

## Family History in Church Records

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A history of Carmel Congregation of the United Presbyterian Church, located near Hanover, Indiana, from its beginning in 1812 down to 1882, was read by the Reverend H. P. Jackson at the seventieth anniversary celebration of the church on August 23, 1882. This history, later printed and published in pamphlet form by the *Madison Courier*, is of interest to a genealogist because of the names, dates, and family records given in it. The account which follows is based on the Reverend Jackson's paper.

On August 8, 1797, the Reverend Andrew Fulton, in company with the Reverend Robert Armstrong, sailed from Scotland for America, and arrived in New York on October 13. They went first to Philadelphia where they hired a wagoner to haul their books and baggage to Pittsburgh. They themselves went by stage to Lancaster, then to Carlisle, and from there on foot to Pittsburgh. Here they stayed until February 21, 1798, when they embarked for Limestone, now Maysville, Kentucky. From Limestone they went overland to Lexington.

Fulton was born and educated in Scotland. He was licensed to preach at Kilmarnock on December 17, 1793. He served in Kentucky at Drennon's Creek in Henry County and at Bear Grass near Louisville, for seventeen years. When some of the members of the congregations seceded and moved to Jefferson County, Indiana, Fulton visited them there. He preached his first sermon in Jefferson County at the home of George Shannon, Sr., on the bank of the Ohio. Sometime in 1812, a congregation was formed, which took the name of Carmel, the first Associate, or United, Presbyterian congregation in Indiana. The names of its first members were George Shannon, Sr., Ann Shannon, John Anderson, James Anderson, Jane Anderson, Samuel Ledgerwood, ——— Ledgerwood, John Swann, Sr., Jennet Swann, Thomas Taylor William Hay, Jane Hay, Benjamin Miller, Sarah Miller, William Anderson, Sr., Catherine Anderson, and perhaps others. In October 1816, the Reverend Fulton removed to Jefferson County and was installed as the pastor of this church. He also preached frequently at Rykers Ridge at the home of Samuel Ledgerwood.

The first building for Carmel congregation was erected in 1816 on the farm of James Matthews. It was a wooden structure, thirty by forty feet. In 1839 an additional twenty feet was added, and in 1853 a brick church was built, forty-six by sixty feet, at a cost of \$3000.

While in Kentucky Rev. Fulton had married Margaret Anderson, a sister of James and John Anderson. Of their children, Jane, the eldest daughter married the Reverend James Adams and had one son Thomas Leander Adams who removed to LaPorte. Mary, another daughter, married a Dr. Cowden. She died at Washington, Iowa. Andrew, their son, who was born just a few hours before his father's death, was graduated from Hanover College in 1836, studied medicine, and died in Kansas City, Missouri. Rev. Fulton died on September 10, 1818, aged sixty-three years. His widow married Colonel James Morrow of Xenia, Ohio, where they lived for a while, but returned to Hanover where Margaret died and was buried beside her first husband.

The Reverend Andrew Isaac, then came to Carmel, and, being a Scotsman, the congregation gave him a call in October, 1820. He was born in Carr's Croft near Perth in 1789, educated at Edinburgh and came to America in 1819. He served in Albany Presbytery until 1820. He preached at Carmel twenty-three Sabbaths, Madison thirteen, and Big Creek four. In 1827, he was installed as pastor at Londonderry, Ohio. He died on September 12, 1840. He was married to Jane Rintoul in Scotland. Their son, William Roseburg Isaac, was born in Pittsburgh in 1820 and died at Londonderry, Ohio, in 1845. One daughter, unmarried, lived near New Concord, Ohio. Mrs. Isaac died at Londonderry in 1872.

John Wallace was called to Carmel in 1830, and died on March 22, 1833, at Vicksburg, Mississippi. James M. Henderson was the next pastor. He was born on February 28, 1805, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, of Scottish-American ancestry. He was installed as pastor of Carmel, Madison and Big Creek on May 8, 1834, from which pastorate he resigned in 1835. His wife, whom he married on October 3, 1832, was Nancy McClenahan. They had seven children. One son served as pastor at Elmira, Illinois; another was buried in Carmel Cemetery.

The fifth pastor of Carmel Church was Moses Arnott, born on June 18, 1820, in Cambridge, Washington County,

Pennsylvania. He came to Carmel in November, 1846, and began his work there on the second Sabbath in July, 1847, preaching at Carmel and New Washington. While he was there, the Carmel and Bethel congregations were united as related below. He was married in 1848 to Mary H. Pollock, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. They had nine children, four of whom were buried at Carmel. Rev. Arnott died at the home of Mary and Eliza Latta, at Carmel, and was buried on July 5, 1874. One daughter, Martha, married R. H. Swann, and a son John Arnott was a lawyer in Canby, Minnesota.

The sixth pastor was H. P. Jackson, born on April 18, 1836, near Cedarville, Ohio. He was married on February 14, 1866, to Maggie Frazier Dunlap of Cedarville. He came to Carmel on June 17, 1875.

Bethel Church was organized on May 28, 1828. It was first called Jefferson, then Bethel. The following were received as members: Ann Shannon, Margaret Shannon, a Mrs. Gray, John Swann, Sr., Jennet Swann, William McCasland and wife, Michael Kinnear and wife, James Patterson, George Shannon, Jr., and wife, Andrew Swann and wife, Thomas Baird and wife, John Shannon and wife, Thomas Shannon and wife, George Reed and his wife Jane, William Gordon, and James Swann. George Shannon, Sr., and Thomas Gray, Sr., were elders. Until the church was built in 1830, preaching was held at the home of George Shannon, Sr.

John McDill was installed as pastor at Bethel Church on June 22, 1835. He was born in Preble County, Ohio, in 1806, and graduated from Miami University in 1820. He married Mrs. Fannie W. Johnson, widowed daughter of the Reverend R. G. Wilson, president of Ohio University at Athens, Ohio. He died in Hanover on July 27, 1840, and was buried in Bethel Cemetery, leaving a widow, a step-daughter, Agnes Johnson, a son, James Wilson McDill, a daughter, Mary, who was born in Hanover, and another daughter, Martha, who was born in Athens. Agnes Johnson was married at Hanover to the Reverend Robert Hopkins who was drowned in Minnesota. She later married the Reverend Samuel W. Pond, and lived at Shakopee, Minnesota. In 1852, the widow of John McDill was married to William Pinkerton of Bloomingburg, Fayette County, Ohio. Mary and Martha McDill both married Pinkertons.

John H. Bonner was installed at Bethel in April, 1845. He preached at Bethel, at Hopewell in Scott County, and at Grayfriar's, three and one-half miles west of New Washington in Clark County. The following are the names of preachers who also filled the pulpit: Campbell, Turner, Worth, Warner, R. E. Stewart, N. C. McDill, Joseph Steel, Reid, Robertson, J. R. Brown, McCague, Sturgeon, J. S. McCracken, and N. R. Kirkpatrick.

In 1854, the Bethel and Caledonia congregations were united as one charge with N. C. Kirkpatrick as pastor. In 1858, Bethel and Carmel were united with the Reverend Moses Arnott in charge as mentioned above.

The first Session of Carmel Church in 1812 was composed of James Anderson, George Shannon, and Samuel Ledgerwood. James Anderson was born near Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1780. He removed with his father's family to a site near Lexington, Kentucky, then to Ohio, and finally to Indiana in 1810. He was married by the Reverend Andrew Fulton on January 29, 1807, to Jennet Laing, of Henry County, Kentucky. They had six children. Mr. Anderson died at the home of his son-in-law, the Reverend James Brown, in Madison, on June 3, 1848, aged 68 years. His wife died about the same time.

George Shannon, Sr., was born March 4, 1759, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was married to Ann Reid on March 24, 1785, in Lancaster County. They came soon after to Scott County, Kentucky. Mr. Shannon served through Indian Wars, and was wounded in the battle known as "Crawford's Defeat." He removed to Greene County, Ohio, and, in 1810, to Jefferson County, Indiana, near where Bethel Church now stands. He died on December 5, 1840, aged eighty-one years, eleven months and one day. He was buried at Bethel Cemetery.

Ruling elders of Carmel Church included: Alexander Thompson, an elder in Pennsylvania, installed in August, 1817; died July 22, 1823, aged 62 years. William Watson, installed in August, 1817; died on April 15, 1852, aged 76 years. James Matthews, installed on February 23, 1825; died on October 23, 1851, aged 81 years. John Anderson, installed on May 8, 1825; moved west in 1837. George Currie, installed on May 8, 1835; died on March 10, 1868, aged 74 years. James Hamilton, installed May 8, 1835; died on October

26, 1874, aged 79 years. William Patterson, installed on May 8, 1835; died on October 19, 1869, aged 70 years. Robert Taylor, installed on October 5, 1849; died on October 11, 1872, aged 72 years. Thomas Clegg, installed on March 29, 1839; moved west in 1840. Alexander Hannah, installed on October 5, 1849; moved to Greene County, Indiana. John L. Anderson, installed on October 5, 1849; moved west and died on September 15, 1876. James A. Cochren, ordained in April, 1872. Robert Taylor, Jr., ordained in April, 1872. John P. Matthews, ordained on January 9, 1877. James Hanna, ordained on January 9, 1877. John McKee, ordained October, 1881; moved to Tipton County, Indiana.

Ruling elders of Bethel Church included: George Shannon, Sr., and Thomas Gray, Sr., 1828. James Patterson, installed on June 7, 1828; died on March 14, 1854, aged 77 years. William D. Thorn, ordained June 23, 1838; moved West. Thomas Shannon, ordained on November 12, 1842; died on August 16, 1868, aged 73 years. James McMillan, installed on November 4, 1843; died on October 1, 1855, aged 68 years. Robert Irvin, installed on October 2, 1847; removed in 1849. Henry J. Bonner, installed on October 2, 1847; removed in 1851. Andrew Mann, ordained on November 30, 1851; moved west in 1878. James L. Swann, ordained on October 7, 1854; died on December 31, 1878, aged 72 years. Charles L. Gordon, ordained on October 7, 1854; removed in 1860.