

**VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

1840-1940

"Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations;
ask thy father and he will show thee; thy elders and they will show thee."

Deut. 32:7



VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IMPERIAL, PA.

Second Building — Erected 1911

"Whosoever thou art that entereth this Church, remember it is the house of God: Be reverent, be silent, be thoughtful; and leave it not without a prayer to God, for thyself, for him who ministers, and for those who worship here."

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE
of
Valley Presbyterian Church

1840 - 1940

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ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

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THE REV. CLARENCE EDWARD DAVISON

Pastor—beginning 1936

ONE HUNDRED YEARS

It is one hundred years since the Valley church was organized by a few people who were of the opinion that the Montour Valley needed another church to serve the families which were rapidly increasing—both in number and size.

This church stands today to mark the faithful labor and devotion of a loving and loyal people—in witness of hours of toil and sacrifices of love that has made this history possible. Truly it can be said of them, "They have laboured, and we are entered into their labors."

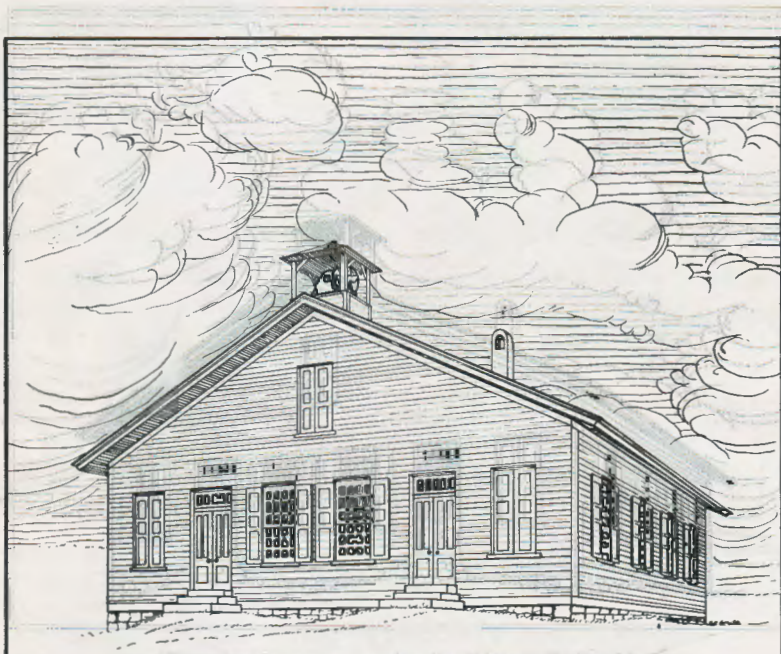
*God grant that we may justify
The faith our fathers had,
May hold the light they planted high,
That countless ages glad,
As yet unborn, with hearts elate
Our church's birth may celebrate.*

—Edgar A. Guest.

Sincerely your Pastor,

CLARENCE E. DAVISON.

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me . . . I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon." I Cor. 3:10.



(Reproduced from a drawing by Edward E. Smith)

First Church Building — Erected 1839

First Church Building — Erected 1839

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HISTORY OF THE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IMPERIAL, PA.

Its Organization, Labors and Triumphs.

The history of the Valley Presbyterian Church is not confined to one hundred years. For her heritage includes much of the history of the Montour, Sharon, Hopewell, and Raccoon Churches. The histories of these churches indicate that this region was settled originally by Scotch-Irish stock of Presbyterian faith and doctrine. Many of the earlier members of the above mentioned churches lived within the confines of our present church parish. Thus, we may claim an interest in the labors of such great Presbyterian pioneers as Rev. John McMillan who preached first to groups which afterwards became the Montour, Bethel, Lebanon and Chartiers Presbyterian Churches.

The earliest record of the Valley Presbyterian Church of Imperial, Pa., that we have been able to find is under date of February 11, 1839. It indicates that other meetings had been held previous to this one. The proceedings under this date we give verbatim:

"The building committee of a Presbyterian meetinghouse, to be erected on the west end of Jacob Guy's farm, met at the house of Jacob Guy. Members present—William Burns, Arter Forbes, Archibald Marshall, and Jacob Guy. William Burns was called to the chair; and Jacob Guy to the pen. Proceeded to business, as respects the house, which is to be 45 feet wide, and 55 feet long, decided by the people. On motion, the committee resolved that the house be 13 feet high in the clear; have 16 windows, 2 doors, with a fair-principle roof. The house to be enclosed, floored, and made ready for the plasterer; and be done in a good, substantial, workman-like manner; and completed by November 1st, and have the best kind of hinges and fastenings for the doors and windows. Resolved further; that the secretary be authorized to have 50 hand-bills printed, and set up in different parts, asking proposals for the building. Adjourned to meet at Mr. Marshall's Wednesday, February 20, at 1 o'clock."

Under the date just named we find the same committee met; and from this minute we learn that the building committee was composed of five members, for in addition to the four named as present at the previous meeting we have the name of William Short present at this one.

The committee by resolution added further specifications to those recorded above, setting forth the depth of foundation; thickness of walls; breadth of flooring boards; number of lights in each window, and their size; width of doors, width of stone sills, and the kind of material for doors and shutters; the width of weather-boarding, and number of nails to be used. The whole to be covered with jointpine shingles and painted with white lead, etc. Payments, one-third when the work is commenced; one-third when completed, and balance in two months.

The ground on which the building was to stand must be deeded before the foundation is started.

At this point trouble started because they needed a silver dollar to obtain the deed. At this time paper money was worthless and no one had a silver dollar except Alexander McAdams who paid the dollar and received the deed. In appreciation of this service, his name was placed first on the petition to the Presbytery of Ohio to organize the Montours Valley Church. Farther down the list the name of his brother James appears.

Even though the committee had made by resolution, very specific rules and measurements about the sixteen windows, the number of lights in each window, the two doors, and the stone sills, which had to be a certain width, had named the kind of material to be used, and had specified that the hinges and fastenings were to be the best, they could not find a carpenter equal to the task. However, God seemed to have led the committee, for just at that time a carpenter, Robert Crawford, a grandfather of one of the present members, Mrs. M. W. Cheesebrough, Sr., came from Maryland and settled on a farm in the community. Upon hearing of his skill, he was asked to make the sixteen windows. This he did in so fine a manner that the windows were the pride and wonder of the church as long as it stood.

On March 14, 1839, under these specifications, Cornelius Borland contracted to do the work for \$1450, John Cook going his security.

On April 25, 1839, an order was issued on the treasurer, in favor of C. Borland for one-third of the contract money.

From the above date for a time history ceases. But evidently the building had been made ready for the inside finish, and the building committee was authorized to proceed with this, and the treasurer was authorized to borrow sufficient money to meet this expense, the following persons binding themselves for the fulfillment of the same:

James Stewart
Archibald Marshall
William Burns
William Short
James McAdams

Andrew Johnston
John Miller
Jacob A. Guy
Joseph McGahen, Jr.
Alexander McAdams

Alexander Baggs
Robert Burns
John Stewart
John Logan

At this juncture, as we find in all emergencies of this kind, the ladies came to the rescue, and Jane Miller, Elizabeth Stewart, Elizabeth Marshall, and Margaret Guy carried subscription papers to pay for erecting the pulpit. And in a short time they reported \$75 on subscription. The pulpit was erected for the sum of \$45.

Finally this "Presbyterian meetinghouse" was completed at a total cost of \$1,836.20.

But not until June 1st, 1840, were steps taken to secure an organization of the church. On this date the following petition was ordered:

"To the reverend Presbytery of Ohio:

We, the undersigned, residing within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ohio, respectfully represent that we occupy a district of country comparatively destitute of the ministrations of the Gospel, and a convenient Presbyterian Church. Our location is between the congregations of Montours and Hopewell on the east and west; and Raccoon and Sharon on the south and north; the distance between the two former is about ten and one-half miles; and between the two latter eleven and one-half miles.

We would further respectfully represent, that there are among us several aged and infirm persons who cannot attend either of the above churches. That many of us have young and large families, whom we cannot take regularly to any existing sanctuary of God. That there are many persons who would probably become constant hearers in a Presbyterian Church who do not now worship anywhere. And we further state, that in the prospect of having a house of worship erected among us, in which doctrines contrary to our views and contrary to the sacred Scriptures and the standards of the Presbyterian Church would be taught, we have thought it advisable, in self defence, against the introduction of vexatious and dangerous errors among us, to erect a building which is guaranteed to be used as a Presbyterian place of worship. In view of these facts, we, the subscribers, belonging to different churches, or inclined to hear and support the gospel, do hereby pray your reverend body to organize a Presbyterian Church among us with the appellation of 'Montour Valley Church'."

Signed: 1840

Alexander McAdams
Joseph Wherry
William Baggs
John Byers, Sr.
John Stewart
James Wherry
Andrew Johnston
John Logan
Samuel Maloney
James Stewart, Sr.
Henry Logan
William Burns
John Patton
G. Meanor
J. B. Meanor
Alexander Marshall
Andrew McHenry
Joseph Craig
Andrew Burns
Jonathan Byers
John Byers, Jr.
James Kelley
Andrew McMinn
Robert McMinn
Joseph McGahen, Jr.
Thomas McGahen

E. Flanegin
James McCandless
J. McClelland
J. C. Gaimleish
Thomas Armour
Isaac Byers
Samuel Byers, Sr.
Samuel Byers, Jr.
Uriah Stewart
Alexander Byers
William Burns, Jr.
John Jeffery
G. W. Holmes
W. J. Johnston
Alexander Jeffery
Margaret Jeffrey
D. Jeffery
Robert Cunningham
William McCandless
John Marshall
Philip McCandless
Alexander Logan
A. McBride, Sr.
A. McBride, Jr.
William McBride
W. Marshall

John Miller
Henry McBride
Jacob Guy
William Armour
Alexander Meloney
James Todd
V. Elliott
Robert Burns
John Burns, Sr.
James Stewart, Jr.
James McAdams
Alexander Baggs
John Lusk
Marshall Short
Thomas Short
W. Wallace
Hugh Lusk
David Boyce
J. Willson
J. Cox
James Patton
J. McMahon
R. Stevenson
J. Flanegin
R. E. Morgan
Thomas Willson

July 1840
McClennan
Aunt Nellie

Alexander Jeffery
David Shaffer
John Shaffer
John Linton
J. D. Linton
Francis Hood
G. Willson

J. White
W. Johnston
J. Crawford
Alexander Marshall
G. W. Ringer
A. Fields
J. Millegan

H. Crooks
J. Lewis
H. C. McFarland
John Short
J. Boyce
Robert Walker

The foregoing petition was presented to Ohio Presbytery at a meeting held June 18, 1840, by James Stewart, Sr., and Jacob Guy. Presbytery deferred action until its next meeting. It resolved, however, to hold a conference at Hopewell on the first Thursday of September, and in the meantime to notify the congregations of Pisgah, Montours, Sharon, Racoon, Hopewell and Bethlehem, together with those interested in the new church, which was to be represented at said conference by two commissioners. Dr. Elliott, the Rev. A. D. Campbell and the Rev. James D. Ray were appointed commissioners from Presbytery.

This conference was held and at a meeting of Presbytery held at Montours on October 7, 1840, the commission reported, and requested that the prayer of the petitioners for a new church be granted. Presbytery then appointed the Rev. James D. Ray and the Rev. Reuben Lewis to organize said church, which was done November 4, 1840. But instead of "Montours Valley Church" Presbytery named it "Valley Church."

The first clerks selected to lead the singing in the new church were Alexander Byers, Archibald Marshall, Joseph McGahen and Jacob Guy, and they were allowed to select their own place of standing. (It was customary in those days for the clerks to be seated in front of the pulpit and to stand while leading the music.)

The records indicate that the first sermon preached in the new church was by the Rev. McEwing, July 5, 1840. This same minister preached for six Sabbaths in succession. During the time intervening between this and November 1840, services were held by the Revs. Miller, Arthurs, McEwing, Marshall, Smith and Coon.

On November 4th, the same date of organization, the first ruling elders were elected, namely, James Stewart, Sr., John Byers, Sr., John Miller, and Jacob Guy.

The first administration of the Lord's Supper was held December 13, 1840; and the officiating ministers on this occasion, and for the preparatory services, were the Revs. Jeffrey and Ray.

The records indicate that services were regularly held, and other ministers preached in addition to those named above, as follows—Pettigrew, Murray, Reed and McCraig.

The number of persons admitted to the church during the year 1840 was 27, as follows:

John Byers—certificate
Robert Burns—certificate
Jane, his wife—certificate
Miss Elizabeth Byers—certificate
Mrs. Nancy Forbes—examination
Jacob Guy—certificate
Margaret, his wife—certificate
Andrew Johnston—certificate
Elizabeth, his wife—certificate
John Logan—certificate
Margaret, his wife—certificate
Joseph McGahen—certificate
Emily, his wife—certificate

John Miller—certificate
Jane, his wife—certificate
Thomas McGahen—certificate
Nancy, his wife—certificate
James Stewart, Sr.—certificate
Isabelle, his wife—certificate
John Stewart—certificate
Elizabeth, his wife—certificate
James, their son—certificate
Jane, their daughter—certificate
Rachel Stewart, wife of James—certificate
Joseph Wherry, certificate
Elizabeth, his wife—certificate
John Wilson—examination

During the year 1841 the following persons were admitted:

Mrs. Jane Wilson—certificate
Mrs. Margaret Thompson—examination
James McKinley—examination
Alexander Marshall—certificate
Elizabeth, his wife—certificate
Henry Logan—certificate
Agnes, his wife—certificate
Miss Mary Logan—certificate

Miss Margaret Logan—certificate
Mrs. Margaret Jeffrey—certificate
Delila Jeffrey—certificate
Jane Huston—certificate
Jane Foster—examination
Alex H. Burns—examination
Jane, his wife—certificate
Miss Mary Elliott—certificate

This makes a total of 43 members admitted during the first two years; and nearly all of them by certificate from Montours Church.

A comparison of the number who signed the petition for a new organization, and the number who united with this church during the first two years of its existence, indicates that human nature in those early days was much the same as at the present time, in the fact that when a new project is launched, many are willing to witness the experiment, but hold themselves aloof until its success is assured, before lending a helping hand.

Beginning with the first Sabbath of February, 1841, the Rev. Samuel Pettigrew became stated supply for the ensuing three months. The records do not indicate the amount that he received for his services during this time.

On April 21st, 1841, a call for a pastor was presented to Presbytery in the following form:

"The congregation of the Valley Church, being on sufficient grounds, well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Samuel Pettigrew, and having good hopes from our past experience of your labors that your ministrations in the gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call and desire you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. And that you may be free from all worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise, and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of four hundred dollars, with the increase, in regular half-yearly payments, during the time of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church.

In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 19th day of April A. D., 1841."

JOHN BYERS
JAMES STEWART, SR.
JOHN MILLER
JACOB GUY

The following is the response from Presbytery:

"Allegheny, April 22, 1841.

The committee appointed to bring in a report expressing the views of Presbytery, in returning the call of the Valley Church, for the pastoral labors of Samuel Pettigrew, to said church, would respectfully report:

That in the view of Presbytery the sum of four hundred dollars promised in the call is not sufficient to sustain a minister of the gospel in a comfortable manner. The individual called in the present case is a young man who has exhausted all his means by years of preparation for the gospel ministry. A library is absolutely necessary to enable him to prosecute his studies with success, which of itself would require much of the above named sum. When a minister receives an incompetent sum he is necessarily driven to some other occupation to make up the deficiency. This deprives the congregation of those labors which they ought to receive from the pastor. And thus they themselves are the first sufferers. It operates unfriendly upon the pastor, making him worldly minded and preventing that spiritual and mental growth which would be the consequence of an entire devotion to the studies and labors of the ministry. Or if he attempts to live on his salary alone, he is crippled in all his operations by pecuniary embarrassment. Nor can he enjoy the luxury of contributing to the benevolent operations of the day. While the people are enjoying fully the bounties of Providence and providing for their families the minister who faithfully labors among them can scarcely meet the demands made upon him, while he can do nothing for his children. With respect to the phrase, "with the increase," used in the call, Presbytery would say that is a new form of expression, objectional because it is indefinite. If that increase should be but small it would not meet the wants of the pastor. But if the hopes are sanguine that it would be large the congregation should have run the risk of that increase. They could more easily do it than their pastor. While, therefore, the Presbytery commends the zeal of their infant church, displayed in the erection of a building and employing, thus far, a stated supply, thus ensuring to themselves the regular administration of the Word and ordinances, they feel constrained by a sense of duty to return the call into the hands of the session of the Valley Church upon the ground that the sum mentioned in the call is insufficient to sustain a pastor in a comfortable manner."

WM. B. McILVAIN,
REV. LEA,

Committee.

For several months following this the pulpit was supplied by different ministers and notably among them was Mr. Pettigrew.

The spring meeting of Presbytery was held in the Valley Church in April, 1842. A committee was appointed with instructions to make all necessary arrangements for this meeting. Among other things it was authorized to secure some member of Presbytery to give a lecture on temperance on one evening of their sessions. This shows that the temperance cause was being advocated in the Valley Church quite early in its history.

On October 3, 1842, a call, moderated by the Rev. McKaig, was made for the Rev. Smith F. Grier, at \$400 per year, to be paid semi-annually. Mr. Grier later accepted this call and began his labors as the first stated pastor of this church at the opening of the year 1843. Year after year he served this people at this rate of salary.

At a congregational meeting held August 18, 1851, he stated, "That after nine years trial I have found my salary barely sufficient to sustain me and I think I should receive something more."

An effort was made and his salary was increased to \$450, which he accepted for another year.

At the fall meeting of Presbytery 1852 he asked for a dissolution of his pastoral relations, which was granted.

From the time of the above dissolution until late in 1857 the church was without a stated pastor. Much of this time the pulpit was filled by the Rev. W. P. Harvison, and several efforts were made to secure him as a pastor. But on account of his poor health the matter was deferred from time to time.

On August 31, 1857, the Rev. Wm. Hunter of Hopewell moderated a call for the Rev. Samuel C. Jennings at a salary of \$300 per year, to be paid semi annually. He was also retained as pastor of Sharon Church and for several years his labors were divided between these two congregations.

Soon after the pastoral relations of Dr. Jennings began, four deacons were elected, namely: John Matthews, Isaac A. Walker, George Burns and Thomas Jeffrey.

Dr. Jennings held his pastoral relations with the Valley Church until April 27, 1868, when he asked that they be dissolved. His request was granted. On the same day the congregation adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved—1st. That we reluctantly through a painful sense of duty, acquiesce in said request, believing that the field of his labors is too great for his physical strength and that it is the will of Providence that it shall be confined to Sharon, which has petitioned for his whole time.

2nd. That we give our unqualified testimony to his being a talented, faithful, and efficient minister of the Gospel among us, that he has labored in season and out of season to win sinners to Christ, and that we will remember with feelings of the warmest affection his instructions and advice in spiritual things.

3rd. That we esteem him as a Christian gentleman in his manners, manifesting that urbanity and kindness in all his intercourse with us which characterizes the ambassador of Christ. And that the want of his social and friendly visits as our beloved pastor will be felt by us all.

4th. That we take leave of him as our pastor, commending him to the care and blessing of the Great Head of the church, hoping and praying that his labors in the future may be as abundantly blessed as in the past."

For several months following the release of Dr. Jennings the pulpit was filled by supplies. Among them was Dr. Williams, also the Rev. Taylor, who was stated supply for a short time.

But renewed efforts were put forth to secure the services of the Rev. Wm. P. Harvison, which was finally accomplished and he began his labors October 1, 1869, as stated pastor and continued in this capacity until his death September 18, 1870.

At a meeting held October 3, 1870, the following resolutions were adopted.

"Whereas: In the providence of God, we have been bereaved of our pastor, the Rev. Wm. P. Harvison, by death.

Resolved: That we recognize the hand of God in this dispensation of his providence.

Resolved: That while we lament our loss we rejoice to be able to bear testimony to his ability as a minister and his fidelity as a pastor.

Resolved: That we tender our sympathies to the bereaved family of the deceased and that we implore the verification of our Heavenly Father's promise, to be a husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be handed to the widow and a copy to the editor of the Presbyterian Banner, for publication."

On December 18, 1871, at a meeting moderated by the Rev. Watering of Mansfield (now Carnegie) a call was made for the Rev. M. N. Cornelius, every member present voting in the affirmative. At this time the Rev. Cornelius was pastor at Oakdale. At the opening of the new year he began his services as pastor of both churches. This continued until April 21, 1873. Under this date the following was adopted at a meeting of the congregation:

"Whereas: The Rev. M. N. Cornelius, for reasons deemed good and sufficient, has tendered his resignation as our pastor. Therefore, be it

Resolved: That in view of all the circumstances we acquiesce in said resignation, although we do so with feelings of regret."

For a year following the above date the pulpit was filled by supplies, and a greater portion of this time by the Rev. J. P. Hamilton. From time to time an effort was made to secure him as pastor. But all efforts in this direction failed.

On March 16, 1874, at a meeting moderated by the Rev. G. M. Kerr of Raccoon, a call was presented for the Rev. Wm. Hanna, for half time in connection with Hebron. This call was accepted and he began his labors April 1, 1874.

He was diligent in checking upon the habits and morals of the congregation having members called before the Session if there was any question as to their behavior. In the record of a Session meeting held on February 9, 1878 the following is recorded, "James Meehan who had been requested to appear before Session and had refused, appeared before Session today and acknowledged that he had indulged a little too much in strong drink and also expressed his sorrow for the past and promised to endeavor to do better in the future—was restored to membership again." Mr. Hanna's pastorate continued for a period of six years, ending early in 1880.

The next year elapsed without a pastor being installed, there being some difficulty within the church relative to certain of the officers. However, the Session minutes for that period record that Mr. James Stewart was chosen to attend the fall meeting of Presbytery and present a narrative written by Rev. G. M. Spargrove who served as Moderator of the meeting:

"The Valley Church has been without a settled pastor for nearly a year, yet the public means of grace have been regularly maintained, the Sabbath School is in an encouraging condition, the people seem to have a mind to work and the outlook for future advance is promising. We are not permitted to report any special work of grace. The morals of the community are better than is usual in mining regions, the predominant sentiment being in favor of temperance and good order."

On April 1, 1881, the Rev. Geo. M. Spargrove received an unanimous call being installed a short time thereafter. Dr. John Jay Crawford, in an article written for the Burgettstown Enterprise, dated April 26, 1883, and entitled "A Sketch of the Valley Presbyterian Church," records the following: "A new era now dawned. The empty seats were filled; the finances were lifted from the chaotic condition, and the spiritual slumberers awoke from their dark lethargy. Mr. Spargrove was gentle, social and manly. He was a scholar, an orator and a Christian. He treated with rational civility the religious convictions of all, and realized that even the so-called 'outsiders' had 'characters they cherished and rights that loved respect.' He mingled some sunlight with the shadows of his theology, and 'spanned with divine forgiveness the hideous gulf that separates the fallen from the pure.' He had ministered only a very short time when his nervous system became shattered and he drifted into a mental decay that finally ended in a hopeless insanity; and when, in the September of '81, by his own tragic act he passed from the tempests of life into the serenity of death, he was loved, admired, and lamented by every one who knew him."

Following the death of Mr. Spargrove, the church fell on dark days. Mr. James Stewart who had served continuously as elder since May 16, 1857, died in October 10, 1882. This left only one elder, Henry Leech, to carry on the work of the church. Friction developed as to how to raise funds to pay the supply preachers, some favoring "selling of the pews" and others

favoring offerings instead. The situation became so acute that the whole matter was referred to Presbytery in the spring of 1883. Presbytery appointed a committee to supervise church activities and work out an amicable solution to its problems. On October 30, 1883, the Rev. Samuel H. Moore was installed pastor of the Valley Church. The Rev. M. H. Bradley presided and preached the sermon. The Rev. William McCibben delivered the charge to the people and the Rev. S. J. Fisher delivered the charge to the pastor. Following the installation of Mr. Moore, the Presbytery Committee was discharged and on June 1, 1884, two additional elders were elected: Mr. John R. Marshall and Mr. John Shafer. In January, 1885, the Rev. Mr. Moore was released from this pastoral charge, he having received a call from the Wilkinsburg Church, which he thought afforded him a larger field of usefulness.

During the interim which now followed the Rev. Charles Herron became stated supply.

At a meeting of the Congregation on January 30, 1888, with Rev. F. T. McSelland as moderator, a call was made for the Rev. S. W. Douglas who served until the spring of 1889.

In the early spring of 1889 the Rev. S. J. S. Moore was installed pastor. Once again the Valley Church had a pastor who insisted on unquestionable conduct on the part of his members. In a Session minute dated January 4, 1891, it is recorded that a committee was appointed to settle a case of slander existing between Mr. and Mrs. Beverage and Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale. The committee reported on January 11, 1891, that an adjustment had been made satisfactory to all parties.

On October 1, 1891, the Session took the following action, "In view of the alarming prevalency of dancing and card playing in this neighborhood and also of the recent action of our General Assembly in regard to same—Resolved that we hereby authorize the Moderator, S. J. S. Moore, to admonish our members concerning their duty in regard to the same by reading the action of the General Assembly."

On March 24, 1894, Mr. John S. Weaver was baptized and received into church membership at the age of 84. On June 29, 1895, Mr. John Byers was received by confession of his faith at the age of 87.

During the year 1893-94, the ladies of the church were the cause of a discussion between the Board of Trustees and the Session resulting in the Session overturing Presbytery on April 1, 1894, for an official decision on the powers of the Trustees over the Church property, property, the pastors salary, and proper authority to call a Congregational meeting.

The dispute, originating over the request of the "Ladies Aid" to meet regularly in the church building, was settled amicably and on March 29, 1895, it is recorded that the Ladies Aid contributed \$35.00 toward church support.

At a meeting held January 6, 1896, Mr. Moore notified the congregation of his intention to ask Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations existing between them and asked that a commission be appointed to join asking for the same. This was done at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

On May 4, 1896, the congregation met according to previous notice, with the Rev. C. P. Way, pastor of Hebron, as moderator. A unanimous call was made at this time for the Rev. J. J. Graham. William A. Thompson, elder, was appointed to present this call at a meeting of Presbytery, held the following day at Point Breeze, Pittsburgh, Pa. This call was confirmed. The Rev. Mr. Graham served this people for six years and proved himself to be an incessant worker. He was constantly up in arms against the evils of the day and especially the liquor traffic. He preached his farewell sermon to this congregation April 27, 1902.

On December 23, 1902, the Rev. H. W. McCombs was installed pastor. The Rev. Jesse S. Cotton presided. The Rev. R. S. Holmes preached the sermon. The Rev. John M. Gaston gave the charge to the pastor and the Rev. J. M. Mercer the charge to the people.

The Rev. H. W. McCombs continued his duties until October 5, 1906, at which time he asked the congregation to join him in asking Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the church. Soon after this relationship was dissolved.

At a congregational meeting held March 23, 1907, with the Rev. Mr. Laughlin of Montours, moderator, a unanimous call was made for the Rev. W. J. Snyder. This call was confirmed and soon after he took up the labors of the church.

Much progress took place during this pastorate. In the spring of 1911 the first church endeared to the hearts of so many of the people of Imperial and surrounding country by tender associations and remembrances, was taken down that a new edifice might stand upon the sacred ground occupied by its predecessor.

During this pastorate, the church owned a manse located on Main Street and Santiago Road just opposite the Central Garage which was disposed of by action of the congregation on March 27, 1917.

Plans were immediately made to erect a new manse, a committee being appointed to look into the matter at the same time the old manse was sold. After considerable debate, the plan to build a new manse was dropped and on March 5, 1919 the Trustees were authorized to purchase the present manse property from the Pittsburgh Coal Co.

The Santiago Mission Building was built during this period and many times Mr. Snyder walked between Santiago and Imperial for services.

In 1918, Mr. Snyder was given a years leave of absence to become a secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in the A.E.F. in which he served from June, 1918, until June, 1919.

At a meeting of the congregation, held February 6, 1920, Mr. Snyder requested the congregation to unite with him in asking the Presbytery of Pittsburgh to dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between the Valley Church and himself. The request was granted with regrets and the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the congregation of the Valley

Church do unite with Mr. Snyder in petitioning Presbytery for such dissolution. We take this action reluctantly and only at the earnest request of Mr. Snyder. For nearly thirteen years Mr. Snyder has been the pastor of the Valley Church, having come to this church immediately upon his graduation from the seminary. During these years, Mr. Snyder has been a very faithful pastor, building up the church in numbers and in strength and ministering to the spiritual needs of the whole community. He was always interested and active in every movement that was for the betterment of the community. It was owing to his tireless efforts that the present beautiful church building was erected and fully paid for shortly after dedication.

Mr. Snyder also had no small part in the mission work at the village of Santiago and probably deserves credit more than any one man for the building of the chapel there.

While we are very sorry to lose Mr. Snyder from the pastorate of the Valley Church, we congratulate the church to which he has been called, upon securing a good Preacher and a faithful Pastor, and our best wishes and prayers follow him to his new field of labor."

At a congregational meeting held on July 6, 1920, a call was made for the services of the Rev. Roy M. Kiskaddon of Amity, Pa. Mr. Kiskaddon served until November 15, 1923. During his pastorate, a year book was published on two successive years, containing information regarding the church and all its organizations.

Mr. Kiskaddon resigned on November 15, 1923, and the pulpit was filled by supply preachers, of which the Rev. Mr. Gray was most acceptable.

At a meeting of the congregation on August 14, 1924, a call was made for the services of the Rev. W. B. Purnell and members of the Session and Trustees were instructed to sign the call and serve as commissioners to Presbytery when it be presented. Shortly after the coming of Mr. Purnell, the manse was remodeled at a cost of \$7,000.00. The membership of the Valley Church reached its highest figure in 1928—566, with 101 new members being received at one communion service. This pastorate was closed in October, 1934.

For a period of over a year the church was without a pastor. During this period A. D. Wilson, C. M. Aten, and C. H. Cunningham were elected as the first full Session under the rotary system. Mr. A. D. Wilson was elected by the Pittsburgh Presbytery in 1937 as a commissioner to the 149th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

On February 9, 1936, the congregation met following the church service and unanimously made a call for the services of the Rev. Clarence E. Davison, who is the present pastor. During the present pastorate, the church has worked hard to overcome the results of the difficult depression years since 1929—with commendable success. The present church membership is 537 (April 1, 1940) with a Sunday School membership of 338. Since the beginning of the pastorate, plans have been made for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary. The new heating system has been installed and paid for. The church has been redecorated both inside and out. Rest rooms have been

installed and a well drilled. New hymn books have been purchased and the debt has been reduced considerably. During the summer of 1938, a plan was entered into with the Presbytery of Pittsburgh whereby a full time missionary would be placed in our valley to be under the direct supervision of the Session of the Valley Church. The church pays a portion of the missionary's salary. The present church missionary, Miss Margaret Fekete commenced her work on September 1, 1938.

In August, 1936, two young people were chosen to attend the Presbyterian Summer Conference at Saltsburg, Pa. Since then, delegations have attended from the Valley Church each summer, there being fourteen last summer. In addition, the past two years, a boy and a girl have been sent to the Presbyterian Intermediate Camp at Laurelville, Pa. In 1938 two of our Sunday School Workers attended the Presbyterian Training School at Wooster. The Church pays part of the expense of each delegate at camp, school, or conference. Last summer, Mr. Davison and a group of boys attended a Valley Church Camp at Evans City, Pa.

Early in 1938, the church purchased a Mimeograph machine which made it possible for a weekly bulletin to be prepared. The sketch of the church which appears on the weekly bulletin was drawn by E. E. Smith.

Since 1937, the officers and leaders of the church have been meeting each fall to prepare plans for the ensuing year. These Retreats have been held at different locations, including the Clinton Church and Camp Arcoho near Evans City, Pa. It was in these Retreats that much of the impetus for the new improvements was received and where enthusiasm was enlisted for the church program.

During the past four years, the pastor has been called upon frequently for Community and welfare service. For each of the last four years, the Session has released him for one week to serve as director of the Presbytery Camp for Mission Boys and for each of the last two years for one week to serve as a leader at the Presbyterian Summer Conference at Saltsburg, Pa.



1. Smith F. Grier 2. S. J. S. Moore 3. Roy M. Kiskaddon 4. Walter Brown Purnell

PASTORS

Rev. Smith F. Grier—October 3, 1842 to the fall of 1852.

Rev. Samuel C. Jennings—August 31, 1857 to April 27, 1868.

Ordained by the Presbytery of Ohio on June 24, 1829 in the Sharon Presbyterian Church which he served continuously for fifty years, at one time having four other organized churches under his care. At the time he was minister at Imperial, he also served at Sharon and Neville Island. He died in the year 1879 and is buried in the Sharon Cemetery.

Rev. William P. Harvison—October 1, 1869 to September 18, 1870. Died on September 18, 1870 and is buried in the Valley cemetery.

Rev. M. N. Cornelius—December 18, 1871 to April 21, 1873. Ordained on June 13, 1871 by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh in the First Presbyterian Church of Oakdale, Pa.

Rev. William Hanna—March 16, 1874 to Spring, 1880.

Rev. G. M. Spargrove—April 1, 1881 to September, 1881. Died in September 1881.

Rev. Samuel H. Moore—October 30, 1883 to January 1885. Mr. Moore is still living (1940) making his home in Florida.

Rev. S. W. Douglass—January 30, 1888 to spring of 1889.

Rev. Samuel James Steele Moore—February 12, 1889 to January 6, 1896. Born May 24, 1855 near Concord, Ohio. A.B.—Muskingum College. B.D.—Allegheny Seminary. Licensed by Muskingum Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church on November 16, 1880. Ordained in Mansfield Presbytery, Ohio on December 17, 1882. Preached in U. P. churches in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. February 12, 1889—Called to Valley Presbyterian Church. Preached after leaving Imperial in 1896 in Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, and California. Died July 29, 1933 at the age of 78 in Pasadena, California.

Rev. J. J. Graham—May 4, 1896 to April 27, 1902.

Rev. H. W. McCombs—December 23, 1902 to October 5, 1906. Mr. McCombs is still living (1940) residing at present in Florida.

Rev. W. J. Snyder—March 23, 1907 to February 6, 1920. Born January 29, 1875 near Mercer, Pa. Educated in local schools—taught for seven years in public schools. A.B.—Grove City College. Licensed by Allegheny Presbytery in 1906. S.T.B.—Western Theological Seminary in May, 1907. Ordained and installed in Valley Presbyterian Church on May 16, 1907. Married to Erma Phillips on June 26, 1907. B.S. degree—Western Theological Seminary in 1909. Received during his pastorate in Valley Church a total of 546 new members, baptized 172 children and 122 adults. Conducted 204 funerals and 26 weddings. On October 3, 1915 received 140 members at one Communion Service. Installed in Harrisville and New Hope Churches in 1920—remained until 1925. Installed in West Elizabeth and Elrama Churches in 1926—remained until 1940—resigned both churches to accept calls to West Hartford and Clarkson, Ohio Churches.

Rev. Roy M. Kiskaddon, D.D.—July 6, 1920 to November 15, 1923. Born February 9, 1887 at Kittanning, Pa. Graduated from Kittanning Academy in 1906. A.B. Degree from Washington and Jefferson College in 1910. S.T.B. Degree from Western Seminary in 1913. Licensed by Kittanning Presbytery on April 9, 1912. Ordained at Rural Valley, Pa. on April 15, 1913. Served following churches: Unity Presbyterian Church, Harveys, Greene County, Pa.—October 15, 1913 to October 1, 1915; Lower Ten

Mile and Pleasant Hills Churches, Washington County, October 1, 1915 to September 15, 1920. Valley Presbyterian Church, Imperial, Pa.—September 15, 1920 to November 15, 1923; First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., assistant pastor—November 15, 1923 to October 31, 1926; The Presbyterian Church, Coshocton, Ohio—October 31, 1926 to present.

Rev. Walter Brown Purnell—August 14, 1924 to October, 1934. Born Seneca, Kansas. Preparatory work at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. Ph.B. Degree from Grove City College in 1911. B.D. Degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1914. S.T.M. Degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1928. Licensed by Erie Presbytery in 1913. Ordained by Erie Presbytery in 1914. Served following churches: First Presbyterian Church, Dawson, Pa.—1912 to 1920. Calvary Presbyterian Church, Canton, Ohio—1920 to 1924. Valley Presbyterian Church, Imperial, Pa.—1924 to 1934. A total of 281 new members were received during this pastorate. Two daughters of the manse were born in Imperial, Esther Joy and Ruth Constance and three sons graduated from Findlay Vocational School, David, Paul, and John. The last service, conducted on October 24, 1934 was a Communion Service and the closing sermon was preached from the text, Hebrews 13:20-21.

Rev. Clarence Edward Davison—May 20, 1936 to ⁴. Born of Charles and Elizabeth Davison at Chicago, Illinois on October 1, 1910. Attended Pittsburgh public schools. Graduated from Knoxville Union High School in 1926. A.B. Degree from University of Pittsburgh in 1934. S.T.B. Degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1936. Licensed by Pittsburgh Presbytery in May, 1935. Ordained by Pittsburgh Presbytery in Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Employed by Pittsburgh Presbytery as a Mission Worker from 1931 to 1935. Stated Supply at the First Presbyterian Church, Castle Shannon, Pa., July, 1935 to May, 1936. Installed as pastor of Valley Presbyterian Church on May 20, 1936. Married E. Grace Brown on August 4, 1937 in the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Daughter Elizabeth Grace Davison born September 8, 1939. A total of 220 new members have been received during this pastorate. Thirty-nine adults have been baptized and sixty-three children baptized. Thirty-nine couples have been married—and fifty-seven funerals have been conducted.

Rev. Geo Wilson preached ¹⁵/₂₂ sermon April 11-48 here 3 yrs
" last " June 24-51

RULING ELDERS

	Elected or ordained	End of Service
John Miller	Nov. 4, 1840	
John Byers, Sr.	Nov. 4, 1840	
James Stewart, Sr.	Nov. 4, 1840	
Jacob A. Guy	Nov. 4, 1840	
John Lusk	April 19, 1846	
James Stewart, Jr.	May 16, 1857	Oct. 10, 1882
Joseph McGahen	May 16, 1857	
Samuel Meanor	May 14, 1859	
Isaac Walker	May 14, 1859	
George Burns	May 14, 1859	
John Matthews	June, 1869	
Thomas F. Jeffrey	June 16, 1873	
William A. Thompson	June 16, 1873	(retired Jan. 2, 1882
"Re-elected and installed	Jan. 12, 1891)	1917
Henry Leech	June 16, 1873	
John R. Marshall	June 1, 1884	Oct. 8, 1892
John Shafer	June 1, 1884	
Russell M. Allison	June 1, 1884	Dec. 14, 1907
Amos W. Enlow	June 28, 1890	
John L. Deemer	Oct. 11, 1897	April 17, 1900
H. E. McBride	Sept. 24, 1899	
S. B. Marshall	Sept. 24, 1899	1906
J. C. Eaton	Sept. 24, 1899	
B. C. Elliot	Sept. 24, 1899	May 3, 1900
John S. Fisher	July 1, 1906	April 26, 1931
Harvey Barnhart	July 1, 1906	July 2, 1933
A. D. Stewart	July 1, 1906	1935
W. F. Anderson	July 1, 1906	
A. W. Crooks	July 1, 1906	1909
S. A. Shields	July 1, 1906	
Nelson Reed	Dec. 7, 1919	
John H. Stewart	Dec. 7, 1919	March 1, 1923
L. E. McNall	Dec. 7, 1919	Dec. 20, 1936
Samuel Calhoun	1920	
Hiram McGlumphy	1920	1935

Rotary System installed 1928

E. R. Gehr	June 11, 1928	Nov. 27, 1928
H. A. Berry	June 11, 1928	April 12, 1931
Isaac Thomas	June 11, 1928	1935
A. D. Wilson	April, 1929	April 10, 1939
C. H. Cunningham	Nov. 20, 1935	April 7, 1940
C. M. Aten	Nov. 20, 1935	
M. W. McPherson	Sept. 6, 1936	
R. W. Logan	Sept. 6, 1936	
E. I. Schall	April 7, 1937	
Alvin H. Mitchell	April 7, 1937	
Lawrence H. Riddle	April 10, 1938	
Howard L. Marshall	April 10, 1938	
Leslie Fisher	April 23, 1939	
M. W. Cheesebrough	April 10, 1940	



1. James Stewart, Jr.
2. Henry Leech
3. Wm. A. Thompson
4. J. C. Eaton

9. J. S. Fisher

5. John R. Marshall
6. A. D. Stewart
7. S. A. Shields
8. Silas B. Marshall

ELDERS

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour."

I Tim. 5:17.



PRESENT SESSION—1940

Back row, left to right—Leslie Fisher, M. W. Cheesebrough, Jr., R. W. Logan, M. W. McPherson, L. H. Riddle, H. L. Marshall.

Front row, left to right—Alvin Mitchell, E. I. Schall, Rev. Clarence E. Davison, C. M. Aten.



PRESENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES—1940

Back row, left to right—John Beitsinger, Frank E. McClurg, R. S. Flanegin, Jay V. Stewart.
Front row, left to right—C. A. Marshall, D. D. Dawson, Norman Cyphert.

TRUSTEES SINCE 1840

Kelso Neely
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James Hamilton
Aaron Springer
S. A. Shields
John Stewart
Charles A. Marshall
R. B. Neely
James Henderson
A. D. Stewart

J. A. Hamilton
Hilary Faw
John Beitsinger
Charles Glass
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D. W. Crooks
S. B. Marshall
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George Cratsley
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Original Communion Service and Table, in use in Valley Church for over 70 years.

USE OF TOKENS

On November 12, 1855, a resolution was adopted to dispense with the use of tokens at time of communion.

The Sacrament in early days was a great occasion. All communicants received these "tokens" from the elders, which entitled them to the privilege of communing. These "tokens" were simply bits of lead with the initial letters of the congregation upon them and were distributed to all who expected to join in communion.

SINGING—ORGAN

On December 5, 1841, the following was adopted:

Resolved: "That we sing without parceling out."

It was the practice in "ye olden time" for the clerks to stand on a platform in front of the pulpit. One of them would "line out" two lines at a time, then all would sing, and repeat this process until the hymn was sung. On April 19, 1875, an organ was introduced. Misses Allie G. Hays and Aggie Stewart were the first organists. Other organists were:

Lucy Meanor
Ida Marshall
Agnes Neilson

Sarah Hooper
Lillian Oliver

Stella Hamilton
Elizabeth Kircher
Freda Bowers

Pianists following to present time:

Gertrude Caldwell
Mrs. R. W. Wright

Mrs. Warren Ellis

Helen Hannah
Martha Aten

In Valley a volunteer choir has always been maintained. The following is a list of the known members of that choir up to 1911:

Winfield Logan
William Cain
Ida Harper
Ida Marshall
William Buhl
Elizabeth Cox
Mrs. W. J. Snyder

Carrie Cox
B. A. Marshall
Sanford Harper
Edith Harper
Leonard McNall
Emma Wilson
Elizabeth Neilson

Russell Allison
Charles Harper
Emma Marshall
Sarah McNall
Sylvia Robinson
Lena Allison

Members between the years of 1911 and 1936:

Mrs. R. B. Neely
Idilla M. Cox
John Neilson
R. S. Flanegin
Booth Bannister
E. R. Gehr
Mary Byers
Mrs. W. B. Purnell
Emily Stewart

Wilson Kearns
R. W. Logan
Olive Smiley
A. B. Stout
Alvin Kearns, Sr.
Mary Kearns
Everett McMichael
Mrs. C. A. Marshall
Mrs. R. M. Kiskaddon

J. A. Hamilton
Warren Ellis
Edith Byers
Sara Byers
Elizabeth Kearns
Alvin Mitchell
Amelia Phillips
Alvin Kearns, Jr.
Aldah Burchfield

In 1937 Mrs. George Heitsman organized a choir of the youth of the church which she directed for one year. Mrs. G. N. Allison succeeded her, retiring a year later because of ill health. Mrs. A. D. Wilson then became the director and is the present director.

MEMBERS SINCE 1937

Elizabeth Bannister
William Bannister
Pauline Bills
Mrs. Bertha Black
James Black
Mildred Boling
Mrs. Alice Borland
Mrs. Amelia Bradford
Mary Broadhurst
Dorothy Cheesebrough
Hannah Fay Cheesebrough
Phyllis Cheesebrough
Evelyn Crooks
Hazel Davies
Mary Davies
Jacqueline Dempsey
Marjorie Dempsey
Gertrude Ehle

Anna Mae Ehle
Elmer Hannah
Charlotte Henderson
Pershing Henderson
Doratheia Herholz
Frances Kalberer
Alvin Kearns
Dorothy Kearns
William Kearns
Andrew Kovach
Helen Hannah Logan
Robert W. Logan
James Marshall
Jane Marshall
Sherad McCall
Alvin Mitchell
Agnes Neely

Naomi Phillips
Mrs. Gladys Richards
Mae Dora Ridge
Elsie Schall
Louise Schall
Helen Soloman
Allene Stewart
Elizabeth Stewart
Albert Thomas
Robert Trautman
Lee Van Newkirk
Constance Wilson
Idilla Phillips Wilson
Jennie Wright
Georgia Yolton
Martha Yolton
Shirley Yolton.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT 1 A.

Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramer
Beitsinger, Mr. Hillard
Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Arval O.
Bray, Miss Margaret Jane
Cox, Misses Carrie and Idilla M.
Crooks, Mr. and Mrs. W. Donaldson
Walker D.
Alice Evelyn
Helen
Marjorie
Drugmand, Dr. and Mrs. Louis
Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Lee
Ewing, Mr. Charles W.
Fekete, Miss Margaret
Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. John A.
Hooper, Mrs. Lillian
James, Miss Margaret
Jones, Mr. Matthew

Jones, Miss Annetta Dolores
Kearns, Mrs. Alvin
Alvin, Jr.
Kennedy, Dr. and Mrs. W. D.
Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L.
McAyeal, Miss Minnie
Meanor, Mrs. K. H.
Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Robert
Geraldine
Saltzer, Mrs. Lily
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Edward
James
Margaret
Sprout, Mr. James
Stout, Wm. H.
Van Newkirk, Lee
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E.

DISTRICT 1 B.

Allison, Mr. and Mrs. George N.
Cunningham, Mr. C. H.
Daudet, Mr. and Mrs. George
Davis, Mr. Harry
Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L.
Jacqueline
Marjorie
Dietz, Mrs. O. W.
Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M.
Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. George
Maxine
Kearns, Mr. W. J.
Kearns, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P.
William
Dorothy Jean
Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Albert S.
Alma
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David
Charles
McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E.

Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine
Mustio, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Walter
Naomi
Purdy, Mrs. Sara McNall
Riddile, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence
Hazel I.
Ridge, Miss Mae Dora
Trautman, Mrs. Elizabeth
Alvin
Stewart, Mr. A. D.
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Jr.
Yolton, John A.
Moreland
Mary
Martha
Georgia
Shirley
Ellen

DISTRICT II.

Best, Mrs. Ray
Louis
Black, Mr. Frank
Boustead, Mr. Joseph
Broadhurst, William
Mary D.
Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
C. B.
Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Lee, Mrs. Gladys
Lee, Mrs. Helen
Leonard, Mrs. C. L.
Helen
Margaret
Logan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott
Laura
Marshall, Mrs. Eloise
Edna

Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry
 Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George
 Davison, Mrs. Grace B.
 Drugmand, Mr. and Mrs. Desige C.
 Drugmand, Mr. Lester
 Dunn, Mr. George
 Ely, Miss Vesta
 Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. William
 Faw, Mr. H. A.
 Hilary
 Robert
 L. Virginia
 Gordon
 Herholz, Miss Dorothea
 Kress, Mr. and Mrs. John
 Josephine

McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin W.
 Neilson, Misses Agnes and Lulu
 Pascoe, Mr. and Mrs. John
 Roscart, Mrs. Mary
 Sims, Mrs. Mary E.
 Lois
 Swoager, Mrs. Levern
 Warman, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh
 Gerald
 Ruth
 Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D.
 Constance L.
 Wimer, Mr. and Mrs. Louis
 Leroy I.
 Arnold L. H.

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Alderman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
 Alloway, Mrs. Ralph
 Black, Mr. and Mrs. James
 Boling, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
 Robert
 Mildred
 Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar
 W. A.
 Hughes, Mrs. Laura B.
 Drugmand, Miss Odette Ruby
 Kacz, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
 Kalberer, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf
 Frances
 Kuhn, Dorothy Jean
 Marshall, Mrs. Mary C.
 McCall, Mrs. Jessie
 Sherad
 Meola, Mrs. Ferne

Metalik, Mr. and Mrs. John
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 Betty Jane
 Melzer, Mrs. Norma
 Moore, Mrs. Wilbert
 Martha
 Moore, Mrs. Preston
 Mutton, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Nock, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
 Patton, Mrs. Clara
 Alice
 Hazel
 Neomi
 Phillips, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Ross, Mrs. Martha
 Raymond
 Sertek, Mrs. Walter

DISTRICT III B.

Baker, Mrs. Diana
 Buell, Mrs. William
 Byers, Misses Edith, Mary, Sarah
 Ceyrolles,
 E. Lucille
 John
 James
 Evelyn
 Davis, Mrs. Mary
 Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel
 Dunsmore, Mr. and Mrs. James
 Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph
 Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
 Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph
 Francheck, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J.
 Gilligan, Mrs. Thomas
 Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt

Heidler, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, Jr.
 Kovach, Mr. Andrew
 Lewis, Mrs. Clara
 Lytle, Mrs. Bessie
 McGlumphy, Mrs. Hiram
 McLaughlin, Mrs. Mary
 Meanor, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C.
 Morrison, Miss Hannah Fay
 Patterson, Miss Jeannette
 Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Henry
 Smiley, Mrs. Gertrude
 Smith, Mrs. Joseph
 Stevenson, Miss Helen
 Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. George
 Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac, Jr.
 Wright, Mrs. Sara

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<p>Bartley, Frank W. Bernard, Earl Betty Jean Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. George, Sr. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. George, Jr. Floyd G. Burgoyne, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers, Mr. William Cheesebrough, Mr. and Mrs. M. W., Sr. Cheesebrough, Mr. and Mrs. M. W., Jr. Phyllis Hannah Fay Dorothy Jane Davies, Misses Mary and Hazel William D. Drugmand, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drugmand, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Kenchel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burns Logan, Mrs. Ida Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lucy Jane Logan, Mr. and Mrs. R. M.</p>	<p>Lutz, Mr. Charles Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Manson, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Lena William Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Alvin Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. Sadie Potts, Miss Nora Richey, Mr. Russell Schall, Mr. and Mrs. Earl I. <i>-1936-52-</i> Elsie Louise William Hays Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. James Uffelman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walter Wall, Mrs. Cora Weir, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jabez Wilson, J. Donald Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E., Sr.</p>
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DISTRICT V.

<p>Aten, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Martha Fred Aten, Mr. Paul Miss Jennie Beitsinger, Mr. and Mrs. John Cratsley, Mrs. Margaret Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Floyd Clare Donald Iola Ehle, Mrs. George Anna Mae Gertrude Ralph Fisher, Mrs. John S. Leslie Howard Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. William Gould, Mr. Charles Lance, Mrs. Nellie Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. James</p>	<p>Marshall, Jane Neely, Mr. and Mrs. R. Byers Agnes Neely, Mr. Charles Parkinson, Mrs. James Harry Pemberthy, Mrs. Margaret Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alice Bertha Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schiefelbein Mr. and Mrs. William Freda Mary William Gustaf Gertrude Smyers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Springer, Mr. James Lawrence Staving, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Wilmot, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. Robert W. May Jennie</p>
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<p>Armour, Alvin G. Harlan Howard T. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sarah L. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Davis, Misses Dorothy Jean and Marie</p>	<p>Seabright, Miss Mary Jane Solomon, Misses Mary and Helen Jaro John Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Jay V. <i>-1948-</i> Elizabeth Allene James</p>
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Flanegin, Mr. and Mrs. R. S.
 Hannah, Mrs. J. W.
 Hazel
 Elmer
 Meanor, Mrs. Edna (Mrs. Harold)
 Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
 Kenneth
 Edna
 Seabright, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J.

Stewart, Miss Emily - *M.H.S. even*
 Vetterol, Mrs. Anna J.
 Angeline
 John
 Hugo
 Wilson, Mrs. James H.
 Contributing Adherent
 Mrs. Antonette Solomon

DISTRICT VI B.

Bannister, Mrs. W. B.
 Burns, Mrs. Margaret
 Francis
 Cole, Mrs. Dora
 Norma Mae
 Chalmers, Mr. and Mrs. M. D.
 Marie L.
 Cratsley, Mrs. Mattie
 Cratsley, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert
 Melvin
 Cyphert, Mr. and Mrs. Norman
 Robert
 Richard
 Dorothy
 Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin

Hays, Mrs. Emma W. - *M.H.S. step mother*
 Heidler, Mr. Frank
 Henderson, Mr. James
 Pershing
 Charlotte
 Lorenz, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph
 McNall, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Gladyś
 Helen
 Rhea
 Meanor, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne
 Trautman, Mr. and Mrs. Burton
 Robert B.
 Wilson, Misses Esther and Ada

DISTRICT VII.

Beitsinger, Mr. Gail
 Borland, Mrs. Gerald C.
 Bray, Mrs. Barton
 Chatterly, Mr. and Mrs. James
 Conn, Mrs. Harvey C.
 Critchley, Mr. Kendall
 Eismont, Mrs. Juanita
 Gehr, Mr. Richard A.
 Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Kay
 Gordon, Mrs. Joseph
 Heitsman, Mr. and Mrs. George
 Hollabaugh, Miss Phyllis
 Kalberer, Mr. George

Karsch, Mrs. Faye
 Lilly, Mrs. Marie
 Logan, Mr. James
 Logan, Mr. and Mrs. R. W.
 Moore, Mrs. Charles J.
 Moore, Mrs. Frank
 Pearce, Mrs. Charles
 Roach, Mrs. Charles
 Todd, Mrs. Janet
 Walker, Mrs. Osie C. Boustead
 White, Mrs. Merle
 Zundel, Mr. and Mrs. C. J.

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 George, Lily and Rose Ann
 Havelka, Freda
 Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. John J.
 McCuen, Mrs. Harper
 Evelyn
 McMichael, Mrs. Ewing
 Anna
 Claire
 John
 Sara
 Wayne
 Nichols, Mrs. Della Mae
 Page, Barbara
 Peterson, Harvey
 Phillips, Mrs. Ida
 Riggle, Pearl M. and Roberta
 Robinson, Clarence

Smith, Mrs. Anna
 Catherine Mae
 Opal June
 Sweetie, Mrs. John
 John
 Lois Jane
 William
 Thomas, Daniel
 Eva Mae
 Todd, Clifford
 Grace
 Vettorel, Mrs. Antonette
 Orelia
 Flora
 Ann
 Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. George
 Wilson, Mrs. James
 Wilson, William



Taken following the ordination and installation service of the Rev. W. J. Snyder, 1907.

"Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob: and He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths." Micah 4:2.

The last worship services in the old church were held May 14, 1911. The Rev. W. P. Snyder preached the morning service from Isa. 50:10, 11, and the evening service from Numbers 13: 23, 24, on "The Grapes of Eshcol." Only Sabbath School was held May 21st, and the following week the church was moved to the farm of Mr. A. W. Crooks to whom it had been sold for three hundred dollars. Mr. John Wilson, who had been the faithful caretaker of the old church for many years, then handed over his key to the pastor, and from May 28th until November 19, 1911, church services were held in the I.O.O.F. Hall.

The building committee, elected by the congregation at the February 15th meeting, consisted of William Wilson, Lewis C. Hays, and A. D. Stewart. Others were to have been elected later, but since the work progressed so well, others were not needed and thus consequently were never elected. While the men brought teams and scooped out the foundation for the new church, Clarinda Marshall and the other women helped by having newspaper contests, selling old papers, and allowing others to have their names put in the corner stone of the new church for ten cents. To these ladies of the congregation much credit is due for their strenuous efforts to secure funds for the erection and furnishing of this new building.

"In years to come it will stand as a monument to their credit."

When the time came to place the stone upon which the name of the church was to be cut, there was no one who was capable of making the pattern for the stone masons. However, Mr. Snyder came to the rescue and made a pattern on the stone so that it read "Presbyterian Church." The men cut it and placed the stone, but when the women of the church saw it they were displeased and thought that the stone should read "Valley Presbyterian Church." Mrs. Elizabeth Cox and Mrs. Margaret Meanor bought another stone, the good minister once again made a pattern for the letters, and the masons cut "Valley" into the stone. This one was placed above the other stone and thus the church carried the name "Valley" by which it has since been known.

"To many of the members, whose families have been represented in this congregation since its beginning, this name is linked with too many tender associations to be lightly thrown aside."

This question about the lettering had not been debated in Pittsburgh and had not caused the discussion as had the one as to whether the elders should have accepted a sum of one thousand dollars from two liquor men. After the elders had refused to accept such a contribution, the community began to contribute more freely and more often so the elders felt that by their decision they had gained more than they had lost.

The building committee, aided by Mr. Ed Cornelius, a Coraopolis architect, completed the original sketch of a church, all on one floor, costing twenty-five thousand dollars. However, after spending more time on the plan and after burning some more of the midnight oil, the plan for the present church was worked out and built for less than twelve thousand dollars, including the cost of the seats and pulpit furnishings at \$911.50, gas lights at \$144.00, roofing at \$840.00, and also the furnace, etc. McKown-Beattie from Coraopolis were the contractors.

This new brick church is two stories high, 44 x 66 feet. The Sabbath School room, class room, kitchen, furnace, and rest rooms are on the first floor, while the second consists of the vestibule, ladies parlor, session room, choir loft, and the auditorium which has a seating capacity of 300. The bell from the old church was placed in the new one and eight memorial windows were put in. The cornerstone, in which are hundreds of names and a copy of the J. S. Burns History of Valley Church is on the right as one faces the church.

"And through all these years the destiny of this church has been carefully guided by the hand of the living God, and many of its labors have been met with trials, but for each trial inflicted a triumph has eventually been awarded."

The Rev. H. A. Mosser of Oakdale preached the first sermon in the new church on the morning of November 26, 1911, at eleven o'clock. That afternoon at three o'clock the people assembled and dedicated this new edifice to the service of God. The sermon at this dedication was preached by Dr. G. W. Montgomery, Superintendent of Missions of the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Memorial Windows

Rev. W. J. Snyder, Pastor—Nov. 26, 1911 1817—Margaret Burns Schaffer—1899 1820—John Schaffer—1891 1869—Maude White Burns—1911 1865—C. B. Burns—1932 1853—Allena Hays Stewart—1911 1844—Sara Robinson—1905	1819—Jane McBride Crawford—1905 1816—Robert Crawford—1895 1815—Rachel Cherry Stewart—1882 1809—James Stewart—1882 1808—Archibald Marshall—1877 1818—Sara Burns Marshall—1892
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THE REV. W. J. SNYDER
Pastor 1907-1920

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Imperial, Pa.

DEDICATORY SERVICES

SABBATH, NOVEMBER 26, 1911

3 P. M.

ORDER OF SERVICES

GLORIA PATRI No. 269 (Young People's Songs of Praise)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN No. 100, congregation seated

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye, before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed,
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folks, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
Amen

SCRIPTURE, I KINGS 8:22-30, 9:1-3

PRAYER

OAKDALE-MCDONALD QUARTETTE, H. F. Humphries, first tenor; W. H. Young, second tenor; G. W. Hoffman, baritone; B. H. Simpson, bass

THE SERMON, The Rev. George W. Montgomery, D.D., Superintendent of Missions, Pittsburgh Presbytery

INGRAM QUARTETTE, Messrs. LeFevre, McCurdy, C. Harper and S. Harper.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH, J. S. Burns

OFFERING

THE DEDICATION, to be said responsively, the people standing

MINISTER—Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever.

PEOPLE—Amen.

MINISTER—Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and He shall dwell with them.

ORDER OF SERVICES

(Continued)

PEOPLE—And they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

MINISTER—Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle?

PEOPLE—Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

MINISTER—He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness.

PEOPLE—And speaketh truth in his heart.

MINISTER—Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?

PEOPLE—And who shall stand in the holy place?

MINISTER—He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

PEOPLE—Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, and hath not sworn deceitfully.

MINISTER—He shall receive a blessing from the Lord.

PEOPLE—And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

MINISTER—Lift up your heads, O ye gates; yea, lift them up ye ever-lasting doors;

PEOPLE—And the King of Glory shall come in.

MINISTER—Who is this King of Glory?

PEOPLE—The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory.

MINISTER—But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which we have builded.

PEOPLE—Yet have respect, O Lord, unto the prayer which thy servants pray before thee this day, that thine eyes may be open towards this house night and day.

MINISTER—Let the beauty of the Lord, our God, be upon us.

PEOPLE—And establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.

MINISTER AND PEOPLE UNITEDLY—This house, which we have been permitted to build through the gracious favor of Divine Providence, we do now solemnly dedicate to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Here shall be sung this word of praise: Hymn No. 80

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

DEDICATORY PRAYER, Dr. Montgomery

HYMN No. 304, congregation standing

The church's one foundation

Is Jesus Christ her Lord;

She is His new creation

By water and the word;

From heaven He came and sought her

To be His holy bride,

With His own blood He bought her,

And for her life He died.

Though with a scornful wonder

Men see her sore opprest,

By schisms rent asunder,

By heresy distrest,

Yet Saints their watch are keeping;

Their cry goes up. "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping

Shall be the morn of song.

BENEDICTION



1. William Cain

2. Leonard McNall

3. H. G. Cox

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The earliest Sunday School records available are in 1869 when Thomas Jeffrey was elected the first superintendent. The following is a list of Superintendents of the Sunday School, we believe, in order since Thomas Jeffrey:

Henry Leech
Wm. A. Thompson
James Stewart
James Clark
John Marshall
George Wilson
William Cain
George Price
R. M. Manson

Westley Barnhart
B. C. Allott
William Anderson
E. B. Hickman
Charles Miller
D. P. Inglefield
A. D. Stewart
J. M. Armour

Harvey Barnhart
Leonard McNall
John Stewart
Leslie Fisher
R. S. Flanegin
R. W. Logan
E. I. Schall
H. L. Marshall

Mr. Thompson endeared himself to the children by giving them little books of Bible Stories for memorizing passages of scripture. One of these little books, given as early as 1873, is owned by Miss Esther Wilson.

The coming of the Montour Railroad into the valley in 1878 brought the beginning of the new town of Imperial. James Clark was the first Sunday School Superintendent chosen from the town's people.

In 1890, John Marshall concluded his services.

In 1897 a Bible was given to William Cain in appreciation of his faithful service for a number of years.

Mr. E. B. Hickman was choir director as well as Sunday School superintendent.

Charles Miller started the Cross and Crown Pin System for faithful attendance at Sunday School. After he left in 1910 it was continued for several years, then dropped.

Mr. Flanegin was first elected in 1915 and served until he was compelled to leave in 1920 because of ill health. In 1921 he again took the office. He served then until 1928. He will long be remembered for the splendid dramatic productions which he presented at Church Holiday seasons.



Back row, left to right—Mrs. Devlin, Clarinda Marshall, Mrs. Jennie Logan, Esther Wilson, Mrs. Margaret Cratsley, Mrs. Aten.

Front row, left to right—Mrs. Eloise Marshall, Mrs. Amanda Jordan, Mrs. Agnes Neely, Mrs. Emma Hays, Mrs. J. S. Fisher.

THE WELCOME CLASS

We, the faithful ladies of the Valley Sabbath School between the ages of 65 and 85 organized the Welcome Class.

We have reached the top and are going down the slope. The class has been depleted many times by death but no one has ever left the class displeased.

The original class members were:

Mrs. Agnes Neely

Mrs. Margaret Cratsley

Mrs. Jennie Logan

Mrs. Elizabeth Cox

Mrs. James Parkinson

Mrs. Eloise Marshall

Mrs. Lily Hooper

Mrs. Emma W. Hays

Miss Esther Wilson

FIRST LIBRARY

The first Sabbath School Library was established in August 1846. S. F. Grier, A. H. Burns, and John Miller were the committee appointed to purchase the books. It is not definitely known how long this library continued.

In 1905 a second library was organized. Idilla Wilson, A. D. Stewart, and Charles Miller were appointed as a committee to purchase the books. The committee met at the home of Charles Miller to select the books. This library functioned until the old Church building was razed. It did not carry over into the new Church but the books were stored in the janitor's cupboard in the church basement until the summer of 1935 when the ladies were asked to clean the church. In the cleaning the books were found. They were dusty and dirty and yellow with age. The print was very small and of a type that is not recommended for reading. Therefore the ladies packed them in boxes for the Salvation Army truck to collect.

THE WA-LE-TA BIBLE CLASS

The Wa-Le-Ta Bible Class was organized in the year 1912 with nineteen charter members.

Wa-Le-Ta, meaning workers from dawn to twilight, was the name given to the class by Miss Idilla Wilson who was then a teacher in an Indian School at Carlyle, Pa.

Miss Clarinda Marshall was the first teacher of the class and Mr. Albert Aten was the second. The class faded out for a short time. It was re-organized in 1919. Mr. J. S. Burns was elected President and Teacher of the class and held these offices until his death in 1927. Other officers of the class were: Mrs. R. M. Logan, First Vice President; Mrs. J. S. Logan, Second Vice President; Miss Edna L. Marshall, Secretary; Miss Ada Wilson, Treasurer.

Class Motto: "A Workman that needeth not be ashamed." They have tried to be worthy of this motto in their conduct throughout the years. The class has contributed to various worthy organizations, given flowers to sick members and also at times of death, remodeled and equipped the kitchen, bought material for tables, paid mortgages on the manse at two different times, one amounting to \$680 and the other \$1000, and purchased a piano for the Santiago Mission.

Since the death of Mr. Burns the following persons have served as president of the class: Miss Gertrude Caldwell, Mrs. C. L. Glass, Miss Carrie Cox, Mrs. M. W. McPherson, Mrs. R. W. Wright.

The present membership is between fifty and sixty. The class has always had very capable teachers. The present teachers are: Miss Carrie Cox, Mrs. J. S. Logan, and Mrs. Charles Aten. The present officers are: Mrs. R. W. Wright, President; Mrs. Martha E. Ross, Vice President; Miss Edna L. Marshall, Secretary; Mrs. Mary Manson, Treasurer.



J. S. Burns



Miss Clarinda Marshall

THE GLEANERS

The Gleaners Class, an organized class of young married women, is an outgrowth of the Semper Fidelis Class, formerly called Willing Workers, which was a class of young girls. As these girls married they felt the need of a class of their own and so formed a new Bible Class naming it the Gleaners, which has become one of the most active organizations in the church. It meets every Sabbath morning for Bible study, and holds its business and social meetings in the church basement the third Thursday of every month.

The first teacher of the Gleaners was Miss Carrie Cox. The following persons have been teachers since its organization: Mrs. William Adams, Mrs. Chester Cummins, Mrs. Rhoda Logan, Mrs. W. B. Purnell, Miss Idilla Cox, Mrs. Ida Cummings, and the present teachers are Mrs. R. B. Neely, Mrs. E. I. Schall and Mrs. S. H. Davis, substitute teacher.

THE SEMPER FIDELIS CLASS

The Semper Fidelis Class was one of the ramifications of a former Gleaners Class. The Gleaners Class was a group of girls ranging from high school age to an age where they either joined the young married women's class or the Wa-Le-Ta Class. Because of the great variance in age, it was decided that the class should be divided. In September, 1923, Miss Idilla Cox and Mr. R. S. Flanegin, Superintendent of the Sunday School, met with Mr. Purnell to discuss plans for separating the class. They decided to form two classes—one a group of senior high school girls which was called "The Willing Workers" and the other a sort of retreat for those who had graduated from high school but who had not immediately graduated into the class of young married women was called "The Semper Fidelis."

Miss Idilla Cox was the first teacher of the Semper Fidelis Class. Her girls were often referred to as the "Simps of Idilla's." The class was later taught by Mrs. Scott Logan, Mrs. John Pascoe and Mrs. Charles Aten.

In April 1938 the last meeting of this class was held in the home of Miss Janet Crooks. In January 1940 the class was reorganized and is now called the Coeds. This class includes boys and girls who have graduated from high school, many of whom are now in college.

MARRIED COUPLES CLASS

The Married Couples Class met for the first time on Sunday morning, November 7, 1937. The members attending the first meeting were: Rev. C. E. Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smyers, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Riddile, and Mr. and Mrs. George Heitsman.

The class was organized at the first social meeting which was held January 16, 1938, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Heitsman. Rev. and

Mrs. C. E. Davison and Mr. and Mrs. George Heitsman were hosts and hostesses. L. H. Riddile was chosen President and George Heitsman Secretary-Treasurer. Since then Harold Smyers and George Heitsman have been presidents. Mrs. Clifford Fisher, Mrs. George Daudet, and Mrs. Floyd Lutz have been Secretary-Treasurer. The social meetings are held monthly.

The class finances itself by the payment of dues and the selling of cake flour.

Mr. Davison, the first teacher, retired in favor of Mrs. Floyd Hartzell, who taught until she moved from the community in June, 1938. Mr. Davison again took the class and is the present teacher with Mrs. J. S. Logan as substitute teacher.

On June 3, 1938, the class successfully sponsored the Tom Thumb Wedding in the Findlay School Auditorium, and later in the Montour Church at the request of its Ladies Aid. The proceeds from both performances went toward redecorating the church.

The class has contributed toward the purchase of hymn books for the church sanctuary, donated toward the steam table, and purchased and hung new blinds for the social room. Starting the winter of 1939, they furnished flowers for the Sunday morning worship services during the months of February and May, inviting the other adult classes of the Sunday School to furnish flowers for other winter months of each year. A Christmas party was held for the children of the class in 1938. The Sunday School Christmas program was sponsored by the class in 1939.

CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY CHURCH—1940

Mrs. Grace B. Davison and Mrs. Ethel Lutz, Superintendents

Betty Lou Alderman	Eugene Ward Dempsey	Cora Belle Lutz
Robert William Alderman	Evelyn Elaine Drugmand	Donna Jean Manson
George Nash Allison	Beverley Kay Ewing	Gloria Joan McLaughlin
Judith Kay Beitsinger	Charles Ronald Ewing	Darla Faye Meanor
Richard James Black	Donald Lee Ewing	Barbara Ann Mitchell
Walter Fordyce Bradford	Kenneth Tracy Ewing	Marian Janet Montgomery
Patricia Louise Bray	Caroll Louise Fisher	Karen Lou Mustio
Nancy Ella Buhl	Jerry Lee Fisher	Marjorie Joan Mustio
Janet Yvonne Byers	Norita Marie Franchek	Janet Dee Noah
George Frederick Christopher	Robert Bennett Griffin	Scott Daniel Rhodes
Richard Larmi Coon	Alma Lillian Hall	Edward John Semerad
Timothy Byron Coon	Myrna Marie Heidler	Herbert Adrian Shoup
Jan Gilbert Cummings	Alice Elizabeth Heitsman	John Jacob Shoup
Darla Gay Cunningham	Diana Jane Kramer	Shirley Edith Shoup
Samuel Howard Davis, Jr.	Janice Marie Kramer	Jon Michael Thomson
Bette Grace Davison	John Robert Logan	Susannah Jane Thomson
		George Ebert Work



SANTIAGO MISSION *built after 1907-*

The Santiago Mission had its beginning in 1897 in the first school building in Tyre. During the winter season the services were conducted in the school building and ~~during the summer~~ ^{on a dance pavilion} where the Mission now stands. Mr. Kunkle, who later became a missionary to China, was in charge. He was assisted by Miss Ida Ackleson and by Miss Maude McMichael as organist.

Later Mr. Miller Russell and Mr. John Russell were in charge. They were assisted by Miss Marya Geary, who was the teacher of the Santiago School. In 1903 Mr. H. G. Cox of the Valley Presbyterian Church became superintendent. He served in this capacity for twenty-five years. In 1928 due to ill health he resigned and R. S. Flanegin succeeded him. Miss Kupec was the first Missionary sent to the Santiago Mission. She made her home during her stay at the Mission with Miss Birdie Tilton, a very active member of the Valley Presbyterian Church.

Workers who have served the Santiago Field:

Miss Kupec—

Zdenka Polak—September 1915 to May 1917.

During the summer of 1917—Miss Anna Kudrec.

Augusta Pilat—September 1, 1917 to July 31, 1921.

Miss Onder—September 1921 to December 1921 when she was transferred to another field.

Dorothy Craig—June 15, 1922, but no record of her leaving.

Margaret Brown—First mentioned as working at Santiago November 1922 and then in December 1922 it was reported that she was resigning because of ill health.

Imogene Granville—No record found of her starting to work at Santiago, but in October 1923 she resigned from work in that field.

Vera Rychlik—May 1924 to March 1926.

Z. Zmatlik—June 1926 to August 1928.

C. Brierly—October 1928 to May 1938.

Margaret Fekete—September 1938 to present time.

Excerpts from Minutes of the Local Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh:

Under date of May 11, 1911—Students from the Coraopolis Training School were assigned to the Tyre-Imperial field.

October 1915—Tyre-Imperial—The Rev. Mr. Snyder appeared before the committee and reported that the donation of a lot had been secured on which to erect a chapel for the work at Tyre; also that he felt sure that at least \$500.00 in cash and the digging for the basement and foundation can be secured from the Valley Presbyterian Church at Imperial and the neighboring constituency.

November 8, 1915—New building erected—cost \$1,500.00.

December 1915—Santiago Lot—Secretary Montgomery reported the offer to purchase $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land at Santiago, Tyre, P. O. being a corner, fronting on the Township Road, adjoining the property where the Mission has been located for years and commanding a view of every point of the compass, easily accessible to the entire community—\$75.00 was the price offered, and word has been received from the South Side Trust Company, Guardian for the minor heir of the Wilson estate that the offer is acceptable and that the deed will be ready as soon as the Court formalities have been gone through. The action of the Committee in purchasing this property was approved.

November 1916—Superintendent Montgomery was authorized to secure chairs and pulpit furniture for the Santiago Chapel, by donation if possible, by purchase if necessary.

November 1916—Mr. J. S. Schauer was placed in charge of work at Santiago on Saturdays and Sundays.

December 26, 1916—Dr. Losa reported receipt of a pulpit, chairs for seating and chandeliers for furnishing the Santiago Chapel as donations and a transfer from Groveton Chapel. Supt. Montgomery reported having placed a gas furnace in the same building. Both the upper and lower rooms are now ready for occupancy and are in use.

September 1917—The report of Dr. Losa calls attention to the necessity of providing somewhere on the Santiago property a room where the Missionary Supply may study and sleep; there being no satisfactory place that can be secured. He also reported that this cause and others recorded in his report on file are responsible for Mr. Shauer going back to McCormick Seminary. The lady worker is on the field, however, and the work is going on jointly with English services being conducted every Sabbath afternoon. Attention was also called to the need of suitable approach to the building from the front and some other protection to the building, etc.

January 1918—Since Mr. Shauer, the Missionary who had been at work during the summer at the Santiago Chapel, had returned to the McCormick Seminary in Chicago in the fall there has been no preaching service connected with the chapel in a foreign language. A very decided shifting of population has left this community now almost entirely Italian in its constituency. Dr. Losa expressed as his opinion that it would be well to place an Italian missionary in this field as a resident missionary, if such a man could be found available for the purpose. He also reported that the Rev. Mr. Patrono, formerly employed by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh and ordained by the said Presbytery, for some time engaged at Gary, Ind., has resigned his work at Gary and is available. Dr. Losa recommended that Mr. Patrono be invited to visit this field with a view to settlement here if mutually agreed between him and the Committee, the Presbytery to meet the expenses of such visitation and pay a reasonable per diem for services rendered. This was approved, and Supt. Losa was authorized to communicate this action at once to Mr. Patrono.

September 1918—Mr. Snaberger began work in the Santiago field.

March 1920—The Committee recommended the employment of a Mr. Sintak for two or three months, to live in Santiago. This was continued until 1922.

April 1922—Mrs. McKelvy reported progress in their efforts to secure a worker for Imperial and Tyre.

January 1938—A letter was received from the Valley Church concerning a future program for mission work in connection with that church and its parish. This is the parish in which Santiago Mission is located. The Session of the Valley Church requests a conference with representatives of the Presbytery concerning a larger missionary program to include the whole parish of the Valley Church, said parish including the following: Santiago, Cliff Mine, Boggs, Clinton Block and Imperial. The proposition is to place a full time missionary in the field, said missionary to have charge of Santiago and other mission stations and to cooperate with the

pastor and session of the Valley Church, having the work centered in that church. The Valley Church proposes to pay \$300.00 of the salary the first year. A small committee was appointed to confer with representatives of the Valley Church with regard to its proposed plan of mission work within its parish.

April 1938—The worker at Santiago, Miss Brierly was transferred from Santiago to Hope House Mission as of May 1st, 1938.

September 1938—Miss Margaret Fekete commences as missionary in the Santiago-Imperial field.

October 1938—Mr. Davison reports a group of colored families not far from Imperial in need of help in a religious way. They are going to confer with Mrs. Aufderheide with regard to getting some help.

November 1938—A Mr. Robert Jeans, student, sent to Imperial each Sunday to conduct services among the colored people.

November 1939—Mr. and Mrs. Baltimore and a young man and woman from the Grace Memorial Church are conducting the Bible School at Imperial.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The first Vacation Bible School was conducted by the Women's Missionary Society in the Santiago Mission in 1920. Many children attended and the school was very successful. Such splendid work was done in this school that in the following year, 1921, Mr. J. S. Burns conducted a Vacation Bible School in the Findlay Township Grade School Building for the Imperial boys and girls. Mr. Burns with help from the Valley Church continued the school each year during his life time. After his death Valley Church workers carried on for several years.

In 1937 Rev. Clarence E. Davison reorganized the Vacation Church School in the Findlay Township School Buildings. The school has been a wonderful success. In the present year, 1940, 175 boys and girls were enrolled. The Santiago Vacation Bible School has continued each year from 1920. Workers from Valley have helped in the school there. The good work that has been done by the faithful workers in these schools cannot be measured. The past two summers, both the Vacation Church School at Santiago and Imperial have been under the direction of the church missionary, Miss Margaret Fekete.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On February 5, 1898, the women of the Valley Church met to organize the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. It was a very stormy day and only eight women braved the weather to assemble at the church. Mrs. Scott of Allegheny helped to organize the society by explaining its objects and the duties of the officers. The first officers elected were Mrs. J. J. Graham, President; Mrs. Levi J. Stewart, Vice President; Mrs. A. D. Stewart, Secretary; and Mrs. John Hooper, Treasurer. Mrs. Hooper, our only charter member, is an active member of our society at the present time.

The Pittsburgh Presbyterial sent Mrs. Hosack as a missionary teacher to work in Santiago and Imperial. Our society provided the rooms for her and paid the rent, and were always ready to help with the work. Our women have helped in the Sabbath School and Vacation Bible School work in Santiago.

In 1920 in co-operation with Rev. Svacha we organized and conducted the first Vacation Bible School in Imperial.

On October 11, 1923, we celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary with an all day meeting. Three of the charter members presided. They were Mrs. James Leech, Mrs. A. D. Stewart and Mrs. John Hooper.

Our society at different times has sponsored work with the children such as Light Bearers Band and Junior Christian Endeavor.

The main object of our society has always been to keep the interest of our church in missions and contribute to the various boards of missions. But many times we have given substantial help to our own church. For several years we have contributed to Mrs. Sam Higginbottom's salary in India. We have given to scholarships in Brainard Institute and Ashville Farm School. Donations have been given to the Missionary Training School in Coraopolis when it was in existence, and to the Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh.

MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH 1940

OFFICERS

Mrs. John Pascoe, *President*

Mrs. John Beitsinger, *Secretary*

Mrs. C. M. Aten, *Vice President*

Mrs. J. Scott Logan, *Treasurer*

Miss Bird Aten	Mrs. James Dunsmore	Mrs. R. B. Neely
Mrs. C. M. Aten	Mrs. Lee Elder	Mrs. John Pascoe
Mrs. J. Ramer Baker	Miss Margaret Fekete	Mrs. Joseph Philips
Mrs. John Beitsinger	Mrs. C. L. Glass	Mrs. Sara Purdy
Mrs. Vance Bell	Mrs. J.A. Hamilton	Mrs. Paul Richards
Mrs. H. A. Berry	Mrs. L. C. Hays	Mrs. Martha Ross
Mrs. Joseph Boyle	Mrs. J. V. Hooper	Mrs. M. W. Sauers
Mrs. Sara Buhl	Mrs. Alvin Kearns	Mrs. Earl I. Schall
Mrs. C. B. Burns	Mrs. W. P. Kearns	Mrs. Mary Sims
Mrs. M. D. Chalmers	Mrs. J. Scott Logan	Mrs. Joseph Smith
Mrs. M. W. Cheesebrough, Jr.	Mrs. Ray Logan	Mrs. Robert Smith
Mrs. W. D. Crooks	Mrs. Frank E. McClurg	Mrs. J. V. Stewart
Mrs. Ben Davis	Mrs. Sam McMichael	Mrs. Albert Weir
Mrs. Samuel Davis	Mrs. C. A. Marshall	Miss Esther Wilson
Mrs. Clarence E. Davison	Mrs. Eloise Marshall	Mrs. Hazel Yolton
Mrs. Desire C. Drugmand	Mrs. H. Leverne Marshall	



THE LADIES AID SOCIETY

June 17, 1936, marked an event worthy of mention in the history of the Valley Presbyterian Church. On that date a group of women assembled with the thought in mind of assisting the church in its financial work. These women, nine in all, organized the Ladies Aid Society with the following officers being placed in charge: Mrs. Nettie McPherson, President; Mrs. Clara Elder, Vice President; Mrs. Ollie Gilligan, Secretary; and Mrs. Martha Ross as Treasurer. Confronted with the problem of making money, these women decided that an effort would be made to determine the proceeds which would result from their needlecraft. Most of the time was devoted to quilting, in addition to the numerous aprons and dust caps that were made. Being highly successful in their undertaking, the Ladies Aid Society was determined to reduce the mortgage on the manse. Each six month period a \$100 reduction has been met, with the aggregate reduction by the Ladies Aid being \$800. Being organized with only nine members, each working for the betterment of the church, the organization has attracted twenty-five other workers to their ranks, and the officers are certain that more women will have their names added to the roll this year, the peak of one hundred years of successful organization. Believing that the names of the charter members should be mentioned merely because this wonderful organization has accomplished so much in its four years' efforts, the names of the pioneers of this society are listed herewith:

Mrs. Jessie Baker
Mrs. Clara Elder
Mrs. Elizabeth Smith

Mrs. Martha Ross
Mrs. Ollie Gilligan
Miss Esther Wilson

Mrs. Nettie McPherson
Mrs. Blanche Kress
Mrs. Sadie Wright

Other members enrolled are:

Mrs. Lorena Logan	Mrs. Preston Moore	Mrs. Louise Riddile
Mrs. Mary Kearns	Mrs. Garnet Carroll	Mrs. Lottie Wilson
Mrs. Sara Purdy	Mrs. Grace Davison	Mrs. Maude Dempsey
Mrs. Sara Glass	Mrs. John Cheesebrough	Mrs. Pearl Oliver
Mrs. James Britton	Mrs. Wm. Schiefelbein	Mrs. Ethel Bowers
Mrs. Ruth Jones	Mrs. Lenient Best	Mrs. John Fisher
Mrs. May Ross	Mrs. Sadie Buhl	Mrs. Charles Kilkenny
Mrs. Mollie Boyle	Mrs. Norman Cyphert	Mrs. Lily Hooper
Mrs. Mildred Dunn	Mrs. George Melzer	Miss Minnie McAyeal

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The first Christian Endeavor Society in the Valley Church was organized in 1891 during the pastorate of Rev. S. J. S. Moore. Mr. John McClelland of Noblestown and Rev. Mr. Moore were teachers in the Imperial Academy. Mr. McClelland who planned to enter the Ministry was interested in the spiritual welfare of his students. So he persuaded Rev. Mr. Moore that Valley Church should have a Christian Endeavor Society. A meeting was held and he helped with the organizing of a Christian Endeavor Society in Valley. The following officers were elected:

William Cain, *President*
L. E. McNall, *Vice President*

Nettie Wilson McPherson, *Secretary*
Jennie Marshall Weir, *Treasurer*

There was no age limit and so sixty people of all ages joined. During the forty-nine years since its organization there have been many faithful workers. But we wish to mention L. E. McNall, the second president, who gave twenty-five years of faithful service; Mr. H. G. Cox, who seldom missed a meeting; Mr. H. A. Berry, Miss Jennie Aten, and Mr. R. S. Flanegin.

The present officers are:

Mary Broadhurst, *President*
Hazel Davies, *Vice President*

Dorothy Jean Kearns, *Secretary*
Robert Trautman, *Treasurer*

The present active members in addition to the above are:

C. B. Burns	Frances Kalberer	Agnes Neely
Marie Chalmers	Andrew Kovach	Elsie Schall
Evelyn Crooks	Jack Lauderbaugh	Louise Schall
Mary Davies	Sherad McCall	Helen Solomon
Clarence Fritz	James Marshall	Albert Thomas
Maurice Glass	Jane Marshall	Shirley Yolton
		Stewart Thomas



VALLEY CEMETERY

Valley Cemetery was started when our church was organized in November, 1840. Jacob Guy deeded 3 acres free for church purposes. About one half was used for the church and hitching grounds, and the other half was set aside for a burial ground. In a short time it was found that the hitching ground was too small, since this was in the horse and buggy days. Another acre, across the road from the church, was donated, by Joseph Young, successor to Jacob Guy, for hitching ground. Later, when the Montour R.R. was built and their tracks ran through the center of the one acre hitching ground, it was made useless and another had to be found. Then the Archibald Marshall family allowed the church members to use their grove in which to tie up their horses. From there, they walked across to the church. For the right-of-way through the one acre, the R.R. agreed to give about three acres of land on the north end of the cemetery.

For the next 38 years the cemetery was not much of a problem:—2 or 3 men could mow it in a few hours and keep it in good condition; only church members and their families were buried there, and not very much of our one and one half acres had been taken up. This brings us up to 1878. When the Montour R.R. was built and the Imperial Coal Co. started a large coal mine, many houses were built and nearly 2000 people moved into our quiet valley almost over night. Their dead were buried, without charge, in our cemetery, filling it up very rapidly. This continued for 27 years or until 1905. Imperial had grown into a center for a large section of the country and was a very busy town, growing rapidly.

Two meetings for the purpose of cleaning up the cemetery were called early in 1905. Very few attended, and although they worked hard, they did not more than make a start, but it proved decidedly that a free burial ground could no longer be continued. Mr. McCombs was our pastor at that time and helped very much in encouraging the people to work out a plan, since the cemetery problem had now become a "crisis" and something had to be done. The Trustees tried to find someone to undertake the work, but no one could be found.

However, to make a start, they appointed A. D. Stewart superintendent of the cemetery with full authority to reorganize it into a modern and self-supporting one. There were no funds available, so the superintendent had to finance the expense until the work had been completed, when a finance plan was then worked out. Mr. Stewart accepted the appointment with the understanding that the Trustees would give him their full support on any organization plan that would be workable and that any surplus funds, over the expenses, would be a reserve fund for the cemetery only, and was not to be borrowed from or taken by the church for any other purpose since a free burial ground could not be maintained and had to be discontinued. By this plan the superintendent quickly had the cemetery cleaned up and everyone was highly pleased with the new "facial" given the cemetery at a cost of about \$300.00.

With the consent of the trustees, the superintendent was authorized to assess \$10.00 on each lot holder in the cemetery to pay for the expense so far, and a deed for their lot was to be given them. This was gladly accepted by 99 per cent. Only one refused, but this plan built up a surplus instead of a deficit.

Our next difficulty was that we had no title to the land (about 3 acres) which we acquired from the Pittsburgh Coal Co. and which we had partly occupied. The Imperial Coal Co. had promised to deed it over to the church but had not done so when the property was turned over to the Pittsburgh Coal Co. We asked the Pittsburgh Coal Co. to give us a deed for this land, but they said it would be easier to get it through if we would buy an additional acre along the East side of the cemetery to pay the expense of making the deed. We accepted the proposal and soon had a deed for over four acres. The cemetery now contained four acres from the Coal Co. and the one and a half acres from the original, or five and a half acres in all.

Later we bought 4 and one half acres from the Marshall and Gregg farms making in all about 10 acres, enough for another cemetery. And today the plot is marked off, walks are made and it is ready for use.

Mr. Stewart continued as superintendent for thirty-three years, or a third of a century, with the full support of the trustees.

The cemetery has been improved in many ways and now compares favorably with any of the surrounding cemeteries and Mr. Stewart was glad to relate that he was able to turn over to his successor a reserve fund of about \$3,000; a donation of \$500 not yet paid over, and over \$500 assessments not paid but collectable, also \$600 was paid out for land for future use, making the total assets \$4,600.

On the retirement of Mr. A. D. Stewart, F. E. McClurg was elected to the office of superintendent and served about two years when he resigned on account of ill health and R. S. Flanegin was elected to fill the office and is still in charge.

There are two ministers, Rev. Harbison, and Rev. Alexander Jeffery, and a small child of Rev. Grier buried here. The oldest grave is dated 1845.

There are thirty-six soldiers' graves in the cemetery. Revolutionary, Civil, Spanish American and World War veterans.

Names taken from stones found in the cemetery and some few others whose names are not on markers there, but whose names were handed to the committee.

Allinder, Sadie J.	1882, aged 6 years	Burns, George	1857, 31 years
Allison, Sadie J.	1874, aged 23 years	Burns, Henry	1838-1912
Alloway, James	1865-1940	Burns, James	1860, 71 years
Arbougast, Harry E.	1886-1934	Burns, James Ball	1875, 17 years
Arbougast, William F.	1925	Burns, Jane A.	1809-1844
Armor, Anna M.	1881-1882	Burns, Jane A.	1820, 23 years
Armor, Elizabeth <i>Smith</i>	1890, aged 63 years	Burns, Jane	1855, 35 years
Armor, James M.	1845-1905	Burns, Jane	1880, 77 years
Armor, John W.	1883-1895	Burns, Martha	1782-1866
Armor, Lulu M.	1889-1890	Burns, Martha	1831-1914
Armor, Sadie Walker	1856-1893	Burns, Nancy	1816-1850
Armor, Thomas	1887, aged 76 years	Burns, Nancy	1875, 78 years
Armour, W. Stewart	1860-1939	Burns, Nancy E.	1822-1890
Armour, Nora	1864-1916	Burns, Nancy Maria	1848-1925
Aten, Robert M.	1848-1915	Burns, Nancy W.	180 -1858
Banks, John	1839-1912	Burns, Oliver T.	1875, 42 years
Barnhart, Margaret Harper	1861-1929	Burns, Robert	1874, 77 years
Bartley, Blanche	1893-1934	Burns, Thomas	1855, 69 years
Bash, Martin	1884-1889	Burns, —, wife of Thomas	82 years
Bash, Mary	1886-1888	Burns, William	1779-1857
Basteroli, Aurelia	1863-1939	Burns, Willmina	May, 1890, 19 years
Bauers, Anna B.	1837-1892	Burrows, Harry P.	1890-1935
Beggs, Alexander	1860, aged 69 years	Busarello, Mari	1868-1904
Beggs, John	1849, in 71st year	Byers, Alexander	1854-.....
Beggs, Mary	1869, aged 90 years	Byers, Anna B.	1856-.....
Beggs, William	1855, aged 67 years	Byers, Catherine	1812-1895
Beitsinger, Geo.		Byers, Catherine	1840-1841
Beitsinger, Mary	1889-1912	Byers, Elizabeth S.	1816-1903
Bessi, Joseph	1888-1916	Byers, Esther	1857-.....
Best, Raymond	1895-1939	Byers, George E. A.	1848-1862
Blackwood, Thomas H.	1929-1939	Byers, Isaac	1810-1891
Blussick, Peter	1897-1937	Byers, Isaac J.	
Boling, Lila May	1906-1908	Byers, Jonathan	1812-1891
Boling, Mary M.	1863-1921	Byers, Jonathan	1852-1862
Booth, Bertie J.	1889-1900	Byers, Dr. John	1808-1898
Booth, Harriet Brown	1855-1907	Byers, John D.	1815-1902
Booth, Harry	1886-1889	Byers, John L.	1845-1862
Booth, Ruben	1882-1907	Byers, J. Ross	1819-1890
Boyce, David	1848, 76 years	Byers, Mary	1867-1932
Boyce, Elizabeth	18— 71 years	Byers, Margaret	1830-1858
Britton, Caroline	1845-1925	Byers, Margaret	1897-.....
Britton, George	1843-1925	Byers, Ross	1842-1867
Britton, James A., Sr.	1872-1930	Byers, Samuel	1862, 82 years
Britton, James A., Jr.	1898-1899	Byers, Samuel R.	1837-1841
Britton, J. G.	1874-1906	Byers, Thomas	1865-1893
Britton, John W.	1914	Byers (Infant Son of J. and C.)	1848
Britton, Thomas J.	1896-1930	Carlisle, Eldorado	1850-1922
Broad, John	1865-1938	Carlisle, Robert	1844-1917
Brua, Dorothy D.	1906-1936	Carlisle, Joseph	1880-1923
Brua, John	1899-1936	Cellar, John	1894-1933
Burchfield, Charles E.	1844-1907	Chambers, Alice A.	1890, 5 years
Burchfield, Edwin F.	1865-1904	Chambers, Benjamin H.	1845-1917
Burchfield, Elizabeth H.	1869-1894	Chambers, James E.	1891, 3 years
Burchfield, Margaret P.		Chambers, Jennie E.	1893-1909
Burns, A. D.	1820-1896	Chambers, Rachel A.	1854-1924
Burns, Alexander H.	1888, 76 years	Chuk, John	1887-1938
Burns, Alfred M.	1846-1918	Clark, Annie Mattes	1879-1935
Burns, Charles A.	1850-1865	Clark, John James	1896-1939
Burns, Elizabeth W.	1850, 33 years	Clark, Samuel D.	1874-1938
Burns, Gegelia A.	1841, 1 year	Cleek, Geo. W.	1854-1933

Cleek, Mary G.	1861-1910	Fhy, Michael	1878, 65 years
Corbett, Margaret	1835-1906	Fisher, George Wm.	1937-1938
Covell, Lester	1897-1898	Fisher, John S.	1865-1939
Covell, Mary C.	1860-1918	Fordyce, Infant	1939
Covell, Twila	1897-.....	Fordyce, Mrs. Matilda	1914-1939
Cox, Elizabeth O. <i>lover</i>	1848-1937	Garn, Mary	
Cox, James Cox	1848-1899	Garn, 2 Infants	
Cox, Henry B.	1854-1932	Gauley, Mary H.	1891, 10 years
Cox, Sarah J.	1859-1922	Gay, Gladys Isabel	1907-1924
Cratsley (Infant Son of G. B. and M. J.)	1893	Gordon, Eliza J.	1839-1903
Cratsley, Charlotte	1889, 29 years	Gordon, Montgomery	1835-1895
Cratsley, Cora L.	1886-1893	Gould, Janie B.	1930
Cratsley, Frank	1857-1924	Goup, Michael	1875, 71 years
Cratsley, Frederick	1816-1900	Greck, Michael	1857-1906
Cratsley, George B.	1853-1940	Greck, Susanna	1857-1928
Cratsley, Sophronia	1834-1916	Gregg, Edward	1882-1909
Cratsley, Loren T.	1848-1919	Gregg, John	1875-1881
Cratsley, Matilda J.	1859-1928	Gregg, Louise J.	1842-1909
Crawford, Anna J.	1860-1889	Gregg, Mark K.	1846-1914
Crawford, Anna Josephine	1888-1899	Gregg (Infant Son of M. K. and L. J.)	1881
Crawford, Atlanta S. Burns	1937	Gregg, Samuel	1885-1900
Crawford, Isabel Rachel	1866, 12 years	Gregory, James	1876-1921
Crawford, John J.	1856-1917	Gregory, Mary	1854-1920
Crooks, A. W.	1852-1919	Grier, Nancy Margaret	1849, 2 years
Crooks, Delores	1900-1914	Grinnage, Mrs. Mattie	1876-1939
Crooks, Ida B.	1855-1910	Guy, Jacob Seetin	1850, 6 years
Crooks, Olive Elizabeth	1919-1921	Guy, Jane A.	
Croxton, David	1894	Guzelli, John	1883-1939
Croxton, Harris	1893	Harman, Howard S.	1920-1923
Cunningham, Mary	1876-1934	Harrison, Rev. Wm. P.	1870, 46 years
Curtis, Mary R.	1890, 3 years	Hawkins, George	1894, 79 years
Darabant, Joseph	1936, 54 years	Hays, Edward <i>Hindman</i>	1891-1935
Davidson, William	1891-1912	Hays, Elizabeth Patterson <i>m.</i>	1899-1930
Davis, Anna Karch	1899-1933	Hays, Elizabeth Patterson <i>m.</i> and Infant Son	
Davis, Anna Mary	1880, 2 years	Hays, Emily <i>Hindman</i>	1830-1891
Davis, David	1852-1926	Hays, Florence <i>Hindman</i>	1867-1892
Davis, Jane	1850-1933	Hays, Joseph P. <i>Hindman</i>	1857-1927
Dick, Margaret	1864-1920	Hays, L. C. <i>Hindman</i>	1860-1936
Dick, Mary		Hays (Infant Daughter)	1892
Dick, William	1853-1926	Hays, Mabel <i>Hindman</i>	1890-1918
Doughty, Anna E.	1861, 2 years	Hays, Margaret E. <i>Hindman</i>	1897-1902
Doughty, Elizabeth	1880, 44 years	Hays, Wm. Vance <i>Hindman</i>	1824-1902
Doughty, Emma E.	1879, 6 years	Hays, Wm. Vance <i>Hindman</i>	1895-1918
Doughty, Henry	1830-1905	Hlavachek, Sophia	1834-1891
Doughty, James W. R.	1880, 8 years	Hoop, Daisy J. Phillips	1903-1930
Doughty, John A.	1833-1913	Hooper, James	1901-.....
Doughty, Lavina	1831-1917	Hooper, John V. <i>Sarah H.</i>	1856-1931
Doughty, Samuel Neuton	1888, 5 years	Hughes, Margaret Nelson	1847-1888
Doughty, William H. S.	1880, 11 years	Hughes, Sara	
Doughty, William S.	1868-1923	Hughes, Thomas	1824-1900
Drugmand, Augustine	1867-1940	Jackson, Infant	1940
Drugmand, George	1894-1910	James, Jennie	1863-1839
Drugmand, Marie A.	1870-1924	James, William	1861-1937
Drugmand, Peter	1889-.....	James, William	1869
Drugmand, Pierre	1840-1914	Jardine, George W.	1844-1915
Drysdale, Margaret Campbell	1870-1938	Jardine, Manda E.	1848-1925
Ehle, Charles	1889, 40 years	Jeffrey, Alexander (not readable)	
Ehle, Clark L.	1846-1935	Jeffrey, Alexander	1845, 59 years
Elliott, Frank	1862-1938	Jeffrey, Averilla	1873, 43 years
Elliott, Mary Ella	1873-1939	Jeffrey, Elizabeth V.	1844-1925
Ewing, Ralph	1936-1938	Jeffrey, Emma M.	1841-1920
Esia, Josephine	1860-1928	Jeffrey, John	1858
Fhy, Elizabeth	1881, 63 years	Jeffrey, Maria S.	1800-1876
		Jeffrey, Martha P.	1859, 17 years

Early J. Schell - B 6 - 1870-1910 - 10-10-1910 - 10-10-1910
Beth Hulse - buried at Higginer A.
me Nov 4 - 1916 - Nellie Hays - dau of Flora Hindman H. - 1st wife of C. Hays
B. Oct 6 - 1889 - 10
To be buried at Higginer A.
Emma Whetstone Hays m - C. H. H
B - 2 - 15 - 1860 - 10 - 13 - 1941
Flora Hindman H. - 1st wife of C. Hays
B 7 - 1867 - 10 7 - 1892 baby died
" " 5 daughter " "

Jeffrey, Mary J.	1822-1875	Logan, Rachel Adams	1845-1909
Jeffrey, Mary	1868, 79 years	Logan, Rhoda S.	1932
Jeffrey, S. Milton	1832-1913	Logan, Winfield Scott	1850-1916
Jeffrey, Rev. Wm. A.	1884, 34 years	Logan, Wm. H.	1870-1928
Jeffrey, Wm. W.	1838-1925	Logar, Anna M.	1930
Jenkins, Byron A.	1842-1922	Lusk, Elizabeth	1816-1864
Jenkins, Maggie	1845-1889	Lusk, Hugh	1880, 85 years
Jerala, Michael	1883-1938	Lusk, John M.	1856, 55 years
Jerman, Jozef	1889-1930	Lusk, Margaret Logan.....	1880, 85 years
Johnston, Jacob Taylor	1850	Lusk, Rebecca	1846-1864
Johnston, Sarah	1826-1859	Lutz, Adam	1843-1910
Jones, Bessie S.	1890.....	Lutz, Adam P.	1894-1904
Jones, Matthew	1879-1930	Lutz, Grand Father.....	1816-1902
Jordan, George W.	1867-1926	Lutz, Hannah	1836-1904
Jouret, Adella	1879-1940	Lutz, John	1840-1918
Kanzig, Martha M.	1892-1908	Lutz, John M.	1878-1939
Kearns, Alvin	1880-1940	Lutz, Marie	1845-1910
Kearns, Sallie	1846-1914	Lutz, Martha Jane	1927-1929
Kelly, Thomas W.	1886-1934	Madden, Minnie L.	1878-1934
Kelvington, Cora Irene.....	1880, 2 years	Maloney, Alexander ¹⁷⁹⁰	1855, 65 years
Kelvington, Homer J.	1883-1906	Maloney, Jane	1865
Kelvington, James S.	1848-1924	Maloney, John M.	1849, 17 years
Kelvington, James	1890	Marshall, Alexander.....	1871, 73 years
Kelvington, Jennie A.	1854-1916	Marshall, Anna D.	1852-1921
Kelvington, Mary A.	1823-1891	Marshall, Archibald	1807-1877
Kelvington, Paul R.	1899	Marshall, Bruce A.	1855-1925
Kelvington, Sadie J.	1889-1891	Marshall, Ella D.	1848-1914
Kelvington, Wm.	1859-1939	Marshall, Elmer S.	1819
Kelvington, Wm. Henry	1888-1896	Marshall, G. Duffield	1860-1895
Kircher, John	1863-1925	Marshall, Gladys	1915-1917
Kisow, Robert C.	1929	Marshall, George D.	1890, 2 years
Kite, Clyde Gladstone.....	1891, 1 year	Marshall, Ida A.	1858-1923
Kite, Job	1889, 61 years	Marshall, James Addison	1819
Kline, Elizabeth J.	1920-1924	Marshall, John, Jr.	1805-1856
Kline, Mildred Gilligan	1893-1926	Marshall, J. M.	1876-1904
Leech, Ann	1895, 70 years	Marshall, Joseph Elmer	1889-1919
Leech, Emma E.	1856-1927	Marshall, Nancy Clarinda	1847-1925
Leech, Henry	1823-1916	Marshall, Sarah E.	1818-1892
Leech, James W.	1862-1933	Marshall, Silas B.	1836-1906
Leech, John R.	1857-1922	Marshall, Silvia E. Robinson	1880-1902
Leech, Maria J.	1860-1933	Marshall, William	1883, 73 years
Lesko, Charles	1857-1901	Marucco, Isabella	1885-1912
Lesko, James	1918-1921	Marucco, Onorine	1910-1915
Lesko, Julia	1860-1902	Matalik, John	1863-1931
Lewellyn, Anna M.	1877-1891	Matalik, Mary A.	1868-1913
Linton, James (not readable)		Matthews, Leander L.	1859-1926
Linton, James	1849	Maudhuit, Joseph	1838-1899
Linton, John	1861, 80 years	Mauri, Paul	1881-1933
Linton, Nancy	1852	McAdams, Alexander.....	1878, 84 years
Lipstick, John	1858-1907	McAdams (Infant Daughter of A. and S.)	
Livermore, Evlyn	1889, 71 years		1849
Logan, Clarence	1875.....	McAdams, David	1853-1929
Logan, George	1847-1907	McAdams, James.....	1898, 92 years
Logan, Hannah	1851-1939	McAdams, Sarah	1818-1903
Logan, Hugh L.	1852-1885	McAdams, Sarah Levina	1851-1930
Logan, James M.	1842	McBride, Archibald	1856, 91 years
Logan, Jennie M.	1850-1937	McBride, John (not readable)	
Logan, John A.	1846-1886	McBride, Nancy Elliot	1841
Logan, John	1880, 83 years	McBride, William	1813-1863
Logan, Laura M.	1906, 64 years	McCarty, Sarah Ann	1824-1907
Logan, Lycurgus	1836-1923	McEwen, Nancy Jane	1830-1911
Logan, Margaret Jeffrey.....	1893, 82 years	McEwen, Thomas G.	1830-1865
Logan, Mary B.	1898-1930	McFarland, Henrietta	1849-1892
Logan, Marion Love	1881-1884	McFarland, Margaret	1853, 27 years
Logan, Martin	1850-1915	McGahan, Emily	1862

Bartha Gordon McMichael	11-21-1873	4-12-1954
Samuel Walker McMichael	11-5-1868	9-26-1941
Ada McMichael Phillips	8-9-1866	11-21-1905
John Towler McMichael	10-13-1870	8-7-1930 in Spanish A. war
Elmer McMichael	10-19-1874	2-22-1959
McHenry, Eliza	1844	Naples, Josephine 1876-1918
McKenzie, Emma Marshall	1894, 32 years	Neely, Mrs. Agnes 1858-1939
McKenzie, Helen	1889-1896	Neely, Ray G. 1916
McKenzie, Ruth	1894	Neely, R. Kelso 1859-1909
McMichael, Ann E.	1842-1927	Neilson, James 1851-1935
McMichael, Donald	1923-1924	Neilson, Mary T. 1852-1913
McMichael, John	1842-1923	Nipple, Emma 1874, 65 years
McMichael, Maud	1872-1912	Oliver, Nancy 1832-1921
McMichael, Myrtle Stewart	1878-1920	Oliver, Sara 1822-1911
McMinn, Amanda	1826-1907	Oliver, Stewart 1824-1904
McMinn, Andrew	1825-1900	Olsavsky, Wasko 62 years
McMinn, Andrew	1869	Opeka, Andrew 1864-1938
McMinn, Anna M.	1872-1919	Opeka, Andrew 1891-1923
McMinn, Elizabeth	1867	Opeka, Andrew 1891-1913
McMinn, Frances	1820-1898	Paradine, Katherine D. 1916
McMinn, George	1829-1901	Parkinson, James 1857-1940
McMinn, Hannah D.	1835-1924	Partridge, Eddie 1880, 2 years
McMinn, Henry and Smith (No dates)		Partridge, Joseph 1807-1887
McMinn, H. Lawrence	1865-1867	Partridge, Joseph C. 1840-1906
McMinn, Joseph D.	1863-1908	Partridge, Josie 1880, 4 years
McMinn, Laura	1879-1932	Partridge, Lizzie 1880, 6 years
McMinn, William	1896, 64 years	Partridge, Mary 1879, 73 years
McPherson, Ralph W.	1901	Patterson, Elizabeth Wallace 1826-1923
McTavish, James	1884, 18 years	Patterson, Jennie Campbell 1861-1931
Meacci, Bruno	1898-1917	Patterson, John Mason 1853-1936
Meanor, Anna M.	1878-1881	Patterson, Lysander 1820-1909
Meanor, Anna May	1893-1910	Patterson, Mandaline 1847-1924
Meanor, Benjamin		Patterson, Maurice 1861-1932
Meanor, Margaret		Perrier, Louis 1869-1940
and their		Perrier, Marie 1867-1923
two children		Perrier, Pauline 1907-1934
Meanor, Frank B.	1874-1895	Pternel, Valentin 1881-1929
Meanor, Harold E.	1918-1919	Peuch, Auguste 1854-1916
Meanor, Isaac	1837-1891	Peuch, Clotilde 1861-1910
Meanor, James A.	1869-1881	Puech, Henry 1887-1904
Meanor, Karl H.	1884-1938	Phillips, Alexander 1909
Meanor, Margaret	1802-1878	Phillips, Nellie A. 1885-1924
Meanor, Margaret J.	1845-1934	Phillips, William 1904
Meanor, Mary	1849, 45 years	Pierce, Desire A. Drugmand 1888-1926
Meanor, Mary Ellen	1864-1935	Pike, Ignac 1879-1932
Meanor, Paul S.	1832-1907	Powell, Jane 1802-1891
Meanor, Samuel	1875, 75 years	Pregel, Fred 1916-1933
Meanor, Sarah	1814-1902	Pregel, Ferdinand 1879-1936
Meanor, William	1802-1880	Prevonja, Peter 1874-1935
Merlini, Ottavio	1886-1920	Puskas, August 1904-1906
Metcalfe, Alice L.	1880-1935	Reed, Eliza 1882, 75 years
Miller, Mary J.	1839-1914	Reed, Frances N. 1881-1914
Miller, William	1839-1919	Reed, John R. 1846-1925
Miller, William	1871-1906	Reed, Joseph A. 1926
Miller (Infant Son)	1902	Reed, Sarah E. 1849-1920
Milles, Catherine	1894	Reese, John W. 1864-1930
Milles, Ellen	1909	Renieman, J. M. (Soldier) No date
Milles, Jane	1867, 56 years	Rizzotto, Sylvester 1878-1940
Milles, Joseph	1885	Robinson, Clare J. 1877-1895
Milles, Robert	1898, 59 years	Robinson, Franklin G. 1872-1878
Moore, Walter	1939	Robinson, James 1828-1898
Morris (Infant Daughter of Dr. N. R. and G.)	1850	Robinson, John Ross 1862-1906
Morris, John J.	1860, 24 years	Robinson, Sara Anna 1844-1868
Morris, Martha	1870, 15 years	Robinson, Sara 1844-1905
Morrison, Etta S.	1886, 31 years	Roscart, Camille 1861-1927
Morrison, Eula May	1885, 4 years	Ross, Daniel 1869-1924
Morrison, Grace L.	1871-1940	Ross, Edgar James 1864-1870
Morrison, Hannah	1809-1891	Ross, John 1862-1906
Mukarovsky, Louis	1920-1939	Sauers, Michael W. 1884-1938-1958-Sp/line
		Schiefelbein, Fred H. 1930-1937

Schaeffer ()	1813, 70 years	Thomas, Isaac P.	1869-1938
Shafer, Americus W.	1879	Thomas, Margaret	1900-1927
Shafer, Anson	1856-1939	Thomas, Martin A.	1899-1926
Shafer, Elmer G.	1863-1865	Thomas, Mary A.	1846-1909
Shafer, Ione Atkinson	1863-1932	Thompson, Elizabeth F.	1890-1928
Shafer, John	1820-1891	Thompson, Emily L.	1852-1936
Shafer, J. M. (Soldier)		Thompson, J. Guy	1874-1928
Shafer, Junius D.	1848-1921	Thompson, Wm. A.	1839-1917
Shafer, Margaret Burns	1817-1899	Trusnovic, Frank	1876-1939
Simmons, Amanda W.	1857-1924	Trusnovic, Joseph	1889-1935
Simmons, Elizabeth	1866-1934	Tunning, Archie	1934
Simmons, Ellsie	1884-1904	Ule, Theresa Pike	1884-1938
Simmons, Millie Marshall	1880-1898	Usenicnik, Mary	1915-1934
Sladick, Albert	1916-1939	Uslick, Anni	1869-1914
Sladich, Joseph	1911-1930	Uzlik, Joseph	1881-1927
Smith, Ellen A.	1816-1880	Valenti, Carmella	1883-1930
Solomon, Pauline	1922-1937	Van Newkirk, Mrs. Bertie	1900-1940
Sostarch, Jacob	1877-1908	Vince, Anna H.	1854-1909
Sprout, Alice	1896	Vogle, Howard L.	1875
Sprout, Charles	1894	Walkenshaw, C. M.	1865-1933
Sprout, Edith	1896	Walkenshaw, Mary	1840-1917
Sprout, Gertrude	1910	Walkenshaw, Wm.	1890, 53 years
Sprout, Harriet	1910	Walker, Josephine	1845
Sprout, Graham	1922	Weaver, George	
Sprout, Leah Jane	1917	Weaver, John S.	1810-1895
Sprout, William	1898	Wier, Eula	1904-1929
L.C.H. - sister Stewart, Allena Grace <i>Hays</i>	1853-1911	Weir, Louie	1885, 28 years
Stewart, Elizabeth <i>Class</i>	1869, 83 years	Weir, Nellie	1897-1921
Stewart, George B.	1877, 9 years	Wherry, Elizabeth	1889-1918
Stewart, Ida Burchfield <i>Class</i>	1867-1931	Whetstone, Margaret <i>Class</i>	1822-1904
Stewart, James Myler	1867-1930	White, George Pearson (Not readable)	
Stewart, James	1882, 74 years	White, Rachel A.	1927
Stewart, Jennie M.	1844-1929	Wilmot, Florence A.	1908-1909
Stewart, John	<i>Jan 9</i> 1843, 65 years	Wilson, Della M.	1870-1901
Stewart, John E.	1842-1910	Wilson, Elmer Lawrence	1892-1896
Stewart, John M.	1819-1881	Wilson, George	1874, 72 years
Stewart, Levi James	1848-1930	Wilson, George G.	1862-1935
Stewart, Maggie E.	1873, 17 years	Wilson, Idilla M.	1868-1926
Stewart, Margaret M.	1818-1856	Wilson, John T.	1838-1909
Stewart, Mary Ann	1835-1923	Wilson, Mary J.	1832-1901
Stewart, Rachel <i>P. Cherry</i>	1882, 67 years	Wilson, Mary J.	1913
Stewart, Rankin M.	1852-1899	Wilson, Maude E.	1881-1919
Stewart, Sarah	1828-1902	Wilson, Nellie V.	1928
Stewart, Warren	1829-1916	Wilson, Robert R.	1832-1897
Stewart, William A.	1846-1863	Wilson, S. Lizzie	1854-1920
Stout, Amelia Cox	1894-1919	Wilson, Susannah	1876, 76 years
Swaoger, Dora	1903	Wilson, William C.	1837-1910
Swaoger, John	1877-1940	Wilson, William J.	1864-1925
Swaoger, Susan	1874-1903	Wilson, William T.	1868-1885
Syley, William	61 years	Winters, Jacob	1831-1903
Thomas, Anthony	1889, 48 years	Wright, Jane	1870, 74 years
Thomas, Catherine C.	1877-1937	Young, Davis	1940
Thomas, George Parker	1845-1907	Zust, John	1866-1929

SOLDIERS BURIED IN VALLEY CEMETERY, IMPERIAL, PENNA.

Alexander M. Allison	John Clark	William Jeffrey	William Miller
John Banks	David Croxton	Byron A. Jenkins	Alex Phillips
Raymond Best	H. T. Croxton	Alex Johnson	William Phillips
Thomas Britton	George W. Davis	James Kelvington	Joseph Reed
Alfred Burns	Thomas Forster	Clarence Logan	John M. Renieman
Isaac Byers	Jeff Foster	Elmer Marshall	Americus Shaffer
Lucien Byers	John Gauley	J. M. Marshall	J. M. Shaffer
John Cellar	<i>Corp</i> Wm. Vance Hays	Silas B. Marshall	William Syley
Benjamin Chalmers	Thomas Hughes	Isaac Meanor	John T. Wilson

HONOR ROLL

In honor of those who served in the World War from Findlay and the Northern Part of North Fayette Townships.

+John Wesoloski, Lieut.

+Vance Hays, Corp.

+Hayes Ayers

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Lawrence D. McMichael, Lieut.

Dr. Guy M. Sprouls, Lieut.

Dr. Edwin Purdy, Lieut.

Everett McMichael, Sgt.

Dominecia Philadelphia, Corp.

John Mrenick, Corp.

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John Alfred

Noel B. Alloway

Eugene Aten

John Ayers

Edward Bagrowski

William Bastaroli

Steve Bedner

Homer Beers

Walter A. Bell

Peter Blussick

John Boisga

Edwin Bonar

Eddie Boner

William Bostarok

Clement Brassart

George Burns

Mitchell Burns

Joseph Busarello

Thomas Britton

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Carl Cain

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Anthony Catunzarite

Archie Chambers

Roy Chambers

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Willie Cool

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Walter Cooper

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Clark Cox

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William Ceyrolles

Albert Dendet

Wilbert Daugherty

Louis Depont

Harry Devault

Louie Dezolt

Alvin Doughty

Fredrick Dunn

Paul Dire

Joseph Esia

George Evanoff

James Garn

James Gerstner

Micheal Gerstner

Edgar Gould

Roy Gould

Wayne Gould

Frank Gray

John Greck

James Hamilton

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Joseph Harper

Orlando Heilder

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Jacob Hughes

Walter Jackson

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George Luterie

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Joseph Mattiqua

William Mattiqua

Carl McBride

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William McGregor

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John McMichael

Frank Michael

Earl Morris

John Mlenor

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C. M. Parkinson

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Dewey Penberthy

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Domenico Politi

Robert Pollard

Joseph Puskar

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Castulo Proditto

Anthony Perock

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Jacob Reese

Nick Renda

Eugené Ross

James Ryan

Tom Ryan

Ralph Sanders

Albert Sauers

William Sauers

Norman Schmidt

Heiman Silverblatt

Frank Smerkall

George Smith

Jesse Smith

Leon Smulski

James Springer

John Stefousni

Robert G. Stewart

Roy Smoring

Daniel Thomas

John Uffelman

Tofel Van Koski

Frank Venrock

Fred Williamson

Charles Wilmont

Charles Wilson

Joseph Yanko

Alva Yecko

Howard C. Quinn

+Killed in action. 3

Total in World War I. 149 served
World War 2 - 700 + 11

57

World War I
II served

46
46
45
137
12
149
700

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CONCLUSION

"Out of monuments, names, words, proverbs, traditions, private records and evidences, fragments of stories, passages of books and the like, we do save somewhat from the deluge of time."

—*Bacon.*

Our committee has obtained information and help from many sources but we bring our work to a close with the realization that it is not complete and that many persons and activities, worthy of praise, are unmentioned. In several instances pictures were not obtainable and the records of some activities have been lost.

We appreciate the hearty cooperation of all who helped in this work, and especially wish to thank those who furnished pictures.

We trust that the history may accomplish the end for which it is intended. We beg your indulgence of possible omissions and mistakes. It is difficult in so small a book to focus, in true perspective, a panoramic view of one hundred years of church activities.

As members of Valley Church, we should be proud of our heritage. Through one hundred years, men and women have kept the faith and made the sacrifices necessary to maintain the Church of Jesus Christ in this community.

At the threshold of a new century, Valley Church is well equipped with minister, officers, members and physical equipment to render effective service to her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Goethe has said, "The best thing which we derive from history is the enthusiasm which it raises in us." Therefore let us renew our vows to the Church and do all in our power to increase the service and usefulness of Valley Church in the years ahead. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."—Ec. 12:13.

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Imperial, Pa.

Program of the Valley Church Centennial Celebration

October 6, 1940 — October 13, 1940

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1940

- 10 A.M. Church School—Mr. H. L. Marshall, Superintendent.
Rally Day Special Services and Greetings from former officers
of the Church School.
- 11 A.M. World Wide Communion Service
Music by the Choir
Sermon by the Pastor
- 8 P.M. Young Peoples Meeting—Alumni Night
Mr. Robert W. Logan, Chairman
Music by Mixed Quartet
Alumni night for all Christian Endeavorers
Address by Rev. Lockhart Amerman

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1940

Santiago Mission Night

- 8 P.M. Services in Santiago Mission
Mr. R. S. Flanegin, Chairman
Music by Male Quartet—First Presbyterian Church, Coraopolis
Address—Rev. Robert Stephens
Refreshments served by the Ladies

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1940

- 9:30 A.M. Presbytery of Pittsburgh will meet in Valley Church
- 12 Noon Luncheon served to Presbytery
- 1:30 P.M. Presbytery Meeting continued
- 8 P.M. Former Pastors Night—Rev. Clarence E. Davison, Chairman
Music—Ladies Quartette
Greetings from former pastors: Rev. S. H. Moore, Rev. H. W.
McCombs, Rev. W. J. Snyder, Rev. R. M. Kiskaddon, Rev.
W. B. Purnell.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1940

- 8 P.M. Historical Night—Mrs. J. Scott Logan, Chairman
Music—Glenshaw Community Church Choir
Historical Pageant—Mrs. Grace B. Davison in charge
Historical Pictures—Rev. Edward Burgett Welsh, D.D.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1940

- 2 P.M. Missionary Meeting—Mrs. John Pascoe, Presiding
Afternoon Tea
8 P.M. Missionary Program—Mr. A. D. Wilson, Presiding
Music—Crafton Male Chorus
Greeting from Former Missionaries
Address by the Rev. Robert F. Galbreath, D.D., LL.D.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1940

- 8 P.M. Community Night—E. I. Schall, Chairman
Community Services
Music—Vocal—Rev. Robert H. Stephens
Greetings from Neighboring Churches
Address by Rev. Clarence Edward Macartney, D.D.
Refreshments and Social Hour

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1940

- 10 A.M. Church School—Mr. H. L. Marshall, Superintendent
11 A.M. Church Services
Music by the Choir
Sermon by the Pastor
12 Noon Basket Dinner (All bring baskets)
Sunday Afternoon—Closing Service
1:30 P.M. Band Concert on the lawn by the Findlay Vocational School
Band.
2 P.M. Homecoming Service—Mr. M. W. McPherson, Chairman
Music—Mrs. A. D. Wilson, in charge
Sermon—Rev. S. G. Neal

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