

## Appendix F. Perry County Names and Places

**Albright** - 1851:6/1, 1852:2/15. Raber baptized Esther Amelia and Mary Evaline, children of Christian and Elizabeth Albright. Christian died about 1865 and, although Elizabeth lived until 1884, the children came under the guardianship of George Blattenberger of Mt. Patrick. While the baptisms took place at or near Snyder's church, the Albrights resided at the time of Christian's death in Buffalo twp very near to Bucks UB church of the Allegheny Conf. They apparently moved from Wheatfield to Buffalo twp between 1852 and 1865.

**Baileysburg** - 1851:2/24 4/21 5/13 6/3 9/16 11/18, 1852:5/11 5/31 6/15. This community, more commonly known as Bailey's or Bailey's Station, is along the railroad tracks that follow the south bank of the Juniata. While it produced no enduring UB congregation or church building, Baileysburg supported a regular preaching appointment during Raber's years on the circuit. When in the area, he lodged with the Van Camps.

**Barclay's school house** (Saville twp) - 1851:3/2 5/18 6/29 7/20 9/21 11/16, 1852:2/8 3/21 4/11 5/2 5/23 6/20 7/18. A regular UB preaching appointment on Middle Ridge in the southeast corner of the township. This was one of the appointments used to form Ickesburg circuit in 1862.

**Berkheimer, Michael** - 1852:5/2. Raber baptized daughter Catherine Ann of this man and his wife Sarah. He became the leader of the Ridge class, later called the Red school house class, one of the appointments used to form Ickesburg circuit in 1862.

**Billow, Jacob** - 1851:5/30. A trustee of the New Bloomfield Methodist Episcopal church, he was a prominent county entrepreneur who operated mills and other businesses, speculated in a Duncannon to Broad Top railroad, promoted temperance and served as president of the county agricultural fair.

**Bloomfield** - 1847:8/30, 1848:8/25, 1851:3/3 4/10 4/16 5/3 5/9 5/30 6/15 7/6 7/27 8/15 9/7 9/9 9/19 10/19 11/9 12/14, 1852:3/12. Although near the center of Perry circuit and the town where most of its circuit riders chose to locate, New Bloomfield did not have a UB building until 1897. Before that time, UB preaching was done in the Presbyterian and Methodist buildings and in the Jericho school house (where a class was finally organized in 1872) that stood in Clouser hollow south of town. By 1861 Perry circuit had grown to 18 appointments. The 1862 conference split the circuit along the road from Newport through New Bloomfield to Landisburg, with the northern portion becoming Ickesburg circuit. The northern UB work was weakened by the 1889 denominational split, and in 1898 New Bloomfield was added to those appointments (which had been renamed Eschol circuit in 1879) to form New Bloomfield circuit. In 1900 the parsonage for this new arrangement was relocated from Donnally Mills to New Bloomfield. By 1904 most of the northern appointments were no longer viable, and New Bloomfield circuit was placed back on Perry circuit -- renamed Shermansdale circuit in 1907. As the remaining northern churches were gradually closed, a core of 6 strong congregations (Young's, Shermansdale, Reibers, Dellville, Snyder's and New Bloomfield) constituted the Shermansdale UB circuit for many years.

**Bruner, Jacob** - 1847:8/30, 1848:8/25, 1849:8/16, 1850:8/2. A resident southeast of New Bloomfield on whose land the UB's held an annual camp meeting beginning in the 1830's until 1883. The Bruners were Methodists, and that denomination also held camp meetings there.

**Burd** - 1852:1/17 1/18. A Mannsville area family, probably James William Burd (1800-1863) and Elizabeth Sullenberger Burd (1802-1887).

**Burkheimer** - 1852:1/18. A Mannsville area family which suffered the loss of small twin boys.

**Carrigan** - 1851:7/21 11/17 12/1, 1852:3/33. A family with whom Raber lodged when preaching at the Oakland school house.

**Centre school house** (Wheatfield twp) - 1851:2/23 5/11 6/1 7/13 8/3 9/14 10/26, 1852:1/4 2/14 3/28 4/18 5/9 5/30 6/27 7/4. A regular German UB preaching place east of Snyder's church that stood on the west side of route 274 near the Montebello Farm Road intersection.

**Crane, George W.** - 1851:6/17 7/25 7/27 9/7, 1852:2/5. Raber apparently formed a friendship with this prominent New Bloomfield family. He referred to George W. as "father Crane," invited son Irvine J. to accompany him on a trip, officiated at the marriage of daughter Rebecca Ann, and stayed with them when his own family was visiting relatives in Adams Co.

**Dill** - 1851:2/24 2/25. A Baileysburg family with whom Raber lodged.

**Dill, M.T.** - 1851:4/23 6/11 7/2 7/23 9/17 10/22. A Milford family with whom Raber lodged.

**Elliott** - 1852:5/16. A family in whose house Raber preached.

**Faler, Wilson** - 1852:1/28. A man whose ailing wife was baptized by Raber.

**Fenstermaker, E.** - 1852:2/1 3/14. A Duncannon family with whom Raber lodged.

**Forney, John** - 1851:2/27. A resident of the area north of Milford.

**Gamber, Peter** - 1852:8/1. A Duncannon family whose children Matilda Jane and George Washington were baptized by Raber.

**Germany valley** - 1851:9/8 9/10. In Spring twp, south of Elliottsburg.

**Gingerich, Lewis K.** - 1851:3/1 4/27 6/8 6/29 7/20 9/21 11/2 11/16 12/21, 1852: 2/8 3/21 4/11 5/2 6/20. Class leader of the Raccoon valley appointment and Raber's overnight host whenever he preached there. The later UB building in the area became known as Gingerich's church.

**Gutwolt** - 1851:5/30. A trustee of the New Bloomfield Methodist Episcopal church.

**Humes, Sarah A.** - 1852:1/13. Raber performed the marriage ceremony of this New Bloomfield resident and Jacob Ketnar.

**Huston, Rev. Thomas** - 1851:9/14. A local preacher with a quarterly conference license who was an active member of Snyder's church.

**Ickes, Dr. Jonas** - 1851:5/10, 1852:8/2. A descendant of the founding family of Ickesburg, Dr. Ickes practiced medicine there and west of Duncannon before establishing himself in New Bloomfield in 1825, where he practiced until moving to Illinois in 1856.

**Juniata furnace** - 1851:2/26 4/22 5/6 5/31 6/20 7/12 9/18 11/15 12/6, 1852:4/1 4/9 4/16 5/7 5/28 6/26 7/24. This community, a regular UB preaching appointment at the time of the journal, existed near the eastern edge of Little Buffalo state park. The furnace ceased operations about 1849, and a cyclone destroyed the remaining buildings in 1855.

**Kochenderfer** - 1852:5/23. A family in Raccoon Valley with whom Raber lodged.

**Kurtz, Sally** - 1850:6/6. A resident north of the Juniata river.

**Lackey's school house** (Carroll twp) - 1851:9/7. This school house near Crum's Corner took its name from Henry Lackey. The Methodist congregation that became Mt. Gilead held their early meetings in the Lackey home and school house.

**Lackey, Rev. Alexander** - 1851:9/11 12/4, 1852:3/13. A local preacher with a quarterly conference license. He was a prominent member in the early days of Young's church and lived just north of there. Raber officiated at the 12/4/1851 marriage of son John and lodged with son Alexander Jr.

**Liverpool** - 1850:6/6, 1851:6/17. Since Liverpool was north of the Juniata river, the UB work based here became part of the Allegheny Conf when it was formed from the PA Conf in 1839. Circuit church buildings existing in Raber's day were Liverpool (1847) and Reward (1850). Those erected later were Pfoutz Valley (1854), Salem (1856), Hill (1874) and Bucks (1892). The Liverpool UB congregation erected its present building in 1902. Now Liverpool UM, they received the members of the town's Evangelical and Methodist congregations immediately following the 1946 EUB and 1968 UM unions. The 1867 St. Mary's Evangelical church is now an apartment building, and the 1877 Methodist structure (the congregation's second) stands empty.

**Long, Elizabeth** - 1851:11/9. A child baptized by Raber at Young's church.

**Lupfer's Spring** - 1851:8/15. Site of the 1851 Perry circuit camp meeting.

**Markle's school house** (Centre twp) - 1851:4/26 6/7 6/28 7/19 9/20 12/15, 1852:1/10 1/14 2/7 3/20 4/10 5/1 5/22 7/17. A regular UB preaching appointment. The school house was south of Mannsville at the junction of Mannsville and Pleasant Valley Roads. The class meeting here became known as Small's and was one of the appointments used to form Ickesburg circuit in 1862. The congregation later erected a church in Mannsville, but suffered dwindling membership following the 1889 denominational split. The building was sold to the Maccabee Lodge in 1911 and has since been razed. Only a small cemetery remains.

**McClintic [McClintock], John** - 1851:2/21 6/14 7/5 9/6 11/29 12/13, 1852:3/12 5/15. Raber lodged regularly at this house, about one mile east of Reiber's school house on the road to Young's church, after preaching at Reiber's.

**McGonegal, Patrick** - 1851:9/8. A resident of Germany valley.

**McGowan** - 1852:4/9 4/16. A resident of Juniata Furnace with whom Raber lodged.

**Middle Ridge** - 1852:7/25. In Juniata twp, north of Little Buffalo creek.

**Milford** - 1851:2/27 4/23 5/21 6/11 7/2 7/23 9/17 10/18 10/20 10/22. A UB regular preaching appointment in 1851, Milford (aka Wila) was dropped in 1852. The Evangelicals had erected a building there in 1844 (now Wila UM church), and the area appears to have been inhospitable toward other denominations.

**Millerstown** - 1851:12/20. Being north of the Juniata river, Millerstown was outside the Perry circuit -- and even outside the UB's PA Conf. The UM church here was formerly Methodist.

**Mogel's school house** (Centre twp) - 1852:7/3 7/25. A UB preaching place a few miles northwest of New Bloomfield at the junction of Sky Line and Laural Grove roads.

**Murphy, William** - 1851:6/1 6/8. Raber held funeral services at Snyder's church on consecutive weeks for this Carroll township couple. Mary died 5/31/1851 aged 75y-9m-10d, and William died 6/6/1851 aged 73y-0m-10d.

**Myers, C.** - 1851:2/26 4/22. A family at Juniata furnace with whom Raber sometimes lodged when preaching there.

**New Buffalo** - 1850: 6/7. Since New Buffalo was north of the Juniata river, any area UB work was a part of the Allegheny Conf. The present UM church here was formerly Methodist.

**Newport** - 1852:5/18. The Market Street and Calvary UM congregations here were formerly Methodist and Evangelical respectively.

**Oakland school house** (Tuscarora twp) - 1851:4/28 7/21 11/17 12/1 12/4, 1852:3/22 5/3. A regular UB preaching appointment in the southwestern corner of the township, this was one of the appointments used to form Ickesburg circuit in 1862. The congregation erected a church in Eschol in 1870, and the school house appears in the 1877 county atlas as the home of J. Hutchinson. Ickesburg circuit was re-named Eschol circuit in 1879. The UB work in the area was weakened by the 1889 denominational split, and the circuit ceased to be viable soon afterward. In 1909 it was placed "under the care of" Shermansdale circuit, and in 1910 authorization was given to sell the Eschol, Otterbein and Mannsville church properties. The Eschol church building, which stood by the cemetery, was reported sold for \$290 in 1913.

The UBOC tried to maintain Eschol circuit for a while, but could not sustain the work when the courts awarded the church buildings to the other faction. They did erect the Mount Vernon church northwest of Green Park in 1894 and supply several non-church appointments for a number of years, but the work was never strong. The building was sold in the 1980's and is now a private residence. A cemetery remains.

**Owen, Jesse** - 1851:6/1 6/23, 1852:1/3 2/3 3/28. A UB farmer and blacksmith near Duncannon at whose house Raber occasionally lodged. Jesse (1810-1890) married Susanna Snyder, daughter of UB pioneer Rev. John Snyder and brother of the journal's Rev. John G. Snyder. The March 1851 meeting to plan the erection of the Duncannon UB church was held in the Jesse Owen home, and he was one of the congregation's original trustees. The family moved to Ohio in 1864.

**Owen, Levi** - 1852:6/6. A UB layman with whom Raber lodged. Levi was married to Catherine Snyder who, like the wife of his brother Jesse, was a daughter of UB pioneer Rev. John Snyder.

**Petersburg [Duncannon]** - 1849:8/21, 1851:6/1 11/22 11/27 12/25, 1852:1/3 1/4 1/31 3/14 3/28 4/14 4/25 5/9 7/4 8/1. The UB class here was organized in 1845 and dedicated their first building during Raber's pastorate. The church became a station appointment in 1886 and dedicated its present structure in 1903.

**Raccoon valley [school house]** (Tuscarora twp) - 1851:3/1 4/27 6/29 7/20 9/21 11/1 11/2 11/16, 1852:2/8 3/21 4/11 5/2 5/23 6/20 7/18. This stone building between Ickesburg and Donnally Mills was a regular UB preaching appointment that was remodelled for worship services about 1861 and named Gingerich's church. A new frame building was erected in 1892 and sold in 1910 to the Methodists, who renamed it Marsh Run. Services were discontinued in 1928 and the structure is now a cabin.

**Reed** - 1852:2/2. A family with whom Raber lodged.

**Ressler, Catherine** - 1852:4/14. A woman whose funeral Raber conducted in Duncannon.

**Reiber's school house** (Spring twp) - 1851:2/21 5/4 5/25 6/14 7/5 9/6 11/29 12/13, 1852 1/24 1/28 4/3 4/24 5/15 6/13. This regular UB preaching appointment near the Carroll township line was eventually converted into a church building. The congregation left the EUB denomination in 1952 and continues today as an independent church.

**Ritter, Dr. Jacob** - 1850:6/6, 1852:8/2 8/5. Born near Chambersburg, this Liverpool physician is UB preacher Rev. Jacob Ritter (1815-1901). At the age of 12 he went to live with his married sister in Chambersburg, to attend the high school there, and was converted at the old stone UB church there. He entered the PA Conf in 1833 and transferred to the Allegheny Conf when it was formed in 1839. He rode large circuits, one of which covered six counties, and founded First UB in Johnstown -- site of the 1946 EUB Uniting Conference. In his autobiography he says, "I frequently slept in garrets covered with clap-boards, through which the snow sifted and the winds blew, and in the morning my bed would be covered with snow and sleet." He later studied medicine and located in Liverpool, where he is buried, in 1850. Dr. Ritter was the last surviving charter member of the Allegheny Conf.

**Roseburg** - 1851:4/27 6/8 7/20 9/21 11/2 11/16, 1852:2/8 3/21 4/11 5/2 5/23 6/20 7/18. A regular preaching appointment south of Ickesburg, in which more promising location the UB's later owned a church. But the congregation there dwindled and the building, which is still standing, was sold in 1883 to a local cornet band.

**Roth** - 1852:5/8. A resident in the area of New Bloomfield.

**Runyan, R.** - 1851:4/28, 1852:5/3. A member of the "Christian Connection" with whom Raber sometimes lodged when preaching at Oakland school house.

**Shomberger, Rebecca Ann Crane** - 1852:2/5. Raber united Mrs. Shomberger, eldest daughter of George W. Crane, and John Shuman in marriage 2/5/52.

**Shuman, John** - 1852:2/5. Raber united the Saville township resident and Mrs. Rebecca Ann Shomberger (nee Crane) in marriage 2/5/52. Among their children was Lewis Wayne Shuman (born near Ickesburg 10/4/55) who taught school in Perry Co, Illinois and Nebraska before moving to California.

**Small, Adam** - 1851:3/2 4/26 5/17 6/28 7/19 9/20 12/15, 1852:1/4 1/19 2/7 3/20 4/10 5/1 5/22. Raber lodged with Adam and his wife Elizabeth when preaching at Markle's school house, where they were active members.

**Smiley** - 1851:11/10, 1852:2/15 6/13. A large extended family in the Shermansdale area descended from 1755 settler John Smiley. The family produced several pastors, including John M. Smiley and L.C. Smiley who joined the UB's PA Conf in 1860 and 1901 respectively. The former organized the UB work at Shippensburg in 1866 and sided with the UBOC in 1889. The journal does not specify which Smiley family provided overnight lodging for Raber.

**Smith, Samuel** - 1851:5/30. A trustee of the New Bloomfield Methodist Episcopal church.

**Snyder's church** (Wheatland twp) - 1851:2/23 4/20 5/11 6/1 6/8 6/21 7/13 8/3 9/14 10/26 12/24, 1852:2/15 3/28 4/18 4/19 5/9 5/30 6/5 6/27 7/25. Erected in 1814 as the second UB structure within the present conference boundaries (after the 1793 Neidig Memorial church in Oberlin), the original building stood in the nearby cemetery and was one of first in the denomination. A new church was built adjacent to the cemetery in 1905 and moved 150 yards west to its present location in 1961.

**Snyder, George** - 1851:2/23 4/20 5/11 5/12 6/18 7/13 8/3 9/14 10/26. A Penn township family, no relation to the Snyders of Snyder's church, with whom Raber lodged when preaching at Stone school house.

**Spahr** - 1851:5/3 6/13 9/12 9/23 10/17 11/5 11/7 11/20 12/12, 1852:3/10 3/11 4/2 4/23 6/12. A family, at the base of the mountain separating Perry and Cumberland counties, at whose house Raber lodged and preached. Raber and his family also used this home as an overnight stop on their southern travels in and out of Perry Co.

**Sterrett's gap** - 1848:8/28, 1851:2/21. The low point where route 34 crosses the Blue mountain between Carlisle and New Bloomfield.

**Stone school house** (Penn twp) - 1851:2/23 4/20 5/11 6/18 7/13 8/3 9/14 10/26. A regular UB preaching place, probably the building erected by the seceder Presbyterian church on the Hickory Grove loop off route 274 before they relocated in Duncannon in 1852.

**Stoufer, William** - 1851:11/11. Raber baptized his children Mary Ellen and Thomas Jefferson. He was one of the charter members of the Shermansdale class when it was formed from the Bethel class (Young's church) 1/18/1863. For many years the UB's and other denominations held camp meetings in his woods near Shermansdale.

**Toomey** - 1851:4/29 6/10 7/1 7/22 11/19 12/19, 1852:4/13 5/25. A family west of Milford at whose house Raber lodged and preached.

**Van Camp** - 1851:4/21 5/13 6/3 9/16 11/18, 1852: 5/11 5/31 6/15. A Baileysburg family with whom Raber lodged when preaching there. William Van Camp came from Holland and settled in Kingston, NY. In fear of an Indian uprising, the family fled from there on horseback with all their effects and arrived in Perry Co in 1792.

**Wallace, Samuel** - 1851:10/28. He became an active member of the Pleasant Grove appointment, which erected a church near the intersection of Pleasant Grove and Windy Hill roads in 1874 and the Dellville UM church at its present site in 1906.

**Wantz, Amos** - 1851:2/28 6/30 9/22, 1852:4/12 5/24. Raber lodged with this eastern Tuscarora township teacher when he preached in the "deep hollow" -- the narrow valley containing Sugar Run. Later named the Sugar Run class, this was one of the appointments used to form Ickesburg circuit in 1862. The class was later absorbed into Otterbein Chapel, which stood about a mile south of Donnally Mills near and was sold about 1916

**Wilson, Isaac** - 1851:7/14 9/15 12/22, 1852:3/29 5/10 6/27. A Wheatfield township resident with whom Raber lodged when preaching at Wilson's school house. While he died 7/26/1855 at the age of 44, his wife Calinda Gladden Wilson died 2/24/1897 at the age of 79.

**Wilson's school house** (Wheatfield twp) - 1851:4/20 5/12 6/2 7/14 9/15, 1852:2/1 3/29 4/18 5/10 5/30 6/27 8/1. A regular UB preaching place in the east part of the township near the intersection of Sulphur Springs road and route 849.

**Wolf** - 1851:7/26. A resident between New Bloomfield and Young's church.

**Young's church** (Carroll twp) - 1851:2/22 4/12 5/4 5/25 6/15 7/6 7/27 9/7 11/8 11/10 11/14 11/10 12/14, 1852:2/15 3/13 4/4 4/25 5/16 6/13 7/11. Erected by the UB's in 1842, this building housed the appointment officially formed as Bethel class but commonly called Young's. The existing church was built on the same site in 1896.

# Perry County UB Map

