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FOREWORD

Having made a study of the Inventory of "The Church Archives of West Virginia", I most heartily commend this work as a permanent contribution to the history of our beloved State.

While the natural resources such as timber, coal, gas, and oil have given us an economic standing among the states of our Union, the churches have given the moral and spiritual qualities that made West Virginia known for the men and women of note in the world of letters, and of science, and in sociology, and education, and in the religious sphere.

While the church when considered as individual congregations in many communities may often lack strength and spiritual virility, yet when considered as a whole, the Church has been the vital force in the life of the State.

In these days of world tragedy the Church will be found upholding the banner of Liberty and being true to our motto "The Mountaineer is always free".

This inventory will not only preserve history of the individual congregations; but will give the one who makes a study of it better understanding of the place and significance of the Church in the development of our State life, and will give a deep sense of appreciation of the work of the Church.

Sincerely,

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was established in West Virginia in 1936 as a part of the Federal Historical Records Survey, a unit of Federal Project No. 1. Federal sponsorship was terminated August 31, 1939, and since then the West Virginia Historical Records Survey has been sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education until September 1, 1940, and by the West Virginia Department of Archives and History after that date.

The objective of the survey in West Virginia is to prepare complete inventories of the records of State, county, city, or other governmental units, and of church records, newspapers, manuscript collections, and American imprints.

The Historical Records Survey in West Virginia has chosen as its second publication in the church records program an inventory of the records of the Presbyterian Church in West Virginia. These records, so important as source material for church history, are presented together with a brief sketch of the organization and history of the church. Some of the records of the older churches have been lost or destroyed, and it has been an impossible task to locate some records which we feel sure are in existence. However, we believe the inventory here presented is fairly complete.

Churches of both the Northern and Southern Assemblies are included in this volume. The church entries are arranged by Synod and Presbytery and thereunder chronologically by date of organization and include not only churches existing today but those which have ceased to exist.

The initial work on the inventory was done by field workers in each county which has, or has had, a church of this denomination. Preliminary editorial work on the volume was completed by Irvin Young and Rex S. Wolfe, former church editors for the survey. Final draft of entries, historical sketch and section on records was completed by William Fred Conner, and the state director.

This Inventory was prepared in accordance with instructions from the Washington office of the Historical Records Survey; detailed editorial comment and editorial criticism of the book have been made by Donald A. Thompson, Assistant Archivist.

Throughout the entire survey the workers have had the fullest cooperation from pastors and officials of the individual churches. Particular appreciation is expressed to Rev. Gill I. Wilson, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg, Rev. Nelson Thorne, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg. Rev. Smiley Williams, Pastor, First

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The Inventory of the Church Archives in West Virginia: The Presbyterian Church is the thirty first publication in a series relating to West Virginia records. These publications are issued in mimeograph form for free distribution to State and local public officials in West Virginia and to a number of governmental agencies outside the State. A list of these publications appear in the back of this volume. Inquiries regarding particular publications should be addressed to the State Director of West Virginia, the Historical Records Survey Project, 210 Smallridge Building, Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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General

This volume contains an inventory of records of Presbyterian churches and organizations in West Virginia, a brief resume of the essential facts in their history and organization, and a bibliography of primary and secondary writings concerning them. A separate entry has been prepared for each ecclesiastical unit and these entries have been numbered successively throughout the volume to facilitate ready reference. As a further aid the entries have been arranged according to Synods and the Synods in turn are arranged by Presbyteries according to date of formation.

The typical entry is divided into four parts; (1) name, dates, and address of the ecclesiastical unit; (2) pertinent facts about its history, organization and architecture; (3) a complete list of the extant records so far as the Survey has been able to locate them; and (4) a bibliography of printed and manuscript materials concerning the unit.

Names

Full names of persons have been given except where such information was not available. With respect to first settled clergymen, full names and dates of services are given whenever that information could be obtained.

Addresses

Exact street addresses of churches appear, except where there is no specific street designated. In certain cases churches are located in rural areas; in that case the name of nearest post office has been given. In the case of extinct churches it has sometimes been impossible to determine their exact location. In a few instances there never were any regular church buildings, services having been held in schoolhouses or private homes, and concerning which there sometimes is no definite information.

Dates

Whenever possible the dates of erection and disposal of church buildings have been given. In some cases, however, it has been impossible to state when the first church edifice was erected, due to the loss of early records. Some extinct organizations, particularly missions, never had any special building, and it would be practically impossible to indicate all the places in which they worshipped, such as halls, schoolhouses, and rooms in private homes.

Records

All records have been listed, those missing being indicated by specific notes. All records are in manuscript form unless otherwise stated. In some cases where various types of

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records are mingled in the same volume, this fact has been indicated. For example, the same series of volumes may contain minutes, financial records, and vital statistics records. This is especially true of older churches. Location of records has been indicated, so far as it has been possible to determine them. It should be noted that locations of records sometimes change, due to the election of new clerks or pastors. Furthermore, churches are steadily depositing their non-current records in the Spence Library at Richmond, Virginia, and in the library of the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, North Carolina, and it is to be assumed that many of the records still in possession of the churches at the time of the publication will be deposited there in the near future. The Presbyterian Church has always been very interested in preserving their records, and provisions were made as early as 1819 to establish schools and libraries. While no official provisions are made that records be deposited either at Spence Library or at Montreat Foundation, special efforts have been made by both northern and southern assemblies to have member churches deposit their records at a central point. Both Spence Library and Montreat Library are supported by funds contributed by Presbyterian Church in U.S.A., and Presbyterian Church in U. S.

Histories

The brief bibliographies under the headings "Published historical sketches" and "Unpublished historical sketches" in the entries are naturally not in all cases complete. Many churches have published year books, directories, etc., of which no copy is now available, and it is manifestly a hopless task to attempt to trace every publication or manuscript history. The titles given are those which have been available to the compilers of this volume, and would be available to other people interested in similar research.

Abbreviations

bldg.	building
e.g.	for example
Ibid.	the same citation
n. d.	no date or no dates
n. v.	no volume
nr.	near or nearby
op. cit.	in the work cited
p., pp.	page (s)
ptd.	printed
viz.	as follows
vol. (s)	volume (s)

Symbols

--.	to date
*	defunct or extinct churches

HISTORICAL SKETCH

As a background to the history of the Presbyterian groups in West Virginia, it seems well to trace the movements which brought to America the principal elements from which the Presbyterian Church in the United States developed. Many nationalities have made valuable contributions to the Presbyterian constituency, but the Scotch and Scotch-Irish have predominated. The first English colonists included members of the Presbyterian faith.[1]

Some time in 1707 Rev. Francis Makemie and associates formed the Presbytery of Philadelphia. In 1710, in all of Virginia, there was but one small Presbyterian congregation, that on the Elizabeth River, to which Rev. Josias Makie was minister.[2]

In 1717 the Presbytery of Philadelphia divided itself into the four Presbyteries of Philadelphia, New Castle, Snow Hill, and Long Island, and reconstituted itself on September 17, 1717, as the Synod of Philadelphia. New Castle Presbytery, organized March 13, 1717, exercised jurisdiction over the new congregations in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, east of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay.[3]

The record of continuous straight-line Presbyterianism in West Virginia, in the Presbyterian Church, South, began on September 19, 1719. At this time the Synod of Philadelphia, because there was no Presbytery of local organization, commissioned Rev. Daniel McGill, a minister of New Castle Presbytery, in answer to a formal supplication, to go to Potomoke in Virginia (W. Va.) and preach to the people there with a view to a settlement. It appears that this Potomoke in Virginia was west of the Blue Ridge, near where the Potomac River as then known began, and at the junction of the Sherando and Cohongoruta rivers. Near this site the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church is still standing.[4]

All churches in western Virginia remained under control of New Castle until 1732. On October 11, 1732, the Presbytery of New Castle was divided to form the Presbytery of Donegal. It exercised jurisdiction over practically all of Pennsylvania, except a few eastern counties, and in Maryland that part west

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1. Charles H. McDonald "Thirtieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Synod of W. Va.," in Synod of W. Va. Minutes (U.S.A.), 1934, pp. 58-59; R. C. Reed, History of the Presbyterian Church of the World, pp. 232-234.
2. R. B. Woodworth, The History of Winchester Presbytery, p. 3. Hereafter cited: Woodworth, History.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.

of Susquehanna River and north of the Potomac and over the upper Potomac basin in western Virginia.[5]

In 1741 diverse ideas as to ministerial qualifications and evangelistic methods led to the first schism in straight-line Presbyterianism, and on September 19, 1745, the New-Side Synod of New York was organized. It had superior educational facilities and more zealous ministers, and from its New-Side Presbytery of New Castle came Rev. John Hoge, in 1754, to be minister to the region of present-day Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. The Presbytery of Hanover in Virginia was erected by the Synod of New York and held its first session at Hanover, Virginia, on December 3, 1755. It was composed of ministers from New Castle Presbytery, New-Side, and any minister who settled southward and westward of Mr. Hoge's congregations had liberty to join in. After 1770, Hanover sent an occasional minister to the upper South Branch Valley, which was southwestward of the boundary, and in 1782, Rev. Moses Hoge settled on the South Branch. Otherwise, Hanover exercised no dominion within the present bounds of West Virginia. In 1758, New-Side and Old-Side reunited and the two Synods merged on May 29, 1758, into the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, and Donegal Presbytery resumed unquestioned jurisdiction.[6]

Donegal Presbytery retained control of all Virginia churches until 1781, when the Presbytery of Redstone in western Pennsylvania was formed by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia from the Presbytery of Donegal. Further division was made March 29, 1785, when Hanover Presbytery was divided into two Presbyteries - Hanover and Lexington, one east of the Blue Ridge, and one west, and erected the new Synod of Virginia as one of the constituents of the new General Assembly. The new Presbytery of Lexington met first on September 26, 1786, at Timber Ridge Church, Rockingham County, Virginia. Its boundaries were the Presbyteries of Redstone and Carlisle on the north, the southeastern ridge of the Applachian mountains on the east and south, and the New River on the west. Included in this new Presbytery were Concrete Church at Moorefield, Tuscarora, Back Creek, Shepherdstown, Charles Town, Falling Waters, Cool Spring (later Gerrardstown). Romney and Patterson Creek remained in Carlisle Presbytery which was formed by division out of Donegal in 1786. The Synod of Virginia held its first session October 23, 1788. It was composed of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Lexington, Hanover, and Transylvania, two Presbyteries in Virginia, one in Pennsylvania, and one in Kentucky.[7]

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5. Woodworth, op. cit. p. 3.
6. McDonald, op. cit., p. 60. See also Woodworth, History, p. 4.
7. Woodworth, loc. cit. p. 5.

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With the transfer of Redstone Presbytery to Virginia in 1788,[8] the congregations of that section of northwestern Virginia, now included in Ohio, Brooke, and Hancock Counties appealed for preachers. These calls came from Short Creek, now West Liberty, Forks of Wheeling, now Wheeling, Hollidays Cove and the Mouth of Buffalo, now Wellsburg. Work was carried as far south as the Tygart's Valley. After 12 years the Synod of Philadelphia divided Redstone to form a new Presbytery called Ohio, which was to include the churches west of the Monongahela River and of a line running from its mouth to the site of present city of Erie, Pennsylvania. It was given no western boundary. In 1802, Erie was organized as a separate Presbytery, thus making the necessary three and the Synod of Pittsburgh was formed. The churches of Ohio Presbytery were put in the new Synod.[9]

In 1792, the General Assembly, to rectify territorial bounds, made the Potomac River the boundary between the Synods of Virginia and Philadelphia. This action automatically transferred western Virginia churches in Carlisle Presbytery to the Presbytery of Lexington, but the congregations of Tuscarora and Falling Waters and John Boyd, their minister, asked on May 16, 1793, to be reunited to Carlisle, which request the General Assembly granted, and so these two congregations did not get into the Synod of Virginia until October 11, 1804, when they were added to the roll on authorization of the General Assembly.[10]

On a petition which originated with the Rev. Moses Hoge in the Presbytery of Lexington, October 11, 1793, the Synod of Virginia on September 16, 1794, divided the Presbytery of Lexington and erected a new Presbytery to be called Winchester and to include the congregations which in first instance had been under the dominion of Donegal and organized by it. The Rev. Moses Hoge, pastor of Shepherdstown, was convenor and was elected the first moderator and first stated clerk. The new Presbytery included Shepherdstown, Charles Town, Hopewell (Old Bullskin), Frankfort (or Patterson Creek), Romney, Springfield, Middletown (later Gerrardstown), Concrete (Moorefield), and Lost River, all within bounds of present-day West Virginia.[11]

Further division of Philadelphia Synod was effected in 1819 when the Presbyteries of Steubenville and Washington were created to exercise control of territory in northern and western

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8. Redstone was transferred from Virginia Synod to the newly organized Synod of Pittsburgh in 1802. See McDonald, Organization of Synod, p. 61.
9. Ibid.
10. Woodworth, History, p. 5.
11. Ibid., p. 6.

Virginia.[12] In 1837, final division of Virginia Synod was effected and Greenbrier Presbytery was created from part of Lexington and Winchester Presbyteries.[13]

This completed early organization of Presbyterian churches within the bounds of present West Virginia. The Synod of Pittsburgh, with its three Presbyteries, was to extend control over territory of northern West Virginia[14] while the Synod of Virginia was to develop denominationally in the southern part of western Virginia.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 almost the entire body of the Southern Presbyterian Church withdrew their connections from the old General Assembly and united with the organization of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America. This organization was effected at Augusta, Georgia, December 4, 1861. The second Assembly convened at Montgomery, Alabama, May 1, 1862, and since then the meetings have been held at the same time as the northern portion of the church. With this separation of the church, West Virginia churches called upon the northern assembly to make some arrangements with regard to the ministers and churches still remaining in connection with the northern General Assembly.[15]

This break marked the beginning of a separate church organization in West Virginia. At the meeting of the General Assembly of the church in session at Peoria, Illinois, in 1863, the following resolution was adopted, viz,: "That it be recommended that all the ministers in West Virginia south of the southern line of Pennsylvania extended to the Ohio river be detached from their Presbyteries, and formed into a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of West Virginia, to meet at Parkersburg, October 1, 1863; to be opened by a sermon by the Rev. H. W. Biggs, and that the Presbytery be attached to the Synod of Wheeling."[16] The churches forming the Presbytery of West Virginia at organization came from the following Presbyteries and Synods, viz. Parkersburg and

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12. McDonald, op. cit., pp. 61-62.
13. Woodworth, op. cit., p. 7.
14. The Southern bounds of the Synod of Pittsburgh were from "the mouth of the Scioto up the Ohio river to the mouth of Great Kanawha; thence a line due east to the top of the Alleghany mountains". All other territory within the bounds of West Virginia was under the control of Synod of Virginia. See Rev. James J. Flanagan, "The Presbyterian Church," in J. M. Callahan, Semi-Centennial History of West Virginia, pp. 532, 533.
15. Ibid., p. 533; see also R. C. Reed, History of Presbyterian Churches of World, pp. 272-275.
16. Synod of West Virginia, (U.S.A.) Minutes (1904) p. 7.

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17. Synod of West Virginia, (U.S.A.) Minutes (1904) p. 7.
18. Rev. James H. Flanagan, "The Presbyterian Church," in J. M. Callahan, Semi-Centennial History of W. Va., p. 533.
19. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1904) p. 9.
20. Ibid.
21. Ibid., p. 8.
22. Ibid., p. 10.

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ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The standards of doctrines of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America are the Westminister Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. They were first adopted in 1729. In 1788 certain amendments to the Confession and Larger Catechisms were approved by the General Synod, giving expression to the American doctrine of the independence of the church and of religious opinion from control by the state. In 1886 the clause forbidding marriage with a deceased wife's sister was stricken out and in 1903 certain alterations were again made, and there were added two chapters, "Of the Holy Spirit" and "Of the Love of God and Missions."[23]

In both the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States, or the Northern and Southern Assemblies, the standards are distinctly Calvinistic. They emphasize the sovereignity of God in Christ in the salvation of the individual; affirm that each believer's salvation is a part of the eternal divine plan; that salvation is not a reward for faith, but that both faith and salvation are gifts of God; that man is utterly unable to save himself; that regeneration is an act of God and of God alone; and that God enables those whom He regenerates to attain to their eternal salvation.[24]

Discipline is defined in the Book of Discipline as "the exercise of that authority, and the application of that system of laws, which the Lord Jesus Christ has appointed in His Church." In practice it is controlled by a policy of guidance and regulation, rather than one of destruction and punishment. Christian liberty is regarded as consistent with the wise administration of Christian law.[25]

The Directory of Worship makes no restriction as to place or form. The church insists upon the supreme importance of the spiritual element and leaves both ministers and people at full liberty to worship God in accordance with the dictates of their own conscience. The sacraments are administered by ministers only, and ordinarily only ministers and licentiates are authorized to teach officially. A book of common worship was

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23. Census of Religious Bodies, 1936: "Presbyterian Bodies, Statistics, Denominational History, Doctrine and Organization," p. 22.
24. Ibid.
25. Ibid.

approved by the General Assembly in 1906 for optional use by pastors and congregations, and was revised in 1931.[26]

The ecclesiastical organization of the Presbyterian Church is set forth in the Form of Government. It has as its two principal factors the ministers as representatives of Christ and the ruling elders as representatives of the people; and these two classes constitute the four judicatories which form the administrative system. These are the session which governs the congregation; the presbytery, which governs a number of congregations within a limited geographic district; the synod, which governs the congregations within a larger geographic district; and the General Assembly, which is the supreme judicatory. All of these courts are vested with legislative, executive, and judicial powers.[27]

The General Assembly is the highest judicatory of the Presbyterian Church. It is composed of equal delegations of commissioners, both ministers and ruling elders from each presbytery, in the following proportions: "Each Presbytery consisting of not more than 24 ministers shall send one minister and one elder, and each Presbytery consisting of more than 24 ministers shall send one minister and one elder for each additional 24 ministers or for each additional fractional number of ministers not less than 12."[28]

Its officers are a moderator and stated clerk who is the chief executive officer of the church. The term of the clerk is limited to five years, reelection permitted, with retirement compulsory at the age of 70; while the moderator serves for one year and is the unofficial representative of the church between meetings of the assembly. The General Assembly decides all controversies respecting doctrine and discipline, erects new synods, appoints the various boards and commissions, receives and issues all appeals. Its decision is final, except in matters involving the amendment of the constitution of the church. It meets annually on the third, fourth, or fifth Thursday in May, or the first Thursday in June.

The Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly, have power to appoint judicial commissions. A permanent judicial commission has been provided for in the constitution for the General Assembly. Judicial cases not affecting the doctrine or constitution of the church terminate with the synod as the final court of appeal; all others terminate with the General Assembly.[29]

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26. Census of Religious Bodies, 1936: "Presbyterian Bodies, Statistics, Denominational History, Doctrine and Organization," p. 22.
27. Ibid, pp. 23, 64.
28. Ibid., pp. 23-24.
29. Ibid. p. 24.

SYNODICAL

SYNOD OF WEST VIRGINIA (U.S.A.)

Created in 1904, the Synod is under direct control of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. The Synod meets annually on the third Tuesday of October, at a place designated by the previous meeting.[30]

A Synod is a convention of all the clergymen, and one ruling elder from each congregation within a larger district than a Presbytery, and must include at least three Presbyteries. The Synod has power to receive and issue all appeals regularly brought up from the Presbyteries; to decide on all references made to them; to review the records of Presbyteries, and approve or censure them; to take effectual care that Presbyteries observe the constitution of the church; to erect new Presbyteries, and unite or divide those which were before erected; and generally to take such order with respect to the Presbyteries, sessions, and people under their care as may be in conformity with the word of God, and the established rules, and which tend to promote the edification of the church.[31]

The officers of the Synod are a Moderator, and one or more temporary clerks, who shall serve for one year; a stated clerk, a treasurer, and a permanent clerk, all of whom serve during a term of three years, or until their successors are elected. The annual meetings of Synod are opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or in case of his disability, one delegated by the Committee of Arrangements.[32]

The Committee of Arrangements consists of four members, the stated clerk, the permanent clerk, the Moderator, and the pastor of the church in which the Synod meets. The stated clerk is ex-officio chairman. This committee prepares the order of business for the Synod and handles expense accounts.[33]

In addition to these officers, the following Standing Committees are appointed annually:

1. Bills and Overtures, five members.

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30. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) p. 51.
31. Rev. John M. Krebs, "Presbyterian Church," in History of Religious Denominations in the United States. Editor, I. Daniel Rupp, p. 570.
32. Standing Rules of Synod, adopted at Wellsburg, W. Va., 1925, see Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) pp. 51-52.
33. Ibid., p. 51.

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2. Judicial, five members.
3. Financial and Treasurer's Account, three members.
4. Attendance and Absence, three members.
5. Records of Presbyteries, three members.

The Permanent Organizations of Synod, five in number, are constituted as follows:

General Council

The General Council consists of: The Moderator of Synod, who is chairman of the Council, the chairman of Synod's standing committees on the four Boards, three ministers and three elders elected by Synod, and the Synod Executive. The stated clerk of the Synod is the Secretary of the Council and the President of the Synodical Society is a voting member. The ministers and elders elected by the Synod are divided into three classes to serve one, two, and three years respectively, after which "the annual election shall be fore three year terms." No minister or elder elected by the Synod is eligible for re-election to the General Council until after an interim of at least one year.

2. Meetings. The Council holds two regular meetings each year, one of which is held in connection with the annual meeting of the Synod, convening prior to that meeting to prepare proper reports for presentation. The other regular meeting is held in January of each year for the allocation of the Budget for Benevolence to the Presbyteries, and to make plans to secure full payment of the quotas for the current year before the year closes. Special meetings may be held at such other times as may be deemed necessary, in the judgment of the Moderator and stated clerk, endorsed by three other members of the Council. The traveling expenses of the members of the Council are paid to all meetings, excepting the meeting which is held in connection with the Synod. Its decision is operative wherever power has been conferred, but may be reviewed and reversed by Synod.

3. Expenses. The expenses of the Council are paid out out of the funds of Synod. A statement of the amount required to meet the annual expenses of the Council is presented to the Synod for its approval.

4. Functions. (a) The Council functions to cooperate with the General Council of the Assembly in carrying out its policies and programs within bounds of the Synod; (b) unifies and coordinates the education and promotive work of the various Boards within the bounds of the Synod, and cooperates with the standing committees of the Boards in harmonizing the various activities of the church within the Synod; (c) receives and distributes among the Presbyteries the annual budget of benevolence; (d) stimulates prompt and regular remittance of

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benevolence funds to the treasurers of the Boards; (e) reports to the Synod at its annual meeting covering all actions having been taken during the year.[34]

Committees

The Council appoints a committee on Program and Field Activities, consisting of three members of the Council with the President of the Synodical Society as a voting member. This committee, in conjunction with the Presbyterian Committees on Program and Field Activities, studies the annual budget and allocates the benevolence quotas and develops such plans as may be necessary to raise the entire Benevolence Budget on action by the Council. It is responsible also for the dissemination of information among the churches concerning the entire benevolence work of the church, and for the promotion of plans for missionary education.[35]

Standing Committees of the Synod

The standing committees of the Synod consists of the chairmen of the corresponding committees in the Presbyteries, together with three ministers and three elders, one each to be chosen from the three Presbyteries, to be elected by the Synod at each annual meeting, with one woman appointed by the Synodical Society as a voting member. The chairman of the standing committees of the Synod are elected by Synod each year, but they are not eligible for election after having served for three consecutive years until an interim of one year has elapsed. There are four standing committees as follows:

1. National Missions. This committee has supervision of all work of National Missions within the bounds of the state in cooperation with the Presbyteries. Its duties are: (a) the development of a common program of mission work for Synod; (b) the preparation of the budget of needs on the basis of a study of the field; (c) the distribution among Presbyteries and fields of the budget annually appropriated for work within the Synod; (d) the administration, in cooperation with the National Board, of all work within the bounds of the Synod which comes within the scope of the Board of National Missions, except such projects as are specifically exempted by mutual agreement between the Synod and the Board; (e) cooperation with the Board of National Missions in advancing the whole cause of National Missions within the bounds of the Synod; (f) the promotion of National Missions among the churches in cooperation with the General Council.

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34. Standing Rules of Synod, adopted at Wellsburg, W. Va., 1925, see Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) pp. 52-53.
35. Ibid., pp. 53-54.

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2. Foreign Missions. It is the duty of the Committee on Foreign Missions to promote the interests of Foreign Missions among the churches of the Synod in cooperation with the General Council.

3. Christian Education. It is the duty of this committee to have supervision of all matters pertaining to the work of the Board of Christian Education within the bounds of the Synod, together with all special educational enterprises for which Synod may be responsible; to promote its policies and programs for the advancement of educational efficiency among all the churches of the Synod; and to cooperate with the General Council in financial cultivation.

4. Ministerial Relief and Sustentation. This committee cooperates with the Board of Relief and Sustentation in the promotion of the Pension Plan throughout the Synod, and all other work of the Board in cooperation with the General Council.

Each of these standing committees makes an annual report to the Synod, covering all their respective activities, and makes such recommendations to Synod as may be deemed necessary for the promotion and development of their work. To meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, an apportionment, covering the amount needed, is assessed annually upon the Presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at the time of the last report, and the amount is apportioned and recommended by the Committee on Finance.[36]

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Created in 1914, the Synod is under the direct control of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The Synod meets annually at the same time as the northern church, at a place designated at the previous annual meeting.

The officers of the Synod are the Moderator, stated clerk, treasurer, and two temporary clerks. The Moderator is elected from members of court present at each regular stated meeting and holds office for one year. The stated clerk, elected for a term of three years, has charge of records, papers, and property of the Synod. The stated clerk is also the treasurer of the Synod, receiving and disbursing the funds of the Synod under its direction. Temporary clerks are elected at each stated meeting to serve for that meeting only.[37]

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36. Standing Rules of Synod, adopted at Wellsburg, W. Va., 1925, see: Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) pp. 54-56.
37. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Manual, contains the

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Before the close of each meeting of the Synod the Moderator appoints a Committee on Programs of not less than three members, of which the pastor or ruling elder of the church in which the Synod is to hold its next meeting, is the chairman. This committee corresponds to the Committee of Arrangements in the northern Synod and performs similar duties.[38]

The committees of Synod are classed according to the duties assigned them under the four following heads: Standing, Executive, Permanent, and Special.

The Moderator appoints the following Standing Committees, each committee being composed of at least three members:

Bills and Overtures
Judicial Committee
Union Theological Seminary
Presbyterian Orphan's Home
Schools and Colleges
Minutes of General Assembly
Records of the Synod
Presbyterial Records
The Narrative of State of Religion
Finance and Auditing Committee
Leave of Absence

In addition to the appointed Standing Committees there are two Executive Committees. The Committee on Home Missions consists of the Chairman of Committee on Home Missions in each of the constituent Presbyteries, and six additional members chosen by the Synod, two of them, a minister and a layman, being ordinarily chosen from each of the Presbyteries. They serve for three years, the chairman and treasurer, being designated by the Synod annually at each stated meeting. The Committee on Schools and Colleges, consists of the President of the Board of Directors or other representatives of each of the institutions concerned, and six additional members chosen by the Synod. Members of this committee serve for three years, the chairman and treasurer being designated by the Synod annually at each stated meeting.[39]

The Synod also provides for two Permanent Committees, one On Synod's Work, the other On Assembly's Work. It is their duty to "care for and seek to develop, within the Synod, the interest of the particular cause upon which each is

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Constitution, History, Directory, Standing Rules, and Rules of Orders Adopted at Sutton, W. Va., October 1916, ch. III, p. 5.

38. Ibid.
39. Ibid., ch. IV, p. 7.

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appointed, and to report at each stated meeting of the Synod upon the general status and welfare of the particular phase of the work assigned to each group."[40]

PRESBYTERIAL

All the ministers (being not less than three in number) and one ruling elder from each congregation, within a certain district, are formed into a presbytery. Created by and under direct control of the Synod, the Standing Rules for the presbytery are the same as for the Synod which created it.[41]

The presbytery has power to receive and issue appeals from church sessions, and references brought before them in an orderly manner; to examine and license candidates for the holy ministry; to ordain, remove,and judge ministers; to examine and approve or censure the records of church sessions; to resolve questions of doctrine or discipline seriously and reasonably proposed; to unite or divide congregations at the request of the people, or to form or receive new congregations; in general to order whatever pertains to the spiritual welfare of the churches under their care; and to appoint delegates to the General Assembly.[42]

CHURCHES

The officers of a particular church, when it is fully organized, are clergyman or pastor, a bench of ruling elders, and a bench of deacons. The pastor, together with the ruling elders, compose the church session. To this body is confided the spiritual government of the congregation, for which purpose they have power to receive members into the church; to admonish or suspend from the church members who have broken their vows; and to appoint delegates to the presbytery and to the synod. Appeals may be made from their decisions and carried up to the higher judicatories. The business of the deacons is to care for the poor, and the management of business affairs of the church. The ruling elders and the deacons are ordained, or set apart, to their respective offices by a pastor.[43]

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40. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Manual, contains the Constitution, History, Directory, Standing Rules, and Rules of Orders Adopted at Sutton, W. Va., October 1916, ch. IV, p. 8.
41. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) p. 50.
42. Rev. John M. Krebs, "Presbyterian Church," in History of Religious Denominations in the United States, Ed. I. Daniel Rupp, p. 571.
43. Ibid., p. 570.

RECORDS AND RECORDKEEPING

Synodical Recordkeeping

It is the duty of the Synod to keep full and fair records of its proceedings, to submit them annually to the inspection of the General Assembly, and to report to it the number of its Presbyteries, and of the members thereof, and, in general, all important changes that may have occurred within its bounds during the year.[44]

The stated clerk, elected for a term of three years, has care of the records, papers, and property of Synod. The Standing Rules and Records of Synod Meetings must be published in pamphlet form under the direction of the stated clerk, as soon as practicable after its adjournment, and in sufficient numbers to supply every minister and every elder in the Synod with one copy and to preserve copies of the same properly attested. Copies of the minutes are sent to the General Assembly for its review, and to the next meeting of the Synod for approval.[45]

During the session of the Synod the stated clerk receives and assorts all records and other papers addressed to the Synod and presents them at the correct time. Further, the clerk makes a correct Roll of Synod and a Docket of Business for the use of the Moderator and the Synod.[46]

The Synod requires complete records of Presbyteries under its control. To examine such records the Synod maintains a Standing Committee of three members to examine the records.[47]

Presbyterial Recordkeeping[48]

Although the titles of their recordkeeping officers vary slightly, the rules and regulations regarding the records of every Presbytery in West Virginia are essentially the same.

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44. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.), Manual, containing the Constitution, History, Directory, Standing Rules and Rules of Order adopted at Sutton, W. Va., October 1916, ch. 1, p. 1; Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) pp. 54, 55.
45. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Manual, ch. III, p. 5; Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) pp. 52, 54, 55.
46. Ibid., p. 52.
47. Ibid., ch. IV, p. 8.
48. Grafton Presbytery, Minutes, II, pp. 65-72. (May 10, 1917).

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The officers of the Presbytery who are primarily concerned with the keeping of records are generally designated as the temporary clerk, stated clerk, and treasurer. The stated clerk and treasurer of each session are directly responsible to the recordkeeping officers of the Presbytery, who are, in turn, responsible to the recordkeeping officers of the Synod.

The temporary clerk is elected at the opening of each stated meeting of the Presbytery. He receives all papers for filing, keeps acareful record of all proceedings of Presbytery, marks and files all papers, and upon adjournment, delivers them to the stated clerk for recording.

The stated clerk is the permanent executive officer of the Presbytery. He keeps a permanent record of the minutes of Presbytery, conducts the correspondence, and publishes such portions of its proceedings as may be of general interest. It is his duty to give notice of the stated meetings; and to furnish a complete roll of the members and a docket of business, at the opening of each stated meeting. He also keeps a roll of the acting Eldership of the churches, keeps a roll of the permanent committees, and reports vacancies thereon. This officer prepares the Annual Statistical Reports and supplies the churches with statistical blanks and notices of assessment, at least two weeks before each stated meeting. This office is filled by election every three years.

The treasur is elected by Presbytery and serves for a term of three years. He has charge of the funds of the Presbytery and keeps an account of all receipts and disbursements, including an account with each church. His books and vouchers, with his report, are presented at each stated meeting of Presbytery. He also, at the same time, presents for Presbytery's approval, an estimate of all the necessary expenses of Presbytery for the ensuing six months, with such per capita apportionments on the churches as may be sufficient to meet such expenses.

The Committee on Sessional Records, which consists of two ministers and one elder, elected every three years, receives all sessional records at the Spring meeting of Presbytery. It appoints sub-committees to examine these records, receives and tabulates their reports, and makes a report thereon to Presbytery. It is the duty of the clerk of Session of each church to record the minutes of the Session and deliver them to Presbytery.

A Statistical Report and an Annual Narrative on the State of Religion are prepared by each Session, the former being sent to the stated clerk of Presbytery at least one week before the Spring meeting of the Presbytery, and the latter to the Committee on Narrative two weeks before said meeting. The Statistical Report is engrossed in full upon the records of the

Presbyterial Recordkeeping

Sessions. At the Spring meeting of the Presbytery each congregation reports on the following, by written statement of its treasurer: (1) the status of its account with the pastor or stated supply; (2) the amount of debt that the congregation may have incurred during the year; (3) a general statement of financial methods used.

The Standing Committees on the Boards and Committees of the General Assembly present written reports at the Fall meeting of Presbytery. These reports embrace: (1) a brief statement of their work and wants; (2) the number of churches which have contributed to each during the ecclesiastical year and the amount of these contributions; (3) the number and names of the churches which have failed to contribute during the year; (4) any action which, in their judgment, would tend to awaken a more lively interest in these causes of Christian beneficence.

The Committee on Narrative prepares an annual narrative on the State of Religion within the bounds of the Presbytery. This committee is appointed at the Fall meeting, its report being presented at the following Spring meeting. This narrative is incorporated into the minutes of the Presbytery and a copy forwarded to the chairman of the Committee on Narrative of the Synod.

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CHURCHES AND THEIR RECORDS

1. SYNOD OF WEST VIRGINIA (U.S.A.) 1904--.

In 1902 Parkersburg (formerly West Virginia) Presbytery adopted an overture to the Synod of Pennsylvania, requesting that it be divided to make a new Presbytery, to be called Grafton, but voted to defer its presentation until the following year in order to make another effort to enlist the interest of the Panhandle churches in a separate Synod for West Virginia. To that end, a committee was appointed to interview the leaders of that section. They found a gratifying response from the ministers of the Panhandle, who after consideration, appointed a committee consisting of Charles H. McDonald, John J. Srodes, and Robert R. Bigger to present the proposal to the Presbytery of Washington asking for favorable action at its meeting in April 1903. No decision could be reached and both sides voted to postpone action until September 1903. At that meeting the West Virginia men sought to have Washington Presbytery overture the Synod of Pennsylvania to divide the Presbytery of Washington on the state line and form the West Virginia churches, so set off, into the Presbytery of Wheeling. As in the former meeting, opposition was so strong that the request was not pressed to a vote. The West Virginia men accepted, instead, an overture to the Synod to divide the Presbytery on the state line, provided a Synod of West Virginia be formed.[1]

This provision passed almost unanimously, as the West Virginia committee felt it was all that could be secured and the opposition thought it would delay the division indefinitely because, while the Synod could divide a Presbytery, only the General Assembly could set up a Synod. The Synod of Pennsylvania might reasonably be expected to hesitate to pass the overture to divide the Presbytery, not knowing what the General Assembly would do about setting up a Synod. The committee decided on a new line of action by which the West Virginia churches could turn the action of Washington Presbytery to their advantage. As the West Virginia churches had authorized their sessions to take any steps necessary to secure the desired change, the committee asked the session of each church to send a petition directly to the Synod of Pennsylvania, requesting the Synod to overture the General Assembly to divide the Presbytery of Washington at the state line and form a Presbytery of Wheeling. Also to form a Synod of West Virginia, to include the Presbyteries of Parkersburg, Grafton, and the new Presbytery of Wheeling.[2]

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1. C. H. McDonald, "Thirtieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Synod of West Virginia" in Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) pp. 62-63.
2. Ibid., p. 63.

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The Synod of Pennsylvania answered the petition with only one dissenting vote and the General Assembly at Buffalo, New York, in 1904, answered the overture of the Synod of Pennsylvania, in the affirmative.[3]

The Synod of West Virginia was then organized October 18, 1904, in the First Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Dr. J. H. Flanagan, who had been pastor at Grafton for over 40 years, was appointed by the General Assembly to convene the Synod and preach the opening sermon. He was elected first Moderator.[4]

The Synod was organized after the plan of the Synod of Illinois-having committees on Home Missions; Spiritual Life of the Churches; Christian Education; Youth of the Church; Foreign Missions; and General Church Work.[5]

Synod of West Virginia Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Minutes, 1904--. 37 vols. Published record of all transactions of the Synod in annual session. Includes statistical reports by committees and church organizations. In custody of Rev. Nelson H. Thorn, First Presbyterian Church, West Main Street, Clarksburg.

2. PARKERSBURG PRESBYTERY, 1882--.

In 1863, at the meeting of the General Assembly in Peoria, Illinois, Dr. C. C. Beaty, Chairman of the Committees on Bills and Overtures, introduced a resolution to create Presbytery of West Virginia.[6] This new setup was not satisfactory to the churches of Northern Panhandle and they looked to Washington (Pa.) Presbytery for guidance. Thus, West Virginia Presbytery was weakly organized and was not really representative of all churches in Northern West Virginia. In 1882, churches located in region of Parkersburg and whose members attended meetings in the West Virginia Presbytery, requested that the name of the organization be changed to Parkersburg Presbytery as being more truly representative of bounds of Presbytery.[7] This request was granted and the organization was known by the more humble name of Parkersburg Presbytery.

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3. McDonald, op. cit. p. 64
4. James M. Potter, "Reminiscences of Thirty Years of the Synod of West Virginia" in Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) p. 55.
5. Ibid., pp. 55-56.
6. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1904) p. 7; Gill I. Wilson, Sketch of Presbyterianism in West Virginia, p. 15.
7. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) pp. 62-63.

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The Parkersburg Presbytery continued to be a member of Synod of Wheeling until 1904, when it was dismissed to be one of the organizing Presbyteries of newly organized Synod of West Virginia.[8]

Roll of Parkersburg Presbytery at organization.[9]

Pastor	Church	Elder
Thomas A. Anderson	Sistersville	T. J. Deloe
John W. Francis	Parkersburg	1st Hon. S. T. Stapleton
Rhuel H. Merrill	Kanawha	T. L. Barber, M.D.
J. T. Martin	Schwamb	E. Reveal
J. Frank Baxter	Ravenswood	
George M. Donehoo	Parkersburg Missions	
Earle A. Brooks	Bethel	R. H. Burke
W. D. Harrell	Belmont	I. R. Myers
T. M. Marshall		
Christopher Humble		
Robert H. Rogers		
Walter B. Sterrett	Brooksville	E. V. Black
Harry E. Porter	Beechwood	R. H. Adair
Wm. W. Baird	Hughes River	Richard Wanless
	Winfield	Jas. L. McLean
	Ivydale	E. M. Rittenhouse

Parkersburg Presbytery, Minutes, 1904--. 37 vols. Published record of all transactions of annual session of presbytery. Contains record of all business presented and action thereon, statistical report of receipts and disbursements, reports of committees and church organizations. Complete file of records at First Presbyterian Church, Tenth and Market Streets, Parkersburg.

3. KANAWHA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1819--. Virginia Street, Charleston, Kanawha County.

Although services had been held in Charleston for many years prior to the organization of the church, formal organi-

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8. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.) Minutes (1904) p. 11.
9. Ibid., p. 12.

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zation did not take place until March 14, 1819.[10] The Ruffner family,[11] headed by Joseph Ruffner, had moved to Kanawha County from Page County, in 1796, and had become active in the salt industry near Malden. As this family was Presbyteria in faith, it is to be presumed that services were held at an early date, and David Ruffner, a son of Joseph, donated land for Mercer Academy (see entry 333) in Charleston, and built a Presbyterian Chapel at Malden (see entry 196) which was known as the Colonel Ruffner Meeting House, for many years. The organization meetings were held in the Mercer Academy and the church was designated as being organized under the care of the Lexington Presbytery and the Synod of Virginia. Services were continued in the Academy until 1828, when the first church building was completed. It was dedicated November 20, 1830. This church, located on what is now Virginia Street, was donated by Colonel Ruffner. It was destroyed by fire, after being used a few years and was replaced by a second brick building on the same spot. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Calvin Chadock, who served this church from 1820 until 1838.[13] In 1841, at the meeting of the session, a division, of the church took place and Kanawha Salines Presbyterian Church (see entry 196) was established as an independent church. Prior to this organization the "Salines" Church had existed as a mission of the Kanawha Church.[14] In 1872, a further division of the church was effected.

Under the pastorate of Dr. Calvin Barr, a portion of the congregation took the name of the First Presbyterian Church (see entry 202) and united with the General Assembly of United States. The Kanawha Church retained relationship to General Assembly U.S.A.[15] The secession left three of the five of the ruling elders, and about three score members with the original church. In the partition of the property the newly formed church chose the old church edifice; the parent church retaining the manse and its ample grounds.[16] Services were held at the manse until 1885 when a second church was completed.[17] This building,

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10. G. I. Wilson, A Sketch of Presbyterianism in West Virginia, p. 14. Hereafter cited: Wilson, Presbyterianism.
11. For detailed sketch of the Ruffner family, see: Strickler, Harry A., Forerunners. Hereafter cited: Strickler, Forerunners.
12. Ruling Elders: Samuel Beaumont and Thomas Law.
13. Wilson, loc. cit., p. 14.
14. Hardestys, Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, p. 300. Hereafter cited Hardesty's Encyclopedia.
15. Wilson, loc. cit., p. 14.
16. Hardesty's loc. cit., p. 300.
17. Jean M. Brown, "A Brief History of Kanawha Presbyterian Church," in Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1939) p. 73.

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a large well-built edifice of hand-sawed native stone, Gothic style architecture, is still in use today.

Session Records, 1820--. 4 vols. Vol. I, 1820-40; Vol. II, 1841-72; Vol. III, 1873-1900, Vol. IV, 1901--. Contains records of membership, births, baptisms, and marriages performed at the church since 1900.

Published historical sketch, Jean M. Brown, "A Brief History of Kanawha Presbyterian Church," Minutes of Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) 1939, pp. 71-78.

4. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1832--. Tenth and Market Streets, Parkersburg, Wood County.

Organized February 24, 1832, under the leadership of Rev. James McAboy. Early services were held in the courthouse and in a school building, until the first church was built, at what is now the corner of Sixth and Avery Streets, in 1839. It was a plain brick structure, and was used by the congregation until 1890. The cornerstone of the present building was laid September 27, 1894, and dedication services were held July 7, 1895. This church is built of cut sandstone, and is of Gothic architecture. A parish house on the adjoining lot and a manse are included in the church property. Rev. James McAboy was the first resident pastor, serving from 1832 until 1834.

Session Records, 1832--. Incomplete. An effort is being made to collect all records of the church, many of which are copy books and loose sheets of paper. All records are being stored in a specially constructed cabinet in the church.

Church Register, 1919--. 4 vols. Includes list of members, marriages, deaths and baptisms.

Church School Records, 1919--. Complete for each department.

Treasurer's Record, 1895--. 1 vol. In possession of church treasurer.

Published history: Rev. Irwin Wilson, The One Hundredth Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church, (Parkersburg: 1932).

5. HUGHES RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1835--. Cairo, Ritchie County.

Organized April 12, 1835,[18] one mile south of Cairo, at the home of Joseph and Hannah Marshall, a small congregation of Presbyterians met and held services at this home. January

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18. Elders: Richard Wanless, Sr., David McGregor, and William McKinney. Trustees: David McGregor, James H. Harris, William Wanless, J. T. Nourse, and H. B. McCollum.

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5, 1870, a building committee was elected[19] and plans made for the erection of a church. This building which is still in use, is a plain frame structure of rural schoolhouse design, with Sunday schoolrooms, balcony, and stained glass windows. The session held a meeting in the new building on November 5, 1870. It was dedicated by Rev. Dr. Scott, President of Washington and Jefferson College, in 1871. A manse is also owned. The first resident pastor was Rev. Mr. Nourse whose tenure of service is unknown.

Session Records, n.d. n.v. (looseleaf). Contains list of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and members.
Church School Records, 1870--. 22 vols.
Christian Endeavor, 1906--. 5 vols.
Woman's Guild, 1938--. 2 vols.

Unpublished history, 1935, by Mrs. Anna Trainor Shook, Cairo.

Published historical sketch, Mrs. Anna Trainor Shook, "Hughes River Presbyterian Church," Ritchie Gazette, Harrisville, May 12, 1922.

6. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1842--. Chelsea and Charles Streets, Sistersville, Tyler County.

Founded November 5, 1842[20] with 20 charter members.[21] Its founding was effected by Rev. James Fleming, of West Union Church, and a Rev. Mr. Wilholm and by a committee[22] appointed by the Washington Presbytery at its West Alexander, Pennsylvania, meeting, October 4, 1842.[23] The Presbytery sent William Bonar as missionary. He was so well liked that he was ordained as evangelist. Dr. A. Eagleson, of Upper Buffalo, preached the sermon, and James Hervey gave the charge. Rev. Mr. Bonar became the first resident pastor, and served from 1842 until 1851.[24] It was not until 1845, however, that a church was built. Until that time, services were held in the Baptist Church, or in the schoolhouse or in any other building

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19. M. L. Earnest, Rev. Nourse, Richard Wanless, D. McGregor, H. B. McCollum, and H. A. Merrick.
20. F. H. Thornton, Dedication Services and Brief History of Presbyterian Church, Sistersville, W. Va., p. 12.
21. Andrew Micheltree, Samuel Corbitt, Samuel McMillan, Robert Munn, David Campbell, Mrs. Ruth Mayes, Hugh Peoples, John McCandless, Cabel Walker, Miss Rebecca Munn, Mrs. Eliza Micheltree, Mrs. Mary Corbitt, Mrs. Abigal McMillan, Mrs. Ester Munn, Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Mrs. Mary Smith, James Peoples, John Corbitt, Miss Catherine Ann Munn, Miss Letitia Munn.
22. Rev. David Hervey, of Lower Buffalo Church, Pa., Rev. James McClusky, of Three Ridges Church, West Alexander, Pa., Rev. James Fleming, of West Union Church, Marshall County.
23. Thornton, loc. cit., p. 11.
24. Pastorate: Revs. William Bonar, 1842-51, Mr. McFarlone,

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large enough to accommodate the congregation. The building was a one room brick structure, of plain design. The lot on which the church was built was given by Mrs. Sarah McCoy,[25] a daughter of Charles Wells, and one of the sisters for whom the town was named.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in April 1861, regular services were discontinued, but were reorganized in February 1867. After the war, the church enjoyed a period of rapid growth, and, by 1873, a manse was provided for by subscription and various social functions, and erected at the corner of Chelsea and Charles Streets, on a lot donated by Mrs. Sarah McCoy.[26] On June 17, 1889, a contract was let for the construction of a brick church, to cost $2,600, on the Wells Street site. The old church was removed by Thomas Alloway, and the cornerstone of the new, or second, church was laid, on Aug. 15, of that year. This church was completed in May, 1890. The congregation, due to local industrial development, outgrew the new structure before the turn of the decade. By July 15, 1896, plans had been drafted for an extension to the east side of the building and a basement. A contract for improvement, not to exceed $7,000 was let to Architect H. R. Derrickson; construction work on the church was started soon thereafter, and by December 1896, the cornerstone of the third church was laid. The stone trimmed, brick building was dedicated on May 15, 1898. Rev. T. A. Anderson, assisted by Rev. W. J. Holland, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, preached the dedicatory sermon. This new edifice was large enough to accommodate 500 persons, and served the community well, until 1928, when the congregation felt the need of more adequate church quarters.[27]

In that year, the trustees and elders voted to employ an architect to draw plans for a new building, and the following year, voted to build the church on the old site and adjoining property, if it could be acquired. In April 1930, a campaign by subscription pledge cards to raise funds with which to build the church was conducted. Within a month, the congregation donated $53,015,[28] of which sum $47,000 had been raised by pledges of $1,000 or more. J. C. Fulton and Sons, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, were selected as architects. They suggested that the church be built on the site of the manse on Chelsea

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1851-53; J. W. McKennan, 1853-55; John S. Marquis, 1855-57; William Aiken, 1859-61; J. N. Nourse, 1867-71; J. B. Reed, 1871-82; J. A. Ewing, 1883-85; H. R. McDonald, 1886-89; A. B. Lowes, 1889-91; T. A. Anderson, 1892-1907; G. I. Wilson, 1908-15; W. T. McKee, 1915-25; G. F. Bauer, 1927--.

25. Thornton's, History, p. 14.
26. Ibid., p. 17.
27. Ibid., p. 20.
28. Ibid., p. 23.

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and Charles Streets, instead of on the Wells Street site, because that land was of quicksand formation which would entail additional expense for foundation construction. Acting on their recommendation, the congregation of June 3, 1930, voted to rescind their previous decision to build the church on the old site. A residence at 503 Water Street was rented for use as a manse by the Rev. G. F. Bauer and family, pastor of the church at that time. The cornerstone was laid on July 13, 1931. The first trowel of mortar was placed by Miss Martha T. Wells, the oldest living member of the congregation. In October 1932, services were held in the social room of the church. The first service in the main sanctuary was held on June 17, 1934. The church was dedicated October 7, 1934, Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. delivering the dedicatory sermon.

The building, a modern adaption of English Gothic architecture, of white Indiana limestone, is made up of three units: educational, social, and worship. The educational unit contains rooms for the beginners and primary departments, ladies parlor, chapel, high school classroom, Friendship Clubroom, young men's classroom and study. The basement houses the social unit-composed of kitchen, small and large dining rooms, stage and furnace room. The worship unit is composed of chancel, marthex, and auditorium. In this unit are several memorial windows, some of which were transferred from the old Wells Street edifice. The interior trim of the church and furniture are of carved walnut.

Session Records, 1869--. 3 vols.

Congregational Records, 1850-1890; 1934--. 2 vols. Current volume in possession of W. G. Maxwell, at First Tyler Bank and Trust Company. Records for years not shown included in Session Records.

Intermediate Christian Endeavor, 1927--. 2 vols. In possession of Miss Eileen Rice, N. Wells Street, Sistersville.

Treasurer's Report, 1843-50; 1897--. 4 vols. No records located for years 1850 to 1897.

Presbyterian Woman's Club, 1932--. 1 vol. Treasurer's report. In possession of Mrs. George Fraser, Graham Avenue, Sistersville.

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29. Dedicated by Young Woman's Missionary Society, in memory of Mrs. Lee Hillis Anderson; 1 given by Nellie Burns McCoy (now Mrs. John Flynn) in memory of her husband, Henry Woodson McCoy; 4 given by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Durham, in memory of Rev. W. T. McKee, Rev. G. F. Bauer, Rev. T. A. Anderson and Rev. G. I. Wilson, the last four pastors of the church; 1 in memory of Dorina Wells Thistle; 1 in memory of Nancy Morton and Charles Prather McCoy; 1 given by Christian Endeavor Society; 1 in memory of Sarah Wells McCoy; 1 in memory of Barney and Francis R. Cox Wells.

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Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, 1907--. 1 vol. Treasurer's report. In possession of Mrs. India Dagg, Virginia Street, Sistersville.

Woman's Missionary Society, 1930--. 2 vols. Minutes of meetings. In possession of Miss Sallie Russell, Main Street, and Mrs. Minnie Wolfe, Clay Street, Sistersville.

Mission Club, 1928--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. C. H. Clements, 300 S. Wells Street, Sistersville.

Presbyterian Friendship Club, 1930--. 2 vols. Minutes of meetings. One volume in possession of Miss Thelma Boyles, S. Wells Street, Sistersville. On file at church.

The Thornton Boy's Class, 1930--. 2 vols. Minutes of meetings.

Unpublished Historical Sketches.

"Fifty years of Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church", 1934. Miss Sallie Russell, author. Found in minute book of The Woman's Missionary Society.

"History of the Mission and Aid Circle", 1913. Mrs. W. J. Neuenschwander, author.

Published Histories:

Miss Sallie Russell, "History of the Work of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society", Daily Oil Review, Sistersville, Jan. 19, 1905.

"New Presbyterian Church at Sistersville Shows Modern Adoption of English Gothic Architecture", Wheeling Intelligencer, Dec. 9, 1934.

J. H. Thornton, Dedication Services and Brief History of the Presbyterian Church, Sistersville, W. Va. Rev. G. F. Bower, Pastor (Sistersville: July 10, 1931).

7. PENNSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1844-90; 1904--. Pennsboro, Ritchie County.

A number of families of Presbyterian faith among whom were James Martin, James McGregor, William McGregor, Alexander Campbell, and John Harris, living on Bond's Creek, about six miles from Pennsboro, desired to maintain a Presbyterian Church.[30] They appealed to Rev. William Bonar, of the First Presbyterian Church of Sistersville (see entry 6), who

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30. Thornton's, History, p. 14.

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visted them, and on December 1, 1844, organized a Presbyterian Church. James Martin and John Harris were elected elders, and the church was enrolled in the Presbytery of Washington, at the meeting of that Presbytery at Wellsburg, April 17, 1845.[31] While the church appeared on the rolls of the Presbytery as Pennsboro, it was not located in Pennsboro, as services were held sometimes at Harrisville and sometimes at Highland. The early records are very meager. After the organization of the Presbytery of West Virginia in 1863, this organization became a part of Highland United Presbyterian Church (see entry 9) and this union continued until 1868. In that year the Presbyterian families in Pennsboro felt strong enough to maintain a separate organization. An appeal was presented to the Presbytery and permission was granted for separate organization. Services were held in Methodist Episcopal Church and at a schoolhouse. The church organization was very weak and became inactive about 1890. At the fall meeting of the Presbytery of Parkersburg, in 1904, a committee consisting of Rev. R. H. Rogers, Rev. W. E. Baird, and William Wanlass, was appointed to reorganize the church. This was done December 10, 1904, and Mr. Louis Black, Dr. Arbell, and James Chestnut, were elected elders. This new organization included people residing at Salem and West Union.[32] The church has maintained a continued existence since the reorganization.

Session Records, 1904--. 1 vol. Contains list of members, births, baptisms, marriages and deaths. Records prior to 1904 lost or destroyed. Some few records incorporated in those of Highland United Presbyterian Church, Highland, (see entry 9).

8. BETHEL-WAVERLY CHURCH, 1845--.[33] Nr. Waverly, Wood County.

In the early years of the 19th century several Presbyterian families settled near the mouth of Bull Creek just north of the present village of Waverly. They were the families of McTaggart, Davis, Pollock, Hunter, Corbitt, and McKinney. From time to time this little group had been visited by ministers from Washington Presbytery. A petition was finally presented to the Presbytery of Washington for an organization of a congregation. On April 27, 1845, a congregation was organized

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31. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 16.
32. Ibid., p. 17.
33. Prior to 1927, the Bethel-Waverly Church was referred to as Bethel Church. In that year, the Bethel Church reorganized and united with Waverly Chapel (see entry 21) and the name was changed to Bethel-Waverly. See: Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.) Minutes (1927) p. 52.

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by Rev. David Hewey, Rev. William Bonar, and Rev. Mr. McCluskey.[34] The first church was built just above the mouth of Bull Creek in the edge of what is now Pleasants County.[35] In 1858, this site was abandoned and a church was erected farther down the river and some three miles back from the river.[36] This building stood until 1904, when it was replaced by a new brick structure, which is still in use. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Mr. Bonar, who served April 1845, to July 1868. Since 1926, this church has been dependent upon a stated supply from Beechwood (see entry 24), Ravenswood (see entry 10), and lately, Williamstown (see entry 26).[37]

Session Records, 1845-68. 1 vol. Contains list of early members, baptisms and minutes. Contains also historical sketch of early church organization.

Later records not available.

9. HIGHLAND UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1846--. Highland, Ritchie County.

Organized as a union church and erected by members of the United Brethren, Presbyterian, and Methodist Episcopal congregations, about 1846. The first building was of logs, and served the congregation until the present church was built in 1872. This building is a plain frame building of rural schoolhouse type, and is now occupied only by the Presbyterian congregation. A manse at Cairo is also a part of the church property. The name of the first regular minister to serve the congregation is unknown.

Session Records, 1846--. Includes all records of church. Also includes records of MacFarlan Church (see entry 48). In possession of Rev. Herold Black, Cairo.

Church Register, 1846-1935, lost.

Church School Records, loose sheet, current. In possession of Mr. Winfield McGregor, Cairo.

10. RAVENSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1847--. Virginia Street, Ravenswood, Jackson County.

First Presbyterian services were held in Ravenswood by Rev. Francis Dutton,[38] pastor of the Point Pleasant Church (see entry 194) in 1836. A congregation was gathered together and services were probably held in the homes of the members until formal organization was made in 1847. This congregation had been served by other ministers of the Point

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34. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 8.
35. Wood County, Deed Books, 13, p. 543.
36. Ibid., 19, p. 1.
37. For years of Stated Supply, see: Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.) Minutes, 1927--. List of churches and ministers.
38. Rev. John Kountz Roberts Jr., History of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, p. 6. Hereafter cited Roberts, History.

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Pleasant and other nearby churches throughout the intervening years. The first and present church was built and dedicated in 1857, and is a plain square frame building, with Gothic windows. A slave gallery was removed some time after the Civil War, and repairs during the years have kept the small building in excellent condition. A manse is owned at 216 Wilson Street. Rev. William C. Neely was the first minister to be called by the congregation after its organization, but nothing is known of the years he served, or his educational background.

Session Records, 1854--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of the session and all financial records. In possession of Mr. Warren Dickerson, Ravenswood.

Register Books, 1854--. 3 vols. Vol. 1, 1854-80, incomplete; vol. 2, 1880-1912; vol. 3, 1930--. In possession of Mr. Dickerson.

Church School Records, 1930--. 8 vols.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1932--. 2 vols.

Unpublished history: W. F. Dickerson, "History of the Ravenswood Presbyterian Church", written September 16, 1934. In Session Book, vol. 3.

11. *SPENCER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1871-1935. Market Street, Spencer, Roane County.

The Spencer Presbyterian Class was probably organized by Rev. Andrew Virtue, a visiting pastor, about 1871. A weatherboard structure of plain design was soon erected and used for services until 1903. Present edifice of brick construction with four memorial windows[39] and a bell of unusual quality was completed and dedicated in 1903. Rev. J. F. Baxter, assisted by Rev. J. W. Francis, preaching the dedicatory sermon. The bell on present structure was used in the old building and was the gift of some Philadelphians. Dr. McMillan was the first pastor, and served from 1874 to 1876. Inactive since 1935.

Session Books, 1900-27. 1 vol.

Register Books, 1873-1930. 2 vols. Contains Register of Elders, 1874-1929; Register of Deacons, 1909-10; Register of Communicants, 1873-1929; Register of Baptisms, 1922-24; Register of Deaths, 1923-31; Register of, Pastors, 1928-30; Roll of Infant Church of Baptized Member, 1923-29; Register of Marriages, 1928-30. All records in possession of Vandall Funeral Home, Spencer.

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39. Memorial Windows: A. G. and Emma Bailey, John and Ann Campbell, James E. and Mary E. Vance, C. C. and Margaret Smith.

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12. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1873--. Corner Fourth and Ferry Streets, Winfield, Putnam County.

Organization[40] of this group was effected August 29, 1873, and the first services were held by Rev. H. M. Payton,[41] in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Winfield. Rev. S. E. Lane was the first settled clergyman, 1873-74.[42] Services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church until 1877. On November 24, 1877, William Summers deeded ¼ of an acre to the Winfield Presbyterian Church.[43] On this lot was erected a frame building of Gothic design, with art glass windows and a tower which housed a bell. A manse was constructed in 1898 on a lot adjacent to the Church.[44] The present edifice is a frame building resting on a hollow tile foundation, and was erected in

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40. Charter members were: J. H. McLean, A. J. Vasburgh, Dr. Wm. A. Dunbar, Maria L. Dunbar, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Saunders, J. D. Thomas and Mrs. Susan E. Drinck. J. L. McLean and J. D. Thomas elected elders, and A. J. Vasburgh and Dr. W. A. Dunbar, deacons.
41. Rev. H. M. Payton of Springfield, Ill., came to Winfield at request of people of the town to help them in organizing a church.
42. Ministers serving this church were: Rev. Heber Gill, June 1, 1876-July 1878; Rev. Edward Eels, Apr. 2, 1879 - May 1881; Rev. Loyal Young, D.D., July 1881-July 7, 1885; Rev. Benjamin Harrop, June 5, 1887-Sept. 1887 (a student from school), Rev. Benjamin Harrop, June 6, 1891-June 1, 1892; Rev. W. E. Argent, Dec. 1892-June 1, 1893; Rev. T. W. Williamson, July 1895-Jan. 1, 1897; Rev. R. H. Rogers, Oct. 31, 1897-Apr. 12, 1898; Rev. W. L. Spuiers, Apr. 12, 1898-Sept. 30, 1899; Rev. Henry Cooper, Oct. 1, 1900-June 19, 1903; Rev. Walter B. Sterritt, Apr. 7, 1905-July 1, 1906; Rev. J. C. Ely, July 1, 1906-Apr. 1, 1907; Rev. John K. Hitner, May 1908-May 1, 1910; Rev. William Price, Apr. 1911-Sept. 1, 1912; Rev. C. A. Pickett, Sept. 1, 1912-Sept. 1, 1913; Rev. Mr. Fulcher, (unknown); Rev. Lexie M. Aldrich, 1915-Nov. 1916; Rev. T. B. Sheldon, Nov. 1916; Rev. Louis E. Black, 1919-1921; (records not definite); Rev. E. V. Black, May 15, 1921-1932; Rev. W. C. Munson, May 20, 1934-May 9, 1937; Rev. Jason C. Hart, May 9, 1937 still acting as stated supply.
43. Putnam County, Deed Books, 8, p. 318.
44. Ibid., 22, p. 344. George W. McAllister and wife grantors. This manse was owned by Church until 1920 when it was sold to E. W. Wick, to meet financial obligations of the church.

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1913, although not dedicated until June 1917. At one time the church was used as a schoolhouse.[45]

Minute Books, 1873--. 3 vols. In possession of Mr. E. W. Wick, the present clerk.

Register Books, vols. 1 and 3 of the Minute Books contain lists of baptisms, marriages, members and deaths.

Church School Records, 1928--. 3 vols.

Financial Records, 1910-17. 1 vol.

Other financial records are scattered through regular Minute Books.

13. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1876--. Elizabeth, Wirt County.

Many of the people engaged in the lumber trade in and near Elizabeth were Presbyterians. In the late seventies these Presbyterians were organized into a congregation by the Presbytery of West Virginia and for 15 years they worshipped in the courthouse at Elizabeth. The ministers who served this field in the earlier days of its existence were Rev. Mr. Blaney and Rev. Andrew Virtue. The person who did most in completing the organization was Rev. Mr. Virtue, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg (see entry 4) who supplied services for this field by preaching once or twice each month. During his ministry a neat chapel was elected in 1891. A manse completed in 1912 is also owned by the church.

Session Records, 1891--. Contains a list of births, baptisms, and deaths. Financial Records are also contained in this record.

Church School Records, current only, destroyed at end of each year.

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45. Voted by the Session to rent the basement to the Board of Eduaation, of Winfield District, for $15. per month, to be used by the Primary Department of the Winfield Independent District.

46. Rev. Andrew Virtue was born in Ireland, March 4, 1824. He was a graduate of Washington-Jefferson College and the Western Theological Seminary. In 1876 he took charge of this needy field. His field consisted of Grantsville, Arnoldsburg, in Calhoun County; Spencer, in Roane County; Bethel-Waverly Church, in Wood County. He reached these various points by riding horseback from one to the other, as there were no railroads by which they could be reached. Rev. Virtue lived to the age of 87 and continued to preach as occasion seemed to demand, especially at Bethel-Waverly Church (see entry 8) until his death, July 30, 1911. See: Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 21.

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14. MARRTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1876--. South Parkersburg, Wood County.

Organized 1876, as a mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg (see entry 4). Services were held for four years in the school building until a plain frame church was erected on the school lot. The building was moved to the present site, donated by Mrs. P. J. Moyers, in South Parkersburg. On April 24, 1914,[47] a separate organization was formed. The old chapel was torn down, as it was inadequate for the needs of the work, and a new edifice was erected and dedicated early in September, 1915.[48] The first resident clergyman was Rev. Joseph Hamilton, 1876-79.

Session Records, 1929--. 1 vol. Contains lists of members, baptisms, and deaths. In possession of Roberta Sams, South Parkersburg. Records prior to 1929 incorporated into those of Parkersburg First Presbyterian Church.

Church School Records, current only; destroyed at end of each year.

Financial Records, 1929--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Harley Moyers, South Parkersburg.

15. *LONG REACH UNION CHURCH, 1877-1910. Long Reach, Tyler County.

This group was organized June 10, 1877, as a part of Union Church.[49] The Presbyterians were to share equally in the church together with Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Protestant Episcopal groups, each group to have use of church one week each month, and each to share equally in cost of building and upkeep. The property belonged to the Methodist Episcopal congregation prior to 1877; in this year Selman Wells bought the church from the Methodist Episcopal group and gave the property to the trustees of Union Church.[50] Rev. J. R. Reed served as first resident clergyman, 1877-83. The Presbyterian group continued as a part of Union Church until 1910, when it became inactive. At the time of its dissolution by the authority of the Presbytery, the stated clerk of the Presbytery issued to members letters of dismissal in good and regular standing, to the church of their choice. Most of the members were accepted by the St. Marys Presbyterian Church (see entry 30).

Record Books, 1877-1905. Contain list of baptisms. In possession of Lew Wells, Ben Run. No other records found.

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47. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.), Minutes (1914) p. 384.
48. Wilson, Presbyterianism, pp. 20-21.
49. Charter members of Presbyterian Church: James S. Wells and wife, J. D. Bailey and wife, Katherine Bell, John W. Bell, S. E. Bell, Amos Gorrell, Sackerita Gorrell, Selman Wells and wife.
50. Tyler County, Deed Books, 99, pp. 12-13.

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16. *ROXALANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1888-1910. Roxalana, Roane County.

First services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Henry, a traveling missionary for the Presbyterian Church, who came to Roxalana once every three or four months and conducted a seven to ten day series of services in the Roxalana Township hall.[51] This hall was used by the Presbyterian group until 1896, when J. B. Stone, Sr., deeded one acre to W. W. Kidd, A. G. Bailey, and J. C. Vance, Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Spencer (see entry 11). This conveyance was for the express purpose of furnishing a suitable site for the erection of a church at Roxalana. The church, a frame weather boarded building with belfry, was built in 1897, and dedicated February 12, 1898, Rev. J. C. Baxter making the dedicatory address. The first resident clergyman was Rev. J. C. Baxter, who served for several years. About 1905, or a little later, several of the members[52] moved from the community and the church ceased to be active in 1910. The Presbyterian group retained possession of this building until 1939, hoping to effect a reorganization, but they were never successful. In 1939, the building was sold to the Baptist Church, who razed it and reconstructed it near Newton, and it is now known as Rogers Fork Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in W. Va.: Baptist Bodies).

No records exist.

17. *WYOMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1892-1916. Wyoma, Mason County.

Rev. R. H. Rogers, a Sunday school missionary, who labored in Mason County together with other counties in the southern section of the state, presented a petition from a number of persons living in the community of Wyoma for the organization of a Presbyterian Church. This petition was presented to the Presbytery of Parkersburg at the April meeting of 1892. Rev. Benjamin Harrop, Rev. W. E. I. d'Argent, and Rev. R. H. Rogers, were appointed a committee to complete the organization. This was done some time near the last of the month of April 1892.[53] Services continued to be held at Wyoma until 1916 when the church became too weak to support a regular clergyman.[54] The field was supplied by various ministers until 1917 when the church was abandoned.[55] While

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51. Wilson, Presbyterianism, pp. 17-18.
52. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stone, Mrs. Mariah Parks and Mrs. Laura Ferrell Smith.
53. Wilson, loc. cit., pp. 22-23.
54. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1916) p. 538.
55. Ibid., 1917, p. 610.

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the church was abandoned in 1917 it remained on the rolls of the Presbytery of Parkersburg, for property reasons, until 1926.[56] Since that date no attempts have been made at reorganization of the church.

No records found.

18. *MILLSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1894-1922. Mercers Bottom, Mason County.

Mason County Deed Book 55, page 164, records the transfer of property July 1, 1894, by William Brown and wife to the Millstone Presbyterian Church. The church was formally organized in 1894,[57] and a plain frame building erected and dedicated the same year. The church was dependent upon visiting ministers, who also visited the church at nearby Wyoma (see entry 17) until 1920. Rev. A. W. Putney was the first resident clergyman, 1920-22. The building was sold August 1, 1922, to the Millstone Church of Christ.

Few records of this church have been kept, those which do exist will be found in possession of Mr. Sherman Moodespaugh, Gallipolis Ferry.

19. *BADEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1895-1917. Baden, Mason County.

This organization was formed in 1895, and a plain weatherboarded frame building with tower and bell was erected and dedicated the same year. One acre of land was acquired on November 12, 1895.[58] Rev. Robert H. Rogers was the first resident minister, serving for about five years. Rev. G. D. L. Parsons was the last minister to serve the congregation regularly. His service to this church appears on the rolls of Parkersburg Presbytery for 1912. This field was abandoned in 1917, but was retained on the rolls until 1925, because of property rights.

No records were found.

20. LAWSON PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1895--. Lawson, Raleigh County.

This field was opened to missionary activity in 1895 by the Woman's Board of Missions. In that year, Miss Spencer

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56. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1926), p. 41.
57. Rev. G. I. Wilson gives the date of organization as June 10, 1894, a petition having been presented to Parkersburg Presbytery at April meeting in 1894. See: Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 23.
58. Mason County, Deed Books, 57, p. 43, Grantors: L. H. Baner and wife.

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was sent to the field and made her headquarters at Lawson, where she established a Sunday school and Bible classes. A small chapel was built and regular services maintained, not only at Lawson, but in the surrounding communities. Services were continued in this building until 1906, when it was destroyed by fire. At this time, Wellsburg Presbyterian Church (see entry 94) took the Lawson field under their care, and pledged $400.00 each year for its support. A new church was soon completed and regular Sunday school services and occasional preaching services have been maintained. Lawson is in care of the pastor of Dorothy Church (see entry 40) and is a mission of Colcord or Mountain Parish.[59]

Records incorporated into those of the mother church.

21. *WAVERLY PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL, 1897-1927. Waverly, Wood County.

During the oil development in central West Virginia, quite a village came into existence at Waverly and the people living here desired to organize a church. Their request was granted and the group organized as a mission of the Bethel-(Waverly) Church (see entry 8) and a chapel was built and dedicated October 24, 1897.[60] This church remained as a mission of Bethel-(Waverly) being served by its minister until 1927, at which time the Chapel was abandoned and the Presbyterians living here united with the Bethel Church to form Bethel-Waverly Church.[61]

Records incorporated into those of Bethel-Waverly.

22. *BELMONT UNION CHURCH, 1898-1918. Main Street, Belmont, Pleasants County.

This group was organized January 25, 1898, as part of Union Church.[62] The group was to share equally in the church together with Baptist, Methodist Episcopal, and Protestant Methodist groups, each group to have use of the church one week each month, and each to share equally in the cost of the building and upkeep. The organization was given land[63] and building construction was started in 1901, and dedicated July 1902. Rev. Earl Brooks served as first established clergyman, 1902-06. The Presbyterian group was accepted into Parkersburg Presbytery and remained under its control until 1918. At the time of its dissolution by the authority of the Presbytery, the stated clerk of Presbytery was directed to

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59. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.) Minutes (1937) p. 38.
60. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 8.
61. See entry 8 for fuller explanation.
62. Pleasants County; Record of Unacknowledged Papers, 6, p. 57.
63. Pleasants County, Deed Books, 36, p. 73.

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issue letters of dismissal to the members in good and regular standing upon request, to the church of their choice.[64]

No records were found.

23. BEULAH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1900--. Nr. Elizabeth, Wirt County.

In 1882, a few Presbyterians living in this section started a Sabbath school in the old Pine Hill schoolhouse. This was all the religious privilege the people enjoyed until 1892. After that date, the Sabbath school missionaries held yearly meetings along evangelistic lines, and church services were held as frequently as possible. Rev. Andrew Virtue preached occasionally at this point, and baptized the children and received members into the church.[65] At first, the people held their membership in the Elizabeth Church (see entry 13). In 1900 a church building was erected and an organization called Beulah Church was completed. The first resident pastor to serve this church was Rev. W. B. Sterrett, who served as stated supply, 1900 to 1906.[66] This church has been vacant since 1924, and services have been by supplies sent from time to time by the Presbytery. This church still retains an active Sunday school organization which is under the leadership of William H. Virtue,[67] who has not missed a meeting in last ten years.

Session Records, 1900-24. 1 vol. Contains incomplete records of memberships, births and baptisms. No records kept since 1924.

Church School Records, 1900--. 5 vols.

24. BEECHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1902--. 31st Street, Parkersburg, Wood County.

The work which resulted in the organization of this church began in 1892[68] in Riverside, a suburb of Parkersburg. Mrs. A. D. Gates, who lived at this point, organized a Sabbath school in her own home. After a short time there was a small chapel erected in which to carry on the work under the fostering care of the First Presbyterian Church of Parkersburg (see entry 4). The chapel was moved to the suburb of Beechwood in 1902, at which time an organization was effected. In 1905 the present

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64. Mrs. Criss Fauss, Ronald Fauss, Raymond Fauss, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Meyers, Jennie Myers and Maud Myers, members of Belmont Church, were accepted by the St. Mary's Presbyterian Church (see entry 30).
65. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 22.
66. Ibid.
67. William H. Virtue is the son of Rev. Andrew Virtue, who was active in organizing churches in this section.
68. Wilson, loc. cit., p. 20.

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church was built and in the vestibule a memorial tablet was placed to the memory of Mrs. Gates. This frame structure has an auditorium, two classrooms, a basement used as a classroom, and a tower with bell. Rev. Mr. Porter and Rev. David Graham served this church in its earlier years. The name of the first resident clergyman is unknown.

Register Book, 1936--. 1 vol. Includes financial records, Church Year Books, and all other records of the church. In possession of Mr. E. L. Sellers, 630-29th Street, Parkersburg

25. EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (Colored), 1902--. Kimball, McDowell County.

Organized June 1902, by Rev. John V. Whittico, this church was the first colored Presbyterian Church organized in West Virginia. Services were held in the Primitive Baptist Church and in private homes, until 1904, when the first building, a small frame structure was completed. This building burned in 1908, and was replaced in 1909 by larger frame building with stone basement. Rev. John V. Whittico, first settled clergyman, served this church 1902 to 1908. Since that date the church has been supplied by Rev. R. F. Johhson.

Session Records, 1902--. 1 vol. Includes list of members and baptisms.

Church School Records, 1902--. n.v. Each Church School class has maintained complete records since organization.

Financial Records, 1902--. 1 vol. Contains a list of contributions of members.

26. WILLIAMSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1902--. Williamstown, Wood County.

Organization of this church was effected by members dismissed from Bethel-Waverly Church (see entry 8) for that purpose. There had been services and Sabbath school work carried on some time before the organization of the church which took place on June 29, 1902.[69] The ground was donated by a liberal member, and at once, a neat chapel was built.[70] The location of the church was not the most advantageous, and in the period 1911 to 1915, land more centrally located was purchased.[71] A new church was erected upon the land in 1915, and dedicated early in March 1916. Rev. Earle Brooks was the first resident minister, serving that capacity from January 1, 1903 to February 1907.[72]

Session Records, 1902--. 1 vol.

Minute Books, 1902--. 1 vol. Contains list of membership, births, baptisms, and deaths.

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69. Wilson, Presbyterianism, pp. 19-20.
70. Wood County, Deed Books, 112, p. 38.
71. Ibid., 157, p. 303; 158, p. 552; 165, p. 19; 165, p. 191.
72. Wilson, loc. cit., p. 20.

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Church School Records, 1902--. Included in Session Records.

27. *IVYDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1903-06. Ivydale, Clay County.

Organized in 1903, under the leadership of Rev. E. W. Rittenhouse, this church existed for only three years. A building was erected, and in 1906, was sold to the Methodist Episcopal congregation.
No records were found.

28. CLEAR CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1904-15, 1928--. Clear Creek, Raleigh County.

Work was begun here as early as 1896, by the Woman's Board of Missions, and field workers continued to visit the field for several years. A small cottage was built to serve as a home for the Bible readers and in 1904, a fine frame church was built and dedicated. The church was received in Parkersburg Presbytery and Rev. John I. Williams, pastor of Cabin Creek Church (see entry 32) was placed as stated supply. Regular services were continued through 1914, when the church became inactive, and no further services were held until 1928.[73] On January 8, 1928, Colcord-Dorothy Parish was organized and services were again renewed and have been continued to date. The first pastor to serve after reorganization was Rev. C. H. Doolittle, who served 1928 to 1929.[74]
No records available.

29. SCHWAMB MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1904--. Spring Street at Bigley Avenue, Charleston, Kanawha County.

Started as a mission church school by members of the Kanawha Presbyterian Church (see entry 3) in the late 1890's, services were held in a rented hall on Crescent Road, at the mouth of Magazine Hollow. It was known as the North Charleston Mission until the erection of the first chapel, in 1904. On September 18, 1904, the congregation was organized as an independent body, by the Parkersburg Presbytery.[75] The first

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73. Clear Creek Church was retained on rolls of Presbytery from 1915 until 1928 (while inactive) in order to protect property rights of church.
74. Pastorate: Rev. John I. Williams, S.S., 1904-05; Rev. R. H. Fulton, S.S., 1906-07; local evangelist 1908-11; Rev. William Price, S.S., 1911-14; Vacant, 1915-28; Rev. C. H. Doolittle, S.S., 1928-29; Rev. E. V. Black, S.S., 1929-34; Rev. C. W. Pindar and assistants, Rev. Leonard Kincaid and Rev. Otto Bergner, 1935--.
75. Charter members of the church were: Mrs. Stella Barlow,

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building was known as Schwamb Chapel, and was used until the site of the present building was acquired and the brick and concrete building erected. This church was dedicated as Schwamb Memorial Presbyterian Church, July 21, 1921, being named in honor of Fred M. Schwamb, whose generous contributions had assisted materially in the erection of the buildings. A manse is also owned. Rev. F. J. Martin, who served the church from 1904 to 1905, was the first resident minister.[76]

Session Records, 1904--. Contains session records, church register and financial records. Vol. I, 1904-21; vol. II, 1922-23; vol. III, 1924-32; vol. IV, 1932--. These records on file at manse.

Church School Membership Roll, 1932--. Card file system.

Woman's Missionary Society, 1922--. 1 vol. In possession of the secretary.

Published histories: Jean Brown, The History of the Kanawha Presbyterian Church of Charleston, West Virginia, (Charleston, W. Va.: 1930); Rev. D. Lauck Currens, Directory of Schwamb Memorial Presbyterian Church of Charleston, (Charleston, W. Va.: 1923); History of the Presbyterian Congregation and Other Early Churches of Kanawha, 1804-1900, (Charleston: Executive Circle, First Presbyterian Church).

30. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1904--. Washington Street, St. Marys, Pleasants County.

Organized April 28, 1904, in the Protestant Episcopal Church, of St. Marys, by a committee appointed by the Presbytery of Parkersburg.[77] The organization was formed and officers elected by the congregation,[78] Services were held in the Protestant Episcopal Church until 1913, at which time

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Miss Lottie Curry, Mrs. Florence H. Gunter, Nathan Helmic, Mrs. Annie High, Miss Della Lane, Edward Lynn, Mrs. Grace Martin, A. C. Lacy, Miss Carrie Reveal, Mrs. Ernest Reveal, Miss A. C. Richardson, Miss Myrtle Richardson, Miss Bessie Savage, Miss Mattie Savage, Miss A. F. Waugh, Mrs. Fannie S. Gunter, Mrs. Fannie Helmic. Elders were: Earnest Reveal and Edward Lynn. Nathan Helmic, Deacon.

76. Pastorate: Rev. Francis J. Martin, 1904-05, Rev. John Kirkpatrick, 1905-06, Rev. A. J. Hogg, 1906-08, Rev. George Alfred Fulcher, 1908-09, Rev. John M. Waddell, 1909-11, Rev. Mr. Reveal, 1911-13, Rev. D. S. Boggs, 1914-18, Rev. Stewart R. Sheriff, 1918-22, Rev. D. L. Currens, 1922-24, Rev. Mr. Topping, May 5, 1924-June 12, 1924, Rev. Percy Campbell Morgan, 1924-25, Rev. William W. Darsie, 1926-28, Rev. Ronald S. Cleland, 1928-30, Rev. E. M. Moser, 1931-32, Rev. Hugh M. Day, 1932-33, Rev. Joseph M. Hart, 1933--.

77. Rev. Earl A. Brooks, Rev. R. H. Rogers and Rev. J. W. Francis.

78. Ruling Elders, Richard W. Douglass, John S. Hall and Newton Odgin.

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a building was erected by the Presbyterian organization.[79] In 1907, Mr. Richard Wanless, of St. Marys, gave a fund to the Presbytery at Parkersburg for the St. Marys Church and out of this fund a lot was purchased.[80] In 1912, the cornerstone was laid, but the church building was not completed until July 1913. The new building was dedicated September 1913, by the Rev. G. I. Wilson. In 1927, the adjoining lot was purchased,[81] and an addition erected the same year. The church plans were of no special architectural type. Red brick was used for construction of the church, while white cement block material was used in the construction of the annex. Rev. W. D. Harrell was the first resident clergyman,[82] serving from May 1, 1904 until 1907.

Session Records, April 28, 1904--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages and members.

Church School Records, 1928--. 9 vols.

Church School Records, financial, 1916-20. 5 vols.

Financial Records, April 23, 1922--. 4 vols. In possession of Mrs. Henry Sarber.

Volunteer Society Records, April 1, 1920--. 2 vols.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Records, December 3, 1922--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. A. H. Neyman.

Junior Christian Endeavor, 1918-20. 2 vols. In possession of church.

Christian Endeavor, 1931--. 5 vols. In possession of Mrs. C. R. Gerber and Ruth Kiester.

31. UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1904--. Dry Creek, Raleigh County.

The work was started in this section in 1900, by Miss Burdy, under the direction of the Woman's Board. Mrs. McCune became associated with the work about the same time and these ladies remained for about three years. In 1904, a church was completed and the organization received in Parkersburg Presbytery as the Union Presbyterian Church. The new church embraced a membership gathered from all surrounding coal towns and regular worship services were maintained until 1908. In that year, it became impossible for the Presbytery to longer support a regular minister, and the Woman's Board sent Mr. George A. Reaugh and his wife to this section to conduct

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79. Early Charter members: R. E. Bolles, Ross Hobbs, Fred Gebert, Richard Douglass and Newton Odgin.
80. Pleasants County, Deed Books, 45, p. 309.
81. Ibid., 68, p. 121.
82. Pastors to serve this church were: Rev. W. D. Harrell, Rev. J. P. McDonald, Rev. S. E. Foote, Rev. Mr. Ramsey, Rev. Mr. Kiskadden, Rev. Charles G. Collier, Rev. Thomas B. Sheldon, Rev. D. C. Marshall, Rev. W. H. Chase, Rev. Joseph G. Kane, Rev. A. B. Minnamyer, and Rev. Harry C. Wood.

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Sabbath schools and to take the place of regular clergyman. Mr. Reaugh was in charge of this field most of the time until 1927, serving Union Church and outstations at Rock Creek, Montcoal, and Dry Creek.[83] In 1927, the Presbytery renewed regular preaching services at Union, the same pastor serving Union, Dry Creek (see entry 41), Rock Creek (see entry 36), Stickney (see entry 51) and Edwight (see entry 52). In 1937, the name of the circuit was changed to Mountain Project, and Rev. C. W. Pindar placed in charge of all churches. The first settled clergyman for Union Church was Rev. John I. Williams, who served 1904-06.

No records available.

32. *CABIN CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1905-09. Cabin Creek Junction, Kanawha County.

First services were held at Cabin Creek in 1895, when the Woman's Board sent missionary workers to this section. The work progressed nicely, a chapel was built and regular Sunday school services maintained. This arrangement continued until 1905, when Rev. R. F. Fulton was sent to Cabin Creek to organize a church. Received into Parkersburg Presbytery in 1905, Cabin Creek Church remained active for only a short time. The church became vacant in 1908, and was dropped from rolls of Presbytery in 1909. Since then, no attempts have been made to reorganize this church, however, workers from Brush Creek Church (see entry 33) have recently been active in carrying on mission activities in this region. The first resident clergyman was Rev. R. F. Fulton, who served 1905-06.[84]

No records available.

33. BRUSH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1905--. Brush Creek, Boone County.

Organized[85] November 5, 1905,[86] the building was erected in 1906, on property acquired from Matthew Turley, and dedicated the following year. This plain frame building was remodeled in 1925, at which time three church school rooms and

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83. The organization, consisting of Union Church and the surrounding missions, was known as Union Church at Dry Creek; Dry Creek Parish; and Dry Creek at Union. Rev. John I. Williams was in charge 1904-05; Rev. R. H. Fulton, 1906-07; Mr. George A. Reaugh, 1908-20; Rev. R. J. Topping, 1921-22; Mr. George A. Reaugh, 1922-27; Rev. H. H. Miller, 1927-35; Rev. Harry C. Woods, 1936; Rev. C. W. Pindar, 1937--.
84. Pastorate: Rev. R. F. Fulton, 1905-06; Rev. Albert S. Stewart, 1907; vacant, 1908-09; dropped from rolls, 1909.
85. Charter members included: Hattie Turley, Vallie Turley, Mary Estep, Atha Estep, Ruth Estep, George Turley, Willie Easter, G. W. Estep, and Vivian Estep.
86. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.), Minutes (1906) p. 212.

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a basement were added. Rev. William Price served the church as stated supply from 1908 to 1910. He was the first minister to preach regularly at this point.

Session Records, 1904--. 2 vols.

Church Register, 1904--. 1 vol. Contains records of baptisms, members and deaths. In possession of Miss Ella Estep, Brush Creek.

Financial Records, 1904--. 1 vol. In possession of J. Easter, Brush Creek.

Church School Records, 1904--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Estep, Brush Creek.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1931--. 1 vol.

34. HARRIS DISTRICT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1905--. New England, Wood County.

New England post office is located on the Ohio River, about 20 miles south of Parkersburg. The Sabbath school missionaries had established a Sabbath school at this point and had held service for several years previous to the establishment of a congregation. The church organization was completed in 1905. Services were held in the schoolhouse and in the United Brethren Church until 1914, when the Presbyterians purchased the United Brethren Church building.[87] Rev. L. E. Black, stated supply, served this church from 1908 to 1918. In 1919, the church became inactive but was retained on the rolls of Presbytery because of property investments.[88] Under the direction of the Home Mission Committee of Parkersburg Presbytery, services have been held once each month. A church school is maintained under direction of a local Elder.

Session Records, 1908-18. 1 vol. Contains also list of membership, baptisms and marriages.

Church School Records, 1908--. 1 vol. Contains list of attendance.

35. PEYTONIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1907--. Peytonia, Boone County.

This church was organized on September 29, 1907, at Ashford. A small frame chapel was built shortly thereafter.[89] This building was later moved to Peytonia, where the present building was erected in 1929. Rev. Marvin R. Rankin was the first settled clergyman, serving a short time in 1907.

No records were found.

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87. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 33.
88. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1919), p. 64.
89. Boone County, Deed Books, 7, p. 22, January 15, 1908. J. H. Wright and Elizabeth Wright, grantors; John Hess, M. V. Godbey, George Hypps, F. M. Roach and W. A. Staton, trustees, grantees.

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36. ROCK CREEK PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1907--. 2 miles east of Dry Creek, Raleigh County.

A Sunday school mission was organized at Rock Creek early in 1907, under the leadership of Mr. George A. Reaugh. Services were held in schoolhouse for a few months until a chapel could be built. Services were continued in this building until 1930, when a second and larger building was completed with funds granted by Kanawha Presbyterian Church (see entry 3).[90] The new building was dedicated September 28, 1930, Dr. Warren S. Stone preaching the dedicatory sermon. This chapel was enlarged and remodeled in 1935, and is still used by the organization. Rock Creek has always been an outstation or mission of Dry Creek (Union) Parish, and has been served by pastor or leaders of that parish. The first person to hold regular services at Rock Creek was Mr. George A. Reaugh, who served 1907 to 1927.[91]

Records incorporated into those of Union (entry 31).

37. WHITTICO MEMORIAL CHURCH (Colored), 1907--. Keystone, McDowell County.

Organized September 25, 1907 by Rev. John V. Whittico and named in his honor. The first services were held in the school building at Keystone. In 1912 a small frame building was completed. This building stood until November 1913, when it was destroyed by fire. Services were again held in the school building until early 1920 when the present church building was dedicated. This building is a one-story brick, of Gothic-style architecture. The first resident clergyman was Rev. John V. Whittico who served here September 25, 1907 to August 1908.[92]

Session Records, 1907--. 1 vol. Includes records of membership and baptisms.

Church School Records, 1907--. n.v. Records of all Church school classes since organization.

Financial Records, 1907--. 1 vol. Contains a list of contributions of members.

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90. It is the practice in Presbyterian Church for strong churches in Presbytery to grant funds to and be responsible for upkeep of mission stations in newly opened sections of Presbytery. Kanawha Church gave $600 for the building of a new chapel.

91. Leaders at Rock Camp: Mr. George A. Reaugh, 1907-27; Rev. H. H. Miller, 1928-35; Rev. Harry C. Woods, 1936; Rev. C. W. Pindar, 1937--.

92. Pastorate: Rev. John V. Whittico, S.S. 1907-08; 1909, not on Roll of Presbytery; Rev. R. P. Johnson, S.S., 1910-23; Rev. John A. Davis, S.S., 1923-39; 1940, vacant.

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38. JARROLD'S VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1908--. Jarrold's Valley, Raleigh County. /P. O. Address Whitesville, Boone County/.

Jarrold's Valley has been one of the most interesting fields for mission work in West Virginia. Miss Spencer, who was located at Lawson, was the first worker. Miss Jackson, of Elizabeth, N. J., and Miss Newcomb, of Hamelton, N. J., were sent to this point as missionaries on December 31, 1897.[93] Through their efforts, a Sabbath school was organized and in 1904 a small chapel was erected.[94] Formal organization of the congregation was effected November 23, 1908.[95] A manse, which had been used as a cottage for Bible readers, is part of the church property. Rev. J. I. Williams and Rev. Mr. Fulton were among the first ministers. The first pastor to serve the church after organization was Rev. A. L. Medcalf, stated supply, 1909-10.

Session Records, 1907--. 1 vol. Includes session minutes, financial records and lists of members, pastors, elders, deacons, baptisms, marriages, and deaths. Prior records filed with Board of Home Missions, 156-5th Avenue, New York, New York.

Church School Records, 1923--. 2 vols. In church.

Ladies Aid Records, 1935--. 1 vol. At manse.

39. WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1908--. Nr. Artie, Raleigh County.

This field was first opened in 1908, when the Woman's Board sent a full time missionary worker to be stationed at White Oak.[96] A small chapel was built and regular services have been maintained since that date. Sunday school services are held every week and the mission is supplied by pastor for Colcord Church (see entry 49) of Mountain Parish. The present supply is Rev. Charles W. Pindar, assisted by Rev. Otto Bergner.[97]

No records available.

40. DOROTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1913--. Dorothy, Raleigh County.

Although the organization of this church was not effected until November 20, 1913,[98] Presbyterian work in the region

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93. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 45.
94. The first donation of $17.00 was from a group of bootblacks in New York City.
95. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.) Minutes (1908), p. 401.
96. Ibid., p. 375.
97. Ibid., (1939), p. 40.
98. Ibid., (1914), p. 384.

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of Dorothy was begun by Miss Priscilla Spencer, about 1895.[99] This early work was carried on under the direction of the Woman's Board. In 1908, Rev. J. Calvin Ely, D.D., Synodical Superintendent of Home Missions, preached the first sermon in the village and arranged for the organization of the Sabbath school.[100] At this time, he also made arrangements for the pastor of the Cabin Creek Church (see entry 32) to supply the community with regular monthly preaching services. The work at Dorothy was carried on for a number of years without a church building. Services were held in schoolhouse or in an old building used for picture show purposes. In 1917, the Mission Board of Synod purchased a portable church building from St. John's Portable Building Company, and presented it to people of Dorothy. Dedicated June 10, 1917, the building is a two-room frame structure without special features. The first person to hold regular services at Dorothy was Rev. Albert L. Stewart, pastor of Cabin Creek Church, who served as stated supply at Dorothy, 1908-09. The first resident clergyman to serve after organization of the church was Rev. William Price, who served 1913-15.[101]

41. DRY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1915--. Dry Creek, Raleigh County.

Organized as a Sunday school mission in 1915, under the leadership of Mr. George A. Reaugh, who had been sent to this region by the Woman's Board of Missions. Work was started on a chapel and the building was completed at a cost of $250.00, and dedicated August 6, 1915. The building was dedicated by Rev. Gill I. Wilson, field secretary of the Synod. Rev. Mr. Wilson secured sufficient funds at the dedication services to purchase a bell for the chapel. Services at Dry Creek were under the guidance of Mr. Reaugh until 1927. In that year, Dry Creek Parish was set up and Rev. H. H. Miller placed in charge of the churches.[102] Dry Creek is now a member of Mountain Project, which is under the guidance of Rev. C. W. Pindar.

No records available.

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99. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 47.
100. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1908) p. 374.
101. Pastorate: Rev. William Price, 1913-15; Rev. Lewis F. Hughes, 1916; Mr. S. R. Sheriff, local evangelist, 1916-18; vacant 1919; Rev. H. B. Gebhart, 1919-20; Rev. Robert J. Topping, 1921-23; Rev. R. C. Johnson, 1924-26; Rev. F. L. Taylor, 1926-27; Rev. C. H. Doolittle, 1928-29; Mr. John M. Hart, Jr., local evangelist, 1929-32; Rev. E. V. Black, 1933-35; Rev. Charles W. Pindar, 1935-36; Rev. Otto Bergner, 1936--.
102. Dry Creek Parish included: Union, Dry Creek, Stickney, Edwight and Rock Creek.

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42. ORGAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1920--. Orgas, Boone County.

The organization[103] was formed, in October 1920, by the Parkersburg Presbytery, through the efforts of several Presbyterian missionaries.[104] The first and only building was erected and dedicated in 1923. This plain frame building was completely destroyed by fire, in September 1928. Worship services have been held in the Orgas schoolhouse since the church burned. Plans are being made for the erection of a new building. Rev. E. V. Black was the first settled clergyman, serving the church as stated supply, 1920-23.

Session Records, 1920--. 1 vol. Contains lists of members, baptisms, deaths, elders, pastors, and financial records.

Church School Records, 1933--. 1 vol. In possession of Tilden Hendricks, Orgas.

Ladies Aid Society, 1936--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Tilden Hendricks, Orgas.

43. *OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (Colored), 1921-33. Charleston, Kanawha County.

Organized April 1921 under the leadership of W. W. Sanders, a graduate of Lincoln University. Services were held in a rented hall until 1924 when a church building was completed and the church was received in Parkersburg Presbytery. The first resident clergyman to serve, after church was received in Parkersburg Presbytery, was Rev. A. G. Anderson, who served 1924-27. When Rev. Mr. Anderson resigned in 1927 no pastor was called and only Sunday school services were held. Regular elders were elected and the church remained active in Presbytery until 1930 when the church became vacant. Olivet Church was retained on roll of Synod until 1933, for property reasons, when it was dropped from rolls. No attempts have been made to reorganize the church since that date.

No records found.

44. SWANDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1921--. Swandale, Clay County.

A committee[105] appointed by Parkersburg Presbytery visited this point on November 11, 1920. The church was formally organized on March 20, 1921.[106] Services were held in the Jr.

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103. Charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hendricks, Wade Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Hendricks.
104. Miss Tiscus, Miss McCalister, Miss Henry, Miss Tierce, Miss Ingerham, Miss Newcomb and Miss Jackson.
105. Committee members were: Rev. Albert Evand, D.D., Rev. E. V. Black, Rev. L. E. Black, and Elder J. D. Price.
106. Charter members: C. V. Straw, Ira D. Starcher, A. J. Johnson, Homer D. Miller, L. D. Starcher, Arthur B. Straw.

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O.U.A.M. Lodge Hall from the date of organization until about 1924, at which time the present place of worship was constructed. This building is known as the Community Building, serving as a school, church, and recreation center. It is a large frame structure, with Belfry and bell. Rev. L. E. Black was the first resident clergyman, serving from November 11, 1920, until 1921.[107]

Session Records, 1920--. 1 vol. Includes lists of members, baptisms, deaths, elders and pastors. In possession of O. O. Shaver, Swandale.

Financial Records, 1920--. 1 file box. In possession of F. D. Notingham, Swandale.

Sunday School Records, 1938--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. O. O. Shaver, Swandale.

45. WIDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1921--. Widen, Clay County.

Organized by Parkersburg Presbytery in 1921.[108] No church building is owned by the congregation, services being held in the Y.M.C.A. building. Since 1938, this church has been listed on the rolls of Parkersburg Presbytery as a Community Church. Although served by a Presbyterian pastor, all denominations worship together. The first resident pastor was Rev. L. E. Black, serving in 1921.[109]

Session Records, 1928--. 1 vol. Includes lists of members and deaths. In possession of Mrs. D. H. Million, Widen.

46. EDWARDS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1922--. 314 North Mercer Street, Bluefield, Mercer County.

This organization began as a church school mission, under the leadership of Mr. George A. W. Carey. Formal organization was effected in 1922.[110] Services were first held in the

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Harry G. Straw, John Lanham, Mrs. C. V. Straw, Mrs. Ira D. Starcher, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Mrs. Homer D. Miller, Mrs. L. D. Starcher, A. H. Smith and Mrs. Ora Monroe. Elders selected were: C. V. Straw and Ira D. Starcher.

107. Pastorate: Rev. L. E. Black, S.S., November 11, 1920-1921; Rev. Caleb L. Pancoast, S.S., April 1, 1923-July 31, 1924; Rev. Irwin Kelley, S.S., March, 1926-August 31, 1928; Rev. E. V. Black, 1927-29; Rev. R. J. Topping, April 1, 1929-September 20, 1931; Rev. E. W. Jefferson, S.S., November 1, 1931-April 1939; Rev. W. A. Ashley, January 1940--.

108. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.) Minutes (1921) p. 52.

109. Pastorate: Rev. L. E. Black, 1921; Rev. Caleb L. Pancoast, 1923; Rev. Irwin Kelley, 1925-27; Rev. D. M. Grant, D.D., 1929; Rev. E. W. Jefferson, 1932-37; Rev. W. A. Ashley, 1940--.

110. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.) Minutes (1922) pp. 22, 43.

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basement of a rented building on Lawson Street. The Masonic Hall was used for some time until permission was granted for the use of the Christian Church on Church Street. From here, the organization moved to the present location, where a lot and plain frame type of building was purchased from the Catholic Church. This building was dedicated September 6, 1925, and services were held by Rev. F. M. Hyder, who was the resident pastor. The first resident pastor was Rev. Frank C. Shirley, serving a short time in 1922.

Session Records, 1920--. 2 vols. Vol. 1, 1920-33, lost; vol. 2, 1933--, at church.
Church School Records, 1920--. 20 vols.
Christian Endeavor Records, 1924--. 16 vols.
Ladies Aid Society Records, 1938--. 1 vol.
Ladies Missionary Society Records, 1925--. 4 vols.

47. NELLIS PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1923--. Nellis, Boone County.

First services were held here in 1923, when a vacation Bible class was established and a Sunday school mission was organized. These services were under the leadership of persons sent out by the Sunday School Board.[111] In 1925, the Brush Creek-Lick Creek Parish was created and Nellis Mission was placed in charge of pastor of Brush Creek Church (see entry 33), who held occasional services here.[112] First services were held in schoolhouse until 1926, when work was completed on community church building. Dedicated September 12, 1926, the church is a large stucco building of modern type architecture, costing $8,300 to complete. While the church is a community building, a Presbyterian pastor, Rev. A. F. Vinton, was asked to dedicate the building. Nellis has always remained as a Sunday school mission, being maintained by the community of Nellis, with some help from Presbyterian Mission Board. The pastor of Brush Creek Church has supplied this organization once each month.[113]

No records available.

48. MACFARLAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1926--. Macfarlan, Ritchie County.

Organized 1926, a plain rural schoolhouse type of building was erected and dedicated the following year. Rev. Mr. Phillips was the first resident pastor, serving this community

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111. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 43.
112. Synod of West Virginia, (U.S.A.) Minutes (1926) p. 26.
113. Supply pastorate: Miss Effah V. Anderson, mission worker, 1923-26; Rev. A. F. Vinton, S.S. 1926; Miss Margaret Dunn and Miss Frances McKee, mission workers, 1927; Miss Lillian C. Henry, mission worker, 1928; Rev. Jason C. Hart, 1929-36; Rev. Donald Lomas, 1937--.

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for two years. He received his early education in Australia, his native country, and is a graduate of Oberling College, New York. The ground upon which the building stands orriginally belonged to Mr. F. J. Lemon. After his death, it became the property of his daughter, Mrs. Roena Pribble and at her death, it fell to her children, who gave it as a site for the erection the church. A manse in Cairo is also owned.

Session Records, 1926--. 1 vol.
Church School Records, 1926--. 1 vol.
Christian Endeavor, 1936--. 1 vol.
Ladies Aid Society Records, 1926--. 1 vol. In possession of Mildred Lemon, Macfarlan.
Presbyterian Missionary Society Records, 1926--. 1 vol.

49. COLCORD (AMEAGLE) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1927--. Colcord, Raleigh County.

Services were held here as early as 1908, under the direction of the Woman's Board, and occasional services were continued until 1917. In that year, full time workers were assigned to the region of Colcord and a Sunday school mission established under leadership of Mr. E. K. Lusk.[114] Regular Sunday school services were continued at Colcord and at nearby Ameagle until March 6, 1927, when a church was organized and received in Parkersburg Presbytery as the Colcord-Ameagle Church. The church continued to be known as Colcord-Ameagle until 1937, when the Colcord Parish was established and name of church changed to Colcord Presbyterian Church. Regular Sunday school services and occasional preaching services are still held at Ameagle (<u>see</u> entry 56). Prior to 1937, members of Ameagle Mission attended church at Colcord. The first resident clergyman was Rev. L. F. Taylor, who served 1927 to 1928.[115]

No records available.

50. FULTON PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1927--. Nr. Colcord, Raleigh County.

Organized in 1927, under the leadership of Rev. L. F. Taylor, and assigned to Colcord-Dorothy Parish. The church building, a one-room frame structure of schoolhouse type architecture, was completed and dedicated soon after organization.

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114. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) <u>Minutes</u> (1917) p. 585.
115. Pastorate: Rev. L. F. Taylor, 1927-28; Rev. C. H. Doolittle, 1928-29; Rev. E. V. Black, 1929-34; Rev. Charles W. Pindar, 1935-36; since 1936, in Colcord Parish under care of Rev. Charles W. Pindar and his assistants, Rev. Leonard Kincaid and Rev. Otto Bergner.

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Fulton Mission has always been a member of Colcord-Dorothy Parish is supplied, once each month, by pastor of Colcord Church (see entry 49).[116]

No records available.

51. STICKNEY PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1927--. Stickney, Raleigh County.

First services were held here in 1927, under the leadership of Mr. George A. Reaugh, worker for the Woman's Board of Missions. The mission was assigned to Montcoal-Dry Creek Parish, with Sunday school services every week and regular preaching services every two weeks.[117] Services were held at homes of members for a few months until a church could be completed. This building, a frame structure of schoolhouse type architecture, was built largely through efforts of Mr. Reaugh, who died before the building was dedicated.[118] The first resident clergyman was Mr. George A. Reaugh, who served 1927-28.[119]

No records available.

52. EDWIGHT PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1928--. Edwight, Raleigh County.

First services were held here in summer of 1923, when vacation Bible classes were conducted by the Woman's Board of Missions. In 1928, a chapel was built and a regular Sunday school was organized, and regular services have been continued since that date. Edwight is a member of the group of missions served by pastor of Montcoal-Dry Creek Parish. Rev. W. T. Hood, pastor of Montcoal Church (see entry 55) has supplied Edwight since 1928. Regular church services are held once each month, this being as often as Rev. Mr. Hood can visit the church.

No records available.

53. SPRUCE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1928--. 2 miles southeast of Clear Creek, Raleigh County.

Organized as a mission of Clear Creek Church (see entry 28) soon after January 8, 1928. Spruce Mission was assigned

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116. Pastorate: Rev. L. F. Taylor, 1927-28; Rev. C. H. Doolittle, 1928-29; Rev. E. V. Black, 1929-34; Rev. Charles W. Pindar, 1935-36; since 1936, in Mountain Project under care of Rev. Charles W. Pindar and his assistants, Rev. Leonard Kincaid and Rev. Otto Bergner.
117. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1927) p. 33.
118. Mr. George A. Reaugh was killed in automobile accident Sept. 21, 1928, while on his way to attend the meeting of the Presbytery of Parkersburg at Cairo, W. Va. See Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1928), pp. 42-43 for Biographical sketch of Mr. Reaugh.
119. Pastorate: Mr. George A. Reaugh, 1927-28; Rev. W. T. Hood, 1928--.

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to the newly reorganized Colcord-Dorothy Parish and regular Sunday school services have been maintained, as well as occasional preaching services. The first pastor to supply this mission after organization was Rev. C. H. Doolittle, who served 1928-29.[120]

Records probably incorporated into those of Clear Creek.

54. CAMP CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1935--. Nr. Nellis, Boone County.

Mission work was begun in Boone County in 1900 by Mr. George Reaugh, under the supervision of the Sunday School Board.[121] Mr. Reaugh labored for five years in the county establishing several Sabbath schools, among which was one at Camp Creek. The Woman's Board sent Bible readers into this section in 1904, and the work has been mainly carried on by them ever since, especially at Camp Creek. Mr. D. J. Gillanders succeeded Mr. Reaugh, and the Brush Creek Church (see entry 33) was organized while he was in charge. Pastors of the Brush Creek Church have always supplied the Camp Creek Church. In May 1906, Mr. John H. Wright became Sunday School Missionary for the county.[122]

Camp Creek Presbyterian Mission was dedicated in May 1908.[123] It is a frame structure of the rural schoolhouse type. This chapel was painted and repaired in 1925.[124] Shortly after the building was finished, the congregation received a good organ, the gift of Mrs. Washington A. Hooper, the widow of a former pastor of the Morgantown Church.[125]

In 1925, the Brush Creek-Lick Parish was created.[126] It included the organized churches of Brush Creek and Lick Creek, together with such outstations as Camp Creek, Nellis, Rumble, and other points where Sabbath schools had been organized. These outstations were under the care of the Sabbath school missionaries. The ladies sent out by the Woman's Board resided in the cottage at Brush Creek and helped with the Sunday school work at Camp Creek.[127] They also conducted Vacation Bible schools during the summer months.

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120. Persons serving here: Rev. C. H. Doolittle, 1928-29; Rev. E. V. Black, 1929-34; Rev. C. W. Pindar and assistants, Rev. Leonard Kincaid and Rev. Otto Bergner, 1935--.
121. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 43.
122. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1906) p. 190.
123. Ibid., (1908) p. 375.
124. Ibid., (1926) p. 26.
125. Ibid., (1908) p. 376.
126. Ibid., (1925) p. 40.
127. Among those serving this field were: Miss Peabody, 1904-05; Miss Robinson, 1905-14, Miss Londan, 1906-08; Miss Heminger, 1908-16; Miss Effah V. Anderson, 1926-36; Miss Jane M. Wilson and Miss Williams, 1936--.

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Rev. Allan F. Vinton, Sunday school missionary, served as pastor of Bush Creek-Lick Parish from 1925 to April 1, 1927. He was succeeded by Jason C. Hart, who served from December 1, 1927 'till 1936. During his term of service, the Camp Creek Church was organized on March 31, 1935.[128] At the organization meeting, Robert Woodrum, Francis Dolin and Mrs. Lottie Smith were elected trustees. Sirling Barnett, Norval Lewis, Fleming Barnett and Doc Smith were ordained and installed elders.

No records were found.

55. MONTCOAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1935--. Montcoal, Raleigh County.

Although the organization of this church was not effected until May 17, 1935, Presbyterian work in the region of Montcoal was begun by Mr. George A. Reaugh in 1917.[129] This early work was carried on under the direction of the Woman's Board. Montcoal Church has always been a member of Montcoal-Dry Creek Parish and served by pastors of that circuit. The church, a frame structure of schoolhouse type architecture with belfry and bell, was dedicated in 1927, and is still used by the organization. Prior to 1927, services were held in schoolhouse at Montcoal. The Montcoal Coal Company provides a house for the pastor. The first resident clergyman to serve at Montcoal while it was a mission point, was Rev. R. J. Topping, who served 1921 to 1924.[130]

Session Records, 1935--. n.v. (notebook) no formal records kept, includes record of business meetings of church. In possession of Rev. W. T. Hood, Montcoal.

Ladies Aid Society, 1936--. 1 vol. On file at church.

56. AMEAGLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1937--. Ameagle, Raleigh County.

This group was first organized in 1917, soon after establishment of mission field in region of Colcord. Regular Sunday school services were held and the children living in Ameagle attended vacation Bible classes at Colcord every summer. No other services were available until March 6, 1927, when the people living at Ameagle united with those at Colcord to build Colcord-Ameagle (see entry 49). Ameagle remained a part of this organization until creation of Colcord Parish (or Mountain Project) in 1937. Since that date, Ameagle has been a separate organization. The group has always been served by stated supply from Colcord Parish.

No records available.

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128. Boone County, Church Trustees and Trustees of Institutions, Book 1, p. 7. See also: Brush Creek Presbyterian Church, Minutes, vol. II, p. 86.
129. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1917) p. 584.
130. Persons serving Montcoal were: Mr. George A. Reaugh, 1917-21; Rev. R. J. Topping, 1922-24; Rev. R. C. Johnson, 1924-26; Mr. George A. Reaugh, 1926-27; Rev. W. T. Hood, 1927--.

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57. GRAFTON PRESBYTERY, 1904--.

Organization

In accordance with the action of the Synod of Pennsylvania, taken at its meeting at DuBois, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1903, the organization of Grafton Presbytery was effected on April 12, 1904. The Synod of Pennsylvania ordered that the new Presbytery consist of the churches north of the boundary lines of the counties of Tyler, Ritchie, Gilmer, Braxton, Webster, and Pocahontas. The Synod further enacted that the Presbytery consist of ministers J. H. Flanagan, George W. Pollock, A. M. Buchanan, W. J. Hazlett, A. D. Light, W. H. Miller, Charles Helliwell, R. M. Ramsey, H. G. Stoetzer, P. C. White, W. M. Hudson, H. W. White, A. B. Minameyer, W. O. David, and O. S. Fowler. Rev. A. D. Light was appointed Moderator to convene the Presbytery, preach the opening sermon, and preside until the Presbytery shall have been regularly organized.

Grafton Presbytery held its first meeting in the Presbyterian Church of Grafton, West Virginia, April 12, 1904, at 7:30 p.m. In the absence of Rev. A. D. Light, Rev. James H. Flanagan, D.D., the oldest minister present, conducted the opening devotional exercises. Rev. Dr. Flanagan was elected Moderator and Rev. H. G. Stoetzer, temporary clerk.

The older churches which are now affiliated with Grafton Presbytery were organized under the authority of Redstone Presbytery. These organizations include the churches of Morgantown First, Fairmont First, French Creek, Clarksburg First, Kingwood First, and Grafton First. The Buckhannon Church was organized by Greenbrier Presbytery. Those churches within the territorial bounds of Grafton Presbytery which were organized between 1863 and 1892 came under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of West Virginia. In 1892 this body became known as the Presbytery of Parkersburg. Upon the organization of the Synod of West Virginia, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., on October 18, 1904, Grafton Presbytery formed its present synodical affiliations. Except for the transfer of the churches of New Martinsville and Jacksonburg to the Presbytery of Wheeling, the territorial bounds of Grafton Presbytery have remained unchanged since the date of organization. Grafton Presbytery embraces the counties of Monongalia, Preston, Marion, Taylor, Harrison, Lewis, Upshur, and one church, that of Oakland, in Garrett County, Maryland.

Records

Grafton Presbytery Minutes, 1904--. 37 vols. Published annual reports of Presbytery in session. Includes all business presented and action thereon, reports of committees and organizations, and itemized report of receipts and disbursements. In custody of the Rev. Nelson Thorne, First Presbyterian Church, 175 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

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58. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1788--. High and Kirk Streets, Morgantown, Monongalia County.

Although a congregation had been formed, it is said, by Rev. Robert Finley, at Morgantown some years prior to the above organization date, and ministers had been sent by the Redstone Presbytery,[1] formal organization did not take place until November 1788, when Rev. Joseph Patterson was sent to minister to the group. Services were held in the courthouse until 1818, when the Presbyterian and Episcopal congregation agreed to erect "a stone and brick building ... which shall be the property of the Presbyterian and Protestant Episcopal Societies jointly, and their successors forever."[2] This building was remodeled in 1835. In 1817, a lot (mentioned in records as the "Sepulchre Lot") was acquired at the corner of Spruce Street and Forest Avenue,[3] which was used as a cemetery, and is the burial place of many of the early members. Apparently, the Presbyterian organization grew rapidly, while the Episcopal group did not acquire a minister and were not admitted as a parish until 1876.[4] This property remained the joint place of worship for the two congregations until shortly before the Civil War, when the Episcopalians seem to have disposed of their interest and much later the Presbyterians became the sole owner of the property.[5] A second brick church building was built on the same site at the close of the Civil War, and was dedicated in 1868. The present modern church edifice was dedicated in December 1896.[6] Dr. Jeremiah P. E.

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1. Joseph Smith, Old Redstone or Historical Sketches of Western Presbyterianism, p. 36. Hereafter cited: Smith, Old Redstone.
2. Bishop George W. Peterkin, A History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of West Virginia, p. 688; Inventory of the Church Archives of West Virginia: Protestant Episcopal Church, p. 34; James R. Moreland, The First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, West Virginia, pp. 28-33.
3. Monongalia County, Deed Books (old series), 7, p. 259. April 28, 1817. William and Esther McCleery, Grantors, to Robert Hill and Robert Robe, grantees, trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Morgantown. Ibid., 51, p. 356, October 28, 1899. Frank and Mattie J. Cox, George C. and Julietti Baker, I. G. and Nora J. Lazelle, W. E. and Mary A. Glasscock, grantors, to trustees of First Presbyterian Church, by A. Fairchild, President of the trustees.
4. Inventory of the Church Archives of West Virginia: Protestant Episcopal Church, p. 35.
5. Monongalia County, Deed Books, 215, p. 136, March 26, 1926. James R. Moreland, Special Commissioner to the B. F. Smith estate, to J. M. G. Brown, George B. Vieweg, W. T. Kern, A. Gordon Tait, Ralph N. Harris and Robert E. Guy, trustees of First Presbyterian Church.
6. Monongalia County, Deed Books, 41, p. 385, September 28, 1895. Mary A. and Thomas E. Hodges, grantors, to Joseph Moreland,

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Kumler, of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, preached the dedicatory sermon. This building is of brick construction with a large auditorium, a chapel, memorial windows, church school rooms, and a library.[7] A manse at 316 Allison Avenue, is also a part of the church property,[8] as is a residence for the student pastor, at 304 Willey Street.[9] The organizer of the church, Rev. Robert Finley, was a graduate of Princeton University, and one of the earliest missionaries affiliated with Redstone Presbytery,[10] but it is probable that the first minister to regularly serve the church was Rev. Joseph Patterson, sent as supply to the congregation in 1788.[11]

Session Records, 1818--. 3 vols. Includes congregational records, 1818-68 and all records of church and business of ruling board. Vol. 1, 1818-55; vol. 2, 1855-96; vol. 3, 1896--.

Minutes of Congregation, 1868-90, 1897--. 3 vols. Prior records in session records. Includes lists of members, baptisms, marriages and deaths.

Financial Records and records of Episcopal Organization for early organization, in possession of Mrs. Louise C. Rogers, Morgantown.

Church School Records, 1890--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. James R. Moreland, Monongahela Building, Morgantown.

Morgantown Lydia Society (Woman's Organization) Records, 1827-52.

The Maternal Association of Morgantown (Presbyterian Women) Records, 1841--. 1 vol. Includes constitution and rules, list of members with names of children of each.

Louisa Lourie Missionary Society Records, 1879--. 1 vol.

Ladies Aid Society Records, n.d. n.v. (looseleaf).

Christian Endeavor Society Records, 1887--.

Published History: James R. Moreland, The First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, West Virginia, (Morgantown, Morgantown Printing & Binding Co., 1938).

A. Fairchild, Isaac Hite, Joseph Reiner and W. T. Kern, trustees, grantees.

7. Erected mainly through the generosity of John B. McCoy, of Sistersville, W. Va.

8. Monongalia County, Deed Books, 237, p. 50, January 14, 1930. John and Adamandia Batlas, grantors, to W. Thornton Kern, Franklin T. Scanlon, A. Gordon Tait, W. E. Guy, trustees, grantees.

9. Ibid., 83, p. 436, May 30, 1897. Delia A. and Thomas R. Evans, grantors, to Ashable Fairchild, Isaac Hite, Thornton Kern, William River, Joseph Moreland, trustees, grantees.

10. Joseph Smith, op. cit. p. 37.

11. Rev. Patterson, emigrated to America at age of 20; minister in Saratoga County, N. Y.; settled in Pennsylvania, together with his parents, 1774; instructor in school near Germantown, 1774-76; served in Revolutionary War; removed to Washington County, Pa., 1779; studied theology under Rev. Joseph Smith, Washington County, 1785; licensed by Redstone Presbytery at Chartiers, August 13, 1788.

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59. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1815--. Jackson and Jefferson Streets, Fairmont, Marion County.

Presbyterian services began in Middletown (now Fairmont) in 1875, when Nathan and Thomas Hall, members of the denomination, settled in the community and began to hold Bible study meetings. Additions were made to the congregation by incoming settlers, and in 1789, an appeal was made to the Redstone Presbytery for ministers. The Presbytery assigned Rev. Robert Marshall and Rev. Thomas Marquis to this field, and intermittent services were held at the Hall home by them and by other missionaries. It was not until 1815, that the two early missionaries effected a formal organization[12] at Asa Hall's dwelling house near the mouth of Buffalo Creek, and not until 1831, that the Presbytery sent a resident missionary to the group. The building was erected in 1821, on land given by Boaz Fleming.[13] This was a one-story, unpainted frame building on Jefferson Street directly across from the site of the present courthouse.[14]

The second church, a two-story building, was erected on the same site in 1851. The first floor was used for services, while the second floor was divided into two rooms, one of which was used for a school, and the other rented to the Masonic organization. A burial ground, which has long since disappeared, surrounded these early churches. The third church, on the site of the present one, was built in 1878, and was used until 1914, when it was replaced by the present Gothic stone building. This church was dedicated October 16, 1917. A manse at 709 Eighth Street, is also owned. Rev. Cyrus B. Bristol, the first resident minister, served from 1831 to 1844.

Session Records, 1831--. 7 vols. Includes minutes of the session, financial records, and church register. Vol. 1, 1831-59; vol. 2, 1859-74; vol. 3, 1874-99; vol. 4, 1900-14; vol. 5, 1914-22; vol. 6, 1922-28; vol. 7, 1929--. In church study.

Church School Records, current only.

Presbyterian Legion Records, 1910--. 3 vols. In church vault.

Women's Missionary Society, 1833--. 7 vols. In church vault.

Rev. Mr. Blake, a Presbyterian Missionary, organized a Sunday school at Brink, June 2, 1889. Records of this school

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12. Elders elected were: Boaz Fleming, Jordan Hall and Thomas Hall.
13. Joseph Martin, Gazateer of Virginia and District of Columbia, 1835, p. 391, lists "Middletown or Palsley's Mills" as having one Methodist and one Presbyterian Church in 1835. Hereafter cited: Martin's, Gazateer of Virginia.
14. A story is told that this church had two doors - one for men and one for women, and that this custom was carefully followed. Ed.

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are in possession of Norman F. Kendall, Grafton, W. Va.
Board of Trustees and Elders Records, 1931--. 7 vols. in church vault.

Published historical sketches: H. G. Stoezer, "A Glimpse of the Historical Background of This Region and a Few Brief Sketches of Some of The Earliest Preachers in This Church", Fairmont Times, November 19, 1915. Governor A. B. Fleming, "Reminisences of Boyhood", Fairmont Times, November 19, 1915; Hon. B. L. Butcher, "History of the First Presbyterian Church", Fairmont Times, November 19, 1915.

60. FRENCH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1819--. French Creek, Upshur County.

Presbyterian services were held in the French Creek settlement for several years before the formal organization of the church. The community was settled by a group of Congregationalists and Presbyterians from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and others of the New England States, and these Presbyterian settlers[15] were visited by Rev. Thomas Hunt and Rev. Moses Allen, of the Redstone Presbytery. In 1812, a group of these Presbyterians began the custom of meeting each Sunday and having one of the members read a sermon. This custom was long carried out as a traditional part of the communion. In 1816, the Central Association of Hampshire County, Massachusetts, sent as missionary to this New England colony, the Rev. Asa Brooks, who had been recently ordained.[16] He remained as a missionary for a year, when he returned to New England. He

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15. These settlers and their date of settlement were as follows: Zedekiah Morgan, Conn., 1801; Aaron Gould, Charlemont, Mass., 1808; Robert Young, Charlemont, Mass., 1811; Gilbert Gould, Charlemont, Mass., 1811; John Loomis, Elijah Phillips, David Phillips, Florida, Mass., 1814 to 1815; Daniel Barrett, Martin Root, Joshua Bosworth, Montgomery, Mass., 1815; Nathan Gould, Jr., Charlemont, Mass., 1816; Johnathan Alden, Ashfield, Mass., 1816; John Burr, Noah Sexton, Ebenezer Leonard, Worthington, Mass., 1816; Daniel Haines, Monson, Mass., 1815.

16. Copy of commission-original in possession of Mrs. Blanche Brooke Van Tromp, at French Creek. "Copy of the Commission of Rev. Asa Brooks, Missionary, Hatfield, Mass., August A.D. 1820: We the Trustees of the Hampshire Missionary Society, Do by these presents, (Appoint and constitute you, the said Rev. Asa Brooks, of Buckannon, in the county of Lewis, Commonwealth of Virginia,) a Missionary of the Cross of Christ, under the authority of said Society, for the term of (five years, from 1st of January last, viz. ten weeks in each year successively,) to

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united with the Redstone Presbytery, April 20, 1819, and immediately received calls from the congregations at French Creek and Buckhannon, which he accepted. The French Creek Church was formally organized September 10, 1819.[17] The election of ruling elders was held July 5, 1819.[18] The first church, built of logs, was erected in 1823 or 1824, and stood just in front of the site of the present church. Tradition says that in order to obtain nails and window glass for this building, the women of the congregation spun flax and wove linen. This linen was taken by Augustus Sexton to Frazier's store, near Staunton, Virginia, where it was traded for two boxes of glass and enough nails to build the church. The trip

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perform the customary labours of a Missionary in (the towns and each settlement which are in the vicinity of Buckhannon and French crick, and which are most destitute and which are now ready to receive your----.) In your zeal and constancy and in your ability to discharge, well, that sacred trust, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we repose full confidence. Of you we expect and require, that with all due dilegence and fidelity, you perform the work of an Evangelist, by despensing to the people, to whom you are sent, the pure doctrines, and by enforcing the Holy Precepts, and ordinances of God, our Savior:-that you labor to extend the blessings of gospel grace in the recovery of sinners to God, and in the establishment and consolation of His saints. As you have strength and opportunity, dispense the gospel and its ordinances upon the Lord's Day and other days:-visit schools and instruct children-; administer Christian Light and consolation to the sick and dying;- comfort those who mourn. Be it your great labor and matter of your fervent supplications, that you may be the instrument of bringing home souls to the Shepard and Bishop of souls. Be a good steward of the mysteries of God; Faithfully keep the trust which we commit to you as becometh that servant who expects to give an account of his stewardship at the Great Day. In the Name of the Trustees,

President
Joseph Lyman"

Corresponding Sec.
Enoch Hall

17. The first entry in the Session Records is: "French Creek, Lewis, Virginia. There being in this settlement a number, both male and female, having letters of recomendation from different Congregational Churches in Mass. with which they were united previous to their emigrating to this place, and wishing again to be favored with church privileges, a time was publicly appointed for the election of Ruling Elders."

18. Aaron Gould and Robert Young were elected ruling elders. Received on certificate: Nathan Gould and Esther, his wife; Aaron Gould and Lydia, his wife; Robert Young and Lydia, his wife; Rebecca Morgan, wife of Zedekiah Morgan;

was made by horseback. The church was a plain building with a gallery and high pulpit. The property was deeded to the congregation September 17, 1832.[19] The deed provided that the church was to be used by other denominations when not in use by the Presbyterians. This church was torn down and replaced by a frame building in 1851. This second church was accidently destroyed by fire during the Civil War. The present plain frame building was erected in 1866, and remodeled in 1915, following a settlement made by the Government for damages done during the Civil War, by Union soldiers whose encampment nearby resulted in the fire which destroyed the second church. A manse[20] near the church, and a large cemetery, are included in the church property. This church had one of the earliest temperance societies in the state, the organization being formed in October 1828. The following year, a Bible Society was formed from the French Creek and Buckhannon congregations, and in a letter written October 10, 1830, by Robert Young, he reported that about 450 Bibles and Testaments had been distributed among families in the county. In 1871, the congregation sponsored the organization of an Academy (see entry 334) which was in existence until 1885. Rev. Asa Brooks, the first pastor[21]

Samuel Gould, Aaron Gould, Jr., Polly Brooks, wife of the minister. Received on examination: David Phillips and Anna, his wife; Mehitable Gould, wife of Capt. Gilbert Gould; Lucy Alden, wife of Jonathan Alden.

19. Lewis County, Deed Books, E, pp. 124-125. Archibald McCall, of the City of Philadelphia, grantor to David Phillips, Pascal Young, Gilbert Gould, Elders of the Presbyterian Church and Trustees of the Presbyterian Society on French Creek.

20. Upshur County, Deed Books, 4, pp. 383-4, April 4, 1892. W. O. Phillips and wife, grantors, Ashley Gould, M. P. Wingrove, W. L. Sexton, Perry Talbott, Alva Brooks, and R. P. Young, Trustees, Grantees. Ibid., 75, p. 368. March 4, 1924. A. D. Page, A. N. Linger, J. E. Vance, A. M. Gould, Trustees, Grantors, Abbie E. McDonald, Grantee. Ibid., 76, p. 193, August 19, 1924. Abbie E. and J. A. McDonald, Grantors, J. A. Vance, A. N. Linger, A. D. Page and A. M. Gould, Trustees, Grantees.

21. Pastorate: Rev. Asa Brooks, 1816-24, 1825-34; Rev. Ezekiel Quillen, 1838-41; Rev. Edward Brooks, 1843-44; Rev. Ebenezer Churchill, 1848-?; Rev. James Young, 1853-58; Rev. Orr Lawson, 1859-60; Rev. C. P. French, 1864-66; Rev. S. C. Farris, 1866-68; Rev. Loyal Young, 1869-75; Rev. C. C. Gould?; Rev. G. W. Fleming?; Rev. S. Hall Young, 1877-78; Rev. J. H. Kirk, 1878-?; Rev. W. O. Phillips?; Rev. J. Spencer, 1887-88; Rev. B. R. King, 1890-91; Rev. L. A. Lindemuth, 1891-92; Rev. E. P. Sloan, 1893-99; Rev. David S. Graham, 1900; Rev. Howard W. Wright, 1900-01; Rev. W. J. Hazlett, 1902-13; Rev. W. O. Phillips, Jr. 1914-15; Rev. C. L. Luther, 1915; Rev. Frank Lewellyn,

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of this church, was instrumental in the organization of the church at Buckhannon (see entry 65) and of the church of Clarksburg (see entry 61). He was educated at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, and served the French Creek Church as missionary, 1816-19, and as pastor, 1819-24, 1825-34.

Session Records, 1819--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of the Session and all business records of the church. Vol. I, 1819-98, in possession of Mrs. Blanche Van Tromp, French Creek; vol. 2, 1898-1930, vol. 3, 1930--. In possession of Mr. French See, Adrian Road, Buckhannon.

Register Book, 1819--. Scattered notes of names of elders, pastors, a few deaths and marriages. Very incomplete. In possession of Mrs. Van Tromp, French Creek.

Published historical sketches: Harry Vance, Souvenir of the French Creek Homecoming, 1916, (Buckhannon, W. Va., 1916); Harry Vance, Memorial of the Centenary Celebration of the French Creek Presbyterian Church, 1919 (Buckhannon, W. Va., 1919).

61. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1829--. West Main and South 2nd Streets. Clarksburg, Harrison County.

This church dates back to 1829, when by order of the Redstone Presbytery, the Rev. Asa Brooks, pastor of the French Creek congregation, together with David Phillips, Roswell Knowlton, and Pascal Young, ruling elders of the French Creek Church (see entry 60), proceeded on October 10th, at the Methodist "meeting house" in Clarksburg, to organize and establish a Presbyterian Church, in that city.[22] A church was started, in 1834,[23] and the contract was given to Robert Wilson,

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1915; Rev. Roy Frank Miller, 1916; Rev. Wilbur Lyon, 1917; Rev. A. C. Powell, 1917-20; Rev. J. Thompson Baker, Ph. D., 1921-23; Rev. D. L. Bruce, 1923-36; Rev. Wilson Stitt, Ph. D., 1937--.

22. Received by letter at this meeting were: Phineas Chapin, Elisha Hall, Eleanor Wynn, Eliza, wife of John Davis, Nancy Murray, Nancy Lefever, John Garret and wife, whose letter was from a church in Ireland, John Reed and wife, Catherine Armstrong, Jane Stein. Examined and admitted to the congregation were: John Wilson, Jr., and Margaret, his wife, John Hursey, Nanny G., wife of Phineas Chapin, William Shields, John Lindsay. Ruling elders elected were: John Wilson, Jr., Phineas Chapin and John Hursey.

23. The subscription paper for this building includes among the contributions: "Waldo P. Goff, $20 in goods"; "Daniel Wilson, 10 sheep"; "5 in lathing and shingles"; "room and board";"$5 in blacksmithing";"$1 or 3 bushels of corn."

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of Green County, Pennsylvania.[24] That it was not completed at once, is shown by the Gazateer of Virginia in 1835, which lists only one church in Clarksburg "a Methodist meeting house." [25]

This church was used until 1893, when it was razed to make way for the present brick Gothic style building, the cornerstone of which was laid, September 27, 1893. An annex was added to this church in 1913, and later, a basement was excavated for additional church school rooms. A manse is on the lot adjoining the church. Rev. Asa Brooks, the first pastor of the Church, was a graduate of Williams College, and was sent as a missionary to the French Creek congregation, in 1816 (see entry 60). After the organization of the Clarksburg Church, he severed his relations with the French Creek Church and made his home in Clarksburg. He served as pastor from 1829 until his death, in 1834. He is buried under the present church, and a tablet to his memory and a handsome stained glass window have been erected in his honor. The Church of the Holy Savior (see entry 79) was an Italian mission of this church.

Session Records, 1829--, 5 vols. Includes minutes of the session and annual financial reports. Vol. 1, 1829-70; vol. 2, 1870-1903; vol. 3, 1903-22; vol. 4, 1922-31; vol. 5, 1931--.

Register Books, 1820--. 5 vols. Includes lists of members, baptisms, marriages and deaths.

Church School Records, 1910--. Annual vols.

62. *BROWN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1834-83. Stewartstown, Monongalia County.

Organized in 1834, by members dismissed from the Morgantown Church (see entry 58) at a meeting of the Session at Stewartstown, July 5, 1834.[26] A log Church had been

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24. Wilson's contract called for "80,000 merchantable brick at 75 cents a thousand, $50 to be paid in money and the rest in goods." Pew rents and the sale of pews provided a large part of the pastor's salary.
25. Martin's, Gazateer of Virginia , p. 363.
26. "July 5, 1834. Session convened at Stewartstown... Dismissed with a view to be organized into a separate church, the following members of the church of Morgantown: Gasper Orth, Margaret Orth, Isabella Bowen, Sally Sadler, Mary Ann Burchinal, Martin Bear, Mary Bear, John Frankelberry, Susan Trough, Sarah Sergeant, Margaret Sergeant, Sarah E. Hamilton, Robert Blaney, George Rogers, Sophia Porter, Margaret Sadler, Catherine Burgess, Samuel Bixler, Ezekiel Sergeant, Nancy Haney, Catherine Sadler, Mary Robinson, Harriett Henderson, David Trough." Session Record Book, 1, Morgantown Church.

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built[27] in 1830, named in honor of Rev. Rezin Brown, pastor of the Morgantown Church.[28] It was used until it was blown down, some time prior to 1883. A cemetery established in connection with the church marks the site.
No records have been found.

63. SUGAR GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1835--. Laurel Point, Monongalia County.

Presbyterian services were held in this locality as early as 1832,[29] but formal organization of Stewarts Run Church was effected on August 1, 1835.[30] Services were held in a barn belonging to John Lough, and in Stewart's Grove, until the first church building was erected in 1849.[31] This building was

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27. Monongalia County, Deed Books, (old series) 11, p. 384, Sept. 22, 1832. Casper and Margaret Orth, grantors, to Owen John, John Henderson, Jonathan Jordan, Casper Orth and David Tropp, trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Stewartstown.
28. James R. Moreland, The First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, West Virginia, p. 112.
29. Session Records of Middletown Church (now Fairmont) record the minutes of the first session of the Stewarts Run Church, October 12, 1832, C. B. Bristol being the moderator.
30. Session Records, Middletown Presbyterian Church, p. 35. "Stewarts Run, Aug. 1, 1835. Session met and opened with prayer. The following members residing in that neighborhood wished to be organized into a separate church, viz: Wm. Stewart and Elizabeth, his wife. John Stewart and Elizabeth, his wife. Evans Stewart and Jane, his wife. Asa Hall & Elizabeth, his wife, John Louch /Lough/ Sarah Cordray, John Pratt & Hannah, his wife, Isaac Cox, Mary Kelley, Areil Stewart, Malinda Cordrey, Elizabeth Louch /Lough/, & Nancy Barrackman. Session agreed to grant their request & report to the next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs Wm. Stewart and John Louch /Lough/ & John Stewart were elected Elders and set apart to the office of Ruling Elders. Mr. John Louch /Lough/ desired time to deliberate on assuming the responsible office. On the 4th day of December he consented to comply with request of the church and was likewise ordained & set apart to the office of ruling Elder by prayer and laying on of the hands of the session. C. B. Bristol, Mod."
31. The original subscription list of the building of this church is in possession of Mr. E. L. Cole, 420 Linden St., Morgantown, and is as follows: "We the undersigned subscribers do hereby bind ourselves to pay the serveral sums underneath subscribed to our names to Peter Fogle, Matthew Lough and Waitman Fleming, who have been appointed a committee to superintend the building of the Hous etc., which sums is to be appropriated for the building of a school and Meating hous about 26 x 30 feet near the forks

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evidently used for both a school and church; and while known as the Presbyterian "Meetin House", it was also available to other denominations. The second building was erected and dedicated in 1888.[32] At this time the name was changed from Stewarts Run Church to Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church. Rev. A. M. Buchanan, D.D. preached the dedicatory sermon. It was a plain frame building. An additional lot was purchased in 1903.[33] Rev. C. B. Bristol was the first resident pastor, serving from 1831 to 1845 or 1846.

Session Records, 1836--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of sessions, register of baptisms, members, deaths and financial records. In possession of Mrs. John Brand.

Church School Records, 1871--. Incomplete. 4 vols. Since 1886, annual books have been kept and are in the hands of various persons.

Published History: Sketch by James R. Moreland, The First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, West Virginia, pp. 114-115.

Unpublished historical sketches, E. Luther Cole, "History of Sugar Grove Church," written 1935, copy in possession of author; Miss Margaret Teagarden, "History of Sugar Grove Sunday School," written in 1935, copy in possession of author.

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of the road on one corner of Andrew Lough or Felix Scott land on the waters of Meadow run. Which house is to be considered as a Presbyterian hous but they are to open the doors to other regular denominations as Such times as they are not using the hous and it is to be free for school at all times. Mar. 1st 1849. Subscribers: Waitman Fleming, $10; Matthew Lough, $10; George Stone, $1; Andrew Lough, $10; Joseph Lough, $10; Wm. L. Cordry, $10; I. B. Yeager, ¼ box glass, $2.65; I. Mercer, $1; Reuben Finnel, $10; Median P. Mercer, $5; Newton Mercer, $5; Anne Lough, $10; Juley Anne Lough, $2; M. W. Lough, $2; Joseph Lough, $5; David Rigs, $2.50; Samuel Lynch, $1; Samuel Neely, $5; George Brand, $3; George W. Brand, $1; Jaret Linch, $1; Peter Fogle, $10; Wm. A. Brand, $1; G. Gorman, $1; John L. Fleming, $1; James Kelly, $10; Eleanor Arnett, $1; John Core, $1; Mary Scott, $2; Curtis Cordrey, $1; Gideon Barbe, $3; Isaac Cox, $1; William Murcer, $1; E. S. Pindle, $1; David Jimson, $1; William Berkshire, $2;" several names illegible.

32. Monongalia County, Deed Books (old series), 20, p. 39, August 31, 1850. Andrew and Jane Lough, grantors; Waitman Fleming, Matthew Lough and Reuben Fennell, trustees, grantees; Moreland's Presbyterian Church, p. 115.

33. Monongalia County, Deed Books, 76, p. 456, May 28, 1903. Elery J. Lough and wife, grantors, to trustees of Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church.

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64. KINGWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1837--. High Street, Kingwood, Preston County.

Presbyterian services were held as early as 1831,[34] when the Board of Missions sent Rev. Joel Stoneroad to minister to members of the church who had settled in this section. Rev. Mr. Stoneroad held services at the home of Mrs. Baldwin, and formal organization was effected November 11, 1837,[35] the group becoming a member of the Redstone Presbytery. A brick church was erected soon after organization, on the site of the present church. On October 6, 1863, the church became a member of the West Virginia Synod. The first church was torn down to make room for the present building, which was dedicated July 7, 1878. It is a red brick building of Gothic architecture, and many of the windows have been placed as memorials to former members. A manse nearby is a part of the church property. Rev. Mr. Stoneroad served as the first resident minister, from 1831 to 1844.[36]

Session Records, 1877--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the session, register of members, marriages, and deaths. In possession of Mr. Felix Elliott, Kingwood. Prior records lost.

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34. Session Records, vol. 1, p. 4, Middletown (now Fairmont) record the minutes of the first session held in Kingwood as a mission of the Middletown Church, June 11, 1831, with C. B. Bristol as Moderator. Also from Session Record of Middletown (now Fairmont) Presbyterian Church dated Kingwood, Nov. 11, 1837. "Present, Miss J. Jones and Graham T. Brown. Also Rev. A. Fairchild, one of the committee, appointed by Presbytery to organize church in that place. The following persons were dismissed from the Middletown Church, viz: S. Graham and Rebecca, his wife; Mr. Thomas Brown and Eleanor, his wife; Mr. Edward Hartley; Jonathan Blany and Susannah, his wife, Mr. James Newsem and Jane, his wife; Mrs. Anna Brown; Juliet A. R. Brown; Mrs. Elizabeth Parks; Miss Hannah Rice; Miss Rachel Rice; Miss Marie Smith; Mr. David Simpson. The following persons presented certificates from Morgantown Church, viz: Mr. Alexander Smith; Miss Sarah Smith; Isabella Smith; Mrs. Phebe Baldwin; Mr. George Robinson and , his wife, Mr. Philip Nichols; Miss Millie Nichols; and Mrs. Gray, who were organized into church. S. Graham and T. Brown were elected and instated as ruling elders. Adjourned concluded with prayer. C. B. Briston, Mod."

35. In 1837, the records of the Morgantown Church (see entry 58) show that Alexander Smith, Isabella Smith, Phebe Baldwin, Philip Nicholas, Amelia Nicholas, George Robinson and wife, and Mrs. Gray were dismissed to the Kingwood Church. See: James R. Moreland's, Presbyterian Church, p. 115.

36. W. T. Wiley, History of Preston County, p. 474.

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Register of Marriages, 1936--. 1 vol. At manse.
Register of Deaths, 1936--. 1 vol. At manse.
Financial Records, 1925--. In possession of Mr. Frank Carroll, Kingwood.
Church School Records, 1929--. 2 vols. Vol. I, 1929-35, in possession of Mr. Elliott. Vol. II, 1935--, at church.
Westminister Guild (Young People) Records, 1937--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. George Griffith, Kingwood.
Ladies Aid Records, 1901--. 2 vols. Vol. I, 1901-33, in possession of Mrs. G. E. Wilson, Kingwood. Vol. I, 1935--, in possession of Mrs. Fred Reed, Kingwood.
Home and Foreign Missionary Society Records, 1919--. 3 vols. 1 vol., Treasurer's Record, 1919--, in possession of Mrs. Charles S. Brown. 2 vols., Minutes, 1926--, in possession of Mrs. C. P. Wilhelm, Kingwood.

65. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1849--. South Locust Street, Buckhannon, Upshur County.

It is probable that an organization and a church of this denomination existed many years previous to the formal organization of the Presbyterian Church, October 9, 1849. In 1816, Rev. Asa Brooks[37] was sent by the Hampshire Missionary Society of Hatfield, Massachusetts, as a missionary, "to the towns and each settlement which are in the vicinity of Buckhannon and French Creek". Rev. Mr. Brooks settled in French Creek and organized the church there, (see entry 60) and the First Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg (see entry 61). He also had as a preaching station the town of Buckhannon, and evidently, a growing congregation was organized there prior to 1820. In the minutes of the French Creek Church for 1820, there is a notation: "A church was also organized at Buckhannon, with Martin Root and Dr. Elisha Barrett as ruling elders". This indicates a definite organization, but it is probable that because of the growth of the French Creek and Clarksburg churches, the Buckhannon Church may have been somewhat neglected, and having only a part-time minister, the organization ceased. The congregation remained a part of the French Creek Church until 1849, when a petition was made to the Greenbrier Presbytery[38]

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37. See entry 60.
38. This petition read: "We the undersigned members of the Presbyterian Church and citizens of Lewis County residing in the town of Buckhannon and its immediate vicinity, being desirous of having and enjoying the ordinances of God's house, as dispensed by the ministers of the Presbyterian Church, do respectfully ask the Presbytery of Greenbrier, within whose bounds we are located, to be organized into a Presbyterian Church to be called 'The Buckhannon Presbyterian Church,' of the Greenbrier Presbytery. Signed, Robert Coyner, David Little, W. A. Parrack, Mary Cooper, T. E. Janney, Caroline A. Janney,

for the establishment of a new church, and Rev. Enoch Thomas[39] was appointed to organize the church. The petition was presented on October 9, and on November 6, of the same year, the service of organization was held by Rev. Enoch Thomas and Rev. William Brown, of Augusta County. Robert Coyner and James T. Hartman were ordained elders at this service. The first church,[40] a brick building, was erected in 1855,[41] on the corner of what is now Kanawha and Lincoln Streets, and a cemetery was started on an adjoining lot.[42] This church was used by the congregation until the beginning of the Civil War, when Union soldiers under command of General George McClellan, appropriated it for commissary use, and although members of the congregation frequently tried to recapture their building, it continued to be used as a commissary until the end of the war, when it was so badly damaged that it could not be used. In 1859, plans were made for the construction of Baxter Institute, an institution of higher learning, to be open to both men and women, and a piece of ground was purchased by the "trustees of the Buckhannon Presbyterian Church"[43] on which to erect the school. The building was started[44] and the basement and part of

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Elizabeth Coyner, Caroline McFadden, Ann Little, Sarah Trimble, Abbey Woods."

39. Born at St. George, Del., Dec. 31, 1805; taught in Amhurst College, 1833; attended Princeton Theological Seminary, 1834-35; missionary in Rockingham County, Va., 1835-36; ordained by Presbytery of Lexington, June 17, 1837; stated supply at Union, Post Reynald, and Shilloth, Va., 1837-38; pastor at Shemariah Church, 1838-43; missionary at Beverly, Va., (W. Va.), 1843-61; missionary at Craigsville, Va., 1861-67; died Craigsville, Jan. 25, 1879. - Biographical Catalog of the Princeton Seminary, 1815-82.

40. That a building had been erected as early as 1835, is shown by Martin's, Gazateer of Virginia, p. 384, which lists Buckhannon as having "2 Methodist, 1 Baptist and 1 Presbyterian" meeting houses.

41. Upshur County, Deed Books, vol. C, p. 305, Nov. 1, 1857. Charles D. Trimble and Sarah (wife), grantors, Robert Coyner, Jr. Tillstson Janney, Charles D. Trimble, C. G. Miller, and D. S. Houlden, trustees, grantees.

42. From the Town Records of Buckhannon, Apr. 1867: "All bodies to be removed from the Presbyterian Burying Church yard, to the Baptist Cemetery at a cost of $39."

43. Upshur County, Deed Books, vol. D, p. 324. George Bastable and Mary, his wife, grantors, George W. Berlin, David S. Haselden, Henry Simpson, Rev. Orr Lawson and George Bastable, trustees, grantees.

44. An undated paper in the possession of Mr. Erk Coyner, W. Lincoln St., Buckhannon, reads: "Whereas it is proposed by the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of the town of Buckhannon in the county of Upshur and state of Virginia and the friends of education, to purchase a lot

the walls had been completed when the Union soldiers occupied the town in the summer of 1861. The soldiers tore down the bricks and used them for the construction of ovens and chimneys on their camp ground. Following the war, the plans for the establishment of this school were abandoned, and it was not until 1905, that trustees were again appointed; these appointees were only to receive for the church from the government the sum of $1,431 in compensation for the damage done in 1861. Following the war, the congregation worshipped in the Southern Methodist Church, now the Church of the Transfiguration (see Inventory of Church Archives in West Virginia: Protestant Episcopal Church, p. 75) until about 1872,[45] when the present

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of land, in or near said town and erect thereon a suitable building for a Male and Female, Classical and Mathematical Institute to be known as the Baxter Institute which Institution shall be subject to the control and government of a bord of Trustees, appointed by the Session of the said congregation but no sectarianism is to be taught therein. And whereas it is further proposed to raise the necessary funds for that purpose by subscription payable to such person or persons as shall be chosen by the said board of Trustees, which shall have full power to receive, collect and receipt for the same. And upon the amount subscribed by any person for the purpose aforesaid, an annual interest of 6 per cent shall be allowed on all sums of twenty-five dollars and upward, from and after the date at which the whole of such subscription shall have been paid. But no interest shall accrue in any year during which said subscriber shall not have his own or adopted child or children in actual attendance in said institution for a term of not less than five months during such year, and shall be in no case allowed except as a credit upon the tuition account of such subscriber. Provided such an account be paid within the year, when it becomes due, and not otherwise. Now therefore in consideration of the premises aforesaid, we the undersigned promise and bind ourselves, our heirs and so forth to pay to the Treasurer, appointed by the said board of Trustees, each the sum subscribed by us, opposite our names, in payment as follows, to-wit: each subscription of $50.00 and upward shall be paid in four equal installments in 6, 12, 18 & 24 months from the first day of Jan. 1860, and those $25.00 and less than $50.00 in three equal installments in 6, 12 & 18 months and those under $25.00 in 6 & 12 months from the above date. This subscription shall not be binding until the sum of $2000.00 shall have been subscribed for the purpose herein named. E. J. Colerider, $50; Orr Lawson, $50; J. S. Fisher, $75; Robert Coyner, $50; N. G. Munday, $50; J. D. Rapp, $50[11].

45. Upshur County, Deed Books, No. I, p. 246, Aug. 1, 1872-Henry S. Westfall, grantor, George Clark, Henry Simpson, Sidney

church was erected. This frame building was extensively remodeled in 1880, the trustees having been ordered to sell a part of the church lot,[46] the money to be spent in "completion, repairs and improvements to church".[47] In 1924, the church was improved by the addition of a basement, a furnace, a lecture room, and the exterior was stuccoed. A manse,[48] made possible by the generosity of Mrs. A. M. Liggett, on Hart Avenue is also owned.

Minutes and Church Record, 1849, 1855-58, 1864--. 2 vols. Records prior to 1864, written from memory, originals probably having been destroyed during the military occupancy of the church. Includes minutes of session, financial records, roll of pastors and supplies, elders, deacons, trustees, chronological roll of communicants, baptisms, marriages, 1918; deaths, 1919.

Church School Records, 1895--. 30 vols. Includes roll of members, teachers, officers and superintendents, name of person addressing school each Sunday, class attendance, weather record, classes having perfect attendance, name of person leading prayer.

Published History, Rev. James Ferguson, "Buckhannon Presbyterians Rich in Historical Lore," Clarksburg Exponent, October 20, 1924.

66. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1855--. East Washington Street, Grafton, Taylor County.

This church had its beginnings in 1855, in a carpenter shop in the town of Fetterman, now a part of Grafton, when Rev. S. H. McDonald, a pastor of the Fairmont Church, (see entry 59) began holding regular services. The pastors of the Fairmont Church continued to hold services, and in April 1856 a petition was presented to the Redstone Presbytery, meeting in Fairmont, for the establishment of the Fetterman Presbyterian Church.[49] This request was granted, and on the

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Totten, Levi Leonard and Sylvester Phillips, trustees, grantees.

46. Upshur County, Deed Books, G, p. 405, June 5, 1868. J. D. Rapp, Henry Simpson, S. B. Phillips, George Clark and Levi Leonard, trustees, Buckhannon Presbyterian Church, grantors; Daniel Carper, grantee.
47. Upshur County, Chancery Order Book, C, pp. 454-457.
48. Upshur County, Deed Books, 67, p. 226, Sept. 5, 1918. Byran L. Post and Alta (wife), grantors; A. A. Simpson, J. J. Morgan, J. C. McWhorter, L. O. Martin, C. H. Bryant, P. C. Hyre, O. B. Bier, E. B. Alkire, and J. M. N. Downs, trustees, grantees.
49. Signers of this petition were: John S. Gould, Alex Best, L. F. Thompson, S. Mallone, J. Bradshaw, Adam Zumbro and others.

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last Sunday in July, the church was formally organized and ruling elders elected. During the Civil War, the services were held in Grafton, in one of the Baltimore and Ohio shops, and in 1864, at the second meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia, the name was changed to the Grafton Presbyterian Church. Under the Board of Domestic Missions, supplies were furnished to the church until 1872, when Rev. James H. Flanagan became the first resident pastor. The present and only church was started in 1865, and was dedicated October 6, 1867.[50] It is a small brick building, and additions and remodeling, in 1885 and 1900, have modernized it. A manse on the adjoining lot is included in the church property. Rev. Mr. Flanagan served the church from 1872 to 1902.[51]

Session Records, 1855--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the session (1885--) and financial records (1855-72).

Church Register, 1855--. 2 vols. Records of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths.

Financial Records, 1872--. Includes all financial records of church, prior records in Session Records.

Church School Records, n.d. n.v. Kept by Mrs. Florence H. Wilkinson, Grafton.

Unpublished historical sketch: Rev. John R. Thompson, "Sessional Record of Fetterman Presbyterian Church, 1855", written into Church Register, vol. 1.

Published historical sketch: Rev. J. H. Flanagan, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Grafton Presbyterian Church (Grafton, W. Va.: 1897).

67. *POINT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1865-86.
Lincoln District, nr. Farmington, Marion County.

In 1865, Asa Dudley, a devout Presbyterian, built a church on his farm on Dunkard Mill Run in Lincoln District. It was a small, one-room frame structure, built with lumber which he gave. The church was a mission of Fairmont Presbyterian Church (see entry 59) and Rev. James H. Flanagan

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50. Taylor County, Deed Books, 7, p. 294, January 27, 1866. Henry O'Leary and wife, grantors; John K. Mallone, John M. King, Lee Swearinger, Frank Jenkins, and John Bradshaw, trustees.
51. The ministerial list of this church is: Rev. James H. Flanagan, 1872-1902; Rev. Albert B. Minamyer, 1902-04; Rev. Edward W. Byers, 1905-07; Rev. John A. McClelland, 1907-13; Rev. John W. MacPhail, 1914-17; Rev. John R. Thompson, 1918-20; Rev. George Hay Lee Beeman, 1920-22; Rev. Adam George Becker, 1923-27; Rev. Frank J. Tufvander, 1928--.

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held services here.[52] On May 10, 1865, a Union Sunday School was organized and members of all faiths in the community participated, the Methodist and Baptist groups being the strongest of all.[53] The building stood until about 1886, when it was destroyed by a flood, and was never rebuilt.

Church School Records, 1865-1886. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. A. B. Clelland, Farmington.

68. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1867--. 320 Main Ave., Weston, Lewis County.

Organization, April 1, 1867, began in the home of W. L. Dunnington, and the first services were held in the old Southern Methodist Church, on Center Avenue.[54] The present brick building, which was erected in 1914, is of Gothic design and has several art glass memorial windows. The first resident clergyman[55] was Rev. S. C. Faris, 1867-68.

Session Records, 1867--. 3 vols. Includes financial records. In church vault.

Register Books, 1867--. 1 vol. Contains baptisms, marriages, members and deaths. In church vault.

Church School Records, 74 annual books since 1867. In church vault.

69. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1869--. State Street, Terra Alta, Preston County.

Although Rev. John G. Howell, Rev. John Branch, and Rev. William Sibbet, all stated supplies of the Kingwood Church, had held services in this community since 1848, it was not until the fall meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia, in 1868, that a committee was appointed to organize a church in Portland District. The church in Terra Alta was organized on January 15, 1869. For a time, worship was held wherever a

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52. Rev. James H. Flannagan was the minister at the Fairmont (see entry 59) and Mannington (see entry 70) churches.
53. Records of this Union Sunday School are in possession of Mrs. A. B. Clelland, Farmington.
54. Charter members: Mrs. Mary Wood, Miss Blanche McGee, W. L. Dunnington, Mrs. Mary Dunnington, Capt. R. C. Arbuckle, first elder.
55. Pastorate: Rev. S. C. Faris, 1867-68; Rev. Loyal Young, 1868-76; Rev. George M. Fleming, 1876-83; Rev. A. O. Rockwell, 1889-95; Rev. P. C. White, 1895-1904; Rev. R. Frazier, 1905-06; Rev. Earl A. Brooks, 1907-18; Rev. William T. Mann, 1918-20; Rev. Ellis Rittenhouse, 1920-29; Rev. Malcolm O. Magnuson, 1929-37; Rev. J. Lowrey Fendrich, 1937-38; Rev. David Alton Gilmore, 1938--.

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convenient meeting place could be found. A plain frame building was erected and dedicated in September 1876, with Rev. E. B. Raffensberger preaching the dedicatory sermon. Rev. William R. Sibbett was the first resident pastor, 1869-76. The first building was sold, and services were conducted in the Baptist Church while the present building was constructed on land given by John P. Jones, by deed of September 18, 1906. It is a red brick structure of Gothic design, with large double doors and Gothic memorial windows.[56] It was dedicated October 15, 1906, by Rev. J. H. Flanagan, who preached the dedicatory sermon. For some time the organization was known as the Terra Alta Presbyterian Church, but was later changed to the present name.

Session Records, 1867--. 3 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, deaths, members, marriages and minutes of Board of Trustees. In possession of Mr. C. E. Trembly, Terra Alta.

Register Books, 1890--. 1 vol.

Church School Records, 1879--. 27 vols.

Financial Records, 1919--. 3 vols. in possession of Mr. Deets Parrack, Terra Alta.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1932--. 4 vols. In possession of Miss Neva Sanders, Terra Alta.

Ladies Aid Society Records, 1927--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. M. G. Reynolds, Terra Alta.

Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Society Records, 1908--. 4 vols. Contains secretary's and treasurer's records. Two vols,, 1908-39, in possession of Mrs. C. E. Trembly, Terra Alta; 2 vols,, 1914--, in possession of Mrs. Mary Fraley, Terra Alta.

Published history: Mary Coyle, History of Terra Alta Presbytery Church, (Terra Alta: 1937).

70. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1873--. Locust and Pleasant Streets, Mannington, Marion County.

First worship services were held in a plain frame building purchased from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.[57] The cornerstone for the new building was laid October 23, 1903. This building was constructed of red Indiana limestone with a native stone foundation, and is of Gothic architecture. Rev.

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56. Memorial windows: Howard and Laura Liston, Thornton White, B. F. and Susan Fraley, John D. and Hanna Jones, John and Margaret Connell, Joseph and Elanora Adair, John P. Jones, founder of the Church School, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Freeland, Mattie Dunnington, Elmer and Lydia Forman.

57. Marion County, Deed Books, 23, p. 243, October 23, 1873. Alpheus Prichard, A. W. Knotts, Jesse Flowers, trustees, Methodist Episcopal Church, grantors; James B. Marr, Jesse Dancer and Franklin Burt, trustees, Presbyterian Church, grantees.

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C. Helliwell was the first resident pastor, and served from 1904 until 1907. A manse, located on Pleasant Street, is also part of the church property.

Session Records, 1907--. 2 vols. Contains financial records.

Register Book, 1926--. 1 vol. Contains roll of elders, trustees, pastors, members, and some baptisms and marriages.

Church School Records, (current only), 1 vol.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Hunter, Mannington. Prior records lost.

Park Service Guild Records, 1913--. 6 vols. In possession of Miss Millan, Mannington.

Home and Foreign Missionary Society Records, 1904--. 8 vols.

Board of Trustees Records, 1918--. 3 vols. In possession of Mr. Campbell, Clerk of Session.

Dismissals, 1925--. 1 vol.

71. LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1880--. Spruce Road, Horner, Lewis County.

This church, popularly known as the McCue Presbyterian Church, is located in Upshur County, although the nearest postoffice is at Horner, Lewis County. First worship services in this community were held by Rev. C. Calvin Gould, in the home of William Boyd McCue. Services were also held, for sometime, in the Midway School building. Land was given for a church site by Moses M. McCue and his wife, in 1886.[58] The first and only building is of plain frame schoolhouse design, and was erected and dedicated in 1883. The name by which the church is known comes from the fact that so many of the people of the community are McCues. Rev. W. O. Phillips was the first resident pastor. Tenure of service unknown.

Session Minutes, 1898--. 1 vol. Contains list of baptisms and deaths.

Church School Records, 1884--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. W. Cyrus McCue, Horner.

72. *MONONGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1893-1920. Monongah, Marion County.

This church was organized October 30, 1897 by the Presbytery of Parkersburg. Monongah is a mining town located on the West Fork River about six miles from Fairmont. The first meetings were held in the Baptist Church at Monongah and in dwelling houses near where the postoffice is now located.[59] The first church, a small frame building, with tower and bell, was dedicated 1903. The first settled clergyman was

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58. Upshur County, Deed Books, S, Page 406, February 8, 1886.
59. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 29.

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Rev. William O. David who served 1903 to 1911. About 1918 the coal mines at Monongah became inactive and the church was abandoned early in 1920. It has never been reorganized.
No records of this church could be located.

73. DOWNES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1895--. Rachel, Marion County.

Although formal organization was not effected until May 30, 1905,[60] this church became a mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Mannington (see entry 70), as early as 1895.[61] A plain frame building was erected in 1895, and was used for about eighteen years. The present building, which was erected and dedicated in 1913, is of rural schoolhouse design, with tower, bell and plain glass windows. Rev. Albert Day served the church as stated supply from 1895-99. The first pastor to serve the church after organization was Rev. Ellsworth E. Moran, 1905-09.

Session Records, 1932--. 1 vol. In possession of Dr. G. M. Hunter, 44 Center Street, Mannington.

Register Books, 1932--. 1 vol. Contains lists of births, deaths, marriages, and members. In possession of Dr. Hunter.

Church School Records, current only. 1 vol.

All previous records forwarded to General Assembly.

74. *PLEASANT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1895-1930. Reedsville, Preston County.

Although a chapel was erected as early as 1853, the church was not formally organized until November 22, 1895.[62] The building was of white frame construction, built on a native rough stone foundation. It was located on W. Va. Route 7, between Reedsville and Masontown. For many years this point was a preaching station at which ministers of Morgantown and Kingwood held services at regular times. Rev. James F. Flanagan was the first settled clergyman, his tenure being from 1860 to 1870. This church was used as a place of assembly for Civil War soldiers on their way to Newburg in 1861. Rev. A. L. South served the church from 1906 to 1912. During his ministry, the church was moved to Reedsville, a building having been purchased from the Methodist Episcopal Church. This church has been inactive since 1930, having last appeared on the rolls of Grafton Presbytery in 1932.

Financial Records, n.d. 1 vol. In possession of James Dill, Reedsville.

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60. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.A.) Minutes (1905) p. 131.
61. Marion County, Deed Books, 73, p. 363, October 7, 1895. Festus Downs and wife, grantors.
62. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 29.

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Church School Records, 1909-24. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Isa Dill, Reedsville.

Dorcas Society Records, n.d. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Isa Dill.

Ladies Aid Society Records, 1907-26. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Hattie Dill, Reedsville.

75. FLEMING MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1897--.
Edgemont, Fairmont, Marion County.

Services were held in the community school building until the fall of 1897, at which time the first church was erected. This building was used only for a short time, as it became necessary to raze it because of inferior construction. The Fleming family gave the ground on which the first church stood and where the present building now stands. This structure, which is of red brick and stone construction, was erected in 1899, through the generous donation of Mrs. Elizabeth Hays, widow of Henry Hays, of Pittsburgh, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Joshua Hart, formerly Rachel Fleming, born near the present site of Fleming Chapel. A manse on Edgeway Drive is also owned. Rev. F. M. Patterson was the first resident pastor and served the church from 1912 until about 1915. Fleming Memorial Church was a mission of First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont (see entry 59) from 1897 until October 3, 1912, at which time it became an independent organization.[63]

Session Books, 1912--. 3 vols. Contains lists of members, baptisms, marriages, deaths and financial records. In possession of Mr. Stewart Wallace, Locust Avenue Extension, Fairmont.

Church School Records, 1912--. 20 vols.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1932--. 5 vols. In possession of Howard J. Wadsworth, Home Savings Bank Building, Fairmont.

Ladies Auxiliary Records, April 16, 1924--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. C. C. Holtzworth, Barry Street, Edgemont, Fairmont.

Home and Foreign Missionary Society Records, 1922--. 4 vols. In possession of Mrs. Stewart Wallace, Locust Avenue Extension, Fairmont.

Junior Christian Endeavor, n.d., n.v. In possession of Mrs. Stewart Wallace, Locust Avenue Extension, Fairmont.

Intermediate Christian Endeavor, n.d., n.v. In possession of Mrs. C. C. Holtzworth, Barry Street, Edgemont, Fairmont.

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63. "At a meeting called for the purpose on October 3, 1912, a church of 24 members was organized at Fleming Chapel in Edgemont, by a committee from the Presbytery at Grafton." Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1912) p. 53.

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76. *CRAWFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1904-19. Crawford, Lewis County.

Organized in 1904, by members dismissed from French Creek Presbyterian Church (see entry 60) for this purpose, and a small chapel was erected the same year. The first clergyman to serve this church was William Hazlett, pastor of French Creek Church who served at Crawford as stated supply from 1904[64] to 1913.[65] With Rev. Hazlett's death in 1913, the church became vacant and was dropped from the rolls of the Grafton Presbytery in 1919.[66] In 1920, the building was sold to the Post Chapel Methodist Protestant congregation and regular services have been held since by this denomination.

Records incorporated into those of French Creek Presbyterian Church in 1913, when Crawford Chapel became defunct.

77. *SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1906-08. Salem, Harrison County.

Due to the fact that this church organization existed for such a short time, very little information concerning it is available. On April 10, 1906 the Standing Committee on Home Missions of Grafton Presbytery recommended that Dr. J. C. Ely visit Salem and confer with the Presbyterians there, who had requested the organization of a church.[67] Rev. Dr. Ely made his report at the September (1906) meeting of Presbytery and the petition for organization was referred to the Home Missions Committee.[68] A committee was then appointed to effect the organization.[69] The congregation was formally organized on September 20, 1906.[70] It is probable that this organization never had a church building of their own; they may have used the Seventh Day Baptist Church for services, since the organization meeting took place in that edifice. This church never

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64. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1904) p. 54.
65. Ibid., 1913, p. 51.
66. Ibid., 1919, p. 52.
67. Minutes of Grafton Presbytery, vol. I, p. 80.
68. Ibid., vol. I, p. 93.
69. Ibid., vol. I, p. 99. Committee members were: Rev. Wm. M. Hudson, Chairman, Rev. Geo. W. Pollock, Rev. J. C. Ely, D.D. and elder J. Horner Davis.
70. Ibid., vol. I, p. 120-121. Rev. G. W. Pollock, Rev. Wm. M. Hudson, and S. S. Missionaries Rev. R. H. Rogers and Lewis E. Black were present. Members received were: Mr. and Mrs. James Chestnut, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Black, Miss Mary B. Crawford, Miss Mary M. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrill, Mrs. Wm. H. McNutt, Mrs. A. A. Lasher, Mrs. W. S. Fleming, Mrs. W. N. Day, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shira, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Logan. Elders elected: James Chestnut and Lewis E. Black.

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had a full-time resident pastor. Rev. R. H. Rogers was appointed to preach there the first Sabbath following organization and Rev. A. L. Medcalf of Parkersburg Presbytery was given permission to supply the Salem Church until the September (1907) meeting of Presbytery.[71] The Salem Church was dissolved by Grafton Presbytery on September 15, 1908.[72]

No records were found.

78. *MIDDLETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1908-17. Middleton, nr. Worthington, Marion County.

With the opening of coal fields at Middleton in 1906, the Fairmont Presbyterian Church (see entry 59) organized a mission here. The Middleton Coal Company built a small frame church to be used by the Presbyterian group. The organization grew rapidly, and in 1908, an independent organization was created as Middleton Presbyterian Church. The first settled clergyman was Rev. William O. David, who served 1908 to 1911. The church continued in existence until 1917, when the Middleton mine was closed and most of the persons living there moved away. The church building now serves as a private dwelling, and no attempts have been made to reorganize the church.

No records could be found.

79. CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR (Italian Presbyterian), 1914--. 611 East Pike Street, Clarksburg, Harrison County.

This church was a mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg (see entry 61) from 1914 until October 5, 1922, when the church was formally organized. The first building was a plain frame structure, erected and dedicated in 1916. The present two-story buff brick building was dedicated April 20, 1939.[73] The dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. F. J. Tufvander, Chairman of the National Missions of the Grafton Presbytery. Rev. W. P. Shriver, New York, Secretary of the Department of the National Missions Board, preached the afternoon sermon. The first and present resident clergyman, Rev. Alexander Moccia, began his tenure of service in 1914.

Session Records, 1922--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members and deaths.

Financial Records, 1922--. 1 vol.

80. PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1926--. Pursglove, Route 7, Monongalia County.

Organized as a mission of the Morgantown Presbyterian Church (see entry 58) in a one-story frame building, formerly

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71. Minutes of Grafton Presbytery, vol. I, p. 121. His tenure as supply was from April 1907 to September 1907.
72. Ibid., vol. I, p. 171.
73. Clarksburg Telegram, April 20, 1939.

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used as a mine store, belonging to the Pursglove Coal Company. While organization took place in 1926, the building was not dedicated until October 1938. From 1926 until 1936, the mission was under the direction of Mary Elizabeth Behner, Director of Council of Social Agencies for the county. In 1936 the mission was taken over by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions. A deed[74] for the lot, on which the building now stands, was obtained from D. H. Hall, receiver for the insolvent Bank of the Monongahela Valley and the Union Bank and Trust Company. Rev. Franklin Furbbee was the first resident clergyman, serving 1938--. He was educated for the ministry at Cedar Grove College and Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Session Records, see First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown (see entry 58).
Church School Records, 1938--. 4 vols. (yearly).
Christian Endeavor Records, 1938--. 4 vols. (yearly).

81. PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1935--. Jere, Cass District, Monongalia County.

This mission was organized in 1933 by the "Friends", a Quaker relief agency, for the purpose of feeding the undernourished school children living in the mining settlement. The property was bought from the closed Bank of the Monongahela Valley by the Morgantown Presbyterian Church (see entry 58) in 1938. The mission has a small library, does club work, and teaches baking and gardening. Worship services and Church school are both held under the supervision of the Morgantown Church. In 1935 Rev. Alfred Lee Klaer, student pastor of the Morgantown Church, became first director, and Rev. Frank Furbbee of Jere, associate director. The building consists of a row of miners' shanties, which were remodeled and converted into a long, narrow, one-story structure.

Church School Records, 1935--. 3 vols.

All records in possession of the Morgantown Presbyterian Church Board at Morgantown.

82. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAMP*, 1937--. Union District, nr. Sand Springs, Monongalia County.

This camp consists of two buildings, one a plain frame structure used as a dining hall, and another two-story native stone structure, used as a dormitory and recreation center. Rev. Alfred Lee Klaer has been the director since the organization began.[75] He was educated for this work at Lafayette

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74. Monongalia County, Deed Books, 292, p. 510.
* Camp for underprivileged children.
75. Officers, President, Dr. C. R. Orton, Treasurer, Dr. H. C. Henderson, Secretary and Director, Rev. Alfred Lee Klaer.

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College. This camp is for the social and physical building of under-privileged children from the ages of ten to sixteen. Each summer, four periods of three weeks duration are held, and about 200 children are given the advantages of the camp.

All records are kept by the Chestnut Ridge Recreation Center Association.

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83. WHEELING PRESBYTERY, 1904--

In 1902, Parkersburg Presbytery adopted an overture to the Synod of Pennsylvania, requesting that it be divided into two presbyteries. The new presbytery was to be called Grafton.[1] This overture was not presented until the following year, in order to make an effort to interest the Panhandle churches in a separate Synod for West Virginia. A committee was appointed to contact the ministers of the Panhandle. The response was favorable and preparations were made to present a proposal for separation to Washington Presbytery, with which the Panhandle churches had been affiliated since 1819.[2] This proposal was presented, with a request that favorable action be taken at the meeting of Washington Presbytery in April 1903. At that time the request met such violent opposition that action was postponed till the September meeting. At the latter meeting an attempt was made to have the presbytery overture the Synod of Pennsylvania, to divide the Presbytery of Washington, and form the Presbytery of Wheeling of the West Virginia churches. A vote was not taken on this measure, but the presbytery adopted an overture to the Synod of Pennsylvania, to divide the presbytery on the state line, provided a Synod of West Virginia be formed. The Synod of Pennsylvania granted the petition and the General Assembly, in 1904, voted in favor of the overture of the synod.

In accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly Wheeling Presbytery held its first meeting on June 6, 1904, in the Third Presbyterian Church of Wheeling. In the organization of the presbytery, the Rev. Charles H. McDonald was elected moderator and Rev. J. P. Leyenberger stated clerk. Rev. James M. Potter, William A. Cook, and Elder J. T. McCombs were appointed a committee to nominate permanent and standing committees.

The roll for the first meeting of Wheeling Presbytery is as follows:[3]

Ministers	Churches	Elders
Jos. S. Pomeroy		
D. A. Cunningham	Wheeling First	Robert White
W. A. Cook, C. P.	Wheeling First	J. N. Vance
C. G. Allen	Cove	E. Gullett
W. E. Allen	Forks of Wheeling	A. F. Ruble

1. Charles H. McDonald, D.D., "Thirtieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Synod of West Virginia," Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1934) p. 62.
2. Ibid., p. 61.
3. Ibid., p. 66.

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Ministers	Churches	Elders
Jos. Speers	Wheeling Second	John McKee
J. J. Srodes	Moundsville	J. T. McCombs
C. H. McDonald	Wellsburg	J. M. Walker
R. Frank Getty	Cameron and Rock Lick	
J. P. Stoops	West Liberty	Hervey
J. P. Leyenberger	Wheeling Third	C. R. Miner
J. M. Potter	Vance Memorial	J. V. Braden
J. W. Dunbar	Chester	A. G. Pugh
	Fairview	J. F. Pittinger

Absent ministers: J. S. Hamilton, Laverty Greer and H. A. Smith.

Churches not represented: Cameron, Rock Lick, West Union, New Cumberland, Allen Grove, Limestone, Wolf Run and Mount Union.

Within the territorial bounds of the new presbytery were included the counties of Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall and part of Wetzel. It has later been expanded to include all of the churches of Wetzel County.

Wheeling Presbytery, Minutes, 1904--. 37 vols. Published record of annual session of presbytery, showing all business transacted, list of churches, pastors and elders, and reports of committees and organizations. Later volumes also contain historical sketches of churches of the presbytery. In custody of Rev. James M. Potter, 36 Poplar Avenue, Wheeling, Stated Clerk of Wheeling Presbytery.

84. FORKS OF WHEELING (STONE) CHURCH, 1787--. Stone Church Road, Elm Grove, Wheeling, Ohio County.

Organized in 1787, this church is first mentioned in the minutes of the Redstone Presbytery, when Rev. John Brice was appointed to supply at "Three Ridges and Forks of Wheeling." It is known as "The Old Stone Church." The first services were, tradition says, held in a three-sided shed, in which the minister stood, while the congregation occupied seats in the open. Services were held in this manner until 1807, when the first stone church was built on property bequeathed to the congregation by David Shepherd.[4] This building served until 1860, when it was torn down and rebuilt, being completed in November of that year. A new church was erected at a site some distance from the first, and was dedicated June 14, 1914. A manse at 116 Stone Church Road and a caretaker's house at 114 Stone Church Road, are included in the church property. A large cemetery, started in connection with the original

4. Ohio County, Will Books, 1, p. 31.

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church became the property of a cemetery association in 1873. Rev. John Brice, the first regular pastor, 1788-1808, was licensed by the Redstone Presbytery April 15, 1788, and ordained April 22, 1790.[5] He had studied at the Log Academy, under the Rev. Thadeus Dod.[6]

Session Records, 1836--. 2 vols. Prior records destroyed by fire. Includes records of all business and meetings of the session. In possession of Miss Mary A. Hervey, Triadelphia High School, Wheeling.

Church Register, 1836--. In Session Records.

Church School Records, 1850--. 5 vols. Current records in possession of Mr. John McCoy, Burkham Court, Avenue B., Elm Grove, Wheeling; 4 vols. located in church.

Financial Records, 1836--. 3 vols. In possession of Church Treasurer, Mr. Walter F. Treweek, 111 Halstead Avenue, Elm Grove, Wheeling.

Ladies Aid Society, 1928--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. J. McCausland, E. Cove Avenue, Elm Grove, Wheeling.

Old Stone Guild, 1934--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. McCausland, Elm Grove, Wheeling.

Women's Missionary Society, 1874--. 8 vols. In possession of Miss Ruth Oldham, 150 Key Avenue, Elm Grove, Wheeling.

Young Peoples Society - n.d. n.v. Loose leaf on file at church.

Trustees Records, 1850--. 3 vols. In church office.

Elders Records, 1850--. 5 vols. In church office.

85. WEST LIBERTY FEDERATED CHURCH, 1788--. West Liberty, Ohio County.

The first Presbyterian sermon at West Liberty of which we have any record was delivered by Rev. John MacMillion, October 1782.[7] He was appointed to supply the congregation at Ohio Court House (now West Liberty) by the Presbytery of Redstone.[8] The next supply was Rev. Joseph Smith, in 1783.[9] Formal organization was effected in 1788. Prior to the erection of the first building in 1793, the minister occupied a wooden structure called a tent, while the congregation sat under the trees on rude wooden benches. The first resident pastor, Rev. James Hughes, served from April 21, 1790, to June 29, 1814. The

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5. Smith, Old Redstone, p. 129.
6. Ibid., p. 146.
7. C. C. Regier, ed., West Liberty Yesterday and Today, 1838-1938, pp. 74-76.
8. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 3.
9. Regier, loc. cit., pp. 74-76. Rev. Mr. Smith was a graduate of Princeton. His establishing a classical school at Upper Buffalo won for him the acclaim as being one of the three "mighty names in the history of higher education west of the Allegheny mountains".

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first church was erected by the Presbyterians in 1793 on a lot deeded to the church by Providence and Hannah Mounts. Around the church there began an educational work that was known as West Liberty Academy, which was founded by Rev. Nathan Shotwell, who was pastor of the church from 1837 to 1854. This institution is now known as West Liberty State Teachers' College. In 1855, the second church was built on the original site. The present church, which is the third building, was built and dedicated in 1873. It is a brick Gothic structure and is used by the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations (see forthcoming: Inventory of Church Archives in West Virginia: Methodist Bodies). The Presbyterians own the building, but since the federation in 1922, all the pastors have been Methodist. A manse is also owned by the Presbyterians.

Register Book, n.d. n.v. In possession of Rev. Benjamin James, West Liberty.

Church School Records, 1922--. n.v. In possession of Professor Clinton Boggess, West Liberty. It is a federated (Methodist-Presbyterian) Church School.

Financial Records, 1922--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. Boggess.

Ladies Aid Society Records, n.d. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Addie Atkinson, West Liberty.

Trustees Records, 1922--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. Boggess.

Published histories: C. C. Regier, ed., West Liberty Yesterday and Today, 1838-1938. Ch. IV: (Wheeling News Lithograph Company, Wheeling, West Virginia, 1938); Rev. Jesse A. Earl, "West Liberty Federated Church," West Virginia Review, Jan. 1940.

86. COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1790--. Main Street and Cove Road, Holliday's Cove, Hancock County.

The first log church, which was known as the Three Springs Presbyterian Church, was built in 1790, on Weirton Heights, on land donated to the church by Mr. James Campbell. The log building was dismantled and a new stone church erected, in 1804, in the Three Springs Cemetery, which is on Weirton Heights just off the Cove Road. The people worshipped there until about 1846, when a division occurred in the congregation, and part of the people went to Paris, Pennsylvania, and part to Holliday's Cove. The stone church was removed, and the members that went to the Cove formed an organization and held their services in what was known as the Old Academy Building, which had been erected by the Presbyterians and Methodists for religious services. Soon the society erected a frame church, which was called the Holliday's Cove Presbyterian Church, and it was completed in 1860. The frame structure was torn down in 1913, and the material was used in the erection of the present church, in 1914. It is of modified colonial design and of buff brick construction. Rev. Elisha McCurdy was the first resident clergyman, serving from June 1800 until 1825.

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he was educated for the ministry at Jefferson Academy, in Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania.

Session Records, June 20, 1857--. 4 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and Church school records.

Financial Records, April 3, 1847-February 18, 1901, 1902--, 2 vols. In possession of Charles Campbell.

Young People's Organization Records, 1934--. n.v. Records (looseleaf) in possession of Mrs. John Mission, 3500 Lindbrey Way, Marland Heights.

Women's Organization, Dial Guild Society, 1926--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. Neal Durbin, 3825 Woodland Way, Marland Heights.

Women's Missionary Society, 1889--. n.v. In possession of Mrs. Erwin Hindman, Purdy Alley, Holliday's Cove.

Published historical sketch: Sesqui-Centennial of Cove Presbyterian Church, 1940, comps. Sesqui-Centennial Commission of the Cove Presbyterian Church. (Weirton, W. Va.: 1940.)

87. FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1793--. Market Street, Pughtown, Hancock County.

In the year 1793 there was organized a congregation known as "The Flats Congregation".[10] A log building was erected that same year on a flat piece of ground about one mile from the present site of Fairview (Pughtown, P. O.). In later years the name of the church was changed to Fairview, and in 1891 the church was moved from its original location into the town of Fairview. At that time a new edifice was erected on land donated by Mr. James Pugh. Since this present frame structure was built, the name of the church has been popularly known as Pughtown Presbyterian Church. A manse on Market Street is a part of the church property. Rev. George Scott was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1798 to 1826.

Session Records, 1897--. 1 vol. Previous records lost.

Congregational Records, 1836--. 2 vols. In possession of Mr. Fred Miller, Pughtown.

Church School Records, 1932--. 5 vols.

Financial Records, 1929--. 11 vols.

Historical sketch written and published for the 1938 homecoming, but information concerning it was not available.

88. TENT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1798--, Eldersville Road, Follansbee, Brooke County.

Organization effected in 1798, and services were held in a crude shelter referred to as a tent. This was replaced by a

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10. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 4.

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canvas tent, from which the church derives its name. A log building was erected and used until the present church was built, in 1873. It is a frame building, of rural schoolhouse type of architecture. Rev. Thomas Allison, the first resident pastor, served from 1802 until 1838.

Session Records, 1838--. 3 vols. Contains records of minutes, baptisms and membership. In possession of J. C. Hays, Colliers.

Financial Records, 1911--. 3 vols. In possession of J. C. Hays, Colliers.

Tent Farm Women's Club, 1930--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. Leonard Carter, Wellsburg.

Women's Missionary Society, 1929--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Harry Hall, Colliers.

Board of Trustees Records, 1926--. 1 vol. In possession of Lester Hall, Colliers.

Unpublished historical sketch written by Samuel Carter, September 1938. Copy in possession of author.

89. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1828--. 1301 Chapline Street, Wheeling, Ohio County.

Attempts must have been made to organize a Presbyterian congregation in Wheeling about 1790, for the "Ohio Court House" is frequently mentioned in the minutes of the Redstone Presbytery during this period, and it is indicated that fairly regular services were held there and that requests for supplies were made to the Presbytery.[11] In 1812, Rev. James Hervey came to the Wheeling section as pastor of the Forks of Wheeling Church, (see entry 84) and began holding services there. That he must have had a considerable congregation is indicated by the fact that Noah Zane gave land to the congregation for the purpose of erecting a church thereon, October 5, 1816. A notation in the Session Book states that the church was organized by the Rev. Elisha McCurdy, May 26, 1828, and that elders were elected.[12] Another notation in the same volume states that the church was organized September 4, 1832; that the congregation was incorporated under a Board of Trustees, and that it was nearly three years before ruling elders were elected.[13] Early services were held in the courthouse, and later, in a small building on the corner of Market Alley. The first, and present

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11. Smith, Old Redstone, pp. 22-27.
12. "The Presbyterian Church in the town of Wheeling, under the Pastoral care of Rev. Hervey and the Rev. William Wylie, was first organized by the Rev. Elisha McCurdy, agreeably to an order of the Presbytery, on Friday, the 26th day of May 1828. Elders elected: Andrew Woods, Sr., Peter W. Gale, and Redick McKee."
13. "The Presbyterian Congregation in the town of Wheeling was

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church, was built in 1831-32, and is an imposing building of Grecian architectural design. Additions and enlargements were made in 1854 and 1871, but the exterior of the building remains essentially the same as it was when constructed. A manse adjoining the church is a part of the property. The first regular minister[14] to serve the congregation was Rev. James Hervey, a graduate of Princeton University, who ministered to the West Liberty Church for many years, and who served the Wheeling congregation[15] 1814-29.

Session Records, 1826--. 5 vols. Includes minutes and records of session meetings.

Church Register, 1831--. 3 vols. Includes record of baptisms, marriages, members and deaths.

Church School Records, current only.

Financial Records, 1937--. 7 vols. In possession of Campbell H. Henderson, 121 North 19th Street, Warwood, Wheeling.

Woman's Missionary Society, 1875--. 3 vols.

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first organized at a public meeting held on Tuesday evening September 4, 1832. Col. Archibald Woods was chairman and James H. Forsyth, secretary. The meeting was opened and closed with Prayer by the Rev. James Hervey. Original trustees; Charles D. Knox, Alexander Caldwell, D. B. Bayless, John Laughlin and James H. Forsyth; Thomas Woods treasurer; Redick McKee, secretary. The congregation was thus incorporated under a board of trustees, but it was nearly three years afterwards before ruling elders were elected.

14. Ministers serving the church were: Rev. James Hervey, 1814-29; Rev. William Wylie, 1830-31; Rev. Henry R. Weed, 1835-60; Rev. John M. Baker, 1861-62; Rev. D. W. Fisher, 1862-76; Rev. D. A. Cunningham, 1876-1908; Rev. W. A. Cook, 1908-14; Rev. Claude Terry, 1914-19; Rev. S. M. Gibson, 1920-26; Rev. Mr. Muyskens, 1927-30; Rev. F. W. Cropp, Jr., 1931--.

15. Original members of the church in 1826 were: Mrs. Mary Ralston, Mrs. Margaret Todd, Mrs. Mary McLure, John Gilchrist, Daniel Gilchrist, Mrs. Jane Latimore, Mrs. Sarah Gilchrist, James Gilchrist, Mrs. Ann Mathers, Mrs. Eleanor Clemens, Louisa McClellan, Mrs. Catherine Robinson, Mrs. Catherine Clemens, Mrs. Elizabeth Isett, George Calder, Mrs. E. Calder, Mrs. Gregory, John Grimes, Mrs. Jane Grimes, William J. D. Gear, William Mathers, Mrs. Elizabeth Irwin, Mrs. Eliza Mathers, Miss Sarah Ann Evans, Mrs. Sally A. Chapline, Mrs. Hillyard, Mrs. Elizabeth Paull, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Margaret Forsyth, Peter W. Gale, Redick McKee, Mrs. Eliza McKee, William Templeton, Andrew Woods, Sr., Mrs. N. Steenrod, Miss Kitty S. Wylie and William Robinson.

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Unpublished historical sketch: David A. Cunningham, D.D., "History of the Presbyterian Church."

Published historical sketch: The First Church of Wheeling, Centennial Annual 1826-1926, comps. Men's Club of Wheeling (Wheeling: 1926).

90. *WOLF RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1829-1932. 4 mi. N.W. of Cameron, Marshall County.

Organized March 15, 1829 through the efforts of Rev. James Hervey, who had preached in this community for several years previous to this time.[16] The date of erection of the first building, which was a log structure, has not been established. The present building was erected in 1859 and dedicated in 1860. It is a large frame structure with belfry and bell. The name and tenure of the first resident clergyman is unknown. The organization became inactive in 1932.

No records were found.

91. WEST UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1831--. R.F.D. 1, Dallas, Marshall County.

Organized September 23, 1831[17] by Rev. James Hervey. The building was erected in 1832, enlarged in 1836, and dedicated in 1868. This frame structure has plain glass windows, tower without bell, and a seating capacity of 350. Rev. Mr. MacMillian, a graduate of Jefferson College, served as the first resident clergyman from 1832 to 1840.

Session Records, 1831--. 4 vols. Contains minutes of church sessions, names of pastors and elders, date of organization and dedication, and lists of members, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Financial Records, 1831--. 2 vols. Contains original subscription list, dated 1828.

Published history: George W. Oldham, A Brief History of The West Union Church at Dallas, W. Va. (Wheeling: 1931).

92. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1833--. 14th and Chapline Streets, Wheeling, Ohio County.

Organized November 24, 1833, by authority of Steubenville, Ohio Presbytery, as a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and services were held for several years in homes of the members, under the leadership of Rev. William

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16. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 5.
17. Ibid.

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Wallace,[18] the first pastor, whose services to this church lasted sixteen years. A building, which was later known as Turner Hall, was erected in 1832, and occupied by the congregation the following year, when the formal organization took place.[19] In 1866, a lot was purchased on Chapline Street, and a building erected, which was completed in 1868. In 1900 the congregation was divided and the Second United Presbyterian Church was formed. This division lasted until 1926 when the First and Second congregations were re-united to form the present church. The present stone building was erected in 1914. It is an impressive two-story stone structure, with a high stone tower. A manse at 158 Edgewood Avenue is a part of the church property.

Session Records, 1852--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of session and church register. Records prior to 1852, said to have been destroyed. In possession of James Seamon, 1003 Summit Street, Wheeling.

Church School Records, 1936--. Records destroyed at end of year. Current Records in possession of Mr. Robert Davis, Sherrard.

Young Peoples Christian Union Records, 1937--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Helen Schambra, 600 National Road, Wheeling.

Ladies Aid Society Records, 1936--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. M. Holden, 101 N. Huron Street, Island, Wheeling.

Ethel Robinson Missionary Society Records, 1936--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Catherine Seamon, 1003 Summit Street, Wheeling.

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18. Rev. Mr. Wallace was born in 1800, near Noblestown Allegheny County, Pa.; graduated from Washington College, 1824; studied at Allegheny Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh; licensed by the Monongahela Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Church, Apr. 14, 1827; ordained Oct. 3, 1828, and installed at Wheeling and Short Creek, Va., and West Middletown, Pa. Resigned Wheeling pastorate 1849; pastor at Cannonsburg, Pa., 1850; elected Professor of Moral Science, Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, 1850; died 1851.
19. Members at the time of organization included: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnston, Sr., Sarah Johnston, Mary Johnston, Mrs. E. Garden, Miss Mary Garden, Mrs. M. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. J. Junkin, David Junkin, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hill, Mr. Hood, Mr. Irwin, Mrs. J. Boggs, Mr. M. Junkin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Glendeno, Widow Waddle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance, Miss R. Robinson, Miss Jane Mays, Mrs. S. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodwin, Mrs. Carnahan, Mr. Thoburn, Mrs. Mitchael, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cambea, and Mrs. Isabella Garden. Elders were: Thomas Johnston, Sr., Thomas Sweeney and James Waddle.

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Financial Records, 1931--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. J. Wilson White, 63 Greenwood Avenue, Dimmeydale, Wheeling.

93. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1835--. Fifth and Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville, Marshall County.

Organized in 1835,[20] and the first building, twice rebuilt, is still in use. It is a large building of stone, with two entrances, belfry, and a seating capacity of five hundred. Rev. John Knox was the first resident pastor, whose tenure of service lasted about nine months, but actual dates are not known. A manse at 417 Jefferson Avenue, and a brick structure on Fifth and Jefferson Avenue, are a part of the church property.

Session Records, 1914--. 2 vols.

Register Books--. These records are kept by the pastor in his personal records, and as this church is without a pastor at the present time, no records could be located.

Financial Records, 1914--. 1 vol.

Church School Records, 1914--. 1 vol.

No records kept by the following active organizations: Young People's Social Circle, Westminister and Industrial Circle, Women's Missionary Society and Elders and Trustees Organization.

Unpublished historical sketch: Rev. Charles H. McDonald, "Presbyterianism." Copy in possession of author.

Published historical sketch appears in the history of the Presbytery of Washington, Pennsylvania.

Note: All records of this church prior to 1914 have been lost.

94. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1839--. Ninth and Charles Streets, Wellsburg, Brooke County.

Formal organization of this church was effected November 29, 1839, with permission of Washington Presbytery which appointed the Rev. David Hervey and Rev. Daniel Deruelle for that purpose,[21] yet Presbyterianism in Wellsburg can be traced through the records of the Redstone Presbytery, which show that requests for ministerial supplies by "Mouth of Buffalo" near Charlestown, now Wellsburg, were received between 1793 and 1795.[22] A document dated October 8, 1817, which contains a subscription list[23] to pay ministers is pasted in one of

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20. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 4.
21. Warren K. Martin, The Presbyterian Church of Wellsburg, West Virginia, p. 10.
22. Ibid., pp. 10, 11.
23. Subscribers were: James Stevenson, $3.; James Moore, $3.;

the session records. The congregation, consisting of twenty members and two elders, Mr. Smiley Johnson and Mr. Stephen Colwell, when first organized, worshipped in the courthouse from 1835 until 1839. Prior to the formal organization of the church, a building committee had been appointed,[24] a lot purchased,[25] and actual construction started on a brick church building. Due to financial difficulties, this building was not completed until 1840. In 1844, a flood damaged the building to such an extent that it was abandoned, and once again, the courthouse served as a place of worship. A new building committee[26] was selected, and on July 19, 1886,[27] the first services in the new church were held in the lecture room, although it was not completed until September 14, 1890. The Rev. J. D. Moffat, D.D., President of Washington and Jefferson College; the Rev. Mr. Weir, of Brilliant, Ohio; the Rev. J. B. Shively, of the Wellsburg Methodist Church, and a Mr. Shields conducted the dedication exercises on that date.[28] The edifice is of brick construction, in modern Gothic architecture with belfry. A basement was added in 1937, and a few minor alterations have been made since that time. A manse[29] at 1328 Main Street, and a sexton's house at 917 Charles Street, are part of the church property. The Rev. David Hervey[30] was

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John Klien, $3.; Robert Moore, $3.; William Wright, $1.; R. T. Moore, $3.; L. Fitch, $3.; Moses Congleton, $3.; Robert Marshall, $3.; Robert Dawson, $1.; John Miller, $1.; Joseph Miller, $1.; R. Hartford, $2.; William Robinson, $1.50; John Adams, $1.; Samuel Herdman, $3.; F. Connel, $3.; James Ferguson, $1.; Charles King, $1.; Thomas Grimes, $1.50; Jacob DeCamps, $3.; Mary Clendening, $1.; Mrs. Marks (Widow), $1.; Mary Woods, $1.; William Mayhall, $1.; John Bowman, $1.; D. Brown, $2.; J. Hagen, Jr., $2.; John Carle, $1.; William Patton, $1.; John Berry, $2. and George Gree, $1.50.

24. Members of committee were: John C. Campbell, Adam Kuhn, John Gardner, and David Buchanon. A second committee appointed to finish the building were: Jacob DeCamps, Samuel Herdman, Samuel Marks, Richard Waugh, and Robert Moore.
25. Brooke County, Deed Books, 12, p. 133. April 11, 1838. Clarke W. Prather, grantor; John C. Buchanon, trustee, grantee.
26. Members were: J. C. Palmer, H. G. Lazear, John S. Beall, William H. Tarr, and David Waugh.
27. Martin, op. cit., p. 58.
28. Ibid., p. 58.
29. Brooke County, Deed Books, 22, p. 177, 1872; George W. & Julianna Caldwell, grantors.
30. Hervey, Rev. David, b. Oct. 29, 1874; son of Scotch parents residing in Brooke Co., Va.; brother of Dr. James and Rev. Henry Hervey; married 1818 to Dorothea Faris of

the first resident clergyman, serving from 1839 until 1840.[31] He was educated for the ministry at Jefferson College.

Session Records, 1873--. 6 vols. In possession of Rev. Warren K. Martin, at manse.

Church Registers, 3 vols. Contains records of baptisms, 1873--, membership 1839--, and deaths 1876--. At manse.

Church School Records, 1922--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. Joseph Walker, 1121 Charles Street, Wellsburg.

Financial Records, 1916--. 2 vols. In possession of Mr. Walker.

Board of Deacons, 1889--. 2 vols. In possession of Mr. L. Reed Clark, 927 Main Street, Wellsburg.

Board of Trustees, 1930--. 1 file. In possession of Mr. Sam Hubbard, Washington Pike, Wellsburg.

Ladies Aid Records, 1934--. 1 vol.

Mary McDonald Circle Records, 1906--. 4 vols. In possession of Mrs. S. George, 1314 Pleasant Avenue, Wellsburg.

Mackey Band Records, 1932--. 2 vols. In possession of Bernice Bane, 1517 Marianna Street, Wellsburg.

West Minister Missionary Society Records, 1932--. 1 vol.

Ohio Co. Va.; graduated Jefferson College, 1825; licensed by Presbytery of Washington Dec. 13, 1827; ordained first pastor church of Mount Prospect Dec. 21, 1828; served this church until 1835; pastor Lower Buffalo 1835-49. Organized Wellsburg in 1839 and served until 1840; missionary labor in Illinois for two years and organized several churches. Remainder of life on farm near Wellsburg; preached in vacant churches during this period; died June 19, 1881. From History of Presbytery of Washington.

31. Pastors: David Hervey, Nov. 1839-1840; Samuel Fulton, June 1840-Oct. 1842 (stated supply), G. M. Hair, April 1843-Sept. 1845; Thomas M. Newell, April 1848-Oct. 1851; John R. Duncan, 1852 (stated supply), Rev. Ezekiel Quillan, 1853-58 (stated supply), John M. Smith, April 1860-Oct. 1860; Nathaniel W. Conkling (few months); Wm. Marshall Robinson, June 1862-April 1864; Michael Angelo Parkinson (short period); Robert Thompson Price, April 1866-1869; Robert Ralston Moore, 1869-April 1873; Jonathan Cross, 1873-May 1874, W. Wright Spring, 1875; vacant until June 1876; William Anderson Mackey, June 1876-April 1882; J. D. Walkinshaw, Dec. 1882-Sept. 1886; Robert M. Moore, 1886-89; George W. Shields, Sept. 1889-July 1890; stated supply, pastor 1890-Dec. 1892; Samuel Cochrane, April 1893-Oct. 1897; Charles H. McDonald, June 1898-1905; William J. Holmes, Dec. 1905-Jan. 1918; Percy Burtt, Oct. 1919-June 1923; supplies by professors Western Theological Seminary of Pittsburgh for 10 months; Milton Meyers Allison, May 1924-June 1931; supplies by professors of Western Theological Seminary of Pittsburgh, 1931-32; Edward A. Krapp, D.D., April 1932-Nov. 1936; Warren K. Martin, April 1937--.

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In possession of Mrs. R. H. Dewitt, Brinker Road, Wellsburg.
West Minister Guild Records, 1936--. 1 vol. In possession of Virginia Lewis, 2250 Marianna Street, Wellsburg.
West Minister Circle Records, 1936--. 1 vol. In possession of Elnora Farbach.

Published history, Warren K. Martin, The Presbyterian Church of Wellsburg, W. Va. (Wellsburg: 1939).

95. SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1848--. Twentieth and Market Streets, Wheeling, Ohio County.

Formal organization of this church took place February 18, 1848, when a group of members was dismissed from the First Presbyterian Church (see entry 89) in order to form an organization of their own.[32] The same day, the church building, which is still occupied by the congregation, was dedicated. It is a two story frame structure, with belfry, and has been kept in good repair. The first minister[33] to serve this church, was Rev. Cyrus Dickson, whose ministry extended from 1848 to 1856.
Session Records, 1848--. 2 vols. Record of session meetings and all business records of the church. In possession of Mr. J. W. Walters, City Bank Building, Wheeling.
Church Minute Books, 1863--. 5 vols. Includes records of elders, deacons, members, marriages and deaths. In possession of Mr. Walters. Prior records of congregation included in minutes of First Presbyterian Church.

96. THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1849--. 3806 Jacob Street, Wheeling, Ohio County.

Organized November 2, 1849 by members of the First Presbyterian Church (see entry 89) and the Forks of Wheeling

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32. Members dismissed from First Presbyterian Church were: Samuel Ott, Mrs. Sidney I. Ott, Miss Anna M. Ott, William B. Quarrier, Jane G. Ellison, Edward L. Pratt, Robert Pratt, Mrs. Phoebe Pratt, James F. Forsyth, Edgar Woods, Redick McKee, Mrs. Eliza McKee, Daniel Harkins, Mrs. Jane Harkins, William B. Clark. First Elders were: Samuel Ott and William B. Quarrier. First Trustees were: William B. Quarrier, Edgar Woods, J. C. Harbour, Redick McKee, and Henry Crangle. Building Committee was: E. W. Stephens, William Stockton, Samuel Woods, Edgar Woods, and William Fleming.
33. Pastorate: Rev. Cyrus Dickson, 1848-56; Rev. Richard Varick Dodge, 1857-62; Rev. John Moffat, 1863-71; Rev. James D. Moffat, 1871-81; Rev. William H. Book, 1882-1895; Rev. Joseph Speers, 1896-1905; Rev. Charles H. McDonald, 1906-13; Rev. Thomas Grier Koontz, 1913-20; Rev. Pliny Brokaw Ferris, 1920-25; Rev. William D. Lewis, 1925--.

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Church, (see entry 84)[34] in the Boggs Run schoolhouse, where services were held until the first church was erected in 1851. The place of organization was, at that time, known as Richietown, and was isolated from the city of Wheeling, which has since absorbed it. It is probable that the first church bore the name of the village. The first building was a brick structure, and tradition says that no provision was made for lighting, so that each member brought their own candle to evening service, and after the opening service all candles were extinguished except the one on the pulpit, and the members, listened to the service in darkness. This first church stood at what is now 3804 Jacob Street. This church was torn down in 1883, to make room for the second church, which was erected the following year. The foundation of the church had just been completed when the flood of 1884 greatly damaged it. This second brick building was a much larger and more modern church than the one it replaced, and is in use today. It was dedicated July 19, 1887. A manse at 3842 Eoff Street completed the church property. Organized under the Presbytery of Washington, the first resident pastor, Rev. Edgar Woods, of this church was ordained by that Presbytery October 1853. Prior to his ordination, he had served as an elder and licentiate in the Second Presbyterian Church (see entry 95). He served the church until June 9, 1857.

Session Records, 1849--. 3 vols. Includes record of session minutes and business transactions of the church. In possession of Rev. George H. Bohlender, 3842 Eoff Street, Wheeling.

Register Books, 1887--. 3 vols. Records prior to 1884 destroyed by flood of that year. Includes list of members, baptisms, marriages, deaths, and church officers. In possession of Rev. Mr. Bohlender.

Treasurer's Records, 1934--. 2 vols. In possession of Church Treasurer.

Financial Secretary's Record, 1932--. 1 vol. In possession of secretary.

Church School Records, 1896--. 2 vols. At manse.

Board of Deacons, 1883--. 3 vols. In possession of Rev. George H. Bohlender.

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34. The fourteen charter members received at the organization meeting were: From the First Presbyterian Church, Andrew Hall, Duncan Campbell, Margaret Campbell, Hiram Martin, Elizabeth Martin, Mary Garviston; from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Three Ridges, Pa., Rosanna Harris; from the Forks of Wheeling Church, Thomas McCombs, Elizabeth McCombs; on examination, George Blake, Grace Blake, William Little, Delilah Little, and Sara Hilsman. Andrew Hall, first elder.

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Published history: Rev. R. R. Bigger, A History of the Third Presbyterian Church (Wheeling: 1899).

97. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1851--. Court Street, New Cumberland, Hancock County.

This organization was formed in the little brick church of the Disciples.[35] Arrangements were made to hold services in the school building, sharing it with the Methodist Episcopal organization. In 1856 a two-story brick building was erected on the site where the present stone church now stands. It served as a house of worship until 1887, when it was considered unsafe, and was torn down for the erection of the present building. The present building, of old English architectural design and stone construction was dedicated February 10, 1889.[36] On the wall of the church hangs the picture of the first resident clergyman, Rev. Smith F. Grier, who served these people from 1852 until 1893.

Session Records, 1851--. 5 vols. In possession of Mr. S. B. Herron.

Register Book, 1851--. 1 vol.

Baptisms, 1851--. 1 vol.

Deaths, 1854--. 1 vol.

Church School Records, 1910--. 4 vols.

Financial Records, April 1, 1939--. 1 vol.

Ladies Aid Society Records, 1905--. 5 vols. First three volumes in possession of Mrs. Elizabeth Bash, other two volumes in possession of Mrs. Paul Cullen.

Women's Missionary Society Records, 1901--. 6 vols. In possession of Mrs. S. B. Herron.

Published history: J. H. Atkinson, Semi-Centennial, 1901. Another Church History was published in 1938, by the Independent Printing Company, of New Cumberland, honoring the fiftieth anniversary of the Presbyterian Church.

98. ALLEN GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1852--. R.F.D. 2, Sherrard, Marshall County.

Organized June 28, 1852[37] by Rev. Alfred Paull and John Duncan. Rev. Mr. Paull served the church as first resident clergyman for a period of eight years. A church building, with stained glass windows and tower with bell, was dedicated in 1852. A basement was added in 1930. A manse is also owned.

Session Records, 1852--. 3 vols. In possession of Clerk of Sessions.

Register Books, 1852--. 4 vols. Contains baptisms, marriages, membership, and deaths. Kept by Clerk of Sessions.

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35. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 9.
36. Ibid.
37. Ibid.

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Financial Records, 1852--. 3 vols. Kept by the Sabbath School Treasurer.
Ladies Aid Society Records, n.d. 3 vols.

Published historical sketch; in Rev. G. I. Wilson's, A Sketch of Presbyterianism in West Virginia.

99. ROCK LICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1854--. Rock Lick, Marshall County.

This church was organized 1854 by the Presbytery of Washington. The first building was erected the same year. It is a plain brick building with belfry. Extensive repairs were made in 1890, and the same building is still in use. The first clergyman to serve the church was Rev. Mr. Montgomery, who served this church 1867 to 1869.
Session Records, 1890--. 1 vol. In possession of the present pastor, Rev. C. E. Woodward. Earlier records destroyed.
Register Books, 1854--. 1 vol. Contains list of membership, baptisms, and deaths.
Financial Records, 1854--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. Doman, Clerk and Treasurer.

100. CAMERON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1867--. Water Street, Cameron, Marshall County.

This church was organized September 23, 1867 by the Presbytery of Washington. The first building was erected in 1869, and was destroyed by fire October 26, 1879.[38] The church was rebuilt during the latter part of 1880 and dedicated February 6, 1881. Extensively remodeled in 1907, it is of Gothic architecture with belfry and a seating capacity of about two hundred. A manse on Pennsylvania Avenue, is part of the church property. Rev. Mr. Montgomery was the first resident pastor, but the exact tenure of his services to this congregation is unknown.
Session Records, 1900--. 1 vol. In possession of Rev. C. E. Woodward, the present pastor, at the manse. Earlier records have been destroyed.
Register Books, 1867--. 2 vols. Vol. 1, 1867-1904; vol. II, 1905--.
Financial Records, 1910--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. H. W. Seisel, Clerk and Treasurer.
Church School Records, n.d. n.v. Kept at church.
The following organizations are active, but no records are kept: Christian Endeavor, Daughters of Ruth, Ladies Aid, Kings Daughters, Woman's Missionary Society, Board of Elders and Trustees.

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38. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 10.

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101. LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1871--. Limestone, Marshall County.

This church was organized May 24, 1871. The building, a plain frame structure of the rural schoolhouse type, was erected in 1870 and dedicated in 1871. It was greatly improved and remodeled in 1930. Rev. Mr. Brown was installed as the first resident clergyman in 1871. His tenure is unknown.

Session Records, 1871--. 1 vol.

Register Book, 1871--. 1 vol. Contains baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths.

Church School Records, 1939--. 1 vol. Previous records in the hands of members.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1937--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Betty Wilson, R.F.D. 1, Moundsville.

Industrial Circle Records, 1930--. 1 vol.

Women's Sewing Circle Records, 1936--.

Trustees Records, 1901--. 1 vol. Contains financial records.

102. OAKLAND UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1875--. Wylie Ridge-Swearingen Hill, New Cumberland, Hancock County.

First worship services were conducted in the Jefferson schoolhouse, prior to the erection of the church building. On November 23, 1875, the present rural schoolhouse type of frame structure was dedicated for religious services. Rev. J. H. Braden was the first resident clergyman to serve this organization. The tenure of his service is not known.

Session Records, June 18, 1891--. 2 vols. In possession of Mr. George D. Swearingen, New Cumberland.

Church School Records, April 1, 1939--. 1 vol. Current records only. In possession of Maxine Cotherman, New Cumberland.

Financial Records, April 1, 1922-October 19, 1939. 2 vols. In possession of Ernest Tarr, R.D. 1, Weirton.

Woman's Organization Records, Oakland Farm Women's Club, January 1, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Frank Sutton, Weirton.

103. *MT. UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1888-1924. R.F.D. 1, Moundsville, Marshall County.

Services were first held in this community in the Oak Hill schoolhouse, generally by the pastor of the West Union Church (see entry 91). The work was started by members of the Campbell families, who were of Presbyterian ancestry.[39] A build-

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39. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 10.

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ing was erected in 1888 on ground donated by Mrs. Alexander Campbell. It was dedicated May 31, 1891. Until formal organization was effected in June 1893 this church was a mission of the Limestone Church (see entry 101). The building is a frame structure of the rural schoolhouse type, having a tower without bell. Rev. Jacob Ruble served as the first regular pastor, 1890-94. This church has been inactive since 1924.

Session Records, 1890-1924. 1 vol. Contains minutes of sessions, date of organization and dedication, and names of pastors and elders.

104. VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1897--. National Road, Woodsdale, Wheeling, Ohio County.

A committee[40] of the Washington Presbytery met in the Leatherwood schoolhouse June 17, 1897, and effected the organization of this church with 38 charter members, of whom 11 are still in the active membership of the church. A handsome stone Romanesque building was erected in 1897 by Mr. J. N. Vance, a prominent banker and iron manufacturer of Wheeling, as a memorial to his parents, James and Mary Vance. Rev. Charles B. Austin was the first resident clergyman,[41] serving this church from November 1897, until April 1903. In 1913, a stone chapel and Church School building were erected adjoining the main building. This chapel dedicated October 19, 1913, by Dr. James H. Snowden, and was also a gift from Mr. Vance to the church.[42] The church maintains a mid-week school of religion, attended by over 300 children, who are dismissed from public school to take courses in Bible study under the direction of four expert teachers who are employed by the church. A manse at 191 National Road, Woodsdale, Wheeling, is also owned by the church.

Session Records, 1897--. 2 vols. In church office.

Register Books, 1897--. 3 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. In church office.

Financial Records, 1897--. 8 vols. In church office.

Church School Records, 1897--. 42 vols. In church office.

Christian Hi-Y Club, 1937--. 1 vol. In possession of Anne Moore, Woodsdale.

Senior Youth Club, 1937--. 1 vol. In possession of Marie Talbert, Lenox Avenue, Wheeling.

Ladies Aid Society, 1897--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. H. B. Scott, Oak Park, Woodsdale, Wheeling.

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40. Committee consisted of Rev. Henry Woods, Rev. David Cunningham, Rev. Laferty Grier and Elders J. N. Vance and Robert Dalzell. See Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 12.
41. Pastorate: Rev. C. B. Austin, June 1897 - April 1903; Rev. J. M. Potter, Jan. 1904 - July 1932; Rev. C. H. Clifford, Dec. 1932 - Sept. 1937; Rev. John Visser, Feb. 1938--.
42. Boards of Elders, E. W. S. Neff, F. H. Ryder, W. L. Latta, Charles E. Bates, C. E. Wemple, E. K. Hoge, and A.B. Brooks.

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Women's Missionary Society, 1922, n.v. (loose leaf). In possession of Mrs. E. K. Hoge, Highland Avenue, Woodsdale, Wheeling.

Session, Trustees, Deacons, 1897--. 3 vols.

Woman's Missionary Society, Opportunity Circle, 1922, n.v. (loose leaf). In possession of Mrs. E. K. Hoge, Highland Avenue Woodsdale, Wheeling.

105. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1898--. Carolina Avenue, Chester, Hancock County.

The first services of this organization were held in a plain frame structure called the Mission Sabbath School, which was erected and dedicated in December 1898. Through the efforts of Rev. J. C. Taggart and Rev. J. Ross Greene, and aided by a few members of the First and Second Churches of East Liverpool, Ohio, sufficient money was raised to assure the erection of a building on a lot donated by Mrs. M. M. Gardiner, for the purpose of establishing a mission Sabbath school. The seats for the chapel were a gift from the First United Presbyterian Church, of East Liverpool, Ohio. Then, as the congregation grew, the present building was erected on the same site where the original church stood. This building was dedicated in 1917, and consists of a vine covered red brick structure of modern architecture. A manse at 340 Carolina Avenue, Chester, is a part of the church property. Rev. W. B. Gillis was the first resident clergyman. The tenure of his service with this organization is not known.

Session Records, December 7, 1900--. 2 vols.

Baptismal Records, March 3, 1901--. (For adults), September 23, 1900--. (Infants.)

Membership, November 20, 1900--. 1 vol.

Marriages, November 24, 1932--. 1 vol.

Financial Records, n.d. n.v. In possession of Mr. Frank Richmond, Chester.

Unpublished historical sketch written into one of the session records by Rev. K. Glenn Fleming in 1937.

106. FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1900--. 1004 3rd Street, Moundsville, Marshall County.

The first and only building used by this organization for services was erected and dedicated in 1903. It is a red brick structure, of Gothic archectural design, with large tower and art glass windows. A manse at 310 Morton Avenue, is also owned. Rev. B. F. White was the first resident pastor. The tenure of his service in this church is unknown.

Session Records, April 14, 1929--. 1 vol.

Baptisms, November 18, 1934--. 1 vol.

Marriages, December 19, 1934--. 1 vol.

Members, February 14, 1935--. 1 vol.

Deaths, February 2, 1935--. 1 vol.

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Church School Records, November 13, 1932--. 1 vol.
Financial Records, 1936--. 1 vol.
Payment Book, 1923--. 3 vols. Volumes prior to this date destroyed.
Young People's Christian Union, Women's Missionary Society, Women's General Missionary Society, and Elders and Trustees are active organizations, but keep no records.

107. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1900--. New Martinsville, Wetzel County.

Organized April 26, 1900 by Rev. Albert D. Light, under the supervision of the Parkersburg Presbytery.[43] The first meetings of this group were held in the courthouse until September 1902, when the first church building of native stone construction was completed. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Albert D. Light, who served this church 1900-04.[44] When the Parkersburg Presbytery was divided the New Martinsville Church became a member of the Grafton Presbytery. In 1912, it was transferred from Grafton to Wheeling Presbytery.[45]

Session Records, 1900--. 2 vols. Vol. I, 1900-33, Vol. II, 1933--. Contains minutes of session meetings; also contains a list of members, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and deaths recorded on pages especially printed for that purpose.

Church School Records, 1940--. Current only, destroyed at end of each year.

Unpublished historical sketch: G. Grant Fish, comp. "Early History of New Martinsville Presbyterian Church", copy on file at church.

108. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1902--. Indiana Avenue, Chester, Hancock County.

Prior to the erection of the present building services were conducted in the United Presbyterian Church. The present brick building, of modern Gothic architecture, was dedicated October 16, 1904. A manse, at 510 Indiana Avenue, is also owned. Rev. J. W. Dunbar was the first resident clergyman, serving from April 26, 1904 until September 1915. He was educated for the ministry at Washington and Jefferson College.

Session Books, 1902--. 3 vols. Includes financial records. In possession of W. T. Parsons, 613 Third Street, Chester.

Baptisms, 1902--. 1 vol.

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43. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 10.
44. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1904) p. 51.
45. Wilson, loc. cit., p. 11.

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Deaths, 1904--. 1 vol.
Marriages, 1904--. 1 vol.
Church School Records, 1924--. 4 vols.
Women's Missionary Society Records, 1913--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. George Lewis.

Unpublished historical sketch written into Session Book, by Rev. W. T. McKee.

109. JACKSONBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1902--. Jacksonburg Wetzel County.

In February 1901, a few faithful Presbyterians who had moved to Jacksonburg during its oil development met in the home of Frank E. Perkins and determined to build a church. A committee was appointed and went to work with a will and a small church building was completed by September 1901, at a cost of $3,00046. A Sabbath school was at once organized with 40 members. A petition was sent to the Parkersburg Presbytery, in 1902, asking for an organization. The petition was granted and the organization completed by Rev. Thomas Anderson, of Sistersville, and Rev. A. D. Light, of New Martinsville, April 29, 1902. The dedicatory services took place October 5, 1902.[47] When the Parkersburg Presbytery was divided, the church became a member of the Grafton Presbytery. In 1912 it was transferred from the Grafton Presbytery to Wheeling Presbytery.[48] In 1913 John and Helen M. Craig donated land for manse, which was built near the church.[49]

Session Records, 1902--. 1 vol.
Register Books, 1902--. 1 vol. Contains list of membership, marriages, and baptisms.
Church School Records. Included in Session Records.

110. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1905--. Banfield and Main Streets, Follansbee, Brooke County.

Organized by a committee appointed by the Wheeling Presbyterian Church (see entry 89), June 6, 1905, early services were held in a rented hall. The present red brick Gothic styled building was dedicated October 23, 1910. A Church School annex on Bancroft Street was later acquired, as was the manse at 1254 Main Street. Rev. James Reed served this church as stated supply from 1905 to 1910.[50] The first resident minister was Rev. Thomas C. Pears, Jr., a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, who served from 1910 to 1917.

Session Records, 1905--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of

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46. Wetzel County, Deed Books, 76, p. 358.
47. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 35.
48. Ibid., p. 11.
49. Wetzel County, Deed Books, 114, p. 478.
50. Wilson, loc. cit., p. 11.

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sessions; financial records, 1908-1928; baptisms, March 10, 1906--; members, June 6, 1905--; deaths, February 21, 1907--. Vol. I, June 6, 1905 to June 1917, in possession of present pastor. Vols. II and III, 1917--, in possession of Mr. Jesse Diven, Gilbert Avenue, Follansbee.

Financial Records, 1928--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. Arnold Thornburg, 570 Mahan Avenue, Follansbee.

Church School Records, January 6, 1907--, 4 vols. In possession of Mrs. F. Watson, Main Street, Follansbee.

Ladies Aid Records, October 1, 1906--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Society Records, April 1, 1917--. 2 vols. At manse.

Trustees Record, August 4, 1910--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. Wilbur Patterson, 502 Banfield Street, Follansbee.

111. WARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1906--. 101 North 20th Street, Warwood, Wheeling, Ohio County.

Growing out of a Church School which was conducted in the Glen Run School, the petition[51] for the organization of this church was presented to the Wheeling Presbytery December 11, 1905. Formal organization was effected at the Glen Run School, February 11, 1906, with 22 charter members.[52] Until 1925 this church was known as the Richland Presbyterian Church. The first and present building was dedicated October 4, 1908, dedicatory sermon by Rev. Charles H. McDonald, and is a one-story brick and stone building. The manse is located at 125 North 21st Street, Warwood. Rev. James P. Stoops, the first resident minister, served the congregation from March 18, 1906 to May 25, 1909. Nothing is known of his educational background, but it is known that he came from the church at West Liberty.

Session Records, 1908--. Includes minutes of session meetings and the church register. In possession of Mr. H. J. Lucas, 2519 Hess Avenue, Warwood.

Financial Records, 1908--. 1 vol. Annual financial condensations made from duplex system at end of each fiscal year. In possession of Mr. F. W. Jenkins, 113 North 20th Street, Warwood.

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51. Original signers: Mrs. O. T. Archer, Mrs. William Lucas, Mrs. Lena Wildpret, Mr. Charles Wildpret, and Mr. Harry Lucas.
52. Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. W.E.F. Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. John Mowat, Mrs. E. Scott, Mrs. Mary A. Kimmons, Miss Nettie Welshans, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Burkle, Mrs. J. H. Maxwell, Mrs. Andrew Brown, Miss Harriett Welshans, Mrs. Mary Archer, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, Lawrence W. Armstrong, James H. Clendenning, Frank Kelly, G. W. Archer, Charles Wildpret, Elder John Mowat. Board of Trustees were: Charles Wildpret, Lawrence W. Armstrong, W.E.F. Connelly, and William D. Burkle.

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Church School Records, 1931--. 2 vols. In possession of Mr. Ray Lucas, 2524 Hess Avenue, Warwood.
Christian Endeavor Records, 1915--. 2 vols. At the manse.
Woman's Bible Class Records, 1922--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Thomas Makepeace, 9 North 9th Street, Warwood.
Woman's Missionary Society Records, 1910--. 2 vols. In possession of Miss Nellie Moore, 2110 Warwood Avenue, Warwood.

Historical sketch published in year book and directory, Warwood Presbyterian Church, 1937-38.

112. NEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1907--. Grant Street, Newell, Hancock County.

First services were held in the Aaron Building, from 1907 until 1911. The present brick structure of modern Gothic architecture was erected and dedicated in 1911. A pipe organ was donated to the church by Mrs. W. E. Wells, Sr. Rev. H. E. Giles was the first resident minister serving this church 1911 to 1913.
Session Records, 1907--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Sidney Porter.
Register Books, n.d. 1 vol.
Baptisms, 1908--. 1 vol.
Marriages, 1932--. 1 vol.
Deaths, 1931--. 1 vol.
Church School Records, 1938--. 1 vol.
Women's Missionary Society, 1916--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. C. Miller, Jefferson Street, Newell.

113. *WEIRTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1913-27. Weirton, Hancock County.

Earliest organization of the church was made by Rev. Cyrus Allen, who established a mission here in 1912. A formal organization was effected in 1913,[53] and Rev. Mr. Allen continued as supply until 1914.[54] For a year there was no pastor and the work suffered. G. R. Wilson, a student for the ministry, and a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, was placed in charge of the work, April 1, 1915. He labored during the summer of 1915 and succeeded in gathering a congregation together and in erecting a neat frame church at cost of $3,500.[55] The church continued a good existence until 1924, when the membership dropped rapidly and cost of upkeep was too great for

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53. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1913) p. 314.
54. Pastorate: Rev. C. G. Wilson, 1913-14; Vacant, 1914; Rev. G. R. Wilson, 1915-16; Vacant, 1917; Darye C. Marshall, 1919-25; Vacant 1926--.
55. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1916) p. 13.

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few remaining members. The church was vacant in 1926, and dropped from the rolls of Wheeling Presbytery, 1927.[56]

No records could be found.

Published historical sketch: 150th Anniversary of the Cove Presbyterian Church comp. Historical Committee of Cove Presbyterian Church. (Steubenville, Ohio: H. C. Cook Pub. Co. 1940).

114. *CALVARY ITALIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1919-27. Follansbee, Brooke County.

Local organization of this church was effected March 1, 1912 through the efforts of Rev. Achille Cremonesi. Work was started on the church building in September 1913 and the building was completed and dedicated on Sunday May 31, 1914.[57] The church continued as an independent unit until May 8, 1919 when it became a unit of Northern Synod of West Virginia, in Wheeling Presbytery.[58] The church existed until 1927. By this date membership had decreased to the extent that the Synod dissolved the church.[59] After dissolution the two-story frame building was sold and remodeled into a dwelling house.

Session Records, 1912-25. 1 vol.

Register Books, 1917-27. 1 vol. Contains record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths. All records of the church in possession of Mrs. Jesse Diven, 608 Gilbert Avenue, Follansbee.

Unpublished historical sketch: contained in the church session record book.

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56. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1927) p. 50.
57. Taken from Session Records, pp. 1-2.
58. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1919) p. 51.
59. Ibid., 1927 p. 50.

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115. SYNOD OF WEST VIRGINIA (U. S.), 1914--.

The Presbytery of Greenbrier, at its meeting in Lewisburg April 29, 1913, overtured the Synod of Virginia to join with it in an overture to the General Assembly, called to meet in Kansas City in 1914, asking that a new Synod be erected to consist of the three Presbyteries of Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Tygart's Valley, and such other sections now occupied by the Presbyterian Church in the United States in the State of West Virginia, as should elect to join in the organization of the new Synod.[1]

The Presbyteries of Kanawha and Tygart's Valley took similar action before the meeting of the Synod of Virginia, in Danville, Virginia, in October 1913, and as a consequence the overture was adopted by the Synod and order taken that it be sent up to the General Assembly of 1914, together with the overtures from the three Presbyteries named above.[2]

The General Assembly, sitting in Kansas City, Missouri, in May 1914, granted the said overture of the Synod of Virginia and the three above-named Presbyteries, and ordered the erection of the new Synod, to be known as the Synod of West Virginia, composed of the Presbyteries of Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Tygart's Valley, and directed that its first meeting be held in Lewisburg, West Virginia, October 27, 1914 at 8 o'clock p.m. Rev. Newton Donaldson, D.D., of Huntington, West Virginia, was appointed to preach the opening sermon and preside and Rev. F. H. Barron, D.D., of Elkins, West Virginia, to act as Clerk, until a permanent organization should be effected.[3]

Accordingly, on the 27th day of October 1914, at 8 o'clock p.m., the opening session of the Synod of West Virginia was held in the Old Stone Church, Lewisburg, West Virginia, as directed by the General Assembly; and, thereupon, Rev. Ernest Thompson, D.D., of Charleston, West Virginia, was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. M. Sloan, of Alderson, West Virginia, was elected Stated Clerk. Thirty seven ministers and 27 ruling elders were enrolled.[4]

Synod of West Virginia, Presbyterian Church in the United States, Minutes, 1914--. 27 vols. Published record of annual meetings of synod with record of all business transacted, reports of all committees and church organizations, and statistical reports of receipts and disbursements. In possession of Rev. M. R. Atkinson, First Presbyterian Church, Logan.

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1. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.), Manual, containing the Constitution, History, Directory, Standing Rules and Rules of Order adopted at Sutton, W. Va., October 1916, ch. II, p. 5.
2. Ibid.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.

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Copies of above Minutes, 1929--, available to research workers at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown.

116. GREENBRIER PRESBYTERY, 1838--.

Greenbrier Presbytery, the pioneer Presbytery of Virginia territory west of the Alleghenies, was organized in the Old Stone Church at Lewisburg on the second Tuesday of April 1838.

A petition requesting division of Lexington Presbytery was granted and the Presbytery was to "be divided by a line commencing at the intersection of the Allegheny Mountains with the southern boundary of Hardy County and thence along the top of the mountains to the boundary of Giles County and thence along the dividing line between Giles and Monroe Counties to New River, and that the ministers and churches west of said line be known by the name of Greenbrier Presbytery."[5]

This extensive territory proved too great for one Presbytery, and in 1858, the territory represented by counties of Randolph, Barbour, Harrison, Upshur, and Gilmer, was ceded to the Presbytery of Lexington. Further division of the Presbytery was effected in 1863, when Parkersburg and other points transferred connection to the Presbytery of West Virginia in the northern church. Final division of the Presbytery was made in 1895, when the Kanawha Presbytery was created from western sections of Greenbrier Presbytery.[6]

Greenbrier continued with these bounds until 1928. In that year, Bluestone Presbytery was created and there was a general re-arrangement of Presbyterial lines in the Synod. Tygart's Valley Presbytery was dissolved and its territory divided between Greenbrier and Kanawha.[7]

All records of the Presbytery are kept at the Greenbrier Military Academy at Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Greenbrier Presbytery, Minutes, 1838--. 36 vols. Published record of the transactions of the Presbytery in annual session. Includes all business presented, action thereon, statistical reports of receipts and disbursements, and reports of committees and church organizations.

117. NEW LEBANON ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1782--. Pickaway, Monroe County.

The exact date of the organization of New Lebanon Church is unknown, but it is probable that it existed for several

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5. Lloyd Mc.F. Courtney, The Church on the Western Water, An History of the Greenbrier Presbytery and its Churches, p. 13. Hereafter cited: Courtney, History of Greenbrier Presbytery.
6. Ibid., pp. 28, 33.
7. Greenbrier received 22 churches from Tygart's Valley at this time. See: Courtney, loc. cit., p. 36.

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years prior to 1782, as it is mentioned as an established congregation in the records of the Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania at the time of the union of the Associated and Reformed bodies in Philadelphia, at that date. In 1802, New Lebanon became a part of Big Springs Presbytery, and in 1803, transfer was effected to the Presbytery of the Carolinas. At the formation of the Virginia Presbytery in 1854, New Lebanon became a member church of that Presbytery. The first of three houses of worship was of logs, erected at an unknown date, on the site now occupied by Old Lebanon Cemetery. The second church, erected on the same site, was of brick, and served the congregation until 1869. The present frame structure, located on West Virginia Route 24, about a mile from the old site, was erected and dedicated on November 6, 1870, Rev. Alexander Hogshead preaching the dedicatory sermon. A basement was added in 1932. Rev. William Adair, who received his ministerial education in Edinburgh, Scotland, served this congregation from April 7, 1814 until May 25, 1857, as the first resident pastor.

Session Records, 1782--. 10 vols. In possession of Mrs. Homer Williams, Pickaway.

Register Books, 1782--. 6 vols. Contains records of baptisms, marriages, members and deaths.

Financial Records, 1870--. In possession of Mr. Greer Hogsette, Caldwell.

Ladies Aid Records, 1847--. In possession of Mrs. Ira C. Wallace, Pickaway.

Women's Missionary Society, 1878--. 3 vols.

Church School Records, 1927--. 4 vols.

Published historical sketches: "History of New Lebanon Church", in Monroe Watchman, August 6, 1933; "Bible Schools in the Home Mission Church", in A.R.P. Journal of Missions, October 1935. Also brief mention in Josiah Morrow, History of the Sycamore Associate Reformed Church Now United Presbyterian (Ohio Historical Society: 1930).

118. *OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1783-96. Joseph Feamster farm, 2 miles northwest of Lewisburg, Greenbrier County.

In 1782, Rev. John McCue[8] was sent to this section by Hanover Presbytery to establish the "first church on the western waters."[9] Tradition says that the first of these churches was organized at Feamster's farm in 1783. A church was built soon after organization, and a cemetery established. This church was active until 1796, when the Old Stone Church (see entry 119) was established at Lewisburg. The old log church

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8. For writeup of life of Rev. Mr. McCue see p. 109.
9. James M. Callahan, Semi-Centennial History of West Virginia, p. 62. Hereafter cited: Callahan's, History

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was abandoned upon completion of Lewisburg Church and the congregation of the "Old Presbyterian" was included in the newly established church.
For records see entry 119.

119. OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1783--. Church Street, Lewisburg, Greenbrier County.

Organized in 1783,[10] it is said to have existed until 1796, as the Old Presbyterian Church on Feamster's farm (see entry 118). Organization was effected by the "Old Hanover Presbytery" under the pastorate of Rev. John McCue.[11] The present building was erected in 1796, and was made possible through a donation made by Mrs. John Stuart of her legacy from her father, Thomas Lewis, which amounted to about $2,500. It was built of native limestone, and tradition says that the women of the congregation carried the sand for mortar in saddle bags from the Greenbrier River, four miles away. The original building was square, with an entrance on the east side, and with a slave gallery. A stone over the door was inscribed by Col. John Stuart.[12] In 1830 an addition was added to the east, on the entrance and Col. Stuart's stone was moved to the west end, where it remains. Two manses are owned in Lewisburg. The cemetery, which surrounds the church, is the resting place of many members of the church.

Dr. John McElhenney,[13] pioneer missionary and the founder of Lewisburg Academy and Greenbrier College (see entry 332) was

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10. Callahan's, History, p. 62.
11. Rev. John McCue ordained by Hanover Presbytery May 22, 1782, and sent to Old Stone. Installed by Moses Hayes, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Houston.
12. "This building was erected
in the year 1796
at the Expense
of a few of
The First Inhabitants of this Land
to commemorate
their affection and esteem for the
Gospel
of Jesus Christ
Reader
if you are inclined to applaud
their virtue
Give God the Glory."
13. Dr. John McElhenney: Born Mar. 22, 1781, Waxhous District, S. C., son of James and Ann (Coyle) McElhenney; graduated Washington College, Lexington, Va.; licensed by Lexington Presbytery, Feb. 8, 1808; missionary to Monroe, Greenbrier counties, 1808; called as pastor of Union and Lewisburg Churches, Spring, 1809; ordained Apr. 3, 1809; served

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pastor for 51 years. Missions of this church were Old Fort Springs (see entry 130), McLean Chapel (see entry 161) and Caldwell (see entry 149).14 Rev. John McCue, who served as first pastor,15 1782-91, was a graduate of Washington College, now Washington and Lee University.

Session Records, 1837--. 10 vols. Includes session minutes, church register and financial records. Also includes records of mission. In vault at Greenbrier Military School.

Church School Records, 1900--. 12 vols. In vault at Greenbrier Military School.

Woman's Auxiliary Record, 1920--. In possession of Mrs. W. R. Burdette, Lewisburg.

Old Stone Church Cemetery Book, 1800--. 1 vol. Record of all burials in Old Stone Cemetery, showing name of deceased, date, place and cause of death; date and place of birth; names of parents; cemetery lot number and date of burial.

Published historical sketch: Benjamin F. Wilmer, "The Church on the Western Waters," in West Virginia Review, November 1933. Also Lloyd Mc.F. Courtney, The Church of the Western Waters, An History of Greenbrier Presbytery and its Churches, (Richmond, 1940).

120. SPRING CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1783--. Renick, Greenbrier County.

First services were held in a log building situated one and one-half miles below the present building on the Spring Creek road, on property owned by the Ludington family. After this building became unfit for use, the services were held in the home of Mr. Joe Hundley, who lived in the community. In 1836, a building was erected on the site of the present building, and was used until 1892, at which time the present plain, frame

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Union Church until 1834; married Rebecca, daughter of Arthur Walkup, of Lexington, 1809; established Lewisburg Academy, 1812; died at Lewisburg, Jan. 2, 1871.

14. In addition to missions, established churches organized from this church includes Ronceverte Church (see entry 155), Salem Church (see entry 140), and Greenbrier Chapel (see entry 125).

15. Pastorate: Rev. John McCue, 1782-91; Rev. Benjamin Grigsby, 1794-1806; Rev. John McElhenney, D.D., 1808-71, (active until 1859); Rev. John Calvin Barr, co-pastor, 1859-69; Rev. Mathew Lyle Lacy, D.D., co-pastor, 1869-71, pastor until 1882; Rev. John W. Rosebrough, 1883-89; Rev. Robert T. Telford, 1890-94; Rev. William McC. White, 1895-1901; Rev. Eugene Danile, 1902-10; Rev. D. T. McGlachy, 1911-17; Rev. Warner H. Dubois, 1918-22; Rev. Lloyd Mc.F. Courtney, 1923--.

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structure was erected and dedicated the following year. A manse is also a part of the church property. The first church school was organized April 10, 1869.[16] Rev. Joseph C. Brown was the first resident pastor,[17] serving from 1837 until 1866.

Session Records, 1836--. 5 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, deaths, members and financial records.

Church School Records, 1909--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. O. P. Kinsley, Renick.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1913--. n.v. (looseleaf).

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1920--. 2 vols. In possession of Mably Dotson.

Unpublished historical sketch, written by Mrs. Sallie A. McCoy in 1934. Copy in possession of author at Renick.

121. UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1783--. Main Street, Union, Monroe County.

Organized by Rev. John McCue, pioneer minister of the Presbyterian Church, in 1783. The organization was effected under the name of the Good Hope Church. The first building was an unhewn log, clapboard covered church, which stood on Indian Creek, about two miles south of Union, on land now owned by Fred Walker. The building was unheated, and in the winter, services were often held in the courthouse. The cornerstone was laid by the Masonic Order in 1794. This building was abandoned in 1802, and services were held in the courthouse, and in groves, until the erection of a second building, about 1810 in Union.[18] This building was larger and more costly, and served the congregation until 1842, when a brick church was built on the location of the present one, the lot having been donated by Hon. A. T. Caperton. It was dedicated in 1855, and used until destroyed by fire in 1917. The courthouse was again used until the present church was opened for services, April 30, 1922, and was dedicated July 9, 1922. Dr. W. W. Moore, of Richmond, delivered the dedicatory sermon. Union Church is the mother of Mount Pleasant (see entry 135), Salem Church (see entry 140), Carmel (see entry 129), Centerville (see entry 133), and Hillsdale (see entry 153). Rev. John McCue, who served as the first resident minister[19] from 1783 to 1791, studied theology

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16. Superintendents: Mr. B. F. Renick and J. J. Walkup.
17. Pastorate: Revs. Joseph C. Brown, 1837-66; James H. Lepps, 1866-84; William Mack C. Miller, 1885-88; D. M. Layton, 1889-98; C. H. Dobbs, 1898-99; I. G. Hartman, 1899-1902; R. M. Caldwell, 1902-03; J. A. Graves, 1903-04; W. L. Beddinger, 1908-09; R. E. Redding, 1909-13; T. H. Wicks, 1913-19; J. T. Pharr, 1919-24; William Mack C. Miller, Jr., 1925-26; M. B. Porter, Jr., 1927-31; O. C. Brown, 1935--.
18. Oren F. Morton, History of Monroe County, p. 76. Hereafter cited: Morton, History.
19. Pastorate: Rev. John McCue, 1783-91, Rev. Benjamin Grigsby,

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under Rev. James Waddell, and received his Bachelor of Arts from what is now Washington and Lee University in 1782.

Session Records, 1838--. Record of all business transactions and lists of baptisms and members. 5 vols., 1838-1907, in vault at Bank of Monroe, Union; remainder at manse. Prior records missing.

Marriage Records, 1917--. 1 vol. Record of all marriage ceremonies performed by minister. At manse.

Church School Records, 1872--. 2 vols. Incomplete.

Women's Auxiliary Record, 1912--. At manse.

Financial Records, 1782--. In possession of church treasurer.

Published sketches include a history of the church by Mrs. R. R. Gray, published in connection with the 150th anniversary celebration, in The Monroe Watchman, Union, June 12, 1933.

122. OAK GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1793--. Hillsboro, Pocahontas County.

Organized by the Rev. Dr. William Hill of Winchester in 1793, services were held for many years in the homes of the members of the Poage family. William Poage, Sr., a ruling elder in the church, was virtually the founder of the church, which was the first of the denomination in the county. The church was ministered to by visiting preachers, including Dr. John McCue who, in 1782, became the missionary to Greenbrier and Monroe Counties, and who visited churches throughout the entire Greenbrier and Tygart's Valley section. Apparently, due to the lack of a minister, the church did not prosper. In 1819, Rev. Samuel L. Graham of Hampden-Sydney College, became the regular minister and the church began to prosper. In 1826, a brick church was built in the Oak Grove section of Hillsboro. A reorganization of the church was effected August 28, 1830, and a number of new members included.[20] The brick church building was used until 1872, when it became unsafe for use, and for a few years the congregation worshipped in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The present

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1794-1806, Rev. John McElhenney, 1808-34, Rev. David R. Preston, 1835-41, Rev. Samuel R. Houston, D.D., 1842-86, Rev. M. L. Lacy, D.D., 1888-1902, Rev. W. J. Garrison, 1902-08, Rev. J. M. Sedwick, 1910-14, Rev. G. A. Wilson, D.D., 1914-15, Rev. Robert R. Gray, 1917--.

20. Charter Members: Josiah Beard, John Jordin, William Bradshaw, Samuel D. Poage, Mrs. E. Poage, Mrs. Mc. Poage, Mrs. Nancy Cockley, Mrs. Jane Bradshaw, Mrs. Betsy Poage, Elders were: Josiah Beard, George Poage, John Jordin, and Samuel Poage.

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church building was completed and dedicated in 1875. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Samuel L. Graham, who served this church, 1819 to 1836.

Records of this church were not available to the compilers of this volume.

Unpublished historical sketch: "Oak Grove Presbyterian Church," comps., Miss Minnie Wallace, Miss Maggie Ruckman, and J. N. McNeel. Copy on file at church.

123. MUDDY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1816--. Blaker Mills, Greenbrier County.

Organized in 1816, by Rev. John McElhenney. The first church, a two-story log structure with a gallery, was erected on a site given by Mr. James Jarrett, located across the road from the cemetery above Big Spring, and was used until 1859, when the second log building was constructed on land donated by Mr. George Lewis and wife. This was replaced, in 1871, by the present frame building.[21] For detailed sketch of Rev. Dr. McElhenney, See footnote, p. 109.

Session Records, 1884--. 3 vols. Contains minutes of session meetings, financial records and church register. In possession of H. S. Neel, Clerk of Session. Prior records may be incorporated into those of Old Stone (see entry 119).

Church School Records, 1921--. 18 vols. At Blaker home, Blaker Mills.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1921--. 2 vols. In possession of Miss Virginia Hogsette, Blue Sulphur Springs.

124. BEVERLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1818--. Main Street, Beverly, Randolph County.

First worship services were held in the homes of Levi and Jacob Ward, and at Levi McLain's, near Beverly. Rev. William Wilson, who came to the region from Old Augusta Stone Church at Staunton, preached at Beverly and at Huttonsville (see entry 127) after 1788.[22] The settlers in this region were dependent upon Rev. Mr. Wilson and other traveling missionaries until 1818. In 1818 Rev. Asa Brooks, a missionary from New England, settled near Beverly and organized a church. Services were held in a schoolhouse and in homes of members until 1852 when the first church, a log structure, was built. Services were continued in this building until 1861 when it was destroyed by Federal troops. The present church building was erected in 1873,

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21. Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 26, p. 403, 1871, Geo. Lewis, grantor.
22. There is some evidence that the first person to hold services at Beverly was a Rev. Mr. Cummings, licensed to preach by Tinkling Springs Presbytery. In 1772 he was directed to preach eight sermons a year in Greenbrier County and Tygart's Valley. See Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes (1915) p. 17.

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and additions and improvements were made during the pastorate of Rev. C. D. Gilkerson in 1893. The church is a frame structure of schoolhouse type architecture with belfry and bell. The first clergyman to hold regular services at Beverly was Rev. Asa Brooks, who served 1818-19.[23]

Session Records, February 7, 1891--. 2 vols. Vol. I, February 7, 1891-March 19, 1911; vol. II, March 26, 1911--. Vol. I, on file at church; vol. II, in possession of Mr. H. A. Crawford, Beverly.

Church School Records, 1878--. 7 vols. Located in church.

Financial Records, 1915--. 4 vols. In possession of N. C. Weber, Beverly.

Ladies Auxiliary Records, 1939--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. E. M. Weese, Beverly.

Published historical sketch: Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1915) p. 17.

125. GREENBRIER CHAPEL, 1818--. Neola, Greenbrier County.

Organized in 1818, from the congregation of the Old Stone Church (see entry 119). The name of the first minister has been lost, but it is probable that the Chapel was served by visiting ministers from neighboring churches. The first church, a log building without floor or seats, and with a gallery for slaves, was used by both Presbyterian and Baptist congregations. This building was torn down and the material sold in 1890, and the present structure was built. It was dedicated in 1898. A manse near the church is included in the church property.

Session Records, 1865--. 2 vols. Records 1818-61 were carried away by Union soldiers during the Civil War. Includes

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23. Ministers who served this church were: Rev. Asa Brooks, 1818, (Missionary from New England); Rev. Aretas Loomis, 1819-26, (Missionary from New England); Rev. Henry Brown, 1831; Rev. John S. Blain, 1832; Rev. James S. Baber, 1832-34; Rev. John S. Blain, 1835-38; Intermittent services from 1838-41; Rev. Theodore Gallandet, 1841-42; Irregular 1842-44; Rev. Enoch Thomas, 1844-60; No records of pastor 1860-67; Rev. Robert Scott, 1867-75; Rev. W. S. Plummer Bryan, 1878-83; Rev. Samuel J. Baird, 1883-84; Intermittent, 1884-87; Rev. J. N. Vandevender, 1887-90; Rev. C. D. Gilkerson, 1891-98; Rev. J. A. Thomas, 1899-1902; Rev. F. H. Barron, 1904 (pastor at Elkins Church); Rev. B. H. Dupuy, 1906-08; Rev. J. C. Crane, 1910; Rev. N. W. Kuykendall, 1911-12; Rev. J. C. Crane, 1913; Rev. T. P. Allen, 1914-17; Rev. L. B. Hensley, 1919-29; Rev. Robert O. Lucke, 1929--.

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minutes of the session and business records. In possession of Mrs. J. N. Hoke, Alvon.

Church Register, 1865--. 1 vol. Includes record of members, baptisms, marriages and deaths. In possession of Mrs. J. N. Hoke.

Church School Records, 1919--. 20 vols. In church library.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1933--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. J. N. Hoke.

126. LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1820--. Green Bank, Pocahontas County.

Established about 1820, by Rev. Aretas Loomis,[24] services were held for many years in the Union Church, of Deer Creek. This log building was shared by the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations until the present church was built by the Presbyterian congregation,[25] in 1851.[26] The Methodists used the building until the New Salem Church and the Arbovale churches were erected, when the log church was abandoned. The first church was located on the site of the present Arbovale Cemetery. The present church is a plain frame structure.[27] Rev. Mr. Loomis, the first pastor, who served the church from 1820 to 1825, was the organizer of many churches throughout the Tygart's Valley section. This organization was formerly known as "Head of Greenbrier."

Session Records, 1820--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of the session and register of members. Vol. 1, 1820-59; vol. 2, 1860-1900; vol. 3, 1900-24; vol. 4, 1924--.

Church School and Women's Auxiliary records are kept, but could not be located.

Financial Records, 1900--. 4 vols. In possession of Church Treasurer.

127. TYGART'S VALLEY (HUTTONSVILLE) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1820-1864, 1878--. Huttonsville, Randolph County.

The first religious services held in Tygart's Valley are said to have been held by a Presbyterian minister, Rev. Mr. William Wilson, who came across the mountains from Old Augusta

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24. See entry 124.
25. Tradition says that the two congregations had a dispute over the Presbyterian "anxious seat" and the Methodist "mourner's bench". When Methodist services were held, it was necessary for the Presbyterians to remove their "anxious seat", and they, in turn, made the Methodists remove their "mourner's bench" for the Presbyterian services. The argument finally resulted in the erection of the Liberty Church. Ed.
26. Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 8, p. 154. Sabina Walkup, grantor.
27. Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 33, p. 407. Jan. 12, 1903.

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Stone Church at Staunton, and preached at Huttonsville after 1788.[28] The settlers of this section were dependent upon Rev. Wilson and other traveling missionaries until 1818. The first resident minister in the section was Rev. Aretas Loomis, who settled here about 1818. In 1820, the church was formally organized by the Rev. Mr. Loomis, Daniel McLean, Jonathan Hutton and Andrew Crawford, at the latter's home.[29] In 1823, three acres of land near Huttonsville was deeded to the trustees of the organization by Adam See,[30] and three years later a plain brick church was erected. This was known as "Brick Church" until the reorganization of the congregation in 1878, when the name was changed to Huttonsville Church. The brick church was of plain architecture, with a slave gallery and high pulpit. During the Civil War, Federal troops demolished it, using the bricks to construct ovens and chimneys for the soldiers at Fort Melroy on Cheat Mountain.[31]

Due to the loss of the church, the organization became inactive, and the next record found of the congregation is a meeting on November 18, 1878, when plans were discussed for the building of a church.[32] Some of the members desired to rebuild the brick church on the former site, but a lot was given the trustees by James S. and John Hutton, and this, the present site, was selected.[33] The present Gothic style church was designed by Isaac Purcell, Philadelphia architect, and was dedicated October 21, 1883, Rev. J. W. Rosebro preaching the dedicatory sermon. It is especially noted for its cathedral glass windows, which were imported from Europe, and designed by Marshall and Bros., Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. A manse nearby is a part of the church property. Rev. Aretas Loomis, the first resident minister,[34] served the church from 1818 to 1826, and was active in the organization of other churches throughout the valley. He also served as pastor of French Creek Church (see entry 60) about 1823.

Session Records, 1878--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of session meetings and financial records. Earlier records destroyed when church was torn down during the Civil War.

Register Book, 1884--. 1 vol. Record of members, baptisms, marriages, and deaths. Session Records and Register in possession of Rev. G. O. Yount, Huttonsville.

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28. Rev. J. N. Van Devender, Augusta Church, 1737-1900, p. 23.
29. Lena Fornash, "Early History of the Tygart's Valley Presbyterian Church," p. 1.
30. Randolph County, Deed Books, 6, p. 162.
31. Fornash, loc. cit., p. 3.
32. Session Records, 1878.
33. Randolph County, Deed Books, 24, p. 76.
34. Pastorate: Rev. Aretas Loomis, 1818-26; Rev. John S. Blain, 1828-31; Henry S. Brown, 1831-32; Rev. James Baker, 1832-

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Church School Records, 1930--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Lena Fornash, Huttonsville.

Unpublished historical sketch: Lena Fornash, "Early History of the Tygart's Valley Presbyterian Church, Huttonsville, W. Va." Copy in possession of author.

Published historical sketch: Capt. W. H. Cobb, "Presbyterianism in Tygart's Valley," Elkins Inter-Mountain, September 10, 1925.

128. MINGO RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1831--. Mingo, Randolph County.

Settled by a group of Presbyterians from Bath and Rockbridge Counties, Virginia, services were held in homes of the group with some member acting as leader for many years. The actual organization of the congregation is said to have grown out of services held by a Presbyterian missionary and a Methodist missionary who joined forces for an ardent series of revival services. A number of the original Presbyterian group desired to form a congregation, and due to the fact that there was no organized judiciary to admit them, petitioned the Tygart's Valley Church (see entry 127) to be allowed to unite with them. This request was granted August 27, 1831[35] and the members admitted to the congregation.

35; Rev. John S. Blain, 1835-39; Rev. Theodore Gallendet, 1839-44; Rev. Enoch Thomas, 1844-61; Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, 1878; Rev. T. J. Brooks, 1879-81; Rev. James F. Johnson, 1881-88; Rev. J. B. Bittenger, 1889-96; Rev. H. W. Myers, 1897; Rev. W. E. Hudson, 1898-1905; Rev. C. W. McDonald, 1907-12; Rev. W. A. Reverly, 1913-19; Rev. J. S. Cook, 1920-21; Rev. Glenn O. Yount, 1924--.

35. "On the 27th August 1831 (a communion season) the session met at the Tygart's Valley Church and was constituted with prayer. Rev. Henry Brown, Moderator. Members present: Andrew Crawford, Jonathan Hutton, Squire Bosworth, Matthew Whitman, Daniel McLean. The following persons from Mingo flats presented themselves as candidates for church membership, and after examination as to their experimental religion were received into full communion with the church. Henry Harrald, Jonas Simmons, Rosanah Rinehart, Mary A. Logan, Alexander C. Logan, Joseph Moore, Amanda Moore, Peter Harper, Susanah Harper, Henry Harper." See, Session Book, vol. 1.

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The session met at the home of William H. Wilson in September and more names were added to the congregation.[36] The first elders were elected and ordained September 21, 1832.[37] In 1841 the congregation, which was still worshipping in the homes of the members, petitioned to be set off as a separate church.[38] The petition was granted and the church constituted under its present name. In 1851 a Union Church was erected in Mingo and this was used by the Presbyterian, as well as the other congregations, until the present church was dedicated in 1900. The congregation must have been inactive during the Civil War, as there are no records from August 12, 1860 to August 15, 1866. The session has two other congregations under its jurisdiction, the church at Valley Head (see entry 156) and the one at Point Mountain (see entry 132). Rev. James Baber seems to have been the first settled pastor of the congregation and served from 1832 to about 1835. Two earlier ministers, Rev. Henry Brown and Rev. George Baxter, were occasional visitors to the congregation in 1831.[39]

Session Records, 1831--. 2 vols. Record of all business transacted in session. Also includes list of members, marriages, baptisms, and deaths. Vol. 1, 1831-82, in custody of Randolph County Historical Society, in vault, Peoples National Bank, Elkins, West Virginia; vol. 2, 1882--, in custody of Frank Marshall, Mingo.

Unpublished historical sketch of church at Presbyterian Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

129. CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1835--. Gap Mills, Monroe County.

This church had its origin about 1790, when the Steele, Neel, Crosier, and Dunbar families settled at "the gap". The women members of these families were sisters, and had belonged to the Maxwell family, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, all of whom were Presbyterians. Services were held by this group and by their descendants in the home of the members, who allied themselves with the church at Union. It was not until 1808, that a minister of their denomination visited them, and it is said that Dr. John McElhenney (see entry 119) preached his first sermon after his ordination to this group in that

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36. Among the persons presenting themselves for membership were: Major William McCord, William Harper, Moses Hutton, John Ritter, Andrew Bailey, Elizabeth Hannah, Margarette Luckey, John Arbogast, Thomas Hoover, Susanah Wilson, Lucinda Ritter, Joseph Hannah, Michael Harold. Also Issac (A man of color belonging to George See).
37. William Wilson and William Logan.
38. Courtney, History of the Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 14.
39. Session Book, vol. 1.

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year. As ministers became established throughout the section, more frequent preaching services were held, and in 1835, the group petitioned the church at Union (see entry 121) to be allowed to establish a church of their own.[40] The petition was granted by the mother church. It is said that all the petitioning members, except two, were direct descendents of the original Presbyterian settlers. It is also told that the privilege of naming the church was given to the oldest member, and that Thomas Steele was the person who gave the name of (Mount) Carmel to the church. A log church, erected on land given by Andrew Summers, was built in 1835.[41] In 1855, it was replaced by the present church, a plain frame building. The first resident minister was Rev. Dion C. Pharr, who served from 1835 to 1838.[42]

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40. "August 1, 1835, the session met Present: Rev. Wm. Campbell, Moderator; James Glenn, James Curry, Thomas Irons, James Young, John Dunbar and J. B. Hogshead, Elders. The following petition from members of the church in Gap Mills was presented by Mr. Dunbar: 'We, the undersigned members of the church of Union, residing in the Gap Valley believing that it would be for the spiritual interest of our neighborhood for us to be organized into a district church, respectfully ask leave of the session of the Church of Union to be dismissed from that church for the aforesaid purpose.' Signed: Mary A. Dunbar, Alice Patton, Wm. Crosier, Sarah Crosier, Jane Steele, Margaret Jarvis, Isabelle Gilchrist, Samuel Steele, Edith Steele, Wm. H. Neele, Margaret Bland, Thos. Steele, John M. Dunbar, Abner Neel, Robert Dunbar, John Steele, Thomas Dunbar, Rebecca Poland, Hannah Dunbar, Adam Crosier, William Dunbar, George Steele, James Crosier, Sarah Steele, Elizabeth Crosier, Mary Neel, Elizabeth Dunbar, Agnes Kitchen, Julia Smith, Rebecca Neel. Resolved that the above petition be granted and that the persons therein named be granted and they hereby are dismissed from the church for the purpose stated in the petition, and in obedience to and from Presbytery, and so soon as shall have organized a distinct church, their responsibility to this session shall terminate as being no longer under its watch and care." Session Record, Union Church.
41. Morton, History, p. 327.
42. Ministers serving this church have been: Rev. Dion C. Pharr, 1835-38; Rev. William C. Campbell, 1838-40; Rev. J. N. Lewis, 1840-42; Rev. Dion C. Pharr, 1842; Rev. S. R. Hutson, n.d.; Rev. John C. Brown, n.d.; Rev. H. B. Ross, 1859-67; Rev. R. R. Houston, 1867-71; Rev. Geo. T. Lyle, 1873-80; Rev. J. W. Holt, 1881-89; Rev. G. W. Nickell, 1893-1900; Rev. J. W. Flournoy, 1902-06; Rev. N. P. Campbell, 1906-09; Rev. J. W. Sedgwick, 1910-13; Rev. G. A. Wilson, 1914-15; Rev. R. R. Grey, 1915-22; Rev. C. R. Lacy, student, 1909; Rev. F. C. Clark, 1923-24; Rev. G. C. Long, 1924; Rev. A. B. Shiflet, 1925--.

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Session Records, 1835--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of session and financial records.
Church Register, 1835--. 1 vol. Includes record of members, marriages, baptisms, and deaths.
Church School Records, 1835--. Annual vols.

Published history: Oren F. Morton, History of Monroe County, (McClure Company: Staunton, Virginia, 1916). Contains sketch of this church.

130. *OLD BRICK CHURCH, 1837-61. Lower Flats, Mason County.

Early Presbyterian services were held at this point in 1815 by Rev. William Gould, of the Gallipolis, Ohio, Church, and through his efforts, a congregation was gathered together which was formally organized in 1837,[43] under the ministry of Rev. Francis Dutton, the first resident pastor, serving until 1838. The history of this church is closely allied with that of the Point Pleasant Church (see entry 194) and it has been under the sessional direction of the Point Pleasant Church throughout its organization. Land was acquired in 1837[44] and the first church of this denomination erected that year. It was a substantial brick building, and although the official name was Lower Flats Church, it became familiarly known as the "Brick Church", and later as the "Old Brick Church". This building was used until the Civil War, when the congregation disbanded and the church was used as a stable by Union troops. The badly damaged building remained unused until after the organization of the Pleasant Flats Church in 1873, when it was torn down. A lot across the road, which was used as a cemetery, was included in the church property, and this, together with the church lot, was sold to Mrs. Nannie B. Bogg, Point Pleasant, in 1933.[45]

Records are incorporated into those of the Point Pleasant Church.

Published historical sketch: Rev. John Kountz Roberts, Jr. A History of the Presbyterian Church, Point Pleasant, W. Va., (Point Pleasant: 1935).

131. *OLD FORT SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1846-1925. Fort Springs, Greenbrier County.

Organized in 1846[46] as a mission of Old Stone Church (see entry 119). The first church was a log building, said

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43. Trustees were: Peter Knopp, Michael Kauns, William Porter Sr., James Raburn and Charles Lewis. See Roberts, op. cit., p. 10.
44. Mason County, Deed Books, 9, p. 663.
45. Ibid., 109, p. 372.
46. Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 16, p. 710, 1846. John Sydenstricker, grantor.

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to have been built within the fort during the Civil War. This building was torn down about 1907, to make way for the present colonial styled frame building, which was dedicated in 1909. Although organized under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. John McElhenney, its first resident pastor was Rev. Dr. M. L. Lacy, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and an assistant to Dr. McElhenney, who served from 1866 to 1884. The church at Fort Springs was active until 1925 when the Synod, by order of the Greenbrier Presbytery, dissolved it on September 23, 1925.[47]

Records complete, 1846-1925. Incorporated into those of Old Stone Church, at Greenbrier Military School Building.

132. POINT MOUNTAIN UNION CHURCH, 1850--. Monterville, Randolph County.

This group was first organized as a mission of the Mingo Run Presbyterian Church (see entry 128). The first services were held in the local school building, as early as 1850, although formal organization did not take place until 1890. In 1890, a union church was erected and this building was used by the Presbyterian and Methodist denominations. With the building of their own church the members asked to be dismissed from Mingo Church as a separate organization, and late in 1890, they became a separate church. Rev. W.S.P. Bryan was the first resident clergyman, serving here 1890-94. The church owns a manse, which is located at Marlinton. Mingo Run and Point Mountain are both charges on the Marlinton Circuit.

Session Books, 1850--. 2 vols. Vol. I in possession of Frank Marshall, Mingo. Vol. II. In Church.

Register Books, 1885--. 1 vol. Contains lists of marriages, members and deaths. In possession of Frank Marshall, Mingo.

Church School Records, current only.

133. CENTERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1854--. Greenville, Monroe County.

Organized June 10, 1854, and received in Greenbrier Presbytery the same year. The first and present church was erected about the time of organization and was dedicated in July 1854. It is a log building, and, except for repairs and one addition, is much the same as when first erected. Rev. M. H. Bittinger was the first resident minister, serving for a total of 47 years, 1855-1902.[48]

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47. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1925) p. 106.
48. Courtney, History of Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 80.

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Session Records, 1856-65; 1867-1927. 2 vols. Record of session and financial records.

Church Register, 1855--. 1 vol. Includes record of members, officers, marriages, baptisms, and deaths.

Church School Records, 1920--. Annual volumes.

134. HUNTERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1854-- Huntersville, Pocahontas County.

Services were held here as early as 1836 but formal organization of church was not effected until 1854.[49] Work began immediately on the first church which was dedicated August 12, 1854.[50] The church, a plain frame building with belfry, is still in use today. This church grew out of Sunday school services held by members of the Presbyterian faith. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Mitchell Dunlap, who served the church from the time of its organization until 1868.

Session Records, 1877--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the session, church register, and financial records.

135. MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1854--. Sinks Grove, Monroe County.

Organized August 12, 1854,[51] by members dismissed from the Union Presbyterian Church (see entry 121) for the purpose of establishing a new congregation. Services had been held in the vicinity for many years, under the ministry of Rev. John McElhenney, of the Old Stone Church (see entry 119). These services were held in the homes of Presbyterians members, and it is probable that a church had been erected prior to the formal organization of the congregation for trustees had been elected to hold property as early as 1851. The present large brick church was dedicated in 1876. The first resident pastor was Dr. S. R. Houston, who served in this capacity from 1854 to 1886.

Session Records, 1854--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of session meetings and business records of the church, 1854-1919, register 1854-77.

Church Register, 1878--. 1 vol. Prior records in

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49. Courtney, History of Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 68.
50. Ibid.
51. Rev. W. S. Beard, Dr. Samuel R. Houston, and Ruling Elder Richard V. Shanklin appointed by Greenbrier Presbytery for purpose of dividing Union Presbyterian Church. Elders chosen were: James Curry, James Young, John H. Remley, and W. G. Young. Deaconate: Robert Curry, James Hogshead, Joseph Parker, and J. M. Nickell.

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Session Books. Show names of members, baptisms, marriages, death lists of elders and pastors.
Financial Records, 1930--. 1 vol.
Church School Records. Annual volumes.

136. FRANKFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1855--. Frankford, Greenbrier County.

This church, organized in 1855, first held services in the Dowd school building. The present frame building was erected and dedicated in 1857.[52] A manse at Frankford is also part of the church property.[53] Rev. Samuel Brown, whose tenure of service covered the period from 1857 to 1859, was the first resident pastor.

Session Records, 1857--. 4 vols. Contains financial records, registers of baptisms, deaths, membership, marriages, and session minutes. In possession of Mr. Charles Rader, Clerk of Session.

Church School Records, 1900--. 10 vols. In possession of the secretary.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1899--. 7 vols. In possession of Mrs. William McClintic.

Historical sketch by Mrs. Emmett Tyree, Frankford, is now in publisher's hands, at Montreat, North Carolina.

137. *RIVERVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1858-1919. Riverview, Summers County.

Formal organization of this church was effected by a committee from Greenbrier Presbytery in 1858. A church was built and dedicated the same year. This was a small frame building, and is still in use. In 1919, the building was leased to the Methodist Episcopal congregation, the Presbyterian group having become defunct. The first settled clergyman was Rev. M. H. Bittinger, who served this church from 1858 to 1873.

No records located, but some brief notes may be incorporated into those of the Sinks Grove Church (see entry 135), whose ministers served this congregation at various times.

138. BAXTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1859--. Dunmore, Pocahontas County.

Organized August 21, 1859, under the ministry of Rev. J. C. Barr, who had served the congregation since 1858. The

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52. Land for the church was granted by Samuel Kincaid in 1851. It was his hope that this grant would make possible organization of Presbyterian Church at Frankford. See: Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 19, p. 231.
53. Ibid., 23, p. 489. Land granted in 1861 by Samuel Ludington for manse.

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church, a frame building of colonial architecture, was erected prior to organization, and was dedicated August 27, 1858.[54] During the Civil War, it was occupied by Union soldiers, who almost totally destroyed the interior. For several years following the war, the building was not used, services being held in the homes of members, until the church was sufficiently restored for services. Miss Margaret Pritchard, a medical missionary in Korea, was a member of this church. The first resident minister, Rev. J. C. Barr, served from 1858 to 1860.

Session Records, 1858--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of session, financial records, register of members, marriages, baptisms, and deaths.

Historical sketch of church by Miss Ella Pritchard published in The Pocahontas Times, Marlinton, August 21, 1939.

139. McELHENNEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1860--. Grassy Meadows, Greenbrier County.

Organization formed 1860 and the first services were held in a log school building, located near the site of the present building. This building is a plain frame structure of American architectural design, and was dedicated in 1891. Rev. John McElhenney for whom the church was named (see entry 119) was the first resident pastor. Tenure of service in this church is unknown.

Session Records, 1860--. 4 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, deaths, and financial records. In possession of Charles Sandige.

Church School Records, 1929--. 18 vols. In possession of Mrs. Charles Sandige, Grassy Meadows.

Young People's Organization Records, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Ocie Stephens.

Unpublished historical sketch written by Mr. Frank Lewis, Grassy Meadows. In possession of Historical Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

140. SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1860--. Organ Cave, Greenbrier County.

Organized March 24, 1860,[55] by a group of members dismissed from the Old Stone Church at Lewisburg (see entry 119) and the church at Union (see entry 121) and said to be the

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54. Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 8, p. 207. July 5, 1861, John W. and Caroline E. Warwick, grantors; Robert D. McCutcheon, Robert Curry, Jacob C. McGlaughlin, Samuel H. McCutcheon, and William T. Gammon, trustees, grantees.
55. Session Records, p. 1.

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tenth church organized by Dr. John McElhenney.[56] The first church must have been built prior to formal organization, for the deed is dated June 10, 1856.[57] This church was used until the second building was erected in the spring of 1879.[58] It was dedicated during the summer months of the same year, and was destroyed by fire, May 10, 1910. The present frame building was dedicated in 1912. The church maintains a manse jointly with the congregation at Union, where the manse is located. McLean Chapel (see entry 161) was established as a mission of this church. Miss Mary Price, one of the charter members, was a missionary to the Indian Territory. Rev. R. R. Houston, a graduate of Washington College, was the first settled pastor,[59] and served the church from 1860 to 1872.

Session Records, 1860--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of session meetings, financial summary reports, and record of baptisms. In possession of Mr. D. C. Humphreys, Ronceverte.

Church School Records, 1927--. 11 vols. In possession of Mr. Humphreys.

Girl's Circle Records, 1926--. In possession of Mrs. W. G. Hoover, Organ Cave.

Women's Auxiliary Record, 1882--. 4 vols. In possession of Mrs. E. F. Dixon, Organ Cave.

Unpublished historical sketch: Miss Blanche Humphreys, "History of Salem Presbyterian Church", MS., written September 1935. Copy in possession of author at Organ Cave.

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56. Charter members of this church included: Benjamin F. Hogshead, Benjamin Vanstavern, Nicholas Vanstavern, Polly Hogshead, Mary E. Hogshead, Isabell B. Hogshead, Rebecca A. Hogshead, Amanda Vanstavern, Alexander Jackson, Margery Jackson, Jacob Price, Mary B. Price, Sarah J. Price, Mrs. J. Mason Price, Elizabeth Mary Price, Abraham Price, Mary Price, Margaret E. Erwin, Sarah Eads, Sarah R. Level, Robert H. Gibson, Mary Vanstavern. Ruling Elders were: Jacob Price, Abraham Price, Benjamin F. Hogshead. Deacons were: Benjamin Vanstavern and J. Mason Price.
57. Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 21, p. 381, June 10, 1856. Grantor: Robert C. Burdette. Grantees: John Hogshead, John Remley, John Burdette, Abraham Price, and Charles Price.
58. Building Committee: A. R. Jackson, John W. Jackson, James Humphreys, John C. Burdette, and Joseph Morgan.
59. Following ministers have served this church as pastors or supplies: Samuel R. Houston, Rutherford R. Houston, George T. Lyle, J. W. Holt, W. F. Wilhelm, S. R. Gammon, L. A. McLean, Ben Harrah, F. W. Gray, W. W. Pharr, J. E. Flow, R. L. McKinnon, R. P. Sydenstricker, and Robert R. Gray.

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141. BLUE SULPHUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, c.1861--. Blue Sulphur, Greenbrier County.

Little is known about the organization of this church, as all records have been lost and none are kept today. It is supposed that organization was effected some time prior to 1861. A brick structure was started before the Civil War, but was not completed until 1885.[60] This building was used for an unknown number of years, when it had to be abandoned and torn down, due to weak walls. No new building has been built, and since that time, this congregation has held services in conjunction with the Methodists.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1921--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. Joe Fleshman.

142. *ANTHONY'S CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1865-1933. Alvon, Greenbrier County.

Organized in 1865 and the building erected and dedicated in 1878. Rev. J. C. Brown (see entry 194), was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1878 to 1880. The building is a plain frame structure of early American architectural style. The lot on which the church stands was deeded to Henry Sydenstricker by Wellington Holly. This church has been inactive since 1933.

Session Records, 1865-1933. 1 vol. Also contains financial records.

Register Book, 1865-1933. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths.

All records in possession of Mrs. J. N. Hoke, Alvon. Mrs. Hoke is preparing a history of this church, but does not have it in pamphlet form as yet.

143. PHILIPPI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1867--. Philippi, Barbour County.

Organized at the instance of Rev. Robert Scott[61] on November 2, 1867, by Mrs. Elizabeth Harper Morrall, Mrs.

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60. Alexis M. Buster of Blue Sulphur Springs in 1886 granted the church some additional land, to be used as a cemetery. See: Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 38, p. 29.

61. "Rev. Robert Scott. Pioneer Presbyterian Minister of Post-Bellum Times in Tygart's Valley. Born in York County, Pennsylvania, 1813. Licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Lexington, Missouri, April 5, 1845. Ordained by the same Presbytery September 13, 1846. Scene of first labors, Caldwell County, Missouri, and later the "Platte Country". Driven from Missouri in 1866 by the Anti-Southern agitation. Preached at Mt. Horeb Church, Augusta County, Virginia, then, by appointment of Lexington Presbytery (Virginia) took charge of the work in Tygart's Valley from

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Sarah Bush Dayton, and Mrs. Lucy M. Bradford.[62] Rev. Mr. Scott was the first clergyman to serve this church, 1867-71. Services were held in courthouse from 1867 to 1876. The church building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Charles Sidney Matthew See and dedicated 1876.[63] It is a frame, rural-type building with a tall bell tower. A manse is also owned.

Session Records, 1867--. 1 vol. Contains records of marriages, members, deaths, and baptisms. In manse.

Church School Records, 1887--. 1 vol.

Ladies Aid Records, 1887--. 1 vol.

Foreign Missionary Society Records, 1914--.

Financial Records, 1867--. 1 vol. In possession of the treasurer.

Published history: Howard Grant, The History of Presbyterian Church at Philippi. (Philippi: 1934).

144. DAVIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1869--.
Randolph Avenue, Elkins, Randolph County.

In 1832, religious services were held in the Leading Creek District by Rev. James Baber, at the home of Mr. Jacob Ward. The Leading Creek Church, by which name Davis Memorial was known until September 1895, was organized[64] March 1869 under the leadership of Rev. Robert Scott, in a building known as the Old White Church.[65] This first building was of plain frame construction, and was used until 1895, at which time the present stone building was erected by Hon. Henry G. Davis, and his brother, Col. Thomas B. Davis, as a memorial to their parents. The Old White Church, now the Elkins Presbyterian Church (see entry 179), was erected in 1858, through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goddin, on land given by Mr. Job Wees. It stood on a lot now in the city of Elkins, between the Heavner and Tonry homes. This church building was occupied by soldiers during the Civil War, and was at one time used as a stable. After the war, it was restored and used by this congregation until about 1895. Rev. Robert Scott,

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Mingo Flats to Philippi. Died August 28, 1885. His record of sermons shows that he preached in at least 55 counties during his ministry in the valley". From the Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes (1915) facing p. 7.

62. Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes (1915) facing p. 15.
63. Ibid.
64. Charter members were: Chambers Musto, Margaret Musto, Urania Anderson, Alice Wees, George McLean, Levi Ward, Catherine Ward, Jehu Harper, Ellen Harper, Mary Harper, Helen Pharas, Jemima Taylor, Rachel Goddin, Mary Ward, Rebecca Ward, Harriet Baker, Elizabeth Ward, Marion Hill, and Rena Anderson.
65. Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes (1911) p. 13.

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the first pastor[66] served this congregation until 1882.

Session Books, 1916--. 2 vols. Contains minutes of session and lists of baptisms and members.

Church School Records, 1928--. 15 vols.

Financial Records, 1929--. 1 vol.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1928--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Ruth Rennix.

Ladies Auxiliary Records, 1933--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. Charles Albert.

145. RICHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1869--. Richlands, Greenbrier County.

Although attempts were made to establish a separate church at Richlands as early as 1819,[67] this group remained part of Old Stone Church at Lewisburg until 1869 (see entry 119). On August 21, 1869, a committee of persons dismissed from the Lewisburg Church met and effected a permanent organization at Richlands.[68] Officers were elected and installed the following day.[69] Land was donated for a church site by Charles Peyton, Agnes Peyton, Henry Stuart, and Andrew Stuart, on June 27, 1869, and the first church, a frame building, was finished soon after organization had been completed. This building, located where the old Richlands schoolhouse now stands, served until it was sold and a new manse and church erected, in 1889.[70] The present church is a frame structure of plain American architecture. Three members[71] of this church have become ministers, and Marion Sydenstricker, the son of Mr. John Sydenstricker, is a missionary to Brazil. Rev. David S. Sydenstricker served, 1871-72, as the first

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66. The following have served as pastors of this church: Rev. Robert Scott, Rev. Enoch Thomas, Rev. Dr. Preston, Rev. C.S.M. See, Rev. Patterson Fletcher, Rev. J. N. Van Devender, Rev. C. S. Linganfelter, Rev. F. H. Barron, and Rev. J. McC. Lacy.
67. The group was granted land to build a church in 1819. See: Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 12, p. 318.
68. Charter members: Mrs. Rachel Burger, Joseph H. Burger, C. F. Buster, Mrs. Jane Ann Buster, Mrs. Sophia Dotson, Mrs. Fisher, A. D. Kincaid, Mrs. Polly Kincaid, Jacob Fulwilder, William R. Livesay, Mrs. E. Livesay, Charles L. Peyton, Mrs. Agnes Peyton, Charles W. Peyton, Dr. E. F. Raymond, Mrs. Jane Rader, Mrs. Polly Semmons, William R. Stuart, Sr., Miss E. Jennie Stuart, and John M. Sydenstricker.
69. Trustees: Michael Burger, William R. Livesay, Harry Burger, William R. Stuart and Alexander Dotson. Moderator: Rev. J. H. Leps; Secretary, William R. Stuart, Sr.; Elders: Charles L. Peyton, John M. Sydenstricker, Dr. E. F. Raymond; Deacons: Joseph H. Burger, William R. Livesay.
70. Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 46, p. 248.
71. Charles W. Peyton, Thomas S. Armentrout, and David M. Armentrout.

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resident minister, although Rev. M. L. Lacy served as stated supply until the fall of 1870.

Session Records, 1869--. 3 vols.

Register Books, 1859--. 1 vol. Contains records of baptisms, marriages, members and deaths. Register Books and Session Records in possession of Rev. S. E. Paxton, pastor, Lewisburg.

Church School Records, 1928--. 10 vols. In possession of the clerk of sessions.

Financial Records, 1889--. 2 vols. In possession of the clerk of sessions.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1921--. 4 vols. In possession of Mrs. Lewis Stuart.

146. *SUMMERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, c.1870-1902. Church Street, Summersville, Nicholas County.

Although the organization of this church was effected about 1870,[72] the congregation did not acquire a building of its own until 1894. Prior to this time, services had been conducted in the courthouse and in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Presbyterian house of worship, erected and dedicated in 1894, was a large frame structure. After the organization became defunct in 1902, the building was sold and moved from the lot, which is still the property of the Synod of West Virginia, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Rev. James Lewis was the first resident clergyman. The tenure of his service is not known.

No records were found.

147. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1874--. 221 Ballengee Street, Hinton, Summers County.

Organized 1874, and first building was located on Temple Street. The present Grecian type edifice, with art type memorial windows, was erected and dedicated in 1927. Rev. H. R. Laird, resident pastor, served the congregation from 1876 to 1878.

Session Records, 1890--. 5 vols.

Register Books, 1890--. 5 vols. Contains minutes and church registers.

Unpublished historical sketch, by a Mrs. Larkin and others.

148. MARY'S PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL, 1874--. Elk, Pocahontas County.

This church was organized in 1874. First worship services were held in a log schoolhouse from 1874 until 1888.

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72. Charter members: Margaret Hamilton, Dixon McClung, Joseph W. McClung, Mason White and wife, Jacob Dotson and wife, Ann Wiseman, William Dotson, and William Armstrong.

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The present church building was erected in 1888[73] and is a plain structure of rural schoolhouse design. The first resident clergyman, Rev. R. H. Clarks, served from March 1887, until March 1889. The church was dedicated in 1888 for Presbyterian worship, but is free to all other denominations when not occupied by the Presbyterians. The organization was first known as the Pleasant Valley Church School, and later changed to the present name.

Session Records, 1876--. 2 vols. Contains register of pastors, members, marriages, baptisms, probationers and deaths.

Church School Records, 1876--. 6 vols. 2 vols. missing, 1894-96; 1903-23.

149. WASHBURN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1875--. Caldwell, Greenbrier County.

This group was organized as a mission of the Old Stone Church, Lewisburg (see entry 119) in 1875. First services were held in the yard and home of Mrs. North Caldwell, who later donated a lot for the erection of a church. Rev. R. L. McKinnon, a graduate of Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, was the first resident pastor, serving 1875 to 1885. The brick building, which is of American style of architecture, was erected in 1924, and dedicated the following year. This organization has always been under the jurisdiction of the Old Stone Church.

Session Books, see records of Old Stone Church.

Church School Records, 1934--. 4 vols. In possession of Mrs. W. R. Hefner, Caldwell.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1935--. 2 vols. In possession of Katherine Perkins, Caldwell.

Auxiliary Circle No. 7, (branch of Auxiliary of Old Stone Church) 1925--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. Hefner.

150. ALDERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1876--. Alderson, Monroe County.

First building, a plain frame structure was erected in 1876 by the Masonic Order and members of the church. In 1912, Mrs. James Mann bought the Masonic equity and deeded it to the church. The second building, erected in 1927, is of native stone and Gothic architecture. It was dedicated July 10, 1927. The first resident clergyman was Rev. H. R. Laird, who was educated for the ministry at Hampden-Sydney College and Union Theological Seminary. Among other prominent

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73. Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 19, p. 150, Nov. 3, 1888. William and Polly F. Gibson, grantors; Andrew McGloughlin, Samuel B. Moore, Jacob S. Moore, Jacob A. McGloughlin, James Gibson, Jr., Silas Sharp, and E. D. King, trustees, grantees.

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ministers to serve this church were Rev. Elias D. Jeffries[74] and Rev. Joseph Milton Sloan.[75]

Session Records, 1876--. 3 vols. Minutes, 1876-88, on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Register Book, 1878--. 1 vol. Contains membership, deaths, baptisms, and marriages.

Financial Records, n.d. 1 vol.

Historical sketch, deposited in Historical Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

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74. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1919) p. 42. Rev. Mr. Jeffries was born in Mason County, Va. (W. Va.), November 29, 1854. His father having been killed during the Civil War, Elias Jeffries was adopted into the family of Mr. George Craig. In 1878 or 1879, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from West Virginia University. After having taught school for a while, Mr. Jeffries entered Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. He was ordained by Greenbrier Presbytery in 1884. In that year he was called to the pastorate of the Alderson field. He served Alderson Church as Pastor and Fort Spring and Lowell churches as stated supply for a period of about eleven years, at which time he was compelled to resign his charge and retire from the active work of the ministry because of ill health. On February 22, 1919, after a very protracted illness, Rev. Mr. Jeffries died at his home in Alderson, the field of his only and last ministerial labors.

75. Ibid., (1920), p. 48. Rev. J. M. Sloan was born in Gibson County, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1845. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in General Nathan B. Forrest's cavalry and served in the Confederate Army throughout the war. During the Reconstruction period, he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1873, and from Union Theological Seminary in 1876. From 1876 to 1885 he served as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Ripley, Tenn. In 1885 he came to the Presbyterian Church at Huntington, W. Va. He served one year in the Lewisburg Seminary, supplying the Old Stone Church at Lewisburg as stated supply, and was then called to the pastorate of the Alderson Church for half his time. He served in that capacity and as a Home Missionary for the other half of his time for twenty years. For many years he was the Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Presbytery of Greenbrier; and he held the same office in the Synod of W. Va. since its organization. His wife, Margaret Ella Alsworth, of Canton, Miss., died January 30, 1916. Rev. Mr. Sloan died at his home in Alderson, September 12, 1920, on the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth.

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151. *GREEN SULPHUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1877-1922. Green Sulphur, Summers County.

This church was organized in 1877, and the present and only building erected in 1880. It was a plain frame building of rural schoolhouse design. Rev. Jacob Lewis was the first resident pastor, but the tenure of his service is unknown. Presbyterian services have not been held here since 1922.[76]

Session Books, 1880-1922. 1 vol. In possession of Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

152. HOLLY MEADOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1877-1907; 1915--. 3 miles north of Parsons, Tucker County.

Organization effected on August 23, 1877, by a committee[77] of the Lexington Presbytery, with eight members and one ruling elder;[78] although Rev. Robert Scott began preaching in the neighborhood prior to that date. In 1907, the Holly Meadows Church was dissolved by the Presbytery of Winchester, and its members merged with the Parsons Church. It was reorganized on September 29, 1915 by Rev. W. T. Mann,[79] of the Tygart's Valley Presbytery, with twenty-seven members,[80] two ruling elders and two deacons. The present frame building was erected in 1876, and was dedicated August 23, 1877.[81] The building is now very much in need of repair and regular services have not been held since July 1938.

No records available.

Unpublished historical sketch located in Tucker County, Circuit Clerk's Office. Initials P.F.; no date, approx. 5½ type-written pages. No other identification as to author.

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76. Dropped from the rolls of the Presbytery, Sept. 23, 1925. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1925) p. 106.
77. Committee members were: Rev. Robert Scott, Rev. P. Fletcher, S. B. Wamsley, Joseph Parsons, S. E. Parsons, Ward Parsons, George C. Long, John M. Jenkins, David B. Hart and Jessie Parsons.
78. Mr. Samuel B. Wamsley.
79. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1915) pp. 18, 19.
80. Charter members: Miss Grace Dumire, Miss Hallie Hart Carl Long, Paul Long, Bascom Parsons, Lawrence Parsons, Lucy Parsons, Miss Minnie Parsons, Rufus Parsons, Thomas Parsons, Miss Atha Pifer, Mrs. Merl Pifer, Miss Edna Winters, Miss Sylvia Winters, Joseph Hart, Mrs. Albert Helmick, Chester Helmick, Mrs. Va. Moss, C. H. Parsons, Miss Elizabeth Parsons, Joseph Parsons, Mrs. Joseph Parsons, J. W. Pifer, Mrs. J. W. Pifer, Miss Etta Sterms, Herman Winters, and Mrs. C. H. Parsons.
81. Tucker County, Deed Books, 4, p. 306. George C. Long, grantor; Samuel B. Wamsley, J. M. Jenkins, David B. Hart, Ward Parsons, and George C. Long, trustees, grantees.

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153. HILLSDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1878--. Pickaway, Monroe County.

First services were held by Rev. Samuel R. Houston, and an organization was formed as the result of a signed petition[82] sent to the Presbytery. Formal organization was effected by a committee[83] from the Presbytery, May 15, 1878. Thirty-four charter members were enrolled from Mount Pleasant (see entry 135) and Union (see entry 121) Churches. The building was formerly used as a Union Church by the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian congregations. This edifice, which is of plain frame construction, was erected in 1874. Rev. Samuel R. Houston, the first resident pastor,[84] served this church from 1878 until 1881. A cemetery, which adjoins the churchyard, is a part of the church property.

Session Records, 1878--. 2 vols.

Register Books, 1878--. 4 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members and deaths.

Church School Records, 1927--. 1 vol.

A brief history of the church is being prepared by Mrs. W. W. Hedrick, Pickaway.

154. MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1881--. Main Street, Marlinton, Pocahontas County.

Dr. D. S. Sydenstricker was the leader in a movement to establish a church here.[85] The first building was a plain

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82. Petition signed by: George W. Reuburn, J. A. Cook, Jr., H. Reuburn, Robert E. Rogers, Thomas B. Parker, Mary A. Parker, R. Y. Parker, Joseph Parker, James S. Hawkins, E. J. Shiery, A. C. Lynch, Izabelle Lynch, Sarah A. Nickell, Lennie S. Nickell, Michael A. Rodgers, Will H. Reuburn, Elizabeth M. Reuburn, Emilee E. Cook, Nora B. Reuburn, Mary C. Reuburn, J. C. Beamer, Virginia Beamer, Susan J. Hawkins, Nettie Parker, J. C. McClung, Ed. D. Nickell, Mary J. Lynch, Bettie H. Ballentine, Edward H. Nickell, Izabelle E. Lynch, Rachel Daugherty, and Izabelle R. Reuburn.

83. Committee members: Rev. S. R. Houston, Rev. George L. Lyle, and Elder A. H. Johnson.

84. Pastorate: Rev. Samuel R. Houston, 1878-81; Rev. J. W. Holt, 1881-95; Rev. G. W. Nickell, 1895-1900; Rev. W. C. Flourney, 1901-06; Rev. N. B. Campbell, 1906-08; Rev. R. B. Hudson, 1909-23, and Rev. W. A. Benfield, 1924--.

85. Charter members were: A. M. McGlaughlin, Mrs. M. M. G. McGlaughlin, Harper McGlaughlin, Mrs. Elizabeth McGlaughlin, Mrs. Lucy Gay, Nancy G. Price, Mrs. Caroline Warwick, Miss Emma Warwick, Mrs. S. M. Apperson, James Cleek, Mrs. O. Cleek, and George M. Kee.

frame structure erected in 1882, and used until 1915.[86] The present large brick building was erected in 1915, and dedicated October 8, 1916. A manse was also built at this time. This organization was first known as Marlins Bottom, and was changed to the name of Marlinton Presbyterian Church, June 10, 1900. The first resident clergyman[87] was Dr. W. T. Price, A.B., A.M., D.D., 1885-1900, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

Session Records, 1881--. 5 vols. Contains records of session meetings, communicants, financial records, members and baptisms. Kept in vault in Bank of Marlinton.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1921--. 3 vols. In possession of Mrs. Lewis Gay, Marlinton.

Financial Records, included in Session Records.

Ladies Aid, 1902--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. A. P. Edgar, Marlinton.

Woman's Missionary Society, 1911--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. A. P. Edgar, Marlinton.

155. RONCEVERTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, July 3, 1881--.
Locust Street, Ronceverte, Greenbrier County.

Organized by 21 members dismissed from Old Stone Church (see entry 119). The first worship services were held in a lumber mill until 1882, when a plain frame building was erected on Monroe Avenue.[88] The present brick church was erected on the present site in 1925.[89] It is of Gothic architecture with bell and large memorial windows.[90] Rev. W. F. Wilhelm was the first resident clergyman, 1881-84.

Elders: Andrew M. McGlaughlin and George M. Kee.
Deaconate: Walter Mann, Andrew Price, and E. F. McLaughlin.

86. The church was granted additional lands in the period 1890-1909, funds from sale of this land to be used in building a manse. See: Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 20, p. 195; No. 23, p. 80; No. 42, p. 425 and No. 46, p. 492.

87. Pastorate: Dr. W. T. Price, 1885-1900; Rev. G. W. Nickell, 1900-08; Rev. A. S. Rachall, 1909-14; Rev. J. M. Walker 1914-20; Rev. H. H. Orr, 1921-26; Rev. K. V. Brown, 1926-32, and Rev. S. B. Lapsley, 1933--.

88. Organized by Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, M. L. Lacy, J. D. Arbuckle, C. N. Austin, J. Mays, J. N. Montgomery, S. Price, and J. Withrow.

89. Greenbrier County, Deed Books, 34, p. 236; Ronceverte Improvement Company, grantor.

90. Windows were dedicated to: Edgar H. Loyd, Patton, Creigh.

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Session Records, 1881--. 3 vols. In possession of L. E. Kramer, Ronceverte.
Church School Records, 1881--. 3 vols. In possession of Mr. Kramer.
Financial Records, 1881--. 2 vols. In possession of Mr. Kramer, Ronceverte.
Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1920--. 5 vols. In possession of Mrs. Ernest Lee, Ronceverte.
Christian Endeavor Records, 1919--. 1 vol. In possession of Virginia Butler, Ronceverte.

Unpublished historical sketch: W. H. Burkholder, comp., "History of the Presbyterian Church."

Published historical sketch: Fred Barron, Historical Sketch of the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church, (Ronceverte, West Virginia: Blake Brothers Publishing Company, 1930).

156. VALLEY HEAD PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1885--. Valley Head, Randolph County.

This group was organized as a mission of the Mingo Run Presbyterian Church (see entry 128) in 1885. Prior to the erection of the present building, worship services were held in the local school building. A plain frame building was erected on a native stone foundation in 1889, and dedicated the same year. A manse at Huttonsville, is also owned. Rev. Charles D. Gilkerson was the first resident clergyman, serving here from 1888 until 1891. This organization has always been under the jurisdiction of the Mingo Run Presbyterian Church.
All records incorporated into those of the Mingo Run Church.

157. LACY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1886--. Williamsburg, Greenbrier County.

The first services were held in the Methodist Church until 1888, when the present church building was erected by the Presbyterians. It is a plain frame structure of early American architecture. The land upon which the church was built was deeded to the trustees by Dr. C. A. Thacker, and his wife, and all lumber used in the construction of the building was a donation of Mr. Silas Bransford. This organization came about through the interest of the pastor, and members of the Frankford Church (see entry 136), who often came and held services in this community.91 Rev. M. L. Lacy, who received

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91. Charter members were: Mr. Randolph S. Baker, Mrs. Emmie Baker, Mr. Alexander G. Handley, Mrs. Rebecca J. Handley, Mr. John G. Kessler, Mrs. Mary A. McClung, Mr. Wallace S. Rader, Mrs. Catherine Rader, Mrs. Mary G. Rader, Mr. Oliver Shirkey, Mrs. Mary C. Shirkey, Miss Bertha Shirkey,

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his ministerial education at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, was the first resident clergyman[92] serving 1886-87. The cornerstone for the church was laid by Mr. William Pollock, and within it were placed a Bible, a coin, and a list of names of members. A manse at Richlands is also owned by the church.

Session Records, 1889--. 3 vols. At manse at Richlands.

Register Books, 1889--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. Kept at manse at Richlands.

Church School Records, 1889--. 10 vols. In possession of Julian Bobbitt, Clerk of Session.

Financial Records, 1920--. 4 vols. In possession of Mr. Bobbitt.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1921--. 3 vols. In possession of Mrs. O. J. Beard.

Published historical sketch: S. E. Paxson, "Early History of Lacy Presbyterian Church," in The Richlands Evangel. Richlands, West Virginia, June 12, 1928.

158. KELLER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1887--. Lowell, Summers County.

Organized in 1887 by a commission composed of Rev. J. W. Wightman, D.D., Chairman, Rev. Jacob H. Lewis, and Ruling Elder James Mann.[93] First services were held in a log building situated about two miles from the location of the present building. The present building is of plain frame construction with bell, double doors, and vestibule. Rev. Jacob Lewis was the first resident clergyman, 1887-88. The church was named for Conrad Keller, who was supposed to have been among the first to settle in this section. A lot was donated to the church by Mr. George Keller, for the purpose of erecting a manse, but the final plans were never carried out.

Session Records, 1887--. 16 vols. 1887-1932 in hands of William Haynes; 1 vol. 1932--, in hands of Mary Nelson.

Register Books, 1887--. n.v. Contains list of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. Records, 1888-1932 in possession of William Haynes and Henry Kesler. Records 1932--, in possession of John Hinchman, Lowell.

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and Miss Mary E. Williams. Elders were: Alexander G. Handley, Wallace S. Rader, and Oliver Shirkey. Deacons were: Randolph S. Baker, and John G. Kessler.

92. Pastorate: Rev. M. L. Lacy, 1886-87, Rev. Samuel L. Wilson, 1887-89, Rev. B. A. Pendleton, 1890-91, Rev. C. H. Dobbs, 1892-99, Rev. F. G. Hartman, 1901-02, Rev. W. L. Bedinger, 1904-11, Rev. Robert A. Lucke, 1913-15, Rev. F. H. Wix, 1919-23, Rev. G. W. Nickell, 1924-26, Rev. S. E. Paxson, 1927--.

93. Courtney, History of Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 94.

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Church School Records, 1887--. 12 vols. Records prior to 1931 in possession of Henry Kesler. Records, 1931--. 1 vol. In possession of Mary Gwinn Nelson, Lowell.
Financial Records, 1887--. 3 vols. 1887-97, in possession of William Hughes; 1897-1931, in possession of Henry Kesler; 1931--, in possession of Mary Gwinn Nelson, Lowell.

Unpublished historical sketch written by Mr. Henry Kesler, now in possession of his daughter, in Bluefield.

159. VALLEY BEND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1888-1931; 1933--. Nr. Valley Bend, Randolph County.

In 1888, Mrs. Mary Ewing donated the land on which to build a church at Valley Bend. This building was dedicated October 20, 1889. It is a plain frame structure with belfry and bell, and rests on a foundation of native stone. Until 1913 the Valley Bend congregation was a part of the Beverly Church (see entry 124). Name and tenure of the first resident pastor is unknown. Organized independently on October 11, 1913 by a commission[94] appointed by Tygart's Valley Presbytery. When, in 1928, the Tygart's Valley Presbytery was dissolved, the Valley Bend Church was added to the roll of Greenbrier Presbytery. In 1931[95] the church was dissolved by the latter body and again restored to the roll in 1933.[96]
Session Records, 1913--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, deaths, and financial records. In possession of Ross Sloan, Beverly.
Church School Records, 1914--. 1 vol. In church.

160. GLADEVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, c.1888--. Upper Glade, Webster County.

Organized about 1888 at Gladview by Rev. Mr. DeLancy, at what is now called Upper Glade. First services were held in a log school building some distance from site of present church. The present church, a rural schoolhouse type building with belfry, was dedicated in 1897. The first resident minister was Rev. Mr. Wilson who served the church 1897-99.
Session Records, 1923--. 1 vol. Includes records of church, financial records, and register of members. In possession of Mrs. H. F. Givens, Upper Glade.
Church School Records, 1923--. 1 vol. Includes attendance records and financial records. In possession of Mrs. H. F. Givens, Upper Glade.

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94. Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes (1913) p. 49. Commissioners were: F. H. Barron, W. M. Flint, W. A. Reveley, A. Gear and D. P. Harper.
95. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1931) p. 362.
96. Ibid., (1933) p. 522.

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161. McLEAN PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL, 1890--. Nr. Ronceverte, Greenbrier County.

Organized as a mission of Old Fort Springs Presbyterian Church (see entry 131). First services were held in the Baptist Church before the present building was erected. This building, erected on the farm of R. D. Erwin, is of plain American type of architecture of frame construction, and was dedicated in 1891. Rev. Mr. McLean, for whom the church was named, was the first resident pastor. The tenure of his service in this church was 1890-1902. He was educated for the ministry at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Session Records, 1890--. 2 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, deaths, and financial records. In possession of D. C. Humphreys, Ronceverte.

Church School Records, 1911--. 3 vols. In possession of Miss Fannie Lewis, Ronceverte.

162. PENCE SPRINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890--. Pence Springs, Summers County.

This church, which was used by several denominations, was erected on land donated by Mrs. A. P. Pence, and the project was carried out through the combined efforts of members of all churches. Services were held in the old building until 1924, when the present building was constructed and dedicated. A complete reorganization was effected in 1925 and the church became a member of Greenbrier Presbytery.[97] The first resident clergyman was Rev. Jacob Lewis, but the tenure of his service in the church is unknown.

Session Records, 1924--. 1 vol. In possession of R. C. Charlton, Pence Springs.

Register Books, 1924--. 1 vol. Contains records of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. In possession of Rev. W. A. Benfield, the present pastor.

Financial Records, 1924--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. Charlton.

163. BELINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1892--. Sterner Street, Belington, Barbour County.

Organized under the auspices of the Greenbrier Presbytery, June 2, 1892. Services were held in the schoolhouse and in the Methodist and Baptist churches. The church building was erected in 1903. It is a one-room, brick structure of plain architecture, with vestibule and large Gothic windows. Repairs and remodeling have kept the building in good condition. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Mr. Boppell, who served the

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97. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1925) p. 106.

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church from 1903 until 1907. The church was affiliated with the Tygart's Valley Presbytery during the entire existence of that body, 1913-28. In 1928 it was again added to the rolls of the Greenbrier Presbytery.

Session Records, 1891--. 2 vols. Includes all minutes of sessions and financial records.

Membership Records, 1903-29. 1 vol. Includes records of members and deaths.

Record of Baptisms, 1914-1929. 1 vol.

Membership Record, 1929--. 1 vol. Continuation of above membership and baptismal records.

Church School Records, 1929--. 1 vol. Financial records of Church School.

164. ALEXANDER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1894--.
Stoney Bottom, Pocahontas County.

Prior to 1932, this church was known as "Driftwood".98 From 1894 to 1901 services were held in a schoolhouse. In 1901 a plain frame structure was erected in memory of Rev. Edgar Floyd Alexander. The work of soliciting funds and organizing a church had been started by Rev. Mr. Alexander, just prior to the time of his death. Land had been obtained in 1896.99 The church building was dedicated in August 1901. The first resident clergyman, Rev. Henry McLaughlin, 1901-04, was educated at the Union Theological Seminary. He did much to promote the organization of this church.

Session Records, 1894--. 2 vols. Contains records of baptisms, marriages, members, deaths, and financial records.

Church School Records, 1933--. 3 vols. In possession of Mrs. Cordie McLaughlin, Stoney Bottom.

Alexander Memorial Auxiliary Records, 1930--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Fred McLaughlin, Stoney Bottom.

Financial Records, 1901--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Fred McLaughlin.

Board of Deacons Records, 1901--. 1 vol. Contains financial records. In possession of Fred McLaughlin, Stoney Bottom.

Unpublished historical sketch, in possession of Miss Virginia Hevner, Clover Lick.

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98. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1932) p. 447.
99. Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 26, p. 387, February 8, 1896. James W. and Eliza J. Warwick, grantors; A. K. Dysard, George Sensabaugh, George D. McLaughlin, James Galford, Stephen W. Barnette, A. T. Moore, and Patrick H. Meeks, trustees, grantees.

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165. BIG SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1894--. Linwood, Pocahontas County.

Organized August 25, 1894[100] by Rev. J. M. Sloan, and a plain frame building with tower and bell erected the same year. Some of the members instrumental in organizing this church were from the Presbyterian Church at Huntersville (see entry 134) Mingo Presbyterian Church (see entry 128) and the Fort Springs Church (see entry 131). This church was known as the Linwood Presbyterian Church, but has been changed recently to the present name by a vote of the congregation.[101] The first resident clergyman was Rev. G. W. Nickell.[102]

Session Records, 1894--. 1 vol. Contains a list of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and members.

Financial Records, 1894--. 1 vol. Contains an annual report of the finances.

166. PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1895--. Pickens, Randolph County.

First services were held in Cold Bath Hotel and in the Junior Order of American Mechanics Building. A plain frame building with belfry and bell was erected on a native stone foundation in 1895, and dedicated the same year. Rev. Mr. Brook was the first resident pastor, serving from 1895 to 1907.

Session Records, 1921--. 1 vol. Contains list of baptisms, deaths, and members. In possession of M. L. Heck, Pickens. Prior records destroyed.

Church School Records, 1907--. 27 vols. Located at church.

167. *WESTMINISTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1896-1929. Horton, Randolph County.

First services in this community were conducted in 1894 by Rev. C. R. Womeldorf, Evangelist. The church was formally

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100. Charter members: J. W. McCalpin, Mrs. M. E. Slanker, Dr. W. T. Cameron, Mrs. M. P. Cameron, Mrs. Anna Varner, Mrs. Rhea, Mrs. Mary Gatewood, Mrs. M. P. Vandervort, H.C.L. Gatewood, Annie McCalpin, Mary L. McCalpin, Willie Vandervort, Myrtle Varner, M. C. Gatewood, B. F. Hamilton, William A. Wooddell, and C. W. Showalter.
101. The church was granted additional lands in 1910. See: Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 46, p. 294, November 26, 1910. S. S. Varner, grantor; H.C.L. Gatewood, John M. Dunlap, Grover C. Wooddell, and Elihu Hamrick, grantees, trustees.
102. Courtney, History of Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 95.

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organized in 1896.[103] Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1897, when a plain frame, rural schoolhouse type building was erected. It was dedicated on June 27, 1897. Rev. Holmes Ralston, who received his ministerial training at Union Theological Seminary, served this church as its first resident clergyman, 1895-97. Prior to 1928 this church was affiliated with the Tygart's Valley Presbytery, which was dissolved at that time. It was then added to the rolls of Greenbrier Presbytery and dissolved by that body in 1929.[104] The church had been inactive since 1926.

Session Records, 1894-1925. 2 vols. Contains financial records, Church School records, and records of the Board of Deacons, Trustees and Elders.

Register Book, 1895-1926. 1 vol. Contains records of members, baptisms, deaths, and marriages.

168. WOODS POAGE CHAPEL, 1897--. Poage Lane, Pocahontas County.

Established as a mission of Marlinton Presbyterian Church (see entry 154) and services were held from 1897 to 1919, in the schoolhouse near where the church now stands. The building, now known as the Woods Poage Chapel, is the same building which was known as the Winterburn Presbyterian Church, located at Thornwood. Mr. Quincy Poage gave the lot upon which the building was erected. Some years prior to 1919, there was a large lumber mill in operation at Thornwood. When the lumber mill ceased operations, they sold the church building to Mr. Fount Arbogast, at Arbovale. He then sold it to the Presbyterian organization at Poage Lane, in May 1919.[105] It was then torn down and shipped by rail to Cloverlick, and hauled five miles by wagon to the present location. Mr. Poage took the responsibility of seeing that the debt was paid, and was instrumental in the early organization of the church. It was named after his father, Woods Poage. The first resident clergyman, Rev. William T. Price, a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Union Theological Seminary served this church from 1897 until 1901.

Session Minutes, 1897--. 1 vol. In possession of Rev. O. N. Miles, Marlinton.

Church School Records, 1919--. 1 vol.

Financial Records, 1917--. 8 vols.

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103. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1915) p. 13.
104. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1929) p. 68.
105. Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 37, p. 377, Oct. 4, 1919. Quincy W. and Mattie A. Poage, grantors.

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169. HENDRICKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1898--. Hendricks, Tucker County.

Organized August 30, 1898,[106] a plain frame structure was erected and dedicated September 17, 1898. The land had been acquired in 1891.[107] The first resident clergyman was Rev. C. W. Hollis, who served from 1898 until 1909. The church school was organized January 1, 1899.

Session Minutes, 1898--. 1 vol. Contains information as to organization, first clergyman, and minutes of business sessions.

Church School Records, 1899, 1901-11, 1913-16, 1919-20, 1923--. 19 vols.

170. HARMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1899--. Harman, Randolph County.

In May 1895, Rev. Holmes Ralston came to Harman as an evangelist from the Lexington Presbytery, holding services in the local schoolhouse. As a result of this series of meetings, the present church organization was formed.[108] The present building, of rural schoolhouse construction with belfry and bell, was erected and dedicated in 1900. Rev. Mr. Ralston served as the first resident clergyman for one year, 1899-1900. Jacob C. Harper was elected the first elder of the church.

Session Records, 1899--. 1 vol. Contains records of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. In possession of Jasper Yokum, clerk of church.

Church School Records, 1924--. 7 vols. Located in church. Prior records destroyed.

Financial Records, 1921--. 1 vol. In possession of Riley Cooper, church treasurer, Harman.

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106. Organized by C. W. Mosser, Mrs. C. W. Mosser, Camelia James, Elizabeth Sheridan, Charlotte Corrick, Lillie M. Bird, Bertie A. Sayre, Susan Blackhart, J. W. Bowman, Serena J. Bowman, and Fannie Blackhart.

107. Tucker County, Deed Books, 12, p. 211, Dec. 15, 1891. J. W. Poling, grantor; Israel Putnam, Jas. W. Bowman, and M. Parsons, trustees, grantees.

108. Charter members: Jacob C. Harper, Susan Harper, Mary Raines, Miss Delphia Harper, Miss Jennie Harper, Mrs. Mary K. Montoney, Texie Jane Montoney, Gertie Lee Montoney, Dr. Decator Montoney, Jacob Montoney, Mrs. Rebekah Harman, Mrs. Ellen Harper, Effie Florence Raines, Alice Champ, Mrs. Phoebe E. Harper, Miss Ida Harman, Miss Nettie Snyder, Horace Harman, Mrs. Anzina Harman, Miss Mary J. Shobe, Miss Carry Shobe, Mrs. Joseph Harman, Miner Harper, Mrs. Clay Harper, Miss Susan Harper, Miss Haddie E. Harper, and Mary Belle Johnson.

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171. CLIFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1900--. Maxwelton, Greenbrier County.

First services were held in the homes of the community until attendance became so large it was necessary to meet in the Arbuckle schoolhouse. The building was dedicated in November 1898, and is a plain rural type structure. This church was a mission of Old Stone Church, Lewisburg (see entry 119) until 1900, at which time an independent organization[109] was formed. This formation was effected September 23, 1900, by commission of the Presbytery composed of Rev. Matthew Lyle Lacey, D.D., Rev. William McC. White, Rev. R. L. Telford, D.D., with Ruling Elder Jonathan Mays.[110] A manse, located near the church, is a part of the church property. Rev. C. D. Gilkerson was the first resident pastor,[111] serving from 1901 until 1904.

Session Records, 1900--. 2 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. In possession of Mr. C. E. Lewis, Maxwelton.

Church School Records, 1900--. 4 vols. In possession of Mr. Lewis.

Young People's League Records, 1918--. n.v. (looseleaf).

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1920--. 4 vols. In possession of Mrs. Grady King, Maxwelton.

Unpublished historical sketch prepared by Mrs. H. H. Arbuckle. Copy in author's possession.

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109. Charter members: Lizzie VanLear Arbuckle, J. D. Arbuckle, A. W. Arbuckle, Lizzie Arbuckle, Emily C. Arbuckle, Julia B. Arbuckle, Mary Lynn Arbuckle, C. C. Arbuckle, N. Stuart Arbuckle, H. H. Arbuckle, Julian D. Arbuckle, Robert Barrett, Emily Barrett, Agnes Banton, B. G. Garrett, M. A. Johnston, Mrs. E. J. Johnston, Nellie E. Johnston, Ira Judy, Lula Judy, Mary J. Ludington, F. A. Ludington, J. F. Ludington, A. P. Hughes, Mrs. N. C. Hughes, A. M. McLaughlin, Mary M. McLaughlin, Anna McLaughlin, Lula McLaughlin, Lee McLaughlin, E. H. McLaughlin, Grace McLaughlin, Carrie E. Lightner, Lillie E. Lightner, P. H. Lightner, Mary E. McClung, F. C. McClung, Lelia McClung, Mary A. McClung, N. F. Neal, S. C. Neal, Mary E. Neal, J. H. Neal, Mrs. J. H. Neal, Lilly Neal, Laura Neal, Edward Thomas, Lizzie Taylor, F. D. Waid, Sarah A. Waid, Mary A. Waid, Mrs. C. A. Lewis, Clarence Lewis, and Edward Hartford.

110. Courtney, History of Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 96.

111. Pastorate: C. D. Gilkerson, D.D., 1901-04; J. B. Massey, D.D., 1904-07; J. L. Limeweaver, D.D., 1908-17; F. W. Phillips, 1917-24; J. P. Proffitt, D.D., 1925--.

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172. RICHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1902--. East Main Street, Richwood, Nicholas County.

Said to be the first church in Richwood, the building was of plain frame construction, and burned in 1909. The second and present building was erected and dedicated in 1914. This structure consists of a plain frame meeting house type of building, with a belfry and bell. It was erected on the site of the first church.[112] A manse is also owned. This church was a member of the Greenbrier Presbytery from 1902 until 1919. In 1919, it was transferred to the Tygart's Valley Presbytery, and from this in 1928, to Bluestone Presbytery. In 1935, it was again transferred back to the Greenbrier Presbytery, where it still remains.[113] Rev. J. C. Johnson was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1903 to 1905. He was educated for the ministry at the Union Theological Seminary, at Richmond, Virginia.

Session Records, 1902--. 2 vols. Contains minutes of session meetings, church membership record, and financial records. Vol. 1, 1902-20, Historical Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina; vol. 2, 1920--. In possession of Mr. C. P. Hanrahan, 65 East Walnut Street, Richwood.

Church School Record, n.d., n.v. (current only).

Woman's Auxiliary, 1919--. 1 vol. Located at manse.

Unpublished history: History of church, 1902--. Kept by Woman's Auxiliary, with entries made from time to time.

173. CASS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1903--. Cass, Pocahontas County.

This group was organized in 1903, and the present building was erected the following year. It is an attractive frame building of rural type, with stained glass memorial windows. Remodeling in 1919 greatly modernized the building. The church was granted additional lands in 1920-21, to build a manse.[114] The first resident minister was Rev. Asa D. Watkins, a graduate of Davidson College and Hampden-Sydney College, serving the congregation from 1904 to 1907.

Session Records, 1904--. 1 vol. Contains minutes of session meetings and church register.

Financial Records, 1904--. 1 vol.

Church School Records, current only.

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112. Deed made for present property August 4, 1902.
113. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1935) p. 50.
114. Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 58, p. 7, August 4, 1920. W. W. and Rachel C. Hull, grantors; R. S. Hickman, J. S. Mathews, and U. H. Hannah, trustees, grantees. Ibid., 58, p. 426, August 1, 1921. West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. grantor; same trustees.

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174. MILL CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1903--. Mill Creek, Randolph County.

The congregation of Mill Creek was originally a part of the Tygart's Valley or Huttonsville Presbyterian Church (see entry 127), until organized into a separate church May 14, 1916, to be known as the Mill Creek Presbyterian Church. The church was organized by a commission from Tygart's Valley Presbytery, consisting of Rev. D. M. Slachard, Rev. F. H. Barron, and Elder J. F. Yokum. First services were held in Mill Creek schoolhouse for a few months until church could be completed. Lot for church site was donated and building was completed and dedicated May 8, 1904. The Rev. Dr. A. M. Freaser of Staunton, Virginia, preached the dedicatory sermon and Dr. E. P. Palmer of Harrisonburg, Virginia, offered the dedicatory prayer. This church, a one-room frame structure of rural schoolhouse type architecture, native stone foundation, stained glass windows, with belfry and bell, is still used by the congregation. The church was extensively remodeled in 1932 when a Sunday school room was added at rear of the original building. The first resident clergyman was Rev. W. E. Hudson, tenure of service unknown. The first elders were: George H. Neal, J. D. Moore, William F. Davis, and Joseph S. Ward. Deacons were: G. Preston Russell, William Gingerick, Marvin H. Carr, Burton Wilson, and Tucker B. Wicker.[115]

Mill Creek Church was first organized by a committee from Lexington Presbytery, and remained a member of that body until formation of Tygart's Valley Presbytery in 1912. The church was then affiliated with Tygart's Valley until that group was dissolved in 1928. Since 1928 Mill Creek has been a member of Greenbrier Presbytery.

Session Records, 1904--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of meetings, baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. Records in possession of Clay Rosencrance, Mill Creek.

Church School Records, 1928--. 1 vol.

Financial Records, 1904--. 1 vol. In possession of church treasurer, G. O. Yount, Huttonsville.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1927--. 1 vol. In possession of Mary Bell, Mill Creek.

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115. Tygart's Valley Presbytery (U.S.) Minutes (1916) pp. 19, 21, 25, 28.

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175. *PILSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1903-31. Coalton, Randolph County.

First services were held at Coalton school and in private homes. Organization by Presbytery was completed in 1903, and the present red brick church was erected soon afterward and dedicated in 1905. Erected under the leadership of Rev. M. F. Pilson, who served the congregation from 1903 to 1905, the church was named in his honor. The church became partially inactive in 1923 and was dissolved by Greenbrier Presbytery in 1931.[116] Financial conditions in the coal producing areas were probably responsible for the lapse. The church was purchased by the Methodist congregation in 1938.

Session Records, 1904--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of session meetings. In possession of Rev. J. McDowell Lacy, D.D., Randolph Avenue, Elkins.

Financial Records, n.v. n. d. (loose leaf). In possession of Rev. Dr. Lacy.

Unpublished historical sketch appears in the session records.

176. SEEBERT UNION CHURCH, 1903--. Seebert, Pocahontas County.

This group was organized June 28, 1903, as a mission of the Oak Grove Church (see entry 122). Services are held in Seebert Union Church building, which is shared equally along with Baptist and Methodist Episcopal groups. Rev. J. C. Johnson was the first resident clergyman, serving 1905-27.

Session Records, 1912--. Also contains financial records.

Register Books, 1912--. 1 vol. Contains a record of members, marriages, baptisms, communicants, and non-communicants. No records prior to 1912 could be found.

177. WESTMINISTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1903--. Sunset, Pocahontas County.

Organized October 24, 1903, the present frame building was dedicated the same year. In 1935, extensive repairs were made to the church, and two church school rooms added. A manse is also owned.[117] Rev. G. W. Nickell, who served from 1903 to 1907, was the first resident pastor.

Session Records, 1903--. 2 vols. Includes session minutes, church register, and financial records.

Church School Records, 1927--. 8 vols.

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116. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1931) p. 362.
117. Pocahontas County, Deed Books, 62, p. 71.

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Published history: Enid Harper, History of Knapp's Creek Community, Morgantown Extension Division of West Virginia University, Morgantown (Thesis for M.A.).

178. ALPENA SCOTT MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1904--.
Alpena, Randolph County.

First services were held in the community schoolhouse until the erection of the first and only building just prior to 1896. A circuit rider, Rev. Mr. Scott, chose the location for this church, and it was named in his honor. The building is a plain frame structure with belfry and bell, erected upon a native stone foundation. It was dedicated in 1896. A large picture of Christ was painted and presented to the church several years ago by Ernest Hertig, a native of Alpena. The building is being used twice each month by the Methodist denomination (see forthcoming Church Archives in West Virginia: The Methodist Episcopal Church). A small library of about one hundred books is maintained by the church. The congregation was formally organized in 1904.[118] Rev. Holmes Ralston was the first resident clergyman, but the tenure of his service in this church is unknown.

Financial Records, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Hallie K. Ogden, Alpena.

Church School Records, 1902--. 25 vols.

All other records were destroyed by fire.

179. MIDLAND MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1904--.
R.F.D. 2, Elkins, Randolph County.

Prior to organization in 1904, this congregation was associated with the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church at Elkins (see entry 144). In 1904 Squire Ward, Jacob Ward, and W. C. Harper held a meeting and decided to build a church between Beverly and Elkins. Services were held in a schoolhouse until the present building was erected and dedicated September 3, 1905. It is a frame structure of the rural schoolhouse type, with stained glass windows and belfry with bell. Rev. B. H. Dupuy served as the first settled clergyman, 1906-09.

Session Records, 1904-25. 1 vol. In possession of W. C. Harper, R.F.D. 2, Elkins.

Register Books, 1904--. 1 vol. Also in possession of Mr. Harper.

Financial Records, n.d. n.v. (looseleaf). In possession of Ida Ward, R.F.D. 2, Elkins.

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118. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (April 11-18, 1911) p. 13.

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180. KERR MEMORIAL UNION CHURCH, 1905--. Boyer, Pocahontas County.

Organized 1905, as a mission of the Liberty Presbyterian Church (see entry 126) of Greenbank. Services were conducted in Union Church building, which was built in 1905 by the Methodist Episcopal, the Baptist, and the Presbyterian groups.[119] This building, a small one-room frame building, is still in use and is shared equally by all faiths. This church has always been supplied by regular ministers of Liberty Church.

Session Records, 1905--. 2 vols. Vol. I, 1905-24; vol. II, 1924--. Contains a record of members, baptisms, and deaths. These records are on file at Liberty Presbyterian Church, at Greenbank.

181. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1907--. Hambleton, Tucker County.

This church was organized as the result of an increased population in Tucker County, due to growth of the timber industry, and was made up of members from other Presbyterian churches who had recently settled in the Hambleton neighborhood. A petition was presented to the Winchester Presbytery in session at Keyser, September 18, 1906, requesting the formal organization of the congregation. A committee was appointed[120] and this organization was effected, Mr. J. W. Beale chosen as elder, September 16, 1907, and the church was dedicated the same day. It is a plain frame building erected on a site acquired for that purpose.[121] In 1909, it was incorporated together with Hendricks Church (see entry 169) and Parsons Church (see entry 310) into one charge.[122] The first resident pastor

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119. Named "Kerr Memorial Union" in honor of Lieut. Robert D. Kerr, killed in Spanish-American War.

120. Composed of Rev. Dr. F. M. Woods, Rev. F. E. Patterson, Rev. C. V. McDonald and Elder John Raese.

121. Tucker County, Deed Books, 28, p. 24. Nov. 8, 1906. S. E. Mercer, grantor.

122. Charter members were: Mrs. Charlotte Corrick, Mrs. Fannie Blackhart, Joshua W. Beale, Mrs. Lila Beale, Mrs. Joseph Harmon, Mrs. L. C. Dyer, Mrs. Ina Griffith, Mrs. Bertie A. Sayre, Miss Mattie Mateer, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Nestor, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilburn, Mrs. Ida Pickering, Mrs. J. H. Ravenscroft, Mrs. Dora Sowers, Mrs. Daisy Mustoe, all from the Hendricks Church; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Harper from the Parsons Church; Mrs. A. M. Gorrel, from the Richwood Church; Mr. and Mrs. David M. Beale, from the Tygart's Valley Church, Huttonsville; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heffelfinger, from the Brookville, Pa. Church; Mrs. Amanda Kerns Gayley, from the Curwensville, Pa. Church; Mrs. Mary C. Painter from the Huntingdon, Pa. Church. Mr. J. W. Beale chosen as elder.

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was Rev. C. W. McDonald,[123] who served from September 16, 1907, until March 17, 1908.

Session Records, 1907--. 1 vol. Includes session minutes, church register, financial records, and some church school records.

Unpublished historical sketch: "History of the Hambleton Presbyterian Church," n.d. 4½ pp. by C. W. Minear. In Tucker County Historical Society Collection, Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Parsons.

182. *ELLAMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1908-24. Ellamore, Randolph County.

Organized in 1908, after services were held for sometime in a school building. The plain frame building was erected prior to formal organization, and it is probable that it was dedicated at the same time organization was effected. Because of industrial conditions and the removal of many of the members, the church became defunct about 1924. Name and tenure of first resident pastor is unknown.

No records were found.

183. *CHEAT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1910-30. Nr. Bowden, Randolph County.

Organized in 1910 through the efforts of Rev. Holmes Ralston, and two years later a church was built across the river from Bowden. Because the location was inaccessible, the building was sold in 1920, and services were held in the Faulkner school until the present church was completed in 1922. This building was dedicated in 1925. Due to lack of ministerial care, the church became defunct in 1930.[124] Rev. Mr. Ralston served as the church's first resident pastor, 1912-14.

Session Records, 1912-30. 1 vol. Includes session minutes, church register, financial records, and records of church schools. In possession of Mrs. Delphia Flint, Bowden.

184. WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1915--. White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County.

Organized February 28, 1915,[125] under the leadership of Rev. Dr. W. W. Pharr, the first and present church was erected

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123. Pastorate Rev. C. W. McDonald, Sept. 16, 1907-March 17, 1908; Rev. W. W. Grover, Feb. 28, 1909-Sept. 1, 1912; Rev. W. T. Mann, April 14, 1914-20; Rev. R. O. Lucke, 1921--.

124. Dissolved by Greenbrier Presbytery, 1930. See Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1931) p. 362.

125. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1915) p. 30.

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the same year. It is a brick building of southern colonial architecture, and a manse nearby is also owned. Rev. W. W. Pharr, the first resident clergyman who served the church 1915 to 1916, was a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary.

Session Records, 1915--. 6 vols. Contains minutes of session meetings and financial records.

Church Register, 1915--. 2 vols. Record of marriages, memberships, baptisms, and deaths. Session records and register in possession of Clerk of the Session.

Church School Records, 1915--. 6 vols. In possession of E. C. Curry, White Sulphur Springs.

Young People's League Records, 1929--. 2 vols. In possession of Miss June Kyer, White Sulphur Springs.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1912--. 6 vols. In possession of Mrs. E. C. Curry, White Sulphur Springs.

185. *RAYWOOD (UNION HALL) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1916-20, 1925-31. Raywood, Pocahontas County.

The town of Raywood was built by the Warn Lumber Corporation in 1914. Union services were held at Raywood by Dr. F. W. Gary, from 1914 to 1916. In 1916, the Presbyterian group at this point formed a separate organization and selected Dr. Gary to conduct services for them. First services were held in the schoolhouse, until 1918, when the lumber company erected a Town Hall; this building was never dedicated as a church, but was used for that purpose. The first settled clergyman was Dr. F. W. Gary, who served this church 1916 to 1920. In 1920, the lumber company abandoned the mills at Raywood and sold all their holdings here. The church became inactive in 1920, and remained inactive until April 1925, when it was reorganized by the Greenbrier Presbytery.[126] With the reorganization, services were conducted by the stated supply from Liberty Church (see entry 126) at nearby Greenbank. Membership did not increase, and the few persons living in Raywood were unable to maintain an organization and the church was dissolved by Greenbrier Presbytery in 1931.[127]

No records are known to exist.

186. WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1917--. Auto, Greenbrier County.

Organized 1917, by Rev. F. H. Wix, pastor of the Spring Creek Church (see entry 120). The church continued as a mission of Spring Creek, until 1919, when it was established as a separate organization and assigned to the Renick charge.[128]

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126. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1925) p. 106.
127. Ibid., 1931, p. 362.
128. Renick charge included Spring Creek (see entry 120), Laurel Hill (see entry 187), and Woodland.

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Services were conducted in private homes until 1919, when the present church, a small one-story frame building, was dedicated. The first resident clergyman was Rev. J. T. Pharr, who served 1919 to 1928.

Records of this church were not available to the compilers of this volume.

187. LAUREL HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1918--. Nr. Renick, Greenbrier County.

This church was organized June 17, 1918, by Rev. F. H. Wix,[129] pastor of the Spring Creek Church (see entry 120). The church continued to be a mission of Spring Creek Church until 1919, when it was created as a separate organization and assigned to Renick charge, which includes Spring Creek (see entry 120), Woodland (see entry 186), and Laurel Hill.[130] A large school type frame building with belfry was built and dedicated in 1919. The first resident clergyman was Rev. J. T. Pharr, who served 1919 to 1923.

Session Records, 1940--. 1 vol. Contains a list of present members and recent baptisms.

Financial Records, 1940--. 1 vol. Contains list of contributions and expenditures of church.

All prior records on file with Greenbrier Presbytery.

188. *NORTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1921-31. Norton, Randolph County.

On April 13, 1921 a petition from certain persons at Norton, requesting that a church be organized there, was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures of Tygart's Valley Presbytery.[131] The report of this committee recommended that the petition be granted.[132] Organization was effected April 19, 1921, in the Y.M.C.A. building.[133]

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129. In 1913, Rev. F. H. Wix became Pastor of Spring Creek Church, continuing in that Pastorate until 1919. Mr. Wix's pastorate is distinguished especially for its missionary activity. During his pastorate the mission churches at Woodland 1917, Laurel Hill 1918, were established. Mr. Wix served Frankford Church as supply during the year 1916 to 1917. See Courtney, History of the Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 263.

130. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1920) p. 45.

131. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1921) p. 15.

132. Ibid., p. 16.

133. Ibid., p. 20. Charter members were: Geo. D. Allender, Doyle D. Armstrong, Jesse M. Armstrong, Hazel Baker, Ruby Jane Baker, W. S. Corley, Freda L. Hewitt, Pina B. Jordan, Berlin Jordan, Mrs. Phoebe Ketterman, Madge Marteney, Pearl Marteney, Ruby Marteney, Marguerite V. Mitchell, Elizabeth M. Murphy, Mrs. Pearl F. Myers, Phoebe McBee,

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Services were held there and in the schoolhouse. A church edifice was never erected. Rev. A. C. Powell served as the first resident clergyman, 1921-23. This church became associated with the Greenbrier Presbytery in 1928 and was dissolved by that body in 1931.[134]

No records were found.

189. COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1924--. Glen Jean, Fayette County.

This organization was formed in 1924, and the first building of Gothic design with bell and stained glass windows was erected the same year. It was dedicated in 1933. The first resident pastor was Rev. W. W. Pharr,[135] who served 1924 to 1937.

Session Records, 1925--. 1 vol. Contains a list of members, baptisms, and deaths.

Church School Records, 1925--. 1 vol.

190. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1925--. Central Avenue, Oak Hill, Fayette County.

This organization was formed March 5, 1925,[136] and the building dedicated for worship services late in the same year.[137] The building consists of a plain frame bungalow type building. Rev. F. H. Daniel was the first resident clergyman, 1925 to 1937. Before the building was obtained, services were held in the City Hall and the old Post Office building.

Cephas S. McDowell, Mrs. Laura B. McDowell, A. L. McGee, Bessie McGee, Mrs. Ella C. Nesbit, Harry J. Smith, Loraine H. Smith, Eula Agatha Taylor, Maudie A. Taylor, Wm. Waitman Taylor, Mrs. Flora Armstrong, R. L. Schrader, Mrs. Zodie Schrader, Mr. Frank Bennett, Mr. B. Croston, Mrs. B. Croston, Blanche Croston, John Croston, Alvie Croston, Claude Gallagher, Mrs. Claude Gallagher, Clyde Riley, Harry Riley, Mrs. Harry Riley, Joseph Simmons, Mrs. Joseph Simmons, Bert Stevenson, J. R. Miles, Bessie D. Simmons, Margaret P. Simmons, Mrs. Lucebia Allender, W. A. Jordan, Mrs. Hester Jordan, Mrs. Belva Smith, and Mrs. Sophia Powell. Elders elected were: George D. Allender, B. Croston, J. R. Miles, and Joseph Simmons. Deacons were: W. S. Corley, Claude Gallagher, C. Sloan McDowell, A. S. McGee, and Tom Nesbit.

134. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1931) p. 362.

135. Pharr, Walter Wellington, son of William W. and Ida Query Pharr, b. Charlotte, North Carolina, March 12, 1888, A.B., Davidson College 1908; B.D., Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. 1913, special student Sorborne, Paris, France, 1919, D.D., Davis and Elkins College, 1929; assistant pastor Old Stone Church 1913 to 1918; pastor Mt. Hope 1919; Chaplain U.S. Army in France during the World War.

136. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1925) p. 106.

137. Fayette County, Deed Books, 72, p. 13.

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Session Records, 1925--. 1 vol. Contains list of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths.
Church School Records, 1925--. 1 vol.

191. R. E. L. WOOD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1930--. Lewisburg, Greenbrier County.

First services were held in the schoolhouse until the first and only building was erected and dedicated in 1931. It is of plain frame early American plan of structure, with church school rooms on each side of the chapel. It is a mission of Old Stone Presbyterian Church (see entry 119). The first resident pastor was Rev. H. G. Allen, 1930-36, who received his ministerial education at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.
Session Records, incorporated into those of Old Stone Presbyterian Church, and are in possession of Major D. F. Moore.
Church School Records, 1931--. 8 vols. In possession of Mrs. Walter Quick, R.F.D. Lewisburg.

192. NEW CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1935--. Stoney Creek, Pocahontas County.

Organized October 1935, by members dismissed from Alexander Memorial (see entry 164) for that purpose. The first building completed in 1935, which is still in use, is a frame building of rural schoolhouse type architecture. The first settled clergyman was Rev. B. N. Miles, who served from 1935 to 1939.
No records of this church found.

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193. KANAWHA PRESBYTERY, 1894--.

At the meeting of the Synod of Virginia at Danville, Virginia, October 25, 1894, an overture was presented from the Presbytery of Greenbrier, requesting that the said Presbytery be divided, and a new Presbytery be created to be known as the Presbytery of Kanawha, with the following boundaries to-wit: Beginning on the Ohio River, where the north line of Wood County, West Virginia, intersects the said river, and running thence with the present line of said Greenbrier Presbytery, along the north lines of Wood, Wirt, Roane, and Clay counties, in said State, to the line between Nicholas and Clay counties; thence leaving the said present line of Greenbrier Presbytery, and with the said line between Nicholas and Clay counties to where it intersects the line between Kanawha and Clay counties; thence leaving said line, and running by a straight line to Gauley River, at the mouth of Twenty Mile Creek; thence down the Gauley River to its mouth and down New or Kanawha River to Kanawha Falls; there leaving the Kanawha River, and running in a southernly direction, along the line of what was formerly the Giles, Fayette and Kanawha turnpike, through Fayetteville, and so as to exclude the Church in Fayetteville, to Raleigh Court House /Beckley/, but excluding the Raleigh Church, and thence with the Raleigh Pike through Round Glades, and passing Egeria postoffice, to where said road crosses the line between Raleigh and Mercer counties, in the recent line of said Greenbrier Presbytery, and along the line between Mercer County on the one side, and Raleigh and Wyoming counties on the other side to the corner of Mercer, Wyoming, and McDowell counties, West Virginia, and Tazewell County, Virginia, thence with the line between Wyoming and McDowell counties, to where it strikes the Big Sandy River, at or near the mouth of Cole Creek, a tributary of said river, and with said river to its mouth; thence up the Ohio River to the place of beginning; and that all ministers now belonging to Greenbrier Presbytery, and residing within the bounds of said new Presbytery, shall be members thereof; and that all churches in connection with Greenbrier Presbytery, and located within the bounds of said New Presbytery, shall be constituents, thereof and under its control and jurisdiction in like manner as they are now under the control and jurisdiction of said Greenbrier Presbytery.[1]

The request was granted and the Synod appointed "the new Presbytery of Kanawha to meet at Malden, the second Tuesday in April, at 8 p.m., and that Rev. J. C. Barr, D.D., be appointed to preach and preside at the organization of the new Presbytery."[2]

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1 Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Manual, containing the Constitution, History, Directory, Standing Rules, and Rules of Order adopted at Sutton, W. Va., October 1916, ch. II, p.

2. Ibid.

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The Presbytery of Kanawha met at Malden on Tuesday, April 9, 1895, and was organized according to the appointment of Synod. - From Manual of Kanawha Presbytery.

Kanawha Presbytery, Minutes, 1895-1940. 19 vols. Published record of Presbytery in annual session. Contains minutes of meetings, business transacted, reports, lists of churches and pastors. In custody of Rev. James Blair Morton, 1317 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

194. POINT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1834--. Third and Main Streets, Point Pleasant, Mason County.

Although Presbyterian services were probably held in this section as early as 1790 by missionaries of the eastern Presbyterian churches, it was not until 1815 that Rev. William Gould[3] of the Gallipolis, Ohio, Church, began to hold regular services at the "Point". These services were held in the school, private homes, and "the Inn". The members of the organization allied themselves with the Gallipolis Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives in Ohio: Presbyterian Bodies) and formed the nucleous for the Point Pleasant congregation in August 1835.[4] Licensed by the Greenbrier Presbytery in 1834, Rev. Francis Dutton[5] had come immediately to Point Pleasant, and it was through his efforts that this church became a separate body. The Presbyterian Church at Lower Flats, and the Buffalo Presbyterian Church (see entry 199) are also results of his missionary labors. About 1843, a lot was pur-

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3. Roberts, History, p. 7. Rev. Mr. Gould, born Sharon, Conn., May 27, 1789, son of David and Mary Brewster Gould; educated at Yale University; theological training at Andover Seminary; commissioned by Connecticut Missionary Society for Ohio field; pastor of Gallipolis Church, 1813-25; died at Pottstown, Pa., July 2, 1867.
4. Ibid., p. 8. From records of Gallipolis Church: "Dismissed in 1835, by request of Rev. Mr. Dutton, to join the Church at Point Pleasant: E. Hale, E. Winn, Margaret Hale, Susannah Summersville, Michael and Margaret Reader, Elder Kouns, and family. These persons were dismissed as in good standing in this church at the time of the uniting, they not being known by the present Session, having not for many years (a few excepted) attended on the ordinances of this church. By order of the session, John Cating, Clerk."
5. Rev. Mr. Dutton was born in Massachusetts, June 28, 1790; educated at Princeton University and Washington College; served as tutor at Washington College, and as instructor in military school, at Staunton; and principal of Lewisburg Academy (see entry 335); licensed 1834 by Greenbrier Presbytery; died 1850, while serving the Point Pleasant Church, and is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery.

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chased and a church was built, which was dedicated in July 1844.[6] Prior services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the Civil War this building was used by Union soldiers as a hospital and barracks, and it was reported in the session record, that it had become "unfit for use" as a result. A later notation says, "On the twenty-second of October 1865, we held Divine Service in the Church; it had been completely renovated."[7] In 1867 there was a division of the congregation, and 25 members remained loyal to the northern church. This "Northern Church" took the building and records and was in existence until 1893, when it was dissolved and the property passed to the Presbytery of Parkersburg. Most of the members became allied with the "Southern Church," which had existed as a separate organization during these years. The Southern group allied themselves with the Greenbrier Presbytery, and worshipped for some time in the Southern Methodist Church. Rev. John C. Brown, of Malden, was sent as a missionary to assist in the reorganization. In 1869, a lot was purchased from John and Olivia Hall and John S. Miller on Main, near Seventh Street. The church was dedicated in 1873, Rev. William L. Bailey preaching the dedicatory sermon, and was used until the present building was erected. The cornerstone of this church was laid December 11, 1925 and the church was occupied in July 1926. It is a stone building of colonial architecture with imposing pillars across the front. A manse is also owned. The first settled pastor[8] was Rev. Mr. Dutton, a graduate of Princeton University and Washington College.

Session Records, 1853-67, 1890--. 4 vols. Prior records lost. Includes minutes of session meetings, church register and financial records, 1890-1910.

Financial Records, 1910--. 1 vol. In possession of J. H. Hutchinson.

Church School Records, 1873--. 3 vols.

Unpublished history: Mrs. Delia A. McCulloch, "History of Point Pleasant Church." In possession of Miss Mary McCullouch, 1002 Main Street, Point Pleasant. Supplements church records

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6. Mason County, Deed Books, 109, p. 372.
7. Session Records, 1865.
8. Pastorate: Francis Dutton, 1834-39; Robert Osborn, 1839-55; George S. Woodhull, 1855-61; David Thompson, 1861-62; M. Luther Todd, 1864-67; John C. Brown, (period of reorganization); Brice Benton Blair, 1867-71; William Lewis Bailey, 1872, also 1881-83; William Ezekiel Hill, 1873-80; J. M. Scott, 1883-85; W. W. Ruff, 1887-88; James Addison Scott, 1889-93; Alfred Evens Grover, 1894-1905; F. Carl Barth, 1905-09, M. G. Woodsworth, summer session; J. Frank Baxter, 1910-29; C. R. Garrison, and N. M. Powell, supply 1929-31; John Kountz Roberts, Jr., 1931--.

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which are missing, 1867-90, prepared by Mrs. McCulloch from her memory of the church and congregation.

Published history: Rev. John Kountz Roberts, Jr., A History of the Presbyterian Church, Point Pleasant, West Virginia (Point Pleasant, 1935).

195. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1838--. Tenth Street and Fifth Avenue, Huntington, Cabell County.

The First Presbyterian congregation of Guyandotte, (now Huntington), was included in the organization of the Burlington, Ohio, Church (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in Ohio: Presbyterian Bodies) and the Guyandotte members rowed back and forth across the Ohio to attend these services. On July 27, 1838,[9] 18 members of the Burlington Church[10] met in the half-finished Marshall Academy Building, and effected an organization under the leadership of Rev. Alfred E. Thom, pastor of the Burlington Church. The name of "The Western Church" was adopted. Tradition says that the members had become tired of spending a half day each week crossing the Ohio in order to attend services, and that when plans were made for the erecting of Marshall Academy, they provided part of the funds on the agreement that the Academy Chapel should be used for their services.[11]

Services were held in the Academy Chapel until 1849, when the Rev. Josiah B. Poage, who had served as minister since 1842, resigned, and the congregation did not replace him. For nearly seven years, the group was without regular services, and many of the members again allied themselves with the Burlington Church. In 1857, Rev. John C. Bayless, who was minister to several nearby Kentucky churches, was called and gave one-fourth of his time to the Guyandotte group. About 1867, an alliance was formed with the Southern Methodist congregation which also used the Academy Chapel, and soon after the Civil War,

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9. There is a question as to the accuracy of this date, some members of the church say that it was officially organized on June 10, 1838. - Ed.
10. These charter members included Dr. Benjamin Brown and his wife, Matilda; Mrs. Elizabeth Gardener; James Johnston, and his wife, Martha; James Merritt; John McCormick; Joseph Naglee and his wife, Hannah; James Poage and his wife, Jemima; William Poage and his wife, Ann; Miss Elizabeth Staley; Rev. A. E. Thom and his wife, Mary; Mrs. Catherine Wright; Miss Mary Handley and Robert Handley.
11. Another story is that Rev. Mr. Thom was anxious to move into Virginia because he was a slave owner, and this was his motive for the organization of the church. A slave girl, owned by Mr. Thom, was baptised in the "Western Church" in 1842. - Ed.

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the two congregations erected a joint church on a piece of property purchased from the Holderby estate. Apparently this alliance was not satisfactory, and a short time after the building was completed, the Presbyterians asked President James E. Morrow to be allowed to again use the College Chapel. In 1872, they erected their first church on the site of the present one.

For a short time, the church was known as the Presbyterian Church of Huntington, but with their removal into their own building, the church was officially named the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington. This building was of brick construction, with a slight tendency toward the Gothic style of architecture. It was topped by a tall tower, and was enlarged in 1890. The present large stone church was dedicated in 1895. It is of Gothic architecture, with medieval type towers on both sides of the entrance. A manse is also owned. Rev. Alfred E. Thom, first pastor of the "Western Church," served from 1838 to 1842.[12] He was a graduate of the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Session Records, 1880--. 12 vols. Includes all business records and minutes of session meetings. First volume lost.

Register of Deacons, 1838-94. 1 vol. Lists deacons with name, date of installation, and date of death.

Register of Pastors, 1838--. 3 vols. Includes list of pastors, with date of pastorate; lists of elders, deacons, baptisms and members, 1838-1908; marriages, 1893-1915.

Church membership file, 1908--. 1,800 cards. Shows names of members, date of admission, date of dismissal or death.

Church School file, current. Name cards of all attendants in church school.

Financial Records, 1918--. In possession of Mr. Harry Hannon, First National Bank, Huntington.

Unpublished history: "A Brief History of the First Presbyterian Church," compiled by Mrs. Lacy Andrews, church historian, and Mrs. J. L. Corbly and Mrs. Anna Shelton. Compiled from church records, clippings from newspapers, and memoirs of members.

Annual reports filed at Historical Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina, 1924--. Prepared by historian.

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12. Pastorate: Rev. Alfred E. Thom, Rev. Josiah A. Poage, vacant 1849-57, Dr. John C. Bayless, Rev. A. J. McMillen, Dr. John C. Bayless, Rev. John D. McClintock, Dr. J. N. Brown, Dr. J. C. Barr, Rev. Goodrich A. Wilson, Rev. J. M. Shearer, Rev. J. C. Brown, C. A. Monroe, Rev. J. M. Sloan, Rev. Newton N. Donaldson, Dr. J. Layton Mauze, Dr. J. Blanton Belk, and Dr. A. L. Currie. Taken from George Selden Wallace, Cabell County Annals and Families, p. 307.

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Published historical sketch: George Selden Wallace, Cabell County Annals and Families, pp. 307-309 (Ganet and Massie, Richmond, 1935).

196. KANAWHA SALINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1841--. Malden, Kanawha County.[13]

Services were held at the Kanawha Salines (now Malden) as early as 1819, in a church built by Col. David Ruffner, and known as "Colonel David Ruffner's church." This congregation was organized in connection with the church in Charleston (see entry 3) and was served by the same pastors. Formal division[14] of the churches and the organization of the Salines Church took place September 1, 1841. The second and present church had been erected the previous year, on property which had been donated by Colonel Ruffner, in all probability on the site of the first one. This building was dedicated December 13, 1840. The first resident minister to serve the church after its separate organization, was Rev. Stuart Robinson, a graduate of Amhurst, Princeton, and Union Theological Seminary.[15] He served the church from 1843 to 1847.
Records not available to compiler of this volume.

197. GLENVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1847--. Church Street, Glenville, Gilmer County.

Organization effected in November 1847, by Rev. Francis Braddock, of Washington Presbytery. Greenbrier Presbytery had

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13. Kanawha Presbytery organized in this church April 9, 1885. Rev. Dr. J. C. Barr, pastor of First Presbyterian, Charleston, being elected moderator.
14. Organizing members of the church included: David Ruffner and Nathaniel Hatch, elders; Ann Ruffner, Julia Turner, Ira Marsh, Jane Anderson, Elizabeth Smithers, Mrs. Mary Williams, Catherine Gringley, Sarah Law, Mrs. E. Martin, Mary Morton, George W. Taylor, Mrs. Martha Hagerman, Mary Leftwich, Mrs. Shelton, Lucinda Coleman, Mrs. Bethsanne Watson, Farewell Brown, Mrs. Montgomery, Mildred Anderson, Mary Humphreys, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, Miriam Reynolds, Elizabeth Hatch, Susan Rice, Jane Ann Tims, Mrs. M. Donally, John Lewis, Lucy Wilson, Catherine French, Mrs. Malvina Nichols, Sarah Thompson, Elizabeth A. D. Ruffner, Juliet E. Taylor, James Leftwich, Albert Shelton, Lindsay Coleman, Melinda Marshall, William Graham, George Montgomery, Althea Putney, John Humphreys, James Ormiston, Andrew Parks, Betsy Elsesser.
15. Dr. Robinson was born in Londonderry, Ireland, 1814. Educated at Amherst, Princeton, and Union Theological Seminary; served as Professor of Theology at Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Danville, Ky.; editor of The True Presbyterian; moderator, Synod of Kentucky; moderator, General Assembly, 1869.

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assigned Rev. E. Thomas to form an organization here, but upon reaching Glenville, he found that he had been preceded by the Rev. Mr. Braddock. Mrs. Y. Calhoun, a licentiate from Washington Presbytery, served this congregation and surrounding territory for one year. Due to her efforts, a campaign was started to raise funds for the erection of a church, but upon her departure, the funds were given to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1849 for church construction, with the understanding that they, the Presbyterians, could use the building when they had a minister. No regular services were held at this time, but occasional visits were paid by ministers from Washington and Greenbrier Presbyterys. This church became a part of Greenbrier Presbytery by the establishment of a definite boundary line between that organization and Washington Presbytery. In September 1857 it was transferred to Lexington Presbytery by an act of the Synod of Virginia, meeting in Lewisburg. During the Civil War the church appears to have been inactive, but it is probable that irregular services were conducted. During the pastorate of Rev. James E. Bear,[16] funds were again raised for a building, and a building of schoolhouse architecture was erected and dedicated in 1888 or 1889.[17] An addition to this building, consisting of assembly room, five church school rooms, pastor's study and kitchen is under construction at present time (1940). The Rev. W. B. Sibbet, whose tenure of service was from 1871 until 1877, was the first resident pastor.[18]

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16. Copy of original subscription list in possession of Mrs. John E. Arbuckle, Glenville, W. Va.
17. Gilmer County, Deed Books, 18, p. 474, Jan. 2, 1888. Sara Louisa Linn, grantor. M. T. Brannon, William E. Huddell and S. A. Hays, trustees, grantees
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Services were held at this point as early as 1856 by pastors of the Point Pleasant Church (see entry 194). The organization was effected about the same time as Buffalo Presbyterian Church (see entry 199), under the leadership of Rev. George W. Woodhull, pastor of the Point Pleasant Church.[20] Worship services continued to be held in private homes until 1885. In that year the Methodist Episcopal Church South built a church at Frazier's Bottom which was also used by Presbyterians. This church continued in existence until 1918, when it was dissolved, the members being transferred to "Lyle Kirk" at Pliny (see entry 215).

199. BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1860--. High Street, Buffalo, Putnam County.

Organized December 8, 1860, services had been held by pastors of the Point Pleasant Church (see entry 194) since the ministry of Rev. Francis Dutton, 1834-39.[21] The organization was effected with 20 members[22] under the leadership of Rev. George W. Woodhull, pastor of the Point Pleasant Church. The church building had been erected prior to formal organization; it was dedicated August 22, 1857.[23] This edifice, which is still in use, is a red brick structure. The original slave gallery has been converted into church school rooms. Rev. Mr. Woodhull[24] was the first clergyman to serve this church after its organization.

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19. Hardesty's Special History of the Virginias, Putnam County, p. 23, states that Frazier's Bottom Presbyterian Church was organized about 1856.
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Session Records, 1857--. 1 vol. Contains session minutes and financial records.

Church Register, 1860--. 1 vol. Includes membership, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Church School Records, 1866--. 30 vols. In possession of Miss Catherine Sterrett, Buffalo.

Ladies Circle Records, 1935--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. John McIntosh, Buffalo.

200. ARBUCKLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1868--. Arbuckle, Mason County.

Services were first held in this community by Rev. Francis Dutton (see entry 194) 1834-39,[25] and the church was organized as a mission of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. A frame chapel was erected and on August 30, 1868 Rev. B. B. Blair conducted the dedication services.[26] Rev. Mr. Blair[27] served the church as its first resident clergyman from 1868 to 1870.

Records incorporated into those of Point Pleasant Church (see entry 194).

Historical sketch in John Kountz Roberts, Jr., History of Presbyterian Church, Point Pleasant, West Virginia (Point Pleasant: 1935).

201. ST. ALBANS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1868--. Third Street and Seventh Avenue, St. Albans

The first Presbyterian services were held in St. Albans, by Rev. James M. Brown, in 1857. Worship was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for a short time, when the outbreak of the Civil War interrupted plans for a regular established church in this community. Rev. Mr. Brown died, and

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the 4th Virginia Volunteers, U.S.A.; received degree of Doctor of Divinity, New York University, 1889; died Sept. 9, 1912.

25. Roberts, History, p. 6.
26. Ibid., pp. 19, 20.
27. Ibid., p. 17. Rev. Brice Benton Blair was born at Dillsburg, Pa., March 9, 1839. He attended Jefferson College, Princeton Seminary, and Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. In 1862 Mr. Blair was graduated from Union Seminary and licensed to preach by Greenbrier Presbytery. As soon as he was made a licentiate he joined the Confederate Army as a Chaplain and served as such until the end of the war. For a year he was stated supply at Kanawha Salines. On October 12, 1867 he was ordained by Greenbrier Presbytery and installed as pastor of the Point Pleasant Church.

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his son, Rev. John C. Brown, was appointed missionary to the Kanawha Valley, August 22, 1868. Rev. B. B. Blair, assisted by Rev. John C. Brown and Rev. Mr. McClintic, from Kentucky, organized the Presbyterian Church at St. Albans. Rev. Mr. Blair was the first resident pastor, serving from May 1868, until May 1869. He received his ministerial education at Jefferson College, Princeton University, and Union Theological Seminary. For a number of years the Presbyterians had no church of their own and services were held in private homes and in James D. Alford's store building. From 1873 to 1878 services were held in the old town hall on Fifth Avenue and Second Street. In 1878[28] the first building for Presbyterian services was erected at the corner of Seventh Avenue and E Street. This building was used until 1910, at which time a new and larger building was erected, replacing the former building on the same site. It was dedicated October 9, 1910, Rev. Walker Moore, D.D., L.L.D., President of Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia, being invited to preach the dedicatory sermon.[29] This building is of old mission and modern architecture, and gray stone construction. The windows are of green and blue cathedral art glass.

Session Records and Session Meetings, 1868--. 5 vols.

Register Books, 1868--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths.

Church School Records, 1 vol. Each year to date.

Financial Records, 1869-1905, in short history by Rev. Charles W. Somerville. In possession of the Clerk of Kanawha Presbytery, 1562 Virginia Street East, Charleston.

Published historical sketch: A report of the dedicatory services which were held on October 9, 1910, was published in the Southern Presbyterian at Richmond, Virginia, November 2, 1910.

202. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1872--. Virginia and Broad Streets, Charleston, Kanawha County.

This church had existed as a part of the Kanawha Presbyterian Church (see entry 3) from 1819 until 1872, when a separate organization was effected. Following the Civil War the Kanawha Presbyterian Church attempted to remain neutral in the question which had divided the General Assembly. This was possible until February 13, 1872, when the congregation, by mutual agreement, divided, and the newly formed church allied itself with the Presbyterian Church of the United States.[30]

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28. W. S. Laidley, History of Charleston and Kanawha Valley, p. 226. Hereafter cited, Laidley, History of Charleston.
29. Charleston Gazette, Oct. 8, 1910. Note: Laidley, in his History of Charleston, gives this date as Oct. 15, 1910.
30. Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 14.

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In the partition of the church property the newly formed church chose the old church edifice, the Kanawha Church retaining the manse and its ample ground.[31] About 1887, a new church was built on a lot acquired by the Ruffner heirs, the former site of the Mercer Academy (see entry 333), at the corner of Quarrier and Hale Streets. The building was colonial in architecture, and was constructed of hand-sawed stone. When the present church was constructed, this building was torn down, the stone sold to William McCorkle, and the lot sold. The present church, the plans of which are said to have been copied from those which were designed by Stanford White was erected in 1914. It is constructed of white stone with a central glass dome over the main auditorium. A large church school and office building adjoining the church was erected in 1932. A manse on Kanawha Street is also a part of this church property. The first resident minister was Rev. J. Calvin Barr, who served this church 1872 to 1901.

Session Records, 1872--. 2 vols. Vol. I, 1872-1900; vol. II, 1900--. Contains list of membership, births, baptisms, and marriages.

Church School Records, 1914--. Complete records for each department. On file in church office building.

Financial Records, 1887--. 1 vol.

Woman's Guild, 1939--. 1 vol.

203. BURNSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1873--. Burnsville, Braxton County.

Organized December 12, 1873, by Rev. Loyal Young and Rev. William R. Sibbet in compliance with a petition[32] which had been presented to the Presbytery of West Virginia, requesting the organization of a church at Lumberport (now Burnsville). Soon thereafter a frame building, of the rural schoolhouse type, was purchased from the Methodist Episcopal Church.[33] Rev. William R. Sibbet served as the first resident clergyman, 1873-79.

Session Records, 1873-1904. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, deaths, and financial records. In possession of Mr. C. A. Wade, Burnsville.

Church School Records, 1939--. 1 vol. at church.

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31. Hardesty's Encyclopedia, p. 300.
32. Signers were: Mrs. W. R. Hoffman, Mrs. Mary K. Burns, Mrs. B. M. McCoy, Mrs. Alice Currence, Mrs. Sarah E. Sibbet, Mrs. Mary L. Quickle, and R. R. Marshall.
33. The final payment was paid by G. G. Gooch, of Staunton, Va., in 1891.

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204. SUTTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1873--. Sutton, Braxton County.

In 1873 the Presbytery of West Virginia, then in session at Fairmont, appointed a commission consisting of Rev. W. R. Sibbet and Elder Floyd Chrisman of Glenville, to organize a church at Sutton.[34] The church was organized August 10, 1873, and a small frame building dedicated late the same year.[35] The church remained in Northern Assembly from 1873, to April 16, 1887, when the Northern and Southern Assemblies agreed to make the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad the dividing line. The Sutton Church was received into the Lexington Presbytery and remained until April 9, 1895, when it was transferred to Kanawha Presbytery.[36] The church was rebuilt in 1895 and the present edifice was dedicated early the following year. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Mr. Sibbet, who served 1873 to 1877.

Session Records, 1873--. 2 vols. Contains a list of members, births, baptisms, and deaths. Financial records are also included in Session Records.

Church School Records, 1895--. 9 vols. Each volume contains list of attendance and contributions for five year period.

205. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1874--. Hamlin, Lincoln County.

Organized November 9, 1874, by Rev. Edward Eels, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at St. Albans (see entry 201).[37] First meetings were held in the grade school building until 1883 when the present church building was dedicated.[38] This church was supplied by the St. Albans Church until 1883, services being held every two weeks. Name of the first resident minister is not known.

Records of this church were not available to the compilers of this volume.

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34. Members: A. B. Beamer, Amos Gorrell, James Humphreys, Martin VanBuren McElwain, Mrs. A. B. Beamer, and Mary McQueen Humphreys.
35. John Davidson Sutton, History of Braxton County and Central West Virginia, p. 243. Hereafter cited: Suttons, History.
36. Ibid., p. 244.
37. Hardesty's, Encyclopedia, p. 375.
38. Members at time of organization: Joseph W. Holt, Mrs. Nancy Holt, Lala Holt, Bessie Holt, Martha Sweetland, Rebecca Kayser, Carrie Kayser, Merlin Keyser, Mattie

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206. *McLEAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1875-1900. McLean Pike, nr. Red House, Putnam County.

This church was organized largely through efforts of James F. McLean, who owned 75,000 acres of land near Red House, and who was anxious to open this section to settlement. Work was begun on a church building early in 1875, and the building, a one-room frame, was dedicated in October, 1875.[39] The first settled clergyman was Rev. S. E. Lane, who served 1875-76. This church continued in existence until 1900, when it became defunct and the building sold to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This church is known today as Wade Chapel (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives in West Virginia: Methodist Bodies).

No records of this church are known to exist.

207. *CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1878-1937. Corner North 5th and West Pike Streets, Clarksburg, Harrison County.

The Central Presbyterian Church, organized in 1878, at the home of James P. Davis, on Chestnut Street, grew out of the Clarksburg Presbyterian Church (see entry 61). On May 25, 1860, the Clarksburg Church was transferred from the Redstone Presbytery to the Synod of Virginia. At a meeting of the Lexington Presbytery held at the Augusta Church on August 26, 1869, the Buckhannon, French Creek, New Bethel, West Fork, Glenville, and Clarksburg Churches were dropped from the roll of the Lexington Presbytery, and became a part of the Presbytery of West Virginia. On October 18, 1877, the Clarksburg Church invited Rev. D. B. Ewing of Lexington Presbytery, to preach at Clarksburg. After hearing him, they requested him to remain. Not wishing to sever his connections with the Lexington Presbytery, he agreed to stay as stated supply for a year, if at the end of which time, the church would enter the Lexington Presbytery. About 25 members of the Clarksburg Church, and several from neighboring churches, decided to form a new church when this proposal was rejected. A committee,[40] meeting at the home of James Davis, petitioned the Lexington Presbytery to form a new church to be known as Central. This petition was accepted

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Sweetland, Julia Spurland, Mary Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks, and Mary Wilkinson.

39. Putnam County, Deed Books, 8, pp. 148, 149. Grantors, James L. McLean and wife, grantees: Trustees of McLean Presbyterian Church.

40. Members of this committee were: Resin Davis, Kate Davis, James Owen, Dr. A. W. Austin, Mrs. G. W. Bowcock, J. J. Miller, Hon. J. J. Davis and wife, Miss Minnie Davis, and P. W. Bartlett. Dr. Austin, chosen Moderator; J. J. Miller and P. W. Bartlett appointed to the Presbytery for organization purposes.

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and Central Church remained a part of the Lexington Presbytery until it became a part of Tygart's Valley Presbytery, on the formation of that body. When Tygart's Valley Presbytery became inactive in 1928, Central was transferred to Kanawha Presbytery and remained a member of that group until it became inactive in 1937. Prior to the erection of the small brick church in 1881, worship services were held in the courthouse. The church was remodeled in 1929, and follows an old English style of architecture. Rev. Patterson Fletcher, was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1878 to 1882.

Session Records, 1925-37. 1 vol.

Register Books, 1925-37. 1 vol. Contains baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths.

Financial Records, 1925-37. 1 vol.

Records prior to 1925 cannot be located.

208. BREAM MEMORIAL CHURCH, 1883--. West Washington Street, Charleston, Kanawha County.

In June 1883 Dr. J. C. Barr, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church (see entry 202) started a mission church school on what is now called Bigley Avenue. Glen Elk Mission, as it was then known, was served by Rev. J. E. Booker, Dr. Barr's co-pastor, and services were held there once a month in the small mission chapel. Here the organization met and worshipped until the first unit of Bream Memorial was built in 1902.[41] The steady growth of the church school demanded enlarged quarters to accommodate the increase, and a new building was added and dedicated in 1931, known as the Hubbard Memorial Building. With the help and generous contributions of Colonel John Q. Dickinson, a gymnasium and church school rooms were erected. Bream is one of the four largest churches in the General Assembly in the United States and maintains missionaries in Haichow, China; Chunju, Korea, and Lubec, Congo Belgium, Africa. It has the largest church school in the General Assembly.[42] Missions of this church are Littlepage, Edgewood, Hillsdale, Sattes, McKinnon, and Hobbs Chapels.[43] Rev. B. F. Patton was the first resident clergyman[44] serving from 1891 until 1894. The church building is of Gothic design with tower and bell, constructed of cut gray stone. The

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41. Howard S. Jarrett, History of Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, p. 12.
42. Ibid.
43. Lydia Robinson Church was once a mission of this church.
44. Pastors serving this church were: Dr. J. C. Barr and Rev. J. E. Booker, 1883-91; Rev. B. F. Patton, 1891-94; Rev. J. W. Lafferty, 1894-96; Rev. Robert Mann, 1895-99; Rev. H. J. Williams, 1899-1906; Rev. J. Dawson Henery, 1906-07; Rev. Charles F. Myers, 1908-16; Rev. Samuel Glasgow, 1916-20; Rev. Frank C. Brown, 1920-36; and Rev. Joseph B. Overmyer, 1937--.

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Hubbard Memorial building adjoining the church is of modern design, constructed of brick.

Session Minutes, 1905--. 5 vols.

Financial Records, 1905--. 1 vol. Record of all contributions to church. Also includes Trustees reports as to building program.

Church School Records, 1902--. Annual volumes. Record of complete membership, attendance, collection, class reports, social activities, and group work. Records on file in Sunday School unit, Bream Memorial Church.

Published historical sketch: Howard S. Jarrett, History of the Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church at its Fiftieth Anniversary, 1933 (Charleston, W. Va.: 1933); Rev. John Townsend, A Brief History of the Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church (n.d., n.p.).

209. WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1890--. Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County.

The first meetings were held in the school building preparatory to the organization and erection of the present building which was dedicated in 1892. This organization was established through the interest of the members of the Presbyterian Church at Point Pleasant (see entry 194), of which the Westminster Church was a mission for a short time. It was formerly known as Gallipolis Ferry Church. Rev. John Addison Scott, a graduate of Washington College (Washington and Lee University) was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1890-92.

Session Records, see Presbyterian Church at Point Pleasant (entry 194).

Church School Records, 1933--. 2 vols.

Historical sketch, John Kountz Roberts, Jr., History of Presbyterian Church, Point Pleasant, West Virginia (1935).

210. LICK BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1891--. McCorkle Avenue and 20th Street, Charleston, Kanawha County.

The Lick Branch Union Church School, out of which the church grew, was organized in a school building situated near the location of the present church. This church school, made up of Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians, was started some time prior to 1890, probably about 1877. From 1882 until 1890, Dr. J. C. Barr, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston (see entry 202), held services once each month at Lick Branch. In 1891 the organization was formed and the present plain rural schoolhouse type of structure with tower and bell was erected.[45] Dr. J. C. Barr, the first resident[46]

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45. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 91, p. 574. November 13, 1903. Ella B. Botsford, grantor, to Bradford Noyes, J. W. Wintz, and Martin Shultz, trustees, grantees.
46. Pastorate: Rev. J. C. Barr, 1882-98; Rev. B. F. Patton,

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clergyman, served 1892-98. He was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and Western Theological Seminary.

Session Minutes, 1900--. 2 vols. Vol. I, July 29, 1900-July 30, 1933, located at home of Bradford Noyes; vol. II, February 28, 1933-April 7, 1937, at home of Rev. J. Blair Morton, Apartment D, 1621 Quarrier Street, Charleston.

Church School Records, 1904--. 23 vols. In possession of A. C. Clark, Secretary.

Financial Records, January 18, 1933--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Ferrell.

Historical sketch, B. F. Sperow, History of Lick Branch Presbyterian Church (Charleston, W. Va.: 1932).

211. KENOVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, December 11, 1892--.
1116 Chestnut Street, Kenova, Wayne County.

Presbyterianism in Kenova began with the sermon of Rev. S. D. Boggs, of Catlettsburg, Ky., delivered in June 1892, on the banks of the Ohio River. Numerous services were held and in inclement weather, the wharfboat was used for that purpose. In September of the same year, 20 members[47] were enrolled, and shortly afterwards, a petition was made to Greenbrier Presbytery asking that a church organization be effected. This was accomplished, and on December 11, 1892, Rev. J. M. Sloan and Elder John L. Johnston, of Huntington First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. S. D. Boggs, conducted the organization services.[48] Kenova operated as a mission of the Kanawha Presbytery for a number of years. Services were first held in an existing building, known as Assembly Hall. In 1899 the building was leased to the Y.M.C.A., and the church was moved to the Glenwood Inn, on 14th Street, which is now remodeled into an apartment building. Through the efforts of the Ladies Aid, the original Assembly Hall was purchased in 1909, and once more became the home of the church. In 1912 during the pastorate of Rev. B. F. Sperow of Charleston, an annex was built and numerous changes made in the church

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1899-1910; Rev. J. Blair Morton, 1911-19; Rev. L. E. McEldowney, June 1, 1919-Sept. 30, 1919; Rev. J. H. Viser, pastor of Kanawha City Church, 1920-21; Rev. F. B. Schriner, Sept. 6, 1921 to May 1, 1925; Rev. B. F. Sperow, 1925-32; Rev. J. Blair Morton, 1932--.

47. Carrie Cyrus (Mrs. Walter Mangus), Mary Baldridge, Thomas and Nancy Burrelson, Mrs. Mary Hart, Albert Holt, Alice Holt, Mrs. Cora Jackson, David Lewis, Mrs. Kate Southworth, Minnie Willis, and Anna B. Wood. Complete list of members not available.

48. Elders were: Mr. Joseph Hart and a Mr. Baldridge. Deacons were: Guy B. Ross, Wade H. Miller, and George H. Limley.

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building. The building is of Gothic architecture in brown shingles, with indirect lighting, belfry, and a glass enclosed vestibule. Rev. J. B. Waller, of Lambert's Point, Virginia, was the first resident pastor, serving from 1892 until 1897, although Rev. Newton Donaldson and Rev. Richard Valentine, of Huntington, held services twice a month for a number of years to that time.

Session Records, 1911--. 2 vols. Contains register of finances, baptisms, members, deaths, marriages, records of deacons, and minutes of the session. In possession of W. C. Grimm, 1104 Beach Street, Kenova

212. MILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1893--. Smith and Mason Streets, Milton, Cabell County.

In the fall of 1891, Rev. J. W. Evans, of the Greenbrier Presbytery, held a meeting in the town of Milton. As a result of this meeting, the Presbytery was petitioned to establish a church at this place. The Presbytery appointed Rev. J. C. Barr to visit Milton, and establish the church, either by effecting a new organization, or by transferring the organization of Bethany Church to Milton. The membership and organization was moved shortly after Rev. Mr. Barr's visit to Milton, and a small frame meetinghouse was erected on the corner of Pike and Mason Streets. The complete organization was not effected until October 1, 1893, when Dr. Barr held a morning service, and by order of the Presbytery, changed the name of Bethany Presbyterian Church to Milton Presbyterian Church and ordered the members of Bethany Church to be enrolled as members of the new church. In 1911 the Milton Church was transferred to the Kanawha Presbytery. Rev. J. M. Sloan was the first resident pastor, serving from 1894 until 1895. In 1914, under the ministry of Rev. C. W. McDonald, the present manse was erected on Smith Street, and many repairs made on the church building. During the ministry of Rev. Fred Christie, the Woman's Auxiliary purchased the lot adjoining the manse, and in 1920, the church was moved to this lot at the corner of Smith and Mason Streets.

Session Records, 1893--. 2 vols. Contain record of membership, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Church School Records, 1917--. 2 vols. Vol I, June 1917-August 1939; vol. II, September 1939--. In possession of Frank Ray, 1114 South Main Street, Milton.

Women's Auxiliary Records, 1921--. 1 vol.

213. *PLYMOUTH UNION CHURCH, 1898-1902. Plymouth, Putnam County.

This group was organized 1898 by a committee from Winfield Presbyterian Church (see entry 12). The church was organized in a Union Church building, erected in 1898, by the Plymouth Coal Company for the use of all denominations. The building is a two-room structure of frame construction, and is now used as a schoolhouse. The Presbyterian group became inactive in 1902,

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when several members moved from the community. In 1930 an attempt was made to reorganize the church, but it was not successful. No further attempt at reorganization has been attempted. No records could be found.

214. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1906--. Logan, Logan County.

Organized April 1, 1906 by Rev. M. E. Hansel. Services were conducted in the Baptist Church until September 5, 1909, when the Presbyterian Chapel was dedicated. This building served until January 1919, when the present modern church building was dedicated. This two-story brick building, with large auditorium and six Sunday school rooms, is still in use. A manse is also owned. The first resident clergyman was Rev. M. E. Hansel, who served this church April 1, 1906 to 1910.

Session Records, 1925--. 2 vols. Records previous to 1925, destroyed by fire.

Register Books, 1925--. 1 vol. Contains lists of membership and baptisms.

Unpublished historical sketch included in Session Records.

215. "LYLE KIRK" OR PLINY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1906--. Pliny, Putnam County.

The church at Pliny was organized as "Lyle Kirk" at a session held at Fraziers Bottom Presbyterian Church (see entry 198) April 21, 1906.[49] Services were held in Pliny schoolhouse until 1908, when the present building was completed and dedicated. The building is of plain frame schoolhouse type of construction with small belfry and steeple. The first settled clergyman was Rev. C. W. Sommerville, who served 1906-1910.

Session Records, 1906--. 1 vol. In possession of Lee Handley, Session Clerk, Pliny.

Register Books, 1906--. 2 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, members, marriages, and deaths. In possession of present minister, Rev. Harvey Hunter Orr, Eleanor.

Church School Records, 1919--. 7 vols.

Pliny Christian Endeavor Records, 1924--. 2 vols.

216. SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1908--. Ninth Street and Jefferson Avenue, Huntington, Cabell County.

This church is an outgrowth of a mission school organized in 1893, by members of the First Presbyterian Church

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49. Elders selected were: V. C. Johnson, C. C. Brown, and L. C. Alexander, Rev. Frederick Carl Borth, Point Pleasant, was moderator of the Session, S. A. Sterrett was Clerk of Session.

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(see entry 195). These services were held in a school building, and formal organization[50] did not take place until September 17, 1908. The group selected the name of Central Presbyterian Church, and it was not until the first building was erected in 1910, that the name was changed to the present one. The first building was a plain brick structure, on the site of the present church. This building of Romanesque design, with large copper dome, was dedicated November 8, 1925. The first resident pastor was Rev. J. K. Hitner, a graduate of the Union Theological Seminary, who served the church from 1910 to 1913.

Session Records, 1908--. 2 vols. Includes records of session meetings. In church study.

Church Register, 1908--. 1 vol. Contains church membership, lists of deacons, elders, and pastors, and a few records of baptisms.

Membership Card File, current. Record of current church membership.

Financial Records, 1908--. 2 vols. In possession of Mr. W. H. Cornetet, 812 Second Street West, Huntington.

Church School Card File, current only. Card System of church school members.

Unpublished histories: Annual historical reports to Historical Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

217. *GLENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1911-30. West Washington and B Streets, Charleston, Kanawha County.

Organized as a mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, (see entry 202) early in 1911. A brick building was soon erected and active services were conducted by Presbyterians until 1930. In 1935, the building was open to use as a mission by all churches. In 1937, the building was remodeled and leased to a grocery firm. At a congregational meeting on July 9, 1939, the trustees of the mother church ordered the building to be sold.

All records incorporated into those of the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston.

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50. Charter members included: Alberta Poage, Nancy Baker, Cerisa May Robinson, B. F. Staton, Mrs. Ruth Staton, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Mrs. Fannie Shaver, Henry Sizemore, Mrs. Amanda Sizemore, R. D. Wylie, Mrs. Carrie Wylie, Ruth Wylie, R. Howard Wylie, Mrs. Edith Hickman, Walter Lump, Frank Lump, and Henry Lump. Elders were: R. D. Wylie and B. F. Staton.
51. Pastorate: J. W. Waller (stated supply) 1908-10, Rev. J. K. Hitner, 1910-13, Rev. H. J. Allsup, 1913-14, Rev. J. H. Viser, 1915-17, Rev. C. R. Garrison, 1917-23, Rev. T. S. Smylie, 1923-27, Rev. J. C. Crenshaw, 1928-34, Rev. T. Henry Patterson, 1935--.
52. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 124, p. 519.

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218. HIGHLAWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1913--. Collis Avenue and 28th Street, Huntington, Cabell County.

Organized in 1913, by members of the First Presbyterian Church (see entry 195).[53] The first building was erected soon afterward. It was a plain frame building, with three memorial windows,[54] and was used until the completion of the present church which was dedicated October 1923. A manse is also owned. This church was served by pastors of the other Presbyterian churches in Huntington, until 1919, when Rev. W. P. Hopper, the present minister, took charge of the church. Rev. Mr. Hopper is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary.

Session Records, 1913--. 3 vols. Contains minutes of session meetings, record of marriages, deaths, and baptisms.

Membership File, 1913--. Card file of names of members with date of admission, date of death, or date dismissed, Session Record and membership file located in pastor's study.

Church School Register, 1930--. 1 vol.

Financial Records, 1925--. n.v. Looseleaf file of contributions made by members since 1925. In possession of Mrs. George Adkins, 2833 Collis Avenue, Huntington.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1913--. 2 vols. This organization was formerly known as Ladies Union.

Letter Boxes, 1923-26. 7 boxes. Contain texts and sermons delivered by pastor during those years.

Unpublished historical sketch: Annual historical report sent to Historical Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

219. PUTNEY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1913--. Reed, Kanawha County.

A Sabbath school was organized at this point by Rev. J. W. Carpenter a few years prior to the organization of the church. The school began as a Union Sabbath School and was held in the public school building until 1913, when the present church building was erected, on land donated by A. M. Putney.[55] In this building an organization was effected by Rev. C. W. McDonald, on May 18, 1913. The small frame edifice was greatly improved by repairs in 1913. Rev. J. W. Carpenter was the first resident pastor, serving from 1913 to 1918.

Session Records, 1913--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, members and deaths. In possession of A. R. Morris, Reed.

Financial Records, 1925--. 1 vol. In possession of G. C. Nelson, Reed.

Sunday School Records, 1913--. n.v. (looseleaf).

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53. Charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bronson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spessard, Mr. and Mrs. John Schoenlein, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McKeever and Mrs. Minder.
54. James Stuart Cunningham, Landy Holman Hooper, Minnie Hoff.
55. Putney Memorial Presbyterian Church, Minutes of Session, p. 1. This church was named in honor of Mr. Putney. The Campbells Creek Coal Company contributed most of the funds for the erection and repairs of the church.

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220. KUHN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1914--. 10th and Main Streets, Barboursville, Cabell County.

Mrs. Amanda Kuhn, at her death, bequeathed her home, a parcel of land and a sum of money for the promotion of a Presbyterian Church, as a memorial to her husband, James I. Kuhn. This bequest was to be fulfilled at the discretion and direction of her sister, Miss Columbia Tierman. To meet the terms of Mrs. Kuhn's will, Dr. J. Layton Mauze, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, and Judge Campbell, with Dr. Hitner as moderator, called a meeting of the Presbyterians in the Baptist Church of Barboursville, for the purpose of organizing a class. This was accomplished in the fall of 1914.[56] At the time of the organization (1914) of the Kuhn Memorial Church, the Baptist people held services only semi-monthly, and invited the newly-formed Presbyterian class to use their church at their pleasure, many Baptist members assisting in the Presbyterian services and attending sessions in a friendly cooperative manner. Miss Tierman was of no professed faith, and did not seem particularly interested in carrying out her sister's request in building the church. However, in 1925, the little red brick chapel was erected on the lot adjoining the Kuhn home.

When the Church School and other organizations expanded, it was found necessary to build an addition to the church building. This was done in 1933, and is composed of a large room to the left of the sanctuary, which is used as recreation, dining, and church school rooms. A pastor's study and a well-equipped kitchen were also added at the same time. The new building was dedicated by Dr. Brooks, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Charleston, and Dr. J. Layton Mauze, pastor of First Presbyterian Church at Huntington. The first resident clergyman, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, was Rev. C. W. McDonald, 1914-16.

Session Records, 1914--. 1 vol. Contains records of membership, finances, and all business of the church.

Church School Records, September 1, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Virginia Patterson, 615 McClung Street.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1915--. 2 vols.

221. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1919--. 2nd Avenue and B Steet, South Charleston.

This church began in 1908, as a mission in a small schoolhouse on the corner of Second Avenue and B Street. On November

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56. Charter members: Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Hume, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. White, Captain and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. P. A. Vallandingham, Misses Leona Cyrus and Valentine Leist, and Mr. F. I. Updike.

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30, 1909, the Kanawha Valley Land Company donated a lot on Fourth Avenue.[57] Here they soon erected a small frame church, which is now owned and used by the Christian Church. Under the leadership of Rev. J. Blair Morton, supply pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston (see entry 202) this mission succeeded and expanded. In 1919, the Kanawha Presbytery appointed a commission to organize a Presbyterian Church in South Charleston.[58] In accordance with its purpose and instructions, this commission met on June 22, 1919, in the Presbyterian Church on Fourth Avenue, South Charleston, and organized a Presbyterian Church with 57 charter members. Rev. J. A. Boyd, a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, became the first resident pastor, 1919-20. In a few years, the organization grew to such an extent that more room and better equipment was needed. On June 29, 1920, A. F. McCloud and wife deeded to the Presbyterian Church, Lot 21, Block D-4, in South Charleston.[59] On this lot they built the new Sunday school unit of their prospective church. A building committee[60] was appointed, and the church building erected during 1927, and dedicated October 23, of that year. It is a two-story, brick structure, with a kitchen and dining room in the basement.

Session Minutes, n.d., n.v.
Church School Records, 1925--. n.v. (looseleaf).

222. RUFFNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1919--.
1636 Quarrier Street, Charleston, Kanawha County.

Among the various missions started by the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston (see entry 202) was a mission church school from which grew the Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church. The first meetings were held in a building which stood on the northeast corner of Kentucky Street (now Greenbrier) and Piedmont Road.[61] It is not known exactly how long this mission work was carried on in this location, but in March 1910, the question of securing a lot for a church in the rapidly growing east end of the city came before the session of the First Presbyterian Church. A committee was appointed to see if a certain lot at the northwest corner of Kentucky Street and

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57. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 119, p. 18.
58. Rev. J. A. Boyd, Rev. Ernest Thompson, George E. Price, and S. T. McLellan.
59. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 212, p. 293.
60. Dr. R. H. Dunn, Chairman, H. C. Zogg, K. E. Reed, L. C. Massey, E. S. VanBuren, and W. G. Moore.
61. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 66, p. 162, Dec. 15, 1892, Halcydine S. and Charles Whittington by Charles Walker, guardian, grantors; Charles C. Lewis, Job E. Thayer and W. P. Ewing, trustees of First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, grantees.

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Waddesseh Street (now Quarrier) could be obtained. In June 1911, this lot came into the possession of the church, not by purchase, but as a gift from Mrs. Meredith Ruffner.[62] The following year (1912) Elder C. C. Lewis and his sister Mrs. Sallie Dickinson, of the First Presbyterian Church, offered to erect a chapel on this lot at their own expense. This offer was accepted and the chapel was constructed the same year. The property at Greenbrier Street and Piedmont Road was ordered sold, and the proceeds used for the expense of carrying on the work of the new chapel. The mission work in the new location continued to grow, and various plans were discussed in regard to obtaining a minister, or special worker, but nothing definite was done until May 1918. At this time, Elder A. M. Prichard appointed a committee to secure a suitable man for the work. Rev. L. E. McEldowney was appointed the first resident pastor, serving from 1918 until 1923. At a meeting of the Kanawha Presbytery held at the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, October 15, 1919, a petition was presented for the organization of the Ruffner Memorial Church.[63] At a meeting of the session called the same day, the petition was approved and a commission appointed to organize the church.[64] Authorization was also made for letters of dismissal to be given whenever requested, to all signers of the petition who were members of the First Presbyterian Church. The need of a permanent church building to take the place of the mission

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62. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 128, p. 351, June 19, 1911, Hattie Maxwell Ruffner, grantor; Rev. Ernest Thompson, D.D., trustee of Ruffner Memorial Church, grantee.
63. "We the undersigned do hereby humbly petition the Presbytery of Kanawha through the Rev. E. L. McEldowney to organize us into the Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church of Charleston: J. Gibson Kuykendall, Florida B. Kuykendall, H. L. Winkler, John Cork, Mable S. Smith, Bettie L. Winkler, Dot Simms, Mrs. L. E. McEldowney, Margaret Gillaland, Robt. E. L. Ruffner, Fred W. Johnston, Lillian L. Johnstone, Helen M. Hoge, Helen Louise Hoge, Mrs. Chris Rau, Pearl E. Poteet, L. E. Poteet, Henry E. Payne, Mrs. B. C. Root, Mrs. Gordon B. Moir, Mrs. Lee M. Smalley, T. H. Carey, Mrs. T. H. Carey, J. M. Petrie, Mrs. J. M. Petrie, B. C. McEldowney, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Shea, and Mrs. Lauderback, Mrs. G. Fisher Groth, Paul W. Cochran, Mrs. C. B. Board, Joseph Michel, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Warner, Mrs. J. A. Henson, Mr. B. R. Winkler, Rudolph Winkler, Mrs. B. F. Preston, A. G. Higginbotham, Hugh G. Nicholson, Roberta C. Nicholson, B. S. Preston, S. C. Austin, Margaret Austin, and Mrs. A. L. Green."
64. Rev. Ernest Thompson, Rev. Samuel Glasgow, Rev. L. E. McEldowney, Mr. George Price, Mr. A. M. Prichard, and W. S. Simms.

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chapel led to the appointment, in January 1920, of a building committee. In March of the same year, the committee reported that the lot was too small for both church and chapel, and upon their recommendation, the lot immediately north was bought for $4,000 and the chapel moved back to this lot leaving the corner free for the new building.[65] The church building, which is of light brick and stone, includes a large auditorium with balcony and vestibule, six small offices, Sunday school rooms and a large basement with a well-equipped kitchen. The building also includes a modern gymnasium. The cornerstone was laid in April 1921, and the first worship services held July 23, 1922. Through the generosity and interest of Elder Prichard, the manse was secured.[66] This is a modern well-built, brick building, located on the northeast corner of Quarrier and Greenbrier Streets.

Register Books, 1919--. 2 vols. Contains record of members, baptisms, marriages and deaths.

Session Records, 1919--. 1 vol.

Financial Records, 1919--. 1 vol.

Church School Records, 1919--. Annual volumes. Contains records of members, attendance and collection.

223. LITTLE KANAWHA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1922--. Sand Fork, Gilmer County.

On November 5, 1922, petitions, properly signed and attested, were presented from the congregations of Coal Valley (see entry 231) and Sand Fork Churches (see entry 234) requesting that their organizations be dissolved and that they be organized anew as the Little Kanawha Church.[67] The commission,[68] having met in the presence of the assembled congregations, in the Coal Valley Church, declared the two churches dissolved and the Little Kanawha Church constituted. Officers were then elected, ordained, and installed.[69] The new organization adopted the Coal Valley Church as its house of worship. Rev. W. A. Reveley served as the first resident pastor, 1922-1923. This church belonged to the Tygart's Valley Presbytery

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65. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 208, p. 97, March 6, 1920. James M. Petrie and wife, Emma O., grantors; R. E. L. Ruffner, A. G. Higginbotham and Fisher Groff, trustees, grantees.
66. Ibid., 207, p. 190, Feb. 19, 1920. Rev. Ernest Thompson, D.D., grantor; Robert E. L. Ruffner, A. G. Higginbotham, and Fisher Groff, trustees, grantees.
67. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1923) p. 6.
68. Commissioners were: Rev. W. W. Williams, Chairman, Elder J. R. Lynch, and Rev. W. W. McMorries (the last-named being absent).
69. Ruling Elders: H. E. Anderson, James Keith, and H. H. Sommerville. Deacons: W. I. Clovis, J. A. Gibson, and Berry Wright.

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until that body was dissolved in 1928.

Church School Records, 1939--.

224. *COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1923-29. Bower Braxton County.

Organized June 3, 1923 by Rev. W. C. Williams as requested in a petition dated May 24, 1923.[70] Services were held in the Y.M.C.A. building after organization. This building, served during the entire existence of the church as no other building was ever completed. The name of the first resident clergyman is unknown. Upon the dissolution of the Tygart's Valley Presbytery in 1928 this church became a member of the Kanawha Presbytery. It was dissolved by that body on September 25, 1929.[71]

Records of this church were not available to the compilers of this volume.

225. KANAWHA CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1925--. Noyes Avenue, Kanawha City, Charleston, Kanawha County.

About April 1, 1919, the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston (see entry 202) started a mission church school in the Owens Club room, at Kanawha City. Rev. L. E. McEldowney was employed as a supply at Kanawha City and Lick Branch (see entry 210) giving one-half of his time to each place. October 23, 1923 the church school was moved to the manse, at 2511 Kanawha Avenue, and remained here until the present building was completed, in February 1925.[72] The new building was constructed of red brick, with belfry and stained glass windows, and was dedicated February 15, 1926. The first resident pastor was Rev. J. H. Viser, 1920-21.

Session Minutes, 1925--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Carl Berg.

Church School Records, 1919--. 1 vol. each year. In possession of Miss Rosalind Wilson.

Year Book and Directory published by Rev. B. F. Sperow, 1932.

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70. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1923) pp. 1-2. Signers were: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones, W. M. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins, Jos. Hoylman, Mrs. Jos. Hoylman, Mary Louise Hoylman, Mabel G. McConkey, R. E. Riffle, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Judy, Mr. and Mrs. W. McElfresh, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Blanche McConkey, Mrs. Skidmore, Nettie Kinder, Opal Perkins, S. U. Grechenour, Mrs. W. A. McConkey, Mary Miller, W. A. McConkey, Mrs. J. B. White, W. A. Casto, Lee E. Brown and Eloise McElfresh.
71. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1929) p. 69.
72. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 356, p. 52, Feb. 1, 1930. Trustees of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, grantors, to trustees of Kanawha City Presbyterian Church, grantees.

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226. CLOTHIER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1927--. Clothier, Logan County.

Organized May 15, 1927, by Rev. C. R. Garrison. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Garrison in homes of members for about one year. Early in 1928, the present frame building was completed and has served the congregation since that date. In 1939, the Woman's Auxiliary organization provided funds for a basement, which is now used as church school rooms. The first resident clergyman to serve the church after completion of organization was Rev. Frank S. Jones, who served November 4, 1927 to April 7, 1929.[73]

Session Records, 1927--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. G. L. Vanover, Sharples.

Register Books, 1927--. 1 vol. Contains a list of members and baptisms.

227. BELLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1928--. Belle, Kanawha County.

A Sunday school was organized in March 1928 at the schoolhouse in Belle, by Rev. C. R. Garrison. A stucco church building was completed in December of that year,[74] to which a bell and belfry were added in 1933. The congregation was formally organized on May 14, 1933. The first resident clergyman was Rev. C. R. Garrison, 1928-29, 1932-40. Prior to the date of formal organization, this church was a mission of the Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church (see entry 222).

Session Records, 1933--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, members and deaths. In possession of C. S. Bletner, Belle.

Financial Records, 1933--. 1 vol. In possession of Preston Miley, Belle.

Unpublished historical sketch: C. S. Bletner, "Organization of the Belle Presbyterian Church." In session records.

228. NITRO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1930--. 21st Street, Nitro, Kanawha County.

This church began as a mission of the Presbyterian Church of St. Albans (see entry 201). The church school was

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73. Pastorate: Rev. Frank S. Jones, 1927-29; Rev. G. C. Bowman, 1929-32; Rev. A. K. Dudley, 1932-35; Rev. J. F. Baxter, 1936; Rev. J. F. Brooke, Jr., 1937; Rev. C. M. Voyles, 1938; Rev. S. Gilsey, 1939--.

74. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 335, p. 484, Oct. 10, 1928. Belle Land Co., grantor; Dr. Ernest Thompson, Dr. Francis J. Brooke and Rev. C. Randall Garrison, trustees, grantees.

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organized April 21, 1929, under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Cousar, Jr. and Mr. Troy D. Sutler. During the early life of the organization, church school services were held with an occasional worship service conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cousar. In June 1930, Rev. W. I. Howell, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, became stated supply for this mission, and in 1930, was instrumental in forming the church organization. He was appointed the first resident pastor,[75] serving 1930-32. Services were held in Whitry's Hall, on 21st Street, until 1933, when an old government building which had been used as a town hall since the World War, was purchased[76] and remodeled for church services. The building has an auditorium, assembly hall, recreation room, ladies parlor and pastor's study.

Session Minutes, n.d. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. R. L. Sibley.

Church School Records, n.d. n.v. In possession of Mr. M. L. Bush.

Financial Records, n.d. n.v. In possession of Mr. T. W. Bartram.

Historical sketch, Mrs. Lina Hammel, 1938.

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75. Pastorate: Rev. J. E. Cousar, Jr., (began the mission), Rev. Payne Brown, student supply, summer of 1929, J. E. Cousar, Jr. and E. E. Garrison, supply from Sept. 1929 until June 1930, Rev. W. I. Howell, June 1930 to May 1932, Rev. Frank King (student supply) June 1932 to Sept. 1932, Rev. Ellison A. Smyth, Sept. 1932-35, Rev. A. K. Dudley, 1935-36, supplies by Pulpit Committee, 1936-37, Rev. H. R. Lowman, June 1, 1937--.

76. Kanawha County, Deed Books, 389, p. 116, July 1, 1933. Nitro Industrial Corp. and W. D. Payne, Special Commissioner, grantors; Thomas W. Bartram, McDuffie Clark, trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Nitro, grantees.

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229. *TYGART'S VALLEY PRESBYTERY, 1912-1928.

In 1910 the Presbytery of Lexington appealed to Synod of Virginia for the erection of a new Presbytery from part of her territory. Lexington Presbytery consisted of five counties of Virginia, nine counties in West Virginia, with portions of six other counties lying south of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. This territory was too large for compact organization, for the best development of the church and offices, and for the most aggressive work of both ministers and laymen. The officers of West Virginia churches, could not often attend Presbytery meetings because of the time and expense of going to the Valley, and very few of the West Virginia churches were able to help maintain the Presbytery as it existed.[1]

There were two courses open to the Synod of Virginia: They could place the West Virginia churches then included in Lexington Presbytery into Kanawha (see entry 193) and Winchester Presbytery (see entry 263) or create a new Presbytery for these churches.[2]

The Synod of Virginia in session at Winchester, Virginia, October 1911, took the following action: "In response to the overture of Lexington and Winchester Presbyteries asking for the erection of a new Presbytery, we recommend the granting of the petition of the new Presbytery as follows: That the counties and portions of counties of West Virginia now embraced in the Presbytery of Lexington, with the exception of Pendleton County, together with Tucker County and a portion of Preston County now of Winchester Presbytery, is constituted into a new and separate Presbytery, as all lie on the western side of the great mountain divide. The new Presbytery would then include the counties of Tucker, except the district of Fairfax and Davis, with the Churches of Davis and Thomas, a portion of Preston south of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Randolph, Barbour, Lewis, Upshur, Gilmer, Webster, Calhoun, and portions of Ritchie, Braxton, Harrison, Doddridge and Taylor lying south of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. That the new Presbytery be called the Presbytery of Tygart's Valley. That the Rev. C. W. McDonald be appointed to act as Moderator, until another Moderator shall be elected; and that Rev. W. W. Groves act as Clerk."[3]

Owing to an oversight in the provision of financial support for the new Presbytery, the whole matter was transferred

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1. Presbytery of Tygart's Valley (U.S.), Minutes from organization through June 15, 1915, p. 10.
2. Ibid.
3. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.), Manual, containing the Constitution, History, Directory, Standing Rules and Rules of Order adopted at Sutton, W. Va., October 1916, Ch. II, p. 2.

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back to the Synod of 1912, which, having made such provisions, ordered the completion of the organization, appointing Rev. F. H. Barron, Moderator and W. W. Kuykendall, Clerk. Accordingly, Tygart's Valley Presbytery convened on Thursday, November 21, 1912, in the Davis Memorial Church, Elkins, West Virginia, and completed the organization.[4] In 1928 with the organization of Bluestone Presbytery there was a general rearrangement of Presbyterial lines in the Synod. Tygart's Valley Presbytery was dissolved and its territory divided between Greenbrier and Kanawha Presbyteries.

For complete list of records, see entry 338, pp. 259-261.

Files of Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes, 1911-25, 15 vols. Published minutes of annual meeting, reports and statistical tables. Copy available to research workers at Historical Records Survey office, 210 Smallridge Building, Charleston.

230. *WOODVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1885-1917. Burnt House, Ritchie County.

Organization of this group was effected 1885,[5] by a group of Presbyterians who came to this section with the beginning of oil field development. A small chapel was completed soon after organization and the group was accepted by Greenbrier Presbytery. The church was dependent upon stated supplies sent out by the Presbytery from time to time. In 1912, the church was transferred to Tygart's Valley Presbytery, where it remained until 1917, at which time the membership had decreased to such an extent that it was dropped from rolls of Presbytery.[6]

No records could be found.

231. *COAL VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1891-1922. Nr. Sand Fork, Gilmer County.

The Coal Valley Presbyterian Church was organized[7] in 1891[8] in the Mud Lick schoolhouse which then stood near the location of the present church. The church structure is of plain, frame, rural schoolhouse design and was dedicated in 1892. Other denominations hold services in the building. Rev. F. L. McCue, the first resident pastor, served from 1891 to 1892. This congregation was dissolved on November 5, 1922,[9] in order that its members might unite with the members of the

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4. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Manual, containing the Constitution, History, Directory, Standing Rules, and Rules of Order adopted at Sutton, W. Va., October 1916, ch. II, p. 3.
5. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1915) p. 13.
6. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1917) p. 10.
7. Elders: J. R. Lynch, J. B. Killingsworth, and P. M. Louther. Deacons: J. M. Lynch and J. D. Lynch. Trustees: J. W. Killingsworth and J. K. Ruddell.
8. Organization adopted by Presbytery in 1892. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1915) p. 13.
9. Ibid., (1923) p. 6.

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Sand Fork Presbyterian Church (see entry 234), to organize the Little Kanawha Presbyterian Church.

Session Records, 1891-1922. 1 vol. Contains baptisms, marriages, members, deaths, and financial records.

232. *GLADY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1901-27. Glady, Randolph County.

Early Presbyterian services were held in the school and in homes of the members. Formal organization took place in 1901,[10] and the plain frame building was erected soon thereafter. In 1927 the church was without a pastor, and no regular services other than a church school have been held since that time. Rev. Hopkins Ralston, the first resident clergyman, served from 1906 to 1908. A manse near the church is included in the property.

Session Records, 1906-27. 2 vols. Contains sessional minutes, church register, and financial records. In possession of Mr. George Jones, Glady.

233. *FLATWOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1905-14. Flatwoods, Braxton County.

Organized 1904, by committee sent out by Sutton Presbyterian Church (see entry 204) and a building was dedicated the same year. Regular services were held in this building until 1913. With the decline of the timber industry the population decreased and Flatwoods could no longer support a church. On April 29, 1914, a committee consisting of Rev. J. W. Rowe and Elder J. W. Humphreys, was appointed to interview the members of the Flatwoods Church with a view to inducing them to come into the Sutton Church; and to dissolve the church at Flatwoods.[11] The members were satisfied with this arrangement and the church was dissolved May 9, 1914, and the members requested to join the Sutton Presbyterian Church.[12]

Session Records, 1905-13. Contains a list of members, births, marriages performed at the church. These records on file at Sutton Presbyterian Church.

234. *SAND FORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1917-22. Sand Fork, Gilmer County.

In January 1917, members of the Coal Valley Presbyterian Church (see entry 231), together with members of other churches petitioned the Presbytery of Tygart's Valley for a Presbyterian Church organization at Sand Fork.[13] The petition

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10. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1911) p. 13.
11. Ibid., (1914) p. 55.
12. Ibid., p. 101.
13. Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes (1917) p. 40. Signers were: J. W. McCullough, C. A. McCullough, Sadie

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was granted and a commission appointed to organize the church.[14] Its formal organization was adopted in Presbytery October 11, 1917.[15] A schoolhouse type building had been erected about 1913. Prior to organization, Rev. W. J. Tidball served this congregation from 1914 to 1915. On November 5, 1922, this church was dissolved and its members united with the Coal Valley congregation to organize the Little Kanawha Presbyterian Church. The building has been razed.

No records were found.

Snodgrass, Edith McVany, Harl C. Stout, A. M. Conrad, D. D. McCullough, Dr. J. B. Rymer, A. I. Rymer, E. O. Townsend, Anna Keith, Jefferson Keith, N. A. Wilson, S. M. Townsend, Nina Townsend, Ressie Langford, Maude Brannon, Mrs. Arline Franklin, Mary L. Fitzpatrick, and Mrs. Lamma Stump.

14. Ibid., p. 41.
15. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1917) p. 10.

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235. BLUESTONE PRESBYTERY, 1928--.

Bluestone Presbytery was organized April 1, 1928. In the year 1928 there was a general re-arrangement of Presbyterial lines in the Synod. Tygart's Valley Presbytery was dissolved and its territory divided between Greenbrier and Kanawha Presbyteries. Bluestone Presbytery was then formed by several counties in the south-central part of the Synod, namely: Nicholas, Fayette, Raleigh, Wyoming, McDowell, and Mingo counties. Mercer County, in the extreme southern part of that area, was not at that time a part of the Synod of West Virginia. That county was connected with Abingdon Presbytery in the Synod of Appalachia. One year after the Bluestone Presbytery was organized, Mercer County, including the First Church of Bluefield and Westminister Church, Bluefield and the churches at Princeton, Matoaka, and Bramwell, were transferred from the Presbytery of Abingdon.

Bluestone now reports 21 churches, having an aggregate membership of 4,566, with 20 ministers notable for home mission work in a field which is rich in opportunities for the church's service.[1]

Bluestone Presbytery, Minutes, 1928--. 13 vols. Published reports of annual meetings. Complete file at Presbyterian Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

236. PRINCETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1854--. 910 Mercer Street, Princeton, Mercer County.

First services were held in Princeton by Rev. Mr. Rose, who visited there in 1847 and thereafter at stated intervals. Mr. Elliott Vaulter was the only resident of Princeton who was a member of the Presbyterian Church at that time. Through the mission work of Rev. Mr. Rose, a congregation was organized in 1854. A reorganization seems to have been effected in 1879.[2] A small frame building[3] on North Walker Street was used by the congregation until the present building was erected. This attractive brick edifice, of no distinctive architectural style, was dedicated in 1922. Rev. William P. Hickman, first resident clergyman, served the church from 1854 to 1856. The Princeton Church was received by Bluestone Presbytery in 1929.[4]

Session Records, 1854--. 1 file box. Includes minutes of meetings, church register, and financial records.

Church School Records, 1854--. 1 file box. Record of pupils and teachers.

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1. Courtney, History of the Greenbrier Presbytery, pp. 53-54.
2. Charles B. Hendrick, Official Blue Book of Mercer County, West Virginia, 1837-1931, p. 32.
3. Lot donated by Mrs. C. R. McNutt.
4. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1929) p. 67.

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237. BECKLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1870--. 17-23 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, Raleigh County.

Organized in 1870 under the name "Raleigh Presbyterian Church." The present name was adopted on April 27, 1913, by order of Greenbrier Presbytery on petition of the members of the congregation. The first building which was erected in 1908, is now being used as the City Hall, Police and Fire station. The present structure, erected in 1924, was dedicated October 2, 1927. It is an old colonial stone structure with stained glass windows. First resident clergyman, Rev. W. S. Patterson, served 1907-11. He was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan, Buckhannon, West Virginia, and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. This church became affiliated with Bluestone Presbytery at the time of organization of that body in 1928.

Session Records, 1870--. 20 vols. Contains Church School Records.

Register Book, 1870--. 1 vol. Contains list of membership.

Financial Records, 1870--. 21 vols.

238. FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1871--. Harvey Street, Fayetteville, Fayette County.

Organized as the Gibeah Presbyterian Church July 30, 1871,[5] and the first services were held in the Cotton Hill schoolhouse and the buildings now occupied by Propp's Hardware Store. On September 4, 1897, a petition was presented to the Presbytery by the Session, asking that the name be changed to Fayetteville. This request was granted at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery. The present building is a plain frame rural type of structure, with a square tower over the entrance. It was built and dedicated about 1914, and was enlarged in 1927.

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5. Raleigh County, Deed Books, 87, p. 214, September 20, 1924. Grover C. Trail, Wilma V. Trail, and Hal M. Scott, grantors; William McTaggert, J. L. Bumgardner, George W. Warren, S. E. Turner, and George W. Blair, Jr., trustees, grantees.
6. Charter members: C. S. Warner, G. M. Blume, T. W. Farley, George W. Peoples, B. H. Cassady, J. H. Miller, Sr., John Hill, Mrs. Sarah Hill, Mrs. J. W. Warner, Miss Virginia Hill, Mrs. Ann E. Miller, Peyton Morton, John Dempsey, Regila A. Nickle, Albert J. Platt, William Marsh, Dr. T. J. Barger, Mrs. Octavis V. James, Mrs.Elizabeth Timberlake Barger, Mrs. E. C. Blume, Mrs. Nannie Farley, Mrs. Eunice E. Rudicell, Miss Mary E.Coleman, Miss Alice J. McDonald, William Morton, W. T. Timberlake, Mrs. S. E. Haynes, and Miss Catherine Haynes. Elders were: G. M. Blume and C. S. Warner. Deacons were: B. H. Cassidy, George W. Peoples, and T. W. Farley.

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A manse, acquired in 1924,[7] is also a part of the church property. First resident clergyman, Rev. James Haynes, served from 1871 until 1891.

Session Records, 1884--. 3 vols. Contains minutes and financial records.

Register Books, 1884--. 3 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members and deaths.

Church School Records, 1890--. 3 vols. Contains annual report of church school.

Published history: Rev. W. C. Neel, "Local Presbyterian History" in The Fayette Tribune, Fayetteville, August 6, 1936.

239. MONTGOMERY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1878--. Montgomery, Fayette County.

This church was organized by Greenbrier Presbytery in August 1878.[8] Services were held in private homes of members until 1891, when the first building was dedicated. The church, a plain brick building, was rebuilt in 1896, and was remodeled in 1908, 1923-24. The first clergyman to visit this church regularly was Rev. James Haynes.[9] The first minister to serve the church as regular pastor was Rev. C. G. Brown, a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Union Theological Seminary, who served 1894-98.

Session Records, 1878--. 4 vols. Contains session minutes, and records of congregational meetings.

Register Books, 1878--. 3 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, and deaths. Kept with Session Records, in charge of P. H. Montgomery, Montgomery.

Church School Records, 1878--. 6 vols.

Unpublished historical sketch: Given in Session Records.

Published historical sketch in Carden Peters, History of Fayette County.

240. KESLER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1882--. Clifty, Fayette County.

The first building in which this organization held worship services, was located on Dogwood Ridge, at the gap. The date this building was erected is unknown. The present plain

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7. Fayette County, Deed Books, 58, p. 181.
8. The Montgomery Presbyterian Church was 50 years old August 1928. See "Churches serving Montgomery Folk," Charleston Daily Mail, April 21, 1929.
9. The following ministers supplied the church at intervals from 1878-94: James Haynes, L. A. McLean, W. E. Williams, B. A. Pendleton, S. L. Wilson, and C. G. Brown.

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frame building with tower and bell was constructe some time prior to 1896. Dedication services were held May 30, 1897. Rev. James Haynes was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1882 until 1891. The church was formerly known as Fayette Presbyterian Church and Mountain Cove Presbyterian Church. Present name adopted June 4, 1899.

Session Records, 1882--. 3 vols. First vol. lost. Contains lists of members, baptisms, deaths, and financial records. In possession of Rev. W. C. Neel, Fayetteville.

Church School Records, 1937--. 1 vol.

241. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1889--. Tazewell Street, Bluefield, Mercer County.

This church was organized in 1889, with 26 members, only one of whom is now living.[10] Services were held in the Methodist Church until the first building of plain frame rural type construction, was erected in 1889, on Scott Street. The new and present brick building was erected during the ministry of Rev. P. C. Clark, who served the church from January 1, 1897 until September 1, 1909.[11] The present building was dedicated September 12, 1911. Church school rooms were erected, an organ installed, and many improvements made during the period in which Rev. S. W. Moore served this church, 1910-17. The church was received by Bluestone Presbytery in 1929.[12] Rev. McCarthy Duckwall, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, was the first resident clergyman, 1890-95.

Session Minutes, 1888--. 5 vols. Volume covering years 1905-08 could not be located. Contains records of members, deaths, baptisms and minutes of meetings.

Church School Records, 1916--. 20 vols.

Financial Records, 1930--. 1 vol. Contains receipts and disbursements.

Historical sketch written into the Church Directory for the year 1921.

242. BRAMWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1890--. Bramwell, Mercer County.

The Bramwell Presbyterian Church was organized November 16, 1890. Although the church was organized in 1890, this date does not mark the beginning of Presbyterian work in the

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10. Mrs. A. J. Hearn.
11. Ministers serving this church were: Rev. McCarthy Duckwall, May 1, 1890-Nov. 6, 1895; Rev. P. C. Clark, Jan. 1, 1897-Sept. 1, 1909; Rev. S. W. Moore, Sept. 1, 1910-17.
12. Synod of W. Va. (U.S.) Minutes (1929) p. 67.

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town.[13] Before the organization was perfected, the Presbyterians were active in cooperating with the Lutheran, Protestant Episcopal, and Baptist congregations in a Union Mission Church. In this union mission work, each of the denominations having part in the work, conducted service one Sunday in the month. Just how long this work was carried on before the organization of the Presbyterians is not known. In 1890, the Presbyterians of Bramwell petitioned Montgomery Presbytery (a Presbytery under the Carolina Synod and later absorbed into Bluestone) to organize them into a Presbyterian Church, to be known as Bramwell Presbyterian Church. In response to this petition, the Presbytery in a called meeting at Staunton, Virginia, appointed a commission consisting of Rev. S. J. Baird, J. D. Thomas, J. S. Allison and J. McC. Duckwall, and ruling elders John C. Peck, John A. Douglas and R. A. Glendy. The commission met in Bluefield, West Virginia, on November 14, 1890, and directed Revs. J. K. Thomas and J. McC. Duckwall, together with ruling elders Peck, Douglas and Glendy, to organize the Bramwell Church. The commission met in the church at Bramwell on Sunday, November 16, 1890, and completed formal organization.[14] After organization, services were held in Union Church building until 1903, when the present church building was completed. The first settled clergyman was Rev. J. McC. Duckwall, who served 1890-95.[15]

Session Records, 1890--. 3 vols. Vol. I, 1890-1910; vol. II, 1910-30; vol. III, 1930--. Contains a list of pastorate, membership, births, baptisms and deaths.

Financial Records, 1890--. 1 vol. Contains a list of contributions by members.

Church School Records, current records only, destroyed at end of each year.

Unpublished historical sketch, Newton Roberts, comp., "History of Bramwell Presbyterian Church," copy on file at church.

243. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1894--. Williamson, Mingo County.

On February 11, 1894, Rev. J. M. Sloan, Evangelist of Greenbrier Presbytery visited Williamson and held the first

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13. That a Presbyterian organization existed earlier is evidenced by deed to a lot granted Bramwell Presbyterian Church April 22, 1887 by Bluestone Coal Company. See Mercer County, Deed Books, 16, p. 45.
14. "History of Bramwell Presbyterian Church," comp., Newton Roberts, p. 3.
15. Pastorate: Rev. J. McC. Duckwall, 1890-95; vacant, 1895-97; Rev. William Allen Wynne, 1898; Rev. John F. Matheson, 1898-99; Rev. Samuel W. Moore, 1899-1911; Rev. Joseph Dunglinson, supply; Rev. J. Shannon Montgomery, 1911-15;

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Presbyterian services. As a result of his activity, the Presbyterian group living here petitioned[16] Greenbrier Presbytery, and on April 15, 1894, Rev. R. H. Hawse, D.D., organized the church.[17] The church was organized in a school-house and meetings were held here until 1896, when a small brick building was dedicated. This building served until February 11, 1940, when the present church building was completed. The new building is one of the most complete in West Virginia, with main auditorium, 22 class rooms, recreation room, and kitchen. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Arnold Hall, who served September 1897 to 1899. In 1928, Williamson was transferred to the newly created Bluestone Presbytery.[18]

Session Records, 1894--. 3 vols. Vols. 1 and 2, 1894-1927 at church; vol. 3, 1928--, in possession of M. W. Gilliam, 51, Cinderilla Building, Williamson.

Record Books, 1894--. 3 vols. Contains a list of members, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and deaths.

Church School Records, 1896--. n.v. Looseleaf collection of old class reports on file.

Unpublished historical sketch: "First Presbyterian Church, Williamson, West Virginia," no author given. Copy on file at church.

244. VIVIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1896--. Vivian, McDowell County.

Organized 1896, by Rev. John E. Wood, Evangelist from the Presbytery of Abingdon. The first building was dedicated two months after organization and services were held in this building until August 7, 1927, when this building was destroyed by fire. Work was begun immediately on a new building which was dedicated November 12, 1927. This building, a large one-story frame with belfry, is still used by the congregation. The first resident clergyman was Rev. C. M. Borrell, who served 1897 to 1901. In 1928 this church was transferred to the newly-created Presbytery of Bluestone.[19] This church is now on cir-

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Rev. A. S. Rachel, 1915-28; Dr. John Allison, 1928-30; Rev. William H. Foard, 1930--.

16. Petitioners: Horace G. Crowe, Miss Cassie E. Crowe, Mrs. Alice Crowe, Robert J. Watts, F. M. Brownlee, J. V. Williamson, Mrs. Eunice Baker, D. B. Lemaster, Mrs. Lucinda Lemaster, J. W. McCready, Mrs. S. V. McCready, Wells Goodykoontz.
17. Elders: J. W. McCready and Wells Goodykoontz. Deacon: John B. Williamson.
18. Williamson is the only church in Bluestone Presbytery whose Session Records have been approved without exception since 1928.
19. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1928) p. 36.

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cuit with Northfork Presbyterian Church (see entry 250) and is supplied by that church.

Session Records, 1916--. 1 vol. Includes also record of members, baptisms, confirmations, and deaths. Includes also financial records of church.

Church School Records, n.v. Each teacher keeps own records. Deposited at church at end of each year.

Unpublished historical sketch: Miss M. Zeiler, comp., "History of Vivian Presbyterian Church." Copy on file at church.

245. GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1897--. Gilbert, Mingo County.

In April 1897, Rev. Newton Donaldson, Evangelist from Kanawha Presbytery, visited Gilbert and held the first regular Presbyterian services at this point. Through his efforts, formal organization was completed June 13, 1897, and the church enrolled as a member of Kanawha Presbytery. First services were held in a school building until dedication of first church in February 1907. This building, a one-story frame, with stone foundation, is still used by the congregation. The first resident clergyman to serve this church was Rev. Newton Donaldson, who served here 1897-98.

Session Records, 1897--. 3 vols. Contains record of members, baptisms, and deaths. Financial Records also included in Session Books.

Church School Records, 1897--. 8 vols.

246. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1897--. Welch, McDowell County.

Organized December 5, 1897 by Rev. John E. Wool and Rev. Thomas Mowbury, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.[20] Services were held in this building until August 30, 1902, when a small frame church was completed and dedicated by the Presbyterians. In 1921, the frame structure was torn down, and a handsome stone building was erected in its place. This building was dedicated June 18, 1922 and is still used by the congregation. The church was dependent upon stated supplies and upon ministers sent out by Home Missions until 1908. In that year, Rev. A. H. Clarke took over the duties as resident clergyman.[21] In 1928 this church was transferred from the

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20. Charter members: G. W. Clines, Charles A. Orndulf, Mrs. Charles A. Orndulf, Mrs. Charles I. Jones, Mrs. James F. Strother, Madge Tate, Eleanor P. Tate, and Mollie Beavers. Taken from notebook of Rev. John E. Wool, Evangelist, Synod of Virginia.
21. Pastorate: Rev. John E. Wool, S.S., 1902-03; Rev. J. C. Wool, S.S., 1904; Rev. N. A. Parker, S.S., 1904-06; Rev. V. W. Hollis, S.S., 1906-08; Rev. A. H. Clarke,

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Presbytery of Abingdon, Synod of Appalachia to Bluestone Presbytery, Synod of West Virginia, U. S.[22]

Session Records, 1897--. 2 vols. Contains list of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Card Index Roll, current only. Contains list of resident, non-resident and retired members.

Church School Records, 1932--. Complete records of Church School. Records prior to 1932 incomplete.

Financial Records, 1897--. 3 vols.

Records of Woman's Auxiliary, 1920--. 1 vol.

Unpublished historical sketch: "History of Presbyterian Church of Welch, West Virginia," comps., The Woman's Auxiliary (copy on file at church and at Presbyterian Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina).

247. MOUNT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1898--. Main Street, Mount Hope, Fayette County.

This organization was formed at McDonald, July 17, 1898,[23] one year after the first building had been erected. This buidding, which was of plain frame construction was used until the present structure was erected in 1915. The present colonial type structure is of brick, and was extensively remodeled in 1927. It is a two-story building consisting of auditorium, social room, parlors, kitchen, study and church school rooms. The first church school in this community was organized by "Aunt" Susan Warner in 1869. The first meetings were held in her home, then known as "Blake Inn." When the free school laws went into effect in Fayette County, the church school was moved to the log school building. The school building was used for all the religious services that were held in the community until the first church was built. Rev. James Hanes lived at Cotton Hill[24] and preached once a month at Mount Hope for many years. The first church was considered a union organization for some time, because all the people of the various denominations united in its erection. The lot was donated by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown. The first resident clergyman, Rev. J. M. Sloan, served the church from 1896 until 1898.

Session Records, 1898--. 3 vols. Contains list of baptisms, marriages, members and deaths. In church office.

Church School Records, 1918--. 20 vols.

1908-11; Rev. J. H. Viser, 1912-14; Rev. T. S. Smylie, 1914-16; Rev. T. P. Johnston, 1917-20; Rev. DeForest Wade, 1920-24; Rev. J. A. Trostle, 1924-26; Rev. Smiley Williams, 1926--.

22. Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1928) p. 26.
23. Charleston Gazette, Feb. 15, 1931.
24. Now Beckwith.

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Women's Auxiliary, 1913--. 20 vols. In church office.
Board of Deacons, 1898--. 3 vols.
Financial Records, 1 ledger, 1 cash box, 2 vols., n.d.

Unpublished historical sketch: "History of the Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church," comp., Mrs. J. G. Ridinger, 1932. Copy on file at church.

Published historical sketch: Mrs. J. E. Howard, "Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church," Charleston Gazette, February 15, 1931; Rev. W. W. Pharr, Mt. Hope Churches, (Mt. Hope, West Virginia.: September 1927).

248. CLIFFTOP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1899--. Clifftop, Fayette County.

Growing out of the Landisburg Presbyterian Church organization was effected in 1899, and the present plain frame building was erected the same year. The first resident pastor was Rev. G. C. Hite, who served the congregation from 1899 to 1902. This church, while still owned by the Presbyterians, has become an inter-denominational church, being used by all persons living at Clifftop and the organization has no affiliation with the Presbytery.
Session Records, 1899-1920. 1 vol. Contains minutes of session meetings and all financial reports. In possession of Rev. W. C. Neel, Fayetteville.
Church Register, 1899-1920. 1 vol. Contains record of members, baptisms, and deaths.
Church School Records, current only. Annual report of Church School included in Session Record.

249. MARSH FORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1910--. Marsh Fork, Raleigh County.

First Presbyterian services were held at Rock Creek, in an old log church. Formal organization of the congregation was not effected until 1910, when the present frame church was ready for occupancy. Rev. G. A. Reaugh, the first resident minister, served the congregation from 1910 to 1934.
Session Records, 1910--. 15 vols.
Record of Minutes of Session Meetings, Church Register, 1910--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls, record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, officers, and pastors.
Financial Records, 1910--. 1 vol.
Church School Records, 1910--. 5 vols.

250. NORTHFORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1910--. Northfork, McDowell County.

In response to request of several members of Vivian Presbyterian Church (see entry 244) for a separate organization at Northfork, in 1910 the Presbytery of Abingdon sent out a committee to organize a church at Northfork. First services

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of this group were held in other churches in Northfork until 1935. In that year a modern stucco building with main auditorium and three classrooms was dedicated. The first settled clergyman was Rev. A. H. Clarke, Pastor of Vivian Church (see entry 244) who supplied this church 1912-14. In 1928 this church was transferred to newly created Presbytery of Bluestone.

Session Records, 1910--. 1 vol. Contains also record of members, baptisms, confirmations and deaths.

Financial Records, 1932--. 9 vols. Each volume contains financial records of church for one year.

Church School Records, 1932--. 9 vols.

251. MULLENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1919--. Mullens, Wyoming County.

This organization was formed March 30, 1919, and a plain frame rural schoolhouse type of building erected the same year. A manse at Mullens is also owned. The first resident clergyman was Rev. D. A. McConaughey, 1920-22.

Sessions Records, 1919--. n.v. Contains lists of baptisms, deaths, members and marriages. In possession of J. F. McNutt.

Church School Records, 1919--. 1 vol. In possession of Virginia Phillips.

Young People's Organization, 1919--. 1 vol. In possession of Margaret Gray.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1924--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. H. G. Thomas.

252. MATOAKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1920--. Matoaka, Mercer County.

Local organization of this group was effected as early as 1905, although formal organization did not take place until 1920.[25] The first church, built in 1907, is a two-story frame; first floor, five Sunday schoolrooms; main auditorium and three Sunday schoolrooms on second floor. The first settled clergyman was Rev. C. A. McConaughey, who served March 4, 1923 to April 27, 1927.

Session Records, 1920--. 1 vol.

Register Books, 1920--. 1 vol. Contains list of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths.

Church School Records. Included in Session Records.

Financial Records, 1920--. 1 vol. Contains list of members' contributions.

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25. This church was organized by Greenbrier Presbytery and remained under its control until 1929, when it was transferred to Bluestone Presbytery. See: Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1929) p. 67.

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Unpublished historical sketch. Letter of Rev. D. P. Rogers, dated April 1, 1922, gives a limited history of the church from 1907 to 1920. Included in Session Records.

253. WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1922--. Main Street, Scarbro, Fayette County.

Organization was formed in 1922, and first services were held in a union church building in conjunction with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Services are now held in an abandoned school building owned by the New River Coal Company, and donated for religious services. Rev. W. W. Pharr, a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary, was the first resident clergyman to serve this community. Tenure of his service here is unknown.

Session Records, 1922--. 2 vols. Contains lists of baptisms, deaths, members, marriages, and church activities.

Church School Records, 1922--. 2 vols.

Financial Records, 1922--. 2 vols.

Unpublished historical sketch written by Mrs. J. M. McCauley, on file at Montreat, North Carolina.

254. WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1923--. Washington and Albemarle Streets, Bluefield, Mercer County.

This church began as a mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield (see entry 241). A church school was organized April 16, 1922, and the first worship service held under the direction of Rev. W. H. Dubose, then co-pastor of First Church, May 1923. The church was organized by the Montgomery Presbytery, and the present building completed in August 1925.[26] The building is of Colonial architecture, and is arranged for church school and other religious activities. First resident pastor, Rev. W. H. Dubose, 1923-25. He is a graduate of Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Session Records, 1923--. 1 vol.

Register Books, 1923--. 1 vol. (Looseleaf). Session records and register book in possession of sessions clerk.

Church School Records, 1923--. 1 vol.

Financial Records, 1923--. 1 vol. In possession of church treasurer.

Woman's Auxiliary, n.d. n.v. (Looseleaf). In possession of secretary of organization.

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26. The church was received by Bluestone Presbytery, 1929. See Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) Minutes (1929) p. 67.

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255. STANAFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1924--. Stanaford, Raleigh County.

First services were held in the school building in Stanaford until 1924, at which time a formal organization was effected and the present building erected and dedicated. This building is a plain frame type of rural structure with cupola and bell. Rev. Lineweaver was the first resident clergyman, and served from 1924 until 1933.

Session Records, 1924--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, members, and deaths. Church School Records also contained in Session Records.

Financial Records, 1924--. 1 vol.

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256. LEXINGTON PRESBYTERY, Synod of Virginia, U. S., 1785--.

On March 29, 1785, the Presbytery of Hanover overtured the Synod of New York to create a General Assembly by a distribution of the presbyteries into synods, to divide the presbytery into four and to combine the four into a new synod to be called the Synod of Lexington. This looks strange but it is to be remembered that the bulk of Virginia Presbyterians were in the upper Potomac Basin. The Synod did divide Hanover into two presbyteries--- Hanover and Lexington, one east of the Blue Ridge and one west of the Blue Ridge, and did erect the new Synod of Virginia as one of the constituents of the new General Assembly. The new Presbytery of Lexington met first on September 26, 1786, at Timber Ridge. Its boundaries were the Presbyteries of Redstone and Carlisle on the north, the southeastern ridge of the Appalachian Mountains on the east and south, and the New River on the west.[1]

On October 11, 1793 the Synod of Virginia divided the Presbytery of Lexington and erected a new presbytery to be called Winchester Presbytery. Further division of Lexington Presbytery was effected in 1837 when Greenbrier Presbytery was created from part of Lexington and final division was effected in 1912 when Tygart's Valley Presbytery was created from the western portion of Lexington and Winchester Presbyteries.[2]

Only one county in present-day West Virginia, Pendleton County, lies within the bounds of Lexington Presbytery.

For records of this presbytery see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives in Virginia: Presbyterian Churches.

257. PENDLETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1866--. Court Street, Franklin, Pendleton County.

Although the records of Lexington Presbytery record requests for supplies from Pendleton as early as September 23, 1792, it was not until the April meeting of the Lexington Presbytery in 1866, that Rev. F. D. Bell reported that he had visited Pendleton County, and considered it a good field for work. He, with the Rev. William E. Baker, was appointed to visit the county, and if the way be clear, to organize a church. A meeting was started on August 19th of that year, at Upper Tract in the Methodist Church. Out of this meeting the Pendleton Presbyterian Church was organized with a membership of 15 from Franklin and Upper Tract.[3] Rev. R. H. Fleming

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1. R. B. Woodworth, The History of the Winchester Presbytery, pp. 4-8. Hereafter cited: Woodworth, History.
2. Ibid., p. 9.
3. Charter Members: David C. Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Mary J. Anderson, Sarah McClung, Jane Hiller, Elizabeth Rogers, Nancy B. Coatney, Jane Ann Cunningham, Mary Hedrick,

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was the first resident clergyman,[4] serving from October 3, 1874 until sometime in 1876. During his pastorate a brick church was built in Franklin and a frame church at Upper Tract (see entry 260) both being dedicated in 1875. A manse was also added to the Franklin property. The church was without pastor until 1878, when Rev. John A. Preston was ordained and installed. Present pastor is Dr. D. L. Beard, who also serves the two former missions of this church, Ruddle Presbyterian (see entry 259) and the Upper Tract Presbyterian Church.

Session Records, August 20, 1866--. 2 vols. Contain church registers.
Church School Records, 1936--. 2 vols.
Women's Auxiliary, 1920--. 2 vols.
Pastors' Aid Society, 1904-20. 4 vols.

Unpublished historical sketch: "Pendleton Presbyterian Church," by Mrs. Gordon Boggs in Session Record No. 1: "History of Woman's Auxiliary of Franklin Presbyterian Church," by Mrs. Boggs. Copy at Presbyterian Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

258. *MOUNT ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1880-98. Deer Run, Pendleton County.

This organization was in existence about 18 years. Prior to the erection of the building in 1880, services were conducted in the schoolhouse. The building was dedicated in 1880, and consisted of a plain log structure ceiled on the inside. Rev. J. A. Preston was the first resident pastor. The tenure of his service is unknown. This church never became independent, but was always a missionary outpost of the Franklin (see entry 257) or Upper Tract (see entry 260) Presbyterian Churches.

No records located.

259. RUDDLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1906--. Ruddle, Pendleton County.

Organized as a part of the Pendleton Presbyterian Church (see entry 257) in 1866 this congregation worshipped with

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M. Jane Hopkins, Fernando Hopkins, Maggie C. Kile, Sue S. Kile, Mary E. Wilson and George T. Wilson.

4. Pastorate: Rev. R. H. Fleming, 1874-76, John A. Preston, 1878-73, L. H. Paul, 1883-88, L. W. Irwin, 1888-91, William C. Hagan, 1891-93, F. J. Brooke (Home Mission Work), J. Spencer Smith, 1895-1901, Ivanhoe Robinson, 1902-04, S. S. Oliver, 1905-08, C. R. Lacey, 1910-19, A. P. Dickson, 1919-24, Roy Smith, 1925-27, Leslie H. Patterson, 1927-36, D. L. Beard, 1936--.

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that of the mother church until about 1880 when a church building was erected at Ruddle. This church remained a mission of the Franklin Church until an independent organization was completed in 1906. The first building was replaced two years later by the present frame structure. Rev. S. S. Oliver served as the first resident pastor, 1907-40.

Session Records, 1906--. 2 vols. In possession of A. C. Bowers, Treasurer, Ruddle.

Register Books, 1906--. 2 vols. Also in possession of Mr. Bowers.

Church School Records, 1907--. 2 vols. In possession of Wilda Ruddle, Ruddle.

Financial Records, 1907--. 2 vols. In possession of Wilda Ruddle.

Ladies Auxiliary Records, 1937--. 1 vol.

Board of Deacons and Elders Records, 1906--. In possession of Mr. Bowers.

Published history: Francis Smith, The History of the Ruddle Presbyterian Church of Lexington Presbytery, (Franklin: 1939).

260. UPPER TRACT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1906--. Upper Tract, Pendleton County.

Although a congregation had existed here at least as early as 1866[6] as a part of the Pendleton Church (see entry 257) and Lexington Presbytery, records show that requests for supplies

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5. Session Book 1, Pendleton Presbyterian Church.
6. From Session Record, 1866: "The Presbytery of Lexington, in April last, appointed the Rev. F. D. Bell and Rev. W. E. Baker, a committee to visit Pendleton County and if they found it expedient to organize there a Presbyterian Church. These ministers began a meeting, in the Methodist Church, on the Upper Tract, on Friday, August 17th, 1866. On Saturday, a discourse was delivered, explaining the nature and ground of the Presbyterian form of church government. On Sabbath, thirteen members, residing in Franklin and the Upper Tract, united in a request for a church organization presenting their certificates and dismissions from their respective churches. The Committee then proceeded to the organization. Messrs. Geo. T. Wilson and David C. Anderson were elected and ordained ruling elders. The name selected for the new church was, 'The Pendleton Presbyterian Church,' to be under the care of Lexington Presbytery. After this, the Sacramant of the Lords Supper was administered to the communicants present. At an informal meeting of the session, Mr. Geo. T. Wilson was elected Clerk of the Session.

Pendleton Co. W. Virginia
August 20th. 1866,
Geo. T. Wilson: C.S."

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from Upper Tract were made as early as April 24, 1794. A separate organization was not formally organized until 1906. As a part of the Pendleton Church this congregation worshipped in a Union Church until 1875, at which time the present church of Gothic architecture was built. Formal dedication services were held May 23, 1875. A manse is also owned. The first resident minister, Rev. Robert Houston Fleming, D.D., was a graduate of Highland Academy, Washington and Lee University, and Union Theological Seminary. His services to this congregation were from 1874 to 1876.

Session Records, 1906--. 2 vols. Includes session minutes, church register and financial records. 1866-1905 in Session Records, Pendleton Presbyterian Church.

Church School Records, current only.

261. SENACA ROCKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1930--. Mouth of Senaca, Pendleton County.

Organized in 1930, and the erection of a building started the same year. Stone material has been used in the construction of the Georgian type building, but it has not yet been completed. Rev. J. Herman Womeldorf was the first resident pastor, serving from 1930 until 1934. He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Session Records, 1930--. 2 vols. Includes records of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. In possession of Milton Dolly, Onego.

Church School Records, 1930--. 2 vols.

Financial Records, 1930--. 2 vols. In possession of Milton Dolly.

262. CIRCLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1936--. Circleville, Pendleton County.

Organization was effected in 1936, and services are held in a small building known as Chamberlain's Cottage, purchased by the congregation for that purpose. Church school is conducted in the home of the pastor. Plans are now being drafted for a church building on a site adjacent to the manse, which is also a part of the church property. Rev. T. G. Clark, the first resident pastor, served the congregation from 1936 to 1938. He is a graduate of Davidson College, North Carolina, and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Session Records, 1936--. 1 vol. Contains register of baptisms, marriages, membership and deaths.

Church School Records, 1936--. 1 vol.

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263. WINCHESTER PRESBYTERY, SYNOD OF VIRGINIA, U. S., 1794--.

On a petition which originated with the Rev. Moses Hoge in the Presbytery of Lexington on Friday, October 11, 1793, the Synod of Virginia on September 16, 1794, divided the Presbytery of Lexington (see entry 256) and erected a new Presbytery to be called Winchester and to include the congregations which in the first instance had been under the dominion of old Donegal and organized by it. It held its first session in the old stone Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Virginia, on December 4, 1794. The Rev. Moses Hoge, pastor at Shepherdstown, Virginia, (W. Va.), was convenor, and was elected the first moderator and first stated clerk.[1] On Thursday, September 28, 1797, the Synod of Virginia enlarged the bounds of the Presbytery to include the whole of the northern neck, and determined its boundaries to be the "dividing line shall begin on that part of the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Lexington and Redstone, on the Allegheny, where Hardy County is divided from Pendleton, running thence with the line dividing the counties until the same reaches the corner of Rockingham County, from thence a direct course to the place where the great road through Kleizleton to Winchester crosses the River Shenandoah, from thence to Swift Run Gap in the Blue Ridge, thence a straight line to the head sources of the Rapid Ann River, thence down the said river to its confluence with the Rappahanack, thence down the said river to the Chesapeake Bay, up the Chesapeake Bay to the Potomac and up the Potomac to the crest of the Alleghenies on the line between Lexington and Redstone, roughly concident with the empire claimed by Lord Fairfax."[2] To this the Synod on November 13, 1886, added the county of Tucker in West Virginia whose waters flow down the Ohio.[3]

On April 18, 1839, the Presbytery met in Charles Town. Rev. John J. Royall, pastor at Winchester, endeavored to have Winchester Presbytery adhere to the new School Assembly organized in Philadelphia the third Thursday of May 1838, under Rev.

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1. The ministers were Moses Hoge, Nash Legrand and William Williamson present, William Hill and John Lyle absent. Elders present: William Buckles (Shepherdstown), Alexander Feeley (Cedar Creek) and James Perry from South River. The congregations with pastors, Shepherdstown, Winchester, Opequon and Cedar Creek, Charles Town and Hopewell (Old Bullskin), South River and Flat Run, Frankfort (or Patterson Creek), Romney and Springfield; the vacancies Middletown (later Gerrardstown), Back Creek, Concrete (Moorefield), Powell's Fort and Lost River - 16 in all. See Woodworth, History, p. 6.
2. Ibid., p. 6.
3. Ibid.

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Samuel Fisher, D.D., but was defeated by the very close vote of 16 to 13. There were four ministers for adherance, eight against, nine elders for, seven elders against. The bulk of the congregations were definitely and postively Old School.

On May 22, 1854, the General Assembly erected the Synod of Baltimore to convene in Washington, October 31, 1854, and to be composed of the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Baltimore Eastern Shore, and Winchester. This move restored Winchester to its old relations with Carlisle, formed from Donegal by division, but it severed its 66-year connection with the Synod of Virginia, and what is more, it lost by the operation its largest and richest congregation, viz., the church at Fredericksburg with 160 members. Yet the vote to go into the new Synod was unanimous.[4]

The third dismemberment came in 1859. As far back as 1821 the ministers east of the Blue Ridge desired a division of the Presbytery and the creation of a new Presbytery to serve the eastern 12 counties. In 1829 the Presbytery of District of Columbia moved to organize a new synod to be called Chesapeake and to be composed of Hanover, District of Columbia, Baltimore and Lewes Presbyteries and that part of Winchester below the Blue Ridge. In 1833 the Synod of Chesapeake was erected, but composed only of Baltimore, District of Columbia and East Hanover, which proved short-lived. But on October 21, 1859, the blow fell. The Synod of Baltimore by a vote of 58 to 25, transferred the ministers and congregations which constituted Winchester Presbytery east of the Ridge to the new Presbytery of Potomac, erected October 22, 1858. The ministers and elders of Winchesters voted: East of the Ridge solid 14 for division; west of the ridge solid 11 against. The most outspoken opposition to the division was the Rev. William Henry Foote, D.D., a Massachusetts Yankee who married a Virginia woman. A protest went up from Harper's Ferry to Fairfax Stone, and overtures poured into the Presbytery to request a transfer back to the Synod of Virginia. That petition was duly presented to the Synod of Baltimore, October 17, 1860, and answered in the negative, but in the spirit of kindness. The stated clerk was later directed to send a copy of the resolution to the stated clerk of the Presbytery and to request it to take action as it deemed best. By this action, Winchester lost 10 ministers, 11 congregations and about 700 members, and was ready for secession, a step the New School Presbytery had already taken in 1857.[5]

October 1861 the Presbytery of Winchester knocked for admission on the door of the Synod of Virginia. The Synod

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4. Ibid., Woodworth, History, p. 8.
5. Ibid., p. 9.

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said, in effect, that it could not let the Presbytery in without the proper transfer credentials, but "should the Presbytery of Winchester become a constituent part of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America, the Synod of Virginia hereby cordially assents to the reunion of said Presbytery with itself". On December 4, 1861, the General Assembly met in Augusta, Georgia, and on December 5, Rev. William Henry Foote, D.D., and Judge James D. Armstrong of Romney, were enrolled as commissioners from the Presbytery of Winchester, which formerly belonged to the Synod of Baltimore, and at Staunton, October 1, 1862, Rev. William Henry Foote, D.D., and Rev. M. W. Woodworth took their seats in the Synod of Virginia, as the vanguard of the Presbytery of Winchester, which now holds its membership in the Synod of Virginia by right of secession and because it was first a member in the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church.[6]

Now in 1861, the Presbytery of Winchester Old School had been reduced to 14 ministers, 23 congregations with a membership of 1,366; the Presbytery of Winchester New School had grown to 12 ministers, 22 congregations and 1,459 members in all 26 ministers, 45 congregations and 2,765 members. There never were any doctrinal differences of consequence between the two bodies. They had separated with much bitterness, on an interpretation of the Book of Church Order and the fundamentals of Presbyterianism; the New School South separated from the New School North on differences as to the moral rightfulness of slavery. The war swept the institution of slavery away and time proved the Old School right as to the constitution, also removed the old time bitterness. On August 31, 1865 in Winchester, Old School and New School merged into the Presbytery of Winchester, reunited in affiliation with the Synod of Virginia and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.[7]

Winchester Presbytery Minutes, 1794-1906. 13 vols. Contain records of Presbytery and churches from organization to 1906. On file Union Theological Seminary, Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

264. SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1720--.
Washington Street, Shepherdstown, Jefferson County.

This church was organized in 1720, in Mecklenburg (now Shepherdstown), under the direction of Rev. Daniel McGill, missionary of the Synod of Philadelphia. Having been organized by the earliest settlers, it is probably the first church organization to have been effected within the bounds of what

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6. Woodworth, History, p. 9.
7. Ibid.

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is now West Virginia. Known then as the "Potomac Church," the name first appears on the records of the Synod of Philadelphia, under date of September 19, 1719, when a request was made to the Synod by "the people of Patomoke in Virginia" for an "able minister to settle among them." Rev. Mr. McGill was sent the following year and remained for several months in the new community.[8] This church became a member of Donegal Presbytery soon after the organization of that body in 1732. With the organization of Winchester Presbytery in 1794, the Shepherdstown Church formed its present presbyterial alliance. The congregation in "Mecklenburg Town" acquired one acre of land on German Street on May 16, 1774.[9] The first building occupied by the congregation was a log structure, probably built soon after the organization, and which, tradition says, was located on a lot at the corner of King and Washington Streets, opposite the site of the present church. This property was deeded to the church in 1780, by Abraham and Eleanor Shepherd.[10]

Funds were partially raised by a lottery, authorized by the Assembly of Virginia in 1790, for the construction of a plain frame church. This building burned in 1836. Following this fire, the present lot was acquired, and the present building erected that year.[11] It is a plain red brick two-story building, of colonial architecture with a tall white belfry. Inside is a large gallery, a common feature of the church of the older period. At the time of the construction of this church, a division was made in the congregation, due to a difference in opinion regarding the more modern practices of the church. These two factions were known as the "old school" and the "new school." The "new school" being in possession of the building, permitted the other faction to hold services therein on alternate Sundays. Later the "old school" held services in a building traditionally known as the "Salt Box," located on New Street. In 1853, this group purchased a business building on Lane Street, and services were held therein until the two congregations reunited in

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8. Clifford S. Musser, "Potomack, the First Settlement in Virginia west of the Blue Ridge," West Virginia Review, May 1935, p. 230.
9. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 3, pp. 39,40. May 16, 1774. Henry Cukes, Sr., grantor; The Presbyterian Congregation, grantee, (trustees not given).
10. Ibid., 11, pp. 257-258. Trustees: John Beasley, John Morrow, John Mark, Dr. Lawrence Vandeveer, William Buckles and Charles Morrow.
11. Shepherdstown Register, December 10, 1936.
12. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 33, p. 159, March 16, 1853. John K. White, grantor; John M. Jewett, James S. Markell, James W. Campbell, J.P.H. Tentler, Charles Hanam, and John N. Lane, trustees, grantees.

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1865.[13] A manse on Church Street, once the home of John Kearsley, Revolutionary soldier and Burgomaster of Mecklenburg in 1796, is part of the church property. The first known resident minister was Rev. Dr. Moses Hoge, who served the church from 1787 to 1807, although records show that earlier itinerant pastors had held almost regular services since the organization of the church.[14]

Session Records, 1814--. 5 vols. Contains records of all meetings of the session. Vols. 1-4, 1814-1928, in Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia; vol. 5, 1928--. In possession of Charles S. Bellmyer, R.F.D., Shepherdstown.

Minutes of Session of Old School Congregation, 1847-48. 1 vol., in Spence Library.

Church Register, 1814--. 2 vols. Records of all members, baptisms, marriages, and deaths. 1 vol. n.d., in Spence Library, 1 vol., 1814--, in possession of Rev. C. B. McLaughlin, Shepherdstown.

Young People's Organization Record, 1928--. 1 vol.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1922--. 2 vols. In possession of Miss Julia Reinhart, Shepherdstown.

Ladies Missionary Society Records, 1906-16. 1 vol.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Records, 1916-22. 1 vol.

Published historical sketches: A. D. Kenamond, "Shepherdstown Church During the Past Century", The Shepherdstown Register, (Shepherdstown: December 10, 17, 1936); Clifford S. Musser, "Potomack, The First Settlement West of the Blue Ridge", West Virginia Review, May 1935; James Woodsworth, The Early History of the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, (Shepherdstown: 1936); The Presbyterian Church of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, author not given; printed in program of 216th anniversary, December 6, 1936.

265. *BULLSKIN (HOPEWELL) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1740-c1871. Nr. Summit Point, Jefferson County.

On September 22, 1737, William Williams, described as a Presbyterian minister and gentleman, took the oath required

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13. Mynna Thurston, Historical Tours of Jefferson County, p. 4.
14. Pastors: Moses Hoge, 1787-1807, (resigned to accept Presidency of Hampden Sydney College); John Matthews, 1808-30; Jacob D. Mitchell, 1830-31; E. C. Hutchinson, 1831-32; Addison Mines, 1833; John T. Hargrave, 1834-39 and New School, 1839-51; Joseph M. Atkinson, Old School, 1845-49; Austin C. Heaton, Old School, 1851-54; Henry Matthews, New School, 1853-60; R. L. McMurran, New School and reunited 1860-66, (part in absentia) Silas Billings, 1863-67; E. W. Bedinger, 1867-70; John A. Scott, 1871; Henry C. Brown, 1873-75; Jas. A. Armstrong, 1876-83; Dr. Charles Ghisilin, 1883-1927; J. W. Witherspoon, 1928-34; John C. B. McLaughlin, 1934--. (From church program December 6, 1936.)

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of dissenter ministers in Orange County Court, and he declared his intention to hold his meetings at his own plantation and the plantation of Morgan Bryan.[15] On June 4, 1745, he took the same oath and subscribed the test in the new County Court of Frederick County. When and by whom Mr. Williams was ordained is not known, possibly not at all. Whatever may have been his exact ecclesiastical status, he was recognized as a Presbyterian minister by the courts.[16] His land lay along the Opequon, north of Mill Creek, near the head of Bullskin Run. The Hopewell Church was located in this immediate neighborhood. It is almost unquestionable that the meeting place on Williams' land grew into Hopewell Church which appears in the records of Donegal Presbytery as early as April 1740.[17] At this time, a Mr. Caven was ordered to visit Bullskin and hold services. Although this church was always popularly known as the Bullskin Church, its ecclesiastical name was Hopewell. It became one of the charter members of Winchester Presbytery upon organization of that body in 1794. Although the date at which this church became defunct is not known, it was in all probability some time after 1871.[18] Dr. Archibald Alexander preached his first sermon here, after licensure in Winchester on October 1, 1871.[19]

No records found.

266. TOMAHAWK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1740--. Nr. Hedgesville, Berkeley County.

Organized in 1740 the church is referred to as the Back Creek Church and Stone Church, Back Creek, in the earliest records, and was, in all probability, shared by the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.[20] It became known as the Tomahawk Presbyterian Church in 1793. Tradition says that a

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15. Woodworth, "Dates Founding of Tuscarora" in Martinsburg Evening Journal, October 24, 1940.
16. He was hailed before the Frederick County Court on September 6, 1745, and fined 4 for the performance of marriages when he was not an orthodox minister, and twenty-six shillings more for indecent behavior before the court. This is said to have been a spite suit as marriages were the prerogative of the Episcopal clergymen.
17. James A. Graham, The Planting of the Presbyterian Church in Northern Virginia Prior to Organization of the Winchester Presbytery, p. 12. Hereafter cited: Graham, Planting of Presbyterianism.
18. Ibid., p. 281.
19. An account "The Back Creek Valley" published in a newspaper in 1871 lists other churches of the section but makes no mention of this. Editor
20. "Early History of the Tomahawk" in The Church Messenger, Nov. 1931, Hedgesville, W. Va.

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log church was built about 1740, and was used until 1824, when it became unfit for further use and services were held in a grove until the present stone church was built.[21] The present limestone church of plain architecture was erected and dedicated in 1830, and was extensively repaired in 1892. Regular services were held by pastors of the Falling Waters Church (see entry 268) for many years, and services of the Methodist Society, as well as the Protestant Episcopal services were held in the building. On August 28, 1932, a separate church organization was authorized by the Presbytery.[22] Rev. Hugh Vance, who served other churches in the neighborhood, was probably the first regular pastor, the dates of his ministry being given as 1770 to 1791.

Session Records, 1825--. 3 vols. Vol. I, 1825-93; vol. II, 1893-1930; vol. III, 1930--. Includes all business and financial records of the church, together with lists of members. Vols. I and II in Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia. Some registry records also in Session Books of Falling Waters Church (see entry 268).

Church School Records, 1906--. 5 vols. In possession of John A. Dove, Hedgesville.

Young People's Society, 1939--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Betty Hiett, Hedgesville.

Session of Tomahawk Church, 1825--. 3 vols. In possession of E. G. Hiett, Hedgesville.

Unpublished historical sketch: Written in Session Records by Rev. S. M. Engle, 1892 and Rev. James H. Brown, 1934.

Published historical sketch: "Early History of the Tomahawk Presbyterian Church," The Church Messenger, November 1931, Hedgesville, West Virginia: Sarah Morgan Gordan, The Presbyterian Church and Other Sketches of Gerrardstown, West Virginia, (Kensington, Md. The Craftsman Press, 1936) contains an historical sketch of Tomahawk Presbyterian Church.

267. TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1740--. Tuscarora Creek, Berkeley County.

Organized in 1740,[23] and was a member of Donegal Presbytery until 1804, when it became a part of Winchester

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21. See Inventory of the Church Archives of West Virginia: Protestant Episcopal Church, p. 44.
22. The commission effecting this organization was composed of Dr. S. R. Diehl, Martinsburg; Dr. G. G. Sydnor, Charles Town; Rev. J. L. Rogers, Tuscarora; and B. L. Williams, Tomahawk. Elders installed were: Roy V. Allbright, R. A. Jacques, and W. N. Lemon. Deacons were: George T. Crawford, J. D. Zombro, and Charles B. Sparrows.
23. Winchester Presbytery, Minutes, 1939, p. 241.

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Presbytery. Located about two and one-half miles from Martinsburg, for in colonial days, churches other than those of the Church of England, were forbidden within town limits. It was here that on August 21, 1771, Donegal Presbytery had its first meeting held south of the Potomac. Installation services for Rev. Hugh Vance were conducted at this meeting. In 1746, an appeal[24] was made to the Virginia Assembly to allow a group of "dissenters" to establish the Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, although the group had probably been holding services for several years prior to this appeal. Howe places it as the first Presbyterian Church west of the Blue Ridge.[25] The first church was of hewn logs, and tradition says it was built in 1730. A second church[26] is supposed to have been built prior to the erection of the present edifice, which is of native limestone, erected in 1803, and extensively remodeled in 1938. The dedication date is unknown. A cemetery surrounding the church is also owned.[27] Rev. Hugh Vance,[28] a graduate of Princeton University, is said to have been the first resident pastor, serving this congregation from 1760 to 1780.

Session Records, 1827--. 3 vols. Contains full records of church activities, membership and deaths. In possession of Rev. J. L. Rogers, Martinsburg.

Register Books, 1827--. 3 vols. Contains records of membership, baptisms, deaths, register of officers and marriages. In possession of Rev. J. L. Rogers, Martinsburg.

Church School Records, 1827--. 5 vols. Contains minutes, membership and financial records. 3 vols., in possession of Rev. J. L. Rogers, Martinsburg, 1 vol. in possession of Miss Thatcher, Martinsburg, Route 1, and remaining volumes located in church.

Christian Endeavor Society, 1827--. 3 vols. In possession of Miss Laura Catrew, Martinsburg.

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24. Petition of the Dissenters of the Tuscarora Congregation, etc., Berkeley County, Va., 1776. Copy in unidexed files, Va. State Archives, Richmond, Va.
25. Howe, Historical Collections of Virginia, p. 273.
26. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 3, pp. 15-17. December 12, 1773. Hugh Miller, Jr., grantor; Hugh Vance, William Patterson, John Park, Dugall Campbell, Hugh Lyle, Hugh Miller, Sr., Samuel Park, Matthew Duncan, David Miller John Snodgrass, Sr., Joseph McCai, and Thomas Kennedy, grantees, trustees.
27. Ibid., 98, March 3, 1898. George W. Roush and Anna E. Roush, grantors; William Thatcher, J. T. Catrew, William Turner Pitzer, trustees, grantees.
28. Rev. Hugh Vance: b. 1736, d. Dec. 31, 1791. Buried at Tuscarora, received as candidate by Donegal Presbytery April 11, 1769, called to Tuscarora and Falling Waters Oct. 1770, ordained at Tuscarora August 21, 1771, graduate Princeton Theological Seminary, 1767.

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Tuscarora Woman's Auxiliary, 1933--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Minnie Thatcher, Martinsburg.
Records prior to 1827 cannot be located.

Published history: Sarah Morgan Gordan, Presbyterian Church and other sketches of Gerrardstown, West Virginia. Kensington, Maryland, The Craftsman Press, 1936. Contains a historical sketch on this church.

268. FALLING WATERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1745--.
Spring Mills, Berkeley County.

The organization of the Falling Waters Presbyterian Church falls within that period covered by the last volumes of Donegal Presbytery records. The fact that Falling Waters was near the upper ford of the Potomac River, east of the Great Mountain, that lands near the location of the present church were patented to one James Davis, in 1735, that litigation over preempted farm lands had come into Frederick County Court by 1744, and that a large colony of Scotch-Irish immigrants had settled near the upper ford, all seem to corroborate the tradition that the congregation was organized between 1740 and 1745.[29] The first building was erected at Falling Waters, once known as New Falmouth[30] on the Potomac River, and derives its name from this location. This building was probably constructed of logs. In 1796, the congregation moved to the present location at Spring Mills and erected a second church[31] which may have been of log construction, although there is some tradition that it was of stone. The present building was erected and dedicated in 1834. It is a plain red brick, rectangular edifice, with a slave gallery on three sides of the church. Various improvements have been made since its erection, and among them are a frame vestibule and relocation of the entrance to behind the pulpit. Local history credits the Rev. James M. Brown as being responsible for relocating the doors, because members at that time were in the habit of loitering in front of the church after the hour of worship had arrived, thus holding up the service, and to combat this, the doors were so placed

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29. This church has also been claimed as "the people of Potomack in Virginia." See Graham, Planting of Presbyterianism, p. 87.
30. Original name of Falling Water. About 1890 present spelling adopted to distinguish between church and stream. See: Woodworth, "Original Name Falling Water" in Martinsburg Journal, Jan. 16, 1940.
31. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 11, pp. 59,60, what is evidently deed to this property. July 25, 1790; John and Dorah Harlan, grantors; Samuel John, Hugh Cunningham, Alexander Porterfield, Tunis Newkirk and George Porterfield, trustees, grantees.

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that late arrivals could not enter without attracting the attention of the congregation. This edifice has a seating capacity of 300, and the pews, instead of being fastened to the floor, extend to and are fastened to the framework beneath. The collection poles with their heavy red velvet bags still stand in corners of the church, although they have long been replaced by the modern collection plates. A cemetery[32] surrounds the church, a manse[33] adjoining the cemetery on the south, and a community house[34] west of the church are part of the church property.

The first resident pastor was probably Rev. John Boyd, who served the congregation from 1794 to 1801, although this may have been one of the churches regularly ministered to by Rev. Hugh Vance about 1770.[35]

Session Records, 1873--. 4 vols. Includes records of services and membership roll. Prior records lost. Vol. I (1873-96), located at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia; vols. II, III, and IV in possession of W. S. Porterfield, Bedington.

Register Books, 1920--. 2 vols. First volume contains records of members, baptisms, deaths, and marriages for Falling Waters, Hedgesville, and Tomahawk Churches. In possession of Rev. J. A. Murray, pastor. Current volumes contains register of pastors, elders, deacons, membership, baptisms, deaths, and marriages.

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32. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 46, pp. 456, 457, 458, Oct. 26, 1842: Catherine Seibert, James Criswell, Mary Criswell, Elizabeth and Catherine Seibert, grantors. George Tabb, William Cunningham, Jr., Allen C. Hammond, Daniel Lefevre and James Ellis, trustees, grantees.
33. Ibid., 94, pp. 120,121, July 1, 1897: Mary C. and Charles McDowell, her husband, grantors; B. S. Speck, G. P. Riner, Peter S. Sperow, A. J. Lemaster and David Henry Dodd, trustees. This deed also conveys a part of the cemetery grounds.
34. Ibid., 121, pp. 314,315, December 22, 1921: Mary T. Harley, Rosa A. Duval, William H. Duval, Anne Duval, B. Recor Duval, Bernadine D. Means, Terese C. Duval, Edith N. Duval, Augusta Beall, F. L. Beall, Elinor N. Light, Edward Tabb Light, grantors; B. S. Speck, Peter S. Sperow, D. H. Dodd, A. J. Lemaster and B. L. Williams, trustees, grantees.
35. Pastors: Rev. John Blair Hoge, 1811-22; Rev. James Moore Brown, 1824-26; Rev. J. E. Woodbridge, 1835-36; Rev. L. F. Wilson, 1837-73; Rev. W. W. Downey, 1873-74; Rev. Henry C. Brown, 1875-77; Rev. J. Harvey Gilmore, 1878-89; Rev. S. M. Engle, 1891-94; Rev. E. E. Layburn, 1895-1902; Rev. John C. Leps, 1902-08; Rev. J. T. McBride, 1909-12; Rev. R. V. Lancaster, 1913-17; Rev. B. H. Franklin, 1917-20; Rev. Joseph A. McMurray, 1920-incumbent.

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Congregational Meetings, 1896-1920. 1 vol. On file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Financial Records, 1876--. 7 vols. Volume I and II in possession of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Williamson, Hedgesville, Route 1; balance in hands of W. S. Porterfield.

Church School Records, 1927--. Contains attendance and financial records. In possession of J. Monroe Janey, Hedgesville.

Cradle Roll, 1926--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. W. S. Porterfield, Bedington.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1901--. 1 vol. Contains records of the Mite Society and the present Women's Auxiliary. In possession of Mrs. W. S. Porterfield, Bedington.

Unpublished historical sketch: Mrs. W. S. Porterfield, "History of Auxiliary of Falling Waters Presbyterian Church at Spring Mills," copy in author's possession at Bedington.

269. MIDDLEWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1773--. Middleway (Smithfield) Jefferson County.

Organized 1773, by Rev. John Hoge and Rev. James Martin, who were sent to this region to organize new churches. Meetings were held in the German Reformed Church until 1823; in that year, the Presbyterians erected their own church on land deeded from German Reform Church.[36] The first church building was a small log and stone structure, which stood until 1853; in that year the building was razed and replaced by a brick building, which is still used by the congregation. The first resident clergyman was Rev. John Hoge, who served 1773 to 1780.[37]

All records, 23 vols., on file Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.[38]

270. ELK BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1776-92; 1833--. Duffields, Jefferson County.

Organized April 11, 1776, by Rev. John M. Knight, the organization apparently lapsed to some extent, about 1792.

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36. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 12, p. 234.
37. Partial list of pastors: Rev. John Hoge, 1773-80; Dr. William Hall, 1780-91; Rev. William C. Walton, 1818-23; Rev. J. W. Atkinson, 1845-49; Rev. Edwin L. Wilson, 1875-93; Rev. Charles B. Stribling, 1893-97; Rev. C. L. Pancoast, 1897-1911; Rev. H. H. Leach, 1930-36; Rev. G. G. Sydnor, 1936--. (List compiled by Mr. Robert Smith, present Clerk of Session for Middleway Church).
38. Pastor of Middleway Church says all records on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Va. However manuscript check list prepared by Union Theological Seminary, Spence Library fail to show records.

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During the 1820's, interest was revived, and a new church was erected. The church was formally reorganized in 1833, and has been active since that time. The first building, erected soon after the first organization, was constructed of logs. The second and present building was erected in 1829.[39] It is constructed of native limestone, and has a slave gallery. It has been modernized, at various times, and is in good repair. Rev. Mr. Knight, the first minister was graduated from Princeton University in 1773, and served for one year as president of Dickinson College. His pastorate at the Elk Branch Church was from 1776 to 1782.

Session Records, 1888--. All records of church activities and membership rolls. At Historical Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

Organization histories for the Woman's Auxiliary and the Brotherhood. At Historical Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.

Published histories: Rev. H. H. Leach, "Sketch of Elk Branch Presbyterian Church," in Farmer's Advocate Charles Town, West Virginia, September 19, 1929.

271. MOOREFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, c.1780-1812, 1822--.
Main Street, Moorefield, Hardy County.

This church was one of the many of the denomination organized throughout the South Branch Valley. The first mention of the organization is in 1782, when Rev. Moses Hoge, an ordained minister of the Presbytery, on his way to Kentucky, stopped in Moorefield, and being greatly pleased with the people remained for nine years as a preacher.[40] It is highly probable that some organization had been made before this time, probably in 1768, when Rev. Mr. Roan had been called to supply Patterson's Creek and other points in the valley. Under Rev. Mr. Hoge's ministry, a church was erected and was known as the "Concrete Church". This church was served by various ministers and about 1812 must have become defunct.[41]

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39. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 16, p. 222. Apr. 6, 1830. Grantors: John and Christine Snyder. Grantees: John Snyder, Jr., James Burr, John Melvin, Jr., Thomas Melvin, and Henry Snyder.
40. Mss. histories of the churches of the Winchester Presbytery on file at Spence Library, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.
41. This was a united church made up of all churches organized in this section, namely: Old Fields, Fort Pleasant, and Mt. Zion.

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Rev. William N. Scott,[42] first minister of the present church came to South Branch Valley in 1822.[43] Through the influence of Rev. Mr. Hoge and "by invitation of the people to become their preacher" as "domestic missionary" Rev. Mr. Scott preached statedly at Old Fields, Moorefield, and Mt. Zion. In 1825 the Union Church of Hardy was organized with sixteen members. This union included Moorefield, Old Field, and Mt. Zion. Under Rev. Mr. Scott's ministry, the three congregations grew, and in 1837, a petition for a division of the church was made out.[44] In 1816, the log "Concrete Church" was replaced

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42. William N. Scott was a son of Archibald Scott, a native of Scotland, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1760, and became pastor in Dec. 1778, of the United Congregation of Hebron and Bethel, in Augusta County, Va., where he died, in 1799. The younger Scott, born about 1789 was educated at Washington College, (now Washington and Lee University), under Dr. Baxter, and studied theology under Dr. Moses Hoge, at Hampden-Sydney. He was licensed to preach by the Lexington Presbytery in 1814. He married Miss Nancy Daniels of Charlotte County, Va., and soon afterwards came to Berkeley County, where he taught in a female seminary in Martinsburg. He was ordained as an evangelist in 1818, and in 1821, he settled in Hardy County, where, at the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Hoge, he reorganized the congregation which had been started at an earlier date. He served the churches in Hardy County until his death, Jan. 24, 1857. Three of his sons became ministers in the Presbyterian Church, John A., Joseph M., and William C. Scott.

43. Pastors of Church: William N. Scott, 1822-54; William V. Wilson, 1855-65; George W. White, 1866-1903; Dr. Charles D. Gilkeson, 1903-16; S. O. Hall, 1917-31; J. C. Frist, 1931-36; Allen Jones, 1936--.

44. This petition, dated at Moorefield, March 19, 1837, read as follows: "A petition for a division of the Church was made out in the following words, viz: In the Presbytery of Winchester, The Church known by the name of the Union Church of Hardy, believing that it will be advantageous to their spiritual interests to be divided into Three Separate and distinct Churches, respectfully request the Presbytery to divide them in the following manner, viz: That part of the church with the Elders above the Gap (so called) to constitute one Church by the name of Mt. Zion. 2nd. That part of the Church with the elders residing in the Old Field (so called) and vicinity to constitute a separate church to be called Fort Pleasant. 3rd. That part of the Church with the elders residing in Moorefield and the neighborhood intervening the two above mentioned to constitute a separate Church by the name of Moorefield. Done at the meeting of the Church in Moorefield, Mch. 19, 1837". From the Session Book.

by a brick structure,[45] which served the congregation until 1848, when the present church was erected. The manse was built during Mr. Wilson's pastorate on site of Old Union Church. The new congregation formed from this church remained separate until 1857, when the Moorefield Church was united with the Old Fields Church. As early as 1844, congregational libraries had been established, at Moorefield and Fort Pleasant Churches, for in that year, it was agreed to combine the two libraries into one, to be located at Moorefield. During the Civil War, the church was abandoned by its minister, and the pulpit was vacant from 1861-66. In the latter year, a minister was called and work resumed. In 1897, the church was entirely remodeled, and again in 1912, extensive repairs were made. In 1899, a group of members of this church were dismissed at their own request, to become members of the newly established Ivenhoe Church, (see entry 311).

Session Records, 1838-59; 1905--. 5 vols. Includes all minutes of sessions and transactions of church business. In possession of Atty. G. W. McCauley, Moorefield. Vol. I, for period, (1838-59) on file Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Church Register, 1859--. 3 vols. Vol. I, 1859-78; vol. II, 1879-1906; vol. III, 1906--. Vol. I on file Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia. Vols. II and III on file at church.

Church School Records, 1928--. 9 vols. Complete record of attendance, collections, and teachers.

Benevolence Record, 1916--. n.v. (looseleaf)

Secretary's Ledger of current expenses, 1928--. 1 vol.

Church Treasury Record, 1928--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. G. W. McCauley, Moorefield.

Unpublished historical sketches: Mattie C. Wood, "Partial History of Moorefield Presbyterian Church, 1822-1916." M. V. Gilkeson, "History Moorefield Presbyterian Church, 1917-1931." J. O. Chrisman, "History Moorefield Presbyterian Church, 1931-1936." Manuscripts on file at church.

272. FRANKFORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1782-1812, 1824--.
Fort Ashby, Mineral County.

Although Rev. Joseph Bay,[46] appointed by Donegal Presbytery of the Synod of Pennsylvania, on his tour of Patterson's Creek and South Branch Valleys preached here in 1768, the Presbyterian congregation in Frankfort (now Fort Ashby) was not organized until 1782. This group was ministered to by visiting clergymen and it was not until Rev. John Lyle became the minister in

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45. Hardy County, Deed Books, 19, p. 114, June 5, 1846. John Hopewell, William S. Cunningham, Nichlas Baker, Andrew W. Dyer, grantors; Garrett VanMeter, Samuel H. Alexander, Felix B. Welton, and Solomon C. VanMeter, trustees, grantees.
46. Sesqui-Centennial of Frankfort, Mineral County, West Virginia, 1938 - p. 49.

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1793, that a building was erected. This was a large log building. Due to the removal of their pastor to Springfield, and to the western immigration of many of the members, the church lapsed about 1812 and the building was torn down, the logs being sold and the proceeds used in the building of Eusebia Church (see entry 273). After Dr. Foote took charge of the Romney Church (see entry 274) the congregation at Frankfort was revived, and met for some time in an Episcopal Church, which has since ceased to exist. Apparently, the congregation continued to use this church, which must have been abandoned by the Episcopal denomination soon after 1835, until the present brick church was built in 1883.[47] This building was dedicated December 20, 1883. A manse at Springfield (see entry 275) is jointly owned with the church at that point. Rev. John Lyle, the first resident clergyman, served from 1793 to 1807.

No records were available to workers.

Historical sketch: in Sesqui-Centennial of Frankfort, Mineral County, West Virginia comps. Sesqui-Centennial Commission of Frankfort (Keyser, West Virginia: Mineral County Historical Society, Pub. 1938).

273. PATTERSON'S CREEK (EUSEBIA) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1782--. Patterson Creek, 5 miles South Fort Ashby, Mineral County.

The first Presbyterian services were held at this point in April 1768, when John Roan was commissioned by Donegal Presbytery to preach on Capon River, Patterson's Creek, and the South Branch. In 1775, Rev. Thadeus Dod, licensed by the Presbytery of New York, made a missionary visit to the section. The following year, in company with his wife and children and two brothers, Rev. Mr. Dod started west, but was stopped by Indian raids which had taken place near Wheeling, and he remained in the Patterson's Creek vicinity until September 1779. In October 1781, the congregation at Patterson's Creek and at Romney (see entry 274), petitioned the Donegal Presbytery to send an ordained minister, and two years later, the Patterson's Creek group petitioned for a full-time pastor. Apparently, the organization of the church had been effected the previous year. Although other missionaries had served the church, it is probable that Rev. John Lyle[48] was the first resident pastor, and he, too, served the

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47. Mineral County, Deed Books, 9, p. 87. Site donated by Nimrod Furr, and wife to Elizah Rinehart, Col. Johnson, Charles Statler, Frederick Sheets and Isaac VanMeter: trustees.
48. Rev. Mr. Lyle was a soldier in the Revolution from Rockbridge County. He was licensed under the Lexington Presbytery Apr. 29, 1791, and was an itinerant minister

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churches at Romney, Springfield, and Frankfort. About 1819, the Frankfort Church (see entry 272) was torn down, the logs sold, and the proceeds used for the erection of the Eusebia Church. The property on which this church was erected was deeded by Thomas Reese, Jr., and his wife Margaret, to "the trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation in Patterson's Creek" and was dated February 11, 1819. In 1834, due to the revival and added number of communicants, Patterson's Creek, Springfield, and Romney, which up to this time had been a joint congregation, were divided into five congregations and the Patterson's Creek Church became independent. The reorganization was completed March 21, 1834. The first church built in 1819, was a frame building with a slave gallery. During the Civil War, it was used by the soldiers of both armies as barracks, and was badly damaged, but was later repaired and again used for services. The present frame building was dedicated November 1, 1891. The Burlington Church (see entry 283) was formed by members dismissed from Eusebia for this purpose. The manse at Springfield is partically owned by this church.

Session Records, 1858--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of session, church register, and financial records. Vol. 1, March 27, 1858 to April 6, 1895, Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia; vol. 2, 1895--, in possession of Mr. J. R. Kuykendall, Keyser.

Church School Records, 1901-11, 1916-19, 2 vols. In possession of Mr. Kuykendall.

Historical sketch: R. D. Woodworth, "A Memorial Address Delivered at Eusebia Church," Mineral Daily News, Keyser, August 17, 1935.

274. ROMNEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1782--. Madison Street at Rosemary Lane. Romney, Hampshire County.

Organized 1782, with Patterson's Creek Church (see entry 273) and Springfield Church (see entry 275) probably by Rev. John Knight, although services had been held by missionaries sent from Philadelphia and New York, as early as 1771. In October 1781, Patterson's Creek and Romney Court House petitioned the Donegal Presbytery to send an ordained minister to form them into congregations, and to ordain elders. The same churches sent to the Presbytery a call for Rev. Mr. Knight, in 1783 for their settled pastor. It is doubtful if Rev. Mr. Knight remained other than a missionary, as the first settled minister is said to have been Rev. John Lyle who took charge of the churches in 1793. About

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under the commission of the Synod of Virginia, throughout the waters of the Potomac, Jackson, Greenbrier and Roanoke Rivers. He removed to Springfield, where he established a classical school and where he died, July 5, 1807. His family removed into Kentucky.

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1812, the three original churches were grouped under one organization, and became known as the Mount Bethel Session. This grouping remained until October 1833, when upon order of the Presbytery, five new and independent congregations were formed. On November 1, 1824, Rev. Dr. William Henry Foote, of Woodstock, took charge of the churches in Hampshire County, making Romney his official residence. Rev. Dr. Foote[49] served the church, with the exception of the Civil War period, when he was chaplain in the Confederate Army, until 1869. The first church was built at the corner of High Street and Gravel Lane[50] about 1812, on property which was given by Andrew Woodrow, son of the church of Scotland's famous historian, Robert Woodrow.[51] It was used until destroyed by fire, some time shortly before 1860. The present plain frame church was built in 1860, and enlarged in 1936. A manse is part of the church property.

Session Books, 1865--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of sessions, church register and record of services. At manse.

Church School Records, current only, records being destroyed from year to year.

Historical sketch contained in Historical Romney comps. West Virginia, Writers Project, (Romney, West Virginia: 1938) pp. 15, 16, 22, 23.

275. SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1782--. Springfield, Hampshire County.

Organized in 1782, together with Romney (see entry 274) and Patterson's Creek Churches (see entry 273). Services were held in the homes of members until a log church was erected in 1832.[52] This church was used until 1835, when it was torn down to make way for a brick structure. During the Civil War, the Union soldiers used the church for barracks, and upon evacuation, set fire to the building, entirely destroying the interior of the church. In 1867, the present white frame church was erected. Extensive repairs and remodeling were done in 1888. The first resident minister was Rev. John Lyle who served this church 1793 to 1807.

Session Minutes and Register, 1812-90; 1918--. 4 vols. Vol. I, 1812-66; vol. II, 1866-90; vol. III, 1918-29; vol.

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49. William Henry Foote, called as a pastor of Romney Church, 1824; resigned 1837; returned 1844; principal of Romney Academy, 1844-49; founded Potomac Seminary 1849; served in Confederate Army; returned Aug. 6, 1865, d. Romney, Nov. 28, 1869.
50. West Virginia Federal Writers, comps. Historic Romney, pp. 15, 16, 22, 23.
51. Ibid., p. 23.
52. Martin's, Gazateer of Virginia, p. 360.

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IV, 1929--. Includes all records of church and register of members, deaths, marriages, and baptisms. Vol. I and IV on file at church; vols. II and III, on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Church School Records, current only. Destroyed at end of church year.

Unpublished historical sketch. Included in Session Minutes, vol. I, pp. 3, 20.

A ms. history of the church, dated 1788, is a part of the Spence Library collection, Richmond, Virginia.

276. GERRARDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1783--.
Gerrardstown, Berkeley County.

Formally organized as Cool Springs Church in 1783, at what is now called Lacytown, and was named after a spring on the "Runnymeade" farm. That this congregation and a church building existed many years before formal organization is evidenced by the recently discovered cornerstone which bears the date 1764. The first mention of the congregation in the Minutes of the Donegal Presbyterian is October 1779, when supplies were requested by the Cool Springs congregation[53] and the following year John Slemans was ordered to supply this point by that body.[54]

The first church, a brick building was constructed in 1783, and served the congregation until 1794, at which time the church was moved to Middletown (now Gerrardstown) and a new building was erected on the site of the present church.[55] Until 1824, this church was known as the Middletown Meeting House. In 1892, the present church of rural schoolhouse type with steeple was erected. It is of brick construction with several memorial windows. A manse, cemetery, Presbyterian Hall and "Stonewall Academy" are included in the church property. Rev. Joseph Glass served as the first resident minister, 1797-1817.

Session Records, 1797--. 4 vols. Includes records of church, financial records and register of members and baptisms. Records for years 1861-65 prepared from diaries and notes kept by members of the church as no regular services were held during the Civil War. In possession of L. F. Wilson, Inwood.

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53. Donegal Presbytery Minutes, ms. copy, p. 323.
54. Ibid., p. 334.
55. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 16, pp. 457-459, Dec. 18, 1800. Thomas and Mary Lewis, grantors; Matthew Rippey, James Wilson, John McClean, Alexander Fleming, James Hair, Samuel McKown and John Park, trustees, grantees.

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Church School Records, current only. Destroyed at end of each year.

Women's Auxiliary, 1904--. 3 vols. Includes records of missionary organizations. In possession of Mr. W. D. Gordan, Gerrardstown.

Published history: Sarah Morgan Gordan, Presbyterian Church and Other Sketches of Gerrardstown, West Virginia, (Kensington, Maryland: The Craftsman Press, 1936). James R. Graham, D.D., The Planting of Presbyterianism in The Northern Neck of Virginia.

277. CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1787--. Mildred and Washington Streets, Charles Town, Jefferson County.

Organized 1787, probably by former members of Bullskin Church (see entry 265). A church was erected the same year on a lot deeded to David Kennedy, John White, Peter Burr, and Jacob Conckline for "use of the Charles Town congregation of Presbyterians" by Charles Washington and his wife, Mildred.[56] This deed was dated February 17, 1787, so that the congregation must have been organized early in the year, if it had not existed for some time before this date. A small stone church existed on the site purchased and a call was made by this church and the one at Cool Springs (see entry 276) for a minister. The original church was replaced by a larger stone building, which was dedicated April 4, 1830. The cornerstone for the third and present church was laid in 1851,[57] and was dedicated in 1853. It was erected on land donated by Mr. John Stephenson. In 1894, a chapel was added to the rear of the church, and in 1933, the McCurdy Memorial Annex was added through the generosity of the will of Miss Mary A. McCurdy. A manse erected in 1853[58] is also part of the church property. The first resident minister was Rev. William Hill, who was graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, in 1789. He was ordained and installed in the St. George's Episcopal Church (see Inventory of the Church Archives in West Virginia: Protestant Episcopal Church, p. 28), by the Lexington Presbytery meeting in Charles Town, May 1792. He served the Charles Town Church from 1792 to 1799.[59] Several ministers have gone

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56. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 7, p. 260.
57. Ibid., 31, p. 350, Jan. 22, 1851. John Stephenson, grantor; William C. Washington, William Hurst, R. Henderson, G. W. McCurdy, C. G. Stewart, John Humphreys, I. N. Carter, W. J. Hawks, C. Moore, J. J. H. Straith, and Thomas Rutherford, trustees, grantees.
58. Mynna Thurston, Historical Tours of Jefferson County, p. 1.
59. Pastorate: Archibald Alexander, about six months, due to illness of first pastor, Rev. William Hill, 1792-99; 1799-1809, period of inactivity- without pastor; Rev. Dr. John Matthews, 1809-25; Rev. William C. Walton, 1825-27; Rev.

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out from this church.[60]

Sessional Records are complete from 1815, but church officers did not care to give information regarding them.

Published historical sketch: Virginia Lucas, A Sketch of the Presbyterian Church in Charles Town and the Lower Shenandoah Valley (Charles Town: Women's Auxiliary, Presbyterian Church); Historical Sketch of the Presbyterian Church of Charles Town. No author given; printed in program of Sesqui-Centennial Services, February 21, 1937.

278. MOUNT BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1792--. Three Churches, Hampshire County.

Organized in 1792,[61] although a congregation had been gathered for some years previous to this date. In 1791, the property was deeded to the Presbyterian and Baptist congregations by Ezekiel Rogers, and the building to be erected on this land was to be used by both congregations. The church, which was erected soon afterward, was used by both denominations until 1838, when the Presbyterians built their own church, about 100 yards from the first church. This is the present building, and is a small frame church of the rural type. The first minister to regularly serve this church was Rev. James Black, whose pastorate covered the years 1811 to 1824.

Session Records, 1812--. 5 vols. Vol. I, 1812-33; vol. II, 1834-98; vol. III, 1898-1911; vol. IV, 1911-18; vol. V, 1918--. Include minutes of meetings of the session, register of members, marriages, baptisms, and financial records. Vols. I and III, on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia, other records on file at church.

Church School Records, current only. Records destroyed at end of each church year.

279. *LOST RIVER UNION CHURCH, 1797-1892. Lost City, Hardy County.

The land for this church, which was the first one in Lost River Valley, was given by Anthony Miller, and the people

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Septimus Tuston, supply, 1828-33, pastor 1833-37; Rev. Theodore W. Simpson 1837-41; Rev. Warren K. Dutton, 1842-66; Rev. E. W. Bedinger, stated supply, 1866; Rev. Abner C. Hopkins, 1866-1911; Rev. Harry M. Moffett, 1912-18; Rev. G. G. Snydor, 1919--.

60. Rev. John W. Luke, Albert B. Link, Rev. Charles Diehl, Rev. A. C. Hopkins, Jr., Rev. John P. Strider, Rev. Warren Cramer, Rev. J. Harry Moore, Rev. W. W. Downey, Miss Nannie Henderson, missionary to Brazil, 1872.

61. Callahan's History, p. 60.

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of the community erected a log church to be used by all the people living there. The actual date of erection is not known, but it was prior to February 15, 1797, when Anthony Miller and Elizabeth, his wife, executed a deed to Lionel Brown for 384 acres, reserving one acre, "on which now stands a meeting house".62 This land was deeded by Anthony Miller, March 14, 1831, "to Levi Claypool and Godfrey Watkins, trustee of the Presbyterian denomination of Christians, and Joseph Miller and Isaac Chrisman, Trustees of the Baptist denomination of Christians, to be held and used by the said two denominations, and their successors, in the Presbyterian and Baptist faith forever".63 This church continued in existence until 1892. At the June 1892 term of Circuit Court, on petition of the majority of the members of the Baptist and Presbyterian denominations, trustees were appointed and authorized to sell the church. It was purchased by Thomas Cover and Son for $200.00, and it is at present used for storehouse.

No records of this church were found.

280. BLOOMERY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1825--. Bloomery, Hampshire County.

Although formally organized November 9, 1825, by Rev. Dr. William H. Foote, this point had probably been visited by itinerant Presbyterian ministers for many years prior to this date. The present frame church was built either before, or soon after the organization, for the dedication of the church is said to have taken place in 1825. The church has a slave gallery, as was customary in the earlier buildings. A cemetery is maintained by the organization, and is a part of the church grounds. Dr. Foote, who served the churches of Hampshire County, is well known for his historical writings.

Session Records, 1826--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of session and church register. Vol. I, 1826-1903, Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia; vol. 2, 1903--, in hands of session.

Church School Records, 1936--. 1 vol.

Financial Records, 1825--. 1 vol. In possession of Dr. R. B. Woodworth, Burlington.

Unpublished history sketch: "History of the Church, 1825-1907," 1 vol. ms., no author or page numbers given.

281. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1825--. South Queen Street, Martinsburg, Berkeley County.

A Presbyterian congregation existed in Martinsburg as early as 1792, as is evidenced by the records of the Carlisle

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62. Hardy County, Deed Books, 2, p. 326.
63. Ibid., 13, p. 29.

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Presbytery, and that year was listed as a part of the Tuscarora Church (see entry 267). As one of the principal elders of the Tuscarora Church lived in Martinsburg, it is to be presumed that regular services were held in that town from the above given date until the time of formal organization.

The Tuscarora Church was divided into two congregations, April 29, 1825, and the first entry in the Session Record of the Martinsburg Church is dated July 26, 1829. The first building was erected soon after the organization, probably about 1829, and stood on the site of the present Federal building, at the corner of King and Maple Avenues. It was an impressive building of colonial design, and served the congregation until 1851, when the present site was purchased and a second building erected.[65] This building was dedicated November 13, 1851, William S. Plumer preaching the dedicatory sermon. The first church was used by the German Reformed and Lutheran congregations for several years. During the Civil War, the Presbyterian Church was used for a hospital by both armies, and many soldiers wounded in the battle of Antietam were brought here. That the church suffered damages during this occupancy, is shown by the payment in 1867, of a claim amounting to $1,637, received from the Federal Government for repairs on the church building.[66] This church was used until it was torn down to make room for the present building,[67] which was dedicated May 3, 1903; Dr. F. M. Woods preaching the dedicatory sermon. It is a modern colonial building.[68]

A manse[69] at 407 Queen Street, and a cemetery[70] are owned by the church. The Presbyterian Church at Berkeley Springs,

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64. Graham, Planting of Presbyterianism, p. 12.
65. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 90, pp. 210, 211, Feb. 7, 1893. E. Boyd Faulkner and D. C. Westenhaver, Special Commissioners, grantors; Nelson Wisner, W. O. Nicklas, Charles J. Faulkner, E. P. H. Harrison and M. A. Snodgrass, trustees, grantees.
66. Session Book No. 1.
67. Ibid.
68. Mrs. Sue Stribling Snodgrass, historian of the Winchester Presbytery, in her unpublished "History of the Martinsburg Presbyterian Church", describes this building as "a pseudo-colonial style, but a cross between a power house and a public hall", and regrets that the dignified colonial architecture of the second church has not been used in the present one.
69. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 79, pp. 163, 164, July 29, 1882. Board of Education by William B. Colston, President, grantor; William N. Riddle, H. A. Frazier, Alex Parks, Jr., John M. Deiffindeefer, Jacob Miller, J.I.A. Nadenboush, William T. Stewart, J. Nelson Wisner, and Charles Faulkner, Jr., trustees, grantees.
70. Ibid., 91, pp. 32-33, Oct. 19, 1893. David M. Shaffer,

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(see entry 294) was organized by members of this church dismissed for that purpose April 19, 1874.[71] The first resident pastor[72] of the congregation was the Rev. John Matthews, who served from 1807 to 1825.

Session Records,[73] 1820--. 5 vols. Includes minutes of meetings of session, and all financial records. Vol. 1, 1820-79, vol. 2, 1879-98, vol. 3, 1898-1917, vol. 4, 1917-30, in church. Vol. 5, 1930, in possession of D. H. Dodd, Tennessee Avenue, Martinsburg. Duplicate copy of all records on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Church Register, 1860--. 3 vols. Vol. I, 1860-1925; vol. II, 1926-36; vol. III, 1937--. Vol. I, on file Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia. Vols. II, III on file at church.

Church School Records, current only.

Christian Endeavor Society, 1937--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Sittwell, 528 West Virginia Avenue, Martinsburg.

Women's Auxiliary Records, 1914--. 2 vols. Includes all missionary and benevolent organizations and work. 1 vol. in possession of Miss Kathryn Payne, Pikeside. 1 vol. at 119 West Maple Avenue, Martinsburg.

Unpublished histories: "History of the Martinsburg Presbyterian Church", 15 pp. app. 1935 and "Women of the Presbyterian Church", by Mrs. Sue Stribling Snodgrass.

282. PETERSBURG /MOUNT ZION/ PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1825--. Petersburg, Grant County.

Although services had apparently been held here for many years and the congregation had been a part of the "Concrete Church" at Moorefield (see entry 271), it was not until April 16, 1825, that the congregation was formally organized. This

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grantor; C. J. Faulkner, J. Nelson Wisner, W. O. Nicklas, E. P. Harrison, and M. A. Snodgrass, trustees, grantees.

71. Windows in the church include memorials to Alexander Cooper, Samuel Baker, Mary W. Faulkner, Virginia Pendleton, Mary Maslin Stewart, Harriett Snook, Peyton Randolph Harrison, Mary Ellen Rush, William A. Gard, William Riddle, James N. Riddle, William N. Riddle.

72. Pastors serving this church were: Dr. John Matthews, 1807-25, Dr. William C. Mathews, 1831-36, Rev. Peyton Harrison, 1837-44, Rev. John Boggs, 1844-46, Rev. William Love, 1846-49, Rev. R. T. Berry, 1849-58, Dr. Abner C. Hopkins, 1860-65, Rev. James E. Hughes, 1865-67, Rev. James Beattie, 1867-68, Dr. David H. Riddle, 1868-79, Dr. Francis M. Woods, 1879-1927, Dr. S. R. Diehl, 1927--.

73. Records of the church pre-date the formal organization by five years, and indicates that the Martinsburg congregation, while allied with the Tuscarora Church, considered themselves a separate organization. Meetings were held in homes of the members in Martinsburg at this time.

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organization was effected under the ministry of Rev. William N. Scott, and the congregation took the name of Mount Zion. It is believed that these early services were held in a union church, which probably stood on Town Hill. In 1837, the "Concrete Church" at Moorefield, was divided into three congregations (see entry 271) Mount Zion being one of these.[74]

The first church was built in 1838, on land purchased from Hanson Bryan.[75] This brick church was located on a hill just north of Petersburg, and was used until it was destroyed by Union troops, during the Civil War. The cemetery which surrounded the church marks the location. A frame church, more centrally located, was built soon after the close of the war, and was used until about 1878, when it was moved to make room for the present brick church, which was dedicated August 8, 1879. At this time the name of the church was changed to Petersburg Presbyterian Church. A manse near the church is included in the church property. Rev. Mr. Scott served the church as its pastor until his death in 1847. He is buried in the old Mount Zion Cemetery.

Session Records, 1825--. 4 vols. Vol. I, 1825-79; vol. II, 1879-1903; vol. III, 1903-19; vol. IV, 1919--. Include minutes of session, financial records and church register. Vol. I and IV, at manse; vol. II, lost; vol. III, on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Church School Records, 1925-27, 1931--. 1 vol. at church.

Unpublished history: Dr. R. B. Woodworth, "History of Petersburg Presbyterian Church", Burlington, 1934. In possession of author. Historical sketch of church published in The Petersburg Press, July 15, 1937.

283. BURLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1830--. Burlington, Mineral County.

Organized as a branch of the Patterson's Creek Church (see entry 273) about 1830 by Rev. Dr. William H. Foote (see p. 217). The first log church was erected soon afterward on land said to have been given by the Vandiver family. A cemetery marks the site of this early church. This church was used until 1853, when it was torn down to provide room for a second, and more pretentious building, which was completed the same year. This church was occupied by soliders during the Civil War, but upon Dr. Foote's return, after his service

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74. See footnote p. 213. Elders elected were Aaron Welton John Clark, William Cunningham and James Lemen.
75. Grant County, Deed Books, 14, p. 459. April 26, 1838. Job Welton, Garrett Van Meter, Cyrus Welton, Aaron W. Clark, Felix R. Seymour, Arch Welton, grantees.

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in the Confederate Army, he immediately instituted efforts to repair the church, and it was used until 1891, when the present site was purchased[76] and the church erected. This building, which is of plain frame construction, was completed in 1893. On June 20th of the same year, the church was organized as a separate congregation, and its relationship with the Patterson's Creek Church was dissolved. A manse was erected in 1870, and is a part of the church property.[77]

Dr. William Henry Foote served as pastor of the Burlington Church from 1830 to 1869, with the exception of the War years. This church is owned jointly with the Methodist congregation.

Session Records, 1893--. 2 vols. Vol. I, 1893-1935; vol. II, 1935--. Includes minutes of session, financial records and church register. Vol. I, on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia. Vol. II, in hands of session.

Church School Records, 1935--. 4 vols. In possession of secretary.

Ladies Aid Society Records, 1879--. 3 vols. In possession of Miss Louise Wilson, Burlington.

Unpublished historical sketches: Robert Woodworth "History of the Burlington Church"; Miss Louise Wilson, "History of the Ladies Aid Society of the Burlington Presbyterian Church". Both mss. in possession of Miss Wilson.

284. BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1830--. Glebe, Hampshire County.

This is one of the churches organized during the ministry of Rev. Dr. William H. Foote,[78] and has been connected with the Romney Church (see entry 274) since its inception. Services were held in a nearby school until the first and present building was erected in 1846. It is a plain frame building of rural schoolhouse type. It is a preaching station under the care of the pastor of the Romney Presbyterian Church. Rev. William H. Foote, the first resident pastor, served this church from 1846 until 1869.

Session Records and Register, 1830--. Scattered notations in the records of the Romney Church.

Church School Records, 1936--. 1 vol.

285. SLANESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1834--. Slanesville, Hampshire County.

This church was first organized in 1834, by committee from Romney Presbyterian Church (see entry 274). The following

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76. Mineral County, Deed Books, 3, p. 167.
77. Ibid., 2, p. 414.
78. See footnote, p. 217.

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year the first church, known as North River Mills or Zion Church, was dedicated.[79] This building was sold to the Christian denomination in 1910, when the present building was erected. It is a frame building, of rural schoolhouse type with belfry. In 1910, a reorganization of this church was effected by the Presbytery of Winchester. The first resident clergyman after reorganization was Rev. T. H. Daffin, who served this church 1910-12.

Session Records, 1904--. 1 vol. Contains a list of baptisms, marriages, deaths and members. In possession of Mr. Herold Henderson, Slanesville.

Records prior to 1904 were destroyed by fire, when home of Clerk of Sessions was burned.

286. ZION PRESBYTERIAN (CHAPEL) CHURCH, 1834-1920, 1920--. Bakerton, Jefferson County.

This church was first organized by those members of Elk Branch Church (see entry 270) living in the region of present day Bakerton. While mention is made of services being held as early as 1800,[80] the first names we can officially identify with church organization are those in the deed which conveyed the land for the church lot.[81] The first and present building, erected in 1834-35, is of gray limestone with walls 16 inches in thickness. The building was partially destroyed 1861-65, when Federal troops used the church as a stable. The church was restored after the war and is still in use. Zion Chapel continued to be a part of the Elk Branch Church (see entry 270) until 1920. On December 12 of that year, that portion of the Elk Branch congregation living in the neighborhood of Bakerton and worshipping in the Zion Chapel, was organized into a separate church under the name of the Zion Presbyterian Church. This organization was effected by a commission appointed by Winchester Presbytery in answer to a petition from the Zion congregation for a separate organization.[82]

The first resident clergyman was Rev. John Calvin Siler, who served 1920 to 1924.[83]

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79. Martin's Gazateer of Virginia, p. 26.
80. "History of Zion Church," comp., Herold H. Leach, p. 2.
81. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 29, p. 505.
82. Commission: Rev. F. M. Woods, Rev. G. G. Sydnor, Rev. Charles Ghiselin with ruling elders E. H. Rinehart and S. L. Phillips.
83. Pastorate: stated supply at Zion by pastors of Elk Branch as follows: Patterson Fletcher, 1851-58; Silas Billings, 1858-69; John A. Scott, 2nd, 1870-90; B. B. Woodworth, 1891-93; J. E. Triplett, 1893-1907; John Calvin Siler, 1907-20. After reorganization John Calvin Siler, 1920-24; Cabel L. Pancoast, 1924-27; Herold Houston Leach, 1927--.

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Session Records, 1888--. All records of church activities and membership rolls with Elk Branch Church records at Presbyterian Foundation, Montreat, North Carolina.
Session Records, 1920--. 1 vol. Contains records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths. In possession of Rev. Herold H. Leach, Shenandoah Junction.
Church School Records, current only.

Unpublished history: Herold H. Leach, "History of Zion Presbyterian Church, Bakerton, West Virginia," on file at Handley Library, Winchester, Virginia.

287. HEDGESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1837--.
Hedgesville, Berkeley County.

Hedgesville Presbyterian Church organized 1837, as a Chapel of Falling Waters Presbyterian Church (see entry 268) Spring Mills, and continued as such for over 50 years. Worship services were held in the Methodist Church until the pastorate of Rev. S. M. Engle, 1891, at which time they were discontinued for a few months. As the members did not attend the Falling Waters Church as was expected, plans were made, with the approval of the Session, for a church in Hedgesville.

A lot was purchased[84] and a chapel was completed and dedicated in 1893.[85] This structure is of brick and is of rural schoolhouse type. In July 1932, a petition signed by 55 of the local members was acted on favorably by the Presbytery, and Hedgesville became an independent church. The church was duly organized[86] August 28, 1932, by a committee made up of Dr. S. R. Diehl, of Martinsburg, Dr. G. G. Sydnor, of Charles Town, Rev. J. L. Rodgers, of Tuscarora, and Mr. B. L. Williamson. Rev. S. M. Engle, whose tenure of service lasted from 1891 until 1894 was the first resident pastor.[87]

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84. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 90, p. 91. John S. Vernilyea and Mary C. Vernilyea, grantors; J. T. Harris, R. A. Jacques, E. C. Henshaw, B. S. Speck and Decatur Hedges, trustees, grantees.
85. At this service, $1000 was raised and the remaining $600 owed on the church was borrowed from Mr. Aquilla Janney, on a note signed by the trustees. This was paid in installments, mainly by the Mite Society, the final payment being made Aug. 2, 1901.
86. Elders were: Roy V. Allbright, R. A. Jacques and W. N. Lemen, Deacons were: Geo. T. Crawford, J. D. Zombro, and Charles B. Sperow.
87. Pastorate: Rev. S. M. Engle, 1891-94; Rev. E. R. Leyburn, 1895-1902; Rev. J. C. Leps, 1902-09; Rev. J. T. McBryde, 1909-12; Rev. R. V. Lancaster, 1912-16; Rev. B. H. Franklin, 1916-20; Rev. J. A. McMurray, 1920--.

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Session Records, 1932--. 1 vol. Contains minutes and church registers. In possession of Mr. Roy V. Allbright, Hedgesville. All prior records included in those of Falling Waters Church at Spring Mills.

Church School Records, 1915--. 2 vols.

Senior Christian Endeavor, 1928--. 2 vols.

Boy's Junior Christian Endeavor, 1938--. 1 vol.

Church School and all Christian Endeavor Records in possession of Mr. Robert Duke, Hedgesville.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1926--. 3 vols. Includes records of Missionary organizations. In possession of Mrs. Walter Duke, Hedgesville.

Session or Deaconate Records, 1932--. 1 vol. In possession of Dr. J. A. McMurray.

Published historical sketches: R. A. Jacques, "A Sketch of the Hedgesville Presbyterian Church," in The Church Messenger, June 1934; A Directory of Falling Waters Presbyterian Church, 1914 (Hedgesville, West Virginia: Published by the Church, 1914).

288. SHANGHAI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, c.1850--. Shanghai, Berkeley County.

This church was organized about 1850 as a mission of the Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church (see entry 276). The first building was located at Centerville,[88] and consisted of a log and frame structure with plain glass windows. This building was burned February 27, 1882, and everything was destroyed except the Bible.[89] The present frame building was erected on the same site and dedicated November 5, 1882, Rev. John Johnson preaching the dedicatory sermon. The nearby schoolhouse was used for services until the new building was completed.

On June 19, 1919, five men and 18 women were dismissed from the Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church (see entry 276) to unite in organizing a Presbyterian Church at Shanghai.[90] Rev. John O. Proctor, ordained as Evangelist by Carlisle Presbytery, May 29, 1844, was the first resident clergyman,

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88. Name later changed from Centerville to Shanghai.
89. From memorandum book in possession of Mrs. Texanna Bishop Stuckey, Gerrardstown.
90. Charles M. Bishop, Eliza Jane Bishop, Simeon B. Stuckey, Harriet Stuckey, Vallei Minghinni Fahey, Ethel Ashton Kettering, Benjamin Minghinni, Mrs. Daisy DeHaven, Mrs. Virginia Shipper, Miss Willa Stuckey, Miss Ella Stilwell, Mr. James B. Harrison, Ida Bishop Tabler, Mary Jane Stilwell, Miss Jennie Bishop, Mrs. Pearl Stuckey, Mrs. Carrie Barnhart, Mrs. B. M. Minghinni, Mrs. J. B. Harrison, Texanna Bishop Stuckey, Boyd Stilwell, Amanda Bayer and Miss Margaret Bishop.

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serving here from May 21, 1853 until May 8, 1861. He was educated for the ministry at Dickinson College and Princeton Theological Seminary. This organization belongs to the Tuscarora group of Presbyterian Churches.

Session Records, September 10, 1919--. 1 vol. Includes session minutes and church register. Located in church.

All records prior to 1919 incorporated in those of Gerrardstown Church (see entry 276). All records since that date in possession of L. F. Wilson, Clerk of Session, Inwood.

Financial Records, 1921--. 1 vol. In possession of Grover Cleveland Stuckey, Gerrardstown.

Church School Records, April 4, 1937--. 1 vol. Located in church-prior records lost.

Woman's Auxiliary, April 13, 1928--. 4 vols. Vols. I II and III in possession of Mrs. T. B. Stuckey, Gerrardstown. Vol. IV located in church.

Published history: Included in; Sarah Morgan Gordan's History of the Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church and Other Sketches of Gerrardstown.

289. BUNKER HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1853-61, 1879--.
Bunker Hill, Berkeley County.

Organized August 8, 1853, under the auspices of the "new school" branch of the denomination, and the building was erected the following year on property acquired from John E. and Jane Boyd.[91] It was used by the congregation until the beginning of the Civil War, when it was occupied at various times by soldiers of both armies, and was used as a hospital.[92] Bullet holes made during this War are still visible on the exterior walls of the plain frame church. The building was so badly damaged during the war years that it was not used until the congregation again organized in June 1879. The church was repaired and dedicated in January 1880. The names of the early ministers of this church have been lost; the first

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91. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 55, p. 367. Trustees were Samuel Matheys, Alfred Ross, Mangus T. Snodgrass, James Parke, Samuel P. Henshaw, Morgan McKown, Edward McKown, William D. North, James Hazlett.

92. When wall paper was recently removed from the interior of the church, the following inscriptions were found on the wall: "December 4, 1862. Disappointed that there were no gray backs here to dispute our way. They are good for nothing. Disfiguring church walls! You had a flag once to fight for since you Southern brethern have seceded from following your flag and gone to fight for--." Directly under this is the following: "If this flag suits you keep it at home, but it shall never wafe over the South.- William Kerfoot, 2nd Virginia Regiment."

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record of a resident pastor[93] is that of Rev. E. L. Wilson, who served the congregation after its organization, from 1880-93. He was a graduate of Princeton University.

Session Records, June, 1879--. 2 vols. Includes all records of governing body, financial records and church register. In possession of Mr. L. C. Hoffman, Bunker Hill.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1932--. 1 vol.

Church School Records, current only.

Unpublished historical sketch: Mrs. Anna Beall Silver Hoffman, "History of Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church," 1934. Copy in author's possession.

290. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1853--. Main and Piedmont Streets, Keyser, Mineral County.

Organized December 8, 1853, by the Rev. Dr. William Henry Foote and a Mr. Armstrong, who were sent by the Winchester Presbytery for that purpose.[94] First known as Church of Mount Hope, and formal organization took place in the log home of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Sheetz, with seven charter members[95] and the two commissioners.[96] Gifts of land by Joseph C. McCarty and Sarah McCarty, his wife, provided a site for the first church, a graveyard, and a manse. The first church was completed in 1856, and served the congregation until November 28, 1864, when it was burned by General Thomas L. Rosser, C.S.A., in an attempt to dislodge the Federal troops occupying the village at that time. A claim for damages against the Federal Government is still (1940) pending.

A storeroom and the courthouse provided a place of worship until about 1871, when a second church was erected on East Street on land acquired for that purpose. This building was sold and the present church was erected in 1890. It is of stucco over brick, and of Gothic architecture. It was remodeled in 1916, and again in 1922. A manse at 130 Overton Place is a part of the church property. Rev. John Johnston,[97] a graduate

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93. Pastors to serve this church were: Rev. E. L. Wilson, 1880-93; Rev. R. A. White, 1894-1913; Rev. H. E. Hansel, 1913-17; Rev. W. J. King, 1917-19; Rev. J. B. Bittinger, 1919-32, and Rev. T. H. Daffin, 1933--.
94. Winchester Presbytery, Minutes, 1853, p. 6.
95. Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Sheetz, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCarty, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Moore and Dr. Arnold Gerstell. All of these may have been members of Patterson Creek Church. Messrs. Sheetz and McCarty chosen as elders.
96. History, Year Book and Church Directory First Presbyterian Church, Keyser, W. Va., 1932. P. (not numbered)
97. Johnston, Rev. John: native of Ireland; graduate of University of Belfast; immigrated to U. S. 1853; supply for

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of Belfast University, was ordained[98] November 24, 1854, in this church, and served as the first resident pastor,[99] until January 1857.

Session Records, 1890--. 5 vols. Includes minutes of session meetings and church register; also financial records, 1890-1911. In possession of Mr. Richard Keys, Keyser.

Financial Records, 1912--. 26 vols. In possession of Mr. Keys.

Church School Records, 1925--. 25 vols. Located in church.

Young People's Records, 1936--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Porthy Hamil, Keyser.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1925--. 1 vol. In possession of Miss Maria Vass Frye, Keyser.

Board of Deacons, 1890--. 5 vols. In possession of Mr. Richard Keys, Keyser.

Published historical sketches appear in Church Year Book and Directory, dated 1922 and 1932.

291. PIEDMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1856--. Ashfield Street, Piedmont, Mineral County.

Although services held at an earlier date, the congregation was officially organized on November 29, 1856, by the Rev. John Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Keyser, with a commission from Winchester Presbytery.[100] A church was erected in 1855, on what is now Childs Avenue, the building at present being used as the Davis School. The present two-story, red-brick building was built 1884-88, and was enlarged in 1926.[101] It is of Gothic architecture, and

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Fifth Ave. Presbyterian Church, New York City; ordained Winchester Presbytery Nov. 24, 1854; married Sallie Welton, Oct. 25, 1854, pastor New Creek (Keyser) 1854-Jan. 1857; conducted a school in church; organized Piedmont Church 1856; resigned ministry after forty years service; died Elk Garden, West Virginia, Sept. 19, 1894.

98. Ordination Committee: Dr. W. H. Foote, Rev. M. Raymond, Rev. J. R. Graham, Rev. L. F. Wilson, Mr. F. S. Sheets, Patterson Creek Church and Mr. Joseph McCarty, Mt. Hope Church.

99. Pastors to serve this church were: Rev. John Johnston, 1854-57, Rev. M. W. Woodworth, 1857-65, Rev. Edward Martin (S.S.) 1856-70, Rev. John M. Clymer, 1871-90, Rev. J. H. Moore, 1890-1905, Rev. J. W. Purcell, 1906-07, Rev. M. B. Lambdin, 1907-12, Rev. A. O. Price, 1912-14, Rev. A. N. Perryman, 1914-20, Rev. C. A. Engle, 1921-24, Rev. John A. Wood, 1924--.

100. History, Year Book and Church Directory, First Presbyterian Church, Keyser, W. Va., 1932, p. 3.

101. See: Mineral County, Deed Books, 9, p. 223; No. 10, p. 162; No. 46, p. 59.

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the church auditorium is on the second floor. A manse is also owned. Beryl Church (see entry 294) was organized from this church. The first resident minister was Rev. John Johnston, a graduate of the University of Belfast, Ireland, who served the church together with the one at Keyser from October, 1853, to January 1857 (see footnote p. 230).

Session Records, 1856--. 5 vols. Includes minutes of session, financial records and incomplete membership roll. Vol. 1, 1856-90, in Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia; vols. 2 and 3, 1890-1913, lost; vols. 4 and 5, 1913--, in possession of Miss Jessie Smith, Fairview St., Luke, Maryland.

Church School Records, 1930--. 8 vols. 3 vols., 1930-34 in possession of Milton McIntyre, Piedmont. 5 vols. 1934--; in possession of A. E. Taylor, Piedmont.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1935--. 1 vol.

292. GORMANIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1860-October 8, 1870; 1895--. Gormania, Grant County.

Organized as the Winston Church, at Fort Pendleton, (now Gormania), December 3, 1860, by Rev. W. H. Foote, (see footnote, p. 217) pastor of the Romney Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the Winchester Presbytery, the congregation having grown out of a church school.[102] A building was erected, but due to the Civil War, the congregation did not prosper, and was officially dissolved by action of the Presbytery, October 8, 1870. The church building was burned in 1882. In 1890, a movement was started to erect a church in Gormania. During a part of these years, the congregation was allied with that of the Davis Presbyterian Church (see entry 301) and had occasional services by the ministers of that church. On April 16, 1895, a petition was sent to the Winchester Presbytery, in session at Woodstock, asking for the organization of the Gormania Church, and upon approval by the Presbytery, this organization [103]was effected May 14, 1895. The present frame

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102. Elders were: Mr. Dougal and Mr. Stilwell.

103. Organization Commission: Rev. George W. White, D.D., Rev. H.C.V. Campbell, Rev. M. W. Woodworth and elders W. N. Gutherie and John Daily M.D.; John Henry Beckman and Wilbur George Drinkwater, M.D., elected elders; and Loren High and Mr. H. J. Wilson, chosen as deacons. Charter members: Mrs. Mary Nydeggar, Nettie Jones, Mrs. Jessie Shillinburg, Mrs. Lettie C. Wilson, Mrs. Estella Shillingburg, Mrs. Ella Baker, Miss Mary Chisholm, Mrs. Bessie Beckman, Mrs. Sudie High, Jeanna Ketzmiller, W. J. Wilson, Mrs. M. G. Williams, Mrs. Rachel Neville, Mrs. Jennie Friend, Grace Chisholm, Mrs. Sohina Dillery, Annie P. High, Mrs. Mary Ann Hartman, Mrs. Mary Wildersen, Mrs. Sarah Cooper, Mrs. Helen J. Violet, W. R. Neville, Loren High, C. A. Wolfe, John B. Kaylor, Dr. W. G. Drinkwater, L. M. Foley, G. T. Stonebraker, Phillip Kaylor, Peter Chisholm, Mrs. Adah Drinkwater, S. H. Mickey, J. H. Beckman, Frank Kaylor.

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building was dedicated the same year, and extensive repairs and additions were made in 1925. A manse adjacent to the church is included in the church property. Rev. A. C. Hopkins, Jr., a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, served as the first resident minister, his tenure extending from 1895 to 1901.104

Session Records, 1895--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of session, church register of marriages, baptisms, members and deaths. Also includes financial records, 1895-1924. Vol. I, 1895-1921, in Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia; vol. 2, 1921--. In possession of Rev. N. A. Parker, Mount Storm.

Financial Records, 1925--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. T. O. Winters, Gormania.

Church School Records, 1925--. In possession of Miss Anna A. Dilgord, Gormania.

Unpublished history: Mrs. M. G. Williams, "History of Gormania Presbyterian Church," 1934, 3 pp. In possession of author, Gormania.

293. KEARNEYSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1869--.
Kearneysville, Jefferson County.

Presbyterian services were conducted in the neighborhood of Kearneysville many years prior to formal organization.105 Mr. James McMurran and Mr. Stephen Staley, members of the Shepherdstown Church (see entry 264), acted as superintendents of a Sabbath school held at Mr. Butler's schoolhouse from 1830 to 1833. On March 6, 1869 a commission of Winchester Presbytery, consisting of Rev. David Riddle, D.D., Rev. E. W. Bedinger, and Ruling Elder George W. Eichelberger, organized a church of ten members.106 A very plain frame structure was erected on land donated by Mr. Henry Bitner.107 On March 7, 1869,

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104. Rev. A. C. Hopkins, 1895-1901; Mr. J. L. Stuart, student Union Seminary, May 1901-Sept. 1901; Rev. J. A. Foote, 1902-04; Rev. E. E. Patterson, June 1905-Dec. 1907; Rev. George Leeper, Feb. 1912-Oct. 1913; Mr. H. M. McDearnird, June 1914-Sept. 1914, student; Rev. Francis J. Brooke, May 1915-1920; Rev. F. Manning, student supply, few months; Rev. L. A. McMurray, 1921; Rev. Charles D. Gilkinsen, D.D., 1922-23; Rev. L. M. Henderlite, May 1924-26; Rev. J. Beaty Smith, 1927-32; Rev. N. A. Parker, Oct. 1932--.

105. Rev. Dr. John Matthews, Rev. J. T. Hargrave, Rev. Mr. Fletcher, and Rev. Henry Matthews were some of the early ministers to visit this point.

106. Members were: Jacob Miller, Mrs. Catherine Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Joy, Miss Virginia Miller, Abraham Snyder Miller, Solomon Miller, Mrs. Alevia Hammil, James V. Moore, Mrs. P. A. Moore, and Mrs. Betty Wyatt. Ruling Elder: J. J. Miller.

107. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 3, p. 379. October 3, 1868. Henry Bitner, grantor; Jacob J. Miller, B. S. McIntire, and James L. Moore, trustees, grantees.

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dedication services were conducted by Rev. David Riddle, D.D. The building, which is still in use, has been repaired several times. Rev. James A. Armstrong served as the first resident clergyman, from April 27, 1876, until the time of his death in 1883.[108]

Session Records, 1869--. 2 vols. Vol. 1, 1869-1905, deposited in Spence Library, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia; vol. 2, 1906--. In possession of T. O. Everhart, Kearneysville.

Register Book, 1869--. 1 vol. In possession of Rev. John C. B. McLaughlin, Shepherdstown.

Unpublished historical sketch: Mrs. Laura B. Hammond, "Early History of The Kearneysville Presbyterian Church." Kearneysville, 1939.

294. BERKELEY SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1874--.
Mercer Street, Berkeley Springs, Morgan County.

The organization of this group was effected from persons from Martinsburg.[109] That an established organization existed in 1872 is evidenced by a deed for church property granted for that date.[110] The first church was erected in 1874, and is of brick construction. A manse is also owned. The first resident clergyman was Rev. Edward H. Cumpston, 1874-80. He received his ministerial education at Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia.

Session Records, 1874--. 2 vols. Vol. 1, 1874-1907, located at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia; vol. 2, 1907--. At home of Rev. G. Rector, Berkeley Springs. Register Books contained in Minute Books.

Church School Records, 1874--. 29 vols.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1928--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. H. C. Hinkens, Berkeley Springs.

Financial Records kept in the Minute Books.

Christian Endeavor Records, 1937--. 1 vol. In possession of Jessie Lee Rankin, Berkeley Springs.

Board of Deacons Records, 1915--. 3 vols. In possession of Mr. Clyde Golden.

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108. Pastors: Rev. James A. Armstrong, 1876-83; Rev. Charles Ghiselin, D.D., 1883-1903 and 1908-27; Rev. J. E. Triplett, stated supply, 1903-07; Rev. James W. Witherspoon, 1928-34; Rev. John C. B. McLaughlin, 1934--.

109. First Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, Session Book, April 9, 1872. "Dr. E. Boyd Pendleton, Mrs. L. Pendleton, Miss Virginia Pendleton, Miss Elizabeth Campbell, were at their request dismissed for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Church at Berkeley Springs, W. Va."

110. Morgan County, Deed Books, 10, p. 13. September 17, 1872. Wm. P. Dale and wife, C. S. Dale grantors; Irwin S. Strothers, Henry Willard and C. B. Pendleton, trustees.

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Unpublished historical sketch written in volume 1, of the Minute Books. Mr. R. B. Woodworth, of Burlington also has historical notes pertaining to the church.

295. BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1874--. Wheatland, Jefferson County.

Organization effected in 1874. A small square pebble-dashed building, which is still in use, was erected and dedicated that year, with Rev. A. C. Hopkins, Rev. J. A. Long, and Rev. Silas Billings taking part in the dedication services.[111] The first resident clergyman was the Rev. Abner C. Hopkins, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. His tenure of service at this church began in 1874 and lasted for 37 years.

Session Records, 1874--. 3 vols. Contains session and financial records.

Register Books, 1874--. 2 vols. Contains records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, memberships, and deaths.

Church School Records, 1874--. 2 vols. Located in safe of the Presbyterian Church, Charles Town.

296. *STONE QUARRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1876-1930. South Branch, Hampshire County.

Organized as a mission of the Springfield Presbyterian Church (see entry 275) in 1876, and never became an independent church. The church became inactive in 1930 and the building, which was of plain frame structure, was converted into a dwelling house and was sold in 1933. The first resident clergyman was Rev. G. W. Finley, who served 1876-1902.

No records were found, those which do exist will be found incorporated into those of the Springfield Church (see entry 275).

297. *CORNER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1879-1918. Cabins, Grant County.

This church was a mission of Mount Zion Church, now known as Petersburg Presbyterian Church (see entry 282). The building, of plain frame construction, was erected soon after the Civil War. It was torn down and re-erected at Corners[112] as a mission in 1879. The lot upon which the church was erected was deeded October 12, 1880 by Felix Walton to the trustees.[113] The first resident clergyman was

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111. Spirit of Jefferson, Charles Town, October 4, 1939.
112. Now known as Cabins.
113. Trustees of the Corner Presbyterian Church: George S. Harness, B. J. Boher, Aaron W. Seymour, John W. Delay, Aaron S. Welton and N. C. Barger.

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Rev. J. L. Sherrard, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, who served this congregation from 1877 until 1882. In 1918, the building was completely destroyed by storm, and was never replaced.

Such records as may exist will be found incorporated into those of the Petersburg Church (see entry 282)

298. *HARPERS FERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1874-1901.
Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County.

Formal organization of the church was effected by a committee from the Winchester Presbytery in June 1874. First services were held in homes of members, until 1890, when a frame church building was completed on land deeded the church by United States Government.[114] The first resident clergyman to serve the church was Rev. H. C. V. Campbell, who served May 18, 1888 to September 12, 1894. Services were continued in church at Harpers Ferry until September 1894, when the building was destroyed by fire. Services were then held in homes of members and in Methodist Episcopal Church building until 1901, when the organization became inactive. The church was never rebuilt and the Presbyterians living at Harpers Ferry were without church services until 1925. Since that date they have held services at Halltown Union Church (see entry 325).

Session Records, 1874-1901. 1 vol. Contains records of regular business meetings and financial records. Records on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Register Book, 1880-1900. 1 vol. Contains records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, membership, and deaths. Record on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

299. WARDENSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1883--.
Wardensville, Hardy County.

The first building was erected in 1884,[115] of plain frame construction near the Crest schoolhouse, three and one-half miles north of Wardensville, in Hampshire County. This building was used until 1924, at which time it was sold to the Menonite Mission Board, and is still being used by this Board. The organization was first known as Capon Presbyterian Church, and was first served by Rev. J. W. Walkup,[116] 1883 to 1890, a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Union

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114. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 73, p. 483, note: The Federal Government owned land here in connection with Harpers Ferry Arsenal. All of this land was disposed of in 1890. Ed.

115. Hardy County, Deed Books, 34, p. 386, May 28, 1884. Henry Haynes et ux, grantors, H. N. Claggett, William H. Harness, Joseph N. Baker, Benjamin W. McKiever, and Alexander White, trustees, grantees.

116. Pastorate: Revs. Joseph W. Walkup, 1883-90; E. E. Barclay,

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Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. In 1922, the name was changed to Wardensville Presbyterian Church, and was reorganized[117] during the ministry of Rev. Mr. Duckwall. The present building was purchased from the Faith Mission, and rebuilt and greatly improved and was dedicated during 1923. It is of rural schoolhouse design.

Session Records, 1894--. 3 vols. Vol. I, 1894-1914; vol. II, 1914-34; vol. III, 1934--. Includes minutes of session, church register, and financial records. Vols. I and II, on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia. Vol. III, in possession of Stanley Warden, Wardensville.

Church School Records, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Stanley Warden, Wardensville.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Myrtle Orndorff, Wardensville.

Unpublished historical sketch: Mrs. Millie W. Rollings, "History of Wardensville Presbyterian Church," copy on file Handley Library, Winchester, Virginia.

300. REHOBETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1885--. Schell, Mineral County.

Organized through the efforts of D. C. Tabb, of Hartmansville, and James H. Roderick, of Schell. The building was erected by the Presbyterians, but was used at various times by the United Brethren, Methodist Episcopal, and Methodist Episcopal, South, Churches for sometime. The present building, which is still in use, is of rural schoolhouse frame construction. A manse is also owned. Rev. F. W. T. Pitman was the first resident clergyman. The tenure of his service in this church is not known.

Session Records, 1885--. n.v. (Looseleaf). Contains records of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. In possession of Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Financial Records, 1907--. 1 vol.

D.D., 1893-95; Joseph A. Thomas, 1896-98; Ivenhoe Robertson, 1898-1900, J. S. Webster, D.D., 1900-01, George L. Cook, 1913-24, John McC. Duckwall, Sr., 1924-27; Thomas K. Mowbray, Sr., 1927-29, Bernard E. Bain, 1930-36, B. F. Ormand, 1937--.

117. Charter members: J. W. McDowell (elder), Alexander White (elder), Mrs. L. White, Mrs. Jemima Inskeep, Mrs. Margaret C. Alverson, Caroline M. Alverson, Andrew Perry, Mrs. Louisa D. Cloggett, Armistead Alverson, W. Bronson Baker, Mrs. Sarah H. Baker, Col. William Henry Harness, Mrs. Susan B. Harness, Sally G. Harness, Elizabeth J. Harness, and Mrs. Anna M. Cloggett.

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301. DAVIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1886--. Thomas Avenue and 4th Street, Davis, Tucker County.

Davis Presbyterian Church had its beginning in the Union Sunday School organized by William Robert Wilson, a Presbyterian, and Oliver Lockwood, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1885. This school met in the engine house of the tannery of Fayerweather and Ladew Company. Mr. Wilson and others of the group, having been previously affiliated with congregations under control of the Winchester Presbytery, sought pastoral aid from that body, but as they were within the bounds of the territory of Lexington Presbytery, a theological student, Thomas S. Armentrout, already located at nearby Holly Meadows, was sent to serve this organization by the Lexington Presbytery. On November 13, 1886, the Synod of Virginia, with the consent of Presbytery, took over the organization and it became a member of Winchester Presbytery. December 19, 1886, a commission meeting in Wilson's Hall, under the guidance of ruling elders, Colonel Thomas E. McCools, of Keyser, and John S. Pancake, of Romney, organized the group into the Davis Presbyterian Church.[118] A commission[119] from Winchester Presbytery installed Rev. M. W. Woodworth as pastor, and on July 17, 1887, Rev. Woodworth dedicated the new church which had been built during that year. The present and original building is a rectangular shaped frame structure with belfry. Church schoolrooms were added in 1908, and again in 1916 or 1917. A manse[121] at Eighth Street and Thomas Avenue is a part of the church property. Rev. M. W. Woodworth, the first resident pastor,[122] 1887-98, was educated for the ministry at

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118. William R. Wilson, James Parsons, A. D. Collins, installed as elders. J. Neill Oliver, Herman A. Myer, William L. Swartz and Augustus C. Finley, installed as deacons. Mrs. Sadie McNeil Wilson, Mrs. S. L. Crabtree, Mrs. Mary O. Collins, Mrs. P. A. Oliver, Miss Annie Oble, Mrs. Minnie Raese, Mrs. Sarah Parsons, members. Baptized non-communicants were: Etta May, Herbert Kirk and Flora May Collins, James B. D. Parsons, Bruce C. Wilson and Elizabeth Parsons.

119. Rev. George W. Finley, D.D., Carson M. Hollis and Rev. Francis M. Wood, D.D.

120. Tucker County, Deed Books, 8, p. 185, Feb. 1, 1887. Henry G. Davis, Katherina A. Davis and Thomas B. Davis, grantors; William B. Wilson, Thomas B. Davis, James Parsons, trustees, grantees.

121. Ibid., 9, p. 225, June 28, 1889. William R. Wilson and wife, grantors; James Parsons, Herman A. Myer, Augustus C. Finley, John N. Oliver, William L. Swartz, trustees, grantees.

122. Pastors serving the church: Rev. M. W. Woodworth, 1887-93; C. W. Hollis, 1894-98; Robert W. Carter, 1898-1903; B. N. Dupuy, 1904-06; Walter W. Edge, 1906-10; A. H. Clarke, 1911-20; W. C. Patterson, 1921-23; Robert O. Lucke, 1924-27; Andrew B. Mann, 1928--.

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Union College, New York, and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.[123]

Session Records, 1887--. 3 vols. Vol. I, 1887-1906; vol. II, 1907-25; vol. III, 1926--. Contains records of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. Vols. I, II of records on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia. Vol. III in possession of Clerk of Session.

Register Books, 1912--. 1 vol. In possession of Clerk of Session.

Unpublished historical sketch by Woman's Auxiliary on file in Handly Library, Winchester, Virginia.

Published historical sketch: Robert B. Woodworth, D.D., "Davis Presbyterian Church Fiftieth Anniversary Address," in Tucker Democrat, Davis, July 22, 1937.

302. ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1886--. Nr. Glebe, Hampshire County.

This church was formerly a Methodist Episcopal Church South, but was used for a number of years by the Presbyterians, and purchased by them in 1886, at which time it was rebuilt and dedicated for Presbyterian worship. The building is of plain frame rural schoolhouse type of construction. There has never been an independent organization here, but the work has gone on under the leadership of the Romney Presbyterian Church (see entry 274). Rev. G. W. Findlay, the first resident clergyman, served this church from 1876 until 1902.

All records are incorporated into those of the Romney Presbyterian Church.

303. STONES PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL, 1886--. Summit Point, Jefferson County.

Organized July 31, 1886, by persons dismissed from Charles Town Presbyterian Church (see entry 277) for that purpose. Rev. J. H. Moore served 1886-90, as the first resident pastor.[124]

Session Records, 1886--. 1 vol. Contains register books and session minutes.

Financial Records, 1906--. 2 vols.

Woman's Auxiliary Records, 1935--. 1 vol.

Unpublished historical sketch written in session book of 1936, by Rev. J. M. Carr.

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123. For further details as to life of M. W. Woodworth, see The Men Who Made History in Winchester Presbytery During the Last 75 Years, by Rev. Joseph A. McMurray, D.D., p. 27. Hereafter cited: McMurray's, History of Winchester Presbytery.

124. John A. Wood: History of First Presbyterian Church, Keyser, W. Va., p. 20.

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304. CAPON BRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1894--. Capon Bridge, Hampshire County.

Organized April 22, 1894 as the West Minister Presbyterian Church, and the present frame church building was erected the same year. Rev. E. E. Barkley was the first resident clergyman but the tenure of his service at this church is not known. The name of the church was changed from West Minister to the present name about 1930.[125]

Session Records, 1894--. 1 vol. Contains records of membership, baptisms, and deaths. In possession of Mr. James Duff, Capon Bridge.

305. NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1894--. Five miles west of Berkeley Springs, Morgan County.

This church was organized in 1894, and the first and only building was dedicated October 7, 1894. This building, erected on land conveyed by deed dated July 9, 1894, to the trustees[126] is still in excellent condition. It is a frame structure of schoolhouse architecture with belfry. Rev. H. C. Campbell was the first resident pastor, serving from 1894 until 1897. A manse is also part of the church property.

Session Records, 1900--. 2 vols. Contains minutes and church registers.

Church School Records, 1924--. 15 vols.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Esther Unger.

Board of Deacons, 1920--. 2 vols. In possession of O. B. Weber.

Christian Endeavor, 1922--. 6 vols. In possession of Nearissa Weber.

306. ALLEGHENY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1895--. Mount Storm, Grant County.

Although formal organization was not accomplished until 1895, Presbyterian services were held in this community at a much earlier date by Rev. William N. Scott (see entry 271) in the home of Francis D. Idleman. Rev. William Cosner,[127] a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, conducted services in the

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125. The name was changed by vote of the congregation in 1930 to avoid confusing the church with already existing West Minister Church (see entry 167).
126. Morgan County, Deed Books, 19, p. 92, July 9, 1894. A. J. Mitchell and Sarah E., his wife, grantors; John H. Everett, George E. Weber, A. J. Michael, Jr., Charles E. Lutman, Charles P. Biser, trustees, grantees.
127. McMurray, History of Winchester Presbytery, facing p. 23.

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Allegheny field in 1879 and until his death in 1880. For some time thereafter Rev. V. G. Smith of the Petersburg Church (see entry 282) preached at this point once each month. Rev. F. W. T. Pitman served as Allegheny Field Evangelist from 1882 to 1887.[128] He laid the foundation for the churches on Allegheny and the North Branch. Rev. Mr. Pitman[128] became the first settled minister over Allegheny and Elk Garden congregations. The organization[129] was formed and a plain frame building erected and dedicated in 1896.

Session Records, 1882--. 2 vols. Vol. 1, 1882-98, deposited in Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia; vol. 2, 1899--, in Presbyterian manse, Mount Storm.

Church School Records, 1930--. n.v. (looseleaf). In possession of Clara B. Mackley, Mount Storm.

Financial Records, 1896--. Location unknown.

Historical sketch: D. W. Idleman, History of Mount Storm, (Scherr, W. Va.: 1929).

307. *CONRADS UNION CHURCH, 1895-1937. Rio, Hardy County.

First services of the church at Rio were held in the Dutch Hollow schoolhouse. In 1895, a church was built to accommodate members of all churches and was named in honor of William Conrad, who donated the land and contributed most toward its erection. The building was dedicated at union services in August 1895; Rev. Peter Miller of the Lutheran group and Rev. J. W. Brill of the United Brethren, preached the dedicatory sermon. The Presbyterian group remained active in this church until 1937, when they withdrew to form a separate church at nearby McCauley (see entry 329). The Presbytery of Winchester still retains this church on their rolls to protect their property interests here.[131]

No records found.

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128. McMurray, History of Winchester Presbytery, p. 12 and facing p. 23.
129. Rev. Francis Wyatt Thomas Pitman, born Jan. 20, 1851, near Steele's Tavern, Rockbridge County, Virginia, member of the Woodstock Church; ordained by Winchester Presbytery; pioneer field evangelist on Allegheny and first settled minister over Allegheny and Elk Garden congregations; married Mary Clymer, daughter of Rev. John Matthews Clymer, pastor in turn at Woodstock, Keyser, and Hancock; died December 25, 1938, at Williamsburg, Va. See: Winchester Presbytery (U.S.) Minutes (1937) p. 241.
130. Includes services held at Rehobeth Union Church and Little Creek schoolhouse.
131. Winchester Presbytery (U.S.) Minutes (1939) p. 264.

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308. *BAYARD PRESBYTERIAN, 1896-1939. Bayard, Grant County.

This church was organized May 15, 1896, and a plain frame building with steeple and bell erected and dedicated October 11, 1896. It was first served by Rev. A. C. Hopkins, Jr., 1895-1901, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. Church dissolved[132] at meeting of Winchester Presbytery held in Gerrardstown, April 19, 1939, and all property was transferred to Presbytery and records were ordered to be deposited in Spence Library, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Session Records, 1895-1932. 1 vol. Contains list of baptisms and members. Records on file at Spence Library, Richmond, Virginia.

309. THOMAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1896--. Thomas, Tucker County.

Organization formed in 1896, by a group of citizens of Thomas.[133] First services were conducted in the City Hall, until July 1899, at which time the present plain, frame, building[134] was erected and dedicated. A manse is also owned. Rev. Robert W. Carter was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1899 until 1903.

Session Records, 1899--. 2 vols. Contains records of baptisms, members, deaths, and minutes of business meetings.

Financial Records, 1925--. 3 vols. Contains records of cash offerings, pledges, and donations. All records in possession of John Foreman.

Unpublished historical sketch written by C. W. Minear, Parsons.

310. PARSONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1898--. Walnut Street, Parsons, Tucker County.

On August 25, 1898, Rev. C. W. Hollis framed a petition to be sent to Winchester Presbytery, meeting in Moorefield, August 31, 1898. This petition, signed by members[135] of the

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132. Winchester Presbytery, (U.S.) Minutes (April 18-19, 1939), p. 248.
133. Rev. Robert W. Carter, A. S. Hassinger, Robert Russell, and John Raese.
134. Tucker County, Deed Books, 20, p. 226. Oct. 21, 1900, W. Va., Central R.R. Co., grantors; W. A. Feeley, A. S. Hassinger and George B. Davis, trustees, grantees.
135. Signers were: S. E. Parsons, A. E. Parsons, C. J. Valentine, Tabitha Ryan, Adam H. Wamsley, Christine M. Wamsley, C. W. Minear, Kate Minear, Ealla Kalar, Delilah Long, Mary Blackman, Lemuel Parsons, Birdie Parsons, Mary Ann Siler, Jennie Brown, and Lucy Wamsley.

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Moorefield Church, was accepted by Presbytery and a meeting[136] of that body met in Parsons September 15, 1898, and formal organization was effected.[137] On organization of the Tygart's Valley Presbytery in 1912, this church became a member of that body. A plain frame structure was erected soon after organization,[138] through the donation of members. A manse[139] is also part of the church property. Rev. C. W. Hollis, who had served this organization for two years prior to formal organization, was the first resident pastor,[140] serving this church until 1900.

Session Records, 1898--. 2 vols. Contains records of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths.

Financial Records, 1898--. 3 vols.

Church School Records, 1898--. Annual volumes.

311. IVANHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1899--. Lost City, Hardy County.

The first organization took place about 1768. The first building was erected on Cove Run, in 1797, known as Lost River Church (see entry 279). Due to deaths and migrations, this organization died out, and the building was sold to the Baptist denomination in 1831. A reorganization came about through the leadership of Rev. Ivanhoe Robertson, and a few members of the Moorefield Church.[141] A plain frame building[142]

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136. Members were: F. M. Woods, D.D., Rev. J. J. Moore, Rev. U. G. Smith, A. C. Hopkins, Jr., S. M. Engle, J. J. Fix, Moderator.
137. Charter members: In addition to signers of petition, Etta J. Parsons, Mary Parsons, Alice Parsons, William R. Parsons, Nora M. Collett.
138. Tucker County, Deed Books, 20, p. 157, Aug. 31, 1901. L. W. Parsons, grantor; Riley Harper, C. W. Minear, L. W. Parsons, Sol. W. Kaler, and John Poland, trustees, grantees.
139. Ibid., 23, p. 175, Oct. 8, 1903. M. C. Feather, grantor; H. W. Armstrong, H. K. Gnebb, L. W. Parsons, Sol. W. Kaler, Riley Harper, W. G. Conley, trustees, grantees.
140. Pastorate: Rev. C. W. Hollis, 1898-1901, Rev. S. M. Engle, 1901-04, L. B. Hensley, 1904-05 (supply), Rev. C. W. McDonald, 1905-08, Rev. W. W. Grover, 1910-12, Rev. T. W. Mann, 1914-18, Rev. W. W. McMorris, 1919-23, Rev. H. G. Kenney, 1923-35, Rev. Robert O. Lucke, 1937--.
141. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hutton, Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Hutton, James Ward Wood, Franklin B. Chrisman, Annette Allen, William C. VanMeter, Caroline Alexander, Kate M. Coyner, Sallie Cunningham, Sallie Heiskel, William H. Strother, Mary E. Allen, Edgar Leigh Allen, Frank P. Allen, Lucy T. Cunningham, Ellen Boyd Allen, Alice A. Allen, and Bessie Cunningham.
142. Hardy County, Deed Books, 43, p. 399, July 4, 1898.

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was erected and consecrated June 1899, with Rev. Mr. Robinson as the first resident clergyman, 1897-1900, for whom the church is named. He was a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Session Records, 1899--. 1 vol. Contains lists of memberships, baptisms, and deaths. In possession of Mr. J. Ward Wood, Jr., Lost City.

Church School Records, 1930--. 5 vols.

Young People's Organization, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of Anna Ryan, Lost City.

Woman's Auxiliary, 1919--. 2 vols. In possession of Mrs. Mary Marshall, Lost City.

Historical sketch written by Mrs. Annie Wood, 1933. Copy deposited in Handley Library, Winchester, Virginia.

312. HANGING ROCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1900--. Hanging Rock, Hampshire County.

Originally a part of the Slanesville congregation, (see entry 285) a division was made in the church in 1900, and the Hanging Rock Church was built and the congregation organized. The church is a plain frame building of rural schoolhouse type, and was dedicated in 1902. Rev. W. J. Webster, who served from 1902 to 1908, was the first resident minister. Rev. Mr. Webster, a native of Scotland, was educated there.

Session Records, 1902--. 1 vol. Contains minutes of session meetings, list of members and deaths, financial records and a few scattered marriage records. In possession of Mr. Finley Pugh, Clerk of the Session.

Church School Records, 1935--. 1 vol.

313. BERYL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1902--. Beryl, Mineral County.

Organized in 1902, by members of the Piedmont Church (see entry 291) dismissed for that purpose. Property was acquired[143] and the present building erected and dedicated in 1903, prior services having been held in the school building. The church is a plain frame building, with a bell tower. Rev. S. M. Engle, pastor of the Piedmont Church, who served from 1902 to 1907, was the first resident clergyman of this church.

Session Records, 1913--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of session, church register and financial records. In possession of Mrs. Jessie Smith, Luke, Maryland. Prior records incorporated in those of Piedmont Church.

Church School Records, current only. 1 vol.

Thomas Cover and L. A. Cover, grantors, A. D. Wood, J. Ward Wood, Moses H. Hutton, Noah Trumbo, and J. H. Branson, trustees, grantees.

143. Mineral County, Deed Books, 26, p. 304. Grantors: Isaac

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314. BEARD PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL, 1905--. Beard, Pocahontas County.

Although services had been held as early as 1905, formal organization did not take place until 1922. The present and only building was erected and dedicated the same year. Rev. J. C. Johnson was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1905 until 1927.

Session Records, 1912--. 1 vol. Contains lists of members, marriages, church school reports and financial records.

315. WOODROW UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1905--. Woodrow, Morgan County.

Organized[144] in 1905, by Mr. A. Linkhether, corresponding secretary of State Missionary Organization, a building was erected and dedicated the same year. The building is of plain frame schoolhouse type of construction. Rev. Edgar Johnson was the first resident clergyman, served from 1905 until 1909. This building is used by the Methodist, Christian, and Presbyterian denominations. Each denomination has its own pastor, and holds separate services.

Session Records, 1905--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. In possession of H. W. Miller, Woodrow.

Register Book, 1905--. 1 vol. Contains membership, marriage and deaths records. In possession of S. L. King, Woodrow.

Church School Records, 1936--. 4 vols.

Board of Trustees, 1905--. 1 vol. In possession of H. W. Miller, Sr., Woodrow.

316. BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1907--. Four Mile Woods, Rt. 2, Martinsburg, Berkeley County.

Organization effected by a group of members from the Falling Waters Presbyterian Church (see entry 268), under the ministry of Rev. J. C. Leps, April 17, 1907. It remained as a mission of Falling Waters, until the congregation, at a session meeting April 19, 1937, applied to the Martinsburg Presbyterian Church to assist in a petition to Winchester Presbytery for transfer from Falling Waters to the Martinsburg Church. This was accomplished, and with the consent of Dr. McMurray, of Falling Waters, Bethany Chapel became a Mission of the Martinsburg Church, May 3, 1937. It remained as such until it became an independent organization, October 15, 1939. Services were first conducted in the Cherry Grove schoolhouse. Erection of a church, by permission of Falling Waters, was started and practically completed, but was destroyed by fire,

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Riley and Lydia, his wife. Grantees: William Reynolds, Robert L. Love, Robert Grant, Jr.

144. Elders: T. W. Digman and Silas King. Deacons: John P. Kidwell, and J. A. Malcolm.

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October 7, 1923. The present brick church[145] of Gothic architecture was erected the following year, and was dedicated May 1, 1927. Rev. Frank T. McFaden, D.D., of Winchester, Virginia, preached the dedicatory sermon, with Rev. J. A. McMurray, pastor of the church, in charge of the ceremonies. Gringers Hall, the small building adjoining the church in which the services were held, is also part of the church property. Rev. J. C. Leps was the first resident minister, and served from 1907 to 1908. The Rev. George W. Heaton, a graduate of Westminster Seminary, the present pastor, was installed June 27, 1937, and is the first pastor since Bethany became an independent organization.

Session Records, current only. Prior records incorporated in the records of Falling Waters Presbyterian Church. Located in manse at Spring Mills.

Church School Records, 1938--. 1 vol. In possession of C. L. Whittington, Martinsburg.

Published historical sketch: "A Brief Sketch of Bethany Presbyterian Church and its Home Mission Work," October 1934 in The Church Messenger, Hedgesville.

317. TABLER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1907--. Tabler's Station, Berkeley County.

Organized as a mission of Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church (see entry 289) by 33 members dismissed for that purpose, and first worship services were held in a small school building located on the west side of Route 11, in what is now the village of Pikeside. The present building,[146] which was erected and dedicated in September 1910, with the aid of the Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church,[147] is of plain frame construction, with vestibule and belfry. Windows are of cathedral stained glass, and the inside furnishings are of light oak, matching the altar and pulpit furniture. The basement, made possible largely through the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary, has been converted into a dining room and kitchen, fully equipped for the work carried on by the Women's Auxiliary. Rev. Robert Ashland White, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden Sydney, Virginia, and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, was the first resi-

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145. Berkeley County, Deed Books, 132, pp. 423, 424. April 29, 1916. H. L. Couchman, Ida L. Couchman, Ida D. Lemaster, James Lemaster, Hester J. Couchman, grantors; B. S. Speck, Peter S. Sperow, D. H. Dodd, A. J. Lemaster and B. L. Williams, trustees of Falling Waters Presbyterian Church, grantees.
146. Ibid., 117, p. 392. H. H. and Mary E. Emmert, grantors; F. C. Foreman, H. H. Stewart and J. T. Gano, trustees, grantees.
147. Minutes of Session of Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church, October 23, 1910.

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dent clergyman, serving from 1907 until 1913. The church remained under care of Bunker Hill of Gerrardstown group of churches until July 20, 1919, when it became an independent unit of the Tuscarora group.

Session Records, 1919--. 1 vol. Contains minutes of session, statistical reports, church register, register of officers and trustee records. In possession of John L. Rogers, Inwood.

Financial Records, 1919--. 3 vols. One volume Minutes of Session July 20, 1919-April 9, 1939. In possession of John L. Rodgers, Martinsburg. One volume Record of Benevolences; May 1, 1937-April 1939. In possession of Miss Lillian Karnes, Martinsburg. One volume Record of Current Expenses, April 1935-March 1939. In possession of A. T. Stilwell, 408 Rosemont Avenue, Martinsburg.

Church School Records, 1936--. 4 vols. Contains record of membership, attendance, visitors, receipts and financial records. These volumes kept in the church and one in possession of Beulah Hoffman, Bunker Hill, - P. O. Inwood.

Christian Endeavor, 1926--. 1 vol. Contains minutes of organization and financial records. Located in church.

Women's Auxiliary, 1939--. 1 vol. Contains very meager records in proportion to activities of organization.

All records prior to 1919 are included in records of Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church.

Published history: Mentioned in Sarah Morgan Gordan, Presbyterian Church and Other Sketches of Gerrardstown, West Virginia (Kensington, Maryland: The Craftsman Press, 1936).

318. TANNERY CHAPEL, 1907--. Tannery (nr. Moorefield) Hardy County.

Organized through the efforts of a few members[148] of the Moorefield Church (see entry 271) of which it has always been a mission.[149] The building was erected and dedicated in 1908, consisting of a plain frame structure of rural schoolhouse design. Rev. Charles Gilkerson was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1907 until 1917.

All records of this organization are incorporated into those of the Moorefield Church.

Rev. R. B. Woodworth of Burlington is preparing a historical sketch for publication.

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148. Mr. Thomas Cover and Mr. Leigh Allen.
149. Charter members: Ruth Pauline Cain, Mabel Catherine Cain, Lillie Rosalie Cain, Alice Day, Maggie Lee Earls, Ada Virginia Bowman, Mrs. Sherman, Helen Catherine Sherman, Mrs. Strawderman, Charlotte Grace Fitzwater, Mr. and Mrs. Laffey Herbaugh, Helen Catherine Herbaugh, Mrs. Mary E. Mongold, Mr. and Mrs. Gaynor Thomas, and Lola May Cain.

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319. DUCKWALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1911--. Berkeley Springs, Morgan County.

Rev. J. McCarty Duckwall, retired Presbyterian minister, had the church erected in 1906, on land donated by his mother. It was first deeded to the Berkeley Springs Primitive Baptist Church, providing that it later be deeded to the local church after organization.[150] This first and only building is a plain frame structure of rural schoolhouse design. Rev. J. McCarty Duckwall was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1911 until 1914. He studied for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Session Records, 1911--. 1 vol. Contains lists of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths. In possession of Rev. G. H. Rector, Berkeley Springs.

Church School Records, 1932--. 7 vols.

Women's Auxiliary, 1930--. 1 vol. In possession of Mrs. Edward Young.

Board of Trustees to date. 1 vol. In possession of Rev. G. H. Rector, Berkeley Springs.

Unpublished historical sketch written by Mrs. Edward Young, of Berkeley Springs. Copy in author's possession.

320. FORT RUN CHAPEL, 1911--. Nr. Moorefield, Hardy County.

A mission of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church, (see entry 271) this chapel was organized[151] in 1911, and a plain frame building was erected the same year. Rev. Charles Gilkerson, pastor of the Moorefield Church was minister to this congregation from 1911 to 1917. He was educated at Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Virginia, Union Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, and received his D.D. degree from Davis and Elkins College, Elkins.

All records are incorporated into those of the Moorefield Church.

Historical sketch in preparation by R. B. Woodworth, Burlington.

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150. Morgan County, Deed Books, 35, p. 477, May 15, 1914. H. E. Swope, Abner Morgret and M. L. Arnold, trustees of Berkeley Springs Primitive Baptist Church, grantors; W. Y. Unger, E. A. Stull and Howard McCarty, trustees of Duckwall Presbyterian Church, grantees.

151. Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fitzwater, Elizabeth C. Fitzwater, Clara Fitzwater, William Hose, Mrs. Walter Malcomb, Ida Pearl Malcomb, Mrs. Grace Malcomb, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Wilson, Mrs. Faith Pope Wilson, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Annie Elizabeth Wilson, and Birdie Lee Wilson.

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321. MOUNTAIN CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1912-25, 1927--. Nr. Gerrardstown, Berkeley County.

This church, a mission of Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church (see entry 276) sometimes known as John Miller Chapel, was organized in 1912. Its organization was effected mainly through the untiring efforts and financial aid of Mrs. John Miller. The building, constructed by the generosity of a few members,[152] is of rural frame construction, and was enlarged in January 1933, to double its seating capacity.[153] No dedication service was ever held. Rev. Matthew Ernest Hansel was the first resident clergyman, serving from April 20, 1913 until August 1916. He was educated for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. Since early in 1939, the Pentecostal Denomination served by itinerant pastors, has been using this chapel on alternate Sundays. The site on which the building was erected was a gift of George L. Miller.

All records incorporated into those of Gerrardstown Church.

Published history: Sarah Morgan Gordan, History of the Presbyterian Church and Other Sketches of Gerrardstown, W. Va. (Kensington, Md.: The Craftsman Press, 1936.)

322. OAK DALE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1913--. Rig, Hardy County.

First church school services were held at Rig, as early as 1875 by Garrett VanMeter and Miss Katie Kuykendall.[154] The church remained a mission of Moorefield Presbyterian Church (see entry 271) until 1913, when an independent organization was effected.[155] A plain frame church building of rural schoolhouse design was completed and dedicated August 1913.[156] Rev. Charles Gilkerson was the first resident clergyman, serving from 1912 to 1917.

Session Records, 1901--. 4 vols. Vol. I, 1901-24; vol. II, 1924-34; vol. III, 1934-37; vol. IV, 1937--. Includes records of business sessions, baptisms, deaths, and members.

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152. Miss Nannie Miller, Miss Bessie Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Miller.
153. Made through the efforts of Mr. Vernon Shade.
154. The present church is a memorial to Miss Kuykendall.
155. Charter members: Edward Bobo, Charles B. Benenshaver, Mrs. Charles B. Benenshaver, Mrs. Mahala W. Crites, Page Crites, Mrs. Susie Crites, Mrs. Conway Crites, Mrs. Edward Crites, Adam Crites, David Clinton Crites, Mrs. Marietta Eye, Seymour Eye, Mrs. Winnie Halterman, Mrs. J. J. Halterman, Anna Whiting Halterman, John Henry, Maggie Henry, Oscar Kesner, Mrs. Oscar Kesner, Milton Lambert, Mrs. Hattie Lambert, Isaac Edward Rumer, Mrs. Isaac Edward Rumer, John Elmer Riggleman, Eugene Osburn Reel, Blanche W. Reel, Mabel Ester Reel, Mrs. Eula Halterman Vance and Kenneth H. Vance. - From Session Records, Moorefield Church.
156. Hardy County, Deed Books, 56, p. 149.

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Financial Records, 1913--. 1 vol. Contains list of contributions of members.

Published historical sketch: Mattie C. Wood and Martha V. Gilkerson, Early History of Presbyterianism in the South Branch Valley, (Moorefield, W. Va.: 1937).

323. GREENLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1914--. Scherr Grant County.

Rev. John Johnson, of the Petersburg Presbyterian Church, (see entry 282) held occasional services at Scherr. The first services were held in the old brick schoolhouse and hall near the present site, prior to 1899. According to John J. Idleman's records as clerk of sessions, dated November 10, 1914, a committee[157] met and organized a church with 33 members, to be known as the Greenland Presbyterian Church. Prior to formal organization in 1914, this congregation was associated with the Allegheny Presbyterian Church (see entry 306). A plain frame structure with tower and bell was erected in 1899 from funds raised by subscription, the site being given by deed of January 28, 1899, by Mr. and Mrs. John Moreland and Mr. and Mrs. James Moreland.

Session Records, 1913--. 1 vol. Contains also membership records. In possession of John Idleman, Scherr.

324. SAINT PAUL MISSION, 1924--. Douglas, Tucker County.

A mission of Thomas Presbyterian Church (see entry 309) organization was effected in January 1924, by Rev. Andrew B. Mann. Worship services are held on Tuesday evenings and a church school is maintained under the guidance of Mrs. J. M. Domer, its superintendent.

All records are incorporated in those of the Thomas Presbyterian Church.

325. HALLTOWN UNION CHURCH, 1925--. Halltown, Jefferson County.

This church was built by the Halltown Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1904.[158] It is of brick construction, with bell and stained glass windows. The Methodists held services here until December 1925, when the membership became too small to maintain the church alone. On December 2, 1925, the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South then sold the property to trustees of Union Church, which was formed at Halltown.[159] Since that date, the church facilities

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157. Consisting of Rev. H. M. Moffatt, J. Hoge Smith, Charles D. Gilkerson, and Elders W. A. Higgs, of the Charles Town Church, and E. A. Harness of the Petersburg Church.
158. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 81, p. 473.
159. Ibid., 126, p. 516.

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have been shared equally by Methodist Episcopal South, the Baptist, and Presbyterian groups.

Session Records, 1925--. 1 vol. Contains list of membership, baptisms, and marriages.

No other records found.

326. FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1934--. Nr. Martinsburg, Berkeley County.

Organized as a mission of Martinsburg Presbyterian Church (see entry 281) February 5, 1934, it remains as such at the present time.[160] Services are held in the schoolhouse, as the mission has never owned any property. No dedication services have been held for this reason. Communion and baptismal services are borrowed from the First Presbyterian Church and a local member, respectively, when occasion requires. A church school was organized on February 5, 1934. Rev. Samuel Reynolds Diehl, D.D., a graduate of Princeton University, was the first resident pastor, serving from February 5, 1934 until July 30, 1937.

Records, 1934--. Incorporated into records of Martinsburg Church.

Church School Records, 1930--. 3 vols. On file at church.

327. EAGLE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1935--. 4½ miles northeast of Martinsburg, Berkeley County.

Worship services have always been held in the Eagle's schoolhouse which was never dedicated for religious services.[161]

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160. Minutes of Session, July 6, 1939, contain the following: "That Fairview Mission be recommended to the Home Missions Committee to remain as outpost mission of the Martinsburg Church for the following reasons: This mission was organized by the pastor of the Martinsburg Church who has been in close contact, along with the session in the supervision of this work; it is a Congregational Mission, supported entirely by the Martinsburg Church, and has never received aid from the Presbytery; the work of this mission is managed entirely by the Martinsburg Congregation and their removal would handicap the work; because of the geographical location, any other minister serving this outpost would have to come on the Martinsburg field; because we are of the belief that a great majority of the members of this outpost prefers to remain with the Martinsburg Church. The session was closed by prayer by Mr. Dodd.
Edwin W. Miller, Acting Clk.
Davis Henry Dodd, Clerk to Session.

161. Elders: Thomas F. Light, David Henry Dodd, George William T. Mulliss, Luther R. Steck, William Hoge Light, Eldridge

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Samuel Reynolds Diehl was the first resident clergyman,[162] serving this church from April 7, 1935 until October 7, 1937. He was educated for the ministry at Princeton University. This church was organized as, and continues to be, a mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg (see entry 281). This church school, an outpost of First Presbyterian Church, met and organized on Sunday afternoon, April 7, 1935, with Luther R. Steck as superintendent, and Fred Shaffer as secretary. Sessions are held each Sunday afternoon, under control of Session of First Church and immediate leadership of Fred Shaffer.

Records included in those of the Martinsburg Presbyterian Church.

328. CANAAN VALLEY OR SETTLEMENT MISSION, 1936--. Leadmine, Tucker County.

Organized as a mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Thomas, (see entry 309) by the Rev. Andrew B. Mann on August 1, 1936. This group has a membership of about 50 and worship services are held every other Saturday. A church school under the care of Superintendent Charles Gower has an enrollment of 80 and an average attendance of 50.

Records incorporated into those of Thomas Presbyterian Church.

329. CAVE VALLEY /PINE RIDGE CHAPEL/ PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1937--. McCauley, Hardy County.

While services had been held at this point and at near-by Rio for several years by Rev. B. F. Ormand, no church or building existed prior to 1937. In that year, the Winchester Presbytery granted Rev. Mr. Ormand permission to discontinue services at Rio and to concentrate his efforts in that section at Pine Ridge, the name of the organization to be Pine Ridge, or such other name as the congregation might select.[163] A small wooden chapel was built and dedicated October 10, 1937 with Rev. Garry M. Crim preaching the dedicatory sermon.[164] The church continued to be known as Pine Ridge

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D. Lamp, Edwin William Miller, George W. Stilwell, Frank C. Thomas, A. Hamilton Shipper, William C. Morton, Charles C. Cushwa, and William C. Couchman. Deacons: Harry Smith Howard Boltz, Trammill Hollis, Foster C. Gain, Dr. John Daniels, Duncan McTavish, Lee Watson, William White, Dr. James K. Guthrie, William C. Horner, Philip T. Seibert, James E. Williamson, Decatur H. Rogers, James A. Patterson, D. Tilden Schoppert, and John Douglas Beall.

162. Roll of Pastors: Rev. S. R. Deihl, 1935-37; Rev. George W. Heaton, 1937-39, Rev. S. R. Deihl July 1939--.
163. Winchester Presbytery (U.S.) Minutes (1938) p. 164.
164. Ibid., p. 177.

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Chapel until January 1939,[165] when the name was changed to Cave Valley Presbyterian Church. The first resident clergyman was Rev. B. F. Ormand, a graduate of Davidson College and Union Seminary, who served the church 1937--.

Session Records, 1934--. 1 vol. In possession of Mr. Stanley Warden, Wardensville.

Church School Records, 1937--. 3 vols.

Financial Records. Included in church school records.

330. BENBUSH MISSION, 1938--. Benbush, Tucker County.

Organized as a mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Thomas (see entry 309) by the Rev. Andrew W. Mann on August 1, 1938, worship services are held every other Sunday afternoon. A church school under the care of superintendent Mrs. E. White has an enrollment of 125, and an average attendance of 85.

Records are included in those of Thomas Presbyterian Church (see entry 309).

331. LITTLE FALLS PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL, 1938--. Falling Waters, Berkeley County.

This building is situated on land deeded to the Reformed Church by the heirs of John Z. Stehley.[166] This organization lapsed, and the present Presbyterian organization was formed. The building is of rural frame schoolhouse design with belfry and stained glass windows. Rev. George W. Heaton was the first resident clergyman, serving from October 3, 1938, to the present date. He was educated for the ministry at Westminster Seminary. This church has always been a mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Martinsburg (see entry 281).

For records, see First Presbyterian Church of Martinsburg.

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165. Winchester Presbytery (U.S.) Minutes (1938) p. 164.
166. See forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives in West Virginia: Lutheran and Reformed Churches.

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332. GREENBRIER COLLEGE, 1812--. Lewisburg, Greenbrier County. Synod of West Virginia.

This institution has its beginning in the private school taught by Rev. Dr. John McElhenney prior to 1808. First sessions were held in the "Stone Lodge" or in a log house on Main Street once known as the "Bigelow House". A brick structure was erected on land donated by a Mr. John McClenachan, and Dr. McElhenney moved into the new building.[1] On January 29, 1812, this school was granted a charter by the Virginia Assembly,[2] under the name of the Lewisburg Academy and trustees[3] were appointed. These trustees were empowered to receive, hold, and dispose of property, make by-laws, appoint a president, tutors, and officers, and to fill vacancies in their own body. Rev. Dr. McElhenney, President of the Board of Trustees from 1812 until 1860, was chosen as the first principal[4] and served in that capacity until 1827. During the Civil War the building was used as a barracks and hospital. On July 23, 1875, all property was transferred to a joint stock company which was incorporated April 7, 1858, as Lewisburg Female Institute. Additional land was purchased and a three-story brick residence and boarding house for the principal

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1. Greenbrier Independent July 20, 1882.
2. Acts General Assembly of Virginia 1811-12, pp. 104,105.
3. Trustees were: James Mars, Charles Arbuckle, James L. Clowney, James Withers, Thomas Creigh, John May, James McLaughlin, Rev. John McElhenney, John Welch, Christian Piercy, Henry Hunter, Thomas Beard, John Mathews, John Stuart, William Rennick of Greenbrier, Allen Taylor of Botetourt, Samuel Blackburn, William Pogue of Bath, Hendly Chapman of Giles, Andrew Burns and Isaac Estill of Monroe, David Ruffner of Kanawha, Jesse Bennett of Mason, and Elisha McComas of Cabell.
4. Principals were: Dr. John McElhenney, 1812-27; Frances Dutton, 1827-29; Nicholas B. Seabrook, 1829-30; John Steele, 1830-33; Jacob N. Cardozo, 1834-37; Ephriem Trip, 1839-41; Thomas Brown, 1840-43; Albert Pierson, 1843-45; John Brown, 1845-47; R.T.W. Duke, 1849-51; Philander M. Custer, 1852-60; John Calvin Barr, 1865-66; Walter Preston, 1866-67; Alex F. Mathews, 1867-68; H.N.B. Wood, 1869-70; William L. Austin, 1870-71; Philander M. Custer, 1871-72; John J. Morris, 1873-74; Mrs. C. H. Tipping, 1875-78; Rev. Dr. D. B. Ewing, 1878-81; Rev. M. L. Lacy, 1882-87; C. A. Young, 1887-91; Rev. J. C. Brown, 1892; Rev. R. L. Teleford, 1892-1911; C. R. Summerville, 1911-16; R. H. Adams, 1916-18; J. N. Maxwell, 1917-20; Rev. J. I. Armstrong, D.D., 1920-24; Rev. J. M. Moore, 1924-25; Rev. French Thompson, D.D., 1925--.

was erected. Mrs. Caroline H. Tipping of Staunton became the first woman principal. In 1892 control and ownership passed into the hands of Greenbrier Presbytery, Synod of Virginia, and in 1923, by formal vote the Synod of West Virginia became the owner, the name was changed to Greenbrier College For Women. At a meeting of the committee of the Synod of West Virginia in Lewisburg, October 16, 1929, all property was transferred to an independent corporation known as Greenbrier College Incorporated. This action was ratified by the Synod at Bluefield October 15, 1930. This institution, now a junior college for women with entrance and academic requirements of the North Central Association of Colleges, has a 30 acre campus and several fine buildings. Carnegie Hall, a gift of Andrew Carnegie, houses the class rooms, laboratories, music studios, and auditorium. Greenbrier Hall, a three-story steel and concrete dormitory, also houses offices, kitchen, dining rooms, and library. The President's home, erected in 1812, was extensively remodeled in 1925-26, by a gift of Fred C. Pritchard of Huntington, and others. The old two-story "Lodge" is still on the campus and is said to be the first brick structure west of the Alleghenies. This institution while owned by the Synod of West Virginia was supported by contributions of the West Virginia Presbyterian Educational Movement and from the Stewardship committees of the Presbyterian Church.

The school remained under control of the Synod until 1938. In that year, due to financial difficulties the Synod gave up control, and the school was purchased by a private corporation. The school is now operated by Rev. French W. Thompson, D.D., part owner and president.[5]

333. *MERCER ACADEMY, 1818-62. Charleston, Kanawha County.

The first mention of Mercer Academy was made in 1816, when a lot was given to the "Society of Presbyterians" by David Ruffner, to serve as site for a church and academy building.[6] The following year, 1817, some gentlemen decided to build an academy in Charleston, on the land which David Ruffner had given. A joint stock company was organized, and by an act of the Virginia Assembly, passed February 12, 1818, was incorporated under the name of the President and Trustees of Mercer Academy.[7] Subscriptions were taken up, and a

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5. Courtney, History of the Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 25.
6. Jean M. Brown, A Brief History of Kanawha Church, Charleston, W. Va. See: Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) Minutes (1939) p. 60.
7. Va. Acts, 1818, pt. 2, ch. CIII, pp. 149-151.

building program commenced soon afterward. In a few months the walls and roof of a large building were finished, but funds were insufficient and the interior of the house was left incomplete. The enterprise seemed ready to fail. At that time Henry Ruffner,[8] son of David, was engaged to teach in the Academy as an inducement to further subscriptions for completing the building and the school was opened to children of Presbyterian families in the fall of 1818. The largest room in the Academy was fitted up as a place of worship, and for 12 years, this continued to be the only place in Charleston where more than 50 persons could be seated.[9] While Mercer Academy was never formally recognized as being under control of an official Presbyterian body, instruction at the Academy was in the hands of Presbyterian ministers and the school was maintained by funds from Kanawha Presbyterian Church.[10] The Academy was active until 1862, when the building was taken over by Confederate troops as a storeroom for supplies. When the Confederate troops were forced to withdraw, the building was burned to prevent the supplies from falling into the hands of Federal troops.[11]

No records are known to exist.

334. FRENCH CREEK ACADEMY, 1871-85. French Creek, Upshur County.

The Presbyterians in and around French Creek were immigrants from the New England States, and were always energetic and progressive in educational affairs. On February 23, 1871 they met in their church house (see entry 60) and prepared papers for the incorporation of the French Creek Institute.[12] They secured their charter on March 2, 1871.[13] The purpose of this institute as set forth in this charter was: "To be a male and female academy to train teachers and promote education generally."[14] The patrons of the school subscribed, at the time they asked for the charter, $400 and requested

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8. For detailed sketch of the Ruffner family, see Strickler, Forerunners.
9. On March 14, 1819, Kanawha Presbyterian Church (see entry 3) was organized in this room and all services were held here until the first church was completed in 1830. See: Wilson, Presbyterianism, p. 14.
10. Brown, op. cit., p. 62.
11. Ibid., p. 63.
12. W. B. Cutright, History of Upshur County, p. 67.
13. Upshur County, Deed Books, H, pp. 507, 508 for copy of charter.
14. Ibid., p. 507.

the privilege of increasing the capital stock to $30,000.[15] The first principal of the school was Dr. Loyal Young. The cultural influence of the academy was felt all over West Virginia, and many of its graduates became prominent in religious and educational fields. It was closed in 1885.

No records of this school could be located.

335. GREENBRIER PRESBYTERIAL SCHOOL, 1874-1920.[16] Lewisburg, Greenbrier County.

With the establishment of Greenbrier Academy into Greenbrier Women's College, Lewisburg was left without a boys school. In 1874 some of the business men of the town, in cooperation with the Greenbrier Presbytery, established a boys school and selected Maj. J. M. Lee as principal.[17] He served in this capacity for two years, when he resigned to accept a position at Southwestern Presbyterian University of Clarksville, Tennessee. The managers of the school then selected Rev. M. L. Lacy, D.D., to succeed Major Lee.

The school progressed successfully until January 1905, when the frame building was destroyed by fire. Classes were held in various buildings until 1907, when a substantial brick building was erected upon the ruins of the first building. Additional buildings in brick have been added as the number of pupils increased.

Control of the school remained in hands of Greenbrier Presbytery until 1920. In that year it passed into the hands of private owners, who added the military feature and changed the name to Greenbrier Military School. The school is now owned and operated by Moore brothers, Col. H. B. Moore, Maj. D. T. Moore and Lieut. Col. (Rev.) J. M. Moore.[18]

Records of the school were destroyed in a fire in 1928 which totally destroyed the building and all equipment.

336. *JOHN STEPHENSON SEMINARY, 1882-1917. Charles Town, Jefferson County.

This school was established in 1882 as Mount Parvo Institute and located on a hill by that name west of the town. After two years the institution moved to a new location, east of Charles Town. John Stephenson by his will[19] bequeathed four

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15. Charter members were: Benjamin Gould, Ebenezer Leonard, Loyal Young, Ashly Gould, Adolphus Brooks, Freeman F. Sexton, Morgan A. Darnall, Newbourne M. Ferrell, and James K. P. Coon.
16. Since 1920 known as Greenbrier Military School.
17. The school was sometimes referred to as "Lee's Academy" rather than Greenbrier Presbyterial School.
18. Courtney, History of the Greenbrier Presbytery, p. 25.
19. Jefferson County, Deed Books, 33, p. 159.

and one-half acres of land for the establishment of a female seminary and in 1884 a joint stock company was formed and title to the property was vested in a board of directors by court order. A brick building was erected and the name adopted in honor of the donor. Rev. Dr. C. N. Campbell, one of the founders, conducted this school from 1884 until his death in 1905. From 1905 to 1916 his widow and daughter continued to operate the school and were succeeded by Rev. W. W. Carson who maintained it for one year. Since this time it has been operated as a boarding house.

No records are known to exist.

337. PATTIE STOCKDALE MEMORIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, 1901--. Nr. Colcord, Raleigh County. West Virginia Synod.

The Pattie Stockdale School for Girls is located about one and one-half miles from Dorothy and near Colcord, the terminus of the railroad in that section. The beginning of this work must be credited to Miss Priscilla Spencer, who was the first to enter this community and start work in a most needy field. A farm of 40 acres formerly owned by Mormans, was purchased and the school for neglected girls of the mountain region was started in the farmhouse. That was in 1901. A home for girls was erected that same year. This home burned in 1906, and was rebuilt in 1907. A building in which the classes could be held was very much needed, and in 1907 Mrs. Elizabeth Stockdale of Washington, Pennsylvania, built a chapel which was to be used as a schoolroom and also as a place for conducting Sunday School and preaching services for the community. This chapel was a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Pattie Stockdale.[20] The chapel has since been enlarged by Miss Stockdale. The home has also been remodeled until there is at present quite an up-to-date plant for the education of the girls from that entire mountain region. About 40 girls can be accommodated. The purpose of the school is to provide the rudiments of a literary education, and to give training in home management. Control and maintenance of school is in hands of Women's Auxiliary Groups of West Virginia Synod.

Records not available to compilers of this volume.

338. DAVIS AND ELKINS COLLEGE, 1903--. Elkins, Randolph County. West Virginia Synod.

A church college was mentioned in the Minutes of the Lexington Presbytery as early as 1891, but it was not until 1903 that a board of nine trustees was appointed by the Presbyteries of Lexington and Winchester, of the Synod of Virginia. Through the efforts of the Presbytery in Elkins

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20. Wilson, Presbyterianism, pp. 52, 53.

and the contribution of Senators Henry G. Davis and Stephen B. Elkins, $30,000 was raised for the purpose of establishing a Presbyterian College. The cornerstone of the college was laid with simple, but appropriate ceremonies, August 12, 1903, and the first session was opened September 21, 1904.[21] The site of 25 acres was given by Senator Stephen B. Elkins. The institution was opened to both sexes, and the work was largely secondary, though some work of freshmen and sophomore grade was offered. The enrollment for the first year was not in excess of 50 students.

In the year 1908, there was consummated an arrangement whereby Lexington and Winchester Presbyteries donated to the Synod of West Virginia (U.S.A.) joint ownership and control of the college, and from that date the college came under the management of Lexington and Winchester Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the United States on the one hand, and the Synod of West Virginia of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, on the other. No endowment was provided, and the institution was maintained from tuition receipts, from small donations from the churches, and from an annual donation of Senators Davis and Elkins jointly, of $5,000. The growth of the college demanded additional buildings to the small plant in which the institution originally opened. At the close of the year 1923, Mrs. Hallie Davis Elkins deeded to the trustees of the college "Halliehurst," her home in Elkins, and 60 acres of land for the college. The trustees decided to build new buildings on this site and to dispose of the old property. In addition to the mansion, there was a large and modern swimming pool on the property, which was turned over to the college. On this new property, three buildings were erected consisting of the Liberal Arts Hall, the Science Hall, and the central heating unit. These buildings were completed and dedicated on June 4, 1926, and the college moved from its old location to the new, where the first sessions were held during the summer school of 1926. The first degrees, A.B. and B.S. were given in 1910, six years after the college was opened. The graduates have been received without exception, into the best universities and colleges. Minutes of the Presbytery of Tygart's Valley are on file at this institution.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes, from its organization to and including the called meeting, June 15, 1915.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery Minutes, No. 2, seventh stated meeting, September 7-9-1915, Philippi; adjourned meeting October 6, 1915, Elkins; called meeting,

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21. Presidents of Davis-Elkins College: Joseph Ellis Hodgson, 1904-05; Frederick H. Barron, 1905-06; Marshall C. Allaban, 1906-10; James E. Allen, 1910-35; Charles E. Albert, acting 1935-36; Charles E. Albert, 1936-39; Harry E. Whetsell, acting, 1939-40; R.T.L. Liston, 1940--.

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October 13, 1915, Charleston; called meeting, December 7, 1915, Elkins.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 3, eighth stated meeting, April 18-20, 1916, Hendricks; adjourned meeting, June 7-8, 1916, Midland Church; ninth stated meeting, September 5-7, 1916, Mill Creek; adjourned meeting, October 10, 1916, Sutton.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 4, called meeting, Elkins, November 24, 1916; called meeting Belington, January 19, 1917; tenth stated meeting, Clarksburg, April 24, 1917, eleventh stated meeting, Mingo, September 4, 1917; adjourned meeting, Elkins, October 3, 1917; called meeting, Marlinton, October 10, 1917.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 5, twelfth stated meeting, Gassaway, April 16, 1918; called meeting, Elkins, May 2, 1918.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 6, thirteenth stated meeting, Midland, September 17, 1918.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 10, with appendices; called meeting, Elkins, February 17, 1922; twentieth stated meeting, Hendricks, April 18-20, 1922; called meeting, Gassaway, May 16, 1922.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 11, called meeting, Elkins, July 18, 1922; called meeting, Elkins, October 9, 1922; twenty-first stated meeting, Beverly, October 17-19, 1922.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 12, called meeting, Elkins, November 14, 1922; called meeting, Richwood, December 5, 1922; twenty-second stated meeting, Philippi, April 17-19, 1923.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 13, with appendices. Called meeting, Richwood, September 26, 1923; twenty-third stated meeting, Mingo, October 2-4, 1923; called meeting, Elkins, December 28, 1923.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 15, with appendices. Called meeting, Clarksburg, July 1, 1924; called meeting, Burnsville, August 12, 1924; twenty-fifth stated meeting, Harman, October 7-9, 1924.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 17, called meeting, Elkins, June 30, 1925; called meeting, Sutton, July 27, 1925; twenty-seventh stated meeting, Richwood, October 6-8, 1925.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, Minutes, No. 18, called meeting, Elkins, October 29, 1925; called meeting, Elkins, December 10, 1925; twenty-eighth stated meeting, Huttonsville, April 20-22, 1926.

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339. DAVIS-STUART SCHOOL, 1919--. Lewisburg, Greenbrier County. West Virginia Synod.

Davis-Stuart School orphanage, located a short distance south of Lewisburg, was founded through the gift of properties to the Synod of West Virginia (U.S.) made by Mr. and Mrs. George N. Davis. The offer of this gift was made to the Synod and accepted by it at its meeting in 1919. The school received a charter the same year. Dr. J. L. Lineweaver was the first superintendent of the school, continuing in that capacity for a few months, thereafter serving as president of the board of trustees to the present time. Mr. Robert K. Robinson was appointed superintendent in 1920, and continues to serve in that office.[22]

Davis-Stuart School has rendered service through the years in caring for orphan and dependent children. The school was supported by gifts from the churches of the Synod, and Mr. Davis, the founder, continues his interest and support. In 1937 a chapel was erected on the grounds of the school by Mr. Davis as a memorial to his wife, who died in 1936. The school has at times had as many as 60 children under its care, and the present enrollment is 46.[23]

No records available.

340. PRITCHARD SCHOOL, 1927--. 5 miles north of Ona, Cabell County.

This school, located on the old Scheff farm about five miles north of Ona, was founded and buildings erected by Mr. Fred Pritchard of Huntington. The English type fireproof structure of stone and tile was completed in the spring of 1927. The first floor is made up of hall, library, living room, dining room, kitchen, and auditorium which is sometimes used as a chapel. The second floor contains bedrooms and dormitory and the third floor is not used at the present time. A basement houses the heating equipment, a recreational room and food storage space. This school, originally planned for orphan children of Presbyterian denomination, is now a self supporting institution, conducted by a Miss Ash and a Miss Kennedy. Although not directly connected with the Presbyterian Church it is supported and advised by a group of Huntington men and the Presbyterian Churches in Milton, Huntington, Barboursville and Kenova.

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