



# CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY

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## The Green Street Church Building Era (1870-1914)

In this issue, as in some previous issues, I list the names of people on record who were received or admitted into our church (or the broader Church) during our years at the Green Street building. While our later presence on Main Street seems to dominate many peoples' sense of our history, the names below reveal the activeness of our faith in the community before moving to Main Street, and before Brother Olmstead took the helm.

My previous name listings left off at the year 1902. I continue, then, with 1903 (mostly alphabetical by last name).

1903<sup>1</sup>: Mrs. Maggie Adams; Cullen Baker, Miss Fannie Baker; Mab Brown; Miss Vaslum (?) Bullock, Nathan Bullock; Mattie Buckingham; N. (?) Bullock?<sup>2</sup>; Miss Anne Drain; Minnie Dabbins; Miss Vinnie (?) Moneyfeney (?); C. C. Rash, Mrs. C. C. Rash; Catherine Reynolds; Miss Ada Smith; Miss Johnnie Smith; Mrs. R. H. Smith; Mrs. Ines Smith; Mrs. Martha A. Smith; Miss Pauline Talbot; Miss Maggie Turner; Mrs. Emma Wilson; and Mrs. John Smith.<sup>3</sup>

1904: J. F. Marshall, listed in 1904 as the church treasurer (B. E. Love and W. L. Oldham were on the finance committee with Marshall); J. C. Graham, listed as the church clerk<sup>4</sup>; Mrs. L. M. Potts, baptized by Robert Zahn; and Mrs. R. W. Ramsey, baptized by L. S. White.<sup>5</sup>

It is noteworthy that, in 1904, **Robert Boll** performed the services (not specified: presumably funeral services) for a Miss Belle Glover.<sup>6</sup> Boll was the preacher for Portland Avenue Church of Christ in Louisville, KY, and would form a good, working friendship with Brother Olmstead. I don't know his connection with Belle Glover herself, or with our church at this time. (Brother Olmstead will not work for Gallatin for another 10 years.) Robert Boll may have had a working relationship with Brother White, who was our preacher in 1904.

1905: Martha Malone.<sup>7</sup>

Also in 1905, shared in hindsight: in May 1905, Harold Olmstead graduated from Potter Bible College in Bowling Green. He then enrolled at Western Literary Bible College in Odessa, MO.

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<sup>1</sup> All names, except the last, are found in what I have (provisionally) named our *Record of Members* book 1.

<sup>2</sup> The ink for this entry is faded and/or lighter. It may have been a mistaken repeat of the earlier "Nathan Bullock" entry. The Bullocks were members of the Christian Church in Sumner County from at least the 1850s. A Nathan Bullock is listed in our 1917 directory.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. John Smith is found in *Record of Members* book 2.

<sup>4</sup> Marshall, Love, Oldham, and Graham listed in book 1.

<sup>5</sup> Potts and Ramsey listed in book 2. Recall that White was our minister from 1899 to 1905.

<sup>6</sup> Book 1.

<sup>7</sup> Book 1.

Verna Sullivan, who was from Kentucky, also enrolled. In October 1905, Harold sent a letter to Verna, reading as follows:

“Miss Verna Sullivan:

“Dear Friend: The young people are planning an excursion to the country next Sun. afternoon and I should be pleased with your company on that occasion.

“Will you please let me know tomorrow?

“Sincerely,

“H. L. Olmstead.”<sup>8</sup>

1906: Chloe Marshall; and Miss Mary Porter Youree.<sup>9</sup>

1907<sup>10</sup>: Mr. Tom B. Anderson, Mrs. Tom B. Anderson; Vivian Bullock; Horace Brown; Carlos Bruce; Mrs. Harry Braswell; John F. Baker; Mrs. Crutcher; Harry Carmachel; Miss Jodie Chenault; Miss Georga (?) Chenault; Miss Minnie Carmachiel (?); Lucian Drain, received by restoration; Mrs. Zula Driver; Ed Elliott; A. E. Frakes; W. V. Frakes; Miss Munel Gouley (?); Miss Overton Harris; Mrs. Mattie T. Harris; Elkanah Head; Mrs. Bettie Head; Mrs. George Hunter; Mrs. Ethel Harman, received by commendation “From Baptists”; Mrs. S. P. Jamison; J. N. Judd; Mr. I. F. Knight; Miss Essie (Effie?) King; Miss Mahala Meadows; Tom Newton (residence in Wilson Co.); Newton Penn; Catherine Rutledge; Frank Reed; Reynolds; George Robinson; Frank Seay; Miss Jone (?) Strain; and Tom Wells.

Note: Many of these were admitted by baptism on the same date: April 9, 1907. They likely were baptisms resulting from a protracted meeting.

In 1907, the Elders were: J. N. Turner, Harris Brown, H. C. Rutledge, Geo. E. Seay, J. T. Baskerville, and Ed T. (?) Seay.<sup>11</sup>

1908: Lee Anderson (listed with E. L. and Mrs. E. L. [added 1909]); Mrs. Lillie Brittin; John Fry; Mrs. Shirley Fry (baptized “at the \_\_\_?”); Fleming Harper; Mrs. J. H. Perry; Jack Perry; Mrs. E. M. Woodward (?); and Mrs. B. A. Williams.

1909: Mrs. E. L. Anderson; Mrs. Bettie Cardwell; Mrs. B. S. Frakes; Freeman; Miss Bella Fry; Miss Netta Fry; Frank Hudson; William Harness; Berry (?) Love; Mrs. Louisa Love; Boyd Perry.

A book 1 entry notes the passing of Mrs. Jack Fry: “Funeral at home; buried at Gallatin by I. C. Hoskins.” It is my understanding that **I. C. Hoskins** was our minister at this time. I have found a few scant records documenting his work with us. He and his wife are listed as received into our church by commendation, but with no date written. Other examples of his work will be shared in the future. For now, in addition to officiating the funeral of Mrs. Jack Fry in 1909, I found an obituary online for Gertrude Brown Bate, who also passed in 1909, and whose funeral services were “in charge of Rev. I. C. Hoskins.”<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> A digital, scanned copy of the letter is in Daniel’s possession. A hard copy (the original?) of the letter is in our church archives.

<sup>9</sup> Book1.

<sup>10</sup> Book 1 names.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid. for this list and all others names remaining in this issue.

<sup>12</sup> Available at: <http://harrishancock.familytreeguide.com/getperson.php?personID=I2339&tree=HarrisKingHancock&PHPSESSID=7557b26c17cfefc95f66a0ba69358989>. Accessed November 12, 2013.