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CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

EARLY HISTORY



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Virginia Woodfin



Clarice Miller



Kathrin Riggs

Compilers of the
History of Central Christain Church

What a calamity it might have been! The church with the dome at the corner of East Main Street and Maney Avenue, as it is often identified, was found to be structurally weakened in early January 1986. It was in imminent danger of collapsing, dome and all, under the stress of wind, storm, fire, weight, and age. In this year of 1986 it will be seventy-four years old.

The arrival of the Reverend James Blair, as new minister to this congregation, the first of January 1986 was followed almost immediately by the alarming discovery of the danger. The energetic, dedicated minister set about closing the church building. Meetings were held first at Woodfin's Chapel, then in the Educational Building located on the church property. Work was begun on the repairs to the damage. After the structural wooden trusses and frame work (the ribs) of the dome were thought to be sufficiently safe, the congregational meetings were held in the basement of the church, or Fellowship Hall, as it is called.

Using these smaller quarters brought the members into a more informal service. A spirit of "togetherness" prevailed along with a concerted effort to help with the repair work in the sanctuary, where more water damage had been discovered.

It was in Fellowship Hall on March 16, 1986 that installation services were held for the Reverend Blair, his

Church must meet elsewhere after building found unsound

By JOHN HOWZE

News Journal Staff Writer

A local church congregation will hold services at the Woodfin Funeral Chapel on Tennessee Boulevard for the coming two weeks after it was discovered its building is structurally unsound.

"We had a man go up into the attic to change a light bulb, and he saw the rafters were twisted and said something wasn't right," said Rev. Jim Blair, who heads the Central Christian Church at 404 E. Main St.

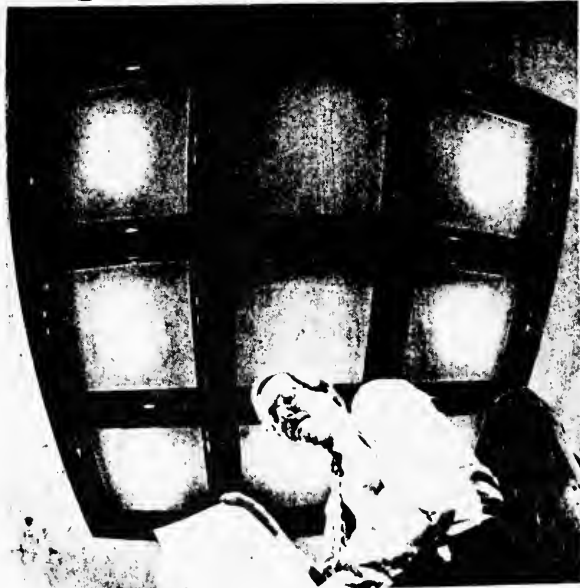
"One of the main rafters was three feet out of line, and the two next to it were each out of line by a foot," Blair said.

The church called John A. Hughes and Associates, a Nashville engineering firm, which examined the building and declared it unsafe to hold services.

In addition to twisted rafters, the company found many rafters and side beams which had split open as the warped rafters placed undue stress on them.

"They told us the church could literally fall down," said Blair, "especially during the service when we have that loud organ music."

With 300 members, Central Christian needed a meeting place and Woodfin Chapel was suggested. The funeral parlor agreed to host the Sunday morning service for the coming two weeks.

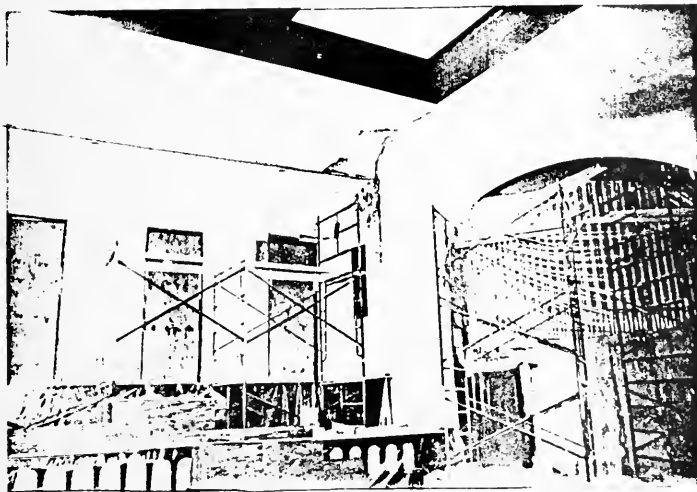


DNJ photo by Jim Davis

CLOSED FOR REPAIRS — The Rev. Jim Blair of Central Christian Church holds a sign he will place on the church's door telling members that services will be held at Woodfin Funeral Chapel until warped ceiling beams are repaired.



Repair Work Underway



wife, Joyce and daughter, Shirley. The congregation, family and friends of the Blairs were well aware of the awesome spectacle in the sanctuary above them; gloomy, dusty, plastic covered pews and organ pipes, a jungle of scaffolding and boarded up stained glass windows all under a cloud of grey plaster dust. The beautiful pre-Easter installation service was touching and inspirational as if the above sanctuary were new and gleaming as the day it was finished in 1912, and the day of dedication at the meeting of the Tennessee Convention of Christian Churches the following September 20-24, 1913.

CHRISTIAN STANDARD

"October 11, 1913, Tennessee Convention"

The annual convention of the Tennessee disciples was held in Murfreesboro, September 20-24.

The convention proper was preceded by the very successful dedication of the charming new \$30,000 house of the Murfreesboro brethren. With the aid of the master dedicator, George L. Snively, the house, which had been used since the preceding December, was formally set apart to the work of the Lord, freed of debt through the cash and pledges secured before and on the day of dedication. Moreover, enough more was raised to provide for organ and possibly the purchase of a parsonage. In short, the Murfreesboro brethren demonstrated a firm belief in the success of the cause in their beautiful city.

With such preparation the brethren of Murfreesboro and their many friends proceeded to make all visitors doubly welcome. Their every provision for convenience could not but be appreciated by all the visitors. . . .

In the afternoon and evening of Monday the Christian Woman's Board of Missions auxiliaries held their

sessions. Some excellent reports were made and the officers re-elected. The best feature of their program was the inspiring address of H. J. Derthick, recently of Livingston, Tenn. and now of Indianapolis, Ind. He set forth clearly and sympathetically the great work that is being done among the people of Livingston by the aid the C.W.B.M. has given them in their earnest search for education. He showed that these people merely need help; that they are ready and anxious to do their part. The women have a habit of setting forth a live worker to report their work first-hand. . . .

The Board of Trade of Murfreesboro showed the visitors their joy in the convention and in their city by means of an auto trip in all points of interest about the city.

The music of the convention was under the direction of H. C. Boblitt, of Cincinnati, O. and was responsible for much of the enthusiasm of the sessions.

Showing as it did a genuine interest in the cause of New Testament evangelism, the Tennessee Convention has been surpassed by none in its report of work done and its prospect for future attainment.

Again in another church related newspaper the following account is given:

THE CHRISTIAN-EVANGELIST

October 23, 1913

Tennessee State Work

Jas. T. McKissick, Cor. Sec'y.

We have just closed a great year's work in Tennessee, as the following report shows: Places aided, 120; days worked, 4,870; sermons, 3,640; baptisms, 994; otherwise, 786; total, 1,780; new churches, 15; Bible schools, 13; amount raised, \$11,832.09, as against \$10,009.37 last year.

Several new houses have been dedicated: Union City, Murfreesboro, Knob Creek, Lutts, Elkanah and Well Spring have about completed their houses of worship.²

To the current members of Central Christian Church who feel it is their church home, and especially the three remaining life members who were, although at an early age, present at the dedication in 1913, namely Virginia Black Woodfin, Kathrin Kerr Riggs and Clarice Miller, this appalling event instigated a series of memories and questions. How and why did this organization of the church, the purchasing of the property and the construction of the building with the dome, come about?

Dr. Herman Norton, dean of the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University and professor of American Christianity in the Divinity School, in his book Tennessee Christians, tells the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee, which was a pivotal state in the origin, development of the movement, and finally the merger of the religious forces led by Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell. Much controversy and related events finally cleared the way for a new religious group, the Churches of Christ. Later, the two groups go their separate ways as the author documents the resulting development of the Christian Church, following the teachings of Barton Stone.³

On February 11, 1889, the Missionary Society was organized at Woodland Street Christian Church in Nashville. . . . The organization was the culmination of sentiments set in motion by a few new members sympathetic to missionary societies. . . . The women of Woodland Street asked the elders to take charge of the missionary program. . . .

The group that met in Chattanooga, October 6-8, 1890, constituted themselves as the "state Missionary Convention of the Christian Church of Tennessee."⁴

An historical sketch in the Christian Church directory when Reverend Roy Hulan was pastor dated 1972:

Central Christian Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, is one of some five thousand congregations which make up the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) communion numbering in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 members, and a part of a movement begun in the early 1800's which is today the largest body of church people indigenous to the American soil. Men like Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, Walter Scott and John Smith are looked to as the early leaders. The Churches of Christ and the Christian Churches (independent) are two large bodies of church people with the same heritage.

Alexander Campbell preached in the Methodist Church in Murfreesboro in 1833. About a dozen citizens were so impressed by his message on church unity and restoration of New Testament practices in the church that they organized the Murfreesboro Christian Church, purchasing property near Lytle Creek. The congregation grew, and in 1858 located on the corner of East Main and Academy Streets. During the Civil War Federal forces occupied Murfreesboro and Col. James A. Garfield, later president, was placed in charge of the troops. He was an ardent member of the Christian Church and sometime preacher.⁵

Several congregations in Tennessee began supporting the work of the Missionary Society, as they became interested and the movement continued to grow.

Following the Civil War the movement grew, but soon differences of emphasis and interpretations began to divide the members. By 1906 an official break came about. The Churches of Christ became a separate movement emphasizing immersion as the only form of baptism acceptable, denying the validity of organizations such as missionary societies as being unscriptural, and decrying the use of musical instruments as aids to worship. The independent Christian Churches are also adamant about missionary organizations and immersion, but do use the musical instruments in church worship. These three would probably number a total of some 5,000,000 adherents, all a part of the Campbell Stone heritage.⁶

The year 1907 witnessed some notable attainments.
 . . .

Contributions from congregations for state missions reached the astounding figure of \$17,528. For all missionary enterprises, the churches gave \$24,303.

The Permanent Fund was at \$16,179.

To make the separation even more distinct and clear cut, the State Convention which met at Vine Street October 7-9 (1907), voted to change the name of the organization from the Tennessee Christian Missionary Convention to the Tennessee Christian Missionary Society. . . .

Before the delegates left Nashville, they learned that the 500 member congregation at Johnson City had just dedicated the "best church building in the state." In it was a new \$2,500 pipe organ, and Andrew Carnegie had given \$1,000 towards its purchase.

The 1908 Convention which met in Chattanooga, October 26-29, received reports that the recommendations of the previous year had been carried out to the extent funds would permit. Fourteen churches were getting mission support.⁷

The above mentioned church directory continues:

In 1908 a small group of members withdrew fellowship from the original church in Murfreesboro and established what is known today as Central Christian

Church on the corner of Main and Maney. There were 61 charter members of whom Mrs. Eugene Black is the only living one at this date in 1971. Mrs. James Barclay, sister of Alexander Campbell and wife of our first missionary, helped to turn the first spade of earth at groundbreaking ceremonies on May 8, 1911.

The Convention for 1909 was held at Murfreesboro, September 20-23. The Christian Church at Murfreesboro had come into existence a year earlier, when 50 persons withdrew from the Church of Christ. By the time of the Convention, the congregation had grown to 150 and was meeting regularly in a rented building. Prospects for a church building of their own brightened when convention delegates pledged \$6,000 towards its construction.

In spite of new opposition, the program of the Christian Church in Tennessee experienced steady progress. By the time of the State Convention in October 1913 at Murfreesboro, where a new \$30,000 edifice was dedicated as a part of the Convention program, the State Society had five full-time evangelists in the field. The delegates were told that since its beginning the Society had been responsible for establishing 150 congregations.

Again in the Church directory of 1972 the following explains further the purpose and aims of Central Christians.

This church is a local congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and was founded in 1908 for the purpose of promoting Christian Unity among the followers of Christ here. It is affiliated with the Christian Church in Tennessee, regional manifestation of the church with headquarters in Nashville, and with the United States and Canada manifestation of the church with headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.¹⁰

The records of Central Christian Church members report that sixty-one persons withdrew from the Church of Christ in 1908, which at that time was Main Street Christian Church.

In researching this history of the early Christian Church at Main and Maney, it is found that there are many different versions and statistics which are given in hopes that a more accurate picture may evolve.

The Central Christian Church which was first named "Central Church of Christ," was organized August 1908, with the name "Central" referring to the fact that the Missionary Society of the Christian Churches following Barton Stone's teachings, were in favor of centralizing the Missionary Movement of the Churches of Christ.¹¹

Hattie W. Noel, one of the early members, wrote a history of Central Christian dated September 27, 1963. In it she says:

Central Christian Church of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was organized in August 1908 with 61 members, first worshipping in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Main Street, which has since been wrecked and replaced by the 1st National Bank of Murfreesboro building. In October of the same year (1908) Brother R. E. Moss was called to minister to the congregation. In May 1909 Brother Ira M. Boswell of Chattanooga was called in a revival service when 35 members were added to the church, making a total membership of approximately 100.

In 1909 the State Convention met with the church and during convention week about \$7,500 was raised with which to begin a new church building. Among those making large gifts to the building fund were B. B. Kerr, E. H. Tatum, C. B. Ragland and James R. Jetton. Brother Moss served the congregation two years. Brother Everett Smith was called to minister to the congregation in February 1911. At the time he received this call he was State Sunday School Superintendent,

and upon suggestion of the State Board, accepted the call to Central Christian Church and continued his Sunday School work by correspondence. At the time Bro. Smith came to the church, there were 85 member-- a loss of some 15 members, some of whom had decided to return to the Main Street church, from which this group had broken away. Plans for the new church building got under way promptly after Brother Smith's coming. The sum of \$6,000 was borrowed from the State Board to be added to the building fund. The church trustees empowered to borrow the money were E. H. Tatum, Clifford Love, B. B. Kerr and C. B. Ragland. Mr. Ragland was chairman of the building committee and Mr. Kelly Poff was the builder. The architect was a Mr. Combs whom Brother Smith described in a letter to me as "the dapper little fellow with whom I had quite an argument as to the size of the baptistry." It was always too small, but I couldn't convince Mr. Combs of that fact.

May 8, 1911, was set apart as the day to begin the work of building the new church. The cornerstone was laid with appropriate and impressive ceremonies, a spirit of reverence, love, and devotion to a cause sprung from sincere conviction seemed to permeate the entire proceeding. On this occasion Mrs. Barclay, daughter of Alexander Campbell, was present and she and Mrs. W. R. Jones, senior member of the congregation and known to the congregation as "Mother Jones" were permitted to move the first shovels of dirt. Among other articles placed in the cornerstone were a Bible and a picture of Brother and Mrs. Everettt Smith and their baby, Beatrice.

Brother Smith set to work to obtain a pipe organ for the church and was successful in securing a gift from Mr. Andrew Carnegie for its purchase. His gift covered practically the entire cost of the organ, a Hillgreen and Lane. Mrs. Clifford Love was organist for the church for many years, carrying over into Brother Gray's and Brother Elliott's ministry.¹²



DR. EVERETT S. SMITH

Dr. Everett S. Smith's seven year ministry at Central Christian began in the Cumberland Church and continued through and beyond the construction of the building at 404 East Main. He was remembered by all who knew and loved him with reverence for many years.



Miss Frances Love, later Mrs. Eugene Black and mother of Virginia Black Woodfin, was the longest living charter member of the Central Christian Church at her death at age 92. She is shown here in her graduation dress.



Mr. Eugene Black served for many years as elder and Treasurer of the Central Christian Church.



Three charter members of Central Christian Church.
Seated: Mrs Aubrey Cook (Cookie); standing left to
right: Kathrin Kerr Riggs, Frances Love (Mrs. Eugene
Black, Gladys McCarty (not a chartered member)

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THE KING'S BUILDERS.



THE JUNIORS OF MURFREESBORO, TENN., WHO CONTRIBUTED \$5.00 OR MORE EACH TO OUR WORK LAST YEAR.
Top Row: Mary Brice Giltner, Cnsa. Ragland, Elizabeth Kerr, Margaret Ragland, Willis May James, Arthur D. Wharton.
Second Row: Kathrene Wharton, Ruth Batey, Ldaine Richardson, Ready Batey.
 (These eleven Juniors and their Superintendent gave \$79.42 last year. The Society has pledged \$100 this year.)

THE KING'S BUILDERS.



CHILDREN OF OUR MISSIONARIES IN SOUTH AMERICA.
 Margaret Burner, Jarvis Burner, Philip Burner, Ewart Wyle, Alwin Wyle.

THE KING'S BUILDERS.

- What were their names?
 Why did God warn Noah of the flood?
 What did Noah build?
 What did he take into the ark with him?

Questions:
 How long did it rain?
 How deep was the water?
 How long did it cover the earth?
 What became of every person and animal outside the ark?

January 23.
The story of the flood, told by the Superintendent.

January 31.
The story of the end of the flood, told by the Superintendent.

- Where did the flood last?
 What became of the ark rest?
 What did the dove do the first time it was sent forth?
 The second time? The third time?
 What was the first thing that Noah did when he went forth from the ark?
 What did God promise him?
 What is the sign of God's promise to Noah?
 What does the writer of "Hebrews" say of Noah? (Hebrews 11:7.)

Outline for Mission Studies for 1909.

General Thought for Outline—The World's Call—Our Answer.

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 100 Years Ago.
 Back to the Old Paths.
 Men of the Past.
 Co-Operative Missionary Work.
 Co-Operative Missionary Work by Women.

February.
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 Centennial Thank-Offering of the C. W. B. M.
 Centennial Thank-Offering of the Young People.

March.
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 From the Mountains—Our Schools.
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 For Information—Missionary Libraries.

April.
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 From the Japanese—Berkeley and Los Angeles.
 From the Mexicans—Texas Evangelistic Work.
 From the African—Industrial Training.

May.
 The Call From the Negro.
 In the United States—The Schools.
 In Liberia—Jacob Kenoly.
 In Jamaica—Our Work.

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- In the Homes of Jamaica—Native Workers.
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June.
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 From Images and Ignorance.
 From Priests and Poverty.
 For an Open Bible—Argentina.
 From our Buenos Ayres Church.

July.
 The Call From Catholic Countries—Porto Rico.
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 From the Orphan—Girls Orphanage.
 Young People's Centennial Aim.
 From the Boys and Young Men—Boys' Orphanage.

August.
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 Saints and Feast Days—Mexican Churches.
 From the Young People—Our Mission Workers.
 For Education—Monterey School.

September.
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 The Call From India.
 From Gods and Temples.
 From India's People.
 From Our First Station—Bilaspur.
 From the Zenana—Bha.

October.
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 From Pilgrims and Shrines—Deoghur.
 For Medical Work—Mahoba.
 From the Villages—Pendra Road.
 From the Orphan—Maudha.
 From the City—Calcutta, Jhansi.

November.
 The Call From India (Continued).
 For Evangelistic Work—Rath.
 From Women and Girls—Kulpahar.
 For Education—Our Schools.
 From the Educated Classes—Calcutta.

December.
 Into All the World. REVIEW.
 United States.
 Negro.
 The Catholic Countries.
 India.

Mission Studies for January.

By ALMA EVELYN MOORE.

1. One Hundred Years Ago.
 (For January 3.)

The Christian Endeavorer, closely associated with all churches in union work marvels at the bitterness and sectarian spirit of a century ago. The day has passed when fellowship is withdrawn from one who sings hymns when in attendance upon the services in another church, or because he asked some pious, devout soul of another congregation to offer prayer in his own denominational meeting house. The young people were taught that the sinner was absolutely dead. Being dead he had not the power to "obey"; if he wished; being totally depraved he would not even if he could; and although

CHARTER MEMBERS
OF
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 1908

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Winston Burton
B. B. Kerr

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Virginia Black Woodfin has a list of the sixty-one charter members. Her mother, Mrs. Frances (Miss Fannie) Love Black saved the list, which was most fortunate, because many of the church records had been lost.

The congregation was meeting in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church building at the corner of East Main and Spring Street where the First National Bank is found today. Members were engaged in finding property and a builder for their church building, as well as the financing.

While meeting in the Cumberland building the work of the Missionary Society was being emphasized and a Junior group was organized.

Kathrin Kerr Riggs had a book her sister, Elizabeth, used while in the Junior Missionary society. It is dated January 1909 and is called "The Kings Builders." Included in this issue is a picture of the Juniors of Murfreesboro, Tenn., "who contributed \$5 or more each to the work last year." In it are familiar names, such as Elizabeth Kerr, Mary Brian Giltner (who is now Mrs. B. Martin), and Idaline (Ida) Richardson, as shown.

The young people's work had its beginning before the separation from the old church. Like most other new organizations, it had its ups and downs, completely disbanding on one or more occasions. This Junior Work, as it was then called, was begun by Miss Hattie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, who after recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever and believing that it was through God's

answer to her prayers that her life had been spared, felt she must enter actively into God's service as a thank offering for her recovery. Two other young women of the congregation she brought to her aid, Misses Ida Richardson and Mimmie Holmes. They met with the children on Sunday afternoons, prior to the organization of what is now the Central Christian Church, in the homes of either the leaders or the children and carried on their work and study. Miss Jones died soon after the organization of this work. It was later carried on very successfully under the leadership of Miss Frankie White. Among those who were members of the Junior Band were Elizabeth and Katherine Kerr (Mrs. Deery Riggs), Ruth Batey (Mrs. Chas. T. Battin), Ready Batey (Mrs. Marion Logan), Mary Brine Giltner (Mrs. Bob Martin), Margaret Ragland (Mrs. Will Ragland), and Mary Lawrence Ragland (Mrs. Frank Godchaux). Later on, Miss Jeanette King took over the work, devoting a great deal of time and effort to the organization. She, having known personally some of the missionaries, including Dr. and Mrs. Hardy who went from Vine Street Christian Church, was capable of making the studies very interesting. This work later became known as Christian Endeavor, and is now known as Christian Youth Fellowship.

Clarice Miller remembers the anniversary date of her parents' marriage; Miss Myrtle Poff to Mr. Albert B. Miller, on December 10, 1910. In her memoirs Mrs. Miller says she and her husband joined the Christian Church early in 1911, and since she had been sprinkled in the Cumberland Church and then changed her membership to the First Presbyterian upon their merger, she wanted to be baptized. The Christians were using the Baptist Church baptistry for this purpose until they built their own church.

All of the Poffs took part in the march from the Cumberland to the Presbyterian Church, one block north

on Spring Street on October 1906 when the two churches merged.¹⁴ They had one minister who served both congregations.

According to Dr. Ernest Hooper, retired history teacher at M.T.S.U., in his article, "History of First Presbyterian Church,"¹⁵ Mr. John T. Woodfin, Chairman of the Cumberland Sessions, wrote a letter to the Presbyterian Chairman proposing the merger. John T. Woodfin was the father-in-law of Virginia Black Woodfin, and grandfather of John T. (Bubba) Woodfin. After "a called meeting of the session (Presbyterian) was held in Dr. Murfree's office . . . and a joint meeting of the Elders and Deacons . . . , the two congregations decided on the merger."¹⁶

Included in a film strip, Reel I, of the "History of Presbyterian Church"¹⁷ the names of the minister, deacons, elders and their families from the Cumberland Church who joined that day of the merger, October 6, 1906, were: John T. Woodfin, Deacons: G. K. (Kelley) Poff, and family, Miss Myrtle Poff, J. F. Poff, Julia A. (sic) Poff, Abbie (Addie sic) Poff, and Floy Elizabeth Poff.

Kathrin Kerr says her mother, Mrs. H. H. Kerr, was also a member of the Cumberland Church. Clarice remembers Mrs. Harry H. Kerr as a beautiful woman of regal bearing who reminded her of the Queen of England. Others

found the same resemblance, Kathrin remembers. Her father, Mr. Harry H. Kerr, was Mayor of Murfreesboro. He had fought in the Civil War and therefore was much older than Kathrin's mother, who was his second wife.

A lot at the corner of E. Main and S. Maney Avenue was found and the trustees proceeded to purchase it. The deed is self-explanatory. It is observed that the original lot went south from Main Street to Vine Street. Dr. E. H. Jones and wife sold to Clifford Love, et al trs. (Trustees). The trustees of Central "Church of Christ" were Clifford Love, Chairman, C. B. Ragland, B. B. Kerr, and E. H. Tatum. The property was sold to these Trustees and their successors, thereby making them the owners of the property. They and their successors were the only ones who could buy or sell Church property, and that only with the two-thirds majority vote of the whole congregation.¹⁸

A copy of the deed follows:

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I certify that [Signature] am the free and lawful holder of the above as secured by the instrument within recorded, and hereby acknowledge the satisfaction thereof and discharge all lien in favor of the said [Name] full, the [Date] day of [Month] 1910.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 19th day of March 1910.

Notary Public, Rutherford County, Tennessee. [Signature]

By [Signature] Deputy Register

dollars (\$1000.00) due Richard Beard and one promissory note of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) due Miss Ransom, both being balance of purchase money on said lot, and a five hundred and fifty dollar (\$550.00) mortgage to B. L. Ridley, trustee, registered in Book L.L., page 688 of the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, all of which except the one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to the said Miss Killough, will be paid off and discharged when the above mentioned note of twenty-two hundred and fifty (\$2250.00) dollars due on or before May, 1st, 1910 is paid to the said Dr. E. H. Jones. And we will warrant and forever defend the title thereto to the said trustees and their successors, against the lawful claims of all persons, whomsoever.

The said trustees and their successors, as above described, are empowered to sell any or all of the above described property at any time, provided they are so authorized by a majority vote of the said congregation at a regular open meeting.

It is further agreed and understood that a lien is hereby expressly retained on said property to secure the payments of the above described notes, possession to be given May the 1st, 1910. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 19th, day of March, 1910.

E. H. Jones,
Pannie P. Jones.

STATE OF TENNESSEE---RUTHERFORD COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me James D. Richardson Jr., a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named E. H. Jones and wife Mrs. Pannie P. Jones the bargainors with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that they executed the within deed instrument for the purpose therein contained. And Pannie P. Jones wife of the said E. H. Jones, having appeared before me, privately and apart from her husband, the said Pannie P. Jones acknowledged the execution of said paper to have been done by her freely, voluntarily, and understandingly without compulsion or constraint from her said husband and for the purposes therein expressed. Witness my hand and official seal, (SEAL) at Murfreesboro, Tennessee this 19, day of March 1910.

James D. Richardson Jr.
Notary Public.

Noted March 29th at 10 A. M. 1910. Registered March 29th 1910.

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J. T. Woodfin




John Woodfin, Jr.



John B. Woodfin

1947 City Directory given to John Richer

Batten Jim Funeral Home 102 E Sevier Tel No 1646 Funeral Home Jim Batten 102 E Sevier Owner
 Beaton & Westbrook's Grocery South Side Square Tel No 237 Retail Grocery Store
 W H Beaton Owner
 Bell Bros & Co 123 W Main Tel No 194 Building Contractors Lumber & Building Supplies W Bell J 203 N University C F Bell 537 E Main Gilbert F Shearron N Tenn Blvd Warner Hooper 502 N Church William Hooper 208 N Academy Partners




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• Bell W R & Son 8 N Side Square Tel No 208 Retail Jewelers James Graves Bell 331 E Main Owner
 • Ben's Gas & Oil 117 N Front Tel No 250 Service Station Ben Reeves 407 E Main Owner

William Jr -W- 919 Ordway Infant
 Patricia Ann -W- 919 Ordway Infant
 Pitts WILLIE -W- 121 W State St Truck driver Independent
 Pitts Wm -W- 121 W State St Housewife
 Pitts Mrs -W- 121 W State St Housewife
 Pitts James Davenport -W- 121 W State St Infant
 Pitts James Davenport -W- 1216 N Spring St Saltsman Goldstein's (H)
 PLAXCO JOE M -W- 1216 N Spring St
 Plasco Mrs Joe M -W- 1216 N Spring St
 POFF JOHN F -W- 204 S Fourth Ave Tel 355-J Retired Lumberman (H)
 POFF KELLEY -W- 204 S Fourth Ave Tel 355-J Retired contractor (H)
 Poff Emma -W- 204 S Fourth Ave Tel 355-J Housewife
 POPE BEN -W- 131 February St Carpenter Independent (H)
 Pope Nannie Lou -W- 131 February St Housewife
 Pope Fred Carl -W- 131 February St Student
 Patricia (Woodson) -W- 131 February St Infant
 POPE MRS MARY -W- 613 N Maney Ave Tel 1403-J Housekeeper
 PORTER J L -W- Franklin Rd Housewife
 Porter Mary -W- Franklin Rd Housewife
 Porter Don -W- Franklin Rd Housewife
 Porter Rosetta -W- Franklin Rd Housekeeper
 Porter Fred C -W- Franklin Rd Student
 Porter Jared -W- Franklin Rd Infant
 PORTERFIELD ARNOLD -W- 310 E Vine St Truck driver Independent
 Porterfield Mattie Pearl -W- 310 E Vine St Housewife
 Porterfield Brenda -W- 310 E Vine St Infant
 PORTERFIELD BULLARD -W- 320 W Lytle St Tel 991-W Mess attendant Veterans Hosp
 Porterfield Cassie -W- 320 W Lytle St Tel 991-W Housewife
 Porterfield Virginia -W- 320 W Lytle St Tel 991-W Unemployed
 PORTERFIELD D E -W- 325 N Highland Ave Tel 1539-W Legger Sunshine Hosts Mill (H)
 Porterfield Mrs D E -W- 325 N Highland Ave Tel 1539-W Labeler Sunshine Hosts Mill
 Porterfield William Alfred -W- 525 N Highland Ave Tel 1539-W Student
 Porterfield Edward Glenn -W- 525 N Highland Ave Tel 1539-W Student
 PORTERFIELD HENRY W -W- 637 W Main St Liverystock dealer Independent
 Porterfield Besse -W- 637 W Main St Housewife
 Porterfield James Doors -W- 637 W Main St Student
 Porterfield Harry Don -W- 637 W Main St Infant
 PORTERFIELD LULA -W- 225 N Spring St Tel 284-J Housekeeper
 Porterfield Herbert -W- 225 N Spring St Tel 284-J Knitter Sunshine Hoekery Mill
 Porterfield Lunnette -W- 225 N Spring St Tel 284-J Ribbon Reeler John C Weir
 PORTERFIELD ROBERT -W- 216 E Sevier St Knitter Sunshine Hoekery Mill
 Porterfield Minnie Lee -W- 216 E Sevier St Leoper Sunshine Hoekery Mill
 Porterfield Dayton -W- 216 E Sevier St Student
 POSEY MRS MARIA -W- 520 N Academy St Housekeeper (H)
 POTTER WILLIE MAY -W- 209 S Highland Ave Tel 592-W Cook (H)
 POTTER H H -W- 319 Clark Blvd Tel 870-W Student MTSC
 Potter Mrs H H -W- 319 Clark Blvd Tel 870-W Secretary Jack Todd
 POTTS E J -W- Manson Pk Tel 1092-W Can forker Carnation Milk Co
 Potts Mrs R J -W- Manson Pk Tel 1092-W Housewife
 Potts Robert Thompson -W- Manson Pk Tel 1092-W Foreman Carnation Milk Co
 POTTS W S -W- Battle Ground Dr Tel 735-W Farmer (H)
 Potts Mrs W S -W- Battle Ground Dr Tel 735-W Housewife
 Potts B W -W- Battle Ground Dr Tel 735-W Farmer
 Potts Mrs B H -W- Battle Ground Dr Tel 735-W Housewife
 Potts Richard Wayne -W- Battle Ground Dr Tel 1033-J Owner Economy Auto Store (H)
 POWELL JOHN C -W- Ragland Ct Tel 1033-J Owner Economy Auto Store (H)
 Powell Fannie Maude -W- Ragland Ct Tel 1033-J Housewife
 Powell Pauline -W- Ragland Ct Tel 1033-J Student
 Powell Charles -W- Ragland Ct Tel 1033-J Student
 Powell Mrs R A -W- Ragland Ct Tel 1033-J Housekeeper

Searching for a builder for their church, the Christians engaged Bell Brothers and Company, located on west Main Street where the old post office was. Their lumber yard was located over by the railroad according to Mr. Sam Ogilive. The Bell brothers were W. R. Bell, Jr., senior member, James G., and Cliff--according to James Bell of Bells Drafting and Drawing Company on Lytle Street, their nephew. He did not know or remember much about the company.

In an interview with John Shearron, son of Gilbert Shearron, one of the partners in their company in the new building across the street, where Sterchi's Furniture store is located now, told Clarice that Mr. W. R. Bell, Jr., was the architect of Central Christian Church, and drew the plans and specifications. Mr. Kelley Poff was superintendent of the construction, working with Mr. W. R. Bell and interpreting specifications. Mr. John Shearron also told about an older black man, Willie Franklin, who, as a young boy, worked for Bell Brothers and had worked on the church.

Clarice called Willie and asked him to come to the Central Christian Church and answer some questions. He was a tall, very slender man about eighty-five years old. At first he was a little slow remembering, but warmed up to the subject as the questions came.

"Did you work for Bell Brothers when this church was built?"

"Yes'm, I was just a boy, but (a friend) (sic) took me to the job and Mr. W. R. said he would try me out. I worked for Bell Brothers off and on as long as they were in business. They said they would take care of me." He was driving a nice second hand car.

"Did you know Mr. Kelley Poff?"

"Yes'm, I know 'em."

"Was he a good man?"

"Yes'm, he's a good man; yes'm."

"Was he the superintendent of the builders?"

"Yes'm, thats what he was."

"Did he do the work? Did he stay here on the job all the time?"

"No'm, he didn't do the work. He tole us what to do. He didn't stay all the time, but came by to check on it."

"Was he building another house?"

"I don't remember."

Mr. Poff was building his home on Spring Street which he designed and which was finished in March 1912. It still stands at 827 N. Spring Street. This was the house where Clarice spent the first four years of her life with her mother and dad on one side of the house and

Aunt Emma and Uncle Kelley on the other side. The front porch stands out in memory because the bannisters across the front were solid stucco, as was the house, with toe holes at the bottom and a concrete slab across the top for flower boxes. The bannisters were designed so that people passing along the street while the ladies were sitting out on the porch sewing, drinking tea, etc. could not see their ankles! There are many houses in Murfreesboro with this same design--Uncle Kelley used to point them out as they drove around town.

"Willie, what kind of work did you do on the Church?"

"I holped the brick layers, and poured concrete."

"Did you know Mr. Addie Poff? He was a brick layer, and he was Kelley Poff's young brother?"

"Yes'm, I holped him and the others."

"What is that foundation made of? Is it rock or concretè?"

"Thay's rocks with concrete on top of 'em."

"Where did they get the rocks? Did they come from the quarry?"

"No'm, they cut 'em out of the ground out around Lascassas Pike."

That is in the area of the Flat Rock which marks the center of Tennessee. There is a stone marker surrounded by a fence and a plaque explaining the rock

which is the exact center of Tennessee; one of Murfreesboro's landmarks.

"Willie, did you go up on the roof?"

"No'm, they wouldn't let me. It was too high."

"Willie, how deep do those rocks go down into the ground?"

"'bout four or five feet. I hoped build the court house in Woodbury. I got some of the pictures of that. And I helped build the big house down here."

John Shearron said he had worked on the James K. Polk Hotel at Main and Spring where Mid-South Bank is now located.

"Who were the other Bell brothers, Willie?"

"Mr. Cliff, and Mr. Shearron, and Mr. Hooper."

Clarice remembers Aunt Emma and Mrs. Cliff (Cuma) Bell were good friends. Mrs. Kelley Poff's name appeared in the 1917 list of members of the Woman's Club.¹⁹ The Club had evolved from a literary club called "The Helen Hunt Jackson Reading Club." Several members of Central Christian were among those listed. The Kelley Poffs had become quite prominent since his success as a contractor designer-draftsman of many homes in Murfreesboro. During the 1920's they went to Fort Worth, Texas, where he again became quite successful. He first built his own home there. They returned in the early 1930's, and again he

became an independent contractor. Many Murfreesboro homes were designed and built by Mr. Kelley Poff. He was both deacon and elder of Central Christian as was Mr. J. F. Poff, his father, who in his later years received the honor of being made the first honorary officer (Elder) in the Church's history. Church members fondly called him Daddy Poff. He was an artist with wood; but that is another story.

To continue the interview with the surprisingly intelligent, elderly Willie Franklin, who was still tall and slender at this late age:

"What else did you do for Bell Brothers?"

"I worked the yard hauling lumber, sand, gravel."

"Where was that "yard?"

"Down there by the railroad. It came here by train."

"Did Bell Brothers make the brick and tall columns for Central Christian?"

"I don't remember that."

Inspectors, repairmen and church members found the free standing columns were made of metal cut in interlocking sections which were held together by the weight of their capitols and the pediments they supported. The pediments on the west and east sides corresponded to the transepts of ancient Cathedrals.

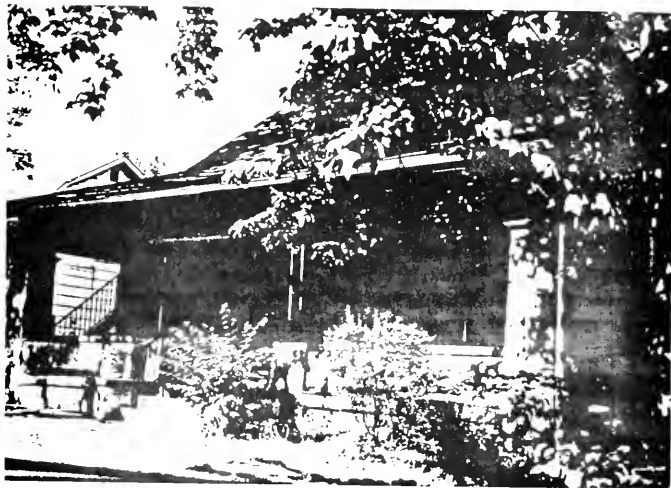


Willie Franklin

(worked on Central
Christian as a boy)



Kelley Poff's house
on N. Spring Street
where Clarice spent
her first four
years.



The same design
of the porch
bannisters across
the street--designed
by Kelley Poff.





Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Poff about 1912



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bridges Miller and Clarice



Mr. & Mrs. Kelley Poff in front of their home in Fort Worth, TX, 1920's

Half columns built into the thick walls were massive masonry covered with the buff colored bricks which were used in the entire upper walls. These thick walls on the outside, as well as in the basement, gave support and upward thrust to support the roof and dome. Mr. John Herrod, current building committee member, described an arch that was uncovered during repairing the basement walls. Arches such as this were found in cathedrals built centuries ago. The keystone and upward thrust of these arches counteract the gravity of downward pull of the roof and dome. He estimated the weight of the huge dome at about 2,500 pounds, not very heavy for its size, because of the thin skin of galvanized sheet metal. He stated the building was in surprisingly excellent condition. A fire caused by lightening in 1975, and water damage in putting out the fire, began a process of slipping of the chords out of the trusses holding up the roof. Later rain and storms continued the damage.

Mr. Herrod also told of the iron frame work in the floor of the sanctuary, which makes the ceiling of the basement. The sanctuary floor beams fit into these iron "saddles" or cradles, and are not nailed in. No nails have been found in these floor beams. Could this device have been used to give in to the slight movement in expansion and contraction of the building? Could it have been a

pre-conceived notion of steel reinforced concrete of modern times? Colonial cabins were sometimes built with puncheon floors in which logs were split and laid on the foundation in such a manner. Mr. Hollis Westbrooks told of these floors in the book, The Mayor's Dream by Clarice Miller.

Some of the walls in the basement were several feet thick, adding to the support of the building, as told by Clarice's Uncle Kelley Poff. These walls were made of concrete, as was the floor of the basement.

On the outside of the church the bricks were not painted but were made that buff color by adding pigment before they were fired.

The corner stone at the northwest column at East Main and South Maney did not rest on the ground. It is above the thick rock wall with concrete on top, on which the buff colored bricks were laid. Inscribed on this original cornerstone was "Central Church of Christ A.D. 1912." After the parent church members changed their name to "Main Street Church of Christ," the new church members changed their name to "Central Christian Church." The two pictures show the two names at Central.

Kelley Poff could never be hurried in erecting a building. He said many times, "A building needs time to settle." It took some two years to have Central Christian far enough along in construction for the congregation to

begin meeting in it in December 1912. It was begun in May 1911, as stated in the historical sketch in the program for the Silver Anniversary of the building dated May 1937.

The architecture of the church building was quite different from the parent church building or any other building in Murfreesboro. In contrast to the Romanesque types found locally, Central Christian had a pleasing combination of oriental Byzantine (dome) and the Greek classical order of columns.

In an art appreciation class at Middle Tennessee State College in 1939, Miss Hester Rogers, well known and loved art teacher, now deceased, said the dome on Central Christian Church was more like the dome on the earliest Christian Church, still in existence, St. Sophia in Istanbul, Turkey, than any other modern church she had seen.²⁰

St. Sophia or Hagia Sofia, Church of the Holy Wisdom, was built between 532 and 537 (A.D., sic) The plan is basically an inscribed Greek Cross. . . . The plan is basically an inscribed Greek Cross. . . . The hall has the typical Byzantine Church centre: four piers at the corners of the square rising in circular arches to support the central dome. . . . The thrust from the dome is taken partly by the semi-domes on the east and west axes, but mainly by the massive buttresses . . . built into the outer walls of the aisles and linked by arches to the four central piers. They were built of bricks roughly 60 centimeters . . . and 5 centimeters thick with mortar joints nearly as thick. . . . The early dome was too weak and collapsed after about twenty years. Its successor was built slightly higher.²¹

Greek architecture achieved its finest form in the clear statement of the developed temple which had such a profound influence on later western European architecture. Greek enthusiasm for mental and physical culture found expression in the sculptural qualities of its architecture.²²

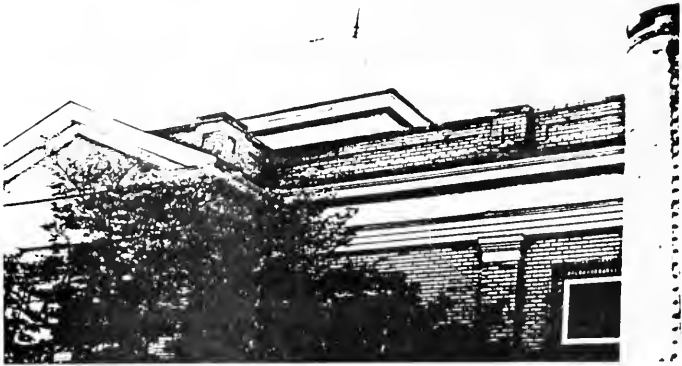
The Greek orders of architecture were found in the columns and monuments. The simplest column, the Doric with its plain capitol; the Ionic, with its rams horn capitol; and last, the Corinthian with decorative capitol of papyrus leaves and flowers and flated columns.

Two of the Greek orders were used in the design of Central Christian.

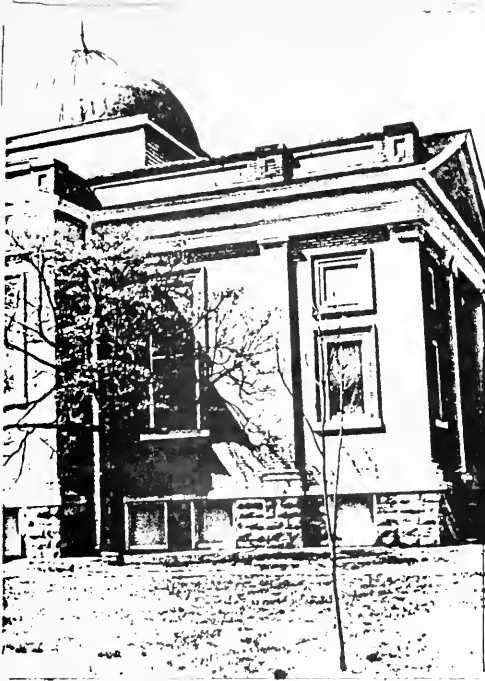
In contrast to the rounded domes and arches of Byzantine architecture are the pointed vaults and flying buttresses of the Gothic cathedrals, such as Amiens begun in 1220 as shown here.²³

In the design of Central Christian, the arch of the hemispherical dome is repeated in the sanctuary. Rounded arches are found over the organ pipes made of dark, polished wood with Ionic columns, and over the marble baptistry with Ionic columns including the ram's horns.

The arch over the baptistry has a large keystone easily visible. The keystone of any arch is the triangular shaped stone, no matter what size, at the top. It holds the arch in place taking the outward and upward thrust from the columns below, the surrounding walls and the base support.²⁴



Free standing columns and Pediments

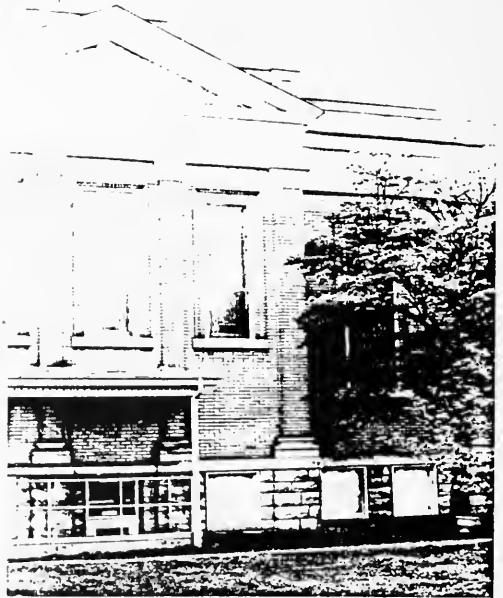


Half Columns and Thick Stone Foundation





Ground rocks and concrete





Original cornerstone in the foundation

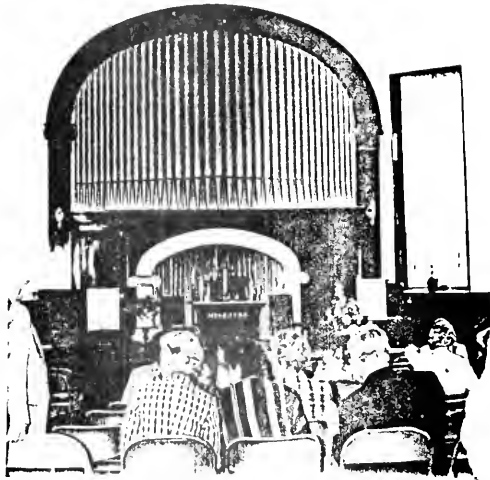
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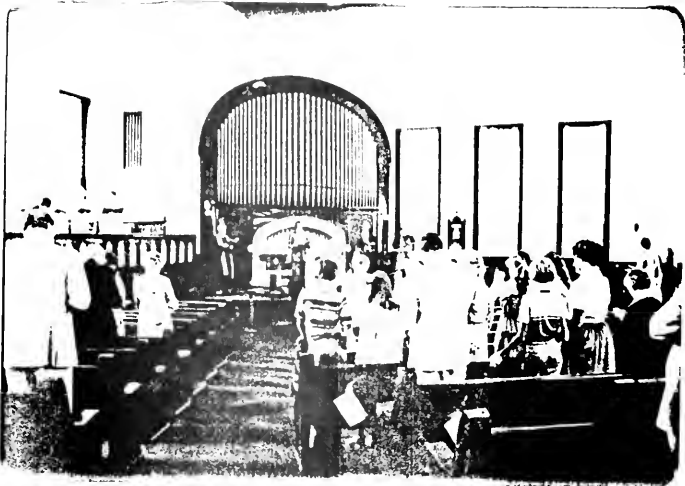


The Dome Rests on a Square Base



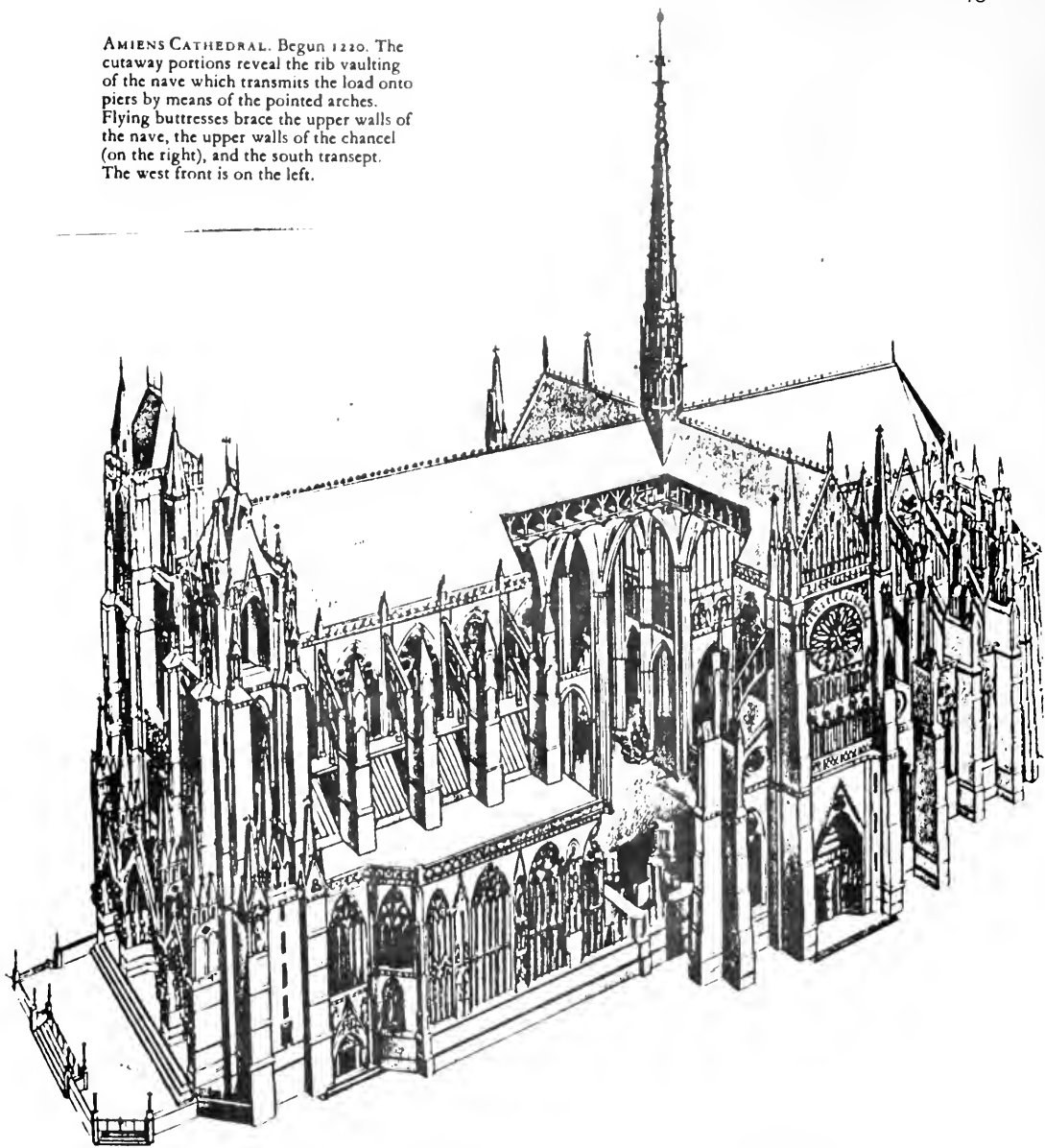


Arches over Organ Pipes



Baptistry Marble Arch with Ionic Columns--Pews before Renovation, chairs used now

AMIENS CATHEDRAL. Begun 1220. The cutaway portions reveal the rib vaulting of the nave which transmits the load onto piers by means of the pointed arches. Flying buttresses brace the upper walls of the nave, the upper walls of the chancel (on the right), and the south transept. The west front is on the left.

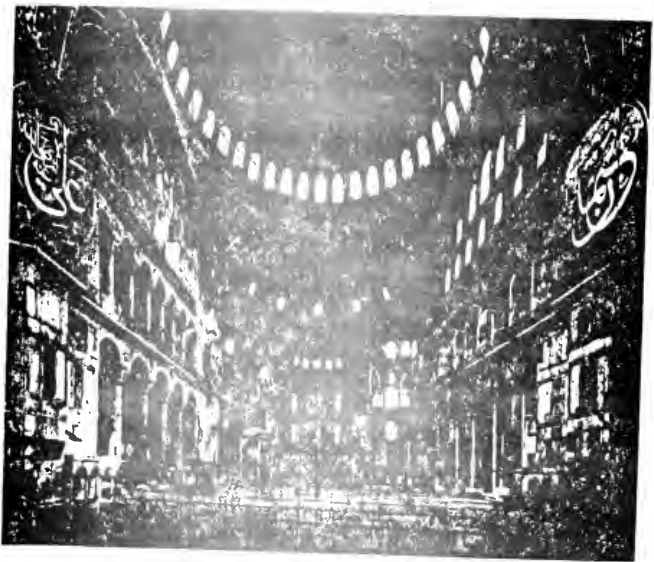


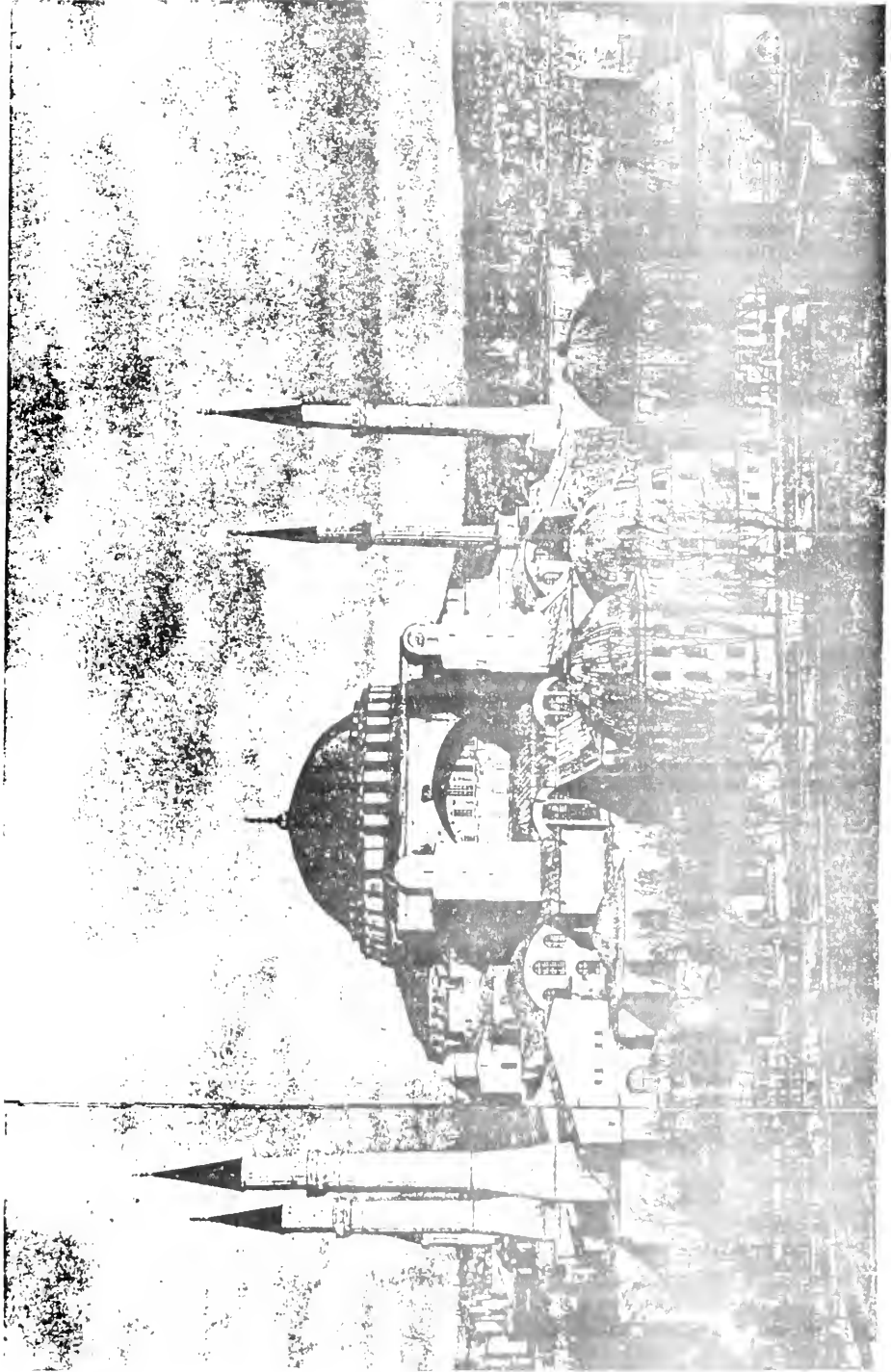
In contrast to the domes and arches of Byzantine-Greek architecture in the Gothic architecture.



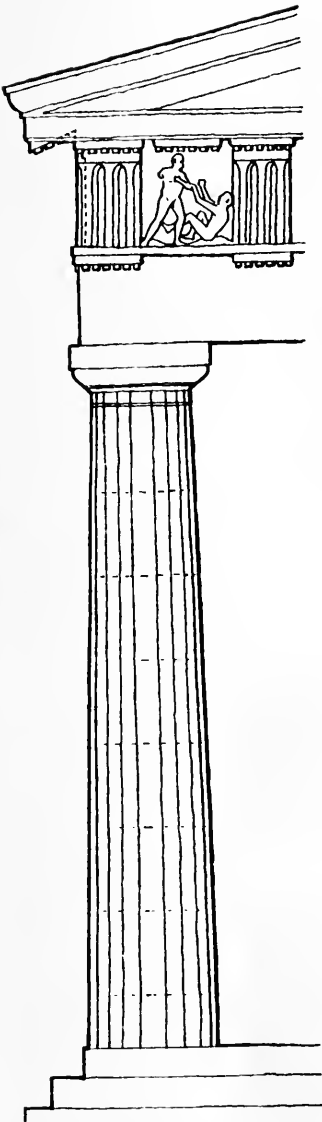
Fig. 67 (above). Pantheon. View of exterior. Rome.

View of interior, looking toward apse. Istanbul, Turkey. Fig. 70 (below). Hagia Sophia.

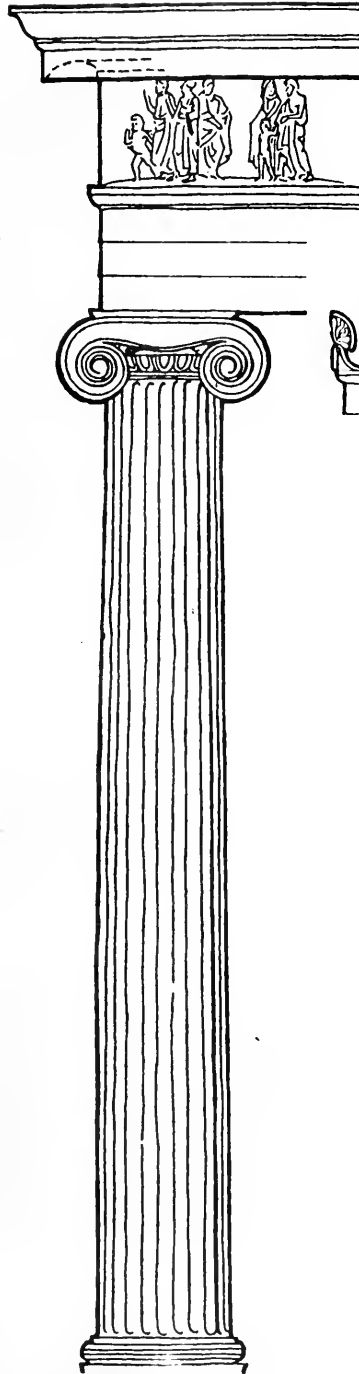




St. Sophia in Istanbul Turkey (still standing)

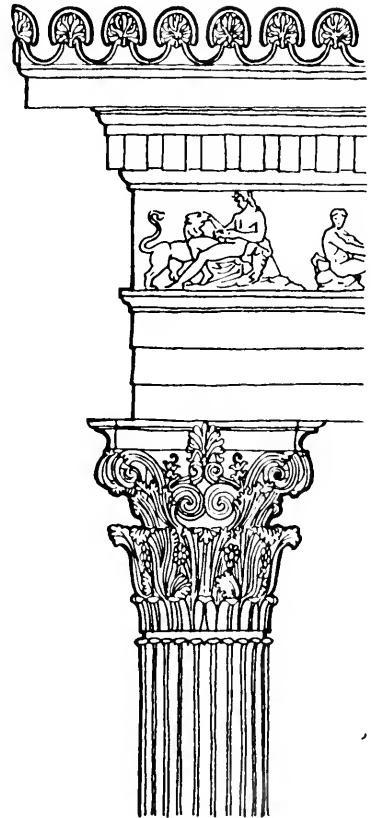


Doric order.



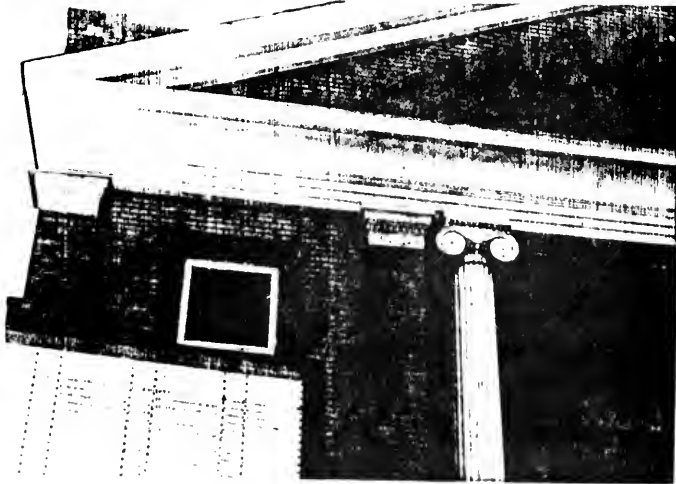
Left
Ionic order.

Below
Corinthian order.





Ionic and Corinthian Columns on Central Christian Church



Again rounded arches were built into the choir railing, and the pews were arranged in a semi-circle or amphitheatre around the pulpit. A downward sloping of the floor resulted in providing an excellent view even from the back pews. Rounded "corners" of the church on both lower sides and ceiling aided in reflecting of voices. Singers in the choir observed the excellent acoustics, since the ceiling overhead there is also rounded. Many visiting speakers, as well as the congregation, remarked about this phenomenon.²⁵

Pews are so constructed that the gradual sloping or decline of the floor was not noticeable when people are seated. The contrast was evident when using chairs while construction was underway.

On the outside of the church Ionic and modified Corinthian columns support the pediments.

In his book, Understanding the Arts, by Bernard S. Myers, he notes,

The dome presents many similar problems and limitations (as the Gothic-Vault) with its constituted pointed arches constantly exerting outward thrust as a result of weight imposed upon it as well as its own weight. A thrust that would cause it to burst unless the strain were relieved in some fashion. . . . (half domes, massive walls, flying buttress) The dome is employed to cover either a circular or a square building. The hemispherical vault, or dome, may be seen in the Roman Pantheon as well as the Byzantine Church of (St.) Hagia Sophia. . . . Fitting

the top of this cylinder to the lower portion of the hemisphere presents no difficulty (as in the Pantheon in Rome) since both are circular in shape. There are many instances however, in which the lower part of the building is square (such as Central Christian Church). To provide a complete and enclosed roof for it, the circular dome has been used, and special architectural devices had to be developed to fit the two shapes together. The most important of these devices is the spherical pendentive, as seen in Hagia Sophia.

However light in weight a dome may be (and often special efforts are made to limit its weight), it still constitutes a formidable weight for the walls to support. In Hagia Sophia, two sides of the building are buttressed, or supported, externally by the addition of pairs of heavy stone piers which lean their weight against the walls. (Not flying buttresses but masses of stone.) The other sides are reinforced by placing smaller half domes below this single one. From here a number of lower vaults take over the weight, until it is finally grounded at the base of the walls.²⁶

The dome at Central Christian has a frame work of carved wooden ribs covered by a skin of galvanized sheet metal, according to engineer inspector, Logan Hickerson of Murfreesboro. It is supported by two longitudinal trusses and two latitudinal trusses forming a square. The metal skin for the dome is constructed of graduated metal strips, wider at the bottom than the top of each. They are fitted onto the hemispherical shape in strips from a wide bottom to the point at the top. The skin of metal is nailed to the surrounding square.

The outer walls at Central were reinforced by masonry columns, which can be easily observed from the

outside. Masonary columns were used since reinforced concrete had not yet been invented. These thick outer walls with brick veneer above a stone and concrete foundation sank deep into the ground forming the basement or "Fellowship Hall." Three or four foot thick walls were used in the basement to give the support and upward thrust needed by the roof and dome. The capitols of these half columns are modified classical Corinthian.

To better understand the construction of the roof and dome, the report of the findings by inspectors after the bent beams were first discovered, along with pictures taken in the attic, are given at this point. The report and pictures illustrating it were supplied by Floyd Wilson, of State Farm Insurance Company and David Kious, chairman of the Financial Committee.

January 28, 1986

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ENGINEERING REPORT D0157
STRUCTURAL EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
400 EAST MAIN STREET
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

State Farm Fire & Casualty
JAN 29 1986
R. O. Chavis, Jr.

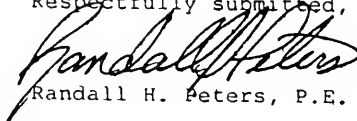
SUMMARY

Extreme deflection in the primary wood truss framing members of this structure has developed over a period of many years. No significant additional motion in these members has occurred since repairs were accomplished after a fire event in the attic about eleven years ago.

The affected members can be realigned and repaired, however, the methods required for this work may be very dangerous if not accomplished with great care and under the supervision of persons who are experienced in construction methods to be used.

In our opinion, the structure, in it's present condition, poses a significant hazard to persons and property. We recommend that this structure not be used for meetings, and that it be closed to public access until appropriate repairs are accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,


Randall H. Peters, P.E.

I. INTRODUCTION

An engineering investigation was initiated on January 22, 1986, at the referenced site for the purpose of examining and evaluating the cause of reported bowing and sagging in primary framing members of the roof. The color photographs included with this report were taken during the course of inspection.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This structure was built in 1912. According to information provided by others, a fire was caused in the attic area by a lightning strike about eleven years ago. Repairs were made to the structure at that time.

Recently, extreme bending as well as sagging has been reported by persons who observed the attic area. Inspections have also shown severe sagging in the roof and in the sanctuary ceiling. As a result of these observations, the building has been taken out of use due to public safety concerns.

III. OBSERVATIONS OF FRAME DAMAGES

Figure 1 at the end of this report shows the general layout and location of photographs taken during our inspection. Overall views of the building are shown in photographs A, B, F, and G. The building is constructed using load bearing exterior masonry walls with wood trusses as primary roof framing.

Substantial sagging has occurred at the roof ridge both in front of and to the rear of the dome section. At the front, we estimate a drop in ridge elevation of about 1.0 feet. At rear the drop is estimated at about 1.5 feet. The amount of the displacement is demonstrated in photographs C and H. A peripheral inspection was conducted of the building for the purpose of determining the amounts and locations of any relevant settlements. In general, we found no indication of settlements which could be causative to the extreme deflections which are present in the roof framing.

All of the exterior walls are plumb and plane. The only cracking of structural consequence was situated at the front entrance door. This problem with cracking has been present for many years and has been patched in the past. The cracks at this location are localized at the doorway and do not affect the remainder of the structure.

A number of cracks are present around the structure at the level from ground to the base of the windows. These crack patterns are generally vertical, and situated at to bottoms of window openings. There are no construction joints in the exterior walls for the control of expansion and contraction motion. The pattern of cracks around the perimeter of this building are the result of differential expansion and contraction in the masonry materials related to the changes in temperature and moisture content.

According to information provided, a new roof covering was installed about six months ago. Our observation indicates that the roof covering was relatively new as shown by the photographs. The joints of the roof to vertical wall sections do not appear to have been flashed. Photograph D demonstrates that the joint was apparently closed by trowelled mastic.

An inspection of the interior of the sanctuary revealed notable sagging in the ceiling, especially toward the rear area of the building. Also, substantial damage has been sustained in the plaster ceiling and walls due to leakage. Leakage stains observed in this area appeared to be quite aged.

Access to the attic of the building was made through ports in the ceilings at the rear of the building. Our observations of the walls and ceilings at the area around these ports demonstrated longterm leakage problems.

The photographs taken during inspection of the attic are referenced in the photographic layout as Photographs K through PP. Multiple photographs are presented for designated points L, S, and CC. These extra photographs show close-up views and are lumped together for simplification of the sketch.

There are eight lateral trusses which support the entire roof and transfer load to the masonry walls. The

second through the sixth trusses from the rear wall support two longitudinal truss-type members. These longitudinal truss-type members support the framing for the dome and the dome support walls. For our reference, we have designated the lateral trusses with the letters A through H. The two longitudinal members we designate as 1 and 2. Two wall sections support the dome walls which we designate as B1 and E1. These references are show on the layout sketch.

Primary truss members A and B have spread about 2 inches since original construction. The spreading is present at the bottom junction of the inner lattice chords to the base chord. Typical spreading motion is shown in photograph L2 and S2. These openings have not changed in a period of many years. The presence of the fiberglass insulation in these openings indicates that the openings were present at the time that the attic was insulated. In our opinion, the spreading as observed in trusses A and B most probably developed very soon after load was first applied to the new roof at the time of orignal construction.

As shown by photographs O and PP, very significant longterm leakage has been sustained in the roof. Also, the wood decking material has been severely damaged at several points, apparently by "stepping through" during roofing operations. We recommend that these damages be repaired to prevent early failure of the roofing.

We observed no rotting in any of the primary framing, however, longterm roof leakage has caused deterioration of parts of the ceiling joists as shown in photograph T.

The roof trusses in the front of the building (F, G and H) are not damaged. All of the chords appear to be straight and true and the material is in secure condition.

Truss members C and D have effectively failed. The top chords of these trusses are leaning toward the front of the building. The peak has dislocated 21 inches with respect to the bottom chord plane. The extreme deflection of these members is shown in photographs U, W, Z, and BB.

Truss member E has developed a reverse skew so that the peak has not been displaced laterally. This peak is shown in photograph II. In this member, the left top chord has bowed toward the front and the right top chord has bowed toward the rear of the building. The condition is demonstrated in photographs FF and KK.

The longitudinal truss-type member has sustained severe damage at several points due to overload. The most significant damage was located in member 1 at the intersection with truss C. At this point, the top chord of member 1 was virtually crushed by applied loads.

Close-up view of the top surface of the insulation blanket at the center of the new wood repair area is shown in photograph CC4. At this location, and in the surrounding

area, the top surface of insulation was covered with many pieces of charred wood from the previous fire event. All of the top surface of the insulation material appeared to be smoke stained.

Photographs CC1 and CC2 show the connection of the new wood replacement framing to the charred top chord of truss D. Close-up observation was made of this joining. The new wood was toe nailed to the truss chord. There was no bending of the nails or distress in the wood to indicate any relative motion between these wood members since installation of the new wood.

As shown in photograph CC2, the upper part of the new wood is in contact with the top of the truss chord. This demonstrates that the vertical location of the top chord of truss D has not moved since installation of the new wood. Also, the angle of cut for the new wood to the top chord shows no relative change in location of the truss member since the new wood was installed.

IV. COMMENT ON POTENTIAL FIRE HAZZARD

Improper placement of fiberglass insulation has been made in this attic space. Very high temperatures were felt by touching the sides of the light fixture enclosures in this area. As shown by photographs L1, N, V, DD, and JJ, insulation material completely encompassed many of these fixtures. Such placement of insulation prevents proper

dissipation of heat and results in rapid and dangerous rise in temperature. In some wood materials, auto ignition can occur with sustained temperature of around 400 degrees F.

At the area shown in photographs CC1 through CC5 and JJ the insulation on an electric wire had been damaged by heat from the previous fire event. This insulation damage is shown in photograph CC3 and CC5. This damage does pose a significant fire hazard, especially at the contact point with a metal part of that truss member.

V. ANALYSIS OF CAUSE OF DAMAGE SUSTAINED

Truss members C, D, and E are completely unbraced between the longitudinal members 1 and 2. Truss members A, B, F, G, and H are provided lateral restraint by fastening to the roof purlin and wood decking material.

Lateral support of wood in the compression chords is critically important for stability. Without lateral bracing the compression chords will tend to buckle out of the plane of the truss.

As these members bent out of their load axes, they ceased to be capable of functioning as load bearing members of the trusses. Over a period of many years, truss member C and D ceased to carry design load. Load was transferred to truss E resulting in direct overload. Truss member E also failed due to compression of the unbraced top chords as described above.

Loading from the center portion of the roof, especially the dome, was designed to be carried by trusses C, D, and E. In their present condition, these trusses have ceased to be supporting members and are effectively additional dead load.

Support of these trusses, and of the central portion of the roof is being transferred to truss members B and F through members 1 and 2. A substantial load distribution also transfers load to the masonry walls.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

Deterioration of the primary roof trusses has occurred over a period of many years due to inadequate bracing of the top chord of the central trusses.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the damaged truss members be realigned and repaired. Where wood chords have been bent extremely, reinforcement plates should be installed by through bolting. In the longitudinal members 1 and 2, the top chord should be similarly reinforced where distress has occurred.

Realignment of each truss can be accomplished by drawing from the base chords of adjacent trusses. After reinforcement and realignment of the trusses has been accomplished, the top chords of the center trusses should be secured permanently by continuous runs of bracing. This

bracing should be run to and securely fastened to the wall sections B1 and E1.

Purlin connections to wall section B1 and E1, appear to be by nailing to the sheathing material only, except at the right side of wall section E1. (Refer to photographs Q and MM). We recommend that additional framing be added to more securely support these sections of roof.

After completing repairs of the primary framing, the sanctuary ceiling can be adjusted by leveling the bottom chord of each truss if necessary.

It is recommended that all fastening, whether temporary or permanent, be done using screws. Hammer driven nailing and all other vibration causing tools, etc., should be avoided. Heavy equipment or materials should not be placed in or on the envolved sections of roof. Work should be accomplished with as few men as practicable. The center area, under the dome, should be avoided by workmen until the primary trusses are secure.

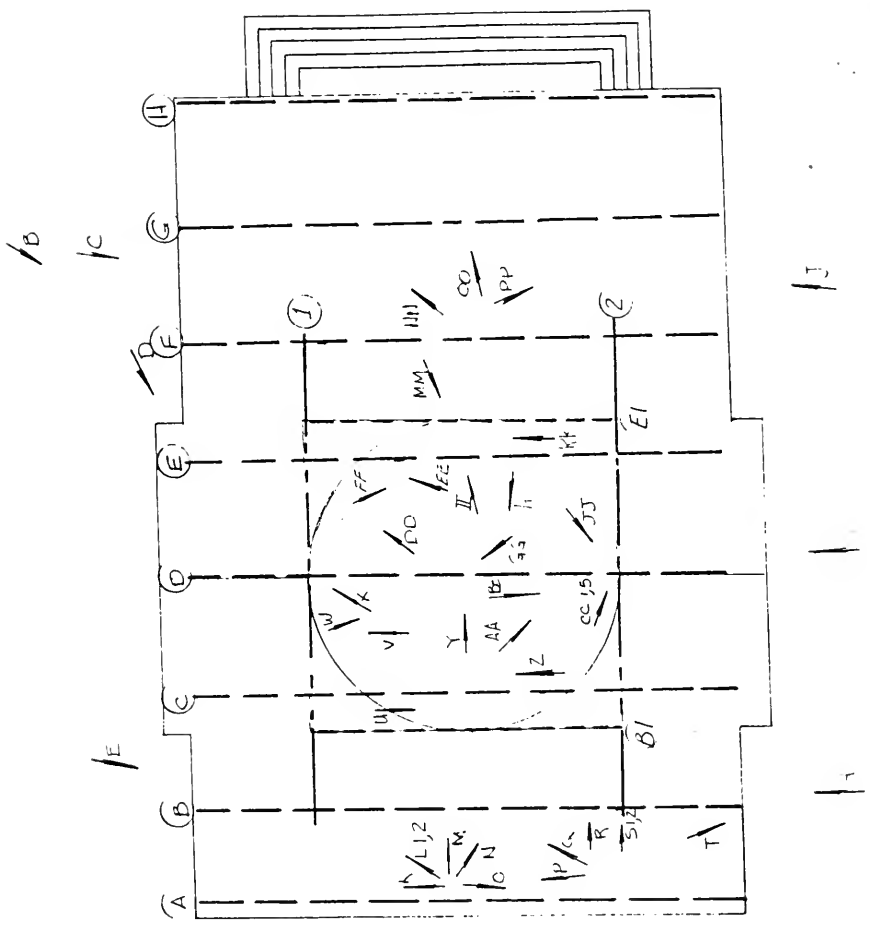
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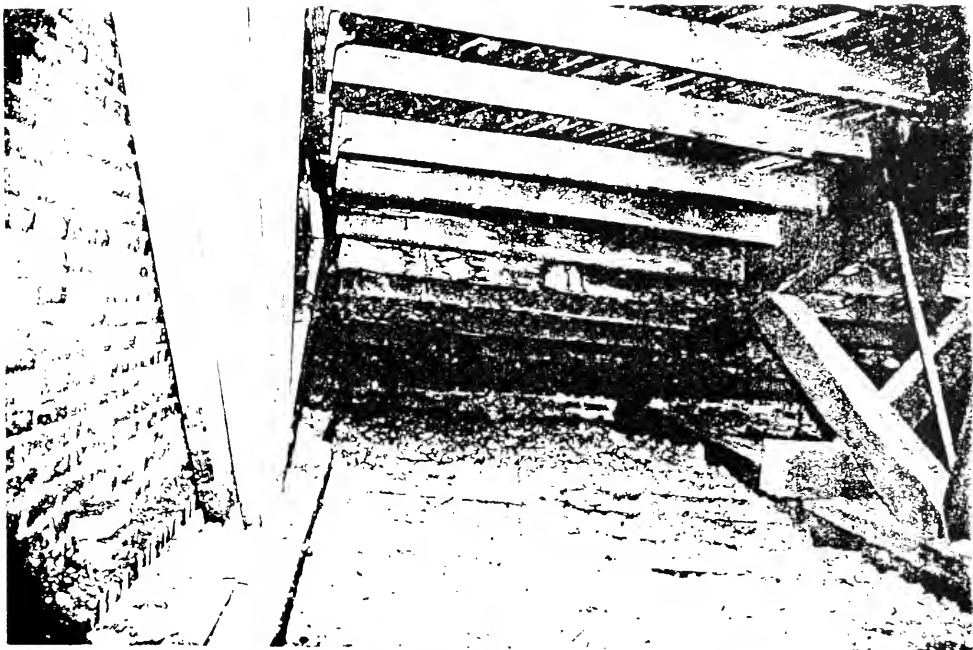
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Fig. 1
PLAN
of the
Cathedral of St. Peter
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K.



L1.



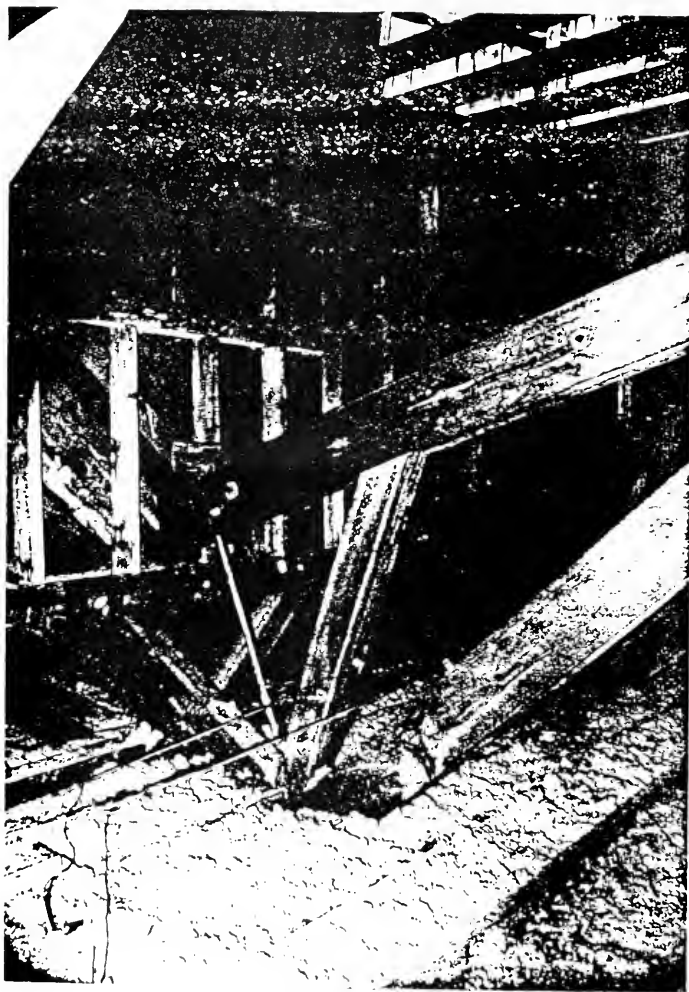
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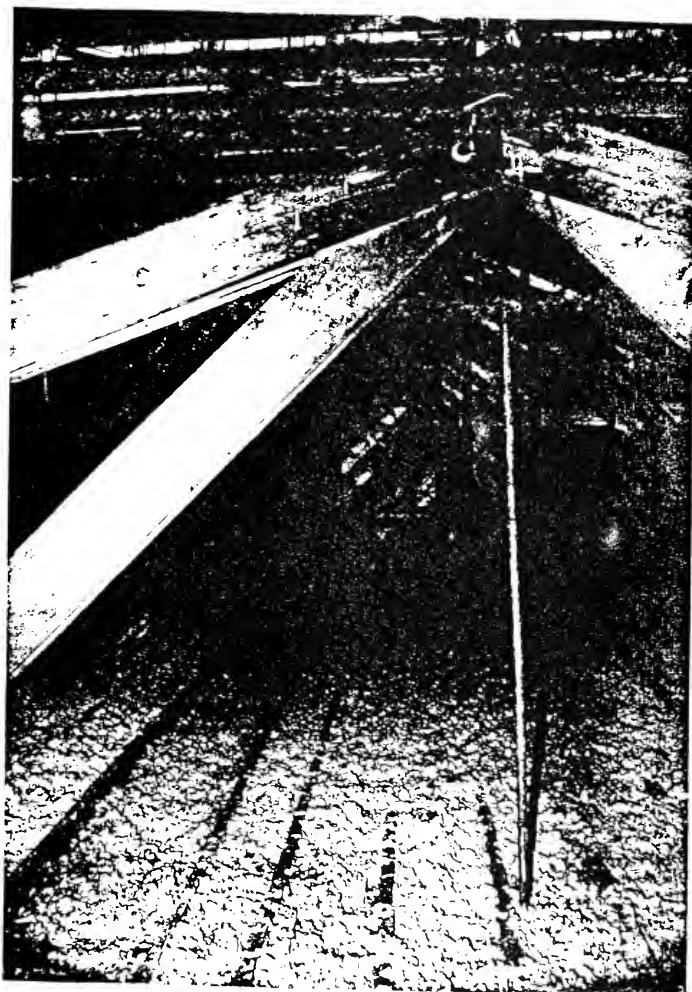
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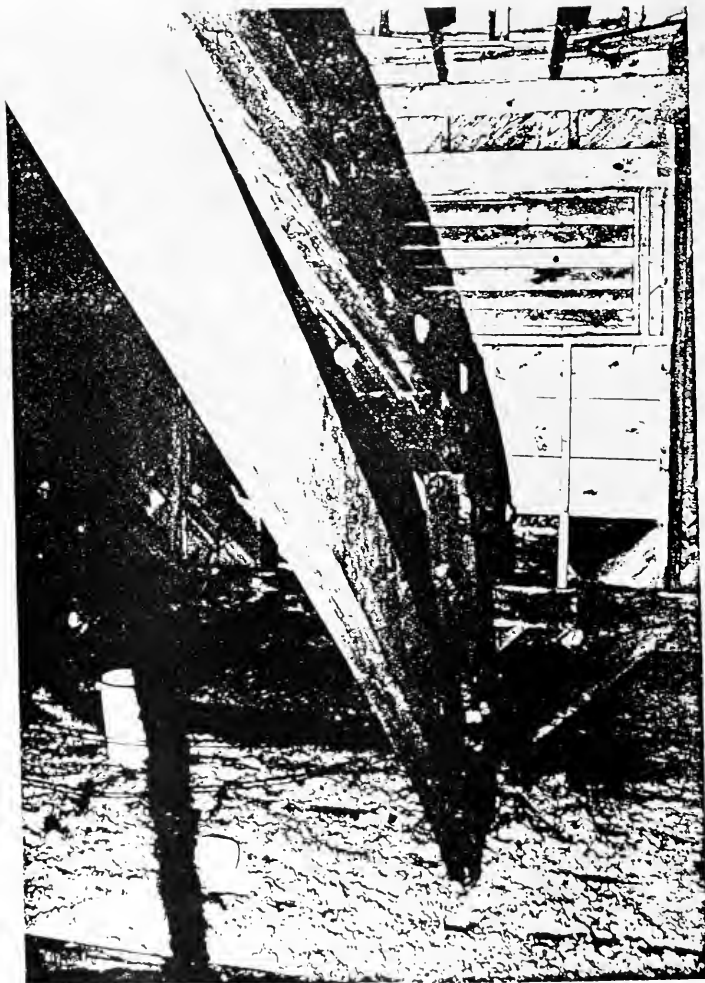
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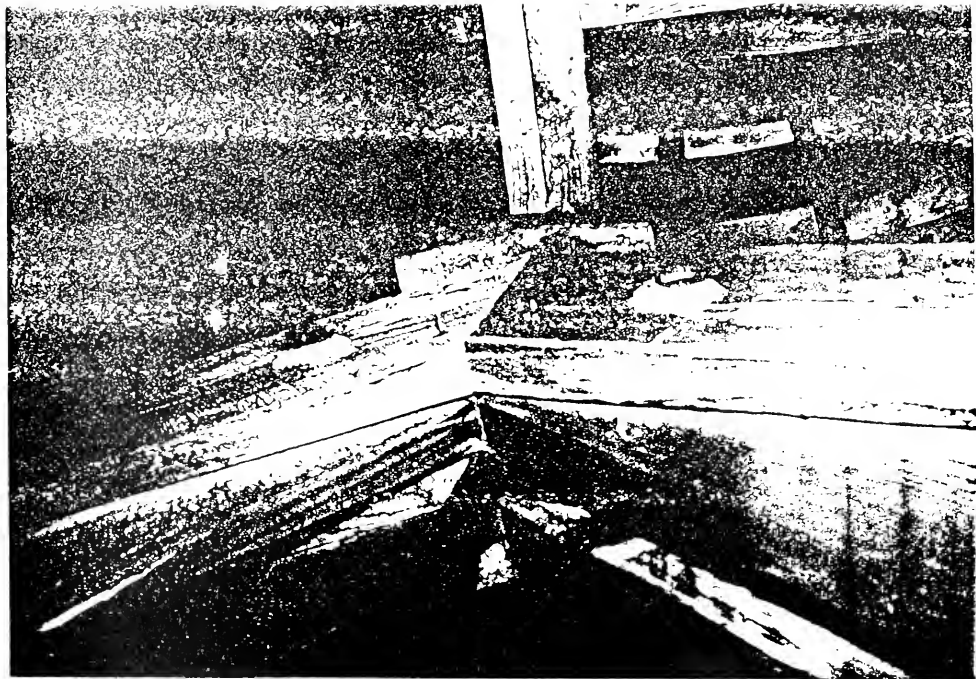
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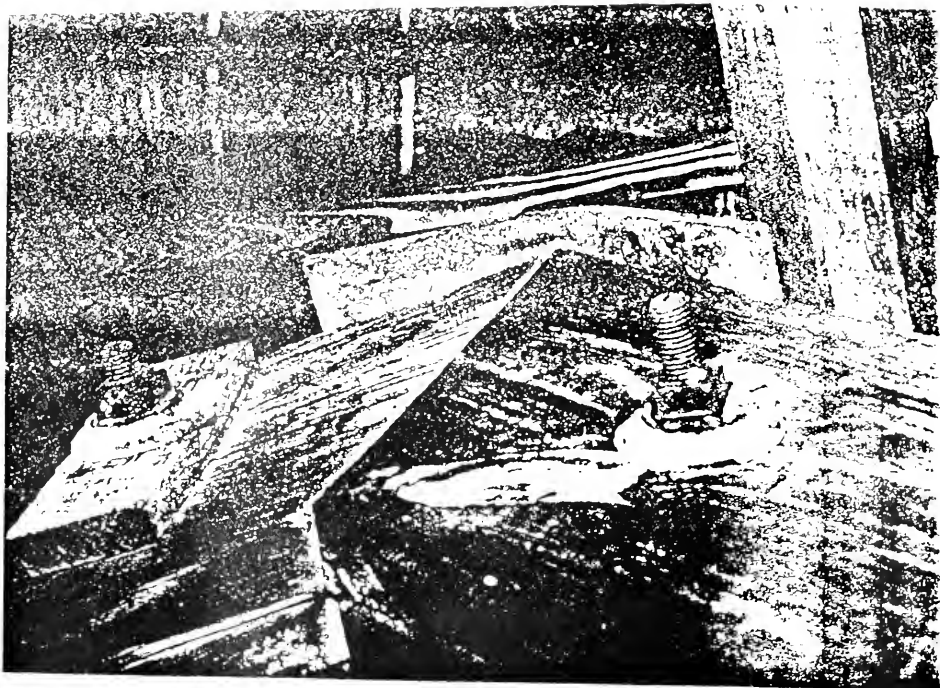


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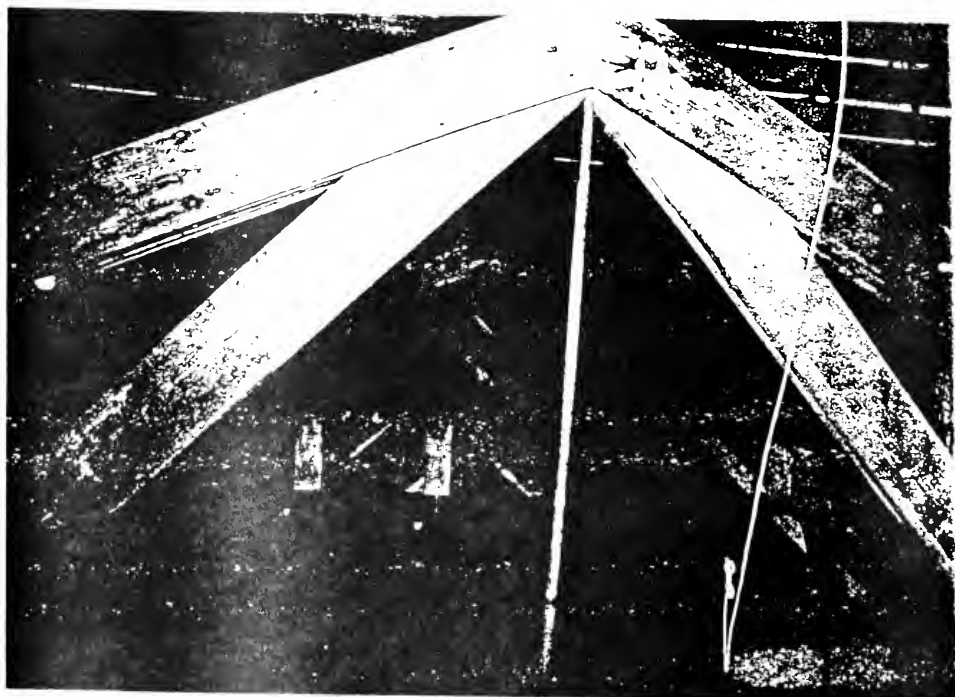
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When the congregation began meeting in the church building in December of 1912, and the dedication ceremonies were held in September 1913 preceeding the State Convention held in the building, much activity in missionary work, church, Sunday School and youth organizations continued with renewed vigor.

Again quoting Hattie Noel's "History," "The church became permanently identified with the State and National work. Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones were regular attendants at most of the National Conventions with the pastor, Everette Smith. Dr. Jones was chairman of the board for many years. Mr. E. H. Tatum was secretary and Mr. Emmett Batey, treasurer."

During Dr. Everett Smith's seven years ministry, which began while the congregation was meeting in the Cumberland Church, many memorable happenings stand out in the minds of the three remaining members who were present for the dedication.

Not one of the three will ever forget the little red chairs for children in Sunday School. They were placed in rows in front of the adult chairs. Miss Elizabeth Kerr was Sunday School teacher for Virginia and Clarice. The bunch of grapes drawn as circles on a sheet of paper for each child, just had to have that purple grape stuck on in place each Sunday until it was full. She didn't dare miss going, the grape would be empty.²⁷

No one could ever forget the delicious aromas in the basement as one entered down the steps from Maney Avenue at Thanksgiving and Bazaar, and Christmas; turkey, dressing with sage and onion, cocoanut cakes and ambrosia. The delicate lace and satin craft work, embroidery, tattning and crochet work; whole sets of baby clothes were displayed and used as a fund raising project. Kathrin remembers her mother, Mrs. Harry Kerr, stood at the entrance door to accept reservations.

At Christmas the tingling smell of the Christmas tree filled with gifts and goodies for children, sent chills up their spines. Santa was there, and often Mr. J. F. Poff or Virginia's uncle Clifford Love, played the role to perfection.

Kathrin went to Mission Band for the Juniors with her sister, Elizabeth. One time they said to Katherin, "Get up and sing for us." Since they didn't say sing "Jesus Loves Me," she sang a popular song, much to everyone's delight.

In the summer, church picnics were held out in the country. Again the fried chicken, potato salad, caramel cake and watermelon not only remembered but tasted in retrospect.

At least some of the stained glass windows were donations made by families. The name "Potter" was

JONES

Died Wednesday evening, December 9, 1925, at seven o'clock at her residence, 518 E. College Street.

MRS. FRANCES POTTER JONES

Funeral from Central Christian Church tomorrow (Saturday) morning, December 12, 1925, at 10:30 o'clock.

Services by Dr. Ernest Elliott.

Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

The following friends will serve as pall bearers:

Honorary—Dr. J. R. Gott, C. B. Huggins, R. H. Harrison, E. C. Batey, J. R. Jettton, J. F. Poff.

Active—Sam Hirshbrunner, Clifford Love, J. R. Williams, Thomas Brackin, Eugene Black, Dr. J. A. Scott.

Woodfin & Moore in charge.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., December 11, 1925.

HAYNES

BORN AUGUST 5, 1891
DIED DEC. 21, 1910

*The friends and acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs.
George W. Haynes are invited to attend the fu-
neral of their daughter*

MAE

*at the residence this (Thursday) afternoon at
2 o'clock.*

Services conducted by T. C. Ragsdale.

Burial at Evergreen Cemetery.

PALL BEARERS

Charlie Jetton	K. Buchanan	William Bilbro
Fletcher Smotherman		Abury Smith
	Clarence Marton	

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 22, 1910.

remembered on one of them. Clarice found in the Poff family Bible a letter edged in black announcing the death of .

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Another letter edged in black was for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Haynes, December 22, 1910, with other families names.

All three of the children, Virginia, Kathrin and Clarice remember Katherine Love playing the organ. There was no electricity and the pumping of feet was amazing, but what lovely music! Mrs. Everette Smith brought tears to the eyes of little Virginia Black, and Clarice thought she looked like an angel when she sang "The Ninety and Nine."

The Ninety and Nine

There were Ninety and nine that safely lay
 In the shelter of the fold,
 But one was out on the hills away
 Far off from the gates of gold.
 Away on the mountain wild and bare
 Away from the tender shepherd's care
 Away from the tender shepherd's care.

Lord thou hast here the ninety and nine
 Are they not enough for Thee?
 But the shepherd made answer, this of mine
 has wandered away from me.
 And although the road be rough and steep
 I go to the desert to find my sheep,
 I go to the desert to find my sheep.

But none of the ransomed ever knew
 How deep were the waters crossed,
 Nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through
 Ere He found His sheep that was lost.
 Out in the desert He heard its cry
 Sick and helpless and ready to die.
 Sick and helpless and ready to die.

Lord, whence are those blood drops
 All the way that mark out the mountain's track?
 They were shed for one who has gone astray
 Ere the shepherd could bring him back.

Lord, whence are thy hands as rent and torn?
 They are pierced tonight by many a thorn.
 They are pierced tonight by many a thorn.

But all through the mountain, thunder riven
 and up from the rocky steep there arose,
 A glad cry to the Gate of Heaven,
 Rejoice I have found my sheep,
 And the angels echoed around the throne,
 Rejoice for the Lord brings back His own
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Elizabeth Clephane Ira D. Sanky

From the book loaned by Buleah Rowlette, The Shape
of Adam's Rib. by Lorraine Lollis, we read:

The First officers of the Christian Woman's
 Board of Missions set up shop in Indianapolis. The
 president, Maria Jameson recording secretary, Sarah
 Wallace; and treasurer, Mrs. O. A. Burgess, all lived
 there; and the corresponding secretary, Caroline
 Neville Pearre, was in the process of moving there.
 This, believe it or not, explains the fact that

Indianapolis is today the city of the international headquarters of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The original constitution of CWBM named the above officers plus a vice-president from each of the nine states represented and twelve managers as the Executive Committee, but stipulated that five should be a quorum for the transaction of business.

It was an organization of laywomen, all amateurs, for whom winning the world for Christ became the grand passion of their lives. To leave no doubt about their purpose, they used the word missionary four times in Article II of the first constitution:

Its object shall be to cultivate a missionary spirit, to encourage missionary effort in our churches, to disseminate missionary intelligence, and to secure systematic contributions for missionary purposes.

The program for the celebration of the Christian Church building, October 17, 1937, "Commemorating the Building and Twenty-Five Years of Continuous Worship," reveals an historical sketch and names of those who had been members for the twenty-five years, on that Silver Anniversary, 1912-1937, as well as others who came later.

The program brings to a close the early history of Central Christian Church.

..... SILVER
ANNIVERSARY



COMMEMORATING

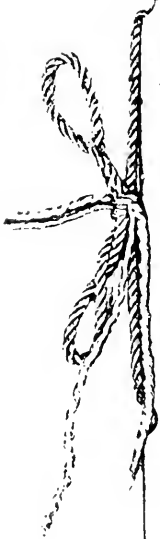
THE BUILDING AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
OF CONTINUOUS WORSHIP



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE



OCTOBER - 17, 1937



Silver Anniversary

SILVER MEMBERS

* * *

Present Resident Members

Twenty-Five Years

In Central Christian Church

Mrs. Emma Arnold	Mrs. A. H. McLean
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Black	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller
Mrs. Emmett Crockett	Mrs. W. B. Noel
Mrs. Charles F. Cox	Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Poff
Mrs. Aubrey Cook	Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Poff
Miss Emma Earthman	Mrs. John Pierce
Miss Bessie Green	Miss Ida Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hirshbrunner	Mrs. Deery Riggs
Mrs. R. L. Jones	Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott
Mr. J. R. Jetton	Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan
Miss Jeanette King	Miss Bessie Smith
Mr. Harry Kerr	Miss Frankie White
Miss Elizabeth Kerr	



Silver Anniversary

COMMITTEES

RECEPTION

Mrs. John Woodfin Jr., Chairman
 Mrs. Deery Riggs
 Mrs. Eugene Black
 Mrs. Kelly Poff
 Mrs. R. A. Nausley

Mrs. David Renaker
 Mrs. Cecil Elrod
 Mrs. John Tarver
 Mrs. Earle Rees

DINNER

Mrs. J. A. Scott, Chairman
 Mrs. Aubrey Cook
 Mrs. T. A. Moore
 Mrs. H. E. Cranford
 Mrs. Florence Funk

Mrs. S. H. Wood
 Mrs. Hattie Noel
 Mrs. A. H. McLain
 Miss Elizabeth Kerr
 Miss Mary Roberts

DECORATION

Miss Bessie Smith, Chairman
 Mrs. C. C. Baker

Miss Clarice Miller

MUSIC

Mrs. Earle F. Rees, Chairman
 Miss Margaret Hitt, Co-chairman

PROGRAM

Mrs. Marshall S. Burns, Chairman
 Miss Ida Richardson, Co-chairman
 Dr. T. J. Golightly

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Poff

PUBLICITY

Mr. C. C. Baker, Chairman
 Mr. T. T. Martin, Co-chairman

INVITATION

Mr. Kelly Poff

USHERS

11:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
Mr. Sam Hirshbrunner	Jesse Waller
Dr. R. A. Nausley	Cecil Elrod Jr.
Mr. Eugene Black	Orbry Moore
Dr. J. A. Scott	Mr. David Renaker
Mr. T. A. Moore	Mr. Aubrey Cook





Silver Anniversary

HISTORICAL SKETCH

—of—

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian Church is strictly a Restoration movement. This movement had for its beginning in America the turmoil of the religious frontier of the American pioneer days. The first Christian Church organized and set up in this country was Brush Run Church at Brush Run, Pennsylvania, in 1814. This movement has a rich heritage. The first movement started with an OKelley, a Methodist minister in Virginia. Another with Abner Jones, a Baptist minister in Vermont, and a third movement growing out of the Great Revival of Kentucky with Barton W. Stone through three movements unknown to each other and in different parts of the country were alike in taking the Bible as their only rule of faith.

The Central Christian Church was organized in August, 1908 with 61 members, first worshipping in the old Cumberland Church. The construction of the present Church building was begun in May, 1911, being completed in 1912, at a cost of \$37,000.00, every dollar of which has been paid. The present membership is 160. The first pastor called was R. E. Moss, 1908; following was Everett S. Smith, 1911, serving seven years; J. Gross Boone, who served the Church less than one year died with Flu and Pneumonia; fourth pastor, A. Preston Gray, July, 1918 to April, 1923; following him was E. W. Elliott, 1923 to 1929; then H. M. Sippel, September, 1929 to September, 1932. Rev. Marshall S. Burns, the present pastor, called November, 1932. All visitors find a ready welcome at all services.



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ABSTRACT OF WILLS/ADMINISTRATIONS - RUTHERFORD CO., TN RECORD BOOK 8

RB = Record Book DOW = Date of Will R = Recorded in RB
 P = Probated (filed) in Court S = slave s = son/s W = Witness
 d = daughter/s gs/gd = grandchildren N = named but relationship not given
 L = Landowner mentioned E = Executor/Executrix
 A = Administrator/rix [When there is a will an Executor/rix is named by the will. If there is no will or no Executor/rix named, an Administrator/rix is named by the Court.]

1. RB 8, p. 1 - Orvell Thompson DOW: 29 Dec 1828 P: Feb 1829
 "being in a low State of Health and weak of body" Wife: Tabitha Thompson
 "my 2 children": Sarah Rebecca Thompson, Benjamin Franklin Thompson
 "becomes of age" E: wife and John McKinley
 W: William L. Thompson, H.A. Thompkins, Frederick Johns

2. RB 8, p. 1 - James Martin DOW: 10 Sep 1825 P: July 1827
 s: William Martin "tract I live on...100 acres...I bought of Thomas Mitchell...east side of main Stones River...50 acres...on fall Creek...bought of my son John Martin..." d: Susanna Martin
 "advanced in years and her health impaired...she will never marry"
 S to William: girl, Elaner; old negro woman, Darkey S: woman, Jane and her 2 children, boy, Hearden and one unnamed d: Francis McLure
 "negro boy, Silas" son of daughter, Francis: Enos Dickson
 d: Nancy Wilson "negro girl, Mariah" s: John Martin "negro boy, Sam" d: Sally Beard "negro girl, Vina" d: Annabell M. D. Dickson
 "negro girl, Vilet" d: Isabella Martin "negro woman, Dina and 2 boys, Solomon and Allen" "my children that is alive...": William Martin, Susanna Martin, Francis McLure, Nancy Wilson, John Martin, Sally Beard, Annabell M.D. Dickson, Isabella Martin E: sons, William and John W: Theos. A. Canon, John M. Sharpe

3. RB 8, p. 4 - John Henderson DOW: 12 Sep 1825 P: Nov 1828
 Wife: Sarah Henderson "brothers and sisters" Counsellors of wife: Brother, Logan Henderson and Samuel Anderson, Esquire of Murfreesboro E: wife W: William Ledbetter, John R. Laughlin

4. RB 8, p. 6 - A. W. Canon, deceased Guardian of minor heirs: Edwin Sharpe Feb term 1830

5. RB 8, p. 7 - Joseph Poindexter, dec'd A: James Jones
 Nov. term 1829

6. RB 8, p. 9 - Isaac Butler, dec'd A: Janet Butler
 Inventory: 20 Nov 1829

7. RB 8, p. 10 - John Alexander, dec'd A: Jacob Wright
 Inventory: 3 Sep 1829

8. RB 8, p. 10 - William Norman Guardian: Carney H. Norman
 Settlement of heirs: 15 Feb 1830 "all heirs of age except youngest, William Norman"

9. RB 8, p. 10 - James Y. Laughlin, dec'd A: Christena Laughlin
 Settlement: 1829

10. RB 8, p. 14 - William Tombs, dec'd A: Emanuel Tombs
Inventory: 28 Aug 1829
11. RB 8, p. 15 - John Smith A: John McGrigor
Inventory: Nov term 1829
12. RB 8, p. 18 - James I. Maxwell, dec'd Guardian of Naoma L.
Maxwell: Azariah Kimbro R: 20 June 1830
13. RB 8, p. 18 - Syrus Sharpe, dec'd Guardian of Martha
Sharpe: Burwell Perry R: 15 Feb 1830
14. RB 8, p. 32 - Joshua Harrison, dec'd A: William D. Baird
Settlement: 12 Jan 1830
15. RB 8, p. 33 - Isham Nance, dec'd A: John Nance R: 29 June
1830
16. RB 8, p. 33 - Solomon Tenison, guardian of Betsy Carnahan and
Polly Carnahan R: 15 Feb 1830
17. RB 8, p. 33 - William Sled, dec'd Guardian of Milton and
Elizabeth Sled: Edmund Goodrich R: Feb term 1830
18. RB 8, p. 35 - Joshua Harrison, dec'd Guardian of Martha
Harrison: James Maney R: 24 Feb 1830
19. RB 8, p. 35 - John Thomas, dec'd Guardian of Peter J.
Thomas: Lewis G. Thomas R: 1829
20. RB 8, p. 36 - G.W. Banton, guardian of Masilla Tillman, Micca
Tillman, Thomas Tilman, Robert Tillmann R: 1829
21. RB 8., p. 37 - Zachariah P. Bell, dec'd A: Nancy Bell
Settlement: August term 1829
22. RB 8, p. 38 - Deborah Elliot, dec'd A: John Elliott
Inventory: 13 Nov 1829
23. RB 8, p. 41 - George Furr, dec'd A: Robert Smith
R: 1 July 1830
24. RB 8, p. 42 - John Sanders A: B. Ganaway Widow: Freedom
Sanders Inventory: 4 Dec 1829
25. RB 8, p. 47 - Joseph Morton, dec'd Guardian: Thomas S.
Anthony Minors: James Morton, Joseph Morton, Martha M. Morton,
Cicelia H. Morton R: 1829
26. RB 8, p. 52 - Joshua Harrison, dec'd Guardian of Elenor
Harrison: James Maney R: Feb term 1829
27. RB 8, p. 53 - John Wood, dec'd E: Edmund Wood
Inventory: 30 Nov 1827

28. RB 8, p. 57 - Chesly Hood, dec'd Widow's provisions
10 Dec 1829
29. RB 8, p. 58 - Henry M. Hudson, dec'd Guardian: William
Parker Heirs: Henry, Robert, Francis R: 25 July 1830
30. RB 8, p. 58 - John Goodloe A: Morris H. Goodloe
Inventory: 28 July 1830
31. RB 8, p. 59 - Robert P. Shapard, Guardian of Mary Harrison
and William J. Harrison Mother (?) of minors: Sophia Harrison
R: 24 Feb 1830
32. RB 8, p. 60 - Chesley Hood, dec'd A: J. C. Hood
Inventory: 10 Feb 1830
33. RB 8, p. 62 - Henry Windrow, dec'd E: John Windrow
hire of negroes R: 3 Aug 1830
34. RB 8, p. 62 - Edward Atwood, dec'd Guardian of orphan, Polly
Atwood: James Blackwood R: 3 Aug 1830
35. RB 8, p. 62 - James Johnson, dec'd A: B.F. White
Additional inventory: Dec 1828
36. RB 8, p. 62 - Sterling Ivie of Williamson Co., TN
DOW: 4 May 1830 R: 8 Aug 1830 "weak of body strength"
Wife: Elizabeth Ivie "my 2 sons become of age": William and
Thomas Ivie E: wife and friend, John H. Ivie W: G.L. Nolin,
Charles D. Ivie, Benjamin W. Ivie
37. RB 8, p. 64 - George Evans, dec'd A: C.L. Thompson
Inventory R: 9 Aug 1830
38. RB 8, p. 66 - Gilliam Molloy, dec'd Division of estate,
interest of David B. Molloy: 12 Apr 1830 Guardian: Fanny Molloy
39. RB 8, p. 66 - James H. Blakeley, dec'd A: Isaac Miller
Widow: Catharine Blakely "five children" Inventory: 20 Feb 1830
40. RB 8, p. 69 - John Carter, dec'd Guardian: Abraham Overall
1830 Guardian report of minor heirs: William Carter, Catty Carter,
Polly Carter, Ann Carter, John Carter and Rebecca Carter
41. RB 8, p. 70 - John Arnold, dec'd Guardian: Cary A. Windrow
Heir: John N. Arnold R: 29 Aug 1830
42. RB 8, p. 70 - Thomas A. Harris, dec'd Widow's provisions: 14
May 1830
43. RB 8, p. 71 - William Rawlings, dec'd E: Martin Hoover
Inventory R: 29 Aug 1830
44. RB 8, p. 72 - Guardian of Elizabeth Kirk: Hugh Kirk
May Court 1830

45. RB 8, p. 73 - Joseph Smith, dec'd A: Albert G. Barlow
Settlement R: 29 Aug 1830
46. RB 8, p. 75 - Guardian report of 19 Jan 1826 Guardian:
Peter Fleming Heir: Joseph Franklin Brown R: 29 Aug 1830
47. RB 8, p. 75 - John W. Finch, dec'd A: James Morton
Inventory R: 29 Aug 1830
48. RB 8, p. 76 - Phillip Osborne, dec'd A: John Brown, Thomas
Brown, Gabriel G. Osborne Settlement: 22 May 1830
49. RB 8, p. 78 - Guardian: Absalom Lane Heirs: William E.
Lane, Melkiajh D. Lane Settlement: Feb term 1830
50. RB 8, p. 78 - John Warren, dec'd Guardian: Thomas Yardley
Heirs: Louisa Warren, Peterson Warren, Benjamin Warren
Additional inventory for 1829
51. RB 8, p. 79 - Robartus Carney, dec'd Guardian: Joseph Carney
Report for 1829 "heirs"
52. RB 8, p. 79 - William R. Johns, dec'd A: William R. Dickson
"received from Joseph B. Johns, executor of Abner Johns"
Settlement: 10 May 1830
53. RB 8, p. 80 - John Thompson, dec'd E: David Thompson,
Grizella Thompson Settlement: 22 May 1830
54. RB 8, p. 81 - John Wood, dec'd A: Edmund Wood
Settlement: 19 May 1830
55. RB 8, p. 82 - Mary C. Colier, dec'd A: Berryman Fergason
Inventory sale: 28 Dec 1829
56. RB 8, p. 83 - Uriah Gardner, dec'd E: Daniel Leinan
Inventory: 22 May 1830
57. RB 8, p. 87 - Humphrey Nelson, dec'd Guardian: Thomas
Dunaway Heirs: Newman Nelson, Elijah Nelson, Mary Nelson
Settlement from 29 Apr 1820-7 May 1830
58. RB 8, p. 88 - Guardian: Thomas H.P. Scales Heirs: Stephen
and Ann Butts report: 1830
59. RB 8, p. 88 - Guardian Solomon Tennison Heirs: John
Carnahan, Jane Carnahan, Nancy Carnahan, James Carnahan, Hiram
Carnahan report: 1830
60. RB 8, p. 89 - Guardian: Joseph Neisbet Heirs: John and
Susan Mathes for 1830
61. RB 8, p. 90 - John Davis, dec'd A: Elizabeth Davis and Aiden
Taylor Inventory: 10 Dec 1829
62. RB 8, p. 92 - Guardian: Hiram Cox Heirs: James J. Cox,
Jackson Cox, Samuel Cox, William Cox Report: 1830

63. RB 8, p. 92 - Isaac Butler/Butter Widow: Jane Butter
P: 23 Nov 1829
64. RB 8, p. 92 - Guardian: Stephen Linch Report: 1830
Heir: Jackson C. Brothers
65. RB 8, p. 93 - 1829 report of poor house - "100 acres land...
repairs...planks..."
66. RB 8, p. 93 - Britain Spence DOW: Oct 1829 P: Nov 1829
E and wife: Jane "my 4 daughters": Elizabeth, Phebe, Mary,
Juliana eldest s: Samuel "...the old Fuller tract"
second s: Joseph "...tract I bought of Maxwell..."
2 younger s: Alson and William W: J. Lamb, Henry Firehand
67. RB 8, p. 95 - John Parks DOW: 24 Aug 1829 P: Nov 1829
Wife: Caty Parks "nease": Elizabeth Moore, wife of David Moore
E: wife and friend, John McGrigor W: B. Randolph, John McGrigor,
Robert D. Harris, John C. Harris
68. RB 8, p. 96 - Uriah Gardner DOW: 4 Jan 1830 P: Feb 1830
"in low state of health" Wife: Elizabeth C. Gardner
E: Jonathan Currin, Daniel Luinan W: Frederick E. Becton, James
D. Wooten
69. RB 8, p. 97 - Mary McAlhatton DOW: 18 Dec 1829 P: Feb 1830
"weak of body and low..." only d: Mary Wright N: Jesse
Alexander Slaves freed: Humphrey and wife, Hannah
only gd: Rebecca Thompson "negro girl, Caroline and her boy child,
William" Rebecca's present husband: R.L. Thompson S: Stewart
to be freed by paying \$150 E: son-in-law, Jacob Wright
W: Ephraim Andrews, I.F. Maxey
70. RB 8, p. 99 - Joseph Poindexter, dec'd A: James Jones
Settlement: Nov 1829
71. RB 8, p. 100 - Isaac M. Marable, dec'd Guardian: Littleton
Williamson "minor heirs" Report: 1830
72. RB 8, p. 102 - Sarah Bass, dec'd A: S. Richardson
Inventory: 12 Feb 1829
73. RB 8, p. 102 - Walter Lowe, dec'd Guardian: John S. Lowe
Minor heir: Walter S. Lowe Report: 1827-1830
74. RB 8, p. 103 - Simon W. Slack, dec'd A: Thomas Edwards
Settlement: Aug 1829
75. RB 8, p. 105 - Burton Spence, dec'd A: Henry Forehand
Inventory R: 7 Sep 1830
76. RB 8, p. 106 - William Cotter, dec'd A: David M. Jarratt,
Joseph McCracken Settlement: 23 Jan 1830

77. RB 8, p. 107 - Armstrong Heard, dec'd A: William and Andrew Finney Inventory: 23 Jan 1830
78. RB 8, p. 108 - Squire Knox, dec'd 1829 guardian report Heirs: Nancy D. Knox, George W. Knox, Littitha M.E. Knox and P.M. Knox
79. RB 8, p. 108 - William Henderson, dec'd Division of estate: 1 Jan 1830 "to Alexander Blair in right of his wife..." guardian of minor heirs: Logan Henderson
80. RB 8, p. 109 - Guardian: William Vinson Report: 1830 Heir: Alfred S. Ogilvie
81. RB 8, p. 109 - John Alexander, dec'd A: Jacob Wright Inventory: 28 Dec 1829
82. RB 8, p. 110 - William Lytle, Sr., dec'd Inv. R: 14 Sep 1830 E: Samuel P. Black, P. Anderson
83. RB 8, p. 113 - Phillip Osborne, dec'd Report: 1829 Guardian: Samuel McAdoo Heirs: Elizabeth and Sally Osborne
84. RB 8, p. 114 - Thomas Beesley, dec'd E: Robert Williams Additional estate R: 15 Sep 1830
85. RB 8, p. 114 - Henry Wiger, dec'd guardian: Isaac J. Miller Report: 20 Feb 1830 Minor heir: Susan Wiger
86. RB 8, p. 114 - John Henderson, dec'd E: Sarah Henderson Inventory: 23 Dec 1828
87. RB 8, p. 115 - John Johns, dec'd Guardian: James Rucker Report: 1829 Heirs: Stephen B. Johns, Clement Johns, Edmund G. Johns
88. RB 8, p. 118 - Guardian: Nathaniel Greer Report: 9 Feb 1830 Heirs: Nathaniel Pybas, Mary Pybas, Elizabeth Pybas
89. RB 8, p. 118 - Guardian: Jonathan Currin Feb. Court 1830 Heir: James R. Burris
90. RB 8, p. 121 - Thomas A. Harris, dec'd A: Henry Ridley, W.P. Booker Inventory: 18 Jan 1830
91. RB 8, p. 123 - Joseph Smith, dec'd Guardian: Albert G. Barlow Heir: John Smith report: 1829
92. RB 8, p. 124 - Obediah Garner, dec'd Guardian: Thomas Garner Minor heir: Brice Garner A: Jesse Garner Report: 1829
93. RB 8, p. 124 - Joshua Harrison, dec'd Guardian: William D. Baird Minor heir: Caroline Harrison Report R: 24 Sep 1830

94. RB 8, p. 125 - Obediah Garner, dec'd Guardian: William Garner
Minor heir: John N. Garner A: Jesse Garner Feb 1830
95. RB 8, p. 125 - Sarah Bass, dec'd A: Stith Richardson
Inventory: 20 Feb 1829
96. RB 8, p. 127 - James Johnson, dec'd A: Larkin Johnson,
Benjamin F. White Settlement: May term 1830
97. RB 8, p. 129 - William Fowler DOW: 25 Feb 1829 R: 27 Sep
1830 oldest s: Bemony Fowler s: Obediah Fowler, Jeremiah
Fowler d: Hamutel Jones, Elizabeth Brady, Ruth Polk, Fanny
Dobbs, Cassy Jones gs: Jeremiah Hooker Wife: Peggy Fowler
E: wife and David Keele W: Richard Keel, James Gibson
98. RB 8, p. 130 - Elizabeth Kelton DOW: 22 Sep 1829 R: 17 Sep
1830 "weak of body" s: James Kelton L: John Lawrence's line
s: Samuel B. Kelton L: Bellah's corner s: William Kelton
"negro woman, Easter" "Heirs of son Robert Kelton, dec'd"
"3 d and the sons of Margaret Lacky, dec'd" E: 2 sons, William
and James W: Exum Ricks, J.B. Henderson, Samuel B. Kelton, Jr.
99. RB 8, p. 131 - David Covington DOW: 28 May 1830 P: Aug
term 1830 Wife: Judith Covington "lands on the south side of dry
fork of Stewarts Creek...where I now live..." "youngest of my
children shall become of age" E: brother, William Covington
W: Berryman G. Hankins, Thomas S. Anthony
100. RB 8, p. 133 - Thomas Robinson DOW: 31 Mar 1830
R: 1 Oct 1830 "low of health" Wife: Francis Robinson
s: John Robinson "wife...coming to her from her father's
[estate] John Cole that I made William Cole Snr. of Halifax Co.,
VA power of attorney..." 5 children: John Robinson, James
Robinson, Polly Shearwood, Edy C. Robinson, Cindy Robinson
E: wife W: John Murfree, John Brockman
101. RB 8, p. 134 - William M. Hall, dec'd A: James W. Stewart,
Henry McCoy "John J. Goodloe and Nathan Jones...in right of
their wives" Widow unnamed Settlement: 18 July 1827
102. RB 8, p. 135 - James Rucker, dec'd Add. Inv. R: 13 Oct 1830
103. RB 8, p. 138 - William Sledd, dec'd Inventory: May term 1830
103. RB 8, p. 138 - Guardian: Samuel Wilson 1829
Casandra Wilson, "an idiot or deaf and dumb person...upwards of 50
years..."
104. RB 8, p. 139 - James Mathes, dec'd E: Mariam Mathes
Settlement: 3 Aug 1830
105. RB 8, p. 140 - Thomas A. Harris, dec'd A: William R. Booker,
Henry Ridley Inventory: 26 Feb 1830

106. RB 8, p. 141 - Sterling Ivie, dec'd E: John H. Ivie
Inventory: 10 July 1830
107. RB 8, p. 142 - W. Fowler, dec'd E: Peggy Fowler
Inventory: 10 Aug 1830
108. RB 8, p. 143 - Samuel C. Rucker, dec'd Guardians: Lewis
Garner and wife, "late Lucy W. Rucker" Wards: Elizabeth A
Rucker; "Samuel C. Rucker, Jr. who is since dead"
109. RB 8, p. 145 - William Mankin, dec'd A: Joel Smith
"minor heirs" Guardian: Cely Mankin Settlement: May 1830
110. RB 8, p. 146 - Brice Gaither, dec'd A: Elizabeth Gaither,
Azariah Gaither "monies collected from North Caroline"
R: Nove 1830
111. RB 8, p. 146 - Francis Dunnington Price DOW: none
P: August term 1830 "diseased and weak body" negroes: man,
Rubin; woman, Hannah and her children, girl Chloe and boy Joe
Wife: Sophia Manchester Price d: Sarah Sophia s: Richard
E and guardian of children: wife W: Robert Z. Hawkins, Hezk. R.
Egin
112. RB 8, p. 148 - Thomas Clardy, Dec'd Inventory: 16 Nov 1830
113. RB 8, p. 149 - Frederick Watkins, dec'd Widow: Rhody Watkins
Oct. 29, 1830
114. RB 8, p. 149 - Evander McIver, dec'd E: Daniel Graham
Settlement: Nov. 1830
115. RB 8, p. 151 - Catharine Cotter DOW: 24 Oct 1830 P: Nov
term 1830 "low in body" "My children": Thomas cotter, William
Cotter, Elizabeth Murry, John Cotter, Sally Hall "grand-
children, children of my daughter, Polly" E: John Cotter, Nathan
Hall W: Henry Trott, R. C. Price, James Roberson, William Hall
116. RB 8, p. 152 - Mary Hamilton DOW: 12 Mar 1830 P: Nov 1830
niece: Sally H. Lauderdale nephew: Samuel W. Lauderdale
E/newphews: P.H. Bowman, William H. Bowman S: Amy, Edwin, Luke,
Lawrence, Caroline, George, Phebe, Dublin, Sam, Silda, Madison,
Maria, Charles W: Martin Clark, Samuel Clark
117. RB 8, p. 153 - John McIver, dec'd Inventory R: 18 Dec 1830
118. RB 8, p. 164 - James Patterson DOW: 1 Oct 1830 P: Nov 1830
"very low and weak" s: Samuel Patterson, Harvey Patterson, John
Patterson, William Patterson, James Patterson, S: boy, Andrew
Jackson; girl, Mariah; boy, Ben s: Charles C. Patterson "50
acres in Highland Co...Ohio...he now has in his possession"
s: Alexander Patterson "100 acres...Highland Co...Ohio...he...has
sold to his brother, Charles" s: Isaac R. Patterson, Joseph
Patterson d: Agnes Patterson [not of age or married] "negro
boy, Bob" s: Henry Lee Patterson [not of age] "negro boy, Henry"
E: sons, Samuel and Harvey W: William Robb, Edwin Sharpe

119. RB 8, p. 167 - John Stockard DOW: 9 Oct 1830 P: Nov 1830
 "bad state of health" Wife: Jane Stockard s: William Stockard,
 Nathan Stockard "all my children" E: friends, John Dickson,
 William Martin, Robert Martin W: Moses Ridley, Daniel M. Muse,
 William P. Booker
120. RB 8, p. 168 - John Maxwell, dec'd Guardian: John Covington
 Report: 15 Nov 1830
121. RB 8, p. 168 - Joseph Dill, dec'd E: Isaac Dill
 Inventory: 4 Nov 1830
122. RB 8, p. 169 - Lewis Burnett, dec'd Guardian: Richard
 Vaughan 1830
123. RB 8, p. 169 - Robert Freeman, dec'd A: Samuel Freeman
 Inventory R: Jan 1831
124. RB 8, p. 170 - Elizabeth Kelton, dec'd E: William Kelton
 and James Kelton Division: Mary Sloan, Elizabeth Wilson,
 Alexander Lackey Nov. 15, 1830
125. RB 8, p. 171 - David Covington, dec'd E: William Covington
 "221 acres...dry fork of Stewarts Creek" Inventory: Aug term 1830
126. RB 8, p. 172 - Martha Penn, dec'd E: William Penn
 Settlement: Aug term 1830
127. RB 8, p. 173 - Thomas Beasley, dec'd E: Robert Williams
 Settlement: 11 Nov 1830
128. RB 8, p. 174 - Michael McConley, dec'd A: James DeJarnett
 Inventory R: 11 Jan 1831
129. RB 8, p. 175 - Jacob Fox, dec'd A: Mathias Fox
 Inventory: 3 Sep 1830 R: 12 Jan 1831
130. RB 8, p. 179 - Thomas Roberson [see page 133]
131. RB 8, p. 180 - David Covington, dec'd E: William Covington
 Inventory: 6 Nov 1830
132. RB 8, p. 181 - Charles Fogg, dec'd Division: Aug term 1829
 to: Jonathan W. Fogg, Charles M. Fogg, Wineford Strong, formerly
 widow of Charles Fogg
133. RB 8, p. 182 - Obediah Garner, dec'd Guardian: William
 Garner Ward: John N. Garner A: Jesse Garner 1830
134. RB 8, p. 182 - Guardian: James Sanford Ward: Nancy (?) S.
 Smith 15 Nov 1830
135. RB 8, p. 183 - Brice M. Gaither, dec'd A: Elizabeth and
 Azariah Gaither Settlement: 10 Nov 1830

136. RB 8, p. 183 - Polly Dickson, dec'd A: Lewis Nowlan
Sett: 10 Sep 1830
137. RB 8, p. 184 - John Smith, dec'd Inventory/sale: 6 Nov 1828
A: John McGregor N: Mrs. Mary Smith and others 9 negroes sold
138. RB 8, p. 189 - James J. Maxwell, dec'd Inventory: 28 Dec 1830
139. RB 8, p. 190 - David Rankin DOW: 18 Feb 1827 P: Feb 1831
d: Eleanor A. Read 2 s: Thomas C. Rankin, James P. Rankin
E & wife: Anna Moore Rankin "my younger children"
W: Fr. N.W. Burton, William Bumpass
140. RB 8, p. 191 - Benjamin Butts, dec'd 1830
Guardian: Tho.H.P. Scales Heirs: Stephen & Ann Butts
141. RB 8, p. 191 - Robert Freeman, dec'd widow's provision 1831
142. RB 8, p. 192 - Samuel Wilson, dec'd Widow: Ann Wilson 1831
143. RB 8, p. 192 - Mathew Burnett DOW: 10 Nov 1830 P: Feb 1831
d: Sally "negro woman, Ceily; girl, Violet; Gusta" s: William
d: Rebecca "boy, George" gd: "Martha Ann, daughter of my
daughter, Sally" S: boy, Dave E: Jesse Barton, John C. Reeves
W: Henry Trott, Hosea Northcutt
144. RB 8, p. 193 - William Ridout, dec'd 1830 Guardian: Thos.
H.P. Scales Wards: Mary G. Ridout, Thos. Ridout, Luran Ridout,
Catharine Ridout, Sarah E. Ridout
145. RB 8, p. 194 - Thomas Wood, dec'd Inv./sale: 21 Feb 1831
A: Edmund Wood
146. RB 8, p. 199 - John L. Jetton, dec'd Inv./sale: 4 Dec 1830
A: Henry Trott, Jr.
147. RB 8, p. 200 - John Johns, dec'd 1831 Guardian: James
Rucker Heirs: Stephen B. Johns, Clement Johns, Edmond G. Johns
148. RB 8, p. 204 - Samuel Wilson, dec'd Inv/Sale: 22 Dec 1830
A: Robert Jetton N: Anne Wilson and others
149. RB 8, p. 206 - James Patterson, dec'd Inventory R: 11 Apr
1831 E: Samuel Patterson
150. RB 8, p. 207 - John McIver, dec'd Sales: 15 Dec 1830
151. RB 8, p. 210 - Isaac Marable, dec'd Guardian: L.W. William-
son Wards: Martha L. Marable, Elisa J.M. Marable R: 24 Apr 1831
152. RB 8, p. 212 - Margaret Doak, dec'd Inventory: 22 Feb 1831
A: Samuel P. Black
153. RB 8, p. 212 - David Rankin, dec'd Inventory R: 27 Apr 1831
E: Ann Rankin

154. RB 8, p. 213 - Squire Knox, dec'd 1831 Guardian: John McKnight "minor heirs": Nancy D. Knox, George W. Knox, Tillitha M. E. Knox, Polly Knox
155. RB 8, p. 213 - Guardian: Robert P. Shapard A: William D. Baird Ward: Sophia Harrison N: Mary Harrison 1831
156. RB 8, p. 214 - Alexander Patterson, dec'd A: Samuel Patterson Inventory R: 3 May 1831
157. RB 8, p. 214 - James Endaly, dec'd Inv/Sale: 6 Dec 1830 A: R.L. Weakley, Thos. H. Read
158. RB 8, p. 217 - John Warren, dec'd R: 7 June 1831 Guardian: Thomas Yardly Wards: Louisa Warren, Peterson Warren, Benj. Warren
159. RB 8, p. 217 - Guardian: Stephen Linch R: 7 June 1831 N: Jackson Carroll Brothers
160. RB 8, p. 218 - Francis D. Price, dec'd R: 7 June 1831 A: Sophia M./W. Price
161. RB 8, p. 218 - Guardian: Nathaniel Grier R: 7 June 1831 Heirs: Nathaniel Pybas and Elizabeth Pybas
162. RB 8, p. 218 - William Sled, dec'd P: Feb 1831 Guardian: Edmund Goodrich Minor Heirs: John Milton Sled, Elizabeth Sled
163. RB 8, p. 218 - Simon W. Slack, dec'd Guardian: John N. Nance Heirs: Martha W. Slack, Simon Wilson Slack, Gabrilla A. Slack 8 Feb 1830
164. RB 8, p. 220 - Levi West, dec'd Inv/Sale: 26 Nov 1830 A: John M. Dickson
165. RB 8, p. 221 - David Baxter, dec'd Settlement R: 1831 A: John Baxter
166. RB 8, p. 221 - Thomas W. Woollard, dec'd Inv/Sale R: 4 June 1831 A: John Jones
167. RB 8, p. 224 - James J. Maxwell, dec'd E: Stephen Linch Settlement: 11 Dec 1830
168. RB 8, p. 226 - John Nevel, dec'd Inv/Sale: 28 Nov 1830 A: Walter Keeble
169. RB 8, p. 228 - Syrus Sharpe, dec'd R: 22 June 1831 Guardian: Burwell Perry Minor heir: Martha Sharpe
170. RB 8, p. 228 - Nancy Woods, dec'd Inv: 21 Feb 1831 A: Enoch Dickson

171. RB 8, p. 229 - Guardian: Richard Vaughan R: 23 June 1831
"heirs of Lewis (Bennett??) of Brunswick Co., VA"
172. RB 8, p. 229 - John Thomas, dec'd Guardian: Lewis G. Thomas
1830 One of the minor heirs: Peter J. Thomas
173. RB 8, p. 230 - Thomas Nash, dec'd Inv/Negro sale: 27 Dec
1830 A: T.C. Nash, William Vinson
174. RB 8, p. 230 - James Sullivan, dec'd Settlement: 28 Feb 1831
A: James McKee
175. RB 8, p. 231 - John Carter, dec'd Guardian: Abram Overall
1831 "schooling of John Carter"
176. RB 8, p. 231 - Guardian: William Vinson 1830/31
Ward: Alfred S. Oglevie
177. RB 8, p. 232 - Catharine Cotter, dec'd A: David M. Jarratt,
Joseph McCracken Inv/Sale: 27 Nov 1830
178. RB 8, p. 233 - Anderson M. Alexander, dec'd R: 28 June 1831
Guardian: James McKnight "minor heirs"
179. RB 8, p. 233 - Samuel C. Rucker, dec'd R: 28 June 1831
Guardian: Lewis Garner in right of wife, L.W. Garner
Minor heir: E. A. Rucker
180. RB 8, p. 234 - Ann Butler, dec'd Settlement: 21 Feb 1831
A: Thomas C. Hoskins
181. RB 8, p. 235 - Levi Alexander, dec'd Widow: Elizabeth B.
Alexander P: 24 Nov 1830
182. RB 8, p. 235 - Jonathan Lawrence, dec'd Div. of Negroes:
1 Mar 1830 3 children: Martha, Sarah, John
183. RB 8, p. 236 - John Henderson, dec'd Inventory E: Sarah
Henderson John Henderson was guardian and administrator of minor
heirs of James Henderson: Matilda B. Henderson, Isabella L.
Henderson, Martha L. Henderson, James L. Henderson
184. RB 8, p. 239 - William Foster, dec'd Guardian: Allsea Harris
1830/31
185. RB 8, p. 239 - Archilus Jarratt DOW: 6 Dec 1831 P: Feb 1831
Wife: Rhoda Jarratt daughters: Elizabeth, Polly Ann Jarratt
"negro man, Isaac to be free" "all my lawful children"
sons: Robert Jarratt, David M. Jarratt E: son, David
W: Overton W. Crockett, Levi Maner
186. RB 8, p. 241 - Guardian: Hiram Cox R: 10 July 1831
Heirs: J. J. Cox, Jackson Cox, Samuel Cox, William Cox

187. RB 8, p. 241 - John Stockard, dec'd Inv/Sale: 1 Dec 1830
E: William Martin, Jno. Dickson
188. RB 8, p. 243 - James Nevil, dec'd Widow's provision
R: 12 July 1831
189. RB 8, p. 243 - Joseph Morton, dec'd Division of estate:
29 Nov 1830 Heirs: James Morton, Joseph Morton
190. RB 8, p. 245 - Patrick Sullivan, dec'd Settlement: 1817-1831
A: James McKee
191. RB 8, p. 247 - John Clark, dec'd Additional Inv: 21 Feb 1831
A: James Clark
192. RB 8, p. 247 - Orvell Thompson, dec'd Add. Inv. R: July 1831
A: Thomas Powell
193. RB 8, p. 247 - Robert Freeman, dec'd Inv/Sale R: Aug 1831
A: Samuel Freeman "widow"
194. RB 8, p. 250 - Joseph Smith, dec'd R: 20 Aug 1831 Guardian:
Albert G. Barlow Minor heirs: John Smith, Elizabeth Smith
195. RB 8, p. 251 - Henry Wigger, dec'd Guardian: Isaac J. Miller
21 Feb 1831 Minor heir: Susan Wigger
196. RB 8, p. 251 - Thos. Nash, dec'd Guardian: Dennis Holden
21 Feb 1831 minor heirs
197. RB 8, p. 251 - Theophiles A. Sharpe, dec'd A: L. Sharpe
Inv/Sales: 28 Dec 1830
198. RB 8, p. 254 - Obediah Garner, dec'd Guardian: Thomas Garner
1831 Heir: Brice M. Garner
199. RB 8, p. 254 - Nathaniel Barksdale, dec'd Inv. R: 24 Aug
1831 E: William Barksdale
200. RB 8, p. 255 - Jane McCombs, dec'd A: James W. Stewart
"boarding of 2 of the children" Settlement R: 24 Aug 1831
201. RB 8, p. 256 - Years provision for Mrs. Lavinia L. Sharpe,
widow of Theophiles A. Sharpe 28 Dec 1830
202. RB 8, p. 257 - Guardian: George W. Mallard 1831
Ward: Elizabeth Hill, late Elizabeth Foster
203. RB 8, p. 257 - Elizabeth Kelton, dec'd Division of Estate:
Nov 1830 Heirs: Polly Sloane, heirs of Margaret Lacky, dec'd,
Nancy Sloan, Elizabeth Wilson
204. RB 8, p. 258 - Henry M. Hudson, dec'd R: 29 Aug 1831
Guardian: William Parker

205. RB 8, p. 259 - William Foster, dec'd Settlement: Aug 1830
E: George W. Mallard, James Foster "board & schooling of Guin Foster"
206. RB 8, p. 261 - Thomas Beasley, dec'd E: Robert Williams 1831
207. RB 8, p. 261 - Rebecca Powell, dec'd Settlement: Feb 1831
E: Peyton Smith
208. RB 8, p. 262 - J. H. McKeen, dec'd Inv/Sales: 18 June 1831
A: A. D. McKeen
209. RB 8, p. 262 - Guardian: George W. Mallard 15 Aug 1831
Ward: Elizabeth Foster, now Elizabeth Hill and her husband, William D. Hill
210. RB 8, p. 263 - William M. Ridout "minor heirs"
Former Guardian: W.E. Powell "boarding - Sarah E. Ridout, Ann C. Ridout"
211. RB 8, p. 264 - Guardian: Jane Harris 15 Aug 1831
Children: Samuel M. Harris, Archibald A. Harris, James R. Harris, John M. F. Harris, William R. Harris
212. RB 8, p. 265 - Marg Warren, dec'd Div. of Estate: 9 Aug 1831
Heirs: Elizabeth Ransom, Susan Snell
213. RB 8, p. 265 - Richard Deens, dec'd Inv: 11 Aug 1831
A: Benjamin Flowan
214. RB 8, p. 266 - John McIver, dec'd Add. Inv.: 15 Aug 1831
A: Daniel Graham
215. RB 8, p. 269 - Guardian: James Blackwood Aug 1831
Wards: Polly Atwood, orphan of Edwin Atwood
216. RB 8, p. 269 - Settlement: A. Heard, dec'd 1831
217. RB 8, p. 269 - Jacob Fleman, dec'd Sale of negroes: 1831
A: Robert Huggins
218. RB 8, p. 270 - Philip Johnson, dec'd A: G. M. Banton
"in hands of Guardian for his wife, Micky Johnson" 15 Aug 1831
219. RB 8, p. 270 - John Lee, dec'd Settlement: 18 Aug 1831
A: William Parker
220. RB 8, p. 271 - Robert Kelton, dec'd Settlement: May 1831
A: William Kelton, Jr.
221. RB 8, p. 272 - Gideon Thompson, dec'd Settlement: May 1831
A: John L. Jetton, Edwin A. McCorkle
222. RB 8, p. 273 - Nathan Ford, dec'd Settlement: Aug 1831
A: Lewis Nolen

223. RB 8, p. 274 - John Bowman, dec'd Settlement: 30 May 1831
E: Margaret Bowman, George Morris
224. RB 8, p. 274 - John Smith, dec'd Settlement: 15 Aug 1831
A: Jno. McGrigor
225. RB 8, p. 278 - G. R. Randolph, dec'd Inv/Sale R: 12 Oct 1831
A: James A. Walpole
226. RB 8, p. 278 - Charles Statham, dec'd Settlement: 12 Oct 1831
E: Thomas Statham A: Thomas Smith
227. RB 8, p. 279 - Orville Thompson, dec'd Settlement: Feb 1831
A: Thomas Powell
228. RB 8, p. 283 - Guardian: Hugh Kirk Ward: Elizabeth Kir
20 May 1831
229. RB 8, p. 283 - Guardian: James G. Henderson 17 May 1831
Former Guardian: Logan Henderson Wards: Elizabeth A. Henderson
and William L. Henderson
230. RB 8, p. 284 - Guardian: Jonathan Currin, James R. Burrus
R: Oct 1831
231. RB 8, p. 287 - Dr. William Yandell, dec'd Settlement: Feb
1831 E: John Yandell, Lunsford P. Yandell
"Jno. Fletchers acct for sundry articles purchased at sales in
right of his wife Elizabeth Fletcher" "William H. Yandell one
of the distributees..."
132. RB 8, p. 296 - John F. Osborne, dec'd report: 1 Jan 1831
Guardian: G. G. Osborne Wards: Amanda, Eliza Osborne "John F.
Osborne...wanting to pay the debts of his father"
133. RB 8, p. 297 - Guardian: David M. Jarratt Ward: David S.
Manor Report: 1828-1831
134. RB 8, p. 297 - Guardian: Samuel Wilson Ward: Cassandra
Wilson, "deaf and dumb person"
135. RB 8, p. 297 - Alfred Broiles, dec'd Inv: 5 Mar 1831
A: Mathias Broiles N: Polly Moore Widow: Susanna Broiles
136. RB 8, p. 298 - Daniel Elam, dec'd E: Edward Elam Sale: 1829
137. RB 8, p. 298 - Joshua Harrison, dec'd report: 18 May 1831
Guardian: James Maney Minor heirs: Martha Harrison, Elenor
Harrison W: William D. Baird
138. RB 8, p. 300 - A. Johns, dec'd Guardian: P. D. Cowen
A: Joseph B. Johns "...from William R. John's estate..."
Wards: Catharine E. Johns, Susan F. Johns, Franklin A. Johns
16 May 1831

139. RB 8, p. 301 - years provision for Mrs. Eudaly and family
R: 17 Oct 1831
140. RB 8, p. 301 - Hugh S. Webb, dec'd Inv/Sale: 19 May 1831
"widow" A: Younger Wyatt
141. RB 8, p. 302 - Sarah Bass, dec'd Settlement: 15 Apr 1831
A: Stith Richardson (also executor of Hartwell Bass, dec'd)
"suit defending in the circuit court of this county James Bass
against Stith Richardson, Executor of Hartwell Bass, dec'd"
"and also a suit pending in the county court John Richards against
Stith Richardson, administrator of Sarah Bass, dec'd"
142. RB 8, p. 304 - Hartwell Bass, dec'd Settlement: 15 Apr 1831
E: Stith Richardson "received of Jordan Bass, executor of James
Bass, dec'd as distributive share of Hartwell bass" "received
of S. H. Laughlin for undivided interest in dower land of H. Bass,
dec'd's mother..."
143. RB 8, p. 307 - Daniel Elam, dec'd Settlement: 16 May 1831
E: Edward Elam
144. RB 8, p. 308 - Joseph Dill, dec'd E: Dr. Isaac Dill
Settlement: 7 May 1831 "minor heirs": Tho. Dill, Marvil Dill,
Harritt Dill, Amanda Dill "cash pd to": Parson Dill, Obadiah
Cole, Thomas Dill, Amanda Dill's guardian, Marvil Dill, Hannah
Petty, Thomas Hutcheson, Newton Dill
145. RB 8, p. 309 - Levi Anderson, dec'd Inv: 28 Nov 1830
A: William Alford
146. RB 8, p. 310 - Archalus Jarratt, dec'd Inv/Sale: 30 Dec 1830
Buyers with Jarratt name: Wade Jarratt, David M. Jarratt, Rhoda
Jarratt, Deverrixx Jarratt, Benjamin Jarratt, Judith Jarratt, B. A.
Jarratt, Polly Jarratt, John J. Jarratt, Judy Jarratt, David
Jarratt "David M. Jarratt for the benefit of Robert Jarratt['s]
children" E: David M. Jarratt
147. RB 8, p. 316 - Nathan Ford, dec'd Guardian: Mathew Pinkston
1830 A: Lewis Nolen
148. RB 8, p. 317 - George W. Evans Settlement: 22 Feb 1831
A: Creed T. Thompson
149. RB 8, p. 317 - Jacob Tillman, dec'd Guardian: G.W. Banton
1830 Heirs: Thomas Tilman, Robert Tilman
150. RB 8, p. 318 - Margaret Miller, dec'd Inv/Sale: 5 Mar 1831
A: James R. Miller Buyers with Miller name: Robert Miller,
Isaac Miller, William Miller, Isaac L. Miller, Hardy Miller,
Elizabeth Miller, Margaret Miller, Isaac Miller, Jr.
151. RB 8, p. 320 - Mathew Burnett, dec'd Inv: 16 May 1831
E: John C. Reeves and John Burton

152. RB 8, p. 320 - John Johnston, dec'd Settlement: 12 May 1831
 E: not named "a negro man left by said Johnston in his will to
 John Night's children" "4 legatees" "John Night's 3 elder
 children that he had by his first wife a daughter of said
 Johnston, dec'd"

153. RB 8, p. 322 - John Thomas, dec'd Settlement: 16 Feb 1831
 E: Leonard H. Simms, Theophilus W. Thomas

154. RB 8, p. 323 - "Alsa Harris my guardian...a full release...as
 my guardian...Aug. 15, 1831...Guy M. Foster"

155. RB 8, p. 324 - C. Statham, dec'd Inv/Sale R: 24 Oct 1831
 Buyers with Statham name: Thomas Statham, William Statham, Love
 Statham, John Statham

156. RB 8, p. 326 - James D. Patrick DOW: 14 Feb 1831 R: 24 Oct
 1831 Wife: Isabella Patrick s: Campbell, William, Russell
 "schooling the children Russell and Caroline" "when my beloved
 daughters marry..." E: Joseph Youree, Sen^r W: Nathan Lyon,
 William H. Youree

157. RB 8, p. 327 - Pleasant H. Nelson DOW: 7 Jan 1831
 P: Aug 1831 Wife: Henrietta S. Nelson "tract of land lately
 purchased in partnership, by Brooking Burnett and myself from
 William Holton..." nephews: Thomas Pleasant Nelson, Pleasant
 Henry Nelson niece: Mary Crichlow nephews: Thomas Watkins and
 William Watkins heirs of my sister, Mary M. Watkins
 brothers: John Nelson, Samuel Nelson, Thomas Nelson
 sisters: Sarah Crichlow, Eliza A. Edwards E: Brooking Burnett
 W: James D. Howell, John Nelson

158. RB 8, p. 328 - William McKnight, Senior DOW: 14 Dec 1830
 R: 25 Oct 1831 youngest son: Alexander my daughters: Sarah
 Jane, Mary, Elizabeth and Isabella "heirs at law of my son John"
 sons and E: William and Moses W: William McKnight, C.H.
 McKnight "we the heirs at law of William M. McKnight, deceased,
 do heartily approve of our Fathers will constituting his son,
 Alexander his heir to his land and other property and in testimony
 of our satisfaction, we subscribe our names and seals, Peter
 Moore, Zacheus Alexander, John Wetherspoon, Margaret McKnight,
 Joseph McKnight, William McKnight, Moses McKnight, R. G. Cummins

159. RB 8, p. 329 - Nathaniel Barksdale DOW: 1 Dec 1827
 P: Nov 1830 Wife: Nancy Barksdale s: James, Nathaniel,
 William, Randolph d: Mildred, Nancy wife of Alexander Howard
 E and sons: Randolph and William W: Robert Elam, William
 Bernard

160. RB 8, p. 331 - Samuel McMurry, dec'd Inv/Sale: 26 Sep 1827
 Buyers with McMurry name: Robert McMurry, William McMurry, Jane
 McMurry, Elizabeth McMurry, William H. McMurry A/E: Hugh Kirk,
 Samuel H. Hodge

161. RB 8, p. 335 - John Johns, dec'd Guardian: James Rucker
1827-1831 Heirs: Stephen B. Johns, Clement Johns, Edmond Johns
162. RB 8, p. 339 - Cornelius O. Flyn, dec'd Inv: Jan 1826
A: Henry D. Jamison
163. RB 8, p. 347 - Wilson Yandell, dec'd Inv: 5 Jan 1828
E: Lonsford Pitts Yandell [a medical doctor - there are many
pages of names of those with accounts]
164. RB 8, p. 362 - Joseph Bowman, dec'd Settlement: 13 Jan 1826
E: Samuel Bowman, Alexander McNelly, David Robison
165. RB 8, p. 367 - John Johns, dec'd Guardian: James Rucker
Jan term 1827 Minor heirs: Stephen R. Johns, Clement Johns,
Edmund G. Johns
166. RB 8, p. 370 - Guardian: Francis Hancock 29 Dec 1826
Heirs: Caroline M. Hancock now Scales, Mary A. Edwards now
Stockard, Sally B. Edwards now Elliott "Francis Hancock will be
jointly indebted at the death of his mother Sarah Hancock..."
167. RB 8, p. 371 - James Bass, dec'd Settlement: 17 Oct 1828
E: Benjamin J. Bass
168. RB 8, p. 375 - James Martin, dec'd Inv/Sale: Oct 1827
E: John Martin
169. RB 8, p. 380 - James Henderson, dec'd 1 Jan 1821 through
Aug 1826 Guardian: John Henderson Minor heir: James L.
Henderson, Martha L. Henderson, Matilda B. Henderson, Isabella S.
Henderson
170. RB 8, p. 383 - Shelton Crosthwait, dec'd Inv: Jan/Feb 1826
A: Elizabeth Crosthwait
171. RB 8, p. 389 - Joseph Morton, dec'd Settlement: July 1826
E: James Morton, Thoms S. Anthony [apparent] minor heirs: Eliza-
beth Venible Morton, Martha Massa Morton, Cecilia Walnut Morton,
James Morton, Joseph Morton
172. RB 8, p. 396 - William Henderson, dec'd Settlement: July
1826 A & Guardian: Logan Henderson minor children and
heirs: James G. Henderson, Violet L. Henderson, Malinda W.
Henderson, John L. Henderson, Elizabeth A. Henderson, Margaret A.
Henderson, William L. Henderson, Logan Henderson
173. RB 8, p. 400 - Richard Deen, dec'd DOW: 16 July 1832
R: 21 Dec 1831 N: Benjamin Flowers, Cornelius Sanders, Abraham
Baten, Margaret Sanders, Demarnis Sanders, John M. Sanders, James
H. Sanders, Elender Sanders, Elender J. Sanders W: Abel Jones,
Demaris Sanders

174. RB 8, p. 400 - Allen Rainey, dec'd DOW: 24 June 1831
P: Nov 1831 Wife: Hannah Rainey "of my father's estate"
E: Thomas Harwell, Hannah Rainey W: E.C. Ferrell, James F.
Ross, Richard Lewis
175. RB 8, p. 401 - William Vandike, dec'd DOW: 12 Sep 1831
P: Nov 1831 Mother: Barbary Gregory "and her children that is
now living with her" brothers & sisters: John Gregory, Catesey
Gregory, Abraham Gregory, Sarah Gregory, Isaac Gregory, Alexander
Gregory, Samuel Mooney E: Alsea Harris W: William Vinson,
Joel M. Loyd
176. RB 8, p. 402 - Mary Gillispie, dec'd Sale: 21 Nov 1831
A: Francis Gillispie
177. RB 8, p. 403 - John Goodloe, dec'd Additional Inv: [no
date] A: M. H. Goodloe
178. RB 8, p. 403 - Pleasant H. Nelson, dec'd Inv: 21 Nov 1831
A: Brooking Burnette
179. RB 8, p. 403 - Guardian: John Clark Ward: Ransom P. Bowman
21 Nov 1831
180. RB 8, p. 403 - Mathius Crouse, dec'd A: Spencer Crouse
Inv: No date
181. RB 8, p. 403 - William McKnight, dec'd Inv: Feb 1831
A: Moses McKnight
182. RB 8, p. 404 - Nancy Wood, dec'd Settlement: 22 Nov 1831
A: Enoch Dickson
183. RB 8, p. 404 - Settlement: 23 Nov 1831 A: Janette Butler,
James M. King "Isaac Butler, dec'd who was guardian of Jane K.
Butler, now the wife of Morton O. Moore"
184. RB 8, p. 405 - William J. Brady, dec'd Inv/Sale: 1 Dec 1830
A: Martin Clark Widow
185. RB 8, p. 406 - Deborah Elliott, dec'd Sale: 1 Jan 1831
E: John Elliott Buyers with Elliott name: Eleanor Elliott,
Catherine Elliott, John Elliott
186. RB 8, p. 406 - John Clark, dec'd A: James Clark
Settlement: 5 Nov 1831
187. RB 8, p. 407 - Samuel Wilson, dec'd Widow: Ann Wilson
Dower report: 14 Sep 1831
188. RB 8, p. 407 - Jesse Brashear, dec'd Division of Estate: 19
Sep 1831 Legatees: Jesse Brashear, Mary Jones, Isaac W.
Brashear, Nathan Brashear, Elizabeth Hughs

189. RB 8, p. 411 - John W. Maxwell, dec'd A: George D. Randle
Settlement: 15 Dec 1830 Legatee: Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell
190. RB 8, p. 413 - Joshua Zachery, dec'd Widow's Provision:
Elizabeth Zachery (17 Nov 1831) A: John Shelton, Elizabeth
Zachery
191. RB 8, p. 418 - George McCrackin, dec'd Settlement: Nov 1828
A: Armstrong McMurry
192. RB 8, p. 419 - Anderson Searcy, dec'd DOW: 17 Jan 1832
P: Feb 1832 Wife: Lucy Searcy N: "Beverly Randolphs wives
children", "William W. Searcy, Junr children", "Robert Searcys
children" E: Wife, Beverly Randolph, Leaman Hach
W: Benjamin Marable, Fred E. Becton, Senr.
193. RB 8, p. 420 - John Knight, dec'd DOW: 21 Dec 1831
P: Feb 1832 Wife: Sally Knight L: William P. King
"land...belonging heretofore to the heirs of Jacob Tilman, dec'd"
wife's two children: William C. Knight, Evelina D. Knight
L: Junior Perry, James Clements s: Washington J. Knight
2 daughters: Eliza W. Knight, Cynthia C. Knight E: Samuel Booth,
Henry Castleman W: Edmund [Clussion??], Thos. Owens
194. RB 8, p. 421 - Matthew Hunt, dec'd DOW: 2 Sep 1828
P: Feb 1832 Wife and E: Nancy Hunt "younger children"
children: Henry Hunt, Lucinda McEwen, William Hunt, Mary Crouse,
John W. Hunt, Elizabeth Hunt, Berry[?] Hunt, Nancy Hunt, Derinda
Hunt, Bennett Hunt W: Noah Dill, Seymore R. Powell, Lewis
Nolen, John McKinley, John Thompson, Cader Dement
195. RB 8, p. 423 - Lemuel Birthright, dec'd DOW: 21 Apr 1831
P: Feb 1832 Wife & E: Mary Birthright 4 children [not of
age or married] W: Elijah W. Staton, Montgomery C. Birthright,
John D. Black
196. RB 8, p. 424 - Allen Rainey, dec'd Inv/Sale R: Apr 1832
E: Thomas Harwell
197. RB 8, p. 425 - Isaac M. Marable, dec'd Inv: 1831
Minor heirs: Martha J. Marable, Eliza J. Marable
198. RB 8, p. 427 - John Thompson, dec'd Inv/Sale R: Apr 1832
"Daid Thompson, 1 large Bible"
199. RB 8, p. 428 - James P. Rankin, dec'd Inv/Sale: 16 Dec 1831
A: William C. Rankin
200. RB 8, p. 430 - Travis Marable, dec'd Inv/Sale: 3 Jan 1832
A: William G. Massey, John Mosby
201. RB 8, p. 431 - Thomas Beasley, dec'd Inv R: Apr 1832
E: Robert Williams

202. RB 8, p. 431 - William Vandike, dec'd Inv R: Apr 1832
E: Alsa Harris
203. RB 8, p. 432 - James Endale, dec'd Add Inv R: Apr 1832
A: Thomas H. Read
204. RB 8, p. 432 - Matthias Crouse, dec'd Inv/Sales: Feb 1832
A: Spencer Crouse
205. RB 8, p. 432 - Richard Dean, dec'd Inv/Sale: Dec 1831
E: Benjamin Flowers
206. RB 8, p. 433 - John Johns, dec'd Guardian: James Rucker
Return: Jan 1832 Heirs: Stephen B. Johns, Clement Johns, Edmund
G. Johns
207. RB 8, p. 437 - Joshua Harrison, dec'd Guardian: Robert P.
Shapard Return: Feb. 1832 Heirs: William J. Harrison, Mary
Harrison
208. RB 8, p. 438 - Joseph Morton, dec'd Guardian: Thos. S.
Anthony R: May 1832 Minor heirs: Joseph L. Morton, Martha M.
Morton, Cecilia W. Morton
209. RB 8, p. 442 - Joshua Harrison, dec'd Guardian: James Maney
1831 Heir: Martha Harrison
210. RB 8, p. 442 - John Woods, dec'd Guardian: Robert Wood
Feb 1832 Heirs: Martha J. Keith, wife of Lee Keith, John S.
Wood, Sarah Wood, Judity Wood, Mary Wood, Virginia Wood, America
Wood
211. RB 8, p. 443 - Joseph Smith, dec'd Guardian: A.G. Barlow
R: May 1832 Minor heirs: John Smith, Elizabeth Smith
212. RB 8, p. 444 - Simon W. Slack, dec'd Feb. 1832
Guardian: John N. Nance Minor heirs: Simon W. Slack, Martha W.
Slack, Granville A. Nance, A. E. Slack
213. RB 8, p. 445 - Joshua Harrison, dec'd Guardian: James Maney
Feb. 1832 Heir: Ellen Harrison
214. RB 8, p. 445 - Andrew M. Alexander, dec'd Guardian: James
McKnight May 1832
215. RB 8, p. 446 - John Warren, dec'd Guardian: Thomas Yardley
Heirs: Luiza Warren, Peterson Warren, Benjamin Warren
216. RB 8, p. 446 - Abner Dement, dec'd 24 Sept 1830
A: John Hoover, Spill C. Hoskins Guardian: Charles Dement
Wards: John and David Dement
217. RB 8, p. 447 - Henry M. Hudson, dec'd Guardian: William
Parker R: May 1832 Heirs: Lodwick Hudson, Henry Hudson,
Francis Hudson

218. RB 8, p. 447 - Guardian: William Smith Ward: James Morton
22 Feb 1832
219. RB 8, p. 448 - Guardian: Jacob Wright Ward: Amanda Dill
Feb 1832
220. RB 8, p. 448 - Guardian: William Vinson Ward: Alfred S.
Oglevie R: May 1832
221. RB 8, p. 448 - Jacob Tilman, dec'd Guardian: Glover W.
Banton Feb 1832 Heirs: Thomas Tilman, Robert Tilman
222. RB 8, p. 449 - William G. Harris, dec'd R: May 1832
Guardian: James Clark Minor heir: John L. Harris
223. RB 8, p. 449 - Cyrus Sharp, dec'd Guardian: Burrel Perry
1831
224. RB 8, p. 449 - William Sledd, dec'd Guardian: Edmund
Goodrich Feb 1832 Minor heirs: John M. Sledd, Elizabeth Sledd
225. RB 8, p. 450 - Squire Knox, dec'd 1831 Heirs: Nancy D.
Knox, George W. Knox, Tillitha M.E. Knox, Polly Knox
226. RB 8, p. 450 - Guardian: John S. Lowe Ward: Walter S. Lowe
Feb 1832
227. RB 8, p. 451 - James Tucker, dec'd Guardian: John McKinley
4 Jan 1832 Minor heirs: Sarah Tucker, Elizabeth Tucker
228. RB 8, p. 451 - Guardian: Nathaniel Grier Wards: Nathaniel
Pybas, Elizabeth Pybas 4 Feb 1832
229. RB 8, p. 451 - John Carter, dec'd Guardian: Abram Overall
1831
230. RB 8, p. 451 - Guardian: Hiram Cox Minor Heirs: James Cox,
Isham Cox, Jackson Cox, Samuel Cox, William Cox Feb 1832
231. RB 8, p. 452 - Thomas A. Harris, dec'd Settlement: Feb 1832
A: Henry Ridley, William P. Booker "widow"
232. RB 8, p. 455 - John Goodloe, dec'd Settlement: 14 Feb 1832
A: Morris N. Goodloe
233. RB 8, p. 455 - Mary C. Collier, dec'd Settlement: 11 Feb
1832 A: Benjamin Fergason "...for money due from previous to
the death of the dec'd to wit, for sum removing her and 10 negroes
from the State of Virginia..."
234. RB 8, p. 457 - Thomas J. Mabry, dec'd Guardian: William P.
Booker Settlement: Nov 1831 "minor heirs" N: Mrs. Mabry

235. RB 8, p. 458 - Isaac Butler, dec'd Settlement: 23 Nov 1831
A: Jeanet Butler, James M. King
236. RB 8, p. 460 - John Alexander, dec'd Settlement: 6 Jan 1832
A: Jacob Wright
237. RB 8, p. 461 - Deborah Elliott, dec'd A: John Elliott
Settlement: Feb 1832
- 238, RB 8, p. 462 - Ransom Hogwood, dec'd Settlement: 11 Feb 1832
A: Elizabeth Hogwood
239. RB 8, p. 462 - Jonathan Laurance, dec'd Settlement: 18 Feb
1832 A: William H. Laurance
240. RB 8, p. 463 - William Lytle, Senr., dec'd Settlement:
7 Jan 1832 E: Samuel P. Black, Samuel Anderson
Legatees: William F. Lytle, Margaret Taylor, Julia M. Lytle, now
Julia M. Nichol
241. RB 8, p. 463 - Joseph Arbuckle, dec'd Division of Negroes:
24 Dec 1831 Legatees: "the three girls...Lucy, Polly and
Paulina", Mary ARbuckle, William Keziah, Ralston and Rush H.
Arbuckle
242. RB 8, p. 464 - Guardian: Lewis G. Thomas Ward: P.J. Thomas
Report: 25 Nov 1831
243. RB 8, p. 464 - Travis Marable, dec'd Settlement
"house of Martha Keeble, late Martha M. Marable, widow" "children
of deceased"
244. RB 8, p. 465 - John Smith, dec'd Guardian: James Sandford
Minor Heir: Mary S. Smith Settlement: 3 Feb 1832
245. RB 8, p. 465 - Eden Donnell, dec'd R: 5 May 1832
A: James A. Black
246. RB 8, p. 467 - Sarah Hutchinson, dec'd DOW: 20 Feb 1830
P: May 1832 s: William Hutchinson, Thomas Hutchinson, James
Hutchinson d: Luciller Floyd [to get] "negro woman named
Milley...said Milly was born 22nd of May 1802" d: Jane Williford,
Mary Gett "my six children" E: Robert Overall, Richard Floyd,
son, Thomas Hutchinson W: Jordan Williford, Willis Williford,
Robert Williford
247. RB 8, p. 468 - Samuel Armstrong, dec'd DOW: 7 Nov 1831
P: May 1831 [1832?] R: 8 Aug 1832 Wife: Polly Minverva
Armstrong father in law: William Doran brothers & sisters:
Zenes Armstrong, Margaret Bibb, wife of David Bibb, Knox Armstrong
"interest I have to a tract of land belonging to heirs of my
father: Samuel Armstrong, dec'd said land lying and being in North
Carolina, Rowan County" E: William McKnight, Even McKnight
W: James McKnight, A. Doran, Samuel D. Wanner

248. RB 8, p. 470 - William Adams, Senr., dec'd DOW: 1827
 P: May 1832 Wife: Susannah Adams d: Eliza Johnson, wife of
 Henry Johnson "now she is dead to her 4 children namely, Isaac
 Johnson, William Johnson, Tilman Johnson, Tenir Johnson"
 "my other children" s: Edward Adams, Buckner Adams E: sons,
 William Adams, Edward Adams W: A. Weatherly, James M. Weatherly
249. RB 8, p. 471 - Joseph Arbuckle, dec'd Return: 23 May 1832
 Guardian: James S. Jetton Wards: Mary Arbuckle, Paulina
 Arbuckle, Rush H. Arbuckle N: Lucy Arbuckle
250. RB 8, p. 471 - John Arnold, dec'd R: Aug 1832
 Guaridan: Mrs. Card Windrow Minor heir: John K.N. Arnold
251. RB 8, p. 472 - Guardian: Lewis Garner in right of his wife
 R: Aug 1832 Ward: Elizabeth A. Rucker
252. RB 8, p. 473 - Guardian: John Clark Ward: Ransom P. Bowman
 May 1832
253. RB 8, p. 473 - Guardian: Thomas Garner Ward: B.M. Garner
 21 May 1832
254. RB 8, p. 474 - Guardian: David M. Jarratt A: Jacob Wright
 Wards: Harvy Lumney, Cinthy Lumney, Candy Lumny, John Lumny,
 Lafayette Lumny "illegitimate children of John Alexander,
 dec'd"
255. RB 8, p. 475 - Guardian: Hugh Kirk Ward: Elizabeth Kirk
 May 1832
256. RB 8, p. 475 - Guardian: Stephen Linch R: Aug 1832
 heir: M. E. Maxwell
257. RB 8, p. 475 - Thomas Nash, deceased 21 May 1832
 Guardian of minor heirs: Dennis Holden
258. RB 8, p. 476 - Sterling Ivie, deceased E: John H. Ivie
 Settlement: 11 May 1832 "widow and children"
259. RB 8, p. 477 - James Endaley, deceased Settlement
 A: Robert L. Weakley/Weatherly; Thomas H. Read 11 May 1832
260. RB 8, p. 478 - Joseph Arbuckle, deceased Settlement
 21 May 1832 A: James S. Jetton, William D. Baird "legatees
 bestowing on their mother all the household and kitchen
 furniture..."
261. RB 8, p. 479 - Joseph Dill, deceased E: Dr. Isaac Dill
 Settlement: 12 May 1832 "land sold in South Carolina"
262. RB 8, p. 481 - John Davis, deceased Settlement R: 13 Aug
 1832 A: A. Taylor, Elizabeth Davis

263. RB 8, p. 482 - James H. Blakely, deceased Settlement
18 May 1832 A: Isaac Miller
264. RB 8, p. 483 - Guardian: Stephen Linch 15 Feb 1832
Heir: Jackson C. Brothers
265. RB 8, p. 484 - Joseph Smith, deceased Settlement: 19 Apr
1832 Guardian: Albert G. Barlow Heir: John Smith, Richard R.
Raney, "the husband of Elizabeth [Smith]"
266. RB 8, p. 484 - John Knight, deceased 16 Mar 1832
widow's allotment
267. RB 8, p. 484 - William Thomas, deceased Inventory/Sales
Buyers with last name Thomas: Frances Thomas, William Thomas
R: 13 Aug 1832
268. RB 8, p. 486 - Anderson Searcy, deceased Inventory/Sale: 9
Mar 1832 E: B. Randolph N: Mrs. Lucy Searcy
269. RB 8, p. 489 - William Vaughan, deceased Settlement: 28 Dec
1831 "divide and set apart negroes belonging to heirs"
Widow: Patsy/Martha Vaughan Heirs: William A. Vaughan, Martha
Vaughan, James R. Vaughan, Elizabeth H. Vaughan A: Martha
Vaughan, Joseph B. Johns N: John B. Johns, executor of Abner
Johns
270. RB 8, p. 492 - Jane Elam, deceased Inventory: 21 May 1832
A: William Elam
271. RB 8, p. 492 - Jacob Fox, deceased Inventory: 1831
A: Matthias Fox
272. RB 8, p. 492 - Matthias Hunt, deceased Inventory/Sale: 10
Mar 1832
273. RB 8, p. 493 - John Knight, deceased Inventory/Sale: 16 Mar
1832 buyers with last name Knight: Sally Knight, Washington I.
Knight E: Samuel Boothe
274. RB 8, p. 495 - William Locke, deceased Inventory/Sale
A: Samuel B. Lock R: Aug 1832
275. RB 8, p. 497 - Samuel Bellah, deceased Sale: 9 mar 1832
A: John G. Bellah N: Elizabeth Bellah; John Bellah
276. RB 8, p. 499 - Casandra Wilson, a deaf and dumb person 1832
Guardian: Samuel Wilson
277. RB 8, p. 499 - Edward Atwood, deceased R: 12 Nov 1832
Guardian: James Blackwood Orphan: Polly Atwood

278. RB 8, p. 499 - Will of David Burlason DOW: 28 Feb 1828
 P: Aug 1832 Wife: Ursula Burlason s: John Burlason,
 [Moses ?] Burlason, David Burlason, William Burlason, Hill K.
 Burlason, Isaac Burlason d: Sarah Rolling, Mary Brooks, Nelly
 Rolling, Margaret Pope, Ursula Self W: Benjamin Marable,
 Fred. E. Becton

279. RB 8, p. 500 - Will of Thomas Hall DOW: 28 Apr 1830
 P: Aug 1832 Wife: Jane Hall "divided among the children
 equally" N: James D. Norman s: John C. Hall, Edward I. Hall
 d: [Arthersa ?] Hall, Mary M. Hall, Elizabeth I. Hall
 E: Henry Norman, Burrell P. Johnson W: Edward Johnson, Matthias
 W. Hoover

280. RB 8, p. 501 - William P. Miller, nuncupative will [An oral
 will declared or dictated by the testator in his last sickness
 before a sufficient number of witnesses, and afterwards reduced to
 writing. A will made by the verbal declaration of the testator,
 and usually dependent merely on oral testimony for proof.]
 1 June 1832 Father: Isaac Miller W: Thomas Richardson,
 William B. Claitor

281. RB 8, p. 502 - Will of Elizabeth Sugg, wife of John H. Sugg
 DOW: 22 Sep 1831 P: Aug 1832 2 sisters: Patsy Page, wife of
 Edmond Page; Jemima Strong, wife of John Strong E: Stephen
 Linch W: Fred. E. Becton, Jr.; George Aler N: John H.
 Sugg and his 3 sons, William Sugg, Timothy Sugg, Herbert Sugg;
 Peter Arnold

Alfred Blackman

"Esq." Alfred Blackman (1790-1872) was born in Clinton, North Carolina and came to Rutherford County with his parents, James Blackman and Elizabeth Oates, in the spring of 1808.

The Blackmans had lived in and around Clinton, N.C. for at least four generations and were closely associated with the King and Snell families there. Ann Snell, the daughter of Roger and Ann Snell, was married to a King and they had children. Later, widow Snell married Stephen Blackman, the father of James Blackman and the grandfather of Alfred Blackman, therefore the King and Blackman children by Ann Snell-King-Blackman were half brothers and sisters. Ann and Stephen had two sons, John and Bennett Blackman who came to Davidson around 1800 and later were extensive landholders in Davidson, Williamson and Maury counties. The Blackman-Trimble House, now standing and built by Bennett Blackman, is said to be the oldest house in Maury County. Their brother, James and son, settled on a 2,600 acre tract in the area later to be known as Blackman Community. The Kings and Blackmans (half brothers) and their kin, the Snells all came into Rutherford County in the early 1800s and were the pioneer settlers in the western part of this county. Most of the land upon which these people settled was called the Armstrong Grant of 7,200 acres. Armstrong never came here but some of his children did.

Alfred Blackman, My Great-Great Grandfather, was just eighteen years of age when he arrived in our beautiful county one hundred and seventy six years ago. About 1811 he was married to Elizabeth Crawford, the daughter of Lazarus Crawford of Rutherford, County. They became the parents of the following children:

- I. Raiford Crawford Blackman - Ann Rebecca Ridout - 1853.
(this writer's great grand parents)
- II. Hillary Oates Blackman
- III. Temperance Fanning Blackman
- IV. Sarah Jane M. McLane
- V. Lazarus Blackman M. Watson
(ancestors of the Bateys, Lassiters, Huddlestons of this county.)
- VI. James Blackman.
- VII. William Blackman.
- VIII. Ollen Blackman.
(Great-Grandfather of the Actress, Loretta Young)
- VIV. Benjamin Blackman.
- X. Julia Ann Blackman M. Hezakiah Howse
(parents of Hillary E. Howse, mayor of Nashville, Tenn. for about 30 years - cir. 1910-1940.)

Blackman Community was named for Alfred, not his father who settled here. Alfred (Known as "Esquire" because he was a magistrate in his district for a long time) became the honoree due to the fact that he lived a long life and was prominent in the affairs of his community.

The old family home, long destroyed, was located on Vaughn Road, about one mile south east of the cross roads and one hundred yards south of the cemetery which still stands.

Alfred, his sons and the slaves, grew an enormous amount of cotton on the large plantation when "cotton was king" in Rutherford, County. He owned the blacksmith shop that stood in the south east quadrant of the cross road and it was operated by one of his slaves. The iron gate now at the cemetery was handcrafted by the slave blacksmith. The shop was a very important facility because all farm equipment was repaired there and even some things built at the shop. Custom work was performed for the public. Example of charges to the public; "Pointing a plow" 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents. (this writer has many papers which represent the life and times of the family).

Alfred, his wife, his mother, and most of the children are buried in the old cemetery mentioned above. The story of the cemetery, as told to me by Uncle Horace Blackman, was as follows. After selecting a high place in the field one hundred yards back of the house that drained in all directions, he hired a contractor at a cost of 500 dollars to build a rock wall to enclose an eternal resting place for the family. Rocks were hand hewn and pulled to the location by oxen. These square cut stones are from two to sixteen feet long and one foot thick. The wall measures fifty feet on four sides and is four feet high.

All the tall spire shaped grave markers, pointing to last resting places, have fallen to the ravages of time and neglect.

The graveyard is involved in the story of the "lost gold". During the Civil War, Alfred and Elizabeth had a considerable amount of gold in coin and being fearful that it might be confiscated by the Yankees, looked for some safe place to hide the

money. They first considered hiding the gold in the graveyard but, being fearful that it might be found, they finally decided to hide their money among a large amount of sweet potatoes stored in the basement of one of the slave cabins nearby. When Alfred went into the basement the slave family living there became suspicious. During the night the slaves found the gold, loaded their belongings onto a mule cart and left. As luck would have it, he lost the gold, his slaves, and a mule.

Alfred was over seventy years old at the beginning of the Civil War so, in this brief account of his life and times, we will not attempt to tell of the ravages inflicted upon this family and others in the area.* Blackman, being a very fertile country, was foraged upon severely by the Yankees. Destruction was complete. neighbors who suffered like fates were the Bateys, Beesleys, his son, R.C. who had married Ann Ridout and owned a farm, and many others.

About 1811, soon after Alfred and Elizabeth Crawford were married, Rev. Stone from Kentucky came into the community to preach and, because of his influence, the young couple were converted to the Church of Christ and remained strong advocates for the rest of their long lives.

* I have the King Papers, a story by Wm.H.King who was 14 years of age who tells the story of the horrors inflicted upon a family of neighbors to the Blackmans.

Alfred and his wife had a leading roll in establishing the first Church of Christ in Rutherford County. Formed in 1812, the group met on the banks of Overall Creek in the Blackman area. Eventually this congregation became a part of the East Main Congregation in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Alfred was a trustee and elder in 1860 when the new church was built on East Main Street. Carol Roberts, (RONS Pub. No.22) states Alfred Blackman paid most of the cost of the lot upon which the present East Main Street Church of Christ now stands. During his tenure as elder, he was personally acquainted with many prominent persons who attended East Main before, during, and after the Civil War.

Alfred Blackman died in 1872 at the age of 82. His will provides, in part, that two aged ministers of his faith be hired and paid two hundred dollars to preach his and his family's funeral and that they preach for two days.

The village of Blackman contained, in addition to the blacksmith shop, a store, post office, another blacksmith shop, by Dr. Manson's house, and two doctors offices. All that remains of this once bustling village is a small store at the cross roads.

ALFRED BLACKMAN, DECEASED WILL

November 25, 1870, I, Alfred Blackman of the State of Tennessee, Rutherford County, as I have given all my property and money to my Family up to this present date to my satisfaction, I appoint my Son Hillery O. Blackman and William B. Lillard to divide the balance of my money that I may leave at my death amongst my heirs equally that I will name below, after paying my burial expenses and reserving two hundred dollars to pay two good preachers to preach my funeral, my wives, my Mothers, and children which are all buried in my graveyard together. These I wish to preach two days for us a I am satisfied from experiences that I have had for fifty years that we are on the true foundation of the Apostles and Prophets Jesus Christ being the chief corner Stone. These preachers I wish to be out of my own denomination and aged experienced men. I proceed now to name my heirs, first heir, Ollen M. Blackman, two grandchildren by the name of Jenny and Robert Royal. Second heir, Raford C. Blackman, third heir, Blazarus Blackman, three children by the name of Alfred, Elizabeth, and Martha, fourth heir, Hillery O. Blackman, fifth heir, James A. Blackman, daughter named James, sixth heir, Julia House, seventh heir, Delia Lillard, eighth heir, Sarah Jane McClanes, four children by the name of Alfred, Charles, Julia and Sally, ninth heir, Mary Harding, tenth heir, Temperence Fannings, Son by the name of William A. Fannings, his money to be received when he is twenty-one years of age and if he should die before that time then all the money that I have given him must return to the balance of my heirs that is named above. Last I give myself to God in whom my hopes of Heaven depends.

/s/ Alfred Blackman

Witness:

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Probst Marshal's Office,
MURFREESBORO, TENN.

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Above-- receipt for tax paid to Yankee army.
Below-- Pass issued by the [unclear] Probst Marshal.



Blackman Cemetery (Cir 1850)
Blackman, Tennessee
Rutherford County



Alfred Blackman- 179J-1872
(walking cane now owned by RWB.)

No. 300

James E. Wilson
 To-Bill of Sale
 Alford Bleckman

State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

I have this day sold and do hereby convey

to Alford Bleckman, his heirs and assigns forever, for 300.00 dollars to me paid, a woman slave named Frances. I warrant the title to said slave to the said Bleckman, his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claim of all persons, and I also warrant her to be sound, healthy, sensible and a slave for life; this the 20th day of January, 1875.

Recorded at:
 (Rutherford County Court House)
 Murfreesboro, Tenn.

James E. Wilson
 (seal)

Robert W. Baskin Sr. 1961

Jan 1st		77	
Jan 2nd		141	60
C. P. ...	X	13	50
J. R. ...		1	30
C. P. ...		1	60
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M. A. W. ...	10	4	30
L. ...	5	4	42
N. ...		4	17
G. ...		4	17
H. ...		3	70
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Total		118	

Items sold at an auction sale.



ELIZABETH CADY FORD AND ALFRED BLACKMAN.

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