

Back to 1855...

Remember Charles Taylor?

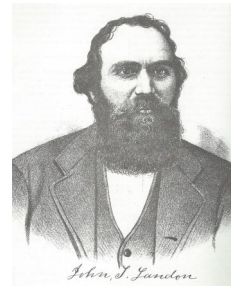


And his wife Sophronia?



Sophronia's brother was John T. Landon:

John Landon was born in Canada in 1840 but was left on his own at a very young age. He worked many jobs and married Martha Andress in 1861. In 1862 they settled in Chippewa Township, after which he bought and sold several tracts of land. In 1873, he built their home, the first brick structure in Isabella county, it was reported. Can you tell what road it is located on? He and his wife were active members of the the Methodist Episcopal Church. (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Isabella County, Michigan*)



John T. Landon's great granddaughter?

Yes, our own Sarah Ayris! Sarah is a member of the Shepherd Historical Society and enjoys sharing the history of this area with others. She also has a passion for veterans and, at our local knitting group, can be seen working on afghans like those at the right. These will be taken to the Veterans' Hospital in Saginaw. Thanks, Sarah, for all you do!



1925

FIRST
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ALBION, MICHIGAN

Victor W. Thrall, PASTOR
Mrs. A. E. Hollidge, ASSISTANT
Robert S. Miller, STUDENT PASTOR

November 20, 1925.

Rev. E. Mayhew,
Shepherd, Michigan.

Dear Brother Mayhew:

This is to certify that Mrs. Floyd Brattin is an acceptable member of the above named church.

Wishing to transfer her membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Shepherd, Mich. she is hereby affectionately recommended to the fellowship of the same.

Sincerely yours,

V. W. Thrall
Pastor in charge.

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It is interesting to note the formality of membership transfer in the 1925 Methodist Episcopal Church, a practice which continues today. Would the Harry Brattin we knew be a descendent of Mrs. Floyd Brattin?

1925 (Part 2):

The forerunner of the
Circuit Writer:

The Reminder
VOL. 2. NOVEMBER 1, 1925.

Editorial

And still the Shepherd Sunday School is gaining on their record of a year ago, not quite a hundred a year ago last Sunday with one hundred twenty seven last Sunday'

A large crowd attended church and Sunday School at Pleasant Valley last Sunday. They come within six of having as large attendance as they had a year ago. Let every one stay to-day and we will break the record of a year ago.

The Epworth League is right on the job and it pays so they think, five more new members last Sunday, and they made \$15.00 at their baked-goods sale Saturday. The League meeting at 6:00 P. M. You are invited.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold their annual chicken supper at the church dining room next Wed., Nov. 4. Adults 50 cents Children 25 cents.

FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Form of Public Worship

Voluntary
Doxology—the people standing
Invocation
Singing from the Hymnal No. 428
The Apostles' Creed—standing
Prayer
Responsive Reading—Morning No. 7
The Gloria Patri
Scripture Reading
Offering—While offertory is being played
Notices No. 481
Singing
The Sermon No. 334
Singing
Benediction

The Shepherd Methodist Church
Pleasant Valley Church

Invites you to take part in this service and to come again.

Local Preacher, Mrs. A. L. Mayhew Pastor, E. Mayhew

TO-NIGHT

ILLUSTRATED SERMON ON THE VICTORY OF GIDEON

ILLUSTRATIONS

Gideon threshing wheat at the wine-press
The angel appears, and talks with Gideon
The angel gives Gideon a sign, fire from the rock
Gideon destroys Baal's altar and sacrifices to God
The trumpet blast, calling the soldiers together
The sign confirming Gideon's call, the fleece
Gideon's army tested and sifted. The Spring
The Midianites camp. the spies. the dream.
The battle and victory.

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THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY

NEXT

SUNDAY

WE WILL ADMINISTER THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Every Christian is invited to unite with us in partaking of the Communion.

WE WILL ALSO OPEN THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH

"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good"

Around...
1926



Did you notice
last week?



Top:
Floy Struble
Claude Stump
(Father of Frances Adams)
Eskel Nilson
Vera Struble
Ruth Neier
Harold Lampman
Mildred Milliken
Middaugh

The photo was taken
on the S.E. entrance
of the Church.

1927

Interesting to look back at a special day...

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Easter Program

GIVEN BY THE PLEASANT VALLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

COMMITTEE MRS. WILLIAM BERBBAUM, MRS. CURTIS HOWE

Hymn	Congregation Standing	No. 204.	
Prayer	Congregation Standing	Rev. E. Mayhew	
Scripture Reading	Superintendent	Earl Morris	
Music	The Orchestra	A Pageant	Cornet Duett
Reading	A Welcome	Elizabeth Siegmond	
Reading	The Easter Rabbit	Esther McCune	
Reading	The Easter Lily	Lucy Yats	
Song	The Easter Message, Stand Bys and Buds of Promise		
Reading	What Easter Means	Myra Miller	
Special	Exercise If	Four Children	
Reading	How He Spent Easter	Dwight Morris	
Reading	I Love The Easter Time	Ethel Oswald	
Exercise	Three Children Rec. Thank God	Darr Warne	
Offering	This will be for the World Service, make it big		
The Happy Days, Helen Siegmond	Rec. Ruby Teagarden		
Readings	Orland and Givendall Teagarden		
A Closing Thought,	Gertrude Howe.	Closing Hymn 47	

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GIVEN BY THE SHEPHERD SUNDAY SCHOOL

COMMITTEE MRS. CARL PIATT, HAZEL FOUTCH, GRACE STUMP

Hymn	Congregation Standing	No. 161.
Prayer	Congregation Standing	Mrs. E. Mayhew
Scripture Reading	Superintendent	P. T. Pile
Anthem		The Choir
Reading		Paying Tribute
Shogs	1 God is Love 2 Easter Song	Primary Dept.
Reading	Resurrection Day Is Here	Allene Davis
Solo		Irma Parker
Easter Stories	Hazel Foutch	Louis Brew, Jack Barnes
Special	Christ Arose	Sunday School Chorus
Reading	Easter Praise	Irma Lalone
Reading		Guy Houser
Quartet	He Lives On High	Male Quartet
Offering	This will be for the World Service, make it big	
Roll Call		
Hymn By The Congregation	All Standing	No. 179

1936

We've been apart so long,
'Tis good to hear your laughter,
And share with you a song.
'Tis good to think of other days -
Some twenty years gone by,
Some, pleasant recollections,
While others bring a sigh.
'Tis good to talk of fun we had
When we were out together
For a jolly good old sleigh ride;
We did'nt mind the weather.
There are things that I'd forgotten
'Till you bring them back to mind,
And I've been telling others
I did nothing of the kind.
I think we went for a turkey roast,
Perhaps you have forgot,
And I dont quite remember,
Was that turkey stole, or not ?
And the maple sap we tried to boil
By adding water, I vow !
Would never have made good syrup
If we'd boiled from then 'till now.
These things are now but memories
Of days that are past and gone,
Each brings a bit of pleasure,
And we love them, every one.
How we gathered here on Sunday,
We hardly knew just why,
Unless by chance we hoped to meet
The apple of our eye.
Many have found their life long mates,
Some have moved away,
A few are here, still looking
For their apple, yet today.
'Twas years ago we organized
As the Young Folks Bible Class,
But where will you find among us now
What you'd call a lad or lass.
'Tis only in our minds we keep
The spirit of the youth,
Each year we have kept it strengthened
By our knowledge of the truth.
If, we've lived a decent sort of life,
And kept the Golden Rule,
Let's not forget, but credit it
To our good old Sunday School.

Were they
thinking
ahead?

Hmmm....

Composed by Carl Peat

1939

Name change...



In 1939 the **Shepherd Methodist Episcopal Church** became....

The **Shepherd Methodist Church** because...



“Episcopal” was dropped as the southern Methodist Protestants and the northern Methodist Episcopalals merged.



1940

In 1940 the Women's Society for Christian Service (WSCS) served the first weekly Rotary Club dinner. The largest income that year was \$14.04 for the dinner, the least \$2.00. The pictures below might not go back as far as 1940!



ROTARY DINNER

1946

The name change trail continues...

1882 - The Shepherd Methodist
Episcopal Church

1939 - The Shepherd
Methodist Church

1946 - The Evangelical
United Brethren Church
is formed from the
Evangelical Church and
the Church of the United
Brethren in Christ.

Assignment:
In what year did this
Church combine with
the Methodist Church?

1949



Could this be our Esther?

The Evening Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized in the Fall of 1949 with Mrs. Lyle Bryant-President, Mrs. Beulah (Hazelton) Piatt-Vice President, Mrs. George Rabb-Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert Adams-Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Joe Flynn-Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Brattin Jr.-Secretary of Spiritual Life. The Evening Circle was re-organized in September 1950 into the Wesleyan Service Guild, a Little Sister of the W.S.C.S.

The purpose of the Guild is to provide a channel through which employed women and mothers with young children may participate in a program offering spiritual enrichment, christian fellowship and the opportunity to take an active part in developing a world christian community. At the present time there are twenty-seven members in the Guild.

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