
1825			"	"	427 Whites 21 Colored
1826	John Stewart	Zachariah Connell	Ohio	"	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PASTORS</u>	<u>P. ES.</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
1827	John W. Gilbert	Zachariah Connell	Ohio	Kanawha	273 Whites
1828	" "	" "	"	"	345 Whites 14 Colored
1829	Isaac C. Hunter	" "	"	"	389 Whites 9 Colored
1830	Phillip Strother	I. C. Hunter	"	"	300 White 11 Colored
1831	"	" "	"	"	300 White 10 Negroes
1832	Ebenezer T. Webster	" "	"	"	300 White 10 Negroes
1833	E. T. Webster D. Reed	" "	"	"	293 White 15 Colored
1834	A. Miller B. I. Jefferson	Hobart C. Spencer	Ohio	"	368 White
1835	L. P. Miller C. R. Baldwin		"	"	659 Whites 49 Colored
1835-36	J. W. Finley W. R. Davis	J. De Kay	"	"	533 Whites 57 Colored
1836-37	Richard Doughty		"	Charleston	495 Whites 41 Colored
1838	David P. Kemper William T. Metcalf		"	"	458 Whites 20 Colored
1839	Alfred Hance Joseph Barringer	Elijah H. Field	"	"	
1840	Alfred Hance James H. McCutcheon	Samuel Hamilton	"	Kanawha	842 White 56 Negro
1841	Thomas Gorsuch Richard A. Arters	Samuel Hamilton	Ohio	"	
1842	Mica G. Perkiser Thomas Coleman		"	Kanawha	972 White 98 Colored
1843	Mica G. Perkiser James J. Dolliver	John Stewart	"	"	1202 Whites 99 Colored
1844	William T. Hand	" "	"	"	1208 Whites 102 Colored
1845	David Smith	" "	"	"	621 White 90 Colored
1846			"	"	400 White 50 Colored

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PASTORS</u>	<u>P.E.s</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
1847	William J. Fee	David Reed	Ohio	Kanawha	
1848	H.Z.Adams	D. Reed	Western Vir- ginia	"	
1849	Jas.J.Dolliver	Harrison Z. Adams.	"	"	257 Whites 1 Colored
1850	" "	"	"	Charleston	200 Whites 2 Negroes
1851	William Wilson	Gideon Martin	"	"	217 White 2 Negroes

THIS DEED, Made this 30th day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six between Thomas C. Buffington of the County of Fallehusher and State of Mississippi of the first part, and James H. Buffington of the County of Cabell and State of West Virginia of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Forty Dollars, to him in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said James H. Buffington all his right, title and interest in and to a certain lot of ground in the Town of Guyandotte, State of West Virginia, known and designated in the ground plot of said Town as Lot Number (16) sixteen to have and to hold said lot of ground unto him the said James H. Buffington, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Thomas C. Buffington for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns hereby covenants to covenant and defend all the right, title and interest which he may have, or either of them and against the claim or claims of all persons whomsoever claiming or to claim from, through or under him or them, or either of them.

In testimony whereof the said party of the first part hereunto subscribes his name and affixes his Seal the day and year above written.

(Signed) Thos. C. Buffington (Seal).

THIS DEED of Gift made this 10th day of March in the year 1855, between Wm. Buffington, of the County of Cabell and State of Virginia and James Buffington, of the County of Lawrence and the State of Ohio, of the first part; and James H. Buffington and Thomas C. Buffington of Cabell County, Virginia of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That in consideration of the mutual love and affection we bear to our sons, as well as in consideration of One Dollar, to us in hand paid, have granted to the said James H. Buffington and Thomas C. Buffington their heirs and assigns, all the right, claims and interest of what nature or kind soever it may be if any which may revert to them or they may inherit as two of the children and heirs of Thomas Buffington, dec'd in and to the unoccupied, front part of Lot No. 16 in the plan of Lots laid off on the South side of Guyandotte Town so as not to include or interfere with any part of said Lot that has been set a-part, occupied or used as a grave yard, which Lot No.16 on which the Old Methodist Church ~~now~~ still stands the said Thomas C. Buffington, dec'd during his life gave his obligation to convey to certain Trustees for the use and purposes of a Methodist Church School House and Graveyard which has not been used for a Church or School House for some years past, and the Parties to this Deed are advised, and believe that the front part of said Lot which has not been set a-part and used as a Graveyard has, or will revert to the heirs of the said Thomas Buffington, dec'd; and the interest hereby intended to be conveyed is the interest that may revert to the said William and James Buffington in all the front part of said Lot which has not been occupied, or used as a burying ground. To have and to hold the service reversionary interest with its appurtenances of what nature, or kind soever it may be to the said James H. Buffington and Thomas C. Buffington, their heirs and assigns forever free from the claims of the said William and James Buffington and their heirs so as not to impair or prejudice the claims or interest of any person

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or persons whatsoever who may have claims or interest legal, or equitable in said Lot under the aforesaid obligation given by the said Thomas Buffington, now deceased.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

(Signed) James Buffington (Seal).

" Wm. Buffington (Seal).



M. E. MINUTES. Volume One. (1773 to 1851).

Thomas Rankin called the first Methodist Conference in Philadelphia in June, 1773. There were ten preachers and eleven hundred, sixty members in the Society. Thomas Rankin was to go to New York for four months.

George Shadford was to go to Philadelphia for four months. John King and William Watters were assigned to New Jersey. Francis Asbury, Robert Strawbridge, Abraham Whitworth and Joseph Yearbry were assigned to Baltimore,

Wright to Norfolk and Robert Williams to Petersburg. Each preacher was to be allowed six pounds Pennsylvania currency per quarter, and his traveling charges besides.

Thomas Rankin went to Philadelphia this year and Francis Asbury to New York. This was the second year. The third year, May 17, 1775 Thomas Rankin was associated this year with Francis Asbury, and others. Rankin was to travel until December, and then take a quarter in New York.

May 21, 1776, Thomas Rankin and Francis Asbury, and others were assigned

Rankin must have traveled because he was given no assignment. There were twenty-four ~~members~~ preachers and 4,921 members this year.

-MINUTES FOR 1803 -

Guyandott Circuit was not given for this year.

- MINUTES FOR 1804 -

Western Conference. Ohio District. Guyandott had twenty-five members.

William Burke was Presiding Elder, and Asa Shinn was the preacher

- 1805 -

Guyandott had 65 members. Ohio District 1704 white members and 15 colored members. Western Conference, Ohio District; William Patterson was the preacher and William Burke the Presiding Elder.

- 1806 -

Western Conference, Ohio District; Abraham Amos, Preacher. John Sale, Presiding Elder. Guyandotte had 150 members, all white.

- 1807 -

Guyandotte had 121 white members and five colored members. Ohio District. Preacher John Clinman. Presiding Elder, John Sale.

- 1808 -

Guyandott had 136 whites and three colored members. Ohio District, Western Conference. Frederick Herd, Preacher. John Sale, Presiding Elder.

-1809-

Muskingum District, Western Conference. John Holmes, Preacher. James Quinn Presiding Elder. Guyandott had 164 whites and three colored members.

- 1810 -

Muskingum District, Western Conference. Joseph Bennett Preacher. James Quinn, Presiding Elder. Guyandott had 60 whites.

- 1811 -

Western Conference, Muskingum District. Jacob Turman, Preacher. James Quinn Presiding Elder. Guyandott had 80 whites and 6 colored members.

- 1812 -

Western Conference, Muskingum District. Guyandott 163 whites and 9 colored members. Sa,uel West Preacher and James Quinn Presiding Elder.

- 1813 -

Ohio Conference, Muskingum District. Guyandott had 268 whites and 25 colored. Preacher, Sa,uel Brown; Presiding Elder, David Young.

- 1814 -

Ohio Conference, Muskingum District. Guyandott 340 whites with no colored members. Preacher was John Cord and Presiding Elder, David Young.

- 1815 -

Muskingum District, Ohio Conference. Guyandotte had 289 white members and 26 colored members. Preacher Henry B. Bascom. Presiding Elder, David Young.

-1816-

NOTE; Francis Asbury died this year. Pages 272-274

Guyandott had 240 whites and 12 colored members.

Ohio Conference, Muskingum District. John Deem Preacher. Presiding Elder, Jacob Young.

- 1817 -

Ohio Conference, Kentucky District. Guyandott had 294 whites and 20 colored members. The preacher was Stephen Spurlock and the Presiding Elder was Samuel Parker.

- 1818 -

Ohio Conference, Kentucky District. Guyandott had 294 white members and 20 colored members. Samuel Dement, Preacher and Samuel Parker, Presiding Elder.

- 1819 -

Ohio Conference, Kentucky District. Guyandott had 361 white members and fourteen colored members. The preacher, Burwell Spurlock; Presiding Elder, Alexander Gremmens.

-1820-

Ohio Conference, Kentucky District. Guyandotte 462 whites, 22 colored members. Preacher Burwell Spurlock. Presiding Elder, Alexander King

- 1821 -

Kentucky Conference, Kanawha District. Guyandott 438 whites and 42 colored members. Preachers, David Dyke and Josiah Browder.

- 1822 -

- 1822 -

Kentucky Conference, Kanawha District. Guyandott had 486 white members and with 32 colored members. Preachers, Francis Wilson and David Gray. Presiding Elder, John Brown.

- 1823 -

Kentucky Conference, Kanawha District. Guyandott 397 whites and 36 colored members. Preachers, Burwell Spurlock and David ~~Young~~ Gray.

- 1824 -

Kentucky Conference, Kanawha District. Preachers: Laban Hughey and Green Malone. Membership: 358 whites and 26 colored.

- 1825 -

Kentucky Conference, Kanawha District. Guyandott had 427 white members and 21 colored members.

- 1826 -

Ohio Conference: Kanawha District. The preacher, John Stewart and Presiding Elder Zachariah Connell.

- 1827 -

Ohio Conference; Kanawha District. The preacher John W. Gilbert; Presiding Elder Zachariah Connell. Guyandott membership was 273 whites and no colored

- 1828 -

Ohio Conference, Kanawha District. Guyandott 345 white members and 14 colored members. The preacher, John W. Gilbert; Presiding Elder, Zachariah Connell.

- 1829 -

Ohio Conference, Kanawha District. Guyandott membership was 389 white and 9 colored. The preacher, Isaac C. Hunter; Presiding Elder, Zachariah Connell.

John Dalgy and D. T. Webster go to Gallipolis, Ohio. Phillip Strother goes to Burlington, Ohio.

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- 1830 -

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Guyandott has 300 white members with 11 negro members. The preacher is Phillip Strother and Presiding Elder is I. C. Hunter.

- 1831 -

Guyandott reported 300 white members and ten negro members. The preacher was Phillip Strawther and the Presiding Elder was I. C. Hunter

-1832-

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Guyandott had 300 whites and 10 colored members. The preacher, Ebenezer T. Webster and the Presiding Elder I. C. Hunter

- 1833 -

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District; Guyandotte 293 white members and 15 colored members. The preachers, E. T. Webster and D. Reed, with I. C. Hunter as Presiding Elder.

- 1834 -

Kanhawa District, Ohio Conference. Preachers A. Miller and B. L. Jefferson. Presiding Elder Robert O. Spencer. Membership 368 white members

- 1835 -

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Guyandott 659 whites and 49 colored members. Preacher L. P. Miller C. R. Baldwin.

-- 1835-1836 --

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Membership in Guyandott 533 whites and 57 colored. Preachers J. W. Finley and W. R. Davis. Presiding Elder, J. De Lay.

William McGinnis died in 1836. Page 402

- 1836-1837 -

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Ohio Conference, Charleston District. Guyandott has 520 white members and 50 colored members. Preachers, Francis A. Timmons and Joseph Parcels. The Presiding Elder, William Young.

- 1837 -

Ohio Conference, Charleston District. Preacher, Richard Doughty. Preaches half Barboursville David Kemper and J. Fitch. Guyandott 495 whites and 41 colored members. Barboursville is not given. The Presiding Elder Elijah H. Field.

- 1838 -

Charleston District, Ohio Conference. Preachers David P. Kemper and William T. Metcalf, for Guyandotte. No appointment for Barboursville. The Guyandotte membership 458 whites and 20 colored members, while the membership of Barboursville numbered 560 whites and 36 colored. J. W. Finley died. Page 661.

-1839-

Ohio Conference, Hanhawa District. Preachers at Guyandott Alfred Hance and Joseph Barringer. Presiding Elder, Elijah H. Field.

Francis A. Timmons went to Logan Court House, and David Kemper went to Charleston, W.Va.

-- 1840 --

Ohio Conference, Kanawha District. Sept. 30, 1840. Membership in old Guyandotte Church now 842 white members and 56 negro members. The preachers here were Alfred Hance and James H. McCutcheon.

- 1841 -

Kanawha District of Ohio Conference. Thomas Gorsuch and Samuel Brown were admitted "on trial" and James H. McGinnis taken into full connection. Preachers, Thomas Gorsuch and Richard A. Arters. Presiding Elder, Samuel Hamilton. James H. McGinnis sent to Logan Court House

- 1842 -

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Guyandott 972 whites, 98 colored members. Preachers for Guyandott Mica G. Perkiser and Thomas Coleman.

- 1843 -

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Guyandott 1202 whites; 99 colored members. Preachers, Mica G. Perkiser and James J. Dolliver, and John Stewart the Presiding Elder. Alfred Hance died on Feb'y 2, 1843. (Page 457).

- 1844 -

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Guyandott had 1208 white members and 102 colored members. William T. Hand Preacher at Guyandott, the Presiding Elder being John Stewart.

- 1845 -

Ohio Conference, Kanawha District; Guyandotte 621 whites and 90 colored Presiding Elder, John Stewart; Preacher David Smith.

- 1846 -

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Guyandott reports 400 white members; also 50 colored members. David A. McGinnis went to Elk River.

- 1847 -

Ohio Conference, Kanhawa District. Guyandotte membership was not reported, but the preacher's name was William J. Fee and name of the Presiding Elder David Reed.

H. Z/ Adams went to Charleston and D. A. McGinnis went to Little Kanhawa.

- 1848 -

Western Virginia Conference, Kanawha District. H.Z.Adams, the preacher. D. Reed the Presiding Elder. Numbers of members not given.

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- 1849 -

Western Virginia Conference, October 10, 1849. Kanhawa District, Guyandott Mission 237 whites; 1 colored. 40 on probation. Three Local Preachers Guyandott preacher, Jas. J. Dolliver; Presiding Elder, Harrison Z. Adams Fayette Mission: David A. McGinnis

- 1850 -

Western Virginia Conference, Charleston District: Guyandott 200 whites, 2 negroes. 73 on probation. Three local preachers Western Virginia Conference Charleston District. James J. Dolliver the Preacher at Guyandott with H.Z.Adams as Presiding Elder.

- 1851 -

Western Virginia Conference, Charlestob District. The numbers at Guyandott were 217 white and 2 colored. 113 on probation. Three local preachers. William Wilson, Preacher and Gideon Martin, Presiding Elder.

Rev. John Dew died on September 5, 1840. Page 149.

Chanley Lambert was born in Alford, Mass. of Methodists March 22,1781. Page 623, but died Feb'y 27, 1845, aged 35 years.

John Collins died (Page 650).



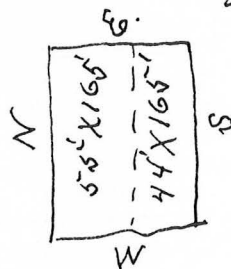
Lot 16 ( Southern Ad. Guyandotte  
 now owned by Anthony Adkins  
 See Deed Bk 318 p. 132

Also

Deed Bk 138 p. 468. (2 parts) <sup>widow</sup>

Feb. 4, 1915, Mrs. S. E. Wright, for  
 \$1<sup>00</sup> <sup>etc</sup>, deeds Sallie & Edward  
 Carroll Wright, <sup>in</sup> parts Lot  
 16 Southern Ad., held by  
 her since 1899, legal title  
 as trustee for E. E. Wright, dec'd.  
 His heirs.

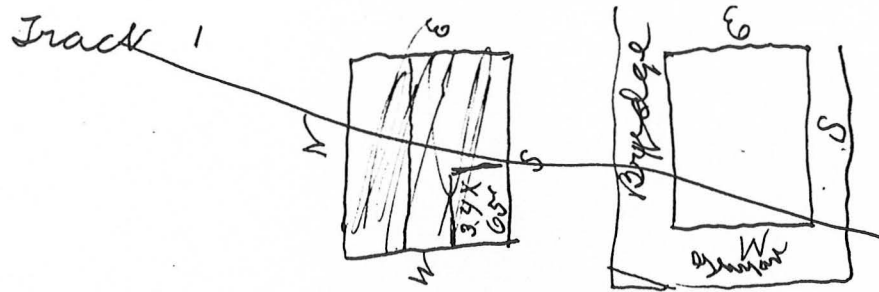
1st. Beg at S. W. cor. of Lot 16  
 thence along N. side of an alley  
 S. 83 1/2 E. 165 ft. to S. E.  
 cor. of sd lot. thence along  
 W. side of another alley  
 N. 6 1/2 E 44 feet



2nd - (The W. 1/2 + of Lot 16.

See Deed Bk 56 p. 281.

July 1, 1899, Edward E. Wright  
 for \$1200, deeds to S. E. Wright  
 4 tracts of Lot 16 South Ad. Guy.



~~Track 2~~

~~Req. at S.W. cor. of Lot 16~~

Track 1. Req. at N.E. cor. of Guyan  
& Bridge St. thence

N. fronting on Guyan St. 34 ft.  
thence E. parallel with said Bridge  
St. 65 ft., thence

S. parallel with Guyan St. 34 ft.  
to sd Bridge St. to Req.

Track 2 -

Req. at S.W. cor. of Guyan St.  
thence along the N. side of an alley

S.  $83\frac{1}{2}$  E. 165 ft. to the S.E.  
corner of sd. lot, thence along  
the west side of another alley

N.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  E. 44 ft., thence

N.  $83\frac{1}{2}$  W. 165 ft. to the E.  
side of Guyan St. thence with  
sd. E. side of said St.

S  $6\frac{1}{2}$  W. 44 ft. to Req.

Third track

Req. at N.W. cor. of Lot 16 on the  
E. side of Guyan St. thence

S.  $83\frac{1}{2}$  E. 165 ft.

with the N. side of sd lot to the<sup>17</sup>  
N.E. cor. of sd lot  
S.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  W. 55 ft. thence leaving the  
alley  
N.  $83\frac{1}{2}$  W. 165 ft. to the E. side  
of Guyan St. thence with E. side of  
sd Street  
N.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  E. 55 ft. to Beg.

#### 4th Tract

A certain store house and lot,  
in Guyandotte, on the E. side of  
Guyan St. and fronting 27 ft.  
more or less on said street and  
running back 165 ft. to the alley.

1. Same conveyed to first party  
by C. H. Summerson & wife  
Nov. 20, 1893 -  
Deed Bk 43 p. 186
2. Same conveyed by S. W. Scott &  
wife, May 6, 1892.  
Deed Bk 38 p. 241
3. Same conveyed by Isabel Taylor  
May 5, 1892  
Deed Bk 38 p. 242
4. Same conveyed by Inogene A,  
~~to~~ Harvey et al, Dec. 29, 1898  
Deed Bk 56 p. 24.

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Tract 1 Lot 16 (Seems to be of the old town)  
Deed Bk 43 p. 186.

Nov. 20, 1893, C. W. Summerson  
and wife Emma V. Summerson,  
for \$745, deed to Edward E. Wright

"Beg at the N. E. Cor. of  
Guyandotte & Bridge Streets  
thence N. fronting on Guyandotte  
St. 34 ft., thence E. running par-  
allel with sd. Bridge St., 65 ft,  
thence

S. parallel with Guyandotte St.,  
34 ft. to sd. Bridge St.,  
thence W. with sd. Bridge  
St. to beg. being same  
heretofore conveyed to  
Emma V. Summerson by  
Michael & Mary J. Stanton  
Nov. 17, 1880

Deed Bk 43 p. 183

Also See Deed Bk 18 p. 494.

This shows that  
this property was sold  
by B. J. McComas, Trustee  
to Michael Stanton & is  
on Bridge Street. It  
was previously sold by  
John W. Hile to Susan  
Leckey, wife of William  
Leckey (see deed to them

John W. & Malinda Hile  
34 x 65 ft. the  
34 ft. fronting Guyan to Susan Leckey  
St.

It was on left at  
end of Bridge & Guy  
andotte St. E. side of Bridge  
corner  
Deed Bk. 17 p. 124,  
1870, shows it  
was cor. of lot where  
Hilb. is now lived.

Tract 2 - Deed Bk 38 p 241

May 6, 1892, S. W. & Katie  
Scott for \$ 100, deed to Edward  
E. Wright

"Beg at the S. W. cor. of Lot 16  
at the E. side of Guyandotte  
Street, thence along the N.  
side of an alley

S.  $83\frac{1}{2}$  E. 165 ft. to the  
S. E. corner of sd. lot.

Thence along the W. side  
of another alley

N.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  E. 44 poles feet,

thence N  $83\frac{1}{2}$  W. 166 ft to the

E side of Guyan St., thence  
with the E. side of sd. Street

S  $6\frac{1}{2}$  W. 44 ft. to beg., it

being that part of sd lot

No. 16, allotted to the said

S. W. Scott, in the partition

suit of sd. Scott, against the

unknown heirs of A. Neal

decd, lately pending in the

Circuit Court of Cabell Co.,

& being part of the same

lot conveyed by James H

Buffington and wife to sd

Scott., Nov. 16, 1868

Deed Bk 2. ( 31 ) p. 468

and being the same lot this

day conveyed by Thos. A. Wyatt

Spec. Com. appl. for the purpose

in the sd. partition suit of

against the unknown heirs of A. Neal,<sup>20</sup>  
decd. The sd. S. W. Scott reserves  
the right of ingress and egress to and  
from the graves of his dead buried  
in said lot, and the right to  
remove the same therefrom at any  
time which suits his convenience, etc.

S. W. Scott  
Katie Scott.

See Deed Bk 16 p. 31 and  
" " 16 p. 32.

This explain in full  
why no deed can be found  
for the old Methodist Church  
on Fifth Ave. in Guyandotte

SEVEN M. E. BISHOPS BORN IN STATE.

Editor's Note: The Rev. J. A. Earl of West Liberty is visiting his mother on Harvey road and with his family is touring West Virginia doing some research work in the field of West Virginia church history. He started his ministry at Cross Roads M. E. church, before entering high school, having previously been licensed as a local preacher at Harveytown U. E. church where he will preach again at 8 P. M. today.

Mr. Earl was born in a log cabin in Wayne county, worked his way through Marshall college, West Virginia Wesleyan college and Boston University School of Theology. For three years he served the East Bridgewater, Mass. church made famous by the Methodist preacher and poet, Harry Webb Farrington. Two of his hymns are in the new Methodist Hymnal.

In addition to parish work Mr. Earl has lectured and written on many religious and educational subjects; he has addressed many colleges, faculty clubs and book clubs; he has delivered commencement sermons and addresses in many states. West Liberty State Teacher's college recently published a "Sesqui-Centennial History" written by him.

Mr. Earl is now pastor of the oldest parish in the northern panhandle, West Liberty and Short Creek. In 1807 Francis Asbury, the founder of American Methodism, preached in the Short Creek church "to about one thousand souls". And in 1815 Asbury preached his last sermon in West Virginia at West Liberty.

The following sketch on West Virginia and Huntington Methodism was prepared by Mr. Earl:

By REV. J. A. EARL, S. T. B.

West Virginia church history is an important chapter in American church history. The Methodist Episcopal church, which celebrated its two hundredth anniversary this year, is the largest church in West Virginia.

The first home and the first church in West Virginia was established by Morgan Morgan, a minister of the Church of England. Methodism is the child of the Church of England. Methodism was born when John Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed" at the Aldersgate meeting in 1738. Wesley, the founder of Methodism, lived and died a minister of the Church of England.

The first recorded Methodist sermon in America was delivered in New York in 1786. The Methodist Episcopal church was organized at the Christmas conference in Baltimore in 1784.

The first German Methodist church in the world was built in Wheeling. It is now a part of the West Virginia Conference.

The first native Methodist preacher in America was Richard Owens and he was the first Methodist to preach in what is now West Virginia. The first bishop and real founder of American Methodism was Francis Asbury who made at least 30 visits to West Virginia.

First Historian

The first Methodist historian was Jesse Lee, a West Virginia pastor and the founder of Methodism in New England. The first Methodist missionary was John Stewart, who lived in West Virginia. The first woman missionary sent out by the M. E. church was Isabelle Theburn, a member of the Fourth Street church in Wheeling; she was a graduate of Wheeling Female college and became the founder of the first college for women in Asia.

Seven bishops of the Methodist church were born in West Virginia: Morris, Hamilton, Anderson, Clair, Grose and the Fuches brothers. Eight other bishops served pastorates in the state. Darlington was pastor of the Johnson Memorial church, Huntington. Foster preached his first sermon at seventeen in the old Asbury church in Charleston. Taylor started his work at Rohebeth. Bascom was pastor at Guyandotte. Roberts was pastor at Wheeling, Fourth street. Harline was pastor at West Liberty. Waugh was



pastor of the Greenbrier circuit. McKendree was pastor of the Greenbrier and also of the Kanawha circuit. Bishop Smith lived in West Virginia 20 years. Bishop Thomson died in Wheeling. Bishop Whatcoat served as presiding elder in West Virginia. Bishop Morris was connected with the Guyandotte church. Bishop Simpson held his first annual conference at Morgantown. Bishop Franklin Hamilton preached three times in Wheeling the last Sunday he spent upon this earth.

#### Huntington Methodism.

The oldest Methodist church in Huntington is not First M. E. but the Guyandotte Methodist church which is rich in early history.

About the year 1797, says Virgil A. Lewis, an aged man of the name of Miller removed from the vicinity of the "Old Red Stone" on the Monongahela where he had been a member of a Methodist society, and settled near the mouth of the Guyandotte river, now in Cabell county, where he saw the deplorable state of the people; with this his pious soul was grieved, and he secured a petition signed by nearly 100 persons of every sex and character and sent it to the elder who presided on the Redstone circuit in Washington county, Pa. The result was that sometime in the year 1803 the Rev. Mr. Steele, then a circuit rider belonging to the Baltimore conference, was sent to explore thereupon. Old Brother Miller lived to see his wishes crowned with success; and the multitudes assembled in the vicinity of his settlement at the quarterly and camp meetings.

The Rev. Ass Shinn who became pastor at Guyandotte in 1804 later became the founder of the Methodist Protestant denomination. His parents were Quakers, the founders of Shinnston. At 17 he was converted and began to preach before he had ever seen a meeting-house or pulpit. At 20 he became a traveling Methodist minister.

### Pioneer of Methodism.

Shinn was a pioneer of Methodism in many parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia and Kentucky, suffering much from fevers and mobs. In his later ministry he occupied prominent pulpits in the east. This self-made man wielded a strong and sharp pen. He was the author of "Mutual Rights," editor of the Methodist Protestant and the writer of other religious works.

In 1838 and in 1848 Asa Shinn was elected president of the Methodist Protestant General conference. He, who started his religious life in the woods in the pioneer days, kept growing until he became, says Abel Stevens, Methodist historian, "a man of more than ordinary historic importance in the church".

Another pioneer pastor at Guyandotte was H. B. Bascom who was one of the ablest preachers that this country has produced and later was elected bishop of the M. E. church, south. Bascom, one of the handsomest men that ever tread this continent and the most conspicuous preacher in the General conference in 1832 at 16 years of age was making rails at 25 cents per hundred.

### Bascom's Record.

It was resolved by the authorities to put Bascom's reticle to the proof and he was sent to the Guyandotte circuit, pleasantly styled the Detany Bay of the conference, as rough a part of the country, at that day (1814), as any preacher has ever been sent to work in. To Guyandotte he went without a murmur and within nine months had preached 400 times, rode through that wild, trackless, almost impassable mountain district 3,000 miles, sleeping in hollow logs, chased by wolves, fighting with a bear, swimming mountain torrents, living on "hog and hony", "dogear and bear meat" and received \$12.10.

Through the influence of Henry Clay, Bascom was elected chaplain

to congress. One of his biographers says that from 1824 to 1858 his career as a preacher was unexampled in this country since the days of Whitefield.

The Guyandotte church had another pastor who was elected bishop, A. Morris. Bishop Morris was born near Malden, April 28, 1794. His early training was in the Baptist church. When about 19 he was converted and joined the Methodist. He served as a circuit rider and city preacher. In 1834 he was appointed editor of the Western Christian Advocate and in 1836 became bishop. As a preacher, he was chaste, sincere, and many times greatly eloquent. As a bishop, he was considerate, careful and judicious, and never forgetful of the most humble of his brethren in the administration of his high office. He died September 2, 1874.

NULLIFIERS OF STATUTE ARE TRAITORS, WATTS TELLS  
CONSTITUTION DAY MEET.

Mrs. Watts Presents Monolith Marking  
Site of First Cabell County Court House.

That those who nullify, defy or set aside any provision in the constitution as it is at any time in effect, are traitors to country and flag, was the substance of an address by Judge E. Clay Warth of the Common Pleas court at a Constitution day celebration yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the site of the old court house in Guyandotte.

Judge Warth's address climaxed the exercises attending the unveiling of a granite monolith marking the square where the court house stood. The monolith was given by Mrs. Charles Wellington Watts in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Caldwell.

The monolith, designed and erected by John D. McCole, bears the following inscription on a bronze plaque:

This Tablet Marks the Square Where the First Cabell  
County Court House Was Erected in 1809

Dedicated

In Loving Memory of My Father and Mother

Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis Caldwell

Guida Caldwell Watts

Post Report, Ruford Chapter, B. A. B.

September 17, 1929.

Mrs. Watts' gift was made through Ruford chapter, which, with the Andrew Lewis Chapter, S. A. B., and Andrew Donnelly chapter, B. A. B., sponsored the program.

Mrs. Watts' address presenting the memorial follows:

"I am not scheduled this afternoon for a speech, as we have six speakers for the day, able, brilliant, learned men. I am just a component

part of an excellent program arranged by our noble patriots, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Beale. It was through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Margaret McFinnis Beale, as Buford chapter, D. A. R. chairman of historical spots, that this valuable information was brought to my notice, thereby planting the seed of desire to add one more beloved object to the everendearing scenes of my childhood. I could not conceive of a greater pleasure than to place in this, my natal town, a marker of such historic note, for, in this square, 120 years ago, was erected the first court house in Cabell County.

"This county was created by the Virginia Assembly 1809, just twenty years after George Washington was elected our first president. Our county is almost as old as our great republic. This Ohio river country had been settled by a sturdy race of people who surpassed the Alleghenies to escape the hardships of the weak. As steamboats were the chief mode of transportation, these early settlers built their homes on the river banks. In traveling today, it is an interesting feature to notice the many early American homes situated on the banks of our beautiful streams. Could those pioneers but return today and see the progress that has taken place within the past five decades or more, such as rapid transit, the voices of the air brought to our ears, the world ablaze with light, space is nothing, distance is a past thought, in fact, the whole world is united today in a kindred universe.

"It is a privilege to be a Daughter of the American Revolution, a Son of the American Revolution and a Child of the American Revolution and it is with pride that we see our markers standing along the highways wherever history has been made. I deem it an honored privilege to mark this site.

"Pioneering in any field is an unhappy lot but my father pioneered and who would stay my feet from following in his steps. Placing memorials, especially, causes many a heart aches for there is ever vandalism, defacement and disregard of the marker. Instead, it should be held dear in the heart of every man, woman and child in the community.

"After this ceremony is over, this marker then becomes the property of the public and by the public should be guarded and protected. This tablet is the symbol of eternal truth, marking the beginning of this highway, standing for the spirit of law and order of the greatest civilization of all nations and better far in the largest and best city in West Virginia.

"Now, in the honored and sacred names of my mother and father, I present to the town of Guyandotte, which is a part of the city of Huntington, this monolith, that all who pass it by may read the message it bespeaks---"The site of the first Cabell county court house, 1809".

Following her address, Mrs. Watts was presented with a corsage of roses by Carl R. Varnum, president of the Andrew Lewis chapter.

President Wash, of the County court, and Mayor Taylor accepted the monolith with brief responses.

Songs by the Children of the Revolution and recitation of the American Creed, under the direction of Miss Frances Burgess preceded the address.