



History of New Lebanon Cooper County Missouri Chapter V

THE NEW LEBANON CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (1847 - 1869)

The first extant record book of the New Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church is a small volume measuring some 6" by 8". Conforming with standard practice, the first pages are a copy of the organizational meeting of the church. It is then noted that this is "A Record of the Church since September the 1st 1848." Actually the first minute is dated July 15, 1849; on the other hand, however, under the lists indicating the dates of members joining the church, the earliest date is Aug. 1, 1847. Apparently, at the time this record book was begun and the members names listed, prior dates were put down where known, i.e. the recent past. As the Presbytery often complained, and as this particular record confirms, the record-keeping of the various churches fell short of being what would have been desired. Chronology and completeness are not always present. In the data from "Record Book One," presented below (which concludes with a March 1869 minute), the minutes of the sessions have been put in chronological order and the other lists (baptisms and deaths for example) have been grouped for better readability. Some punctuation has also been added, but otherwise, the copy is as exact as possible. Annotations appear in [].

Members Received by Experience and Baptism; [The first sixteen names had no dates beside them and presumably were members of longer standing.] William Stone; Nancy Stone; Robert Allison; Joshua and Dicey Lewis; Benjamin Weeden; Katherine Weeden; Sarah Wear; Thomas Rubey; Jane Rubey; Elizabeth Wear; Henry Rubey; W.G. Rubey; Finis E. Berry; Reuben A. Ewing; Eliza Asbury; Aug. 1, 1847: Sarah E. Allcorn; Mary Hill; Aug. 14, 1847: Virginia E. Rubey; Nancy E. Bradley; Emily Ritehey; Penelope Reed; Collin C. Stoneman [Collin C. Stoneman was a practitioner of the Thompsonian school of medicine. Thompsonianism, named after the American doctor Samuel Thompson (1769-1843), was a system of medicine which insisted on the use of vegetable remedies only. Collin C. Stoneman was married to Sarah Lewis on June 7, 1816 in Christian Co. Ky. by Rev. William Barnett.]; Sarah Stoneman; Ann Stone; Martha Stone; Jane Steele; Mary Stoneman; William P. Stoneman, Eliza Shanklin Aug. 15, 1847: Levida J. Lewis; John Lewis; Martha A.R. Lewis; Thomas Comer; Aug. 18, 1847: Finis E.C. Stoneman; Kessiah J. Stoneman; Virginia Stoneman; Meredith Smith; Aug. 29, 1847: Elizabeth Wear, Jr.; Mary A. Wear; Margaret Johnston; Americus Elliot; Artamesa Weeden; Sept. 1, 1847: Nancy Burnett; John Colbert; Sarah Colbert; Lucinda Cook; Anderson Cook; William Cook; Hannah Cook; Mary A. Cordry; William Hughes; Eleanor Johnston; Martha E. Koontz [Martha Ellen Steele m May 23, 1846 Cooper Co. Mo. Benjamin F. Koontz]; Sarah Yandell; Sept. 18, 1847: James P. Lewis; Aug. 29, 1848: John R. Wear; Sept. 6, 1848: William G. Asbury; Amanda M. Colbert; William H. Dandridge; Sarah J. Dandridge; Hannah A. Davis; Jarvis Ewing; John R. Elliot; Nancy J. Elliot; Mary Elliot; Elizabeth Elliot; Robert M. Eller; Harvey Lewis; Phoebe Lewis; Cynthia Levens; Matilda Martin; Martha McCutcheon; Cinderella Thomas; William Thomas; Eliza J. Walton; Mary Walker; John W. Walton; Hester A. Wear; Sept. 18, 1848: Morrison Mann; Oct. 9, 1848: Thomas G. Carpenter; Jennetta Carpenter; Ivy McCoy; Francis Shanklin; Oct. 22, 1848: William H. Shanklin; Sarah Shanklin; William Shanklin; Aug. 18, 1849: Eliza E. Weeden; Oct. 31, 1849: William Harmon; Prena Harmon; Madalain Harmon; Calvin Cook [Calvin Cook m Nov. 15, 1849 Cooper Co. Mo. Prena Harmon]; Minor N. Colbert; Henry J. Weeden; Catherine Cook; William Rickman; Joshua Rickman; Jesse Rickman; Louisa Rickman; Sarah Rickman; Catherine Henderson; Nancy Atkerson; Emily McMahan; Mary A. Harmon [Mary Ann Cook m Oct. 27, 1842 Cooper Co. Mo. Henry Harmon]; Henry Harmon; Aug. 12, 1850: Ivernon S. Strite [Streit?]; Mary A. Rubey; Sept. 12, 1850: Melinda Sissen; Jane Henderson; Catherine Paxton; Adam Shamberger; Oct. 4, 1850: Nancy A. Cook; Oct. 10, 1850: Caroline Cook [Caroline Harmon m Oct. 81, 1844 Cooper Co. Mo. Wilson Cook]; Caroline Titles; A.J. Henderson; John Devlnna; Elizabeth Devlnna; Aug. 23, 1852: Albert McCutcheon; Sept. 20, 1853: William Thomas; Mary E. Colbert; Luvenia C. Weeden; Nancy M. Weeden; Nancy E. Lewis; Isaac B. Davis; Irvin S. Parrot; Sarah J. Parrot; David Gilbert; Manuel Shamberger; Waiter Elliot; William Paxton; A.F. Asbury; James H. Ferral; James Gilbert; James W. Asbury; Eli E. Elliot; Samuel Paxton, Jr.; Elizabeth Shamberger; Cynthia Elliot; John Harmon; Cornelius Williams; William Bell; Dec. 31, 1854: Sarah Cook; Jan. 4, 1855: Margaret Gilbert; Mary A. Gilbert; Jan. 9, 1855: Rebecca Rickman; Jan. 14, 1855: B.C. Lampton; Eliza J. Mann.

Members Received by Recommendation: Males: Aug. 15, 1847: Hugh A.B. Johnston; William D. Reavis; Robert S. Wear; October 1849: John Bell; Sept. 19, 1850: Andrew P. Paxton; Sept. 20, 1853: R. Allison; Jan. 14, 1855: John M. Steel. Females: Aug. 15, 1847: Permela M. Rubey; Mary R. Wear; Oct. 22, 1848: Sarah

Shanklin; Oct. 1849: Martha Bell; Ann E. Fitten; Jan. 4, 1855: Sidney Mead; Mary J. Weeden; Jan. 9, 1855: Eliza Asbury.

Births, Infant's Names: Nov. 22, 1848: Martha Elizabeth Johnston; Aug. 11, 1849: Margaret Elizabeth Wear; Mar. 3, 1850: Hannah Elizabeth Bell; June 9, 1854: William Foster Wear; Mar. 16, 1854: Mary Ellanor Johnston; May 5, 1852: Rebecka Ellen Bell; March 27, 1853: James Fitten Wear; Apr. 24, 1853: James Robert Wear; Aug. 3, 1854: Sidney C. Lampton.

Infant Baptisms: Sept. 4, 1848: Mary A.M. Asbury; Cynthia J. Allcorn; Mary A. Wear; Aug. 25, 1850: Margaret E. Wear; Frances E. Rubey; Robert F. Rubey; Nancy Ellen Rubey; Thomas E. Rubey; Sept. 20, 1853: William F. Wear; James R. Wear; Hannah E. Bell; Rebecca E. Bell; Kate C. Allison; Nov. 9, 1857: Margaret E. Neal; Zuinglus Neal; Mary Wing Neal; James Q. Neal; George M. Neal; Aug. 30, 1859: Louisa J. Neal; L. Emma Burnett, Jan. 12, 1860: George A. Tubb.

Marriages: Margaret Johnston to (?) Dec. 7, 1848; Calvin Cook to Preen Harmon Nov. 1~, 1849; Nancy A. Cook now Thompson Feb. 13, 1854; Artamesa Weeden now Allison Aug. 20, 1851; Hefty A. Wear now Lampton Nov. 19, 1851; Amanda M. Colbert now Thomas Jan. 1852; J.R. Wear to Ann E. Fritten May 4, 1852; Elizabeth Wear now Rankin Aug. 16, 1853; Catherine Cook now Mann Aug. 22, 1853; Eliza E. Weeden now Gilbert Oct. 4, 1853. Deaths: Collin C. Stoneman, Nov. 11, 1848; William P. Stoneman, Dec. 16, 1848; Nancy C. Bradley, May 29, 1849; Martha Stone, Aug. 3, 1849; Robert Allison, Nov. 13, 1849; Ann Stone, May 1, 1850; Nancy Stone, Aug. 22, 1850; Sarah Wear, Dec. 30, 1850; William Stone, Feb. 20, 1851; Sarah Colbert, Mar. 1851; Meredith Smith, 1850; Henry J. Weeden, Dec. 20, 1851; Jane Steel, Aug. 2, 1854; John Colbert, Dec. 17, 1854; Elizabeth Wear, Sept. 13, 1855. March the 6th 1849: The New Lebanon Session met and appointed Brother Benjamin Weeden a representative to represent us in the next Presbytery. Robert S. Wear, Clerk.

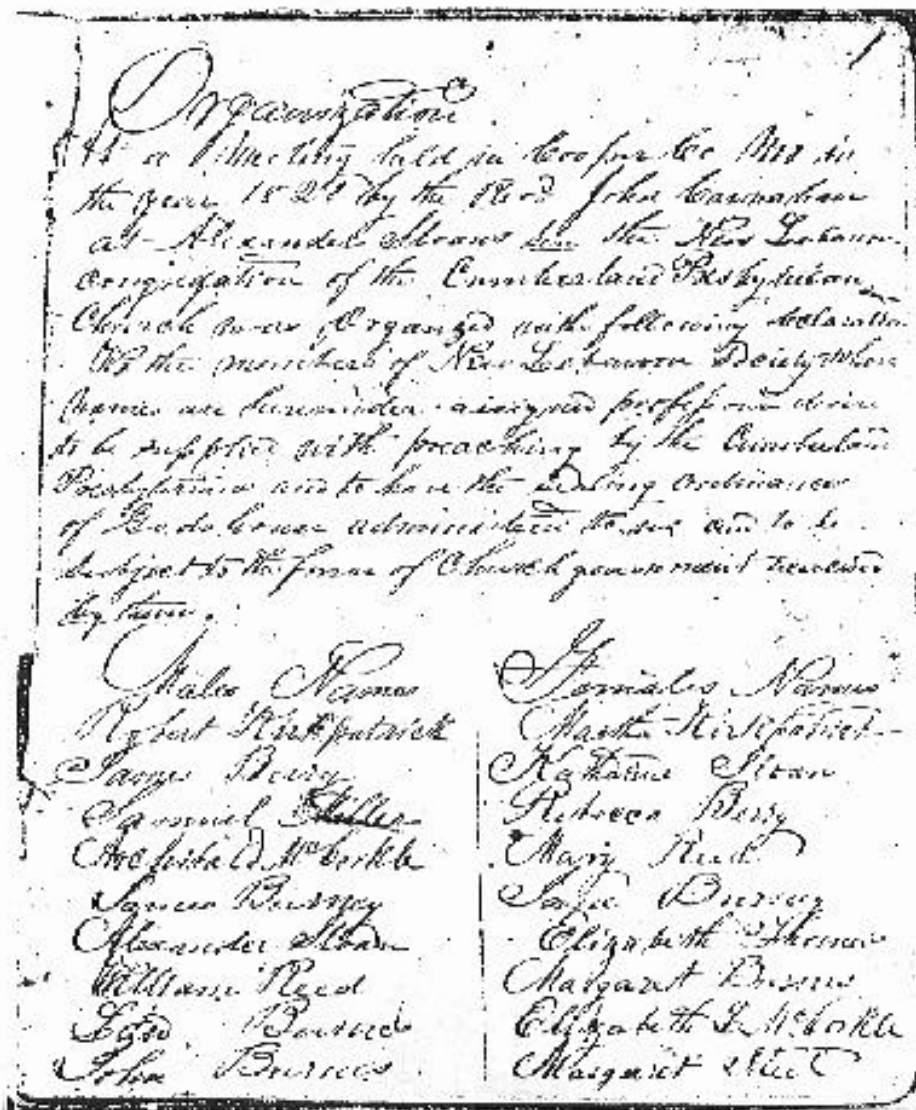
July 15, 1849: New Lebanon Congregation met and held an election for another ruling Elder when Robert S. Wear was chosen and regularly Ordained by Rev. H.W. Burns and the whole concluded with prayer. R.S. Wear, Clerk.

September the 22nd 1849: The New Lebanon Session met and appointed Brother Joshua Lewis a representative to represent us in the next Presbytery which is to meet at New Lebanon Church the 6th day of October next. R.S. Wear, Clerk.

March the 17th 1850: The New Lebanon Session met and appointed Brother R.S. Wear a representative and Brother B. Weeden his alternate to represent us in the next Presbytery, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

September the 29th 1850: The New Lebanon Session met and Appointed Brother B. Weeden a representative to represent us in the next Presbytery which is to meet at Mt. Vernon, Cooper Co. Mo. on Saturday the 5th of October 1850. B. Weeden, J. Colbert, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

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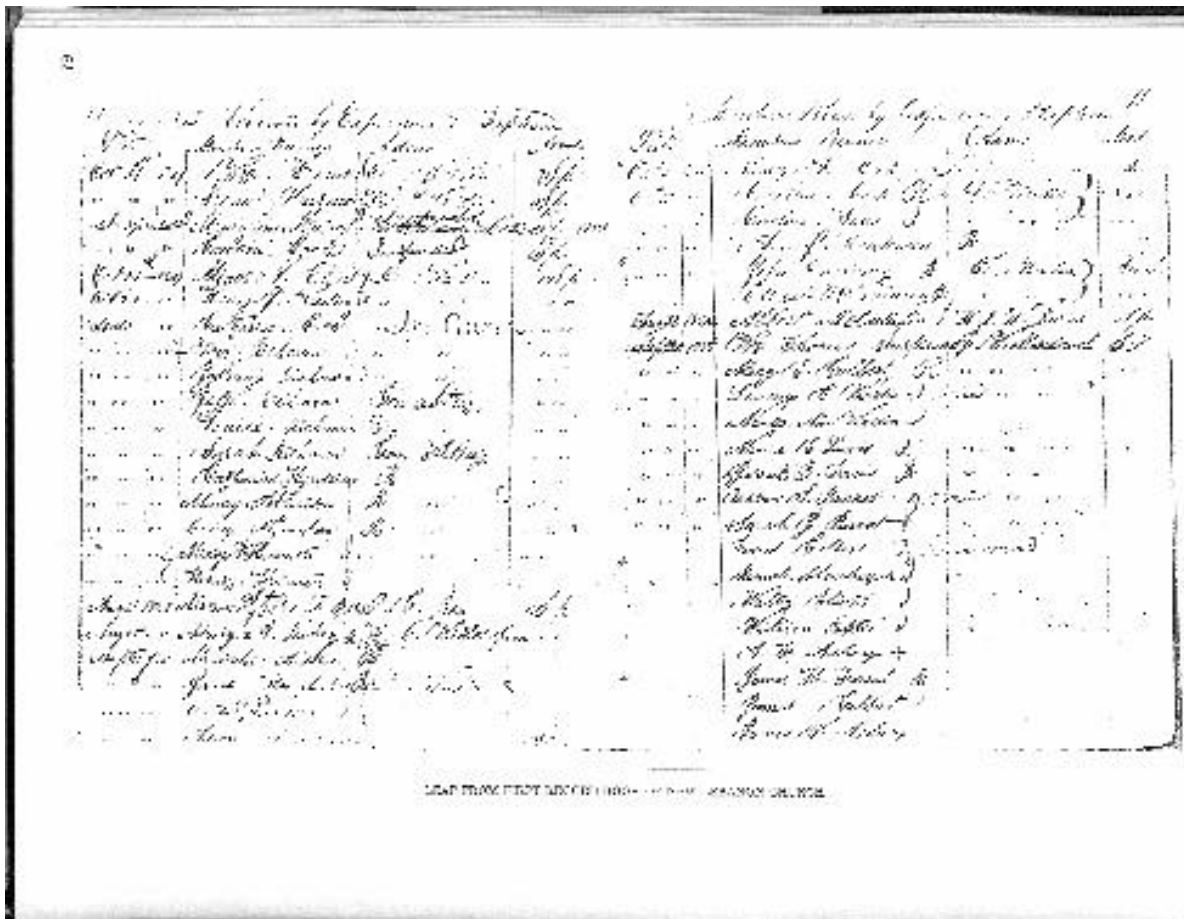


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March the 14th 1851: The New Lebanon Session met and appointed Brother R.S. Wear a representative to represent us in the next Session of Presbytery which is to meet at New Lebanon Church Cooper Co. Mo. on Saturday the 5th day of April next. B. Weeden, Chair-man, J. Colbert, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Sept. the 23rd 1851: The New Lebanon Session met and appointed or elected Brother John Colbert a representative to represent us in the next session of Presbytery which is to meet at Pleasant Grove Church, Cooper Co. Mo. On Saturday the 4th day of October next. J.E. Nevins, Chairman, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Feb. the 21st 1852: The New Lebanon Session met and appointed Brother Benjamin Weeden a representative and R.S. Wear his alternate to represent us in the next session of Presbytery which is to meet at Mt. Vernon Church, Cooper Co. Mo. on Saturday the 13th of March 1852. R.S. Wear, Clerk.

August the 24, 1852: The New Lebanon Session met and appointed Brother Benjamin Weeden a representative to represent us in the next session of Presbytery which is to meet at Union, Saline County Mo. on Saturday the 18-day of September 1852. R.S. Wear, S.C. Dec. 26, 1852: The New Lebanon Congregation met and held an Election for more ruling Elders to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Joshua Lewis and John Colbert when Hugh A.B. Johnston and John Bell were chosen and regularly Ordained by Rev. Finis A. Witherspoon and the whole concluded with prayer. R.S. Wear, S.C.

January the 23, 1853: The New Lebanon session met and appointed Brother Hugh A.B. Johnston a representative to represent us in the next session of Presbytery and Brother John Bell his alternate which is to meet at Hopewell, Morgan Co. Mo. on Saturday the 12-day of March next. Finis A, Witherspoon Ch., R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Sept. 20th 1853: The New Lebanon session met and appointed Brother H.A.B. Johnston a representative to represent us in the next session of Presbytery which is to meet at Mt. Vernon Church Cooper Co. Mo. on Saturday the 1st day of October next. J.W. McDonald Ch., R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Feb. the 25-1854: The New Lebanon session met and appointed Brother B. Weeden a representative to represent us in the next session of Presbytery which is to meet at War-saw, Benton Co. Mo. on Saturday the 1st day of April next. G.L. Moad, Chairman, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Oct. 7, 1854: The New Lebanon session of the New Lebanon Church met and appointed Brother B. Weeden a representative to represent us in the next session of Presbytery which is to meet at Mt. Olive Church, Saline Co. Mo. on Saturday the 7th day of October 1854. G.L. Moad, Chr., R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Apr. 7, 1855: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation met April 4th and appointed Brother R.S. Wear to represent her in Presbytery to meet at New Salem Church April 7th A.D. 1855. G.L. Moad Chr, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Sept. 30, 1855: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation met Sept. 30th and appointed Brother John Bell to represent her in Presbytery to meet at Mt. Zion, Pettis Co. Mo. the first Saturday in April A.D. 1856 and Brother R.S. Wear was appointed his alternate. G.L. Moad, Moderator, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Sept. 22, 1856: The Session of the New, Lebanon Congregation met September 22nd 1856 and appointed Brother R.S. Wear to represent said congregation in Presbytery to [be held] at Mt. Vernon Church on Saturday the 27th of Sept. A.D. 1856. G.L. Moad, Moderator, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Mar. 21, 1857: The Session of the New Lebanon congregation met on the 21st of March A.D. 1857 and appointed Brother Benj. Weeden to represent said congregation in the New Lebanon Presbytery of the C.P. Church, to meet at Otterville on Saturday the 4th of April 1857. G.L. Moad, Moderator, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

October 1857: At a meeting of the New Lebanon Congregation held in the meeting house in the month of October 1857 by a vote of the said congregation J.T.A. Henderson requested to supply the congregation with preaching two Sabbaths in each month until the next meeting of the New Lebanon Presbytery, to which he agreed.

November the 5th 1857: The Session of New Lebanon congregation met in the meeting house at the close of public sermon, and received into the communion of the Church Mrs. Nancy Neale and Mrs. M. Henderson, the former from Mt. Moriah congregation and the latter by certificate from Hopewell. John Cooper was received on examination. The same day James Jimmy Neal and George Minor Neal infant sons of Rev. Minor Neale were baptised by Rev. John T.A. Henderson, On Monday evening the 7th of Nov. a meeting was closed after 10 days continuance, and resulted in some three or four conversions and several enquirers who did not indulge a hope of pardon. On Sabbath the 6th of Nov, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered. At a congregational meeting bold in New Lebanon Meeting House on the third sabbath in December 1857 Green Rayburn Cordry and William McClelland were elected Deacons of this congregation.

March 1858: There was a public collection raised on the 4th Sabbath of March A.D. 1858 at New Lebanon for the purpose of helping to defray the expenses of the commissioners to the next General assembly of the C.P. Church of \$8.00. R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Mar. 21, 1858: The Session of the New Lebanon Congregation met on the 21st of March A.D. 1858 and appointed Brother John Bell to represent said congregation in the New Lebanon Presbytery of the C.P. Church to meet at New Salem Church, Cooper Co. Mo. on Saturday the 3rd of April, 1858. J.T.A. Henderson, Moderator, R.S. Wear, Clerk.

Oct. 2, 1858: The Session of the New Lebanon Congregation met Oct. 2, A.D. 1858 and appointed Brother Chesley Burnett to represent said congregation in the New Lebanon Presbytery to meet at Mount Olive Church on Saturday the 9th of Oct. 1858. J.T.A. Henderson, Moderator, John Bell, Clerk.

Oct. the 2nd A.D. 1858: Agreeably to appoint the New Lebanon congregation of Cumberland Presbyterian Church met and appointed Brother J.T.A. Henderson Mod, Charles R. Berry Clerk. at the request of Rev, J.T.A. Henderson the congregation join him in a Petition to Presbytery that he be relieved of his charge as Pastor and on motion agreed to, On motion David K. Steele, Chesley

Burnett, and Green Rayburn Cordry were elected ruling elders. On motion agreed that we ask the Presbytery to supply us with Preaching twice a month for the next six months and that Rev. Isaac A, Wear be that supply. On motion a committee was appointed consisting of six viz, D.K. Steele, G.R. Cordry, B. Lampton, L Steele, B. Weeden, John Bell and C. Burnett to use there exertions to obtain a Pastor for this congregation and that they report to this meeting on the first Saturday in March next. On motion this meeting adjourn to meet at the Church on the first Saturday in March next at 10 O'clock. J.T.A. Henderson, Moderator, Charles R. Berry, Clerk.

Mar. 27, 1858: The session of New Lebanon Congregation met and appointed Brother D.K. Steele to represent us in said congregation in the New Lebanon Presbytery C.P. Church to meet at New Lebanon on 2nd day of April 1859. John Bell, Clerk.

Aug. 31, 1859: The session of New Lebanon Presbytery Congregation met and appointed Brother Chesley Burnett to represent us in said Congregation in the New Lebanon Presbytery to meet at Otterville on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Sept, next. On the same day as above the session appointed Brother D.K. Steele, Clerk in the place of Brother John Bell. D.K. Steele, Clerk.

March 25th, 1860: William C. Ewing was elected ruling Elder of New Lebanon congregation of the C.P. Church. The Session of New Lebanon met on 25th of March and appointed Brother William C. Ewing her representative to the New Lebanon Presbytery to meet at New Salem Church in Cooper Co. Mo. on the 7th day of April 1860 and Brother John Bell his alternate. By order of session.

Isaac A. Wear, Moderator

[Strangely enough no mention is made in the minutes of the sessions of the New Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church of the erection of a new church building.]

The first church building was a double log house (48' x 30') with a fire place and chimney in each end. The men used one end of the building and the women the other. It had been built shortly after the arrival of Rev. Finis Ewing. Thomas J. Starke in HHCC says: "[The first church] was built of hewed logs, and the settlers of this little colony united in the project of building, each furnishing his proportionate quota of the logs requisite to complete the building.

These logs were double; that is, each log was twenty four feet in length, being joined in the middle of the house by means of an upright post, into which the ends were mortised, thus making the entire length of the church forty-eight feet, by thirty feet in width." This log church (which served both as a meeting house and a school house) stood a few yards north of the present brick edifice; the spot is now marked by a stone memorial. The inscription on this memorial reads: "This memorial marks the corner of the first church house in New Lebanon Presbytery erected by New Lebanon Church which was organized by Rev. John Carnahan in 1820."

By 1859 it was apparent that a new building was required. On June 15th of that year a Building Committee was set up to "superintend the building of a church at Lebanon," A.S. Walker was chairman of that committee, with Brother Jarvis H. Ewing acting as treasurer and David Drake being appointed collector of "all dues."

A brick building was decided upon, The bricks were made and fired on location a few yards southeast of where the new church was erected. (A New Lebanon resident of 1860, Samuel Drinkwater, was a "brick maker" and it is easy to speculate that it was he who made the bricks for the church.) Less than a year later this new structure was ready for use. The dedication ceremony took place June 3, 1860; at that time \$30.10 was collected for the building fund'. Rev. Peter G. Rea preached the sermon on this occasion for which he received \$30. A large congregation, "respectable in appearance", was present,

LIST OF PERSONS SUBSCRIBING TO THE NEW LEBANON CHURCH BUILDING FUND OF 1859-60

Slaughter Jury	\$5.00	Lewis M. Hutchison	\$5.00	James L. Wear	\$50.00
James Thompson	5.00	C.H. Allison	2.50	William Harriman	20.00
G.W. Weight	2.50	Charles R. Berry	200.00	J.J. Tucker	5.00
Minor Neale	200.00	William C. Ewing	200.00	John McCutcheon	20.00
Anthony Smith Walker	200.00	J.H. Ewing	50.00	Joseph L. Koontz	5.00
Anthony J. Read	200.00	Nathaniel Leonard	10.00	R.B. Stoneman	10.00
James L. Wear	50.00	Thomas Murphy	7.50	John Rothgeb	5.00
Joseph J. Eubank	5.00	George W. Hutchison	5.00	John Miller	5.00
Lewis M. Hutchison	2.50	Mrs. Nancy Eubank	2.50	B.E. Ferry	5.00
John W. Layne	5.00	Harvey Bunce	5.00	Robert F. Mann	10.00
George W. Helms	25.00	Louis A. Somers	5.00	J.B. Harris	10.00
John W. Mann	15.00	G.L. Boatman	2.50	J.M. Stephens	5.00
John R. Wear	30.00	Green R. Cordry	37.50	A. Zeller	5.00
Dryden Starke	10.00	H.S. Titworth	5.00	H.C. McFarland	2.50
Thomas Harris	2.50	R.A. Ewing	100.00	James H. Walker	25.00
Wyatt Kuykendall	5.00	John M. Weeden	5.00	William Parberry	5.00
Roberdeau Allison	2.50	Jacob Shutlet	2.50	Mrs. Polly Walker	5.00
John H. Stephen	5.00	Henry C. Corum	2.50	William Eubank	5.00
William H. Field	50.00	William McClelland	50.00	Samuel Burke	10.00
Isaac A. Wear	12.50	S.H. Jenkins	50.00	Mrs. Franklin Koontz	2.00
John Bell	25.00	John R. Wear	12.50	J.W. Amick	1.00
Margaret E. Neale	5.00	Catherine Mann	5.00	Thomas Licklider	5.00
Amanda F. Ewing	5.00	Mary J. Field	5.00	William H. Mayo	10.00
Margaret R. Stephens	5.00	L.P. Ewing	5.00	H.R. Walker	30.00
John Cooper	1.50	Joseph Eubank	5.00	William Patton	2.50
Green Steele	5.00	A.J. Read	5.00	James S. Deckard	40.00
James S. Deckard	5.00	James S. Deckard	2.50	Adam Shanberger	12.50
Leander Rickman	61.95	James S. Deckard	3.50	Benjamin Weeden	55.00
Singleton Paxton	3.75	P.G. Walker	12.12	Benjamin Leonard	5.00
George W. Helms	16.35	Benjamin Weeden	6.60	Jonathan Brownfield	5.00
A.J. Read	100.00	John Cooper	10.00	G.W. Sibert	2.50
B.C. Clark	5.00	Franklin Oglesby	2.50	S.B. Rothgeb	2.50
James S. Hutchison	10.00	R. Simmons	10.00	B.F. Koontz	25.00
William Cordry	10.00	William C. Godbey	5.00	A.M. Amick	25.00
Samuel Reese	2.00	Chesley Burnett	100.00	John T. Drinkwater	30.00
John W. West	2.50	Robert C. Steele	15.00	Philip Dick	5.00
J.W. Walton	10.00	Finis E. Berry	32.90	Mrs. Nancy Burke	5.00
Samuel Briscoe	5.00	R.H. Bell	5.00	Joseph Y. Steele	15.00
H.C. Levens	2.50	William Patton	2.50	Anthony W. Walker	25.00
Thomas Cockrell	10.00	Robert C. Howlett	5.00	James B. Johnston	50.00
James L. Bell	10.00	Dr. William Hooper	10.00	Richard Eubank	2.50
Pricilla Dixon	5.00	Hon. E.B. Ewing	20.00	R.A. Ewing	20.00
L.C. Stephens	5.00	John R. Wear	30.00	Minor Neale	20.00
Finis E. Witherspoon	5.00	William H. Field	6.15	A.A. Foster	20.00
William P. Tompkins	2.50	Benjamin Weeden	20.00	John M. McCutcheon	20.00
W.W. Walker	30.00	Smith Walker	20.00	Dr. William Harriman	20.00
William L. Hughes	5.00	Henry R. Walker	20.00	William W. Walker	20.00

James Mayfield	10.00	Peter G. Rea	20.00	William H. Field	10.00
Newton Ballard	2.00	John McCutcheon	20.00	H.C. Hall	10.00
John Taylor	20.00	Robert Stoneman	20.00	Abraham Amick	10.00
William Cook	1.00	Dr. William Hooper	10.00	Samuel Wear	10.00
E.B. Amick	5.00	Chesley Burnett	10.00	John Thompson	10.00
H.J. Eubank	5.00	Jonas Brownfield	10.00	J.L. Bridges	10.00
George S. Cockrell	10.00	Mrs. Nancy Eubank	10.00	Thomas B. Smith	10.00
P.G. Walker	30.00	George W. Helms	10.00	Mrs. John Taylor	10.00
D.R. Drake	40.00	Thomas C. Houx	10.00	James Amick	5.00
William A. Patton	2.91	Mrs. Mayo	10.00	James A. Reese	5.00
Emanuel Shamberger	12.00	Roberdeau Allison	2.50	Wilson Koontz	5.00
James Cordry	5.00	A.D. Eubank	5.00	John W. Layne	5.00

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The above persons donated a total of \$3200 towards the construction of the brick church building which still stands today. 116 years later.

NEW LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



This front (west) side of the New Lebanon (Cumberland) Presbyterian Church shows the two entrances of which the left (north) one was used by the women and the right one by the men.

The record book of money subscribed and given for the building of the brick church lists the persons subscribing together with the amount donated by each one. Subscriptions began June 18, 1859 and the record shows one note (given as a subscription) being paid in full as late as Oct. 16, 1866. Not all of the supporters were Cumberland Presbyterians. Some gave more than once, and, if so, are listed accordingly. These subscribers are given on an adjoining page.

The sum of all these donations, plus the \$30.10 collected on dedication day is \$3,230.83. No records exist of the actual construction costs so it cannot be ascertained how far the above amount went towards matching such costs. But this was a goodly sum of money (equivalent to the value at that time of some 400 acres

of land) and those dollars erected the hand-some structure (and first class example of pre-Civil War church architecture) which still stands today, 116 years later.

The outside dimensions of the church building are 60' by 40'. The peak of the roof stands 30' above the floor of the church. Four large windows give light into the structure. Each window is 11' high and 4' 10" wide and each half of a window (upper and lower) is divided into 12 panes. There are two entrances into the front of the church, each of which have double doors 3' 10" wide; the distance between the frames of the doors is nearly 14'.

The two entrances were for the separate use of men and women. The women used the north (or left hand, facing the church, entrance) and the men used the south entrance. Seating inside the church followed the same pattern, i.e. men sat on the right hand, or south side, and women used the pews on the left hand side. There were three rows of pews; the center row had a partition the height of the pews running through the center of the row which divided the men's half from the women's half. Children sat with their mother's until the boys were old enough to move to the men's side. It is not clear whether boys waited until puberty to move or made this shift at an earlier age.]

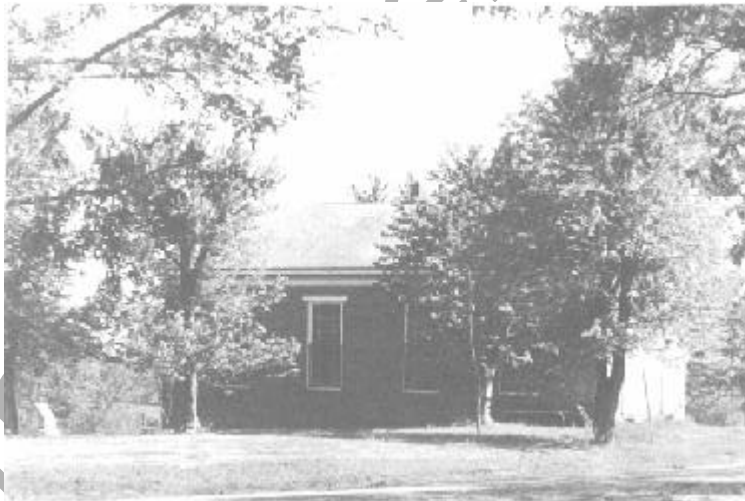
Aug. 26, 1860: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation elected William C. Ewing, Clerk. Clerk Pro Tem. I.A. Moderator. The Session of New Lebanon congregation appointed William C. Ewing to represent said Congregation in the next session of New Lebanon Presbytery which is to meet the 13th of Oct. next at Heaths Creek Church in Pettis Co. Mo. Also C. Burnett his alternate. The same day the Session appointed William C. Ewing representative in Mo. Synod of Mo. C.P. Church which is to meet on the 18th of Oct. next at Otterville in Cooper County Mo. Also Benj. Weeden his alternate. William C. Ewing, Clerk, I.A. Wear, Moderator

Feb. 3rd 1861: The Pastor Isaac A. Wear delivered the anniversary sermon and took up a collection for missionary purposes of six dollars and no cents for the Board of Missions. four dollars and 60 cents for the Synodical mission at Boonville. William C. Ewing, Clerk.

March the 10th 1861: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation appointed John Bell to represent said congregation in the session of Presbytery which is to meet in Syracuse Morgan Co. Mo. Friday before the first Sabbath in April, also Benj. Weeden alternate. William C. Ewing, Clerk, I.A. Wear, Moderator

March the 24th 1861: By a vote of the congregation I.A. Wear was chosen Pastor of New Lebanon congregation for the next twelve months, Sam day took up a collection of Six dollars and no cents for commissioners to general Assembly. William C. Ewing.

NEW LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



This is a view of the north side of the New Lebanon (Cumberland) Presbyterian Church, The monument at lower left marks the site of the original log church. This brick building was constructed in 1860.

March the 31st 1862: The Session of New Lebanon congregation of the C.P. Church met at the house of Chesley Burnett. Members present I.A. Wear, Chesley Burnett, and William C. Ewing. On motion William C. Ewing was appointed to represent said congregation in next Presbytery which is to [be held] the first Friday in April ensuing at Mt. Vernon in Cooper Co. Mo. Those voting for Mr. Ewing were Messrs Wear and Burnett, for Mr. Bell, Mr. Ewing. William C. Ewing, Moderator

[There were no meetings of the New Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church recorded during the Civil War. However, in 1864 it is recorded that 47 members joined the New Lebanon Congregation; most of these appear to be from Syracuse area (about six miles south of New Lebanon). Apparently the ravages of the War, which were particularly acute in that vicinity, had caused the disbandment of the Syracuse Congregation.]

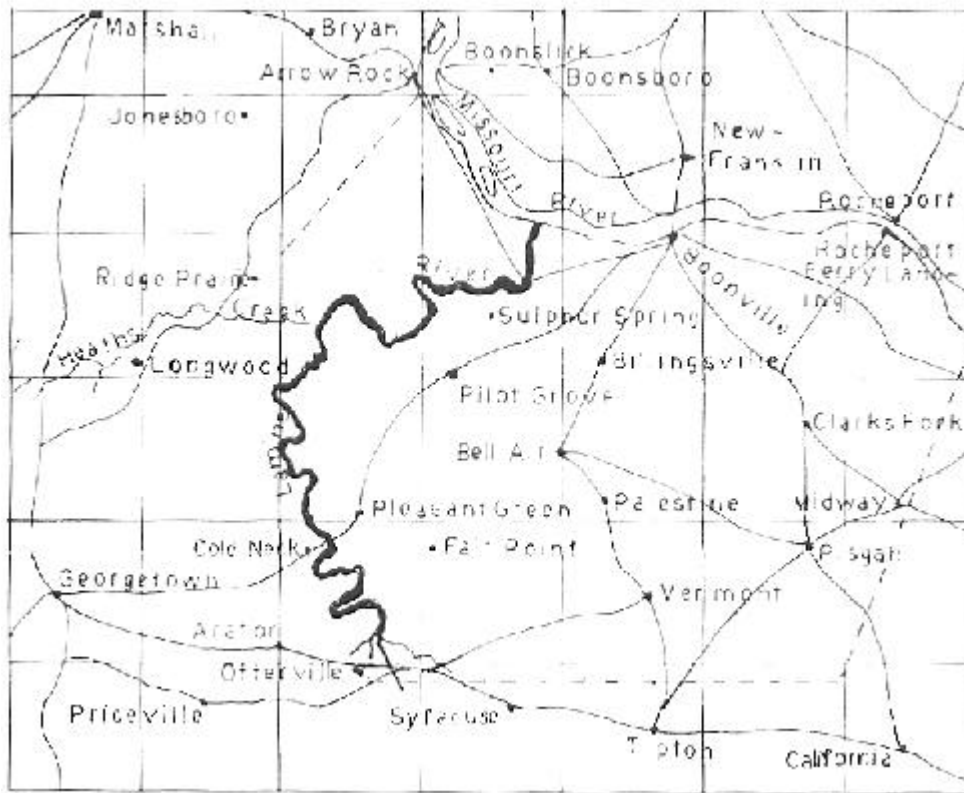
March 18th 1866: The New Lebanon congregation Resolved to elect additional ruling elders of this congregation. Whereupon Robert C. Steele and Roberdeau Allison were duly elected. And David K. Steele, a ruling elder of the Syracuse Congregation of the C.P. Church having transferred his membership to New Lebanon

Congregation was by a vote of the congregation recognized as ruling elder of this congregation. James Logan Moderator

April 1st 1866: Robert C. Steele and Roberdeau Allison were ordained as ruling elders of New Lebanon Congregation by Rev. James Logan. James Logan Moderator of Session.

Oct. 2nd 1866: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met at New Lebanon Church Members present Bros. James Logan, Chesley Burnett, Benj. Weeden, D.K. Steele, Robert C. Steele, absent Brother Roberdeau Allison. On Motion David K. Steele was appointed to represent said congregation at Heaths Creek Church in Pettis County. James Logan Moderator, D.K. Steele, Clerk.

Nov. 2nd 1866: New Lebanon Cooper Co. Mo. The Session of the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met after preaching and was duly constituted. Members present Benj. Weeden, Chesley Burnett, Robert C. Steele, and D.K. Steele and James Logan Moderator. Absent Roberdeau Allison and W.C. Ewing. The following persons members of the Syracuse Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church asked admission and were received as members of this Congregation Viz. Elizabeth C. Steele, Mary J. Crites, Eliza J. Cordry, Mary F. Burnett, William d. Smith, Margaret J. Smith, Clementina B. Steele and Green R. Cordry. Also the following persons presented themselves as candidates and were received as members of this congregation on the relation of their experience of a work of grace in their hearts Viz. Samira A. Burnett, Catherine Hedges, Mollie Murphy, Clark Hooper, James C. Keeton, John C. Stratton, and William B. Hedges. The ordinance of Baptism was administered to Mollie Murphy and James C. Keeton. Session adjourned closed with prayer. James Logan, Moderator, D.K. Steele.



1860 Road Map

The data from this 1860 road map of the area surrounding New Lebanon (then called Fair Point) was derived from John T. Fiala's map of that date. Although not shown, there were roads from Pleasant Green to New Lebanon and from New Lebanon south to the Syracuse-Otterville road.

Nov. 23rd 1866: Session met after Preaching constituted by prayer. Members present James Logan Moderator, Benj. Weeden, Robert C. Steele, Roberdeau Allison, and D.K. Steele. Absent, Chesley Burnett and W.C. Ewing. The following persons presented themselves as candidates and were received as members on the relation of their Christian experience Viz. Kate C. Allison, and Alice Bell Baker. The ordinance of Baptism was administered to Alice Bell Baker. Session adjourned closed with prayer. James Logan, Moderator, D.K. Steele, Clerk.

March 24th, 1867: New Lebanon, Cooper Co. Mo. The Session of the New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church met after preaching and was duly constituted. Members present Rev. James Logan, Moderator Benjamin Weeden, D.K. Steele, and Roberdeau Allison. Absent C. Burnett and R.C. Steele and W.C. Ewing. Miss Ellen Chouse presented herself as a candidate and was received as a member of the Congregation on relation of

her experience of a work of grace in the heart. Session adjourned. Closed with prayer. James Logan, Moderator, D.K. Steele, Acting Clerk.

[Rev. James Logan and his wife Rachel C. Logan were both born in Ohio, he in about 1830 and she in about 1835. They had at least two children: Eliza H. Logan b c1858 Ohio; and Maurice S. Logan b c1859 Ohio.]

March 31st 1867: The session of New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church met at New Lebanon Church. Members pre-sent; I.A. Wear, Moderator, Bros. Benjamin Weeden, Robert C. Steele, R. Allison, and David K. Steele, and Anthony J. Read Ruling Elder of Mount Vernon Congregation. On Motion R. Allison was elected to represent said congregation in next Presbytery which is to be held at Mt. Olive, Saline Co. Mo. on the first Friday in April ensuing. R.C. Steele was chosen as his alternate. Post Script. Session at same time and place elected Roberdeau Allison, Clerk. R. Allison, Clerk, Rev. I.A. Wear, Moderator

March 31st 1867: New Lebanon Cooper Co. Mo. At a meeting of the New Lebanon Congregation Rev. I.A. Wear was elected to supply the congregation with preaching two Sabbaths in each month for one year from the third Sabbath in April 1867. James Reed Chin., R. Allison, Clerk.

May 8th, 1867: New Lebanon, Cooper Co. Mo. The Session of the New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church met after preaching and was duly constituted. Members present: Rev. I.A. Wear, Moderator, Benjamin Weeden, D.K. Steele. The following members presented themselves and were received as members on relation of their Christian experience: Mr. R.B. Stoneman and his wife Mrs.

Martha Stoneman. The ordinance of Baptism was administered to Miss Ellen Chouse. Session adjourned. Closed with prayer, Rev. I.A. Wear, Moderator, R. Allison, Clerk.

July 7th 1867: New Lebanon, Cooper Co. Mo. The session met after preaching and was duly constituted. Members present: Rev. I.A. Wear, Moderator Miss Eliza J. Steele and Miss Elizabeth Orfield presented themselves and were received as members of this congregation on relation of their Christian experience, Rev. I. A. Wear, Mod., R. Allison, Clerk.

Sept. 21st 1867: New Lebanon, Cooper Co. Mo. The Session met after preaching and was duly constituted. Members present Rev. R. Crockett Moderator, Chesley Burnett, Benj. Weeden, W.C. Ewing, D.K. Steele and R.C. Steele. Absent: R. Allison. The following persons presented themselves as candidates and were received as members on the relation of their Christian experience Viz. Henry R. Burnett, John H. Robertson, James E.F. Robertson, James W. Steele, John D. Starke, Jonathan Brownfield, Catherine Brownfield, Mrs. R.F. Nichols, Mrs. M.E. Foglesong, Henry H. Hall, Henry R. Lewis, Mary W. Neal, Mary E. Robertson, Mrs. Lois Lewis. Rev, Robert Crockett, Moderator, D.K. Steele, Clerk.

Sept. 23, 1867: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church met at New Lebanon Church. Members pre-sent, Rev. Minor Neal Moderator, Bros. Benj. Weeden, Chesley Burnett, W.C. Ewing, Robert C, Steele, and D.K. Steele, Absent R. Allison. On motion D.K. Steele was elected to represent said congregation in next Presbytery which is to be held at Moniteau County, Mo. on the 1st Friday in October ensuing. William C. Ewing was chosen as his alternate. At the same time and place D.K. Steele was elected Clerk of Session, R. Allison having removed. New Lebanon Sept. 23rd 1867. Rev. Minor Neal, Moderator, D.K. Steele, Clerk.

Mar. 22, 1868: The Session of the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met at New Lebanon Church. Members present Rev. Robert Crockett, Moderator, Bros. Benj. Weeden, Chesley Burnett, Robert C. Steele, William C. Ewing and David K. Steele, absent Roberdeau Allison. On Motion of Brother Burnett, David K. Steele was elected to represent said congregation in next Presbytery which is to be held at Pleasant Grove Church, Cooper County Mo. on the 1st Friday in April 1868. William C, Ewing was chosen as his alternate. New Lebanon March 22nd 1868, Rev. Robert Crockett, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

The Session of the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met at Bethlehem School House. Members present Bros. Chesley Burnett, William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele, Roberdeau Allison and D.K. Steele. Absent Benjamin Weeden. On Motion of Brother Allison, Brother Benjamin Weeden was elected to represent said congregation in the next Lebanon Church, Cooper County Missouri on the 12th day of Oct. 1868. Brother W.C. Ewing was elected his alternate. Oct, 11th 1868. In the absence of Brother Martin, Brother Ewing acted as Moderator William C. Ewing, Chairman, David K. Steele, Clerk.

March 14th 1869: New Lebanon, Cooper County Mo. The Session met after Preaching and was duly constituted, Members present: Rev. James Martin, Moderator, Benjamin Weeden, Robert C. Steele, Roberdeau Allison, and David K. Steele. Absent: Brother Chesley Burnett and W.C. Ewing. Brother Benjamin Wells presented himself as a candidate and was received as a member of New Lebanon Congregation by recommendation he having been a member of a different branch of Christian people, Rev. James Martin, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

Mar. 14, 1869: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met at New Lebanon Church. Members present: Rev. James Mar-tin, Moderator, Bros. Benjamin Weeden, Robert C. Steele, Roberdeau Allison and D.K. Steele. Absent: Bros. Chesley Burnett and William C. Ewing. On motion of Brother B. Weeden, Robert C. Steele was elected to represent said congregation in the next Presbytery which is to meet at Mount Hereb Church in Saline County on the first Friday in April 1869. Brother Allison was chosen as Brother Steele's alternate, New Lebanon March 14 1869. Rev. James Martin, Moderator, D.K. Steele, Secretary.

Members Names [probably as of 1855:] Benj. Weeden; Catherine Weeden; Nancy M.F. Weeden; Lavenia C. Weeden; Mary J. Weeden; Finis E. Berry; Reuben A. Ewing; Jarvis Ewing; William Cook; Hannah Cook; Ioena Cook; Caroline Cook; Sarah Cook; Mary A. Cordry; Hugh A.B. Johnston; Ellener Johnston; Ellen C. Read; Sarah Stoneman; Mary Stoneman; Kesiah J. Stoneman; Virginia Stoneman; Mary Walker; John W. Walton; Eliza J. Walton; Benj. C. Lampton; Hetty A. Lampton; Mary A. Wear; John R. Wear; Ann E. Wear; Robert S. Wear; Mary R. Wear; Roberdeau Allison; Artemesia R. Allison; David Gilbert; Eliza E. Gilbert; Catharine Mann; Eliza J. Mann; John Bell; Martha Bell; Sidney E. Moad; Eliza E. Asbury; Caroline E. Thies; Nancy Thompson; Elizabeth Shanberger; Adam Shanberger; Manuel Shanberger; Joshua Rickman; Rebecca Rickman.

Aug. 1856: Mrs. Paulina Stratton. Sept. 1856: Joseph B. Steele; Allie Steele; N.E. Ruby; Lavenia J. Ruby; Julia C. Fielding; Margaret Hail; Mary A. Stratton; Elizabeth R. Stratton; Chesley Burnett; Sarah R. Burnett; Henry R. Burnett; David K. Steele; Elizabeth C. Steele; Winaford A. Burns; Mary L. Lewis; Elizabeth D. Burnett; Green R. Cordry; Elizabeth J. Cordry; Mary J. Cordry. November 5th 1857: Mrs. Nancy Neal; Malinda Henderson; John Cooper.

March 21st 1858: Robert C. Steele; Eliza B. Steele; Rachel J. Shanberger; James T. Weeden; Virginia T.F. Weeden; Lavinda McClelland; William M. McClelland; Charles C. Harvey; Martha Ann Steele; Eliza Cooper; Maranda T. Amick; Abram Aralek; Jamina Aralek; Joseph T. Steele; Mary R. Weeden; R.H. Koontz; Martha Koontz; M.K. Wear; James R. Johnston; Margaret Johnston; Robert S. Somerville; Martha E. Cordry; Margaret A. Fielding; Adaline Ater; James S. Deckard; [he married Aug. 21, 1845 Moniteau Co. Mo. Margaret Drinkwater] Cordelia A. Jenkins.

August 29, 1859: James H. Steele; Mary C. Koontz; Melissa Koontz; Mary F. Steele; Margaret J. Steele; Catharine Colbert; William W. Waller; William B. Colbert; William Feland; J.B. Walton.

September 4th 1859: James W. Johnson; Margaret E. Neal; Missouri A. Amick; Mary E. Somerville; Susan Caton; Eliza Adaline Rue; Margaret J. Huffman; Rebecca Hall; James N. Cordry; Emma Slaughter; William C. Ewing; William H. Tubb; Lueinda Caton; Hiram C. Hall; William Hooper; Sarah J. Burns; Mary Ann Hall; William H. Steele.

January 8th 1860: Albert Paxton; Margaret E. Wade; Mevlina F. Dandridge; Eliza Weeden; Eliza Paxton; Nancy Wade.

January 14th 1860: Matilda F. Wade; Isabella J. Head; Margaret L. Paxton; Elmina Paxton; Mary M. Tubb; Parsons M. Henderson; Catherine Paxton; Joshua Lewis; Dicy Lewis; Harvey Lewis; Phoebe Lewis.

April 15, 1860: G.D. Smith.

Aug. 26, 1860: Martha J. Alexander; Samantha P. Burnett; Hudson Windsor; James B. Smith; Anthony Wilson; Sarah Drinkwater; Sarah J. Berry; Sarah V. Bell; Sarah A. Caton; John Hemphill; George Croft; Sam H. Huffman; Mary C. Burnett; Sarah E. Feelan; Nancy A. Feelan; Rebecca Koontz; William Smith; Martha Ewing; Mary R. Field; William M. Robertson; William J. Smith; Henry R. Burnett; Thomas W. Ruby; John B. Davis; Margaret Stephens; Amanda F. Ewing; Carter P. Ewing; Morris Mann; Jane Mann; Harriet Hall; Elizabeth Hubbard; Frances E. Horton; William C. Fite; Sarah Elliot. Jan. 27, 1861: J.N. Caton, Sept. 8th 1861: Leonard Stark; Virginia Harris; David K. Steele; Joseph Y. Steele; Mariah Steele.

Sept. 12, 1864: Margaret Cordry; Sarah F. Steele; Margaret Steele.

Sept. 13th 1864: James H. Kuykendall; David C. Beaver; Benj. F. Weeden; Return J. Starke; James H. Lewis; Thomas F. Amick; Sarah E. Berry; Louisa A. Bell; Mary J. Bell; Eliza A. Kuykendall; Sarah M. Amick; Susan C. Amick; Sarah P. Starke; Melissa J. Cordry; Mary F. Andrews; Sarah N. Warden; Sarah F. Ater; Rudolph Kleiner; Mollie J. Steele; Elizabeth Starke; John W. Koontz; Adaline Pryor; Ann Eliza Andrews; M.C. Smith; Amanda Rice; Margaret Linsley; Margaret J. Alexander; Melissa P. Alexander; Melissa P. Kuykendall; Elizabeth C. Steele; Mary J. Crites; Eliza J. Cordry; Mary F. Burnett; William J. Smith; Margaret J. Smith; Clementina B. Steele; Green R. Cordry; Samira A. Burnett; Catherine Hedges; Clark Hooper; John C. Keeton; Mollie Murphy; William B. Hedges; Kate C. Allison.

November 6th 1866: Alice Bell Baker. March 25th 1867: Ellen Chouse. May 5th 1867: R.B. Stoneman; Martha Stoneman. July 7th 1867: Eliza J. Steele; Elizabeth Offield. Sept. 21st 1867: Henry R. Burnett; John H. Robertson; James E.F. Robertson; James W. Steele; John D. Starke; Jonathan Brownfield; Mrs. R.F. Nichols; Mrs. Catherine Brownfield; Mrs. Martha E. Foglesong; Henry H. Hall; Henry R. Lewis; Mary W. Neal; Mary E. Robertson; Mrs. Lois Lewis. March 14th 1869: Benjamin Wells. June 14th 1869: A.A. Foster; M.C. Foster; T.A. Foster; Sarah M. Foster. September 5th 1869: William D. Cordry; Orlena L. Stratton; Frances E. Steele; Lena E. Burnett; Jennie H. Steele; Sidney Lampton; Alice Wells; Catharine Hedges; Wilson C. Foster; Benj. C. Lampton; Hester A. Lampton; Elijah Tuttle; Robert S. Burns; Finis H. Foster; John Reese; Chas. A. Wells; Henry Spillers; William H. Steele; Virgil Koontz; Benj. F. Simmons; Nicholas Hedges.

September 26th 1869: Thomas W. Ruby; John B. Alexander.

Removals Without Letters: 1848: Thos. Ruby; Jane Ruby; Robert W. Eller; John W. Walton; Eliza J. Walton. 1849: Thom. J. Carpenter; Danetta Carpenter; Nancy J. Elliot; Eliza A. Elliot; Ivy McCoy; Eliza Shanklin; Wm. H. Shanklin; William Shanklin; Francis Shanklin; Sarah Shanklin. 1850: Henry Ruby; Mary A. Ruby; Virginia E. Ruby; Permela M. Ruby; William D. Reavis; Alvernon S. Strite. 1861: J.N. Caton.

Removal By Letter: Sept. 8, 1846: W.G. Asbury; Eliza Asbury. April 4, 1851: Margaret Johnston. Sept. 5, 1852: Anderson Cook; Lucinda Cook. March 14, 1858: Martha McCutcheon; Albert McCutcheon; Caroline Cook.

Aug. 18, 1858: Sidney E. Moad. Oct. 2, 1858: Malinda Henderson; R.S. Wear; Mary R. Wear; Carrie E. Hues.
Sept. 4, 1859: Elizabeth Wear. Sept. 26, 1859: William
McClelland; Frances McClelland. Feb. 20, 1860: G.R. Cordry; Mary J. Cordry; Elizabeth d. Cordry; D.K.
Steele; Caroline Steele; Ben C. Lampton; Hette A. Lampton. Aug. 29, 1860: Wm. H. Tubb. Oct. 28, 1660: Mary M.
Tubb; Wm. I. Smith; Henry R. Burnett. March 1862: William W. Waller.
Names of Colored Persons: James L. Wear's Richard joined Sept. 5, 1848; J. Hammond's Boy Daniel
joined April 29, 1849; G.L. Moad's Girl Sally joined Jan. 9, 1855.

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