Appendix B. Ministers

Balmer, Christian - 1847:8/28, 1849:11/6, 1850:6/17. This UB pastor entered the PA Conf in 1847. According to the 1851 journal, "On motion Bro. Christian Balmer was transferred to any of the western conferences he may wish to join."

Bennet, William Crosby - 1848:7/31. German Reformed pastor W.C. Bennet (1804-1870) was born on Long Island (NY), studied at the Reformed seminary then located in York, and was ordained in 1832. He served missions in North and South Carolina for several years before returning to Pennsylvania and continuing a missionary-like status. Residing mostly in Carlisle, he labored throughout Adams, Cumberland and Perry counties. In 1854 he moved to Boiling Springs, where he served as pastor and denominational publishing agent until his death.

Bickley, August - 1848:7/31. This UB pastor entered the PA Conf in 1843. Apparently he was not available as a travelling preacher and did not receive an appointment each year. In 1844 Rev. George Miller of Chambersburg station complained to the conference that Bickley "made appointments and frequently held meetings that clashed with the regular appointments of the station and official meetings of said station." For this Bickley received an admonitory letter. In 1850 he was assigned to travel Perry circuit under the presiding elder, but he did not complete the year. After 1869 he appears to have stopped attending annual conference. Along with John Fohl and James M. Bishop, Bickley became involved with the unsanctioned second UB congregation in Chambersburg [see Appendix A]. He withdrew from the PA Conf in 1879, and his fate is unknown. As he is not listed as a ministerial member of the UBOC, it is probable that he died before the 1889 split.

Bickley, B. - 1850:2/10. This Methodist preacher attended the UB's 1849 PA Conf and was granted an "advisory seat."

Bigham, Solomon - 1851:7/27. This UB pastor officially entered the PA Conf in 1862 at the age of 44. A resident of Perry Co, Rev. Solomon (1817-1889) apparently preached locally (probably with a quarterly conference license) for several years before joining the itinerant ministry.

Bishop, James Madison - 1847:7/19 7/22 7/25 8/1 10/8, 1848:1/31 2/7 7/31, 1849: 2/24 4/22 7/9 9/2 9/3, 1850:8/7. A native of Littlestown, this UB pastor joined the PA Conf in 1844, married Miss Eliza Over in 1846, and established his home in Franklin Co about one mile northeast of Salem just within the present Letterkenny Army Depot boundary. He was the senior pastor on Chambersburg Circuit in 1847, and Raber's first pastoral appointment was to finish out the year helping there. Married and a few years older that Raber, Bishop became his friend, mentor and model. Throughout his ministry, Raber spent the night with the Bishops whenever he needed to lodge in the area. In addition to serving as a successful pastor and on many conference committees, Bishop was elected conference secretary (1852-54), presiding elder (1859-62, 1867-69) and delegate to General Conf (1869, 1873). Ever on guard against the relaxing of standards, he moved in 1869 "that all members of this Conference be asked the following question -- Are you in connection with any Secret Society, or are you in sympathy therewith?" Along with John Fohl and August Bickley [see Appendix A] he led the growing conservative dissention within the conference and was dismissed in 1879. Following the 1889 split, he served with distinction in the UBOC until his death. James M. Bishop (1821-1891) was a brother to Rev. J.P. Bishop. See the Littlestown entry in Appendix C for comments on the various Bishop families.
Bishop, Jeremiah Philip - 1849:10/26 10/27 10/28 11/1 11/4 12/3, 1850:2/28 3/10 3/11 3/13 8/1 8/6 9/1 9/14 9/21 10/4 10/15 21/1 12/13 12/18, 1851:1/20 2/1 3/3 1. The brother of Rev. James M. Bishop, this UB pastor accompanied Raber on Chambersburg Circuit the latter part of 1849 and was appointed to supply the junior preacher position on that circuit under Raber in 1850. He was admitted to the PA Conf in 1851 and ordained in 1854. On 5/1/1860 he was united in marriage by his brother James to Ellie E. Snively of Greencastle. He served as presiding elder 1866-67, and appears to have been a popular and successful pastor until the events described in the following excerpts from the 1870 conference journal. The selected passages presented do not appear consecutively, and the drama unfolded over several days amidst other business and reports -- some of them given by J.P. Bishop and J.G. Schaff as if nothing were amiss. In addition, Bishop and Schaff continue to make motions and vote on the very resolutions that affect their case.

* The Committee on Inquiry reported as follows:

There appeared before us J.P. Bishop, J.G. Schaff and Z.A. Colestock, to whom we propounded the following questions, receiving the subjoined answers:

1. Do you believe in the future everlasting punishment of the wicked? They all answered -- Yes.
2. Do you believe or teach, publicly or privately, that this punishment consists not in torment, but in extinction of being? To this Colestock answered -- I do not. J.P. Bishop and J.G. Schaff answered -- As to belief, we refuse to answer, as it is no Bible or Disciplinary question, and an inquisition on the mind. We have not taught publicly, but have advocated privately that it consists in everlasting destruction, or as the Apostle says, "The wages of sin is death." [Committee: J. Dickson, J.C. Smith, J.M. Smiley]

* On motion of J.A. Sand, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, who shall prepare a paper expressive of the sense of this Conference in relation to the answers of J.P. Bishop and J.G. Schaff, before the Committee of Inquiry.

* On motion of Z.A. Colestock, Conference rescinded its action for appointing a Committee to express the sentiments of Conference, touching the report of the Committee of Inquiry, and referred it back to the Committee of Inquiry.

* [The Committee then prepared a lengthy paper asserting that "this Conference claims the right to know what its members believe on the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, as well as what they teach and practice" and that "we consider the answers of Brothers Bishop and Schaff... as evasive and unsatisfactory." "Wishing to exercise all forbearance and leniency," they recommended that the offenders be given a year to reflect upon and correct their views, that they report back to the next annual conference, and that they not be employed as itinerant ministers if they refuse to agree with this recommendation. J.P. Bishop then moved to table the report. The motion failed 4-34 and was supported by only J.P. Bishop, J.G. Schaff, P. O'Hare and J.M. Bishop (his brother) -- the latter voting yea "entertaining the belief that these brethren would come right again." When this motion failed, J.P. Bishop moved that he and J.G. Schaff be granted three hours to ponder before responding to the Committee. That motion passed 27-11.]

* The paper as read by the Committee was adopted.

The following protest was, by general consent, permitted to be recorded in the Minutes:

We do hereby protest against this paper as binding, or law, as it is unconstitutional. [Singed: J.P Bishop, J.G. Schaff]

* The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Z.A. Colestock:

Whereas, Brothers J.P. Bishop and J.G. Schaff refused to comply with the conditions of the paper passed in their case, which charged that they did not believe in the conscious, living existence of the wicked after death, which belief the Conference will not tolerate; therefore

Resolved, That they be permitted to withdraw from the Conference and the Church under this charge, with certificates of good moral character.

* [Bishop and Schaff accepted the offer to withdraw -- the former also formally resigning as manager and
treasurer of the Benevolent Fund Society, and the latter also formally resigning as conference treasurer and trustee of Otterbein University.]

* On motion of Bishop Dickson, Conference decided that letters of recommendation, with conditions specified, be granted J.P. Bishop and J.G. Schaff, and to be given them by the Secretary as soon as the papers in their hands, given them by the authority of the Church, be handed over.

Conference amended by adopting the following form.

This is to certify that _____ _____ has been to the present time an Elder, with good moral character, in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and been connected with the Pennsylvania Conference of said Church, and at his own request is hereby permitted to withdraw from said Church and Conference, in view of his holding sentiments contrary to the doctrines and teachings of said Church, in relation to the future conscious state and punishment of the wicked, as specified on the record of said Conference. Given at our Annual Conference held at Newville, Pa., from the 20th to the 24th day of January, 1870.

Signed in behalf of said Conference,
______ ______, Bishop.
______ ______, Secretary.

* [Any subsequent denominational affiliation and/or ministerial service of J.P. Bishop and J.G. Schaff is unknown. See the Littlestown entry in Appendix C for comments on the various Bishop families.]

**Bonewell, J.W.** - 1849:6/21, 1850:5/26 9/17. Ordained by the PA Conf in 1848, Bonewell was originally a local Primitive Methodist pastor in Philadelphia who travelled to the 1847 PA Conf session at Hershe's church near Carlisle to inquire about his congregation of about 30 members becoming UB. The conference sent presiding elder George Miller to visit, and granted him discretionary power to receive the congregation and minister -- which was formally accomplished at the 1848 session. The East PA Conf consented to this arrangement because it could not spare any of its preachers who were fluent in the English language. A church house was dedicated on Clinton Street (which ran north of Brown, between Eighth and Ninth) in 1849. In 1858 the congregation, which had reached 280 members by 1853, was told to take appropriate action regarding secret societies or lose their support. No pastor was assigned in 1859, and the East PA Conf of 1860 referred to property to the discretion Bishop Glossbrenner. The fate of this first UB property and congregation in Philadelphia is unknown, and it was not until 1882 (after several other unsuccessful efforts) that a lasting congregation was established there. Bonewell remained UB and served Rocky Spring circuit 1849 and Chambersburg station 1850. He transferred into and out of the Allegheny Conf in 1851 and 1861 respectively.

**Brads, James** - 1848:4/28 6/23. One of the Methodist preachers assigned to York Springs circuit in 1848. He was admitted to the Baltimore Conf in 1836, retired for health reasons in 1871, and died in 1887. He is buried in Baltimore's Mt. Olivet cemetery, the final resting place of Bishop Asbury and other great Methodist pioneers.

**Bratten, James H.** - 1848:3/2 8/9 10/18, 1849:3/5, 1850:1/13 1/20 1/21 1/22 1/24 8/24 8/25 12/29 12/30, 1851:1/1 1/7 3/13 4/12 5/27, 1852:6/5 6/7. This UB pastor entered the PA Conf along with William Raber in 1848 and was best man at Raber's 1850 wedding. His status within the conference, however, was somewhat unusual. Although indicating when he received his license in 1848 a willingness to travel without restriction, he apparently was not assigned a circuit for that or any of the next few years. He attended as a ministerial member each annual conference from 1849 to 1853. Although granted a transfer "to any of the western conferences" in 1849, he apparently remained in PA. The following year it was "Resolved, that Brothers J. Rathfang and J.H. Bratten are considered members of this conference." He was ordained an elder in 1851, placed on the stationing committee in 1852 and assigned to help the bishop place the presiding elders in 1853. From 1854 to 1859 his name does not appear in any category -- members present, members absent, deceased, dismissed, transferred, etc. His name reappears in 1860 with the statement, "James H. Bratten, an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented for membership in this conference. He was referred to the committee on elders orders, and reported favorably, whereupon he was received into this conference." He was
assigned to Perry circuit that year. In 1861, he was present at conference but did not receive an appointment. In 1862 he is listed as being absent, and the minutes state that "On motion of W.B. Raber, James H. Bratten was granted a recommendation of regular withdrawal from the conference at his own request." His status within the ME church was also somewhat unusual, for no record of his membership appears in any of that denomination's conferences.


**Cain** - 1850:3/30 3/31 4/7 4/24 7/2 7/5 7/6 7/7 9/8 9/13 9/15 9/19 9/27 9/28 9/29 10/10 10/27 12/19 12/20 12/24 12/26. This UB preacher was apparently a native of Greenvillage. Although he helped Raber on Chambersburg circuit in 1850, there is no mention of him in the conference journal for that or any other year. He probably preached under a quarterly conference (i.e., locally issued) license and never sought to minister conference-wide.

**Colestock, Zephaniah Augustus** - 1847:8/22, 1848:8/14, 1849:3/5 4/27 5/14 5/15 5/17 6/10 6/11 6/12 6/13 6/15 6/16 6/17 6/19 9/1 11/3 11/15, 1850:1/24 8/6 8/18, 1851:2/9 10/18 10/19 10/20 11/10, 1852:2/10 2/17. This UB pastor was born in Littlestown, and his father was the contractor who built the denomination's 1822 church there. Rev. Colestock (1824-1924) was ordained in 1847, enjoyed a long and distinguished ministerial career, died just two months short of his

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**Z.A. Colestock on the Quincy Home sun porch**

100th birthday, and is buried in Mechanicsburg. He was presiding elder during the pre-1889 secret society controversy in Chambersburg. In 1893 he presented his Mechanicsburg residence to the PA Conf as the first benevolent home in the entire UB denomination. In 1915 the residents, including Colestock himself, were transferred to the Orphanage and Home at Quincy -- where the present modern Colestock healthcare building stands as a memorial to his vision.

**Coombes, Isaac** - 1850:9/22 10/23 11/2, 1851:1/3 1/6. This UB pastor entered the PA Conf in 1837. His 1839 assignment to the Juniata circuit made him a charter member of the Allegheny Conf when it was created that year. He apparently moved to Franklin Co and preached locally in 1850, before transferring back to the PA Conf in 1851. Rev. Coombes (1799-1858) is buried at Young's church (Perry Co).

**Cormany, Jacob** - 1849:2/28. This UB pastor entered the PA Conf in 1837 and died in 1856. While there is no record of his ordination and he appears not to have been a regular itinerant, the 1848 minutes list him as eligible for election to General Conf.

**Coulter** - 1851:7/6. A Church of God pastor.
Coursey, William R. - 1848:10/28. This UB pastor joined the VA Conf in 1833, served as a presiding elder and represented that body at two General Conf's. For some reason he was appointed to serve the PA Conf's Greencastle Circuit in 1859. A native of Rockingham Co VA, he died in 1881 at Benevola MD.

Craumer - 1849:6/12. Believed to be a German Reformed preacher.

Crider, Tobias - 1849:4/19 5/28 6/17 6/29 9/3, 1850:1/16 8/1 8/22 9/8 10/6 10/9 12/24, 1851:1/15. This UB pastor entered the PA Conf in 1837 and was ordained in 1840. He served Conococheague circuit 1850-51 -- the southwest Franklin Co area first supplied by local pastors as a "field of labor" in 1849, defined to include the territory west of the Greencastle-Williamsport road in 1851, and renamed Mercersburg circuit in 1852. After retiring from the active ministry about 1860, Rev. Crider (1799-1881) lived for many years at the crossroads in Cashtown and maintained his membership at the nearby Red school house. He is buried in the UB cemetery there.

Deininger - 1850:2/3. Father and son ministers of the Lutheran church. Rev. Andrew G. Deininger (d. 1880) preached in East Berlin 1828-53. His son Rev. Constantine Jacob Deininger (1822-1885), born in Centre Co and raised in East Berlin, was licensed in 1846 and ordained in 1848.

Denig, John - 1848:12/23, 1849:2/4. This UB preacher was admitted to the PA Conf in 1842 and ordained in 1854. The conference obituary of Rev. Denig (1793-1863) indicates "he was not a regular itinerant, but travelled a great deal preaching Christ." The author of several printed pamphlets and booklets, he was also the editor and main force behind the 1858 printing of Rev. Huber's autobiography.

Dickson, John - 1849:5/9 5/10 5/13 6/18 10/13 11/3 11/4, 1850:1/26 9/16 11/24 11/25, 1851:1/11, 1852:2/21. This UB pastor was converted in 1843 at protracted meetings held by J.C. Smith during his first year in the ministry at the Red school house, received into the PA Conf in 1847, and ordained with Raber in 1850. He served as pastor, presiding elder, and delegate to General Conf before being elected to the office of Bishop at the 1869 General Conf held at Lebanon PA. He was re-elected to the denomination's highest office in 1873, 1877, 1881, 1885 and 1889. Bishop Dickson (1820-1907) was born near Chambersburg is buried in that town's Cedar Grove cemetery.

Ehrhart, Henry - 1848:10/18 12/23, 1849:2/23 2/28 3/5 3/7, 1850:6/17. This UB pastor apparently preached and attended conference as a local pastor. He attended the 1849 conference and presented himself among those "willing to travel the ensuing year without reserve" even though not listed as a member. While the 1850 journal lists him as an applicant for a license to preach, it does not report any conference action on the matter. As his name first appears as a member in 1853, Holdcraft's history credits him with entering conference in 1852 -- although the minutes for that or any year do not record such an event. In 1857 he and John George Snyder and William B. Wagner transferred to the Iowa Conf.

Enterline, Samuel - 1848:2/3 4/5 4/7 6/25 7/19, 1849:2/9, 1851:10/16, 1852:2/22. This UB Preacher entered the PA Conf in 1839 and was ordained in 1842. The grandson of pioneer Lutheran preacher John Michael Enterline, Samuel (1810-1884) was born in upper Dauphin Co, raised following the death of his mother by his pious Methodist maternal grandparents, and re-awakened by Evangelical Association connections before joining the UB church at a camp meeting near Halifax. In 1848 he was Raber's senior pastor on the York circuit. He retired to Round Hill (Adams Co) in 1881 and is buried in the cemetery of the nearby of village of Hampton.

Erb, Jacob - 1848:3/2 8/15 9/9 10/10 10/11, 1850:1/26 1/28 4/15 4/16 5/23 5/24 5/26 5/27 5/28 6/15 6/16 6/17, 1851:4/7. This UB preacher entered the PA Conference in 1823 and was ordained in 1825. One of the most popular, respected and influential personalities in the early PA Conf, Bishop Erb (1804-1883) attended 60 successive annual conferences. He was a presiding elder, three-term (1837,1841, 1849) bishop, and editor of the denomination's German paper "The Busy Martha." It was Erb who baptized his friend Rev. John Winebrenner by immersion in the Susquehanna river July 4, 1830, when the latter broke with the German Reformed denomination to found the Church of God. The Erb home in Shiremanstown was always open, and Jacob is buried in the nearby cemetery that marks the location of that town's original UB building.
Etchison, Luther J. - 1849:5/11. One of the Methodist preachers assigned to Shippensburg circuit in 1849. Etchison (1822-1850) travelled two years under supervision of the presiding elder before his admission on trial to the Baltimore Conf in 1848. He was ordained in 1850, just before sickness took his life. The Etchison name soon re-appeared in the journals, however, as his older brother Jason was ordained by the Baltimore Conf in 1852 and transferred in 1866 to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Ettinger - 1848:7/23. This is believed to be Evangelical Association preacher Rev. Adam Ettinger, Jr. (1787-1877). Rev. Adam Ettinger Sr (1760-1809) was licensed by the German Reformed Church in 1803 and ordained in 1805. Like his friend and contemporary Otterbein, he was a great preacher of experimental religion and broke with the Reformed church to side with UB's. Following his death, his widow and the large Ettinger family joined the "Albrights." Adam entered the Evangelical ministry in 1816, was the first editor of the denomination's Der Christliche Botschafter, and served as presiding elder. Most of his ministerial career, including July 1848, he preached locally in York Co and served as an evangelist. Following in his footsteps, grandson Adam Ettinger (1846-1895) was also a powerful Central PA Conf Evangelical preacher and editor of the denomination's The Evangelical.

Farrel, David O. - 1850:6/9, 6/14. According to Holdcraft's history, this UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1844 and transferred out in 1854. A detailed examination of the records, however, raises more questions than it answers. Rev. Farrel entered the VA Conf in 1844 as "D. Ferrell" and was admitted that year as an "advisory member" at the PA Conf annual session. While that status usually signifies a visiting member of another denomination or another UB conference, Farrel was promptly assigned to Chambersburg circuit. He received no assignment in 1845. In 1846, when the conference split into PA and East PA, Farrel expressed a preference for the east and was assigned to New Holland (Lancaster Co). He attended the 1847 PA Conf as an "advisory member" from East PA. He was ordained by the East PA Conf in 1847 and returned to New Holland. In 1848 and 1849 he was assigned to Lancaster circuit. In 1850 he was appointed to gather the scattered UB's living in Harrisburg into a viable congregation. This assignment, during which he hosted Raber in June of 1850, lasted three years. In 1853 he was appointed by the PA Conf to Rocky Springs circuit. In 1854 the PA Conf appears to recognize his transfer out of the area as granted by the East PA Conf, the official holder of his credentials, and his name appears no more. He transferred back into the East PA Conf in 1869 and out again in 1873. He served 1854-1869 in the White River Conference and died a member of the Neosho Conference. His service record in the East PA Conf is listed under "David O'Farrell" -- which is correct!

Fohl, John - 1847:9/5, 1848:6/20, 7/25, 10/15, 1849:11/6, 1850:1/27. One of the more interesting UB pastors ever admitted to the PA Conf, John Fohl (1815-1901) was the senior member of that conference to side with the UBOC. Nor was that the only time this very committed and equally independent individual placed himself in the midst of controversy. Converted at the age of 17 while transporting two UB traveling preachers in his father's wagon, he joined the conference in 1836 and was ordained at the conference of 1839 -- at which time he was to be re-appointed junior pastor on Chambersburg Circuit, and at which time it was an offence punishable by a $150 fine to perform a marriage ceremony without parental consent for any female under 18 years of age. Prior to annual conference, John Fohl and a 17 year old girl (a convert on his circuit the previous winter, and a member of a highly-esteemed Lutheran family) went to a neighboring town and were married without the consent of her parents. Fohl's actions ("stealing a wife") shocked many members of his circuit, and the bride's father began suit against the officiating clergyman. Undaunted, the young preacher prevailed upon his father for $150 -- which he gave to the squire to convey to his offended father-in-law. The conference exonerated Fohl of wrong-doing and split off the city of Chambersburg to be a station appointment for him -- partly because some of the circuit members refused to re-accept their junior pastor, and partly because the demands of a large circuit would not be appropriate for a married man. In 1840, only one year after full ordination, young Fohl was elected by his peers to serve as presiding elder. Although he retired from active work in 1872, Fohl (along with A. Bickley and J.M. Bishop -- see Appendix A) thrust himself into the growing controversy regarding secret societies and the enforcement of church discipline. In a case that eventually came...
before the denomination's General Conf, he continued to provide pastoral services for Chambersburg's unsanctioned second UB congregation. When "admonished to desist" by the annual conference of 1879, he was granted at his own request a dismissal from that body. In 1880 he attended the annual conference of the United Christian Church -- a conservative UB group (led by Rev. George W. Hoffman and centered in Lebanon Co) that withdrew because of practices creeping into the church such as the wearing of rings and jewelry, serving in the military, baptizing infants, and joining secret societies. He accepted an assignment, and is listed among their ministerial members. Fohl may have hoped to bring the Chambersburg church into the United Christian fellowship, or he may have wanted to maintain credentials in an official and conservative denomination within the UB family. At any rate, his affiliation with the United Christians did not last -- whether because of their distance from Chambersburg, their adherence to "plain" dress, or some other reason -- and he was quick to enlist with the UBOC following the split of 1889. And so there are two existing groups, United Christian and UBOC, that have separated from the original denomination -- and John Fohl is the only individual directly involved in both of the splits.

**Fry, Philip** - 1850:5/10. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1838 and was ordained in 1841. Not an itinerating pastor, he died in 1856.

**Fulkerson, John W.** - 1849:7/16 9/10. This UB preacher entered the VA Conf in 1843, was ordained in 1846, and served mainly in Maryland. Sent as a missionary to Minnesota in 1856, he became one of four charter members when the Minnesota Conf was formed in 1857.

**Funkhouser, Daniel** - 1849:10/10, 1850:3/9 3/10 7/21 10/20. This UB preacher was born in Shenandoah Co VA, entered the PA Conf in 1834, and was ordained in 1837. After serving circuits for six years, Rev. Funkhouser (1809-1869) suffered failing health and became a local pastor. His son Benjamin was father of Romaine Funkhouser -- wife of Rev. William H. Washinger, PA Conf superintendent 1902-17 and Bishop 1917-28. Daniel is buried in the Salem church cemetery, Franklin Co.

**Gehrhart, Isaac** - 1849:6/12. German Reformed pastor Gehrhart (1788-1865) served the Frederick MD Reformed congregation of the local classis in June 1849.

**Gilbert, George** - 1850:6/10. George (d. 1870) and Frederick (1801-1869) were brothers from Horse Valley that entered the PA Conf in 1828. Following a three day meeting in 1820, they were among 5 persons baptized by immersion. Also baptized that day was a young lady who began shouting while she was in the water. Then she suddenly became powerless and lay as if dead; being dressed in white apparel, she really appeared like a corpse. Great excitement prevailed, and some pronounced her drowned. Rev. Samuel Huber encouraged the people to pray in hope that she might revive. After "a little season" of prayer and singing, the young girl arose and went on shouting and praising God. George was ordained in 1832 and chose, when the conference divided in 1846, to serve in the newly-formed East PA Conf. He and David Hoffman were the Dauphin circuit pastors when they met with Raber in 1850.

**Glossbrenner, John Jacob** - 1852:2/20 2/22. In a church where bishops had to be re-elected, this UB preacher served in that capacity for 42 years -- longer than any other person. Born in Hagerstown MD, Glossbrenner (1812-1887) entered the VA Conf in 1831 and was elected bishop in 1845. In 1863 he received a pass from Confederate President Jefferson Davis to travel north to attend the annual session of the PA Conf only on condition that he reveal nothing of military value to northern authorities. He is buried in Churchville VA, where he established his permanent home in 1855. Just west of Staunton, Churchville is home to both Glossbrenner Memorial UM church (former UB, and built in 1878 on a lot given by the bishop) and Jerusalem Chapel UBOC church (southernmost church of the UBOC PA Conf, and that denomination's southernmost church east of the Mississippi).

**Greenblade, H.** - 1850:1/25. After being denied a license to preach by the 1850 PA Conf, this UB preacher successfully re-applied and entered the conference in 1851. According to the 1855 journal, "On motion H. Greenblade was voted a transfer to any of the western conferences he may wish to join." Rev. Greenblade (1804-1887) was ordained in 1860 and died in Iowa.
Grubb, David - 1851:6/17. This UB preacher entered the Allegheny Conf in 1843, being recommended by his home congregation of Liverpool, and was ordained in 1846. A local pastor who assisted the various itinerants assigned to the Liverpool charge, he died in 1863. The original Liverpool UB church, which stood on Pine Street near the head of Strawberry Alley, was built under his leadership in 1847.

Gutelius, Samuel - 1848:10/13, 1849:3/8. German Reformed preacher S. Gutelius (1795-1866) was born in Manheim (Lancaster Co), tutored (in the days before the denomination's first seminary was established in Carlisle in 1825) by Rev. Yost Henry Fries of Mifflinburg (Union Co), and ordained in 1822. In 1843 he was assigned to Baltimore's Conway Street (i.e., "Old Otterbein") church in a prolonged unsuccessful attempt to regain it from the UB denomination that was eventually decided by the courts. In 1846 he accepted a call to the Abbottstown charge composed of Abbottstown, East Berlin, Hampton and New Oxford. In 1849 two other congregations were added and his residence was changed from Abbottstown to Hanover. At the time of his death he was serving in Lykens (Dauphin Co) -- which Reformed church is now the library, that congregation and the Methodists having merged into the former UB congregation in 1969 to form the present Lykens UM church.

Hallowell, Thomas F. - 1849:3/6 3/7, 1850:9/15. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1849, was ordained in 1852, and was granted a transfer to the Allegheny Conf in 1860. According to Allegheny Conf records, he transferred into that body in 1861 and out in 1865.

Hawbaker, Peter - 1850:1/2 4/10, 1851:2/2 3/9 3/20. Christian Newcomer preached at the home of blacksmith the Peter Hawbaker (1797-1856) in Greencastle in 1816, and a number of conversions resulted. He at once received them into the church and entered their names in a class book, thus effecting the first UB organization in Franklin Co. The Hawbaker home continued to be the Greencastle boarding place for UB circuit riders, and Peter became known as "father Hawbaker." While he was admitted to the conference in 1825 and ordained in 1831, he apparently was never assigned to a circuit and remained a local preacher-exhorter.

Hinkle, George - 1852:6/13. The Central PA Conf of the Evangelical Association lists Rev. Hinkle as a preacher for only one year -- 1852, assigned to the Perry Circuit. After that he "left the church.”

Hoffman, David - 1850:6/10. This UB pastor entered the East PA Conf in 1847 and was ordained in 1851. He and George Gilbert were the pastors for Dauphin circuit when they met with Raber in 1850. He later served as a presiding elder in the East PA Conf, joined the East German Conf when it was formed in 1870, and served as a presiding elder in that conference. He died in 1884.

Holland, Horace - 1848:6/18 10/18. This Methodist preacher entered the Baltimore Conf in 1834. In 1848 Rev. Holland (1809-1855) was one of the pastors assigned to Gettysburg circuit.

Huber, Samuel - 1847:7/20 10/29, 1848:2/9, 1849:6/21. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1816 and was ordained in 1819. Rev. Huber (1782-1868) was born of hospitable Mennonite parents who emigrated from Lancaster Co about 1775 and opened their Rocky Spring, Franklin Co, home to early UB preachers as the first regular preaching place between Harrisburg and Hagerstown. Rev. Huber began his public preaching when the scheduled circuit rider failed to meet an appointment in his home. He had a burden for the people scattered across the mountains and pioneered the UB work in nearby Horse, Path and Amberson valleys. [He heard there were Lutheran and Reformed people there who desired German preaching, but that none of those pastors would make the journey there without payment.] He eventually carried UB preaching as far as Bellefonte, Warriors Mark and the Aughwick valley. A great
promoter of camp meetings, he served as presiding for twelve years and established in 1818 the Chambersburg appointment that is now First UM church. His autobiography, printed in 1858, complements the Raber journal in detailing early UB history. It is claimed that Samuel and his brother Rev. Abraham Huber (1786-1879), role models and encouragers for Raber and many other young UB pastors, were the first UB's to contribute to foreign missions. The Hubers are buried in the Salem church cemetery, Franklin Co.

**Humerger, William** - 1850:11/17, 1851:3/19 3/30 8/20, 1852:2/28. This UB preacher joined the PA Conf in 1842 and was ordained in 1852. A native of Chambersburg, Rev. Humerger (1818-1891) eventually retired there to a small farm he owned. As he and his wife, Elizabeth Heller Humerger, had no children, he left his entire estate to the church.


**Kessler, Jacob S.** - 1847:8/29, 1848:10/7, 1849:8/26, 1850:1/28, 1851:2/5. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1835, was ordained in 1838, and transferred to the East PA Conf in 1857 -- where he served until his death in 1864. He served Shopp's (Shiremanstown, Cumberland Co) 1847-49 before following founding pastors Bonewell in Philadelphia 1849-53 and Farrel in Harrisburg 1853-54 at non-enduring UB city mission churches.

**Kocher, George** - 1848:3/22 6/25, 1850:3/16 3/17. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1848. According to the 1855 journal, and without further clarification, "On motion George Kocher was expelled from the conference and the church of the United Brethren in Christ."

**Lohr, Martin** - 1848:4/1 6/3 10/15 10/20 11/25, 1849:3/27. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1834 and was ordained in 1835. The founder and namesake of Lohr's UM church in Hanover, Rev. Lohr (1803-1868) was a resident of that town and not an itinerant. A respected spiritual and financial advisor who modeled what he preached, he was the director of the Hanover Savings Bank. His conference obituary declares that his home was always open as a "United Brethren traveler's rest."


**Magee** - 1850:2/1. This is believed to be Methodist preacher William A. McKee (1820-1892) who was born in Cumberland Co, was admitted to the Baltimore Conf in 1846, and was one of the pastors serving York Springs circuit 1849-50.

**Marker, Andrew** - 1848:3/12. This UB preacher joined the PA Conf in 1841 and was ordained in 1848. Marker (1804-1876) was converted in 1839 and professed receiving sanctification in 1853. Never a travelling itinerant, he was a ruling elder of Baltimore's Old Otterbein church and preached elsewhere upon invitation. He actively supported missionary work and led a weekly holiness meeting.

**Markwood, Jacob** - 1849:7/16. This UB preacher joined the VA Conf in 1837 and was ordained in 1841. Markwood (1815-1873) was converted in 1832 and elected a bishop in 1861. Even though he had a hard early life and schooling that totaled less than twelve months, Markwood developed into an accomplished writer, speaker and Bible scholar. Markwood UB church in Port Trevorton, which merged with Olive UEv church to form the present Grace congregation, was named in honor of the bishop.

**Miller, George** - 1847:8/30, 1850:1/26, 1851:2/5. This UB preacher joined the PA Conf in 1834 and was ordained in 1837. In 1839, his Huntington circuit assignment made him a charter member in the newly created Allegheny Conf. Three years later he returned to the PA Conf to serve Chambersburg station 1842-45, Hershe's station 1845-47, presiding elder 1847-48, and Baltimore Old Otterbein 1848-51 before transferring to the Iowa Conf in 1851.

**Miller, William** - 1849:10/13 11/3 11/13 12/6 12/7 12/9 12/10 12/11 12/12 12/14 12/16 12/30, 1850:1/1 4/22 7/21 9/22 9/23 10/13, 1851:2/9 4/6 9/29 11/23. This UB preacher joined the PA Conf in 1849 and was ordained in 1851. Raber's journal suggests that Rev. Miller preached locally until he was ordained in 1851. He then served Littlestown circuit 1851-52 and Rocky Spring circuit 1852-53 only to die of unspecified causes before the 1853 conference. His 1849 admission into the conference is accompanied by two interesting entries.
One tells of his former connection to another denomination:

Whereas brother William Miller of the Church of God, from which society he was expelled when they could no longer keep him upon charges the most frivolous (viz., "contumacy, irregularity and inconsistency"), originating we fear in a feeling not the most happy for a body calling itself "The Church of God," has made application to this conference for membership;

and whereas several letters which he holds from Rev. John Winebrenner VDM dated May 3, 1844, and May 26, 1848, be acknowledged a good certificate of his standing and moral character in the eldership of said church; and whereas he has been duly received into quarterly conference;

Therefore be it resolved that he receive a license to preach from this conference.

The other tells of his apparent difficulties with the UB's VA Conf and is labeled "Rev. William Miller's acknowledgement of March 3, 1849":

Dear Brethren of the Virginia Conf,

Whereas Brother W.R. Rinehart and I have become reconciled with each other, and as I wish to be reconciled with you also, it is right and reasonable I should confess to you my wrong for not submitting to the committee appointed to decide between us and ask your forgiveness for the same. William Miller

Monroe, Jonathan - 1851:1/24. This Methodist preacher entered the Baltimore Conf in 1825. Rev. Monroe (1801-1869) was one of the pastors assigned to Gettysburg circuit 1850-51.


Nevin, W. - 1850:10/10. This Presbyterian pastor is probably Alfred Nevin of the Carlisle Presbytery who wrote an 1852 history of the Presbyterian church in Cumberland and Franklin counties.

Norcross, Isaac - 1850:1/25. This UB preacher was denied a license to preach by the January 1850 PA Conf with the notation, "Resolved that brother I. Norcross cannot be received into this conference according to the Discipline." Having sought and received a license from the East PA Conf meeting in Hummelstown the following month, he died later that year and never acquired a ministerial record.

Oliver, S.S. - 1850:1/25. This UB candidate was denied a license to preach by the 1850 PA Conf with the notation, "Resolved that S.S. Oliver cannot be received into this conference because he comes to us from a Quarterly Conference of another district."

Owen, Alexander - 1849:3/5 5/16, 1850:6/17, 1851:8/10, 1852:2/21 6/5 6/6 6/7. School teacher John W. and Elizabeth Keefer Owen of Franklin Co had five sons, and all of them entered the Christian ministry -- one as a Methodist, one as a Lutheran, and three as members of the UB PA Conf. Owen Alexander (1820-1861) entered the conference in 1842, served various appointments, and was elected presiding elder of the York District in 1852 -- thus becoming Raber's superintendent for the final year of this journal. He became president of Mount Pleasant College in 1856, editor of the denomination's Sunday School literature in 1857, and president of Otterbein College in 1858. He is buried in Oakville, Cumberland Co.

Patterson, Matthew Boyd - 1851:11/30. This Presbyterian pastor was ordained by the Northumberland Presbytery in 1830, transferred to the Carlisle Presbytery in 1851, returned to the Northumberland Presbytery in 1854, and transferred to the Rock River Presbytery in 1864. He died in 1877.

Price - 1850:10/19, 12/30. A UB preacher from Ohio.

Rankin, Abram - 1850:1/25 6/2, 1851:12/20. This UB preacher's 1850 application for a PA conference license resulted in "Resolved, that the case of Abram Rankin cannot be reached by this conference." Occurring during travels north of the Juniata river, Raber's final two references suggest that Rev. Rankin proceeded to preach in the area just beyond the conference boundaries. He is probably the "R.G. Rankin" who transferred in and out of the Allegheny Conf in 1847 and 1850 respectively.

Ressler, J.B. - 1852:2/22. This UB preacher was admitted to the Allegheny Conf in 1842, ordained in 1845, and transferred out in 1873.
Russel, John - 1848:3/2, 1850:4/16, 1851:2/2 2/6 2/9. This UB preacher entered the Hagerstown Conf (a short-lived body that merged back into the PA Conf) in 1818, preached and served as presiding elder in Ohio, and returned to the PA Conf in 1837. Rev. Russel (1799-1870) was elected to eight General Conferences and served as bishop 1845-49 and 1857-61. A conservative on matters of practice, he was instrumental in inserting the anti-secrecy clause into the denomination's constitution and spoke against establishing "preacher factories."

When he joined George W. Hoffman (who later left the denomination to found the United Christian over this and other issues) to preach at Lebanon Valley in 1868 on "Knowledge puffeth up," he created a division and attendance at the college dropped by 25%. His home, which still stands, was near the Antietam battlefield, and the bishop helped take care of the wounded in his home during and after the fighting.

Schneider [Snyder], George - 1849:3/6. This UB preacher entered the Allegheny Conf in 1840, was ordained in 1842, and transferred to the PA Conf in 1848. In 1849 he was assigned to York circuit with T.H. Hallowell. He transferred to the Sandusky Conf in 1852.

Schollar, Jacob - 1850:5/25 6/10. This UB pastor entered the PA Conf in 1841 and was ordained in 1843. When the conference was divided in 1846, he chose to serve in the newly-formed East PA Conf. Maintaining ties to the mid-state, he attended the 1847 PA Conf as an "advisory member." In 1850, while assigned to Lebanon circuit, he preached at the quarterly conference at Marion and met with Raber in Harrisburg. He transferred out of the East PA Conf in 1851.

Seiler, John F. - 1851:2/26 3/2, 1852:4/25. This UB preacher, who appears to have been a resident of New Bloomfield, completed the 1850 year begun by Augustus Bickley on Perry circuit and helped Raber make the transition there in 1851. He received a license to preach from the PA Conf in 1851 but was never fully ordained. After serving Big Spring (1851) and Manchester (1852), he transferred to the Sandusky Conf in 1853.


Sherlock, Thomas - 1851:5/25. Methodist preacher Thomas Sherlock (1826-1885) was converted at age 12, preached in Perry Co while a student at Dickinson College, graduated from Dickinson in 1852, and entered the Baltimore Conf in 1853.

Showman, George W. - 1849:3/29, 1850:6/23 6/25. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1846 and was ordained in 1848. His 1862 dismissal from the conference is recounted in the journal as follows:

_The committee on difficulties handed in the following report in the case of George W. Showman._

"After hearing the statements of several brethren that appeared before us in the case of Rev. George W. Showman, [we] would recommend a recognition of his informal withdrawal from this conference, and that the Presiding Elder of the York District demand his licenses." -- J.P. Bishop, Z.A. Colestock, J. Dickson (committee) Adopted.

Smith, Jacob C. - 1848:4/8, 1850:3/16 3/17 3/18, 1851: 3/6 3/8 3/9 3/10 3/11 3/14 4/12 4/13 4/14 4/15 8/10 11/27, 1852: 2/1 2/2. Born on a farm near Chambersburg, UB pastor Jacob Smith (1819-1886) was converted at revival services held in Chambersburg in 1838 by John Fohl and J.B. Kessler. He joined the PA Conf in 1843 and, like Raber, started his ministerial career by serving the 30+ appointments of Chambersburg circuit. He served York First (now Otterbein) three times -- during his first appointment (1847-51) building a work recommended to be abandoned into a strong congregation of 137 persons, and during his third appointment (1866-1871) leading the congregation in the erection of its present substantial sanctuary. Elected the conference's (only) presiding elder in 1851, Raber's first year on Perry circuit, he declined re-election the following year. He did serve as presiding elder again 1871-76. It was Jacob Smith who was assigned to begin the second church in Chambersburg in 1876, but reported to the 1877 conference the ulterior motives of those who initially requested the mission. Conference historian Paul Holdcraft calls him "an able preacher, a much beloved pastor," which agrees with the assessment implied by Raber's journal. He retired to a farm he owned in Adams Co and was buried in the cemetery behind the Hampton UB church.

Snyder, John George - 1851:6/23 10/18 10/26 10/27. This UB preacher was ordained by the PA Conf in 1838.
and transferred with Henry Ehrhart and William B. Wagner to the Iowa Conf in 1857. For some years he was an instructor at Western (UB) College. He was the son of Rev. John Snyder (1768-1845), prominent early UB preacher and namesake of Snyder's church [see THE CHRONICLE IV:3-25].

**Statton, Isaac K.** -- 1851:1/13. This UB preacher entered the Hagerstown Conf in 1850 and was the junior preacher under William Coursey on Hagerstown circuit. Three of his brothers (David E., George W. and John F.) were also UB pastors, and Bishop A.B. Statton was his son. Having transferred to the Black River Conf in 1860 and still later to Iowa, Rev. Statton (1833-1903) served as pastor and presiding elder in each of those conferences.

**Tawney, Daniel A.** - 1851:10/22 10/26 10/29 10/31 11/2 11/4 11/8 12/6 12/8 12/10, 1852:1/10 1/24 1/27 1/29 1/31 2/24. This aspiring UB preacher traveled with Raber on Perry circuit beginning October 1851. At the 1852 conference he was assigned to travel Path Valley under supervision of the presiding elder. He entered the PA Conf in 1853 and was assigned to Perry (1853), Manchester (1854) and Rocky Spring (1855) circuits. Beginning in 1856 he is listed among the absentees at annual conference and not assigned a circuit. He sent a letter to the 1863 conference asking for a regular dismissal, and his request was granted.

**Thrush, John** - 1849:4/6 4/24. This Methodist preacher was born in Shippensburg and entered the Baltimore Conf in 1845. In 1849 he was assigned with Elias Welty to Greencastle circuit. While serving a Washington DC church during the Civil War, he was appointed chaplain of "Lincoln Hospital" by President Lincoln. Rev. Thrush (1822-1872) transferred to the North-West Indiana Conf in 1865 and back to the Central PA Conf in 1870. He is buried in Lewistown.

**Tripner, A.** - 1852:3/9 8/7. This UB preacher first appears (without any formal acknowledgment of his status) in the 1854 PA Conf minutes, was ordained in 1858, and served as a regular itinerant until his death while he was assigned to Duncannon. Tripner (1822-1879) is buried at Mount Zion, near Churchtown, Cumberland Co.

**Wagner, William B.** - 1847:7/26, 1848:3/26 8/6 8/14 8/24 8/28 9/1, 1849:3/5 4/9 4/13 4/23 4/27 5/8 6/5 7/19 7/31 8/7 8/9 8/10 8/14 8/15 8/25 9/7 9/9 10/13 11/9 11/14 11/28 11/29 11/30 12/5 12/27 12/29, 1850:1/22 1/26 2/5 3/14 7/1 7/3, 1851:1/4. This UB pastor joined the PA Conf in 1841 and was ordained in 1846. During the years of Raber's journal, he served Rocky Springs circuit (Franklin Co) 1847, assistant presiding elder (the entire conference was one district) 1848, Chambersburg circuit (with Raber) 1849, presiding elder 1850, York station 1851 & 1852. Wagner was both a friend and a colleague to Raber -- the latter frequently lodged at the Wagner homestead above Chambersburg, and former was the officiating clergyman at Raber's 1850 wedding. Wagner, Henry Ehrhart and John George Snyder transferred to the Iowa Conf in 1857.

**Wagoner, Barnet** - 1848:2/4 3/2, 1850:5/28. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf with Raber in 1848. Apparently he was not ordained and did not itinerate every year, for the journals list assignments for him only for 1849 (Perry circuit) and 1851 (Path Valley circuit) before he transferred to the Illinois Conf in 1855.

**Welty, Elias** - 1849:4/12, 1850:1/2. This Methodist preacher was served with John Thrush on Greencastle circuit 1849-50.

**Wingert, Jacob** - 1847:9/11, 1849:9/16, 1850:1/5 3/31 9/14 9/15 11/7, 1851:2/2 3/16. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1814 and was ordained in 1819. Rev. Wingert (1777-1862), an original trustee of the 1829 Greencastle church, was a well-respected local pastor always available to provide counsel and assistance. He lived on a farm a few miles south of town on the road to Williamsport and was buried in the cemetery adjacent to the Greencastle church.

**Young, Henry** - 1851:4/9 5/4 8/13 10/18 11/11 11/26 12/4. This UB preacher entered the PA Conf in 1830, was ordained in 1832, but was not an itinerating pastor. Rev. Young (1795-1867) lived in Perry Co near the base of Sterrett's Gap, and it was the preaching appointment at his home that led to Young's church. Raber occasionally stayed with the Youngs while preaching in the area and used the home for overnight lodging on southern trips in and out of Perry Co. Margaret Young, daughter of Henry, and John Lackey were united in marriage by Raber 12/4/51.