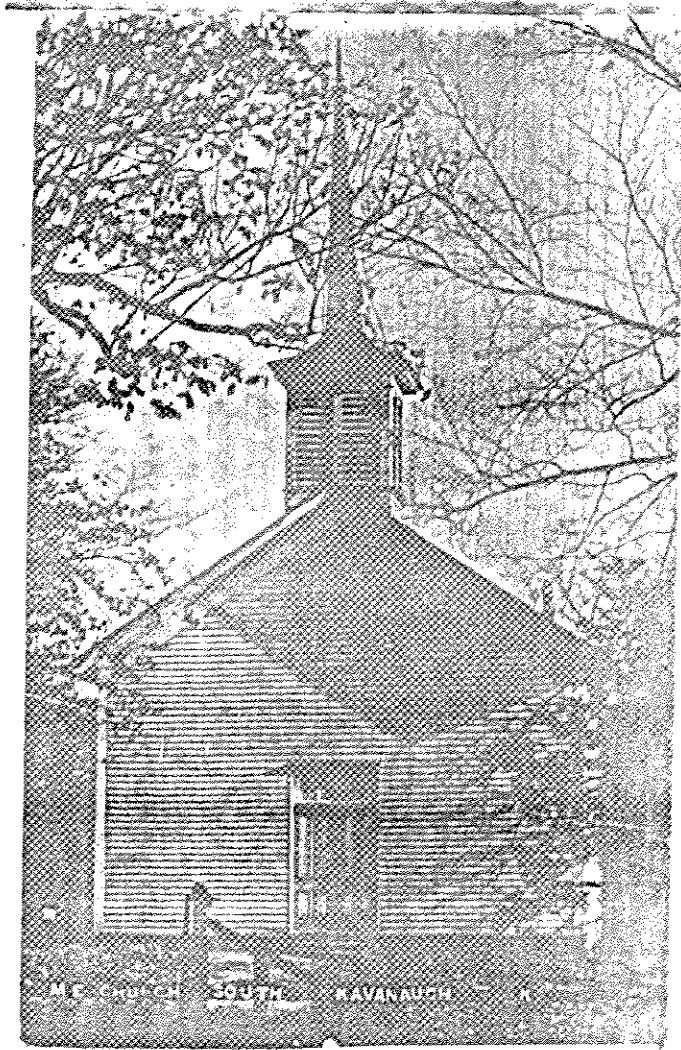


CHAPTER 8

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AND FAMILIES THAT WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING THE CHURCH



EARLY PICTURE OF KAVANAUGH CHAPEL

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The Kavanaugh Chapel United Methodist Church is located on Route 2, U S 23, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, about twelve miles South of Catlettsburg.

As you cross the C & O Railroad track to go to the church, to the left you will see a man made road that leads to organially the Prichard farm, then the Faulkner Farm and is now owned by the C & O Railroad Company.

Many years ago at the edge of the Cemetery on the left a Log Cabin was built by early pioneers and stood among giant oak trees. It was here school was taught of a day and church was held at night.

Church was being held in the log cabin as far back as 1844. It is recorded in the obituary of the death of Elizabeth Jane Powell Wright, written by Rev. J H Dawson, who was the Pastor of the church in 1915. Mrs. Wright was converted in a school house not far from her home, the revival being conducted by her teacher in 1844, when she was eleven years old.

Elizabeth Warren lived at Buchanan walked or rode behind her mother on horseback to attend this school. Her mother would spend the day with her parents, Rev. & Mrs. Joseph H. Wright.

Near the close of the Civil War there was a skirmish faught near the log cabin, and there were bullet holes in the large logs of the cabin to verify this fact. In the rear of the Cemetery, killed unknown soldiers from this battle lay in unmarked graves.

Later the little Log Cabin was sold and moved to the James Finney Farm, about two miles down U S 23, across from the lower end of the Tennessee Gas Transmission Plant at Burnaugh.

A three acre tract of land was given to the Kavanaugh Chapel M E South for the erection and maintenance of a church house and of a burial ground or cemetery surrounding the Church House. This plot of land was given by Lewis and Lucy Prichard Dec. 14, 1877 and Rev. Joseph and Elizabeth Wright Sept. 15, 1873, who had adjoining farms.

In Pioneer days there wasn't any rush in making a deed, a promise or your word was all that was needed. Therefore this land was used for the Church and burial ground for years before the Deeds were made.

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December 14th 1877.

Mr Lewis Richard & Lucy his wife and Joseph Wright & Elizabeth his wife own land adjoining each other in Boyd Co Ky and on Big Sandy River it seems there is one corner that is about or cannot be established which leaves about 3 acres of land that has been in dispute between us and for the purpose of having the matter forever settled we have this day divided the said disputed ground and made a division line which is as follows: Beginning at a stake on branch below Wright's House at the place where it is exposed there stood & ash corner, from thence N. 31 W. passing a stake some beeches marked and through the corner of the church lot and close a telegraph pole by side of barn by north end and all 119 poles & sand line to a stake in a large & bushy oak pole and 5 links from a white oak tree & in point of which I have been himself to give that portion of the Church lot to the man who had grave. Not that is on his side of said line and make a covenant at some convenient time.

Witness our hands.

J. M. Martin
 Elizabeth Wright
 Lewis Richard
 John Richard

Attest
 M. G. Holt
 J. Martin

Copy of Deed To Part of Kavanaugh Cemetery given by
Joseph H. Wright and Elizabeth Wright his wife

This indenture made this 15th day of Sept 1873, between Joseph H. Wright and Elizabeth Wright, of Boyd County Kentucky of the 1st part, and John Martin, G. A. Burgess, Joseph F. Hatten, E. M. Smith, Green Kinmer, and Charley Warren of Lawrence & Boyd Counties Kentucky, of the second part, as trustees for the Kavanaugh Chapel, Big Sandy Circuit W^m Conference M. E. Church South.

Witnesseth: That the party of the first part in consideration of the sum of one Dollar, paid in hand, Dollar paid and secured to be paid as follows to wit: the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged having bargained and sold, and by these presents do convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and their successors in office forever, a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Boyd, and the State of Kentucky, and bounded as follows
Viz: Beginning at a stone placed in the ground on the 7th side of a little drain that empties in the Fall Rock Branch, running N. East 56 feet to a stone placed in the earth at Lewis Prichard line (being the dividing line between Lewis Prichard and Joseph Wright) running with said line N. W. 76 feet to a stone thence with the Church lot-fence to the County road to a stone 180 feet thence with the County road, and running south 60 feet to a stone placed in the earth, thence in a straight line of 250 feet to the beginning corner, To have and to hold the said lot or parcel of lands, with all its appurtenances unto the Trustees above named, the party of the second part, and their successors in office and assigns forever, with covenant of warranty, and that the said party of the first part do further covenant with the party of the second part that they will warrant and forever defend the title of the foregoing described land and premises from the claim of all persons. The party of the first part has herunto their names, the day and year above written

Joe Wright
Elizabeth Wright

State of Kentucky)
Boyd County) I, Albert N. Steward, Deputy Clerk of the Boyd County Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing deed

Copy of Deed to part of the Cemetery at Kavanough
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has. Photostatic copy

from Joseph H. Wright and Elizabeth Wright his wife, was
produced to me in my office on the 15th day of Sept. 1873, and
was duly acknowledged by the said Joseph H. Wright and Elizabeth
Wright his wife to be their act and deed
Witness my hand this 15th day of September 1873

James W. Mullaw clerk
By Albert A. Steward W. clerk

State of Kentucky } I, James W. Mullaw clerk of the County Court
Boyd County } for the County foreaid, do certify that the
foreaid deed from Joseph H. Wright and Elizabeth
Wright his wife to the Trustees of M. E. Church South was
on this the 10th day of February 1881 lodged in my office for
record, whereupon the same with the certificate of
acknowledgement and the certificate has been duly
admitted to record in my office

Given under my hand this 10th day of February 1881

James W. Mullaw clerk
By John Wheeler (could not make out
his last name it
may not be Wheeler)

The words are spelled as written on ~~Photostatic~~ ^{Photostatic} copy of the original
The spaces are words I could not make out, they were
so dim, therefore the space

Karen Powell Rice niece of
Elizabeth Powell Wright Nov 23-1957

Most of the families that were instrumental in starting the church were related, living in the Kavanaugh, Burnaugh, Buchanan and Durbin communities. They were, Lewis and Lucy Prichard, Rev. Joseph and Elizabeth Wright, Lucinda Prichard Faulkner (a widow), Burr and Nancy Powell, Alex and Virginia (Jennie) Kendrick Panco, Charles and Maria Warren, Burr and Rose Wright, James and Karen Finney, Benjamin and Sarrah Black, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Fannin and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hatten. In order to show the relationship among this group of people I must give you some family history.

Lewis and Lucy Prichard lived in the big house to the left of the church, which was later known as the Faulkner home but isn't in existence today.

Lewis Prichard was the son of William Prichard, born June 12, 1800. He married Lucy Toler who died Dec. 30, 1883. They had twelve children, nine sons and three daughters.

Their first home was on the waters of Rush Creek in Lawrence County, Kentucky, a short distance from their home to the left of the church.

The following is the account of the death of Lewis Prichard, as contained in a newspaper then published in Catlettsburg, Kentucky:

"DIED" : LEWIS PRICHARD, at his home in this county on the 23rd November 1879, near Round Bottom, at the age of 79 years. He was born in Russell County, Virginia. Emigrated with his parents to Kentucky when 11 years old. He was married in early life to Lucy Toler who survives him--also 8 children. This another of our old pioneers has passed away. "Uncle Lewis", as he was familiarly called by everyone, leaves behind him as a heritage to his children, an untarnished life. He was a genial friend, a kind neighbor, a devoted husband and father. He will be missed by many of the poor who always turned to him for relief and never were refused help. He was the soul of good humor and wit, was fond of regaling his neighbors and friends with a ceaseless number of good jokes always cheerful and contented. One noticeable fact in his life is that he never executed his note to any human being. Peace to his ashes. "He rests well".

The following is the account of the death of Mrs. Lucy Prichard as published in a newspaper December 30, 1883.

On Sunday morning last about 9:00 o'clock, Mrs. Lucy Prichard died at the old family homestead in Boyd County, near Buchanan Postoffice, at the advanced age of 82 years. Her death was not unexpected by her devoted children and

friends, as her physical powers had become so much exhausted that she had been confined to her bed for about five months.

Mrs. Prichard was the widow of Lewis Prichard, Sr. deceased, and was the mother of twelve children, nine of whom were sons and three daughters. Seven sons, William, Joseph, Lewis of Grayson, James, Robert H and C. C. of Catlettsburg, and Richard of Louisa, and two daughters, Mrs. Lucinda Faulkner and Mrs. Sarah Vaughn, survive their mother. Mrs. Prichard had lived upon the farm where she died for about 50 years, and there raised her large family of children whose characters and positions in social and financial circles bear testimony of the careful and faithful training they received from a devoted and loving mother.

No mother was ever more beloved and venerated by her children or held in higher esteem by her neighbors than was Mrs. Prichard. Her work upon earth was well done; it is finished, may she rest peacefully in the world beyond the "dark River".

Lucinda Prichard, the daughter of Lewis and Lucy Prichard, married William Ballard Faulkner April 30, 1857. For many years they lived on a farm near Mt. Savage Furnace of Carter County, Kentucky. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Faulkner continued to live upon the farm, but she finally sold it after her mother became feeble with age and moved back to the home of her childhood on the waters of the Big Sandy River where she cared for her mother until her death. After which she purchased the interests of her brothers and sisters in the home place and continued to live there. She was a woman of remarkable intelligence, and a splendid manager.

She had nine children.

Her daughter, Lucinda Faulkner, married William Hornbuckle Feb. 12, 1882. She had one child, Lueffie Hornbuckle who married Herman Lakin Oct. 18, 1903.

Their children were as follows:

Lucinda (Lucy) Lakin----Married George P Shannon
Hazel Henrietta Lakin---Married Marion Dixon
Carrie Amelia Lakin-----Married Hayze Carter

Andrew Jackson Faulkner, son of Ballard and Lucinda Faulkner, married Cora Brumfield on July 10, 1891. They resided in Ashland, Kentucky.

The following children were born:

Edith L Faulkner-----married Bill Prichard
Georgia O Faulkner-----married D L Parsons
Karl Faulkner-----died 1922.

Lewis Faulkner son born July 19, 1858. He married Mary Byrd in 1917.

They were parents of three children.

Mary Emily Faulkner-----married French Peterman
 Lewis Burr Faulkner-----married Johnnie I. Stewart
 George William Faulkner---died April 15, 1957.

They resided in the Faulkner family home to the left
 of the church. Mr. Faulkner died Nov. 26, 1920.

As children they took an active part in Sunday School
 remembering as their teachers Rose Wright and Mary Davenport.
 Mr. William Harris was Sunday School Superintendent and HESSIE
 Wright was organist. Mrs. Faulkner and the three children
 moved to Catlettsburg in December 1932. Mrs. Mary Byrd
 Faulkner Lakin is now in failing health. She lives with her
 daughter, Mary Emily Peterman at Kavanaugh. She is our honorary
 church member 89 years.

William Ballard Faulkner, another son married Annie Kinner,
 and they were the parents of five children.

Faye Faulkner----- married Jake Rice
 Annabelle Faulkner-----married Granville Neal
 William Ballard Faulkner
 Lucy Faulkner (Single)
 Carl Faulkner



LUCINDA PRICHARD FAULKNER

Record of Attendance and Collections

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SMITH FAMILY

John Smith married Betty Vaughn, Easter Sunday April 18.1813, built a home and lived at Prichard W. Va. They had eight children , William died in infancy, Sarah, Nancy A. Edmund, Pherba, Lindsey, Lucinda and Elizabeth.

Nancy A Smith married Burr Powell Feb. 5, 1833. They come to Kentucky, built a log house at Burnaugh in 1837. This house was located just above the T G T Plant, (was later owned by Karen Rice and the Oliver Stewart family lived in it for several years).

They had eleven children, Elizabeth Smith, James, William, Henry, John W., Pherba, Lindsey Perry, Sarah, Lucinda Karen, Eliza and Joseph Burr.

Three of these children settled in their home community. They were Joseph Burr Powell, Lucinda Karen (Powell) Finney, and Elizabeth Smith (Powell) Wright.

JOSEPH BURR POWELL

Joseph Burr Powell married Rebecca Shannon and they lived in his father's home above the T G T Plant at Burnaugh, later owned by their daughter, Karen Rice.

They had three children, Karen, Bill and Nancy.

Karen married James Rice.

Nancy married L T Compton.

All this family attended the Kavanaugh Church, Mr. and Mrs. Powell attended all their life, the children spent their childhood in the church. After their marriages, Karen moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, Bill to Lucasville, Ohio and Nancy to Ashland, Kentucky.

After Mr and Mrs. Powell's death Karen bought the Powell Farm.

When Karen's husband retired they moved back to Burnaugh to the home of her childhood. They were very active in the Church, especially during 1955-56 when the basement was put in and the church moved forward.

Karen Rice died August 27, 1968. In Article IV of her will reads as follows:

- (b) To the Kavanaugh Chapel M E Church Fund, the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the fund now on savings in the Kentucky Farmers Bank , Catlettsburg, Kentucky, and under the terms of that fund, the Trustees thereof shall use the income from this bequest to maintain the Kavanaugh Chapel M E Church Cemetery, the principal to remain invested or on deposit to insure perpetual care and maintenance for the cemetery.

Article IV of the Will reads as follows:

- (a) I bequeath to The Second National Bank of Ashland the sum of \$10,000.00 in trust, however, for the following uses and purposes, namely, said Bank as Trustee shall invest and reinvest said trust fund in such securities as it shall deem best, including savings account in its Bank. The income or interest from such fund shall be paid each year, from time to time, as said Trustee shall determine for the purpose of helping pay the salary, or compensation to the Minister or Ministers who shall preach from time to time at the Kavanaugh Chapel M.E Church, in Boyd County, Kentucky. Upon the Kavanaugh Chapel M E. Church being discontinued, or being merged with another group or groups and moved to another location, then and in such event the trust shall cease and all remaining funds shall go to the Beneficiary named in the Residuary Clause of this will. So long as the trust continues the Bank shall have sole discretion as to the Minister or Ministers entitled to receive such income or interest.

In the Trust Statement for Period 1-1-81--12-31-81 the principal had been reduced from \$10,000.00 to a balance of \$9,219.24.

On 9-28-81 The Trust Officers had redeemed a Certificate before maturity, charging the church a penalty of \$780.76 for early withdrawal.

In the Trust Statement for period 1-1-82---12-31-82 the balance of Principal was \$9,200.00.

On Feb. 1, 1983 The Trustees of the Church met with the Officers of the Trust Department and their Attorney, to see if there was a way we could move this Trust Fund to another Bank. The Attorney, Kenneth W. Colliher, said we would have to have an attorney, go through court and appoint a treasurer or trustee which would be bonded.

After paying an attorney fee of \$250.00, a court cost of \$12.50 and a bonding fee of \$60.00, the church received a check from First Bank and Trust Company in the amount of \$9,433.84 on 8-9-83.

This check was placed in the Kentucky Farmers Bank, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, in a Certificate of Deposit. The interest checks comes to the church regular and the church receives almost twice as much interest as when in the Trust Department, in the First Bank and Trust Company, Ashland, Kentucky.

LUCINDA KAREN POWELL

Lucinda Karen Powell married James Finney and they owned and lived on the farm that is now T G T Plant at Burnaugh.

They had three daughters, Molly, Beatrice and Nancy.

Molly the oldest daughter married Ed Finney and they moved to Catlettsburg in 1902. They had nine children and they attended the Catlettsburg Methodist Church.

Beatrice and Nancy attended Graduate Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and were ordained Ministers. Beatrice was a Missionary to Africa, "Capetown" 1902 to 1904.

The Finney family were very dedicated people. They were members of the Kavanaugh Chapel Methodist Church and served as Sunday School Teachers and Sunday School Superintendent.

Mrs. M. W. Knapp wrote of the life and death of "BERDIE", THIS GREAT MISSIONARY TO AFRICA, AS WAS PUBLISHED IN "GOD'S REVIVALIST AND BIBLE ADVOCATE", Nov. 8, 1923.

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AT HOME--WITH HIM

Mrs. M. W. Knapp



Miss Beatrice Finney

My heart is strangely thrilled as I sit down to write of the life and Home-going of our lovely friend, Miss Beatrice M. Finney, or "Birdie," as she was familiarly called. The above title was suggested by the fact that at the funeral and the home the entire aspect was changed and, instead of the usual sadness, it was like a glad wedding day with the radiant bride hastening away with her bridegroom. So many brides, in making their announcements, usually add "At home _____," so we lovingly announce the above, knowing that she is there. She was living for this, and when the telegram came informing us of her change of residence, there was no sadness, only a breath of surprise that she had hurried a little.

How precious to enter a home and find supreme submission to the will of God, where He is absolutely recognized as One who truly "doeth all things well!" With another close friend, we hastened to this dear home. On reaching the station, we were met by the sister Nannie who, with beaming face, exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!" And as we reached the house the first words the sweet-faced mother said, were "Praise the Lord!" Where had we met anything like this? It was their meat and drink to live in the will of God, and they were so lifted up in it that it was only natural for them to praise Him. It was truly good to be there.

The services at ten o'clock, October 2, in Kavanaugh Chapel, Ky., were tender and beautiful. There was nothing formal; but it was like a home-gathering of all the friends who had loved and watched Sister Beatrice from childhood, and those with sympathetic hearts voicing a note of praise for the beautiful life given and taken. The new pastor, Brother Smith, shared the service with Mrs. J. F. Woods, Brother O. Black, and the writer. On looking to the Lord for words to speak, we were clearly led to the following beautiful poem by Frances Ridley Havergal. If you will underline each word with black ink, you will understand something of the love that possessed Beatrice; and if nothing more were written or said, this poem would be expressive of her whole life.

CONSECRATION HYMN

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and "beautiful" for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, ALL for Thee.

She was powerfully and Scripturally converted March 7, 1897. "Old things passed away, and all things became new." There was such a marked change that it was like passing from midnight darkness to broad daylight. With the keen hunger to be holy, that comes to every converted child, she longed for a clean heart; and in Septem-

ber of the same year she was sanctified wholly, and from that time a passionate love for God and souls consumed and dominated her. With every bridge burned behind her, she swept into the cleansing stream and sang forever afterward:

"Take myself and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee."

From that time on she lived supremely for God and others.

We first met her twenty-four years ago. She secured enough subscriptions to "God's Revivalist" to pay her way through the camp meeting in June. Thus formed a sweet friendship that has grown with the years, and which we expect to renew up yonder.

My husband recognized real worth in her, and asked her to remain and become a teacher in the Bible School to be opened in September.

Two years previously she had received a call to Africa, and had longed for training; and so while teaching the English classes she took the Bible work. At this time she gave away all she had in the bank, deciding to trust God alone for all her needs; and, to His praise, be it said that He cared for her as a Father can.

In January, 1902, she, with Miss Elizabeth Ferle, sailed for Africa. At the farewell service here, and enroute to New York, she sang:

"Let me go, I cannot stay,
'Tis the Master who doth call;
Let me go, I must obey,
Lord for Thee, I give up all."

While she was singing "Let me go, let me go," so intense was the desire that it seemed as if her spirit would leave her body. One minister cried out, "We will, we will!" and upon reaching New York it was with relief I saw her abroad the steamer. Could her spirit have leaped across the Atlantic Ocean, gathered the whole African nation in her arms, and presented it to Jesus, then, and then only, could her passionate soul have been satisfied. With such a burning love and complete consecration it was not hard to "give up all," an offer of marriage, also much else that a girl treasures—a dear home, father, mother, two sisters, native land, and a loved circle of friends.

After spending nearly three years in Africa, with her whole life wrapped in whatever service she could give, she was obliged to return, on account of failing health. We happened to be in her home upon her arrival from Africa. With what preparations, solicitude, and care everything was thought of! What a welcome! All that love could prompt was done. The fatted calf was killed, chickens dressed, the favorite cake made, and glass of jelly brought out, the best tablecloth spread; and there was a fire and light in every room. And then the conductor stopped the train in front of the house, instead of three miles away at the station, so that the mother could see her that much sooner. The atmosphere was heavenly, for it seemed as if we were welcoming Jesus into our midst. Right there we had a peep into her unselfish life for, instead of enjoying this cup of happiness, she mourned because the missionaries left in Africa could not have a meal like that, that the other mother could not see her daughter, and so on—always a thought for others.

"Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be.
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee."

She often said that she left Africa to come home to work for those near home. She poured out her love and prayers for those around—never losing an opportunity to speak to a soul.

After a long rest, she, with her sister Nannie, who had also taken the Theological work in the School, spent several years of self-sacrificing labor in evangelistic work, winning a harvest of souls in several states, but more largely in their own Kentucky.

Then came a shut-in life with home cares with an aged grandmother and a loved father; and when both were taken, the girls felt that their place was to care for their little mother.

Here the same ardent spirit, chastened, softened, subdued, and matured, was content to be hidden away and love Him because He had placed her there. Here is where she shone the best and ripened the most, doing the homely tasks as unto Him. Some thought they were out of God's will, but they were so satisfied that they were right that nothing moved them. They conducted funerals, held prayer meetings, and a Sunday school, and preached as opportunity offered.

The family prayers in this home both night and morning were like some prayer meetings in a church. The home life was so beautiful that we said if Jesus were here on earth, He would have made this a home like that at Bethany but instead of Mary and Martha, there would be three Marys.

ELIZABETH SMITH POWELL

Elizabeth Smith Powell married Rev. Joseph H. Wright. They lived in the big white house to the right of the church. They were the parents of six children, Virginia, Maria, Emma, Burr, Henry and Nancy A. Nancy A. died at the age of four.

Virginia, (called Jennie) married Alex Kendrick and had one son, Joe who died of a gun shot wound in 1930. Mrs. Kendrick later married Paul Panco. They lived in what was later known as the Georgia Stewart property, now owned by Lloyd and Minnie Lowe.

Maria, married Charles Warren an Englishman who come to this area after the close of the Civil war. They lived at Buchanan and ran a general store in partnership with J H Hatten, (grandfather of our former Pastor Frank Wallace). They had two children, Manley and Elizabeth. Elizabeth married Standard Smith, they built a house in Buchanan. They had one son, Charles Warren Smith. When Mrs. Smith got up in years she sold her home at Buchanan and moved to New York to live with her son. She died in New York but was brought to Kavanaugh for burial.

Burr Wright married Rose Rowe and they lived in his father's home to the right of the church. Mrs. Wright was greatly known and loved for the work she did in the church as a Sunday School teacher down through the years. They adopted a daughter, HESSIE, who played the organ in the church for many years.

Henry Wright, married Sophia Waits. They were parents of three children. Annie Eliza (Ann), William Conrod, and Elizabeth Henry.

Annie Eliza (Ann) married Kenneth Norman McLeod June 28, 1911. They lived in Catlettsburg. Mrs. McLeod was a member of the Catlettsburg Presbyterian Church. They had four children, two baby boys that died at birth, a daughter Karoline died at the age of ten years. A daughter Elizabeth Ann, married Sidney Stewart Haszard and they have one son Ashley Stewart McLeod Haszard.

Around 1933 the McLeod family purchased the Wright farm, which had been owned by Mrs. McLeod's grandfather, and they moved to Kavanaugh. Mrs. McLeod was very active in fund raising drives to raise money for the little church of her childhood. Mrs. McLeod is deceased. Mr. McLeod makes his home with his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Haszard, Fiddlers Green Farm, Hudson, Kentucky.



KENNETH & ANN McLEOD

At the Conference which was held at Barboursville the last week of August 1852, Joseph H Wright was ordained Elder on August 29, by Bishop Andrew, and returned to the Big Sandy Circuit. He then traveled the Wayne, Paintsville, and Greenup Circuits, having for his colleague, J. P. Medley.

At the Conference at Point Pleasant, in 1860, he was appointed to the Tug River Mission. Here he remained until the summer of 1861, when the war element so disturbed that part of the country he was advised to return to his home in Kentucky, twelve miles up the Sandy River.

Being forced to quit the ministry during the years of the war, he was requested by his neighbors to build a mill and grind the grain of the neighborhood. Here he remained till the day of his death.

OUR PRECIOUS DEAD
September 29, 1894
REV. JOSEPH H. WRIGHT

When I was a small lad I heard brother Wright preach in a beech grove at my grand-father's in Round Bottom, West Virginia. I think Uncle Burwell Spurlock was holding the meeting. I remember it as though it was but yesterday how he held up the Holy Bible and declared it was the great Book

of books and contained holy truths. From that time up to within a short time before he was called to pass over the last river I have heard him preach. We lived neighbors for many years. I have been with him when trials and temptations beset him. Again I have been with him when it seemed that the living God encamped around about him. A little history of one of his trials and temptations I hope will not be out of place. Just after the close of the late Civil War, brother John Crooks was sent to our Circuit. He commenced a meeting at the old school house that stood near where Kavanaugh Chapel now stands. A few evenings after the meeting began, on account of sickness, brother Crooks failed to come. A large crowd of anxious people had gathered in and awaited the coming of the preacher until the evening began to wear away and the crowd began to get restless. Brother Wright called me to one side and told me he was in a great strait, and hardly knew what to do. He said: "You know on account of the war, I have been afraid to even preach; I have neglected it so long I am afraid the people will have no confidence in me. On the other hand, if the news gets out to Conference the preachers would ask, why did Wright not fill the appointment for Brother Crooks?" I said, Brother Wright, I have heard you preach for a great many years. It seems to me the Lord called you to preach his gospel. Let me plead with you not to allow Satan to drag you down to eternal ruin. Don't yield to his demands, but go in and preach the best you can for the people. "He answered; If you will go in and help me pray and sing I will try to do the best I can, God being my helper". I promised I would assist him to the extent of my ability. We returned to the house, and after the usual opening services he took his text, it seemed that God had sent his angel to loose the stammering tongue of the brother, and his voice began to chime like that of a clear, sweettoned bell, and he arose higher and higher until the clouds seemed to disappear and the marvelous light of God's eternal glory seemed to break in. I thought then and I think now that I have never heard a more sublime sermon in my life. The meeting went on; Wright, like a tower of strength, standing firm as a helper. Some forty to fifty people were converted, many of whom are alive today while others have passed away and gone to the other side. Brother Wright often spoke to me about that eventful night, and thanked me kindly for the part I took in it. I visited him a few days before his departure from these low grounds of sorrow and bade him an affectionate farewell. As I went out the door I heard him call me back. When I returned he told me that he was exceedingly happy; said he was unable to express his joy. While he related these things to me great tears ran down his cheeks; while he seemed to be as weak as a small infant, yet for the moment he grew apparently strong. Toward his last days his

mind weakened with his body, yet on the subject of religion his mind seemed clear. The religion which he professed under the beech trees at the spring some forty years ago continued to be the anchor of his soul until the end of his life. In the last moments he exclaimed words which were put well understood by the watchers of the night, I verily believe that as he stood upon the summit with one eye upon his life and the other upon heaven, and being premitted to look over and behold God's great army, perhaps many whom he recognized he was heard to exclaim something like "Hurry, Hurry", "Yes we think that he did not want to linger, but desired to clasp the hands of the many old itinerants, that stood awaiting to welcome him home. Many of his favorite songs come back from that sunbright elinie. "God be with you till we meet again".

J. F. HATTEN

OUR PRECIOUS DEAD

March 6th, 1918

MRS. ELIZABETH JANE POWELL WRIGHT

Wife of Rev. Joseph H Wright, who was a local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was born in Wayne County West Virginia, Nov. 8, 1823~~33~~ Died March 6, 1918, at her home at Kavanaugh with an attack of Pneumonia, only lasted a few days after the attack.

She was converted at a school house not far from her home, the revival being conducted by her teacher, who taught school of a day, and preached at night. This happened in 1844 when she was but eleven years of age. Her friends and relatives tell me that she had kept the faith. She loved her Lord and His Church to the end, helping with her prayers, money and her own personal work; her home was always a home for the preachers and for all who wished to stop with them, they have fed thousands of people. God gave her a long and useful life and at the end she fell asleep.

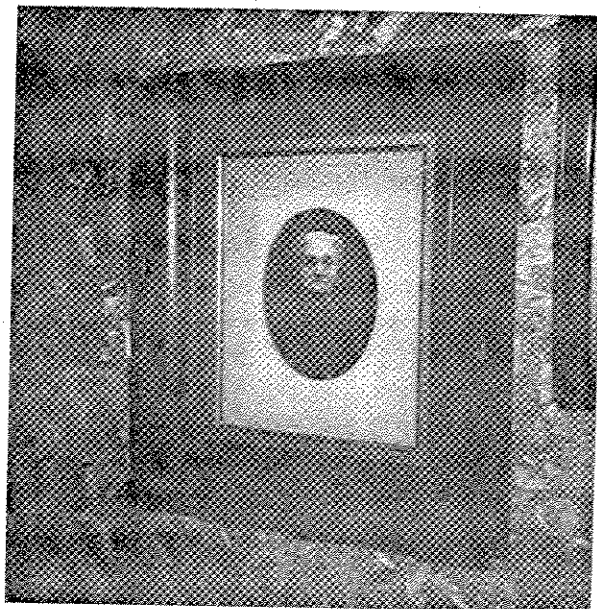
She was married to Rev. Wright October 17th, 1850, and to this union was born six children, two are dead, Henry and Nannie, and the four living, Mrs. Fanco, Mrs. Warren, Burr P., and Mrs. Stanforth, were all present at the funeral.

The funeral occasion was a beautiful one and we trust a profitable one and reminded us of the life of the subject, whose sunset after a long day was very beautiful. The church was set in order, decorated with drape and a beautiful display of flowers that was brought by her many friends and relatives for she had many of both. The singing was good and to suit the occasion, the songs of her choice, such as, "Nearer My God to thee", "Asleep in Jesus" and some others. The Preachers Text was Phil. 1:21. Theme, "The Beauty of the life and

Death of a Christian". After which she was lain in her home cemetery. "She shall sleep but not forever."



REV. JOSEPH B WRIGHT



ELIZABETH WRIGHT

Kavanaugh Ky July 19, 1908

Opening song, Some Good sweet day,
Pray by supt.

Scripture lesson Samuel wars
Saul and the people.

1 Samuel 12: 1-5-13-20

Golden text, Only fear the Lord, and
serve him in truth with all your
heart, for consider how great things
he hath done for you.

1st Sam 12: 24. Memory V. 28, 24.

Teachers 2.

Scholars 17.

Total present 19.

Collect class no. 1 4 ¢

class no. 2 8 ¢

Song. 39 I want to go there
Total 12 ¢

Elizabeth Wright.

BENJAMIN F. AND SARAH E. BLACK FAMILY

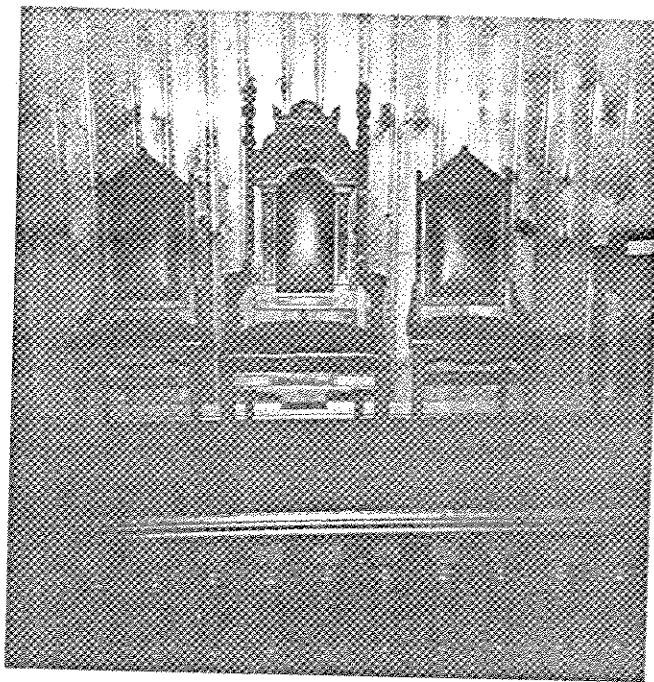
Benjamin F. and Sarah E. Black lived on Rush Creek for a time and later moved to the left Fork of Durbin.

They had five children, James Oliver (Uncle Ollie), Sherman, William Moltzen (Molt), Frank and AnnaBell (Aunt Bell McKnight).

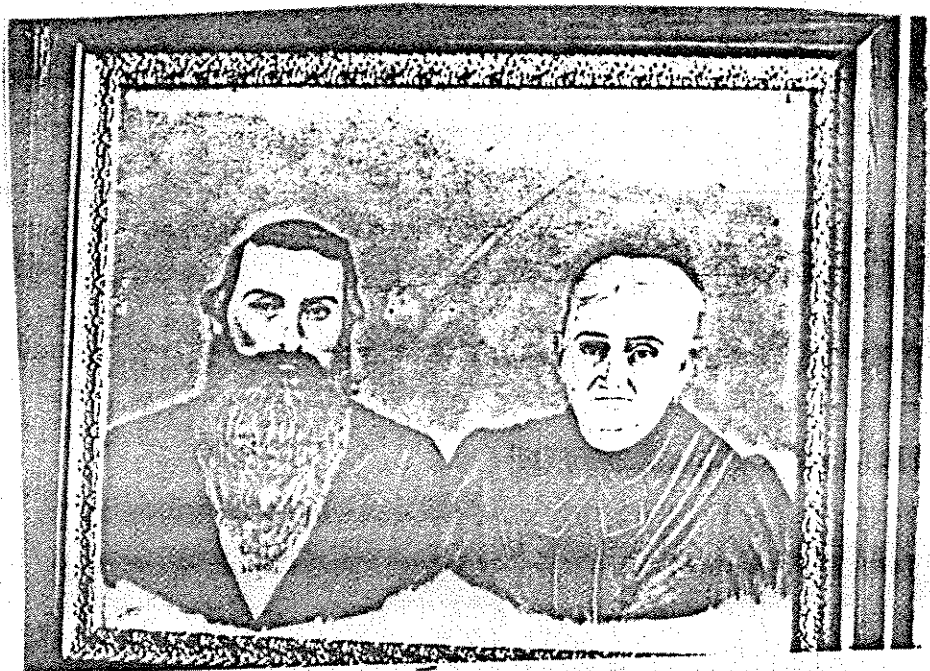
Mr. and Mrs. Black were devoted Christians attending and being a great part in the beginning of the Kavanaugh Chapel Church. They began attending the church around the year 1866.

Their son John Oliver, was a minister very active in Church work in the early 1900's. He attended Kavanaugh Chapel Methodist church. He was an evangelist going from church to church up and down the Big Sandy Valley holding Revivals. As a child I remember people telling of times he preached at Kavanaugh.

Benjamin F. and Sarah E Black donated the three beautiful Minister's Chairs that we have in our church today. These chairs have been cherished all down through the years.



Walter Black, grandson of Mr and Mrs. Black, lives on Durbin near his grandfather's old home. He attends the Cyrus Chapel Methodist Church.



BENJAMIN F AND SARAH E BLACK

Mr. & Mrs. Black are buried in the church cemetery.

ISAAC FANNIN

Isaac Fannin come from Virginia to the Big Sandy Valley around 1855.

On the 13th of October 1855 he married Mary Stewart, daughter of Michel and Francis Stewart, who were from Ireland.

They had six sons, Roland, Alfred, William, Coster and Isaac, Jr., and six daughters, Ellen, Rebecca, Laura, Smantha, Lizzie, Mary and Elector. Coster and Elector were twins.

Mr. Fannin was ordained to preach in the Methodist churches by Quarterly Conference of Big Sandy Circuit in 1862.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H H Kavanaugh in 1870. Ordained Elder by Bishop Doggett in 1875. He was one of the first Methodists in Eastern Kentucky. I am sure he helped in the organizing of the Kavanaugh Church as he preached up and down the Big Sandy Valley.

Isaac, Jr., a son, was a minister also, widley known in West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. He served as pastor in Ravenwood, New Martinsville, Huntington and Parkersburg, W. Va. , Pikeville and Ashland, Kentucky. He was Presiding Elder of the Charleston and Fairmont Districts.

Churches he established and built were Central Methodist in Huntington, W. Va., Fannin Chapel on Havenwood, W Va., Circuit, and a church at Pikeville, Kentucky.

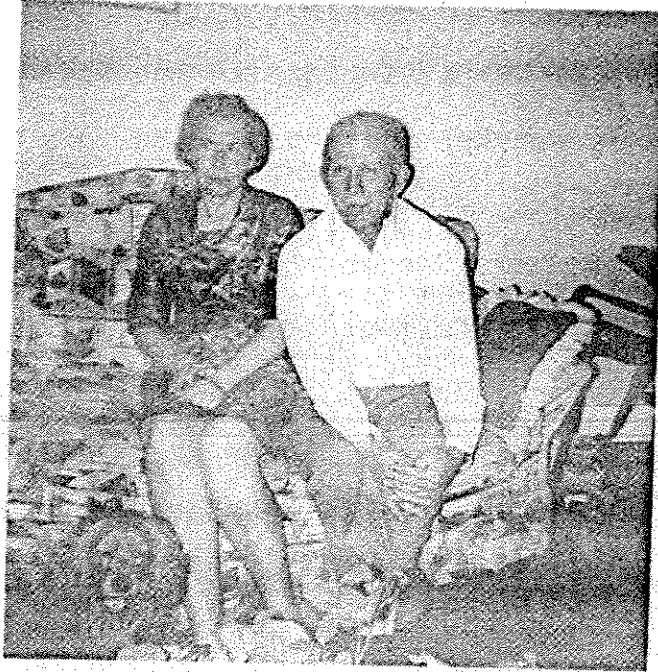
Isaac Fannin's Granddaughter, Alta (Fannin) Opell, (Coster's daughter), attends the church regular today.

On August 18, 1943, Alta married Ray Opell in the home of Rev. Keyser in Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Rev. Keyser preformed the marriage cermony.

They had two daughters, Marilyn and Kay. These children grew up in the church. Marilyn and her family still attend. Kay married Tom Kelly and she moved to Coal Grove, Ohio where they attend a Baptist Church.

Ray died May 11, 1980 and is buried in the Buchanan Chapel Cemetery.

Alta has held many offices in the church down thru the years and is the present Chairperson on communications for the year 1984.



ALTA AND RAY OFELL

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DAUGHTERS, MARILYN AND KAY

ROBERT LEE AND BELLE (LANA) LAYNE PRICHARD FAMILY

William Prichard was the forefather of the Prichard family of Northeastern Kentucky. He and his brother come from Wales about 1744. They were kidnapped when William was 14 years old. They were apprenticed to Virginia Farmers. When their apprenticeship was over, William Prichard migrated to Greenup County, Kentucky. In 1811 to Boyd County. He married Dorus Glover in Greenup County.

There were several generations and William Prichard was born in 1827 on the Big Sandy Farm at Burnaugh. He married Caroline Newman in 1853. From this union Robert Lee Prichard was born in 1866. He married Belle (Lana) Layne in 1890.

From this union there were four children, Betsy, William, Reba and Delbert.

Betsy died when she was twelve years old of polio.

William married Edith Faulkner, they had four children, Corabelle, Betty, Carlene and Bobby.

Reba had two daughters, Evelyn Berry and Bonnie Lou Preston.

Delbert had one child by his wife Lotus Harris. The baby and Lotus died in childbirth.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lee Prichard attended the Kavanaugh church all their life. Their children attended until they married and moved away. Some of their grandchildren attended.

This family is buried in the church cemetery.

JOHN AND VIRGINIA TURMAN FAMILY

This Turman family lived at the old James Turman Homestead and run Turman's Ferry.

They had seven children:

James married Katie Schneider.

Myrtle (Single)

Sally (Single)

Flossie married William Morris.

Martha married William Kouns.

Wade (Single)

Phillip

They all attended the church during their lifetime. Mr. and Mrs. Turman, Wade, Myrtle and Phillip are buried in the Church Cemetery.

SAMUEL AND RACHEL (STEWART) TURMAN FAMILY

Samuel and Rachel Turman lived about a mile above Kavanaugh at Turman's Ferry all their married life. *Rouse*

Samuel was a son of James and Margaret (Rouse) Turman.

Samuel and Rachel were the parents of ten children.

Emarine died at the age of 19.

James David married Fannie Hobbs, 2nd Queen Thompson.

Cora Alice died at age 15.

Samuel Andrew married Mamie McGee.

Allen Hatten married Fannie Rice.

Manford married Sadie Turman.

Charles Hilton married Lyda Losley.

Paul married Nola Estep.

George Chapman died when a baby.

Bessie Belle married Benard G Lockwood.

All of these children attended Kavanaugh Chapel, Church and Sunday School until they married and left the community.

Sunday School teachers that they remember were Beatrice and Nancy Finney and Rose Wright.

Emarine, James David, Cora Alice, Samuel, Allen, Samuel Sr's father and mother and Grandfather and Grandmother are all buried in the church cemetery.

This Turman family started perpetual care for the Church Cemetery July 8, 1959. Other people adding to this fund in later years.

PREPETUAL CARE FOR KAVANAUGH CHAPEL CEMETERY

WHEREAS, by deed of indenture dated September 15, 1873, recorded in Deed Book 10, Page 143, of the records of deeds in the Office of the Clerk of the Boyd County Court, made by Joseph H. Wright and Elizabeth Wright, his wife, of Boyd County, Kentucky, as grantors, and John Martin, G. R. Burgess, Joseph F. Hatten, E. M. Smyth, Green Kinner, and Charley Warren, of both Boyd and Lawrence Counties, Kentucky, as the then Trustees of Kavanaugh Chapel, Big Sandy Circuit, W. Va. Conference, M. E. C. South, a parcel of land was conveyed to the then Trustees of Kavanaugh Chapel as aforesaid for the erection and maintenance of a church house and of a burial ground or cemetery surrounding the church house together with easement or access to and from the same, and

WHEREAS, in a division of a disputed line dividing a three-acre tract of land lying between Lewis Prichard and Lucy Prichard, his wife, and Joseph Wright and Elizabeth Wright, his wife, the parties to said agreed division line agreed to execute to Kavanaugh Chapel, M. E. C. South, and its Trustees a deed of conveyance for so much of the said Kavanaugh Chapel lot as was allotted to them by the division line then agreed upon, which agreement and division line can be found on record in Deed Book 32, Page 1., of the records of Deeds in the Office of the Clerk of the Boyd County Court.

The deed aforesaid made by Joseph Wright and Elizabeth Wright, his wife, was made upon the promise and agreement of the execution by Lewis Prichard and Lucy Prichard, his wife, of a general warranty deed of so much of said church lot as fell within the three-acre parcel allotted to them. No deed can be found of record executed by Lewis Prichard and Lucy Prichard. However, the property has been in the possession of the trustees and used as a church lot and as a cemetery or burial ground since the year 1877, and

WHEREAS, the undersigned have relatives, grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, and children buried in said cemetery which graves they desire to maintain and keep in a presentable order and in perpetuity to that purpose do now band together and create a fund of money to be deposited to the credit of said trustees as hereinafter provided, and for their successors in trust, in Kentucky-Farmers Bank of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, to draw interest thereon at the highest rate of interest said banking institution will pay on savings accounts. Said fund to be added to from time to time as others may become interested as are the undersigned in the maintenance of the appearance of said cemetery.

The said funds shall be withdrawn only upon the joint check signed by all three trustees so elected and acting as hereinafter stated and the funds withdrawn shall be applied solely to the upkeep of said graves, to the maintenance of an adequate fence surrounding the church lot and burial ground, to the cutting of grass, to the grubbing out of briars, undergrowth, sprouts and all undesirable vegetation and to the maintenance of two out-houses presently erected thereon.

The corpus of the fund hereby created by the undersigned shall not be withdrawn at any time for any purpose: only the interest earned and paid by the banking institution shall be subject to withdrawal by the trustees for the purposes hereinabove set out.

The present elected, qualified and acting Trustees of Kavanaugh Chapel, Big Sandy Circuit, W. Va. Conference, M. E. C. South, are the following three persons:

Mrs. Annabelle P. Neal, Cannonsburg Pike, Catlettsburg, Ky.
Mrs. Karen P. Rice, Rt. 1, Catlettsburg (P.O. Buchanan), Ky.
Mr. George Shannon, Rt. 1, Catlettsburg (P.O. Buchanan), Ky.

They are now hereby constituted by the undersigned as Trustees of this trust fund for the uses and purposes above set out. Their successors in trust shall be elected or appointed by the membership of Kavanaugh Chapel, Big Sandy Circuit, W. Va. Conference, M. E. C. South, who shall be vested with all powers and duties hereby imposed upon the present trustees.

All persons contributing now or hereafter to the trust fund have the privilege of examining the accounts and records of the trustees as well as the bank records kept of the account.

The 8 day of July, 1959.

P. S. Eleven hundred dollars has been deposited to the account of Kavanaugh Chapel Cemetery Fund at the Kentucky-Farmers Bank, Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Anyone desiring to contribute to this fund shall make check payable to the Kavanaugh Chapel Cemetery Fund and deposit same in proper account at the Kentucky-Farmers Bank, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, or give to trustee.

JAMES AND SABRINA (TURMAN) MCSORLEY FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. McSorley lived on a farm near the Turman Ferry.

- They had five children.
- Olivia married Charley Chadwick.
- Samuel married Rose Havens.
- Margaret married Martin Frazier.
- Wilford married Fannie Stevens.
- Belle married Harrison Meade.

These children attended the church and Sunday School in their youth moving away after they married.

Olivia and Charley Chadwick and Wilford and Fannie McSorley are buried in the Church Cemetery.

Class No. 2.

<i>Mr. John Bozie.</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>Miss Reba Richard.</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Miss Nola Hale</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Miss Lizzie Grubbe</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Mr. Chester Kendrick</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>Richard Kendrick</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>