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The Rev. Daryl K. Williams 104 Ernest Street Weber City, VA 24290

Dear Daryl:

I am enclosing a copy of the Bellamy's Chapel abandonment, as it appeared in the 1984 HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

In checking, I found several Sunday School Attendance Roll Books, but no Membership Roll Book. I am enclosing a copy of a page from the 1984 Roll Book which will give you some names. You may want to look at these Sunday School Rolls books sometime when you are in Big Stone Gap.

I am also enclosing the Church Membership Record from the 1984 JOURNAL showing that Bellamy's 30 members were transferred to other United Methodist Churches. If you will note, neither Smith's or Alley's show any membership gains that year, therefore it would appear that Bellamy's membership was not included in either of those churches. I don't know how the membership from an abandoned church was handled in 1984. The members of the churches that have been abandoned in the Big Stone Gap District over the past two years receive a letter asking where they want their membership, etc., and if we don't hear from them, their membership will be placed usually in the nearest church on the charge.

I hope this can be of some help to you. Best regards -

Sincerely,

Mary H. Dougherty

Secretary - District Office

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