

Margaret (Peggy) (1817-1896) married Obediah Gardner. Children: Lissie Squires, Della Carroll, Walter Gardner, (father of Byron, Ord, Reed and Edna Quick).

John A Kerr (1818-1874) married Abigail Baldwin. She was a sister of Mrs. Andrew Kerr (Anna Baldwin). Children: Daniel Dice, Albert M., George T., Roxanna, Rachel, Perilla and Margery Louisa (who died at 8 years of age).

Daniel Dice Kerr married Mary Mason. Children: Willie, Phoebe, Henry, Rollin D., Manley and Wells.

Albert M. Kerr married Emma Reed. They lived where his son, Charles Kerr lived on the Church Run Road. Children: Eber L. Kerr, Loie, Mabel and Charles D. Kerr. Loie (dec) never married. Mabel died many years ago. Eber married Esther Davis, who passed away Dec. 5, 1951. Children: Dorothy, Jean, Barbara, and Shirley. 1) Dorothy married Clarence M. Dressler. They have three children, Cinda, Jane and Denis. a) Cinda married Ronald Joyce. Their children are: Robert, and Alan. Robert has one son, Alex T. Alan married Melissa Mong. b) Jane married Thomas O'Neill (div.). Their children are Sean and Aaron. c) Denis married Susan Spears (div.) and then married Cathy Bratton. 2) Jean married W. Rollin Young. Their children are: Wendell, Marcia, Roger and Melanie. a) Wendell married Bernice Wang and their children are Angela & Victoria. b) Marcia married Glenn Sell (div.). They had one son, Jeffrey. She is married to Richard Fletcher now. c) Roger married Winifred Mischiara and they have two children, Dennis and Kristen. d) Melanie married Alfred Priest and their children are: Constance, Andrew, Justin and Stacy. 3) Barbara married William Beers and they have two sons, Edward W. and Donald W. a) Edward married Concetta Aversa and they have three children Christian, William and Tiffany. b) Donald married Mary Kay Erich. 4) Shirley married Grant Johnson and they have three children, Kirk, Kathy and Keith. Kirk married Cynthia Carlson and their children are Laine, Logan, Lukas and Lexis. b) Kathy married John Kerezy and they have a son, Tyler. c) Keith married Julie Arvin and their children are Molly, Zachary and Anne.

Charles married Edna Gilson both deceased. Edna and Mrs. Clyde Kerr were sisters. Charles D. and Edna had three children Marjorie, Albert (deceased 1955) and Elwin.

Marjorie married Roger Anderson and their children are Stephen, David and Bruce. Stephen married Sheila Jo Lewis, children: Catlin and Collin Anderson. David married Kay Commesser and their children are Jeffery and Jill. Bruce married Lee Ann Gornik.

Elwin married Janet Ohl (a sister of Mrs. Ronald Kerr) and their children

are Elaine and Kevin. Elaine married Terry Bean of Tionesta and they have two children, Taylor and Mikaela. Kevin married Darlene Nybert and they live in Ohio with their two children Megan Maynard and Ethan.

George T. Kerr married Nancy Peterson (second wife). Children: Alice Asher and Hazel McIntosh.

Roxanna married George McGee. Sons: John and Arthur both dead. Rachel married Henry Rowe. Children: Lee J., Kenneth, Chester and Belle Rowe.

Perilia married John Ross. Children: Eunice Wheelock, Lilly Mulven, Earl, Archie, and Roxie Post.

Margy Kerr (1822-1862) married David Young. Children: Mrs. Peter Olson, mother of David, Paul, Albert, and Leo Olson, Ida Peebles and Rilla Herring, mother of Margery Adams. (David Young's second wife was also a Margy Kerr).

Esther Kerr (1825-1890) married Stephen Carroll. They lived where Paul Kunz now lives. They had one daughter, Angie, who married Lynn Hummer. Their children were Ray Hummer, Petronelle Baird and Ethel Hunt.

Polly Kerr (1819-1862:) never married, William Kerr (born 1828) married Clarisa Reynolds. He was known as "Uncle Bill". No children.



The Knapp Family

Israel, youngest child of John and Abigail (Close) Knapp, was born in 1746. He was the father of Daniel L. Knapp. Daniel L. married Julia Manning in 1805. Four of their children are recorded in the records in Billerica, Mass., namely: Elizabeth Manning, Ruth, Daniel and David Manning. Daniel L. Knapp lived for a time in New Hampshire whence he moved about 1819 with his family to the township of Oil Creek, in Crawford County, Pa. He and his wife died on this farm (the Dan Knapp farm) at the ages of 82 and 84 and were buried in the Bethel graveyard. Betsey died in about 1862 while her husband had died some years before.

Elizabeth married Charles Gunn, and they lived in Grandville, Ohio. They had no children. Ruth married Archbold Thompson, and lived and died in Butler County, Penna. She left several children, but their names are not known.

Daniel married and had one child, Mary, a girl who grew up and married Henry Vosburgh. (The Vosburgh's in Oil Creek Township are from this marriage.)

David married a Canadian woman. William Knapp was never married, and died at about 25 years of age, and is buried in Bethel cemetery.

The foregoing is a part of which was written by Arthur Knapp, a lawyer and brother of Shepard, both sons of Timothy.

Timothy and his wife had four children, one of whom is still living in Greenville. Timothy and his wife are buried in the Curry cemetery.

Shepard Knapp and his wife Nancy are buried in the Bethel cemetery.

It is this family who have stayed in the Bethel community. Victor, the youngest died when a young man. He had one son, Victor who is a pensioned Navy officer; Clyde was the Warren County School Superintendent for years, but died about 1948. His family, one girl, Gweniviere and son Lyle and wife, Hattie, still reside in Warren. George went to Ohio when a young man. He and his family are all gone. Ernest and wife lived locally - no children and both are dead. Howard and wife died about 20 years ago and are buried in the Union Cemetery.

Howard Knapp had five children. Theresea and Mora (both deceased).

Mora had one daughter Jocelyn. Buna died when a young woman. Howard Jr. died in 1951 leaving three boys: Richard, Harold and Howard and his wife (Allene Obert) who lived in the Shepard Knapp old home.

Richard moved to Seattle, Washington in 1961. He started to work for the Boeing Aerospace Company as a machinist the day after arriving there. He married Ruby Dahliang. They have four step children Gloria Lubbers, Sharon Snyder, Rodger Fraser and LaRae Maggard. Their step grandchildren are Denise Lubbers, Darla Lubbers, Kenny Snyder, Coy Snyder and Desiree Maggard. Denise Lubbers Moffat has two children Allison and Gared Moffat.

Howard III (Cub) married Margaret Marilyn Rose (dec.) and their children are Amy Elizabeth, Howard Louis IV and Daniel Edward. Howard IV (Cubby) married Tammy Elizabeth Jones and they have two children, Molly Elizabeth and Howard Louis V.

Cub is married to Pamela Joy Dempsey Beach and has gained four step children: Aaron Fredrick Beach, Shawn Carl Beach, Chad David Beach and Scott Mathew Beach.

Harold K. married Lois May Eveland. Their children are David Alan, Karen Elizabeth, Brian Edward and Carol Ann.

a) David married Sandra Teachman. b) Karen married Thomas Jeffrey Larrick and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Marian. c) Carol married Robert Edward Nelson and they have one child, Haley Alexandra.

Victor (deceased) married Ruth Miles. They had two sons Vernon and Charles. Vernon married Margaret McDonald. They have two children: MacDonald James and Nancy Suzanne. Charles married Sally Kerr (div.) They had two sons, M. Shane and Bodie Shepard. Bodie married Jennifer Moiselyn. They have a son Dylan. Charles lives on the Victor Knapp homestead, which the first Howard built after his marriage. This makes the sixth generation for these boys on the same farms. Israel: Daniel; Timothy; Shepard; Howard; Howard, (Richard, Harold, Howard); Victor (Vernon, Charles).

Jesse Kunz and His Family

Jesse Kunz is the son of the late Jacob Kunz and Magdalene Lease Kunz. Jacob Kunz was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, and came to America when a young man. He crossed the Atlantic in a sail boat which took ninety days. The boat blew off its course and the passengers were compelled to remain in the hold for three days. When he arrived in New York, he was told that he could go no further without having his money changed, which he did. However, after attempting to spend it, it was discovered to be counterfeit. He walked some of the way and worked his way through to Buffalo. He and his bride came to Centerville during the oil excitement. Jacob Kunz was a cooper by trade and made barrels for the oil industry. Jacob Kunz and his first wife had five children: Caroline, the wife of the late James Rendall, who for many years resided at Covenanter. Delia Matteson, (whose son George married Pearle Lorenz); William Jacob, and George. They are all deceased.

Several years after the death of his first wife, Jacob Kunz married Magdalene Lease of Buffalo. To this union were born four children: Chris Kunz and Lillian Kunz, (dec.) Harry and Jesse. Harry Kunz married Lelah Kerr. They are both deceased. They had two sons, Clarence Edwin and Merlin Frances. Clarence married Mildred Kerr. They have two sons: Donald Lee and Richard Kerr. Donald married Christine Winifred Bickel and they have Shannon Leigh, and Charles Kunz. Richard married Stephanie Lynn Latta. They have three children Benjamin Richard, Caroline Emily and Hawley Elise. Merlin married Dorothy Lucille Proper. They live in Centerville and have three children, Ronda Lin, Steven Francis and Brenda Jean. Ronda served in the U. S. Air Force. She married Michael Gene Jones (div.) They have a daughter Jennifer Robin. Ronda later married Joe David Delao. They have a son Robert Anthony. Jennifer has two children David Michael Jones and Austin Paul Sonne. Steven married Elizabeth Carol Prennet. Their children are Samantha Joy, Jillian Elizabeth and Justin Steven. Brenda married Jack D. Marvin. Their children are Tina Marie, Nicholas Adam, Amanda Lin, and Stacey Mae.

Jesse Kunz married Emilie Motzer in 1915. She was born in Wurttemberg, Germany and came to America in 1910.

To this union were born two children Rachel and Paul. Rachel was a school teacher and is deceased. Paul married Phyllis Martin and they have five children: Hazel, Joyce, John, Nancy and Paula.

Hazel married Robert DeMarco, Jr. and they have one daughter Chrystie. They live in Warminster, Pa. Joyce married Edwin L. Smith (div.) and they had five children: Jaymie, Lowell, Carrie, Brenda and Emilie. Joyce and her children moved back to the Bethel area in 1992. Jaymie married Nathaniel Stine December 21, 1996 and they live in Union City. They have a son Michael James Paul. John married Cynthia Burnham and they have three children: Kellie, Chad and Jessica. The Kunz family owns and operates the Dolly Run Farm at Bethel. Paula lives in Centerville. Nancy married Calvin Kunick and they have two sons Cale and Case.



The above picture was taken at the Bethel church after Jaymie Smith and Nathaniel Stine's wedding on December 21, 1996.



Vosburgh - Alcorn Family

The "Old Maid Hill, just a short distance south of Bethel Church, got its name from the three daughters of Andrew Alcorn. Their names were Betty, Polly, and Emily. Brothers of these girls were John W. and Hatten. Their mother's maiden name was Watson.

Hatten married Elvira Wright and to them were born: Dale, Ervin, Ambrose, Rose, and Iva.

John W. married Nancy Welch and their children were: Elliott, Adell, and Mary Catherine.

Elliott never married.

Adell married John Bowman. They had two children: Charles, and Bernice. Bernice married a man by the name of Rae.

Mary C. married Rulin Elvin Vosburgh. To them were born: Grace, John, Clyde, Lillian, Warren and Harry. Grace never married.

John married Ida Grove and their children are: Mary Catherine, (wife of John Colwell -- children: Caroline, 2 other girls and Bruce William); Helen, (wife of Robert Juve -- children Christine and Jennifer); and John Jr. John and Ida lived in Akron, Ohio.

Clyde (dec.) married Mildred Brant (dec.) and their children are: Virginia, Russell Brant, Paul (dec.), Richard, and Ronald Eugene. 1) Virginia married George Simpson (dec) and they had one son Roger. 2) Russell married Martha Louise Fitch (dec) and they had four children: Susan Lynne, Ann Corrine, Robert Warren and Curtis Paul. a) Susan married John Faulkner and they have two children. Amy Susan and James Aaron. Amy married Kevin Libera and they have a daughter Emily Rose. b) Ann married Bruce Kaufman and they have two children Corrine Ann and Adam Davis. c) Robert married Jocelyn Krae Layman. They have two children Aaron Russell and Benjamin Joseph. d) Curtis married Deanna Lynne Bennett. Their children are Jennifer Lynne Klakamp (step daughter) and Nicole Louise.

3) Richard married Joan Harrison (dec.) and they had one son John. John married Faith Hummel. Their children are Evan and William. Dick is married to Florence Elaine Kertcher now.

4) Ronald married Mona Lamar Faunce Bishop. They have five children. Cynthia Jane, Ronald Clyde, Leslie Rose, Vance Aaron and Melissa Jean. a) Cynthia married Robert Louis Sexton and they have Robert Eugene. b) Ronald married Constance Sherman. (div). They have two children Ronald Clyde and Jenna Rae. Ronald is now married to Lynn Phillips. They have one son Harrison Carter and they adopted a daughter Rachelle Lacey. c) Leslie married Christopher David DiNicola. They have a daughter Amber Danielle DiNicola. d) Vance married Beth Ida Kepner. They have an adopted son Aaron David. e) Melissa married Gary Anthony Lindsey and they have one son Gary Anthony Lindsey, Jr.



Fifty Years of Married Life Celebrated

Miss Mae Hasbrouck and Elias W. Hummer of Rome Township went to Meadville on December 22, 1894, where they were married at the Kepler Hotel, and yesterday they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home where they have lived for nearly half a century in the Bethel community north of Titusville.

Since the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hummer living away would find it difficult to come here in December, and as they have been visiting their parents recently, it was arranged to have the anniversary party yesterday August 24, 1944.

A buffet dinner was served at the Hummer home at noon, with all of the children, most of the grandchildren and other relatives present to the number of about sixty-five.

Neighbors and friends were invited for the afternoon, and altogether the party numbered more than a hundred. Refreshments were also served during the afternoon, including a large wedding cake, elaborately frosted, and decorated cookies and fruit punch.

During the afternoon the marriage vows were renewed with a son, Rev. Harry D. Hummer as the officiating clergyman. An informal program that was carried out included remarks by a son County Commissioner George M. Hummer, Dr. J. F. Hummer a brother of the bridegroom of half a century and the benediction by Rev. R. K. Rumbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Hummer are among the best known residents of the eastern Crawford community, and have many friends in Titusville some of whom attended the anniversary. Mr. Hummer has been a successful farmer and dairyman, and both he and his wife have taken a leading part in the social, religious and civic life of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Hummer have five children: George M. and Ralph who live near their parents, Rev. Harry D. Hummer, Methodist Minister at Pemberton, N. J.; Miss Bessie Hummer of Meadville, and Hazel (Mrs. Reid Kerr) who lives near her parents..



Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hummer, Rev., Harry D. Hummer,
Rev. R. K. Rumbaugh

Fifty-Five Years of Married Life

This bit of verse was read by Mrs. Esther E. Kerr, Superintendent in Church School December 25, 1949 as a beautiful tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Elias W. Hummer for their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. This voices Mr. Hummer's sentiment had he written it himself.

Well, children, Merry Christmas Day has come again.
And amid its pleasures is a sort of haunting pain.
A sort of wistful longing for the days of yesteryear.
When our children all were with us to enjoy the Christmas cheer.
There were five of you rascals to storm the Christmas tree,
Or search through Christmas stockings, as the circumstance might be.
Praise God, there still are five, though all of you are grown,
And except for Harry, are not so widely scattered from your
childhood home.
It was often quite a problem, when you children all were small,
To make our income stretch enough to furnish gifts for all
But your mother always did it; not a single one was missed.
When Santa came to Bethel, all you kids-were on the list.
As fond memory takes me backward to those Christmas days of yore,
I marvel at your mother as I've marveled oft before.
She is sure a wonder woman, with an energy sublime,
That is still a forceful attribute despite the lapse of time.
She still is planning something to benefit you all
With the same resourceful energy as when you kids were small.
When she made your little dresses, when she made your little suits,
She washed and ironed and cooked for you, your little beds she made;
She taught to everyone of you the little prayers you said.
She soothed your little heartaches, she wiped away your tears.
She was the guardian angel of all your younger years.
Though time has sprinkled some silver in her hair.
The mother love is just as strong as in those days of yore.
And maybe that's why Christmas brings an element of pain,
To think our little children will be never ours again.
That never will we hear again those cries of childish glee.
When these five little Hummers stormed around the Christmas tree.
So we sit at home together and we dream of days gone by.
And those vanished Christmas pleasures bring tears to mother's eyes.
She's a loving wife and mother, as I have cause to know,
For she and I were married fifty-five years ago.



The congregation never stews when the stew is boiled down.



Hazel Hummer Kerr, a daughter of Elias and Mae Hummer, and J. Reid Kerr, a son of Frank E. and Estelle Hasbrouck Kerr, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on September 12, 1996. Hazel is 87 and Reid is 90 at this writing. Hazel served the Bethel Church for many, many years both in the choir and as the church organist. She retired September 1983. The church honored her for her many years of service.

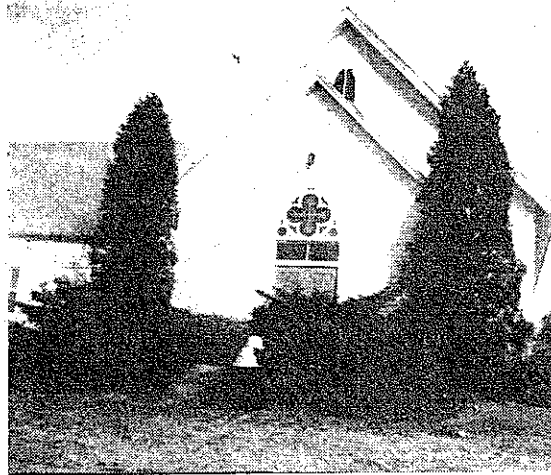


Founder of Bethel Memorial Library

Miss Ida Josephine Henderson was a daughter of Robert and Margery Henderson and a sister of Mrs. Eugenia Kerr. Also a step-sister of Miss Eva Kerr and Mrs. Anne Mack. Miss Henderson passed away Oct. 1928. She gave a hundred dollars for the Bethel M. E. Library and requested that it be put in the bank, the interest used to buy books for the library.

An eulogy of Miss Henderson written in the Oshkosh, Wisconsin, paper where she taught for twenty-six years, fittingly describes the character of the deceased: "Miss Henderson had a remarkable and beautiful personality. One that endeared her to her close associates and won the admiration of all who knew her. Always she lived on a high plane both in thought and endeavor, but never was she exacting or critical in her estimation of others. Her influence, strong and beneficent, was not due to conscious effort on her part, but was the natural result of a noble and compelling example. Those who knew her intimately could say of her what Elizabeth Barrett Browning said of a beloved friend: 'She never found fault with you, never implied you wrong by her right, and yet men at her side grew nobler, girls purer.'

Miss Henderson taught English in school. She spent a year in Paris with her friend, Ida Tarbell, with whom she had been associated in literary work on the Chautauqua. It is, indeed, an honor to Bethel to have her associated with the library.



Organizations of the Church

W.C.T.U.

The first recorded meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Eugenia Kerr October 2nd, 1907. The meetings were held at the homes of members. Of the thirty who were members of those first years of