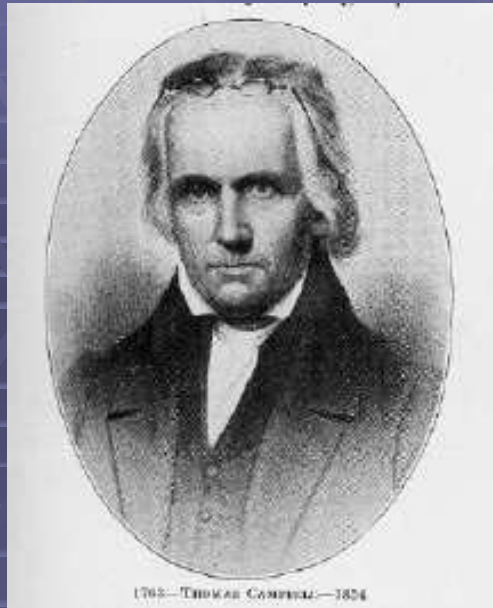


# The Influence Of Thomas & Alexander Campbell



1809, Thomas & Alexander Campbell, Bethany, Virginia



# Thomas Campbell 1763 - 1854

The Presbyterian Church in Aforey, Northern Ireland where Thomas Campbell preached before moving to the United States. The bell tower is not original.

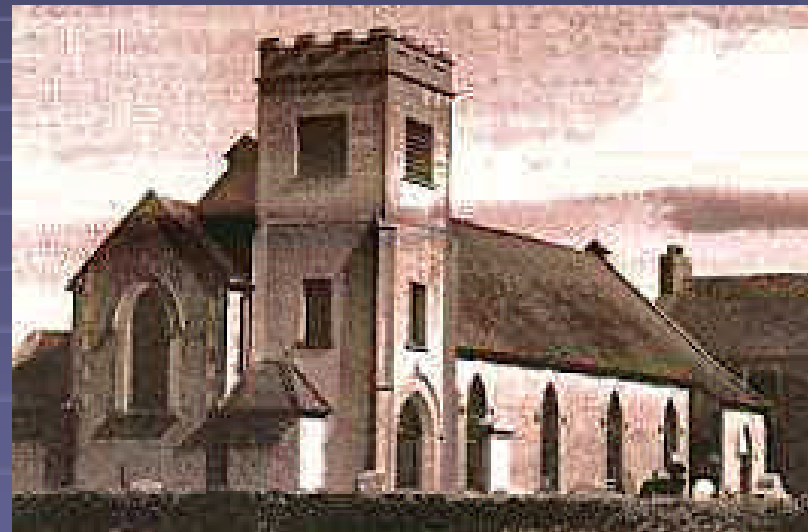


Thomas Campbell born February 1, 1763 in Newry, County Down, Ireland. Arrived here May 13, 1807. A Presbyterian preacher who through study of the Bible saw the need to preach it and live wholly under its authority. Now buried at God's Acre, Bethany, West Virginia next to his son, Alexander.



# Alexander Campbell Is Born In Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland, September 12, 1788

- Receives A Classical Education From His Father
- 1807 Teaches School Takes Charge Of His Father's School At Rich Hill, Ireland, His Father Departs For America
- 1808 Prepares To Depart To America To Join Thomas Campbell



Presbyterian Church In  
Ahory, North Ireland Where  
Thomas Campbell Preached

# Campbell To Glasgow

- Departed For America  
September 28, 1808  
On The Sailing-  
Vessel Hybernian.
- Ship-Wreck Off  
Scotland Coast  
October 7, 1807



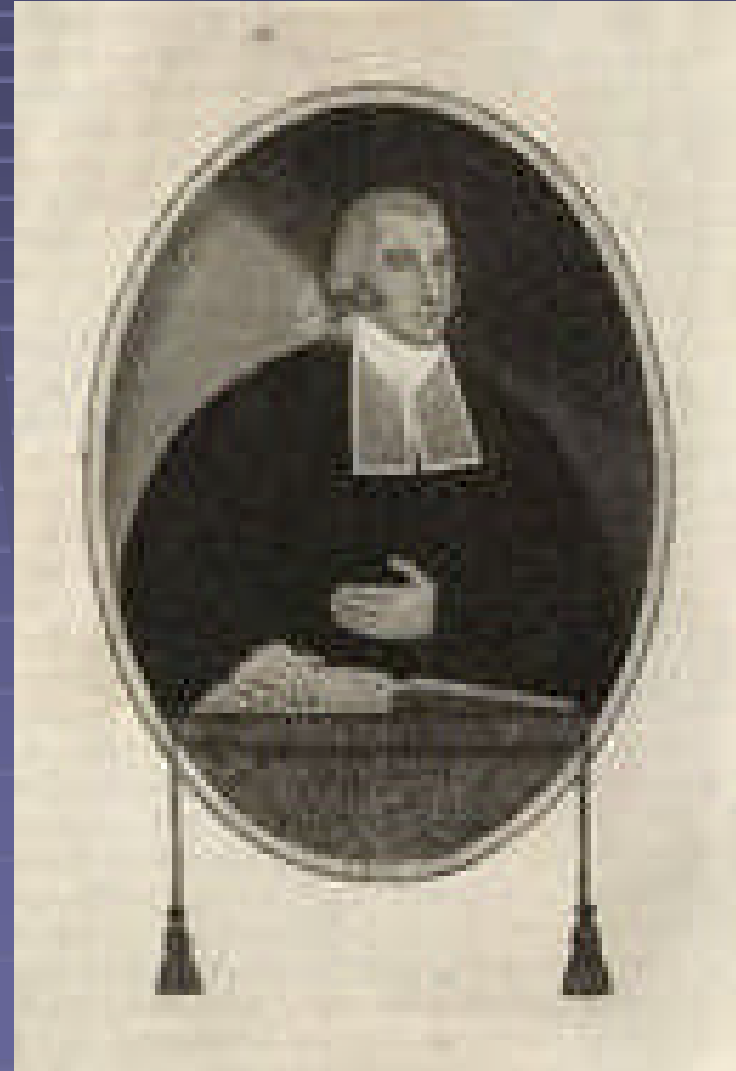
# November 9, 1808 Attends Glasgow University, Scotland



Note Later Resemblance  
To Bethany College

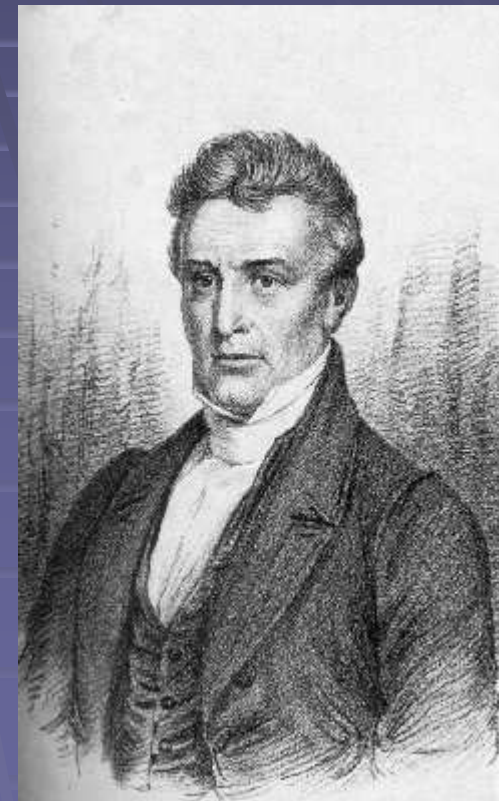
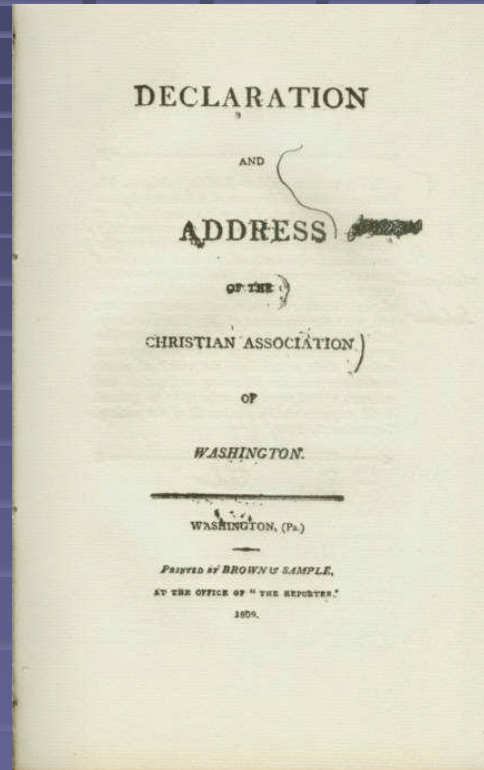
# Influences Of Greville Ewing

- 1767-1841- Born In Edinburgh, Scotland
- Taught In Haldane Schools Until 1808
- Began Teaching At Glasgow University, One Of His First Students, A. Campbell
- Campbell's *Essays* On Leadership & Lord's Supper Led Him To Give Up Presbyterianism



# October, 1809 Reaches Washington, Pennsylvania

- Reads Proof-Sheets Of The "Declaration And Address"
- Devotes His Life To The Plea For Christian Union. "Declaration And Address" Published
- 1810 Preaches First Sermon, July 15, From Matthew 7: 24-27



# March 12, 1811 Marries Margaret Brown.

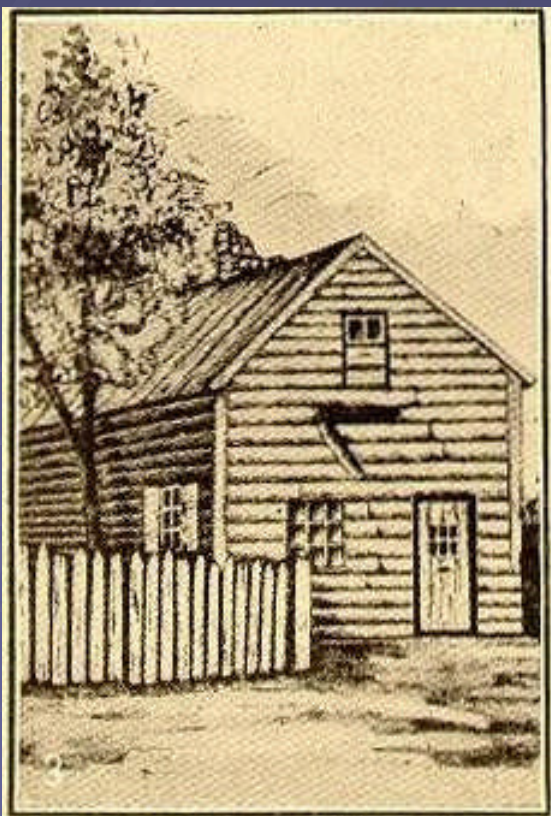
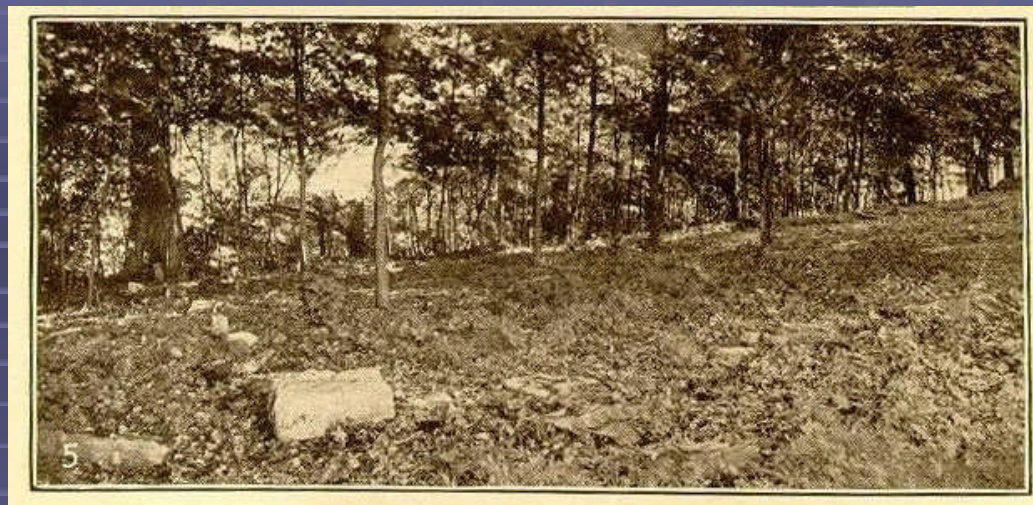
- May 4, 1811, Christian Association Of Washington Becomes Church At Brush Run
- Began To Celebrate The Lord's Supper weekly
- June 16, 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting In New Brush Run Building
- 1812, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> — Ordained To The Work Of The Ministry
- 1812, March 13<sup>th</sup> — His Daughter Jane Born



1811, Age 23

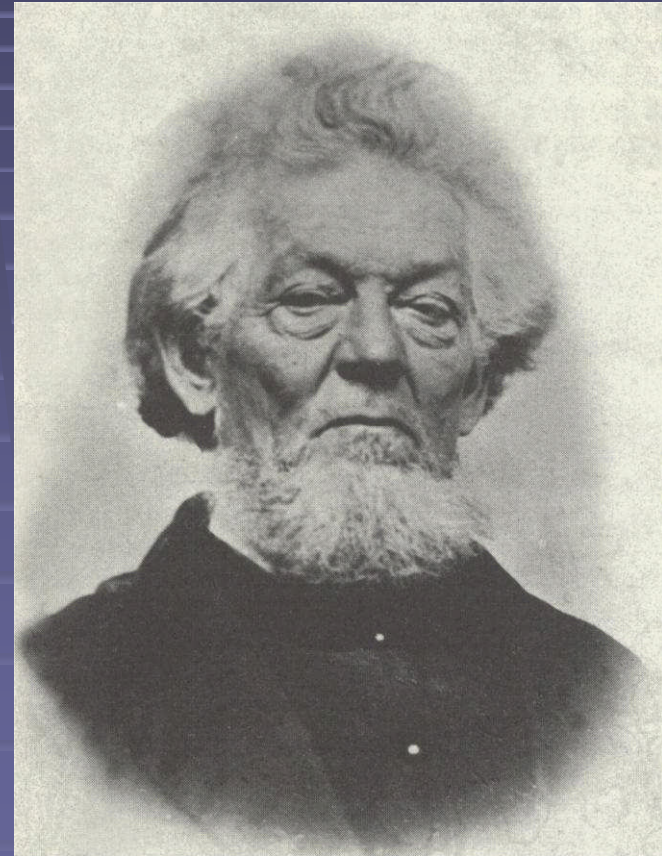


# Brush Run 1811-1823



# Begins A New Study Of The Subject Of Baptism

- June 12, 1812  
Immersed By Elder  
Matthias Luce, Of The  
Baptist Church, On The  
Confession Of Faith In  
Christ As The Son Of  
God.
- Thomas Campbell,  
Concedes To Him The  
Leadership Of The  
Movement At Age 24



Matthias Luce

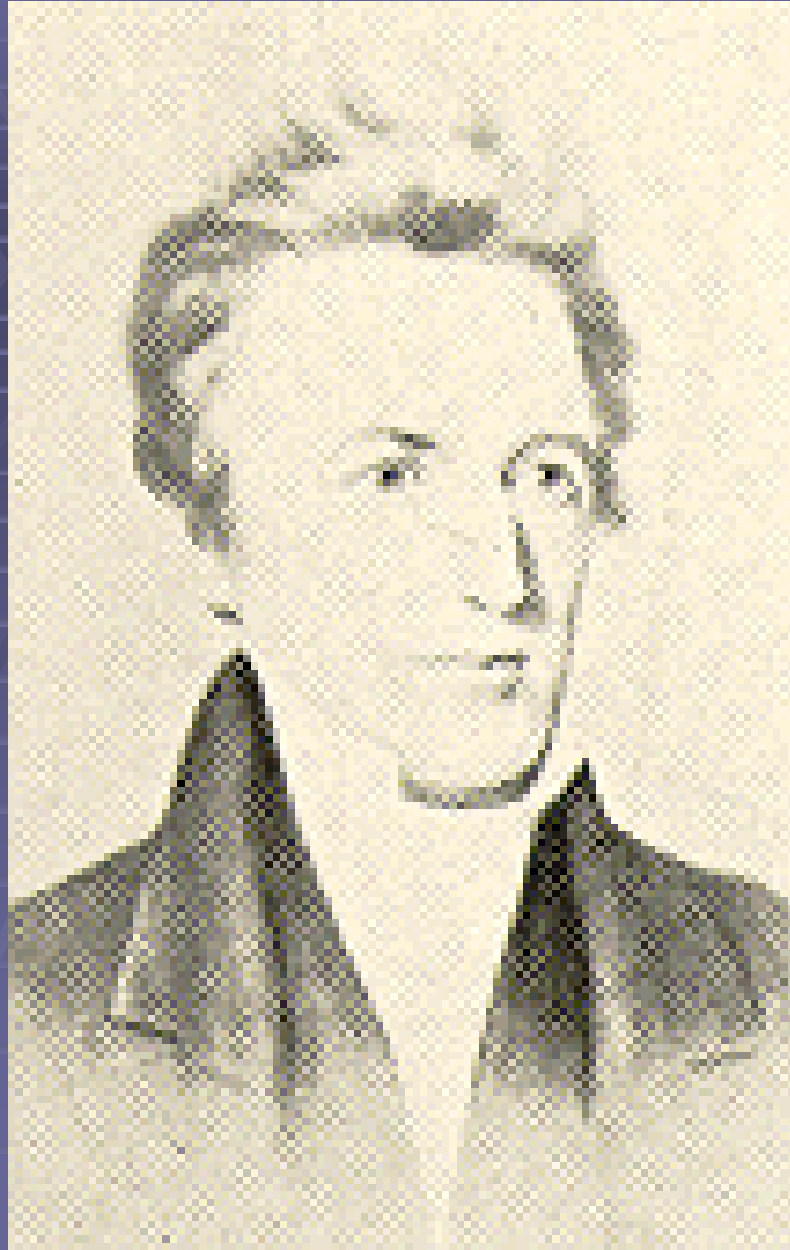
# Campbell Baptism In Buffalo Creek

June 12, 1812



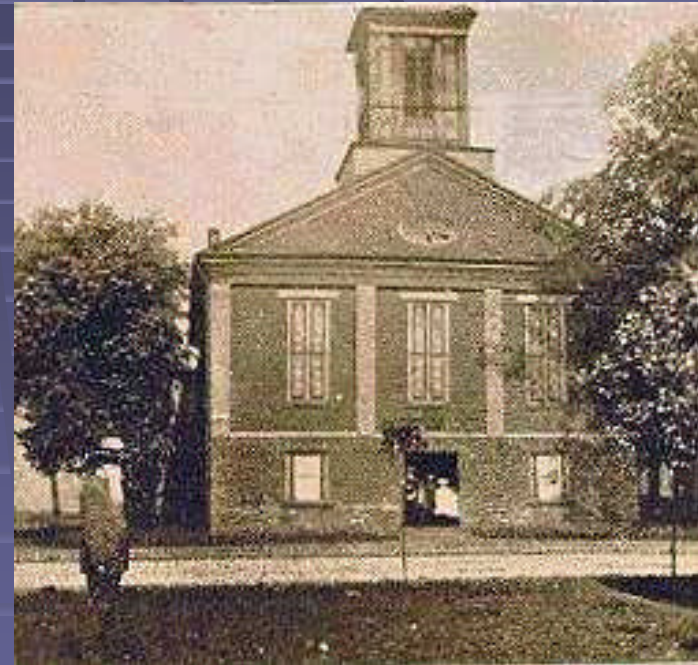
# 1813 John Brown, His Father-In-Law Gives Alexander Campbell His Farm.





1814 - Campbell  
At Age 26

**1815** Campbell  
Goes East, To  
Philadelphia, New  
York And  
Washington, D. C.,  
To Solicit Funds To  
Build A Meeting-  
House At  
Wellsburg,  
Securing \$1,000.



# 1816 Sermon On The Law

- Brush Run Joins Redstone Association of Washington
- August 30, 1816 – Cross Creek Baptist Church – Elder Pritchard, preacher there.
- Another preacher was appointed to preach, but could not as he was sick. Campbell volunteered
- Later referred to the message as “rather extemporaneous”
- Alexander Campbell Preaches The "Sermon on The Law"
- Sermon Content – Rightly Dividing Truth
- It Marks The Beginning Of The Separation From The Baptists

# 1818 Issues His First Challenge To Religious Discussion

- Opens Buffalo Seminary, Boarding Young Men In His Home



Hours Each Day Spent  
In Study Only With Light  
From Above

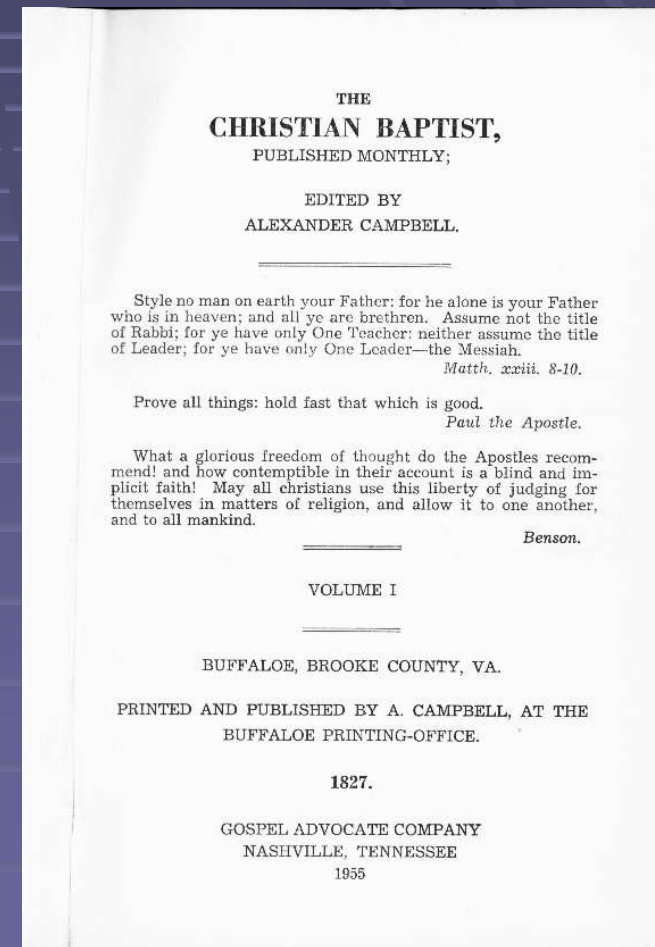


Second Edition Added For Seminary



# 1823, July 4, First Issue Of The Christian Baptist

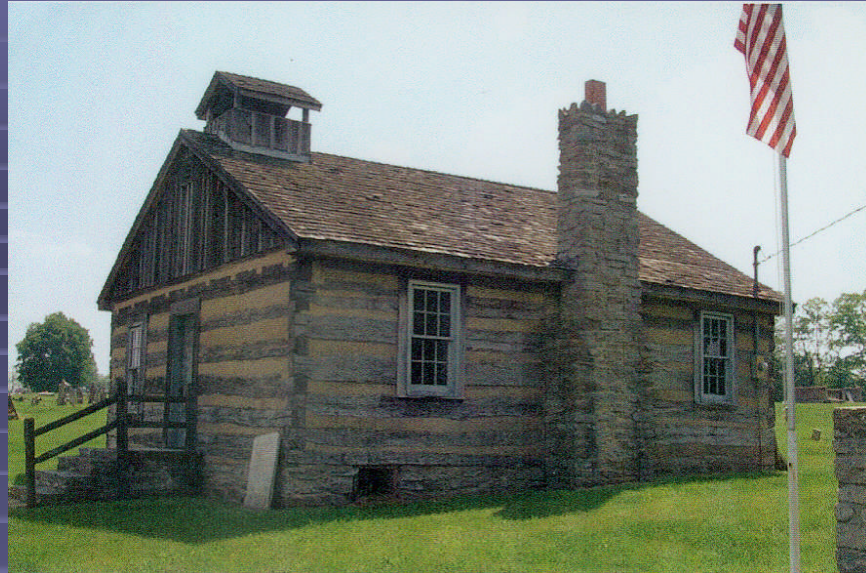
- August, Buffalo Seminary Closes Due To Overwork & Little Attendance
- October, 300 Mile Horseback Visit To Kentucky, Accompanied by Sidney Rigdon



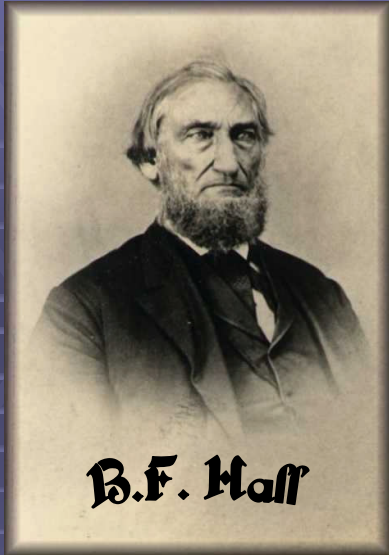
# 1820 Campbell Debates John Walker at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio On The Subject And Action Of Baptism

- August 30—Mahoning Association Formed
- 1821 Adamson Bentley and Sidney Rigdon Visit Campbell At His Home, Remaining Two Days
- They Embrace The Restoration Plea Through Campbell's Influence
- Sidney Rigdon Becomes Preacher For The Church At Pittsburg

# Preparation For: Campbell/McCalla Debate Of 1823



- William L. McCalla, Presbyterian
  - According To Campbell, McCalla Was "Smoke In Their Eyes And A Thorn In Their Sides" Among The Baptist Community
- October 15-21, 1823 In Washington, Mason Cty. Kentucky
- Subject: Christian Baptism
- Preparation Was A Joint Effort With Thomas Campbell & Walter Scott
- Alexander Campbell Prints Debate



# Influence Of The Campbell/McCalla Debate Of 1823

*Buried At  
VanAlstyne, TX  
His Stone Says:*

*He Was  
Ordained To  
The  
Ministry, May  
1st, 1828  
And Was The  
1st In Ky.  
To Preach  
Salvation  
Through  
Obedience To  
The Gospel.*



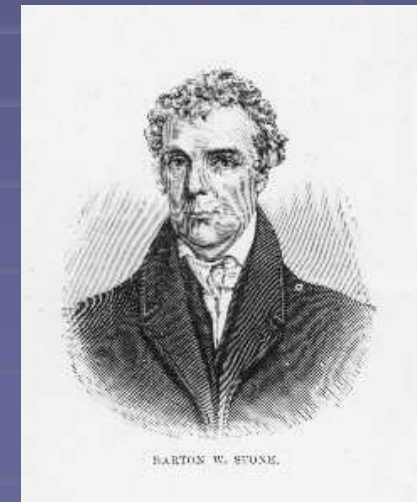
- In The Discussion Campbell Argued That Baptism Was For The Remission Of Sin
- Spring of 1826, B.F. Hall Found A Copy Of The Debate And Read It
  - In His Preaching Many Had Come To The Mourner's Bench And Found No Relief
  - When Reading The Debate, He Noted Campbell's Teaching On Baptism For Remission Of Sins, At Which Point, He Raised His Hands And Said, "Eureka! Eureka! I Found It! I Found It!"
- With This Discovery The Purpose Of Baptism Quickly Spread Throughout The Church

# 1824 Redstone Association Ready To Expel Wellsburg Church

- They Withdrew Before The Action Is Taken.
- Wellsburg Church Received Into Mahoning Association.
- Tour Of Kentucky, Meets John Smith And Leading Baptists.
- Introduced To Barton W. Stone
- Began The Series "Restoration Of The Ancient Order of Things."



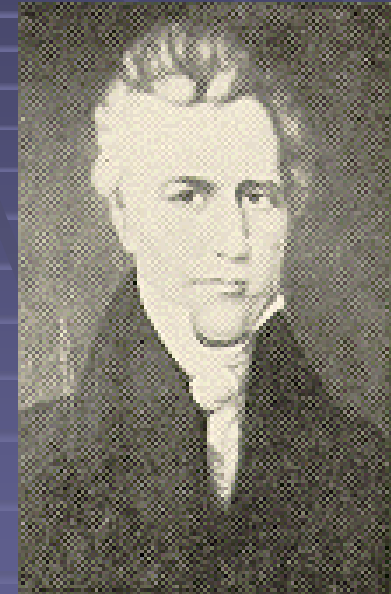
Raccoon John Smith



Barton W. Stone

# October 22, 1827 Death of Margaret Campbell.

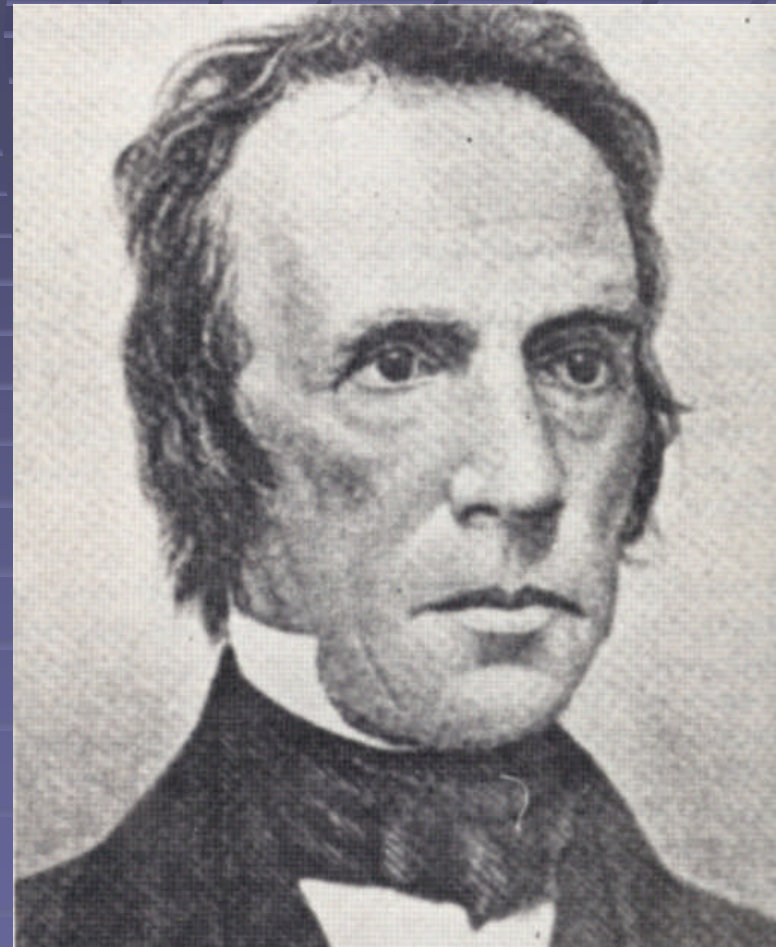
- Publishes "Living Oracles."
- The Sacred Writings of the Apostles and Evangelists of Jesus Christ, Commonly Styled the New Testament. Translated from the Original Greek, by Doctors George Campbell, James Macknight, and Philip Doddridge
- Walter Scott Elected Evangelist Of Mahoning Association.



At Age - 39

# 1828 Walter Scott Begins Work In Mahoning Association.

- Second Edition Of "Living Oracles."
- Publishes First Hymn-Book
- Marries Selena H. Bakewell of Wellsburg, July 31, 1828 – Nine Months After Death Of Margaret



Walter Scott

Accepts Robert  
Owen's Challenge  
To Debate The  
Claims Of Infidelity  
As Opposed To  
Religion.

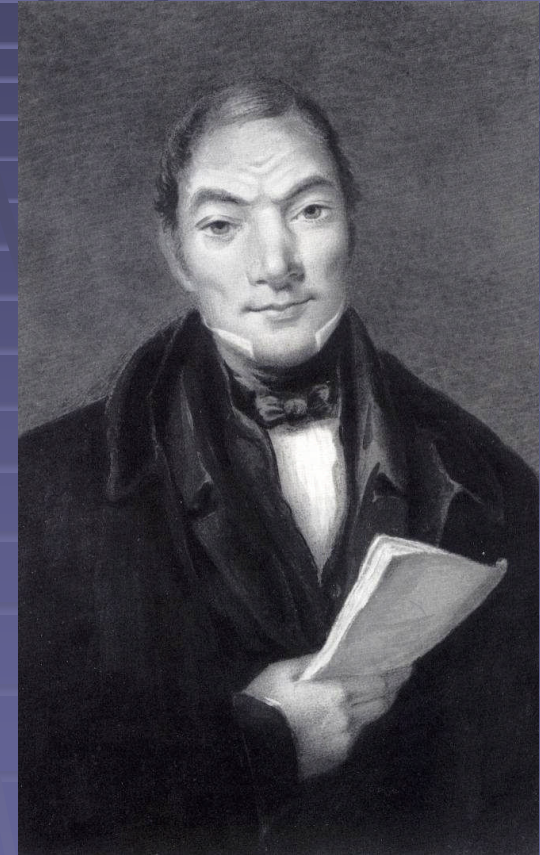


Robert Owen



# 1829 – Campbell / Owen Debate

- April 13-21, Debate On Existence Of God Conducted In The Methodist Church At Cincinnati, Ohio
- Campbell Spoke For 12 Hours
- The Principles Of The Reformation Spread To England And Ireland.



Robert Owen

# Elected As Delegate And Attends The Constitutional Convention of Virginia.



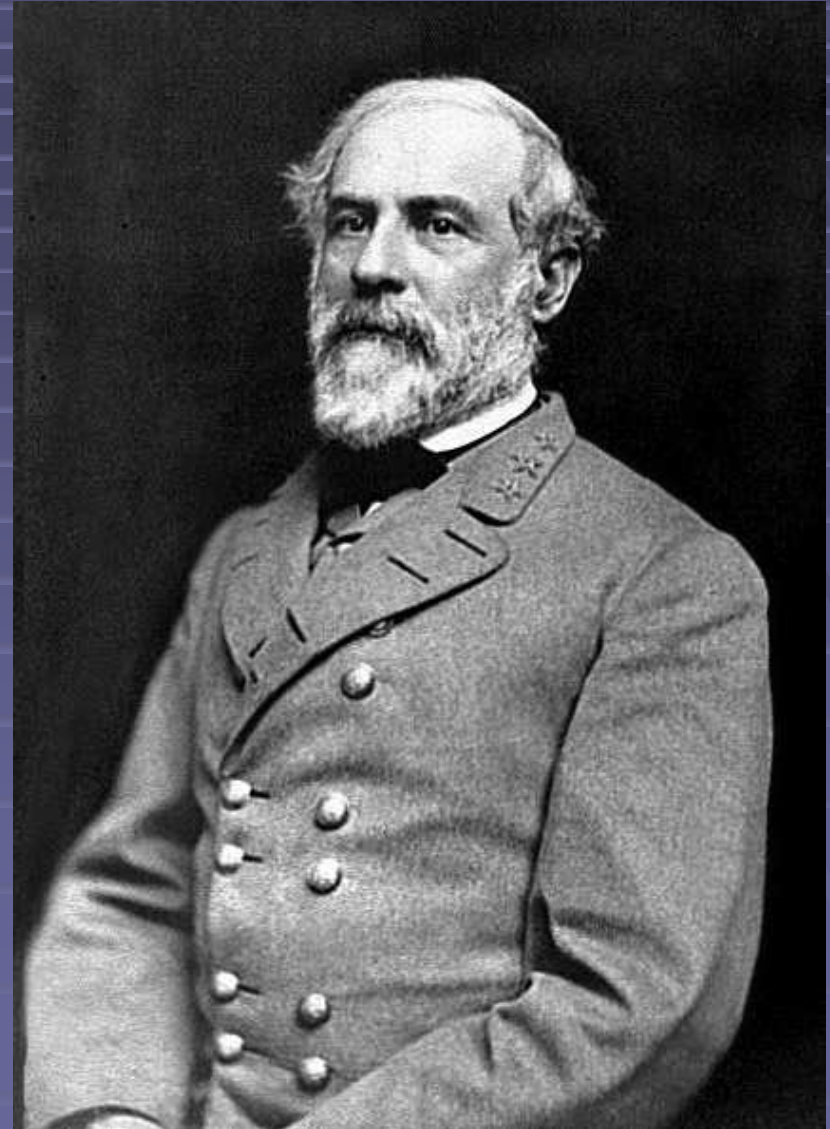
# What Some Said Of Campbell



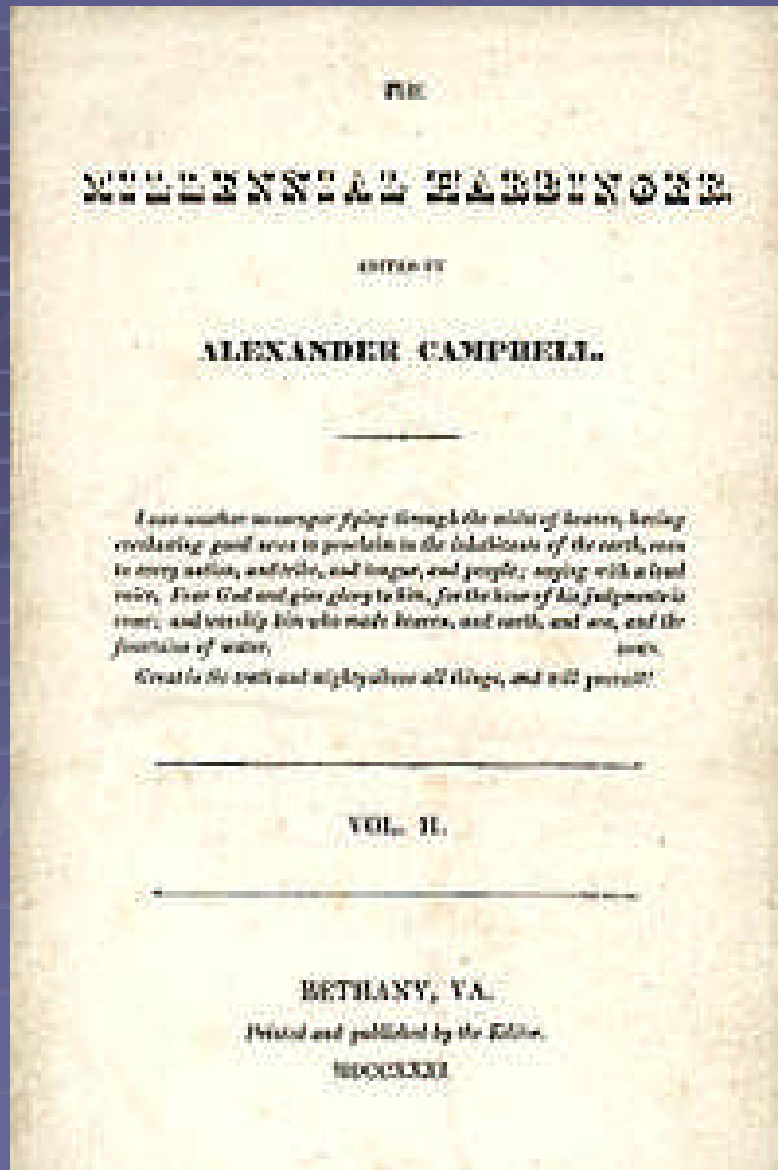
- 4<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S., James Madison said: "It was my pleasure to hear him very often as a preacher of the gospel, and I regard him as the ablest and most original expounder of the Scriptures I have ever heard."

# What Some Said Of Him

- Robert E. Lee, Civil War General, "He was a man in whom were illustriously combined all the qualities that could adorn or elevate the nature to which he belonged; knowledge the most varied and extended, virtue that never loitered in her career nor deviated from her course. A man who, if he had been delegated as a representative of his species to one of the many superior worlds, would have suggested a grand idea of the human race."



1830



▪ January 4, Millennial Harbinger Begins

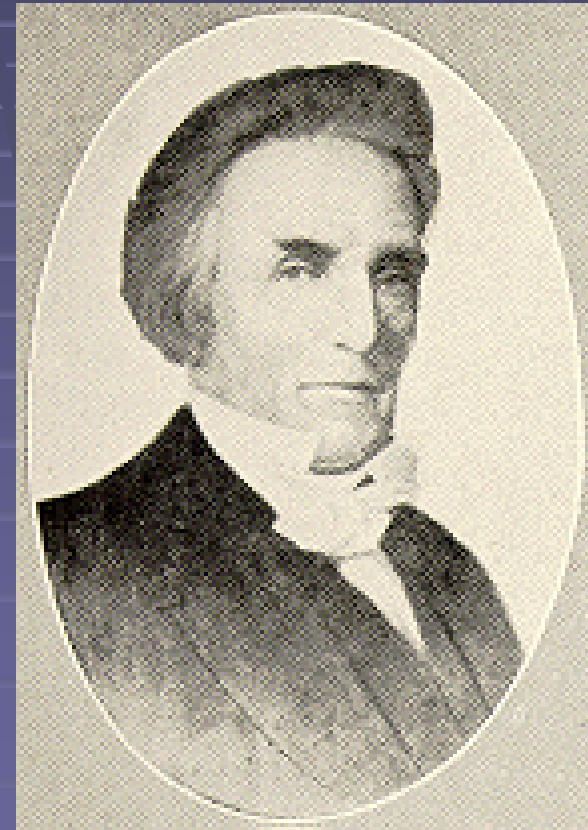
▪ July 5, Last Issue Of The Christian Baptist Produced

# 1830 Mahoning And Stillwater Associations, Ohio, Dissolve Resolving To Meet As Annual Meetings, Without Authority



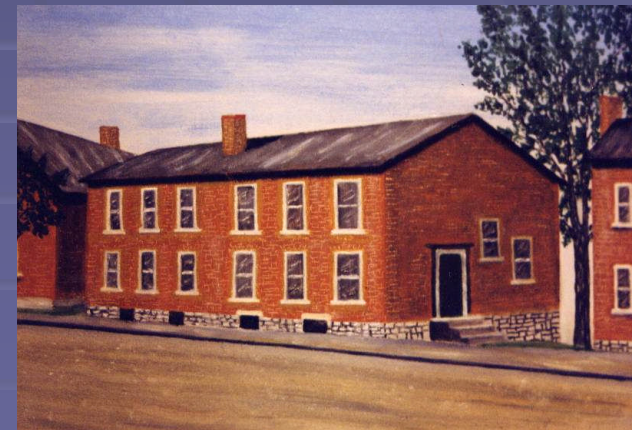
Obadiah Jennings

- Debates Obadiah Jennings, a Presbyterian Minister, at Nashville, Tennessee "Debate On Campbellism"
- Sidney Rigdon Espouses Mormonism



1830, Age 42

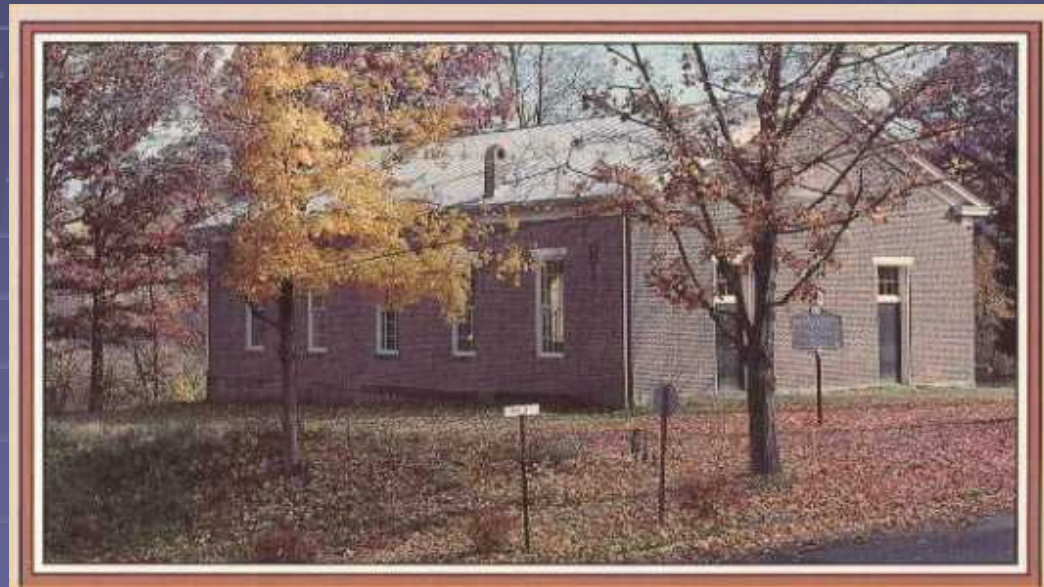
1831 Union Of The Reformers (Disciples of Christ) and Christians Under The Leadership of Barton W. Stone in Kentucky. This United Body Had 10,000 Members In The State.



Hill Street Church  
Lexington, KY

# 1832 Separation From Baptists Takes Place In Richmond

- Reformation  
(Restoration)  
Becomes A  
Distinct  
Religious Body
- Bethany  
Congregation  
Established,  
Building Built

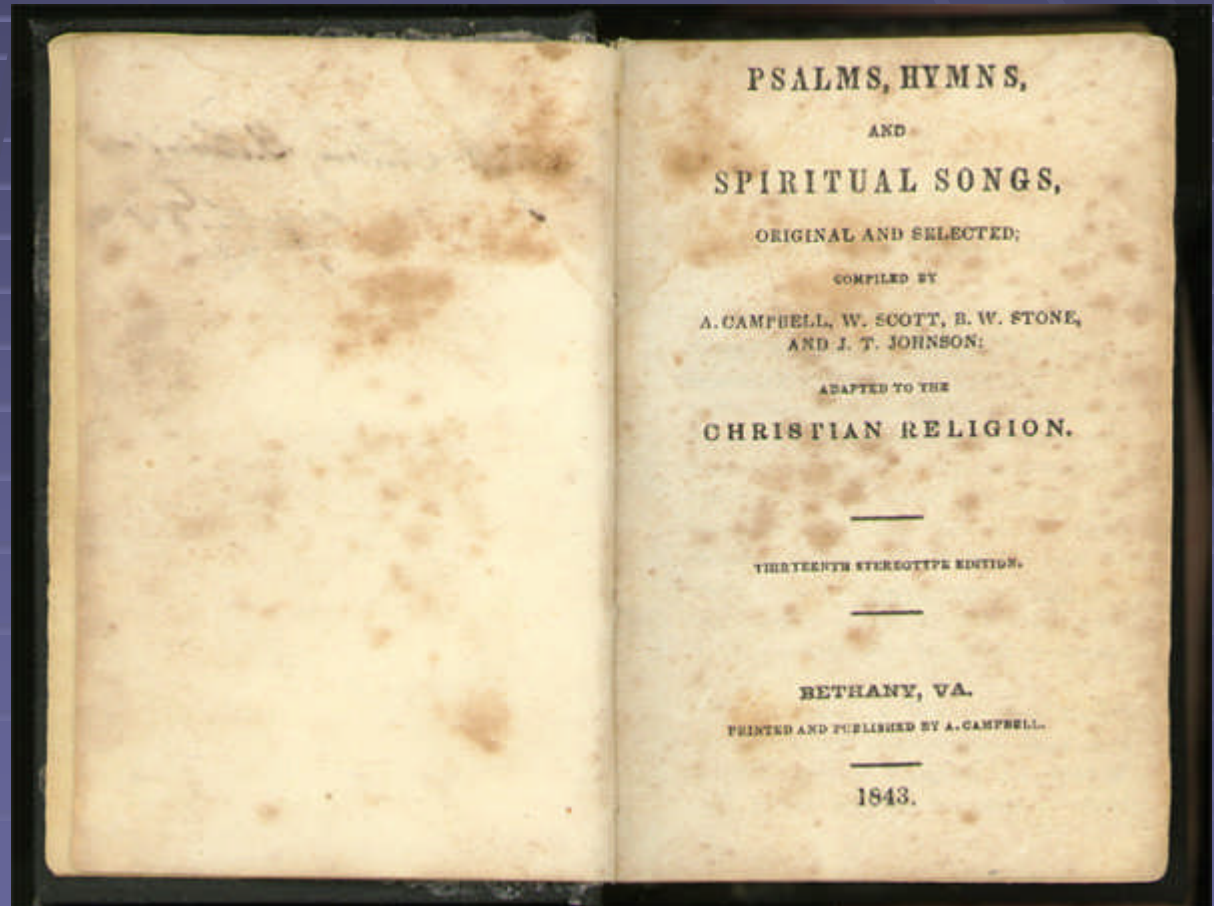


Second Building On Same  
Foundation - 1852



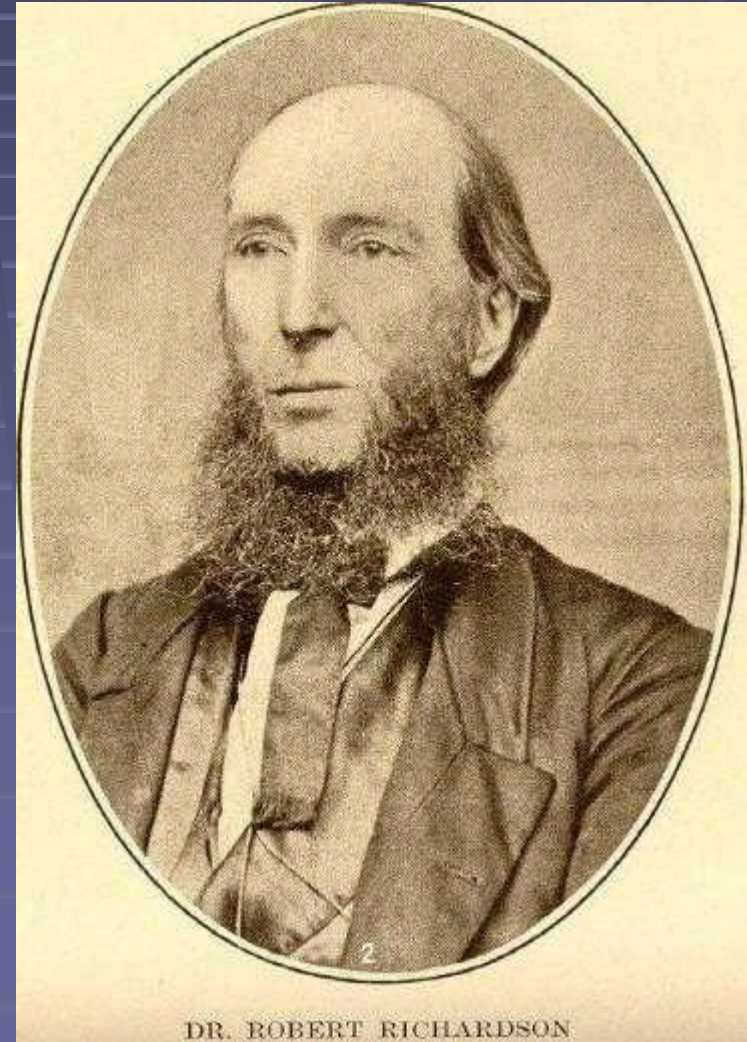
# 1835 Tour of Tennessee And Central Kentucky

- Enlarges Hymn-Book
- Barton W. Stone's Name Is Added To The List Of Editors To Help Increase Unity In The Movement

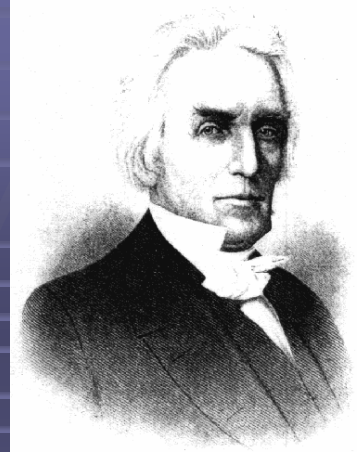


# 1836 Robert Richardson Becomes Co-Editor Of The Harbinger

- Tours New England States, 90 Day Trip
- Meets Bishop John B. Purcell In Cincinnati
- They Clash Concerning The Use Of The Bible In The Public School, And The Results Of Protestantism
- The Campbell-Purcell Debate Is Arranged



# 1837 The Campbell- Purcell Debate



- On Catholicism vs. Protestantism
- Held In January 13-21, 1837, Cincinnati, Ohio
- John Baptist Purcell (1800-1883) was the 37 yr. old Bishop Of Cincinnati,
- Campbell was 48



*J. B. Purcell*  
*Bishop of Cin.*

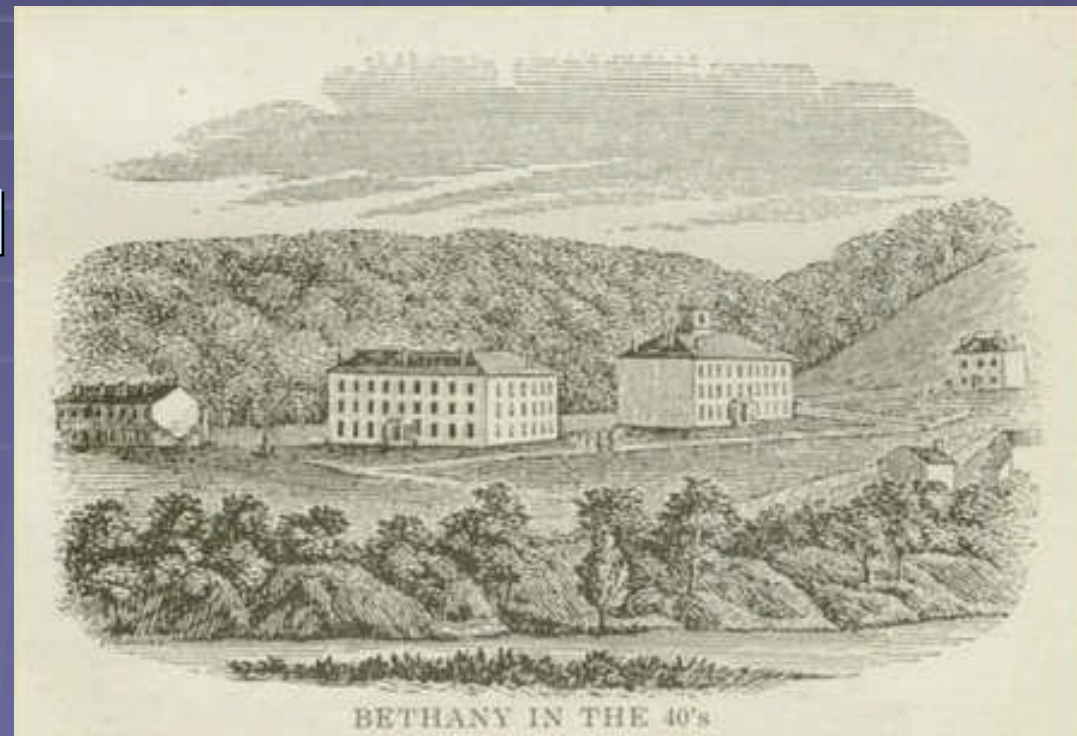
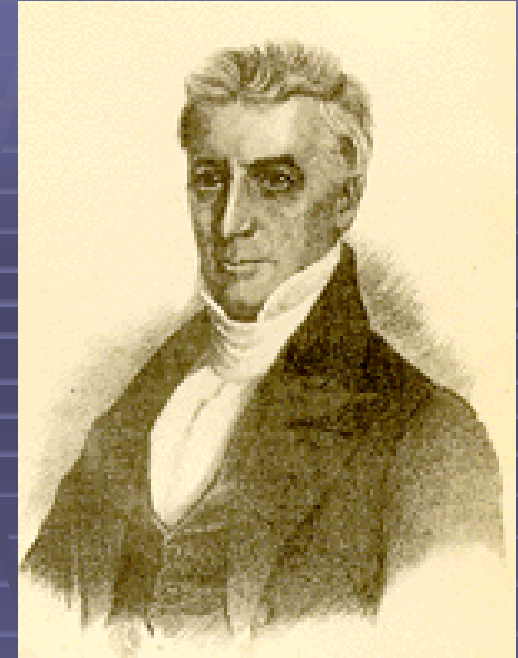
SIGNATURE OF RT. REV. JOHN B. PURCELL, BISHOP OF CINCINNATI.

## 1837 – Other Events

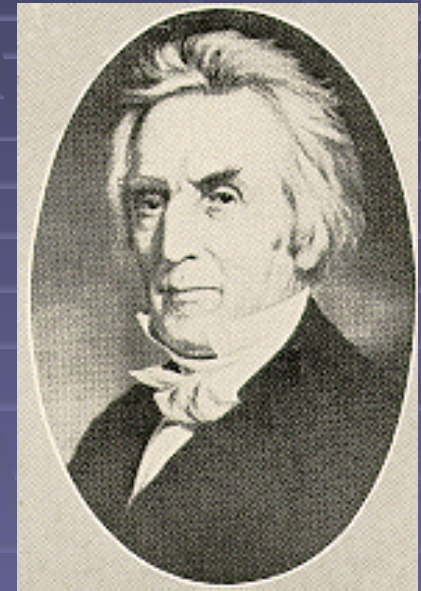
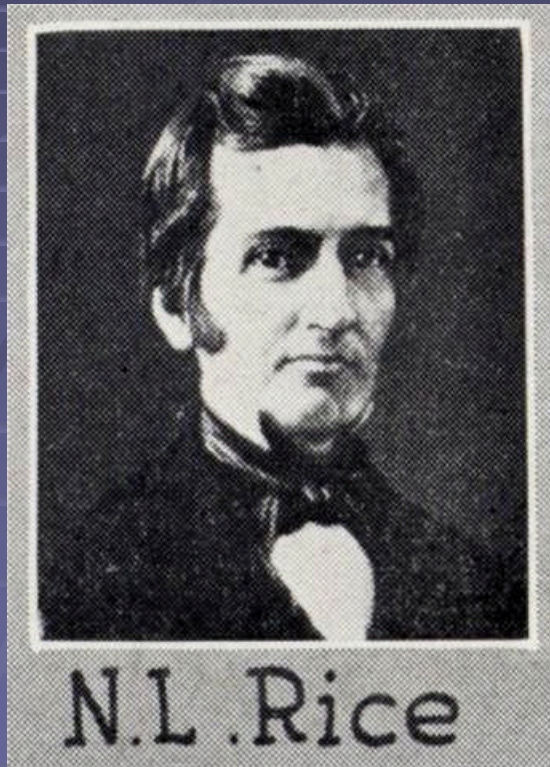
- A Running Debate In Harbinger On Relation Of The Pious Un-immersed To The Christian
- Strong Support For Bacon College In The December Issue Of The Millennial Harbinger
  - Calls It A Literary Institution
  - Clarifies That The Only Good Literary Institution Is Built On Good Morals
  - Expresses His Gladness To Know Bacon Falls Into This Category

# 1839 Plans For Bethany College.

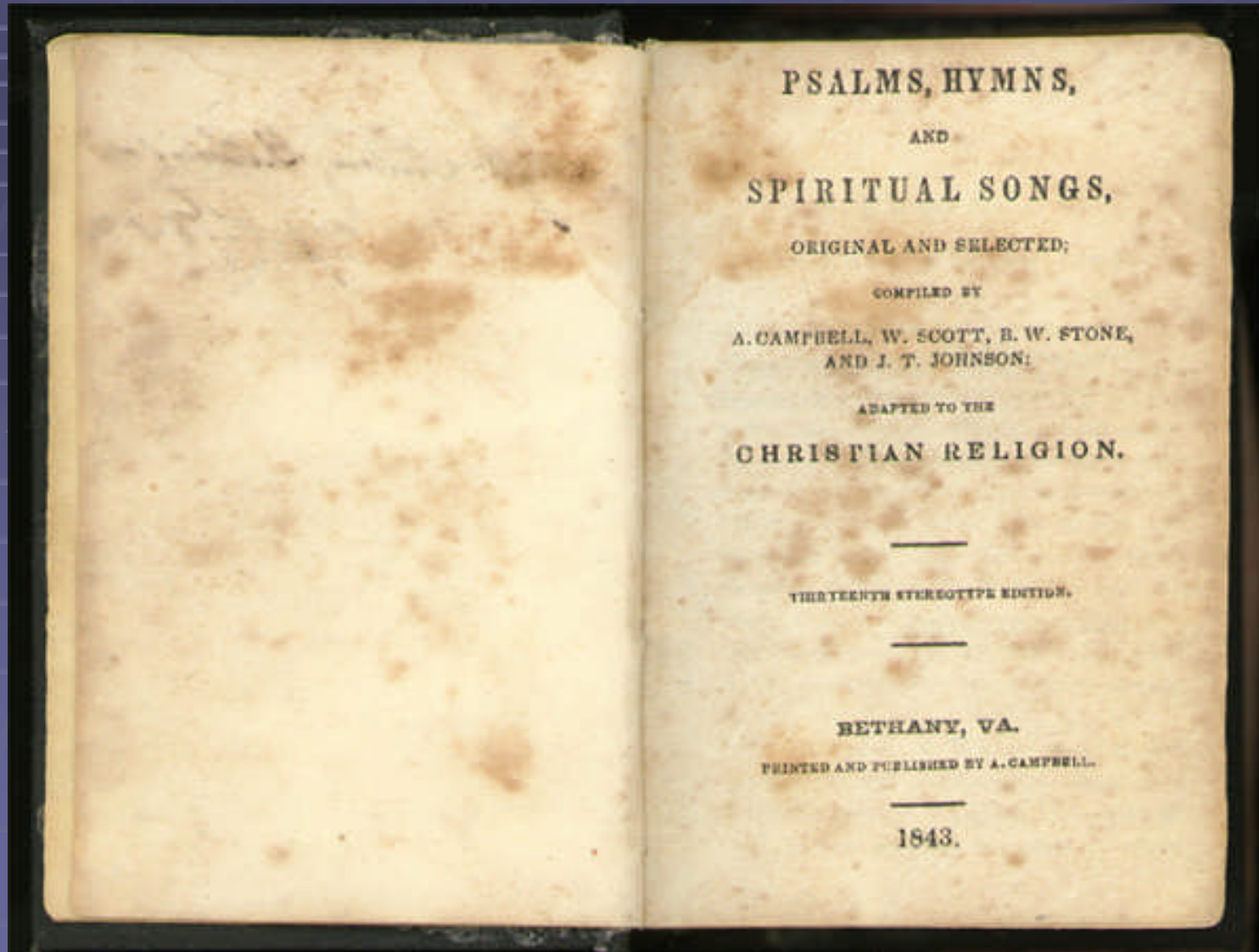
- 1840 Bethany College Chartered And Organized, Campbell Elected President
- Donated Land Plus \$10,000.00



# 1843 Campbell-Rice Debate, Campbell's Last Public Debate Lasted Sixteen Days



# Publishes Revised Hymnbook



PSALMS, HYMNS,  
AND  
SPIRITUAL SONGS,  
ORIGINAL AND SELECTED;  
COMPILED BY  
A. CAMPBELL, W. SCOTT, B. W. STONE,  
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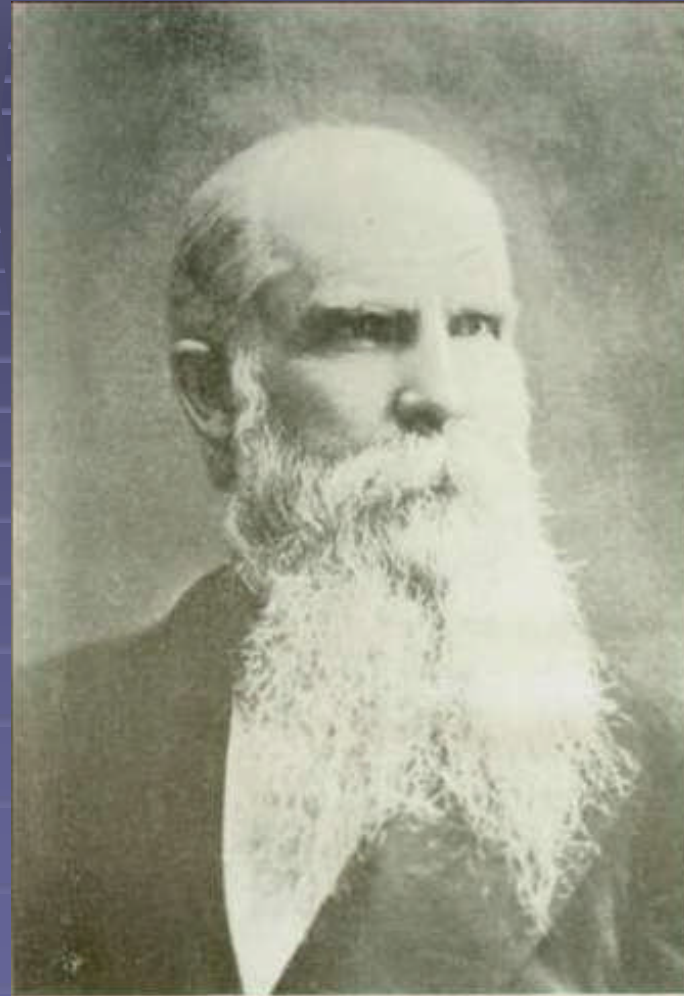
BETHANY, VA.  
PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY A. CAMPBELL.

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1843.

# 1844 Expresses Views On Slavery

- 1846 The Harbinger Increased From Forty-Eight To Sixty Pages
- W. K. Pendleton Becomes Co-editor

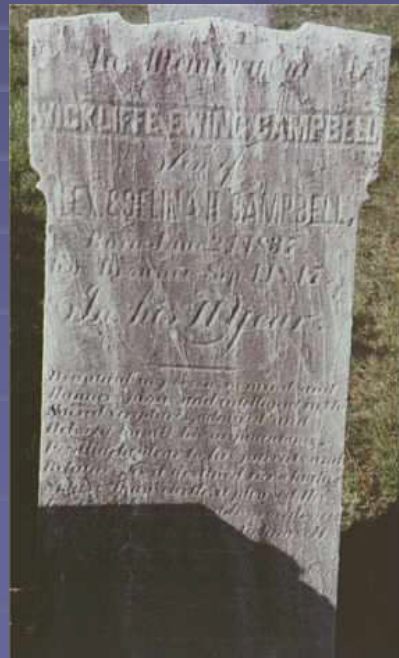


W.K. Pendleton 1817-1899

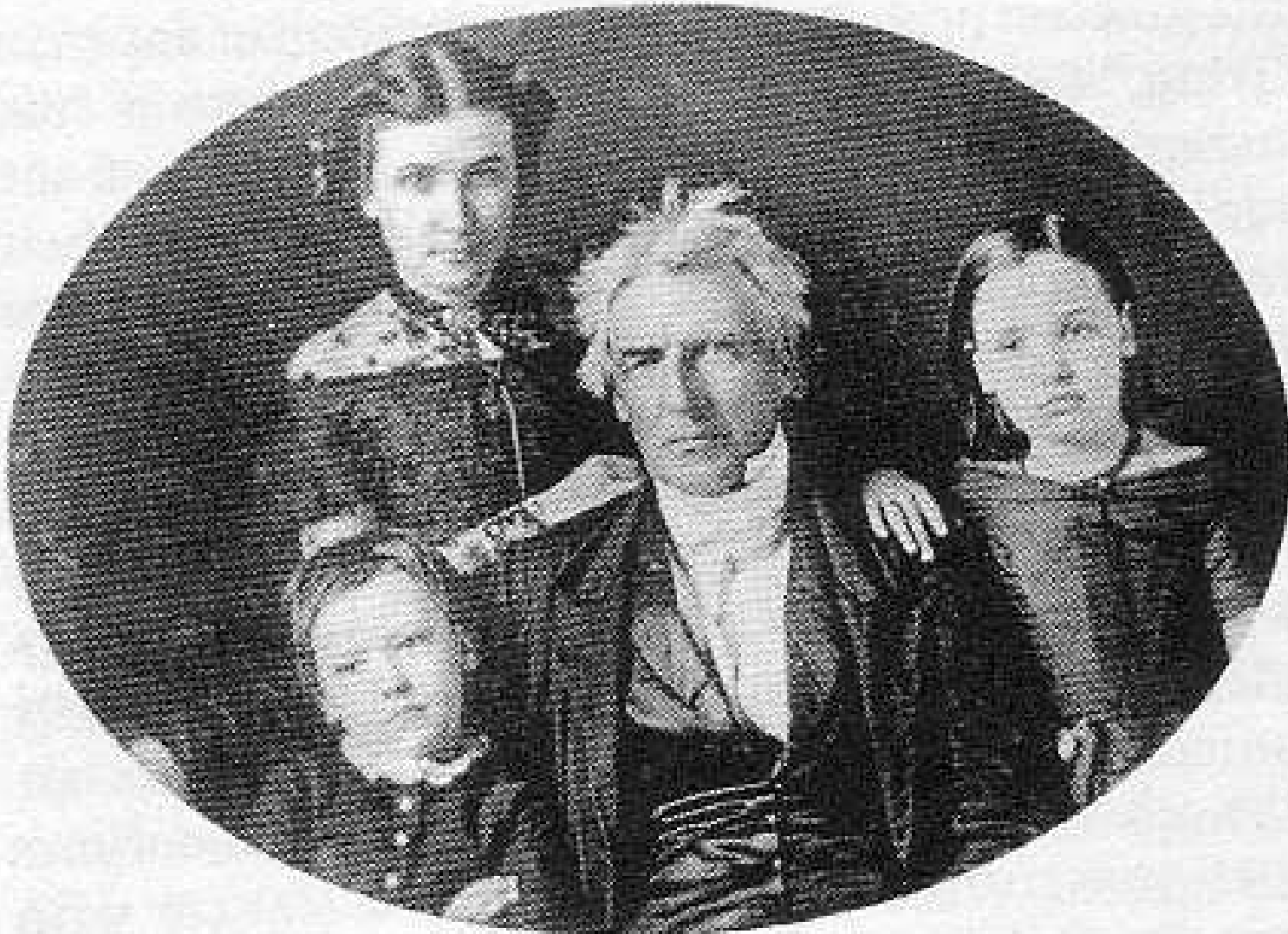


# 1847 Alexander Campbell Tours Through England, Scotland And Ireland

- Illegally Arrested
- Gravely Ill
- During His Absence His Son Wickliffe Had Drowned, Not Informed Until His Return Home
- Invited To Speak Before Congress.



# Rare Picture Of Campbell & Children



**L2R Willie, Virginia, A.C. & Decima, c.1849**

# 1849 National Convention Meets In Cincinnati, Organizes The American Christian Missionary Society

- Alexander Campbell Elected President Fills This Position The Rest Of His Life
- 1849 Campbell Published His Extra On "Life And Death"

# 1852 — Bethany Church Of Christ



# Built To The Specification Of A.C.



# 1852 Tours Missouri To Secure Endowment For A Chair In Bethany College

- Delivers Two Addresses To State  
Legislature
- Takes An Indian Boy, With Consent  
Of His Parents, To Educate

# At Home In Bethany

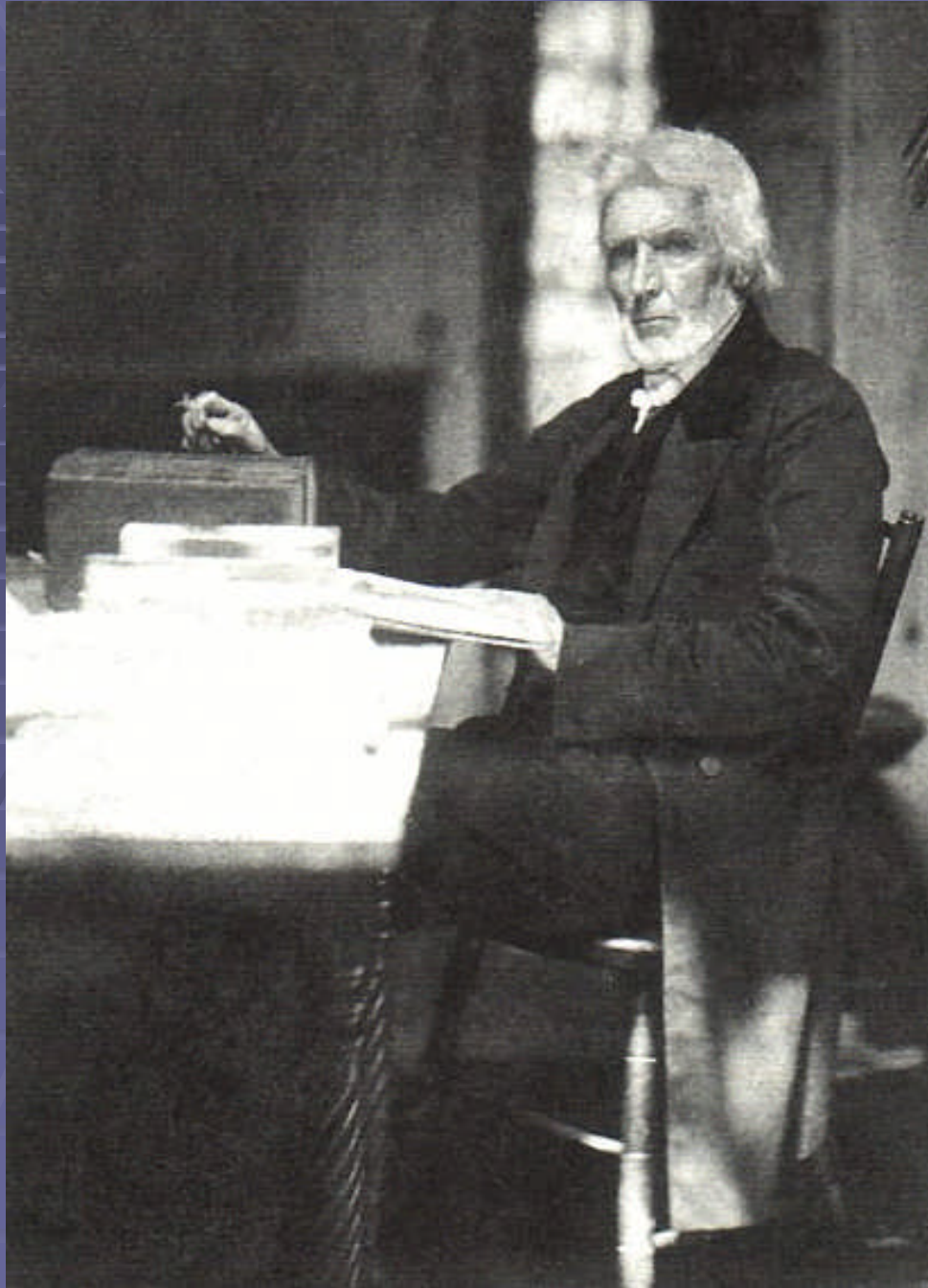


Alexander & Selina Campbell

# Campbell Spent Many Hours In This Study



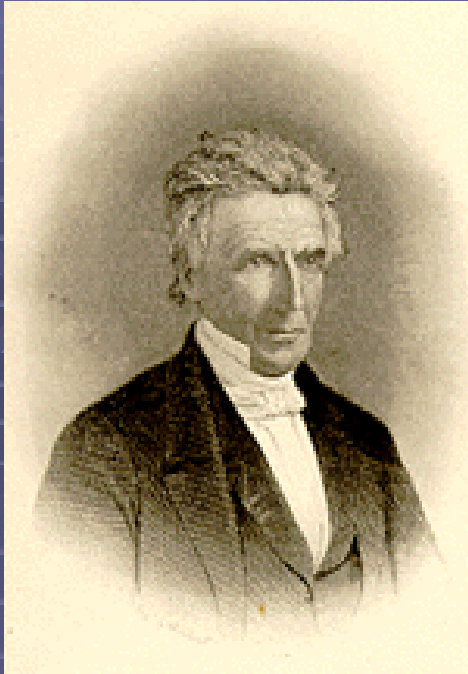




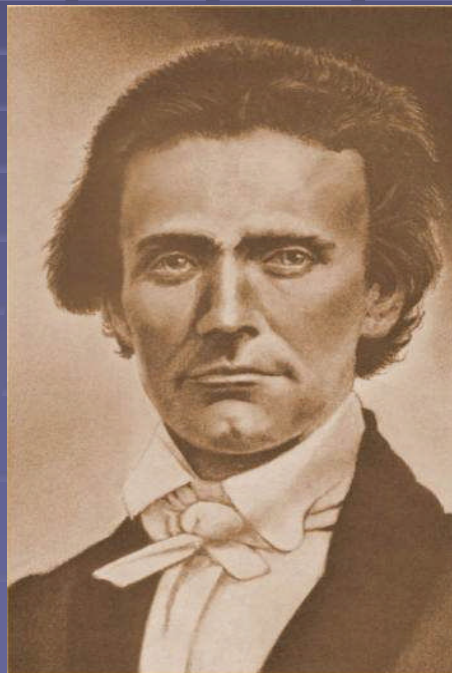
***"The Bishop In His Study***

***"He Is A Living Wonder  
... A New Man Every  
Time You Meet Him, For  
His Mind Seems To Be  
Taking A Sweep  
Through The Universe  
And Enlightening New  
Objects At Every Inch  
Of Its Orbit"***

***—J. A. Garfield, 1853***

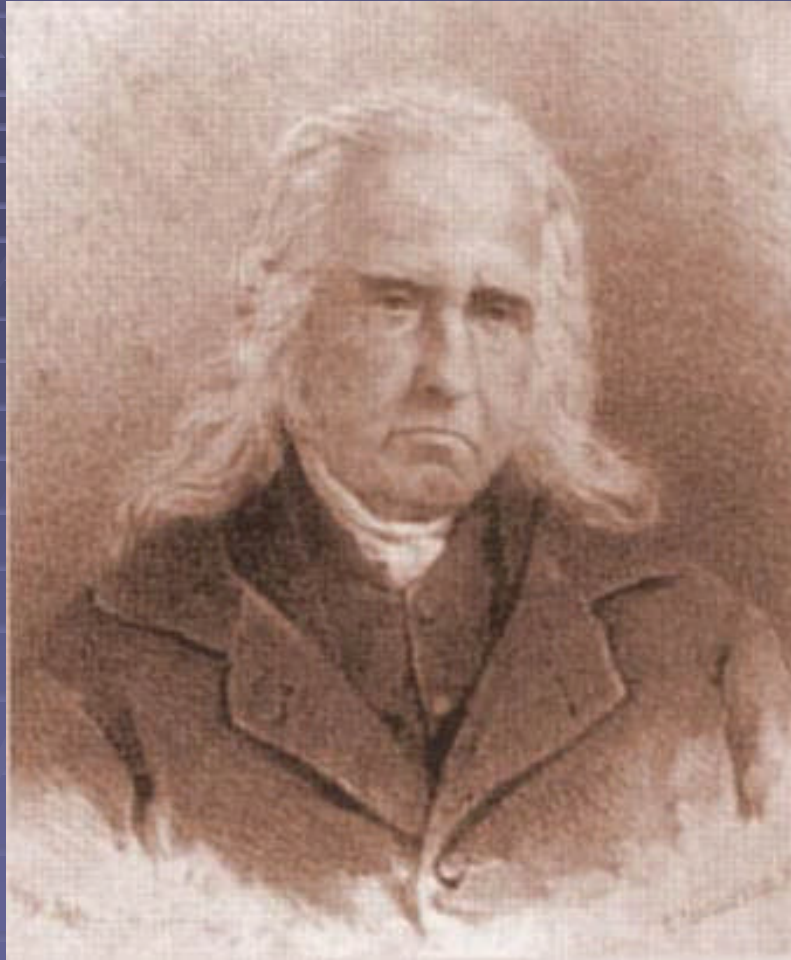


1853, Age 65



Jesse B. Ferguson

- 1853 Jesse B. Ferguson in Nashville Teaches Post-Mortem Gospel
- Campbell Exposed The False Teaching, Going To Nashville For This Purpose.



1854 Thomas  
Campbell Died  
January 4 At  
Age Of  
Eighty-Three.

# House Completed In 1793



Second Section Added To House Buffalo Seminary In 1819; Brick Dining Area Added In 1836; Stranger's Hall Added In 1840

# Back Of Campbell Mansion



The Campbell Mansion Is Listed On The National Register Of Historic Homes

# Basement Of Campbell Mansion



During The Time The Buffalo Seminary Was Being Run In The Home The Campbells Lived In The Basement. The Mildew And Damp Environment Led To The Deaths Of Two Children & Sickness Among All

# Inside The Mansion



# Sitting Room





# Actors Pose Showing How Life Would Have Been In The Campbell Home



# Bedroom Of A. Campbell



# Bedroom Of Alexander Campbell



# Death Bed Of Alexander Campbell



# Dining Hall, Added In 1836



# Death Bed Of Thomas Campbell



# Travelers Lodge



# Well Known Dignitaries Stayed In Stranger's Hall



Included Were Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun,  
Jefferson Davis, Daniel Webster & James A. Garfield



# Stranger's Hall

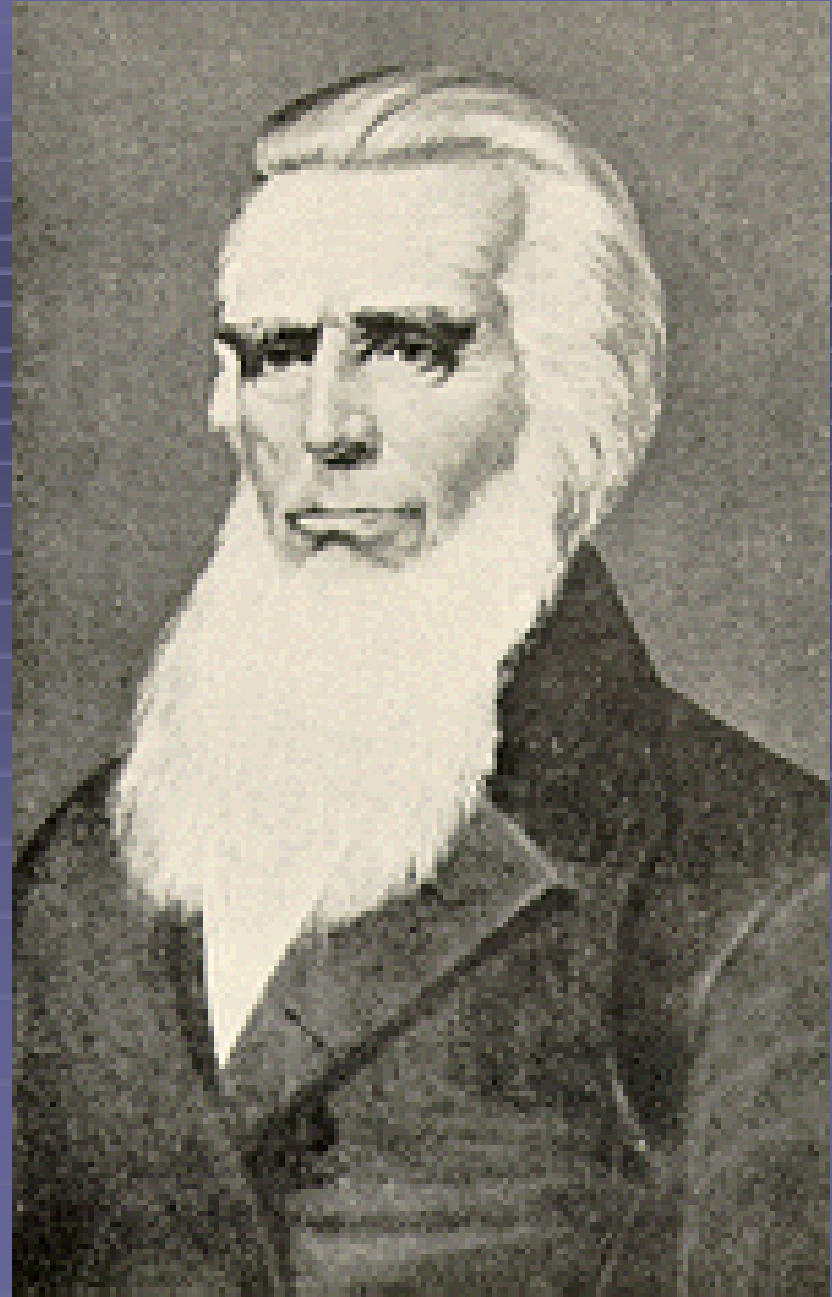


The Wall Paper In Stranger's Hall Came From Italy. While Visiting In Nashville, Tennessee, Campbell Saw This Paper While Visiting Andrew Jackson At His Hermitage Home

# 1855 Campbell Completes The Task Of Revision Of The Acts Of Apostles Assigned Him By The Bible Union

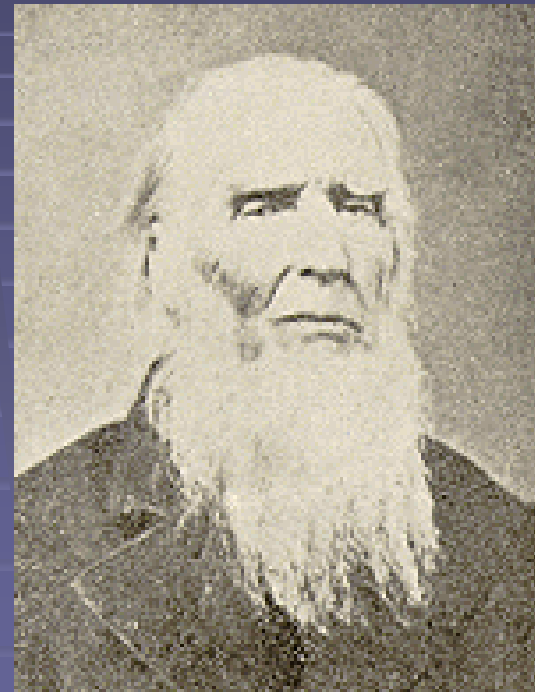
- Dr. J. B. Jeter, Richmond, Va., Publishes His Book, "Campbellism Examined."
- Campbell Reviews It In The Harbinger, Vol. 1855, page 512. May
- Moses Lard Was Selected To Respond In Print
- His Friends Noticed That His Memory Became Defective

# The Elderly Alexander Campbell



# 1856 He Visits, St. Catharine's Springs, Canada With His Wife And Daughter Decima & Made Another Tour Through Virginia

- 1857 Tour Through South  
For Endowment Funds
- School Building At Bethany  
Burned
- 1858 Campbell, Nearly  
Seventy Years Old, Started  
Resolutely To Secure Funds  
To Restore The College



At Washington He Spoke In The Baptist Church Building. President Buchanan And Several Members Of His Cabinet Being Present.

- The Corner-Stone Of New College Building Was Laid



President  
James Buchanan  
1791-1868  
Served 1857-1861



# Bethany College



# 1860 "Lectures and Addresses" Published

- Campbell Publishes His "Life of Thomas Campbell"
- Addition Of Instrument At Midway, Kentucky — Campbell Had Written In The M.H. That The Addition Of An Instrument In Worship Would Be Like Adding A Cow Bell To A Concert.

# 1861 The Sage Of Bethany





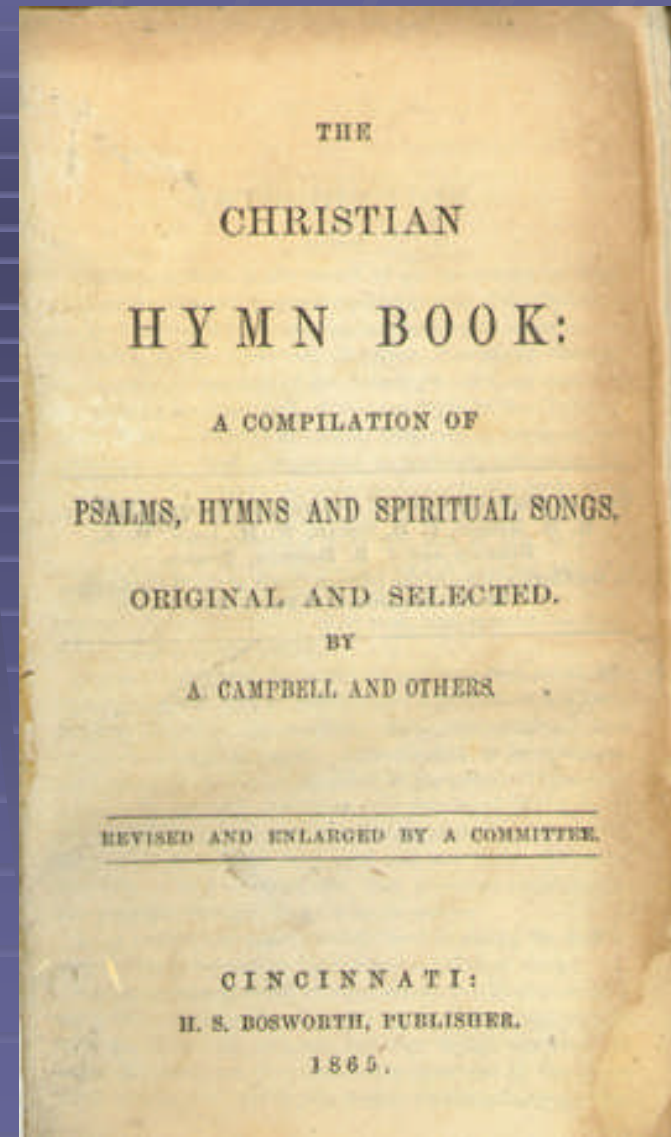
# 1862 Writes His Will

- The Harbinger Reduced From Sixty To Forty-Eight Pages

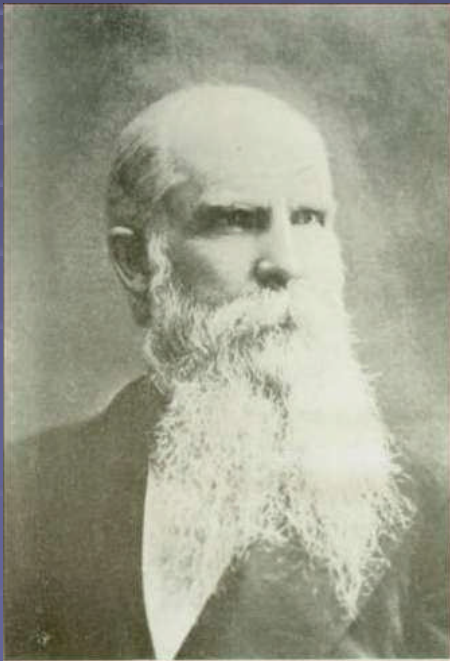
# 1864 Campbell Attended The General Convention For The Last Time

- He Gives The Copyright Of The Hymn-Book To The American Christian Missionary Society

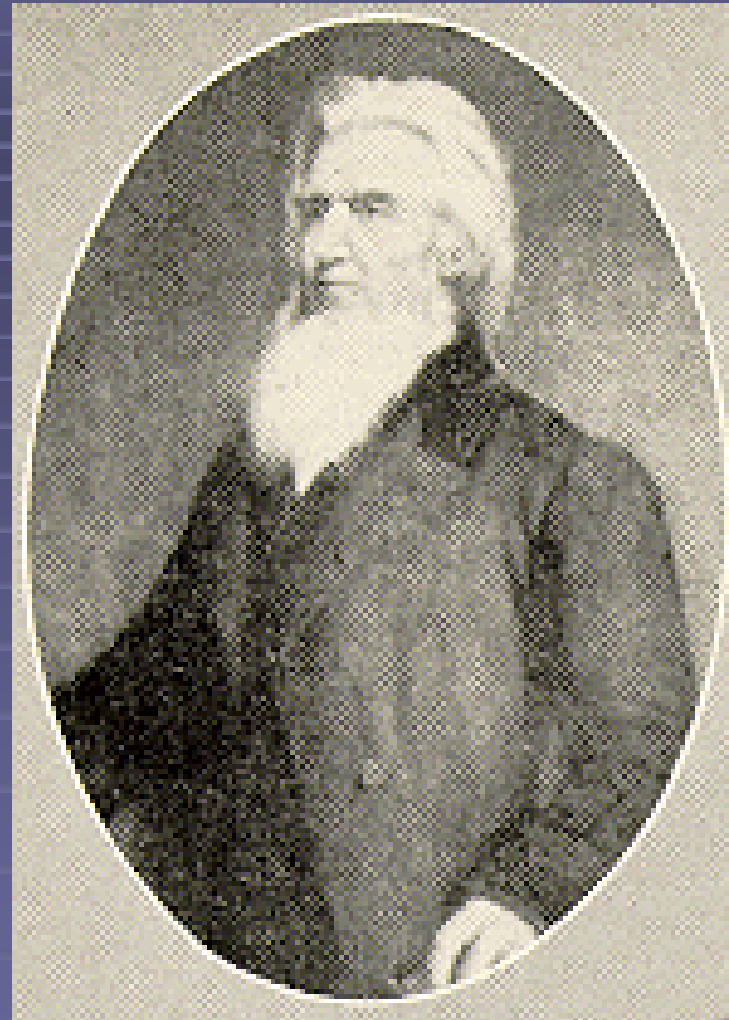
# 1865 Hymn Book



1865 Campbell  
Relinquished The  
Editorship Of The  
Harbinger to  
W. K. Pendleton



W.K. Pendleton  
1817-1899

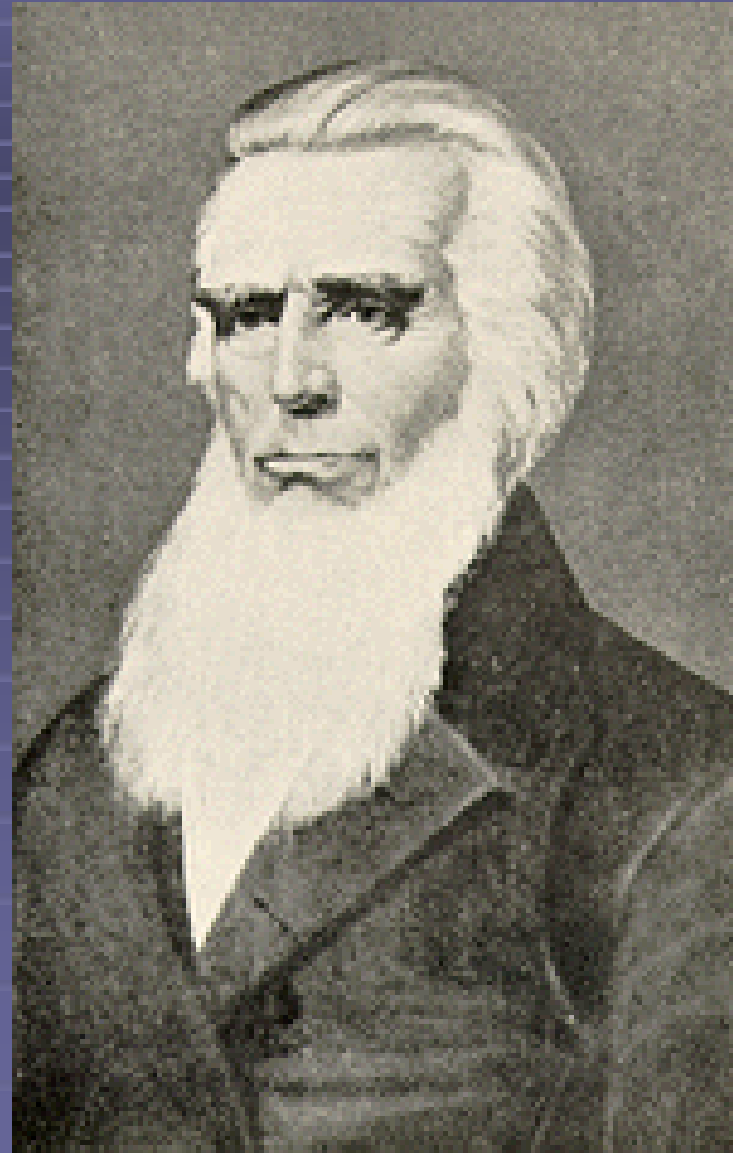


# Campbell's Declining Health

- November, Campbell's Last Article In The Millennial Harbinger Is Published
- 1866 He Is Confined To The House By A Heavy Cold
- Assisted In Ordaining Elders At The Church At Bethany
- February 25 He Was Confined To His Bed, And Never Arose From It

March 4  
At 11:45 P.M  
Campbell Finishes  
His Course

His Selina Comforted Him With  
"The Blessed Savior Will Go With  
You Through The Valley Of The  
Shadow Of Death." He replied:  
"That He Will! That He Will!"  
These Were His Last Words.



# Chair Where Campbell Studied



For Five Summers After Campbell Died, Selina Campbell Had His Study Chair Placed In The Cemetery At The Grave Where Students And Other Visitors To The Grave Could Sit And Contemplate The Life Of This Great Champion

# What Some Have Said

- Jacob Creath said: "I do claim that he shall stand in the front rank of the most illustrious benefactors of his race since the death of the apostles. He will compare favorably with any of the apostolic fathers in point of learning, talents, purity, and usefulness."
- John T. Johnson said: "The debt of gratitude I owe that man of God no language can tell."

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# Access To God's Acre



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In Memoriam  
Alexander Campbell  
Defender Of The Faith  
Once Delivered To The Saints  
Founder Of  
Bethany College  
Who Being Dead Yet Speaketh By  
His Numerous  
Writing And Holy Example  
Born In County Of  
Antrim, Ireland  
Sept. 12, 1788  
Died At Bethany, Va  
March 4, 1866



**Margaret Campbell**  
**Wife Of**  
**Alex Campbell**  
**Died**  
**Oct. 22, 1827**  
**In The 37 Yr**  
**Of Her Age**

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**Selina H. Campbell**  
**Wife Of**  
**Alex Campbell**  
**Born**  
**In Litchfield, England**  
**Nov. 12, 1802**  
**Died At Bethany, W. Va.**  
**June 28, 1897**

