

Notable Individuals

Rev. Jonathan Weaver-Bishop of the United Brethren Church and President of Otterbein University, Westerville, OH.
Church Bishop 1873-1889

Weaver was born February 23, 1824 in Harrison Township, Carroll County, Ohio. He was the youngest of twelve children, grew up on a farm, and attended public schools. He converted at a camp meeting in 1841, when he was 17.

In 1847, Weaver entered the Muskingum Conference. In 1848 he was ordained by Bishop Glossbrenner. In 1851 he was chosen presiding elder, and in 1857, he was a delegate to the General Conference at Cincinnati. The trustees of Otterbein College hired him as soliciting agent, a post he served for eight years. In 1861, the General Conference elected him bishop for the Pacific Coast. He declined, preferring to stay with the college.

In 1865, Weaver campaigned to be editor of the *Religious Telescope*. He lost election, but was instead selected by the General Conference to the office of bishop. In matters of policy, he was a moderate, often refusing to take a public position, but he was better as a preacher and author.

As a preacher he excelled. The pulpit was his throne, and when once on that throne he was a master of men. The art of public address was next to perfect in him, though, perhaps, he never studied rhetoric under a teacher an hour in his life. He was a born orator. His speech had the charm of magic, the magic was all divine. In many respects he was of the Abraham Lincoln type - simple in life, unique in style, trenchant in humor, and eloquent and forceful in argument. His very presence in the public assembly was always an inspiration.

—W.M.Weekley, 1911

In 1893, age began to catch up with Weaver, and he was relieved of active duties, and elected bishop *emeritus*. Weaver died February 6, 1901.

Source: Wikipedia



Jonathan Weaver.

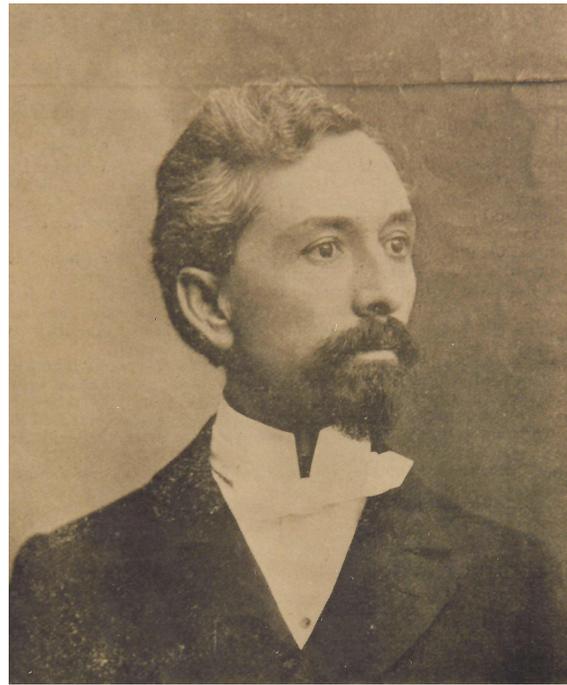
More about Johnathan Weaver: His father and mother were Nicholas and Elizabeth Weaver who came to Harrison Township, Stark County, Ohio about 1810. Aug 19, 1818 Nicholas Weaver assignee of Shaphat Dwire obtained a Land Patent for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17. Then on Jun 20, 1820 Nicholas Weaver obtained a Land Patent for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17. This area became Harrison Township, Carroll County, Ohio on Christmas Day 1832. It is safe to assume that in 1824 Johnathan Weaver was born at this location. The NE quarter of Section 17 is today part of the Ebner Farm about one mile NNE of New Harrisburg.

Rev. Randolph Rock, D.D. - United Brethren Church, Doctor of Divinity.

Randolph was born in Harrison Township, Carroll County, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1851. He was the eldest of the seven children of Josiah and Ferrender (Lloyd) Rock. Their farm laid directly east of the United Brethren Church of Macedonia in Section 34 off present day Bedrock road. Randolph's father was a shoemaker and his mother was of English descent. The Rock children grew up attending the church of Macedonia and it is here that Randolph had his conversion at the age of 22.

On November 4, 1875, Randolph married Alice A. Casper, to which union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters; i.e., Spurgeon, Edward, Chalmer, Paul, Florence, Blanche and Dorothy.

After his conversion, Randolph spent some time at Otterbein University, but the major portion of his intellectual abilities were gained by self application and private study. In recognition of his marked abilities, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Lane University, a university founded by the United Brethren in Lecompton, Kansas. He began his ministerial career in the East Ohio conference of the United Brethren Church. His first appointment was the Salesville circuit. New Philadelphia, as a station, was later opened by the conference. Doctor Rock organized and planted a church in that city. He secured the foundation of the church on Charles Street in Canton during a critical time in their history. The most wonderful success of his ministry occurred at Arcanum, Ohio, in the Miami conference, where he promoted a great revival that was protracted for months. This Pentecost of his ministry raised the denomination's awareness of Doctor Rock and he received many requests to come speak at the prominent churches. He went on to serve the pastorates at Fostoria and Dayton, Ohio. He moved to Troy, New York and preached in order that his sons could attend the Rensselaer Polytechnic School of Engineering. Doctor Rock preached his last sermon in Canton, Ohio and died on September 26, 1917. He was buried at West Lawn Cemetery in Canton, OH.



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Isaac H. Taylor – Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

Isaac Hamilton Taylor (April 18, 1840 – December 18, 1936) was a lawyer, judge, and single-term U.S. Representative from Ohio.

Taylor was born near New Harrisburg, Carroll County, Ohio. He was the son of James and Mary Ann (Highland) Taylor. Taylor attended the common schools and completed an academic course. He then studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1867, subsequently commencing practice in Carrollton, Ohio. He served as the clerk of courts in Carroll County, Ohio from 1870 to 1877.

Taylor was elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1885 – March 3, 1887). He was not a candidate for renomination in 1886.

He then moved to Canton, Ohio, and resumed the practice of law. Taylor served as a delegate to the 1892 Republican National Convention. He was the judge of the Court of Common Pleas from 1889 to 1901, when he resigned. He engaged in the practice of his profession in Canton until 1922.

Taylor died at Congress Lake, near Hartville, Ohio, December 18, 1936, and was interred in West Lawn Cemetery in Canton.

Taylor was married November 1, 1860 to Sarah J. Elder. They had three children.

Source: Wikipedia

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Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio's 18th district

In office

March 4, 1885 – March 3, 1887

Preceded by Jonathan H. Wallace

Succeeded by William McKinley

Personal details

Born April 18, 1840
New Harrisburg, Ohio

Died December 18, 1936 (aged 96)
Congress Lake, Hartville, Ohio

Resting place West Lawn Cemetery

Political party Republican

Spouse(s) Sarah J. Elder

Children Three