Emmanuel Evangelical Church at Laona NY Record Book 1912-1960 [*Extracts from*]

Transcribed by Wendy J. W. Straight, 2019.

[*Transcriber's notes are in brackets and italics. According to various published accounts, this church was organized in 1868. However, the original record book is missing as of this writing. According to the Dornheim historical account below, the original record book was in poor condition as of 1912. It was most likely written in German.*]

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Started - By H. E. **Dornheim**, May 10, 1912

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[*The following is handwritten by H. E.* ***Dornheim***]

In April **1912**, the Erie Conference convened in Dunkirk, N.Y., at which session the Laona Mission was separated from Dunkirk charge the second time. This made Laona an English Mission independent of Dunkirk, and the writer was stationed as preacher in charge at Laona. The first resident pastor in twenty-two years, this was the answer the conference gave Laona after receiving a list of petitioners pledging $400.00 salary support and hearty cooperation for a resident pastor.

On taking charge we found the old church record started by Rev. Geo. **Ott** (*Jan. 26, 1880*) in such torn condition that pages were beginning to fall out, which made this new record imperative. Culling from the brief history record as given in the German language in the old book, as far as it was kept or "unkept" by the preachers who labored here since **1879**, I submit the following sketch of history of Emmanuel Evangelical church of Laona, N. Y., under date of September 12, **1912**.

Phillip J. **Miller** was the first preacher of our denomination who preached the Gospel in Laona. In **1868** while preacher in charge of Dunkirk church, then belonging to the New York Conference, he began to visit Laona and preached there several times. He reported John **Goldberg** and his wife as the first members of Laona Mission. During **1869** & **1870**, Rev. C. F. **Boller** [*Transcriber's note: Rev. Charles F.* ***Boller****, 1833 - 1930*] served Dunkirk and also preached the Gospel in Laona. God so blessed his efforts that a number of his listeners accepted Christ, were converted and organized a mission congregation to be henceforth served with Dunkirk by order of the Conference.

**1871** to **1874**, Rev. [Martin] **Jauch** served Laona with Dunkirk and success also crowned his efforts. There were several conversions, the congregation was strengthened. Rev. **Jauch** was succeeded by Rev. J. J. **Lang** [*from*] 1874 to 1877. In the Spring of **'76**, the Erie Conference was formed and Dunkirk with Laona was put within her bounds.

Rev. G. **Heinrich** served as missionary during **1877** & **'78**. In March **1879**, the conference sent Rev. Geo. **Ott** [*Transcriber's note: Rev. George* ***Ott****, 1852 - 1926*] to Laona. The congregation at that time consisted of forty-one discouraged and careless members. But 14 people came to hear the new preacher's first sermon, and Rev. **Ott** himself reports that the absent church members had in his opinion no reasonable cause for staying away. The Sunday School had disappeared, and this new missionary found himself confronted with "a charge" in the real sense of the word.

Nevertheless, undaunted, this faithful servant of God at once studied the causes and intelligently discovered one of the causes of this unpromising condition to be the lack of a church home, where meetings might regularly be held. For up to this time, services were conducted every two weeks in one or another of the farm homes, or in the village. Fully realizing the mission's greatest need, Rev. **Ott**, soon after beginning his ministry here, decided with God's help, to build a church as soon as possible. This was in the third week of April **1879**.

The little congregation enthusiastically brot [*sic*] their offering - a little more than three hundred dollars ($300.00) - the energetic pastor collected more from the German and English friends in the village: Mr. **Clothier** donated the building site, and soon the ground was broken for the Laona Evangelical Church. Already on the 18th of May, the corner stone was laid. An appropriate service was held for this occasion. Rev. M. **Pfitzinger** of Buffalo and Rev. Geo. **Ott** the pastor at Laona preached to a large congregation, the former in the English and the latter in the German language. The Dunkirk church choir furnished inspiring music. The weather was ideal and the entire service was richly blessed and one long to be remembered.

The building operations were exceptionally rapid, & the gathering of friends (for which the bounds of the congregation alone were canvassed) kept pace with the building of God's house, so that at the early date of August 3, **1879** the church edifice was ready for dedication to the services of the Divine God. Well may we believe Brother **Ott's** report when he writes - "That day of dedication was indeed a day of rejoicing for the pastor, the congregation and all who had assembled." It was a perfect May [*sic*] day.

Rev. R. **Mott** at that time the popular pastor of the 1st Church in Allegheny, PA (now North Side of greater Pittsburg) preached powerful sermons in both languages and dedicated the new edifice to the Lord God under the name of "Emanuel Church of the Evangelical Association of North America at Laona, Chautauqua Co., N.Y." About $200.00 more was secured in cash and subscriptions at the dedicatory service so that the entire indebtedness of the undertaking was fully covered. Beside Rev. R. **Mott**, the brethren J. **Lang** and A. J. **Merchant** assisted in the service. Rev. J. **Lang** offered an opening prayer and Rev. **Merchant** delivered a masterly address in the English language. The entire service - the historian goes on to say - was accompanied by God's blessings and beyond all expectations. He adds that the church was beautifully decorated for this festive occasion. Especially the altar and pulpit.

The dimensions of the building are as follows: It is 50 ft. long and 31 feet wide. The tower or belfry is 40 ft. high. the cost was nigh unto $1200.00. Surely this was a signal victory for this man of God and faithful Laonians. On August 10, **1879**, a week after the dedication a new Sunday School was organized and grew like a healthy plant in God's vineyard. At this time, the prayer meetings began anew. The congregation had taken on new life, and September 21, **1879**, when Rev. G. F. **Spreng**, the presiding elder, came to officiate a communion service, he found receptive hearts, and God showered his blessings upon all. A real revival began with the series of meetings Jan. 1, 1880 which lasted beyond Jan. 26th the date given for this record. Eighteen souls were converted and on Jan. 25, **1880**, fifteen of these converts joined church fellowship. Bro. **Ott** appended these words, (written the day after he received the fifteen new members into the church.) "We hope and believe that soon others will say, We will go with you for we have heard that God is with you." Zechariah 8:23

The Laona Mission paid $80.00 toward Rev. Geo. **Ott's** support in **1879**-**1880**. During the next year $113.00. March 20, **1883**, Rev. G. **Berstecher** reports: The congregation at Laona was taken from Dunkirk and with Mayville mission formed into the Laona circuit by the Conference which met at Cleveland, Ohio in **1883**. C. **Wohlgemuth** succeeded G. **Berstecher**. C. **Wohlgemuth** left no record of his services. April **1885** - Rev. C. W. **Neuendorf** reports: Rev. C. **Wohlgemuth** served 2 yrs., and the Conference which met in Allegheny **1885** stationed Rev. J. **Vogel** to succeed Bro. **Wohlgemuth**. However, on account of family circumstances, Rev. J. **Vogel** could take not charge of the work. Rev. C. W. **Neuendorf** was therefore transferred from the Independence Circuit to Laona.

Rev. A. H. **Wendt** who served Laona **1887** to **1888**, Rev. B. F. **Snyder** who served Laona **1889** - **1890**, Rev. J. **Wahl** who served Laona **1890** - **1892**, Rev. E. **Koehne** who served Laona **1893** - **1894**, Rev. J. G. **Ziegler** who served Laona **1894** to **1897**, left no record of their services. But it seems that in 1892 Laona Mission was again served with the Dunkirk Church. Until **1912** this mission was served as best the Dunkirk pastors could work in Laona. The extent of services rendered as near as I have been able to ascertain was a preaching service in German and English every Sunday afternoon. Several preachers started a catechetical class but no scholars were ever graduated. The Sunday School was kept up by a faithful few, and revival services were held at various times with success. But the subtle work suffered loss. Then Satan planted seed of discontent among the German element, who opposed the inevitable crowding in of the English language thru their own children and others, and more or less discord gradually disrupted the good work so nobly and propitiously begun in **1879**.

Thus the field suffered a gradual decline numerically and spiritually until the faithful few who had held the S. School together and probably had paid the larger share of the $150.00 given toward the Dunkirk pastor's support annually, were about ready to disband anxiously awaiting the decision of the Erie Conference which convened in Dunkirk, N.Y. April **1912**. It seems the people of [the] village about 1908 to **1912** began to realize that a village without a church and without a resident pastor would naturally not grow in righteousness, especially when the liquor and immoral element had taken up its haunts in the heart of the village almost opposite the church.

The road house above referred to had been running for many years, possibly longer than the church - under various managements. Sometimes bad and oftimes worse. Yet this place grew to be a [*sic*] air hole of hell, defying all law and order, and a real menace to the village. At this time the people began to earnestly desire a resident pastor who under Almighty God would build up a plant of righteousness in the old Laona Mission Church and earnestly appealed to the Conference for a missionary in **1911**. Fortunately or unfortunately the Conference could not send them a minister and Rev. Wm. **Herkner** worked Sundays as best he could. Urging the people to address Conference with a signed petition and a substantial list of salary pledges. This was done as noted in the introduction and on May 10, **1912** Rev. H. E. **Dornheim** and wife arrived in Laona. For a record of the reception they received see Prominent Events on Page 225. May 7, **1917** - At the Conference held at Lorain, Ohio, April 26 - 29, the writer having worked successfully for 5 years in Laona was stationed in Sarver, Pa. and J. V. **Beglinger**, a graduate of Evangelical Theological Seminary, was appointed to Laona, N. Y.

In reviewing the work of these five busy years, many helpful experiences came to both pastor and people thru gracious revivals as well as by antagonism of the power of evil using some of our own and of our good neighbors and fellow-townsmen whom we endeavored to tell of the love of God thru Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son. Many believed and were sweetly saved. During this time the "liquor gang" were successfully defeated at the polls in **1913** and **1915**. Two new mission S. Schools have been organized at Willoughby, Ark. [*Transcriber's note: This was an earlier name for Town's Corners, Town of* *Arkwright*] N.Y., and at Shumla, N.Y. The latter school at time of this writing is very weak but is now led by a faithful Laona Christian girl (Alta **Link**) and will again prosper.

The church membership has grown to 52, the Laona school has become a 100% school, over $900.00 were raised on this field (for all purposes) each year of the fire **1912** - **'17** and the name "The Little White Church In Laona" is watched, appreciated and loved by folks in and around Laona as never before reported. While the field is still "an unfinished task" for the new man of God, we know that under God and thru Christ and by the Holy Ghost, "The Little White Church in Laona," will prosper much more that [*sic*] has been possible in the past. So may it be. 10 May **1917**.

[*Pages 9 and 10 are blank.*]

[*Pages 11 through 19*] Historical Record from May 1940

May **1940** Fred **Drew** was sent as pastor to this field. A Reception was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer **Thies**.

Jun **1940** A prayer meeting was started.

19 Sep **1940** A Y.P.M.C. was organized with A. **Straight** as President.

22 Sep **1940** A Mission Band was organized and led by Mr. **Drew** once each month during Sunday morning service.

Oct **1940** Religious instruction was given school children each Friday afternoon, 39 scholars attending. Rev. & Mrs. **Drew**, Mrs. **Rathman**, Mrs. **Ball**, Mrs. Carl **Gens** & Mrs. **Nasca** were the teachers.

Dec **1940** A Christmas program directed by Mrs. **Dailey** was given before a very large crowd.

Dec **1940** The **Rathman** family were received into church membership.

**1941** An Easter Sunrise Service was held on the ground of Elmer **Thies** house. 83 persons attended and the weather was ideal.

**1941** -- Two weeks Evangelical services were held. The **Rasmussen** musical Evangelists were in charge. A fine spirit prevailed and the attendance was very good. 50 went to the altar either to accept Christ or for dedication. During the last Sunday Mr. **Rasmussen** addressed the Sunday School and a large number yielded their lives to God.

29 Jun **1941** 12 New Members were received into church membership.

29 Jun **1941** 100 new Song Books were put into service.

28 Jun **1941** Pauline **Miller** and Edwin **Green** were married in the church.

Oct **1941** Religious instruction was given to 40 scholars. Mr. & Mrs. **Drew**, Mrs. **Rathman**, Mrs. **Ball**, Mrs. **Goldberg**, Mrs. Pauline **Green** as teachers.

Oct **1941** A choir was started for the Sunday services.

Nov **1941** The outside of the church was painted.

Nov **1941** The Ladies Aid purchased a pulpit lamp.

Dec **1941** The Ladies purchased an outdoor Bulletin and Elmer Thies made the frame and standard.

21 Dec **1941** The Ladies Aid presented an American and Christian flag to the church, Elmer **Thies** furnished the poles. These were dedicated at a special service. Mr. Henry **Haenel** spoke on the American flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. **Drew** dedicated the flags and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian flag. The Ladies presented a lovely Brass Cross and a velvet cloth for the Communion table. These were accepted and dedicated by Rev. **Drew**.

Jan **1942** Work was started on remodeling and redecorating the church. Peter **Klein** was given the contract to decorate the auditorium. Geo **Goldberg** took the work of putting in the Sunday School rooms over the vestibule & on one side downstairs.

22 Mar **1942** The above work was completed and the dedication services were held beginning Sunday morning March 22nd, 1942. The people of Dunkirk met with us & Rev. Wm. **Wagner** preached & dedicated the church to a large congregation. In the evening a musical program was given by Geo **Kopp** & 3 other young people. Monday evening Rev. Lester W. **Driftmeyer** of Tonawanda, a former pastor spoke, and Laona choir sang, & Mrs **Barlowe** of Dunkirk. Tuesday evening Rev. **Salmen** of Olean, a former pastor spoke, Mr. & Mrs. **Salmen** sang and also Laona choir. Wednesday evening, Rev. **Sloan** pastor of the Fredonia M. E. Church spoke and the **Wallace** family of Forestville sang. Thursday evening Rev. G. S. **Gratz** of Sandusky Ohio, a former pastor of 34 years ago gave the sermon and Laona choir sang. Friday evening banquet was served to people and an informal program held following the meal in the auditorium, in which the following persons took part: Elmer **Thies**, Gladys **Snow**, Fern **Comro**, Mrs. **Shuman**, Dorothy **Thies**, Mrs. Fred **Gens**. A very enjoyable service was given. Fern **Comro** and Esther **Ahrens** sang a duet in memory of Chas **Thies**.

The Dunkirk congregation joined us in all these services. A splendid spirit prevailed and much satisfaction was expressed at the appearance of the new auditorium and S.S. rooms. Fine cooperation was given throughout the entire project by all members as well as from the people of Laona. The Outdoor Bulletin was dedicated to the memory of Rev. **Drew**. Following is a detailed account of costs:

To **Klein**, auditorium new wood boards and decorating, 771.00

Rooms over the vestibule, 178.00

Wages to Geo **Goldberg**, 234.00

Wages to Fred **Gens**, 100.00

Wiring and material, 45.00

Advertising and postage, 11.75

Hat rack for hall, 10.00

Rev. **Gratz** traveling expense, 7.50

Incidentals to Rev. Drew**,** publicity, etc., 127.94

Fredonia Builders, 293.00

Walt **Aldrich** labor, 2.50

Art **Gens**, labor, 20.00

Earl **Miller**, lumber, 15.00

**Melyler**, labor, 80.40

Paint varnish, 23.40

Total costs and all paid, $1907.74

Contributors

Elmer **Thies** family $446.00

Ralph **Towne** family

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar **Snow**

Myrl **Rathman** family

Fern **Comro**

Walter **Aldrich**

Mrs. Bertha **Snow**

Mr. and Mrs. Chris **Ahrens**

Mrs. Will **Gens**

Rev. and Mrs. **Drew**

Mrs. and Mrs. Fred **Smith**

Florence **Bouquin**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred **Gens**

Mr. and Mrs. Geo **Boyce**

Mr. and Mrs. Geo **Shuman**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred **Ahrens** and **Esther**

Bertha **Goldberg**

Dorothy **White**

Mr. and Mrs. **Stonefoot**

Mr. and Mrs. **Frederick**

Randall **Thies**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank **Nasca**

Mission Band

Ladies Class

Ladies Aid

Lester **Straight** family

Cecile **Comro**

Art **Gens** and wife

Helen **Davis**

Matthias **Dietzen** and wife

Henrietta **Baldwin**

Mary Lou **Ellis**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred **Weidmaier**

Rev. **Beglinger** former pastor

Laurie, Lulu, and G. **Dietzen**

Mr. and Mrs. **Tadt**

Jesse **Bull's** Friday Class

Mr. and Mrs. Robert **Bull**

Geo **Graf** of Dunkirk

Geo **Blood** of Fredonia

Irene **Thies**

George **Smith** and family, 100.00

Lauda **Metzler**, 5.00

L. **Pierce**, 5.00

Mrs. **Beebe**, 20.00

Offerings through dedication, 75.35

Supper, 25.00

Sunday School, 100.00

Church, 100.00

Clarence **Gens**, 70.00

Merle **Melyler**, 10.00

Geo **Goldberg**, 29.00

Mrs. **Comro**, 2.00

Earl **Miller**, 25.00

Chas **Miller**, 5.00

**Murphy**, 5.00

Ben **Sprague** family, 5.00

Carrie **Kruse**, 10.00

Mrs. **Reding**, 1.00

[*Where dollar amounts are missing in the list above, they were too faint to read.*]

Jul **1962** -- New Roof put on the church, $247.33

Sep 6 - 20, **1962** Revival meetings held with **Rasmussens**. The ladies purchased a new lamp for the pulpit. The basement was painted & new linoleum placed on the shelves.

[*Pages 20 through 89 in this book are blank*.]

[*Pages 90 through 94*] Annual Elections

From 12 Jan **1912**

14 Jan **1912** Rev. Wm **Herkner** of Dunkirk - chairman. Results: Fred **Thies** elected class leader for 2 years. C. F. **Thies** elected exhorter for 2 years. C. F. **Thies** elected supt. of S. School 1 year. Mrs. Aura **Padden** elected asst. supt. S.S. 1 year. Mildred **Hunt** elected secretary S. S. 1 year. Irene **Thies** elected treasurer S.S. 1 year. Clarence **Gens** elected librarian S.S. 1 year. Minnie **Hunt** elected asst. librarian S.S. 1 year. Irene **Thies** elected organist S.S. 1 year.

Mrs. Fred **Ahrens** elected asst. organist S.S. 1 year. C. F. **Thies** was secretary.

3 Mar **1912** Special meeting called by Rev. Wm **Herkner** at church. **Herkner** chairman. Wm **Gens** -- trustee elected for 3 years beg. 1 Jan **1912**. Chas. F. **Thies** -- trustee elected for 2 years beg. 1 Jan **1912**. Trustee Board organized. Wm. **Gens** -- President and representative at quarterly convention. Chas. F. **Thies** -- Secretary-Treasurer of board. Chas. F. **Thies** was secretary.

2 Apr **1913** Annual election results: H. E. **Dornheim**, chairman. Fred **Thies** elected trustee; reelected for 3 years beg. 1 Apr **1913**. Term expires 1 Apr **1916**. (Wm **Gens** Presd of Board, C. F. **Thies** Secy Treas.). Sunday School annual election. H. E. **Dornheim**, chairman. Chas F. **Thies** elected supt. of S. School for 1 year. Mrs. Aura **Padden** elected asst. supt. S.S. for 1 year.

Mildred **Hunt** elected secretary S. S. for 1 year. Irene **Thies** elected treasurer S.S. for 1 year.

Clarence **Gens** elected librarian S.S. for 1 year. Minnie **Hunt** elected asst. librarian S.S. for 1 year. Irene **Thies** elected organist S.S. for 1 year. Mrs. Geo. **Smith**, Jr. elected asst. organist for 1 year. Mildred **Hunt**, secretary.

8 Apr **1914** Annual Church election. H.E. **Dornheim**, chairman. C. F. **Thies** reelected trustee for three years beginning 1 Apr **1914**. Term expires 1 Apr **1917**. Wm. **Gens** president of board. C. F. **Thies** Secy-Treasurer. Fred. **Thies** elected class-leader for two years, term expires 1 Apr **1916**. Wm **Gens** elected exhorter for two years, term expires 1 Apr **1917**. C. G. **Thies** Secy.

8 Apr **1914** Annual S.S. election - H.E. **Dornheim** chairman. Chas F. **Thies** elected supt. of S. School for 1 year. Mrs. Aura **Padden** elected asst. supt. S.S. for 1 year. Dorothy **Bartlett** elected secretary S. S. for 1 year. Irene **Thies** elected treasurer S.S. for 1 year. Clarence **Gens** elected librarian S.S. for 1 year. Nelson **Thies** elected asst. librarian S.S. for 1 year. Irene **Thies** elected organist S.S. for 1 year. Mrs. Geo. **Smith**, Jr. elected asst. organist for 1 year. Mildred **Hunt**, secretary.

31 Mar **1915** Annual Church election. H.E. **Dornheim**, chairman. Wm. **Gens** reelected trustee for three years beg. Apr. 1, **1915**. His term expires April 1, **1918**. President of the board. C. R. **Thies** Secy.-Treasurer. Elmer **Thies**, Secy. protem.

31 Mar **1915** Annual S.S. election - H.E. **Dornheim**, chairman. Chas. F. **Thies** supt. for one year. Mrs. A. **Padden** asst. supt. for one year. Carl **Gens** secretary for one year. Irene **Thies** treasurer for one year. Clarence **Gens** Librarian for one year. Nelson **Thies** Asst. Librarian for one year. Irene **Thies** organist for one year. Mrs. Geo. **Smith**, Jr. asst. organist for one year. Mrs. A. **Padden** home dpt. supt. for one year. Mrs. Fred **Ahrens** asst. home dept. supt. for one year. Mrs. L. **Dornheim** cradle roll. supt. for one year. Irene **Thies**, Secy. protem

12 Apr **1916** Annual church election H.E. **Dornheim**, chairman. Mr. Fred **Thies** elected trustee for three years. His term expires 1 Apr **1919**. Fred. **Thies** elected class leader for 2 yrs. term expires 1 Apr **1918**. Mrs. **Risbrough** Exhorter for 2 yrs. Mrs. Geo. **Smith** Organist. Mrs. Fred **Gens** Asst. Organist. Walter **Man** Usher. Clarence **Gens** Asst. Usher. Chas. F. **Thies** - secretary.

12 Apr **1916** Annual S. School election - H. E. **Dornheim**, chairman. Chas. F. **Thies** Supt. of S.S. H. E. **Straight** Asst. Supt. Carl **Gens** Secretary (Recording). Irene **Thies** Treasurer. Walter **Man** Librarian. Fred **Rizzo** Asst. Lib. Mrs. Geo. **Smith** Organist. Irene **Thies** Asst. Organist.

Mrs. Aura **Padden** Supt. Home Dpt. Mrs. Ella **Wilson** Asst. Supt. H. Dpt. Mrs. H. E. **Dornheim** Supt. Cradle Roll Dpt. Olive **Wilson** Missionary Secretary. H. E. Straight Supt. Temperance Dpt. Carl **Gens** Secretary.

April **1917** Annual church election H. E. **Dornheim**, chairman. Mr. Chas. F. **Thies** re-elected trustee for three years. His term expires 1 Apr **1920**. Mr. Wm. **Gens** resigned and Mr. Christ **Ahrens** was elected for the unexpired term ending 1 Apr **1918**. Fred **Thies** is class leader. Mrs. **Rusbrough** asst, class-leader. Mrs. Geo. **Smith** organist. Mrs. Fred **Gens** asst. organist. H. E. **Straight** Usher. Nelson **Thies** Usher. Chas. F. **Thies** Secy.

April **1917** Annual S. School election N. E. **Dornheim**, chairman. Chas. F. **Thies** Supt. H. E. **Straight** Associate Supt. Clara **Gens** Recording Secy. Benj. **Sprague** Librarian. Bert **Wilson** Asst. Lib. Mrs. Geo. **Smith** Organist. Mrs. **Dornheim** Asst. Org. Mrs. Anna **Padden** Supt. Home Dpt. Mrs. Ella **Wilson** Asst. Supt. H. Dpt. Mrs. **Dornheim** Supt. Cradle Roll. Olive **Wilson** Missionary Secy. H. E. **Straight** Supt. Temperance Dpt. Clara **Gens**, Secy.

5 Apr **1918** Annual Church Election J. V. **Beglinger**, Chairman. Mr. Christ. **Ahrens** elected trustee for three years. His term expires 1 Apr **1921**. Mr. Fred **Thies** elected Class leader. J. V. **Beglinger** assistant Class leader. Mrs. Geo. **Smith** Organist. Mrs. Fred **Gens** Assistant organist. Ben **Sprague** usher. Nelson **Thies** usher. Mrs. C. **Ahrens**, Sec.

1 Apr **1918** Annual S. School Election, J. V. **Beglinger** Chairman. Chas. F. **Thies** Supt.

H. E. **Straight** Assistant Supt. Clara **Gens** Secy. Ben **Sprague** Librarian. Nelson **Thies** Assistant Lib. Mrs. J. V. **Beglinger** Treasurer. Mrs. Geo. **Smith** Organist. Mrs. Fred **Ahrens** Assistant Org. Mrs. Ida **Mau** Asst. Supt. H. Dept. Mrs. J. V. **Beglinger** Supt. Cradle Roll. Elsie **Gens** Miss. Secretary. H. E. **Straight** Supt. Temperance Dept. Clara **Gens**, Sec.

3 Apr **1919** Annual Church Election. J. V. **Beglinger** Chairman. Mr. Fred **Thies** was reelected trustee for three years. Term expires **1922**. Mrs. Fred **Gens** was elected organist. Mrs. Christopher **Ahrens**, assistant. Elmer **Thies** usher. Nelson **Thies** usher. Mrs. C. **Ahrens**, sec.

3 Apr **1919** Annual S.S. Election J. V. **Beglinger** chairman. Chas. **Thies** Superintendent. Fred **Thies** asst. Superintendent. Clara **Gens** Secretary. Mrs. J. V. **Beglinger** Treasurer. Nelson **Thies** Librarian. Ruth **Thies** Asst. Librarian. Mrs. Fred **Gens** Organist. Mrs. E. **Gens** asst. Organist. Miss Elma **Stonefoot** asst. Organist. Mrs. Lulu **Thies** H. Depart. Supt. Mrs. Ida **Man** asst. H. Depart. Supt. Mrs. J. V. **Beglinger** Cradle Roll Supt. Mrs. Christ **Ahrens** Missionary Supt. Mr. Elmer **Thies** Temperance Supt.

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[*Pages 100 through 164*] Member list of Laona congregation

April 1st **1912** [*to about April* **1961**]

H. E. **Dornheim**, pastor [***1912*** *-* ***1917***] [*Transcriber's note: As in other sections of this record book, entries made from April* ***1912*** *through May* ***1917*** *are in* ***Dornheim's*** *hand. Subsequent entries in this and other sections of the book appear to have been made by later and sometimes unidentified church clerks and pastors. Also, remarks to many entries in this section of the book have been made at later dates by subsequent clerks and pastors. Also note that after* ***1913****, the membership numbering system begun by* ***Dornheim*** *became inconsistent or nonexistent, and is therefore not carried beyond* ***1913*** *in this transcription*.]

C. of faith = means that the party came into the church fellowship by a public confirmation of faith.

Letter = means that the party came to us by letter of membership from some other congregation of the Christian church.

Date when joined and how, No. [*Member Number*], Names, Remarks

**1885**, 1, **Ahrens** Chas, Lives in Cassadaga; on membership record since **1885**; name entered by Rev. **Neuendorf** without any note whether received by letter or C. of faith; [*Has not*] attended any meeting of our congregation for two years but they support the church financially; H. E. **Dornheim** 1 Apr **1914**; [*Has*] not been to any church services in four years; they support a little financially; kept on record because of their people in the church; withdrew 15 Apr **1917** by notice through Mr. Christ. **Ahrens** in G. Conference Session; H.E. **Dornheim** 22 Apr **1917**.

**1885**, 2, **Ahrens** Mrs. Chas, Lives in Cassadaga; on membership record since **1885**; name entered by Rev. **Neuendorf** without any note whether received by letter or C. of faith; [*Has not*] attended any meeting of our congregation for two years but they support the church financially; H. E. **Dornheim** 1 Apr **1914**; [*Has*] not been to any church services in four years; they support a little financially; kept on record because of their people in the church; withdrew 15 Apr **1917** by notice through Mr. Christ. **Ahrens** in G. Conference Session; H.E. **Dornheim** 22 Apr **1917**.

Mar **1907** C. of F., 3, **Ahrens** Mrs. Fred, Received into the church by Rev. G. S. **Gratz**; died.

Mar **1907** C. of F., 4, **Cardot** Mrs. Elvira, Received into the church by Rev. G. S. **Gratz**; withdrew without letter Sept. **1916**; narrowly escaped church trial for slander; H.E. **Dornheim** 22 Apr **1917**.

Jun **1884** C. of F., 5, **Dietzen** Mrs. Anna, Received into the church by Rev. C. **Wohlgemuth**; died **1946**.

Jun **1884** C. of F., 6, **Gens** Wm., Received into the church by Rev. C. **Wohlgemuth**; died July **1932**.

23 Dec **1894** C. of F., 7, **Gens** Mrs. Wm., Received into the church by Rev. J. G. **Ziegler**; died March **1947**.

**1887** C. of F., 8, **Gens** Fred., Received into the church by Rev. A. H. **Wendt**; died 24 Mar **1948**.

Jun **1884** C. of F., 9, **Gens** Mrs. Fred, Received into the church by Rev. C. **Wohlgemuth;** died June **1946**.

**1880** C. of F., 10, **Goldberg** Mrs. Sophie, Received into the church by Rev. A. H. **Wendt**; died 9 Jul **1921**; Rev. **Salmen** **1922**.

25 Jan **1880** C. of F., 11, **Knoll** Fred, Received into the church by Rev. James [sic] **Ott** (builder of the church); withdrew without letter in 1913; [*lifespan*] **1846** - **1921**.

25 Jan **1880** C. of F., 12, **Knoll** Mrs. Fred, Received into the church by Rev. **Ott**; withdrew without letter in 1913; [*lifespan*] **1847** - **1916**.

2 Apr **1911** Letter, 13, **Merchant** Mrs. Ella, Received into the church by Rev. G. S. **Gratz**; withdrew without letter 17 Apr **1917**. She asked for a letter after I called her attention to her continued neglect of Christian and Church duties. She then criticized church pastor and people! No sign of better intent. Told her she could not be given a church letter because of bad standing, which she resented; H. E. **Dornheim** 22 Apr **1917**.

25 Jan **1880** C. of F., 14, **Schmidt** Fred, Died 7 Nov **1912**; H. E. **Dornheim**.

**1888** C. of F., 15, **Schimdt** (**Smith**) Mrs. Fred (Mrs. Augusta), Received into the church by Rev. B. F. **Snyder**; died Mar **1940**.

Dec **1895** C. of F., 16, **Stonefoot** John, Received into the church by Rev. J. G. **Ziegler**; died Jun **1963**.

Dec **1894** C. of F., 17, **Stonefoot** Mrs. John (Eda), Received into the church by Rev. C. **Wohlgemuth**; born 1 Feb **1877**.

**1880** C. of F., 18, **Thies** Fred, Received into the church by Rev. James [sic] **Ott** (builder of the church).

**1880** C. of F., 19, **Thies** Mrs. Fred, Received into the church by Rev. James [sic] **Ott** (builder of the church); has not attended a church service in two years excepting Christmas or Children's Day. nevertheless Mrs. **Thies** takes part in the Ladies Aid and supports the church financially; H. E. **Dornheim** 1 Apr **1914**; again active in church and very regular in attendance since March **1916**; H. E. **Dornheim** 22 Apr **1917**; died 3 May **1923**; Rev. **Salmen**.

**1884** C. of F., 20, **Thies** Chas. F., Received into the church by Rev. C. **Wohlgemuth**; died 14 May **1932**.

1 Jun **1884** C. of F., 21, **Thies** Mrs. Chas., Received into the church by Rev. C. **Wohlgemuth**]; died 5 April **1930**.

**1907** C. of F., 22, **Thies** Elmer, Received into the church by Rev. G. S. **Gratz**; transferred to Zion Church Pittsburgh PA 22 Mar **1916** with letter from H.E. **Dornheim**, 22 Apr **1917**; received by letter Apr **1919** by Rev. J. V. **Beglinger**; moved away - removed by letter from Rev. **Beglinger**; Rev. **Salmen** **1923**; rejoined by letter **1930**; Rev. **Fox** **1931**.

**1880** C. of F., 23, **Man** Mrs. Ida, Received into the church by Rev. James [sic] **Ott** (builder of the church); joined in Dunkirk **1922**; Rev. **Salmen** **1922**.

**1907** C. of F., 24, **Van Daacke** Geo., Moved to Buffalo 1 Apr **1913**; left without letter; received into the church by Rev. G. S. **Gratz**.

**1907** C. of F., 25, **Van Daacke** Mrs. Geo., Moved to Buffalo 1 Apr **1913**; left without letter received into the church by Rev. G. S. **Gratz**.

**1907** C. of F., 26, **Van Daacke** Creighton, Moved to Buffalo 10 Feb **1912**; never at Laona in my time; Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**.

**1907** C. of F. 27, **Kuebrick** Mrs. Minnie, Moved to Buffalo 10 Feb **1912**; never at Laona in my time; Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**.

16 Apr **1911** Letter, 28, **Pepperman** Mrs. Nellie, Received into the church by Rev. G. S. **Gratz**; died 12 Nov 1915; buried from the church 15 Nov **1915**; H.E. **Dornheim** 22 Apr **1917**.

23 Feb **1913** C. of F., 29, **Wilson** (**Willson**) Mrs. Ella, Received into the church by Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**; died 27 Jan **1925**.

23 Feb **1913** Letter, 30, **Blackman** Mr. S. L., Received into the church by Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**; withdrew without letter 10 Jul **1916**; confused with Christian Science; H. E. **Dornheim** 22 Apr **1917**.

23 Feb **1913** Letter, 31, **Blackman**, Mrs. S. L., Received into the church by Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**; confused with Christian Science; H. E. **Dornheim**, 22 Apr **1917**.

23 Feb **1913** Letter, 32, **Blackman** Ruth, Received into the church by Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**; Mrs. Elmer **Hill** since 15 Dec **1915**; moved away without letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** Apr **1918**.

23 Feb **1913** C. of Faith, 33, **Schutt** Harold, Moved to Westfield 28 Mar **1913** without letter; received into the church by Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**.

30 Mar **1913** C. of Faith, 34, **Wilson** Olive, Received into the church by Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**; moved away; Rev. **Fox** **1929**.

30 Mar **1913** C. of Faith, 35, **Wilson** Evelyn, Received into the church by Rev. H. E. **Dornheim** moved away; Rev. **Fox** **1929**.

12 May **1912** Letter, 36, **Dornheim** H.E. (pastor), First resident pastor in Laona in about 20 years; Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**.

12 May **1912** Letter, 37 **Dornheim** Mrs. H. E. (Mrs. L.)

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Ahrens** Christ. (Christopher); deceased May **1960**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Ahrens** Mrs. Grace (Mrs. Christ.); deceased February **1958**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Ahrens** Fred, lived at 58 Liberty Street and died 1 April **1965**.

11 Arp **1915** C. of Faith, , **Cranston** Lee, Moved away; Rev. **Salmen** **1922**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Dietzen** Elsie, Mrs. H. E. **Straight** since Oct. 14, **1915**; took letter from Rev. **Salmen** about 1924 and joined Dunkirk congregation; transferred back to Laona in **1960**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Edwards** Herbert, Moved away without letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** Apr **1919**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Gens** Carl, removed July **1949**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Gens** Clarence, Moved away; Rev. **Salmen** **1922**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Gens** Elsie, Died 28 June 1922; Rev. **Salmen** **1923**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Smith** Herbert, R. D. 3 Cohocton, N.Y. Removed May **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of Faith, , **Straight** Harry, 413 Park Ave. Dunkirk; took letter and joined Dunkirk congregation; Rev. **Salmen** **1924**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of faith, , **Thies** Ruth, Withdrew by letter 27 July **1917**; moved to Pittsburgh; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** Apr **1918**.

11 Apr **1915** C. of faith, , **Thies** Nelson

11 Apr **1915** C. of faith, , **Rhodes** Mrs. Hattie, died **1939**.

15 Aug **1915** C. of faith, , **Reisbrough** Mrs., Moved away; withdrew by letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger**; Apr **1918**.

18 Apr **1915** C. of faith, , **Gens** Clara

18 Apr **1915** C. of faith, , **Thies** Irene (married name **Aldrich**); died 31 August **1964**.

18 Apr **1915** C. of faith, , **Edwards** Mrs. H., Moved away without letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** Apr **1919**.

18 Apr **1915** C. of faith, , **Thies** Mrs. Wm (Lulu or Lula).

18 Apr **1915** C. of faith, , **Link** Alda (Alta), Joined another church; Rev. **Salmen** **1922**.

15 Aug **1915** C. of faith, , **Cranston** Floyd, Letter of Transfer 24 May **1920** to Sheridan Methodist Church; Esther L **Brunson** - Pastor in Charge.

15 Aug **1915** Letter, , **Cranston** Mrs. Floyd, Letter of Transfer 24 May **1920** to Sheridan Methodist Church; Esther L **Brunson** - Pastor in Charge.

15 Aug **1915** C. of faith, , **Mann** Frank O., Moved away without letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** Apr **1919**.

15 Aug **1915** Letter, , **Mann** Mrs. Frank, Moved away without letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** Apr **1919**.

15 Aug **1915** C. of faith, , **Mann** Merle, Moved away without letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** Apr **1919**.

14 Nov **1915** C. of faith, , **Hill** Elmer S., Moved away without letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** **Apr1918**.

23 Apr **1916** C. of faith, , **Tennet** Ruth, Married name **Thies**; Rev. **Salmen** **1922**.

23 Apr **1916** C. of faith, , **Comroe** (**Comro**) Fern.

23 Apr **1916** C. of faith, , **Stonefoot** Edna. Moved away; removed without letter; Rev. **Salmen** **1923**.

23 Apr **1916** C. of faith, , **Stonefoot** Arthur.

4 Feb **1917** C. of faith, , **Comro** Mrs. Nettie (Mrs. Henry), died 28 Feb **1945**.

57 members 21 Apr 1916; 52 members 21 Apr 1917 after revision; H. E. **Dornheim**, pastor 1 Apr **1912** to 6 May **1917**.

**1917**, , **Beglinger** Mrs. J. V.

**1917**, , **Beglinger** J. V. Rev.

**1918** C. of Faith, , **Spade** Mrs. Dette (Dieta), died 13 Jun **1925**.

**1918**, , **White** Mrs. C., Moved away without letter; Rev. J. V. **Beglinger**, Apr **1919**.

**1918**, , **White** Margaret, Moved away without letter. Rev. J. V. **Beglinger**, April **1919**.

**1919** Letter, , **Thies** Mrs. Elmer (Amy), Received by Rev. J. V. **Beglinger**; moved away; removed by letter from Rev. **Beglinger**; noted by Rev. **Salmen** **1923**; rejoined by letter **1930** to Rev. **Fox** **1931**; died March **1962**.

51 members 1 Apr **1918**; 46 members Apr **1918** after revisions; J. V. **Beglinger** Pastor in charge.

11 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Ahrens** Esther Henrietta, Received by Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge

4 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Comroe** Cecile, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; removed by request Dec **1961**.

11 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Dierdorf** Edmund, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; didn't remain in Faith; Rev. **Salmen** **1922**.

11 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Gens** Esther, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; moved away; Rev. **Salmen** **1922**.

11 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Gens** Lena Emma, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge now Mrs. **Brior**; Rev. **Fox** **1931**.

4 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Goldberg** Leonard, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge.

4 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Thies** Randall, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge.

4 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Niebel** Nelda, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; took letter and joined Dunkirk; Rev. **Salmen** **1924**.

4 Apr **1920** Confession of Faith, , **Niebel** Sanford, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Comro** Lee, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; deceased.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **DuBois** May, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; lives in Jamestown.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Gens** Mildred, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; deceased.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Goldberg** Cecile, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; lives in Dunkirk.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Goldberg** Edith, Esther L. **Brunson** - Pastor in Charge; lives in White Plains.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Goulding** Charles Spade, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; deceased.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Hunt** Margaret, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; lives in Laona.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Niebel** Floris, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; lives in Warren PA; married name **Bremmer**.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Thies** Kenneth, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; lives in Fredonia.

4 Apr **1920** Watch Care, , **Glasier** Edith, Esther L. **Brunson** Pastor in Charge; deceased.

Total Membership **1925** 33; Rev. **Wagner**.

Total Membership **1926** 30; Rev. **Wagner**.

**1931**, , **Thies** Alice (**Bachman**), transferred Apr 1951 to Harris Hill EUB Church in Williamsville by Rev. Herbert **Erbele**.

**1931**, , **Thies** Dorothy **Kelly**, transfer to United Presbyterian Church in Lakewood Ohio June **1954**.

**1931**, , **Thies** Robert, Took letter to join in Sinclairville.

**1931**, , **Thies** Willard, Took letter to join in Sinclairville.

**1931**, , **Thies** Eugene, Took letter to join in Sinclairville.

**1931**, , **Snow** Oscar, transferred to Buffalo Sep **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

**1931**, , **Snow** Mrs. Oscar (Gladys), transferred to Buffalo **Sep1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

**1931**, , **Snow** Bertha Julia. [*Name crossed out at a later date*; *accompanying note too faint to read.*]

**1935**, , **Miller** Mrs. Mary, Letter from Fredonia Baptist; died **1946**.

**1935**, , **Murphy** Mrs. Melvin (Doris **Miller**), Letter from Fredonia Baptist; removed July **1949**.

**1935**, , **Bull** Mrs. Jessie, Letter from Fredonia Methodist; transfer June **1953**.

12 Apr **1936**, , **Straight** Mrs. Lester (Lottie), Letter from Fredonia Methodist.

12 Apr **1936**, , **Straight** Mary, Profession [*of faith*].

12 Apr **1936**, , **Buck** Mrs. Lee (Leigh) (Mildred), Profession

12 Apr **1936**, , **Hunt** Mrs. Wm (Lauralee) (maiden name **Buck** and 2nd married name **Nasca**), Profession.

5 Jul **1936**, , **Darling** Mrs. Stanley (Anna), Profession; removed May **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

5 Jul **1936**, , **Darling** June, Profession; removed May **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

4 Oct **1936**, , **Miller** Pauline (married name **Green**), Profession; removedJul **1949***.*

25 Apr **1937**, , **Smith** Mrs. Mabel, Letter from Hartfield UB Church.

25 Apr **1937**, , **Nasca** Mrs. Edith, Letter from Hartfield UB Church; removed Aug **1962**.

10 Oct **1937**, , **Bouquin** Mrs. Florence, Profession.

10 Oct **1937**, , **Goldberg** Irene, Profession; removed Aug **1962**.

17 Apr **1938**, , **White** Mrs. Dorothy (Dorothea), Profession.

17 Apr **1938**, , **White** Jean.

At close of G. **Fox's** ministry **1935**; revised by Rev. L. W. **Driftmeyer** 18 April **1938**.

29 Dec **1940** by Letter, , **Rathman** Myrl, deceased **1957**.

29 Dec **1940** by Letter, , **Rathman** Mrs. Myrl (Jessimae), remarried to David **Prince** Oct 1961 and transferred by letter Dec **1961**.

29 Dec **1940** by Letter, , **Rathman** Kenneth, Transferred April **1957** to Gowanda Methodist; reinstated Laona Apr **1960**.

29 Dec **1940** Confession of faith, , **Rathman** Gwendolyn (married name **Styborski**).

29 Dec **1940** Confession, , **Rathman** Milton, Removed Aug **1962**.

29 Jun **1941** by Letter, , **Boyce** Mr. (George), Transferred **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

29 Jun **1941** by Letter, , **Boyce** Mrs., Transferred **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Boyce** Don, Transferred **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

[*No date*], , **Boyce** Carol, transferred **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Newton** David, [*crossed out*].

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Fessenden** John, Transfer to Cassadaga Baptist Church Apr **1953**.

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Thies** Chas E., Transferred to Huntsville Alabama Presbyterian.

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Towne** (**Town**) Ralph.

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Towne** Mrs. (Helen or Nellie), Transferred to Perrysburg Methodist **1959**.

29 Jun **1941** Confession, ,**Towne** Betty **Johnson**, Transferred April **1953**.

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Snow** Mrs. Bertha (**Dietzen**).

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Straight** Allison, Transfer March **1954**.

29 Jun **1941** Confession, , **Sprague** George.

 [*No date*], **Sprague** Doris, Removed July **1949**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**; reinstated April **1957**.

**1944**, , **Goldberg** Bertha, Deceased April **1959**.

**1944**, , **Kruse** Carrie.

**1946**, , **Buck** Larry.

**1946**, , **Nasca** Donald.

**1946**, , **Platt** Evelyn (married name **DuBois**).

**1946**, , **Deering** Louella (maiden name **Platt**).

**1946**, , **Buckley** Marilyn.

**1946**, , **Reid** Marjorie.

**1946**, , **Schroeder** Mabel.

**1946**, , **Schroeder** Leola (**Torrey**).

**1946**, , **Storrer** Mary Lou (married name **Paulson**), Removed Aug **1962**.

**1946**, , **Wasmund** Anna.

**1946**, , **Wood (Woods)** Jane (Mrs. Fred) (**Reid**), Certificate of transfer June **1950**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

**1946**, , **Davis** Norma Jean, Withdrew without certificate Jan **1952**.

**1946**, , **Brown** Joan, Transferred April **1950**; Rev. Lloyd **Croll**.

**1947**, , **Bouquin** Allan, Deceased August **1952**.

**1947**, , **DuBois** Shirley (married name **Nickerson**), Moved away Aug **1962**.

**1947**, , **Francis** Virginia (**Gens**?), Moved to California; asked to be removed.

**1947**, , **Hunt** Janet **Luczkowiak.**

**1947**, , **Prince** Barbara (**Gorka**), Removed by request about **1960**.

**1947**, , **Prince** Janet (**Lehnen**).

**1948**, , **Haenel** Henry, died Apr **1963**.

**1948**, , **Haenel** Esther.

**1948**, , **Lawrence** Gerald

**1948**, , **Lawrence** Mildred, Withdrew without certificate sometime before May **1951** Rev. Herbert **Erbele**.

**1949**, , **Goulding** Irene (married name **Bentley**).

17 Apr **1949** by Letter, , **Dailey** Mrs. Lewis (Olive), Deceased 14 Jan **1957**.

17 Apr **1949** by Confession, , **Nasca** Frank.

17 Apr **1949** by Confession, , **Nasca** Dennis, Removed at unknown date.

17 Apr **1949** by Confession, , **Wheelock** Sandra (**Moore**).

 17 Apr **1949** by Confession, , **Baldwin** Barbara Gail (married name Mrs. Roger **Best**), 210 East Main Street Fredonia.

17 Apr **1949** by Confession, , **Baldwin** Mrs. Aubrey (Henrietta **Dietzen**), 210 East Main Street Fredonia.

17 Apr **1949** by Confession, , **Lehnen** Mrs. Robt.

[*Beginning in 1950, women's first names are used in the membership lists, instead of "Mrs. x. The pastor in charge is Lloyd* ***Croll***.]

**1949**, , **Lehnen** Eleanor, Removed Aug **1962**.

**1949**, , **Wheelock** Sandra.

[*No date*], , **Newton** Lawrence, Withdrew by certificate 24 February **1949**.

Dec **1954** by Letter, , **Fandt** Nevalee.

**1952**, , **Chase** Mary.

**1952**, , **Shuman** Eva.

Minister until June **1953** - Herbert **Erbele.**

**1955**, , **Chase** Olive Mae (married name Mrs. Gaius **Becker**).

**1955**, , **Chase** Kay.

**1955**, , **Goulding** Daniel.

**1955**, , **Johnson** Fannie (**Glasier**).

**1955**, , **Glasier** Patricia.

**1957**, , **Baldwin** Aubrey.

**1957**, , **Bentley** Richard.

**1957**, , **Bouquin** Gilbert.

**1957**, , **Bouquin** Betsy.

**1957**, , **Brillian** Jean (**Buck**), Removed August **1962**.

**1957**, , **Brillian** Frank Leigh, Removed August **1962**.

**1957**, , **Buckley** James.

**1957**, , **Darling** Donna.

**1957**, , **Deering** Richard.

Apr **1957** by Letter, , **Dunning** James.

**1957**, , **Ellis** Mary Lou (**Rowley**).

**1957**, , **Glasier** Richard.

**1957**, , **Johnson** Donald.

**1957**, , **Lutgen** Joyce, Removed Aug **1962**.

**1957**, , **Mahle** Cecil, By letter from Fredonia Methodist.

**1957**, , **Mahle** Lois, By letter from Fredonia Methodist.

**1957**, , **Mahle** Janet.

**1957**, , **Millonzi** Judy.

**1957**, , **Millonzi** June.

**1957**, , **Morse** Donald.

**1957**, , **Morse** Hazel, By letter from Stockton Methodist; died Sep **1962**.

**1957**, , **Morse** Robert.

**1957**, , **O'Lear** Irene, removed Aug **1962**.

**1957**, , **Snyder** Kenneth.

**1957**, , **Snyder** Jeannine.

**1957**, , **Sprague** James.

**1957**, , **Sprague** Doris.

**1957**, , **Straight** Lester, Deceased February **1960**.

**1957**, , **Straight** Leslie.

**1957**, , **Straight** Alice (**Suggett**).

**1957**, , **Tadt** Marilyn.

**1957**, , **Tadt** Harold.

**1957**, , **Wise** Kenneth.

**1957**, , **Wise** Shirley.

**1957**, , **Wise** Vivian.

**1957**, , **Wise** Sally.

**1958** by Letter, , **Bouquin** May, Died June **1961**.

**1958** by Letter, , **Bolling** Forence.

**1959** by Letter, , **Baker** William.

**1959** by Letter, , **Baker** Joan.

**1959**, , **Armbruster** Fredricka, Deceased March **1960**.

**1959**, , **Bartholomew** Mary (May).

**1959**, , **Damon** Daniel, Transfer from Dunkirk EUB; Transferred by letter Sep **1961**.

Oct **1959**, , **Fandt** Sherman, transfer from Dunkirk EUB; Died May **1963**.

Oct **1959**, , **Glasier** Albert, transfer from Dunkirk EUB; Deceased Jan **1961**.

Oct **1959**, , **Glasier** Mildred, Transfer from Dunkirk EUB.

Oct **1959**, , **Glasier** Donald, Transfer from Dunkirk EUB.

Oct **1959**, , **Glasier** Sherman, Transfer from Dunkirk EUB.

Oct **1959**, , **Glasier** Doris, Transfer from Dunkirk EUB.

Oct **1959**, , **Glasier** Robert, Transfer from Dunkirk EUB.

Oct **1959**, , **Gloff** Mary, Transfer from Dunkirk EUB.

Oct **1959**, , **Niebel** Leota, Transfer from Dunkirk EUB.

Oct **1959**, , **Newton** Paul (**Wilcox**), Transfer from Dunkirk EUB.

**1959**, , **Thompson** Concetta.

**1959**, , **Lathrop** Mary Lou, Transfer from Baptist Church Lancaster.

**1959**, , **Wood** Harold J. (Rev.), Transfer from West Seneca EUB church.

**1959**, , **Wood** Irma, Transfer from West Seneca EUB church.

**1959**, , **DuBois** Richard.

[*List updated* ***1960****, Pastor Harold* ***Wood***.]

**1960**, , **Aldrich** Harry, Transferred from Dunkirk Church.

**1960**, , **Aldrich** Gladys, Transferred from Dunkirk Church.

**1960**, , **Bloor** Walter, Died December **1961**.

**1960**, , **Bloor** Marie.

**1960**, , **Brown** Warren.

**1960**, , **Brown** Anita.

**1960**, , **Bull** Sheldon.

**1960**, , **Bull** Iris.

**1960**, , **Gonzales** Paciencia.

**1960**, , **Gonzales** Joel.

**1960**, , **Gonzales** Rev. Gregorio.

**1960**, , **Haight** Robert, Removed Aug **1962**.

**1960**, , **Haight** Sandra, Removed Aug **1962**.

**1960**, , **Hadley** Francis (Frances).

**1960**, , **Parker** David, Removed Aug **1962**.

**1960**, , **Pangborn** Harold.

**1960**, , **Pangborn** Winifred.

**1960**, , **Redband** Arthur.

**1960**, , **Redband** Alice.

**1960**, , **Straight** May.

**1960**, , **Gloff** Robert V.

**1961**, , **Bentley** Duane.

**1961**, , **Bentley** Geneva.

**1961**, , **Bouquin** Dorothy.

**1961**, , **Chase** Una.

**1961**, , **Elliott** Thelma.

**1961**, , **Hadley** Quintin.

**1961**, , **Langhans** Lewis Jr.

**1961**, , **Langhans** Jeanette.

**1961**, , **Newton** Paul.

**1961**, , **Richardson** Victor.

**1961**, , **Straight** Ellis.

Apr **1961**, , **Straight** Eleanor, Transfer from Fredonia Methodist Church.

**1961**, , **Straight** Janet.

**1961**, , **Straight** Nancy.

[*Pages 165 through 173 are blank*.]

[*Pages 174 through 184*, *and 203 through 208*] Marriages

By Rev. J. G. **Ziegler** 1893 - 1896

1 Aug **1893** Herman **Stecher** (**Stecker**) of Dunkirk to Minnie **Boye** of Dunkirk.

28 Sep **1893** Fritz **Ranz** of Mt. Vernon to Minnie **Goldberg** of Arkwright.

8 May **1894** John **Husch**[?] of Laona to Catherine **Weire**[?] of Laona.

1 May **1894** Fred **Wills** of Sheridan to Emma **Richter** of Laona.

7 Nov **1894** John **Boye** of Dunkirk to Mary **Ahrens** of Laona.

22 Nov **1894** Louis **Schneider** of Dunkirk to Minnie **Cordt** of Pomfret.

1 Oct **1895** Carl **Neumann**[?] of Laona to Sophie **Hoffmann** of Dunkirk.

6 Feb **1896** John **Stonefoot** of Laona to Eda **Wiedenbeck** of Laona.

3 Nov **1896** Christian **Gens** of Laona to Christina **Boye** of Dunkirk.

By Rev. G. S. **Gratz** 1908 - 1910

13 Oct **1907** Matthias **Dietzen** of Germany to Anna **Ahrens** of Laona.

25 Feb **1908** William **Mau** to Germany to Ida F. **Thies** of Germany.

8 Oct **1908** George L. **Plank** of Cherry Creek to Anna J. **Salhoff** of Pomfret.

12 Nov **1908** George **Ramsdell** of Laona to Florence **Ellis** of Laona.

12 Dec **1908** Fred **Kuebrick** of Pomfret to Minnie **Van Daacke** of Laona.

10 Feb **1909** Frederick **Kasbohn** of Pomfret to Dora **LaGrenade** of Pomfret.

12 May **1909** Myron **Griswold** of Arkwright to Eva **Ahrens** of Pomfret.

10 Jun **1909** Allie W. **Schonfeldt** of Erie PA to Elenora **Mau** of Pomfret.

14 Oct **1910** Manley P. **Johnson** of Fredonia to Grace E. **Neff** of Pomfret.

11 Apr **1911** Rev. Geo. **Ott** of Geneva to Mary **Graff** of Dunkirk.

By J. A. **Hetche**, Pastor

17 June **1914** Foreman Arggle **Davison** of Titusville PA to Maude **Ahrens** of Laona; in Dunkirk.

By Rev. H. E. **Dornheim**

[*Transcriber's note: the* ***Dornheim*** *marriages were entered into this book in his handwriting. He also took it upon himself to note that the bride and groom in each case were each white, and except in the Lounsbury case and in the case of a widow or widower, that it was the first for the bride and groom*.]

14 Jun **1914** Hermon Archie **Lounsbury** of Jamestown, age 32, to Alice May **Francis** **Elmore** of Laona, age 32. Solemnized at the **Francis** home in Laona; witnesses Stanley **Lounsbury** and Mildred **Ellis**; Rev. C. G. **Farr** of Fredonia M. E. Ch. assisted.

11 Nov **1914** Dehart Clinton **Davis** of Arkwright, 24-year-old farmer born in Bollington NY to Dewitt **Davis** and Ella **Baker**, to Flossie May **Towne** of Fredonia, 19-year-old daughter born in Arkwright to Fred **Towne** and Jane **Palmer**. Solemnized at parsonage; witness Mrs. H. E. **Dornheim**.

16 Dec **1914** Thomas Clenam **Horton**, Jr. of Arkwright, 20-year-old farmer born in Arkwright to Harvey H. **Horton** and Lillie E. **Eastley**, to Mildred Myra **Colson** of Pomfret, 19-year-old daughter of Abraham **Colson** and Minnie **Cardot**. Solemnized at parsonage; witnesses A. Lillian **Meeder** and Mrs. L. **Dornheim**.

14 Oct **1915** Harry Erastus **Straight** of Laona, 25-year-old bookkeeper born to Fred B. **Straight** of Laona and Lena **Wilson** of Sweden, to Elsie Dorothy **Dietzen** of Laona, 25-year-old daughter of Matthias **Dietzen** of Laona and Mary **Draves**. Solemnized at home of Matthias **Dietzen**; witnesses Harold B. **Straight** and Helen **Dietzen**.

30 Oct **1915** Wallace E. **Horton** of Villenova, 21-year-old laborer born to Charles **Horton** and Mildred **Kennedy**, to Mildred Marie **Davis** of Arkwright, 19-year-old daughter of Dewitt C. **Davis** and Ella **Baker**. Solemnized at parsonage; witnesses Thomas C. **Horton** and Mrs. Thos. C. **Horton**.

15 Dec **1915** Elmer Seneca **Hill** of Pomfret, 26-year-old farmer born to Seneca H. **Hill** and DeEtte S. **Thayer**, to Ruth Gene **Blackman** of Arkwright, 21-year-old daughter of Shelden L. **Blackman** and Marion A. **Rusch**. Solemnized at S. L. **Blackman** home; witnesses Seneca H. **Hill** and Mrs. S. L. **Blackman**.

11 Mar **1916** George Robert **Lutgen** of Fredonia, 25-year-old blacksmith born to George **Lutgen** and Nellie **Plotter**, to widow Anna Myra **Wilcox** **Bourquin**, 45-year-old daughter of Isleton **Wilcox** and Clarissa **Lewis**. Solemnized at parsonage; witnesses Mrs. L. **Dornheim** and Mrs. Sarah **Rice**.

19 Aug **1916** Widower George Marion **Douglas** of Dunkirk, 65-year-old farmer born to George B. **Douglas** and Aurelia **Blakely**, to widow Minnie Caroline **Sickelco**[?] **Washburn** of Dunkirk, 39-year-old daughter of John C. **Sickelco**[?] and Fredericka **Dedrick**. Solemnized at parsonage; witnesses Isabelle **Clark** and Mrs. Lester **Straight**.

21 Oct **1916** Stephen J. **LaGrande** of Laona, 30-year-old machinist born to John **LaGrande** and Anna **Hewes**, to Ethel **Tickner** of Burnham, 19-year-old daughter of Ernest **Tickner** and Lavanta **Kibbie**. Solemnized at parsonage. Witnesses Frederick **Kasbohm** and Dora L. **Kasbohm**.

30 Apr **1917**. Adam Edward **Hartner** of Pittsburg, 25-year-old fireman born to John Adam **Hartner** and Rosina Binder, to Ruth Caroline **Thies** of Laona, 21-year-old daughter of Fred J. **Thies** and Lena **Edler**. Solemnized at **Thies** home; witnesses Mrs. Fred **Ahrens** and Miss Irene **Thies**.

By Rev. J. A. **Hetche**

[***Hetche*** *continued* ***Dornheim's*** *practice of noting that both bride and groom are white and have not been previously married*.]

5 Sep **1917** Leigh Owen **Buck** of Cassadaga, 24-year-old railroad station agent born to Miner **Buck**, to Mildred **Sprague** of Laona, 21-year-old daughter of George **Sprague** and Hattie **Wilmont**. Solemnized at parsonage; witnesses Benjamin **Sprague** and Minnie **Hunt**.

By Rev. J. V. **Beglinger**

[***Beglinger*** *continued* ***Dornheim's*** *practice of noting that both bride and groom were white and had not been previously married*.]

18 Feb **1919** Orlin Lewis **Draggett** of Arkwright, 21-year-old farmer born to Edward **Draggett** and Anna **Hahn**, to DesDemona **Bourquin**, 19-year-old daughter of August **Bourquin** and Anna **Wilcox**. Solemnized at parsonage; witnesses Earl G. **Miller** and wife Bertha E. **Miller**.

By Rev. George **Fox**

[***Fox*** *and subsequent preachers dropped* ***Dornheim's*** *practice of noting the race and prior marital status of the bride and groom*.]

7 Jul **1931** Aubrey C. **Baldwin** to Henrietta **Dietzen**, both of Pomfret.

By Rev. L. W. **Driftmeyer**

28 Nov **1935** Melvin W. **Murphy**, 26-year-old son of Albert **Murphy** and Pearl **Bisbee**[?], to Doris J. **Marvin**, 27-year-old daughter of Chas C. **Miller** and Mary **Sartwell**. Witnesses Chas. C. **Miller** and Mrs. Mary **Miller**.

23 Jun **1937** Frederic C. **Kingdon**[?] and Ada Mae **Houser** were married at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Fred **Weidmaier** at Laona.

By Rev. Fred **Drew**

18 Jun **1941** Edwin Wilson **Green** of Fredonia and Pauline Bettie **Wilson** of Laona were married at the church in Laona. Witnesses Joyce **Wiedmaier** of Laona and Clarence James **Bowles**.

14 Feb **1941** Willis **Niebel** of Dunkirk to Joyce **Wiedmaier** of Laona.

10 May **1942** Lester Arthur **Straight**, age 22, and Alice **Suggett** were married in the Emmanuel Evangelical Church. Witnesses Marilyn B. **Fairbanks** and Bruce E. **Straight**.

31 Jul **1942** Norman Edward **Kahler** of Appleton NY, born 23 Oct 1919, to Bertha Julia **Snow** of Arkwright, born 15 Mar 1923. Married in the Emmanuel Evangelical Church at Laona; witnesses Nellie **Merrill** and John **Merrill**.

1 Aug **1942** Arthur **Miller** of Laona to Virginia **Fox**[?] of Fredonia.

By Rev. Wilbur **Seeley**

12 June **1945** Bruce **Straight** to Harriett **Buck**, both of Laona.

6 Dec **1945** 7:00pm William **Penhollow** of Charlotte, born 6 Dec 1927 to Wesley **Penhollow** and Pauline **Sanderson**, and Betty **Bentley** of Fredonia, born 4 Dec 1927 to Duane **Bentley** and Geneva **Lathrop**, were married in Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Laona. Witnesses Jane **Penhollow** and Rodney **Potter**.

29 Dec **1945** 4:30pm Robert W. **Gilbert** of Winston Salem NC, born 17 Jul 1925 to George **Gilbert** and Olive **Grubbs**, and Louise L. **Newton** of Laona, born 7 Jan 1925 to Truman **Newton** and Georgina **Lawrence**, were married in the parsonage at 411 Park Ave in Dunkirk. Witnesses Tony **Dietzen** and Georgina **Dietzen**.

3 May **1946** Nicholas **Dietzen** of Fredonia, born 9 Dec 1868 to Matthias **Dietzen** and Kathrine, and Bertha A. **Snow** of Arkwright, born 27 Dec 1878 to Daniel **O'Brien** and Nellie **Johnson**, were married in the parsonage, Dunkirk. Witnesses were Mrs. Ralph E. **Town** and Mrs. Leon **Delcamp**.

14 May **1946** Donald S. **DeWolf** of Sheridan, born 22 Oct 1923 to Rosell **DeWolf** and Mabel **Kennedy**, and Norma Louise **Sprague** of Laona, born 22 Mar 1928 to Benjamin **Sprague** and Irene **Damon**, were married in Church in Laona. Assisted by Rev. Ernest **Bolling**. Witnesses were Harriet **Straight** and Donald E. **Reardon**.

15 Jul **1946** 7:30pm Frederick J. **Woods** of Kenmore NY, born 17 Jun 1924 to Harry **Woods** and Sarah **Miller**, and Jane **Reid** of Pomfret, born 23 Feb 1923 to Allan **Reid** and Sylvia **Holbrook**, were married in Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Laona. Witnesses were Richard H. **Deering** and Louella **Platt**.

31 May **1947** Arthur W. Bartel of 782 Genesee St, Buffalo NY, and Betty S. **Norman** of 787 Genesee St., Buffalo NY, were married at Emmanuel Church, Laona. Witnesses were Mrs. R. **Reinhardt** and Ralph E. **Reinhardt**.

12 Jun **1948** 11:00am William **Holcomb** of Cassadaga, born 30 June 1925 to Khler[?] **Holcomb** and Viola Myra **Spade**, and Wilma M. **Straight** of RFD 1 Fredonia, born 31 May 1930 to Miner **Straight** and Mary **Dewhurst**, were married in Emmanuel Church of (Evangelical United Brethren) in Laona. Witnesses were Albert K. **Holcomb** and Dora M. **Schultz**.

By Rev. Lloyd H. **Croll**

24 Jul **1948** 2:30pm Alice **Thies** of Laona and Karl **Bachmann** of Buffalo were married at Emmanuel E.U.B. in Laona. Witnesses: Dorothy **Thies** and Hans **Rathman**.

31 Jul **1948** 7:30pm Alice **Sprague** of Laona and Loren **Sweet** of Fredonia were married in Laona Emmanuel E.U.B. Church. Witnesses: Mrs. **DeWolf** and Lawrence **Sweet**.

24 Sep **1948** Edna **Vincent** of Laona and Clifford **Martell** of Lake Shore Dr., Dunkirk were married at Dunkirk Church. Witnesses: Mrs. Ross **Bolling** and Mrs. Enoch **Martell**.

16 Jul **1949** 4:30pm Mary Jean **Miller**, 22, of Fredonia RFD1 and Wm. J. **Bock**, 24, of Silver Creek were married in Laona Emmanuel E.U.B. Church. Witnesses: Mrs. Robt. **Ehmke** and Robt. **Ehmke** of Silver Creek.

15 Aug **1949** 7:30pm Marilyn May **Reid** of Laona and James **Buckley** of Cassadaga were married in the Laona Church E.U.B. Witnesses: Alberta **Tadt** and Ralph **Buckley**.

20 Aug **1949** 2:30pm Betty Town of South Dayton and Rexford **Johnson** were married in the Laona Emmanuel E.U.B. Church. Witnesses: Miss **Fox** and Quimby[?] **Walters**.

1 Oct **1949** Margaret **Ross** of Laona and Howard Hammond of Forestville were married in Dunkirk parsonage. Witnesses: Roberta **Bentley** and Malcolm **Ross**.

30 Dec **1949** Arlene M. **Hagen** of Laona and Robert W. **Rohlin** of 279 W. High Terrace, Rochester NY were married at Dunkirk Church. Witnesses: M. Lorraine **Storrer** and Donald H. **Rohlin**.

21 Jan **1950** Richard H. **Deering** of Laona and Louella **Platt** of Laona were married in the Laona Church. Witnesses: Fredrick J. **Woods** and Jane R. **Woods**.

By Rev. Herbert O. **Erbele**

28 Sep **1952** Leonard L. **Vetter** of Dunkirk and Clarissa Carol **Boyce** of Fredonia were married Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church in Laona. Witnesses: Marilyn **Dalrymple** of Laona, Henry T. **Britt** of East Lake Road, Dunkirk.

9 May **1953** George D. **Sprague** of Laona and Ana **Nevarez** of 422 Calma St., Santurce, Puerto Rico were married at Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church in Laona. Witnesses: Maurice **Sprague** and Norma **DeWolf**.

5 Jun **1953** James Thomas **Luczkowiak** of 86 West Fifth St., Dunkirk and Janet Barbara **Hunt** of RFD 1 Laona were married at the bride's home in Laona, home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. **Hunt**. Witnesses: Wm. **Hesslink** of Dunkirk and Barbara **Baldwin** of 210 E. Main Fredonia.

By clergyman Bryon M. **Esch**

[*Notation of prior marital status of bride and groom is in some cases resumed by* ***Esch***.]

24 July **1954** Marshall **Vincent**, born 5 Mar 1924 in Brattleboro VT and employed by Fredonia Express marries Mildred **Frederick** of 33 Water St. Fredonia, born 20 Jun 1934 to Milton **Frederick** and Mildred **McCaslin**. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Joseph **Bilinkski** of Fredonia and Shirley **Frederick**.

4 Aug **1956** Gerald A. **Vorse** of Kelly Hill Rd. Fredonia, 19-year-old son of Gerald W. **Vorse** of Youngsville PA and Nellie **Carletta** of Pittsfield PA marries Barbara A. **Woodin** of Spring Creek PA, 18-year-old daughter of Frank Earl **Woodin** and Lola Ethel **Holmes** of Pittsfield PA. Witnesses: Earl **Anderson** and Ellen Mae **Woodin**.

21 Sep **1956** 7:00pm Nelson Roland **Moore** of Warren PA, 23-year-old son of Joshua N. **Moore** and Mary **Buckley**, to Sandra Ruth **Wheelock** of Wilson Rd. Fredonia, 21-year-old daughter of George Edwin **Wheelock** of Laona and Ruby **Chase** of Laona. Witnesses: Joshua N. **Moore** of Tidioute PA and Charlotte **Wentworth** of Pittsfield PA.

22 Sep **1956** 2:00pm Dennis LeRoy **DeGolier** of Brocton, 21 son of Elmer **DeGolier** and Winona **Witheril**, to Shirley Mae **Fredrick** of Laona, 17-year-old daughter of Milton **Fredrick** and Mildred **McCaslin**. Witnesses Dexter **DeGolier** of Forestville and Beverly **DeGolier** of Forestville.

18 Nov **1956** 2:30pm at the Dunkirk Church. Harry Roger **Best** of Lily Dale, 26-year-old son of Wm. H. **Best** and Ellen **Neenan**, to Barbara Gail **Baldwin**, 22-year-old daughter of Aubrey **Baldwin** and Henrietta **Dietzen**. Witnesses Byron **Candy** of 2 S. St. Lily Dale and Sandra H. **Paschke** of 157 E. Main St. Fredonia.

6 April **1957** Donald Earl **Johnson** of Stockton, 18-year-old son of Anthony **Johnson**, Jr. and Violet **Gilson**, to Fannie Mae **Glasier**, 18-year-old daughter of Morrison **Glasier** and Pauline **Olrogge**. Witnesses: Kenneth **Wise** and Patricia **Glasier**.

26 Apr **1957** John Henry **Nichols** of Portland, an assembler at Niagara Therapy and 34-year-old son of Charles H. **Nichols** and Sarah **Farr**, to Doris Ida **Newell**, a bookkeeper at Niagara Therapy and 29-year-old daughter of Jesse **Newell** and Ruth **Russell**. Married in presence of relatives at bride's sister Mrs. Lester **Stonefoot**. Witnesses were his brother Albert and her sister.

11 May **1957** James Earl **House** of Cassadaga, 30-year-old farmer born to Earl **House** of Pickett's Corners and Lena **Bernard**, to June Anna **Darling** of Cassadaga, 32-year-old daughter of Stanley **Darling** and Anna **Lutgen**. James' 2nd marriage; divorced 8 Jan 1952 in Jamestown from Antoinette M.; one child let out for adoption. 1st marriage for June; daughter (Donna Lee) age 13 illegitimate. [*No witnesses listed for this marriage*.]

29 Oct **1957** Richard Walter **Gens** of Fredonia, 26-year-old son of Carl **Gens** and Gladys **Waite**, to Theora Mae **DeGolier** of Brocton, 21-year-old daughter of Elmer **DeGolier** and Winona **Witherel**. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Carl and Gladys **Gens**.

[*Under different handwriting*.]

22 Aug **1959** Larry John **Salhoff** of Stockton Rd Pomfret, 30-year-old farmer born to John **Salhoff** and Margaret **Hayes**, marries widow Lucille **Torrey** **Ball** of Wilson Rd Fredonia, 26-year-old clerk born to Harley **Torrey** and Alvira **Ells**[?]. Witnesses: Liola **Schraeder**, Gerald **Salhoff**.

24 Aug **1959** William Alvin **Rowley** of RFD Fredonia, 30-year-old mechanic born to Leonard A. **Rowley** and Hulda **Rosing**, marries Mary Louise **Ellis** of RFD Fredonia, 30-year-old daughter of Livenus **Ellis** and Hortense **Parsell**. Witnesses: Jeanine **Snyder**, Robert **Ellis**.

17 Oct **1959** Kenneth Clarence **Wise** of RFD 2 Fredonia, 21-year-old son of Raymond **Wise** and Edna **West**, to Patricia Ann **Glasier** of RFD 1 Fredonia, 18-year-old daughter of Morrison **Glasier** and Pauline **Olrogg**. Witnesses: Walter **Binko** and Sally **Congdon**. Rev. Byron **Esch** assisted by Rev. Harold J. **Wood**.

28 Aug **1959** Gaius **Becker** to Olive Mae **Chase** in Brocton NY.

22 Dec **1959** Donald Keith **Bentley** of 270 Porter Ave. Fredonia, 22-year-old truck driver born to Duane P. **Bentley** and Geneva **Lathrop**, marries Beverly Jean **Cooley** of Lily Dale, 18-year-old daughter of George **Rinaldo** and June **Cooley**. Witnesses: Betty **Penhollow**, Richard R. **Bentley**.

29 Dec **1959** James Dennis **Clarke** of South Dayton, a pressman born to Gilman **Clarke** and Dorothy **Murphy**, marries Betty Lou **Felt** of Cherry Creek, daughter of Marguerite **Way** **Felt**.

5 Feb **1960** Frank Paul **Nasca** of RFD Fredonia, 52-year-old salesman born to Isadore **Nasca** and Rose **Favata**, marries Lauralee **Buck** **Hunt** of RFD Fredonia, 41-year-old daughter of Leigh **Buck** and Mildred **Sprague**. Second marriage for both bride and groom.

18 Aug **1960** Richard E. **Town** of Perrysburg, 25-year-old son of Ralph **Town** and Helen **Snow**, marries Donna Lee **Young** of South Dayton, 21-year-old daughter of Bernard Frank **Young** and Marguerite **Stewart**. Witnesses: Shirley **Young**, Charles H. **Stone**.

28 Dec **1960** Paul George **Newton** of Dunkirk, 221-year-old sailor born to Larry **Newton** and Betty **Sturgenbecker**, marries Hazel Anne **Cheney** of Dunkirk, 18-year-old daughter of Hugh G. **Cheney** and Adele **Lawrence**.

1 Jan **1961** Recorders transferred to New Dunkirk Book.

[*Pages 185 through 192*] Baptisms

Name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Parents, Date of Baptism, Place, Pastor, Certificate granted or other remarks.

**Schutt,** Harold, 16 Jan 1895, , , 23 Feb **1913**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Blackman,** Allen, 7 Mar 1901, , , 23 Feb **1913**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Wilson,** Albert Chauncey, 12 Apr 1902, Laona, , 23 Feb **1913**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**.

**Wilson,** Ella, 22 Jan 1852, , , 23 Feb **1913**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, Certificate.

**Wilson**, Olive May, 9 Feb 1897, Laona, , 30 Mar **1913**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Wilson**, Evelyn, 14 Jun 1898, Laona, , 30 Mar **1913**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Wilson**, Francis Ella, 23 Dec 1901, Laona, , 30 Mar **1913**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**.

**Gunning,** Violet Lydia, 24 May 1913, Pittsburg, , 26 Dec **1913**, [*Possibly in Pittsburg PA at another* ***Dornheim*** *home*], Certificate.

**Sievert,** Lorena Caroline, 23 Jun 1912, Arkwright, ,12 Apr **1914**, John **Sievert** home in Laona, **Dornheim**, Certificate.

**Kasbohm,** Dorothy Louise, 31 July 1913, Laona, , 17 May **1914**, Parsonage, **Dornheim** , Certificate.

**Thies,** Lena Lucille, 1 Apr 1914, Arkwright, Earl **Thies** and Lucille **Reese**, 21 Jun **1914**, Parents' home in Arkwright, Certificate.

**Cranston,** Lee, 5 Sep 1883, Pomfret, Albert and Laura **Cranston**, 11 Apr **1915**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Bouquin,** Lois Laventia **Briggs**, 22 Apr 1888, , Edgar and Safrina **Briggs**, 11 Apr **1915**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Merchant**, Helen Ruth, 17 Sep 1901, Sheridan, Almon and Ella **Merchant**, 11 Apr **1915**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Merchant**, Olive Margaret, 5 Aug 1905, Fredonia, Almon and Ella **Merchant**, 11 Apr **1915**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Edwards,** Maggie Adella **Knott**, 7 Feb 1886, Cassadaga, William and Jessie **Knott**, 11 Apr **1915**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Wilson,** Maud, 18 Dec 1907, Laona, Cassius and Alice **Wilson**, 11 Apr **1915**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Thies,** Lula Ida **Kent**, 12 May 1881, Philadelphia, Alton and Fannie **Kent**, 13 Apr **1915**, Wm. **Thies** home in Laona, **Dornheim**, Certificate granted.

**Thies,** Randall Wm., 3 Mar 1907, Fredonia, Wm. J. **Thies** and Lula **Kent**, 13 Apr **1915**, Wm. **Thies** home in Laona, **Dornheim**, Certificate granted.

**Thies,** Kenneth Kent, 9 Sep 1911, Fredonia, Wm. J. **Thies** and Lula **Kent**, 13 Apr **1915**, Wm. **Thies** home in Laona, **Dornheim**, Certificate granted.

**Tennant,** Ruth Isabelle, 17 Apr 1905, Fredonia, Lester and Edna **Tennant**, 13 Apr **1915**, Wm. **Thies** home in Laona, **Dornheim**, Certificate granted.

**Straight**, Harry Erastus, 3 Aug 1891, Laona, Fred and Lena **Straight**, 18 Apr **1915**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**.

**Bull**, Emaline Electa, 1 Apr 1890, Laona, Addison and Cora **Bull**, 18 Apr **1915**, Laona Church, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Mann,** Frank O., 23 Jan 1870, Wisconsin, , 27 Jun **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Mann,** Lyda May **Edwards**, 5 Mar 1871, Perrysburg, ,27 Jun **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Cranston,** Floyd Horace, 8 Apr 1885, Pomfret, Albert **Cranston** and Laura **Carr**, 27 Jun **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Mann,** Merle Frank, 40 Mar 1902, Arkwright, Frank O. **Mann** and Lyda M. **Edwards**, 27 Jun **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Tucker**, Albert Edward, 25 Oct 1905, , , 28 Nov **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Tucker,** Dorothy Helen, 9 Jun 1907, , , 28 Nov **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Mann,** Elgin Edwards, 4 Apr 1904, Arkwright, Frank O. **Mann** and Lyda M. **Edwards**, 28 Nov **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Cranston,** Retha Anna, 22 Aug 1912, Sheridan, Floyd H. and Anna **Cranston**, 28 Nov **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Cranston,** Laura Marie, 7 May 1910, Sheridan, Floyd H. and Anna **Cranston**, 28 Nov **1915**, Willoughby School House, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Hill**, Elmer Seneca, 4 Jun 1889, Portland, Seneca Harvey **Hill** and DeEtte Sarah **Hill**, 2 Dec **1915**, Laona parsonage, **Dornheim**, Certificate.

**Comroe**, Fern Juliet, 12 Oct 1904, Laona, Henry and Nettie **Comroe**, 24 Apr **1916**, Laona parsonage, **Dornheim**, Certificate.

**Link** , Alta Eveline, 4 Aug 1903, Dunkirk, , 24 Apr **1916**, Laona parsonage, **Dornheim**, No certificate.

**Sprague,** Virginia May, 25 Dec 1915, , , 26 May **1916**, Rhodes home, **Dornheim**, Certificate.

**Comro,** Nettie May, 27 Jul 1877, Arkwright, , 6 Dec **1916**, Wm. J. **Thies** home, **Dornheim**, Certificate.

**Comro,** Cecil Edna, 5 Mar 1907, Laona, , 6 Dec **1916**, Wm. J. **Thies** home, **Dornheim**, Certificate.

**Comro,** Russell Lee, 10 May 1911, Laona, , 6 Dec **1916**, Wm. J. **Thies** home, **Dornheim**, Certificate.

**Walters,** Emma Deland, 14 Apr 1867, Arkwright, Alonzo and Elizabeth **Palmer**, 30 Nov **1917**, Walters home, **Hetche**.

**White,** Cecile Elizabeth, 5 Jun 1890, Charlotte Center, Moses and Emma **Walters**, 30 Nov **1917**, Walters home, **Hetche**.

**Shade,** Deette, 10 Dec 1859, Arkwright, John and Tilphia **Rabon**, 7 Apr **1918**, Laona parsonage, Rev. W. S. **Seith**.

**Straight,** Harry Joseph, 9 Feb 1918, Dunkirk, H. E. **Straight** and Elsie **Dietzen**, 23 Jun **1918**, Laona Church, **Beglinger**, Certificate.

**Goldberg,** Dorothy Emmeline, 4 Nov 1915, George and Bertha Goldberg, 26 Dec **1918**, Goldberg home.

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[*Pages 195 through 197*] Deaths and Funerals

Surname, Given and Maiden Names, Death Date, Burial Place, Burial Date, Cause of Death, Age

**Bouquin**, Julia Ann **Cardot**, 24 Jun **1912**, Laona Cem, 27 Jun 1912, Stomach trouble, 74y 8m 1d.

**Farrington**, Wm. W., 6 Jul **1912**, Laona Cem, 9 Jul 1912, Suicide (hanging), 83y 3m 3d.

**Kachemeyer**, Minnie C. **Wiedenbeck**, 21 Jul **1912**, Laona Cem, Typhoid fever, 25y 11m 11d.

**Gens**, Dora Elizabeth, 13 Oct **1912**, Laona Cem, 14 Oct 1912, Diptheria croupe, 4y 3m 24d.

**Schmidt**, Frederick M., 7 Nov **1912**, Laona Cem, 10 Nov 1912, Bowel obstruction, 55y 7m 5d.

**Kachemeyer**, Marie, 1 Dec **1912**, Laona Cem, 4 Dec 1912, Croupe, 2 yr old daughter of Minnie.

**Ellis**, Lyvenus, 19 Jan **1913**, Forest Hill Cem Fredonia, 21 Jan 1913, Asthma and pneumonia, 89y 7m 7d.

**Webb**, John P., 20 May **1913**, Black Cors Cem Arkwright, 23 May 1913, Old age and severe cold, 82y 10m 6d.

**Ball**, Wilma, 13 Jun **1913**, Laona Cem, 15 Jun 1913, Convulsions and stroke, 1y 10m 27d.

**Gardner**, Henry N., 15 Jun **1913**, Pioneer Cem Forestville, Heart failure (fatty heart), 78y 1m 10d.

**Gisel**, Barbara **Schlittler**, 2 Nov **1913**, Laona Cem, 5 Nov 1913, Heart failure, 72y,9m 26d.

**Straight**, Alanson, 10 Dec **1913**, Laona Cem, 10 Dec 1913, Diptheria, 3y 3m 18d.

**Hooker**, Mary **Padden**, 4 Jun 1914, Laona Cem, 7 Jun 1914, Gradual wearing out, 68y 10m 5d.

**Ellis**, Louisa **Wilson**, 7 Aug **1914**, Forest Hill Cem Fredonia, 8 Aug 1914, Old age, 88y 11m 3d.

**Hughes**, Salena **Sharon**, 13 Sep **1914**, Laona Cem, 15 Sep 1914, Insane 27 yrs and bowel trouble, 79y 4m 10d.

**Glazier**, Elizabeth, 16 Oct **1914**, Laona Cem, 21 Oct 1914, Heart failure, 71y 4m 24d.

**Wilson**, William, 6 Nov **1914**, Cowdens Cors Cem Arkwright, , .

**Page**, George, 8 Nov **1914**, Laona Cem, 10 Nov 1914, Uric acid poisoning, 81y 2m 6d.

**Blackman**, Horace, 15 Jan **1915**, Evergreen Cem Portland, 18 Jan 1915, Paralytic stroke, 81y 3m 23d.

**Wilcox**, Iselton W., 7 Feb **1915**, Laona Cem, 10 Feb 1915, Pneumonia, 77y.

**Plumb**, Adaline **Luce**, 21 Mar **1915**, Laona Cem, 23 Feb 1915, Pneumonia, 78y 3m 24d.

**Kasbohm**, Gertrude, 3 Apr **1915**, Laona Cem, 4 Apr 1915, Premature birth, 2d.

**Hunt**, Lizetta **Hagemeister**, 6 Apr **1915**, Laona Cem, 9 Apr 1915, Old age and broken limb, 81y 8m 29d.

**Moon**, Adelbert A., 1 Jun **1915**, Evergreen Cem Portland, 3 Jun 1915, Stomach trouble, 73y 5m 27d.

[*The following comment was added by the church clerk for this entry*: Brother of D. C. **Moon**, General Manager of all New York Central, lives west of Buffalo, manager of about 30,000 railroaders.]

**Pepperman**, Nellie **Webb**, 12 Nov **1915**, Laona Cem, 15 Nov 1915, Old age and simply worn out, 79y 3m 8d.

**Bouquin**, Emma **Ellis**, 26 Nov **1915**, Laona Cem, 29 Nov 1915, Cancer and sick 2 yrs, 59y 6m 20d.

**Harrington**, Emaline **Evans**, 17 Sep **1916**, Laona Cem, 19 Sep 1916, Old age, 93 y 9m 4d. [*The following comment was added by the church clerk for this entry*: Addison Bull's aunt.]

**Stuckey**, Amelia, 23 Sep **1916**, Forest Hill Cem Fredonia, 25 Sep 1916, Cold on lungs and old age, 83y 11m 26d.

**Ellis**, Laura, 16 Jan **1917**, Forest Hill Cem Fredonia, 18 Jan 1917, Rheumatism and tuberculosis, 22y 9m 2d.

**Page**, Ann **Emmons**, 17 Jan **1917**, Laona Cem, 21 Jan 1917, Hardening of the arteries and insane in Gowanda 5 yrs, 75y 9m 14d.

**Ramsdell**, Fanny **Geisel**, 19 Feb **1917**, Laona Cem, 22 Feb 1917, Peritonitis, 54y 2m 7d.

**Walters**, Emma **Palmer**, 20 Dec **1917**, Laona Cem, 23 Dec 1917, Hardening of the arteries, 50y 8m 6d.

**Graham**, Mrs., 29 Mar **1918**, Fredonia, 1 Apr 1918, , .

**Ball**, Elmira, 10 Feb **1918**, Cowden Cors Cem Arkwright, 13 Feb 1918, Complication of diseases, 54y.

**Bollman**, Frederick, 6 Apr **1918**, Laona Cem, 9 Apr 1918, Age and apoplexy, 82y.

**Thayer**, Orlando, 19 May **1918**, Cowden Cors Cem, 21 May 1918, Heart failure, 85y.

**Brainard**, Edward, 29 Jul **1918**, Laona Cem, 31 Jul 1918, Struck by lightning, .

**Comro**, Ray, 3 Nov **1918**, Laona Cem, 5 Nov 1918, Pneumonia, 24y.

(?), Mrs. F., 4 Mar **1919**, Stockton Cem, 6 Mar 1919, Heart failure, 56y.

**Goldberg**, Mrs. Sophia, 9 Jul **1921**, Laona(?), , 86y.

**Willson**, Mrs. Ella, 27 Jan **1925**, , , .

**Thies**, Jr., Fred, 26 Oct **1926**, Laona Cem, , Heart failure, 76y.

**Thies**, Mrs. Chas. 5 Apr **1930**, Laona Cem, , , .

**DuBois**, Mrs. J., 2 Aug **1938**, Laona Cem, 5 Aug 1928, Cancer, 44y.

**Rhodes**, Mrs. Harriet, 7 Dec **1938**(?), Laona Cem, 10 Dec 1939(?), Heart attack, 71y.

**Ahrens**, Mrs. Fred, Aug **1948**, , 17 Aug 1948, , .

**Comro**, Nettie Nina, 25 Feb **1945**, Forest Hill Cem Fredonia, 28 Feb 1945, . 67y.

**Reading**, Minnie C., 30 Nov **1945**, Laona Cem, 4 Dec 1945, , 80y.

**Gens**, Emma **Thies**, 7 Jun **1946**, Laona Cem, 10 Jun 1946, , 72y.

**Comro**, Henry F., 20 Jun **1946**, Forest Hill Cem Fredonia, 22 Jun 1946, , 72y.

**Thies**, Sadie(?) Louise, 3 Nov **1946**, Laona Cem, 6 Nov 1946, , 61y.

**Boyce**, E. E., 8 Sep **1946**, Laona Cem, 10 Sep 1946, , 53y.

**Atkinson**, Albert S., 27 Jan **1947**, Forest Lawn Cem Buffalo, 30 Jan 1947, , 57y.

**Gens** Emma L. 9 Mar 1947, Forest Hill Cem Fredonia, 22 Mar 1947, , 72y.

**Dietzen**, Mrs. Anna, 31 Aug 1946, Laona Cem, 4 Sep 1946, , .

[*Pages 198 and 199*] Deaths and Funerals [*continued*]

Surname, Given name, Death Date, Cemetery, Burial Date, Minister, Mortuary, Birth Place, Death Place, Birth Date.

**Parsell**, Sylvia, 27 May **1952**, Leon, 29 May 1952, Eberle, Blood & Larson, Dayton NY, Laona NY, 27 Dec **1898**.

**Burroughs**, 14 Oct **1952**, Laona, 17 Oct 1952, Eberle, Johnson Funeral Service, Smithport PA, Laona NY, 25 Sep **1886**.

**Bouquin**, Allan J., 13 Aug **1952**, Laona, 20 Oct 1952, Eberle, Blood & Larson, Laona NY, Korea in Marines, 20 Jan **1933**.

**Davis**, Samuel, 19 Dec, **1952**, Laona, 22 Dec 1952, Eberle, Johnson Funeral Service, Arkwright NY, Laona NY, 23 Jan **1859**.

**Goulding**, Hilda, 25 Oct **1954**, Laona, 6 Nov 1954, Esch, Larson, Forest WI, Dunkirk, NY, 25 Dec **1919**(?).

**Miller**, Earl Graham, 3 Nov **1954**, Forest Hill Fredonia, Esch, Larson, Dunkirk NY, Laona NY, 20 Aug **1881**.

**Seeker**, Lillie A., 21 Dec **1954**, Laona, 23 Dec 1954, Esch, Larson, Arkwright NY, Dewittville NY, 17 Mar **1871**.

**Hahn**, Henry John, 1 Feb **1955**, Forest Hill Fredonia, 4 Feb 1955, Esch, Larson, Pomfret NY, Laona NY, 11 Apr **1876**.

**Comro**, Fern Juliette, 14 Apr **1955**, Forest Hill Fredonia, 18 Apr 1955, Esch, Larson, Laona NY, Dunkirk NY, 12 Oct **1903**.

**Reid** Sr., Allen G., 5 Jul **1955**, Westfield Cem, 9 Jul 1955, Esch, Larson, Jamestown NY, Dunkirk NY, 15 Apr **1893**.

**Metzler**, Laura R., 9 Apr **1956**, Laona, 12 Apr 1956, Esch, Larson, Laona NY, Laona NY, 14 May **1876**. **DuBois**, George Wm., 23 Sep **1956**, Laona, 25 Sep 1956, Esch, Larson, Laona NY, Laona NY, 19 Oct **1928**.

**Dailey**, Olive, 14 Jan **1957**, Hanover Cem, 17 Jan 1957, Esch, Larson, Buffalo NY, Laona NY, 1 Dec **1894**.

**Padden**, Aura, 20 Apr **1957**, Forest Hill Fredonia, 23 Apr 1957, Esch, Larson, Laona NY, Dunkirk NY, 10 July **1871**.

**Dailey**, Lewis, 9 May **1957**, Hanover Cem, 13 May 1957, Esch, Larson, Laona NY, Buffalo NY, 24 Jun **1896**.

**Miller**, Arthur W. 12 Jul **1957**, Laona, 15 Jul 1957, Esch, Morse Funeral Home, Fredonia NY, Brocton NY, 9 May **1902**.

**Comro**, Leigh, 28 Jul **1957**, Forest Hill Fredonia, 31 Jul 1957, Esch, Larson, Laona NY, Dunkirk NY, 10 May **1911**.

**Rathman**, Myrl, 2 Nov **1957**, Willowbrook Dunkirk, 5 Nov 1957, Esch, Larson, North East PA, Laona NY, 6 Jun **1901**.

**Bourquin**, August, 26 Feb **1958**, Laona, 1 Mar 1958, Esch, Larson, Arkwright NY, Gowanda NY, 18 Jan **1932**.

**Hahn**, Frank J., 26 Jun **1958**, Laona, 30 Jun 1958, Esch, Larson, Pomfret NY, Mayville NY, 15 Apr **1878**.

**Goulding**, Charles, 2 Nov **1958**, Laona, 5 Nov 1958, Esch, Larson, Unknown, Fredonia NY, 2 Nov **1911**.

**White**, Clara A., 17 Feb **1959**, Forest Hill Fredonia, 20 Feb 1958, Esch, Larson, Charlotte NY, Portland NY, 18 Jan **1889**.

**Goldberg**, Bertha, 20 Apr **1959**, Laona, 23 Apr 1959, Seeley and Esch, Larson, unknown, Dunkirk NY, 13 Jul **1881**.

**Moll**, Augusta M., 11 Oct **1959**, Cassadaga Cem, 14 Oct 1959, Wood, Larson, Unknown , Geneseo NY, abt. **1872**.

**Hunt**, William H., 22 Oct **1959**, Laona, 25 Oct 1959, Wood, Larson, Unknown, Laona NY, 1 May **1898**.

**Straight**, Lester M., 13 Feb **1960**, Laona, 16 Feb 1960, Wood, Larson, Pomfret NY, 9 Aug **1893**.

**Armbruster**, Fredericka, 7 Mar **1960**, Forest Hill Fredonia, 9 Mar 1960, Wood, Larson, Unknown, Dewittville NY, 17 Sep **1866**.

**Brown**, Kenneth Mark, 5 Mar **1960**, Forestville Cem, 5 Mar 1960, Wood, , Dunkirk NY, Dunkirk NY, 5 Mar **1960**.

**Ahrens**, Christopher, 28 May **1960**, Laona, 1 Jun 1969, Wood, Larson, Germany, Dunkirk NY, 28 Sep **1865.**

**Macomber**, Mildred, 25 Jun **1960**, Willowbrook Dunkirk, 29 Jun 1960, Wood, McGraw, Dunkirk NY, Dunkirk NY, 24 Dec **1889**.

**Ahrens**, Grace, 13 Feb **1958**, Laona, 16 Feb 1958, Esch, Larson, Fredonia NY, Laona NY, 20 Mar **1873**.

**Town**, Ralph, 32 Dec **1954**, , , .

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[*Pages 215 and 216*] Catechetical School [*aka Catechism*]

4 Oct **1913** [*Notes by Dornheim*] A promising beginning was made on May 25, 1912. Sixteen children enrolled. Seven boys and nine girls. For two months lessons were well learned, but soon I noticed a lack of interest on the part of parents, and when the children began to realize that we would study more than play during school sessions, they preferred the outdoors games as children would, and not being encouraged to continue by parents, the attendance grew gradually smaller. Nevertheless the 1913 yaer began with then scholars who did pretty fair work until first term ending, when many came often and admitted that parents not even heard their lessons nor helped them. This occasioned a postponement of graduating exercises, and only with hard work and some tears -- five of the original class of sixteen graduated in a special church service. Childrens Day, June 18, 1914. Those receiving diplomas were Elsie **Gens**, Clara **Gens**, Leona **Gens**, Beatrice **Wiedmaier** and Esther **Ahrens**.

20 Dec **1914** [*Notes by Dornheim*] Several attempts have been made to organize a new class this year, but without success thus far. Our dear parents do not yet realize the need for biblical instruction to children of adolescent years.

18 Apr **1915** [*Notes by Dornheim*] The Conference year 1914-15 is ended, and we have not had a catechetical class in Laona, which I much deplore. This work is now being done in the sunday school by the use of the "Graded System of Lessons," and until we can make ours a graded school, we are endeavoring to have our teachers of Junior classes 9 to 12 yrs to impart supplemental lessons including as much of the former catechetical course as possible. Thus we must change our methods of instruction without forfeiting the principles and facts of gospel truth.

20 Mar **1916** [*Notes by Dornheim*] The supplemental lessons referred to above have been found to be inadequate. We have therefore decided as a school to begin the graded lessons in our Beginners Department in October 1916 and as quickly as workable to make our Laona school A Graded School in the full sense of the term. In this way alone can we hope to instruct our children according to their needs and ability for receiving biblical knowledge.

**1918** [*Notes by Beglinger*] On July fifth I found it possible to begin a catechetical class in our Laona church. There has been no class since 1913. There are six pupils to begin with.

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[*Pages 225 through 228*] Journal of Prominent Events

[*The following entries are in Dornheim's handwriting, and most are signed by him.*]

10 May **1912** Public Reception to the new pastor Rev. H. E. Dornheim and wife. Given by town under the auspices of Laona Ladies Aid at home of Mr. Fred Ahrens. First resident pastor in many 22 years. House crowded. Fine program. Social lunch. Welcome address by C. F. Thies. Envelope containing $20.00 handed to pastor to help repay moving expenses. A happy promising crowd of people to work among. God is with us.

16 Jun **1912** Very successful Children's Day. 150 people present. $15.00 raised for missions.

12 Jun **1913** Song and Praise service unto God for giving us new oak pews to take the place of the "backbreakers," commonly so-called and justly so, and for the splendid gas lighting system throughout the church. 'Twas a happy occasion and all pronounced it a practical improvement on the church and the service appropriate.

15 Jan **1913** to 2 Feb **1913** Revival series. First week alone, excepting God who is with us, in the work, yet only one soul forward, Helen **Merchant** the first to start. God keep her ever faithful. Second week some backslidden souls received, a little more help and at the close, 16 souls claimed conversion and 5 renewals for which we thank the Lord.

22 Jun **1913** Another successful Children's Day. 155 present. Coll. $13.50 for Missions.

14 Mar **1913** Choir Concert, all sacred except 2 numbers in lighter vein yet permissible in church. 20 numbers rendered. People pronounced it right, but possibly expected more than I should. It was good but did not altogether meet my expectations. However the first attempt has been made and this will help our young people not a little.

2 Nov **1913** By means of special effort on part of Laona church people with their pastor, Laona district No. 2 of Pomfret town had such a majority of votes against saloons on all of the four Raines law excise questions that the whole town went dry for two years at least. And after a year's work under cover, the notorious Laona Hotel, house of shame, owned and run by a certain Emma J. **Ludwig**, was closed; license and license bond forfeited and $350.00 fine paid. She now lives under a suspended jail sentence, conditioned on good behavior and her house is under surveillance, and this all has been done despite the general reports when we came here, that this dive could not be closed, since too many men protected it. Nothing is impossible for God, or those in league with him!

[*The* **Raines** law*, authored by John***Raines***, was passed on March 23, 1896, by the New York State Legislature. It was nominally a liquor tax, but its intention was to curb the consumption of alcohol by imposing regulations. Among other provisions, it prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday except in hotels. Source: Wikipedia*]

28 Jun **1914** The Children's Day was the best yet. 156 present. $16.70 for Missions.

9 Feb **1914** Revival efforts in **1913**-**1914** for three and a half weeks. Two weeks alone Nov. 30 to Dec. 14 1913. Rev. R. **Fassinger** of Pitts. PA assisted me for one week Feb. 1 to Feb. 8th 1914, and we did have some services, but few results. In all, our work resulted in one convert and three renewals this year. Yet we know much precious seed has been sown and the harvest is coming.

26 Feb **1915** Big Sunday School Social at home of Chas. F. **Thies**. 110 present.

3 Apr **1915** Largest Communion services in three years. 45 communed in morning service at Laona. 15 communed in afternoon service at Willoughby.

26 Feb **1915** to 11 Apr **1915** Conn-Ogden Revival in specially built tabernacle in Fredonia. Laona church cooperated in the campaign, but had its own Decision Day and Sunday morning services. Laona Decision Day Mar. 28th was surely A Day of Victory. Altar more than crowded. Twelve accepted Christ there, and others were renewed. The Holy Ghost Power filled us. For six weeks we attended meetings at Fredonia tabernacle, leading many souls to Christ and at the close we found that 45 converts and 15 renewals, a conservative figure, among the five hundred reported saved were Laonians, including our decision day victory.

Jun **1915** Children's Day was celebrated at Laona and at the mission school at Willoughby. At both services the chapels were crowded. The programs were good. The collections "best ever." Laona $17.30. Willoughby $6.80.

2 Nov **1915** Voted Pomfret dry by overwhelming majority. Although Pomfret was voted dry two years ago, the "Wets" succeeded so well in selling illegally that they brought up the issue again, and surely did put up a hard fight. It did look against us for a while, until we got our "Personal Workers Machine" assembled and running smoothly. Yes it did cost us all some work but the victory completely covered all that. The Laona Ladies Aid had been requested to furnish a supper that night, and the "second supper" for the Fredonia preachers and laymen, who came out for Laona returns, and to rejoice with us. Will not soon be forgotten. Again God answered our prayers. No doubt because they were backed up by much hard work and wholehearted Christian service.

[*The following is typewritten, but signed by Dornheim*.]

Following gives the figures showing the gain in public sentiment against the Saloon business in the town of Pomfret from **1913** to **1915**. When I came to Laona in **1912**, the saloons were running weekdays and in not a few places Sundays also. So firmly did they seem to be entrenched that THE DRYS all about us said, "We have tried, but you can't get them out." Alright, said I, when the voting time comes again, we shall see. We can drive the WETS out, and keep them out IF WE WILL. The town vote had on previous elections been lost by LAONA'S WET MAJORITY, and Laona, I learned from Fredonia businessmen, was considered Pomfret's Bug-Bear. I then resolved, and began to pray to God to help us get rid of this odium, and began to load some shells for the coming campaign.

The results of determined efforts in the face of seeming insurmountable difficulties, WITH GOD AS HELPER, are shown in the figures below.

Vote on the four excise questions in **1913**.

No. 1 Saloon, Laona for 48, Laona against 66, Laona majority 18, Town majority 61.

No.2 Store, Laona for 46, Laona against 66, Laona majority 20, Town majority 69.

No. 3 Drugstore, Laona for 49, Laona against 64, Laona majority 15, Town majority 1.

No. 4 Hotel, Laona for 43, Laona against 58, Laona majority 15, Town majority 33.

Laona carried the election DRY on all questions.

Vote on the same questions in **1915**.

No. 1 Saloon, Laona for 75, Laona against 109, Laona majority 34, Town majority 312.

No. 2 Store, Laona for 64, Laona against 110, Laona majority 46, Town majority 341.

No. 3 Drugstore, Laona for 67, Laona against 105, Laona majority 38, Town majority 270.

No. 4 Hotel, Laona for 69, Laona against 108, Laona majority 39, Town majority 246.

Laona made a gain of over 100% over vote of **1913**, and the Town went dry with a majority of 246 on the smallest count. But the liquor "Gang" never go to sleep nor do they give up until they are "beaten up" so it is to be expected that two years hence, they will try again. Let us be vigilant.

[*The following entry is in Dornheim's handwriting*.]

**1916** The revival campaign for Nov. 5 to 19 inclusive with evangelical F. W. **Cox** and wife of Ashtabula, Ohio, was indeed a season of blessing. Six souls were converted, as many more renewed, and twenty-eight began to seek "the full victory in Christ Jesus," or "entire sanctification" as our church expresses it. God grant full salvation to all. The pastor and his wife found this full victory and confessed it during these meetings. End.

Prominent Events **1917** - **1918** [*The following entries are in different handwriting*, *unsigned, but most likely Beglinger*.]

12 Jun **1917** Public reception to the new pastor and wife Rev. J. V. **Beglinger** and Mrs. J. V. **Beglinger**. Given by the people of Laona at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles **Thies**. There was a large attendance. The pastor and wife were made to feel at home. The pastor's moving expenses were kindly paid by the good people.

8 Jun **1917** We had a very good Children's Day service. Our church at Laona was filled to its capacity. The offering amounted to Seventeen dollars and fifty cents. $17.50.

15 Jul **1917** Willoughby Sunday School also had a good program, with an offering of $3.20.

23 Jun **1918** We had a very good Children's Day Program on the evening of June 23rd. The church was filled to its capacity. The offering for this day was the largest on record, amounting to eighteen dollars. Willoughby Sunday School held their Children's Day on June 30th. Their offering $5.26.

13 Jun **1918** After much agitation we found it possible to organize a Woman's Missionary Society in our church in Laona. There is a good spirit among most of the members of the Ladies Aid toward this new organization.

29 Sep **1918** Our Laona Sunday School held the Sunday School Rally at this date. In connection with this Rally Service we also had a very appropriate dedication of our Service Flag in honor of the boys of our church who answered the call to the collars. There was an offering of $5.30 to which we added 2.70 and sent to the N.[?] Western College Educational Fund.

24 Dec **1918** Our Laona Sunday School celebrated Christmas in a very fitting manner of observing it with the White Gift Service. At this service we received a good offering of $28.50 of which $21.45 goes to the Orphans at Flat Rock, $1.55 for the Wier[?] Children's relief Fund, $2.50 for Y.M.C.A. and 3.00 for Y.W.C.A.

[*Pages 229 through 273 are blank*.]

[*Pages 274 and 275*] List of converts and prospects in Laona, NY.

[*The following is typewritten on letterhead*.]

Emmanuel Evangelical Church, Laona, New York

H. E. **Dornheim**, Pastor, 14 R.F.D. Fredonia, N.Y. Home Telephone 109-A

C stands for converted. R stands for renewed.

C, 1 Jun **1912**, Mrs. Ella **Wilson**

C, 20 Jan **1913**, Hellen **Merchant**

C, 22 Jan **1913**, Allen **Blackmon**

R, 20 Jan **1913**, Wm. **Mau** (Father)

C, 22 Jan **1913**, Chauncey **Wilson**

R, 22 Jan **1913**, Mrs. Hattie **Rhodes**

R, 23 Jan **1913**, Mrs. Marie **Wiedenbeck**

R, 24 Jan **1913**, Mr. Theo. **Wiedenbeck**

C, 26 Jan **1913**, Mrs. **Cufuss**

R, 26 Jan **1913**, Mr. S. L. **Blackmon**

C, 26 Jan **1913**, Harold **Schutt**

C, 26 Jan **1913**, Olive **Wilson**

C, 26 Jan **1913**, Evelyn **Wilson**

C, 26 Jan **1913**, Mrs. Joh.[*sic*] **Sievert**

C, 27 Jan **1913**, Ruth (Mrs. E. **Hill**) **Blackmon**

C, 29 Jan **1913**, Lawrence **Gens**

C, 30 Jan **1913**, Walter **Mau**

C, 30 Jan **1913**, Clara **Gens**

C, 30 Jan **1913**, Lena **Gens**

C, 30 Jan **1913**, Benjamin **Sprague**

R, 31 Jan **1913**, Mrs. Wm. **Clark**

C, 31 Jan **1913**, Marie **Merchant**

C, 31 Jan **1913**, Beatrice **Wiedmaier**

C, 30 Jan **1913**, Mildred **Sprague**

12 converts and 6 renewals during 1912-1913 conference year.

R, 3 Dec **1913**, Wm. **Gens**

R, 4 Dec **1913**, Mrs. Wm. **Gens**

C, 11 Dec **1913**, Elsie **Gens**

R, 12 Dec **1913**, Clara **Gens**

1 convert and 3 renewals during 1913-1914 conference year. Three and one half weeks revival meetings. Harvest is coming.

C, 26 Mar **1915**, Mrs. Grace **Ahrens**

R, 21 Mar **1915**, Walter **Mau**

R, 11 Apr **1915**, Clara **Gens**

R, 22 Mar **1915**, Lena **Gens**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Clarence **Gens**

R, 21 Mar **1915**, Elsie **Gens**

C, 21 Mar **1915**, Ruth **Thies**

C, 26 Mar **1915**, Elmer **Thies**

C, 27 Mar **1915**, Nelson **Thies**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, Irene **Thies**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Harry **Straight**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Elsie **Dietzen** (**Straight**)

C, 17 Mar **1915**, Mrs. Fred **Ahrens**

C, 30 Mar **1915**, Stephen **La Granade**

C, 21 Mar **1915**, Mr. **Merchant**

R, 21 Mar **1915**, Herbert Edwards

R, 21 Mar **1915**, Mrs. H. **Edwards**

C, 21 Mar **1915**, Fred **Rizzo**

C, 25 Mar **1915**, A. J. **Bouquin**

C, 27 Mar **1915**, William **Hunt**

C, 24 Mar **1915**, Alda **Link**

R, 28 Mar **1915**, Mrs. Chas. **Comroe**

R, 28 Mar **1915**, Lawrence **Gens**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Joseph **Epolito**

C, 30 Mar **1915**, Henrietta **Smith**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Christ **Ahrens**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Fred **Ahrens**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, Josephine **Bull**

C, 4 Arp **1915**, Mrs. David **Raymond**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, William **Watrous**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Herbert **Smith**

C, 8 Apr **1915**, Francis **Wilson**

R, 8 Apr **1915**, Mrs. Wm. **Clark**

R, 8 Apr **1915**, Mrs. Myra **Torrey**

C, 11 Apr **1915**, Mr. Frank **Mann**

C, 11 Apr **1915**, Merl **Mann**

C, 8 Apr **1915**, Albert **Thies**

C, 8 Apr **1915**, Mrs. Albert **Thies**

C, 11 Apr **1915**, Harry **Hunt**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, Henry **Ahrens**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, Mr. Floyd **Cranston**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, Mrs. Floyd **Cranston**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, Archie **Wilcox**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, Mrs. Archie **Wilcox**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Arthur **Stonefoot**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Bernice **Merchant**

R, 25 Mar **1915**, Mrs. Chas. **Bouquin**

C, 27 Mar **1915**, Lyvenus **Ellis**

R, 28 Mar **1915**, Benjamin **Sprague**

C, 14 Mar **1915**, Carl **Gens**

R, 26 Mar **1915**, Willis **Gens**

R, 6 Apr **1915**, David **Raymond**

R, 28 Mar **1915**, Lawrence **Gens**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Florence **Dittman**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Mrs. Wm. **Thies**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Hugh **Hunt**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Edna **Stonefoot**

C, 8 Apr **1915**, Alfred **Whitaker**

C, 4 Apr **1915**, John **Epolito**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Roy **Mann**

C, 28 Mar **1915**, Lee **Cranston**

45 conversions and 15 renewals during 1914-15 conference year.

[*The following entries handwritten*.]

C, 4 Apr **1915**, Nathan **Aldrich**

C, 15 Jun **1915**, Mr. **Powell**

C, 28 Apr **1915**, Joh. **Henzel**

C, 27 Feb **1916**, Esther **Ahrens**

C, 27 Feb **1916**, Esther **Gens**

C, 27 Feb **1916**, Fern **Comro**

C, 28 Mar **1916**, D. O. **Ramsdell**

R, 28 Mar **1916**, Bernice **Merchant**

R, 28 Mar **1916**, Elsie **Gens**

R, 28 Mar **1916**, Edna **Stonefoot**

8 [*sic*] conversions. 3 renewals.

[*Pages 276 through 285 are blank*.]

[*Page 286*] [*Typewritten copy of warranty deed date 1 May 1879 between Hamilton* ***Clothier*** *and Elizabeth* ***Clothier*** *his Wife, grantors, and The Trustees of Emmanuels* [sic]*Church of the Evangelical Association of North American in Laona, Chautauqua County, New York, grantee. Location: Town of Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York, HLC Lot 7, Township 5, Range 12. Begins at a brick in the centerline of the road from William* ***Moore's*** *to the mill in Laona (today's Wilson Road) at the south line of F. A.* ***Cottrell's*** *land, thence west along* ***Cottrell's*** *land to the line of the Laona-Fredonia Road (today's Porter Avenue), thence southerly along Porter Avenue to the centerline of Wilson Road, thence along centerline of Wilson Road to P.O.B., further described as the southerly portion of the John* ***Gardner*** *lot. Deed specifies intent that the premises shall "always be used for a church…by some Christian Protestant denomination…". Notarized by B. F.* ***Skinner****. Recorded 3 May 1879 in Liber 154 of Deeds at Page 27 by J. J.* ***Aldrich****, County Clerk.*]

[*Page 287*] [*Typewritten copy of incorporation instrument dated 21 Jun 1876 to establish Emmanuels* [sic]*Church of the Evangelical Association of North America in Laona, Chautauqua County, State of New York. Names mentioned; John* ***Goldberg****, trustee; Friedrich* ***Thies*** *Senior, trustee; John* ***Hahn****, trustee; Rev. Jacob Lang; E. F.* ***Warren****, County Judge; Herman* ***Sixby****, County Clerk. Recorded 9 Aug 1876 in Liber 1 of Religious Records at Page 127.*]