

Rev. Jacob Aurandt and the Tuscarora Circuit

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Jacob Aurandt was a United Brethren local preacher from Beaver Dams in Blair County. He was the grandson of Rev. John Dietrich Aurandt, a young contemporary of Otterbein who left the United Brethren denomination to return to the German Reformed Church. He was also the great-grandfather of Rev. Stewart Bingman, a retired pastor from the Evangelical branch of United Methodism.

Jacob is typical of the many local preachers found in all three of our predecessor traditions – i.e., the Evangelical, Methodist, and United Brethren denominations. The experiential religion of Jacob Albright, John Wesley and Philip William Otterbein swept across our state because of its lay people who were willing to be class leaders, to fill pulpits in the absence of regular itinerants, and to consider their own call into the full-time itinerancy.

In 1871 he was assigned to the Tuscarora circuit. Although only a local pastor, and not a regular member of the Allegheny Conference, he accepted the call and served with distinction. Ministering in an era when the names of the appointments do not appear in the conference minutes, and in an area where most of the former United Brethren congregations no longer exist, he has left a detailed journal that provides the only known record of that denomination's activity in that region.

A. Jacob Aurandt

Rev. Jacob Aurandt (1831-1908) lived in Beaver Dams, Blair County. Now a deserted valley in Catharine township drained by Canoe Creek, Beaver Dams was once a thriving community that was later called McCann's Mills. Jacob was the son of David Aurandt (1791-1849) and the grandson of Rev. John Dietrich Aurandt (1760-1831). John Dietrich Aurandt was present with Otterbein and Boehm and others when the United Brethren denomination was first organized September 25, 1800. After much soul-searching, he moved to the Yellow Springs-Beaver Dams area in 1804, returned to the German Reformed denomination, and is the father of the German Reformed Church across much of Huntingdon, Blair and Bedford Counties. The story of Rev. John Dietrich Aurandt appears in the 2002 volume of *The Chronicle*.

Jacob was born four months after the death of his notable grandfather and seems to have followed in his footsteps. He professed a conversion experience and associated with the United Brethren Church, becoming active in the Sunday School and congregation at Beaver Dams. At the January 1868 annual meeting of the Allegheny Conference, the Blair circuit was disbanded. It was decided "that Centre Line appointment be attached to Bellefonte circuit; that Yellow Springs, Beaver Dams and Canoe Creek appointments be connected with Shellsburg circuit; and that the balance of Blair circuit be constituted a mission."

Shellsburg was twelve miles west of Bedford, and a considerable distance from the three Blair County appointments it was now supposed to service. This appears to be the situation that prompted Jacob Aurandt to seek a quarterly conference license that would allow him to preach in the area. While he could not administer the Sacraments, he preached and evangelized and encouraged souls while the assigned circuit rider was busy in other parts of his territory. Beginning in November 1868 and continuing through all of 1869, Aurandt preached regularly in the area while the itinerant of record concentrated his efforts in Bedford County. The area that Aurandt served eventually became a separate charge (known as Hollidaysburg or East Freedom, depending on where the parsonage was located) with four UB church buildings: Mt. Moriah (at Blue Knob), Pine Grove (at Puzzletown), East Freedom and Canoe Creek.

Apparently other arrangements were made for 1870, for Aurandt preached very infrequently – and not at all on Sunday, probably indicating that he spoke only at camp meetings or revival meetings. The record of his 1868-70 preaching appears in Appendix A. Background information on those places where he preached is given in Appendix B.

After a year of relative inactivity, Aurandt was ready for a new challenge. Even though he now had 7 children ranging in age from 14½ years to 10 months, he was willing to test the Spirit and travel a regular circuit away from home. His return to “civilian life” after one year indicates not failure, but the successful completion of a difficult task and the obedient fulfillment of a spiritual vision.

B. The Tuscarora Circuit

In the mid 1860's, the Allegheny Conference met each January. The reports given were for the previous calendar year, and changes in pastoral assignments were effective immediately. Prior to 1870, most of Huntingdon and Fulton counties were part of the large Scottsville [Three Springs] circuit. The individual appointments on each circuit were not listed each year, but the 1869 journal happens to list for Scottsville the twelve appointments given in Appendix C. The order indicates how much of the circuit pastor's salary each paid – assumed to correlate with the size of the membership/attendance, which is not given for the individual appointments.

The 1870 Boundary Committee report declared “that portion of Scottsville circuit lying in Tuscarora Valley be constituted a circuit, to be known as Tuscarora circuit. P.B. Shirk was appointed to the new circuit – fluctuating between itinerant and local pastor, he had joined the Conference in 1862. Rev. Shirk did not complete the year and the 1871 financial report was submitted by an otherwise unknown “Price”. Jacob Aurandt was assigned in 1871, presumably to forge the circuit into a self-sustaining appointment.

Appendix D gives the record of Jacob Aurandt's travels on the circuit. It was a two-week circuit as follows:

Sunday – Scrub Ridge & Cree school house, Fulton Co. & Huntingdon Co.

Tuesday – Germany Valley, Huntingdon Co.

Wednesday – Black Log, Huntingdon Co.

Thursday – Allenville, Juniata Co.

Friday – North Point, Juniata Co.

Saturday – Cross Keys, Juniata Co.

Sunday – Mt. Zion & Salem, Huntingdon Co

This was followed by six unscheduled days to allow for revivals, camp meetings, etc. In the case of Jacob Aurandt, this allowed him to return to his home in Blair County for a few days. There was no parsonage on this new circuit. Background information on those places he preached is given in Appendix E.

To say that Aurandt was a trail-blazer for those who followed would be an understatement. When he took over Tuscarora circuit in January 1871, it reported 3 appointments and a membership of 156; when he turned it over to his successor in January 1872, it reported 10 appointments and a membership of 173.

Even though Aurandt supplied the circuit well, beginning the following year it was re-attached to Scottsville circuit for the next few years. Either the circuit was deemed unable to support a full-time preacher, or there were not enough itinerants to supply it. By the mid 1880's, however, there was a parsonage in Shade Gap and an additional church building at Pleasant Hill – and the appointments without church buildings were gradually dropped. The charge continued through the two denominational mergers and brought 4 congregations and church buildings (Bethlehem [Scrub Ridge], Pleasant Hill, Mt. Zion, Salem) into the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Aurandt's record book includes only the occasions for which he preached. It does not include services at which he was present when someone else spoke, or services which were held in his absence. It still gives a fairly complete picture of the travel on the circuit, the yearly revival meetings, the sermon texts used, etc. We thank the record book's present owner, Rev. Stewart Bingman for preserving this significant volume and for sharing its contents.

Jacob Aurandt apparently ceased to function as a local preacher after 1871 – that is to say that there are no known records of any subsequent preaching. Records that do survive, however, indicate that he continued active in the Church – as superintendent of the Beaver Dams Union Sunday School, and as a regular attendee of the United Brethren quarterly conferences. Oral family tradition says that he died at age 77 after being gored by one of his cows – who gave birth in the field and mistook the intentions of the kindly man trying to take the calf to the safety of the barn.

Appendix A. Rev. Jacob Aurandt's 1868-70 preaching in Blair County.

<u>day</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>place</u>	<u>sermon text</u>
Sun	11/1	Bobs Creek	Revelation 15:3
		Marionsville	Hebrews 2:3
		Reservoir	John 11:28
Mon	11/2	Canoe Creek	Hebrews 2:3
Sat	12/5	Springfield Furnace	Revelation 6:17
Sun	12/6	Dutch Bottom	Acts 3:19
		Canoe Creek	I John 4:17
Wed	12/9	Beaver Dams	II Corinthians 12:9
Thu	12/31	Beaver Dams	Daniel 7:27
Sun	1/10/69	Beaver Dams	Titus 2:14
Sun	1/17	Beaver Dams	Genesis 3:10
Sat	2/13	Dutch Bottom	Genesis 3:10
Sun	2/14	Dutch Bottom	Revelation 21:7
		Dutch Bottom	Ephesians 5:14
Wed	2/17	Beaver Dams	II Corinthians 8:9
Thu	2/18	Yellow Springs, Octagon s.h.	II Corinthians 8:9
Mon	3/1	Beaver Dams	Acts 3:19
Wed	3/3	Beaver Dams	Isaiah 54:8
Mon	3/8	Marionsville	II Corinthians 8:9
Sun	3/21	Canoe Creek	I Thessalonians 5:23
Sun	3/28	Beaver Dams	Hebrews 2:11
Sun	4/18	Beaver Dams	Ephesians 6:11
Sat	5/1	Reservoir	I John 4:17
Sun	5/2	Frankstown	I John 4:17
Sun	5/23	Canoe Creek	Genesis 19:17
		Yellow Springs, Octagon s.h.	Hebrews 2:3
Sat	6/19	Brua school house	Hebrews 2:3
Sun	6/20	Frankstown	Micah 2:10
		Dutch Bottom	Deuteronomy 6:3-10
		Canoe Creek	Colossians 3:2
Sun	7/18	Beaver Dams, funeral (for Louise Williams)	Philippians 1:6
Sun	8/1	Bobs Creek	Psalms 18:32
		Marionsville	Revelation 19:10
		Reservoir	Psalms 31:24
Sat	9/18	Brua school house	Hebrews 2:3
Sun	9/19	Dutch Bottom	Hebrews 8:14
		Canoe Creek	Philippians 3:12
Sat	10/16	Brua school house	Deuteronomy 10:12
Sun	10/17	Dutch Bottom	John 14:27
		Canoe Creek	Isaiah 53:5
Sat	11/13	Marionsville	Amos 4:12
Sun	11/14	Bobs Creek	Hebrews 6:1
Tue	11/16	Marionsville	Amos 5:6
Wed	11/17	Marionsville	Micah 2:10
Sat	12/25	Canoe Creek	Luke 2:32
Sun	12/26	Brua school house	Micah 2:10
Sat	5/28/70	Marionsville	Hebrews 12:1
		Marionsville	Genesis 19:17

Sat	8/6	Canoe Creek	Psalm 119:165
Sat	8/20	Canoe Creek	Matthew 18:27
Wed	12/7	Canoe Creek	Luke 24:29
Mon	12/12	Canoe Creek	Micah 2:10
Tue	12/13	Canoe Creek	Revelation 6:17

Appendix B. The Blair County appointments supplied by Rev. Jacob Aurandt 1868-70.

- Beaver Dams, Catharine township. Nothing is left of this community.
- Bobs Creek, Juniata township. This is the class that eventually built the Mount Moriah church in 1885. Located west of Blue Knob near the source of Bobs Creek, Mount Moriah UM church is now in its third building at the same site. The present building was erected in 1974 after the 1909 structure was lost to a fire.
- Brua school house, Frankstown township. There were several Brua families in Frankstown township south of the Juniata River. The Brua school stood on East Loop Road, about 3 miles southeast of Frankstown.
- Canoe Creek, Frankstown township. The UB building here was erected in 1872 and used until 1970, when the congregation united with the former Methodist congregation of the same name. The building is part of the Canoe Creek State Park and has been successfully converted into a thriving “bat cave.” One reason Jacob Aurandt stopped supplying a circuit and returned to his home area in 1872 may have been to aid in the erection of this building.
- Dutch Bottom, ?. The exact location of this community has not been established, even though there are several secular references to it.
- Frankstown, Frankstown township.
- Marionville, Freedom township. This is the Pine Grove class that was formed in 1863 and erected a building shortly thereafter. The adjacent community was known as Marionville and housed the Poplar Run post office. The community is now called Puzzletown – named after “Puzzle” Jim Stiffler, one-time owner of the local hotel. Erected in 1902 and abandoned in the 1940’s, the congregation’s second building is now a private home – complete with a garden cemetery in the back yard.
- Reservoir, Blair township. This community about three miles south of Hollidaysburg once boasted a post office and railroad station.
- Springfield Furnace, Woodberry township.
- Yellow Springs, Catharine township.

Appendix C. The 1869 appointments on Scottsville [Three Springs] Charge.

- Scottsville [Three Springs], Huntingdon Co. – exists today as Three Springs Grace UM Church of Three Springs parish.
- Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co. – merged into Obisonia UM (former Methodist) in 1981, part of Orbisonia parish. Their former building is now the Masonic Lodge.
- Mt. Zion, Huntingdon Co. – merged into Salem UM (see below) in 1979. Located about one mile west of Blairs Mills, the building was razed in 1992 and only the cemetery remains.
- Mt. Tabor, Fulton Co. – established in 1843 and discontinued in 1929, when all members were “removed without certificates.” Known originally as the Speck Church, it was the home church of Rev. David Speck (1827-1912) of the Allegheny Conference and became UB in 1887 when the area was under the Pennsylvania Conference. Located west of PA 655 between Hustontown and Waterfall, the building now houses an independent congregation.
- Oak Grove, Huntingdon Co. – discontinued in 1971. Located on PA 655 between Waterfall and Saltillo, the church building is no longer standing.
- Sugar Grove, Huntingdon Co. – exists today as Sugar Grove UM Church of Three Springs parish.
- Wells Valley, Fulton Co. – erected in the 1860’s and discontinued in 1970. Located a few miles south of New Granada, the building is still standing but in a state of disrepair.
- Salem, Huntingdon Co. – exists today as Salem UM of Hillcrest charge.
- Lick, Juniata Co. – a schoolhouse near the center of Lack township, east of Cross Keys on land of sheriff Walls. This building, which was erected about 1850 and burned in 1924, was on the ridge between Shade Valley and Tuscarora Creek. It apparently represents the initial UB work in Juniata County, which later centered in Shade Valley. Since the name “Lick” is not uncommon, it could be that the reference is not to this particular Lick school house. There is no other supporting evidence that the United Brethren met in this structure, only the circumstantial evidence that they were active in the township a year later.
- Fair View, Huntingdon Co. – erected in the 1860’s and discontinued by the United Methodists in 1971, an unwilling casualty of the 1968 denominational union. Located a few miles west of Saltillo, the congregation continues today as Fairview congregation of the Evangelical Church – formerly known as the ECNA, the denomination formed by former EUB churches not participating in the union.
- Burnt Cabins, Fulton Co. – unknown, as there was no enduring UB work or any UB building erected in the Burnt Cabins area.
- Meadow Gap, Huntingdon County – possibly a reference to the present Mount Carmel UM church. Meadow Gap at this time was a thriving community with a post office and a school. Mount Carmel UB church, a few miles west, had already been erected and should have been part of this circuit. It could be that the journal identified the church using the name of the nearest post office in order to distinguish it from other Mount Carmel churches in the Conference.

Appendix D. Rev. Jacob Aurandt's 1871 travels on Tuscarora Circuit.

<u>day</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>place</u>	<u>county</u>	<u>sermon text</u>
Sun	2/12	Salem	Huntingdon	Hebrews 2:3
		Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Micah 2:10
Mon	2/13	North Point school house	Juniata	Luke 2:32
Sat	2/18	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Ephesians 5:14
Sun	2/19	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Genesis 19:17
Fri	2/24	North Point school house	Juniata	Psalms 36:6
Sun	2/26	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Psalms 36:6
		Salem	Huntingdon	Genesis 19:17
Thu	3/9	Black Log, factory	Huntingdon	Matthew 19:27
Fri	3/10	Black Log, funeral (for William Barkley)	Huntingdon	John 5:28-29
		North Point school house	Juniata	Revelation 15:3
Sun	3/12	[did someone else preach at Mt. Zion?] Salem church	Huntingdon	Revelation 15:3
Tue	3/14	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Revelation 15:3
Wed	3/15	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Amos 4:12
Thu	3/16	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Malachi 3:8
Fri	3/17	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	II Corinthians 8:9
Sat	3/18	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Revelation 11:12
Sun	3/19	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Psalms 18:32
		Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Galatians 6:7
Mon	3/20	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Amos 5:6
Wed	3/22	Burnt Cabins	Huntingdon	Psalms 36:6
Thu	3/23	Black Log, Rock school house	Huntingdon	Psalms 84:11
Fri	3/24	North Point school house	Juniata	I John 4:17
Sat	3/25	Cross Keys	Huntingdon	Micah 2:10
Sun	3/26	Mt. Zion church	Huntingdon	Hebrews 2:3
		Salem church	Huntingdon	Psalms 73:1
Mon	3/27	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Revelation 19:20
Tue	3/28	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Acts 3:19
Wed	3/29	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	John 11:28
Thu	3/30	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Matthew 22:42
Fri	3/31	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Job 26:6
Sun	4/2	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	II Peter 3:18
		Burnt Cabins	Huntingdon	Luke 2:32
Thu	4/6	Black Log	Huntingdon	Acts 3:19
Fri	4/7	North Point school house	Juniata	Deuteronomy 33:27
Sat	4/8	Cross Keys	Huntingdon	Matthew 22:42
Sun	4/9	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Acts 3:19
		Salem	Huntingdon	Acts 3:19
Sat	4/15	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Romans 6:23
Sun	4/16	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Psalms 31:24
		Burnt Cabins	Huntingdon	Acts 3:19
Thu	4/10	Black Log	Huntingdon	Hebrews 6:1
Fri	4/21	North Point school house	Juniata	Psalms 58:11
Sat	4/22	Cross Keys	Huntingdon	Exodus 33:14
Sun	4/23	[did someone else preach at Mt. Zion and Salem?]		
Sun	4/30	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Proverbs 3:6
Fri	5/5	North Point School house	Juniata	Jeremiah 23:23

Sun	5/7	[did someone else preach at Mt. Zion?] Salem	Huntingdon	I Thessalonians 5:17
Sun	5/14	Scrub Ridge Burnt Cabins	Fulton Huntingdon	James 5:17 I Thessalonians 5:17
Tue	5/16	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Matthew 22:42
Wed	5/17	Black Log, John Gifford's Black Log, Rock s.h.	Huntingdon Huntingdon	II Corinthians 5:1 Matthew 22:42
Thu	5/18	Allenville	Juniata	Hebrews 2:3
Fri	5/19	North Point school house	Juniata	Genesis 33:14
Sat	5/20	Cross Keys	Huntingdon	Hebrews 12:1
Sun	5/21	Mt. Zion Salem school house (above Salem, near Brother Bear's)	Huntingdon Huntingdon Huntingdon	Hebrews 12:1 Hebrews 12:1 II Corinthians 5:1
Sun	5/28	Scrub Ridge Burnt Cabins	Fulton Huntingdon	II Corinthians 5:1 II Corinthians 5:1
Mon	5/28	Black Log	Huntingdon	II Corinthians 5:1
Tue	5/30	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Exodus 33:14
Fri	6/2	North Point school house	Juniata	Psalms 23:3
Sun	6/4	Mt. Zion Salem	Huntingdon Huntingdon	Exodus 33:14 II Timothy 3:16
Sun	6/11	Scrub Ridge Cree school house	Fulton Huntingdon	Matthew 8:22 Jeremiah 8:20
Tue	6/13	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	I Thessalonians 5:23
Thu	6/15	Allenville	Juniata	Acts 3:19
Fri	6/16	North Point school house	Juniata	Genesis 3:9
Sat	6/17	Cross Keys	Juniata	Genesis 3:9
Sun	6/18	Mt. Zion Salem	Huntingdon Huntingdon	Genesis 3:9 Revelation 2:5
Sun	6/25	Scrub Ridge Cree school house	Fulton Huntingdon	John 3:16 Hebrews 7:26
Tue	6/27	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Luke 18:1
Wed	6/28	Black Log	Huntingdon	Luke 18:1
Thu	6/29	Allenville	Juniata	Hebrews 9:14
Fri	6/30	North Point school house	Juniata	Psalms 24:3
Sat	7/1	Cross Keys	Juniata	Hebrews 9:14
Sun	7/2	Mt. Zion Salem	Huntingdon Huntingdon	Psalms 103:2 Psalms 24:3
Sun	7/9	[Scrub Ridge/Burnt Cabins area are not served for a while?]		
Tue	7/11	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Micah 2:10
Wed	7/12	Black Log	Huntingdon	Matthew 27:35
Thu	7/13	Allenville	Juniata	Revelation 19:10
Fri	7/14	North Point school house	Juniata	Revelation 19:10
Sat	7/15	Cross Keys	Juniata	I Corinthians 15:20
Sun	7/16	Mt. Zion Salem	Huntingdon Huntingdon	John 3:9 Acts 16:9
Tue	7/25	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Hebrews 12:1
Wed	7/26	Black Log	Huntingdon	Hebrews 12:1
Tue	8/1	Cross Keys	Juniata	Matthew 19:27
Wed	8/2	Cross Keys	Juniata	Hebrews 2:3
Thu	8/3	Cross Keys	Juniata	Proverbs 3:6
Fri	8/4	Cross Keys	Juniata	Genesis 19:17
Tue	8/8	Cross Keys	Juniata	Proverbs 27:1

Wed	8/9	Cross Keys	Juniata	Revelation 20:11-12
Thu	8/10	Cross Keys	Juniata	Acts 3:19
Fri	8/11	Cross Keys	Juniata	Revelation 21:7
Sat	8/12	Cross Keys	Juniata	Matthew 24:42
Sun	8/13	Cross Keys	Juniata	I Thessalonians 5:23
		Cross Keys	Juniata	Luke 14:18
Sat	8/19	Scrub Ridge	Huntingdon	John 14:27
Tue	8/22	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Proverbs 3:6
Wed	8/23	Black Log	Huntingdon	Psalms 23:1
Thu	8/24	Allenville	Juniata	Proverbs 3:6
Sun	8/27	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Jeremiah 6:16
		Salem	Huntingdon	Jeremiah 6:16
Fri	9/1	Scottsville, camp meeting	Huntingdon	II Corinthians 6:17
Sun	9/3	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	II Corinthians 6:17
		Cree school house	Huntingdon	Hebrews 2:3
Wed	9/6	Black Log	Huntingdon	Proverbs 3:6
Thu	9/7	Allenville	Juniata	Hebrews 4:9
Fri	9/8	North Point school house	Juniata	Hebrews 4:9
Sat	9/9	Cross Keys	Juniata	Hebrews 4:9
Sun	9/10	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Mark 15:34
		Salem	Huntingdon	John 19:30
Sat	9/16	Cree school house	Huntingdon	Proverbs 3:6
Sun	9/17	Cree school house	Huntingdon	II Corinthians 6:17
Tue	9/19	Cree school house	Huntingdon	Revelation 20:11-12
Wed	9/20	Cree school house	Huntingdon	Luke 14:18
Sat	9/23	Cross Keys	Juniata	II Corinthians 8:9
Sun	9/24	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Revelation 19:10
		Salem	Huntingdon	II Peter 3:14
Tue	9/26	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Psalms 86:5
Wed	9/27	Black Log	Huntingdon	II Peter 3:14
Thu	9/28	Allenville	Juniata	II Peter 3:14
Fri	9/29	North Point school house	Juniata	Psalms 86:5
[The following are assumed to represent continuous revival meetings at Salem, with someone else preaching on the days not listed by Aurandt]				
Wed	10/4	Salem	Huntingdon	Luke 15:22
Sat	10/7	Salem	Huntingdon	John 11:28
Sun	10/8	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	John 11:28
		Salem	Huntingdon	Genesis 3:9
Tue	10/10	Salem	Huntingdon	Luke 14:18
Thu	10/12	Salem	Huntingdon	Job 26:2
Sun	10/15	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Psalms 103:2
Tue	10/17	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Acts 16:9
Wed	10/18	Black Log	Huntingdon	Hebrews 2:3
Thu	10/19	Allenville	Juniata	Psalms 36:6
Fri	10/20	North Point school house	Juniata	I Corinthians 15:19
Sat	10/21	Cross Keys	Juniata	II Peter 3:14
Sun	10/22	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	II Peter 3:14
		Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Psalms 86:5
Mon	10/23	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	I Peter 2:21
Tue	10/24	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Romans 5:1
Wed	10/25	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Genesis 3:12
Thu	10/26	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Hebrews 2:3
Fri	10/27	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Revelation 2:17

Sun	10/29	Beaver Dams (Aurandt's home church)	Blair	Hebrews 2:3
Sat	11/4	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	John 19:30
Sun	11/5	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Revelation 2:17
Tue	11/7	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Revelation 2:17
Wed	11/8	Black Log	Huntingdon	John 19:30
Fri	11/10	North Point school house	Juniata	Psalm 23:1-2
Sat	11/11	Cross Keys	Juniata	Hebrews 11:6
Sun	11/12	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Psalm 62:8
		Salem	Huntingdon	Acts 15:9
Mon	11/13	Black Log, Centre school house	Huntingdon	Hebrews 2:3
Wed	11/15	Black Log, Centre school house	Huntingdon	Revelation 19:10
Thu	11/16	Black Log, Centre school house	Huntingdon	Acts 3:19
Fri	11/17	Black Log, Centre school house	Huntingdon	II Peter 3:14
Sun	11/19	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Isaiah 3:10
Tue	11/21	Germany Valley	Huntingdon	Psalm 62:8
Wed	11/22	Black Log	Huntingdon	Acts 16:9
Thu	11/23	Allenville	Juniata	Hebrews 6:1
Sat	11/25	Cross Keys	Juniata	Psalm 62:8
Sun	11/26	Mt. Zion	Huntingdon	Hebrews 6:1
		Salem	Huntingdon	Psalm 62:8
Mon	11/17	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Psalm 85:6
Tue	11/28	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Deuteronomy 32:31
Wed	11/29	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Ezekiel 33:11
Thu	11/30	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Matthew 23:38
Fri	12/1	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Revelation 3:20
Sat	12/2	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Psalm 86:10
Sun	12/3	[did someone else preach at Scrub Ridge?]		
Mon	12/4	Scrub Ridge	Fulton	Matthew 7:13-14

Mount Zion Church, near Blairs Mills
erected in 1852, used continuously until 1979, razed in 1992

Appendix E. The 1871 appointments on Tuscarora Circuit.

The following 11 appointments were served by Rev. Jacob Aurandt. Since Cree school house is a mid-year relocation of the Burnt Cabins, there are actually 10 different appointments. This agrees with Rev. Aurandt's 1872 statistical summary to annual conference which reported that the circuit had 10 appointments, 7 organized classes, and a total membership of 173. The Scrub Ridge, Germany Valley, Mt. Zion, and Salem appointments are known to have had organized classes (and UB church buildings). Which of the other appointments had the remaining 3 organized classes is not known.

Fulton County

- Scrub Ridge, Todd township. This elevated area between Tuscarora mountain and Sideling hill has shifted back and forth between the Allegheny and Pennsylvania Conferences. Although west of Tuscarora mountain and officially outside its boundaries, the Pennsylvania Conference served Scrub Ridge until 1870 when it desired "Fulton mission to be supplied and taken care of" by the Allegheny Conference. In 1874 the Pennsylvania Conference again extended itself into the region, and the 1881 General Conference formally transferred all of Fulton County to the Pennsylvania Conference. The Pennsylvania Conference claimed the Speck Church [Mt. Tabor] for the denomination 1887, but the Allegheny Conference appears to have maintained some presence in the county and was again in full control of the work there by 1889. The building/congregation served by Aurandt dated from the 1840's and was later known as Bethlehem. A new brick building was erected in 1957. Located about five miles north of the old US 30 on the first paved road west of McConnellsburg, the structure was used until 1990 – when the congregation merged into Knobsville UM (former Methodist). That building is now a private residence, and the adjacent historic graveyard is managed by a Cemetery Association.

Huntingdon County

- Black Log, Shirley township. Black Log Valley is an long, narrow and isolated expanse in Huntingdon and Juniata County. At one time the valley housed villages, post offices, stores, and churches (including a Methodist church at Opper). The UB's had no building, but various secular sources speak of UB persons living there – especially in the Huntingdon County portion. The exact location of the UB appointment, or the "Centre" school house used for the valley's revival meetings, is unknown.
- Burnt Cabins, Dublin township. The town of Burnt Cabins is in Fulton County, just south of the line. Since Aurandt specifies this appointment as being in Huntingdon County, the class probably met slightly north of town. There are no well-defined town limits – and the original Methodist Episcopal church building on the northeast edge of Burnt Cabins was actually split by the county line.

Beginning in June the appointment met in the Cree school house, which was almost two miles north of the county line.

- Cree school house, Dublin township.
- Cross Keys – see Cross Keys, Juniata County. Cross Keys is in Juniata County by about two miles. Aurandt identifies the Cross Keys appointment as being in Huntingdon County until June, when he begins listing it as being in Juniata County. Either the appointment originally met in Huntingdon County and then moved or, more likely, Aurandt's original designation was in error. If the appointment originally did meet in Huntingdon County, it may have been in the Methodist building that once stood along PA 35 just across the county line.
- Germany Valley, Shirley township. The UB building here was called Bethel Chapel in the 1884 journal, page 9. Only the cemetery remains.
- Mt. Zion, Tell township. This one-room frame building stood on an unpaved road about one mile west of Blairs Mills. It was erected in 1852 and in continuous use until 1979, when the congregation merged into Salem. The building was razed in 1992, and only the cemetery remains.
- Salem, Tell township. The existing Salem UM building was erected in 1891. The 1861 building in use during Aurandt's stood across the road from the present structure. Located along a back road, the church is roughly half-way along a straight line from Shade Gap to Nossville.

Juniata County

- Allenville, Beale township. This one-time community along PA 35, whose most identifiable landmark is the Lutheran church, is now marked on maps as Nook. It is assumed the UB's met in a school house.
- Cross Keys, Lack township. It is not known where in Cross Keys the UB appointment met, but there are three obvious possibilities: the school house (still standing, across from the Cross Keys UM church), the Lutheran building (erected 1851, sold to the Methodists 1887), the Presbyterian building (erected 1867, torn down 1946). The Presbyterian and Lutheran buildings are possibilities because, while those denominations did not generally cooperate with the UB's, those congregations were in states of decline and the local populace may have been willing to open the buildings to any Christian circuit rider. The entrance of the Methodists into the area in the 1880's likely ended the need for any further UB efforts here.
- North Point school house, Lack township. This was on the property of Matthew Dougherty, near the northeastern edge of the township, in the point formed by PA 35 and Beggars Row Road. The structure is no longer standing.