

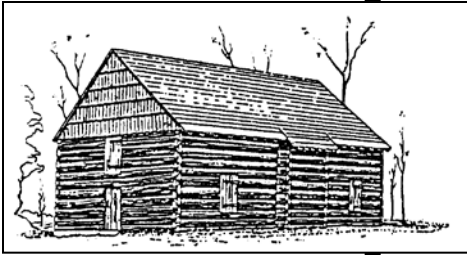
Spring 2019
The Cane Ridge

BULLETIN

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Cane Ridge Day Choral Festival June 22, 2019

9:30 am
Gathering Begins

10:00 am
Morning Program Begins

12-1 pm
Lunch with the Backroom String Band
Bring a Picnic Lunch and Fellowship Around Picnic Tables

1:00 pm
Afternoon Program Begins

An Offering Will be Received in the Morning and Afternoon

Scheduled to Sing:

Cynthiana Christian Church Choir

Paris-Bourbon County
Community Choir

New Song of the Bluegrass,
Woodland Christian Church,
Lexington

Chariots of Fire - Seventh St. Christian
Church, Paris

Ashland Christian Church
Choir

East Second St. Christian Church Choir,
Lexington

Madisonville Christian Church Choir

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The Curator is available to preach or speak to a fellowship group about Cane Ridge throughout the year. Please contact Cane Ridge to schedule a speaking engagement as early as possible. Honoraria or Donations for the ministry of Cane Ridge are expected, and, depending on the amount of travel required, mileage and housing may be necessary.

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Notes from the Ridge

By James H. Trader, II

Gano Family Highlighted on Opening Day

(The text of this column taken from the opening day meditation.)

John Gano was a Baptist minister during the Revolutionary War. Chaplains were expected to stay near the surgeons, but whether by choice or accident, he found himself on the front line during a major battle near White Plains. Although more than half the army fled, he stayed at the front for fear of dampening the spirits of the soldiers, or, as he said, "of bringing on me an imputation of cowardice. Rather than do either, I chose to risk my fate." The Americans won and Gano became known as "The Fighting Chaplain."

George Washington chided Gano for exposing himself, but Gano said he didn't think of personal danger when the men were in danger of defeat. At the proclamation of the cessation of hostilities by congress, Gano offered the prayer.

Gano moved the family to Kentucky in 1788. They settled in the Town Fork area near Lexington. On June 4, 1792, John became the first Chaplain of the state legislature. He preached twice a month in the state house.

John Gano died August 10, 1804 at the age of 78. Henry Clay said of him, "He was a remarkable, fervent preacher and distinguished for a simple and effective manner. And of all the preachers I have ever listened to, he made me feel the most that religion was a divine reality. I never felt so religious under anyone's preaching as under his." John had a son named Daniel who was a Captain in the Army and well-known in the Restoration Movement.

One son, John Stiles Gano. He served in the Ohio State Militia and was active in the war of 1812. He was appointed to the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1818 and knew the Marquis de Lafayette during the Revolution. He also knew Zachary Taylor and Henry Clay and was a pallbearer for Clay. He was baptized by Alexander Campbell in Washington, Kentucky and moderated Campbell's debate with Robert Owen. He became a Major-General and died in Covington, Kentucky in January of 1822.

Another son, Stephen, an ordained Baptist minis-

ter, was in the military as a surgeon's mate.

A fourth son, Brigadier General Richard Montgomery Gano, lived from 1775 until 1815 and served in the war of 1812. He fathered John Allen Gano. John Allen Gano was born Georgetown, KY in 1805 and lived until 1887. His mother died in 1812 when John Allen was seven years old. His father died in 1815. He was reared by Captain William Hubbell, his uncle and was educated by Barton Warren Stone in Georgetown. It was said that Stone offered "a good English education and some knowledge of the languages." John Allen Gano eulogized Barton Stone on June 22, 1845. He said of Stone's teaching, "No one I presume ever governed the young more effectually, or advanced his pupils more rapidly, imparting sound knowledge and learning. And yet, all was done by love; whether entreaty, advice, persuasion or reproof were resorted to, his love was manifest.... Yes, it was he, who first led my youthful mind to contemplate and admire the beauties of some of the more gifted of his Latin poets. His deportment impressed me with the reality of religion; and after years had gone, he it was who directed my erratic spirit to the book of God." Gano finished school in 1821 and moved to Cincinnati to live with Major Daniel Gano, first cousin, and worked in his office as Clerk of the Court. He returned to Georgetown to study law and was licensed in 1826. He was reunited with Barton W. Stone in 1827 at Centerville, Kentucky. On July 2, 1827, he joined the Christian Church at Union. When Gano was baptized, his sisters were greatly distressed that he might have fallen into heresy. They sent for a Baptist preacher from 70 miles away by the name of Jacob Creath, Sr. who had been friends with Baptist Chaplain, John Gano, John Allen's grandfather. Creath had followed John Gano at Town Creek in Fayette Co. in 1803. Creath attempted to prove to John Allen that the Baptist way was "the way" and that his own grandfather had been a staunch Baptist. John Allen is said to have replied by putting his hand on the Bible and saying, "If you will show me in this book where it says, 'Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow

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The Trustees of Cane Ridge thank all who gave in 2018 to preserve the Shrine, Museum, House and grounds and to help provide for the future. Those who write checks or gave identified cash are listed below. There are many others who gave cash when visiting Cane Ridge. We would like to thank those persons, too. In addition, many gave freely of time and talent through mission groups and when called upon for assistance. Work groups came with skills and dedication, spending many dollars of their own to be here. Others assisted in planning and executing programs. Thanks to all who helped.

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Former Trustee, Larry Taul, Passes Away



Larry Nelson Taul, Sr., 76, of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky passed away Friday, March 8,

2019. He was born in Frankfort, Kentucky on May 29, 1942 the son of the late John Nelson and Katherine Kerns Kindred Taul. He was a graduate of Mt. Sterling High School and the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science. He had served as a licensed funeral director and embalmer for over 50 years, previously serving the Hopkinsville and Campbellsville communities, and having served as the owner of the Taul Funeral Homes of Mt. Sterling and Frenchburg for the last 38 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ- Mt. Sterling where he served as) a deacon. He was a past president of Mt. Sterling Rotary Club, a Kentucky Colonel, a lifetime member of B.A.S.S. and a Trustee of The Cane Ridge Shrine in Bourbon County. He enjoyed

fishing, road trips, reading, drawing and watching the Cats and Reds play ball. He is survived by his wife of 55 1/2 years, Sherill "Sherry" Ann Knight Taul of Mt. Sterling; a daughter, Anne Russell Taul of Lexington; two sons, L. Nelson (Maggie) Taul, Jr. of Cincinnati, OH and Neal Walker Taul of Mt. Sterling; a sister, Rev. Dr. Rose C. Taul of Lexington, KY; and seven grandchildren, John Nelson Taul, Timothy Schaeper Taul, William Banker Taul and Jane Katherine Taul all of Cincinnati, OH and Cole Martin Taul, Dawson Walker Taul and Emma Katherine Taul all of Mt. Sterling. The family has suggested that donations be made to The Cane Ridge Shrine, Inc., P. O. Box 26, Paris, KY 40362-0026.

The Gano Family (Continued from Page 2)

your grandfather.' I will follow mine while I live; but I read it, 'Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Christ,' and I intend to follow this teaching if it separates me from all the kindred on earth." They conversed for 12 hours and started again the next morning. Finally, Creath rose and said, "Brother John, you are right, and I will take my stand with you and will preach the scriptures as the only rule of faith and practice, and the name of Christ the only name to be worn by his followers, and this is to be the only ground of Christian Union." Jacob Creath, Sr. and his son Jacob, Jr., would become two of the staunchest preachers of the Christian Churches in Kentucky.

On August 24, 1827, John Allen was recommended by the church in Georgetown to exercise his gift as a preacher. He preached regularly at Union, Georgetown, Antioch, Paris and Cynthiana as well as teaching at Centerville. James Rogers' book, "The Cane Ridge Meeting House" notes that Gano preached at Cane Ridge at intervals for 30 years from 1838 until 1868. He said Gano was, "the noble, imposing, silver-tongued evangelist." He was said to be a well-proportioned handsome gentleman, of commanding presence and fine address, who stood about six-feet high. He is said to have had "a peculiar power in the earnestness of his

manner and magic ring of his rich, clear-toned musical voice, as he dwells in deep pathos on the redeeming love of God." In 1827, he moved into a room in the home of Barton Stone. Stone told him "Here, Brother Gano, is a room you can occupy to yourself; there is a Bible, read and examine it prayerfully and with attention, and no one will molest or disturb you."

On Oct. 2, he was married to Miss Mary Catherine Conn of Centerville. The marriage was performed by Barton Stone. Gano's inheritance through his wife made him a wealthy landowner, naming his home Bellevue. John W. McGarvey noted that in this respect the churches demanded much, but promised little and paid less. John Allen wrote many articles for Stone's journal, "The Christian Messenger," including one advocating weekly communion. He had a strong effect on the Churches, especially Stone's Christians, who began the weekly observance. He and John T. Johnson would often labor together as well as with Walter Scott. Johnson gave Gano the title "Apollos of the West," in a letter to Alexander Campbell. He was also sometimes referred to as "Apollos of Kentucky." In 1839 Johnson urged Gano to preach at Georgetown and Dry Run but he declined due to his schedule.

Gano lived there for 59 years till his death in 1887. Mary Catherine lived there until 1891 when she died.

They had 9 children and outlived seven of them, all but John Allen, Jr. and Richard M. Gano.

In 1827, Gano met Alexander Campbell for the first time. They remained friends until Campbell's death in 1866, nearly 40 years. Campbell often visited Bellevue and Gano served as an "agent" of Bethany College. 2 of his sons and one son-in-law were graduates of Bethany. He was a strong advocate for the union of the Christians and Disciples.

In 1844 and 1845 three services were held for Barton Warren Stone, the first 2 near his home in Jacksonville. The third was at Cane Ridge on June 22, 1845. John Allen Gano gave the funeral oration.

When Stone's body was moved to Cane Ridge in 1847, Gano planted a pine tree near Stone's grave.

In 1887, he became seriously ill with much pain. He preached until his death on Friday, Oct. 18, 1887.

A Baptist preacher in Ft. Worth, Texas, said that John Allen Gano had "done more to build up the Church of Christ, and to make peace among men, and to unite the Christian world, than any six ministers of his acquaintance."

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