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About the Early Ministers

JONATHAN KIDWELL. Born in Kentucky in 1779. After preaching for the Methodists and later the Christians he became in 1804 a Universalist and moved to Ohio. He lived at Eaton in 1825, at Cincinnati from 1820 to 1833, and the remainder of his life at Philomath, Indiana.

ELIHU MOORE. A Baptist of Miami who became a Universalist and preached at Troy, Locust Grove, Conover, Eldorado, Princeton, New Vienna, Edwardsville, and many other places. His fellowship was from the Winchester Association. He was an organizer of several churches.

JOHN HENRY BLACKFORD. A life-long resident of Eldorado, where he was ordained in 1873. He preached there for many years and at Eaton, New Madison, Plattsville, Conover, and other points in that section of the state.

FRANK BLACKFORD. A resident of Eldorado who studied for the ministry. In 1899 he preached at Mason, resigning in 1902 to enter business.

HARRY BLACKFORD. Born at Eldorado, October 17, 1866, educated at Tufts, and ordained in 1892. He preached at Cincinnati from 1899 to 1901, resigning to study and practice medicine. He died about 1909.

SARA L. STONER, M.S. The wife of Rev. J. A. Stoner. Born in Union county, Indiana, November 26, 1853. She taught school in Preble County, Ohio, in 1877. Educated at Smithson, and Buchtel. She was ordained in Kansas in 1890. She has preached at Jeffersonville, Centerfield, Milford, Cuba, Palestine, New Madison, Miami City, New Paris, Camden, Eaton, Eldorado, Belleville, Mt. Gilead, Conover, and in other states.

WILLIAM Y. EMMET. Born in Virginia, July 17, 1798, the son of a Methodist preacher, and was taken to Ohio at the age of eight. He preached at West Jefferson, Woodstock, Oxford, Columbus, Springfield, Goshen, Pricetown, Montgomery, Eldorado, Cincinnati, and Circleville. He held thirteen public debates. He died at Springfield, January 1, 1873.

HENRY GIFFORD. Came from the east and preached in Middletown, Oxford, Hamilton, Galena, Jersey, Reynoldsburg, Columbus, etc. He died about 1887.