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The Bullittsburg Church, located on the Ohio River, below Cincinnati, in the open country, was constituted in June, 1794, with seven members, gathered by Joseph Redding and John Taylor. The church first grew only by immigration. John Taylor says that under his pastorate there was only one person baptized in five years and that he was excluded two months later. But during two years of the great revival of 1800, one hundred and fifty-two members were received by baptism. Since that time this country church has enjoyed almost uninterrupted prosperity. In 1811, there was added one hundred and seventy by baptism, bringing the total membership to three hundred and nineteen, and it was increased to three hundred and ninety-five in the revival of 1817. In another revival in 1824, there were one hundred and eighteen additions. Robert Kirtley and James A. Kirtley, father and son, were pastors of this old church seventy-six years in succession, beginning about 1826.

J. H. Spencer says that during the first seventy-eight years of the church's existence, nine hundred and seventy-four members were received by baptism, eight church colonies were sent out, twenty-seven members had been licensed to preach the gospel, fourteen ministers ordained, and forty pastors had served the church.<sup>19</sup>

In 1796 the Bullittsburg Church united with the Elkhorn Association, and reported one hundred ninety-seven members to the session of 1802; and it was one of the nine churches that formed the North Bend Association in 1803. In 1946 the church reported one hundred and ninety-two members, and W. F. Gardner was pastor.