

## ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY MARCH 4



**Alexander Campbell, the founder of the Disciples of Christ and Bethany College, died in Bethany on March 4, 1866.**

**CSO: ELA.8.1, ELA.8.2, SS.8.23**

**Investigate the Document: (*Morgan, Charles S. Papers, 1822-1859, Ms79-1, Box 1, Fol. 5*)**

Document 1

1. What is the date of the document?
2. Who received this document?
3. What is the main idea of the document? List two quotes (words from the document) that help support the main idea.
4. Which county's election is mentioned in Campbell's letter? How do you know?

Document 2

5. From which country did Alexander immigrate to the United States?
6. When did the congregation of the church form in Bethany?
7. At its inception, Bethany College was created to train whom?

**Think Critically:** Have religious groups played a role in the foundation of other communities in West Virginia? What are the benefits of analyzing primary sources for historical research? Weaknesses?

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Bethany Va June 9<sup>th</sup>

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My Dear Sir your favor of the 2<sup>o</sup> Inst. reaches before me - I wrote you a letter by the mail before last stating the Result of the Brocks election - which I hope you have already recd -

I went to Wellsburg shortly after my return home, and enquired more fully into these letter affairs - The Result of the enquiry was that

I found that the letters sent from Ray were addressed to D Campbell - Jesse Edgington and perhaps to Philip Doddridge this last I could not be assured of I got a friend to enquire if those letters could be seen, or if the contents could be certainly known, and what answers were returned to them - He was indited by one of the friends of the addressee, and that if he persisted in enquiring about the contents of those letters and the indulging in his censures upon the writers he would "get his jaws slapped" -

Soon as the election was over in Brocks Doddridge Campbell & Edgington were more more chagrined and mortified, and would not talk about it at all - What answers were returned to these letters cannot be known here any farther than that Campbell said before he wrote or at the time of writing to Ray, that Spragg would not give me in Brocks, and the subscription was that as he told that in Wellsburg, he wrote it to Morgan - town - But again Gardner and I Allison (whose letter to me at Morgan town I enclose you) answer in opening me that the ~~same~~ facts stated in my address in Morgan town justified upon the cause of Doddridge and Campbell and correct in the strictest and fullest sense, - Horatio M. Babcock of Wellsburg, was present with me at my interview with Doddridge



on my Return from Preston - and he and Doddridge say  
to me that he hopes I would not recommend you to  
the Citizens of Brooke; and added that he hoped  
he would not be obliged to come out ~~and~~ at the  
election and oppose you - but if compelled he would  
tell such a story as would put you down in Brooke  
and ought to put you down in the District - This  
was indirectly said to deter me from recommending you -  
This, Bakewell will substantiate, I doubt not, but I  
think a letter from you to him ~~would~~ be the best mode;  
as, were I to appear active in this matter now it would  
appear retaliatory - In Doddridge was I ever now in  
any particular relative to his opposing me, and what he  
said in the Court-house concerning my printed address  
to the Citizens of Brooke - This correspondence will likely  
be published, if he does not make a full retraction -  
I got a letter from him yesterday in which he has  
been brought to his senses - he promises to apologize  
for a part of his speech, and to explain at length the  
rest of it - This letter I saw but in my possession and  
it is universally agreed that I have been lied Doddridge  
more than any person he has ever in contact with -  
in this one instance at least - He took a hard spell of  
drinking on the head of it - and is now tapering off -

Doddridge was attacked by sundry citizens for his  
~~own~~ remarks about me, soon as he came off the Bench  
and conscious of his error he went into the Court house  
and voted for me and Sprigg to appease the  
resentment occasioned by his speech -

The following facts if it become necessary for any  
important purpose I can prove by unexceptionable testimony

1 that after the Ohio election Doddridge promised to  
aid my election all in his power in ~~the~~ Tyler and Brooke  
and that he went personally to me in Brooke and Tyler -  
and that if I said he was elected there was nothing like  
fear from the Eastern oligarchs

- 2<sup>o</sup> that as soon as the Result of the Election in Tybelschins was known - by and Campbell changed their tone all at once - and began to offer me a handsome Contract with Sprigg -
- 3<sup>o</sup> The circumstances respecting you in my interview with Sedden as above stated -
- 4<sup>o</sup> That in your letter dated to Brooke it was said that if it could be made to appear that Sprigg went out full in Brooke - it would have great effect in Morgan town - or Monongalia -
- 5<sup>o</sup> That so soon as I recommended you and offered Wilson and Sprigg all the Lawys intent in Brooke was put in requisition ~~to~~ against me -

In the case now stated I would prefer that you or some person in Monongalia write to ~~the~~ Lewis Garrison & Allison. Capt. John Miller & H. B. Barlow than that I should appear in solicitation of the testimony - Every thing that I have said on this matter public or private I can not hear it is diffident - I always strictly conform to fact without exaggeration - and my opinions on the vote of Brooke and Monongalia I am as nearly as possible the result as any conjecture made by the most impartial and best informed - I said that Wilson would not get more than 4 or 5 votes in Brooke, that if Brooke gave 300 votes I would get 200 of them and Sprigg 100 - that I would get 2 votes in Sprigg, one in the Morgan town district &c - all these opinions I expressed before the election in Brooke and Monongalia - and since then have been more correct than ~~the~~ calculations - I also state that in my opinion you would beat Sedden in Brooke and that El. Claine would beat Sprigg -

Let all that I have said concerning facts, and matters of opinion be sent on in the utmost rigor and I defy my most cordial foe - to find me wanting in truth - or even much meditation in conjecture -

Please let me hear from you soon  
and exclude this most badly scribbled from  
your friend  
N. Campbell



The fact stated on the 2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> pages you may see as you think  
proper - but as this paper is written in the midst of much hurry  
and confusion I must not take under any part of it in  
its own charge exposed in public view - I just sketched it  
off before the mail starts as hints for you self -  
A. Campbell

Should I be compelled in duty to mention to some extent in  
the newspapers I will state all the capital items in this  
letter and tell a story in way flattering to  
Gen. D. D. Sprigg, Campbell, Sprigg and Ray not forgetting  
Mr. E. Wilson - I hope I may not be pushed to  
this necessity.

B. Young  
June 9 - 1829

Col. E. P. Clingman

For A. Campbell Esq.

Cherryman town

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