REASON PUMPHREY
1736-1812
Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia
Early Methodist

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The first Methodist preaching service west of the mountains in Pennsylvania was held at the camp of Reason Pumphrey in 1772. This was at what is now Washington, Pennsylvania - the Wolfdale section - about 3 miles northwest of the courthouse. Reason, 36, had come from Anne Arundel County, Maryland with some of his sons and helpers. Caleb, the oldest son, was 14. A helper was Elijah Sheckle, a Methodist local preacher. The source for this is Frank S. DeHass, Pittsburgh Conference historian, a century ago. At one time he lived near some of Reason’s grandchildren.

Maryland

Reason Pumphrey was born in Anne Arundel County Jan 23-1736 (parish register, St Margaret's Church, Westminster Parish). His parents were Joseph and Ann (Cockey) Pumphrey. His paternal grandfather, Walter Pumphrey, a Quaker, had landed at Burlington, N J about 1678. About 1710 he moved to Maryland. The maternal grandfather, William Cockey, a native of Devonshire, came to Maryland in 1679 with his parents.

Joseph was born in New Jersey about 1704. He died in Anne Arundel in 1786. He married Ann Cockey in 1728. She died in 1790. Children:
1. Sylvanus 1729-1786 m Mary Ridgely
2. Mary Ann 1733- m William Ridgely IV
3. Reason 1736-1812 m1 Sophia Ridgely m2 Ann Jacob Stevens m3 Ann Jacob Stevens
4. William 1737-1797 m widow Susanna Jacob Boone Fowler
5. Joseph 1740-1802 m widow Sarah Stewart /1774-1795
6. Zachariah 1743-1808 m widow Elizabeth Williams Boone - in w Pa
7. Frances 1746- m Samuel Yieldhall
8. Edward d 1823
9. Elizabeth m --- Johnson

Reason Pumphrey probably married first in 1757. His wife may have been a Dorsey. Son, Caleb, was born Jan 19-1758. About 1761 Reason married Sophia Ridgely, daughter of William and Mary (Orrick) Ridgely. Son, Nicholas, was born Feb 20-1762. It was likely through the Ridgelys that Reason became a Methodist. Robert Strawbridge began to preach between Baltimore and Frederick in the 1760s. Francis Asbury in his Journal mentions the Ridgely family:

Jun 17-1776 Rode to William Ridgely's, where we had a large company.
Oct 7-1776 Very solemn watchnight at William Ridgely's
Sep 11-1777 Preached funeral service at burial of William Ridgely

This was near the Magothy River.
In August 1777 preaching points (John Littlejohn Journal) on the
"Elk Ridge" Circuit south of Baltimore included the homes of William
Ridgely (the younger), Ebenezer, Widow and Greenbury Pumphrey. There
is record of Reason Pumphrey owning land in Anne Arundel County on
the north side of the Magothy River between 1766 and 1774.

Pennsylvania

With the opening of southwestern Pennsylvania to settlers in 1769
many moved in from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Reason Pum-
phrey in 1772 staked out and later warranted 300 acres in what is now
Canton Twp (Strabane Twp in 1781 - claimed by Virginia before 1781).
Adjoining on the north son, Caleb, later made a claim for 300 acres,
but did not get a warrant, in what is now Chartiers Twp (Cecil in 1781).

To the southeast of the Pumphrey land was the Hoge tract, surveyed
in 1769 - now Washington, Pa. The second farm to the west of Reason
was settled in 1774 (Virginia certificate) by Zachariah Pumphrey, bro-
ther of Reason. South of Zachariah was the farm on which Elijah Nuttle,
also from Maryland, settled in 1774. It is very likely that Reason in
1772 set up a camp and built a cabin. Likely he did not bring his family
until about 1774. At that time he had 5 sons and a daughter and at
least three slaves. By 1784 he had a second cabin.

Troubled times began in 1777 with Indian attacks to the west. This
lasted until the fall of 1782. Virginia claimed jurisdiction and the
Pumphrey land was governed by Ohio County, Virginia. The Ohio County
records in November 1778 list Reason Pumphrey with 5 tithables (taxables
over 16), Zachariah Pumphrey with 2, Elijah Nuttle with 2, Obadiah
Holmes (see below) with 1.

Among those eligible for military service in November 1779 are:
District 3 Caleb Pumphrey (crossed out - likely gone to Maryland),
Elijah Sheckle "minister", Reason Pumphrey, Nicholas
Pumphrey (added Feb 18-1780)
District 2 Elijah Nuttle, Obadiah Holmes.

In 1778-80 Zachariah Pumphrey, Reason Pumphrey, Obadiah Holmes and
Elijah Nuttle were fined for not serving at the station or not attend-
ing muster. On another list is Elijah Sheckle "priest".

The 1772 preaching by Elijah Sheckle at the Pumphrey camp is the
first recorded preaching in western Pennsylvania. Scheckle also preached
at Elijah Nuttle's, nearby, and at Thomas Lackey's, about 5 miles to
the southeast. He preached near Brownsville, later returning to Maryland.
Another local preacher, Robert Worster, came west from Maryland in 1778. He preached at Pumphrey's and Lackey's and other points in southwestern Pennsylvania and northern (now) West Virginia. About 1782 he is listed in western Greene County (Prothonotary Records of Washington County). Because of the Revolution regular preachers were not sent west of the mountains until 1784.

In the fall of 1783 Richard Owings, second cousin of Reason Pumphrey, came west to organize a Methodist circuit. His report to Francis Asbury, John Wesley's assistant, was favorable and in May 1784 preachers were sent to what was called Redstone Circuit. There were 11 preaching points, mostly east of Pumphrey's. Uniotown and Morgan-town were included.

After the formation of Washington County in 1781 all slaves owned on Mar 1-1780 had to be registered by Dec 31-1782. Reason Pumphrey registered on Dec 12-1782: Rachel (b 1754), Ruth (b 1769), Ben (b Nov 1770, Dinah (b Dec 1774), Lot (b Dec 1776), Kate (b Jun 1782). On Nov 26 Zachariah Pumphrey had registered: Thome (f) (b 1761) and Comfort (b Apr 1782).

The first tax lists (1782) include:

- Reason Pumphrey 318 acres 3 horses 4 cows 16 sheep B447
- Caleb 200 2 2 4 B119
- Zachariah 360 3 4 3 B383

Reason, Caleb, Nicholas and Zachariah served in the Washington County militia in 1782 under Captain William Leet.

In 1784 a road was laid out from Washington (Pa) to Wellsburg (W Va). It ran across Reason Pumphrey's land. Reason and Caleb signed the petition. Road records tell of Pumphrey's houses, plantation, meadow and ford (across Chartiers Creek). The bottom land was between the creek and the houses. In 1784 the road ran south of the houses. In 1792 it was relocated to run north of the houses. This was because of the swampy ground; it was solved by "a new road over the best ground running of the north side of the houses up the hill and joining the old road at some distance on the ridge."

The maps on the next two pages show the relation of Reason Pumphrey's land to the courthouse and to the adjoining farms. Also shown is his land in West Virginia.

In 1785 Reason Pumphrey began to think of moving west (25 miles) to the Ohio River. It may have been to get better land, or to go where
slavery was allowed. The state line had been run and Pumphrey found himself in Pennsylvania. So on Jan 1-1785 he sold 3 slaves to Frederick Lamb: Ben 14 $100, Dinah 10 $75, Lot 8 $75. On July 12 Caleb sold his unwarranted land. On Sep 30 Reason got a warrant for his Pennsylvania land. On Oct 13 Reason had his farms on the Ohio surveyed. He had purchased them from Frederick Lamb. The last record of Reason in Penn is his name on the 1786 tax list (made up late in 1785): 300 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows, 2 negroes.

West Virginia

By the summer of 1786 Reason Pumphrey was well-established at Beech Bottom in what is now Brooke County, W Va. Robert Ayres, appointed to Redstone Circuit in May 1786 recorded:

July 20 Rode to the River Ohio and preached to an attentive large congregation. Spoke to a large Society. Rode to and sailed across the great river. Tarried at Father Pumphrey's.

Aug 30 Preached to an attentive people.

Aug 31 Rode two miles and breakfasted.

Oct 10 Rode to the Ohio and tarried. The people here are a little afraid of the Indians.

Oct 11 Rode 2 miles and preached. Returned to old Mr Pumphrey's and tarried.

Nov 23 Rode 2 miles with Sister Pumphrey and breakfasted and rode about 5 or 6 miles more with Reason Pumphrey to preach a funeral.

Jan 3 Preached to a small number and rode 2 miles and tarried at Friend Pumphrey's.

Feb 14 Rode through West Liberty to Caleb Pumphrey's, where I preached to a small congregation and tarried.

Feb 15 Set out and rode to Reason Pumphrey's.

May 9 Rode to Beech Bottom and preached to a small congregation.

In September 1787 George Callauhan, Methodist circuit rider, preached at the home of Reason Pumphrey and in the afternoon crossed the Ohio River and preached one of the first sermons in Ohio. In 1788 a small Methodist church was erected on James Harrison's farm, adjoin-Pumphrey's. In 1793 it was replaced by Kadesh Chapel, about 3 miles from Pumphrey's. Thomas Scott tells of preaching at Pumphrey's, when he was stationed on Ohio Circuit 1793-94.

The map on the preceding page shows: the Pumphrey land (Nicholas had the northern part of the river land), the Jones land (never lived on by Jones - Pumphrey's brother-in-law), the Harrison land and Kadesh Chapel.
On Dec 26-1788 Reason Pumphrey received permission to operate a ferry across the Ohio. He wrote his will July 9-1812 and died a few months later.

Relation to the Methodist Church

From the time Reason Pumphrey came under the influence of Robert Strawbridge in the 1760s until his death he and his children had many associations with the Methodist Church.

(1) Strawbridge in Maryland
(2) Sheckle in Pennsylvania
(3) Redstone Circuit on which these were preaching points (see families below): Reason Pumphrey, John Jones, John Dodridge, Alexander Wells, James Holmes
(4) Kadesh Chapel, where Caleb and Nicholas were trustees, 1793
(5) Hopewell Church, Warren Twp, Jefferson Co, Ohio, 1803, associated with William and Joseph Pumphrey

Son, Caleb, was a local preacher and was active in Knox County, Ohio, where he died in 1815. Nicholas and Silas Pumphrey were active Methodists in Fayette County, Indiana. Daughter, Rhoda Pumphrey, married a Methodist preacher.

The sons married into Methodist families: Cromwell (Md), Holmes and Meek (Holmes Meeting House, Ohio), Wells (many connections).

Reason and his brother-in-law, John Jones (a leading Methodist), had children intermarry; their land adjoined in West Virginia. In 1761 Reason married Sophia Ridgely; in 1783 Jones married her sister, Ann.

Francis Asbury in his Journal records:

Sep 6-1803 Preached at John Spahr's (Short Creek).
   Came with Reason Pumphrey down the great hill to the Ohio

Sep 9 Preached at Wellsburg. Lodged with Nicholas Pumphrey

Sep 10 Crossed the Pumphrey ferry to Hopewell

John Wrenshall, who was ordained by Asbury at Hopewell Church, records in his Journal:

On September 9 (1803) I travelled 40 miles (from Pittsburgh) to Pumphrey's. Early next morning we crossed the Ohio river to the new (Hopewell) Meeting House.

Elijah Sheckle preached also at Thomas Lackey's (which became a Redstone preaching point) and Elijah Nuttle's. Lackey went to Ohio in 1816 and died in 1823 in Ross County at his son, John's. Nuttle left Pennsylvania about 1785 and went to Kentucky where he died in 1803 in Fayette County.
The Case of Lucy

An interesting and unusual document at the Washington County Courthouse is a suit filed in 1799 by Lucy, a negro, vs Reason Pumphrey of Brooke Co (now W Va). He claimed she was his slave. She claimed she was not and was free. She won the suit. In part the record is:

Lucy declared...the said Reazin Pumphrey on January 1-1799...did take Lucy and detain (her). Pumphrey claims she is a slave...Lucy claims she is a free woman......on or about March 1-1780 and between that and on or after Jan 1-1786...Reazin Pumphrey was an inhabitant of that part of Westmoreland County, which in 1781 was erected into the County of Washington and during the whole of that time held Lucy with him as a slave...and since that time has held her as a slave in Virginia and that in July 1782 he registered the following negro slaves: Rachel 28, Ruth 13, Ben 10, Dinah 8, Lot 4, Kate 6 months....Lucy was registered by the name of Ruth.

Lucy was awarded $1 in damages. She had claimed $500. Joseph Pentecost was her attorney. John Limonson was Pumphrey's attorney.

(February 27-1799 Prothonotary's Office)

Chronology

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<td>Family and brother to Washington</td>
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<td>1778 Oct 25</td>
<td>Son, Caleb married in Maryland</td>
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<td>1778 Nov 3</td>
<td>Reason taxed in Ohio Co, Va - 5 tithables</td>
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<td>1779 Nov 8</td>
<td>In military district 3 with Caleb, Nicholas and Sheckle</td>
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<td>Dec 12</td>
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<td>Sold 3 slave children</td>
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Family Records (all from Md except Holmes)

Reason Pumphrey b Jan 23-1736 Md d 1812 Va m1 c1757 ---
m2 c1761 Sophia Ridgely, m3 1802 widow Ann Jacob Stevens
b Dec 2-1738 d 1815 - her sister m William, brother of Reason

1. Caleb b Jan 19-1758 d 1815 Knox Co, Ohio m Oct 25-1778 Rachel
   Cromwell (dau of John and Comfort Cromwell) b Sep 9-1757
d May 13-1841
   a. Joshua (C) b Sep 29-1779 d Sep 24-1840 Ohio m Aug 24-1801
      Editha Wells (dau of Henry) d County Line, Iowa
   b. John b Mar 26-1781 m Jane Wright
   c. Elizabeth b Sep 5-1782 d Oct 3-1870 m1 1798 Titus Rigby
      m2 Isaac Carl
   d. Mary b Nov 7-1783 m William Hopkins
   e. Rhoda b Sep 23-1785 m Jan 9-1807 Alexander Wells (son of Henry)
   g. Nancy b Dec 10-1788 d Jun 15-1859 m Dec 18-1810 Jacob Powers
   h. Rachel b Dec 15-1790
   i. Beal b Dec 2-1792
   j. Caleb b Jun 12-1794
   k. Matilda b Nov 29-1797 d Dec 12-1872 m Feb 5-1818 John Coulter
   l. Sophia b Jan 23-1799 d 1873 Ind m James Hull

2. Nicholas b Feb 20-1762 d Aug 5-1825 Fayette Co, Ind m Feb 21-1786
   Cassandra Jones (dau of John) b Oct 11-1761 d Nov 4-1790 m2
   Oct 11-1792 widow Elizabeth Frazier Strong b 1759 d Feb 1827 -
   Elizabeth widow of Samuel Strong - Nicholas in Belmont Co 1806-10
   a. Mary b Jul 17-1787 d Aug 10-1794
   b. Susanna b May 7-1788 m Mar 4-1813 George Tolbert
   c. Noah b Jun 4-1789 m Mar 24-1818 Elizabeth Burnett
   d. Cassandra b Nov 3-1790 m Apr 14-1814 Nimrod Pumphrey (son of Wm)
   e. Nicholas b Jul 17-1793 d Sep 1794
   f. Nicholas R b Apr 9-1795 m Aug 28-1817 Alice ---
   g. Lot H b May 6-1798 d Sep 18-1839 m Jan 23-1823 Sophia Robinson
   h. Amos C b Mar 23-1801

3. William b Dec 1764 d Dec 1-1842 Jefferson Co, Ohio m1 1786 Elizabeth
   Holmes (dau of Obadiah) b Feb 22-1766 d Sep 26-1838
   m2 Nov 8-1840 Sarah Whitney
   a. Elijah b c1787 d 1818 m Anne Rouse
   b. Zachariah b 1788 d Feb 4-1875 m Oct 21-1813 Mary Magdalene Snyder
   c. Nimrod b c1790 m Cassandra Pumphrey (dau of Nicholas)
   d. Rezin b c1792 m Mary Pumphrey (dau of Beal)
   e. Caleb b c1794 d 1828 m Aug 3-1826 Susan Mansfield - she m2 1832
      John Burns
f. Joseph b Sep 27-1796 d Jan 9-1863 m1 Oct 7-1818 Mary Phillips m2 Jan 23-1830 Sophia Lehman

g. Elizabeth m Jesse Martin

h. Mary m Edward Mansfield

i. Nancy m William Johnston

j. William Ridgely b Oct 14-1804 m Eliza Forsythe

k. Charlotte m Jacob Welsh

4. Beal b c1767 d 1843 Belmont Co, Ohio m Apr 17-1794 Elizabeth Meek (dau of Isaac)

a. Mary b c1796 m Rezin Pumphrey (son of William)

b. Nancy b c1798 m Thomas Beeks b 1787

c. Cordelia b Jul 6-1800 d Nov 24-1838 m May 25-1820 James Hood

d. Druscilla b c1802 m --- Cooke

e. Greenbury Ridgely

f. Absolom m --- Moss

g. Bazaleel W

h. Isaac Meek

5. Joseph b c1769 d Nov 22-1846 Jefferson Co, Ohio m Sarah Martin

a. Elizabeth m Aug 10-1824 Adam Rankin

b. Reason m Feb 7-1828 Sarah Caldwell

c. Martin J b Jun 1805 d Mar 1890

d. Louisa

e. Beal m Mar 29-1833 Maria Updegraff

f. Nimrod

g. Elinor

h. Mary Ann m George W White

i. Susan m John McDill

6. Rhoda b c1772 m c1790 Richard Pearson - Methodist preacher 1787

Clarksburg Circuit, 1788 Ohio Ct, 1789 Ohio Ct changed to Clarksburg - got discouraged and returned to Maryland

a. Elizabeth b Jan 7-1799

b. George Whitfield b Jun 3-1800

c. ?Sophia m Nicholas Boone (son of Richard)

and possibly others

7. Reason (Jr) b Apr 25-1776 d Jul 17-1858 Carroll Co, Ohio m Oct 15-1799 Anne Boone (dau of Richard) b Dec 4-1780 d Jun 17-1845


b. Eliza b Aug 23-1802 d Jun 18-1860 m Mahlon B Hatcher

c. Horatio b Nov 24-1804 d Dec 18-1804

d. Richard Boone b Apr 8-1806 d Aug 1-1834
e. Alfred b Feb 20-1808 d Dec 18-1860 m Apr 30-1831 Elizabeth Rouse
f. Robison b Aug 23-1810 d May 11-1884 m Apr 8-1835 Anne Griffin
g. Fleming b Mar 19-1812 d Aug 6-1872 m Aug 6-1833 Eliza Lewis
   m2 Jul 1-1845 Mary J Murry
h. Emily Eleanor b Nov 29-1816 d Sep 13-1900 m Apr 7-1841 Samuel Holmes
i. Susanna Cordelia b Nov 18-1818 d Sep 25-1868 m Nov 5-1844
   Harrison R Pumphrey (son of John)
j. Adaline Caldwell b Dec 1-1821 d May 28-1826

8. Joshua b 1779 d 1823 Licking Co, Ohio m Aprilia Wells (dau of Henry)
a. Elizabeth m Feb 10-1825 John Wagy
b. Caleb Cromwell d 1844 m Harriet Randall
c. Henry Wells m Lydia ---
d. Jemima
e. Editha m Mar 25-1841 John Shliger
f. Reason Wells
g. Nicholas
h. Eleanor
i. Ezra

9. Silas b c1781 d Fayette Co, Ind m Sep 15-1803 widow Rachel Mills
   Rench (dau of Levi Mills) - her sister Druscilla m Absalom Ridgely
a. Levi Mills
b. Blair M
c. Silas
d. Drusilla
e. Jane
f. Elizabeth

10. John b 1783 d Licking Co, Ohio m1 1805 Helen Boone (sister of Anne)
    (dau of Richard) m2 Martha Milligan b 1799
a. Harrison R m Nov 5-1844 Susanna Cordelia Pumphrey (dau of Reason)
b.c.d.e.
f. Mary Ann b 1827
g. Absolum b 1829
h. Clarissa b 1833
i. Drusilla b 1838
j. Milton b 1839
BOONE

John b 1707

I. Nicholas 1732-1764 m wealthy Ann Hammond
   1. Ann d yg
      Nicholas m2 Susanna Jacob 1736-1820 dau of Richard (d 1777) and
      Hannah (Howard) Jacob - sister of Ann 1738-1815 who m Jacob
      Stevens & m2 Reason Pumphrey Sr - Susanna m2 Samuel Fowler
      1742-1789 m3 William Pumphrey d 1797
   2. John Boone m Providence Pumphrey
   3. Richard Boone 1760-1834 (Ohio Co, W Va) m 1780 Cordelia (dau
      of Sylvana) Pumphrey 1758-1834
      a. Nicholas m Sophia Pearson
      b. Ann 1780-1845 m Reason Pumphrey Jr
      c. Helen m Joseph Pumphrey (son of Reason Sr)
      /1808

II. John 1736- m Elizabeth Williams - she m2 Zachariah Pumphrey - he d

COCKEY

William Jr c1675-1740 to Md from Devonshire 1679 m Mary --
   she m2 Nathan Pumphrey
   1. Sarah m Charles Hall
   2. Mary
   3. Ann m Joseph Pumphrey
   4. Zephora
   5. Elizabeth

HOLMES

Obadiah 1728 (NJ)-1794 (Ohio) with Reason Pumphrey in Strabane Twp
   1. William
   2. Obadiah
   3. Abraham
   4. Isaac
   5. Elizabeth m 1786 William Pumphrey
   6. Jacob 1768-1841 local preacher - founder Holmes M H d Kenton, Ohio
   7. James
   8. Samuel

JONES

John b c1737 Md d Apr 6-1817 Waynesburg, Pa m1 c1760 --- m2 c1783
   widow Ann Ridgely Rigby - widow of Thomas, m3 bef 1796 widow
   Hannah Wood Mitchell 1743-1823 - widow of Kent Mitchell
   1. Cassandra 1761-1790 m 1786 Nicholas Pumphrey
   2. Thomas
   3. Mary
   4. John
   5. Sarah b c1769 m 1785 James Crawford
   6. Elizabeth
   7. Samuel
   8. Martha
   9. Susannah
   10. Greenbury Ridgely 1784-1844 m Rebecca Connell - Methodist preacher
   11. Ann 1786-1845 m John Meek - Methodist preacher
MEEK
Isaac 1746 (Md) - 1840 (Ohio) - founder Holmes M H - lived W Va, Ohio
1. John m Ann Jones 1786-1845
2. Isaac
3. James
4. Jacob
5. Elizabeth m Beal Pumphrey

RIDGELY
William III 1704-1777 m Mary Orrick
1. Priscullia m ?William Griffith
2. Nicholas
3. John
4. Ann m1 Thomas Rigby, m2 John Jones
5. Henry
6. Greenbury 1754-1843 m 1774 Rachel Ryan
7. Sophia m Reason Pumphrey
8. Mary m Sylvanua Pumphrey
9. William IV m Mary Ann Pumphrey

WELLS
James
I. Honor m James Holmes
   1. James Holmes - preaching point Redstone Circuit
II. Alexander m Leah Owings - preaching point Redstone Circuit
   1. Helen m Richard Wells (Bethel Church, Washington Co)
   2. Henry 1754-1818 Wellsburg, W Va
      a. Nathaniel 1790-1847 m Barbara ---
      b. Editha m Joshua Pumphrey (son of Caleb)
      c. Minerva m Burroughs Westlake - Methodist preacher
      d. Leah
      e. Darius 1796-1850 m Mary --- - Michigan
      f. Arianna m Joshua Pumphrey (bro of Caleb)
      g. Elizabeth m Henry Owings
      h. Maranda m Henry Matthews
      i. Alexander m Rhoda Pumphrey (dau of Caleb)
III. Richard
   1. Mary m John Doddridge - preaching point Redstone Circuit

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