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Sarah Anderson, William Mitchell, Samuel Spence; 1824, John Anderson; 1825, Mrs. Elsie C. Roat, Margaret Roat; 1826, Mrs. Mary Burton, Joseph Owen, Annie Patten, William Spence, Thomas Dickey and Isabella, his wife, John Spence, William Thatcher and Hester, his wife; 1827, William Shields, Jacob Morris, Mrs. Polly Soule, James Spence, Susannah Morris, Annie Haywood, Phoebe Clinton, Hannah Shields, Elsa McKinney, Hester Eveland, Joseph Wallis, Mrs. Rebecca Spence; 1828, John Oliver and Margaret, his wife, Miss Mary Munce, Mrs. Sarah Spence, John O. Thacker, Andrew W. Spence, Samuel W. Spence, Andrew Spence, Jr., James Walker, Mary Shields, Eleanor Clinton, Judith Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Permelia Snell, Jane Spence, Esther Spence, Ann Spence, Bulah Thacker, Eliza Paxton, Elizabeth Dunlap, James Dunlap, Joseph Dunlap, Lewis Atkinson, Isabella Martin, Daniel Barber, Jane Cox, Thomas Spence, George Shields, John Shields, Lucinda Shields, Elizabeth Kelley, Samuel Walker, Jr., Joseph Anderson, Elizabeth Burton, Catherine Burton, Jacob Schuyler and Margaret, his wife, Elenor Cummins, Jane Ann Cummins, Mary Wene, Mary Ann Gillis, Joseph Branch, Samuel B. Walker, John Walker, Isabella Hall, Jane Ligggett, David Shields; 1828, Patience Barber, Martha Clinton, Margaret Dickey, Benjamin Thacker, George Constable, Charles Leeper, Tabitha Drake, Rebecca Barker, John Dunlap, William Roat, Charles Cummins, William Cummins, Elizabeth Cummins, Nancy Kelley, Elizabeth Wene, Girty Schuyler, Hester Thacker, Elenor Simonton, Jane McKinney, Susannah Oliver, Ann Wene, Eliza Mullen, Jenetta Frybarger; 1829, Mrs. Ruth Burrows, Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins, Annie Munce, Mrs. Benjamin Erwin, William Spence, Jr., William Frybarger.

May 29, 1830, the church of Union having, by consent, united with Bethel Church, the following enrolled themselves as members, viz.: Harman Eveland, Jennetta, his wife, Mrs. Sarah Orr, Mrs. Martha Paxton, Mrs. Elenor Leeper. In this same year a camp-meeting was held at Montgomery, lasting from August 27 to August 31, inclusive, at which the following persons were received into the communion of the church, viz.: Catharine Brunson, Thomas Brunson, David Cummins, Deborah Foster, Elizabeth Parker, Jessie Wood, Elizabeth Wood, Andrew J. Walker, Hester Haywood, Margaret Heaton, Phoebe Heaton, Lydia Haywood, Joseph A. Shields, Caleb Oliver; 1830, Sarah Munce, Margaret Oliver, Margaret Coburn, Nancy Cox, Catharine Spence; 1831, Mary Ann Nickles, Anna Garrison, Jonas Garrison and Elizabeth, his wife, Miss Rachel Phillips; 1832, John Spence; 1833, Abraham Wilson, Margaret S. Frame, David Biggs, Elizabeth Scott, Jane Scott, Richard McKinney and Lydia, his wife, Mrs. Martha Boyd; 1834, Andrew Campbell, Rebecca Gordon, Joseph Rapp and Margaret Rapp; 1835, Mrs. Martha Irwin, Carrie A. Westerfield, George Rapp, William Scott, Maria Oliver, Mary Scott, Margaret Gaines, Dr. Hiram Cox and Margaret, his wife, Caroline Spence, Isaac Westerfield, Hannah Oliver, Margaret Dickey, Agnes Campbell; 1836, Mrs. Mary Marsh, Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, Mrs. Eliza Spence, from Middle Spring, Penn.; 1837, Agnes Lowry, Maria Fold, James Hindman and Mary, his wife, Samuel Anderson, Katherine Quimby, Mrs. Mary Felter, Mrs. Martha Boyd; 1838, Preston Bishop and Hannah, his wife, Fannie Stephens, Adaline Stephens, William Schuyler and Christina, his wife; 1842, Ruanza Phillips, Elizabeth Anderson, Mariah Millsbaugh, Rachel Burton, Elenor Morris, William Coburn, Leah Walker; 1843, Dgnira Johnson, Jane Walker, Elizabeth Clinton, Nancy Newel, Lewis Elston; 1845, Cassander Wene, Louis A. Miles, Sarah Miles, Joana Spence; 1846, Eliza Phillips; 1849, Elenor Walker, William H. Walker, Mary Jane Shields, Mary Spence, Ezra A. Butler; 1850, Rachel Shields.

Names of Elders:—Colon Spence, Robert Shields, Joseph Owens, William Spence, Thomas Dickey, John Oliver, George Shields, R. B. McKinney, Sam-

uel W. Spence, J. B. Spence, B. Erwin, William Thacker, William Swank, James Walker, Samuel Spence, Dr. N. W. Bishop, Alexander Robb, Daniel Shields. The present incumbents are A. J. Walker, William Swank, Dr. N. W. Bishop and Samuel Spence.

Death of Members as copied from Records.—Isaac Spence, January 24, 1820; Margaret Anderson, October 15, 1820; Jane Shields, September 7, 1821; James Anderson, May 5, 1825; Sarah Anderson, May, 1827; John Anderson, September 14, 1827; Upheny Munce, July 16, 1830; Mary Munce, July 17, 1830; Esther Spence, October 17, 1830; Joseph Anderson, May 13, 1831; Mrs. Annie Spence, July 13, 1831; Harman Eveland, August 17, 1831; Isaac Clinton, January 13, 1832; Margaret Spence, February 12, 1832; Katherine Thacker, September 7, 1833; Martha Paxton, March 10, 1835; Rhoda Martin, August 13, 1835; Colon Spence, June 13, 1836; William Spence, 1837; William Newel, December 20, 1840; Mary Burton, August 7, 1840; Mary Wene, April, 1840; Sarah Martin, May 3, 1841; Eliza McKinney, August 9, 1841; Jacob Schuyler, May 10, 1841; Katherine Spence, November 20, 1842; Sarah Spence, January 15, 1843; James Smith, 1844; Margaret Schuyler, April 10, 1844; John Ross, August 20, 1844; Samuel B. Walker, December 6, 1845; Elenor Simonton, October 8, 1848; Thomas Spence, March 6, 1849; Hannah Walker, February 14, 1851; Samuel S. Shields, 1852; Agnes Smith, April 12, 1854; Thomas Dickey, May 14, 1856; Isabella Walker, September 25, 1857; Martha Shields, November 19, 1863; Isabella Dickey, November 1, 1864; James Martin, March 12, 1864; Hester Ann Walker, December 24, 1864; Martha Clinton, April 7, 1865; Mary Ann Gillis, December, 1866; Esther Spence, March 12, 1866; Andrew Spence, 1866; Alexander Gaines Walker, killed at battle of Murfreesboro, December 31, 1862; Minerva Shields, January 24, 1867; Francis M. Swank, August, 1869; John Quincy Spence, October 17, 1868; Hannah Spence, June 8, 1871; Rachel Burton, 1871; Caroline Swank, March 23, 1871; James Caldwell, August 9, 1871; Aaron Schuyler, December, 1872; Ruanza Spence, June 8, 1873; William H. Walker, June 2, 1873; James Walker, July 15, 1879; Eliza H. Spence, July, 1880; Jane Spence, February 20, 1880; George Shields, July 26, 1880.

The above is only a very limited list of the dead, but is all that could be gathered from the church records.

BETHEL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The use of intoxicating drink was a besetting sin among the pioneer settlers. Its evil effects were felt in almost every household. Was there to be a wood-chopping or a log-rolling, and we might add with truth, a church building to be raised, whisky was regarded as one of the essential aids to a proper performance of the work. No farmer thought of commencing his harvest, without first securing a liberal supply of liquor. Thomas Dickey, then a young man, was one of the first to awaken to a knowledge of the moral degradation being fastened upon the community by its use. About the year 1825, young Dickey, in connection with James Walker, William Shields, and Andrew Spence, organized the "Bethel Temperance Society." A constitution was drafted and necessary by-laws were adopted. Thomas Dickey was chosen President. Accessions were rapidly made, and in a short time the society numbered one hundred members. It is a remarkable fact that among all these members, but a single violation of the pledge occurred. The influence of this society for good was incalculable. It banished whisky from the social gatherings, from the harvest field, from the log-rolling and other similar gatherings. The society preserved its organization for many years and finally died out, not because the temperance spirit was less dominant, but because the work was completed in the neighborhood. There was no longer any foe to fight.

children, five boys and three girls—all deceased but one. He was a blacksmith by occupation and a pious man. Daniel was but 4 years old when his parents came to Ohio, and during the War of 1812 served with General Harrison; was in the siege of Ft. Meigs, in which he was severely wounded by the explosion of a shell. He lived in the vicinity of Comargo, and was a successful farmer. He died in October, 1892, aged upward of 40 years. His wife died ten or twelve years previously. He had by his first wife six children and three by the second. Our subject was brought up on the farm, and in the subscription schools he obtained only a limited education. He was married Nov. 8, 1838, to Frances M. Line, of Warren Co., who bore him six children, viz: Irwin, Isabelle, Caroline, Bishop C., William C. and Samuel A. Irwin was a member of the 2nd Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf., in which he enlisted in 1861 and served his country faithfully until 1864, when he was discharged. Mrs. S. died Aug. 4, 1869. She was born June 30, 1820. Mr. S. was again married to Jane Spence, who died Feb. 29, 1880. His last marriage was with Mary Morrow Pendery, to whom he was joined Sept. 29, 1881. He has been connected with the Bethel Church many years, and has been a Ruling Elder for 20 years. He owns 67 acres of land, which is nicely improved.

A. L. THOMPSON, farmer, P. O., Loveland, was born in Hamilton Co., Ohio, in the year 1842, and is a son of John Thompson, a gentleman of Scotch parentage. Our subject received the rudiments of his education in the district schools, which was afterward developed at the Farmers' College, of which institution he is a graduate. In 1861 he enlisted in Burdall's 4th Cav.; served three months and then enlisted in the three years' service. With him were his brothers James and William. John, another brother, enlisted in 1864 in the 10th Cav. James came home Lieut. Col. of the 4th Cav., having seen active service all through the war and participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the war. He was taken prisoner in front of Atlanta while trying to save one of his men. Our subject was quarter-master and forage-master most of the time he was out. All were honorably discharged at the close of the war. After his return home he engaged in the grocery and livery business, each in its turn, and eventually, on account of his wife's ill-health, in 1860 purchased a farm of 128 acres on which he resides. In 1866 he was married to Miss Lydia Hunter, who was born in England. To them two children have been born, viz: Charles H. and Jessie. He is an exemplary Christian gentleman and a member of the Bethel Church. Is a Republican.

W. H. WALKER, deceased, was born on the old home farm in 1819, and was a son of Samuel B. Walker, a pioneer. He was reared on the farm, and in the district schools he fitted himself to teach. Some years before his death he left the farm, which he had carried on by others, and he opened a store in Murdock. He was a generous, kind-hearted man, and was always very kind to the poor, and his death was universally regretted by all. He was twice married, first to Sarah J. Millsbaugh, who bore him three children, viz.: Maria, Margaret E. and Agnes J. Mrs. W. died in 1845. His second marriage was celebrated with Ellen Ward, of Cleremont Co., Ohio. He was a successful man and held some of the township offices, and was a Notary Public. He was a leading member in the Bethel Church, of which he was Treasurer. He died June 2, 1873, leaving at his death 200 acres of land. Mrs. W. was born in Cleremont Co., O., in 1824, and is a member of the Bethel Church.

THOMAS D. WALKER, farmer, P. O., Murdock. The above gentleman is a son of Samuel B. Walker, who was born in Franklin Co., Pa., in 1779 or 1780. Samuel B. was a son of Samuel and Isabelle (Brice) Walker, of the above county. He purchased 1,000 acres of land in this township in 1798, but did not settle on this purchase until 1802. With Samuel B. came his two sisters, Esther and Margaret, who were the respective wives of Isaac and Colen Spence, who also settled in Hamilton Township. The father of our subject was married in 1804 to Hannah Spence, of Scott Co., Ky., after which he settled on his portion of the land that was

purchased in 1798, which he cleared up, and it became his home. He was Justice of the Peace for two terms, being first elected in 1810, and served eight or ten months in the War of 1812 under Capt. Simonton. In 1824 he became a member of the Bethel Church, of which he was treasurer for fifteen years before his death. His wife was an active member in the same church from its organization in 1814. Mr. W. was a surveyor of some note. To him were born ten children, four of whom are living, viz.: John S., Samuel, Andrew J. and Thomas D. The deceased are: Sarah, Isabelle, James, William H., George W. and Margaret J. Mr. Walker died Dec. 6, 1845. She departed this life Feb. 4, 1851. Our subject was reared on the farm, and remained with his parents until of age. March 4, 1854, he was married to Eliza A. Chaney, of Cleremont Co., Ohio. After his marriage he lived eight years on the old home farm, when he came to his present place of residence. He and his wife are members of the Bethel Church, to which he has been connected forty years, and as deacon of the same for twenty years. He owns 117 acres of excellent land, which is nicely improved; in everything Mr. Walker is a representative man.

SAMUEL WALKER, farmer, P. O., Maineville, is another of the old and well-known settlers, who is a native of the township which he lives; is a son of Samuel B. Walker; was reared on the farm, and a limited education was all he got in the district, a subscription school. He was married to Mary A. Bigham in 1839, seven children being the result of their union, viz: John B., Alexander G., (who was a member of Co. I, 2d O. V. I. He enlisted in 1861; served nearly two years, and was killed at Murfreesboro), Luther and Sarah; three are deceased, viz: Hannah A., Gilbert and Newton. Mrs. W. died in 1851. His second marriage was celebrated with Anna Hopkins in 1852; four children have been born to them, viz: Allen T., William H., Pluma A. and James. Mr. W. has lived in the county all his life, and has been successful in his undertakings.

ANDREW J. WALKER, farmer, P. O., Murdock, was born on the old home farm in the year 1815, and is a son of Samuel Walker, a pioneer; was reared on the farm, and received only a common education in the district schools. He was married in 1839 to Leah, daughter of Isaac Phillips, an early settler in this county. Since his marriage he has lived on the place where he now resides, and has prospered. He and his wife are members of the Bethel Church, to which he has belonged fifty years. He was Deacon of the church from 1840 to 1881, at which time he was elected a Ruling Elder. To Mr. and Mrs. W. nine children were born, eight living, viz: Cynthia, Hannah L., Sarah R., LaFayette, (who is a minister in the Presbyterian Church,) Edward S., Isaac N., Vira and James L.; an infant deceased. Mr. W. owns 112 acres of excellent land, which is well improved. Five of his children are members of the Bethel Church, which is a source of gratification to their aged parents.

To all whom it may Concern



Know ye, That John Walker
Private of Captain Brent Julius H. Williams
Company, (A.) 1st Regiment of Ohio Infantry
VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the third day of September
one thousand eight hundred and sixty two to serve three years or
during the war hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States
this twelfth day of October 1864 at Columbus
Ohio for reason of Expiration of term of service
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist)
Said John Walker is a white man
in the State of Ohio is 24 years of age
five feet 4 1/2 inches high, Light complexion, Hazel eyes
Light hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer
Given at Camp Chase this twelfth day of
October 1864

P. M. Harrison
2nd Lt. U.S. Army

* This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Only a partial list of Hamilton's Justices can be given, as the records are mostly lost. Among the earliest were Michael H. Johnson, John Bowen, James Miranda, Theophilus Simonton, Samuel B. Walker, James Hill, Thomas Dickey, Col. John Hopkins, and later Esq. Munger, David Morgan, Calvin Kitchel, H. G. Dwinel, Daniel H. Shields, Clarkson Butterworth, William H. Cummins, Milton Monce and Peter Doughman. The present incumbents are Wm. C. McCammon and J. C. Redman, the latter having served since 1865.

WAR OF 1812.

In this contest Hamilton took an active part. She furnished two companies—the one a light-horse company, commanded by Col. John Hopkins, the other a rifle company, commanded by Theophilus Simonton. The writer has not been able to learn the names of any members of the first named company. The latter while making ready to take the field, had its headquarters at Hopkinsville, Theophilus Simonton was chosen Captain. The company was composed of about forty men. The writer has been able to gather from tradition and records the following names of members of the company. The list so far as it extends is thought to be reliable. Theophilus Simonton, Captain; Alex. Simonton, William Spence, William Hopkins, Samuel Anderson, Arnold Snyder, Henry Snell, Samuel B. Walker, Robert Shields, Thomas Wallace, John Wallace, Alex. Brannon, John Brannon, Ludwick Thompson, James Johnson, Alex. Nigham, Theophilus Wasson, Alexander Work, Abraham Haney, William Coburn, David Simonton, Valentine Ertle, James Hill, Hugh McCullough, John Vandervort, Jonas Vandervort and John Gillis. David Shields, Colen Spence and Archibald Clinton were also out in the service, but probably not in this company. Simonton's company was at the siege of Fort Meigs and underwent many hardships. The following extract from an original letter, now in existence, will serve to show the spirit that animated those heroes:

FORT MEIGS, FOOT OF THE RAPIDS OF THE MIAMI OF THE LAKE. }
Monday, the 28th June, 1813.

DEAR WIFE: * * * * * We have been preparing to receive another visit from the enemy this while past, but it is the opinion of a good many they never will have the effrontery to show their infernal faces at Fort Meigs again; if they do, they will have cause to rue it, as our forces will be strong enough to give them a complete drubbing. Eight hundred mounted men from Kentucky arrived here last night. Our beloved and worthy General Harrison left here the 12th of last month and I have not seen him since, but he is expected here this evening with a number of regular troops. * * * * *

SAMUEL B. WALKER.

MEXICAN WAR.

There can be but little said of the part the township took in this war. The names of the following are remembered as volunteering their services: Henry Smith, Washington Oline.

THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

The writer regrets exceedingly his inability to give a full and complete list of those who went from the township into this conflict, but can only give the names as obtained from memory, which must necessarily furnish only an incomplete list.

Company—, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry—Captain, James E. Murdoch. Members—J. C. Burns, Charles Chaney, Henry Dunham, Henry Geise, Frank Hopkinson, Henry Root, Henry Smith, William Semon, John Spence, Erwin Swank, John Walker, Gaines Walker, Robert Shields, Pliny Cottle, Dudley Mulford, John Snook, Jesse Hines, William Legg. The following were in the service, but their companies cannot be given: John Atkinson, William Atkinson,

Samuel Atkinson, Mike Doughman, Felty Doughman, David Doughman, Henry Graham, Martin Graham, John Graham, Mont Henry, Thomas Spence, Albert Boyd, William Girton, James Pollock, John Powers, Stanly Day, David Day, Luther Walker, Mitchel Shields, W. H. Haney, Samuel A. Haney, George Ertle, David Ertle, John Hitesman, Thomas C. Legg, Thomas Seaman, Verney Seaman, Henry Tomme, Thomas Wilkinson, J. A. Hopkinson, John Clark, Levi Shoemaker.

POST OFFICES.

The first post office in the township was at Hopkinsville, established in 1825, and afterward post offices were established in the following order viz.: Dallasburg, 1848, Maineville, 1854; Foster's Crossing, 1859; Murdoch, 1866, and Cozaddale, 1871. The very earliest settlers received their mail probably at Lebanon. The following, copied from the address on the back of an early letter, will show how indefinite the directions:

Mr. Samuel Walker,
living in Warren County,
State of Ohio:

*John P. Johnson Co. 1862
W. H. Haney Co.*