

# APPENDIX C

## APPENDIX C-1

The trustees of Bethel Academy being authorized by the legislature of Kentucky to dispose of their donation LANDS, do offer the following tracts for sale; viz.—

2,780 acres

On the Ohio river, opposite the mouth of the Saline creek.

1,600 acres

In two surveys, adjoining Col. Waggoner's

755 acres

Adjoining Maj. Fielding Jones. All those lands lie near together, and are valuable. They will be sold together, or in separate tracts—several valuable farms on them, a small part of the purchase money will be required in hand, the balance in 6 annual installments. For further particulars, apply to Nathaniel Harris and Maddox Fisher, in Lexington, Ky. 6in.

## APPENDIX C-2

Nicholasville Bethel Academy  
Summer Session

The undersigned having lately located in the town of Nicholasville, and taken charge of Bethel Academy, would respectfully announce to the citizens of the town and county generally, that he will open his Summer Session on Monday, May 15th.

Having taught in Jessamine and several of the adjoining counties, he is willing to give references for attention to business, and success in the progress of scholars under his care to all persons who have patronized him heretofore, and pledges himself to use every effort in his power to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage again.

The society in and around Nicholasville, is as moral, religious and peaceable, perhaps, as that of any other town in the state.

The site of the Academy is one of the most elevated and healthy in the place, in a secluded spot, separate and apart from the hum and business of the town, where there is nothing to interrupt the student in the prosecution of his studies.

Boarding can be had upon reasonable terms in the town and vicinity, at a

convenient distance from the Academy.

Terms of Session 22 weeks.

M. Hagen, Principal.

Nicholasville, Ky.

*Lexington Observer & Reporter*

May 10, 1848, page 3, col.7 (advertisement)

### APPENDIX C-3

Bethel Academy

Nicholasville, Kentucky

Marriage of Mr. John F. Metcalf—Mr. Metcalf is the grandson of Rev. John Metcalf—  
He was also the first teacher in Bethel Academy in 1794.

*Lexington Daily Press* April 11, 1882, p. 4, col. 3

Old Bethel Academy

Her Teachers and Traditions

Nicholasville, Ky., May 5, 1882

In one of our town papers, *The School Boy*, of April 26, I have read a brief historic notice of Bethel Academy, with the above heading and signed "The School-boys Friend." I have facts to prove that the Rev. John Metcalf was the first Principal, who took charge of Bethel Academy in January 1794. the Academy was first founded in 1790, two years before Kentucky became a sovereign state. I have also in my possession several old MSS. and other documentary evidence to show that the Academy was not open for reception of pupils until the Rev. John Metcalf first took charge as Principal in the year 1794. When the poor "toady" who wrote the article signed "The School-boys Friend" was invited to write up the history of Old Bethel Academy he requested me to give him some facts concerning the early history of Old Bethel, her fist teachers, etc. I showed him an autograph letter of John Metcalf, dated January 15, 1794, addressed to Hon. George Nicholas, in which he states, "I have been so confined for the last two weeks in fitting up suitable places of abode for some of my pupils that I have greatly neglected my private affairs." In 1796 he gave up the Academy to Francis Poythress, whose health compelled him to leave the Lexington Circuit. Poythress gave the school up in 1797, and was succeeded by Valentine Cook, who was induced to take charge of the school in 1799. Mr. Cook continued the school three years, and was succeeded by Rev. Nathaniel Harris, who was Principal of the English department in the Academy at the time Valentine Cook took charge of it in 1799. It was in 1805 that the Academy was removed to Nicholasville, and John Metcalf again assumed the duties as principal of Bethel Academy, and so continued up to the time of his death, which was in 1820. When I furnish facts to a man to write I hope hereafter he may see and make better use of them than the gentleman who signs himself "The Schoolboy's Friend."

S.M. Duncan.

*The Lexington Daily Press*, May 6, 1882, p. 4, col. 3

## APPENDIX C-4

Bethel Academy  
 Nicholasville, Kentucky  
 An English and Classical High School  
 A.N. Gordon, Principal, J.L. Logan, Assistant  
 Session of 1877-78

**Location**

In natural beauty of location, Bethel Academy can hardly be surpassed by any school in the central part of the state. It is situated upon a rising ground at the western limit of the town of Nicholasville, Jessamine Co., Ky., and commands an extensive view in every direction of the rich and highly cultivated lands around. When properly laid out and improved (which the Principal hopes will be done before a great while), there will not be a more beautiful "five acres" in the whole Blue Grass country.

The town is high and healthful, and the people, as a class, moral and industrious.

**Aims of the school**

Having leased this property for a term of years, the Principal proposes to build up a High-School in the truest sense of the term—a school where young men may be fitted for discharging the ordinary duties of life with intelligence and success, and where boys may be prepared to enter advanced classes in our best colleges.

Constant drill will be a characteristic of the school, and thoroughness in every department will be insisted upon.

**Organization**

The School is divided into two Departments, High-School and Preparatory. The Preparatory Department has been added, in order that the Principal may have boys in preparation, under his own supervision, for positions in his higher classes. It will include such studies as are required to be taught in our common Schools. The High-School Department will embrace those studies usually pursued during the first two or three years at college.

The principal has secured the assistance of Mr. John Lewis Logan, of Virginia, a graduate of Washington and Lee University and medalist in the departments of Latin, Greek and Mathematics. Mr. Logan has taught with success for the last five or six years, and the Principal considers himself fortunate in being able to associate so good a teacher with himself in the work of the school.

The school-rooms will be thoroughly renovated and supplied with new and improved furniture.

**Discipline**

The School will be kept strictly select. None but those supposed to be gentlemen will be admitted; and should a pupil prove incorrigible, or his habits, in or out of school, be found to be corrupting, he will be required to discontinue his connection with the institution.

A high moral tone will be cultivated, and the pupils will be expected to govern them-

selves in all matters of importance. In minor matters the discipline will be gentle; but prompt and cheerful obedience, in every particular, will be expected.

**Examinations**

Rigid written examinations will be held, in the higher classes, at the close of the year, and at such other times as the Principal may think proper. The lower classes will be examined orally. All pupils will be required to attend these examinations.

**Prizes**

To encourage diligence and reward merit, several public-spirited gentlemen have offered a number of valuable prizes in the various studies as follows:

To the pupil with highest standing in Languages, A Gold Medal, by Col. Bennett H. Young.

To the pupil with highest standing in Mathematics, A Gold medal, by Col. Bennett H. Young.

To the pupil with highest standing in Spelling, "The Poythress Prize in Spelling," A copy of **Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary**.

To the pupil with highest standing in Reading and Elocution, a handsome prize.

**Terms (Per session of forty weeks),**

Payable, one-third in advance, one-third at Christmas, and one-third at the end of the session:

High-School Department	\$60.00
Preparatory Department	50.00
Incidental Fee, (in advance)	2.50

Pupils entering before Christmas will be charged for the whole session; those entering after that time will be charged for a half session, but payment will be required in advance.

Pupils entering at any time during the year will pay the whole incidental fee.

No deduction will be made for absence, except in cases of protracted sickness.

The above terms will be invariably adhered to, and patrons of the School are requested not to ask a deviation in their favor; but where it is not convenient to pay on the day stipulated, a 30-days' note, with approved security, negotiable and payable in bank, will be received as cash.

Board can be had in good families at moderate rates.

**APPENDIX C-5**

Bethel Academy  
Session of 1878-79

**History**

Bethel Academy is the oldest institution for intermediate instruction in the State of

Kentucky. It was founded by the Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the year 1790, at a time when its solid walls were required not only to furnish a shelter from the elements and supply instruction, but to offer a fortification against the attacks of the Indians. It was picturesquely located upon a high bluff overlooking the Kentucky river, on what was then the main thoroughfare for the emigrants from Virginia to the "Dark and Bloody Ground." For a number of years it prospered under the management of its founders, but afterwards, for some unexplained causes, it gradually declined, until, finally, it passed entirely from the control of the M.E. Church to a non-sectarian Board of Trustees, who hold it in trust for higher education in Kentucky.

The location having been found unfavorable for the prosperity of the school, it was changed, and Nicholasville selected—the brick from the old house having been hauled and put into the new.

Thus we see that Bethel Academy has a history as old as the State, tradition even claiming that it had an embryonic existence while Kentucky was still a county in Virginia.

### Charter

In 1798 the General Assembly granted a most liberal charter to this institution, bestowing upon it privileges as extensive as those of any institution in the State.

This charter is still in force, and offers to the people of Jessamine county a basis upon which they can and ought to build up a Collegiate High School which would carry out the hopes of its original founders, be an honor to themselves, and command patronage from the whole State, and even from other States.

### Location

In natural beauty the present location of Bethel Academy can hardly be surpassed by that of any school in the central portion of the State. It is situated upon a rising ground at the western limit of the town of Nicholasville, and commands an extensive view, in almost every direction, of the rich and highly cultivated lands around.

Nicholasville is twelve miles south of Lexington, on the Cincinnati Southern Railway, in the centre of a refined and prosperous community, and is, withal, exceptionally healthful. No fatal disease, so far as known, has ever been contracted by pupils attending this school, and the Principal believes that parents and guardians (especially in the South), can put their boys in no more healthful community.

### Aims of the School

Having leased this property for a term of years, the Principal proposes to build up, and maintain, a High School in the truest sense of the term, a school where young men may fit themselves for entering advanced classes in our best colleges, or where those not having a college course in view may get such mental training as will enable them to grapple successfully with the questions presenting themselves in whatever business they may choose to follow.

### Methods

Our purpose will be so to instruct as to make the pupils think for themselves,

avoiding the common error of cramming the mind with a mass of facts which, by reason and reflection, the pupil does not make his own. Thoroughness, therefore, rather than rapidity of progress, will be aimed at. With this object in view, the pupil will be required to master the subject in hand before passing to the higher studies of the course.

The morals and manners of the pupils will be diligently guarded, as it is the anxious desire of the Principal that the boys in his school be educated into noble, Christian gentlemen.

### Discipline

The school is, and will be kept, strictly select. None but those supposed to be gentlemen will be admitted; and should a pupil prove incorrigible, or his habits, in or out of school, be found to be corrupting, he will be required to withdraw. Few rules of conduct will be laid down, but such deportment as is proper in a refined Christian family will be expected.

Pupils are put upon their honor, and treated as gentlemen, yet mild but firm discipline will be exercised in minor matters, and a prompt and cheerful obedience, in every particular, will be expected.

Pupils will be understood to pledge themselves, by the very act of entering the school, to observe all the rules of the school, and especially to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors, and from having in their possession, or under their control, an deadly weapon, while in attendance upon the sessions of the school.

### Prizes

To encourage diligence and reward merit, several public spirited gentlemen have offered a number of valuable prizes in the several studies as follows:

To the pupil with highest standing in languages, a Gold Medal, by Col. Bennett H. Young.

To the pupil with highest standing in Mathematics, A Gold Medal, by Col. Bennett H. Young.

To the pupil with highest standing in spelling, "The Poythress Prize in Spelling," a copy of Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, by a gentleman of Nicholasville.

To the pupil in the High School Department with highest standing in Reading and Elocution, a handsome prize by the Principal.

To the pupil in Preparatory Department, with highest standing in Reading and Elocution, a handsome prize, by a lady of Nicholasville.

These prizes will be publicly conferred at the closing exercises in June. Recipients of prizes for session of 1877-78.

Bennett H. Young, Medal in Mathematics—Thomas R. Welch.

Bennett H. Young, Medal in Languages—George A.A.C. Hutchison.

Prize in Reading and Elocution—Robert G. Lowrey.

"Poythress Prize in Spelling"—William Rice Harris.

Recipients of Prizes for session of 1878-79.

Bennett H. Young Medal in Mathematics—Levi Pearce.

Bennett H. Young, Medal in Languages—Levi Pearce.

Prize in Reading and Elocution, Samuel E. Davis.

“Poythress Prize in spelling,” Geo. A.C. Hutchison.

### Terms per session of forty weeks

Payable, one-third in advance, one-third at Christmas, and one-third at the end of the session.

High-School Department	\$60.00
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Preparatory Department	50.00
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Incidental Fee (in advance)	2.50
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Pupils entering before Christmas will be charged for the whole session; those entering after that time will be charged for a half session, but payment will be required in advance.

Pupils entering at any time during the year will pay the whole incidental fee. No deduction will be made for absence, except in cases of protracted sickness.

The above terms will be invariably adhered to, and patrons of the school are requested not to ask a deviation in their favor.

Board can be had in good families at from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per week, exclusive of washing.

### References

The Principal takes the liberty of referring to the following gentlemen, most of whom have been patrons, and have known both Mr. Logan and himself as teachers. He craves the indulgence of these gentlemen for referring to them without consultation with them.

The Board of Trustees, and other patrons, at and around Nicholasville, Ky.

Gen. G.W.C. Lee, President of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., and other members of the faculty of that institution.

Gen. F.H. Smith, Superintendent Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.

Col. J.T.L. Preston, of same institution.

Col. Bennett H. Young, of Louisville, Ky.

Dr. John W. Pratt, President of Central University, Richmond, Ky.

Prof. W.H. Stuart, Shelbyville, Ky.

Rev. G.H. Route, Versailles, Ky.

Rev. R.H. Kinnaird, Midway, Ky.

Rev. R. Cecil, Mercer County, Ky.

Hon. H.L. Stone, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

### Personal

In sending out this annual catalogue, the Principal would take occasion to thank his patrons for their generous and hearty support, and he will “do his endeavors” to deserve a continuance of their confidence and patronage in the future.

It is with real gratification that he announces the return of Mr. Logan, as his assistant for another year. He does not know a more competent, conscientious, and pains-taking teacher in the range of his acquaintance, and he believes that Mr. Logan’s work is telling for good on the school.

### **Calendar**

Session begins September 1st, 1879.

Adjourns for Christmas Holidays, December 24.

Resumes work January 5th, 1880.

Final examinations begin May 25th, 1880.

Closing exercises, June 5th, 1880.

### **APPENDIX C-6**

Bethel Academy: An English and Classical High School for Boys

A.N. Gordon, Principal

Session of 1878-79

### **Announcement**

#### **Prizes**

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To the pupil with highest standing in languages, a Gold Medal, by Col. Bennett H. Young.

To the pupil with highest standing in Mathematics, a Gold Medal, by Col. Bennett H. Young.

To the pupil who has completed the High School Department with highest average in Latin, Greek and Mathematics, a scholarship for one year in Central University.

To the pupil with the highest standing in spelling, "The Poythress Prize in Spelling," a copy of Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, by a gentleman of Nicholasville.

To the pupil in High School Department with highest standing in the English course, a handsome prize by the principal.

To the pupil in the Primary Department with highest standing in the English course, a handsome prize.

No prize will be awarded to any pupil whose standing and deportment does not merit it.

#### **Bethel Academy**

This school aims at thorough ground-work in all departments; and the uniformly high stand taken by its pupils in all the colleges attended by them is referred to as proof of the efficiency of the instruction

High-toned manliness in thought and action, coupled with gentle manners, and, above all, pure morals, are carefully inculcated, and, it is hoped, exemplified. The pupil is put upon his honor and taught the value of personal integrity and trustworthiness; while at the same time a ready obedience to authority, a careful preparation of his studies, and a prompt discharge of every duty is firmly insisted on.



The principal, while returning his thanks for the patronage and support of past years, invites those who approve of the aims and methods of the school, and who desire their sons to undergo its discipline and training, to give it their patronage and support for the year to come.

#### APPENDIX C-7

1883 Advertisement

##### Bethel Academy

A Home School For boys and Young Men, where they may fit themselves for business life, or for advanced classes in our best colleges and universities.

The pupils trained at Bethel Academy, under the present management, have always taken the very highest stand in their classes at college, and have carried off their full share of medals and distinctions.

The next session begins September 3, 1883, and continues forty weeks, including Christmas. Mr. G.A.C. Hutchison will assist the Principal the next year.

Terms per annual session,

Payable, one-third in advance, one-third at Christmas, and one-third the end of the session:

Primary Department	\$40.00
Preparatory Department	50.00
High School Department	60.00
Incidental fees	2.50

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For further information apply to A.N. Gordon, Principal, Nicholasville, Ky.

#### APPENDIX C-8

##### Anniversary Dinner

Given in celebration of the seventy-fifth birthday of A.N. Gordon, teacher, by his pupils, July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, six thirty p.m., Phoenix Hotel.

##### Teacher

Mr. Gordon taught school for forty-seven years from 1866 to 1913. He was principal of the schools in which he taught, except at Shelbyville and Richmond.

**To His Old Pupils**

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
 and be gracious unto you;  
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you PEACE.  
 — Num. VI, 24-26.*

Mr. Gordon taught at the times and places named below:

- Pekin, (Jessamine County) Kentucky .....Fall of 1866
- Owingsville, (Bath County) Kentucky .....1868-69
- Lexington, Virginia .....1870-71
- Shelbyville, Kentucky .....1873-74
- Central University, Richmond, Kentucky .....1874-76
- Nicholasville, Kentucky .....1876-87
- “Alleghan,” (Fayette County) Kentucky .....1887-1900
- Lexington, Kentucky .....1900-05
- “Glen Airy,” near Frankfort, Kentucky .....1905-08
- Lexington, Kentucky .....1909-1913

**Program**

- Toast Master .....Judge Richard C. Støll
- Invocation .....Rev. D. Clay Lilly
- “The Soldier” .....Rev. E.L. Southgate
- “The Citizen” .....Mr. A.H. Jewell
- “The Teacher” .....Mr. Graddy Cary
- “The Churchman” .....Dr. F.H. Clarke
- “Bethel Academy” .....Mr. B.Y. Willis
- Informal Remarks .....Former Pupils

**Menu**

Chilled Cantaloupe, Radishes, Olives, Fillet of Sole with tartar sauce, Long Branch Potatoes, Roast Spring Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas in Cream Sauce, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Thousand Island Dressing, Apple pie a la mode, Coffee, Rolls

**APPENDIX C-9**

A Litany of Re-dedication for Bethel Academy  
 Founded by Bishop F. Asbury in 1790  
 World Methodist Historical Society, North American Sector Meeting  
 Asbury Theological Seminary, August 6-10, 1984

**A Litany of Re-dedication**

**Leader:** Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers: Praised and exalted above all forever.

**Congregation:** Blessed art thou for the name of thy majesty:  
Praised and exalted above all forever.

**Leader:** Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: Praised  
and exalted above all forever.

**Congregation:** Praise be to thee for thy servants our fathers:  
Who brought us thy name and thy word; Who taught us  
thy truth and thy love; Who journeyed through storm and  
flood, through sickness and suffering, through life and  
death.

**Leader:** To give us this house of God, named Bethel, to estab-  
lish the foundations of a mighty heritage in Kentucky, To  
raise a symbol of everlasting grace to us who follow in their  
train.

**Congregation:** There are some of them who have left a name,  
so that men declare their praise.

**Leader:** And there are some who have no memorial, who have  
perished as though they had not lived.

**Congregation:** But these were men and women of mercy;  
whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten.

**Leader:** Their prosperity will remain with their descendents,  
and their inheritance to their children's children.

**All:** Their glory will not be blotted out. Blessed are thou O  
Lord, the God of Israel, our Father forever and ever.

APPENDIX C-10

Asbury College 1890-1990  
Our Heritage  
Seeking Knowledge • Serving Christ

A Service of Heritage Awareness and Dedication  
of the Bethel Academy Historical Marker  
October 7, 1988  
Hughes Auditorium  
10:00 a.m.

**Program of Heritage Awareness**

- Prelude ..... *Variations on a Chorale Theme* ..... Johann G. Walther  
Professor Gerard Faber, College Organist
- Welcome .....
- Hymn ..... *Faith of Our Fathers* ..... Frederick W. Faber  
Beatrice Hill Holz, Song Leader
- Invocation ..... Dr. Terry Faris  
Pastor, Wilmore United Methodist Church

- Scripture.....1Samuel 7:9-12, Deuteronomy 6:4-13 .....Dr. David Ditto  
Member, Alumni Board of Directors
- Anthem.....*Praise the Lord* .....James Curnow  
Dr. Ronald W. Holz, trumpet  
Professor Gerard Faber, organ
- Message.....*Publish Your Message in the Open Face of the Sun*.....Dr. Dennis Kinlaw  
President, Asbury College

### Service of Dedication

**Leader:** It is right and proper that this historical marker should be formally and devoutly set apart as a memorial of the founding of Bethel Academy, Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary. For such a dedication we are now assembled. And, as the dedication of any building or monument is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose labor and interests it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and our work and business, that they may be according to God's holy will, and that their fruit may lead to the glory of His name and the advancement of His kingdom.

**People:** We, the faculty, administration, students, staff and friends of this college, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith do dedicate this marker as a lasting symbol and a perpetual reminder of the great providence of God in raising up and sustaining His work in our midst. As we do, we dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader:** Hear the word of the Lord. And the children of Israel...took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the Lord spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. Joshua 4: 8-9

**Leader:** Even as Joshua set up memorial stones on the banks of the Jordan, we rejoice in this memorial stone which by the favor of God and the labor of man has been established in this place.

(Dedication)

**Leader:** We dedicate this marker...

**People:** As a reminder of the miraculous founding and distinguished history of the academy, the college and the seminary.

**Leader:** We dedicate this marker...

**People:** As a reminder that God's ever faithful covenant love has attended the history, guided the leaders, and preserved the distinctive character and mission of these institutions under God.

**Leader:** We dedicate this marker...

**People:** As a reminder of the shared history and common story of Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary.

**Leader:** We dedicate this marker...

**People:** As a reminder to ourselves and to future generations that campus brick and mortar, wood and steel, things of time, are part of a kingdom God is building that will never pass away.

**Leader:** Let us pray. Almighty God, and heavenly Father, whose eyes are ever toward the righteous, and whose ears are ever open unto their cry: Graciously accept, we pray thee, this marker which we now dedicate to thee, for thy service and to thy glory; for those who may pause in its shadow and peruse its inscription, we pray that thy love and wisdom may unite to make plain the path of knowledge and service; and we beseech thee, receive us thy servants who here dedicate ourselves anew to thee and to those offices of fellowship and good will in which thou are well pleased. Grant that those who pass here, whether administrators, teachers, students or guests may come with pure minds, upright purpose, and steadfast endeavor to learn and do they holy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Information on the Bethel Academy Historical Marker**

#### *Bethel Academy*

This was second Methodist school in United States. In 1790 Bishop Francis Asbury laid plans for Bethel Academy, four miles southeast of Wilmore on cliffs above Kentucky River. It was operating by 1794, closed ca. 1804, due to lack of funds and Indian hostilities. Second site was in Nicholasville, 1820-93.

#### *Asbury College*

Established in 1890, this school was named for Francis Asbury first Methodist bishop and circuit rider in United States. Asbury Theological Seminary was established at Asbury College, 1923. Original Bethel Academy site and Asbury College Administration Building are listed on National Register of Historic Places.

