

HISTORY

— OF THE —

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

— OF THE —

CITY OF LANCASTER, PA.,

— FROM —

1807 to 1893.

WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF EARLIER EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH
METHODISM IN LANCASTER.

— ALSO AN —

APPENDIX

CONTAINING A SKETCH OF ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, BY THE
PASTOR, AND "CONESTOGA'S" NOTES ON THE
CONFERENCE OF 1855.

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PASTORS

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The foregoing narrative shows that from the organization of the class in 1807 until the session of the Annual Conference in 1828 the First Church was part of a circuit except in 1811, when it was a station, or separate pastoral charge. For convenience of reference the following list of stationed pastors has been prepared. The record attached to each name is self-explanatory. The years are Conference years, that is, from the spring of one year to the spring of another.

1811-1812 THOMAS WARE; died March 11, 1842, aged 83 years.

1828-1830 JOSEPH McCOOL; died April 15, 1884, aged 80 years.

1830-1831 THOMAS MILLER; died February 28, 1848, aged 78 years.

1831-1832 JOHN NICHOLSON; died October 11, 1848, aged 87 years.

1832-1834 JOHN LEDNUM; died November 18, 1868, aged 66 years.

1834-1836 THOMAS SOVEREIGN; died June 22, 1838, aged 87 years.

1836-1838 JAMES L. HOUSTON; died September 18, 1892, aged 81 years.

1838-1840 JAMES NEILL; died February 8, 1898, aged 79 years.

[James Neill died while these pages were passing through the press. The last form was printed on the day of his funeral].

1840-1842 DALLAS D. LORE; died January 20, 1875, aged 60 years.

The foregoing served as pastors in the first house of worship erected by the Methodists in Lancaster.

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The following served as pastors in the Church on Duke street, below Walnut street, opened in 1842, closed in 1891, taken down in 1892.

1842-1848 SAMUEL H. HIGGINS; died November 6, 1887, aged 73 years.

1843-1845 ROBERT GERRY; died May 9, 1856, aged 57 years.

1845-1846 WILLIAM A. WIGGINS.

Assistant, NEWTON HESTON; died in 1865, aged 40 years.

1846-1847 WILLIAM A. WIGGINS; died October 21, 1847, aged 51 years.

Assistant, ANDREW MANSHIP; died December 1, 1892, aged 69 years.

1847-1849 WILLIAM URIE; died November 18, 1880, aged 70 years.

1849-1851 JAMES McCARTER; living at Preston, Maryland.

1851-1853 PENNELL COOMBE; died February 1, 1884, aged 72 years.

1853-1855 WILLIAM BISHOP; died May 26, 1874, aged 56 years.

1855-1857 DAVID W. BARTINE; died August 18, 1881, aged 70 years.

1857-1859 FRANCIS HODGSON; died April 16, 1877, aged 72 years.

1859-1861 WILLIAM H. ELLIOTT; living in Lebanon, Pa.

1861-1863 JAMES E. MEREDITH; died May, 1888, aged 64 years.

1863-1865 GOLDSMITH D. CARROW; living at (1010 22d street N. W.) Washington, D. C.

1865-1868 CHARLES I. THOMPSON; died January 4, 1883, aged 64 years.

1868 HENRY F. HURN; died July 17, 1868, aged 46 years.

1868-1869 EDWARD J. GRAY; living at Williamsport, Pa.

1869-1871 CURTIS F. TURNER; living in Philadelphia, Pa.

1871-1874 JOSEPH E. SMITH; pastor of State Street Church, Trenton, N. J.

1874-1877 JOSEPH B. DOBBINS; died April 22, 1887, aged 69 years.

1877-1879 JOHN R. BOYLE; pastor of First M. E. Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

1879-1881 SAMUEL H. O. SMITH; pastor of Central Church, Roxboro, Philadelphia.

1881-1888 WILLIAM C. ROBINSON; pastor of Broad Street Church, Philadelphia.

1888-1886 JAMES T. SATCHELL; pastor of Strasburg Church, Strasburg, Pa.

1886-1889 JOSEPH R. T. GRAY; pastor of Madison Street Church, Chester, Pa.

1889-1891 SAMUEL M. VERNON; pastor of Wharton Street Church, Philadelphia.

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1891 to December 18th in the church on Duke street; December 20, 1891, to 1893, in the church N. W. corner Duke and Walnut street, JOHN S. J. McCONNELL.