

**Appendix A: the 1858-59 Columbia circuit of the Evangelical Association
as listed by Rev. H. A. Dietterich**

This list includes 7 church buildings, 8 school houses, and 2 private homes. This list does not include the Knob Mountain school house where Rev. Dietterich served as Sabbath School superintendent before entering the ministry – either Knob Mountain was dropped as a preaching place, was a Sabbath School location only and didn't have preaching, or the list is not complete.

LOOP A

1. Evansville church – The original building was constructed in the village on Harts Lane in 1854. During the denominational split of the 1890's, the congregation tried to keep the building by moving it from its foundation to an adjoining lot. The original building burned in 1989 and was replaced by the present Evansville UMC at 8 Lights Road.

2. Summerhill church – The original structure was constructed in 1849 on a plot of ground which has since been made of the cemetery. The present UMC building was erected on the corner in 1893 and moved back from road in 1925.

3. Moore school house – Salem township, Luzerne County. A church building named Salem [aka Moore's Hill] was erected in 1881 and used until it was destroyed by fire in 1959. The cemetery remains.

4. Ebenezer church¹ – North Centre township, Columbia County. This log church was built in 1848 about 1 mile east of the present Ebenezer UMC by the Old Ebenezer Cemetery. This class combined with the Whitmire class to erect the present Ebenezer UMC in 1881.

LOOP B

5. Whitmire school house¹ – North Centre township, Columbia County. This school house stood west of the present Ebenezer UMC, where the New Ebenezer Cemetery is located. This class combined with the Ebenezer class to erect the present Ebenezer UMC in 1881.

6. Heimbach school house² – exact location unknown, but possibly in Cooper township, Montour County.

7. White Hall church – Anthony township, Montour County. The 1869 journal includes a motion to sell the White Hall church. The 1876 atlas shows the exact location, 1 mile west of White Hall on PA 44, at the Y, and still identifies it as Bethel Evangelical Church.

8. Mench home – exact location unknown, this name may be Mensch

9. Jerseytown church – Madison township, Columbia County. This is possibly the 1835 Methodist Episcopal church building “at the top of the hill on the north side of the road leading to White Hall” – which property is now 108 White Hall Road. That building was abandoned and torn down when the present Jerseytown UMC was erected in town in 1901.

10. Mordansville school house – Mount Pleasant township, Columbia County.

LOOP C

11. Karschner home – Pine township, Columbia County. The Evangelicals eventually, at least for a while, had a church building in Pine township. St. Paul's Lutheran Church was erected in the center of the township in 1879, but abandoned in 1886 when the families involved moved out of the area. That building became Centre Evangelical Church in 1888 and was served from Unintyville at least into the 1920's before it was discontinued. In 1946 the Methodists re-opened the building

12. Salem church – Unityville, Jordan township, Lycoming County. This building was erected in 1845 and used until the congregation ceased to exist in 2014.

13. Union church – Waller, Jackson township, Columbia County. This building was erected in 1854 and is still standing, next to the present Waller UMC.

LOOP D

14. Robinson school house² – exact location unknown

15. Wagner school house² – exact location unknown

16. Richart school house – Jordan township, Lycoming County. Both the Evangelical Association and the Methodist Episcopal worshipped in this school house. The Methodists eventually erected the Richart's Grove church building, in 1893, which served that denomination until 1970. That structure now houses an independent congregation. The Evangelicals never erected a building, and the appointment was eventually dropped.

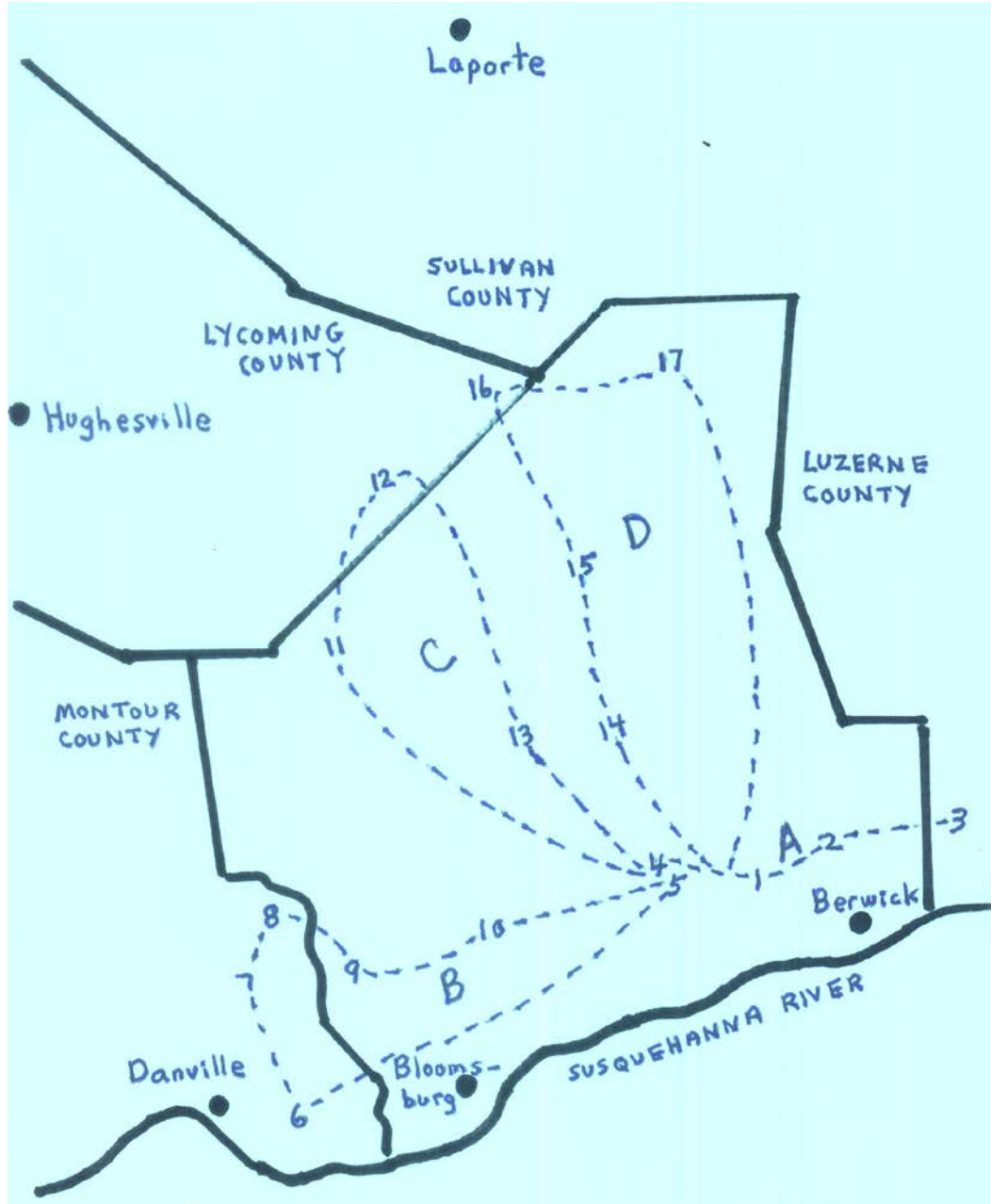
17. Fishing Creek [Kile] school house – Sugarloaf township, Columbia County. In the early 1890's the Evangelicals eventually erected a church building here that remained with the Evangelical Association during the 1894-1922 denominational split.³ The Kile Church never recovered from the division and was finally sold at a sheriff's sale in 1928.

¹ Even though the Ebenezer church (4) and Whitmire school house (5) appointments were very close, they were placed on different loops that were served on alternate weeks so that there would be preaching in the area each week.

² In general, school houses were permanent fixtures that endured until school consolidation in the 1950's. County/township histories identify local school houses, but the names given by Dietterich do not appear. It is possible (1) that the names of the school houses changed for various reasons or, more likely, (2) that Dietterich was not using the official name, but a name in common usage referring to the current teacher or current adjacent landowner.

³ John W. Kile gave the land for the church and the building was erected – before the 1894 split, but before formal delivery of the deed. When Kile and the majority of the congregation sided with the dissident United Evangelical Church, they tried to maintain possession of the building. The Evangelical Association took them to court. The court ruled that even though there was no formal delivery of the deed, allowing the Evangelical Association to erect the building constituted implied delivery – and the building remained with the Evangelical Association. While these details do not appear in church documents, they may be found in secular sources – see, for example, EVANGELICAL CHURCH CASE in the 11/2/1897 *Allentown Leader*, page 1.

Approximate map of the 1858 Columbia circuit of the Evangelical Association, with loops A,B,C,D as identified on the previous pages.



Two circuit riders were appointed, and the four loops were served on a four week schedule as follows:

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Preacher #1	A	B	C	D
Preacher #2	C	D	A	B