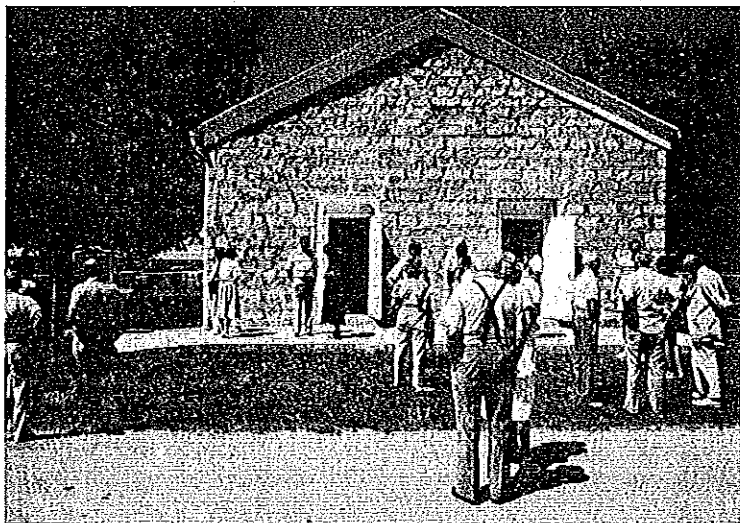


# Livingston Watson News Update



For many members this photo taken at Rock Church on August 6, 1988 is a familiar site. It is especially included for those who have never attended a Livingston/Watson Memorial.

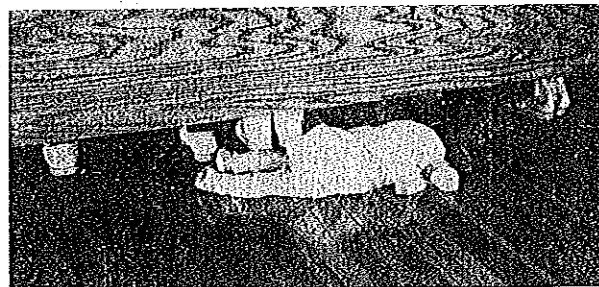
Attendance at this year's memorial nearly filled the church and families from across the United States were represented. Despite the fact that this was one of Wisconsin's hottest summers on record, we were able on this day to hold the services inside the church even without the windows open.

Rock Church, predominant in the family heritage, was originally part of the Methodist-Episcopal Church and stands on land given by a pioneer settler Bosman Clifton in memory of his daughter Mary. When she died he did not want to bury her so far from his home so he donated the

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## MEMORIALS

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <u>DONALD SWANSON</u> (65) Jefferson, Wisconsin                 | May 6, '87   |
| Husband of Jean Eleanor Jones-her grandfather Billy Barber      |              |
| <u>THELMA JONES LIVINGSTON</u> (81) formerly of Platteville     | July 19, '87 |
| Married to Raymond R. Livingston.                               |              |
| <u>FRANK RUNDELL WATSON</u> (87) Denver, Colorado               | Sept. 4, '87 |
| Born in Livingston, Wisconsin - An. Educator                    |              |
| <u>CONSTANCE HESKENA GREENE</u> (65) Avoca, Ireland             | Oct. 16, '87 |
| Sister of Wingfield and Irene Greene - grandmother a Livingston |              |
| <u>GLADYS WATSON DOLPHIN</u> (96) Menomonee Falls, Wi.          | Oct. 29, '87 |
| Daughter of John & Lydia(Rundell) Watson-born in Livingston     |              |
| <u>GRETA MABEL WALKER CLAUSING</u> (83) Cedarburg, WI.          | Nov. 25, '87 |
| Daughter of Margaret and Ulysses Walker                         |              |
| <u>LENYS DOLPHIN</u> (76) Livingston, Wisconsin                 | Jan. 5, '88  |
| Daughter of Hugh & Mary Livingston- former L/W Assoc. President |              |
| <u>NEAL G. NICHOLSON</u> (82) Hartford, Wisconsin               | Feb. 24, '88 |
| Born in Livingston, Wisconsin                                   |              |
| <u>LILLIAN JOHNSON</u> (63) Abbotsford, B.C.                    | Mar. 6, '88  |
| Born in Edmonton, Alberta - related to Samuel Livingston        |              |
| <u>RUTH HARRISON FRYE NELSON</u> (95) Olympia, Washington       | Mar. 8, '88  |
| Daughter of William and Mary Livingston Frye                    |              |
| <u>GEORGE ALBERT ANDREW "Allie"</u> (101) Livingston, Wis.      | Apr. 17, '88 |
| Son of George and Elizabeth Watson Andrew                       |              |
| <u>FRED ROSS SIMPSON</u>  | May 14, '88  |
| Information lacking   |              |
| <u>FLOYD C. BURTON</u> (98) Platteville, Wisconsin              | May 31, '88  |
| Nephew of Anna Livingston Burton                                |              |
| <u>VALETTA Mae Watson</u> (82) Hamilton, Ontario                | Jun 15, '88  |
| Information lacking   |              |
| <u>GRACE LIVINGSTON JONES</u> (88) Jefferson, Wisconsin         | Jun 26, '88  |
| Born in Livingston-daughter of Wm.& Lily Mae Andrew Livingston  |              |
| <u>HOMER "Red" LIVINGSTON</u> (84) Waukesha, Wisconsin          | July 3, '88  |
| Born in Livingston-son of David & Margaret Cole Livingston      |              |



Zachary Greer  
(an 8th generation  
Livingston)  
napped under the back  
pew during services.

MINUTES - LIVINGSTON/WATSON ASSOCIATION - AUGUST 6, 1988

The 65th Livingston-Watson Association reunion commenced at 10:30 AM with the memorial service held at the Rock Church with approximately 40 people in attendance. Vice-President Reese Walker of Madison, WI conducted the service assisted by the Rev. Harold Zimmich of the United Methodist Church and Kay Moen of Livingston, WI who played the organ and sang. Reese presented the sixteen memorials and a rose was given to an attending relative or friend.

For our potluck dinner, something different was tried this year. It was held in the United Methodist Church in Livingston to avoid some of the problems encountered at the park in the past years, such as flies etc. it was very successful due to the better facilities of the church and much cooler. In fact, everyone was so comfortable that it was decided to conduct the business meeting and program there as well.

President Kay Kramer of Fennimore, WI called the meeting to order. Members were asked to introduce themselves, where they were from and their relationship to the Livingston/Watson families. Kay thanked Mike and Lucy Greer, of Western Springs, IL and Jean Skaife, editor and printer; of Cedar Key, FL for the outstanding newsletter produced last Nov. She encouraged everyone to send information regarding births, marriages and deaths as well as changes of address to the Greers.

Kay introduced the guest speaker, Marion Hill, a member of the Watson side of the family and the Education Coordinator for the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, WI. Photo and story about the program on page 4 and 5.

The Secretary, Mike Greer, read the minutes from last year's reunion. He announced the births and marriages reported in the past year. Excerpts were read from correspondence received including a letter from Paul Jones of Australia. He also noted a message from Frank Livingston of Mound, MN who was unable to attend as he was recovering from a broken hip.

Mike mentioned that he would like to assemble a permanent file of old photographs of family members. At the next reunion he would copy any old photos that members bring. Or if photos are sent to him, he will copy and return them. (Mike is a professional photographer). Each year this file would be available at the reunion for the members to peruse. Positive feedback was received for this project.

Beulah Davis, of Platteville, WI, gave the treasurer's report. The Association wishes to give special thanks to Beulah who is "retiring" after having served as the treasurer for the past ten years.

Kay brought us up to date on the proposal of installing screens

at the Rock Church. Several members had contributed to the project. Myra Hill reported that the board of the Rock Church Memorial Society rejected the idea because they thought the windows were too fragile to be tampered with. Kay said the donations received thus far will stay in an account for that purpose until the issue is resolved. Jean Skaife suggested forming a committee to meet with the board to perhaps reconsider. Russell Hill, of Platteville, WI, proposed having the entire reunion held at one of the Methodist Churches in Livingston. Nick Kramer recommended that the officers consider these matters over the next year. A vote was taken and accepted to leave the decisions concerning these matters in the hands of the officers.

The nominating committee, Myra and Carlos Hill, presented the slate of next year's officers: President, Reese Walker; Vice President, Mike Greer; Secretary, Lucy Greer; and Treasurer David Gairy, Platteville. The nominees were voted unanimously.

President Kay Kramer adjourned the meeting.

(submitted by Lucy Greer)

Our thanks to Kay for her excellent services in holding offices for the past two years.

## An African Journey

FOR THE BIRDS AND CHILDREN

No doubt there are members of the L/W clan who have traveled far and wide but Marion Hill, of Madison, WI went on an educational journey where few people would ever venture.

Marion, an Educational Coordinator for the International Crane Foundation, explained the Foundation's goals and the purpose of her trip to Africa last January '88.

The Foundation's original goal, when it started in 1973, was to propagate endangered species of cranes in captivity. However, that goal was soon expanded to protect the cranes' natural habitats that were rapidly being destroyed all over the world. Protecting these habitats meant not only working with governments to set aside



MARION HILL, with the Cranes at ICF's International Headquarters Baraboo, WI. Visit there to see 15 different species from around the world.

preserves but educating the public as well.

Marion was sent to two African countries, Kenya and Uganda, under the auspices of ICF to help implement a program similar to the successful crane counts in WI. These counts have been used as an educational tool to make the public aware of the cranes and their habitat needs. Her efforts were to concentrate on the school age children in these two countries. She was in the company of natives whom she had met in the U.S. at ICF on study here. Hopefully, crane counts there would alert young people to the plight of many magnificent animals in their countries and also how destructive projects impact on the human population also.

She told of traveling with the natives to villages that presented some rather trying experiences. Also how eager the children were to learn. This certainly was not a safari vacation tour. When asked what she considered her most important accomplishment she said, "my interaction with the African students-working in and visiting their schools -realizing that it doesn't take the "trappings" that we have in our schools to make excellent students. My amazement at how much these students knew about sound ecological principles was the greatest and my increased hope that when that generation of Africans reaches power things can change in their country."

Marion has been an ICF staff person for five years. Our congratulations for your educational contributions.

*from the President:*

Madison, WI  
11/13/88

Dear L/W Reunion Members,

Just a brief note and reminder of our 66th L/W reunion on Sat. August 5, 1989 with Memorial Service at 10:30 AM at the Rock church, followed by our potluck dinner, business meeting and program at one of the in-town churches - to be announced later.

The Rock Church Memorial Service will continue with or without screens or fans. It is the tradition that binds us all together and we must not let a little heat discourage us!!

We hope to have an exciting program for you with time to visit. Bring your old family photos and your family "tree".

Mark your calendars and I hope to see you all next August 5th.

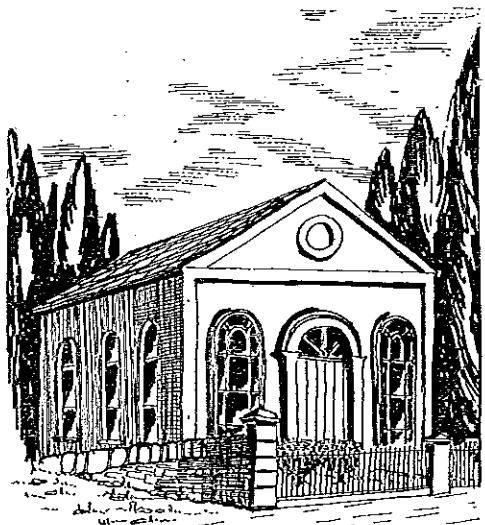
*Reese Walker*

OUR REGARDS TO FRANK LIVINGSTON  
Frank suffered a broken hip last spring at the age of 98. His indomitable spirit has sustained him and he is back in his home at 5251 Mound Blvd. Minneapolis, MN, 55364. His 99th birthday will be Dec. 12th - our congratulations and best wishes to a man who has contributed so much to the L/W Association.

## ROCK CHURCH (continued from page 1)

the land for her lot with the stipulation that the land would become a grave yard. That was the beginning of Rock Church and why it is located two miles west of Livingston, Wisconsin in a grove of beautiful old maple trees surrounded by corn fields. Construction began in 1851 with limestone for the walls from a quarry near by. Other material was hauled by oxen and wagon from Galena, Illinois forty miles away.

We hope you will come back occasionally to this historic family spot not only for memorials but to honor those who struggled to construct this building and to those who continue to preserve it and all that it stands for.



METHODIST CHURCH - Avoca, Ireland

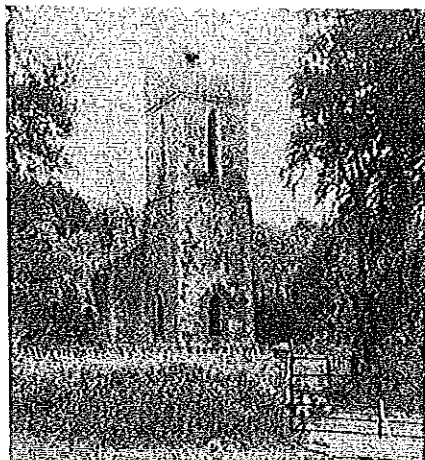
The Methodist Church built in 1840 is in the townland of Knockanode, just outside the village of Avoca.

# Churches

The ground or site for Avoca Methodist Church was given by my great grandfather Joseph Livingston (father of Joseph Livingston who married Lucinda Sutton of Rathdrum, parents of Irene Livingston formerly of Livingston, WI) who lived just opposite the Methodist Church.

It is suggested that a large amount for the building of this church was contributed by Cornish miners from England who came to work in the Avoca Copper mines and were Methodists. The congregation has always been quite small."

Our thanks to Wingfield Greene, of Avoca, Ireland for the above information.



## OLD CASTLEMACADAM CHURCH

Located on the main highway just south of Avoca. This church was built in or about 1720 on the site of an even older church thought to be built about 1420. It and its surrounding walls were built from stones of the old castle. The northern transept was built later.

The oldest headstone dates to 1723. Some of the stones are made of granite, others marble-more of slate and some sandstone. Many are flat granite slabs mounted on four or six granite supports.

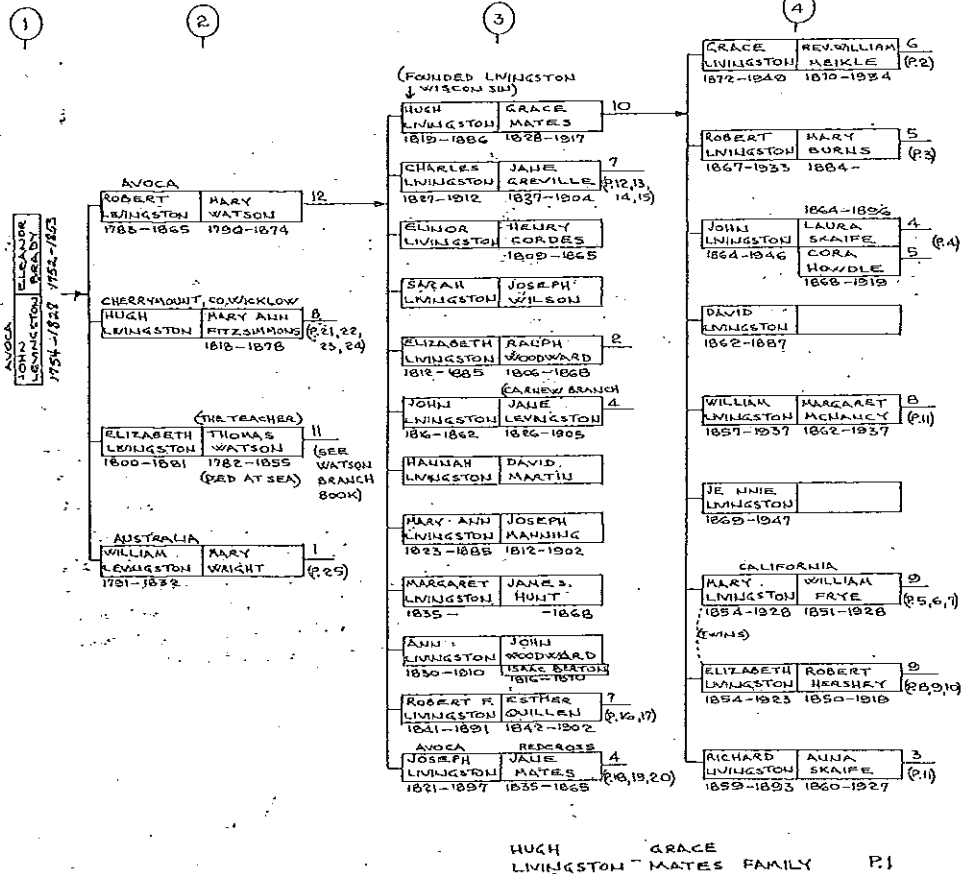
One gravestone is in memory of the great-great-great-great grandfather of Wingfield Greene. Another is of Hugh Livingston, son of John and Eleanor Brady, uncle of the Hugh Livingston who settled Livingston, WI.

# of the Past

"Why the old Anglican Church beside us was abandoned, in favor of the new Church in 1872, seems to be caused by two factors. Firstly the roof was bad and secondly it wasn't large enough for the congregation, and again this seems to be brought about by the large numbers of imported Anglicans working in the mines. The ruins and tower are still structurally quite good 115 years later."



Old Castlemacadam as seen from the highway.



PLEASE NOTE

Last year's newsletter included the index page of charts prepared by William Livingstone of Burlington, Ontario but it did not show the entire family of Robert and Mary Watson Livingston. Page one gives their 12 children and the children of their son Hugh Livingston. Other charts to be continued.

## Nick-names...

Going back to about the early 1900's around the village of Livingston many were known by their nick-names. When it was suggested that we include a few names I just didn't know what I was getting into. But with the help of Vie Livingston and Charlie Skaife perhaps they will bring back a memory or two or a good laugh.

There were only a few Watsons:

Three brothers; John (Jack); James (Pettus); Charlie (Kank)  
John's sons; Frank (Dutch); Claude (Pat)  
James sons; Stewart (Stu); Rush; Gwenfel (Bumsky)  
Tom Watson's son Wendell (Mike)

The odd ones seem to be on the Livingston side:

The William Livingstons:

Bill Pins - for long legs; sons; Arch; Bernard; Loren (Doc)  
Billy Barber - first barber in town  
Jane's Billy - wife's name was Jane

The Robert Livingstons:

Bob Trapp - like to collect at auctions  
Rabbit Hare - hunted many rabbits  
Bob Franklin - used both names

John Livingston; brother of Billy Barber; sons were:  
Orrin (Glass Eye); Elmer (Riley)

Donald Livingston - (Quill) grandmother was a Quillan  
Forest Andrew (Dugan) for cigars sold at the barber shop

Charlie Livingston's sons:

David (Seily) not known why  
Hugh (Hugh Dodge) " " "

John (Preacher Johnie) - was a Nazarene preacher

Les Livingston (Chubby)

Hubert Livingston (Tormey)

Frank Ründell (Shock)

The most unusual one of all came about when a stranger came to town and inside of two weeks he had a nick-name. Bill "Pins" and Aunt Maggie who owned the hotel gave him a job painting one of the bedrooms. It was dark blue and she wanted it white. He finished the first coat and one of the towns folk asked him how he was getting on. He couldn't talk very plain and wanted to say the blue showed thru in the first coat but it came out sounding like "bu-shu-fu in the fur coat" and ever after he was known as "bu-shu-fu".

(contributed by Charlie)

REPORTS - continued from the Minutes:

MARRIAGES

Rhonda Rieder and Jeff Rott of Avoca, WI on July 16, 1988  
Mary Marsh and Daniel Gautz

BIRTHS

Jason Chandler Burns ..... March 7, 1988  
to Carol and Jordan of Atlanta, GA

Kathryn Alyse Bobel ..... September 11, 1986  
to Karen and Glenn of Indianapolis, IN

Matthew Philip Bobel ..... November 20, 1987  
to Mari-Ellen and Dennis of Omaha, NE

Per Rudstam ..... August 2, 1988  
to Hannah and Lars in Sweden  
grandparents Marion and Harry Hill of Madison, WI

Morgan Renee Kinyon ..... June 30, 1987  
to Kelly and Ted  
grandparents Gail and Charles Kinyon of Janesville, WI

Heather Marie Priest ..... September 22, 1987  
to Donna and Dwight of Souix City, IA  
great grandparents Myrna and Clem Thiede of Rock Rapids, IA

Amber Dawn Veith ..... March 4, 1988  
to Kym and David of Sun Prairie, WI  
grandparents Dawn and Leon Veith of Sun Prairie, WI  
great granddaughter of Charlie Skaife

Eric Randall Worringer ..... March 31, 1988  
to Sharon and Randall  
grandparents Elaine and Bill Wooringer, of Bloomington, MN

If you would like to know where 450 + family members live - send \$2.00 for a computerized list of names and addresses to: Secretary Lucy Greer, 1442 Oak St., Western Springs, Ill. 60558.



"Picknicking" inside - United Methodist Church

DON'T FORGET  
YOUR OLD PHOTOS  
FOR NEXT REUNIONS  
FAMILY PHOTO GALLERY

ANOTHER *famous Recipe*

CORNISH SAFFRON CAKE .

This is the recipe for the Cornish Saffron Cake served at Pendarvis, the Cornish restoration at Mineral Point, Wisconsin and operated by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

|                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 15 shreds (1 big pinch) of Saffron | 2 1/2 cups <sup>sifted</sup> flour |
| 1 cup boiling water                | 2 tsp. baking powder               |
| 1/2 cup butter                     | 1/4 tsp. salt                      |
| 1 1/2 cup sugar                    | 1 1/2 cups raisins                 |
| 2 eggs                             | 1/4 cup currants                   |
| 1 tsp. lemon flavoring             | 1/4 cup candied fruit              |

Steep saffron in boiling water 1 hour. Cream together butter, sugar, eggs and lemon flavoring. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Dredge fruit in flour mixture; add to butter mixture alternately with steeped saffron. Pour into 2 medium well greased and floured pans. Bake 325° for 1 hour.

(contributed by Mary Gemlo)