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to Benjamin Land with  
born May the 7th 1796  
Nancy Land with his wife  
was born October the 16th  
1796 we was married  
January the 26th 1815

Birth  
Gary Land with was born  
November 9th 1815

of  
1857

January  
January

Benjamin Landwith was  
born May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1795

Elizabeth Landwith was  
born May the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1795

we was married January the  
31<sup>st</sup> 1822

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**PREFACE**

It appears to me that a book resembling this is greatly wanted. Many talk, and some write about the Methodists, without properly understanding the subject.— Some wish for clear specific information upon it, but cannot obtain this, without reading more books than their time will admit of.

Many members of our Societies know very little of our history, have very imperfect ideas of our doctrines, and are still more ignorant respecting some parts of our discipline.

It is of importance that our friends, and even our enemies, should be able to procure a book, and that as cheap and portable as possible, which may serve as a book of reference, containing a true, clear, and full account, of a people who have attracted so much public attention, and who have been so variously represented.

I have not, knowingly, misrepresented any thing which I have treated upon. And my sources of information have been the very best.

The idea I have formed of the necessity, and general utility of such a Work, makes me wonder that no person has published one upon the same plan long before this time. The purchasers may rest assured, that this Portraiture shall be so complete as not to disappoint any reasonable expectation. I wish to do good: and may God assist and succeed my well-meant endeavours.

But, whatever may be my motives for publishing this Work, or whatever may be the execution of it, I am not to expect that I shall escape the general lot of authors. With, or without reason, objections will be rais-

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Carey Lane with my  
 of Benjamin and Charity  
 Land with was born  
 November the 9<sup>th</sup> 1815  
 by Mrs. Land with was  
 born June the 11<sup>th</sup>  
 1817  
 Sarah Land with was  
 born June 5 1819  
 I Sephian Land with  
 was born about the 11<sup>th</sup>  
 1824  
 James Land with was  
 born of the 16<sup>th</sup>

James Landerth was  
June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1827

Daley Landerth was  
born April 8<sup>th</sup> 1829

Nancy Landerth

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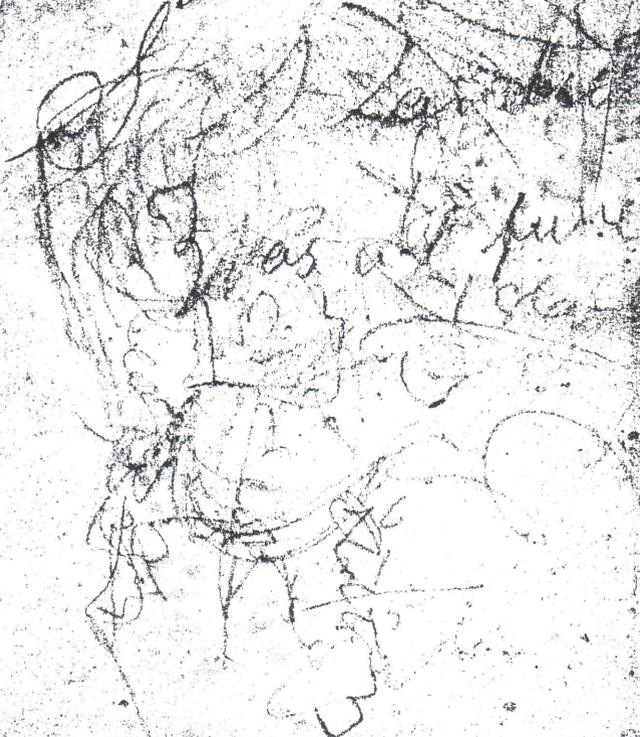
was born  
5<sup>th</sup> January the  
and Decid December  
the 7<sup>th</sup> 1856

Benjamin Landerth

January the 26 1831

March the 21 1828

Benjamin



parts of the nation, contributed half a guinea, a guinea, and some more, annually. A committee in London undertake the management of it, but neither the committee, nor any of the travelling preachers, have any thing to do with it. The committee get the best information they can respecting preachers who may be in distressed circumstances, and often surprize them by sending very seasonable relief. The committee publish an annual report of their receipts and disbursements, accompanied by extracts of letters received from preachers who have been relieved. Many of these extracts are very affecting, and calculated to make even "Misers wonder they should part with gold."

(7.) Methodism has had a great, and very beneficial effect upon the morals of the inhabitants of England at large, as well as Ireland. It has accomplished already an extensive reformation. This has not been equal in all places. But its greatest enemies cannot deny that a great change for the better has been effected in districts the most notorious for every vice. And as vice is perpetually progressive, it is impossible to form an adequate conception of the desperate state of wickedness they might have arrived at by this time, had it not been for this very efficacious remedy provided by a gracious God!

And is the nation arrived at such a pitch of reformation and piety, that there is no more occasion for the labours of men who have been so useful in the hand of God? Is there such general purity, righteousness, sobriety, among all ranks of men, from the least even to the greatest, that gospel labours, which have been so successful, ought to be restrained, or contracted within narrow limits? In this cloudy and dark day," this day of the trumpet and alarm," is it seasonable, is it wise and politic, to fetter those who cry day and night to God, in behalf of their neighbours, the king and government, as well as the nation at large?"

It is with pleasure I this moment recollect the following anecdote:—Not many years ago, when one of our good king, that the Methodists prayed for him; the king answered, "I place more confidence in the prayers of my people, than in my fleets and armies."

such cases, kings may be said to be nursing fathers, and nursing mothers of the church of Christ. And, on every occasion, thus far, the king has proved himself our firm friend, and has laid us under obligations to love and pray for him. But our chief dependence must be upon a higher Being. While we look up to the King, with all due confidence in his justice and piety, we must remember who it is that says, "Trust not in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them." But while we fear God, duly honour and pray for the king, and commit our cause to him who is King of kings, and Lord of lords," we have the best assurance of being able to sing, "THE LORD OF HOSTS IS WITH US, THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR REFUGE."  
1762.

Benjamin Linnell  
Book of the  
13th 1818  
The God of Hosts  
1800

The following book is in the possession of Elbert F. Ward, Jr., 741 Chickasaw, St., Jackson Mississippi 39206., who is a decendent of BENJAMAN LANDRETH, that resided in Grayson now Carrol County Virginia near the town of Hillsville.

A TRUE and COMPLETE PORTRATURE of METHODISM  
By Jonathan Crowther  
Published by Daniel Hitt and Thomas Ware of New York  
J. C. Totten, Printer  
1813

1st Page

Benjamin Landreth was born May 7th, 1796  
Nancy Landreth his wife was born October 16th 1796, we was married January 26th, 1815.

Births

Carey Landreth was born November 9th, 1815  
Cyrus Landreth was born June 11th, 1817  
Sarah Landreth was born June 5th, 1819

2nd Page

Nancy Landreth wife of Benjamin Landreth departed this life December 25th 1820

Benjamin Landreth husband of the above Nancy Landreth departed this life August 12th, 1831.\*

4th Page

Benjamin Landreth was born May 7th 1795  
Elizabeth Landreth was born May 22nd 1795  
We was married January 31st 1822

Elizabeth Frost Farmer Landreth \*#  
Lurana Farmer \*#

Inside of fly page in back of book

Carey Landreth Daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Landreth was born May 9th 1815.

Cyrus Landreth was born June 11th 1817  
Sarah Landreth was born June 5th 1819  
Stephen Landreth was born May 10th 1824  
John Landreth was born February 7th 1826  
James Landreth was born June 8th 1827  
Polly Landreth was born April 8th 1829  
Nancy Landreth was born 5th January 1831,  
(and died December 7th 1855 \*)

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Benjamin Landreth, his book September 13th 1818  
The God of Jacob is our Refuge Amen.

All writing is made with black ink and by the same person except the ones followed by \*. The entries followed with \*# are in pencil and were made by a lady.

This is a leather bound book four by seven inches printed on rather soft paper, which has been used a lot. This book is the same as the Disiplin of the Methodist Church, and list the preachers that were liscensed to preach by John Wesley, and thoes that had left the work or had been expelled.

Benjamin Landreth was an Itinerate Methodist Preacher and gave the Land for and built a church that stands on a hill over looking the site of the old home, which is North of U.S. Highway 58 between Hillsville and Woodlawn.