Appendix D. Cumberland County Names and Places

**Big Spring** - 1849:11/2. Three miles south of Newville. Also known as Springfield, this was once a thriving community of mills and stores that was considered for the county seat. The PA Conf held its 1811, 1822 and 1827 annual sessions here in the Joseph Knegi house. The original 1852 church building is still in use by the Big Spring UM congregation.

**Boiling Springs** - 1849:11/3 11/4. Six miles southeast of Carlisle. The UB appointment here was established for the Wise school house north of town in 1843. In 1854 a church was erected at Springville, at the north end of town across the road from the existing cemetery. The present Otterbein UM structure in town was dedicated in 1897. The congregation currently owns land and is preparing to build a new facility north of town. There was also a former Methodist church, erected in 1876 and used until it was sold to an independent Baptist congregation in 1995.


**Canada** [Walnut Bottom] - 1847:7/17, 1848:8/28. This village was originally named Frystown after nearby landowner Peter Fry. According to Wing's 1879 county history, "by general consent, however, the name of Canada was bestowed upon it." The town was later named Jacksonville and the post office Walnut Bottom, the name by which the community is now known. There were UB churches in the area, but none in town. Rehobeth Methodist by the cemetery at the west end of town and Jacksonville EUB (former Evangelical) by the cemetery at the east end of town united in 1968 to form Trinity UM and erect a new facility in the center of town.

**Carlisle** - 1847:7/17 8/21, 1848:8/28, 1849:3/6 3/7 5/12 5/17 8/16 11/3, 1851:2/21 9/2, 1852:2/10 2/12 2/17 3/9 4/24. The rural-oriented UB's were active in the Carlisle area for over fifty years before organizing a class in the city in 1893. A building was erected on South Street in 1893 using proceeds and materials from the churches at Newville and Churchtown that had been decimated by the 1889 denominational split. In 1917 the congregation re-located to a former Methodist site at West and Pomfert streets, and the present Grace UM sanctuary there was dedicated in 1930. Carlisle has two other UM churches, the formerly Methodist Allison and formerly Evangelical First congregations.

A UBOC congregation was organized here and erected a building in 1893. While the congregation was a respectable one for many years, the work did not grow. The 1923 UBOC PA Conf presiding elder's report includes the following: The charges were all supplied with pastors excepting Carlisle, at the last Annual Conference it was left to be supplied. There has been no pastor appointed. Shortly after conference the members notified me that I should not appoint a pastor; that they desired to sell the church; the class was disorganized and they had only six members. I met some of the brethren and sisters, and some of the official members of the River Brethren Church [Brethren in Christ] some time in December. They wanted to but the church. But told them we could not sell them the church because the church had not been recommended by the Annual Conference for sale. They are willing to give $1,500 for the church, and pay the conference assessments for the year, excepting the [presiding] Elder's salary. We have entered into an agreement with them for the church if the conference will grant the sale. While this was accomplished, the results were not permanent. In 1982, as a cooperative effort of the PA Conf and the Shippensburg Prince Street church, the Immanuel UBOC congregation was organized. In 1983 they purchased the old Bethel Assembly of God structure at York and Petersburg roads.

**Carlisle Springs** - 1848:8/28, 1849:5/14. Five miles north of Carlisle on route 34, noted for a small monument marking the northernmost advance of Confederate troops during the Civil War.

**Centreville** - 1847:7/17, 1848:8/28. Midway between Carlisle and Shippensburg on route 174. There was
once a UB church at Brushtown, a short distance south on route 233, erected in 1875 and sold in 1916. Only a few foundation stones remain.

**Churchtown** - 1849:11/4, 1851:11/26. Three miles east of Boiling Springs on route 174. A large frame UB church was erected here at the northeast corner of Brandt and Old Stonehouse roads in 1849, shortly before Raber's first visit. Prior to that services were held in the Rudolph Krysher (1776-1854) home, which is still standing, across Old Stonehouse road from the church lot. The denominational split of 1889 so weakened the congregation that the building was dismantled in 1893 and the materials used in the construction of the Carlisle church. The cemetery, located half a mile east of the church site, is under the care of Otterbein UM in Boiling Springs.

**Corl, Uriah R.** - 1850:4/7. Raber describes this man who married Mary Jane Shirey of Greencastle as being from "near Shippensburg, Cumberland County." He was probably a relative of United Brethren pastor Peter Corl (1824-1884), who lived in the vicinity of Hayes Grove church and is buried in its cemetery. In addition, the Evangelical Association had a Corl appointment in the same area that was transferred in 1860 from Franklin to Leesburg circuit.

**Fairview** [West Fairview] - 1848:10/7, 1849:5/16, 1851:8/4. Along the Susquehanna river at the mouth of the Conodoguinet creek. The UB class here organized in 1843 and constructed its first building, at the site of the present parsonage, during the pastorate of John Fohl in 1845. The adjacent lot on which the West Fairview UM church stands was purchased in 1864, but the Civil War delayed the erection of the present building there until 1884. The former Methodist congregation here, whose 1864 building now houses an independent group, united with the UB's in 1970.

**Hershe, Jacob** - 1847:8/21, 1848:8/14, 1849:3/6 5/13. A UB layman whose home still stands along route 11 one mile east of Carlisle. Built in 1839 from bricks made in the back field, this house served as the local UB preaching place before the erection of Hershe's church. In the spring of 1850 the Jacob Hershe family, along with his father Rev. Abraham Hershe (1769-1852) were part of a party of 35 UB's that migrated to Iowa. See THE CHRONICLE VI:19-20 for a brief account of Jacob Hershe's life in Iowa.

**Hershe's church** - 1847:8/21, 1849:5/12. This 1843 building stood just east of Carlisle, one-half mile south of route 11 on Harmony Hall Road. Holdcraft's conference history indicates it was erected by "Christian Hershe, a local UB preacher and a native of Lancaster Co," but this may be a mis-reference to Rev. Abraham Hershe (1769-1852). From this beginning came Hershe's (Carlisle) circuit and several enduring UB congregations. Unfortunately, the Hershe family and most of the other UB's in the immediate vicinity migrated to Iowa in 1850 and the appointment here ceased in 1852. The church was replaced by Harmony Hall school.
Hipple - 1848:10/7. A resident of West Fairview.

Hogestown - 1847:8/23, 1848:8/15. No UB appointment is known to have existed in this community 3 miles north of Mechanicsburg, where route 114 crosses 11. The 1900 PA Conf journal mention of Hogestown in connection with Mechanicsburg circuit is believed to refer to an appointment that never materialized.

Hoover - 1848:10/8. A resident of West Fairview.


Mechanicsburg - 1847:7/17, 1849:5/15 5/17, 1850:6/16, 1851:12/27. Five miles west of Camp Hill on route 641. The UB work here began when Jacob Coover invited the pastor of Shopp's [Shiremanstown] circuit to preach in the union church, still standing next to the fire station on East Main Street. A class was organized and erected a two-story frame building in 1857. The congregation replaced the first building with a brick structure in 1872 and re-located to erect the present First UM church in 1913. The 1872 brick building at the northwest corner of Arch and Locust is now a karate studio.

The UBOC established an appointment here in 1893 and erected White Chapel on West Coover Street. The appointment did not prosper and by 1903 was down to 6 members and left "to be supplied." The 1904 UBOC PA Conf reports "Mechanicsburg did not want a quarterly [conference] as the Conference had recommended that they sell the church. They disposed of the church and met all the indebtedness." That building is now a private residence.

The present Wesley and Grace UM congregations here were formerly Methodist and Evangelical respectively. The Methodists started in the union church, built a church that is now a private dwelling at the southeast corner of Arch and Locust in 1831, erected a building on the square in 1853, and relocated to their present location in 1957. The Evangelicals started in the union church, purchased the 1893 frame UBOC building in 1904, purchased the 1872 brick UB building in 1912, and moved to its present site in 1928.

Middlesex - 1848:8/15, 1851:11/26. Three miles northwest of Carlisle on route 11. This is in the same general neighborhood that once supported the Hershe church. Members of Young's church (Cumberland Co) moved into this area in the late 1880's and desired to establish a UB church. A class was organized in 1892. The PA Conf 1893 journal reports: A house of worship was built at Middlesex, Boiling Springs charge, which in size and style meets the demands of the place. This is a new appointment though on territory occupied by us many years ago. The enterprise is a great success, a good church and school having been organized. The appointment was abandoned in 1948, and the building was an antique shop until being razed in 1990 and replaced by an Arby's restaurant.

Miller, Henry - 1848:8/15. A Shiremanstown area resident.

Mount Rock - 1849:3/6 8/16. Seven miles southeast of Carlisle on route 11. The present UM church here was formerly Evangelical.

Neidig, Jonathan - 1849:5/12. The youngest child of UB pioneer preacher John Neidig (1765-1844), Jonathan (1811-1868) married Catherine Hershe and moved onto the farm of his father-in-law Rev. Abraham Hershe (1769-1852) one mile east of Carlisle. Soon after Raber's visit he visited Iowa, liked what he saw, and purchased a lot in Muscatine and some nearby Cedar River bottom land. His enthusiasm for the area was so great that father-in-law Abrahm and brother-in-law Jacob sold their farms and moved with him to Iowa in 1850. He later moved to Western (about 8 miles south of Cedar Rapids) and became an avid supporter of the 1856 UB college there -- now merged into Westmar College of the Iowa UM Conf.

New Cumberland - 1848:8/15, 1850:6/17, 1851:8/4. Along the Susquehanna river at the mouth of the Yellow
Breeches creek. The Trinity UB church here organized and erected a stone building in 1873. The first structure was replaced by the present brick building in 1906. Community, a second UB church here, began as a Sunday School ministry of Trinity in 1921. In 1924 the trustees of Trinity purchased the present Community site and presented it to that congregation. Their original building was the old Mount Wolf UB church -- dismantled, moved in 8 trips of a large truck, and reconstructed in New Cumberland. The present Community UM building was erected at the same site in 1961.

**Newburg** - 1849:2/28 6/16. Ten miles west of Newville on route 641. The class here was organized by John Dickson in 1848 and nurtured into a strong congregation the following year by Zephaniah Colestock. There have been three buildings -- all at the present site. The first was erected in 1862, and a larger structure in 1883. That building was destroyed by a storm 8/2/1899 and replaced by the present edifice. In 1992 the Newburg and nearby Hopewell (also formerly UB) congregations united to become New Hope UM church. The Newburg site is currently being advertised for sale, and the congregation plans to erect a new complex of buildings outside town.

**Newville** - 1849:5/17 11/3. Eleven miles west of Carlisle on route 641. A brick UB church was erected here in 1867 on Fairfield Street. The denominational split of 1889 so weakened the congregation that the building was dismantled in 1893 and the materials used in the construction of the Carlisle church. There was also a Methodist church here for many years on the south side of West Main Street. The first building, made of brick and erected at the back of the lot in 1826, was replaced by the existing building in 1846. Services there were discontinued in 1971, and the property was sold to the Wesleyan Holiness church.

**Pisle** - 1848:8/15, 1851:2/20 3/3. A Stoughstown resident with whom Raber lodged when passing through.

**Plainfield** - 1849:11/3. Five miles west of Carlisle on route 641. A UB appointment here appears on Carlisle circuit in the 1860's conference minutes. In 1867 Plainfield circuit was formed by joining it with appointments from Newburg circuit -- Bethany (Guissetown) church, Rarrick's, Nettle's and Zeigler's. That circuit was disbanded the following year, however, and the appointments supplied from Big Spring. A UB church erected in nearby West Hill in 1870 eventually absorbed the class. In 1899 members of the West Hill church living in the Plainfield and Greason area organized a class and purchased the old Greason Academy. The church did not prosper, was sold to the Evangelicals in 1918, and merged into McAllister church (also formerly Evangelical) in 1979 to form the present Good Shepherd Community UM church.

**Shepherdstown** - 1847:7/15. On old route 15 north of Dillsburg. The first UB preaching here was in 1851 as the northermost point on Franklin circuit. The congregation worshipped in Cocklin's church, the Levi Eberly home, and the 1843 union church before erecting their own building in 1887. The Eberly and union buildings still stand, and the 1887 building is part of Shepherdstown UM church's present complex.

**Shippensburg** - 1847:7/17 9/11, 1848:8/14 8/28, 1849:3/6 5/18 6/12, 1850:4/17 9/13 10/10. On route 11 between Carlisle and Chambersburg at the Franklin Co line. The UB class here was organized in 1866 at the home of local pastor Rev. J.M. Smiley, which stood at the site of the present Christ UM (formerly Methodist) church. A church was erected on North Penn in 1869, and the congregation dedicated its present building on South Penn in 1924. Shippensburg was a scene of controversy during the denominational split of 1889. The Old Constitution sympathizers began meeting in the old Reformed church on Orange Street in 1891, purchased the building two years later, and even had the cornerstone changed to reflect the 1869 date of building on North Penn. In 1950 they sold that building, now a Christian and Missionary Alliance church, and relocated to the present Prince Street UB OC site.

The 1871 frame UB church in nearby Mainsville was also affected by the split. In 1892 it was placed on a charge with Shippensburg, which had been a station appointment, but it was sold to the Radicals in 1893. Replaced by a new brick structure in 1967, it is now the Mainsville UB OC church.

**Shiremanstown** - 1847:7/17 8/23 8/29, 1848:8/15, 1849:5/15, 1850:6/15 6/16 6/17, 1851:4/7 4/8. Two miles east of Mechanicsburg, this was the retirement home of Bishop Jacob Erb and home base for the Shiremanstown (Shopp's) circuit -- from which developed most of the UB churches in eastern Cumberland and
northeastern York counties.


**Shoop** [Shopp], **John Jr** - 1848:10/11, 1850:6/18. Son of John Shopp Sr (1761-1821), he inherited the family farm and granted the land for the 1827 Shopp's UB church. John Jr (b. 1794) married Nancy Nissley of the Middletown area, Dauphin Co, in January 1841, but she died in July of that year. In 1843 he married Louisa Crider (b. 1806) -- the daughter of the founder and namesake of Franklin Co's Crider's UB church Rev. John Crider (1766-1841), and the brother of Rev. Christian S. Crider (1811-1850).


**Shoop's** [Shopp's] church - 1847:8/23 8/29, 1848:8/15. In 1774 Ulrich Shopp (d. 1788) purchased plot #26, 209 acres north and east of Shiremanstown, of the original Louther Manor. Under son John Sr (1761-1821), the Shopp home became one of the earliest and most enduring appointments in the entire UB denomination. Otterbein, Boehm and Newcomer were all present in October 1803 when a powerful revival began in this home. Another great revival occurred there in 1819 under Rev. Jacob Roop (d. 1875) in which 8 children of John Sr were converted: John Jr, Christian, Samuel, Jacob, David, Sarah, Annie and Catherine -- Elizabeth and Frances having previously professed salvation. This home is still standing, on the south side of the route 581 expressway. The PA Conf met in the Shopp home in 1826, which impressed upon the congregation the need to erect a church building. The first church was constructed the following year just east of Shiremanstown on Simpson Ferry Road. At the urging of local resident Bishop Erb, the old building was razed in 1854 and the materials used to construct a larger building in town. The present Shiremanstown UM church was erected on the same site in 1963. In the old Shopp cemetery that marks the location of the 1827 building lie the remains of Bishop Erb, John Shopp Sr, and other UB pioneers.


**Stoughstown** - 1849:3/6 5/18 8/15, 1851:2/20 3/3. A once-thriving village on route 11 about midway between Carlisle and Shippensburg. Named for Col. John Stough, whose tavern there was a relay station for the stage.

**Tritt** - 1849:6/15. A resident in the Big Spring area, one of the sons of Peter Tritt (1755-1839). This immigrant ancestor is believed to have come from Spain, settled originally in Lancaster Co, and moved into the area about 1775. He had 13 children. If the reference here is to son Christian Tritt (1796-1871), then Raber and Colestock were in the home 6 days after the death of his wife Lydia (Stough) Tritt, daughter of Stoughstown's namesake Col. John Stough

**Wormleysburg** - 1848:8/15 10/10, 1849:5/16, 1851:8/4. Along the Susquehanna river between Camp Hill and West Fairview. Christian and Elizabeth (Hershey) Erb, parents of Bishop Jacob Erb, came from Lancaster Co and settled on a farm at the west edge of town in 1810. The home of Elizabeth's father Abraham Hershey (d. 1811) was an early preaching place of Christian Newcomer and other UB pioneers; her brothers were the renowned Reverends Abraham (1774-1839) Christian (1777-1853) Hershey. And so the Erb home became an early appointment and center of UB activity. When Christian died in 1820, Elizabeth moved into town and continued hosting UB preaching -- including the 1838 annual conference. The appointment was moved to a school house when Mrs. Erb died in 1850, and then to a union church erected with the Church of God in 1860. The congregation erected their first building at the present site in 1871 and dedicated the present structure in 1923.

**Young, Joseph** - 1847:8/22. Either Joseph Sr, from whom the land was purchased to erect Young's church, or Joseph Jr, one of the church's original trustees.

**Young's Church** - 1847:8/22. North of Mechanicsburg, on route 944 one mile west of 114. Erected in 1843, the building was an appointment on the Hershe (Carlisle) circuit. The original 1843 UB building here was replaced by the present structure in 1885.
