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The attachment at the end of this publication is a narrative history of people and events in Livingston County around the turn of the century. It was written by Mabel Jones Bryan and called Missouri Musings Over Eighty-Five Years. The narrative is so full of references to business, people and events, that we have reprinted the entire book in this publication. The reprint is numbered so you can remove the pages and keep them separately from the remaining Lifelines information.

This mailing has the complete reprint with the corrected index. A computer problem occurred when re-doing the final index, so the first pages published last edition will not match the remaining text. Publishing the entire document was the only way to get the index and the pages to match.

This edition will be considered the third and fourth sections of volume nine.

— The Editor.

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Missouri Musings  
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Bradford, a cousin of Cora's and a former member of the choir at the Christian Church was a teacher at the Chillicothe Business College for several years before her marriage.

Arthur F. Chapin and his wife, the former Miss Phoebe Williams of Utica and Chillicothe, were members of the Church for more than fifty years. Phoebe Williams was working in my mother's millinery shop at the time she united with the church; and Maynard Chapin, their only son, joined during the pastorate of Brother S. J. White, about the year 1909.

The McQuiston family moved to Chillicothe from Richmond, Missouri during the 1890s and were neighbors of my mother's, on North Walnut Street. Blanche their older daughter, was a member of the Christian Church as was her mother; and Clemmie, the younger daughter, joined the Church the same night that my daughter Mayme did, during the pastorate of Brother James N. Crutcher. Clemmie and Mayme had been schoolmates for several years, and their close friendship continued until Mayme's death. Clemmie became the wife of Charles Spooner, in 1908, and he too was active in the Church until his death two or three years ago. Their only son, Charles Bryan Spooner, was born in 1913 and now lives in Kansas City.

From Princeton, Missouri came Mrs. Prichard, with her daughter Roxie, and a son named Neill. Neill Prichard died several years ago. Roxie became the wife of Professor Claude Hutchison, younger son of Brother Moses Hutchison, and she now lives at Ithaca, New York.

From Wisconsin the Ridenour family came to Chillicothe and bought a home with a considerable tract of ground on West Polk Street, near the city limits. They were active in the Christian Church but I did not know them well until the autumn of 1903 when we bought our present home on West Polk Street, which is just across the street from the old home of the Ridenours. In the spring of 1905 they sold their property and moved to Long Beach, California. The buyer of their former home, R. L. Isherwood who had moved to Chillicothe from Jamesport, Missouri, erected several greenhouses where the Ridenours orchard and garden had been; and in 1907 he built a large home on the Calhoun Street frontage of the tract.

The Norman family has been connected with the Christian Church for three generations. Frank Norman, of the second generation, and the founder of the undertaking company that bears his name, was a member of my mother's Sunday School class until it disbanded. His widow and three sons are still among those who can be counted on for support in the Church.

Brother Roland Cleveland, with his good wife and four daughters, became members of the Church after we moved to Ludlow. They moved to Chillicothe from a farm east of town, but originally they had come from the vicinity of Lexington, Kentucky. Mrs. George Hoge, the eldest of the daughters in that family, spent her last years in Los Angeles, California where she and her husband were members of the Wilshire Boulevard Christian Church. Mrs. Vincent, the second daughter, was still living on a farm near Galt, Missouri the last I heard of her. Mrs. Taylor, the former Miss Mildred Cleveland, died several years ago; and Grace, the youngest daughter, taught school in Kansas City for several years before her death.

Mrs. Cleveland's brother, James McCormick, was a member of the Christian Church, and his daughter Ila was very active in Sunday School work when we came back into the local congregation. Three or four years after that time she went to St. Louis to teach in the public schools, but after her marriage, she returned to Chillicothe.

Dr. J. E. Callaway moved to Chillicothe about 1894 and established a home on West Bryan Street. He was a Kentuckian by birth and liked to drive spirited horses, as most men from Kentucky did in those days. Dr. Callaway and his wife, and their daughter, Mrs. Nichols, took an active part in the Church for more than twenty years.

The Carnahan family moved to Chillicothe from Carroll County, Missouri after the Normal School was established, and bought a home at the northeast corner of Monroe and Springhill Streets, where they lived for many years. Mrs. Carnahan and her daughter Alice were members of the choir. They were neighbors of my mother as were Mrs. Orr and her son Edwin. Not long after 1900, Alice Carnahan became the bride of Edwin Orr, who was then a young attorney and popular in Democratic circles.

Other women who came into the Chillicothe Christian Church from other towns in Missouri around the year 1900 were Mrs. Lee Barton and her sister, Miss Henrietta Whitlock who had been born and reared at New Franklin, Missouri. Their first home in Livingston County was at Dawn; then at Ludlow for about five years while Mr. Barton was first cashier of the Bank of Ludlow; and then they came to Chillicothe. Mr. Barton, in partnership with Jack Newland and William Watkins, bought *The Chillicothe Constitution* from Uncle Dick Reynolds. Miss Whitlock taught in the public schools of Chillicothe until about 1901 when she went to Kansas City to teach. About the same time the Bartons moved to Clayton, St. Louis County, and Lee Barton edited the *Clayton Argus* there until his death in 1916.