

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

We have been unable to obtain full biographies of William Campbell and his three sons, all of whom were Methodist ministers. William was the grandfather of Zelma Campbell Harris, who told me her grandfather and uncles were all Methodist ministers, but she was unable to remember very much about them, by the time I was seeking the information.

Rev. Campbell is buried at Independence, if his wife is buried there, we did not find a marker for her. His marker reads:

Rev. William Campbell died March 21, 1872  
aged 55 years 5 months 9 days.  
(Born ca Oct. 12, 1816

From an 1860 census of Gillam township, we find that he was born in Ohio, and a tinner by occupation His wife, Hannah, (or Joanna) was born in Maine. Children are listed, but the listing is so poor, we found it impossible to read all of the names. Hannah, the oldest was aged 15, she later married Josephus Mason. She is buried in the west section of Independence cemetery. There was Winnie L. age 13; a child age 11; James age 9--he became the father of Zelma Harris; a male child aged 8 years; Horace age five. There may have been others, born at a later date.

From records of the Medaryville Methodist church and its circuits We find that Willis Campbell was appointed church pastor in 1870. He kept a record: listing 5 local preachers, baptism of 6 adults and 19 children; value of church property \$1000; conference claims \$10.61; Missions; \$47.35; Bible \$7.00; Sunday School 56.00; Officers and teachers 38; Scholars 245; Bible classes 4; volumes in library 255; Expenses of schools \$25; S.S.Adv. taken 80; Conversions 20. He served until Sept. 1871 and seemed to have drawn \$500 in salary.

His sons Horace, Frank (or Francis) and Charles E. were also Methodist ministers. Our information is scanty about these three men.