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ECONOMY - 1837
HALLSVILLE - 1937



General Chairman = Ada H. Cryder

PROGRAM OF THE HALLSVILLE CENTENNIAL

June 19 and 20, 1937

Beginning Saturday at 2:00 O'clock P. M.

The Committee in charge of the Centennial program is composed of Rose Dresbach, Amanda Jacobs, William Jacobs, Albert Maag, Jesse De Long, Harl E. Dresbach, Pearl B. Maag, Clara De Long, Herman Dresbach, F. M. Bowsher, Morris L. Buchwalter, Mrs. Arthur Hickie, Earl Cryder, Earl De Long, Mildred A. Bowsher, Mrs. Sam Dresbach, Louis E. Cryder with Ada H. Cryder, Chairman; Franklin E. Dresbach, Secretary; and William Diehl, Treasurer.

We acknowledge the help of Joe H. Clark, Ben Reed, Wm. Boecher, Bertha Kerns, with the various others who supplied us with data and dates.

Concert on School Grounds by Centralia School Band

- 2:30—Parade headed by State Highway Patrol.
- 3:30—Short speeches by some of the older residents and former residents.
- 4:00—Free Picture, "The Blacksmith's Gift," observing the 100th Anniversary of the John Deere Implement Co., with C. E. Strous of Adelphi, in charge.

Evening Program

8:30—Historical Dress Review at Hall. Followed by Picture Show, by Don Whitsel. Admission 10 cents.

An Antique Display and Flower Show will be open at all times at the School Building. Admission 5 cents. The Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Loring Hill, will make camp on the grounds and will have a First Aid Tent open to public use. They will also serve ice cream and pop, while an efficient guard will be placed over all articles exhibited both day and night. Meals will be served at a reasonable rate on the grounds, both days, beginning at 10:00 a. m. by Mr. Jaynes, caterer from Chillicothe, Ohio.

The Sunday Morning Program

Mrs. Earl Cryder, Presiding

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School in Both Churches

10:30 A. M.—U. B. Church

Song, "Faith of Our Fathers".....Congregation
 Scripture and Prayer.....Rev. J. D. Hopper *about*
 Music.....Gildersleeve Brothers
 Remarks and Announcements.....Chairman
 Short History of Hallsville U. B. Church
 Sketch of Hallsville M. E. Church
 Sketch of Colerain U. B. Church
 Music.....Frank De Long
 Benediction

The Sunday Afternoon Program

Song, "America".....Congregation
 Invocation.....Rev. L. C. McCandlish *about*
 Music.....Gildersleeve Brothers
 Announcement of Booklets, etc.
 Address.....Rev. J. R. Fields, Xenia, Ohio
 Music.....Frank De Long
 Godspeed.....Mrs. Rose Dresbach
 Closing Song, "God Be With You".....Congregation
 Benediction.....Rev. C. F. Lutz *about*

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1837-ECONOMY and HALLSVILLE-1937

By Ada H. Cryder

All are Architects of Fate
Working in these walls of Time
Some with massive deeds and great
Some with ornaments of Rhyme.
Nothing useless is, or low
Each thing in its place is best
And what seems but idle show
Strengthens and supports the rest.

Hallsville, Colerain Township, Ross County, Ohio, was laid as a town by Ambrose Grafton, Ephriam Dresbach and John Buchwalter, on June 22, 1837, and was given the name "Economy" by Mr. Buchwalter in pleasant memory of the thrift and enterprise of his home town of that name in Pennsylvania. William Hall, a hatter, was appointed the first postmaster Sept. 30, 1830, and the people chose Hallsville as the name of the Post Office. The name seemed to suit the popular ear (Mr. Hall, himself, probably had a little to do with it) so that the name "Economy" is now found only on old legal documents. Its population is 287.

Russell D. Rockwell who kept the first store in Hallsville, was also Postmaster from Sept. 21, 1831, to April 30, 1833. He went East over the mountains and brought thence in a wagon the goods necessary for opening a store. Among other things he brought the first installment of skates, which at that time were so rare that only one boy in the neighborhood, Levi Buchwalter, could boast of the possession of them.

Perhaps briefly picturing the conditions existing in this community at that time will help us to better understand just why this date, June 22, 1837, marked such an important event in the lives of these early settlers.

Colerain Township, woods-covered, and undeveloped was set off from Green Township June 11, 1804. This township was originally covered with heavy timber, mostly of the hard wood varieties, shrubs, and berries. It was noted for its abundance of wild animals and was a favorite hunting ground for the Indians for many years after the cession of the land to the whites, for by the terms of the treaty they were permitted to return annually for hunts. These they greatly enjoyed and much game was caught. Wayne's successful treaty with the Indians in 1795 confining their hunting ground to the north and west greatly encouraged pioneer settlements in the Scioto River Valley and nearby communities, and so Colerain township was settled as early as any of the townships of Ross County.

In 1796 Zedekiah and Thomas Dawson, brothers, emigrated from Virginia and built a cabin on the east bank of the second stream of water east of Hallsville. The house now occupied by Will Richter stands one rod to the west of the spot.

Thomas Hinton (Great-grandfather of Will and others) settled nearby on the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9 (now Harley Diehl's place) at the same time. Later he removed to the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 10 in the present Abernethy neighborhood, where the land was higher and dryer. He died in 1821, aged 84.

One of the most picturesque characters this community has developed came to Colerain Township as early as 1800. This was Isaac Dawson, who was born in Hampshire County, Virginia in 1773. He was a brother to Zedekiah and Thomas Dawson, and before coming to Ohio he had previously purchased land in Bourbon County, Kentucky, but the titles were so defective that he was obliged to pay for it twice and would have had to pay for again had he retained it. As it was he abandoned it and moved northward via Scioto valley and fin-

ally guided by an old Indian settled in Colerain Township where he purchased a large tract of land. Some of this he divided with his relatives, keeping one section for himself. Eventually he sold a part of this section to Abraham Buchwalter. This farm, just north of Hallsville, is now owned and occupied by Morris Buchwalter. Mr. Dawson was conspicuous in the war of 1812, organizing his own Company of Rangers. Next he commanded a battalion of Cavalry and later went out on the "six months call." He rose to the rank of Colonel and in April 1815 was elected State Senator by the district in which Colerain lay. In the Senate he distinguished himself by his pioneer manner of dress and by his logic and oratory.

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In the fall of 1796 Conrad Betzer and wife journeyed from Berks County, Pennsylvania via Portsmouth, Ohio, to Chillicothe, passing but one house, a hut, on this long journey up the Scioto. They found a cabin on the Blackwater Creek in Green Township where in January 1797 a son, John, was born. In 1801 the family moved to the W. 1/2 of Section 18 (Wilford Buchwalter place and parts of Charles Spencer's and the Adkins place) where in the same year, a daughter, Elizabeth, was born. She was probably the first white child born in the Township. The eighth child, Anthony G., married Catharine Strauser and became the father of George B. Bitzer now (1937) resident near Kinnikinnick in Green Township.

In 1801 William Throckmorton, wife and six children came from Virginia and settled one mile west of Hallsville. There were finally eleven children in this family. John, Peter and Samuel being names of three.

Jacob Bowsher came from Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1801, paying \$1.25 per acre for 160 acres of good land. In 1802 he brought his wife and three children. He died in 1849 aged 77. His son Amos was the father of the present Jacob Bowsher, now aged 96, who lives on the original homestead.

Next comes the Jones family. Abraham Jones came from Virginia in 1802. He died in 1844. His brother David came from Virginia in 1804. He had a family of four sons and four daughters. Three of the sons, Moses, Aaron and Jabez were in the War of 1812. In April 1808, another brother, Peter Jones, entered land in Colerain. In 1815, John Jones a nephew, to David Jones settled in Hallsville with his mother. He was then fifteen years old.

Jacob Bunn came from Berkely County, Virginia, in 1805, with wife and five children. Later the family numbered eight children. They settled one mile N. W. of Hallsville, on the farm where Will Kreisel now lives.

Martin and Benjamin Dresbach, brothers from Pa. settled one mile west of Hallsville in 1809. They had originally come from Germany to Pa. but stayed there but a short time when the stories of the better locations for homes, plus the lure of adventure brought them over the mountains to Ohio. Martin had five children by his first wife, Mary Spiker, who died on the hard trip via buffalo trails over the mountains, and was buried by the wayside. The names of four of these were Simon, Ephriam, Henry and Mary. Ann, the mother of the second group, was also a native of Pa. Their children were Reuben, Jacob, Samuel, Leah (Holman), Katy (Jones), Eliza (King), and Lydia (Reedy). Martin died Sept. 25, 1830, aged 74. His son, Samuel, grandfather of the present Samuel, lived until his death, on the home farm. He had 13 children. Dr. Harvey Dresbach was the son of Jacob. Benjamin (Martin's brother) had 10 children. Six of them who grew up, were Daniel, Andrew, Mary, Susie, Ellen and Hannah. The son, Daniel, was a prominent member of the Hallsville U. B. church, and quite interested, giving of both time and money for the purchase of the church property from the Evangelical Association in 1874. He was married to Margaret Harvey.

Joseph Buchwalter came in 1812. He bought out Mr. Worlein at

the rate of \$25 per acre. (This land quite likely had been cleared, and had some improvements on it). His brother, Abraham, came in 1819. He died in 1837 at the age of 76. His six sons were Jacob, Abraham, Joseph, Samuel, Henry and John. Levi J. (father of O. S.) who lived where Will Richter now lives, was the son of Samuel.

Abram Cryder moved in 1815 from Virginia to Colerain Twp. where his numerous descendants still reside, and are active in civic affairs of the township. Some of the other early local settlers were Jacob De Long and John Ebert, who came in 1805, Frederick Pontious 1807, Ambrose Grafton came in 1809. Still others were the families of Wm. Roberts, George Flanigan, John Abernethy, Frederick Haynes, Peter Dumm and Matthias Engle.

The one thing hard for us to realize today is the fact that these pioneers settled in the midst of a forest, and it was first of all necessary to cut down enough trees to make a place for the house, which was always located near some good spring of water. When enough trees were felled, the neighbors came in, and the one-roomed house of logs was "raised" and the chinks between the logs daubed with clay mud. Then the family moved in. Life was simple, but filled with hard work, for the entire family, as everything from sewing to the planting and tending of the crops must be done by hand.

The first houses were built of logs, and were usually one-roomed affairs. The one built by Isaac Dawson is worthy of mention. It was built of logs, two stories high with an outside porch both upstairs and down. The one large upstairs room was at first used for community frolics and dances, later for church services. In the house which replaced it, built by Levi Buchwalter, (father of Mrs. K. B. Hosler and others) in the early 1850's we may still see the walnut and cherry doors, mantels and other interesting parts retained of this original building. Later houses, built as early as 1805, are wonders to us today when we realize the conditions under which they were built. When the brick house was built by Abraham Buchwalter, on the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, it was not known that Colerain township's native clay could make good brick, so the bricks for this house were carried on mule backs over the mountains from Pa. Later when brick houses were built as early as 1835 by Samuel Buchwalter (now owned by A. L. Maag), Elihu Holderman and L. J. Buchwalter about 1860, the bricks were burned near the building site. Other houses still standing, of both age and interest are (1) The Grafton home, standing where Hallsville was laid out, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wolfe. (2) The John Buchwalter house, now owned by Dr. P. D. Atkins. This is the first home built after Economy was platted. (3) The house now owned and occupied by Malvin Dawson built in 1800 by Zedekiah Dawson on the original Dawson homestead and (4) the brick house built by Christopher Hickel in 1857 as a tavern to accommodate the mule drivers and stage coach travelers of that day. The "mule lot" is still there. This house is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dresbach. The large rooms would make the present day hotel managers smile.

Col. Isaac Dawson was a justice of the peace as early as 1804, and on Jan. 12, 1804, he married Alex Cowgle, who was a salt carrier, and Mary Crow. About 1805 or 6 Col. Dawson erected a saw mill on the N. E. quarter of Section 8, a few rods north of the house now occupied by Earl Fox. Nearby, in 1816, he also erected a corncracker or grist mill, which flourished until 1833, when it was purchased by Abraham Buchwalter. He converted it into a woolen-mill and enlarged it until woolen blankets of excellent quality and even fine dress goods, satinetts, etc. were made.

In 1805 Jacob Larrick sunk tan vats south of Adelphi on land now owned by Robert Swinehart, and in 1809 Aaron Jones established a

tannery near Hallsville. It was not very extensive and ceased to exist about 1815.

Jacob Karshner, who came from Berks County, Pa., in 1807, erected the first distillery. He brought a small copper still over the mountains from Pa. and made whiskey in 1808. Whiskey then became a staple in trade and ministers of the gospel took it as a part of their pay. Martin Dresbach, father of Ephrium was the first man to withhold the article from the workmen in his fields—Colerain Township's first prohibitionist!

Mention has been made by families of the soldiers who served in the war of 1812. When the Civil War broke out Luther Buchwalter, son of Levi, organized his own Company A of the 73—O. U. I. and their encampment was located at the west end of Hallsville, near where the Methodist church now stands, near a good spring of water, and with grounds for their tents. This leader rose to rank of Captain and was killed Oct. 29, 1863, while gallantly leading his Co. in the midnight charge at Lookout Valley, Tennessee. Capt. Martin L. Buchwalter, Second Lieut. Igdaliah B. Dresbach, and Captain Rufus B. Hosler were other officers from this locality. Among the privates we note: J. T. Jones, John Jones, Henry Kerns, I. Ranck, L. J. Buchwalter (who marched with Sherman to the Sea) Wm. Barnes, John Drake, Moses Jones, Silas Jones, Henry Minser, John Minser, Dan Strawser, James Buchanan, Englehart Rebstock, Tom Coey, Tom Barnes, Austin Jones, John Gettinger, Simon Chester, Conrad Roll, Abe Turner, E. Speakman, John Kroell, John H. Eckle, Allan Yaple, Joseph Shoemaker, Lewis Crites, Joseph Moss, Asa Sullivan, Robert McKitrick, Lafayette Buchwalter, Wm. Childers, Martin Harrel, Dan and Tim Routt and George Sidenbender. There are others whose names we do not have Will Wagner, Harry Strawser, Ed Montgomery, Eli Walker, Ed Walker and Gordon Whithrow volunteered from this locality in the War of 1898, while S. E. Karshner, who enlisted from Adelphi, is the only present local survivor of this conflict.

The World War, in 1917 also took its toll, and many silver service stars were changed to gold stars by the arrival of Armistice Day Nov. 11, 1918. From Hallsville and vicinity went Russell Carnes, Irvin and Lyman Dresbach (Irvin was later awarded the D. S. C. medal, for bravery in action under fire). George Davidson and Russell Bitzer (who did not return), Russell Donald and Norman Bowsher, Ralph Patterson, Donald Smith, Earl Dresbach, Joe H. Clark, Luther Cupp, Wm. Boyer, Arthur Wilson, Guy Imler, Behman Richard, Albert Speakman.

Hallsville's advancement through the years is noted mainly in the lives of its people, and the influence of these is felt literally to the far corners of the earth. Lewis Buchwalter's daughter, Grace, together with her husband, was a missionary to China, while Alfred, son of Lewis was Y. M. C. A. representative at Geneva, Switzerland, during the World War.

The social and religious life of the community has centered around the churches and school of the village. We have had splendid teachers and some excellent ministers whose influence, we hope, will not be wasted.

Dr. Kinsey was Hallsville's first physician, about 1841. He was followed by Dr. D. Witt then Dr. W. G. Gildersleeve, Dr. Harvey Dresbach (son of Jacob) (1872-79). Dr. Culver and Dr. McCullough, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Southard and Dr. S. C. Lightner were all three here at the same time. Dr. Marcy, Dr. G. D. Elliott, Dr. Armstrong and Dr. R. D. Robinson complete the list. Dr. R. E. Lighter, now practicing in Kingston, spent his early boyhood in this place.

Peace hath her victories no less renowned than War, and on May 31, 1932, three local young men, Clayton F. Lutz, Charles Fox and Gerald Dunkel received their quarterly conference licenses to preach in the Southeast Ohio U. B. Conference. Last Sept., 1936, Clayton Lutz received his elders orders at the Annual Conference at

Westerville, O., and became the first minister so licensed from Hallsville.

The Karshner Railroad, built and put into operation about 1884 afforded the farmer of the Hallsville Community an outlet to market for their corn, wheat and other produce. This was discontinued when other railroad connections made its operation no longer practical or profitable. Today, motor trucks afford transportation for the community, replacing horse-drawn conveyances almost entirely.

We shall briefly note a few items. The roads today follow about the same paths as the earlier ones, taking the higher and dryer ground. Jackson St., originally termed the Jackson Road, was originally the trail or horse path leading to Jackson whence salt for the community was obtained, and often went up the glad cry, "Here comes Alex Cowgle!" The first baby born in Hallsville was probably Israel Ranck, but we can't be certain. Russell D. Rockwell conducted the first store in 1831. Later merchants were Sam D. Buchwalter, Norris Reed, later his son, Ben Reed and wife, Joe Felton, George Baker, R. B. Hosler, Henry Kroell, Chas. Randall, S. H. Clark, Frank Strawser, O. S. Bookwalter, Al Ward, Miller Bros., Gildersleeve Bros., J. C. Rebstock, I. T. Jones, Boecher Bros., Shirley Fisher, Mr. Bucy. The general stores today are conducted by W. C. Boecher and Joe H. Clark while Mrs. Lilly De Long conducts the Cream Station and buys produce and Joe Barnhart is the village blacksmith. Charles Plumb runs the local grist mill and a filling station, while Clark's, Boecher's and Springer's also sell gasoline in addition to their other wares.

Not much has been recorded of the lives of the three founders of our village. Ambrose Grafton came in 1809 and lived in the house now owned and occupied by W. D. Wolfe. This house was built before 1837. Later Mr. Grafton, with his family, moved westward, some of them locating in Texas, where their descendants probably still reside. While here he served in various official capacities, being one of the three school directors as late as 1880. A daughter, Sarah, married Thomas Patterson. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married Henry Nicholas and resided in Circleville, Ohio, until her death. Her son, Fred Nicholas, is now a resident of Circleville, Ohio, while another son, Charles, lives in the west.

Ephriam Dresbach, one of the twelve children of Martin Dresbach, was never married. He lived on the Main street of Hallsville, the second house east of Henry Kroell's (Joe Clark's store) in the brick house now owned by Mrs. S. H. Clark. When the latest school building was erected about 1875, he offered \$800 if the foundation of this building were built so that a second story might be added at some future date. He died in Dec. 1876, and lies buried in Dresbach Row, in the Dresbach cemetery.

John Buchwalter, son of Joseph, built the first house erected after the village was surveyed. He also donated in 1844, the site for the present U. B. church, which was built in 1844 by the Evangelical Association and dedicated Aug. 1845, "to be used by any and all creeds." Daniel Pickel, a cabinet maker, (and father of Miss Penina Pickel, for 23 years teacher in the Hallsville schools) and Sam Buchwalter helped in the erection of this building. We shall probably never know all these three men planned as they platted this town. We hope their anticipations have not reached disappointing fulfillments. One of our pastors has remarked that we folks make our changes from the old to the new slowly, but none the less surely, and today the tallow candle of these early people is replaced by gas, and quite recently, electricity, the ox cart by the latest stream-lined motor cars while airplanes (unthought of 100 years ago) buzz overhead.

The telephone made its way into the community in 1904 and changed personal visiting to chatty phone calls. Just so the popular ad-

vent of the automobile about 1908, with the use of tractor power further revolutionized farm travel and practices, widening the arc of travel and broadening the farmer's outlook, improving roads, schools and people.

So much in retrospect. We feel keenly the improvements wrought during the last century. What Hallsville and community are has been developed and brought about by the efforts of the people enumerated in this article, plus all the rest who have come and gone. The fate of Hallsville during the next one hundred years is absolutely up to us. How will we meet the challenge?

Build today, then, strong and sure
With a firm and ample base,
And ascending and secure
Shall tomorrow find its place.

THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH OF HALLSVILLE

1874 to 1937

By H. Rose Dresbach

The Beginning of a Beginning

The first Conference west of the Alleghany Mountains was held at the home of Michael Kreider in Ross county in 1810. I am told this was at Hopetown.

June 11 - In 1824, the Miami Conference was held at the home of Abraham Buchwalter, near Hallsville. The purpose of this meeting was to form a new conference which they did, naming it the Scioto Conference. The Scioto Conference for the year 1843 was held at a church near the home of Sam Martin Dresbach at Hallsville. This church stood at the end of Sam Dresbach's lane on the line between Green and Colrain townships.

In 1844 the Evangelical and Methodist Associations built the present United Brethren church at Hallsville, the Evangelicals owning the controlling share. In 1874 the Evangelicals having grown weak as an Association, decided to sell the church so it was bought by the United Brethren group, Mr. Daniel Dresbach contributing a very large part of the purchase price. The church was used half the time by the United Brethren and the other half by other denominations.

By the death of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rebstock, interesting and valuable records of the church were lost. As remembered, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dresbach, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rebstock, Mrs. Elizabeth (Betsy) Rauck, Mrs. Hannah Dresbach, Ged Dresbach, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Reed were among the charter members of the church.

The church, a very plain structure, was adorned with a belfry. The bell is in use today. It has two entrance doors in the south end, one for the women and one for the men. The pulpit was arranged at the north end. It was heated by a large stove, the pipe connected with a huge drum held secure by heavy wires over the heads of the congregation. The organ sat in front of the pulpit and the choir or singers sat with backs to the congregation.

Mr. Dave Jones, Ged Dresbach, A. J. Wiggins, Mrs. Sopha Reichelderfer, Miss Carrie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Gildersleeve, Mrs. S. C. Lightner, Mrs. Ed Maag, Mrs. Isador Reynolds, Miss Ella B. Jones were some that gathered around the organ and sang in the early days. Miss Althea Jones, I expect, was the first organist. She will be remembered as "Mrs. Turley."

During the pastorate of J. W. Martin, gas was installed and the beautiful brass chandelier holding six coal oil lamps was consigned to the church attic. At this time the pulpit rostrum was extended to

the east side to afford space for the organ and new choir chairs. A new carpet was also put down. The third organ was purchased about 1898.

The Sunday School, represented by Miss Bessie De Long, Miss Nellie Bowen, Miss Alice Hickel, Misses Ella and Stella Maag, Miss Maggie Walker, held an ice cream social on Mrs. Charity Bowers' lawn. The proceeds of the social were added to the organ fund.

The old and tiresome benches were replaced by up-to-date seats about 1907. The piano was bought in 1913 during Rev. Halterman's term as minister.

In 1919 the old church rang with the noise of the hammer and saw, for a vestibule, belfry and room for pulpit and choir with a cozy altar railing were being added. Also the old windows were replaced by newer styled ones. In 1937 the walls were redecorated and many other improvements have been made. This church has housed three annual conferences, the first being Sept. 22, 1875, the next in Oct. 10, 1883, and the last in Oct. 5, 1892.

The worth of its work in this community is impossible to estimate. Its impress is indelibly stamped upon the lives of its people.

A list of the pastors follows: William Fisher, William Price, Jesse McLaughlin, L. L. Haas, Rev. Winget, Rev. Window, Charles Haas, Perry Hinton, N. E. Cornet, Joshua S. Turbin, J. B. Matthias, J. W. Martin, Rev. Faulkner, J. W. Martin, George H. Sollars, L. L. Harris, W. S. Halterman, John Walker, Henry M. Woodward, H. B. Welch, C. A. Walter, S. R. Shaw, Mrs. Lula Shields, E. R. Robinette, H. O. Davis, H. C. Elliott, J. D. Hopper.

HISTORY OF HALLSVILLE M. E. CHURCH

By Mrs. Will Jacobs

For a number of years the Methodists of the Hallsville community worshipped in the U. B. church, having every other Sunday for services. In the year 1896 they decided to erect a building in West Hallsville. The church was built during the pastorate of Rev. Brown. It was finished and dedicated on June 7, 1896, then it became a part of the Adelphi charge.

The ministers who have served since it was erected are as follows: Rev. Durant; Rev. Steele; Rev. R. A. Blair, appointed Oct., 1900; Rev. J. L. Landsette, appointed Sep., 1906; Rev. A. E. McCullough, appointed Sept., 1908; Rev. J. R. Fields, appointed Oct., 1912; Rev. R. S. Meyer, appointed Sept., 1919; Rev. S. C. Elsea, appointed Sept., 1922; Rev. C. L. Thomas, appointed Sept., 1923; Rev. Fred Brown, appointed Sept., 1926; Rev. J. K. Price, appointed Sept., 1929; Rev. E. B. Dean, appointed Sept., 1932; Rev. Lester McCandlish, appointed Sept., 1934.

The first minister of the Adelphi charge was Z. W. Facan in 1800. There have been 26 since.

The ladies of the church formed a society called the Loyal Daughters. This body is composed of 36 members.

The church was repaired and also redecorated in April, 1937.

COLERAIN CHURCH

By Clara W. De Long

Near the center of Colerain Township, just north of the present Alberta De Long place, was the original Colerain church, or Swamp church, as it was earlier called.

It was erected in 1845 or 1846 by the United Brethren and German Reform organizations though free to all Evangelical denominations when not in use. This was a log structure.

Rev. Pleasant Brock organized the United Brethren Society and preached several years. His successor, Rev. Mr. Jacobs, in 1852, became connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination and a large number of his congregation followed him.

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