

# **History Notes, Mt. Olive Paragon Christian Church, Olive Church Road, Morgan County, Indiana**

Copy of the Original Records of Mt. Olivet Church.

Constitution.

We of the church of God at Mt. Olivet meeting in Morgan Co. Indiana agree to live together as a congregation of Ch rist; to meet together as such, and to attend to the ordiances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as delivered to us by the Apostles. We also agree to take the Bible alone, as our only rule of faith and practice. We further agree to keep a record of such things as the congregation from time to time, shall deem necessary-- such as the appointment of its officers, immersions, or other additions, exclusions, removals, deaths, etc. Our congregation to be known and designated as the church of God at Mt. Olivet.

At a meeting embracing the 2nd Lord's Day in Sept. A. D. 1859 the congregation at Mt, Olivet was formally organized with 31 members to wit:

John Shuler✓	Charlotte Hanes✓	Ephriam Ratts✓
Nancy J. Denny✓	William Warthen✓	Serelda Denny✓
David B. Dow✓	Sarah Shuler✓	Absolem Hanes✓
Sarah Ratts✓	James J. Shuler✓	Kathrine Hanes✓
William J. Warthen✓	Mary Hedrick✓	Isaah B. Warthen✓
Elizabeth L. Denny✓	Henry Ratts Jr.✓	Katherine Hedrick✓
Leonard Hedrick✓	Linny Warthen✓	James Warthen✓
George Hanes✓	Mary Denny✓	John Hedrick✓
Louisa J. Letterman✓	Mary A. Ratts✓	Charlton Shuler✓
Sarah Warthen✓	William Denny✓	Susan Warthen✓
and	Phoebe Shuler✓	

After said meeting the church appointed Wm. Denny, Wm. Warthen Eph. Ratts as overseers and Absolem Hanes as deacon.

On Friday evening before the 5th Lord's Day in Oct. 1859 a several days meeting was commenced and conducted by brethren Wilhile Brown, Blankenship and Pruitt. When the following persons were added to the church to wit:(by relation)

Joseph Lee, Martha Ann lee, Mary A. Shuler, Philip Knoy, Delilah. Knoy and Charity Knoy: from the Baptist Sophia Finchum. Reclaimed Amanda Ratts and Jessie Rogers: immersed Elizabeth A. Rogers.

Katherine Hedrick departed this life on the 30th of Nov. 1859.

Altho it has been termed the Church of God and the Church of Christ an abstract of the deed specifically states it is donated for the use of the Christian Church, which is also known as the Deciples of Christ, followers of the New Testament. An abstract of the deed states it is donated for the use of the Christian Church.



# Members :

N. J. Sandy	Feb 1882	James Grounds	Jan 1901
Martha Sandy	Nov 1877	Minnie Grounds	" "
H. A Ground	Feb 1881	W. H. Ratts	" 1899
Rebecca Ground	Dec 1871	E. J. Marsh	" 1894
Ella Ogles	Feb 1882	John A. Ratts	Feb 1882
Ed Tipps	Mar 1890	Samuel J. Shuler	Mar 1891
Lida May Tipps	Feb 1882	M. L. Shuler	Nov 1901
M. M. Ground	Dec 1871	John A. Dow	
S. R. Ground	Oct 1891	Delilah Knoy (died 1904)	Jan 1872
M. L. Ground	Jan 1901	Sally Dow	Sept 1859
M. R. Ground	" "	Verlinda Warthen	1881 Feb
Gracy Ground	" 1899	George Warthen	Jan 1899
Perminster Ratts	" 1901	Sadie Warthen	Nov 1901
Eli Shuler	" "	Graft Ratts	Jan 1901
Walter Ratts	" "	Millard Shuler	" "
Corna Shuler	" "	Clark Shuler	" "
Corda Shuler		Nerva Shuler	Nov "
Daisy P. Ratts	Nov 1901	Alexander Shuler	Jan 1899
G. C. Ratts	" "	Sarah Shuler	Nov 1901
Julia Tipps	Oct 1879	Martha Grounds	Jan 1894
W. H. Miller	Mar 1890	Iva Knoy	Dec 1896
Oma E. Miller	Jan 1894	Sanford Knoy	Jan 1894
Henry Ratts	Sept 1859	Elizabeth Voshell	Nov 1877
Harriet Ratts	Feb 1881	Henry Halfacre	Jan 1901
Ankey Ratts	" "	Lousetta Shuler	Oct 1879
John A. Harper	Nov 1901	Vina B. Henson	Feb 1882
Vicie Harper	" "	Charlie Ratts	Jan 1901
J. K. Shuler	Mar 1861	C. E. Hedrick	Feb 1888
Sarah J. Shuler	" "	T. B. Costin	Jan 1901
Fred Secrest	Jan 1894	Rosa A. Walters	Feb 1881
Minnie Secrest	" "	Martin L. Dunigan	" 1882
Mary J. Warthen		C. C. Dow	Mar 1891
Albert Warthen	" 1901	W. S. Warthen	Sep 1859
Jimma Warthen	Nov 1877	Baker Letterman	Feb 1881
W. F. Warthen	Feb 1881	Walter Ground	" 1888
J. T. Stierwalt		Martha Dow	Nov 1877
Minnie Young	Oct 1879	D. B. Dow	Dec 1902
Lucy E. Knoy	Feb 1888	Mary E. Ratts	Nov 1901
John Knoy	Nov 1877	T. J. Ratts (Jeremiah)	Feb 1888
James Ratts	Feb 1882	Dot Burkhart	Nov 1901
Mary Ann Ratts	" "	Barbara Alice McDowell	Oct 1884
William R. Ratts	Jan "	Fred Richard	Jan 1901
Fanny A. Ratts	" 1880	Etta Crone	Feb 1881
Myrtle Ratts	" 1899	Adda Alexander	" 1888
Alice Ratts	Dec 1896	David Ground	Mar 1861
Bert Ratts	Jan 1901	Delilah Ground	" "
I. G. Ratts	Feb 1882	Sally Shuler	Dec 1871
Elizabeth Ratts	Nov 1877	Ephriam Shuler	Feb 1882
H. C. Ratts	Jan 1901	America Shuler	Mar 1876
John Lee	Nov 1877	Alice Shuler	
Mary Cathrine Lee	Mar 1876	J. L. Secrest	Nov 1877
James Rodgers	Feb 1882	Sarah Secrest	Dec 1873
Malinda Rodgers	Dec 1873	John O. Warthen	Oct 1885



Mary C Shuler ✓	Feb 1881	W. M. Sandy ✓	Jan 1894
J. H. Guy ✓	Jan 1894	W. R. Crone (Dick) ✓	Feb 1882
Emaline Guy ✓	Feb 1881	Minerva R. Crone (\$Shug) ✓	Dec 1871
Rinehart Ratts ✓	Dec 1861	Cary C. Ratts ✓	Jan 1872
Louisa Miller ✓	apr 1890	Malinda Harper ✓	Sep 1882
Pearl L. Oliver ✓	Mar 1898	Julia Murphy ✓	Jun 1883
James J. Warthen ✓	Nov 1876	David K. Shuler ✓	Dec 1873
Nora Warthen ✓	" 1877	Basha Shuler ✓	Mar 1861
Frank W. Myrick ✓	Jan 1894	Ervin Blake ✓	" 1898
Minnie " ✓	Feb 1886	Sylvester Secrest ✓	Nov 1901
Walter " ✓	Jan 1894	Permilia Myrick ✓	Feb 1880

Mrs. Hattie (Wooden) Harper of Monrovia is a cousin of Myrtie Ratts



At a meeting held on the third Lords Day of Dec. 1902, held by Bro. Jason Tudor at Mt Olive there was added to the church 6 by immersion, 3 reclaimed and 1 from the Baptist.

Anna Dalton	Hallie Senrest	Etta Ground
Charlie Knoy	Clona Tipps	Minard Knoy reclaimed
Agnes Warthen	Ott. Secrest (Baptist)	Lesley Dalton
		Charley Halfacre

At a meeting held on the second Lords Day in March the 8, 1903 by Bro. Jason Tudor the church at this time is 126 strong. Bro. Tudor ended his work at this place and Bro. F. G. Mysick took his place for 1 yr. Commencing on the 2nd Lords Day in Apr. the 12, 1903.

A call meeting held by Bro. Tudor at Mt. Olive commencing on Tuesday night May 5, 1903 there was added to the church at Mt. Olive to wit By immersion :

G. N. Phares	Leo Phares	Mary E. Shuler
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and there was Emma Phares, Gilbert Phares and Marie Phares was baptised by Bro. Tudor and they claimed the Methodist Church at the Crone House (Bethlehem).

Sister Sally Dow died June 29, 1903

" Hattie J. Crone died July 2, 1903.

Susie Ratts " Jan 16, 1928.

At a meeting held by Bro. Myrick commencing on Thursday night Before the 2nd Lords Day in Dec. 1903, there was added to the church by immersion, to wit:

Willie Shuler	Laura Secrest	Minnie Secrest
Chloe Myrick	Hattie Ratts	Tina Ground
Cora Tipps	Sally Warthen	Rosa Shuler

The church is 147 Strong.

At a meeting held Dec. 10 1904 by Bro Myrick . Bro. Moss filled his place and on Jan. 1905, there was added to the church Nora Crone Not baptized and Ralph Ground not baptized.

At a meeting held Oct 28, 1905, there was added

Susie Ratts	Frank Richard	Lafe Richard
Cleo Ratts	Clarence Sykes	Lizzy Guy
Alva Guy	Anna Shuler	Oba Ratts
John Ground	Willard Stierwalt	Grant Cooper
Earl Halfacre	<sup>7 ONA ODRA</sup> Audra Williams	Secrest (girl)
Tom Blake	Gracie Dunnigan	Zenia Dunnigan
Vasie Shuler	G. N. Phares	Emma Phares
Marie Phares	Leo Phares	Ella White
Charlton Shuler	George Sykes	George Knoy
Maud Knoy	Belle Bryant <sup>same as</sup>	Rena Dunnigan not Zena
Earl Voshell	Laura Stierwalt	Mary Voshell
Greenberry Harper	Mart Dunnigan	Anna Ground
Millard Shuler	Susie Colwell	

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August 1860

One deacon was appointed and two members withdrew.

At a regular meeting of the Church on the 3rd Lords Day of Jan. 1860 the foregoing constitution and record was read and sanctioned and this book adopted as the church record. At the same time David B. Dow was appointed Clerk of the meeting.

David B. Dow.

At a meeting on Saturday before the 3rd. Lords Day in March the Church appointed James J. Shuler, Deacon.

At the same time the church on account of various charges withdrew their fellowship from Amanda Ratts.

David B. Dow Clerk.

At a meeting held at Mt. Olivet including the 1st. Sun. and Sat. before in Aug. 1860 held by Brother Kenida to which was added by immersion, Robert Finchum and Celia Finchum, his wife.

David B. Dow, Clerk.

(5) 1st Record of Trustees

On Saturday before the 4th Lords Day in Dec. 1860 a several days meeting commenced and continued by Brother Kennedy when the following persons were added to the church by immersioning: George Shuler and Sally Ratts, wife of Henry Ratts Jr. Reclaimed Amanda Ratts.

David B. Dow, Clerk.

At a meeting held at the church on the 16th day of Jan 1861 where of due notice have been given for the purpose of electing Trustees, when the following persons were chosen to wit: James J. Shuler, James J. Warthen and Henry Ratts Jr.

David B. Dow, Clerk.

(6)

At a several days meeting commenced on Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day in March 1861 and continued by Brothers Kennedy, Brown and Butterfield. The following persons were added to the church. Wm. Hollis, Mary Hollis, Mary Willson, and Elizabeth Hawkins. From the Baptist - Delila Grounds and Sarah Grounds.

Those immersed were Herod Adkins, Elijah Finghum, Josephine Murphy, Epriam Shuler, Mary A. Shuler, Rebecca Ratts, Basha Ratts David Grounds and William Burkhart.

David B. Dow, Clerk.

We the members of the church of Christ at Mt. Olivet met on the 22nd. day of August A. D. 1861 after reading and prayer. The house organized by appointing Ira J. Warthen to the chair and David B. Dow Sect. After which the case of Sister Nancy J. Denny was taken up and discussed when we the members of said church said by a sign that we would withdraw from the same, said charge was for lying.

After which the cases of Brother Wm. Denny and Sister Mary Denny and Elizabeth Denny was taken up for non fellowship. WE the Members of said church, said by a sign that we would withdraw from the same.

After which the cases of Brother George Hanes was taken up for non fellowship. Said church said by sign that we would



withdraw from the same.

David B. Dow, Clerk.

Rebecca Ratts departed this life Aug. 26, 1861.

(8) Nov. 1861 Record of Elders.

A several days meeting commenced on Sat. before the first Lord's Day in Oct. 1861 and continued by Brother Kennedy and Watson. The following persons was added to the church from the the Baptist: Wm. Bean, John R. Lacy, Jane Shook and Sarah L. Bean by immersion.

David B. Dow, Clerk.

Nov. 22, 1861

According to appointment of the church of Christ a portion of the church met at Mt. Olivet on the day above written for the purpose of choosing Elders and Deacons for said church. Wm. Warthen was chosen as moderator and Ephriam Ratts as Clerk. The regular Clerk was not present and the church chose Joseph Lee as foreman of said church and James J. Shuler as assistant elder. The church chose Charleton Shuler and Henry Ratts as Deacons of said church.

Ephriam Ratts, Clerk.

(9) Kennedy, Preacher. (Dec.) 3 by relation  
4 from 9 by immersion.

A meeting commenced on Sat. before the first Lord's Day in Dec. A. D. 1861 and continued several days by Brother Kennedy, when the following persons were added to the church. By relation, Joseph Stine, Levina Stine and Myra Myers. From the baptist, Preston D. Wakeland, Hugh G. Bragg, Jane Bragg and Sarah P. Wakeland. Immersed was Joseph Shook, Philip Myers Rhinehart Ratts, Catharine Ratts, Jane Baker, Ephriam R. Myers, Susan Hedrick, Andrew Burkhardt and Jacob Stines.

David B. Dow, Clerk.

We the members of the church of Christ of Mt. Olivet met on the 14th day of Dec. A. D. 1861. After singing and prayer the house organized by appointing Wm. Bean to the chair and D. B. Dow, Secretary, after which there was a motion made and carried that the church book be read. After reading it was sactioned, all that is recorded up to this date.

D. B. Dow, Clerk.

(10)

At a social meeting held on the 5th Lord's Day in Mar. 1862, David Dow called for a church letter of recommendation. It was then granted by the church and Preston D. Wakeland appointed Clerk Pro. Tem.

On the 4th Lord's Day in April 1862 Absolum Hanes moved his membership from the church of God at Mt. Olivet by joining the M. E. Church. Preston Wakeland, Clerk Pro tem.

according to appointment the church met on the 26th day of apr. 1862, after singing and prayer. The house organized by appointing Valoris Butterfield chairman and proceded to by signs by appointing Preston Wakeland church clerk.

Catharine Hedrick, wife of Wiley Hedrick departed this life June 13, 1862.

David B. Dow, Clerk.



2 reclaimed 2 immersed  
Rhoda Warthen

(11) Bro. Kennedy or Canada

At a meeting held by Bro. Canada on the 1st. Lord's Day in Aug 1862 Wm. Finchum and Margaret Finchum were reclaimed and immersed Rhoda Warthen. Preston Wakeland, clerk.

Leonard Hedrick departed this life on the 25th of Aug. 1862.

At a protracted meeting held by Bro. Canada on th 1st, Lord's Day in Nov. 1862, Henry Monroe was immersed.  
Wakeland, Clerk.

Sarah Shuler departed this life on June 15 1863, wife of John Shuler.

(12) 1863

April 4th, 1863 the church of Crist met according to appointment at Mt. Olive to attend to some church difficulty that was on hand. Philip Myers was chosen as moderator and Ephriam Ratts was chosen as clerk. The case of Brother Bagg and Brother Warthen (was) was taken up and Brother Warthens case brought up and he made acknowledgement to the satisfaction of the church and brother Bagg was given some time.

At a regular meeting held on the 5th of April 1863, Sarah Wakeland and Elizabeth Hankens called for church letters of recommendations, it was then granted by orders of the church.  
Ephriam Ratts, Clerk.

Bro. Bragg and Bro. Warthen settled their difficulties satisfactory to all.

(13) 1 immersed First mention of Mt. Olive, July 1863

On the 5th of July Bro Green L. Canada (or Kennedy) immersed Green Jacob Hedeick at our usual place of immersion.

Brother Jacob Hedrick departed this life on Sept. 5, 1863.

At a church meeting at Mt. Olive July 18, 1863 the case of Chartoty Hanes was taken up and her case was taken up and left to the church. She was let go out at her own request of the church.  
Ephriam Ratts, clerk.

At a meeting Oct. 11, 1863 at Mt. Olive Joseph Shook and Jane Shook called for church letters of recommendations. It was then granted by orders of the church. Ephriam Ratts, clerk.

Bro. Wm. Hollis departed this life Mar. 11, 1864

(14) 1864

April 10, 1864, at a regular meeting Alexander R. Dow joined the church at Mt. Olive by letter from Lambs Creek church.  
Ephriam Ratts, Clerk.

At a church meeting Aug. 6, 1864 at Mt. Olive and the church agreed to set Bro. Joseph Lee Down on the level with the other members and release him of his eldership, done by order of the church.  
Ephriam Ratts, Clerk.

Sept. 17, 1864 at a church meeting held at Mt. Olive on said day and bro. Philip Myers was withdrawing from the church for non fellowship. This done by order of the church.  
Ephriam Ratts, Clerk.



Bro. Hugh L. Bragg departed this life Sept. 1, 1864.  
 Sister Jane Bragg " " " Sept. 1, 1864.  
 Bro. John Shuler " " " Jan. 30, 1878.

(15) 1864--5

At a church meeting held Oct. 1, 1864 at Mt. Olive church for the purpose of attending to church matters, Joseph L. Lee, James J. Shuler, Mary Hedrick, Mary Ann Shuler and Martha A. Lee rose up in a mass and declared that they was none of us. Done by order of the church. Eph. Ratts, Clerk.

On Jan. 1, 1865 at a meeting at Mt. Olive, Bro. Philip Myers was reclaimed back to the church.

Dec. 1865.

On Dec 4, 1865 Bro. Philip Myers and Bro. A. R. Dow was chosen by the church and was ordained as Elders of the church at Mt. Olive by Bro. Green L. Canada. This done by order of the church. Eph. Ratts, Clerk Pro tem.

(16) 1865---1866 Mt. Olive

On Dec. 1, 1867 at a meeting held at Mt. Olive church, Charity Knoy called for a letter of recommendation which was granted. Eph. Ratts, Clerk.

March 3, 1866 at a meeting for the purpose of attending to business the church took up the case of Merry A. Burkhardt and the church withdraw from her for disorderly conduct. This done by order of the church. Eph. Ratts, Clerk.

Ambros Burkhardt went into the army, died 1864 or 1865.

(17) 1866

Brother John R. Lacy left our Brotherhood and has gone to some other settlement and has attached himself to the church some where else. This done by order of the church. Henry Monroe moved his residence by joining the Methodist.

Verlinda Warthen and Josephie Taylor was removed by their own request. This done by order of the church.

Eph Ratts, Clerk.

Sophia Finchem removed her residence from Mt. Olive and attached herself to Lambs Creek.

March 4, 1866

Robert Finchem and Sealy Finchem has deserted this country and is gone from us. This done by order of the church and they are no more of us.

Eph. Ratts, Clerk.

(18) 1866

Elijah Finchem enlisted in the army and deserted the army and his country and is gone from us. This done by order of the church and he is no more of us.

Eph. Ratts, clerk.

Wm. Finchem went to the army and died. Margaret Finchem went off from here and is not a resident of this community. This all done by order of the church. Eph. Ratts, clerk.

Dec. 18, 1867

Henry Ratts  
 A. R. Dow  
 Sarah Ratts  
 Mary Ratts

Philip Myers  
 David Grounds  
 Pheba Shuler  
 Delila Grounds

J. K. Shuler  
 Amanda Ratts  
 Sarah Dow



Dec. 18, 1867

Eph. Ratts, clerk.

Henry Ratts  
A. R. Dow  
Rinehart Ratts  
Elizabeth Rodgers  
Phebe Shuler  
Delila Grounds

Philip Myers  
David Grounds  
Eph. Ratts  
Amanda Ratts  
Sarah W. Dow  
Roda Warthen

John K. Shuler  
Wm. Warthen  
T. G. Ratts  
Sarah Ratts  
Mary A. Ratts  
Susan Hedrick

*Francis  
Godfrey  
Wilson*

*Bashakee Ratts* Sophia Finchum. Sarah J. Shuler, Mary Hollis, Marya. *Wilson*  
Oct. 1864

Mary Hedrick, Mary Ann Shuler and Martha Ann Lee rose up and declared they were none of us. Bragg was taken up 1863.

March 8, 1903 church 126 strong.

Minnie Shuler born Aug 21, 1884 . Died Nov. 27, 1901.

Preachers	Green Kennedy	1863, 1865, 1862, 1861, 1860.
"	Watson 1	1861.
"	Butterfield	1861
"	"Eli Pruitt	1859, 1871, 1872, 1873
"	Blankenship	1859
"	Wilhite	1859
"	Sug. Holborn	1885, 1883
"	Lockhart	1883
"	Mares	1893, 1880.
"	Smith	1871
"	I. G. Tomilson	Nov. 1890, 1891 1887, 1888, 1886.
"	Bill Runyan	March 1877, 1879, 1876, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1889, 1888, 1890
"	in March Rev. Hayes (traveling preacher	1891.
"	Hayes	1891 in Oct.
"	Jason Tudor	1902, 1903.
"	Frank Myrick	1904, 1905.
"	Roscoe Moss	1901, 1903 1905.

Ed Thomas died in jail at Spencer Jan. 27, 1905 for shooting Chockey Bowman. Records didn't say so but every one thought so.

~~Oct 1864 Mary Ann Shuler and Martha Ann Lee~~  
Susie (Shuler) Ratts born Apr. 8, 1876.

Wm. Henry Burkhart born Sept. 9, 1869.

Roscoe Ray Ratts born June 20, 1877.

Alice Ratts " Jan 31, 1879.

Laura Ratts " Aug. 10, 1880

Minter Ratta " Jan 13, 1882

Mytie " Feb. 22, 1884.

Walter " Feb. 8, 1886.

Ben Ratts born oct. 9, 1897.

Francis Ratts born Aug. 26, 1847.

Flo Oliver " July 22, 1903



Uncle Eli Pruitt passed away May 29, 1905. The year Myrtie began teaching.

Urban Brewer passed away Mar. 12, 1915.

A. D. Haase passed away after 1913.

John Hayes, mares I. G. Tomelson, Bill Rugan, James Small.  
Of the 21 ministers listed in the earlier period, Myrtie remembered 8.

Added to the church : Jan 16, 1901: clerk.

Lulu Grounds	Minnie Grounds(M. M. Grounds's daughter.)	
Minnie Shuler	Milard Shuler	Corna Shuler
Bert Ratts	Graft Ratts	Charlie Ratts
Walter Ratts	Perminster Ratts	<u>Henry Clay Ratts</u>
Henry Halfache	Albert Warthen	Clark Shuler
Fred Richard		

Jan. 17, 1901 Minnie & James Grounds, husband and wife  
Minnie (Ratts) Grounds.

Jan. 18, 1901 Leslie Dalton. Added to the church.

Jan. 16, 1901 Charlie Halfacre, Minard Knoy and Roy Grounds  
were added to the church by baptism.

Jan 16, 1901 Ettie Crone Moved . Tobie Costin moved.  
Moved membership to the church Jan.

Jan. 14, 1901

Martin Dunigan confessed. Was added to the church.

Meeting began on Sat. night before the 1st. Sun. in Jan. and e  
ended Fri. before the 3rd Sun. Preacher Jason Tudor.

Charlie Ratts, Clerk.

Dec. 20, 1902.

Added to the church:

Anna Dalton	Hallie Secrest	Ettie Grounds
Charlie Knoy	Minard Knoy	Leslie Dalton
Aggie Warthen	Hattie Ratts	Lora Roland
Laura Secrest	Minnie Secrest	Rosa Shuler
Chloe Myrick	Sally Warthen	Cora Tipps
Tina Grounds	Jason Tudor, minister.	

Under the meeting held by Brother A. D. Haase, in the year  
1912 the following members were added to the church.

Alva Knoy	Eli Stierwalt	Charlie Stierwalt
Aven Stierwalt	Luah Harper	Lizzie Ratts
Ethel Costin	Ella Grounds	Edyth Ratts
Lois Stierwalt	Verda Stierwalt	Opal Harper
rilda Guy	Forest Miller	Rebecca Warthen.



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Meeting held by Brother Moss in Nov. 12, 1917.

Added to the church:

Cora Ratts                      Tommy Warthen                      Fred Grounds  
Gurney Ratts                      Moses Ratts

Iris Ratts, now Iris <sup>Arthur</sup> Warthen joined the church Nov. 1923.

Oba and Cleo Ratts saw and read the original church book 1859 in the home of their sister, Myrtie Ratts 1959.

Minnie (Ratts) Grounds has the care of the original church book.

From book #1

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GURNEY'S SISTER



Mary Ann Burkhart died Nov. 1873 her baby Dec. 17, 1873.  
Wm. Warthen " Nov. 1, 1875.  
Rhoda Warthen " Mar. 31, 1880.  
Mrica Mannon (America Mannon) died July 9, 1886.  
Anna. Dow died May 3, 1889.  
1876

Bro. Runyan minister Added to church:  
Lydia Ratts Louisa A. Myers Caroline Shuler  
Soletta Myers John Richard Henry Shuler  
Sarah J. Burkhart Lucy A. Ratts, Mary A. Richard (daugh of Philip  
Sarah A. Shuler Wm. Shuler Manerva Grounds, married Knoy.)  
Elizabeth Knoy, married Tom Vorshell, > Dick Cron  
Loved P. Stierwalt and Elizabeth Stierwalt.

Susan Hedrick died July 12, 1877.  
1877.

Added to the church by immersion to witt:

Polly(Ratts)Knoy	John Knoy	James Sechrest
Jamima Sechrest(Warthen)	Andy Pettit	John C. Lee
Martha A. Dow	Dora Ritesman	Elizabeth Knoy
Nancy Warthen	Martha J. Sandy	Mary Ann Lee
Elizabeth Lee	Susan Moore	Amma Dow later Chrismore
Ellen Grounds later Burge		

Ellen Grounds Burge died Aug. 7, 1897.

On Dec. 1877 added and immersed, Lilly Stierwalt.

In Mar. 1878 Adam Stierwalt was added to the church. 1879  
and in June his wife Emily was immersed and added to the church.  
The same year M. H. Plaine was added.

The Third Lords Day Oct 1879 there was added to  
the church to witt:

Tabitha Ratts	Julia Rice later Tipps, Liza Wakeland
Lucetta Dow later Shuler, Nancy Dow	Mary A. Ratts

Jan 1880 at a several days meeting held Bro. Marris there was  
added to the church at Mt. Olive Fanny Ann Ratts from the  
Methodist Church. James Warthen was added to the church at Mt.  
Olive in the year 1880.

Rev. Runyan 1881 108 members 25 additions.  
Mary Knoy was added to the church 1880.

Added by Immersion,

Wm. F. Warthen	David Wellman	Ankey E. Ratts
Rhoda H. Ratts (Harriet)	Bashabee J. Ratts later Shuler	
Cathrine Shuler	Emeline Shuler	" Guy
Martha E. Stiles	Rhoda Ann Hand	Mary M. R. Shuler
Raman Welhnan	Hattie J. Shiler later Crone	Etta
Lacy Dow	Basha Ann Shuler	" Hamm
Hiram A. Grounds	America Knoy (daughter of Philip Knoy)	
George Hoyt	Candacy Ratts later Rosealters.	
Reclaimed Verlinda Warthen	W. O. Stiles, George Shuler,	
Jefferson Miller and Baker Letterman.		

In 1881 108 members.  
Sept. 22, 1881, Pheb. Wellman and Perry P. Ratts were immersed.



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Sarah Amanda Shuler consort of Clay Hancock and wife of said

Hancock departed this life . . . Oct. 12, 1881.

Ellen Letterman died Nov. 18, 1881.

Perry Ratts " Jan. 28, 1882.

Amanda Ratts " Oct. 1881. (25,)

Siller Myers " Nov. 8, 1888.

At a several days meeting held at Mt. Olive by Bro. Runyan commencing on Sat night before the second Lords Day in Feb. 1882. There was added to the church by Immersion :

James G. Wilson	Douglas Haase	Wm. Crismore
Wm. R. Ratts	Henry Marsh	Juretta. Knoy
Mary Dawson	Mary E. Marsh	Ira G. Ratts
Ephriam Shuler	John A. Ratts	Dumont Murphy
Ann Warthen later Goss	Lidd Warthen	Violy Dawson
Vina Sandy	James Ham	Anna May Dow
Henry Lee	Frank Shuler	Alison Bishop
James M. C. Ratts	Joseph Lee	George Dawson
Merica Ann Ham	Newton Sandy	Martin Dunigan
Mary Ann Ratts	James Rodgers	John Ham
Richard Crone	Malinda Knoy	

Milka Ann Wingler (Costin) wife of John Wingler, Merchant and postmaster on N. Main St in the little burg of Wakeland, Ind.

At a meeting held at Mt. Olive on March 5, 1882 Bro. Philip Myers resigned the office of deacon and Bro. F. G. Ratts (Francis Godfrey) was appointed in his stead as Deacon and Bro. Hiram Grounds as assistant deacon and Bro. Baker Letterman and Bro. Philip Myers were appointed as assistant Elder for the church.

Ephriam Ratts, Clerk.

At a meeting Mar 1882 two were added by relation D. W. Ham and Mary Ham. In April a Ms. Callahan. and in July Louisa Shuler, sister of W. R. Crone. In Sept. Malinda Harper. In Feb., 1883 Lawrence Harperw was added. In June, by immersion, Edgar Murphy and Julia Murphy. In Oct. 1884 two were added: Sarah E. Ratts and Barbara Dow. 139 people were members of the church in April 20, 1884.

In oct. 1885 there was added to the church by immersion, John Warthen.

Milky Ann Wingler died, Mar 20, 1884.

Sarah Ratts " Aug. 21, 1884

Philip Myers " July 1, 1885.

Laura J. Dow " May 28, 1886 daughter of Alex and Sally

Basha Shuler (Hamm) Died Feb. 3, 1887.

At a several days meeting at Mt. Olive held by Bro. I.J. Tomilson, starting on Mon. after the 2nd Sun. in Feb. 1886 and laste several days there was added to the church by immersion:

James Berge	Frank Whitson	Deede Buerdly
Charlie Shuler	Minnie Brick who lived at H. A. Grounds	
Permealy Shuler.	Sally Ann Dow.	

Oca Shuler died Dec. 29, 1900.



On the third Lords Day 1887 in Feb., held by Bro Tomilson there was added and immersed:  
Silas Dow, Ephriam O. Shuler, Mary J. Warthen & Florence G. Shuler.  
and Milton Mannan.

Sister Elizabeth Dow called for a letter of recommendation which was granted and written and sent to her in Colorado by order of the church this Jan. 1888 . Ephriam Ratts, clerk.

Feb. 20, 1888 there was added to the church to witt:

Lucy Knoy	Netta Marsh	later Washburn
Addaline Ratts, later Alexander,	Anna Kirkwood	
Lilly Warthen	"	Tipps
Susan Shuler	"	Murphy
Sammie Dill	Lewis Wingler	Walter Grounds
Emmit Murphy	Perry Dow	Jerry Mire Ratts (Jeremiah)

Mary Warthen died May 27, 1889.

Jane Roland Joined the church fom the Baptist church Oct. 20, 1889,

At a meeting held by Bro. Brown Nov. 1889 , Rosy Lingle and Etta Warthen and Anna Harper were immersed by Rev. Runyan.

Rev. Runyan 1890

Rev. Tomelson 1890 to 1891.

In Mar. 1890 there was added to the church by immersion:

Cora Hedrick	later Hensley	William Miller
Lilly Moran	"	Warthen , Ed Tipps and wife (by relation).

Also Louisa Miller.

In Nov. Susan Warthen Later Caldwell.

On March 18, 1891, members added were: Rev. Hayes, Min.

Sonny Blake	Char	Charley Dow	Ed Burkhart
Blanch Blake	later Wingler	Samuel Shuler	Myrtie Burkhart
Effie Shuler	"	Stevens	Zula Mannan

Added by immersion :

Hattie Steirwalt	Matilda Collier	Metta Mannan
Sina Grounds	by relation.	

By reasons of a fire Jan 12, 1902 the church records were totally destroyed . Members met on Dec. 20, 1902 to make a new record of said church. Following named officers:

H. A. Grounds, Rinehart Ratts and Henry Ratts	as trustees.
M. M. Grounds, N. J. Sandy and Ephriam Shuler	as Elders.
Ed. Tipps, W. H. Ratts, Sammy Shuler & Henry Shuler	, Deacons.
W. H. Miller as Clerk.	Ass't , James Grounds.