

CHAPTER 15

PEOPLE ATTENDING THE CHURCH DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

NEWMAN FAMILY

In approximately 1811 the Newman family moved to the Big Sandy Valley at Burnaugh, to the Newman farm, as was known for many years. Later the Harold Runyon farm and now owned by International Nickel Company Inc. and they now have a large plant operating on this land.

In 1847 Francis Marion Newman was born on this farm. He married Sidney Ann Garfield. One child, Lena Eivers Newman was born to this union.

Lena's Grandfather and Grandmother attended Kavanaugh Charel all their lives, in the early days of the church.

Lena grew up in the church, records show she was faithful in her attendance in all church activities. Her parents attended the church all their life.

In 1913 Lena married Allen C. Davis and moved to Huntington, W. Va. She is now living at 1640--6th Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.

Francis Marion and Sidney Ann Newman are buried in the Church Cemetery.



LENA NEWMAN

Officers and Teachers.

John Kirk, Supt.	X	X	X	0	X
Dr. James Finney Teacher.	X	X	X	X	X
Mrs. Colie - Night Organist.	X	X	X	X	X
Lena Treas. & Sec.	X	X	X	X	X
Mr. Allie Black Teacher	X	X		00	
Miss Birdie Finney,	X	X		X	X

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Class No. 1.

Mr. Rosie Wright.	X	X	X	X	X	0	X
Mr. W. J. Harden.	X	X	X		X	0	X
Mr. H. B. Brown.	0	0	0	0	0	0	X
Miss. Annie Sarnes.						0	0
Miss. Laura Compton.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mr. George Campbell.						0	0
Mr. Jack Coznowell.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mr. James Finney.	0	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mr. R. J. Thompson.	X	X	X	0	X	0	0
Lena Newbarr.	X	X	X	X	0	X	X
Mrs. T. G. Fitchard.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mrs. R. J. Thompson.	0	X	X	0	X	0	0
Mrs. A. J. Haven.	X	X	0	0	0	0	0
Mr. James Lindick.	X	X	0	0	0	0	0
Mrs. C. C. Chadwick.	X	0	0	0	0	0	0

~~Miss. L. J. Fitchard.~~
 Mrs. Paul Paves. X
 Elsie Davis
 Alvin Furman.
 Nannie Finney.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Among our childhood memories the happiest perhaps were those associated with the Sabbath. It was a wonderful day to look forward to all week long, a very special and beautiful day. Then weekday routines were mostly set aside, then we were able to see and mingle with our friends. Most of Friday and Saturday were spent in preparation for Sunday. On Friday the house was cleaned. Saturday's activities were centered in the kitchen, where a cake was made, a ham baked or chickens dressed. Vegetables were gathered, also fruits or berries, whatever that was in season. Nobody's religion called for fasting on the Sabbath.

On Sunday morning an air of expectancy and bustle filled the place. Morning chores were conducted with more speed than usual. In addition to feeding chickens and the other animals, and milking, in the summer the boys cracked ice and froze a two-gallon freezer of ice-cream. This was stored in the cellar until dinner time.

Then or now, a farm family getting ready for church or a trip to town, was subject to having a small crisis arise without a moment's notice. Sometimes it was pigs in the garden, a calf or lame on the highway, sometimes a person from town requesting permission to fish or hunt or even a small crisis as someone's lost sock could create turmoil. The most devastating and disastrous, however, was to have a C & O train stop on your crossing and block passage to the highway .

Finally, all difficulties conquered, we were all packed into the surrey, or later the T-Model Ford, and ready to start the three mile trip to Kavanaugh Chapel. There we would spend two hours in Sunday-school and church services. The most interesting landmark on the way to Kavanaugh was a beautiful Indian Mound on the Faulkner Farm. Almost every Sunday our father would tell us about the Indian chief buried there, along with his favorite horse, dog, bow, knife and possibly even his wife. Two public watering troughs, a bridge, and three railroad crossings also added interest to the trip.

Once there, our father hitched the horse to the Church yard fence. Finding shade was no problem, as the area was surrounded by majestic oak trees, some of which still stand. We all got out, smoothed the wrinkles from our clothing and went up the walk to the door. There our mother gave us a final inspection, which included removal of gum from mouths before we entered the church.

The sanctuary was spacious and well-lit by the three windows on each side of the building. From the high ceiling

hung several elaborate chandeliers holding kersonene lamps. The pews, handmade of heavy oak, were very long in the center section, with shorter ones on each side. On the left side there was less sun in the summertime, also these windows gave a good view of the graveyard. If the sermon was dull, you could read the inscriptions on the tombstones. One presiding-elder always referred to "the silent city of the dead just outside" to impress upon us the need for repentance, I suppose. We were partial to the ministers who spoke with spirit and told goodstories. Even on warm days there was usually a nice breeze passing through between the windows.

The older men who attended church services usually sat toward the front in the center section. We children were somewhat awed by their presence. Among the earliest I remember, in the era of 1912--1920, were these: James Finney, a Virginier, Francis Marion Newman, who seemed very old and was almost blind. He wore a black hat and dark glasses. His father came to the community from North Carolina. Canterbury, a very early post office, was near the Newman home. Jack Turman lived on Rush Creek. W. H. Harris, the Sunday-school superintendent, was very tall with white hair. He accompanied the hymns of the congregation by playing a cornet. His son, Ishmael, played a violin. Lewis Faulkner, whose family gave part of the land for the church, and Joe Hendrick and Burr Knight, whose grandfather also gave part of the land, attended frequently.

At the right of the pulpit, on a lower level, was a section called the "Amen Corner." Here sat visiting ministers or people who wished to show their support and approval of the speaker by a loud "Amen" occasionally throughout the service. One of the most loved ministers to visit was the Rev. Oliver Black. His grandfather had given the beautiful pulpit furniture to the church. Another special visitor was Mr. Holland Burns of Louisa, who come about once a year to the Sunday School Convention, when there was an all-day service with dinner on the ground. "Uncle Roll" who was very old and had a long gray beard, would go to the pulpit and make a short talk then lead the congregation in his favorite song, "We'll Roll the Old Chariot Along."

Another means of promoting Sunday-schools was the annual "Go to Sunday-School Day", the first Sunday in May. There was great competition among neighboring churches to have the best attendance. Two great local leaders in this movement were Mr. J. F. Hatten and his daughter, Elizabeth, of the neighboring church at Buchanan. Mr. Hatten was an early member of the Kavanaugh Church. He and other members of his family are buried in the church yard.

The first Sunday-school Superintendent I remember at Kavanaugh was Miss Beatrice Finney, "Miss Birdie". She was a gifted Christian educator who had spent some time as a missionary in Africa. She not only was the superintendent, but also the organist, and a teacher as well. She had a wonderful influence on all our lives. Many who memorized the first psalm while in her class found it to be an unfailing guide throughout life.

Then there were all the other fine men and women who led the Sunday school through the years--- Mr. Harris, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Granville Neal and Mrs. Harold Runyon. These were faithful people who held on through good times and bad, through Wars, the Depression, illness, personal grief and heartache, and perhaps worst of all, community indifference. What a debt we owe them!

One of the most loved of all the Sunday-school teachers was Mrs. Burr Wright, affectionately called "Miss Rose". She taught the primary class with such kindness and love that most of us immediately think of her when Kavanaugh is mentioned. Miss Nannie Finney was the junior class teacher and what a fine one! We memorized many important passages of Scripture under her supervision, as well as the Books of the Bible. Miss Nannie's sister, Miss Birdie initiated integration in our church before anyone around here had ever heard of it. The only black family in rural Boyd County lived in this community. There were about ten children who had lost their mother when the youngest was two years old. Miss Birdie had them come to our church and she taught them in a class formed for them. Most of the church members supported her in this fine Christian gesture.

Florence Shannon, who was the young people's teacher for many years, was unusually gifted and a great blessing to the church and community.

Since I became a teacher at an early age, I missed a lot of good religious instruction. Working with the children in that church was a rewarding experience. The Sunday-school teacher simply reenforced the moral values already taught at home and expanded the child's religious experience.

In summer the Vacation Bible School supported the Church's Children's program by a week or two of relaxed activities and a learning program that was well-received by both parents and children.

During the 30's and 40's working with the Youth was rewarding and fun, During those years there was an especially nice lively group who enjoyed the church-sponsored activities.

The high point of the year was probably Christmas. Almost every year the Youth prepared a play, gathered evergreens and decorated the church, and sometime during the Season went carolling. The summer ice-cream socials were supported by the Youth who often gathered early Saturday afternoons and froze the ice-cream, set up tables, brought out seats and did other chores. Wiener roasts were popular, and more enjoyed when preceded by a long walk through Georgia Stewart's fragrant pine woods. On summer evenings there were Play Nights when we were joined by youth from neighboring churches for lawn games and sings, often on the Lock property.

Looking back through those years between 1915 and 1960 I see a seemingly endless procession of bright beautiful faces of Shannons, Bryans, Davises, Carters, Lakins, Petermans, Halls, Comptons, Stewarts, Huletts, Rankins, McPeeks, Blacks, Dixons, Moores, Roberts, Opells, Kelleys, Cornwells, Riddles, McGuires, Shivels, Whites, Moseleys, and visiting grandchildren from the Chapmans, Prichards, and Mrs. Powells. Most of these children, whose lives were touched in some way by this church, grew up to become fine, useful men and women, responsible citizens of this and surrounding communities, or perhaps of far-away places. We like to feel that the church brought them not only joy in their childhood and youth, but also that they learned there enduring truths that have sustained their faith in troubled and difficult times. Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men-- may God bless them all!

It is appropriate that those of us who survive in this long march through the years remember with gratitude and thanksgiving our parents. It was they who early took us by the hand and led us in the Paths of Righteousness. While our mothers cleaned, baked, or ironed they sang or hummed hymn tunes which left a lasting imprint on our lives. How often, while at play, or working outside, have we heard bits and snatches of "The Sweet By and By", "The Unclouded Day", or "Rock of Ages" floating through the air. In 1911 my mother stood at the bedside of her dying five-year-old son, and out of the depths of her sorrow said, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; Blessed be the Name of the Lord". A transplanted Baptist, who after marriage found herself in a neighborhood of Methodist Churches, she simply joined the Methodist Church at Kavanaugh and went on from there with even more zeal. She had a family to raise and was determined that they would be at the church every Sunday it was possible to get there. She was a devoted worker in this Church for fifty years and I believe she really loved every minute of it. Our father while perhaps less active in the church, was nevertheless a steadfast supporter of the church's beliefs and its program.

Kavanaugh Chapel has been blessed by an unusual succession of earnest, devout ministers who preached the Gospel in the best Methodist tradition. Each family in the congregation enjoyed a warm relationship with the parsonage family. Even as they were a tower of strength to us in times of adversity and sorrow, they had the support and sympathy of the congregation in their dark hours and hard times. Our love and thanks to these Men of God who served so well.

And now, as we review our church's past and reflect on what it has meant in our lives, let us ask ourselves if we have done what we could and been what we should have been through these years. There is still time for redemption and for service. Never has there been greater opportunity for us to serve God, and in doing so, to show that we love our fellowman.

Written by MARY MOORE DAVENPORT



FIRST ROW: DICK MOORE, RAY BRYAN, HAZEL STEWART, GARNET BRYAN,
EMMA CARTER, JUNE ROBERTS, MARY DIXON, MARY A. STEWART.
SECOND ROW: MRS. JOHN MOORE, TEACHER.
GLADYS ROBERTS.

CRABTREE FAMILY

Hiram and Carrie (Workman) Crabtree moved to U S Lock #2 at Kavanaugh in 1907.

They had three daughters, Elizabeth, Marie, and Nada. Two sons Hiram and George.

Elizabeth married Luther Crofts, Durham, N C.

Marie married Harold Jarrell, Kenova, W Va.

Nada married Rufus Andrews, Durham, N C.

The family attended Sunday School and church regular and took part in all activities of the church. Elizabeth taught a Sunday School Class and sung in the Chior.

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CLASS NO 1

JAMES FINNEY
MRS. JAMES FINNEY
R T THOMPSON
MRS. R T THOMPSON
JOHN KIRK
LENA NEWMAN
ROSE WRIGHT
REBECCA POWELL
NANNIE FINNEY
BEEDIE FINNEY
BELL MC SORLEY
MRS ROBERT PRICHARD
MRS NANCY COMPTON
MR LANE COMPTON
MRS JENNIE PANCO
ESSIE DANIEL

CLASS NO 2

LIZZIE CRABTREE (TEACHER)
MARIE CRABTREE
NADA CRABTREE
BESSIE TURMAN
HIRAM CRABTREE
B M CORNWELL
RUTH KIRK
WALLAR KIRK
BERT KIRK
NANCY B FINNEY
WALTER TURMAN
VIRGINIA TURMAN
DELBERT PRICHARD
MRS JOE COMPTON, JR.
BURNS FINNEY
BALLARD SMITH
IRMA SMITH
CHARLETTE CHADWICK
CLARA BELLE WARD
VIRGIE STITH
EMMA WHITE

Some of this family still returns for homecoming and special days at the church.

THE DAVIS FAMILY

Memories of the Charles and Lenorah Davis family when they attended the Kavanaugh Chapel Methodist Church, as written by their daughter, Grace Davis Harris Temple, now 80 years of age.

Charles, my father, Lenorah, my mother, Paul and Wilbur, my brothers, and Helen my sister moved from Culbertson, Boyd County Kentucky early in 1916. We had attended the Grassland Methodist Church while living at Culbertson.

We moved into the Newman Property. Francis Marion Newman and Sidney Anne Banfield Newman. They were parents of my Aunt Lena Rivers Newman. Lena married A. C. Davis, brother of my father.

We lived there until early 1926 then moved to Ashland, Kentucky.

Since the Methodist Church was the only denomination near, it was natural to attend faithfully.

Sunday School was more important to the young. It was every Sunday while church was shared by other churches in the Preacher's charge. I served as secretary and treasurer at Sunday School and turned money over to the Superintendent, William Harris who paid bills, bought literature and etc. I do not remember how long but I still have a gold plated pen which was given me for helping them. I remember once singing a solo to the tune of "What a Friend We Have In Jesus", but it was a Christian Temperance song and the Minister's wife asked if she could use it. Hessie Wright Played the organ.

One way we made extra money was to give a penny for each year of age. The older ones usually gave a dollar or even money rather than tell their age.

All four of the Davis children went to the Kavanaugh Grade School and after time spent in Teacher College, High School and one year teaching, I came back, lived at home and taught two years in this little school.

After moving to Ashland, Kentucky, Lenorah Davis joined Centenary Methodist Church and at one time was the oldest living member there.

The family scattered, Paul still in Ashland, Kentucky, Wilbur moved to Texas, had a wife and three children. He and his wife both died before they saw any of the daughter-in-laws and grandchildren. Helen lives in Columbus, Ohio and I retired and we moved to Kenton, Ohio where I belong to the First United Methodist Church. It was the first church to be established in Hardin County and we recently celebrated the 150 year Sesqui Centennial of the church. People raided their family attics and wore old time clothes. Even Minister wore long tailed frock coat and tall hat. No organ, Chior sang without song book, collection was taken with long handled baskets, they had a feather on a stick to waken sleepy parishioners. They had history of the church with photographs, newspaper clippings and everything any one had saved or could recall. Truly interesting and informative.

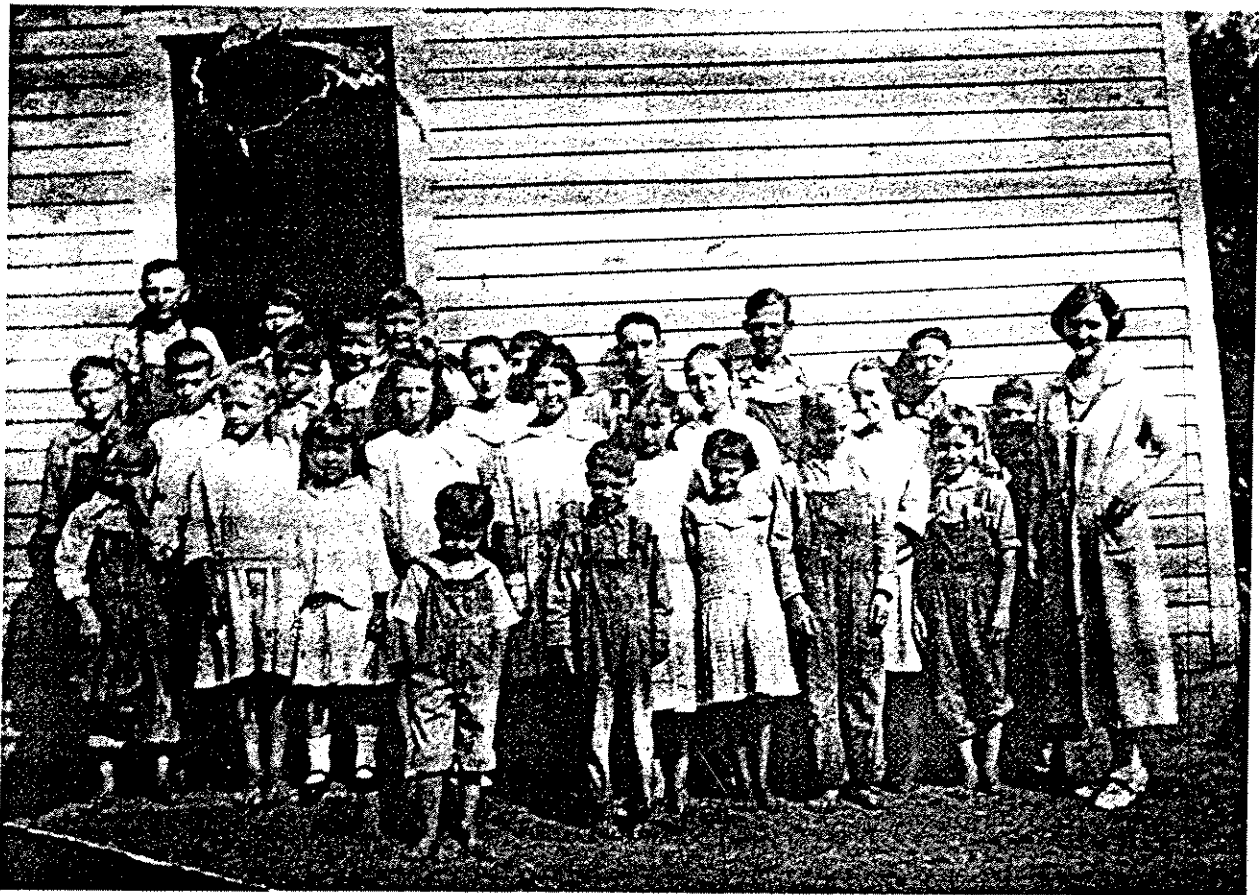
Since William H. Harris, His wife Cora and son Ishmael and daughter Lotus are all deceased I don't know who else would

know more of their activities than I. I met Ishmael Harris at the time of the death of Latus, who had married Delbert Prichard, now dead also. Lotus was born in Fort Gay, West Virginia July 1, 1899. Married Delbert October 14, 1916, joined Kavanaugh Church July 1916, died June 23, 1918.

Mrs. Harris was sickly and did not attend church as often as Mr. Harris. He sometimes played his cornet. Ishamel played violin and Lotus the organ.

Both my father-in-law and mother-in-law died in my house. I had married Ishamel by then and divorced in 1937. He later married Thelma Fridenmaker, and then Gloria Magnani.

Mr. Harris was born Sept 27, 1867, died October 22, 1944. Mrs. Harris died October 14, 1940.



First Row: Ray Bryan, Bob Cornwell

Second Row: Willard Nunley, Mary Dixon, Mary A. Stewart, Ruby Stewart, 2 unknown girls, Gladys Roberts, John Moore, Laban Moore

Third Row: Ivan Carter, Wilbur Stewart, Robert Deskins, Allen Deskins, Eunice Dixon, Helen Davis, Laura Moore, 1 unknown boy.

Fourth Row: French Peterman, O T Carter, John Dixon, Carrie Carter, Bob Tarman, Paul Davis, Wilbur Davis, 1 unknown boy.

Teacher: GRACE DAVIS

LAKIN FAMILY

Joseph Herman and Lueffie (Hornbuckle) Lakin moved to the community in 1916. Mr. Lakin was born in 1873 at Zelda. Mrs. Lakin was born at Kavanaugh in 1884 and attended the church as a small child and until her marriage in 1903, when she moved to Catlettsburg. She died in 1911 and is buried in the Church Cemetery. Mr. Lakin died in 1955 and is buried in the Buchanan Chapel Cemetery.

They had four children, Lucy, Hazel, Carrie, and Opal who died at the age of two years.

These children are decedents of Lewis and Lucy Prichard.

After these children's mother's death, they were raised by their grandmother Lakin.

Lucy married George P Shannon, Hazel married Marion Dixon, and Carrie married Hayze Carter.

Some of the family attended the church from 1916 through 1982.

Carrie remembers as her first Sunday School Teacher, Mrs. Rose Wright and the Sunday School Superintendent, Berdie Finney. Older members attending at this time Mrs. Rebecca Powell and Mrs. Robert Prichard.

Hazel and her family attended the church until around 1943, then they moved to Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Her daughter Edna Jo became a member of the Church 4-16-39.

Hazel died in 1978. Lucy died Oct. 17, 1983 and is buried in the church yard.

Carrie is the only living member of this family. She lives at Procterville, Ohio but returns when she can for Homecoming Day and Memorial day.

DIXON FAMILY

Clark and Minta Dixon moved from Laurel to Kavanaugh in 1920. They lived in the house to the left of the church.

They had eleven children:

Mitchell married Marie Robinette.

Marion married Hazel Lakin.

Goldia married Ralph Black.

Velma married Delbert Kinner.

Eunice married Jim Fitchthorn.

Ruth married Ernest Newsome.

Mary married Calip Preece.

John (deceased).

Paul (deceased).

Jack married Darlene Hale.

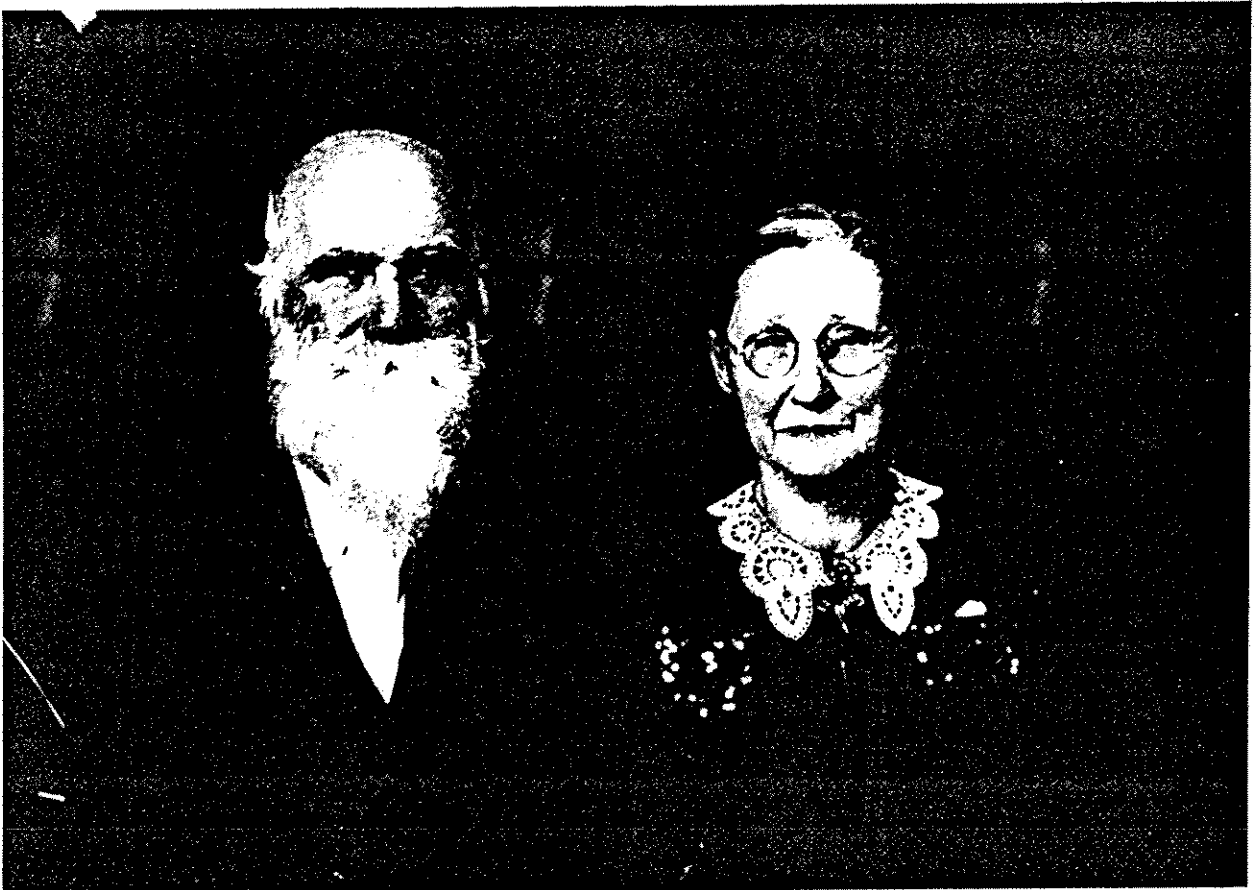
June (deceased).

The family attended the church for many years. They remember William Harris as Sunday School Superintendent, and Rose Wright as teacher.

Daughter Mary, is still active in the church today.

Daughter Eunice, living in Jackson, Ohio, supports the church with a tithe check each year.

Mr & Mrs. Dixon, John, and Paul are buried in the Church Cemetery.



SHANNON FAMILY

The Shannon family came to the Big Sandy valley in the mid-1800's.

Samuel and Elizaceth Alan Shannon were the parents of George Pharoah Shannon.

James and Lu Effie Hornbuckle Lakin were the parents of Lucinda (Lucy) Lakin.

George P Shannon married Lucy Lakin Dec. 20, 1920.

They had seven children, George Sam, Effie Elizabeth (Betty), Alma, Pauline, Lotus Jean, Lucy Ann, and Margaret Lou.

George Sam married Charlene Brown.

Betty married Frank Burnette.

Alma married Paris F Preston.

Pauline married Thomas Hunt.

Jean married John Asher.

Ann married Ronald Bryan.

Margaret married Watson Mosley.

All of Mrs. Shannon's children and some of her grandchildren attended the church down through the years. The grandchildren are the sixth generation of the Eriehard family to attend the church.

Both Lucy and George served as Trustees of the Cemetery and of Church Trustees. Lucy taught the Primary Class for many years. They joined the church in 1937, the minister was Rev. Odell, Church Sunday School Superintendent was Oliver Stewart, Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer was Laura Bryan, Organist and Teacher, Mary Davenport.

Lucy was widely known in the tri-state area. She had a great love for everyone. She loved her children, nothing to great for her to do for them. She loved her Lord, and was always faithful to her church. She always sit in the second seat from the front, on the right as you enter the church. Anything you asked her to do concerning the church work she was always willing and ready.

For many years she rode to church with me, how I treasure those precious conversations as we traveled up and down the Big Sandy Valley. She was always cheerful and happy and let Christ show in her life.

In 1981 she become ill with cancer. She battled this disease for one and one-half year, attending church each time as long as she was able.

While the pastor, Jeff Lambert was visiting her one day he asked her how she felt? Her answer was, "I am ready to go on, I am getting old and I know it is time for me to move out, but I love my children so much I hate to leave them."

On Oct. 17, 1982 she left this world to enter her new home with God.

Her presents with us has been sadly missed.

On 6-28-83 Chimes was placed in the church in memory of Lucy Shannon.



LUCY SHANNON

BERNARD GARRED AND BESSIE (TURMAN) LOCKWOOD FAMILY

Mrs. Lockwood attended the church and Sunday School all through her childhood days being raised near the Turman Ferry.

They have six children.

Doris Evelyn married Jesse Ray Griffith.

Helen Jean died when a baby.

Charles Richard married Mary Lou Howard.

Jack Allen died when a baby.

Paul Edward married Dorlene Wells.

Clyde Vernon married Florence Williams. (2) Marilyn Henry.

During the illness of Mrs. Lockwood's parents, which was about four years, she and the children lived at Turman's Ferry with her mother and father. The children attended Sunday School and church during this time. Laura Moore was their Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Lockwood always returns with her daughter, Doris, for all special days such as Homecoming and Decoration days.

Mr. Lockwood, Helen Jean, and Jack are buried in the Church Cemetery.

THE OLIVER STEWART FAMILY

In November 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stewart and their three older children, Ruby, Wilbur, and Mary Adeline moved from Whites Creek (The Silver Run area), Kentucky to the Kavanaugh community.

Mrs. Stewart (Sadie), who had been a dedicated christian since a very young girl, was a member of the Whites Creek Methodist Church.

Immediately after moving to the new community the family began attending Sunday School and church services at the Kavanaugh Chapel. Soon, during a revival meeting, Mr. Stewart was converted, baptized, and joined the church.

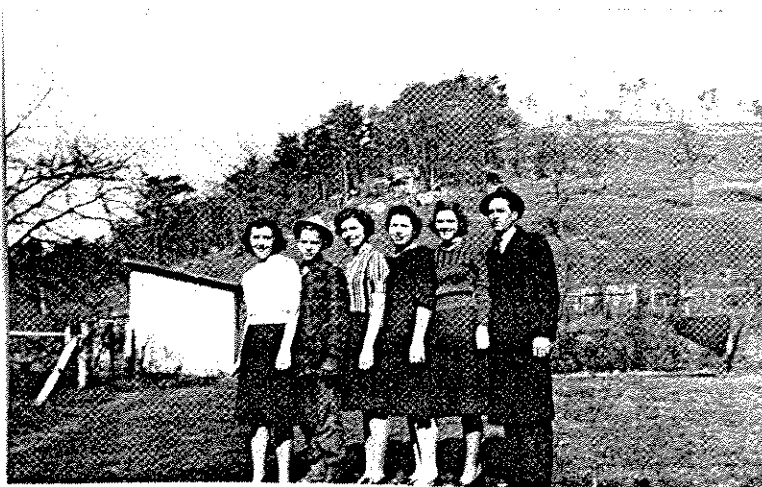
Three other children Hazel, Mabel, and Charles Russell were born to the Stewarts.

Mr. Stewart served as Sunday School Superintendent for several years and Mrs. Stewart served as Sunday School Treasurer. The family remained active in the Kavanaugh Church until they moved out of the community in 1951.

Wilbur married Bertha Dee McCallum and is now living in Venice, Florida. Russell married Elizabeth Grantham and is now in Ashland, Kentucky. Hazel married Robert G. Scott, deceased July 18, 1975. She now lives in Circleville, Ohio. Mabel married Harold Jeter they live in South Point, Ohio. Ruby lives at Route 2, Ironton, Ohio. Mary Adeline married Ercell Vanhorn, lives in Catlettsburg and is a member of the Kavanaugh Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are deceased and buried in Woodland Cemetery in Ironton, Ohio.

A folding table was placed in the basement in memory of Oliver Stewart.



RUBY, RUSSELL, MABEL, MARY A, HAZEL, WILBUR



SADIE AND OLIVER STEWART

CARTER FAMILY

Marion T and Elizabeth (Bishop) Carter moved to Kavanaugh Community in 1921.

They had seven children.

Hayze married Carrie Lakin.

Magdalene married Delbert Thompson.

Ivan married Mildred Cornette.

Emma married Ernest McCoy.

O T married Helen McCoy.

Inez married Donald Faulkner.

Marigold (deceased).

They all attended Kavanaugh Church and Sunday School during the time they lived in the community.

The girls have sweet memories of their happiness in their childhood days when they were attending the church.

Mr. Carter was baptized in the creek in back of the church.

Ivan and Mildred's daughters, Joyce and Ann were very active in M Y F and all church programs while living at Lock No 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter and Emma are deceased and buried in the Church Cemetery.

MOORE FAMILY

Arnold and Alma Moore moved to Kavanaugh in November 1937.

They had three children, Earl, James, and Shelby Jean. It was after dark when Mrs. Moore and the children arrived at their home. The next morning when she looked out she saw the little church. Very soon she heard the Church bell ringing, urging the people to come to the service. She didn't attend very regular but the Stewart Family, who lived up the road from her, picked the children up and took them to Sunday school and church.

After six years Mrs. Moore and the children moved back to Durbin.

In 1948 they moved back to Kavanaugh and lived in a house to the left of the church. Mrs. Moore had been converted and joined the Cyrus Chapel Methodist Church while living on Durbin. On her return to Kavanaugh she moved her membership and her daughter, Shelby Jean joined the Kavanaugh Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Moore expresses her love for the church and so many sweet memories of the people she has had contact with through the Church. Even though she now lives in Catlettsburg, she comes to church everytime she can.



ALMA MOORE

GEORGIA PARSONS

David Leonard Parsons was the son of Joseph W. and CoraBelle (Colley) Parsons of Carter County.

In October 1916 Leonard married Georgia Olive Faulkner in Covington, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Cora Jane (Brumfield) Faulkner, of Boyd County. They had two other children Edith and Carl.

After Mr. Faulkner's death Mrs. Cora Faulkner married V. C. Layne and she lived at Buchanan, Kentucky. Mrs. Layne joined the Kavanaugh Chapel Methodist Church in 1844. Rev. J. D. Garrett was pastor and she always remembered the sermon the night she accepted the Lord, it was "The Fall of Nineva". She was 98 years of age when God called her home.

Mrs. Parsons (Georgia) is a descendent of the Prichard family. She attended Kavanaugh and Buchanan Methodist Churches most of her life. When a child she visited her paternal grandparents who lived at Kavanaugh and her maternal grandparents that lived in Buchanan and they always took her to the church services.

In the early 1920 she lived at Lockwood, Kentucky. In 1935 they built a new home and moved to Leach, Kentucky. After that she attended the Kavanaugh Methodist Church regularly until her husband's death in 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons had one son, Joe Jack. He married Alice Robinette and they had three children, Karl David, Joe Phillip and Barbara Lynn. Georgia loved her grandchildren and brought them to church when they were visiting her.

She supported her church with her presence her prayers and her tithes.

I recall one Sunday morning about the middle of the worship service Georgia began to have chest pains, she asked the pastor Rev. Frank Wallace, to lay his hand on her and have prayer. This he did and in a few minutes God answered prayer, the pain had lessened and Rev. Wallace continued with the rest of the service and Georgia even stayed for Sunday School.

She loved her church and thru her tithes so many things were made possible. In 1971 paneling was being put on three walls of the church building, a ceiling tile was needed, she gave money for this tile. Two Church Pews were given by her and Mr. Parsons in memory of Ballard & Lucinda Faulkner Family and the Parsons Family. She gave the beautiful shrubery around the church.

She taught Sunday School classes and held many church offices down thru the years. She was very faithful in the United Methodist Womens Organization.

After failing health she became unable to drive, her husband would bring her down to the main highway and I would take her to the church services.

After her husband's death she moved to Ashland, Kentucky.

On January 20, 1982 she departed this world and is buried in the Kavanaugh Church Cemetery along with her husband, parents, sister and brother.

A Piano light and folding table was placed in the church in memory of Mrs. Georgia Parsons.



GEORGIA PARSONS

MCCALLUM FAMILY

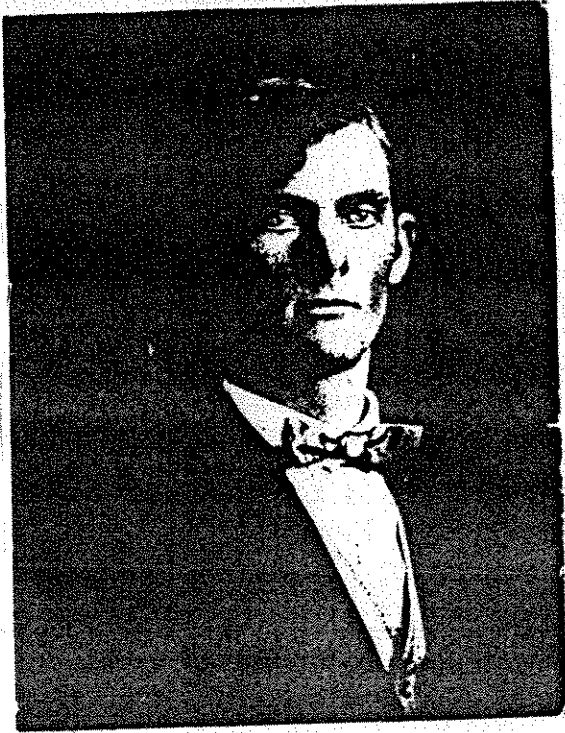
John Grover McCallum was born September 6, 1885 at Mize, Mississippi, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McCallum. He received his formal education at Mize. He left his father's farm there October 27, 1909 and entered Southern School of Telegraphy in Newman, Georgia. He graduated from that school May 16, 1910. After graduating he was sent to E K Junction, Kentucky and accepted the position of Assistant Agent and Telegraph Operator for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company. He worked there five months, then transferred to Gallup, Kentucky working as 1st Operator. There he met and married Blanche Marie Black August 11, 1915.

Blanche was the daughter of Sherman C. and Sarah F. Black of Dubrin, Kentucky. Blanche was the granddaughter of Benjamin F. and Sarah E. Black who attended Kavanaugh Church in 1866.

In 1919 Mr. McCallum was transferred to W D Cabin at Lockwood, Kentucky, as 1st trick operator where he worked until his death August 29, 1936. They resided at the Charley Chadwick place located at the mouth of Durbin Creek on the big sandy river. They attended the Kavanaugh Church for many years, joined the church November 20, 1931. Rev. Loper was pastor. They both served as Stewards for the church.

They have one daughter, Bertha Dee McCallum married to Wilbur A. Stewart formerly of Kavanaugh, now residents of Venice, Florida.

Families remembered as attending the church were, John Moore Family, Oliver Stewart Family, Mrs. Rose Wright and daughter Hessie, The George Bryan Family, The Sylvester Bryan Family, The Clark Dixon Family, The Marion Carter Family, Mrs. George Shannon and Family, The Lewis Faulkner Family, Burr, George and Mary Emily.



J G MCCALLUM



MRS J G M MCCALLUM AND
GRANDDAUGHTER WILLADEE STEWART
GILLIN.



DAUGHTER
BERTHA DEE (MCCALLUM) STEWART

GEORGE AND GOLDIA BRYAN FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan moved to the U S Government Lock #2 at Kavanaugh in the early 1900's. They had two children, Ray and Garnet.

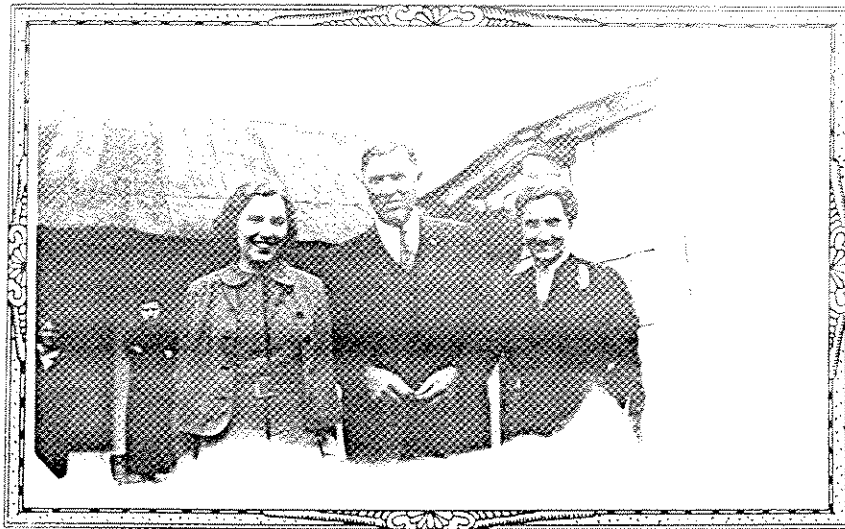
They attended the Kavanaugh Chapel Church. Mrs. Bryan taught a Sunday School Class.

In 1929 Mr. Bryan was transferred to Lock #29 in Ashland, Kentucky. They remained there until he retired.

After retiring they moved to Zelda, built a new home, and attended and were members of Buchanan Chapel Methodist Church.

Mr. Bryan was Sunday School Superintendent for several years. Mrs. Bryan taught a Sunday School Class.

All this family is deceased but Mrs. Bryan and she is in the Elliott's Manor Rest and Retirement Home, 10002 Connell Rd. ,off Highway 51, Charolettsville, N.C. 28212.



GARNET, GEORGE AND GOLDIA

VESS AND BELL BRYAN FAMILY

Sylvester (Vess) and Bell (Byington) moved to Boyd County in 1923.

They had six children, Chester, Laura, Minnie, George, Homer and Katherine Ruth. George and Katherine Ruth died at an early age.

Chester married Gladys Vanhoose

Laura married Rev. R S Derifield

Minnie married Rev. Paul Vickers

Homer married Evelyn Williams

This family were members, held many offices in the church, Laura was Sunday School Secretary for many years. Her husband, Rev. R. S. Derifield was pastor 1947-48.

All this family are deceased but Minnie and she lives at Louisville, Tenn. 37777.



MINNIE BELL AND LAURA

FRENCH AND MARY EMILY (FAULKNER) PETERMAN FAMILY

Mary Emily lived in the Kavanaugh community when a small child, living in the old Faulkner home to the left of the church. She moved to Catlettsburg when she was fourteen years of age.

On Oct. 20, 1939 she married French Peterman and in 1945 they moved back to Kavanaugh community.

They have three children.

Drusilla married Edgar Fyffe.

Charles married Sandra Hearne.

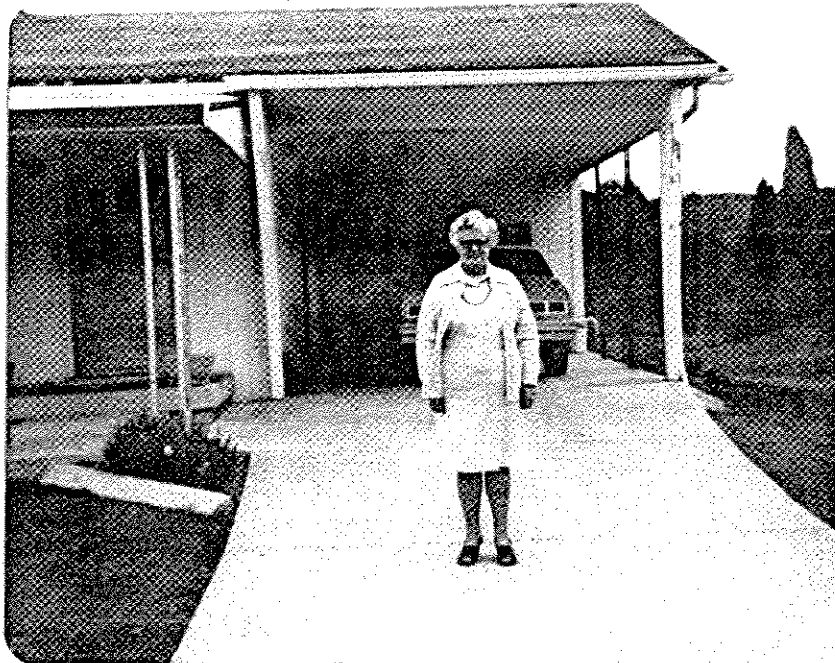
Brenda K Married Daniel B. Huffman.

Mary Emily has attended the Kavanaugh church the most of her life. Her children took a very active part in church and Sunday School during their early years. Drusilla taught the Beginner Sunday School Class in 1957-58. O H Stewart was Sunday School Supertindent, Mary Moore a teacher and Mary Davenport, Pianist.

Mary Emily has served several years in various positions at the Kavanaugh Chapel. Teacher of Junior and Young Adult Classes. Secretary of W S O S (Which was changed to United Methodist Women). At the present time she is serving as Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the Church, already serving in her 27th year.

French Peterman died March 14, 1973, and is buried in the church cemetery.

Mary Emily's children are the fifth generation of the Prichard family to attend the church.



MARY EMILY PETERMAN

CAL AND KATHELEEN HARDWICK

Cal and Katheleen Hardwick moved from Kenova, W. Va., to the Big Sandy Valley in 1946.

Mr. Hardwick was the second Superintendent of the T G T Plant at Burnaugh. He worked for this Company twenty-one years.

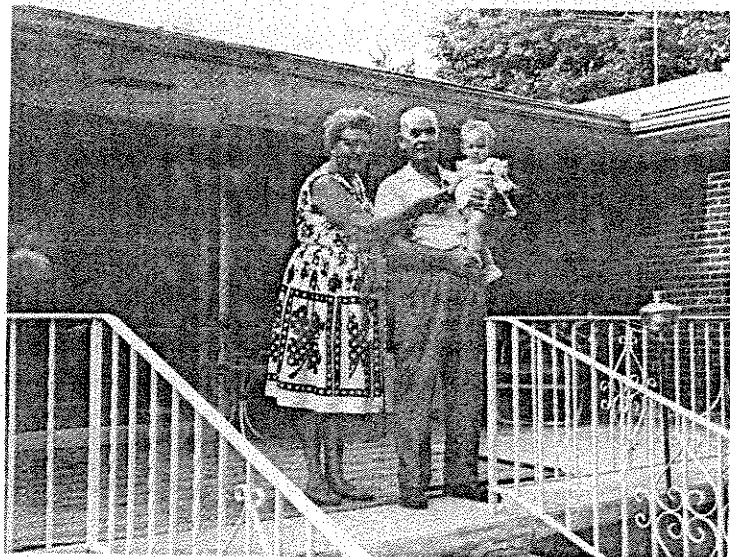
They attended the Kavanaugh Chapel Methodist Church during the time they lived in the community.

Mr. Hardwick taught the Adult Sunday School Class and was very active in 1954 on the Building and Planning Committee, when the church was moved forward and a basement was put in for class rooms and a recreational room.

Mrs. Hardwick helped with vacation Bible School two years. Especially I remember 1962, she made graduation caps for each student.

Mr. Hardwick retired from T G T Plant in 1967 and moved back to Kenova, W Va. He died a few years after his retirement.

Mrs. Hardwick will be eighty years of age May 23, 1984. She expresses her love for the church and was proud to be a member, they loved each person and enjoyed the fellowship at the church.



KATHELEEN AND CAL

PREECE FAMILY

Calip and Mary (Dixon) Preece moved to Durbin in 1953.
They have six children.

Edna Jo married Robert Cox.

Doris Ann (deceased)

Brenda Lynn married Don Henry.

Nancy Katherine married Kenneth Harman.

Jane married Mike Rankin.

Jean (single)

They started attending the church in 1960.

This family has been very faithful in supporting the church in all activities.

Mary is now serving on Committee on Nominations and Cemetery Trustee for the year 1984.

Jean taught a Sunday School Class for years, is serving now as Chairperson on Missions and sings in the Chior.

Edna Jo sings in the Chior and helps with the Beginners Class.

Edna Jo and Jane were married in the church by Rev. Frank Wallace.

Calip Preece died March 13, 1980 and is buried in the Church Cemetery.



EDNA JO, MARY, CALIP
JANE, NANCY, BRENDA, JEAN



EDNA JO, LANCE
TONY



MIKE, JANE, JIM

BALL FAMILY

Raymond and Bessie Ball come to the Kavanaugh Community in 1948. They moved from Zelda where they had attended the Buchanan Chancel United Methodist Church.

They have four children, Geraldine, Larry, Barbara and Gale.

Geraldine married Danny Wysong.

Barbara married Ronnie Adkins.

Larry married Nancy Ellis.

Gale married Buff Clarke.

The family started attending Kavanaugh church in 1955. The children attended until they were all married and moved away.

In 1960 Mr. Ball and his mother, Minnie Ball, were converted and baptized by Rev. Frank Wallace and Rev. Ira Copley and joined the church.

Mr. Ball has held many church offices down through the years. He has served as Sunday School Superintendent, is present Church Trustee for 1984. He has always donated his labor and over seen any work to be done on the church building.

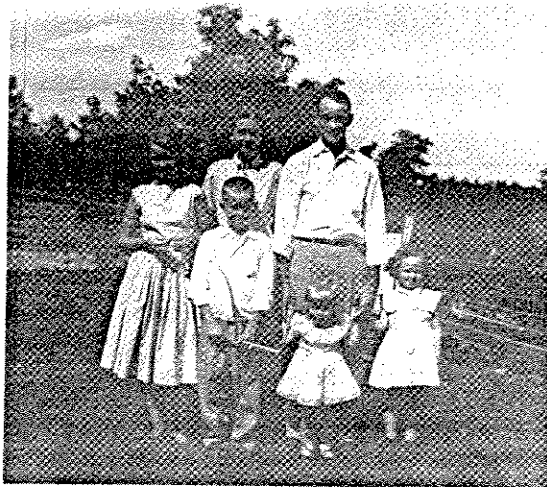
Mrs. Ball (Bessie) has also served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years, is President of United Methodist Women, has taught Adult Sunday School Class, is Cemetery Trustee and sings in the Chior.

Mr. Ball's mother, Minnie, was teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class.

Geraldine taught a Sunday School Class.

Barbara and Gale were Church Pianist.

Geraldine, Barbara and Gale were all married in the Church by Rev. Frank Wallace.



GERALDINE, LARRY, GALE, BARBARA
BESSIE AND RAYMOND

GRANVILLE C, JR. AND ANNABELLE (FAULKNER)NEAL FAMILY

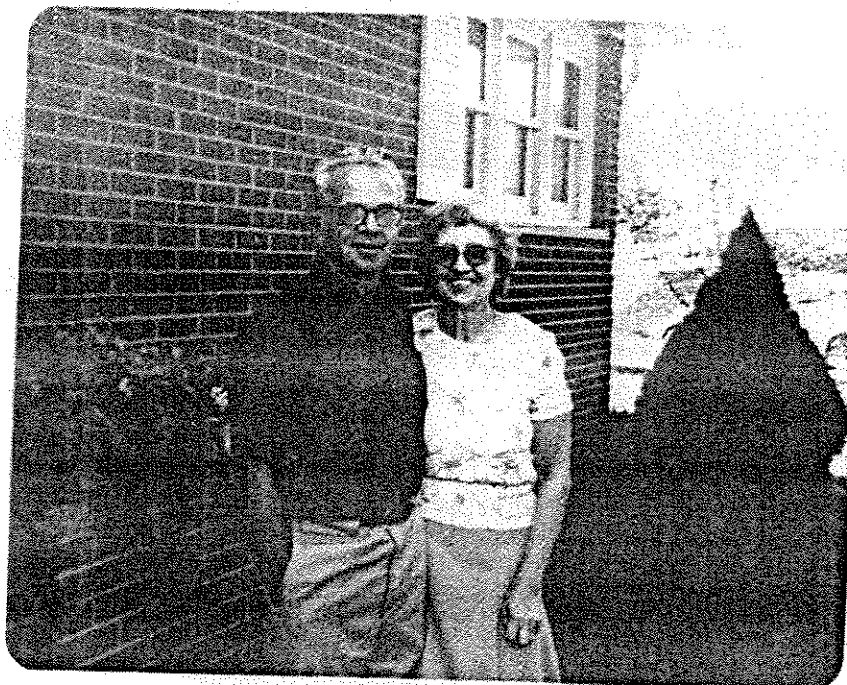
Granville C. Jr and Annabelle Faulkner Neal attended the Kavanaugh Chapel Methodist Church with their children Michael Howard and Granville Charles III, during the years they lived in the Kavanaugh Community.

Annabelle a daughter of William Ballard and Anna Kinner Faulkner, also a great granddaughter of Lewis and Lucy Toler Prichard. Mrs. Neal was a very active member of the Kavanaugh church, having served as Sunday School Superintendent, Church Treasurer, and teacher of the young people's class. Annabelle with the help of her cousin, Mary E. (Faulkner) Peterman, conducted a children's Bible School after school hours, for the Children in the community, during one of the years that Mrs. Neal taught the Kavanaugh grade school which was located across the road from the church.

Granville, Jr. and Annabelle were active in the work of moving, remodeling, and building the basement under the church.

Granville served on the Building Committee.

Their children, Michael and Granville III, are the fifth generation of the Prichard family to attend the Kavanaugh Chapel Church.



GRANVILLE C. JR. AND ANNABELLE (FAULKNER) NEAL

BURKE FAMILY

Marilyn (Opell) Burke has spent her lifetime attending the church. She is the Great Granddaughter of Isaac Fannin who attended and supported the church in the mid 1800's.

On Feb. 27, 1965 she married Howard Burke in the Kavanaugh Church. Rev. Frank Wallace Performed the marriage ceremony.

They have two children, Wiley Ray and Angela Kay.

Mr. Burke donated and installed a railing down the steps to the basement, making it easier for we older people to get up and down the steps.

Mrs. Burke has held many offices in the church. Her offices for 1984 are, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Youth Counselor, Chairperson of Board, Church Trustee and Youth Coordinator.

Her daughter Angela is piano player.



HOWARD, MARILYN, WILEY, ANGELA

CHERYL DIAMOND

Cheryl attended the church when a very small child in 1966. In April 1983 she became a member. She now sings in the choir, serves on Committee on nominations and Coordinator on Adult Ministries for the year 1984.

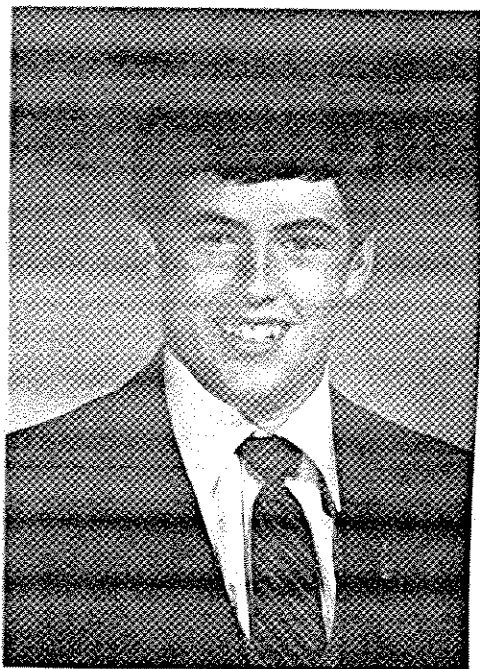
LOWE FAMILY

Lloyd and Minnie Lowe moved from Prichard, W. Va. to the Big Sandy Valley October 9, 1967. Mr. Lowe is the son of Walter and Margaret (Day) Lowe. Minnie is the daughter of Burk and Elva (Perry) Gilkerson. She is also the niece of Georgia Stewart.

They have three children, Lloyd Randall, Jeffrey Allen, and Tammy Renee.

At Mrs. Stewart's death, Mrs. Lowe inherited the farm where they now live.

They started attending the Kavanaugh Church in 1970. Mrs. Lowe is active in W S C S projects. Randy and Tammy sing in the Chior.



RANDY



JEFF



McKNIGHT FAMILY

Bill and Barbara McKnight moved to the Kavanaugh area in 1949. They have three children, Robert E, Pam and Freda.

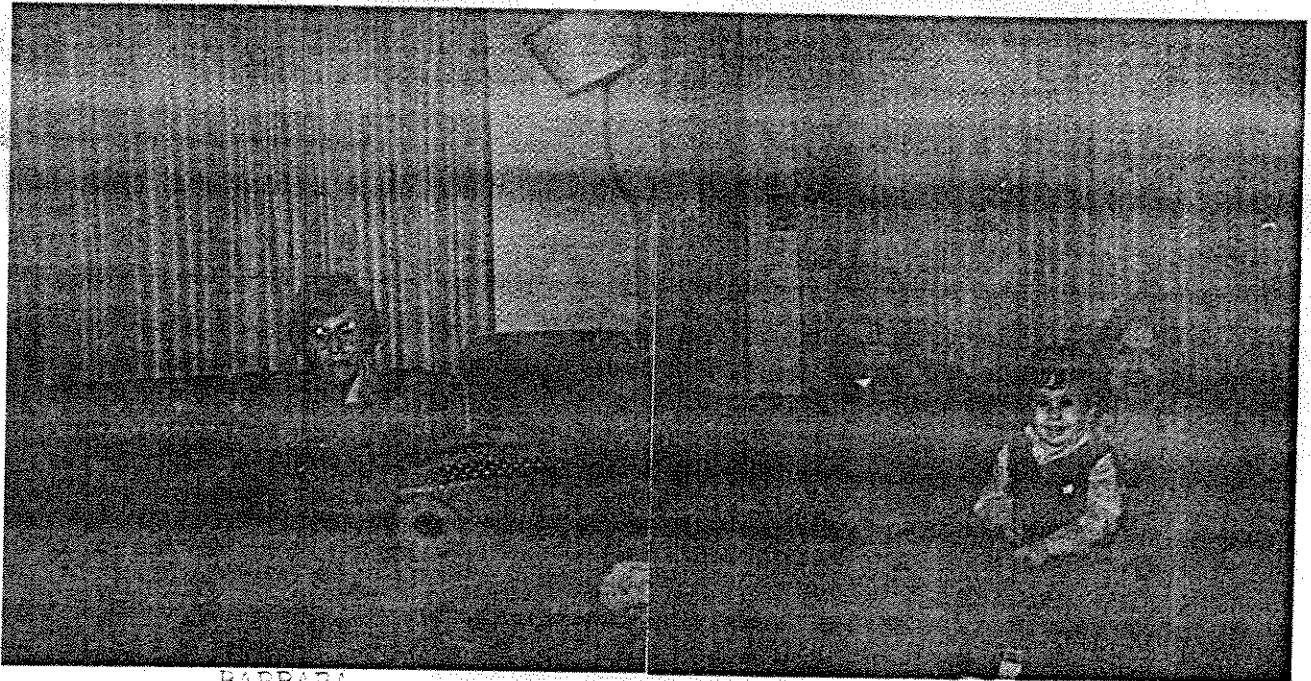
When the children were small, living in Catlettsburg Barbara and the children attended the Catlettsburg Methodist Church and Sunday School.

After moving to Durbin they attended Kavanaugh Chapel.

On March 10, 1979, Pam was married to Timothy Howard, in the church by Rev. Frank Wallace. Pam and her son Brandon attend church and Sunday school and she sings in the Chior.

In August 1982 Bill died of cancer.

Barbara became a member of the church in 1983. She sings in the Chior, teaches a Sunday School Class, serves on the Committee on Nomations, and chair person on Evangelism.



BARBARA

TIM, BRANDON AND PAM

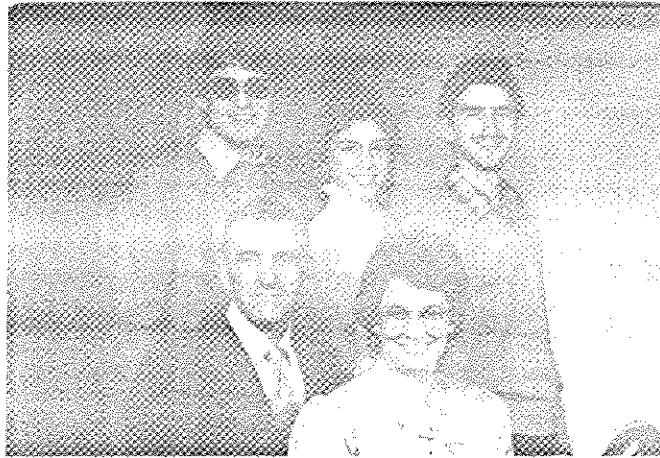
BURNS FAMILY

Cecil and Ruth (Daniel) Burns came to the church in September 1962.

They have three children, James Cecil, Ronald Dean, and Susan Jeanette.

Mr. Burns is Sunday School Superintendent and sings in the choir.

Mrs. Burns has organized a choir, teaches a Sunday School Class, is coordinator of children ministeries and plays the piano for the choir.



CECIL, RUTH, JAMES CECIL, RONALD DEAN, SUSAN JEANETTE

RANKIN FAMILIES

Russell Rankin moved to the valley in 1949. He and his children, Joyce, Barbara and Hubert attended church and Sunday School.

Mr. Rankin served as Steward for the year 1952-53.

HUBERT AND SHARON RANKIN FAMILY

Hubert and Sharon Rankin started attending Kavanaugh Chapel in 1983. They have three children, Tony, Greg, and Chucky.

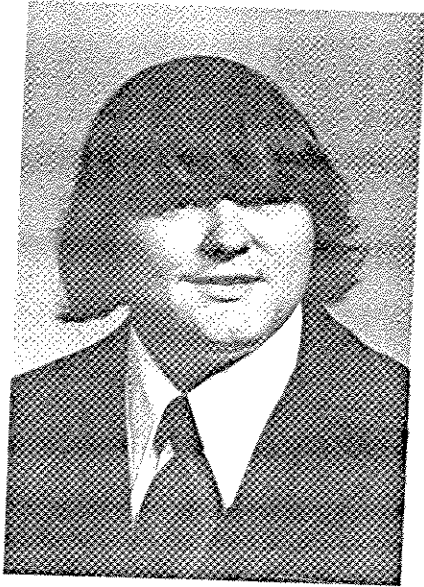
On Sunday morning March 4, 1984, Hubert, Sharon, Greg, and Shelia O'Bryan become members of the church.

Hubert is Coordinator on Family Ministries, and sings in the Chior.

Sharon sings in the Chior and is Chair person on Education.



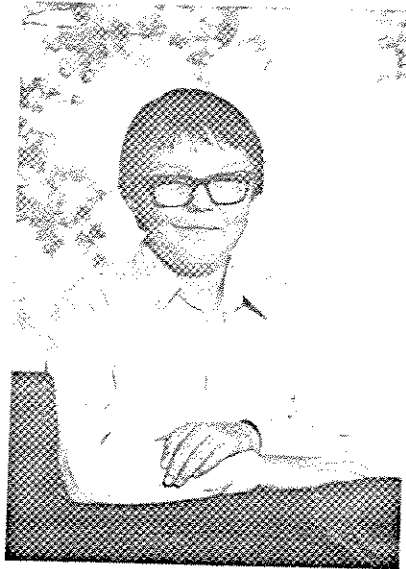
HUBERT AND SHARON RANKIN



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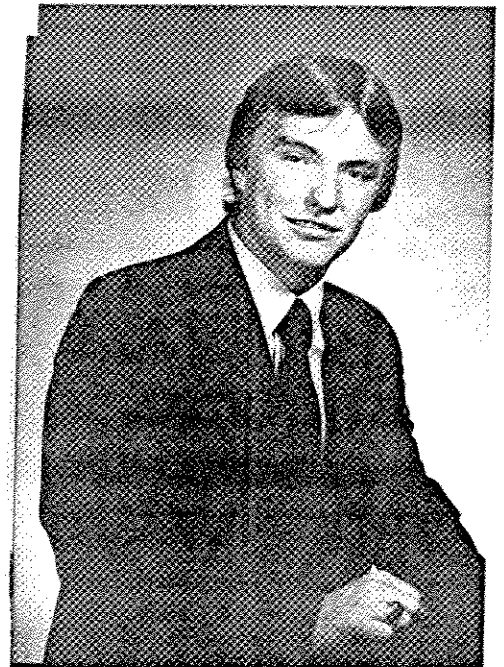
KATHY AND LITTLE TONY



CHUCKY



SHEILAH O'BRYAN



GREG

STEVENS FAMILY

Mr and Mrs E B Stevens moved to Durbin in 1982. They have one son, Brett Douglas. Donna started attending the Kavanaugh Chapel United Methodist Church in March of 1984. On March 18, 1984 she became a member transferring membership from Second Baptist Church, 4950 Williams Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky.



BENNIE, DONNA AND BRETT