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A Historic Church Continues A Living Church

EARLY RECORDS

You have crossed the threshold of one of Mason County's oldest churches. The old Presbyterian Church South, in Washington, Kentucky, is so simply beautiful that a visitor can wander through and know that God is here. But there are stories to be told—people to name and a record to be preserved. This village was established as a town in 1786 by the Virginia Legislature. It was laid out in 1785 by William Wood and Arthur Fox, Sr., an English surveyor. In 1790, it was recorded in the First Federal Census that Washington was the second largest town in Kentucky.

The Washington Presbyterian congregation was formed in 1796. The following minutes were taken from the First Minute Book. (This book **may be viewed in the memorial cabinet of the present Church building)** **"Washington, April 24, 1792. At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation held at the house of Isaiah Keith, the following persons elected elders Mr. Edward Harris, Isaiah Keith, Isaac Cannon and Anderson Henderson."**

Another entry in the First Minute Book was as follows:

"Washington, August 4th, 1792.

Whereas by the providence of God, we are brought from various parts of the world to settle in the western land, which for many ages hath been a place of darkness and habitation of cruelty; and being desirous to promote the Glory of God and advance and extend the Kingdom of the Redeemer, where Satan hath long held his seat, and where he still reigns in the hearts of many, which is evident from the abounding iniquity amongst us and in as much as many of us have been members of Churches in the places from whence we emigrated as will appear by our certificates on file with the clerk. . . ."

The records of these early Churchmen show that strict discipline was the order of the day. A wayward member was immediately called before the session and severely admonished. If the mis-conduct continued, the member was placed on probation and if these measures failed, the member was temporarily dismissed from the Church until he corrected his conduct.

In 1787-86, a blessed revival of religion commenced in Hampden Sidney College over the mountains in Virginia. As a result of this revival, the Synod of Virginia found many young men burning with zeal to preach the Gospel. Under the direction of the Synod, eight of these young men en-

tered Kentucky as missionaries and two of these missionaries were probably identified in their labors with the Washington Church and one of them certainly was.

It is believed that this Church was organized by Dr. John P. Campbell, one of the eight missionaries from Virginia in 1796.

Of Dr. Campbell, it has been said: "His mind was exceedingly quick and acute; his learning was sufficient and his courage rose with the exigencies of the contention. He was like the young soldier of whom it was said that the shout of the enemy was the music to which he marched! In every controversy, Campbell was a veteran to be sent to the front. The "New Light" set up by Barton W. Stone was the smoking wick of a tallow candle when Campbell was done with it. As a controversialist, Campbell refused to be afraid either of his convictions or his adversaries. As a preacher, he was distinguished for right of matter, brilliant diction, the flashing of deep set and dark blue eyes, classic elegance of style and gracefulness of delivery. But he lost his voice by preaching in the open air. Like a broken vesper bell, the call to prayer lingered in the vibrations, but the melody was gone. He died in Chillicothe, Ohio from exposure while preaching at the age of 53."

"The groves were God's first temples ere man learned
To hew the shaft and lay the architrave
And spread the roof above them, ere he framed
The lofty vault, to gather and roll back
The sound of anthems, in the darkling mood,
Amidst the cool and silence, he knelt down
And offered to the Mightiest solemn thanks
And supplications."

The **Rev. Robert Wilson**, another one of the eight missionaries from Virginia, was the first pastor of the Washington Church. Of him it is written:

"He was descended from ancestors whom persecution had driven from the North of Ireland to Western Virginia. Rev. Wilson was born in 1772. After laboring for some time in Virginia, he entered Kentucky in 1798, married and settled in Washington, where he remained until his death, October 31st, 1882 in the fiftieth year of his age. He was an amiable and estimable man, and characterized through life by great equanimity." While his labors were signally blessed among his own flock, it was his unwearied exertions that the **Churches of Maysville** and **Augusta were** organized and those of Smyrne and Flemingsburg owed to him their preservation when languishing without a Pastor." For many interesting details of his life, his work, and his death reference is made to Mr. Con-

dit's history of this Church.

"The Presbyterian are but few in number and meet in the Court House" (letter from Edward Harris written 11th April 1797)

Mr. Wilson was installed probably in 1799 and the relation then established continued until his death. The records of this Church during his pastorate are lost.

Another entry in the **First Minute Book** shows the love and esteem for Rev. Robert Wilson. The entry is as follows:

December 23, 1822

At a meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Washington, Kentucky held at the **Meeting House**, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved—that this congregation deeply and sincerely lament the loss of their late pastor, the Rev. Robert Wilson and as a testimony of their affection, they will erect to his memory a monument or tombstone with a suitable inscription there on and that David V. Rannells, James A. Paxton, Charles Ward and Marshall Key be appointed to superintend the erection thereof."

THREE CHURCH BUILDINGS
1806—1844—1870

The First Church Building was erected in 1806 on a beautiful lot of about two acres on the southern outskirts of the village on the main road from Maysville to Lexington, and was located about seventy yards back from the road. (The First Presbyterian Manse still stands (1972) Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhodes live in it.) There was a Presbyterian Cemetery near the Church. This was destroyed when the new highway was built.

The first building was built of brick and on three sides were rows of locust trees at convenient distance from the building.

The house was about square, the roof on its four sides running up to a point in the center, surmounted by a belfry, on the top of which was a metal covered ball and within the belfry swung a rich toned bell. The entrance to the Church was by doors on three sides, the main door being opposite the pulpit. The ceiling was lofty, corresponding in shape to the roof, being supported by four tall columns, reaching from floor to roof, and ceiling and columns were painted white.

The pews were high backed (for warmth) with doors, left the natural color of the wood, save the surmounting moulding, which was painted brown. The front pews had tables of leaves swung on hinges and were raised and used upon communion occasions to hold the bread and wine. Communicants came forward to the front seats to partake of the elements. The pulpit was elevated some half dozen steps and surrounded

by a high railing entered by a door, which the preacher closed behind him as he entered and when seated in the pulpit, the minister was invisible to the congregation. Just above the pulpit in gilt against the wall, was the number "1806" which evidently referred to the year in which the Church was built. In front of the pulpit and lower than the pulpit level was a platform enclosed by a railing where the lead of the music stood.

In about 1844, this building was torn down. It is believed the congregation outgrew it.

THE SECOND CHURCH BUILDING OF brick was erected in the same year (1844). It was located nearer the center of town just opposite to where the present church building stands. The costs of this church was about $2500. The building was dedicated in 1844-1845 by the Rev. E. Forman D.D. A description of this building is available in Mrs. Edna Hunter Best's book.

THE THIRD CHURCH BUILDING

This second building in the course of years was deemed unsafe and was taken down and the present commodious building was erected in the years 1871 at a cost of near $4,000 and was dedicated in November 1871 by the Rev. Stuart Robinson. This was a frame one room church.

The families who affiliated with and supported the church during its earliest history were those of Charles and James Ward, Mrs. Fanny Marshall, Dr. John Johnston, Andrew and David Wood, the McClungs, the Baldwins and the Curtises. Mrs. Fanny Marshall was the mother of Col. Charles A. Marshall who up to his death in February 1896, was an elder in this church, honored and beloved.

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PAST MINISTERS

Washington Presbyterian Church

Dr. John P. Campbell probably organized this church in 1796.

Rev. Robert Wilson, one of the eight missionaries from Virginia was the first Pastor of the Washington Church. He was installed in 1799. Mr. Wilson died in 1822. From 1822 to 1836, this Church had no settled Pastor.

Rev. Paradise L. McAboy was installed in the summer of 1836. He was greatly beloved for his amiable character and admired for his ability. The Church renewed its youth under the guidance of this young and accomplished shepherd. Mr. McAboy divided his time between the Church at Washington and that of Murphysville and lived at the latter place. In 1836, he married Miss Mary R. Thorton of Paris, Kentucky. A few short years after the commencement of his pastorate, Mr. McAboy entered the door of the mill at Murphysville then the chief center of business of the town, when suddenly the second and third stories gave way under the weight of several thousand bushels of wheat, burying him alive. Great was the grief of his people and the sympathy for the young widow was unbounded. Mrs. McAboy became so attached to the people of her husband's congregation that she remained many years within their bounds.

Rev. John H. Condit was called to the Church in March 1840 to succeed Mr. McAboy. Upon his acceptance of the call he was installed during the same spring.

One who knew him well says:

"The Washington Church was greatly favored in the immediate successor of Mr. McAboy, namely the Rev. John H. Condit. Mr. Condit was a man thoroughly consecrated to his Master's service. He was a very active Pastor, visiting largely within the bounds of his congregation. For nearly twenty-five years, he labored with great diligence and success."

Mr. Condit in the historical sketch prepared by him gives the following statistical information of his work from 1840 to 1858

"Upon my taking charge of the Washington Church in 1840, it consisted of 90 members. During my ministry, 126 have been added, 87 on profession of faith and 33 by certificate. Of the 87 received upon profession of faith, 43 were baptized upon their being admitted to communion of the Church and 44 had been baptized in infancy. I have baptized about 115 children and attended more than 70 funerals and during the same period have solemnized 66 marriages. Had there been no deaths and no removals during the time I have been Pastor of the Church, there would now be 190 in the membership of the Church. But we have lost by

death and removals about 100; and about 7 years since 1849, 39 members were sent off by Presbytery and constituted into a Church called the Murphysville Church. We have therefore remaining upon our rolls about 50 members."

Mr. Condit's relation as Pastor of this Church closed in about 1867. He removed to Ashland, Kentucky, where he died in about 1870 at the home of his son, Rev. W. C. Condit. He was a faithful servant of His Master and the Church.

Rev. J. M. Evans well known in this and other States as an Evangelist, supplied this Church for about a year, conducting services only twice a month.

Rev. Charles H. Dobbs was called in December 1868. He was installed as Pastor May 20, 1869. The installation services were conducted by the Rev. H. M. Scudder D. D., who preached the sermon and the Rev. J. E. Spillman who propounded the constitutional questions and delivered the charge

Between the close of Mr. Condit's ministry and the commencement of Mr. Dobbs' the Church seemed to have languished, judging in part by the fact that when Mr. Dobbs was inducted into the pastorate there was only one elder, Col. Charles A. Marshall and one Deacon, Mr. William R. Gill.

Promptly upon the installation of Mr. Dobbs, steps were taken to elect new officers and on May 22nd, 1869, William R. Gill and J. S. Forman were chosen to the eldership and Charles F. Taylor and John Chambers were chosen Deacons, all of whom were subsequently ordained.

The only records of the Church to which its officers have access commence with the month of December 1868. The records in existence prior to that time seem to be in the hands of a former affiliating member of the Church, friendly toward the Northern branch of the Presbyterian Church and who in 1869 declined to loan the session the former Record Book even "to copy from it such things that were needful for the proper management and conduct of the business of the Church." Whereupon the Session determined "to wait patiently until a better feeling should prevail." And it is to be regretted that as a faithful historian, it must be recorded that the Session is still waiting for the better feeling to come. Soldiers in the late war, whether great captains or from the rank and file, have long ago laid aside the spirit of strife, have met in great re-union of the Blue and the Gray, and no longer any contention exists save a noble emulation to do and devise for the good of this great land, but sad to say lamentable divisions still exist in our church among the soldiers enlisted under the banner of Christ, although more than 30 years have passed since the close of the Civil strife which occasioned the dissension.

Perhaps some day this priceless record may be uncovered in an old attic or a dusty trunk or in some long-forgotten box of papers, and be returned to a grateful Church.

The pastorate of Mr. Dobbs continued for about five years and the Church gained in members and usefulness during his ministration.

The Presbyterial report to the spring meeting of Presbytery for 1872 shows four added on profession of faith, two upon certificate; total communicants 64, children in Sunday School 40 and $4,827.03 raised by the Church for all purposes during the fiscal year, of which $4,252.28 was for congregational purposes, the greater part of which was probably expended in the erection of the present Church edifice.

In June of the year 1872, Henry W. Wood was elected an elder and Andrew Wood and George Taylor were elected as Deacons and all of them set apart to said offices by ordination on June 16th, 1872.

Largely through Mr. Dobbs instrumentality the present house of worship was built. He was energetic, faithful and popular especially with the young.

The last recorded minutes of the Session during Mr. Dobbs connection with this Church bears the date of April 7th, 1874 and the next one bears the date August 8th, 1875.

Rev. J. H. Moore appears as the Pastor of the Church and moderator of the Session in the minutes dated August 8th, 1875. When he was elected or installed does not appear but most likely between April 7th, 1874 and August 8th, 1875.

About this period, the Church records are very few and meager. Only one recorded meeting is noted in 1874, one in 1875, none in 1876, four in 1877 and none in 1878, only six recorded meetings during the four years 1874 to 1878 inclusive.

Nine additions upon profession of faith are recorded during Mr. Moore's pastorate. He was a man of genial manners and of ability. He later preached at Keyser, West Virginia. He left the Church between April 11th, 1877 and April 12th, 1879. He moderated the last recorded session meeting in 1877.

Mr. E. T. Hoke of Cincinnati appears as acting moderator of the Session on April 12th, 1879. From thence to April 14th, 1880 in the interim between Mr. Moore and Mr. Hoke, **Rev. Charles Price** preached about three months for this Church.

Mr. Hoke, during the year 1879 and 1880 sat and moderated nine meetings of the Session and on February 22, 1880, J. B. Alderson moderated a meeting of the Session. The former was as stated, a licentiate and the latter was a minister of a Sister denomination. For these irregularities, the Church was admonished and instructed by the Presbytery at its April meeting in 1880. The admonition was kind and

conciliatory, but it seems to have had a strange effect on the Session for it (the Session) remained closed from April 1880 for four years.

The importance of Sessional records can hardly be over estimated and in evidence of this statement, it is now submitted to this Church as a fact that in the register of elders, the names of two of your very worthy elders, Andrew Wood, Jr. and Robert Taylor appear as having been installed September 28th, 1878 and in the Register of Deacons, the names of Stanley E. Lee appeared as having been installed November 28th, 1878 and yet there is no record of their election or ordination upon the Session minutes book, nor is there a minute showing that this session held a single meeting during the year 1878.

Mr. Hoke served this church as supply, a period of about one year. There were ten additions to its membership on profession of faith and one by certificate. The Sunday School seems to have increased fully fifty percent over its membership of eight years before. The financial report for 1880 showed commendable zeal in gathering offerings for the Lord's work.

Between the time when Mr. Hoke's services as stated supply closed and the beginning of the ministration of **Rev. E. M. Shepperson D.D.** there appears on the records, as stated above, an hiatus of about four years.

Rev. E. E. Erwin commencing in October 1880 preached for this Church for three years. Later, Mr. Erwin was pastor of Pisgah Church in West Lexington Presbytery. Mr. Erwin was a man of great spirituality and marked ability and was so regarded by the congregation of the Washington Church and did an excellent work here. During Mr. Erwin's ministry, he was assisted upon special occasions by **Rev. J. H. Evans, Dr. Edward Q. Guerrant,** and **Dr. H. M. Scudder** whose services were greatly blessed, there being about twenty additions to the Church.

Yet, strange to say there is not a single minute on the records of this Church to show he ever had any connection with it; nor is there any record of the admission of any person to the communion of the Church; nor is there a death, baptism or marriage noted upon its records during that period, covering at least three years and this becomes stranger still when the fact is stated that his only son was baptized in this Church April 28th, 1883 by Dr. Guerrant. An unsigned minute on page 46 of the book, apparently in the hand writing of Dr. Shepperson, shows that he began to serve this church as stated supply on the 4th Sabbath of January 1884, and continued so to minister until some time during the following year, probably December 1885, but that relation was discontinued.

During Dr. Shepperson's stay with this church, there were only two additions to the church, one of them his wife by letter, and the other was received upon profession of faith made to an Evangelist outside the bounds of the congregation and for this irregularity, the action of the

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session was the subject of exception by Presbytery at its spring meeting in 1885. Perhaps the fact that the church building was damaged by fire which necessitated the acceptance of the kind invitation of the **Reformer's** (Christian) to worship in their church during Dr. Shepperson's ministration will in part account for the lack of any marked growth in the membership of the church during this period. Dr. Shepperson died in Indian Territory.

Rev. W. T. Spears took charge as stated supply on March 7th, 1886. From this time on, the minutes of the Session are quite full and interesting.

At first and until November 1890, only part of Mr. Spear's time was employed with this church, but at that time, the officers, in the name of and for the Church engaged him to preach every Sabbath morning, except the 5th which he reserved for evangelistic work. On October 30th, 1892, this church placed in the hands of Rev. W. T. Spears, an unanimous call to become the Pastor thereof. In April 1893, Mr. George Taylor (one of the Deacons) was appointed by the Session as a Commissioner to prosecute this call before the Presbytery. The records of Ebenezer Presbytery show that Mr. Spears was installed Pastor of this church on 1st Sabbath June 1893. Rev. S. D. Boggs preached the sermon and charged the Pastor and Rev. W. O. Cooleron charged the people.

The labors of Mr. Spears have been signally blessed during his relations as stated supply and Pastor to this church. Sixty-five or more have been added to the communion of the church by profession of their faith in Christ, eight or more have been added by certificate and five have come into the communion of this church from Sister denominations, making a total addition to the membership during his ministry of seventy-eight or more.

We have had the assistance during the protracted services of Rev. H. M. Scudder, D.D., Evangelist J. H. Hopper, Rev. I. S. McElroy, D.D., Rev. Martn Luther, Rev. W. T. ElRoy, Rev. W. E. Keller and Rev. C. T. Thompson and at every service, the faithfulness of the Pastor as a sower of the good seed was shown in gracious in-gatherings.

At none of these special services were there less than two and at one there were twenty-one additions to the membership of this church.

Church work in every department seems to have been carefully and faithfully looked after. In November 1889, Col. Charles A. Marshall having resigned the office, Robert Taylor, Andrew Wood, George R. Gill, David Hunter, and J. Paxton Marshall were elected trustees for the Church to hold the legal title of its property.

In June 1891, the Board of Deacons were strengthened by the ordination of David Hunter and Thomas Ham and on April 12th, 1896 after due election, Mr. M. McKnight, George Taylor, C. J. Hunter and J. Paxton Marshall as elders, and Dr. A. Hunter and H. W. Wood as Deacons were solemnly set apart by ordination to their respective offices.

No period, perhaps, in its history, gave greater promise of good to the church than the spring of 1896. Everything seemed bright and hopeful for the future. Pastor and people seemed knit together as never before, and one of the strongest ties between them was the faithful and efficient service rendered by the Pastor's beloved wife in every appropriate department of church work. Suddenly and without warning, a great shadow fell upon the church and the joy of his life went out in the Pastor's home, for the Lord called the lovely spirit of Mrs. Spears answered the call of her blessed Master to join the church triumphant. Poorly indeed can words express the loss. The session of this church, those who perhaps next to her husband best knew her, "Her work was ever untiring and devoted to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom," and because of her eminent services as a co-laborer with her husband, spread upon their minutes appropriate resolutions as a testimonial of the congregation to her work. Beautiful and lasting as this tribute is, I am sure a still more beautiful and last memorial of her exists in the hearts of these people.

"She being dead yet speaketh."

ELDERSHIP

Among the earliest Elders of the Church were William Richy, Isaiah Thompson and David V. Rannells. It has been said that probably no man ever lived in Washington who accomplished more for its intellectual and moral welfare than did Mr. Rannells. He conducted for about forty years a classical school in Washington and many of his pupils became eminent men. Mr. Rannells was Editor of The Union from 1814-1824.

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The Forman family began to be identified as members of this Church between 1833 and 1840.

In about 1847 Rev. Charles W. Forman, a member of this Church, a son of Ezekiel and Dolly Wood Forman, was ordered as a missionary by Ebenezer Presbytery, and left at once for the scene of his home in India. Mr. Forman remained in India as a missionary until his death in 1894. Believing education to be the handmaid of the Church, he undertook to start a school as soon as he began to preach. Before his death his school had grown into many schools, he had the supervision of more than 1,600 pupils. It was said that a large majority of the natives of India who had gained positions of trust and honor under the Civil Service rules of the English Government were pupils of Mr. Forman.

We should note here that Dolly Wood (Forman) was the first child born in Washington. Her birth date December 14, 1786.

The mother of John A. McClung was one of the earliest members of this church and is described as of "extraordinary intellect and devoted piety." Her son John A. McClung who was one of the brightest intellects ever reared in this community. He was distinguished both in the pulpit and at the bar, and as a writer of fiction and history. He was drowned, while pastor of the Maysville Church, in Niagara River.

It is also a part of the memorable history of this Church that Miss Mary Wilson, a daughter of its first Pastor married Rev. Lorrin Andrews and went with him as a missionary and co-worker to the Sandwich Islands.

A daughter of Col. Charles A. Marshall married the Rev. Maurice Waller; a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor and sister of the Rev. Samuel F. Taylor married the Rev. Robert F. Caldwell; and a daughter of J. S. Forman, an Elder married Rev. J. H. Moore.

Material for this booklet for the most part has been taken from an historical sketch of Washington Presbyterian Church prepared by T. T. Forman. Ebenezer Presbytery requested Mr. Forman to read upon the occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the organization of said Church, the memorial services held at Washington, Kentucky in September 1896 during the fall meeting of Ebenezer Presbytery held within the bounds of this church.

The first chapter in the history of the Washington Presbyterian Church was written in 1856 by Rev. John H. Condit.

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Mrs. James I. Allen
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Dear Mrs. Allen,

We are enclosing a copy of the History of Churches and Women's Work on the Washington Presbyterian Church in Kentucky; and material copied from **Ministers in the Presbyteries of West Lexington, Ebenezer and Lexington Ebenezer** by Robert Stuart Sanders of which some is one Washington Presbyterian Church and some is on Reverend John Howel Condit.

We hope that you will find this information helpful and if we can be of any further assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to write us.

With best regards, and may you and yours have a blessed Christmas season.

Sincerely,
Mary G. Lane

We could not find the history written by Mr. Condit.

Copied from Churches in the Presbyteries of West Lexington, Ebenezer and Lexington Ebenezer

by **Robert Stuart Sanders**

Washington Presbyterian Church in Mason County

Washington is one of the oldest towns in Kentucky having been laid off in 1785, and established as a town in 1786, by an act of the Virginia Legislature. The Presbyterian Church in Washington is almost as old as the town. Rev. Robert Finley preached here in 1792 and it was first mentioned, October 1, 1793, in the Minutes of Transylvania Presbytery. From 1793 to 1796, we find the names of the following ministers who preached in Washington, viz: In 1793, James Blythe and James Crawford; in 1794, David Rice and Samuel Shannon; in 1795, Stephen Bovell and James Welsh. The **Congregation was probably organized into a regular church by Rev. John Poage Campbell who preached here, 1796-1798.** Dr. Campbell was succeeded by Rev. Richard McNemar, who at the same time was pastor of the Cabin Creek Church. From 1801 to 1822, Rev. Robert Wilson was the beloved pastor.

The Washington Church was organized by Transylvania Presbytery, and in 1799, was transferred to Washington Presbytery where it remained until 1815, when it was placed in West Lexington Presbytery. When Ebenezer Presbytery was formed, out of West Lexington in 1820, the church was placed in Ebenezer where it stayed until 1935, when it went into Lexington-Ebenezer Presbytery, which was formed by the union of West Lexington and Ebenezer.

After Mr. Wilson's death in 1822, Rev. John Todd Edgar, pastor in Maysville, 1820-1827, supplied the Church. Mr. Edgar was succeeded by Rev. Samuel Garrick Lynn, from 1829 to 1831. Rev. James H. Logan, pastor in Augusta, supplied in 1832. Ebenezer Presbytery met in the Smyrna Church, December 11, 1832, and dismissed J. H. Logan to the Lexington Presbytery. At the same meeting Rev. Alexander Logan was appointed to supply in Washington. Mr. Logan supplied until his untimely death, March 7, 1834. Mr. Logan died at the early age of thirty-four years and the Memorial adopted by Ebenezer Presbytery spoke of him in the highest terms.

At the meeting of Ebenezer Presbytery, October 6, 1836, in Stonermouth Church at Ruddell's Mills, Mr. Percy L. McAboy, a licentiate was received from Athens Presbytery. He was ordained, December 17, 1836, when Ebenezer Presbytery met in the Washington Church. Rev. Eli Smith preached the ordination sermon; Rev. Thomas Cole gave the charge to the Pastor and Rev. Andrew Todd charged the people. Mr. McAboy had a short pastorate. On August 29, 1839, while standing in a

large flour mill in Murphysville, the building suddenly collapsed and he was buried under a great pile of wheat. When Presbytery met at Flemingsburg, April 4, 1839, it refused to place the call from the Versailles Church in the hands of Mr. McAboy. "Man proposes and God disposes." Mr. McAboy was born August 1814, at Dunfries in Prince William County, Virginia. He died just after he had passed his twenty-fifth birthday. He gave promise of having a very successful ministry.

The Washington Church, at a Meeting of the Presbytery of Ebenezer in the Washington Church September 26, 1839, was given permission to call Rev. Leland R. McAboy, probably a brother to Rev. P. L. McAboy. Mr. McAboy did not accept the call.

In March 1840, the Rev. John Howel Condit was called to succeed Mr. McAboy. On April 1, 1840, Ebenezer Presbytery sanctioned this call and appointed a commission to install him pastor over the Washington Church the first Sunday in May. Rev. Robert Caldwell Mundy, presided and preached the sermon; Rev. John T. Hendrick gave the charges to the pastor and people. Mr. Condit had the longest pastorate in the history of the church, from April 1840 to June 1868, a period of twenty-eight years. Mr. Condit was a man of great ability and an exceptional character. He left a wonderful impression upon all of the people in Washington by his spiritual achievements. It is interesting to note that his son, Rev. William Cutter Condit, D.D., served the First Presbyterian Church in Ashland, Kentucky as pastor from 1866 to 1921, and was pastor emeritus from 1921 to 1926, a period of sixty years.

Rev. Joseph Madison Evans succeeded Mr. Condit as stated supply from June 1868 through December of the same year.

In December Charles H. Dobbs was called as pastor and was installed May 20, 1869. Rev. H. H. Scudder preached the sermon and Rev. J. E. Spilman delivered the two charges. During his pastorate the old brick house was abandoned and the present frame church was erected.

Mr. Dobbs was succeeded in 1875 by Rev. John Henry Moore, who remained until April 12, 1878, when he was dismissed to Louisville Presbytery to become pastor of the Portland Avenue Church in Louisville.

After Mr. Moore's pastorate Rev. Charles William Price supplied for several months.

Rev. Edmund Floyd Hoke, a Licentiate was the supply pastor from 1879 to 1880.

Rev. Erasmus Ellerbe Erwin was received from West Lexington Presbytery September 29, 1881, and was dismissed to Transylvania Presbytery October 11, 1883. During this time he supplied the Washington Church. Rev. Charles Marsh Shepperdson, D.D., served as stated supply for about two years. He was received into Ebenezer Presbytery from Red River Presbytery April 26, 1884 and was dismissed on April 24, 1886, to South Alabama Presbytery. During his pastorate the church building was damaged by fire and the Presbyterians worshipped in the Christian Church.

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REV. JOHN HOWEL CONDIT

Born in Hanover, New Jersey,	September 15, 1806
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Pastor in Washington, Kentucky	1840 - 1868

Rev. John Howel Condit was born in Hanover, New Jersey, September 15, 1806. He graduated from Princeton University in 1831, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1833.

He came to Kentucky in 1835 and stopped at what is now Ashland. In April 1836 the Bethesda church requested Ebenezer Presbytery to ordain Mr. Condit, but Ebenezer must not have ordained him because he returned to New Jersey and was ordained by Elizabethtown Presbytery October 5, 1836. He was ordained an evangelist October 5, 1836, by the Presbytery of Elizabethtown. He supplied the Bethesda church now Ashland, Kentucky from 1835-1840.

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On the same day that Dr. Shepperdson was dismissed from Ebenezer Presbytery, Rev. William Thompson Spears, D.D., was received into the Presbytery. Dr. Spears had the third longest pastorate in the history of the church. He served for about twenty years until 1905 when he became pastor of the Vanceburg Church. Dr. Spears and his wife were greatly beloved not only by their own congregation but also by all the people in Washington.

Rev. Paul Simpson Rhodes succeeded Dr. Spears. He was received into Presbytery September 27, 1906 and dismissed July 30, 1912. Mr. Rhodes was a splendid preacher and pastor and during his six years ministry was highly esteemed for his work.

The next pastor Rev. William Powell Hooper, D.D., was a young man fresh from the Seminary. He was ordained July 8, 1915 and served for three years, until 1918, when he became a T.M.C.A. worker during the First World War. In 1919, he became pastor of the Highlawn Church in Huntington, West Virginia where he has served with great efficiency until the present.

Rev. Harold Houston Leach who had served as T.M.C.A. Secretary in the World War, in 1918-1919, was the next pastor. He came into Ebenezer Presbytery April 15, 1919, from Nashville Presbytery. The pastoral relation between him and the church was dissolved September 15, 1920. He was dismissed to Albermarle Presbytery in 1921.

Rev. Addision Hobert Chapin, who had served as a missionary in Africa, came to Washington in 1921, and served until 1925. Dr. Chapin has been pastor in Evansville, Indiana since 1929.

On April 14, 1926, Rev. Thomas Jackson Ray was received by Ebenezer Presbytery and was dismissed on October 12, 1927, to West Texas Presbytery, during this time he served the Washington Church.

After Mr. Ray's departure, Rev. John Edward Hobson supplied for a short while.

From 1930 to 1934 Rev. Charles Henry Bandy was stated Supply. Mr. Bandy had served as a missionary in India.

Rev. William Sterling Smythe became pastor in 1934 and served until 1939, when he became pastor of Milton and Kuhn Memorial Churches in Kanawha Presbytery.

After Mr. Smythe resigned, the Church had no regular pastor but was supplied for a time by Rev. R. M. Baldwin, a Methodist minister.

The last installed pastor was Rev. John Gordon Smith who was ordained March 20, 1947 and dismissed to Saint John's Presbytery, September 27, 1948.

Bethesda Church
April 22, 1836

To the Ebenezer Presbytery;

Beloved Brethren;

The undersigned, (members of the Bethesda Church and Congregation) would request of the Presbytery, an adjourned meeting at this church for the purpose of ordaining the Rev. John H. Condit as an Evangelist — We believe this people are perfectly united in Rev. Condit, yet the state of feeling in regard to settling a Minister at present, is such, that it seems impracticable to take measures for making out a Call-One prominent obstacle, is the enfeebled state of the Congregation - but whilst we are prepared to settle a Minister, we do feel desirous of having the ordinances of the Gospel regularly administered and we are deeply solicitous that Rev. Condit should be ordained, that he may fulfil all the duties of the Ministerial Office - We are far removed from any ordained Minister, the nearest being seventy or eighty miles distant, and it is but seldom we are visited by one - neither of the sacraments have been administered here for nearly one year past - There are Children to be baptized and the people of God feel very anxious to enjoy the privilege of regularly sitting down at the Sacramental Table. In addition to this, the interests of this Church are suffering deeply for the Want of Wholesome discipline. And we feel that the discipline of the Church cannot effectually be tended to, until we have an ordained minister among us. We wish the ordination to take place here, as may of the people have never witnessed such a Solemnity and we cannot but hope that the Exercises which would be connected with the occasion, will prove a blessing to this people.

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Dear Brother:

Will you not if any mway practicable attend the Meeting of Presbytery and see that this business is attended to. We as a people are very solicitous on the Subject. We cannot bear the thought of being deprived of the labours of an ordained Minister for six months and perhaps for a year to come, should the Presbytery decide not to ordain Mr. Condit, our situation is peculiar and it is a critical time with us as a Church. If you cannot attend Presbytery yourself, will you not see Brother Garrison and other Members if possible and urge the Matter. We feel deeply indebted to you and other Members of Presbytery for the kind interest you have hitherto taken in this church and this encourages us to urge our plan in this case.

Your brother in Christ
Robert Poage
Ans. May 30, 1836

(From a letter written by Rev. Condit's granddaughter)

"On his way down the Ohio from New Jersey, seeking the frontier in 1835, he reached the point, then known as "Poage's Landing," (now Ashland), on a Saturday afternoon, and "as his custom was" had himself, his wife and his goods put ashore for the Sabbath Day. The first man he met was a leading spirit in the little Presbyterian church, built seven years before, organized sixteen years, but without a pastor. He hastily sent one son up and down the Kentucky side of the river, and the other up and down the Ohio side, to spread the news of a preacher for the service to-morrow. The result of that stop-over was a pastorage of nearly five years. Thirty years later a week-end visit of his son lengthened into sixty years of ministry in that same church.

The field was a difficult one, physically, since it covered three counties, and my grandfather had to give it up, for one that covered less space. That was how he happened to go to little Washington."

Mr. Condit died at the home of his son, the Rev. William Cutter Condit, D.D., in Ashland, Kentucky, Ausust 1, 1869. It is interesting to note that Rev. W. C. Condit, D.D., was pastor of the First Presby. Church in Ashland from 1866-1921; and emeritus 1921-1926; a period of sixty years.

History of Churches and Women's Work
Transylvania Presbytery

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WASHINGTON, KENTUCKY

Organized 1792

Copied from the Original Records of the Washington **Presbyterian Church held by Mr. William Hunter.**

Washington, April 24th, 1792

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Congregation held at the house of Isiaah Keith the following persons elected Elders viz: Major Edward Harris, Isiaah Keith, Isaac Connor and Andrew Henderson.

April 29th, 1792 Session met. The four Elders being present. Elder Harris was chosen Seated Clerk of the Session. Paul Kerr was received in to the Church membership.

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June 30th, 1792 — Present Robert Finley, Moderator. All Elders present. Mr. Finley introduced Thos. Bennington as a representative of four Brethren at Stocktons Station.

August 4th, 1792 — WHEREAS, by the providence of God we are brought from the various parts of this world to settle in this Western land which for many ages hath been a place of darkness and habitation of cruelty, and being desirous to promote the glory of God, and advance and extend the Kingdom of the Redeemer, where Satan hath long held his seat and where he still reigns in the hearts of many, which is evident from the abounding iniquity among us and in as much as many of us have been members of Churches in the places from when we emigrated and whereas we the subscribers humbly hope that we have a sincere desire to be obedient and submissive to all the laws of God by an orderly walk and conversation before our families and others that they may thereby be induced to embrace the religion of Jesus Christ which we profess. We declare our serious belief the Christian Religion as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and in such a view of them as they are explained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms Larger and Shorter and now as we are unanimously agreed to unite together to uphold the worship and ordinances of God by ourselves — we look upon it necessary to enter into an explicit covenant therein openly binding ourselves to the Lord and one another accordingly to his will as a means to restrain our corruptions and keep ourselves and one another in subjection to the laws of Christ — Therefore we apprehending ourselves called of God to join together in a Church state of the Gospel

Sept. 23, 1796 — At a meeting of the Session of the united congregations of Washington and Johnston's Fork - present the Rev. J. P. Campbell, Moderator - eight elders present - Resolved that the Session should meet quarterly - alternately at Washington and Johnsoton's Fork to consult about the mutual interests of these societies.

January 2, 1798 — Session met and had a conversation on the state of the Church and congregation and are of the opinion that some more effectual measures ought to be taken to introduce members to the Communion of the Church. Agreeably to the directory of the Presby. Church and adjourned to meet at the house of Elder Ward on January 15.

April 16th, 1802 - Session met and adopted the following introduction to the register of this Church vix: We the subscribers desirous to associate together in the faith and discipline of the Christian religion in a Church state - Registered 1802.

Missionary Work In Washington Presbyterian Church From 1886 — 1936

Following is a paper read by **Mrs. C. J. Hunter, Sr.**, at the golden anniversary service of the Women's Missionary Society of the Washington Presbyterian Church:

"Before the organization of a Missionary Society in the Washington Presbyterian Church, several ladies paid monthly dues to the missionary cause.

"The Ladies Missionary Society was organized about 1886 by Mrs. W. T. Spears, meeting in the church on Sunday afternoons after preaching services. The first president was Mrs. M. A. Metcalfe, secretary and treasurer Miss Mary Forman.

After Mr. Spears came to reside in Washington the Missionary Society met in the church after prayer meeting on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month. Mrs. Nellie Wood Boggs was one of the first delegates to the Presbyterial Union. It was during Mr. Spears' pastorate a Junior Missionary Society was organized and met at the manse. At an early period, before any missionary organization, there were sewing societies among the ladies of the church and at different times Ladies Aid Societies.

During Mr. Rhoades pastorate the last Ladies Aid was organized with Mrs. Whitaker president, Mrs. Sallie Tucker secretary and Mrs. David L. Hunter treasurer. It was at this period that Miss Sue Caldwell held the first Mission Study Class with 18 members and distributed pigs among the members in order to collect money for the Leper Fund which has been kept up to the present day. It was also during Mr. Rhoades pastorate that our first box was sent to a mountain school and we had our first books for study on the mountain work.

A short time after Mr. Hooper commenced his work in our church in the summer of 1915, the ladies of the church were invited to the manse to meet Mrs. Love who was a guest of Mrs. Hooper's and the wife of Rev. Love of Grayson, Ky. who had had experience in Auxiliary work. On this happy occasion the first steps were taken to unite the Missionary Society

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and the Ladies Aid and organize the Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Hooper was elected president, Mrs. Sallie Tucker secretary and treasurer, Mrs. John Cockran secretary of literature. A vote was taken that the societies would be known as the Mary Forman Auxiliary, Mrs. Hooper made a most excellent president. She was untiring and faithful in her efforts the 3½ years of her husband's ministry.

During these first years we sent boxes of bedclothing and wearing apparel to Lee's Collegiate Institute at Jackson, Ky.; also $50.00 a year was sent to pay the tuition of a young girl until her graduation and for that occasion, we made and sent her entire outfit. Mr. Hooper felt the greatest progress that was made during his ministry was the missionary work from this society. Mrs. Leach was the second president, Miss Mary Wood Taylor vice president. Boxes were sent to the orphanage at Anchorage at Thanksgiving and to a Mountain School at Christmas. At different times during the absence of a pastor Mrs. C. J. Hunter was elected president of the auxiliary. She at least held the society together. A meeting was never omitted. She used her influence to have work and the Home Mission money sent to Matthew T. Scott, Jr. Academy at Phelps, Ky. The reason we had a good mountain school located in our own Ebenezer Presbytery.

In 1921 Mrs. A. H. Chapin was elected president. During her presidency, we had our first Mission Study. Mrs. Chapin was a great help in this study as she and Mr. Chapin, our pastor, had spent 3½ years in Africa as missionaries.

During the summer of 1921 Misses Mary and Emily Forman, missionaries from India who were in America on furlough, spent the summer with relatives of our congregation. These ladies attended our meetings regularly. With Mr. and Mrs. Chapin present we had four missionaries in attendance. They gave us very interesting talk of their work and experience in the foreign field.

The second meeting of the month was our cirle meeting with the same membership — as small as ten, never more than twenty. We cleared nearly $200 making aprons. Miss Phoebe Forman, an active member residing in Washington City, sold these aprons for us at $1.00 apiece. There were ladies outside our membership who made aprons for us.

After Mr. and Mrs. Chapin's call to another church, Mrs. Hunter was again elected to the presidency and has held that office to the present time with the exception of one year. Mrs. J. W Downing was president before she took up her residence in Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray followed Mr. Chapin's ministry. Although Mrs. Ray had never been a member of a missionary society she proved to be a great help to us. With their assistance we began our first Bible study about 1925. Since that time we have taken the official Bible study each year. It was during Mr. Ray's ministry that our society sent Charles Hunter as a delegate to the Young Peoples Conference at Atlanta, Georgia. Also we sent Martin Durrett as a delegate to the Young People's Conference at Danville, Ky. Since 1921 we have taken the Foreign and Home Mission study every year. All read the book, each member having been assigned. We then have an all day meeting, generally during the week of self denial and prayer. We spend five hours reviewing the book. Guests are invited to these all day meetings and each member brings a dish for the noon lunch. During the day we take up our offering, envelopes having been distributed a week before the meeting.

When the Women's Auxiliary was ten years old, since 1922, the women of our church have during May of each year commemorated the birthday of their organization through the dedication of an over and above love offering to some cause or institution which ministered directly to women or girls in our Home or Foreign fields. We have never missed a May Party and some of them have been beautiful. I will mention one party given for the two Kentucky Mountain Schools, Stuart Robinson and Highland Institute. This was given in one of our homes which was decorated in the colors of the schools, royal blue and white and black and gold. This was really a community party. Neighbors and members of different churches were invited. A playlet was given by the young girls of the Sunday School. They sang mountain ballads and were trained by Dr. and Mrs. Bandy. Probably the smallest offering ever given was ten dollars. The largest amount given was $80. The past two years we have given our birthday program in the church during an afternoon, serving our refreshments in the church yard.

We had our first prayer band during our first year with Mrs. Hooper's presidency. We still try to keep this up. We have prayed for the young people of the community. We have prayed for all professing Christians to be strengthened spiritually. We are praying for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our church and surrounding country. Our greatest need is prayer, believing prayer. When Dr. and Mrs. Bandy came to us they made us feel the need of prayer.

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At this time during his ministry we had more prayer than ever before, more people making public prayers. We had more of the spirit. Since Mr. and Mrs. Smythe have been with us we entertained the Group Conference in the fall of 1924. Mrs. McKinney, our chairman, and Mrs. Grimes, our Presbyterial president, had arranged a good all day program, closing with a candle light service. In company with these ladies, I had the delightful opportunity of attending the Auxiliary Training School at Montreat, N. C., the summer of 1934. It was a real spiritual uplift.

Mrs. Smythe was our first delegate to the Lexington-Ebenezer Presbyterial which met at Nicholasville the past spring. Our theme, "Christ and His Church First," our motto, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness that in all things He might have preeminence."

In a short history of fifty years, it is hard to tell of all the work that has been accomplished. With hand and brain and spiritual uplift and fellowship we have enjoyed together, days of real pleasure. Neither can we tell all the good and mention all names of the personal workers. God knows. We have had members that have gone to other churches and they do their part well. We also have the co-operation of several ladies who have come into our society from sister churches that haven't a woman's organization. They are a real help and blessing to us. We are thankful for the faithful members that set us the example in the beginning. They have left a precious name. May we in our part faithfully as those who have gone before. This is our constant prayer that we have the same spirit of devotion to the cause of our Lord Jesus for the glory of His name.

A Brief Sketch
Washington Church

The History of the Washington Presbyterian Church dated back to a very early period, beginning, as it does in the same year that Kentucky received its Statehood. The record reads that "on April 24, 1792 the Washington Presbyterian Church held its first meeting in the house of Isaiah Keith." The minutes of this meeting and all subsequent meetings have been preserved and are in the keeping of Charles J. Hunter, a present elder of the Church.

During its more than 150 years of existence, the church has sent out many eminent men, and takes great pride in the fact that one of the missonaries to India was Dr. Charles W. Forman whose birthplace, a stone house near Washington, is still standing. Dr. Forman's splendid service to the people of India has been given recognition in the form of a memorial — Forman College in Ialeore, India is an enduring testimony of his wonderful work. Dr. Forman's descendents have been in India for many years. Today, another Chrles Forman, a Descendent of that pioneer missionary, ably carries the torch to help light the path of the many people, who know Him not.

The present Charles Forman is a nephew of two devoted members of our Auxiliary. Miss Mary Wood Taylor and Miss Hattie Taylor.

Miss Hattie Taylor fulfills the traditions of her forbarers with her capable leadership as superintendent of the Sunday School with wonderful patience and persistence she brings into the Sunday School the forgotten children of the community. The Washington Church, at present is without a pastor but the Sunday School is carried on with undiminished fervor. The number of our missionary circle is small, only twelve members, but their loyalty and generosity are outstanding. **Miss Jesse Allison** is our **Faithful president** and has filled the office with devoted interest for many years — her zeal is unlagging, she sees that we donate to every cause, that we have our mission study at the appointed time and that we do all the things that a smaller auxiliary can accomplish. Our President is a faithful steward — well pleasing to her Master.

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1906	—	Mrs. Whitaker Ladies Aid was organized
1915	—	Mrs. William Powell Hooper Missionary Society and Ladies Aid united to form the Mary Foreman Auxiliary
1919	—	Mrs. Howard Houston Leach Miss Mary Wood Taylor, Vice President
1920	—	Mrs. C. J. Hunter
1921	—	Mrs. Addison Hobart Chapin
1925	—	Mrs. C. J. Hunter Mrs. J. W. Downing Miss Jessie Allison
1962	—	Mrs. James S. Allen Ladies Aid and The Auxiliary were reorganized into Women of The Church
1968	—	Mrs. David Dupee
1970	—	Miss Hattie L. Taylor

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, June 7, 1936, the Washington Presbyterian Church celebrated the one hundred and forty-fourth anniversary of the church. Miss Phoebe H. Forman, one of its most faithful members, with the assistance of the Pastor. Rev. William S. Smythe and his wife, supervised the splendid program. This celebration was a happy culmination to the three day sesquicentennial observance of the establishemnt of Washington as a town (1786).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For many long years, the Sunday School pupils, after the opening Sunday School exercises, had to leave the main Church Sanctuary, cross the church and manse lawns, to hold their respective classes in the rooms of the manse. Through rain and snow their little footsteps skipped across the space between the church and manse. They did this regardless of the weather. It is good to note, at the time of this printing, 1972, the Sunday School department has been and continues to be a very strong segment of this very old Presbyterian Church in Washington, Ky.

In 1962 when the Ladies Aid and the Auxiliary were re-organized into The Women of The Church, a new era began. Many activities were started and many efforts came to fruition. The main sanctuary was redecorated, and beautiful new lights were installed. "The Big Project" was planned, a plan to build a Sunday School addition was initiated. This was accomplished, and on the 100th anniversary of the present church building (of 1871) the Sunday School addition was dedicated and named in honor of Miss Hattie L. Taylor, Sunday School superintendent for 35 years.

Memories pervade every inch of Washington Presbyterian Church. The rural setting is still here, the main highway can be seen from the old limestone sidewalks. Modern ways have crept around this small village leaving many old buildings standing proud and tall by this church with its cherished memories. The bright sunlight sparkles through the colorful and beautiful windows casting their glorious glow over the present day members. Many descendants of those very early members continue to worship in this church.

The soft toned bell of the Washington Presbyterian Church peals its message each Sunday morning at 9:30 — 10 and 11 — A call to worship as our forefathers heard answered that call.

We lay aside this pen, in this year of 1972, with the belief and sincere hope that another period in the History of this Church will be written by one of "Miss Hattie's" pupils.