

Genealogy

A Minute Book for the Christian Church on Busseron Creek

Record of the Christian Church at Palmers Prairie
Sullivan County, Indiana. 1827? 1831?

*Contributed by Chloe Siner Morgan**

Towards the close of the first third of the nineteenth century the teachings of Alexander Campbell and his father, Thomas, who had come over to Pennsylvania from Scotland some twenty years earlier, resulted in the organization of a distinct and separate church denomination, which Campbell's followers in 1830 chose to call The Christian Church. This was another evidence of the continuation of the Reformation, the search for the true original manner of worship. The story of this evolution, which has been most ably presented in various volumes by church historians, should be consulted for information too lengthy to be included in these pages. Let it be sufficient to say that this evidence of Campbell's teachings found immediately materialization in southern Indiana, among the pioneer settlers who were for the most part second to sixth generation Americans from Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia, as well as from eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The little groups of homeseekers who laboriously pushed their way into that part of Knox County which in 1816 and 1818 became respectively designated Sullivan and Vigo had come by way of Kentucky or Tennessee or from across the Miami bottoms in Ohio. Often families had divided along the way, older brothers or parents stopping and the younger ones traveling farther into the wilderness. Thus there continued through the first generation after the progression the tendency to keep in touch with the relatives left behind. And as for the county lines of Sullivan and Vigo, as well as Knox, they had no reality. There was much visiting back and

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forth, and even much moving back and forth. Distinctly Vigo families had in many instances taken first root in Sullivan, and vice versa.

As to ancestral nativity the earliest settlers in both counties were generally English, Scots, or Scots Irish (Scots who had been living in Ireland for generations), Irish, and Pennsylvania Dutch first settlers in Germantown (1683-1710) who had intermarried with English families from New York, New Jersey, and New England, and a few whose names indicated German origin. There was a sprinkling of those with Anglicized French names dating from the invasion of the British Isles by William the Conqueror with his French barons. A few there were who could have traced their ancestry to the Mayflower or to a New England provincial governor, or even to the early nobility of Great Britain, had they possessed the time, the inclination, or the facilities to determine such connections. Some families handed down oral traditions of estates in "the Old Country" or of service in the recent American Revolution and its aftermath, the short flurry of 1812.

As for their religious heritage, there were those from Church of England families, Baptists, Presbyterians, and others who had come to America as Quakers but through intermarriage had changed to Presbyterians, then Baptists and Primitive Baptist. Here in the wilderness they wanted a church as soon as possible. The earliest church in the community of which Palmers Prairie in Sullivan County was a part was a Baptist (Missionary) instituted in 1821 on the neighboring prairie named for the William Curry family, the first to build a cabin there. When this little church (Little Flock, a mile southwest of Shelburn) celebrated its centennial, the claim was made that it was the oldest church in the county. Whether or not the original Palmers Prairie Church situated a few miles from Busseron Creek, was the first Christian church in the county can be determined only if other churches examine their records, and publish them. At any rate the early membership list includes persons from the region of Caledonia, Cass, and Shakers Prairie (between Oaktown and Carlisle), and the place where Sullivan was later established.

Indeed, this little record book of Palmers Prairie offers certain date problems in connection with that church's establishment. An examination of the two title pages encourages

speculation. An examination of the inside pages discloses conflicting dates. One can only arrive at an approximate date; for this is undoubtedly not the first record ever kept.

Below the carefully printed first page title appears in a less firm hand a date which might be 1837, 1857, or—more likely—1831. But it might be 1859, the date that is found near the top of the first membership list, after the names of Elders John Maxwell and Thomas Nesbit! Then, below that date at the right hand corner of the page are the words: "Organized Jan- 17 183 [MS torn]."

The second title page only adds to the confusion. Above the title, prominently placed in the middle of the space, is the unmistakable date, 1827. But across the top of the figures are two thin crossed curved lines. Can this be intended as a deletion or as a pen flourish by way of decoration?

On the seventh page from the back of the book, the puzzle becomes more intricate. Here one finds an attempt towards making a summary of the original church officers. This attempted date results in: "Church organized in 1831. (1827)-"

We are still in the dark; but considering the 1830 separation of the Christian church from the Baptist Association, we are inclined to favor the date, 1831. Perhaps the discovery of the deed for the land upon which the old church and its cemetery stands, or a time-yellowed letter in a family Bible may sometime disclose the truth. Whatever the true date may be, this little list of names which includes those of individuals remembered to be living there even before 1831, should offer considerable stimulus towards genealogical research.

There are certain features within the book which point towards a still earlier membership list, whether ever recorded or not. Among internal evidences is the absence of the names of several persons contemporaneous with the founding of the church. Indeed, comparatively few of the persons of mature years living in the community in 1830 seem to be listed in these pages. Among these few are the Elders John Maxwell and his wife, Thomas Nesbit, and Rebecca Benefield, who seems to be the mother of G. W., Willis, John, Sally McGrew, Susan Liston, and Mary. Possibly there are many more. One name which one might expect to find is that of Andrew McGarvey, who according to family tradition and that of William G. McClannahan, sexton for almost a generation

during the middle period, was the first person buried in Palmers Prairie Cemetery. One fails to find either his name or that of his wife, Nancy Ellen, though she long survived him and is likely buried in the Old Shake Cemetery near Paxton, the community of her daughter, Nellie (Mrs. Whitaker Purcell). One son of this couple, Ezekiel (b. January 1, 1811; d. April 6, 1877), who with his second wife, Martha Lou Rainey (Borders McKinley) and his third wife, Mary Ann Raines, are recorded in this book, is buried in this churchyard.

This family is said to have come from Ireland about 1819 and settled first on Turkey Creek between Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky. The eldest son of Andrew, Samuel, lived there until the end of the Civil War, then moved to Honey Creek Hill, now known as Alandale, at the southern edge of Harrison Prairie and a few miles south of Terre Haute. Both he and his wife are buried in the Hull Cemetery. Two other sons, John and James, remained in Kentucky. Andrew and his wife and the two youngest children, after a few years in Kentucky came to Palmers Prairie before the church was built there. They assisted in operating a co-operative store and distillery on the ground where the church now stands, bearing their share of the flatboat building and operating to and from New Orleans in the store's interest. They owned several farms on Palmers Prairie where they manufactured brick and tile, and another a few miles southeast of Shelburn. Ezekiel once owned the land where Sullivan Courthouse now stands. Through Andrew's and Nancy Ellen's brothers and sisters Ezekiel was a first cousin to Russell McKinley of Sullivan, for whose daughter the hospital is named, and to the Beard brothers and sisters: Felix, John, Stephen, and their sister, Mrs. Edward Roll of Sullivan and Vigo counties, as well as to the Jane (Russell) Hill of this record, and her brother Spencer Russell, all of whom had come from Kentucky. Another cousin was the second wife of Joseph William Wolfe, early Christian preacher, and lawyer from 1860, and Circuit Court clerk of Sullivan.

We cannot be certain about the generation of the earliest Raines name on the record, since the use of senior and junior here makes for confusion. William I (d. June 7, 1873), a pensioner of the War of 1812, married "Peggy Damson," really Margaret Dampster, in 1817, according to the Mercer

County Marriage Records at Harrodsburg, Kentucky. They were living at Frankfort, Kentucky, shortly before their migration to Palmers Prairie when their fourth child, Mary Ann (b. February 14, 1826) was three months old. This William, whose middle name was Pendleton, had a son William, whose son William is still living in Sullivan County. All these William Raines's were members of Palmer Prairie Church. William Raines I had also a son Allen, an uncle Allen who moved to Illinois, and a brother Allen (b. March 20, 1797; m. Rosanna Parker, September 6, 1821, in Mercer County, Kentucky; d. April 20, 1873). The names of several of the children of this couple appear on the early pages of this record. The son William Mereday handed down to his grandson Bert M. of Terre Haute the almost unique name, Mereday. This son William Mereday and his sister, Elizabeth Ferree, were ever closely associated with the Prairie and its church. Other sons and daughters left the community. After the death of his wife, Rosanna, Allen moved in the early sixties to Sedalia, Missouri, with his son Cornelius. There were other Raines brothers: James, reputedly a Revolutionary soldier and never married, and Adam who had no children. A sister, Elizabeth, was the second wife of William Patton and had two daughters. Another, probably Mary, married a Hawkins. Still another, Sally, married George Plough, according to the Mercer County records, June 5, 1819. This George Plough was one of the old-fashioned "bleeding doctors" of the community. These were the parents of Dr. George Plough, a graduate of Rush Medical College, who practiced medicine at Hymera until he was ninety.

Possibly some of the Raines brothers and sisters remained in Kentucky or even in Tennessee or possibly Virginia, the colony to which this southern Raines line came from England at a very early period. Some light upon the origin and history of the first years of this Virginia line and its branch that went into Georgia is shed by a Georgia branch descendant, Stella Pickett Hardy, in her *Colonial Families of the Southern States of America* (New York, 1911). Much has been written about Captain John Raines who, under General James Robertson, assisted towards the end of the American Revolution in opening up Tennessee and Kentucky. No one, however, has attempted to discover the thread of relationship which likely existed between Captain John and the Mereday

Raines of this Tennessee expedition with the Harrodsburg Raines brothers and sisters who in 1826 and somewhat later moved into Palmers Prairie.

Similar digressions might be made in the discussion of others of the early settlers of Palmers Prairie, whose names, it seems, might be expected to appear on these minutes, if they are indeed the earliest minutes. We must make due consideration, of course, to our lack of knowledge of many of these families and to the known fact that the early families were divided within themselves as to denominational allegiance. We must take into consideration, also, the possibility that some of the earliest generation there were Presbyterian or Anglican and still held to these faiths, despite the absence of these church homes in the region.

The deciding evidence against these minutes as a first list of members lies not so much in the omissions as in the inclusions. Some of the names which appear on the first pages of this book are recognized as those who were in their infancy when the church was founded. Some were not then even living in that part of Indiana or in Indiana at all. Among these names should be pointed out those of Susan Ann (Benefield) Liston (b. February 5, 1824, in Lawrence County, Indiana, to William and Rebecca (Bailey) Benefield) and her husband, Edmund (b. December 7, 1814, to William and Nancy (Patton) Liston). Another such name is that of Susan Ann's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Jane (McGrew) Benefield (Mrs. G. W.) who was born in Sullivan County, August 14, 1837, to Felix G. McGrew and his wife, Julia Ann Pound.

Another factor which makes more intricate this maze is that caused by the repetitions of names in the several revisions of the record; yet all this seems to be sufficient data to place this record as one belonging to about 1859, the date which appears after the names of Elders John Maxwell and Thomas Nesbit. If any whose ancestors appear in this list will search their family Bible records and their old deeds and marriage certificates, much more light may be shed upon this early Christian church community of fertile meadows through which flows the creek which rises in the vicinity of Blackhawk and empties its waters into the Wabash in the vicinity of Oaktown, that creek which memorializes Major François R. Busseron who assisted Colonel George Rogers Clark in the taking of Vincennes (Fort Sackville).

Those who would seek out this little white church and its interesting cemetery, possibly a last resting place as early as 1822, will have little difficulty in finding it. Palmers Prairie is one of a series of small prairies which dot the Wabash Valley from Vincennes to Terre Haute. This particular prairie about which twines the once exuberant Busseron and its tributaries, Stonequarry and "Kittle" Creek, is situated at the near center of a triangle of which Shelburn (laid out in 1855), Sullivan (incorporated in 1853), and Caledonia are the points. The church is closer to Shelburn than to Sullivan, and the nearest group of houses is the little coal town, Gledora, which had its origin shortly after 1903 when the deep coal veins began to be exploited by outside interests.

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| 1. John Maxwell | 28. William Mitcheal |
| 2. Mary M. Maxwell | 29. Sarah Carrithers |
| 3. Thomas Nesbit | 30. Russell Mitcheal |
| 4. Elisabeth Nesbit | 31. Sarah Mitcheal |
| 5. Levi Maxwell | 32. Elisabeth Mitcheal |
| 6. Lidia Maxwell | 33. Averilla Grigsby |
| 7. Jackson Rich | 34. Nancy Malone |
| 8. Sally A. Rich | 35. Mary Carter |
| 9. Jane Hill | 36. Uriah F[er]ree |
| 10. Edmund Liston | 37. Elisabeth F[er]ree |
| 11. Susan A. Liston | 38. Rosa Rain[e]s |
| 12. Talton Hawkins | 39. Cornelius Rain[e]s |
| 13. Mary M. Hawkins | 40. Naoma J. Rain[e]s |
| 14. Sarah Houston | 41. Sarilda Rain[e]s |
| 15. Mary L. Brodie | 42. William Rain[e]s, Sen. |
| 16. Sarah L. Nesbit | 43. David Ferguson, Jun. |
| 17. Eliza A. Nesbit | 44. Lucinda Fe[r]guson |
| 18. Armina M. Moore | 45. William Walls |
| 19. Solomon Ring and | 46. Malissa Walls |
| 20. Wife | 47. John Mitcheal |
| 21. Julia Marlow | 48. Rebecca Mitchell |
| 22. George Marlow | 49. Rebecca Skinner |
| 23. Sarah Marlow | 50. Rebecca Benefield |
| 24. Elisabeth Walls | 51. Rebecca Osborn |
| 25. Sabra Rich | 52. David Plough |
| 26. David Ferguson, Sen. | 53. Nancy Plough |
| 27. Lucy Ferguson | 54. Joshua Stark |

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| 55. Lucinda Stark | 97. James McGarv[e]y |
| 56. Sarah A. Stark | 98. Micheal Borders |
| 57. Abraham Stark | 99. Nancy Borders |
| 58. Daniel A. Stark | 100. Sarah Boats [Botts] |
| 59. Friend Lemons | 101. John Bailey |
| 60. Rebecca Lemons | 102. Elisabeth Bailey |
| 61. John B. Wagoner | 103. Walker Rusher |
| 62. John Trublood | 104. Sarah Plough |
| 63. Netacris Trublood | 105. Nancy Plough |
| 64. Margaret Walls | 106. Plough |
| 65. Jane McKinl[e]y | 107. William Shaw |
| 66. Mary A. Hill | 108. Martin Elliott |
| 67. Reece M. Nesbit | 109. George Brock |
| 68. Mary E. Nesbit | 110. Rebecka Brock |
| 69. Benjamin Malone | 111. Wm. Rusher |
| 70. William Rain[e]s, Jun. | 112. Jamima Hart |
| 71. Leanah McKimmy | 113. Elizabeth Borders |
| 72. Thomas T. Nesbit, Jun. | 114. Ezekiel McGarv[e]y |
| 73. Sarah J. Mitcheal | 115. Martha McGarv[e]y |
| 74. Nancy D. Rain[e]s | 116. Wm. Breaheave [Breed-
love] |
| 75. Sarah Malone | |
| 76. Sarah Brock | 117. Mary Jane Miller |
| 77. Polly Brock | 118. Bonwell D. Miller |
| 78. Harlen Walters | 119. Samuel McClanihan
[McClannahan] |
| 79. Samuel Patton | 120. Polly McClanihan
[McClannahan] |
| 80. Mary Patton | |
| 81. Elisabeth Rusher | 121. Samuele Hopewell |
| 82. Miner Rusher | 122. Sarah Hopewell |
| 83. Polly Rusher | 123. Alford Caise |
| 84. Luticia Ingle | 124. Abriham Stark |
| 85. William Wetherman and | 125. Daniel A. Stark |
| 86. Wife | 126. Sarah F[er]ree |
| 87. William Rowe | 127. Wm. Patton |
| 88. Elisabeth A. Walls | 128. Elisabeth Patton |
| 89. James Rain[e]s | 129. Owens Nesbit |
| 90. William Chowning | 130. Daniel Case |
| 91. Nancy Bo[t]ts | 131. Lusinda Case |
| 92. Lucinda Bo[t]ts | 132. Wm. C. McClanihan
[McClannahan] |
| 93. Sarah Walls | 133. Elizabeth McKinley |
| 94. Wesley Plough | 134. Wm. R. Maxwell |
| 95. Margaret Cochron | |
| 96. Mary J. Benefield | |

135. Rebeca Maxwell	Joseph D. McClan[n]ahan
136. Rachel Wagoner	Melinda Shaw
137. Naoma Wagoner	Letty Bailey
138. Eliza Ann Liston	Leonard Borders
139. Sarah Elizabeth	Jonathan Davis
Hawkins	Perlina Davis
140. Sabra Jane Rich	Lydia Davis
141. Perry Maxwell	Elizabeth Bennifield
142. Robert Skinner	Margaret J. Riley
143. Adam Hawkins	Tarlton Hawkins
144. Stephen Lovelace	Permilia J. Ingle
145. Martin Akim	Mrs. Draper
McClan[n]ahan	Synthia Melone
146. Wm. Skinner	Polly Melone
147. Samuel Dudley	Thomas B. Skinner
148. Mrs. Jane Dudley	George W. Patton
Hillekiah Lovelace	Robt. A. Mitchel
John Bowles	Benjamin Stice
Sarah Bowles	America Stice
John T. Beard	Mary J. Boles
Elden Davis	Mrs. Cahill
Elizabeth Raines	Jane Stanley
Anna Akers	Mary Ferree
Phebe A. Combs	Mary J. Nesbit
Louisa Siner	Jackson Rich, Jun.
Hester A. Botts	George B. Hawkins
F. M. Botts	Lewis Hale
Mary Raines	

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John Bailey	Eliza A. Curry
John Maxwell	Armina M. Moore
Thomas Nesbit	Solomon Ring and Wife
Elizabeth Nesbit	Elizabeth Wall
Jane Hill	Sabra Mitchel
Susan A. Liston	Russel Mitchel
Tarlton Hawkins	Averilla Grigsby
Sarah Houston	Nancy Breedlove
Mary L. Brodie	Uriah Ferree
Sarah J. Beard	Elizabeth Ferree

Naoma J. Raines	Elizabeth Patton
Cerilda Raines	Campbell O. Nesbit
David Ferguson	Daniel Case
Lucinda Ferguson	Lucinda Case
Wm. Wall	Wm. C. McClan[n]ahan
Melissa Wall	Elizabeth McKinley
Rebeca Skinner	Wm R. Maxwell
Rebecca Bennifield	Rebecca Maxwell
Rebecca Osburn	Rachel Wagoner
John Trueblood	Naoma Wagoner
Netacris Trueblood	Eliza A. Liston
Mary A. Hill	Sarah E. Hawkins
Rees M. Nesbit	Sabra J. Rich
Mary E. Nesbit	Wm. P. Maxwell
Benjamin Melone	Robert Skinner
Wm. Raines, Jun.	Adam Hawkins
Thomas T. Nesbit	Stephen Lovelace
Nancy D. Raines	Martin A. McClan[n]ahan
Sarah Lovelace	Jane Dudley
Samuel Patton	Hillekiah Lovelace
Mary Wagoner	John Bowles
Elizabeth Botts	Sarah Bowles
Minor Rusher	John T. Beard
Polly Rusher	Eleanor Davis
Elizabeth A. Walls	Elizabeth Raines
James Raines	Anna Akers
John W. Plew	Phebe Combs
Margaret Cochran	Louisa Siner
Mary J. Bennifield	Hester A. Botts
Michael Borders	Mary Rain[e]s McGarv[e]y
Sarah Cunningham	Joseph D. McClan[n]ahan
Ezekial McGarv[e]y	Melinda Shaw
Martha McGarv[e]y	Letty Bailey
Wm. Breedlove	Leonard Borders
Mary J. Miller	Johnathan Davis
B. D. Miller	Permilia Davis
Samuel McClanahan	Lydia Davis
Mary or (Polly McClan[n]ahan	Elizabeth Bennifield
Samuel Hopewell	Margaret J. Riley
Sarah Hopewell	Permilia Ingle
Wm. Patton	Synthia Melone
	Polly Melone

Thomas B. Skinner	Nancy J. Stice
George W. Patton	Sarah Perkizer
Benjamin Stice	Nancy J. Smock
America Stice	Stephen Ferguson
Mary J. Bowles	Leah Ferguson
Mrs. Cahill	Julia Ferree
Mary Ferree Skinner	Sarah Rusher
Mary J. Nesbit	Elizabeth Gambol
Jackson Rich, Jun.	John Mitchel
George R. Hawkins	Elizabeth Mitchel
Lewis Hale	Thomas Hale
John T. McClan[n]ahan	Thomas Hale
Elizabeth Bailey	James S. Neal
Miss Nancy D. Plew	Sarah A. Badders
Francis Doty	Eliza Badders
Sarah Doty	G. W. Badders
Rebecca Wall	Peter Houck
Anderson Ward	Sarah Houck
Elizabeth Ward	Elzee Rusher and wife
Wm. M. Raines	Tho. J. Robbins
Alvire Raines, his Wife	Margaret M. Robbins
James Smith	Eld. G. W. A. Luzader
Nancy Smith	Charlotte Luzader
Wm. Hainey	Sarah Ward
Mary E. Hainey	Nancy Ward
Georg Hainey	Eld. Levi Woodward and wife
Margaret J. Bailey	Eld. Thomas Wolfe and wife
John Lovelace	Thomas Chambers and wife
Cornelius D. Raines	Mary A[nn] Raines
Catharine Raines	

Names Palmers Prairie Church

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| 1. Lucinda Woodward | 10. Wife |
| 2. John Boles | 11. Thomas T. Nesbit, Jun. |
| 3. Mary A. Boles, his wife | 12. Mary J. Nesbit |
| 4. George H. Pirtle and | 13. William Wall |
| 5. Wife | 14. Barthada Wall |
| 6. Tenyason Wagoner | 15. Nancy Jane Wolfe |
| 7. Thomas Nesbit and | 16. George W. Wolfe |
| 8. Wife | 17. and Wife |
| 9. J. S. Park and | 18. John Wall |

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| 19. J. D. McClan[n]ahan | 41. Hattie Bailey |
| 20. James Bunch | 42. Emerrine Bennett |
| 21. and Wife | 43. Della Boles |
| 22. Eleck Davis | 44. Abraham Mahan |
| 23. Elizabeth Hawkins | 45. Albert Smith |
| 24. Simira Marlow | 46. Allice E. Smith |
| 25. Stephen Moser | 47. Jenette Hummel |
| 26. Maryann Engle | 48. Charles Smith |
| 27. Sintha Cox | 49. Joseph Hill |
| 28. John Wolfe | 50. Jacob Pirtel |
| 29. Ellen Keen | 51. Elizabeth Ward |
| 30. John Houstain | 52. Mary Wall |
| 31. and Wife | 53. Marcus Wolfe |
| 32. Oregon Marlow | 54. Aaron E. Wolfe |
| 33. Nathan Wells | 55. William Tool |
| 34. Tidwell Bidle | 56. Henry Gambill and Wife |
| 35. James H. Hill | Elder William Holt and |
| 36. Ransom Hawkins | Rhoda Holt, his Wife |
| 37. Samuel McGarv[e]y | Elizabeth Benifield |
| 38. John Cahhal | Josie Holt |
| 39. Sarah E. Osburn | Adam Raines and Wife |
| 40. Mary Bell Osburn | Aaron Sluder and Wife |

November, 1879

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| 1. Gertrude Hendricks | 18. Leona Benefield |
| 2. Minary Houston | 19. Lizzie Shelburn |
| 3. Myrta A. Ford | 20. James F. Raines |
| 4. Hannah Hummel | 21. Thomas E. Ward |
| 5. Catharine Ward | 22. James Steele |
| 6. Jane Melone | 23. Olla Smith |
| 7. Narcissus Hill | 24. Armilda Keen |
| 8. Hettie Botts | 25. Ann Willis |
| 9. Mary Ann Keen | 26. Robert P. Raines |
| 10. Albert Hill | 27. Alexander Davis and |
| 11. James F. McClan[n]ahan | Wife |
| 12. Joseph Wolfe | 28. M. A. McClan[n]ahan |
| 13. Gertrude Benefield | 29. and Wife |
| 14. Jocy Nesbit | 30. Deella Boles |
| 15. Flora Marlow | 31. Lina Crawford |
| 16. Aetna Shelburn[e] | 32. Charles Smith |
| 17. Frank Hawkins | 33. Henderson Boles |

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| 34. Winny A. Plew | 40. Thomas Nesbit, Jr. and |
| 35. Margaret Marlow | Wife |
| 36. Will McKinley | 41. John Roberts and his |
| 37. B. W. Fry | Wife |
| 38. and Wife | 42. Pleasant Miller |
| 39. Anna Hawkins | 43. Margaret Hoskins |

November, 1882

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| 1. Tacy Luzader | 9. Samuel Patton and Wife |
| 2. Josephine Chastain | 10. John Hawkins and Wife |
| 3. Mellissa Chastain | 11. Jesse Powel and family |
| 4. Missouri Chastain | 12. John W. Cooney |
| 5. James Bilyew and Wife | 13. Kate Brodie |
| 6. Lyman Ford and Wife | 14. Parthada Hawkins |
| 7. Martha McClan[n]ahan | 15. Mary Coulson |
| 8. Sarah Arnett | 16. Jennie Raines |

April 26, 1885

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Church organized in 1831. (1827)—the Church on Busseron Creek—300 members or more all together.

First two elders	{ John Maxwell Thomas Nesbit	
First two deacons	{ Levis Maxwell Jackson Rich	
Pres[ent] Eld[ers]	{ T. J. Wolfe N. Ferree J. N. Bilyew Thomas Nesbit, Sr.	1886
Pres[ent] Deacons	{ Wm. G. McClan[n]ahan John B. Hawkins Samuel Patton Thomas T. Nesbit, Sr.	
Pres[ent] Tr.	{ U. Ferree J. N. Bilyew	
Treasurer	Bilyew	
Clerk	Wm. M. Raines	

Revision of Palmer's Prairie Church Record,
February 14, 1886

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| 1. Mrs. Jane Hill | 34. Miss Elizabeth Ward |
| 2. Mrs. Susan A. Liston | 35. Mrs. Belle Cass |
| 3. Uriah Ferree and Wife | 36. James Houston and Wife |
| 5. Mrs. Sarah Houston | Sarah Cox |
| 6. Mrs. Rebecca Benefield | William Marlow and Wife |
| 7. Benjamin Melone, and
Wife | Adam Raines and Wife |
| | The "faithful" which |
| 8. Mrs. Polly Rusher | came in under the preach- |
| 9. Miss Mary J. Benefield | ing of Rev. Ingram, Nov., |
| 10. Wm. H. Rusher and Wife | 1879. |
| 12. Mrs. Sabra Jane Marlow | 38. Minary Houston |
| 13. Mrs. Ellen Raines | 39. Mrs. Joseph Wolfe |
| 14. Marion Botts and Wife | 40. Catherine Ward |
| 16. Mrs. Mary McGarvey | 41. Jane Melone |
| 17. J. D. McClan[n]ahan | 42. Mrs. Hettie Wyman |
| 18. Jonathan Davis and wife | 43. Mary Ann Keen |
| 20. Wm. G. McClan[n]ahan
and wife | 44. Josie Nesbit |
| 22. Mrs. G. W. Benefield
(Eliz.) | 45. Flora Marlow |
| 23. Mrs. Willis Benefield
(Eliz.) | 46. James F. Raines and Wife |
| | 48. Thomas E. Ward |
| 24. Mrs. Elizabeth Botts | 49. James Steele |
| 25. Mrs. Sarah Cunningham | 50. Armilda Keen |
| 26. Wm. M. Raines and Wife | 51. Alex Davis and Wife |
| 28. Miss Nancy Ward | 53. Martin A. McClan[n]a-
han and Wife |
| 29. Eld. T. J. Wolfe and Wife | 55. Mrs. Winny A. Plew |
| 31. Mrs. Samira Crawford | 56. Maggie Marlow |
| 32. Mrs. Mary Ann Houpt | 57. Thos. T. Nesbit (Jun.)
and Wife |
| 33. Miss Cynthia Cox | 59. Mrs. Maggie Wilson |

The "faithful" who came in under Rev. Ingram's preach-
ing Nov. 1882.

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| 60. Miss Tacy Luzader | 68. John B. Hawkins and
wife |
| 61. Mrs. Josephine Raines | |
| 62. Mrs. Melissa Smith | 69. Miss Katie Brodie |
| 63. Miss Missouri Chastain | 70. Mrs. Parthada Hawkins |
| 64. James Bilyew and wife | 71. John Mosier |
| 66. Samuel Patton and wife | 72. Mrs. Lena Maxwell |
| | 73. Aaron Sluder and wife |

1. Flora Raines	21. Jeannette Hummel
2. Jonathan Raines	22. Joseph Wolfe
3. Matilda Hill	23. Maggie Raines
4. Sylvester McGrew and wife	24. Maggie Houston
6. Marion Delapp	25. Ella Davis
7. Anne Davis	26. Geo. Ferree and wife
8. Henry Smith	28. Hannah Cunningham
9. Mollie Wall	29. Laura Wall
10. Stella McGarvey	30. John Ward
11. Oliver Smith	31. Willie Kirk
12. Mary Raines	32. Joseph Wyman
13. Mattie Ward	33. Wm. Wall and wife
14. Lizzie Shelburn[e]	35. Achsah Benefield
15. James Ferree	36. John Hardy Siner
16. Geo. F. Botts	37. Etna Shelburn[e]
17. Thos Nesbit, (Sen.), and wife	38. Ceph Shelburn[e]
19. Joe Hill and wife	39. Sintha Delapp
	40. John A. Wilson

41. Mrs. Kate Ward	51. Reason Nesbit
42. Nannie Skinner	52. Mary E. Nesbit
43. Luie McClan[n]ahan	53. Mollie A. Nesbit
44. Rennie C. Wall	54. William Cunningham
45. John E. Neal	55. Ranson Cunningham
46. Mary Neal, his wife	56. Sue Ward
47. Robert Benefield	57. Perry Davis
48. Tarlton Hawkins	58. Samuel Wolfe
49. Emma Park	59. James Carrithers
50. Noah Bridwell	60. Dora Marlow

1. George Brow[n]ing	6. Mrs. [William, Jr.] Shelburn[e]
2. Lillie Pain	
3. Stella Rich	7. Jackson Rich
4. Ida Botts	8. Fanny A. Rusher
5. Dela Botts	9. William Shelburn[e]. Jr.

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| 1. Mrs. Akers | 3. Sattie Davis |
| 2. Nervie Tipton | 4. May Mosier |

Those who came in under the Preaching of Jessie Wilson, 1894.

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| 1. Inis Bailey | 7. Flora Botts |
| 2. Douglas Rich | 8. Flora Pain |
| 3. Mrs. Hendricks | 9. Harvy Tipton |
| 4. Tressie Bailey | 10. Perry Davis |
| 5. Maggie C. Ward | 11. Fanny Marlow |
| 6. Lola Bailey | 12. Mrs. Mosier |

Those who became members of Palmer's Prairie Church under the preaching of brother Jesse Wilson in the year, 1895.

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| J. H. McBride | Ira Wence |
| Thomas Taylor | Gertrude Hendricks |
| Ida Marcum | Bertha Rich |
| Lovelace | Ora Hendricks |

Those persons who became members of the Church of Christ at Palmer's Prairie under the preaching of Bro. Williams.

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| Dec. 26 Gertie Ward | Dec. 27 Mrs. John Wence |
| Dec. 27 John Wence | |

Members received during preaching of Bro. H. C. Shaw, Nov. 4, 1899.

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| David Hummel | Ida Raines [his wife] |
| Cordia Nesbit | Luella Gray |
| Amanda Dodds | Claude Raines |
| Eva Davis | Flavia Rusher |
| Alice Davis | James F. Akers |
| Bertha Hendricks | Joseph Sommers |
| Elsie Hendricks | Ethel Case |
| Ethel Hendricks | Ed Engle |
| William Miller | Maude Rich |
| E. McClellan Leach | Susie Tipton |
| William Raines [III] | Elmer Chastain |

All the above came into the Body of Christ by Immersion.

Albert Wright

Nora Wright

Mrs. Albert Wright

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Joel Rusher

December 1903

Glenn Mosier

Dan Burroughs

Lucy Case