

Appendix H. Other Names and Places

Annville (Lebanon Co) - 1850:6/11 6/12. This community, in which the denomination established Lebanon Valley College in 1867, has always been a UB stronghold. Annville's 1825 church building was the second (after Neidig's 1793 structure in Oberlin) in the entire denomination to be erected east of the Susquehanna.

Albright (denomination) - 1848:9/11 9/27 11/1, 1851:6/17 10/22 12/2, 1852:5/1 6/13. Although the official name of the denomination founded by Jacob Albright was the Evangelical Association, common usage favored terms like "Albright church" and "Albright preacher" and "Albrights." The Evangelical Church (as it was later known) merged with the UB's in 1946 to form the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) denomination. These two groups were almost identical in doctrine and polity, and both began as revival movements among the Pennsylvania Germans. The relationship between the two groups from their beginnings until merger might be best described as "friendly competition," and there never was any major animosity or jealousy. In a move described as the merging of the German and English branches of Methodism, the EUB's and the Methodists united in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church.

Bainbridge (Lancaster Co) - 1849:8/21. On the Susquehanna, 4 miles south of the Dauphin Co line.

Bell's ferry (Mifflin Co) - 1850:6/1. A Juniata river crossing, apparently between McVeytown and Mt. Union.

Blair - 1850:5/30. A Fulton Co resident.

Boonsboro (MD) - 1850:4/16. Eleven miles southeast of Hagerstown on route 40. A Reformed log church was built just northeast of town in 1750. When the congregation re-located in town in 1780, a considerable number chose to remain in the old log building. This latter group developed into A UB congregation and re-located in town in 1832 to a large log building with an elevated Reformed-type pulpit. The present brick building was erected in 1868.

Bowman - 1850:5/31. A resident of Shirleysburg, Huntingdon Co.

Carrolltown (MD) - 1848:6/13. In Carroll Co, 5 miles southeast of Westminster.

Clark's ferry (Dauphin Co) - 1848:8/25, 1849:8/21, 1850:6/7. A ferry that crossed the Susquehanna river immediately north of its juncture with the Juniata and connected Duncan's Island with the rest of Dauphin Co.

Columbia (Lancaster Co) - 1849:8/22. On route 30 at the Susquehanna river. The 4/26/1814 entry of Christian Newcomer's diary reads, "Today I rode through Columbia. They are building a bridge across the Susquehanna River at this place; this is a wonderful undertaking; where will the inventive genius of man stop?" Regular UB preaching began here in 1846, and the congregation erected its first building in 1860 on Perry Street. The present building on Fifth Street was erected in 1887.

Cress - 1851:3/8. A resident near Scrub ridge, Fulton Co.

Dauphin (Dauphin Co) - 1848:8/25, 1849:8/21, 1850:6/8. On the Susquehanna, 10 miles north of Harrisburg. The UB's never had a congregation here. The Evangelical Association church here sided with the United Evangelicals in 1894 and became Evangelical Congregational when it remained out of the 1922 re-union. The Methodists began an appointment here in 1819 and erected a large frame building in 1837. The present church was erected in 1888 using stone from old river bridge piers following a 1/12/1888 fire that destroyed their previous building and the neighboring Dauphin Car Works.

Dickson, Dr. - 1848:6/17. A resident of Finksburg MD.

Dublin Mills (Huntingdon Co) - 1850:5/31. There was once a Methodist church here, erected in 1883 at the intersection where the Dawney-Woodal store previously stood -- it and several neighboring houses having been destroyed by a devastating fire on Easter morning 1881. The church was closed in 1971, sold in 1976, and razed.

Duncan's Island (Dauphin Co) - 1850:6/7. The boundary of Dauphin Co was originally specified as the west bank of the Susquehanna and included the area's islands. Now physically joined to the west bank, this "island" remains part of Reed twp, Dauphin Co -- even though its police, fire and school services are provided from

Perry Co. In the 1860's and 70's the UB's had an appointment here, but no church building.

Dunker (denomination) - 1848:8/13, 1851:9/19. This term, from the German *tunken* (to immerse), refers to the German Baptist Brethren -- now known as the Church of the Brethren. Similar to the Mennonites, these German pietists first came from Europe to seek religious freedom in Pennsylvania in 1719 under Peter Becker and in 1729 under Alexander Mack. Historically they administered adult baptism as admission into their denomination and did not offer it to those unwilling to join.

Emmittsburg (MD) - 1850:3/6. In Frederick Co, 11 miles southwest of Gettysburg on old route 15. Staying to the main roads while travelling from Greencastle to Gettysburg, Raber veered into Maryland at Emmittsburg.

Estherton (Dauphin Co) - 1847:7/15 7/16, 1848:8/24, 1849:8/21. Once a distinct community along the Susquehanna just south of the present I-81 bridge, Estherton now forms the northern part of greater Harrisburg.

Filson - 1850:6/1. A Mifflintown (Juniata Co) resident.

Finksburg (MD) - 1848:6/13. In Carroll Co, 8 miles southeast of Westminster.

Fox, John - 1847:7/16, 1850:6/14. A resident of Estherton, Dauphin Co.

German Reformed (denomination) - 1847:8/2, 1848:7/31 10/13 11/12, 1849:5/14 6/12 6/15, 1850:2/27, 1851:10/12. Original church of UB co-founder Philip William Otterbein, the denomination promoted seminary-trained pastors, liturgical worship, and acceptance of the sacraments and historic creeds (rather than a conversion experience) as evidence of salvation. In addition to Otterbein and his followers, other Reformed preachers who endorsed experiential religion were John Winebrenner (who left to found the Church of God in 1830) and those of John W. Nevin's "Mercersburg theology." The denomination's Marshall College moved from Mercersburg (Franklin county) to Lancaster in 1853 to unite with Franklin College. The seminary was located in Carlisle (1825-1829), York (1829-1837), Mercersburg (1837-1871) before following the college to Lancaster.

Gippel - 1850:6/7 6/8. A family residing on Duncan's Island, Dauphin Co.

Hagerstown (MD) - 1850:3/5 4/16 4/22. Regular UB preaching here began in 1790 under George Adam Geeting. Because it was near the geographic center of the UB's "fertile crescent" that extended from the Shenandoah valley through the Cumberland valley and across the Susquehanna, and because it was spiritually receptive to UB work, Hagerstown was considered the denomination's early headquarters. The first UB hymn book (1808), discipline (1816), constitution (1822), periodical (1834) were all printed here. The first UB church here, and the third in the entire denomination (after Geeting's in Keedysville MD and Neidig's in Oberlin PA), was a log cabin erected on West Washington Street in 1805.

Hampstead (MD) - 1848:6/13. In Carroll Co on the road from Hanover to Baltimore.

Harrisburg (Dauphin Co) - 1847:7/156 7/16 8/28, 1848:8/24 10/11, 1849:5/16 8/21, 1850:6/8 6/11 6/13 6/14 6/15, 1852:7/30. The first UB church here stood at 321-25 North Second Street and was a brick chapel purchased in 1839 from the Methodist congregation that became Grace UM on State Street. The work there lasted only a few years, and the building was sold in 1844. In 1850 David Farrel was appointed to gather the town's UB's into a viable congregation. The second UB church here stood on Front Street south of Locust and was an 1831 chapel purchased in 1851 from the Baptists. While this work lasted longer than the first one, the UB's could not maintain a congregation and the building was sold in 1861.

The 1866 East PA Conf resolved *That it is the duty of this Conference to appoint an earnest working man to Harrisburg Mission Station, give him a liberal appropriation, and instruct him to use his influence in connection with the P.E. of the Harrisburg District to secure a good central lot of ground and have erected thereon such a house of worship as the means will justify.* Rev. William H.S. Keys, a pastor with excellent previous success in such endeavors, was appointed and within two years had established a strong congregation and financial base. Beginning in 1868 Ex-bishop Jacob Erb served without remuneration from his home in Shiremanstown, and in 1869 a lot on Boas Street was purchased and a building erected. A larger structure, the present Otterbein UM building was erected on that same lot in 1882. Over the years, several daughter UB congregations were formed in various parts of the city.

An interesting footnote to the work here involves a venture into working with minorities. The 1873 General Conf Committee on Missions presented this resolution directed to the denomination's Board of Missions: *Your Committee call the attention of the Board to the fact that there is a fine opening for a mission among the colored people of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and recommend that, as early as practicable, they examine into it, and if the way opens, either independently or by the help of the East Pennsylvania Conference, establish a mission in that city.* That same year a building named Plymouth Chapel was erected on Herr Street west of Cameron and used for mission and Sunday School work until about 1890. In 1894 the building was sold to the Asbury ME church of the Washington (black) Conf. Later re-named Mitchell Memorial, this congregation moved several times (Briggs and Cowden, 1322 Marion, 1919 N. Fourth) before uniting with the Camp Curtin church at the latter's location to form the present Camp Curtin Memorial Mitchell UM congregation.

Herr - 1850:6/12. A resident of Annville, Lebanon Co. This family from Lancaster Co was so instrumental in establishing the UB church in Annville that its original structure was known as "Herr's Meeting House." There were five sons (Henry, Abraham, Samuel, Christian and Rudolph), all of whom probably had married children at the time of Raber's 1850 visit. Which Herr hosted Raber cannot be determined.

Highspire (Dauphin Co) - 1849:8/21. The UB work here began under Rev. John Neidig (see THE CHRONICLE VI:3-34), and the first church was dedicated in 1842.

Hummelstown (Dauphin Co) - 1850:6/11. Christian Newcomer visited here at least a dozen times 1797-1824, and the first UB building was erected in 1843. A union effort with the German Baptist Brethren (Church of the Brethren) and River Brethren (Brethren in Christ), it was a small brick structure on the site of the present Trinity UM church. The same three denominations replaced the original building with a two-story brick structure in 1857. The German Baptist Brethren and River Brethren sold their interests to the UB's in 1869 and 1886 respectively.

Keedysville (MD) - 1850:4/16. A 1774 log meeting house erected southeast of here is the very first church erected by the UB's. Known as (Rev. George Adam) Geeting's meeting house, it was replaced in 1845 by the stone Mt. Hebron church erected across the road. The present Salem church was erected in town in 1870, and all that marks the original spot is a monument and cemetery along the overgrown and rutted old road -- which may have been the original path replaced by route 40.

Kehn, Miss Mary - 1848:10/19. A resident of Taneytown, MD.

Kesselring - 1850:5/31. A resident near Dublin Mills, Huntington Co.

Kinter, George - 1848:8/24. A resident of Rockville, Dauphin Co.

Lebanon (Lebanon Co) - 1850:6/11. Erected in 1817 north of Lehman Street on the east side of North Seventh and known as Light's meeting house, the first UB building here was the denomination's second such structure (after Neidig's in Oberlin) east of the Susquehanna river. It was in the new building erected in 1846 at the corner of Church and Ninth streets that which Raber preached. The present brick structure of Salem UM church was erected on the same site in 1890.

Lewistown (Mifflin Co) - 1850:6/1. There are six present UM churches here -- 4 former Methodist, 2 former Evangelical, but none formerly affiliated with the rurally-oriented UB denomination.

Lutheran (denomination) - 1847:11/8 12/15, 1848:9/22, 1849:5/9 8/11 9/2, 1850: 1/27 2/17 5/18 10/21, 1851:6/1. Like the German Reformed, Lutherans looked more toward the sacraments and agreement with creeds as the basis of their faith than toward the religious "experience" of the UB's. Just as John W. Nevin introduced Reformed churches to UB-style religion through his "Mercersburg theology," similar "new measures" later surfaced in some Lutherans circles.

Marietta (Lancaster Co) - 1849:8/21. On the Susquehanna 4 miles north of Columbia.

McConnellsburg (Fulton Co) - 1850:5/30. Although the county was officially within the Allegheny Conf, the PA Conf did establish a Fulton mission. Whether it included McConnellsburg is not known. The present UM church in McConnellsburg is former Methodist, their first building having been erected in 1843 on First Street by the existing graveyard. A brick building was erected at the present site in 1870 and the current building

dedicated in 1925.

Methodist (denomination) - 1847:8/16 8/17 11/8, 1848:1/4 3/2 3/19 4/28 6/4 6/18 8/24 10/1 10/18, 1849:2/10 2/12 4/10 5/11 9/23, 1850:1/2 1/24 10/10, 1851:1/24 1/26 2/9 2/16 5/1 5/9 5/25 5/30 6/16 10/13, 1852:3/7. Officially known as the Methodist Episcopal Church, the denomination was organized as an entity separate from British Methodism in December 1784 at the famous "Christmas Conference" in Baltimore. Not content to receive the new body's entire ecclesiastical authority at the hands of British Methodism, Francis Asbury asked UB co-founder Philip William Otterbein to join John Wesley's designated representative Thomas Coke in ordaining him as the denomination's first bishop.

Methodist Protestant (denomination) - 1851:7/24. This group began as a reform movement within the Methodist Episcopal (ME) church and formally organized as a separate denomination in Baltimore in 1828. Two key Methodist Protestant (MP) desires were for lay representation at annual conferences and a decentralization of power -- with more local congregational control over assets and programs, and less authority for bishops and general conferences. In 1939 the MP, ME and ME South (which had separated from the ME church in 1844) denominations re-united in Kansas City to form the Methodist Church. MP congregations opposed to the Methodist union either became independent or joined other dissenters in forming the Bible Protestant denomination.

Mexico (Juniata Co) - 1851:12/20. Along the north bank of the Juniata river 4 miles southeast of Mifflintown. The UM church here was formerly Evangelical.

Middletown (Lancaster Co) - 1849:8/21. So named because it lies midway between Lancaster and Carlisle, this is the oldest town in Dauphin Co. Five miles southeast of the farm of UB pioneer John Neidig, and on the main road travelled by UB circuit riders between Lancaster Co and the Cumberland valley, the area was exposed to UB preaching before 1800. The first building was erected on Spruce Street in 1851. In 1867 the congregation sold the frame chapel to the Reformed Mennonites and purchased an 1838 brick structure erected by a group that withdrew from St. Peter's Lutheran church. The former Lutheran building was razed in 1892 and the present Evangelical UM sanctuary erected at the same site.

Mifflintown (Juniata Co) - 1850:6/1. Along the north bank of the Juniata river about 12 miles southeast of Lewistown. The UM church here was formerly Methodist.

Miller, Dr. A. - 1850:6/10 6/13. A Harrisburg resident.

Miller, J. - 1850:6/1. A Mifflin County resident.

Mount Pleasant (Dauphin Co) - 1849:8/21. The area now part of Harrisburg where Stevens Memorial (originally called Mt. Pleasant) UM church stands on S. 13th Street.

Oakland [Oakland Mills] (Juniata Co) - 1850:6/2 6/4. Six miles northwest of Mifflintown on route 35.

Orbisonia (Huntingdon Co) - 1850:5/31. The first Methodist church here was built between Rockhill (i.e., old Rockhill which was just southeast of town, and not present Rockhill which is just west of town) was built of native stone in 1844. When it burned in January 1865, the congregation worshipped in the Lutheran church until erecting a frame church on the present site in 1866. That building was moved to the back of the lot and replaced by the present structure in 1885.

Palmyra (Lebanon Co) - 1850:6/11. On route 422 between Harrisburg and Lebanon at the Dauphin Co line. The first UB preaching here occurred in 1843. A class was organized in 1853 and the first building erected in 1870.

Philadelphia - 1850:1/28, 1851:1/5. The relevant history of the UB work here is given under the Rev. J.W. Bonewell entry in Appendix B.

Presbyterian (denomination) - 1847:10/29, 1848:7/2, 1849:9/9, 1850:5/17 7/6 10/10, 1851:5/13 5/30 6/15 7/6 11/10 12/14, 1852:2/22 7/25. The practical and theological bases of the denomination were laid by John Calvin (1509-1564). From the Greek word for "elder," the name Presbyterian refers to their ecclesiastical structure and stresses their strong belief in democratic government for both church and state. British Presbyterians fled

to America following the fall of Cromwell and the return of the monarchy in 1660. Scotch-Irish Presbyterians came later when episcopal (i.e., non-democratic and bishop-oriented) church trends after 1662 drove them from Scotland to Ireland and economic and difficulties coupled with religious persecution drove them from Ireland to America beginning in 1710.

Reisterstown (MD) - 1848:6/13. In Baltimore Co, just northwest of Baltimore.

Rockville (Dauphin Co) - 1847:7/15, 1848:8/24, 1849:8/21, 1850:6/8. North of Harrisburg at the eastern end of the famed Rockville railroad bridge across the Susquehanna. A UB class was organized here in 1868 and a frame church building erected in 1873. Unfortunately, the building was hemmed in by the canal on the west and the railroad on the east, and the population shifted south of the mountain that blocked the town's eastward expansion. The move one mile south to Sixth Street and Linglestown Road was accomplished in 1930, and the present Rockville UM church is no longer in the actual town of Rockville.

Salem [East Salem] (Juniata Co) - 1850:6/2. In Delaware twp, 3 miles north on route 333 from the Thompsett exit of route 322. The UB class here was organized in 1830. Re-named Otterbein UM in 1968, the original one-room frame building stands at the east end of town. In 1850 this circuit was in the Allegheny Conf.

Schrifer, Philip - 1848:6/13. A resident of Reisterstown, MD.

Scrub ridge (Fulton Co) - 1851:3/8. The elevation between Tuscarora mountain and Sideling hill. Although this area was in the Allegheny Conf, the 1867 journal refers to a Scrub Ridge church supplied by St. Thomas circuit. In 1870 the PA Conf desired "Fulton Mission to be supplied and taken charge of" by the Allegheny Conf. In 1874, however, the PA Conf resolved "that a circuit be formed in Fulton County and be called Fulton Circuit." After seven years, the 1881 General Conf formally transferred Fulton Co to the PA Conf. Presiding elder for Chambersburg district Isaiah Baltzell observed the following in 1884. *The Sabbath School work within the bounds is on the advance, but the custom of disbanding schools during the winter is too common. One exception to this custom I will here relate: On the extreme west end of Fulton Circuit, at a country appointment [Wells Valley?], I found on the 10th day of February 1884, a large, live, enthusiastic United Brethren Sunday School in full blast, with United Brethren literature from lesson leaves to singing books.* For some reason, the 1885 General Conf restored the previous boundaries, but at the request of the residents the PA Conf continued serving the circuit. The last appointment by the PA Conf was made in 1892, and the 1893 journal reports that "two houses of worship were secured to us on Fulton charge while under our care but all has since been taken charge of by the Allegheny Conference."

The UB's eventually had at least four churches in Fulton Co, but none of them is UM today. The church at Hustontown (est. 1893) was declared vacant in 1926 and is now a private home. Mt. Tabor (est. 1843) west of Hustontown was discontinued in 1929 when all 53 members were "removed without certificates" and is now an independent church. Discontinued in 1970, Wells Valley (est. 1849) is now owned by the cemetery association. Bethlehem (est. 1849) was discontinued in 1990 and is



Hustontown UB church

now a private home.

Sherk, Abraham - 1850:6/11. One of the original trustees of the 1846 UB church building in Lebanon. In 1854 this congregation organized one of the first Sunday Schools in the denomination and elected Abraham Sherk as its first superintendent.

Shirleysburg (Huntingdon Co) - 1850:5/31. The first record of Methodism here is found in the journal of Rev. Philip Vickers Fithian, a Presbyterian who visited here 8/27/1775 and found "a Methodist society here, but no stated minister." The first official Methodist record appears when Rev. Ayres started the Huntingdon circuit and was surprised to find 59 Methodists in the general area. The mystery of where these Methodists came from was solved in 1984 when director of the Baltimore-Washington Conf Historical Society Rev. Ed Schell found documentation that the famed Robert Strawbridge owned land in Huntingdon Co in March 1775. While this self-appointed circuit rider didn't keep a journal and the full extent of his travels will probably never be known, it now appears that he preached in this area and even organized classes prior to 1775.

Smith, Abraham - 1848:10/19. A Johnsville, Frederick County MD, man at whose marriage Raber officiated.

Taneytown (MD) - 1848:10/19, 1851:8/9. In Carroll Co, 9 miles southwest of Littlestown on route 194. The UB appointment here existed at the time of Raber's journal and was part of Littlestown circuit. The congregation erected the Mount Pleasant church outside town, on the road to Westminster by the existing cemetery, in 1850. The present building in town was erected in 1893.

Thompsontown (Juniata Co) - 1851:12/20. Along the north bank of the Juniata river 6 miles east of Mexico. The UM church here was formerly Methodist.

Unionville [Union Mills] (MD) - 1848:6/13. In Carroll Co, 10 miles southeast of Littlestown on the road to Baltimore.

Updegroff - 1850:6/14. A resident of Estherton, Dauphin Co.

Waynesburg [McVeytown] (Mifflin Co) - 1850:6/1. To arrive here from the west, Raber passed the UB church at the eastern boundary of Wayne twp. This 1847 building of the Wayne UM church is the oldest existing UB building in use in the conference. At one time there was also a UB church in McVeytown, erected shortly before 1900 at the southeast corner of Market and Cresswell. It is now a double house, and the original sanctuary mural is reported to exist behind the upstairs wall. The Methodist congregation here organized in 1832 and two years later dedicated a small church building replaced by the present brick structure in 1874.

Weidman, Adam - 1850:5/31 6/2, 1851:12/20. Brother of Raber's wife, this Juniata Co resident owned mills near his home in Oakland and in Dublin Mills, Huntingdon Co.

Weidman, Benjamin - 1850:6/5, 1851:12/23. This Juniata Co resident was an uncle to the above Adam Weidman and to Raber's wife Catherine.

Welker, George - 1847:8/28, 1850:6/8 6/9. A resident of Harrisburg.

Welker, William - 1847:7/15, 1859:6/14. A resident of Rockville (Dauphin Co).

Westminster (MD) - 1848:6/13. In Carroll Co, 20 miles southeast of Littlestown on the road to Baltimore.

Winebrenner (denomination) - 1850:11/1, 1851:7/6 9/8, 1852:6/1. Officially known as the Churches of God (General Eldership), the denomination was begun in Harrisburg in 1830 by Reformed pastor John Winebrenner (1797-1860), whose revivalistic methods were not acceptable to the church of his ordination. He was of kindred spirit with the UB's and a close friend with Jacob Erb, who re-baptized Winebrenner in the Susquehanna 7/4/1830 to complete his break with his former denomination. His inclinations toward form kept him from identifying completely with the more opened-minded and less structured UB's. Winebrenner strongly promoted adult baptism by immersion, for example, while the UB's left such matters to individual conscience. The denomination has a college and seminary in Findlay OH.

Woodensburg (MD) - 1848:6/13. In Baltimore Co, 7 miles south of Hampstead on the road from Hanover to Baltimore.