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The "History of Dover Christian Church", which is an address delivered on the occasion of the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the church by Mrs. Maude K. Boyd-Myers, came into my possession through the courtesy of Mr. Dan Scott, who found this copy of the original among some old ledgers of the church. With his permission, I made carbon copies and thereby gained permission to file this document in the Library of the College of the Bible, with the understanding that the church retains the right to secure it for historic purposes should the occasion demand it.

Many of the old records have been lost or misplaced. The history of the Dover Christian Church is sparse and this address by Mrs. Myers is concise and significant for the celebration of the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the church. In particular is her note that Alexander Campbell preached at the Dover Church, though the specific date is not recorded.

Richard A. Etheridge
July 5, 1960

To George and Olla Schubert
With Best wishes
"Miss Maude"
MASON Co., Ky-

1837 -- THE DOVER CHRISTIAN CHURCH -- 1937

Our beginnings in every form of human endeavor is today a subject of great interest. If business records had been kept, there would be more data and interesting facts for our story today. But after all, it is the human relationship which makes the life of the church.

Recall, if you will, the very first words of the Bible, "In the Beginning, God"--and again, the very last word, "God." It is the bridge between the two, the bridge of human relationship, Christian Service, which brings us here today.

About this same time of the year in this Ohio River Valley in the little town of Dover, Mason County, Kentucky, just one hundred years ago, there met the ancestors of many of those assembled here today, to dedicate the first Dover Christian Church. We come today to pay tribute to them. We have been blessed by their efforts and lives.

This community has been blessed by this church. Around it has been centered the life history of many generations of good people. We must carry on this work.

About the time of the erection of this, one of the

oldest Christian churches in Kentucky, Alexander Campbell came preaching and teaching his common sense interpretation of the Scriptures. It was from his inspiration that many of our early Christian churches were built in Kentucky. He preached in the original church here and of this fact, we are proud. This fact was disputed, but I had the privilege of having our own dear Mrs. Sara Peck tell me of her father and mother coming from their home in Ohio to hear him preach. It was then a journey. She was left with neighbors to spend the night. She was then a little girl. Her family is present today.

The lot upon which the original church was built was donated by the Hon. Arthur Fox, wealthy land owner and a Virginia Aristocrat. Each generation of his family have been members here. The deed was made to Baldwin Earl, Benjamin Flynn and James True, our first trustees. Little is known of the first two mentioned but Mr. James True is the grandfather of Misses Martha and Ruth True and their family and of the same relation is Mrs. Happy Wilson, Miss Charles Ann True and family; also Arthur Sam, Greyham and Joe True, all known to us.

Mr. G. W. Bennett and Mr. John Lunsford stated they knew Mr. Baldwin Harl, who went to Missouri to live many years ago. He was about one hundred years old when the Railroad Case was being held in 1889. When in Dover, he lived on the Tabb farm.

The original building was of brick. It was built facing the Ohio River, on Hall Street, now commonly known as Railroad Street. It had a fence around the yard, with a stile in front from which horseback riders could get off and on their horses. About one-half of the congregation was country people then.

It was in '63 or '64 that the red brick that we knew was built to take its place. To most of us here today, it shall always be the church home of happy associations and tender memories.

In this Church were held some of the famous debates which made a part of the early history of the Christian Church in Kentucky.

In 1882, new trustees were named. They were John Lunsford, John Goff, James N. Boyd and G. W. Bennett.

In 1889, under the wise leadership of James N. Boyd,

