

# Old Section of Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery Daviness County, KY

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY, 1996



The (Old) Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery was formerly located in the green space and driveway area in foreground of above picture; in 1996 following a court case the church moved the old cemetery across Millers Mill Road to their new cemetery.

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During March-May of 1996 the old section of the Macedonia Baptist Church cemetery in Daviess County, KY was moved. Located southeast of the church, on the north side of the Millers Mill Road, the old cemetery was moved across the road to the church's new cemetery. The relocation of the old cemetery was temporarily halted due to the efforts of the "Old Macedonia Cemetery Alliance", a group of relatives and concerned individuals that opposed the move. The fate of the cemetery was left in the hands of the Daviess County Fiscal Court. On 13 December 1995 the court ruled that the church could continue with its plans to move the cemetery on the grounds that it had been "abandoned". An ironic interpretation since the cemetery was the property of the church and consequently was its rightful caretaker. Truly the cemetery had been rejected and

abandoned.

The church on 14 April 1996 dedicated a new two million dollar worship center that had been constructed immediately behind the site of the old cemetery. The old abandoned cemetery and the modern complex presented a very sharp contrast during their brief period of coexistence. Part of the program for the worship center's dedication was entitled "A Rich Heritage, A Bright Future". The old cemetery was a remnant of this heritage. A history that was very interesting, dramatic and far reaching. This "hollowed ground" was the final resting place of over 250 pioneers, who would be related to a significant part of Daviess County's current population. Among those interred here were:

- Rawleigh D. Bryant (1797-1866) & his wife, Ruth Griffith (1797-1873), who in 1850 donated land to the Macedonia Baptist Church for its church and cemetery. Ruth was an aunt of Mattie Griffith Browne (c1830-1906), a noted abolitionist writer, and a 2nd cousin of William R. Griffith (1793-1848), whose role in the development of Daviess County was as significant as anyone.
- Two pioneer ministers - Rev. Reuben Cottrell (1792-1863), founder of the First Baptist Church in Owensboro in 1835 & Macedonia in 1849, and Rev. James Madison Dawson (1835-1873), 4th pastor of Macedonia.
- At least two Civil War soldiers - William Thomas Cruse (1845-1868) & Seariah D. Lashbrook (1842-1865), the latter died in a Union prison.
- Worden Pope Speed (1805-1880), a member of the celebrated Speed family of Louisville, KY. Among his near relatives were US Attorney General James Speed (1812-1887), & Joshua Fry Speed (1814-1882), a confidant of President Lincoln.
- Thomas J. Taylor (1855-1876), whose father, Jefferson Mandred Taylor, was a cousin of President Zachary Taylor.
- William Thomas Cruse (1845-1868), a 4th great nephew of Daniel Boone & a first cousin of Thomas Cruse, a Brigadier General in the US Army & a Congressional Medal of Honor winner.
- John Fuqua (1786-1853), whose nephew, Kit Carson, was a legendary figure of the old West.

This writer on 3 October 1992 at an auction of the estate of the late Wilhelmina Leachman Lebold, of Daviess County, KY, purchased two old bibles. They were the family bibles of the Bryant (c.1840) and Phelon (c.1826) families. Both families were early members of the Macedonia Baptist Church and are among those who have

monuments in the old cemetery. Rawleigh D. & Ruth Bryant moved their family to Daviess County in 1824 from Shelby County, KY. A deed recorded in 1832 shows them purchasing from Phillip Triplett a tract of 150 acres, on which they were already living (Daviess County, Deed Book D, p45). Nine months after the organization of the Macedonia Church, Rawleigh & Ruth, on 22 May 1850, donated one acre to Reuben Cottrell, Enoch Stone & John L. Kirk, trustees of the Macedonia Baptist Church (Deed Book L, p233). When the 1876 Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, KY (Leo McDonough & Co., p39) was printed Rawleigh & Ruth's son, Caleb Griffith Bryant, was shown as being the owner of the land surrounding the church. The Bryants in 1884 sold this property to Thomas K. & Newton W. Gore (Deed Book 41, p43). On 1 November 1995 I transferred the Bryant family bible to Mrs. James Estil (Bettie L. Bryant) Kerrick, of 531 Griffith Ave., Owensboro, KY. Mrs. Kerrick is a great-great-granddaughter of Rawleigh D. Bryant & Ruth Griffith, great-granddaughter of Samuel Bryant & Harriet Phelon, granddaughter of Raleigh Daviess Bryant & Emma G. Taylor, and daughter of Samuel Jefferson Bryant & Martine Modesta Morton. The old Phelon family bible on 28 October 1994 was transferred to Lonnie Fink, of 4717 Buttontown Road, Georgetown, IN 47122, who was related through the Holt family.

Over the years I had stopped at the Old Macedonia Cemetery five or six times to see the graves of several relatives and copy data on various families. I revisited the cemetery on 14 September 1995 in the hopes of obtaining a record of all the information on the monuments. Soon after beginning my effort the pastor came to the cemetery, disturbed by my presence, wanting to know what I was doing. After a lengthy debate about the fate of the cemetery and my intentions the pastor graciously granted permission to continue. This was done to preserve a complete and accurate record and to correct several errors that had appeared in previous listings of the cemetery. A partial listing made in 1963 appeared in the periodical, Kentucky Genealogist (Vol. 12, No.3, Jul-Sep 1970, Martha Porter Wright, ed., Washington, DC, p117). A 1974 listing was published in the book, Daviess County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume I (West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY, McDowell Publications, 1977, pp98-99). The latter listing was reprinted in the periodical, Bluegrass Roots (Vol. 22, No.3, Fall 1995, Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY, pp95-96). The 1974 listing contained errors or omissions for about a third of the monuments enumerated.

The oldest monument in the old cemetery was for Elizabeth, wife of Enoch Stone. Their marriage in Nelson County, KY, on 20 March 1803, records her surname as "Lane". Her gravestone bears the death date of 22 February 1840. This was the only monument found that predated the establishment of the church. Enoch Stone was one of 25 founding members of the Macedonia Baptist Church and was one of its first trustees. In the 1850 census he was enumerated only three households from Rawleigh D. Bryant, on whose land the church was built. The latest recorded date found in the old cemetery was in 1905 (Elizabeth Jane, wife of James M. Speed). At that point in time the old cemetery, which covers approximately half an acre, was probably about filled up. For several years prior to this members of the congregation were being buried in a new cemetery on the opposite side of the Millers Mill Road, between the Settle and Newbolt Roads. Before it became known as the Macedonia Church Cemetery, the new burial

grounds was referred to as the Oak Hill Cemetery in old issues of the Owensboro newspapers (see Owensboro Messenger, 26 January 1900 p2, 27 December 1900 p7, 15 March 1904 p8 & 10 March 1915 p10). The oldest monument in the new cemetery is dated 3 January 1881 (child of John B. Griffin & Ann Almeda Miller).

Upon my visit 43 monuments were found in the old cemetery. The names of 48 individuals appeared on these. The graves of 4 others shown in the earlier listings could not be found (noted later). Upon the initiation of its plan to move the old cemetery the church reported that 52 people were buried there (Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, 24 August 1995, p1C). However, when the Richardson Corporation, of Owingsville, KY, ended their excavation of the cemetery, 248 graves had been located (according to documents the company gave to Charlotte Miller, who resides next to the church, at 4823 Millers Mill Road, and a member of the "Old Macedonia Cemetery Alliance"). There were possibly more graves than this. The company was instructed to stop its dig at the point where the monuments ended and beyond this there may have been other graves.

The church kept no record of burials at the old cemetery. Thus the identity of those buried in the numerous unmarked graves will likely never be known. The excavation of the cemetery poignantly illustrates why the genealogist has great difficulty in learning the final resting place of many of his ancestors. Prior to 1900 the majority of graves were never marked, except maybe for a fieldstone. The location of graves was known only by the immediate family and with the passage of time their knowledge was lost forever.

Several have reported that fallen and broken monuments and fieldstones in the old cemetery have been disposed of over the years by various caretakers. One of these was the grave marker of Rev. Reuben Cottrell (1792-1863). When Rev. Wendell H. Rone published his 1943 book, A History of the Daviess - McLean Baptist Association in Kentucky, 1844-1943 (Owensboro, KY, p256), he reported that "A broken and fallen down stone marks his resting place in the old Macedonia cemetery located to the southeast of the Church". Rev. Rone in his 1985 book, Owensboro's First Church, 1835-1985: The Sesquicentennial History of the First Baptist Church, Owensboro, KY (Progress Printing Co., Owensboro, KY, p76), noted that "the stone is now gone". The gravesite of Reuben Cottrell was described by Rev. Rone as being under the pavement of the driveway, at the edge of the cemetery, near the church.

Another grave believed to be under the driveway pavement, near the church, is that of Annabelle Wells, born 14 July 1877 and died infancy, prior to 1880. During the court proceedings, over the moving of the cemetery, Rachel Wells Thompson (age 86), gave testimony, on 25 September 1995, about the grave of her aunt. She stated that she first saw the grave in 1915. "Her stone was a small stone with a lamb on top of it." Mrs. Thompson's grandparents, Emmett & Laura Riddle Wells and her father, J. Warden Wells, over the years cared for the monument. Her father discovered not long before his death, in 1961, "that Annabelle Wells gravesite was all under blacktop" and her monument no longer could be found in the cemetery.

During the excavation of the old cemetery several monuments were unearthed (noted later) that had not appeared in prior listings. Four of these were intact and were erected at the new site.



The oldest of the newly discovered monuments was for John Fuqua (1786-1853), a 5th great uncle of this writer. It is my opinion that his wife, Charlotte Robinson (1790-1860's), is also buried here in an unmarked grave. Charlotte's sister, Rebecca Robinson married Lindsey Carson in Madison County, KY in 1796. Their son, Kit Carson, was possibly the most famous figure in the settlement of the western states. Parts of four other monuments were also discovered during the moving of the old cemetery, none of these contained a complete name. These fragments and the footstones from the old cemetery were reportedly buried at the new site.

The graves and monuments located during the excavation were reburied in the back section of the church's new cemetery, on the southwest side bordering the Newbolt Road. On 5 March 1998 I rechecked this section. All the monuments where discrepancies with prior listings had been found were studied to make certain of the findings reported below. All but two of the monuments found prior to and during the excavation were located in the new site. One of these was the marker for Sandford Hunter (1806-1877) & his wife, Eliza J. (1814-1903), who were reburied in the center of the New Macedonia Cemetery, next to the grave of Sandford Hunter (1854-1907). The second unaccounted for monument was that of William Thomas Cruse (1845-1868). Several had informed me that it had been lost during the move. I searched over the extremities of the cemetery and at the very back of the cemetery, in front of a garage, I

found the monument laying flat on the ground with some leaves over it. I am a 2nd cousin 4 times removed to Mr. Cruse and was thus very glad that I had found his gravestone. I carried it to his gravesite and a few days later returned and erected it in the ground at his grave.

The Forrest Orphans Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held a memorial service at the New Macedonia Cemetery on 15 September 1996. They commemorated several Civil War soldiers buried at the church. Three wooden white crosses were placed in the old cemetery section to honor three vets they believed to be buried there. They contain only the names - Thomas Cruse, John Moreland & J. A. Taylor. The first was placed at the grave of William Thomas Cruse (1845-1868), who had a monument in the old cemetery. The other two were erected as memorials, noting their burial there in unmarked graves. One of these, John H. Moreland (1839-1912), a Confederate soldier, however, was not buried in the old cemetery. He has a monument in the new cemetery, a short distance from his new memorial. The other soldier, J. A. Taylor may have been buried in the old cemetery. The W.P.A.'s Registration of Veterans' Graves for Daviess County, KY, lists that J. A. Taylor, a Civil War soldier, was buried at the Macedonia Cemetery, no dates were recorded. In the Daviess County marriages it is recorded that J. A. Taylor & Sarah Melvinia McFarland were married at the Macedonia Church on 26 September 1869, his age was reported to be 24. His wife remarried in Daviess County in 1879 (to Frank Stivers). J. A. Taylor possibly had died between 1869-1879. If he had been buried at Macedonia during these years his grave would probably have been located in the old cemetery.

At the site of the old cemetery the Macedonia Baptist Church has erected a beautiful marker commemorating those who were buried there. The marker, however, perpetuates several errors that were included in the 1974 listing of the cemetery. In addition to a list of those who were known to be buried there, it includes the inscription: "Old Macedonia Cemetery, Relocated May, 1996. Dedicated To The Memory Of The Following: ..... This memorial is also dedicated to the memory of the 185 unknown persons who rest here. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8."

In the following listing, information that appears within ( ) is recorded on the monuments and that within [ ] is not.

Row 1

1. Isabell Bryant (w/o O.) [not d. 21 Dec 1893]	24 Nov 1813	2 Dec 1893
2. Ottoway Bryant (aged 76-3-6)	23 Jul 1809	29 Oct 1885
3. Samuel B. Duncan (s/o B. F. & N.)	5 Jun 1876	10 Sep 1877
4. Sandford Hunter [not b. 16 Nov 1806]	6 Nov 1806	12 Dec 1877
Eliza J. Hunter	12 Mar 1814	19 May 1903

Row 2

5. George Jones (aged 56-5-2) [middle initial E. is not listed]	29 Jul 1811	31 Dec 1869
6. Mary R. Hodgens (d/o W. & M. A.) [middle initial may be B.]	1 Jul 1857	12 Jan 1875
7. Sue A. Smiley (w/o G. L.) [not w/o C. L. and not d. 1873]	24 Dec 1842	20 May 1875
8. Nannie Duncan (w/o Ben. F.)	7 May 1846	18 Mar 1877
9. Ruth Bryant (w/o R. D.)	25 Mar 1797	20 Jun 1873
10. Rawleigh D. Bryant [not Rawliegh]	27 Feb 1797	18 May 1866

Row 3

11. Elizabeth S. Cruse	26 Nov 1846	10 Jul 1868
12. Wm T. Cruse	25 Mar 1845	4 Jan 1868
13. E. B. Griffin (s/o E.&S.; age 21-11-8)	22 Jun 1854	30 May 1876
14. Catherine Wilhoyte (w/o G. A. R.) [not w/o C. A. R.]	10 Mar 1816	25 Oct 1878
15. Searaih D. Lashbrooks [final digit of death year had been unreadable but family at the time of cemetery relocation had year of 1865 added and in front of the old monument erected a new one with the inscription - "Corp. Seariah H. Lashbrook Co. A, Regt. KY Cav., CSA, b. 29 Jan 1842, d. 23 Feb 1865"]	29 Jan 1842	23 Feb 186?
16. Sarah A. Griffin (w/o E.)	30 Apr 1811	15 Jul 1889
17. E. Griffin [not d. 9 May 1883]	8 Mar 1810	9 Mar 1883

Row 4

18. "Eld. Jas. M. Dawson born in Daviess Co., KY 17 Jan 1835. He entered the ministry of the Baptist denomination July 1855, married 26 Mar 1862, died 20 April 1873" (Mason) Herbert Dawson (infant s/o Jas. M. & R. A.)		no dates
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Row 5

19. James Birkhead	2 Sep 1824	8 Jun 1862
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Row 6

20. Eliza Birkhead (d/o T. W. & M. A.)	30 Oct 1869	25 Oct 1873
21. infant s/o T. W. & M. A. Birkhead	b. & d.	22 Apr 1872
22. "children of Thos. W. & M. A. Birkhead" Cora A.	1 Jun 1865	21 Dec 1868

George Ann	29 Dec 1861	23 Dec 1868
Laura F.	7 Sep 1863	22 Dec 1868

Row 7

23. Amanda M. Stone (d/o S. & C. B.) (age 1 mo. & 1 day) [not d/o S. & G. B.]	30 Aug 1853	1 Oct 1853
24. Amanda M. Stone (consort of Sampson) [not Matilda M.]	10 Jan 1816	27 Oct 1851
25. Elizabeth Stone (consort of E.) [not w/o E. J.; 1974 listing had age 56-8-12, not now readable]	departed this life	22 Feb 1840
26. Enoch Stone	7 Aug 1776	28 Jun 1855
27. Ollie Sublett (s/o S. Shepherd & A. E.) [may be b. 5 Oct 1879]	8 Oct 1879	21 Apr 1881
28. Clarence Eola Jones (s/o ?) [1974 listing had s/o T. J. & F. M.]	17 Sep 1879	11 Nov 1880

Row 8

29. John P. Fuqua	22 Aug 1824	15 May 1864
Ella D. Fuqua	1 Apr 1856	15 May 1864
30. Moses P. Fuqua [middle initial P. is clear]	4 Apr 1795	18 Jul 1851
31. John W. Fuqua (s/o R. C. & S. A.)	17 Aug 1856	20 Feb 1859
32. Rebecca Jane Phelon (d/o John M. & Mary M.) [1974 listing had b. 24 Apr 1859, d. 5 Sep 1859]	24 Apr 185? ?	Sep 1859

Row 9

33. Sallie Adcock (w/o G. W.)	5 Feb 1816	14 Sep 1887
34. Charles S. Adcock (s/o George W. & Sallie) age 17-2-20 [not age 2 mos. & 20 days]	died	28 Mar 1864
35. Sarah K. Short (w/o L. J.)	9 Oct 1854	28 Jul 1886

Row 10

36. Worden M. Speed (s/o J. M. & E. J.)	29 Feb 1876	29 Aug 1876
37. infant s/o J. M. & E. J. Speed	27 Nov 1878	8 Dec 1879
38. Worden P. Speed (born in Jefferson Co., KY; died in Daviess Co., KY)	23 Sep 1805	20 Sep 1880
39. Elizabeth J. Speed (w/o J. M.)	24 Apr 1842	23 Apr 1905
40. James M. Speed (born in Jefferson Co., KY; died in Daviess Co., KY)	25 Nov 1836	11 Jan 1881
41. James Ira Jones (s/o W. & B.)	4 Oct 1887	30 Jul 1888

Row 11



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| 42. Sarrah M. Maddux (w/o Preston)<br>[not b. 1808] | 18 Aug 1809 | 10 Jul 1877 |
| 43. Thomas J. Taylor (s/o J. M. & L. J.)            | 14 Oct 1855 | 28 Jul 1876 |

The following four monuments, in a 1974 listing, were not located on my September 1995 visit to the old cemetery. They were, however, located following the relocation.

1. Martha A. Cottrell (d/o Sam'l & E.) stone broken  
[Daviness Co., KY vital statistics of 1852-1861 records that Martha Cottrell died 15 July 1853 in Owensboro, of measles, age 12, born Daviness County, d/o Samuel & Elizabeth Cottrell]
2. Mary E. V. Cottrell (d/o Samuel & Elizabeth) died 11 Oct 1853  
(age 4-?-11) [1974 listing has Mary V.; Daviness Co., KY vital statistics of 1852-1861 records that Mary Cottrell died 14 August 1853 in Owensboro, of whooping cough, age 4, born Daviness County, d/o Samuel & Elizabeth Cottrell]
3. infant s/o L. & Alice Sublett b. & d. 23 Jul 1881  
[not d. 23 Jan 1881]
4. Ora N. ? (d/o ? & Talitha) stone broken  
[? d/o John N. & Talitha Lashbrook Adcock, b. & d. 1874-1880]

The following monuments were unearthed during the excavation and were erected in the old cemetery's new location.

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| 1. Talitha Adcock (w/o J. N.)                             | 20 Feb 1850 | 1 Dec 1877  |
| 2. Albert E. Cottrell (s/o C. E. & M. L.)<br>(age 2-3-11) | 16 Jan 1869 | 27 Apr 1871 |
| 3. John Fuqua<br>(age 67-1-29)                            | 29 Jul 1786 | 28 Dec 1853 |
| 4. Susan E. Griffin<br>[may be 1865 or 1867]              | 19 Apr 1843 | 5 Feb 186?  |

The following broken monuments were unearthed during the excavation. They were not found in the old cemetery's new location. Copied by Charlotte Miller, a neighbor of the church.

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| 5. baby of ?  | 1863        | 1865        |
| 6. Martha ?   | 1878        | 1884        |
| 7. Nancy ? (w/o & ? __ wn)<br>(age 44-5-4) [I believe this was the monument for Nancy McKay, wife of Mark T. Brown. They were married in Nelson County, KY on 16 August 1832, her father, John McKay, gave consent. Mark & Nancy Brown and her parents, John C. & Sarah McKay, moved to Daviness County, KY. Mark Brown is on p.20 of the 1840 Daviness County census, two pages from the home of Rawleigh D. Bryant. In the Daviness County vital statistics | 14 Feb 1810 | 18 Jul 1854 |

of 1852-1861 the following death record is listed - Mary H. Brown, died 15 July 1854, age 44, born Nelson County, KY, d/o John C. & Sarah McKay.]

The following are known to have been buried in the Old Macedonia Cemetery in unmarked graves (as reported by family members):

1. Rev. Reuben Cottrell	4 Apr 1792	29 May 1863
2. Ben F. Duncan	1846	1874
3. William Otterbein Swope	19 Jun 1779	12 Feb 1861
4. Ruth Holtzclaw Swope	30 Oct 1779	2 Oct 1870
5. Annabelle Wells (d/o Emmett Wells & Laura Bell Riddle)	14 July 1877	1877-1880

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See also following articles about the moving of the (Old) Macedonia Cemetery in the Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY:

1995: August 24, p1C, "Moving of graves approved"  
August 29, p4C, order for relocation of Old Macedonia Cemetery  
September 2, p9A, "Readers Write"  
September 9, p9A, "Readers Write"  
September 11 p1A, "Families Attack plan to move cemetery"  
September 13, p7A, "Readers Write"  
September 14, p7A, "Readers Write"  
September 16, p2C, Old Macedonia Cemetery Alliance formed  
September 20, p7A, "Readers Write"  
September 21, p9A, "Readers Write"  
September 22, p1B, "Suit filed to stop cemetery relocation"  
September 23, p9A, "Readers Write"  
September 24, p8A, letter by Macedonia pastor  
September 27, p7A, "Readers Write"  
October 3, p7A, "Readers Write"  
October 10, p7A, "Readers Write"  
October 11, p1C, "Cemetery Restoration"  
November 30, p7A, "Readers Write"  
December 14, p1A, "Judge rules church can move cemetery"

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## Church's decision on cemetery disturbing

Acting upon a petition by the Macedonia Baptist Church, the Daviess County Fiscal Court ruled Aug. 23 that the old section of the church's cemetery, on the north side of Millers Mill Road, was an abandoned cemetery. This provides leeway for its relocation subsequent to a 60-day interval after publication of the church's decision to move it. KRS 381.755 states that a cemetery is considered abandoned if it has not been tended for 10 years. This is certainly not the case here! As stated by the church in its petition, the cemetery for the greatest part of its 140-year history has been maintained by the church.

How can the church now deny its role as caretaker? This is similar to the owner of a public city cemetery telling me that since I have not cared for my family's lot they are going to have it declared abandoned and move it elsewhere. Eminent domain is not relevant here since no public benefit has been proven. The only benefit seems to be for the few decision makers who perceive the cemetery as being unsightly.

I am disturbed by this decision. I view this as a sanctioning of an already widespread disregard and abandonment of our heritage. It would seem that the desire of an institution, such as the church, would be to promote and protect a respect for life — including showing respect for and preserving the graves of our family members who now rest in peace.

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31 July 1998  
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Dear editor:

Thank you for using my article on Daviess County's Macedonia Cemetery in the Summer 1998 issue of the Bluegrass Roots. It was great to see something on Western Kentucky. However, I regret to report that 16 crucial mistakes were made in the transcribing of my

article. I could over look the mistakes if they were not of vital info such as spelling of names and dates. Since I went to great lengths to correct errors in prior listings of this pioneer cemetery I must beg you to please publish a listing of the following corrections. In addition to listing the corrections below I have also noted them on the enclosed copies of the article.

p.66 2nd column Worden Pop Speed should be Worden Pope Speed  
p.69 #4 Sandford Hunter died 12 Dec 1877 not 12 Mar 1814  
p.69 #4 Eliza J. Hunter born 12 Mar 1812 not 12 Dec 1877  
p.69 #9 Ruth Bryant not Ruthy Bryant  
p.69 #12 Wm. T. Cruse died 4 Jan 1868 not 10 Jul 1868  
p.69 #15 Searaih D. Lashbrooks not Lashbrook  
p.69 #17 E. Griffin born 8 Mar 1810 not 10 Mar 1810  
p.70 #22 Cora A. Birkhead died 21 Dec 1868 not 29 Dec 1861  
p.70 #22 George Ann Birkhead born 29 Dec 1861 not 7 Sep 1863  
and died 23 Dec 1868 not 21 Dec 1868  
p.70 #22 Laura F. Birkhead born 7 Sep 1863 not 23 Dec 1868  
p.70 #23 Amanda M. Stone born 30 Aug 1853 not 30 Aug 185  
p.70 #26 Enoch Stone not Enock Stone  
p.71 #41 James Ira Jones died 30 Jul 1888 not 20 Jul 1888  
p.71 #42 Sarrah M. Maddux not Sarah M. Maddux  
p.71 #1 Martha A. Cottrell not Martha Cottrell

I very much regret having to call this to your attention since I realize that your work is freely given and is largely thankless and unrewarded. I appreciate your efforts and thank you. However, we must present genealogy as a science and for that reason we must be obsessed with accuracy.

Respectfully yours,  
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A History of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association in Kentucky, 1844-1943.  
Rev. Wendell H. Rone (Messenger Job Printing Co., Inc., Owensboro, KY, 1944, pp178-182):

#### MACEDONIA CHURCH

A very thorough and informative history of this Church was written, read, and published in the minutes of the Association in the year 1894 by Elder W. H. Dawson, the pastor. That sketch has been used extensively in preparing the record of the Church given in these pages.

From the History of the Bethabara Baptist Church of Habit, Kentucky, we are informed that in the early part of the year 1849 some differences that had arisen between certain brethren, over the propriety or impropriety of Baptists belonging to Free Mason Lodges, reached such proportions that several of the members including the pastor, Elder Reuben Cottrell, were excluded from the membership of the Church. Several efforts at reconciliation were attempted with little or no success until at the June meeting of the Church Elders V. E. Kirtley, Darnell Dowden, and John G. Howard visited the Church and united their efforts to bring about peace and harmony. After a protracted effort it was agreed that the excluded members should be restored to fellowship on the condition that they take letters of dismission and form themselves into another Church. Also the Church agreed to give the restored members, after they were constituted into a Church, the sum of \$116.66 and two-thirds cents, this being one-half of the estimated value of the Church property, to aid them in erecting a new house of worship. All parties being satisfied with the arrangements thus made, the excluded parties, twenty-one in all, took Letters of dismission, and with the addition of four other interested persons, constituted Macedonia Baptist Church on August 11, 1849. These members were as follows:

Jerry Barnhill, Miranda Birkhead, Elizabeth Cottrell, Samuel Cottrell, Dorcas Vandervor, Sarah Cottrell, James B. Stone, William Hemingway, Elizabeth Kirk, James L. Kirk, James A. Kirk, Elizabeth Lacklin, H. O. Vandervor, Enoch Stone, Elizabeth Hemingway, Amanda Sanders, John Stout, Tinson Stout, William Stout, Mildred J. Stout, Susan Kirk, Elder Reuben Cottrell, Syann Hazelrigg, Elizabeth Stout, Sarah Johnson

By previous appointment these brethren and sisters met on the above mentioned date at the home of John Stout. Elders V. E. Kirtley, Thomas Downs, I. R. Allen, Darnell Dowden, and H. H. Ellis were present as the council of recognition. No reason is given for the selection of the name given to the new Church but it is to be presumed that it was chosen because of its Biblical connections. The Church also appointed a building committee to see into the matter of the erection of a suitable house of worship.

At the first regular meeting of the Church Brother John L. Kirk was elected as the Moderator and Brother William Stout was chosen to serve as the first Clerk. The Church also voted to prepare a letter and to send messengers to the Association. She was received into the fellowship of the Association in October, 1849, and has remained a member in good standing to this day. The annual sessions of 1863 and 1888 were held with the Church much to the benefit of the Association as well as to the congregation at this place.

The building committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they had secured a suitable parcel of ground five miles southeast of Owensboro on the Miller's Mill road for the purpose of erecting a house of worship. This parcel of ground was donated to the Church by the grandfather of the late Brother Rollie D. Bryant. A neat and small frame building was soon completed and dedicated free of debt in the month of March, 1850. Elder Cottrell then made a deed to the Bethabara Church after the settlement had been effected in the division of the Church property.

The Church has been faithfully served by the following pastors and clerks since her organization:

Pastors

John G. Howard	1849-1852	T. J. Ratcliff	1908
William Morrison	1853-1855	Frank Farmer	1909-1910
Frederick Tanner	1855-1858	E. O. Cottrell	1910
James M. Dawson	1858-1869	J. J. Willett	1911-1913
J. D. Arnold	1869-1870	J. C. Wyatt	1913
H. T. Lampton	1870-1874	N. F. Gabbert	1914-1916
Daniel E. Yeiser	1874-1875	John Barker	1916-1918
W. H. Dawson	1876-1881	Roy N. Gabbert	1918-1920
R. S. Fleming	1881-1882	J. N. Jarnagin	1920-1922
W. W. Williams	1883-1884	Clarence Pittard	1922-1926
W. H. Dawson	1884-1886	George D. Parks	1926-1928
J. A. Bennett	1887-1889	B. F. Waite	1928-1930
L. H. Voyles	1889-1891	John W. Kincheloe	1930-1934
W. H. Dawson	1891-1899	James B. Leavell	1935-1937
J. J. Cloar	1899-1901	Wendell H. Rone	1937-1939
J. D. Hocker	1902-1905	Gaye L. McGlothlin	1940-1942
J. H. Cowarts	1905-1906	Howard D. Olive	1942-1943
Norris Lashbrook	1906-1907		

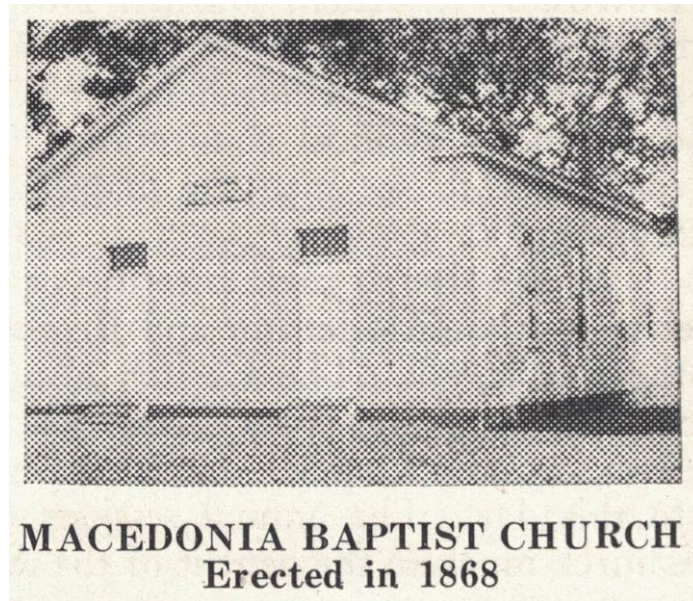
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William Stout	1849-1853	Ben T. Field	1881-1899
J. S. Newton	1853-1863	Herman D. Riddle	1899-1903
Minor Stewart	1863	Rollie D. Bryant	1908-1927
J. B. Stone	1864-1876	I. O. Emrich	1927-1943
F. D. Stone	1877-1881		

The work of Elders Reuben Cottrell, James M. Dawson. and William H. Dawson was of the greatest value in building up this Church in her early days and the others have entered into their labors and have reaped the harvest of seed sown by them.

Brethren H. O. Vandervor and William Hemingway were ordained as deacons in November, 1849. Brethren Enoch Stone, John Stout, and J. L. Kirk were ordained in August, 1851. Brother J.B. Stone was ordained in September, 1865. Brethren Elijah Griffin and George W. Gabbert were ordained in October, 1867. James L. Owen was ordained in April, 1871. Since that time the following deacons have been ordained or recognized by the Church: J. H. Cottrell, J. A. Miller, and M. H. Gabbert in 1876; J. W. Balee, C. E. Taylor, and George W. Bailey in July, 1886; Patmon Tichenor, W. D. Napier, R. A. Sosh, and Phocian Harris in September, 1899; W. D. Waters in May, 1903; E. J. Brooks, Ira W. Dawson, and George Newbolt in October, 1906; I. E. Lyons in September, 1918; I. O. Emrich and John M. Taylor in April, 1921; Charles Emrich and James Quesnell in December, 1940.

The first house of worship served the Church well until the growing congregations resulted in the erection of a new house of worship in the year 1868. This new building was of frame material and was 36 by 50 feet in size, and was erected at a cost of about \$1,700.00, about one hundred and twenty feet east of the site where the old structure stood. This is the same building that the Church worships in today with the exception of repairs to the foundation, roof, and interior. The Church was completely remodeled on the interior in the year 1941 at a cost of \$400.00. This house of worship is one of the oldest in the Association at present.



In the month of May, 1851, the Church purchased a small plat of ground adjoining the Church property to be used as a cemetery. This is the old cemetery to the southeast of the Church. After the year 1890 a new cemetery was opened by a private group of individuals to the west of the Church. This property was given to the Church and is now used as the regular Church cemetery. Elder Reuben Cottrell was buried in the old cemetery in 1863 and Elder James M. Dawson was buried there in 1873.

As early as April, 1850, the Church voted to raise an amount for support of the pastor and also for Missions. Thus this Church began very early in her history to give to the cause of spreading the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. She has given almost \$5,000.00 to his cause alone during her history and may thus be called a Missionary Baptist Church. The pastor's salary has ranged from \$50.00 to as much as \$600.00 per year for one-half preaching. A stipulated amount has been paid to the pastor since 1857.

Numerous revivals have been held during the years by the Church. The first protracted meeting was held in the winter of 1850. The revival of 1876 lasted for sixteen days and nights and the results were ninety professions of faith and eighty-five additions to the Church membership. The Church reached her highest membership in 1877 as there were 233 members in the fellowship at that time. The present membership is about 105. With the organization of other Baptist Churches the size of the field in which this Church labors has decreased.

In the year 1859 this Church dismissed several of her members to organize the Zion Church on the Owensboro-Hartford road. Again in 1861 she gave of her members to help to organize the Sugar Grove Church. Yellow Creek Church received some of her members after the year 1889. The organization of Hopewell Church in 1894, Dawson Church in 1905, and Friendship Church in 1910, also took members from her midst. Thus she has had a part in the organization of six Churches which caused a decline in her own membership. Since the year 1900 her membership has declined considerably as many of her members have moved away to the cities to leave her with depleted strength.

William H. Dawson was received into the Church by experience and baptism in April, 1866. He was licensed to preach the following June and on March 22, 1867, a presbytery of ministers composed of Elders J. M. Dawson, J. C. Maple, and D. S. Colgan set him apart to the work of the Gospel ministry. He therefore became the Church's first son in the ministry. He later served the Church as pastor on three different occasions for a total of sixteen years and three months and the most fruitful period of the Church's history was experienced while he held the pastorate. By request of the Church he delivered two discourses on "Modern Sanctification" on the fourth Sunday in May, 1892, in answer to a Methodist preacher who had been preaching on the same subject and setting forth the Wesleyan doctrine of Sanctification. It is estimated that over 1,500 people heard these discourses and dinner was served on the grounds to this large host. The Church licensed T. J. Ratcliff to preach in April, 1886, and in June of the same year he was ordained to the ministry.

Since the year 1924 a Women's Missionary Society has functioned in this Church. The Young People's work was fostered for a while in the 1920's only to die out and be revived in later years. The Church has had a Sunday School almost continually since the year 1855. She was among the first Churches in this Association to sponsor such a method of teaching the Word of God.

The last living constituent member of this Church died in 1904 at the age of seventy-nine. She was Mrs. Miranda Birkhead. Brother E. J. Brooks has served this Church in the office of deacon for over thirty-eight years and as Moderator since 1922. Brethren C. E. Taylor and J. L. Kirk served the Church as deacons for thirty-five years each. Brother Ira W. Dawson served as a messenger to the Association for twenty-three years and led the singing for over forty years in this Church.

Even though her numbers are few and her territory is now limited the Church is still enjoying much of her former glory and is still carrying on faithfully in the cause of the Lord. In some respects she is now enjoying some of the best days in her history, especially, from a financial standpoint.