

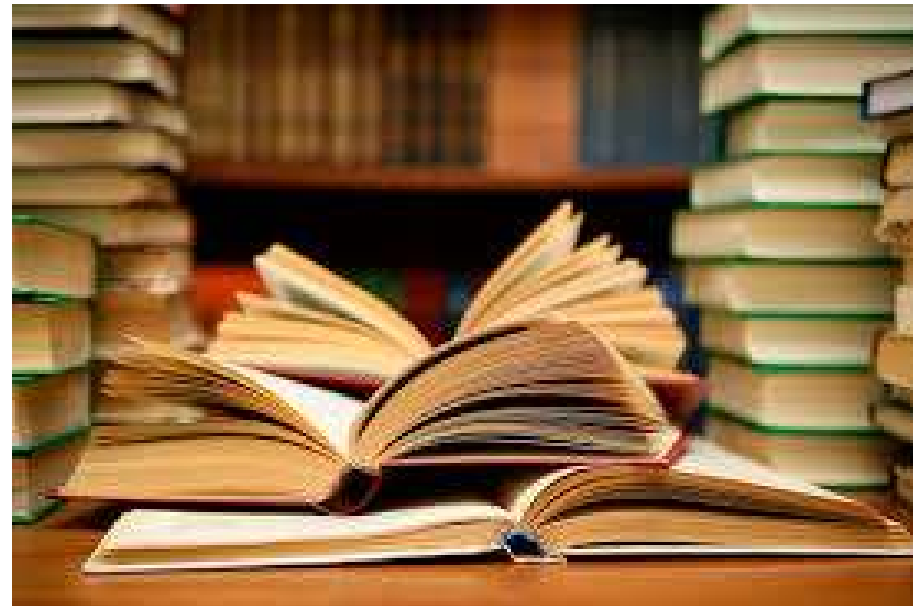


Chestnut Ridge Cousins Early Religion on the Frontier

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Sources:

The Cane Ridge Reader, Life of Barton W. Stone, Tennessee Christians, Marshall County and Bedford Sesquicentennial Histories Lincoln County Pioneers, Methodism In Tennessee, Goodspeed History, (Website – Restoration Movement), Biography of David Lipscomb and verbal conversation.





Freedom of Religion 

“Religious freedom is the most valuable and cherished of all freedom was guaranteed by the section of the Bill of Rights that was prefixed to our constitution and reads as follows: That religion or the duty which we owe to our creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed by reason and conviction, not by force or violence; and therefore all men are entitled to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience, and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice forbearance, love, and charity toward each other. The settlers were willing to endure any manner of hardships to obtain this freedom.”

-Mary Pepper Fort





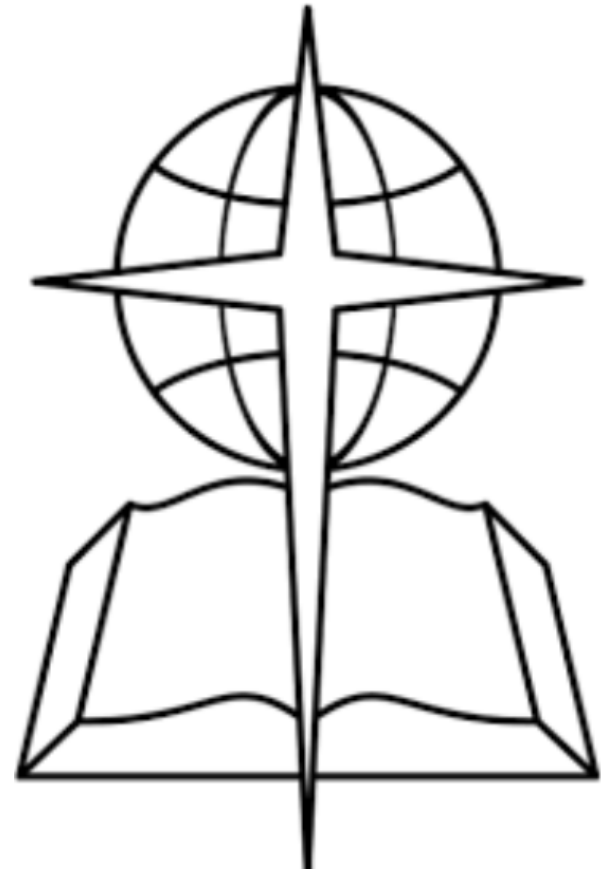




Methodist



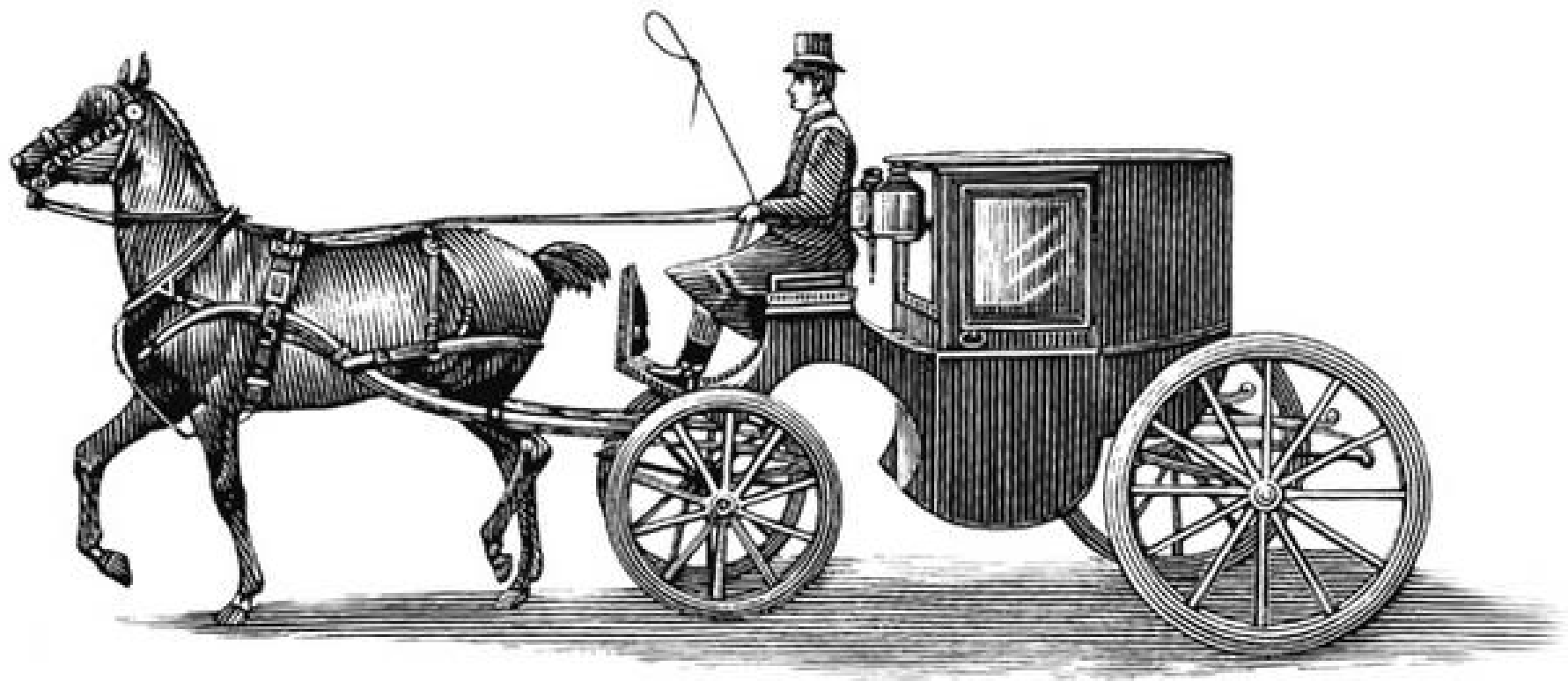
Presbyterian



Baptist

“Shelbyville is a handsome town, situated on the north bank of the Duck River, and the county seat of Bedford County. The lands in Bedford County are fertile, and well adapted for agriculture purposes. Methodism, as has been seen, was introduced into the Duck River country at an early period, and in portions of Bedford County made rapid progress. In the town of Shelbyville, the Methodist have not been so numerous as they are in other towns and cities of Tennessee; yet there has always been, since the first organization, a respectable Church, which numbered among its members some of the most worthy and honored citizens of the place. The Turrentine, Ruth, Cannon, Knotts, Blackmore, Shapard, Brown, Holt, Moody, Wilhoite and others equally worthy. In the county of Bedford, the Methodist are numerous.”

-Methodism in Tennessee



Old Cane Ridge Meeting House, near Paris, Kentucky



2884-N

Barton W.

Stone

1772-1844







*Alexander
Campbell
1788-1866*

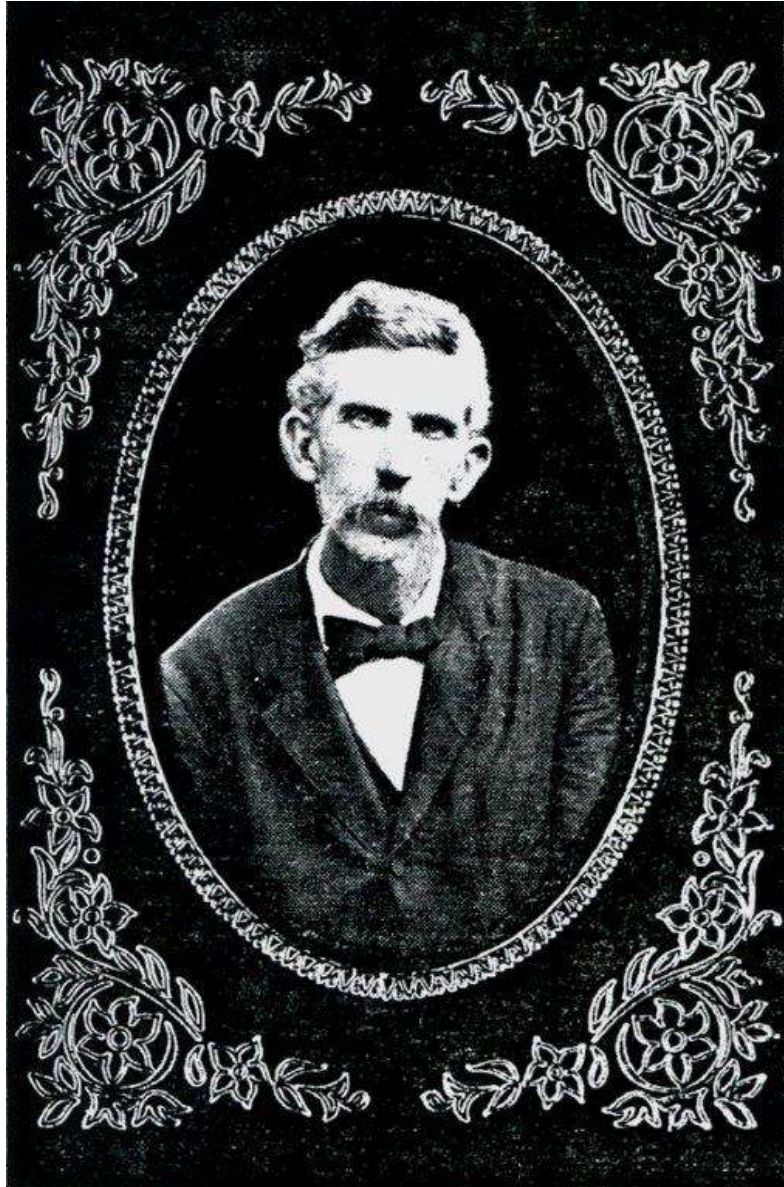


Moses Lard

1818-1880

Tolbert Fanning
1810-1874

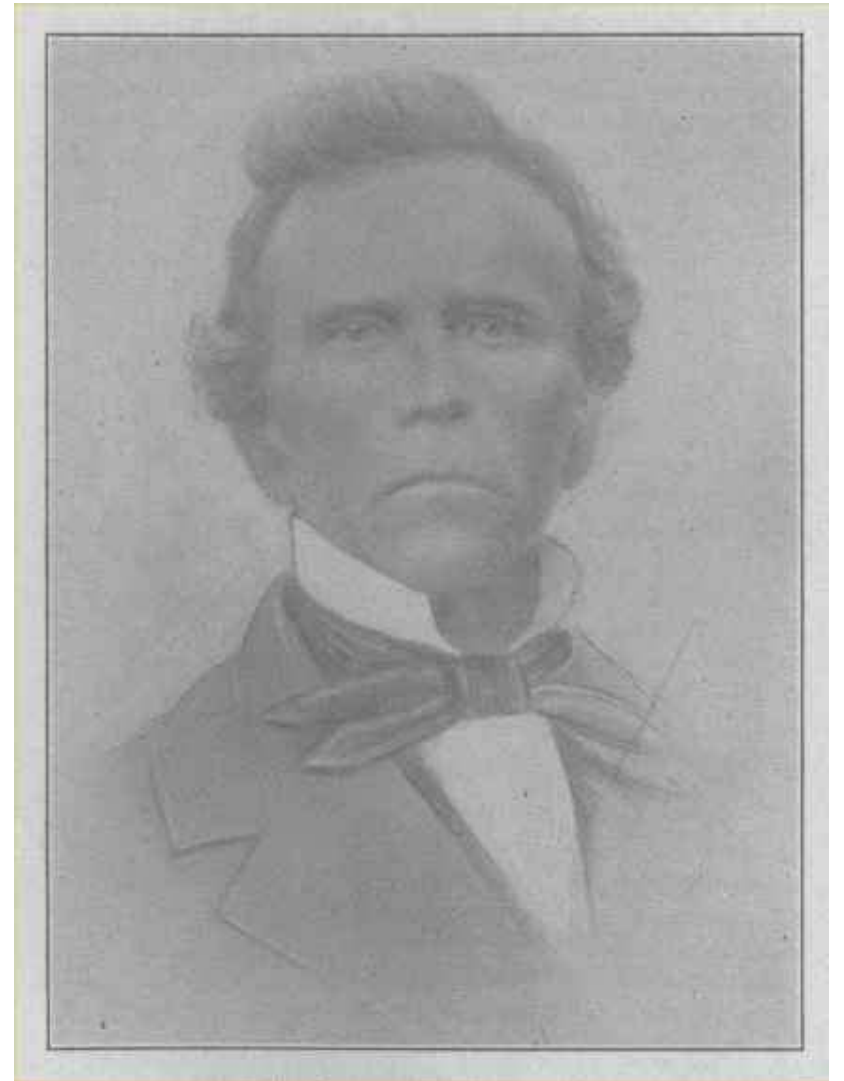




Calvin Curlee

1791-1851

Joshua
Kennerly Speer
1794-1858





Dr. T. W.

Brents

1823-1905



C. R.

Darnell

“He had given opportunity to numbers of poor girls and boys to go to school to him and after being competent, teach and obtain means and pay. Never had one single poor child either the orphan or any other, been refused the chance to get learning.”

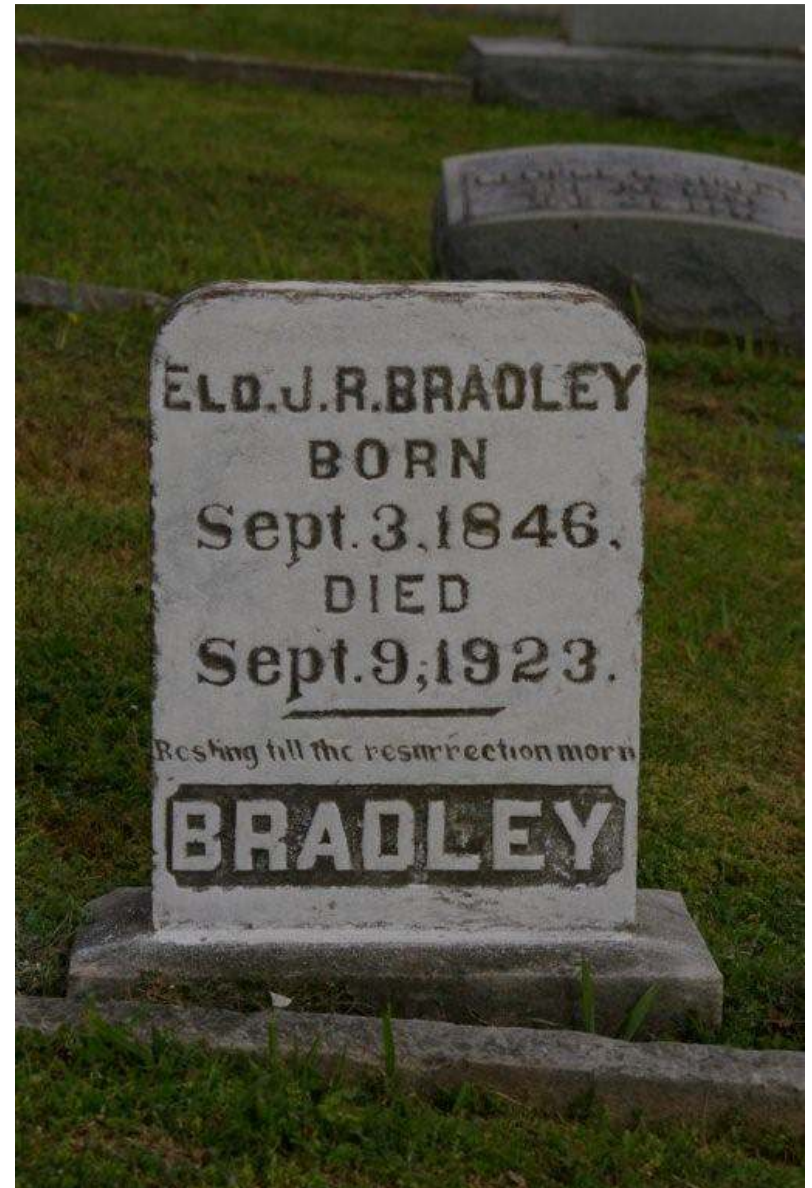




J. D. Floyd

1839-1919

*Elder J. R.
Bradley
1846- 1923*



Mulberry Baptist Church has a long history, dating back to gatherings of Baptist-believers at the home of one of the early citizens of Lincoln County, John Whitaker, Carolyn Crowley's great-great-great grandfather. John's home was in the valley of the East Fork of Mulberry Creek. He, like many others, had migrated from Kentucky. His own brother, Mark Whitaker, had come with his family, too, and lived just up the creek, almost within sight.



Mount Olivet
Church





High Hill
UPPER
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM
Pastor: JACQUE RIDDLE

Mount Hebron Cumberland Presbyterian Church

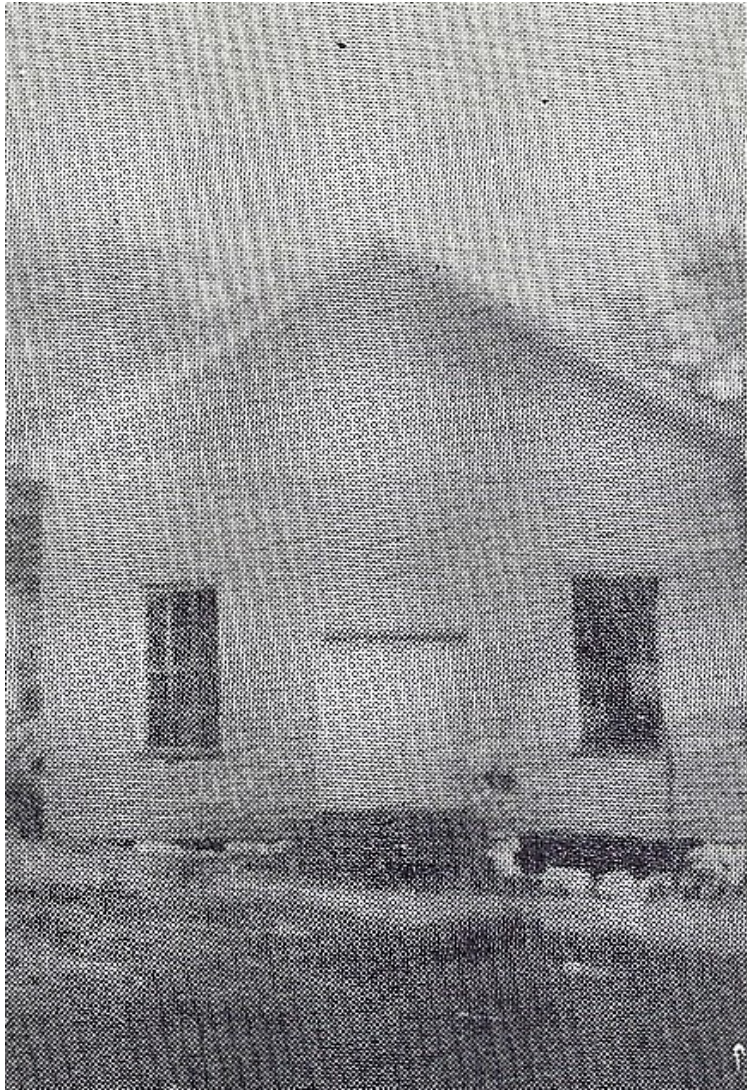


Mt. Hebron Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Belleville was organized 1830 (then Norris Creek) & is very active today in 1986.



Oak Hill Baptist Church, est. 1883
(after several years of camp meetings near Belleville) on the hill above the stores, & getting its name from the oak trees around. The Church was very active in 1986.





**Concord Primitive
Baptist Church** at Norris
Creek (now Belleville).
Est. between 1810 &
1820. Closed for lack of
member is 1935.

Former Pleasant Grove Methodist Church



Pleasant Grove Methodist Church





*James
Garfield*

Civil
War

Acapella
Music



