

Record
of the
Allegheny Circuit
Methodist Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh Conference
1867

The 10"x14" brown cloth and leather ledger is titled Church Records on the 1" spine and was published by Carlton and Porter of New York (1864). The **Record** contains sections for history, probationers, classes, members (alphabetical), members (chronological), pastoral and statistical records, baptisms, marriages and appendix. Not all sections contain entries. All six pages of Reverend Swan's handwritten Historical Records section are presented here, but because of numbers, only entries pertaining to members of the Franklin Park churches are included at this time. Entries span the years 1867-1878.

Places in the **Record**.

"Franklin Chapel" was later known as the Franklin Methodist Church and is now the Ingomar United Methodist Church located on West Ingomar Road in Franklin Park.

The former site of the "Hopkins Chapel" stands on a bluff above Big Sewickley Creek on the Franklin Park / Bell Acres boundary on Hopkins Church Road. Reverend Thomas McClelland, who helped organize Methodism in the Sewickley Valley circa 1810, founded its congregation and that of the "Blackburn Chapel" in nearby Sewickley Heights. Blackburn United Methodist Church is located on Blackburn Road. Hopkins was transferred to Blackburn and Glendale by division of circuit in September 1878.

In 1850, "Fleming Chapel" was built on Jack's Run in Ross Township where it was part of the Allegheny Circuit from 1858-1873. A sanctuary was later built in Bellevue/Avalon and is now known as the Greenstone United Methodist Church on California Avenue.

"Island Chapel" was located on Neville Island in the Ohio River.

The original Salem United Methodist Church or "Englishes" was located in Pine Township on Route 910 at Pearce Mill Road. In 1925, the present sanctuary was built on Manor Road, also in Pine Township.

"Plains M. E. Church" [Dutilh United Methodist Church in Cranberry Township, Butler County, PA] was received into the circuit September 1878.

Glendale is a name formerly given to Glenfield, PA.

Pine Grove School was located on Markham Post Road in Marshall Township.

Names in the **Record**

James M. Swan (1837-1892) was a Civil War veteran who served as an orderly sergeant with Company F of the Ohio Volunteers' 30th Infantry Regiment. The native Virginian married

Isabella Quail, granddaughter of Casper Reel, Ross Township's first white settler, and resided on the Quail's Ross Township farm. Reverend Swan is buried in Bellevue, PA.

Robert F. Hopkins (1798-1891) *"The ministry of Brother Hopkins was pre-eminently itinerant. Much of it belonged to that period of our history characterized by very short pastorates and frequent removals. Some of his fields of labor embraced vast stretches of territory, requiring hundreds of miles of travel, mostly on horseback, the climbing of mountains, threading of forests, swimming of swollen streams, and lodging in rude cabins. That was the 'heroic age' of Methodism west of the Allegheny Mountains..."* [History of Erie Conference 1907] Reverend Hopkins was the namesake of Franklin Township's Hopkins Chapel, also known as Ingram's Chapel. He was a Sewickley resident.

Reverend A. B. Leonard's autobiography **The Stone of Help** was published in 1915. He wrote that his second appointment was to the Allegheny Circuit, which he held for two years before being assigned to the Butler Circuit in 1863. In remembering the Civil War years, Reverend Leonard wrote, *"At the close of a Sabbath afternoon service at Hopkins Chapel the news was received of the defeat of the Union forces and their retreat toward Washington City."* [1st Battle of Bull Run] During his tenure on the Allegheny Circuit, Reverend Leonard accompanied a friend to Washington, D.C. following the battle at Antietam. *"One morning I visited the White House grounds and had my first and only sight of President Lincoln, who spent the summer nights at the Soldiers' Home, some three or four miles distant. I happened to be near the front entrance when a carriage was driven up, guarded by a squad of cavalry, from which the President emerged and quickly passed into the door. There remains with me a vivid memory of his appearance – tall gaunt, and bent, with the saddest face I have ever seen."*

In observance of the Franklin Church's 100th anniversary, Reverend Hodge Eagleson prepared **A History of Ingomar and the Franklin Church**, which includes remembrances of early pastors, some who were part of the Allegheny Circuit.

- Reverend J. McCartney was *"an aggressive Irishman who was very definitely against slavery."*
- Reverend A. B. Leonard *"One Sabbath afternoon [Mrs. Elizabeth Willoughby] went to church with her father. It was extremely cold and a very deep snow had carpeted the countryside. No other members had ventured out, supposing that the minister would not be able to make his way through the snow which was well up to the horse's sides. When they arrived the minister was building a fire in the big old stove that stood in the center of the church. When the church was warm he preached a sermon to these two, about 'the name whereby we must be saved'. Mrs. Willoughby said that her father was thoroughly converted that day and subsequently both united with the Franklin Church."*
- Reverend D. Hess *"This old gentleman is remembered as a most kindly and lovable man. He rode an old white horse about his circuit with the proverbial saddlebags. In one side of the saddlebags, as Mrs. Minnie George recalls were the minister's song books and Bible and in the other, heavy red sleeping garments. He was affectionately known as "Pappy Hess"."*
- Reverend J. M. Swan *"This minister is remembered as a man of great evangelistic power. Great revivals were held under his ministry and several persons still active in the church were converted under his ministry."*
- Reverend J. W. Kessler *"He paid special attention to the children of his flock and is accordingly affectionately remembered by many who were young during his ministry."*

William "Uncle Billy" Wright (1791-1870) was a founder of the Franklin Church. It is written that he never missed a service, class meeting or quarterly conference for twenty-eight years. Reverend Eagleson wrote the following story:

Soon after the building of the first log church at Franklin in 1837, Uncle Billy had words with the preacher, rather bitey words. On the following Sunday the circuit rider was very sad as he rode down the trail to the little log Franklin Church. He felt very sorry that he would not see Mr. Wright, for of course he did not suppose he would come to him preach any more. To the minister's amazement when he arrived, Mr. Wright was waiting at the hitching post to take off the minister's saddlebags and tie up his horse. This surprised the preacher so that he said, "Why I am surprised Uncle Billy. I did not think that you would come to church anymore to hear me preach after our fight." To which Uncle Billy replied, "don't you ever think such a thing again. Even if the devil is preaching I'll come to church anyhow."

Reverend Eagleson also recorded a story about early revivals.

Another of the founders was James Wakefield, and his wife, affectionately known as Granny Wakefield. They were Methodists of the old fashioned kind. Granny was known through the community as "a loud praiser". These people purchased a farm bordering the present site of the Ingomar Church. The next summer after the purchase of their farm they started a camp meeting. To this meeting people came by scores and hundreds. The camp ground was located near [Wilvan Lane]. Out of this venture grew the present Mt. Sewickley Camp Meeting [Leetsdale, PA] and the Ingomar Church.

For the benefit of those who think that the people of those days had all the religion and folks now very little, it should be related that Mr. Wakefield had to withdraw the use of his property as a camp meeting ground because the worshippers and alleged worshippers tore down the barn for firewood. This was the end of the Wakefield camp meeting. One of the young vandals who did this tried a similar feat at the old Franklin log church. But the preacher caught him in the act and lit into him with his fists and administered a sound thrashing.

A story about an unnamed early circuit riding minister was told by Reverend Eagleson.

In the days when the old Franklin Methodist Church was organized, the country north of Ohio [river] was filled with bears. These animals were for the most part welcome sources of meat, but at times their presence was not altogether welcomed. One of the seven men who founded the church [in 1837] was James Pinkerton. He had long been a friend of the circuit riders who treaded the wilderness of 'The Old Shenango Circuit'. When he built a log barn in the wilderness, care was taken to add a stall for the circuit rider's horse. Many times the saddle bags of the weary pioneer minister were unstrapped at his dwelling. Usually, also when the frontier minister stopped there, he carried away with him ample provisions, in the form of bacon or poultry.

On one unusual occasion, notice had been given ahead of time that the mister would arrive on a given date. After consulting with his good wife, it was decided that a present of unusual value should be given to the minister at this time. It was to be nothing less than a ham, which had been taken to the village of Perrysville to be cured in a large smoke house where several of the pioneers carried their pork to be smoked. On the evening of the appointed day, Pinkerton walked across the hills to the village of Perrysville to secure the preacher's ham. He selected a large one, and one that was properly cured. To lighten the task of carrying it home his foresight had provided a grain sack.

However, Pinkerton had not reckoned with the fact that bears were yet to be found in the forest and that they had a great fondness for ham. In the valley near the site of the old Willoughby mill [Sloop and Highland roads], Pinkerton heard the sound of cracking twigs behind him, turned

and found a good sized bear trotting down the trail after him. Pinkerton decided to run. The same idea had already occurred to the bear. Closer and closer came the hungry bear. The path led uphill [Highland Road toward Ingomar] and Pinkerton soon was out of breath. He was spurred on by conflicting emotions, fear of the bear, regard for the preacher and the desire to save him the ham. The bear won. Pinkerton dropped the ham and a few hundred feet further on he paused and watched the bear tear the sack to shreds and devour the ham he had meant for the preacher's breakfast. He hurried on home and secured his trusty rifle hoping to make the bear pay for his theft with his life. However, the bear had finished his meal leaving only the torn pieces of the sack. The circuit rider had lost his ham.

HISTORICAL RECORD [As written by Reverend James M. Swan with original spelling and punctuation.]

Allegheny Circuit was organized at the conference of 1858 held in Cambridge Ohio in the month of April. Bishop Osmon C Baker. It was formed of a part of Sewickley circuit and consisted of "Hopkins Chapel" "Franklin Chapel" "Fleming Chapel" and "Island Chapel"

Robert Hopkins was the first preacher.

He reported to the ensuing conference 121 member 1 death 12 probationers 8 infant baptisms 4 churches \$3000.00 value.

His salary was set down at \$452.00 He received \$284.53 leaving a deficiency of \$167.47.

A little over one half paid

[1859]The next year the preacher was John McCarty. There were still four appointments.

123 members 1 death 16 probationers 4 adult and 16 infant baptisms

His salary was \$500.00 and was all paid. \$11 for missions

An increase of 2 members and 4 probationers. There were still four churches. An increase of 2 members and 4 probationers.

[1860] Rev John McCarty was again appointed preacher in charge at a salary of \$500 which was all paid.

There were 121 members reported 1 death 20 probationers 4 adult and 11 children baptized. \$13 for missions.

A decrease of 2 members but an increase of 4 probationers. There were still 4 churches.

[1861] Rev A.B. Leonard was the preacher at a salary of \$450 which was paid. A decrease of \$50.00 Salaries were there assessed according to the preachers family and not according to service or ability

128 members 2 deaths 48 probationers 7 adult 8 children Baptized 4 churches. \$26.50 necessities \$35.61 missions 4 S.S. 140 scholars

[1862] A.B.Leonard returned. Same salary. All paid 4 churches value increased 700 dollars by improvements on Franklin Chapel members 166 Prob. 6 local preacher 1. Baptisms 8 ad. 29 chil missionary collection\$56.42

The War excitement was one cause of difficulty during this year which perhaps did much to prevent a greater increase in church interests. I find Bro Leonard yet spoken of in the highest terms.

[1863] Andrew J Rich was appointed preacher this year. Bro Leonard had organized a new class at "Hopkins" which met at a Jacob Swogers house. "Blackburn Chapel" was severed from Sewickley and attached to Allegheny circuit.

Bro Rich's salary was \$600.00 dollars \$550 of which was paid

Members 175. 2 deaths. 4 Prob. 1 Loc. Pr. 25 children Baptized 5 churches value 4000 dollars \$97.00 missionary collection

There was much disturbance on account of the war.

[1864] A.J.Rich was returned at a salary of \$700.00 Pd. \$675.00 an advance of 150 dollars paid currency was much inflated

The reports show a falling off in membership caused by the agitation of political matters The class at Swogers was entirely disbanded.

160 members. 1 death. No probationers 1 ad 15 children Bap 5 churches 5000 dollars value. An increase in value caused probably by the currency inflation.

These were perilous time many circuits and societies suffered more than this one.

Missionary collection was greatly increased Fleming Chapel paid \$95.00 Rev J

Gallagher giving \$50.00 of it The Whole collection was \$146.50

There were 4 S. Schools with 180 scholars

[1865] Rev. David Hefs [Hess] was appointed preacher this year. with J.S.Shaffer Local preacher as an assistant.

D. Hess' salary was \$800.00 \$691.21 paid

J.S.Shaffer's salary was \$300.00 \$272.40 paid

157 mem. 5 deaths. 17.Prob. 3 adul.15.child.Bap 5 churches and a preaching place at Perrysville also an appointment at Swogers again

\$110.00 for missions. a falling off

[1866] D. Hess was returned this year alone. Preached one Sabbath three times. The other twice. a two weeks circuit . dropping Swogers and Perrysville as regular appointments

Salary \$800.00. paid \$717.00

132 mem. a great decrease 2 deaths 4Prob. 8 ad. 10 chil. Bap.

5 churches \$6000.00 for miss. \$26.50

Circuit went down very much during the year. The preacher did not live among the people and did not visit the families.

[1867] J.Z.Moore was the preacher with J.M.Swan as assistant a Local preacher of but little experience. Bro Moore did not live on the circuit and did not attend to the interests with any zeal.

JZ Moore salary was \$850.00 Paid \$574.96 J.M.Swan salary was \$350.00 Paid \$237.41

There were six appointments "Woods Run" was one and was assessed \$300.00 and paid a

little over \$50.00 of it. The Iron Mills were closed up for more than five months. There was also a preaching at "Swogers" or Pine Grove School-house where there was a class

organized. He sometimes preaches at Perrysville in Mrs. Reels house but she

disappointed us several times and we discontinued. There were five Sabbath schools in successful operation during the summer and one all winter

145 mem. 2 deaths. 40 Prob. 2 Loc.Pr. R.Jones. Woods Run 10 child. Baptized.

5.churches \$8000.00 \$83.00 for missions There was evidently considerable advancement made.

[1868] W. Johnson was the preacher this year. He was sick at the end of the year and

made no report to conference. His Salary was \$900.00 dollars. And was mostly paid.

There was a new society organized on Pine Creek which met in Andrew English Jrs.

House. Woods Run was attached to Duquesne Boro.

J.S.Shaffer was employed by the Stewards as a supply and a difficulty arose between him and Johnson and between Johnson and the Stewards about the salary which caused a good deal of trouble and prevented any very marked advancement.

[1869] F.D.Fast was appointed preacher with D.J.Davis a Local preacher as assistant. A difficulty arose about the salary and there was constant contention almost the whole year. The preachers did not live on the circuit. The Presiding Elder interfered but could do nothing. None of the interests of the Church were properly attended to. Probationers were not looked after but few were received into full membership. The circuit became very much dilapidated.

Fasts' salary was \$900.00 and was nearly all paid through Davis got but little Only 125 members reported 2 deaths. 13 Prob. 5 adult 9 children Bap. But no record of them made 5 churches \$2500.00 value which is not more than half their real value. Missions \$51.00

[1870] At the conference of 1870. The Bishop appointed two preachers James M. Swan Preacher in charge with Homer J Smith as colleague. We found the circuit in a very bad condition. Discord dissention. Indifference on the part of most of the members a few very inefficient officers. But many were longing for better times. And when we set ourselves to make improvements many rallied around us and boldly stood up with us. some were offended and would do nothing. We begun to organize anew the shattered societies. At Glendale we found some who were anxious to have an organization. There had been occasional services in the schoolhouse We organized with about 8 or 10 members. Got the German Lutheran church to hold worship in and made considerable progress. We reorganized the Sabbath Schools. There were Six schools. Two of them Glendale and Fleming Chapel continued all winter. There were eight appointments. There was preaching at each every two week. The membership increased very rapidly. Many came in by letter. Many probationers of more than a year were admitted to full connection. There was not a Sunday during the year that there was not one or more added to the church.

My salary was \$800.00 Bro Smiths \$500.00 I received \$793.98 Bro Smith \$442.58 The English appointment paid up in full. The Benevolent collections were good as will be seen by reference to the Records. The report at conference showed 220 members. 7 deaths 28 Prob. 4 adult & 28 chil. Bap 5 churches. Valued at \$5000.00 a net gain in membership of nearly 100. Father W. Wright the oldest class leader on the circuit died at Franklin.

At the conference in Stuebenville O. The circuit was divided leaving four appointments and Allegheny Ct. Fleming Chapel Island Chapel Franklin chapel and Englishes with 104 members J.M.Swan Preacher

We reorganized at Englishes and applied for a Charter of Incorporation calling the appointment Salem M.E. Church. The name was suggested by Father McClintock the oldest member we had there and the most zealous christian on the circuit. He was the first to lie down to rest in the new cemetery. We began a subscription and commenced a house of worship which was not finished on time. The first sermon was preached in it however on December 24, 1871. By myself. (illegible) There were eleven different denominations represented in the audience. Rev Mr McIntyre of the "Cross Roads" Pres.Ch. was on the platform. There was a gracious revival during Jan & Feb. 1872.

Congregations were good at all the appointments

Salary was fixed at \$800.00 \$768.00 was paid. Deficiency being at the Island. Collections nearly equaled the year previous with eight congregations. Reported 2135 members & 31 probationers at Conf. in 1872 one accession at the Island. The first in many years. There was not a death during the year. 2 Adults & 17 children baptized. Property 4 churches worth 6000 dollars

[1872] I was reappointed to the circuit. The Island was changed to Sewickley circuit. I had but 3 left. 124 members 30 probationers. Preaching every Sunday at Salem. Alternate Sundays at Franklin & Fleming Salary \$800. All paid. A year of very hard work no special revival but many additions to church membership some were discontinued many removed 2 died.

[Deaths] John McClintock Salem & Lizzie Reel Fleming chapel. Salem completed & dedicated June 16, 1872. Subscription to cover whole debt viz \$1000 A.B.Leonard & T.K.Boyle preached. Secured building site in Bellevue for a new church for Fleming Chapel congregation Fenced old cemetery at Fleming Chapel. Improved Franklin Chapel. Paid for all improvements. I used a present of a fine gold watch & chain worth \$200.

During 3 years pastorate I preached 244 sermon on circuit and nearly 50 elsewhere. Attended nine funerals this year Baptized 1 adult & 28 children. Recd 23 in full connection & 8 by letter. Dis. 7 by letter. Expelled 1. 2 Died. 2 withdrew net gain 19.

James M. Swan

[1873] J W Kessler was appointed to the circuit. J.W. Baker Presiding Elder without consulting the official board changed the circuit leaving off Fleming Chapel and reattaching Hopkins Chapel making the circuit easier to travel. But the change was distasteful to the Salem congregation.

There was no change in the pastorate for 3 years and the historical record made exception the registry of names. baptisms. marriages & (?)

[1876] J.B.Gray was appointed to the circuit. This being a “short” year in consequence of a change in time of holding conferences. There was no change of pastor for two and half callender years or until Sept 1878. No Historical record.

[1878] In September 1878 I was again appointed to the circuit after an absence of Five and a half years. (Six conference years.)

Probationers [Original spellings used.]

State in Life: s single m married Residence: f Franklin Chapel h Hopkins Chapel

Name	State in Life	Residence	When Received
John Skiles	s	f	Dec 1867
Sarah A Killion	s	f	“
Katie Killion	s	f	“
Maggie Stillwell	s	f	“
Henderson Sarver	s	f	“
Sarah J Sarver	s	f	“
Andrew Pinkerton	s	f	“
Freddy Glove	s	f	“
Robert Rosensteel	s	f	“
Amanda Wright	m	f	“

Mollie Thompson	s	f	“
Miner McClure	m	h	Feb 1868
Neattie Hamilton	s	h	“
Nellie McPherson	s	h	“
Charles Miller	s	h	“
James Brewer	s	h	“
Peter Coppersmith	s	h	“
Margaret J Moore	m	f	Aug 1867
Mary Ramage	s	f	Aug 1868
Emma Hamilton	s	h	“
Walter Hamilton	s	h	“
Mary Brush	s	h	“
Alex Elder	s	h	“
Emma Creese	s	h	“
Francis Thompson	m	f	Dec 1868
Elisabeth Thompson	m	f	“
James Thompson	s	f	“
_____ Thompson	s	f	“
Mary A Wright	m	f	“
Adda _____	s	f	“
Elisabeth Fisher	s	f	“
Ema Wright	s	f	“
L____ Wright	s	f	“
James Wright	m	f	“
Andrew Skiles	m	f	“
William Cope	m	h	Jan 1869
Ella Carroll		f	Feb 1869
Mariah Sarver		f	“
Brady Moore	s	f	Jun 1869
Martha Parks	m	f	“
Nancy J Parks	s	f	“
Willis Burr	s	f	Mar 1870
Andrew Fisher	s	f	“
Christina Fisher	s	f	Jun 1869
George Newman	m	f	24 Apr 1870
Vannelia Newman	m	f	“
Albert McCaulla	m	f	19 Jun 1870
Jonas Willoughby	m	f	30 Oct 1870
Sarah J McCaulla	s	f	2 Nov 1870
Robert Patrick	m	f	6 Nov 1870
Catharine Patrick	m	f	“
Andrew E Carroll	s	f	“
Thomas J Crawford	s	h	29 Nov 1870
William Porter	s	h	“
Lucas McPherson	s	h	3 Dec 1870
J Homer Crees	s	h	4 Dec 1870
Robert Speice	s	h	6 Dec 1870
Samuel N Patrick	s	h	29 Jan 1871
Benjamin Sarver	m	f	26 Feb 1871
Robert Parks	m	f	16 Apr 1871
William M Marshall	s	f	30 Apr 1871

Samuel Parks	s	f	29 Oct 1871
Mattie Parks	s	f	12 Nov 1871
Mary Killion	m	f	3 Mar 1872
Daniel Neely	s	f	20 Aug 1872
Jane Forsyth	m	f	9 Dec 1872
Louella Wright	s	f	11 Dec 1872
Mary E Palmer	s	f	“
Robert John Wright		f	Dec 1873
Cyrus Wright		f	“
Mary Patrick		f	“
James Porter		h	14 Feb 1874
Peter Shomaker		f	Feb 1874
Mary Palmer		f	“
Ella Wright		f	“
Annie Wright		f	“
Andrew Fisher		f	“
Henderson Wright		f	Feb 1875
Thomas Wright		f	“
Joseph Wright		f	“
Grant Wright		f	“
Wesley Fisher		f	“
John Fisher		f	“

Class Records [Original spellings used.]

State in Life: s single m married w widowed

[1869] **Class #2** William Wright, Leader. Meets at Franklin

William Wright	m	William W Headley	m
Sarah Wright	m	Rebecca Headley	m
John Wright	m	Susan Wakefield	w
Mary Wright	m	Matilda Richey	m
Isaac Wright	m	Barbara Bigler	m
Susan A Wright	m	Mary E Cole	m
Henry Skiles	m	Jacob Wright	
Catharine Skiles	m	Mary J Wright	
Godfrey Sarver	m deceased 1869	Ann E Wright	
Jane Sarver	m	Elizabeth Bolinger	
Henderson Richey	m	Sarah Bigley	
Leah Richey	m	John Richey	
Thomas Stilwell	m	Henry Carroll	m
Ellen Stilwell	m	Maggie Carroll	m
James Carroll	m	Amanda Wright	s
Susanah Carroll	m	Henderson Sarver	s
David Reel	m deceased 1868	Sarah J Sarver	s
Isabella Reel	m	Sarah __ Wright	m

[1869] **Class #3** Robert Wright, Leader. Meets at Franklin

Robert Wright	m	Maria L Wakefield	m
Martha Wright	m	Mary Redpath	m
Joseph Palmer	m	William Reel	received July 1869 m

Jane Palmer	m	Lizzie Reel	“	m
William Turner	m	Sarah A Kyllion	“	s
Jane Turner	m			
Mathias Fisher	m	Catharine Kyllion	“	s
Margaret Fisher	m	Andrew __ Picerton	“	s
William Ramage	w	Freddy Gloove	“	s
Margaret Moore	w	Robert Rosensteel	“	s
Jane Boyd	w	Mollie Thompson	“	s
Margaret Sarver	m	Emma Wright	“	s
Mattie J Wright married Richey		Andrew Skyles	“	m
Katie Sheatmantel	m	Mary Skyles	“	m
Thomas Wakefield	m	Elisabeth Fisher	“	m
		Mary Ramage	“	s

[1869] **Class #4** John G Crees, Leader . Meets at Hopkins Chapel

John G Crees	m	Adda Ingram		m
Mary E Crees	m	Ann Dunlap		m
John Ingram	m	Catharine McCarty		m
Sarah Ingram	m	Sarah McCarty		m
Mathew Hamilton	m	Ella McCarty		m
Harriet Hamilton	m	George G Aitkin received May 1868		m
James McPherson	m	Jane M Aitkin	“	m
Sophia McPherson	m	Elder Crawford	“	s
Joseph Marion	m	Joseph W Frazer	“	m
Margaret Marion	m	Malinda Frazer	“	m
James Davis	m	John A Skiles received July 1868		s
Mary Davis	m	James Brown	“	s
Aroon M Davis	m	Peter Copersmith	“	s
Christina Davis	m	Minie Mcferson	“	s
Robert McPherson	m	William Mcferson	“	s
Carrie N Crees	s	Martha Hamilton	“	s
Josephine __ Crees	m	Margret Rosensteel		m
George W Crees	m	Amanda Rosensteel		s
Thomas Ingram	m	Elizabeth Rosensteel		s

[1869] **Class #5** Philip Rosensteel, Leader. Meets at Pine Grove [School House]

Philip Rosensteel	m	Nancy Swoger		s
Pheba Rosensteel	m	Letitia Ford		s
Joseph Rosensteel	m	Sarah R Little		m
Margaret Rosensteel	m	Peter Sala		m
Henry Neely	m	Elisabeth Sala		m
Rachel Neely	m	Letitie Ford		s
Hannah Rosensteel	s	Lizzie Neely		s
Catharine Rosensteel	s	Joseph Neely		s
Lizzie Rosensteel	s	William C __idler		s
Thomas Swoger	s	John Sala		s

PS this class is a part of the Hopkins Chapel Society it not being able to sustain a sepperate appointment. The furthest any of the members of this classe reside from Hopkins is 2 miles, and they cannot support themselves sepperated. And they must gow to church to Hopkins chapel or do worse that is loose ther membership.

[1870-71] **Class #3** John G Crees, Leader. Meets at Hopkins Chapel

John G. Crees	m	Sophia McPherson	m
Mary E Crees	m	William W Cope	s
Callie N Crees	s	Nellie McPherson	s
Josephine V Crees	s	James Davis	m
Geo. W Crees	s	Mary Davis	m
Mary Emma Crees	s	Morton A Davis	m
John Ingram	m	Miner McClure	m
Sarah Ingram	m	Christina Davis	m
Thomas Ingram	s	Joseph Frazier	m
Matt Hamilton	m	Melinda Frazier	m
Harriet Hamilton	m	Josep Rosensteel	m
Emma Hamilton	s	Margaret Rosensteel	m
Walter Hamilton	s	Ann C Rosensteel	s
G T [?] Aitkin	m	Elizabeth Rosensteel	s
James McPherson	m		

[1870-71] **Class #4** John P Richey, Leader. Meets at Pine Grove School House

John P Richey	m	David S Neely	s
Nancy Richey	m	Sophia A Neely	s
Amanda N Richey	s	Anna Bell Neely	s
Jacob Swoger	m	John Sala	s
Nancy Swoger	m	Peter Coppersmith	s
Philip Rosensteel	m	Anna Headland	s
Pheba Rosensteel	m	Mary Stevenson	m
Thomas Rosensteel	m	Mary A Stevenson	s
Josep Neely	s	Rachel Stevenson	s

This society or class forms a part of the Hopkins Chapel Society.

[More class rosters to be added.]

Baptisms [The first page of baptisms was cut from the ledger. The second page begins in January 1871. Only those baptisms taking place in Franklin Township churches are listed at present.]

Franklin Chapel

25 Jun 1871 Harry Elmer Richey infant born 11 Oct 1870 parents James M and Martha J
 28 May 1871 Sarah J McCaulla adult *Never learned date of her birth nor her parents names.*
 12 Nov 1871 William James Skiles infant born 2 Aug 1871 parents Andrew G & Mary M
 12 Nov 1871 William Harvey Carroll infant born 20 Sep 1871 parents Henry & Maggie
 23 Jun 1872 Charlie Spencer Willoughby infant born 21 Feb 1872 parents Robert & Elizabeth
 23 Jun 1872 Harry Andrew McCawley infant born 30 Sep 1871 parents Albert & Katie
 23 Jun 1872 Harry Attwood Young infant born 4 Jul 1871 parents James R & Hannah
 7 Jul 1872 William Baughman Richey infant born 15 May 1872 parents Henderson & Leah
 11 Aug 1872 Anna Margaret Willoughby infant born 30 May 1872 parents Jonas P & Elizabeth
 16 Mar 1873 Ida Lillian Robertson infant born 11 May 1871 parents Hugh & Maggie
 16 Mar 1873 Clarence Dale Robertson infant born 1 Oct 1872 parents Hugh & Maggie
 16 Mar 1873 Mattie Ella Richey infant born 3 Jan 1873 parents James M & Mattie J
 16 Mar 1873 William Alexander Leicht infant born 26 Apr 1871 parents Richard & Augusta
Mother dead.

4 Mar 1875 Madie Madell Wright infant born 21 Dec 1874 parents Jacob & Sarah M Wright
 4 Mar 1875 Arastus Clairmont Robertson infant born 20 Sept 1874 parents Hugh & Maggie
 19 Jun 1875 Clarke Hudson Wright infant born 25 Jul 1874 parents Isaac N & Susan
 19 Jun 1875 Andrew M Willoughby infant born 15 May 1875 parents Jonas & Elisabeth
 19 Jun 1875 Henry Price Skiles infant born 28 Mar 1874 parents Henry & Kate E
 19 Jun 1875 Robert Stevenson Neelly infant born 28 Mar 1875 parents Daniel & Mary A
 19 Jun 1875 Jeanetta M Willoughby parent Robert A
 26 Sep 1875 Alice Alaura Sarver infant born 20 Jul 1875 parents James & Luticea
 12 Jul 1875 Lilly May Warner parents William & Margaret
 12 Jul 1875 Jane Justena Warner parents William & Margaret
 14 Jun 1874 Ada May McCaully infant born 12 Oct 1873 parents Albert & Kate twins
 14 Jun 1874 Maudie Vene McCaully infant born 12 Oct 1873 parents Albert & Kate “
 28 Dec 1878 Wilbur Davis Wright infant born 25 Oct 1877 parents Robert J & Malvina
 28 Dec 1878 Flora Atlee Wakefield infant parents Thomas & Maria L Wakefield

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11 Oct 1873 Anna Mary Kessler infant born 5 Nov 1872 J W Kessler & Jennie E
Time of Qur. M. at Hopkins chap [J W Kessler was a minister.]
 18 Oct 1874 John Creese Morrow infant parents Ralph & M Caroline
 26 Sep 1875 Jenetta Bell Creese infant parents John & Maggie

Marriage Record [Couples of which one or both resided in Franklin Township are listed at present.]

13 Oct 1870	Jonas P Willoughby M Elizabeth Fischer	McCandlass Tp All Co Pa Franklin Tp All Co Pa	farmer
13 Oct 1870	Robbert Willoughby Elizebeth Wright	McCandlass Tp All Co Pa Franklin Tp All Co Pa	farmer
<i>The first couple I ever married. Received a fee of \$5.00. Two brothers. One married at 11 o'clock AM. The other at 3 PM. The ladies living in sight of each other. Same fee James M. Swan</i>			
26 Oct 1871	Samuel Parks Mary J Wright	Pine Tp All Co Pa Franklin Tp All Co Pa	waggonmaker
20 Apr 1871	Jacob Swoger Anna Headland	Franklin Tp All Co Pa Franklin Tp All Co Pa	farmer
<i>An omission in the records places this out of its order.</i>			
15 Mar 1877	James Emmet Luericia Wright	Franklin Tp All Co Pa Franklin Tp All Co Pa	farmer age 27
29 Mar 1877	Robert Trimbel Emma A Wright	Pine Tp All Co Pa Franklin Tp All Co Pa	farmer
8 June 1878	Mathias Fisher Anna _ Noras	Franklin Town All Co Pa Glendale All Co Pa	farmer
17 Oct 1878	Henderson O Wright Christina Fisher	Franklin Tp Franklin Tp	farmer