

## **Margaret Foster's Text Book 1828, 1829, 1830**

The above title is taken directly from a small manuscript notebook at the conference archives in the file for Lewisberry Church, New Cumberland District. As one of the oldest documents in the archives, it is significant for several reasons – not the least of which is its testimony to the seriousness with which our forebears took church attendance and the preached word.

While the manuscript is only a record of the services attended by one person at several locations, and not a complete record of all the services at any one location, it does provide insight into the patterns by which pulpits were supplied and the texts which were selected.

In 1827 the large Carlisle circuit of approximately 30 preaching appointments was split, and the southern portion called Gettysburg circuit. While Lewisberry remained on Carlisle circuit, nearby Wolgamoods [at Wellsville] was placed on Gettysburg circuit. Margaret Foster was a resident of Lewisberry, but she also attended services at several places on Gettysburg circuit – including Wolgamoods, Stotters, and even Gettysburg itself. Unless otherwise stated, it may be assumed that most of the sermons were delivered in the 1811 Lewisberry stone church – which stood on the site of the present 1856 building.

The following list runs from January 1828 to October 1830. Except for the bracketed notations about annual conference and the change of pastors, it is given essentially as it appears in the manuscript. For the sake of accuracy and consistency, minor spelling and stylistic changes have been made – but the basic content and format is that presented by Margaret Foster. *The Chronicle* has added two appendices of proper names (one for preachers, and one for meeting places) and two appendices of post-1827 circuit appointments (one for Gettysburg circuit, one for Carlisle circuit).

One preacher not appearing on the list is Lorenzo Dow. One secular history reports that he preached a sermon at the Quaker meeting house outside Wellsville during the winter of 1829-30, and then preached in Lewisberry the following evening. Dow made more than one pass through the area, but this one was precisely during the time of Margaret Foster's journal. Apparently she attended (or recorded) only officially Methodist-sanctioned preaching, and one can only speculate on what she might have reported about Dow.

Another interesting notation is that "A & M" were married on April 22, 1830. Whether or not the "M" is Margaret herself is not known, but that remains a distinct possibility – and would be consistent with the tendency of mid-nineteenth journalists to downplay events of personal significance.

[The 1827 Baltimore Conference met in Baltimore on April 12. The preachers assigned to Carlisle circuit were Thomas McGee and Thomas W. Monroe, assisted by Alfred Griffith.]

<u>1828 dates</u>	<u>preacher</u>	<u>comments</u>	<u>text</u>
Jan 20	THW Monroe		II Peter 2:15, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
29	T McGee		John 8:32
Feb 13	THW Monroe	watch meeting	John 12:26, last part
13	THW Monroe	at Stickles	Matthew 11:28
16	John Lenhart		Acts 3:19
17	John Lenhart		John 3:16
	two-day meeting at Lewisberry		
Mar 1	T McGee		Colossians 3:16,17
1	John Lenhart		Psalm 126:5
2	T McGee	farewell	John 5:39
2	John Lenhart	end of meeting	Matthew 11:28
15	THW Monroe		Matthew 19:27
16	THW Monroe		Matthew 22:12
21	J Davis		Hebrews 11:6
30	THW Monroe	farewell	Isaiah 1:18

[The 1828 Baltimore Conference met in Carlisle on April 9. The preachers assigned to Carlisle circuit were Jacob R. Shepherd and John Poisal, assisted by Alfred Griffith.]

Apr 27	John Poisal		Acts 2:21
May 25	M Brewer	at Lisburn	Matthew 19:25, last part
Jun 8	JR Shepherd		Hebrews 11:24-26
21	John Poisal		Proverbs 23:26, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
Jul 6	JR Shepherd		Isaiah 1:18, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
20	John Poisal		Matthew 11:28,29
24	JR Shepherd		Mark 13:35, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	campmeeting at the forge for 1828		
31	Charles A Davis		I Corinthians 3:21-23
Aug 1	William Prettyman		Luke 19:14
1	John Smith		Isaiah 6:5-7
1	THW Monroe		Deut. 7:22, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
2	Francis Hodgson		Revelation 1:5-6
2	Jonathan Munroe		John 5:6, last part
2	Thomas McGee		Ezekiel 33:11, last part
3	Charles A Davis		Colossians 1:28
3	William Prettyman		John 3:8
3	John Bear		Luke 10:20
3	John Smith		I Timothy 1:15
4	Francis Hodgson		John 3:3
4	Jonathan Munroe	end of meeting	Luke 14:18, 1 <sup>st</sup> part

Sept	14	John Poisal		John 12:26
			two day meeting at Wolgamood	
	20	John Poisal		Job 22:21
	20	John Davis		Luke 15:17-20
	20	THW Monroe		II Corin. 5:11, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	21	THW Monroe		I John 4:9
	21	George Cain		II Timothy 4:2, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	21	THW Monroe	end of meeting	Hebrews 2:3, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
			two-day meeting at Lewisberry	
	27	JR Shepherd		Matthew 7:7,8
	27	JR Shepherd		Matthew 18:3
	28	JR Shepherd	end of meeting	Matthew 25:14-19
Oct	12	John Poisal		Revelation 3:20
	23	JR Shepherd		Luke 13:28
	30	John Brown	watch night	Job 16:22
	31	THW Monroe	at Morrison	Habakkuk 3:2, 2 <sup>nd</sup> part
Nov	2	Jonathan Munroe		James 2:26
	9	John Poisal		II Timothy 2:12
	23	JR Shepherd		I Peter 2:9
Dec	7	John Poisal		Romans 3:10
	21	JR Shepherd		Romans 10:12
	24	John Brown	at Wolgamood	I John 3:2
	28	William O Lumsdon	at Gettysburg	Numb. 23:10, last part
	30	William O Lumsdon	at Stauter's	Habakkuk 3:2, 2 <sup>nd</sup> part

<u>1829 dates</u>	<u>preacher</u>	<u>comments</u>	<u>text</u>
Jan	4	John Poisal	Job 22:21
			Quarterly Meeting at Lewisberry
	17	John Bear	Luke 21:36
	17	JR Shepherd	Revelation 3:14,18
	18	John Bear	I John 3:2
	18	John Bear	Luke 10:20
Feb	1	John Poisal	Psalm 89:15,16
	3	M Nolton(?)	Matthew 10:33
	6	William O Lumsdon	Isaiah 48:18
	15	JR Shepherd	Job 23:10
	19	John Poisal	Matthew 19:27
		last sermon	
		last sermon	

[The 1829 Baltimore Conference met in Baltimore on March 18. The preachers assigned to Carlisle circuit were Jacob R. Shepherd and Joseph Spriggs, assisted by Alfred Griffith.]

Apr	12	JR Shepherd		II Samuel 20:9, 2 <sup>nd</sup> part
	26	Joseph Spriggs		James 1:25
			Quarterly Meeting at M Stayman's	
May	2	John Bear		Matthew 5:6
	2	Joseph Spriggs		Revelation 22:17

	3	John Bear		I Samuel 12:24
	3	JR Shepherd	end of meeting	James 4:8, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	10	JR Shepherd		Ephesians 5:1
	24	Joseph Spriggs		Psalm 37:39, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
June	21	Joseph Spriggs		II Peter 2:9
July	5	JR Shepherd		II Corinthians 4:17
	19	Joseph Spriggs		Job 22:21
Aug	2	JR Shepherd		II Corinthians 4:7
		campmeeting at M. Longneckers		
	21	Andrew Hemphill		Malachi 3:16-18
	22	John C Lyon		Matthew 11:7, 2 <sup>nd</sup> part
	22	James Brent		John 4:14
	22	Alfred Griffith		Mark 4:1-23
	23	Charles A Davis		Luke 15:24, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	23	Alfred Griffith		Psalm 19:7, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	23	Jonathan Monroe		Luke 15:7, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	24	Andrew Hemphill		Numbers 10:29
	24	Charles A Davis		Numb. 13:30, last part
	24	William Mitchell		I Peter 2:4
	25	Jonathan Munroe		I John 3:1
	25	James Brent		Joshua 24:15, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	25	John C Lyon	end of meeting	I Thessalonians 1:7-9
	30	JR Shepherd		Proverbs 16:25
Sept	13	Joseph Spriggs		II Corinthians 6:1
	30	Samuel Kepler	grandmother's funeral	Ecclesiastes 9:5, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
Oct	11	Joseph Spriggs	(Hannah Frankeburg)	Eccles. 12:13, 2 <sup>nd</sup> part
Nov	1	William Mitchell		Luke 12:32
	8	JR Shepherd		Matthew 15:22-28
		two-day meeting at Lewisberry		
Dec	4	Joseph Spriggs		John 6:68, last part
	5	William Mitchell		Matthew 6:33
	6	Joseph Spriggs		Colossians 1:28
	6	Joseph Spriggs	end of meeting	Psalm 50:14
	20	John Davis		John 3:16
	<u>1830 dates</u>	<u>preacher</u>	<u>comments</u>	<u>text</u>
Jan	17	JR Shepherd	no text	read a chapter
	30	Joseph Spriggs		II Peter 3:14
Feb	5	JR Shepherd		Revelat. 2:10, last part

[The 1830 Baltimore Conference met in Baltimore on March 10. The preachers assigned to Carlisle circuit were John Bowen and John C. Lyon, assisted by Alfred Griffith.]

Apr	11	John C Lyon		I John 3:2
		A & M married April 22, 1830		
May	9	John C Lyon		Romans 5:18,19

	24	John Bowen		Proverbs 19:23, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
June		John C Lyon		Matthew 4:4
	10	Marmaduke Pearce		Acts 2:3
July	4	John C Lyon		___(?) 4:1
	18	John Bowen		Psalm 34:11
		campmeeting at Stayman's		
		Samuel Bryson		Acts 3:19
		Ford		I Corinthians 15:25
		Hyers		Joshua 3:5, 2 <sup>nd</sup> part
		H Smith		Matthew 16:26
		James Reid		John 5:6, last part
		T McGee		I Peter 4:17, last part
		R Crooks		Ezekiel 9:11
		Hyers		Hebrews 4:16
		THW Monroe		Deut. 33:9, last part
		Alfred Griffith		John 1:29
		Samuel Bryson	end of meeting	Luke 19:8
		John Bowen		Ephesians 4:1
		Marmaduke Pearce		John 9:4
		two-day meeting at Lewisberry		
Oct	9	Alfred Griffith		___(?) 1:5, 1 <sup>st</sup> part
	10	Alfred Griffith		Luke 11:13
	10	William Hamilton		Romans 2:4, 2 <sup>nd</sup> part
	11	John Bowen	end of meeting	I Peter 5:7

### Appendix A: preachers appearing in Margaret Foster's book

It may seem as though an unexpected number of the following preachers finished their careers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South [MES] – and there is an explanation for that. This area was part of Baltimore Conference, considered the mother conference of our present Central Pennsylvania Conference – which was split off in 1869. Baltimore Conference included Maryland, central Pennsylvania, and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. This was consistent with population dynamics and other connections between the fertile Cumberland (PA) and Shenandoah valleys – and these areas were linked even more strongly in the United Brethren church. When the MES was formed in 1844, Baltimore Conference remained with the northern church – which placed the Shenandoah Valley in the ME denomination and the rest of Virginia in the MES. This was not a problem until the actual fighting of the Civil War broke out. The 1861 Baltimore Conference session in Staunton VA was the last time the entire body was able to meet before the conflict prevented free travel between the North and South. From 1862 to 1865 the Virginia districts of Baltimore Conference held separate conferences. Although they discussed joining the MES, they remained part of the northern church. Beginning in 1866, the entire Baltimore Conference was able to meet again as a unified body. While the exact dynamics and timing is not clear, it

was finally decided that it made more sense for the Shenandoah Valley to be formally transferred to the Virginia Conference of the MES. At that point, well after the War and not because of the theological or political views of the pastors or people, all the Baltimore Conference ME pastors serving in the Shenandoah Valley were transferred to the MES. The ME and MES denominations, which finally came back together in 1939, were generally not oppositional toward each other – and what happened in the Shenandoah Valley is evidence to that fact.

**Bear, John** (1794-1878) – a preacher at the 1828 campmeeting. Presiding elder of Carlisle district 1826-30, he preached at and conducted the Quarterly Meetings.

**Bowen, John** (1793-1864) – assigned Carlisle circuit March 1830 and served two years. An autobiography extending to 1850 includes the following account of his ancestry: *I was born June 8, 1793, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. I am able only to trace my ancestry to my great-grandfather William Bowen, who came from Wales with William Penn and first settled on part of the site where Philadelphia now stands. He subsequently moved to Chester county, where my grandfather and father were born. In 1784 my father was married to my mother, Eleanor Edwards – who was brought up in Loudon county Va., but removed to Adams county Pa. with her father's family a short time before her marriage.*

**Brent, James** – a preacher at the 1829 campmeeting. He was admitted on trial in 1829 and assigned to assist Henry Smith on York circuit. The following year he was continued on trial and assigned to assist on Hagerstown circuit. There is no further mention of him in the official records.

**Brewer, M.** – preacher at Lisburn 5/25/1828. Otherwise unknown, assumed to be a local pastor.

**Brown, John** – a local preacher on Carlisle circuit. He was recommended by the November 1827 circuit Quarterly Conference. His license was issued in 1828 and noted in conference minutes as record #455. Nothing else is known about him.

**Bryson, Samuel** – a preacher at the 1830 campmeeting. Rev. Bryson served the Carlisle station appointment 1830-31 and followed the tradition of his predecessors and successors by involving himself in the campmeeting on the outlying circuit. The following year he was appointed to Bellefonte. A native of Virginia, Rev. Bryson “filled many important portions, and was considered most excellent as a preacher.” He was presiding elder of Northumberland district 1845-49.

**Cain, George F.** – a preacher at an 1828 two-day meeting. Rev. Cain was a local preacher on Carlisle circuit. Although his name does not appear in the official Baltimore Conferences records, as do the names of John Brown and John Lenhart, he is so identified in the minutes of the October 25, 1828, Quarterly Meeting.

**Crooks, Robert** – a preacher at the 1830 campmeeting. Admitted on trial in 1829, he was assigned to assist on the Loudon VA circuit. In 1830 he was the assistant on Gettysburg circuit. There is no further mention of him in the official records.

**Davis, Charles A.** – a preacher at the 1828 campmeeting. He was the preacher at Carlisle station 1828-30.

**Davis, John** – a local preacher on Carlisle circuit. Although his name does not appear in the official Baltimore Conferences records, as do the names of John Brown and John Lenhart, he is so identified consistently during this period in the 1792-1831 record book of Carlisle circuit at the conference archives.

**Hamilton, William** (1798-1872) – presiding elder of Carlisle district 1830-34.

**Hemphill, Andrew** (c1780-1837) – a preacher at the 1829 campmeeting. He was born in northern Ireland and emigrated to this country about 1800. Having served York 1827-29, he was now serving Chambersburg 1829-31. He later served as presiding elder of Carlisle district 1834-38.

**Hyers, William** – a “preacher” at the 1830 campmeeting, although he is listed in the circuit book as a class leader. While no reference can be found to his being a local pastor, he appears to have a leadership position. On October 25, 1828, for example, the following officers are given for a newly-formed circuit tract society: John Bear, president; Jacob R. Shepherd, vice president; George F. Cain, secretary; William Hyers, treasurer – and each of the other three persons is a preacher named in Margaret Foster’s book.

**Hodgson, Francis** (1805-1877) – a preacher at the 1828 campmeeting. Born in England, Hodgson had just been received on probation by the Philadelphia Conference in the spring of 1828 and assigned to Dauphin circuit when he preached at the August 1828 campmeeting. Dr. Hodgson went on to serve some of the largest churches in the Philadelphia, Central NY and Central PA conferences – including Philadelphia Old St. George’s (twice), Harrisburg Grace, Danville, Lewisburg and Chambersburg. His son Francis Day Hodgson (1831-1899) was a member of the Central NY Conference and served in Troy PA, which was then a part of that conference.

**Kepler, Samuel** (1804-1884) – preacher at the 9/30/1829 funeral of Hannah Frankeburg, grandmother of Margaret Foster. He was serving Gettysburg circuit 1829-30. He died a member of the Baltimore Conference of the ME Church, South.

**Lenhart, John L.** (1805-1862) – an occasional preacher on the circuit 1827-28. He was officially licensed as a local preacher on York circuit in 1828, as noted in records #457 and #467 of the Baltimore Conference. Born in Lock Haven, he was the son of local preacher Henry Lenhart – originally of York County, but later of Williamsport. His mother is believed to have been a member of the John Low family – Methodist pioneers south of Shrewsbury who entertained circuit riders in the 1700’s, hosted early successful camp meetings, and established that county’s Rock Chapel. John Lenhart was preaching in the area as a local pastor while trying to enter the Baltimore Conference, and Margaret Foster identifies him as “L. John Lanehart.” Partly because there was not a need for pastors in the Baltimore Conference, and partly because his father was somewhat controversial as a local pastor, he was not granted ordination and finally entered the Philadelphia Conference in 1830. He became the first chaplain killed in the Civil War on March 8, 1862, when he went down with the USS Cumberland after it was rammed by the Merrimack in the harbor at Hampton Roads VA. His story

appears in *The Chronicle* for 1999. Corroboration of Lenhart's 1827-28 activity in the area is given in R.B. Foster's 1888 manuscript "A short – but imperfect – history of Methodism in Lewisberry" on file in the conference archives: *John L. Lenhart also preached here frequently during this year. He was drowned in the James River on board the Cumberland, of which he was the chaplain, during the war of the Rebellion, March 1862.*

**Lumsdon, William O.** (1805-1868) – assigned Gettysburg circuit 1828-29. While at this time Lumsdon preached on the Carlisle circuit only for special meetings, he was assigned here 1836-38. Most of his ministerial career was spent south of the Mason-Dixon Line, but other appointments he served within our present conference include Bedford 1826-27 and Philipsburg 1827-28. For many years he was the recording secretary of the Baltimore Conference.

**Lyon, John C.** (1802-1868) – assigned Carlisle circuit March 1830, when he was admitted into full connection, and served one year. He was born in Germany and, with a tearful benediction from his parents, emigrated to America at the age of 15. Before coming here he had served Huntingdon 1828-29 and Gettysburg 1829-30, and he left here for an appointment in Baltimore city 1831-32. He was ordained an elder in 1832 and served for several years – including York 1841-42. In 1842 he transferred to the New York Conference, where he served as presiding elder of the German District in 1849-52. He served German Methodist congregations in New York City, Philadelphia, Frederick and Baltimore.

**McGee, Thomas** (1794-1859) – assigned Carlisle circuit April 1826 and served two years. McGee was born in Centre County and converted at Warrior's Mark camp meeting in 1811. He was apprenticing as a blacksmith at the time, but his zeal for the Lord and the encouragement of others led him in to progress to class-leader, exhorter, and local preacher. As all the area above the Juniata River and drained by the Susquehanna was moved from the Philadelphia Conference to the newly-created Genesee in 1810, he was received on trial by that New York-based conference in 1816. In 1820 the region was transferred to Baltimore Conference, and McGee became a member of that body. Other circuits within our present conference boundaries served by McGee include Lycoming 1819-20, Bellefonte 1820-22, Aughwick 1822-24, Lycoming 1824-26, Carlisle 1840-42, and Gettysburg 1842-44.

**Mitchell, William** – a local preacher on Carlisle circuit. He first appears listed as such in the minutes for the Quarterly Meeting for August 24, 1829. There is no mention of his becoming a local preacher – either in the circuit minutes or in those of the conference. He preached at the 1829 campmeeting, and on two occasions later in the year.

**Monroe, Thomas H.W.** (1804-1864) – assigned Carlisle circuit in 1827 and served one year. A native of Fairfax County VA, his active intinerancy extended from 1827 to 1864. This was his first charge. Other charges he served within our present conference boundaries include Gettysburg 1828-29, Bedford 1829-30, Shippensburg 1833-35, Chambersburg 1846-47, and presiding elder of the Huntington District 1850-54. His name appears in the 1854 Bellefonte letter (see

footnote 5) appearing in this volume. He died while serving Fayette Street in Baltimore.

**Munroe, Jonathan** (1801-1869) – a preacher at the 1828 and 1829 campmeetings. Jonathan Munroe was serving Lewistown in 1828, and later that year he was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Keiser of that place. In 1829 he was serving Concord circuit. Other present-day conference appointments he served include Gettysburg (twice), Shrewsbury, Warrior's Mark, Huntingdon, Bedford, Mechanicsburg and Mercersburg. His son John A. Munroe (1835-1897) was also a Methodist itinerant.

**Nolton(?), M.** – a preacher on one occasion in February 1829. Otherwise unknown.

**Pearce, Marmaduke** (1776-1852) – assigned in Baltimore city 1830-32. Rev. Pearce had been appointed to Carlisle circuit 1823-25 and was close enough to make guest appearances on appropriate occasions. He served as pastor and/or district superintendent in the following conferences: Genesee, Baltimore, and Oneida – from which he retired in 1837. He died a member of the Wyoming Conference, in whose territory he was residing when it was formed from the Oneida Conference in 1852. Other service rendered within Central PA includes presiding elder of Susquehanna district 1815-19, Northumberland 1821-22, Chambersburg 1822-23, Berwick 1833-34 and presiding elder of Northumberland district 1825-29.

**Poisal, John O.** (1807-1882) – assigned Carlisle circuit April 1828 and served one year. Dr. Poisal was born in Martinsburg WV and served several prominent churches in the Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia conferences. In addition to duties as a pastor and presiding elder, he served as editor and publisher of the *Episcopal Methodist* newspaper and as chaplain to the US House of Representatives. Rev. John Poisal of Aberdeen WA is his great-great-grandson.

**Prettyman, William** (1782-1875) – a preacher at the 1828 campmeeting. He was born in Delaware, married Miss Eliza Barrett (granddaughter of the Philip Barrett of Barrett's Chapel in Fredrica DE, where Coke and Asbury met) and died in Delaware. In between he traveled circuits for 36 years, served station appointments for 13 years, and was presiding elder of Northumberland district for 4 years. All three of his sons became pastors – and one of them, Wesley, labored seven years as the first missionary sent to the Bulgarian field. He was serving Chambersburg station in 1928.

**Reid, James** (1780-1850) – a preacher at the 1830 campmeeting. In 1830 Rev. Reid was serving in Frederick MD. Having served Carlisle circuit 1810-12, he presided at the dedication of the 1811 stone building in use during Maraget Foster's journal. This James Reid is designated "senior" in the official records to distinguish him from a younger unrelated James Reid designated "junior."

**Shepherd, Jacob R.** (1788-1846) – assigned Carlisle circuit April 1828 and served two years. Born in Halifax, Dauphin county, Shepherd was converted in 1814 and sent to his first circuit in 1821. Prior to serving Carlisle circuit, his assignments were Lycoming 1821-22, Aughwick 1822-23, Northumberland 1823-

24, Shamokin 1824-25, Concord 1825-27, Harford MD 1827-28. After serving Carlisle circuit for two years, his health failed and he retired from the active itinerancy in 1830.

**Smith, Henry** (1769-1863) – a preacher at the 1830 campmeeting. Rev. Henry Smith served York circuit 1829-31. He was born near Frederick MD of German immigrant parents and retired to Hookstown, Baltimore county MD, in 1835.

**Smith, John** (1802-1851) – a preacher at the 1828 campmeeting. Rev. John Smith served Concord circuit 1827-29. Later a presiding elder, he also served for six years as chaplain of the Seaman's Union Bethel in Baltimore.

**Spriggs, Joseph** (1804-1870) – assigned Carlisle circuit March 1829 and served one year. His next appointment was in Virginia, which was then a part of Baltimore Conference. He eventually settled in that state and died a member of the Virginia Conference of the ME Church, South.

#### **Appendix B:** other names appearing in Margaret Foster's book

**forge** – This refers to Ege's forge, now Boiling Springs.

**Frankeburg, Hannah** – grandmother of Margaret Foster. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor from Gettysburg circuit, which may assumed to be her home charge. This would explain Margaret Foster's previous visits to appointments on Gettysburg circuit.

**Gettysburg** – Regular Methodist preaching here began in 1803, and a class was organized in 1815. The first church building was erected in 1822 and is now a museum on East Middle Street. The second structure was erected across the street in 1874 and destroyed by fire January 20, 1968 -- after which the congregation united with the former EUB church to remodel and worship in their building.

**Lisburn** – In 1897 Methodists here acquired the union church in which they had been meeting and erected a new structure on the site. That building was destroyed by lightning in 1917 and replaced by the stone structure that served until 1981, when the congregation merged with Lewisberry and the building became a private residence.

**Lewisberry** – Freeborn Garretson preached the first Methodist sermon here on January 26, 1781. The first church building was erected in 1811 and replaced by the present structure in 1856.

**Longnecker** – unknown

**Morrison** – unknown

**Stauter** – unknown

**Stayman** – Believed to have originally been associated with one of the "plain" sects, the Staymans were Pennsylvania Germans converted under Jacob Gruber. They erected Salem church sometime prior to 1818, at which time it became Methodist property, on their farm along the Carlisle Pike. It is difficult to reconstruct all the relationships within the numerous and prominent Stayman family. It appears that Christian Stayman was associated with the meeting house,

and that Joseph lived at another location. The church was closed in 1922 and reopened in 1954 through the efforts of the Mechanicsburg congregation. In 1970 the Salem and Delbrook (formerly EUB) churches joined to become Hope United Methodist. Having completed a new sanctuary, they now use the original structure for weddings and other special services.

**Stickles** – a family residing near Maytown. In 1806 Peter Stickel was one of the original trustees for the property on which the 1811 Lewisberry church was erected. In 1818 Abraham Stickle was one of the organizers of the first (union) Sunday School in Lewisberry. Preaching services at the Stickles appointment were held in the Stickle’s schoolhouse in Maytown.

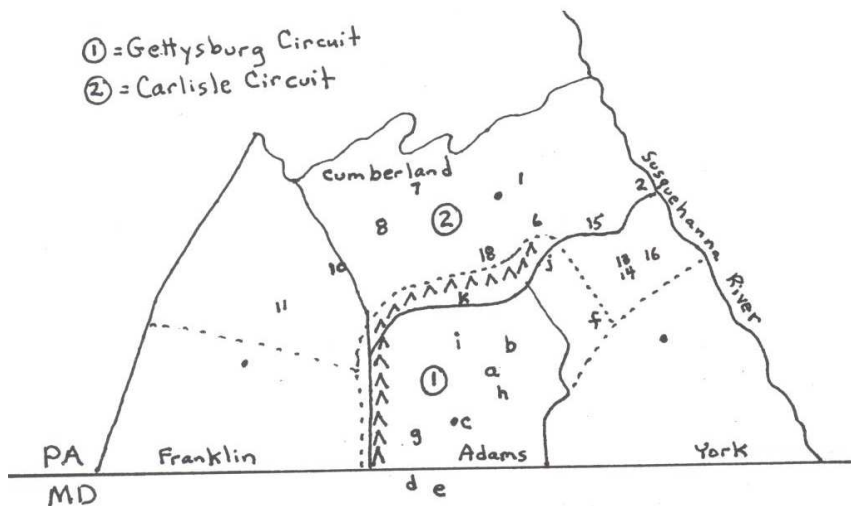
**Wolgamood** – Amos Volgemuth came to America from Holland in 1780. He heard Freeborn Garretson preach in York on January 24, 1781, and joined the Methodist movement. He opened his home to Methodist preaching in 1782, and there has been a continuous appointment in the Wellsville area ever since. After outgrowing Amos’ home, the Volgemuth class used the following meeting places until 1972, when they united with the former EUB congregation to worship in their building.

1783-1789 log building at Mt. Pleasant

1789-1829 Rehobeth meeting house

1829-1853 White Hall community building

1853-1972 Wellsville ME church, still standing and owned by the UM congregation



Map of identified 1827 appointments of the Gettysburg and Carlisle circuits  
See Appendices C and D for the key.

### Appendix C: splitting Carlisle circuit in 1827 – Gettysburg

Old conference journals do not list all the appointments on each charge. A statement giving the number of appointments, number of organized classes, and number of owned church houses is generally the best that can be hoped for. For the splitting of the Carlisle charge in 1827, however, there are records in the conference archives stating exactly what appointments were placed on each of the resulting circuits.

According to the original 1827 stewards' book of Gettysburg circuit, the organizational meeting for this new pastoral charge was held at Rock Chapel June 2, 1827. The following persons were present.

presiding elder: John Bear

preachers: Samuel Clark, George Hildt

exhorters: Seth Forrest, Isaac Sadler Jr, H. Beach, Jesse Wells

class leaders: Daniel Funk, E. Buckingham, Joel Funk, William Van Orsdel, Richard Gilson, L.Groop

The following 14 classes were on the 1827 Gettysburg circuit. Once the circuit was split, the work grew rapidly to add classes in Hanover (1827), Littlestown (1828) and New Oxford (1829). The last three classes listed below are unknown and may be in Maryland.

<u>class</u>	<u>leader</u>	<u>location (?) – not given in the 1827 record</u>
a. Rock Chapel	D Funk	Adams county, north of Heidlersburg
b. Petersburg	J Funk	Adams county, York Springs
c. Gettysburg	Ezekiel Buckingham	Adams county, Gettysburg
d. Toms Creek	Richard Gilson	Frederick county MD, Toms Creek
e. Morelands	William Moreland	Frederick county MD, Emmitsburg
f. Wolgamoods	D Cook	York county, Wellsville
g. Millerstown	H Van Orsdel	Adams county, Fairfield
h. Burgaws	William Van Orsdel	Adams county, Hunterstown
i. Eldens	Ludwick Group	Adams county, Bendersville
j. Dillstown	J May	York county, Dillsburg
k. Pine Grove	C Delap	Cumberland county, Pine Grove Furnace
l. Shoffs	JD Day	
m. Thompsons	William Thompson	
n. Stotters	D Hershman	

At least two of the above class leaders gave their sons the middle name of Wesley – and each of them lived up to appellation. William Van Orsdel of Hunterstown was the father of William Wesley Van Orsdel (1850-1919) – better known as Brother Van, the courageous circuit-rider who preached the gospel to the cowboys and established the Methodist church in Montana. Ezekiel Buckingham of Gettysburg was the father of John Wesley Buckingham (1832-1912) – an active Methodist layman in York, lay leader at Beaver Street (now Asbury UM on Market Street), a founding trustee at Duke Street (now Aldersgate UM on Tyler Run Road). Separate articles could easily be written on William Wesley Van Orsdel and John Wesley Buckingham.

## Appendix D: splitting Carlisle circuit in 1827 – Carlisle

Among the rare manuscripts in the conference archives is the original 1792-1831 stewards' book for Carlisle. It was purchased from prominent Carlisle printer and bookseller Archibald Loudon for six shillings six pence. It came into the possession of Professor A.H. Ege of Mechanicsburg, who passed it on to Ida G. Kast, who donated it to the archives in 1932.

This book actually pre-dates the 1794 creation of Carlisle circuit. It was the record book for only Carlisle church until 1803, at which time it became the record book for the entire circuit – apparently when Carlisle church recording steward Thomas Jones became recording steward of the circuit. The book documents the growth of the circuit until the split became necessary in 1827, and then it continues giving accounts of the remaining congregations.

The following persons were present at the initial May 19, 1827, meeting of the reduced circuit.

presiding elder: John Bear

circuit preachers: Thomas McGee, Thomas W. Monroe, Alfred Griffith [supply]

local preachers: John Davis, George Kane [Cain]

exhorter: John McWhorter

class leaders: Kirk, Thomas Duncan, Hopkins, Stayman, White, Longshore, Sites, John McCaffry

The following 18 classes are noted on the 1827 Carlisle circuit. Carlisle itself had become a station in 1823 and does not appear on the list. Mechanicsburg appointment was not an organized class until 1828 and does not seem to be included in the list. Some classes cannot be identified with certainty.

<u>class</u>	<u>location (?) – not given in the 1827 record</u>	<u>status</u>
1. Stayman's MH	Cumberland county, Carlisle Pike	Hope UM
2. Longshore	Cumberland county, New Cumberland	Baughman UM
3. McCaffry		
4. White		
5. Joseph Stayman	Cumberland county	
6. Eges Forge	Cumberland county, Boiling Springs	closed 1995
7. Newville	Cumberland county, Newville	closed 1971
8. Newburg	Cumberland county, Newburg	not enduring
9. Wiseman		
10. Shippensburg	Cumberland county, Shippensburg	Christ UM
11. Greenvillage	Franklin county, Greenvillage	closed 1956
12. Bready		
13. Stickle	York county, Maytown	not enduring
14. Lewisberry	York county, Lewisberry	Lewisberry UM
15. Lisburn	Cumberland county, Lisburn	closed 1981
16. Newberry	York county, Newberrytown	not enduring
17. Bonners		
18. Paper Mill	Cumberland county, Mt. Holly Springs	MHS UM