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Members of the Christian Church in Sumner County in the 1800s

In an 1887 history of Tennessee,¹ we find biographies of some Sumner County citizens, with their church affiliations mentioned. It should be noted that specific congregations are not named—simply the denomination or fellowship.

Dr. Humphrey **Bate** [b. 1844] was “a Democrat . . . a Mason and a member of the Christian Church, his wife being an Old School Presbyterian.”²

James P. **Bullock** [d. 1858] and his wife Mildred Drake **Bullock** [d. 1876] “were members of the Christian Church.”³ Their son, James W. **Bullock**, and his family were members of the Christian Church. They had moved back to Gallatin in 1854.⁴ James W. Bullock’s son, Nathan **Bullock**, is listed in our 1917 directory.

A Dr. Robert T. **Bush** [b. 1836] went to Tolbert Fanning’s school, Franklin College. “In 1872 he married Miss Nettie E. Dobbins . . .” He and Nettie were members of the Christian Church. Robert was also a Mason and member of I.O.O.F. Howard Lodge.⁵ A “Robt.” and “Mrs. Nettie” Bush are listed in our 1917 directory.⁶

An Eliza Jameson **Carr** [b. 1854, m. 1875]⁷ was “a faithful member of the Christian Church.”⁸

A Louisa **Chenault** [b. ~1812] was “a devout member of the Christian Church.”⁹ Her daughter-in-law (?)¹⁰, Sallie Bullock Chenault [b. 1846], was a member of the Christian Church, too.¹¹

A David **Chenault** [b. 1833] and his wife Martha Head Chenault [m. 1856] were members of the Christian Church.¹²

¹ *History of Tennessee, From the Earliest Time to the Present; Together with an Historical and a Biographical Sketch of the Counties of Sumner, Smith, Macon, and Trousdale, Besides a Valuable Fund of Notes, Original Observations, Reminiscences, Etc., Etc.* Nashville: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1887. Herein cited as “Goodspeed.”

² Goodspeed, p. 854.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 857.

⁴ *Ibid.*, pp. 857-58.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 858.

⁶ Since the directory calls Nettie “Mrs. Nettie Bush,” and not “Mrs. Robert Bush,” it could be that the “Robt.” listed in the directory is a son—if they had had a son named after the senior Robert Bush.

⁷ She married Dr. Edwin S. Carr.

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 863.

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 865.

¹⁰ I need to revisit and verify this.

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² *Ibid.*, p. 866.

A Milton and Nannie Dunn **Chenault** [m. 1874] were “active members” in the Christian Church.¹³

A William and Lydia Hall **Chenault** [m. 1882] were “consistent members.”¹⁴

A Charles C. **Chenault** [b. 1858] was a “consistent and useful member.”¹⁵

(Okay, no more Chenaults.)

A John C. **Frazier** [b. 1835] “completed [his] education” at Tolbert Fanning’s school, Franklin College, in 1860. Mary Bender Frazier [his wife?],¹⁶ and their oldest daughter, Elizabeth, were “prominent members of the Christian Church.”¹⁷

Members of a **Gillespie** family—Oma, Bell, Queen and Susan—were members of the Christian Church.¹⁸

William [b. 1848] and Mary Mentlo **Hall** [m. 1874] were “esteemed members of the Christian Church.”¹⁹

A Mrs. James K. Polk **Harsh** [m. 1869] was a member of the Christian Church.²⁰

A Bathenia Branham **Head** [m. 1841], her son Milton E. Head, and her daughter Altie were Christian Church members.²¹

A J. A. **Mentlo** [b. 1833] and his wife, Susan Branham Mentlo [m. 1852], belonged to the Christian Church.²²

Caroline Lawrence **Natcher** [m. 1852]²³

Nannie Lain **Pond** [m. 1857]²⁴

Margaret Palmer **Robb** [m. 1850]²⁵

D. A. **Rascoe** [b. 1800], his wife Amanda Baker Rascoe [m. 1859], and their children Willie and Hettie were members of “the Church of Christ.”²⁶

Nelson B. **Turner** [d. 1874]²⁷

J. N. **Turner** [b. 1839] and his wife Pattie Bullock Turner [m. 1865]²⁸

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These biographies reveal Christian Church affiliations in Sumner County prior to 1887.

¹³ Ibid., pp. 866-67.

¹⁴ Ibid., p. 867.

¹⁵ Ibid., p. 868.

¹⁶ I need to revisit and verify this. Alas, my notes were insufficient.

¹⁷ Ibid., p. 882.

¹⁸ Ibid., p. 883.

¹⁹ Ibid., pp. 885-86.

²⁰ Ibid., pp. 887-88.

²¹ Ibid., p. 892.

²² Ibid., pp. 902-3.

²³ Ibid., p. 909.

²⁴ Ibid., p. 913.

²⁵ Ibid., p. 915.

²⁶ Ibid., pp. 917-18. Note the use of “Church of Christ” instead of “Christian Church”; I’m not sure why.

²⁷ Ibid., p. 922.

²⁸ Ibid., p. 923.