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Harmony Church is in the northeastern part of Chester County, one mile from the York County line on what was once known as the Yorkville-Lancaster Highway. On September 11, 1839 a presbytery consisting of the Reverends James M. Thomas, D. Duncan and William Perry, organized the church, dismissed by letter from Hopewell Baptist and Catawba Baptist churches. Many were added weekly and soon had a membership of more than one hundred.

The old house where Harmony was organized was built many years before and was known as the Republican Church and they continued to worship in it until 1853.

In 1840 their first call was made to Rev. J. M. Thomas, which he accepted, and these deacons were chosen: S. M. McFadden, Robert McFadden, Joseph Ferguson, and the first clerk was Abijah Pittman, and the first deacon was John Pittman.

Mr. Thomas resigned after serving one year. A call was made in 1841 to Rev. William Perry who served two years. Rev. Pritchard came next and served for one year.

Rev. E. Ray served through the year of 1844 and Rev. William Perry came back and served through 1844-1847, and at this time W. P. Broach was elected church clerk.

In 1848 the members of Harmony Church called a meeting to get a pastor. A call was made to Rev. W. Guinn; he accepted and filled the pulpit for one year. He was succeeded by Rev. Nulen in 1849. He resigned and in 1850 was succeeded by Rev. J. A. Hill. He served the church as pastor for nine years and at this time a new church was planned. A building committee was called and was composed of Dr. A. I. Smith, Dr. Blake, Henry D. Culp, Ira Ferguson, Green Ferguson, Amos Nunnery and James Lee. The land which consisted of four acres was donated by John Rives (1775-1839).

The contract for the new church was given to Major Caudor



McFadden for the sum of \$800.00. He was made treasurer, which position he held capably and exceedingly well. He was a Christian veteran and afterwards joined the church; he became a useful and influential member. He resigned this position in 1893 and was succeeded by Robert McFadden.

In 1859 Rev. C. C. Vaughn was called to preach once a month and in 1861 he began to preach twice a month. While holding this pastorate he married Miss Bettie Nunnery, sister of Joseph Nunnery of Wylies Mill section. Mr. Vaughn insisted very strongly that a Sunday School should be organized and it was begun in the year of 1861; the teachers were Miss Mary Rowell, Barbara Nunnery, Eugenia Waters and Joseph Nunnery.

Mr. Vaughn resigned because of bad health and was succeeded by Rev. Golden from 1863 to 1864. Then came Rev. A. L. Staugh, a Dutchman and Catholic who became a Protestant. Rev. R. H. Griffith served as pastor from 1872-1876.

Rev. J. H. Eager was pastor in 1876;

Rev. L. C. Hinton in 1877,

Rev. J. Hartwell Edwards in 1878,

Rev. A. P. Pugh 1884-1885,

Rev. G. W. Gardner 1888-1889,

Rev. P. G. Hopper 1890-1891,

Rev. A. McA. Pittman 1894,

Rev. M. W. Gordon 1896-1901,

Rev. H. D. Allen, 1901,

Rev. J. H. Yarborough 1903,

Rev. W. B. McCuen 1905-1906,

Dr. J. Q. Adams 1906-1911 (at this time a new church was built, which is the present edifice 1952),



Rev. J. R. Hamrick 1911-1912,  
Dr. J. G. Adams (second time) 1913-1914,  
Rev. J. S. Corpening 1915,  
Rev. A. P. Turner 1916,  
Rev. R. I. Corbett 1917 -- served four years as pastor,  
Dr. Frank Pittman 1922, a local son of the church,  
Rev. J. F. Pittman 1924, a brother, and local son of the church  
(they both were sons of Amos Pittman and Mary S. Jordan Pittman),  
Rev. J. E. Bruce 1927,  
Rev. F. T. Collins 1928 for six years,  
Rev. Fred Poplin 1935,  
Rev. J. M. Flowers 1937-1940,  
Rev. E. L. Larsen 1940.

The past history of Harmony congregation can not but inspire the present members into redoubled zeal and determination to go forward and carry on the good work for the Kingdom of God, and live their lives by precept and example for the benefit of the younger people and generations to come.

It will no doubt fill the heart of the present congregation with devout gratitude to Almighty God who during these many years, has been so gracious to them.

There are a number of things which mark the progress which a people have made in civilization. One of these things is the graveyard--the place where the bodies of the dead are laid away. The semi-savage may say, "I care not what becomes of my body when I die", but the pious of all generations have had a desire, like the old patriarchs, to be buried with their fathers. The manner in which the spot is kept in which sleeps the dust of departed friends is no uncertain index of the character of the living. He who can trample



on or neglect the graves of his ancestors must have a heart dead to all the tender instincts of human nature.

In Harmony Church Cemetery you will find graves of people from all walks of life, and all of them are from remarkable families for one reason or another, and these many good reasons constitute the stability of any community.

The people of Harmony Church community were brave and confident; their teaching zealous; and their style simple and emphatic. Their commanding presence bold and frank, they moved with evident consciousness of a rectitude of purpose and a sense of duty active and dauntless. They never lost an opportunity to advance any cause they espoused and they never, under any circumstance, deterred from the discharge of their duties to their church or community.

I have copied to the best of my ability the names of all who have monuments or markers in Harmony Church Cemetery up to May 25, 1952, and the following list can not be absolutely perfect because it was a Herculean task to undertake--especially for one person:

"Grow old along with me  
The best is yet to be,  
The last of life for which the first was made:  
Our times are in his hand  
Who saith, "A whole I planned,  
Youth shows but half; Trust God:  
See all, nor be afraid."

Benjamin Allen, 1868-1945.

C. Harvey Allen, 1836-1918; his wife Sara Sweat Allen, 1837-1914.

Mary Locke Allen, Born 1893 (63 years), wife of W. M. Allen.

Rebecca Jane Allen, 1859-1929, wife of William H. Allen.

James H. Allen, 1855-1925, his wife Annie H. Ferguson Allen, 1866-1946.



Cora E. Nichols Allen, 1889-1912, wife of S. E. Allen.

Walter Ellison Allen, son of A. H. and M. J. Allen.

Mary Etta, daughter of A. H. and M. J. Allen, 1891-1923.

Andrew H. Allen, 1859-1937. His wife, Martha Fudge, born 1861.

Forney R. Armstrong, 1875-1950; Mattie F. B. 1886 -- Mamie L., 1880-1910.

John Blanks, 1872-1937; Lillie Pittman Blanks, 1871-1943.

Eliza Brantley Bigham, 1885-1918, wife of C. W. Bigham.

Asa Bradley, 1806-1887; his wife, Nancy E. White Bradley (daughter of Peter and Martha Randall Rives White).

James Pope Brunson, 1853-1904, son of C. C. and H. E. Brunson.

G. C. Brunson, 1821-1887.

Dorothy Abendschon Culp, 1802-1880, wife of Benjamin F. Culp.

Daniel E. Curry, 1878-1932.

Cynthia Cline, 1803-1862.

M. P. Craig, Died 1897, 70 years; Bithea Jane Craig, 1831-1922.

M. Fannie Curry, 1864-1888, wife of J. G. Curry.

James W. Curry, 1853-1917; wife, Mary E. McElroy, 1850-1903.

George A. Caldwell, Died 1887, 31 years.

William Hartwell Curry, 1882-1937.

Ida Cornwell, 1866-1912.

John D. Cornwell, 1840-1908; wife, Hannah Roden, 1843-1899.

Hope Cornwell, 1873-1921.

J. Quitman Cornwell, 1902-1952.

Walter M. Culp, 1898-1920.

George Butler Cornwell, 1850-1910.

Hannah J. Cornwell, 1895-1929, wife of Charles M. Crosby.

Richard A. Cornwell, 1870-1943.

David E. Curry, 1888-1943.

Sarah E. Curry, 1920-1943.



John David Cornwell, 1895-1950.

Charles Cooper C. Cornwell, 1893-1947.

Charles W. Crosby, 1868-1944.

Cicely T. Crosby, 1868-1951.

Mary J. Ford Crook, 1855-1938, wife of W. P. Crook -- 1851-1921.

Alma Mae Crook, 1897-1907, daughter of W. P. and Mary J. Crook.

Charles Grady Crook, 1886-1933, son of W. P. and Mary J. Crook.

Elizabeth Edwards Crook, daughter of W. P. and Mary J. Crook.

J. J. Caldwell, 1851-1923, wife of M. J. Caldwell, 1851-1931.

Rena Caldwell, 1877-1906, daughter of J. J. and M. J. Caldwell.

W. B. Crosby, 1847-1923.

Georgia A. Brunson Crosby, 1850-1920.

Verla E. Sustare, 1896-1943, Wife of J. Quitman Cornwell.

Kate Thomas Cornwell, 1860-1916, Wife of W. J. Cornwell.

William J. Cornwell, Born 1860

Gracie Cornwell, 1882-1892.

Oma Cornwell, 1890-1904.

R. L. Crook, 1826-1890.

Darbus Chambers

Henry Culp, Died 1889, son of Abram H. and Alice J. Culp.

Martha J. Campbell, 1848-1904, wife of T. M. Campbell.

William Alexander Campbell, Died 1918 (Soldier).

Mary Ann Daniel, Born 1834, Age 77 years.

Mary H. A. Dye, 1884-1908, wife of L. E. Dye.

J. Wedon Dye, 1848-1926.

Arthur Erskine Dye, 1878-1947.

Mary J. Simpson Dickey, wife of John Dickey, 1838-1924.

David Daniel Esq., Died 1832, Age 63 years.

Anna D. Edwards, 1862-1916.



Delilah Edwards, Died 1892, wife of J. J. Edwards, 74 years.

D. C. Edwards, 1856-1892.

Lucius G. Edwards, 1862-1929; his wife, Sara Campbell Edwards, 1871-1945.

James E. Edwards, 1888-1946.

Virginia Louise Edwards, daughter of L. G. and S. J. Edwards, 1910-1912.

R. Hall Ferguson, 1859-1915; His wife, Mary Nunnery Ferguson, 1862-1894.

Ira C. Hyatt Ford, 1869-1933, wife of J. L. Ford.

William Cox Franklin, 1893-1928, world war veteran A.E.F.

Robert Henry Fudge, 1895-1918; His wife, Margaret Orr Fudge, 1868-1935.

Martha A. Ferguson, 1859-1881, daughter of William and N. E. Ferguson.

Elijah Hyatt Ferguson, 1845-1865.

Turner Ferguson, 1816-1842.

Sara Ferguson, 1785-1848.

Rhoda White Ferguson, 1820-1881, daughter of Thomas White and niece of Peter White.

Ira Ferguson, Died 1854.

Elizabeth Ferguson, 1836-1912, wife of Isom Ferguson.

Paul S. Ferguson, 1890-1943.

John B. Ferguson, 1876-1950.

Atwood Leonidas Ferguson, Son of D. M. and J. R. Ferguson, 1880-1890.

Janie R. Ferguson, 1853-1890, wife of D. M. Ferguson.

J. A. Ferguson, 1872-1912.

Rebecca O. Ferguson, 1837-1910.

William S. Garrison, 1866-1951; wife, Frances Thomas Garrison, 1863-1933.

Eliza J. Smith Glasscock, 1833-1931, wife of William T. Glasscock, 1830-1908

Lewis Hardin, Died 1835 (83 years old).

Margaret Hayes, wife of William M. Hayes, 1840- (44 years).

John M. Hyatt, 1871-1930.

Eliza Horn, Died 1842.

Edna Erline Nunnery Herring, 1908-1945, wife of H. L. Herring.



William Haggerty, 1861-1928.

Mary A. Hamilton, 1836-1880.

H. C. Hinson, Died 1916 (55 years).

William Lee Hinson, son of M. C. and M. Y. Hinson, 1890-1914.

Carl T. Holder, 1884-1950.

Amanda Irene Adams Irby, 1866-1933, wife of Nelson Irby.

Louisiana Edwards Johnston, 1909- 58 years old.

Mary E. Bradley Jordan, 1834-1910; wife of Elijah H. Jordan.

Beauregard Jordan, 1861-1939; his wife, Hattie Culp Jordan, 1864-1945, daughter of Winfield Scott Culp.

Henry Long, 1853-1921; his wife Mary Y. Long, 1855-1917.

James Lee, Died 1858, 73 years; father of Henry Lee.

Mary Lee, Died 1856, 75 years.

Henry Lee, 1814-1894, son of James Lee. Taught school.

Rebecca Roper Lee, Died 1883, 74 years; wife of Henry Lee.

W. W. Lemmon, 1819-1895; His wife, Martha M. Lemmon, 1827-1909.

Sara Malinda A. Bradley McFadden, 1839-1881, 42 years old; was sick for 20 years, wife of C. W. McFadden.

William McFadden who married Ida Fudge, 1859-1880.

Elizabeth White McElroy, 1822-1908, wife of James McElroy.

Jennie H. Lewark McFadden, 1868-1903, wife of H. Ross McFadden.

Robert M. McFadden, 1845-1901; his wife, Jane V. Nunnery McFadden, 1847-1916.

George L. McClintock, 1836-1912--Confederate soldier, Co. F. 6th S.C.V. C.S.A.

William Paul McFadden, 1889-1947.

William Bryan Minors, 1866-1886 and S.A. Minnie Minors, 1868-1888. (Children of C. T. and Laura Minors).

Robert McFadden, 1883-1890, son of Robert M. and Janie Y. McFadden.

John Montgomery, Died 1843, 63 years; Sara Ann Montgomery, 1837-1843; James Montgomery, Died 1843; Elizabeth Montgomery, Died 1834.

Clarence A. Miller, 1895-1951; His wife, Mable Thomas Miller, born 1896.

Catherine M. J. Nunnery Nichols, wife of W. T. Nichols, Died March 6, 1882, age 18 yrs. Their son (Henry Ernest) died December 25, 1881,



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2 months. She was daughter of Ralph McFadden Nunnery, and grand-  
daughter of Henry Nunnery.

William Albert Nunnery, 1839-1896, Confederate soldier (Co. B 6th Reg. Mt. 5th Va. Cal.) and son of Henry Nunnery. He married Nancy Caroline Simpson (1846-1927) She was sister of Duke Simpson. (Wm. Pinckney) married Mollie Hefley.

Amos Nunnery, 1797-1887, 90 years old (was brother of Henry Nunnery). His wife, Elizabeth Ferguson Nunnery was born March 8, 1800, 77 years old. Their children were Joseph, Mary Pittman and Barbara Martin, Rhoda Kiser and Martha J. Nunnery, who never married.

Martha J. Nunnery, 1826-1898, 71 years.

Dorothy O. Nunnery, 1839-1902, wife of Joseph Nunnery.

George Nunnery, 1880-1939, son of William Albert Nunnery.

Joe Nunnery, 1890-1928, son of William Albert Nunnery.

Albert R. Nunnery, 1877-1930; His wife, Lonnie Tinkler, 1883-1937. He was son of William Albert Nunnery.

James (Jim) Nunnery, 1895-1918, Son of F. A. Nunnery.

Frederick Allston Nunnery, 1860-1932; His wife, Nannie Thomas Nunnery, 1863-1930.

William Grady Nichols, 1900-1941.

Hattie J. Nichols, 1866-1946; her husband, William T. Nichols, 1861-1927.

Jack Collins Nunnery, 1924-1929, Son of H. G. and Genevieve Collins Nunnery.

Alexia Cornwell Nelson, 1880-1902, wife of C. D. Nelson.

Joseph Nunnery, 1836-1909, Son of Amos Nunnery.

Edith Virginia Ligon Nichols, 1909-1939, Wife of J. T. Nichols.

James M. Overby, 1879-1947.

Minnie Overby, Born 1886.

Nancy E. Orr, 1875-1941; her husband, H. C. Orr, 1879-1921.

James M. Orr, 1830-1908. Confederate soldier, Co. A., 17th S.C.V., C.S.A.

Mattie Orr, 1857-1883, Wife of J. R. Orr.

H. Calvin Orr, 1858-1934.

Mary Nunnery Pittman, 1824-1909, wife of Hilliard Pittman and sister



of Joseph Nunnery, son of Amos Nunnery who was the brother of Henry and Rhoda Nunnery.

Delilah Horne Pittman, wife of George A. Caldwell and later wife of J. C. Pittman.

Hilliard Pittman, 1816-1854, 38 years old; His wife was Mary Nunnery, daughter of Amos Nunnery.

John H. Pittman, 1880-1924; His wife, Rhoda Belle Nunnery Pittman, 1886-1911.

Hattie H. Nunnery Pittman, 1888-1893, wife of E. M. Pittman.

Hillard Judson Pittman, 1874-1917. <sup>1938</sup> \* Hartwell E. Pittman, 1886-1940; His wife, <sup>Mae</sup> ~~Mae~~ <sup>Preston</sup> ~~Preston~~, 1890-1937.

\* Amos Q. Pittman, 1845-1916; His wife, Mary S. Jordan Pittman, 1854-1917.

R. Frances Parrish, 1858-1932.

Marion C. Parrish, 1857-1928.

Dr. Charles Leonard Pittman, 1903-1951.

Nannie Ferguson Pittman, 1878-1935, wife of Charlie H. Pittman.

Mary F. Brunson Pittman, 1884-1950, wife of Brice Pittman.

John C. Pittman, 1850-1921; His wife, D. C. Edwards, 1846-1892.

Lillie Thomas Rogers, 1870-1936, wife of W. H. Rogers.

Isaac H. Rowell, 1827-1898; His Wife, Mary J. Rowell, 1837-1894.

Alexander Roberts, 1856-1925; His wife, Emma Dawkins Roberts, 1897-1942.

Jacob William Reinhardt, 1910-1934.

Sam Sexton, 1861-1929; His wife, Addie Cline Sexton, 1870.

Amelia P. Swett, 1882-1937.

Everett H. Simpson, 1876-1947.

John Robert Stevenson, 1871-1939; His wife, Edith Cornwell Stevenson, 1871-1936.

Turner R. Swett, 1874-1948.

Martha I. Baker Simpson, wife of E. E. Simpson, 1914-1950.

Norah Jennie Curry Simpson, wife of J. L. Simpson, 1875-1918.

Chalmers T. Simpson, 1899-1948.

Marshall Sibley, Son of C. M. and A. G. Sibley, 1905-1905.

William M. Simpson, 1872-1942.

Robert M. Spears, Died 1867.



J. M. Sanders, 1842-1927-- S.C.V.

Nancy C. Sanders, 1843-1907.

C. R. Sibley, 1829-1906.

Robert Davis Stevenson - D.<sup>ied</sup> 1952, 57 years.

E. M. Sibley, 1867-1886.

Nancy Alta Mickle Simpson, 1894-1935, wife of W. P. Simpson.

Lula Adams Thomas, 1892-1924, wife of C. N. Thomas.

John A. Thomas, 1859-1921; his wife, Emily Cain, 1861-1935.

W. H. Tomberlin, 1878-19\_\_.

Mary Ann Small Tomberlin, 1844-1915.

Jonas L. Tomberlin, 1869-1908.

William D. Tomberlin, 1846-1932, Confederate Soldier.

Pearl Allen Tadlock, 1890-1910; wife of W. M. Tadlock.

Sam Watt Thomas, 1900-1941.

J. Quitman Thomas, 1854-1925; his wife Agnes Kelsey Thomas, 1855-1940.

Robert Boyd Thomas, 1941-1950, son of Sam W. and P. B. Thomas.

George W. Tomberlin, 1873-1912.

Capt. J. A. Thomas, 1827-1906; His wife, Charlotte Ann Ferguson Thomas 1829-1912.

Susan Jane Boyce Thomas, 1871-1949, Wife of Henry Thomas--Henry Thomas 1851-1940.

D. S. Vaughn, 1813-1877; His wife, Elizabeth Ferguson Vaughn, 1830-1871.

R. L. Varnadore, 1874-1932, his wife Mary E. Hutchinson Varnadore, 1878-1922.

Miss Bertie Wylie, 1883-1950.

James M. White, 1873; His wife Sara Elizabeth, 1875-1941.

Minnie Wylie, 1880-1910 -- Nettie Wylie, 1873-1920.

James H. Wylie, 1834-1889; His wife, Mary L. Taylor Wylie, 1846-1917.

C. E. Wylie, 1877-1941; His wife, Sara C. McFadden Wylie.

Williams Wylie, 1869-1944; His Wife, Jessie A. Collins Wylie, 1879-1917.

James J. Wilson, 1885-1943 -- Nancy Williams, Died 1845.



Minerva Lee Workman, Wife of R. N. Workman.

Sara E. Workman, Died 1868, Wife of R. P. Workman.

George W. Weaver, Died 1916.

R. N. Workman, 1852-1917.

Francis Marion Workman, 1867-1878.

Nancy Sara Workman, 1862-1878.

Mary White, Died 1881, 77 years - Mary Ann White, 1906, 76 years.

T. N. White, Died 1900, 70 years - James H. White, Died 1862.

Rebecca White, Died 187\_, 72 years.

John C. White, Confederate soldier, Co. A. 17th S.C.V. C.S.A.

James H. White, 1831-1888; His wife, Sara Jane Hamilton, 1836-1880.

Sarah Ann Lee Workman, 1843-1925, wife of R. Pink <sup>W</sup>orman, Co. A. 6th  
S. C. Infantry, C. S. A. 1845-1925.

Sid W. Williford, 1870-1939; His wife, Jennie McFadden Williford, 1874-1926.  
She was the daughter of Robert McFadden and Jane Nunnery McFadden and  
granddaughter of Henry Nunnery and Sara McFadden Nunnery.

Nora J. Nunnery White, 1875-1927, wife of R. J. White, 1853-1919.

J. T. Yarborough, 1829-1918.