

The headstone marker for Rev. Van Court includes a bas-relief of Central's first church at 8th & Locust.



1845-49

ALEX VAN COURT



Alexander Van Court is buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery. He died July 22, 1849 at 31 yrs, 11 months, 18 days. His wife is also buried there, although she remarried.

# I. REGISTER OF PASTORS.

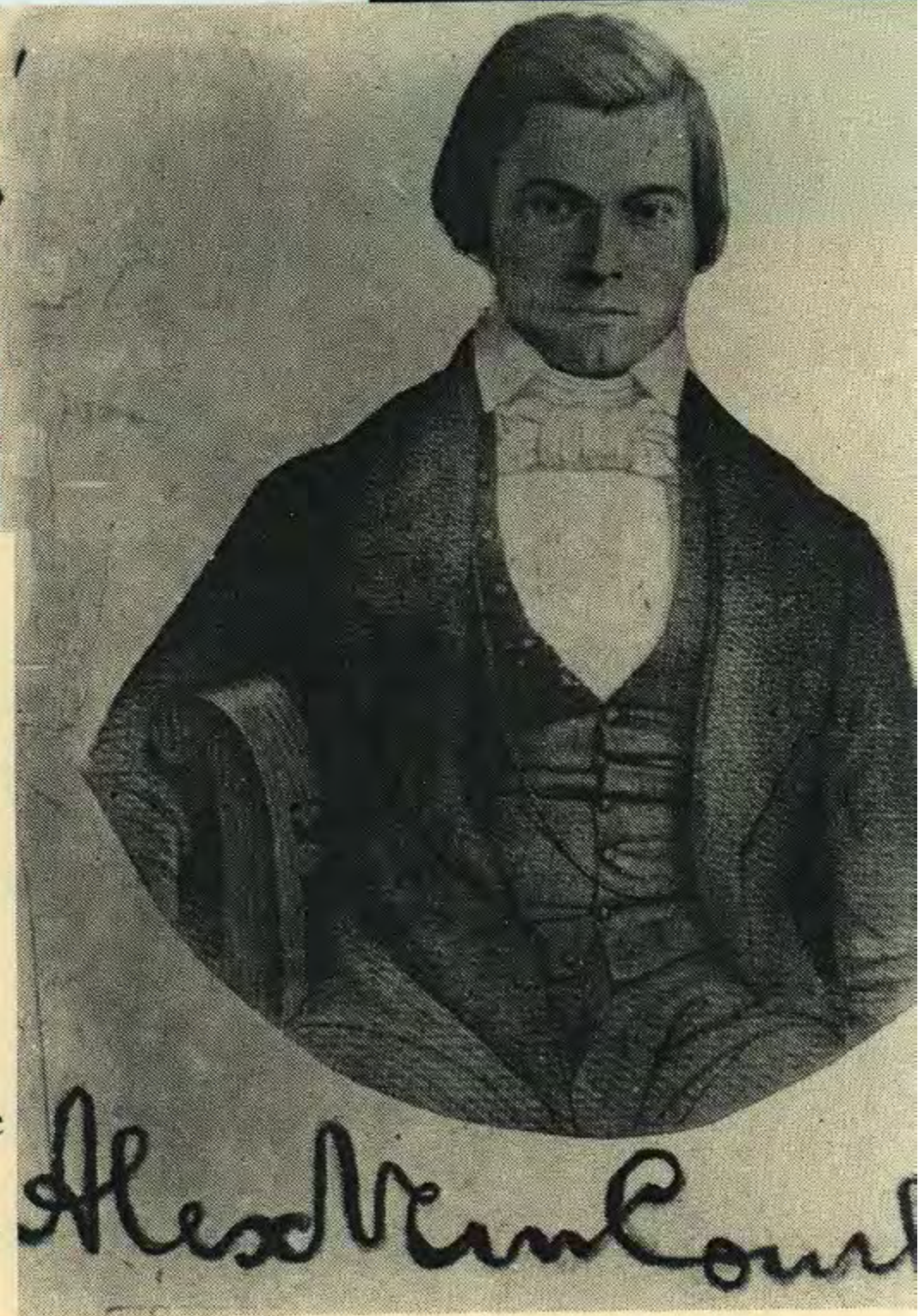
Let each name be written in full.

NAME	WHEN INSTALLED	DISMISSED	DIED
Alexander Van Court	July-1843		July 1849
Samuel J. Anderson	Dec-1850	May 25-1868	
Wm. G. Brank	May 31-1869		August 21-1895
Edward Mack	July 1-1893	May 1897	
Frederick F. Carr	Mar. 20-1898	Mar. 1-1901	
Leighton Manzi	July 1902		

II.

NAME

The thirty two members of the Fourth Presbyterian Church first met in a small building on the southeast corner of Sixth and St. Charles streets. In the spring of 1846, the newly renamed **Central Presbyterian Church of St. Louis** purchased a lot at the northwest corner of Locust and Eighth streets. Construction began and by the winter of 1848, the congregation was holding services in the basement. The two story building was completed in 1849 and included "areas for the pastor's use and for other purposes in the basement. The audience-room, eighty five by sixty feet, seated about six hundred persons."



Alexander Van Court, Central's first minister

May 21,  
1 9 3 2.

Mr. Robert H. Van Court,  
Graymoor,  
Garrison, New York.

Dear Mr. Van Court:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 8th. I have been thinking that there is a great deal of wonderful history connected with the long course of this church, and it is pity to have it all lost. There are times when a church wishes to remind itself particularly of the great deeds done in the past.

I should be very happy if you could give me a brief sketch of the life of your Grandfather, and any high lights of his connection with the founding and continuation of the Central Church.

If ever you are in this section of the country, the people of this church would be very happy to see the grandson of its first minister.

Thanking you in advance for your

"Graymoor"  
Graymoor  
Garrison, N.Y.  
May 8 1932

Reverend and dear Sir:

Through Miss Belle Orr and my sister, Mrs. Hilson Aull, I have heard that you desire some data regarding my grandfather, the founder and first pastor of your congregation.

It would of course afford me great pleasure to help you in any way possible, and if you will please let me know about what

"Graymoor"  
Graymoor  
Garrison, N.Y.  
May 22, 1932

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My dear Dr. Smylie:

I'm afraid I cannot tell you much about Grandfather, for he died when my parents were babies. He was graduated, I have always been told, from Princeton, and I think his theological training was received there too. He came to St. Louis from Florence, Alabama, and the original "Central" was at Eighth and Locust Streets, torn down later to make way for the tunnel built to connect the

Letters to Dr. Smylie from Robert Van Court, the grandson of Alexander Van Court, Central's 1st minister who died of cholera in 1849 at the age of 32. To quote from the letter:

"I'm afraid I cannot tell you much about Grandfather, for he died when my parents were babies. He was graduated, I have always been told, from Princeton and I think his theological training was received there too. He came to St. Louis from Florence, Alabama and the original Central was at 8th & Locust streets, torn down later to make way for the tunnel built to connect Eads Bridge with the Union Depot....

Grandfather... refused to leave his people during the cholera epidemic... and died probably a martyr to duty."

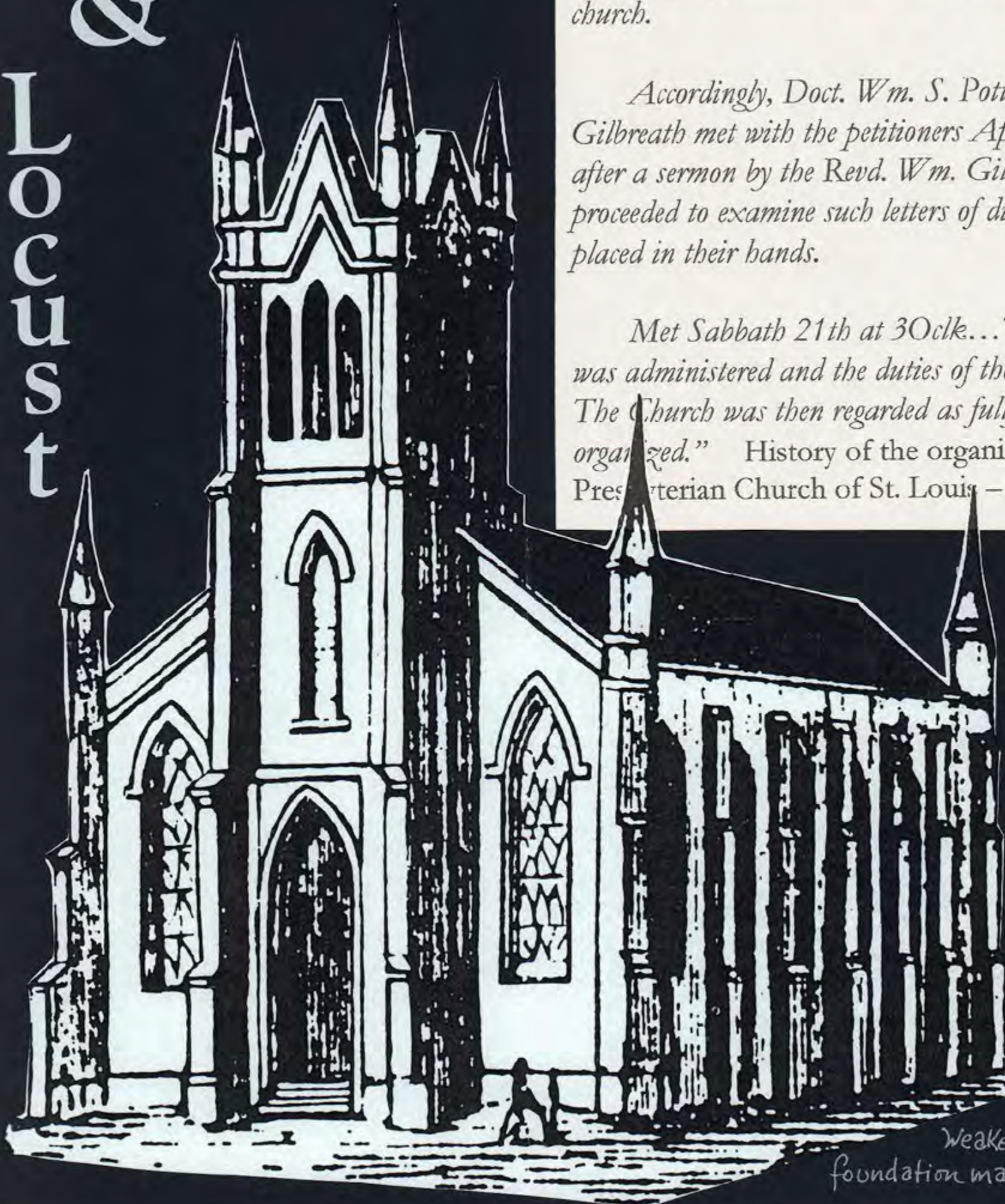
His grandmother lived at Grand & Washington and her funeral was at the Central Church at Lucas & Garrison @ 1878 or 1879.

# 8th & Locust

*"A petition having been sent to the Presbytery of St. Louis, asking the presbytery to organize another Old School Presbyterian Church in the city of St. Louis, the Presbytery appointed a Committee to organize such a church.*

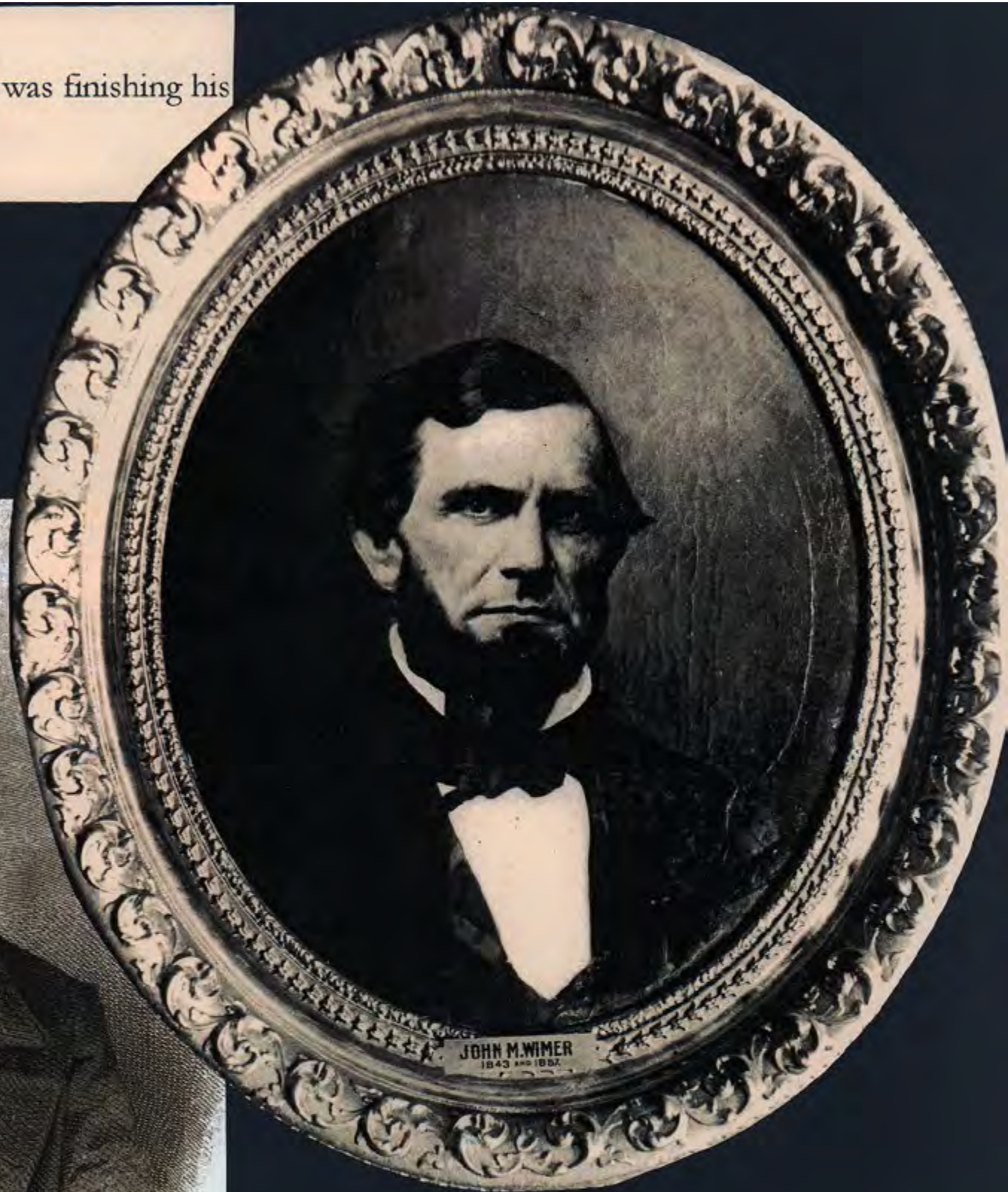
*Accordingly, Doct. Wm. S. Potts and William Gilbreath met with the petitioners April 18 1844 and after a sermon by the Revd. Wm. Gilbreath the committee proceeded to examine such letters of dismission as were placed in their hands.*

*Met Sabbath 21th at 3Oclk...The Lord's supper was administered and the duties of the Committee finished. The Church was then regarded as fully and constitutionally organized." History of the organization of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of St. Louis - April 18<sup>th</sup> 1844*



*This building housed Central's congregation from 1848 to 1873. In the 1870's a railroad tunnel ran under 8<sup>th</sup> street one block north of Locust, weakening the walls and foundation making it unsafe.*

John M. Wimer, charter member of Central, was finishing his term as mayor of St. Louis in 1844.



Wm. W. Hunt  
E. M. Bates.

Another early member, Edward Bates was elected a ruling elder. He later served as Attorney General of the United States in the Lincoln administration.

# BELLEFONTAINE



*St. Louis had been Roman Catholic under French and Spanish rule. After the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, protestants began to settle in St. Louis. Stephen Hempstead appealed to the Connecticut Missionary Society, and they sent Salmon Giddings in 1816 who would establish the 1st Presbyterian Church. The "Layfather" of Missouri Presbyterianism, Stephen Hempstead's farm became Bellefontaine Cemetery.*



*Hempstead's monument has this plaque.*

*Marker for Alex Van Court's daughter & grandson - he may not have been buried here - he lived in New York.*

Samuel Joseph Pierce  
Anderson, born in  
Virginia in 1814,  
graduated from  
Union Theological  
Seminary in Richmond.  
He served 2 churches in  
VA for a total of 10  
years before coming  
to St. Louis in 1850.

His wartime sympathies  
reflected his Virginia background.



Pastor at a time when  
the nation was divided  
by warfare, Dr. Anderson  
understood the church's  
mission to be exclusively  
spiritual, and not to  
be involved in civil & social  
issues.

He was arrested and tried  
for disloyalty in military  
court in the summer of  
1863.



Dr. Anderson, Central pastor, 1850-1869.  
A minister of high standing in St. Louis,  
whose prominent position was "eminently  
calculated to exert influence in the  
community." (Quote from fellow pastor,  
James Paige. Paige testified against  
Anderson in his trial in 1863.)



Anderson's son  
joined the  
Confederate army.  
Was he also a  
Reverend?



After the war, Dr. Anderson  
developed an unspecified  
"disease of the throat."  
As a result he resigned  
his pastorate in May,  
1868. He died five years  
later at age 59.

THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES  
AND THE FEDERAL UNION  
1861-1869

BY

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Of the four presbyteries of Upper Missouri, two (Lafayette and Platte) were almost entirely bereft of ministers. The Synod of Upper Missouri had failed to meet since the beginning of the war, and at the last meeting of the Synod of Missouri not one-fourth of the members were in attendance.<sup>100</sup> The picture painted was dark, but not exaggerated. Recognizing the necessity of readjustment in this region, the General Assembly of 1864 transformed the Presbytery of Highland (formerly belonging to the Synod of Upper Missouri) — which, located in Kansas, had continued to prosper — into the Synod of Kansas; and consolidating the remaining three presbyteries of the Synod of Upper Missouri into two, joined them with the Synod of Missouri.<sup>101</sup> The Assembly was thus frankly retrenching in Missouri.

In spite of the fact that the General Assembly of 1862 had been disposed to take a charitable view of the resolutions of the Synod of Missouri on its action of the previous year,<sup>102</sup> the spirit of hostility within the Synod steadily mounted. The Presbytery of St. Louis was torn with dissension over the case of Dr. S. B. McPheeters, whose policy of silence on political matters exposed him to charges of disloyalty. The intervention of the military authorities, a lengthy correspondence between the accused man on the one hand and President Lincoln and Attorney General Bates on the other, and a complete review of the case in the General Assembly of 1864, kept the affair in the limelight for a period of over two years.<sup>103</sup> The military trial of Dr. S. J. P. Anderson on charges of active sympathy with the rebellion brought another member of the Presbytery into a sort of prominence that was particularly distasteful to "loyal" men of that body.<sup>104</sup> By the summer of 1863 this element in the Presbytery had managed to rid it of

<sup>100</sup> Cf. communication "From Missouri," *True Presbyterian*, December 12, 1863.

<sup>101</sup> *Minutes of the General Assembly*, 1864, vol. xvii, pp. 313-314; 316; 317.

<sup>102</sup> Cf. *ante*, pp. 99-101; 116.

<sup>103</sup> For a more complete account of this case, cf. *post*, pp. 305-325.

<sup>104</sup> An account of this case is given, *post*, pp. 326-327.

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the man was allowed to return to his family and his church. Yet his peace was not to last long. Charges of treasonable plots brought his arrest a second time, but a protracted interview satisfied the military authorities, and he was released without bond, oath, or parole. His next difficulty came in connection with the Rosecrans Oath. When he refused to take this oath as a means to being recognized as a member of his presbytery, he was arrested and put on parole "to appear when called for." He was never called for. Finally he was indicted for preaching the gospel without taking the oath required by the 1865 constitution of the state. This case was dismissed before coming to trial.<sup>182</sup> In each of the troubles encountered by Dr. Farris, the immediate action was brought by either Federal or State authorities; the Church courts did not, as in the case of Dr. McPheters, molest him. Nevertheless Dr. Farris and his friends were certain that behind each of the moves of the governmental authorities lay the unwearied activities of the patriot party in the Church.<sup>183</sup>

It was another Missouri clergyman, Dr. S. J. P. Anderson of the Central Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, who had the doubtful distinction of being the only Old School minister in the non-secession states to be formally tried before the military authorities on a charge of disloyalty to the Federal Government. The eleven "specifications" adduced to substantiate the charge listed a formidable array of alleged shortcomings and errors on the part of the pastor, but although he was accused of uttering disloyal expressions and openly denouncing Federal activities, it was not asserted that any of the objectionable statements had been made in the pulpit. Among the

<sup>182</sup> More correctly, when the case came up for trial Dr. Farris was not present. The judge and the circuit attorney were about to enter upon the records that he had forfeited his bail when this "cowardly trick" was prevented by the accused man's counsel's appearance with the word that his client was within call and ready for trial. Thereupon the case was continued until the next term, and then dismissed. *Ibid.*, p. 91.

<sup>183</sup> The account of Dr. Farris' trials is taken largely from *ibid.*, pp. 83-93. More than half of the story as there given is in the pastor's own words

accusations were statements that Dr. Anderson had "asserted and maintained, avowed and admitted, that rebellion is not a sin; . . ." and that "loyalty had nothing to do with the qualification for membership in the church, Synod, and other religious bodies." The Military Commission "after mature deliberation and reflection" found the prisoner guilty of all of the specifications and of the charge and sentenced him to be "sent south of the lines of the Federal army at as early a day as practicable." The proceedings of the Military Commission were, however, disapproved by the Commanding General on the ground that there had been a defect in the orders convening the Commission, the number of members being below the minimum prescribed by the War Department's orders.<sup>184</sup> It is apparent from the specifications named that a chief source of Dr. Anderson's difficulties lay in his observance of the Thorne-well theory of pulpit silence on political matters. Dr. Anderson was not further disturbed by the military authorities, but patriots in the Old School Church, like Dr. Robert J. Breckinridge, were not quick to forget the accusations made against him and persisted in regarding him as a traitor.<sup>185</sup>

The inclusion of the famous loyalty-oath requirement in the new Constitution of Missouri in 1865 barring ministers, among other classes, from continuing the practice of their profession if they failed to take a specified stringent oath to the effect that they had never been disloyal in deed, word, or thought,<sup>186</sup> called forth the bitter opposition of all who had objected to the Rosecrans oath. Among these non-juring Old School clergymen in

<sup>184</sup> For the proceedings in the Anderson case, cf. McPherson, *op. cit.*, pp. 537-538.

<sup>185</sup> *Cf. ante*, p. 246.

<sup>186</sup> The substance of this oath is given in Leitwisch, *op. cit.*, pp. 228; 232-235. This oath requirement was declared unconstitutional on the ground of its being *ex post facto* in nature, by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Cummings v. the State of Missouri* (4 Wallace, 277). Mr. Justice Field in delivering the opinion of the Court stated, "The oath thus required is, for its severity, without any precedent that we can discover."

"The war is wrong and I shall not pray for it."

# 1850-68 S.J.P. ANDERSON

## TRIAL OF THE REV. S. J. P. ANDERSON FOR DISLOYALTY.

### HIGHLY INTERESTING DISCLOSURES.

#### Abstract of the Testimony for the Prosecution.

The trial of Rev. Dr. S. J. P. Anderson, before the Military Commission, of which Colonel John P. Tyler is President, and Captain A. S. Dean is Judge Advocate, upon the charges and specifications which we published a few days since; has just been concluded.

Below we give the more important testimony, on behalf of the prosecution:

R. v. James A. Paige, a witness for the prosecution, was duly sworn and examined.

By the Judge Advocate:

Q.—State your age and profession. A.—My age is 39 years. Profession Minister of the Gospel.

Q.—Do you know the accused—if so, how long have you known him? A.—Yes, sir. I have known him 9 years.

Q.—Where does he reside? In St. Louis.

Q.—What is his calling and position in community. A.—That of a Minister and Pastor of the Central Old School Presbyterian Church. His position is prominent—eminently calculated to exert influence in community.

Q.—Were you ever at Wentzville, Mo., in company with accused—if so, state when it was and what occurred there.

A.—On coming from Presbytery, which met at Troy, we stopped at Wentzville on the evening of Monday, after hearing of the fall of Fort Sumter. Dr. Anderson, with several other members of the Presbytery, there met to take the down train for St. Louis. There was there gathered a company of people from the neighborhood around, celebrating the fall of Sumter, by a tar barrel bonfire and flag, the description of which I do not distinctly remember but think it was the same or a similar one to one that had waved on Fifth Street at Birchold Mason's. The means of report on the occasion was an anvil which they were firing instead of a cannon. When the tar barrels were burning and the flag was waving in the light and smoke of the barrels, the crowd was gathered in front of the depot and some of the crowd upon the platform, among whom were several ladies. Dr. Anderson stepped out on the platform of the depot, conspicuously among the crowd on the platform and above those below it. He lifted his hand and with a waving gesture toward the flag, called attention and to the beauty of the scene, as I understood the expression, exclaiming in these words as I took them: "What a beautiful sight is that!"

Q.—Was there any hurrahing by the crowd—if so, of what character? A.—There was hurrahing and in sympathy with rebel demonstrations; but whether the name of Jeff. Davis was used I cannot positively state.

Q.—What was the flag and demonstration called by those present? A.—I don't think I heard anything said; the whole celebration was, as I understood it at Dr. Logan's where we stopped, a demonstration on the side of those who perpetrated the assault on Sumter.

Q.—Was the flag at Wentzville such a one as was recognized as an emblem of the rebellion? A.—I think it was. Yes, sir; that is probably all I can say with reference to the flag.

Q.—What was the tenor of the talk in the crowd with reference to the celebration at Wentzville, while the accused and you were there? A.—It was that of hostility to the Administration, and of such a character as to justify hostility to its authority. There was, of course, at such a time, a great deal said which I ascribed to the froth of passion, and did not charge my mind with it as being of any special importance.

Q.—At what hour of the day or night did the matters occur, of which you have spoken? A.—It was after dark, and before the arrival of down train for St. Louis. I should say about 9 o'clock—may have been later—about the middle of April, 1861.

Q.—Did you see any scenes in or rebel emblems there, other than the flag? A.—None that I recollect. Rebel emblems had not at that time assumed a very definite form here.

Q.—Did you find the demonstrations in progress when you reached Wentzville; how long did they continue? A.—I think it had begun when we reached there. A party went down with us from Dr. Logan's, in which we attended the demonstration, and took it, as we supposed, as we then was.

Q.—Were you in company with the accused when you attended the demonstration at Wentzville?



Received St. Louis 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1852  
of W. Wisby treasurer of the board  
of trustees of the Central Presbyterian  
Church Three Hundred and a two Dollars  
(\$310) an account of Pastoral Salary  
S. J. P. Anderson

\$230.00 St Louis May 28<sup>th</sup> 1863  
 Received of Thos. M. Parson  
 Secy Treas two hundred and thirty dollars  
 on acc of Salary as Pastor of the Central  
 Park Church S. J. P. Anderson

Feb 22 - 70.00 Cash  
 March 3 10.00 Mr Clapp  
 " " 10.00 " Farrington  
 " " 115.00 " Subscribers  
 " 10 56.00 " Freeman  
 \$261.00  
 50.00 " Slaughter  
 311.00  
 50.00 Montgomery  
 361.00 - Cash  
 292.20  
 643.20

Received of T. M. Parson Treas, Six hundred forty  
 Three dollars & twenty cts on account of Salary to Jan 1/64  
 S. J. P. Anderson

St Louis March 16<sup>th</sup> 1864.

No. 3 575  
 Biddle Market Scales.  
 St. Louis, November 30.  
 I certify that Mr. Livingston  
 has on his Wagon 86  
 wood, being 5' of a cord.  
 J. Hoffmann Weigher of Hay and S

Above right: Gas bills for 8<sup>th</sup> & Locust

Right: the oldest receipt:  
 January 4, 1852

PLAIN AND ORNAMENTAL JOB PRINTING.  
  
 OFFICE, No. 28 OLIVE STREET.  
 William Risher Esq  
 for Central Church  
 For Printing  
 Dec. 16-200 No 5 Cold Cards  
 Received Payment,  
 Keemle & Hager

Office Hours, 9 till 4  
 Bill presented April 5, 1867.  
 Central Park Church To the ST. LOUIS GAS-LIGHT CO. Dr.  
 Register No. 31 of 1853  
 " from Dec 16 64 140.40  
 \$1.25 per cubic foot Gas at 16  
 576.00  
 290  
 866.00  
 549.00  
 317.00  
 EXPLANATION.—On the  
 10,000, 20,000, &c. On the  
 dial, 100, 200, &c. Above  
 register—say 95,400—show  
 & Co. count  
 On the right  
 Deduct last  
 interval.

KEEMLE & HAGER, Dr.  
 \$300

The Central Presbyterian Church.  
 In 9c with W. H. Hayden  
 1858.

Apr	13	By Balance		133	75	
Oct	1	" 1 year services of Choir to 31 Dec 58		600	00	
				733	75	
July	24	to Cash	M <sup>rs</sup> . Altman	33	75	
Oct	26	" do	M <sup>rs</sup> . Dunn	80	00	
Oct	16	" do		150	00	
	26	" do		50	00	
Nov	6	" do		50	00	
Dec	2	" do	M <sup>rs</sup> . Dunn	50	00	
		" do	W. Lovejoy	20	00	
1859	Jan	1	" do	M <sup>rs</sup> . Dunn	40	00
				47		
				260		

Balance due 1 Jan 1859

Correct & paid

# Choir

Receipts to pay certain choir members, organist, organ tuning (\$25.00/year) and for the organ blower dated beginning in 1858. The choir director was Wm H. Hayden, who was the organist. Choir members included Sarah C. Dunn, Mrs. E. B. Altman, Mrs. Williams, H. Pilcher, Jos. Stay, W. Lovejoy.

St. Louis Fair 14<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 Trustees Central Pres. Church,  
 To Mrs. C. E. Dunn Dr.  
 For musical services, 1<sup>st</sup> q. ending Dec. 31. \$31.25  
 Rec'd Payments  
 Wm H. Hayden  
 for Mrs. Dunn.

St. Louis May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1855  
 please to let my Brother have the  
 Organ money for I had to go into the Country  
 Central Pres Church Dr  
 to Alfred Young  
 for Organ services \$ 2.50  
 Received Alfred Young

\$40.00  
 \$33.75  
 \$13.03

of services  
 Oct 27 1858  
 98

Choir 1858

Repairs to Central's 1<sup>st</sup> building at  
 8<sup>th</sup> & Locust: Painting \$83.20,  
 Bricklayer \$35.00, Lock \$1.15  
 2 doz. Spindle Chairs- 16.00  
 Communion supplies: 1/4 gal. port wine-  
 \$1.25, bread 40¢

Fire Insurance receipts below:

St Louis May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1860  
 Central Church  
 To Stacy & Stone  
 July 24<sup>th</sup> 1860 To Hauling Stairing \$ 0.80  
 " " 3 lbs Nails 50 21  
 " " Taking down Pinnacles 15. 00  
 " " Painting 83. 20  
 Saint Louis, Oct 3 1860  
 er's Bill 85. 70  
 running over back door 3. 00  
 11. 50  
 nge & screws 60  
 11. 10  
 Workman  
 elled cloth & Task 11. 00

DIRECT IMPORTER OF  
**BRANDIES, CLARET,**  
 -AND-  
**CHAMPAGNE WINES,**  
 Sardines, French Fruits,  
**LONDON PORTER.**  
**CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S**  
 Pickles, Ketchups, Sauces, &c.  
 AGENT FOR  
**WM. YOUNGER & CO'S**  
 Edinburgh Ales, Allsopp's India Pale Ale.  
**GUINNESS' DUBLIN STOUT.**  
 TERMS CASH.

*M*  
 Bought of **DAVID NICHOLSON,**  
**GENERAL GROCER AND LIQUOR MERCHANT,**  
 NOS. 22 AND 24 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.  
 All Goods in Glass sold in the Original Packages at the risk of the Purchaser, unless by agreement to the contrary.

1/4 Gallon Port Wine 50¢  
*Jane*

Sofas, Foot Stools, Tete-a-Tete's, Looking Glasses, Parlor Chairs, Rocking Chairs,  
 Divans, St. Louis, 26 Feb 1853 Shower Baths, Ice Boxes, Mattresses, Bedding, Case Seat Chairs.

**HAZARD & WILSON**

St. Louis April 10<sup>th</sup> 1860  
 H. Central Presbyterian Church  
 James Moore

Received of the Treasurer  
 Thirty six  
 BEING THE AMOUNT OF  
**CITY MUTUAL**  
 Repaid 1/2 of  
 St. Louis, June

Received,  
 Wm R  
 being amount of  
 Mound City  
 December 5, 1858  
 St. Louis, Mo

**Mound City Mutual Fire & Marine INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAINT LOUIS.**  
 No. 262  
 William Wesley & Co's Insurers  
 Saint Louis  
 Amount Insured, = \$ 5000  
 Amount Premium Note, 250  
 Paid 10 per cent. on same, 25  
 Paid for Policy, = 0  
 \$ 25  
 Copies Dec. 15 1861  
 Edition for Record Books - A. and C.  
 In communicating with this Office, send Number of your Policy.  
 Esch, Seely & Co, Printers

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Received of *John Brown Jr* *1861*  
*1860*  
 Amount of *Central Presbyterian Church*  
*112-1*  
 Received of *John Brown Jr*  
*112-1*  
*1861*

*Mr. Central Presbyterian Church (Parsonage)*  
 EXPENDED IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, TAX for 1861.

*Central Presbyterian Church*  
 SEWER TAX.  
 To City of St. Louis, Tax for 1859

*Central Presbyterian Church*  
 SEWER TAX.  
 To City of St. Louis, Tax for 1859

BLOCK.	STREET OR AVENUE.	FRONT.	DEEP.	NORTH.	EAST.	SOUTH.	WEST.	VALUE OF LOT.	VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS.	TOTAL VALUATION.	AM'T OF TAX.
194	<i>St. Louis</i>	64	114	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>				

*Mr. Central Church*  
 SEWER TAX, NO. 16  
 Street. To City of St. Louis--Tax for 1856.

*Mr. Central Church*  
 SEWER TAX NO. 11  
 Street. To City of St. Louis--Tax for 1856

*Mr. Central Presbyterian Church*  
 SEWER TAX NO. 10  
 Street. To City of St. Louis--Tax for 1856

BLOCK.	STREET OR AVENUE.	FRONT.	DEEP.	NORTH.	EAST.	SOUTH.	WEST.	VALUE OF LOT.	VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS.	TOTAL VALUATION.	AMOUNT OF TAX.
194	<i>St. Louis</i>	64	114	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>				

*St. Louis*  
 1856  
 Collector of St. Louis

# Financing Central

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
 COUNTY OF SAINT LOUIS,

Be it Known, That on the day of the date hereof, at the request of the holder of THE BANK OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, the original Promissory note a copy of which is on the reverse hereof written, I, ANTOINE L. CHENIE, Notary Public for the County of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, duly commissioned and qualified residing in the City of St. Louis, in said State, presented the same at the Bank of St. Louis to the Teller thereof and demanded payment which he Refused same on Saturday Sunday being the last day of Grace

Whereupon, I, the said Notary Public, at the request aforesaid, have protested, and do hereby solemnly protest against all persons, and every party concerned therein, whether as Maker, Drawer, Drawee, Acceptor, Payer, Endorser, Guarantor, Surety, or otherwise howsoever, against whom it is proper to protest, for all Exchange, Re-Exchange, Damages, Interests and Costs, accrued and to accrue by reason of NON-PAYMENT thereof.

Of all which I have given due notice to the parties concerned, in manner following:  
Through the Post office to Robt. Cooke  
Endorser thereof No. 1219, Walnut Street  
Philadelphia Pa

Thus done and Protested, at the City of St. Louis aforesaid, this Fifteenth day of November A. D., 1862

In Testimony Whereof, I, the said Notary, have herunto set my hand, and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year above written.


Antoine L. Chenie  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

RECORDED, BOOK N.  
 No. 755 FEES, \$ 1.70

State of Missouri, } ss.  
 COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS,

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County, came ANTOINE L. CHENIE, who being by me duly sworn, on his oath says that the statements set forth in the foregoing Certificate are true.

Sworn to and subscribed, before me, this 17th day of November A. D. 1862  
Sanctus Williams  
 Notary Public, St. Louis County, Mo.

  
 \$ 27.00  
 Six Months after date of promise to pay to the order of E. Hooleyman Esqr of New Orleans  
Twenty Seven  
 Write Interest at Six per cent until paid  
 No. 100 Date Nov 13th 1862  
 Wm. Moore  
 THE DOORWAYS



Know all Men by these Presents, That we, *W. Risley Andrew Park  
O. D. Filley C. C. McClure John J. Hill Geo. P. Plant A. F. Shapleigh  
W. Adriance and John J. Roe*

TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND CONGREGATION

OF ST. LOUIS, for and in consideration of the sum of *Three Hundred and*

*Twenty five* dollars, paid to the Board of Trustees of said Church

and Congregation by *Sat & C Jandy*

do hereby grant, sell and convey unto the said *Sat & C Jandy*

PEW NUMBER *Ninety Seven (97)* in the Church called the

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in said city: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said Pew, with all

the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto *him* the said *Sat & C Jandy*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever. And it is hereby

agreed, and this deed is made upon the express condition, that such tax or assessment may be

imposed upon said Pew, for the use and benefit of said Church and Congregation, as the Board of

Trustees of the Central Presbyterian Church and Congregation of St. Louis shall from time to

time deem reasonable; and upon default of said *Sat & C Jandy*

*his* heirs or assigns, in paying said tax or assessment in full, for the space of six months after

the same shall have been assessed, the Board of Trustees for the time being may declare said

Pew forfeited, and on reasonable notice may sell the same at public auction, for cash, to the

highest bidder; and upon such sale may execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and deliver-

ed, to the purchaser a deed for said Pew; and out of the proceeds of said sale shall pay all arrear-

ages of taxes or assessments due upon said Pew, and the costs of sale; and the balance, after

paying all dues owing to said Society, shall be paid over to said *Sat & C Jandy*

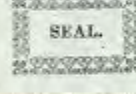
*his* heirs or assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereto set our hands and seals this *first*  
day of *September*, in the year eighteen hundred and *fifty five*

*W. Risley*



*Andrew Park*



*C. C. McClure*



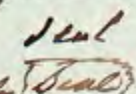
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*John J. Hill*



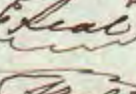
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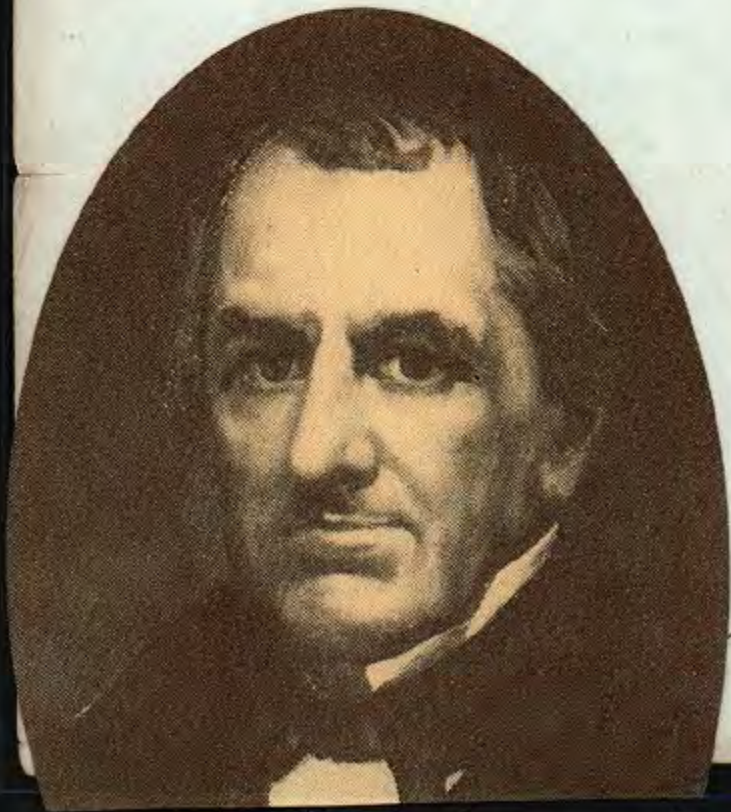
*A. F. Shapleigh*



*W. Adriance*



*John J. Roe*



*O. D. Filley listed above was the mayor of St. Louis from 1858-1861*

# Pew

*There was no mention of a tithe. Instead members purchased or rented pews on which they paid a tax or rent.*

St. Louis, *1 April* 1858

To the TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

*M. G. To Call*

To One Church *First and New No. 102* ending July 1, 1858, \$ *10.15*

Assessment of five per cent. on \$ *225*, to pay Church Debt, *16.25*

Received *March 4th 1859* from *John J. Hill* for the Church \$ *10.50*

*John J. Hill*

*March*

# Tax

This practice of financing the church continued into the next century.

## Tax List of Central Presbyterian Church 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 1859

✓	1	Mr Admains	Rent	11 25
✓	2	C Heckembury <sup>10.00</sup> J C Jett <sup>10.00</sup>	Rent	20 00
	3	Jett says he never rented it		
✓	4	O Bennett sold to J. M. McDonough	Tax	15 00
✓	5	Mr J Barron	Tax	13 12 1/2
✓	6			
✓	7	H Wisenfels	Tax	8 06
✓	8	J W Skinner	Tax	9 56
✓	9	Mr. Berman	Rent	15 00
✓	10	W R Biddlecum	Tax	11 25
✓	11	J H Stephenson	Tax	11 25
✓	12	B H Ballu	Rent	15 00
✓	13	Mr. M'Comb	Rent	13 50
✓	14	Mr. Cist 1/2	expellers office	Rent 6 50
✓	15	Cap. Turner	Rent	13 90

Above: Pew Tax list of 1859. of interest - #47 John Wimer - 1st member of Central & mayor of St. Louis, 1844 - #51 - Harriet Overton Van Court, widow of Alex Van Court #56 O.D. Filley, mayor of St. Louis, 1859 - #129 Edward Bates - future U.S. Atty Gen for Ala. lines

CHARLES KEEMLE  
SAMUEL HAGER, JR.



FOR PRINTING

Contract for Church  
St. Louis, March 1 1854

1000 days 13.50  
3000 days 13.50  
5000 days 13.50  
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FOR PRINTING  
1854  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 1000 copies Pew Deeds \$7 00

Received Payment,  
Keemle & Hager

CHAS. KEEMLE. SAM. HAGER.

EXCELSIOR PRINTING HOUSE,  
CORNER OF  
SECOND AND LOCUST STREETS.

St. Louis, 185

Central P. Church  
Co KEEMLE & HAGER, Dr.

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# CIVIL WAR

In tumultuous years, Central members were divided as well as the country. Dr. Anderson understood the Church's mission to be exclusively spiritual and abstained from politics.

Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of  
the Central Pres Church for the year 1862 -  
Made Jan'y 28<sup>th</sup> 1863 -

There has been Collected from the revenue  
of the year 1861 -

Revenue of 1862

Whole amt Collected to date

299.  
2965.  
\$3,264.

Which has been paid out as follows

To Dr Anderson Pastor <sup>1355.08 - 61</sup> 495.80 - 62 1,850.88  
" G. Partage Organist 150.00  
" J. Lucas Sexton for 1861 90.10  
1862 200.00 290.10 ✓

Gas Bills 96.15 ✓  
Cook Bills 30.00 ✓  
Wood Bill 7.85 ✓  
Organ Blower 36.25 ✓  
James W. H. Hayden Insurance 128.86 ✓  
22.50  
40.00 ✓  
Interest Note 375.00 ✓  
Repairs on Parsonage 19.60 ✓  
Broom Brushes & Repairs on Church 24.05 ✓  
Commissions 163.23 3234.28  
Balance on hand 30.28

Wartime expenses: pastor,  
sexton, organist, fuel, taxes,  
insurance, interest on note  
and maintenance

Delinquent list of 1861 1413.00  
" " " 1862 1178.73  
Notes due the Church 427.00  
Cash 30.28  
\$3,049.01

St Louis Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Ma Longth leg

To James Lucas

for services rendered as sexton  
of Central Presbyterian Church  
for the quarter ending December  
31<sup>st</sup> 1860 seventy five dollars

\$ 75 " 00

To 1 half cord wood - 3 " 00

" Bread - - - - - " 30

" removing ashes " 25

" 2 sweeping Brushes 2 " 25

" 2 Brooms " 60

Total \$ 81 " 40

Received Payment of Lucas

the Church at present are  
Anderson \$1,504.20  
Note on Parsonage 375.00  
\$1,879.20

St. Louis Church in Saint Louis

60

By Cash paid Pastor

3.515.44 ✓

St. Louis January 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Trustees of Central Pres. Church

To John Ramsey Dr.

1863	for work and materials at Pastors Residence			45.00 ✓
Sept. 19	to sash cord repairing windows	50		31.00 ✓
	" 3 sash fastenings @ 20 <sup>c</sup>	80		50.00 ✓
	" 2 days carpenter jobbing @ 2 <sup>00</sup>	5.00	6.30	118.75 ✓
Nov. 12	" 60 ft lumber @ 5 <sup>c</sup>	3.00		335.00 ✓
	" 3 1/2 lbs. wrought-nails	50		40.00 ✓
	" 4 Pr. Hinges, screws & Hooks @ 50 <sup>c</sup>	2.00		1.00 ✓
	" 3 days carpenter work @ 2 <sup>00</sup>	7.00		11.50 ✓
	" cash Paid bill painting	2.00		3.25 ✓
1864	" " " Plastering cellar	20.00	35.00	63.70 ✓
Aug. 22	" " " whitening & in kitchen	15.00		70 ✓
	" 1 knob for door	50		44.50 ✓
	" 50 ft lumber @ 8 <sup>c</sup>	4.00		116.65 ✓
	" 1 day work carpenter	4.50		97.00 ✓
	" Nails	30		28.68
	" drayage	50	24.80	1.75
Oct. 10	" cash Paid bill glazing		2.55	1.00
1865	Jan 7	" " " repairing iron fence	30.00	
	" " " " front "	15.00		4.494.32
	" other work at fence	3.00	48.00	232.00 232.00
			\$116.65	\$4.426.32
				4596.12
				130.26

March 1865 Recd Payment

John Ramsey



Account of collections for Central Presbyterian  
 Church - By Benedict Brodlo  
 1859

For the purpose of paying the Salary  
 of Dr. S. J. P. Anderson amounting to \$3000  
 Three Thousand Dollars which under resolution  
 of the Congregation is now due and should  
 be promptly paid - We the undersigned  
 do hereby agree to pay the Amount set  
 Opposite our respective Names to the Treasurer  
 or members of a Committee appointed by  
 the Board of Trustees - on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

John Barron	\$25.00	John S. Dryden	\$60.00
T. M. Barron	\$25.00	S. N. Kallady	\$50.00
C. C. McLean	\$50.00		
Saml Barron	\$25.00		



Trustee of Central Presbyterian Church  
 The will  
 of the late Jesse Little provides for  
 payment of Two Hundred dollars  
 to you, this amount I will pay  
 on application -  
 Respectfully  
 Erard B. Allen  
 Executor  
 St Louis July 23 1867

Presbyterian Church  
 Anderson  
 Certy

Folio

Saint Louis, August 19 1869

**PAINTERS,**  
AND DEALERS IN  
**PAINTS, GLASS,**  
Paper Hangings, &c.  
Sole Agents for  
New York Importers' Plat

To

JOHN H. MAURICE,  
P. DICKINSON.

AND 621 ST. CHARLES STREET.  
186

REMOVED TO 620 WASHINGTON AVENUE, AND 621 ST. CHARLES STREET.

Terms Cash.

St. Louis, Mo.

M. Beutner

No Claims for Damages will be allowed unless made within Ten Days after receipt of Goods.

Saint Louis, August 1869

SOL. SCOTT, JR.  
J. Q. HART.  
B. C. POWELL.

M. Central Pres. Church  
Corner 8th & Locust St.

Bought of **SCOTT, HART & CO.,**  
DEALERS IN  
**CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, RUGS, MATTINGS, WINDOW SHADES, &c.,**  
410 & 412 NORTH FIFTH STREET.

TERMS, CASH ON DELIVERY.

Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	68	Yds of Prime	2.85	108.60
		Work	10	6.00
		Laying 559 Yds Pure Carpets	.05	27.95
		Large Eng. Cocoa Mats	12.50	25.00
			6.00	12.00
Aug 7	2	Cocoa Mats	2.85	49.88
	2	Yds. Prime	10	1.45
				228.605

Close Mattresses,  
Husk Mattresses,

4.00	\$	4.75
12.00		15.00
15.22		3.15
		2.55
		10
		36
		56
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3.00		
1.50		
2.00		
1.00		
55		
31.22		
12		
10		
269		
25		

Bills for replacing pew carpets and refurbishing church chairs.

**C. B. DE VINNEY,**  
**UPHOLSTERY & MATTRESS WORK**  
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION  
NEATLY MADE AND REPAIRED.  
Furniture Cleaned, Varnished and Polished,  
No. 500, N. E. Cor. Ninth and St. Charles Streets,  
ST. LOUIS, MO.  
SATISFACTION WARRANTED OR NO CHARGE.  
ORDERS AT HOTELS OR DWELLINGS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.  
WE WORK THE BEST FEATHER RENOVATOR KNOWN.

251  
38  
228  
855  
250

59 1/2 Yds