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*ROSTER OF PUPILS*  
*AND*  
*HISTORY*  
*OF*  
*Mount Pleasant School*

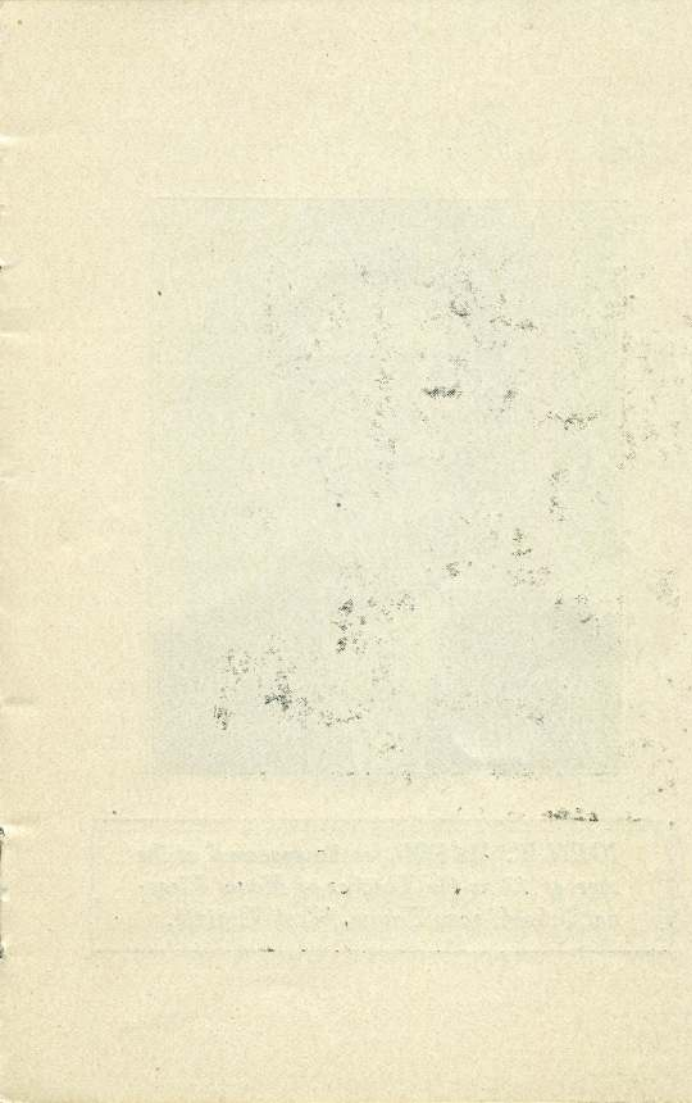
*Taught by*  
*JOHN W. MASON*  
*Commencing*  
*November 7, 1859.*

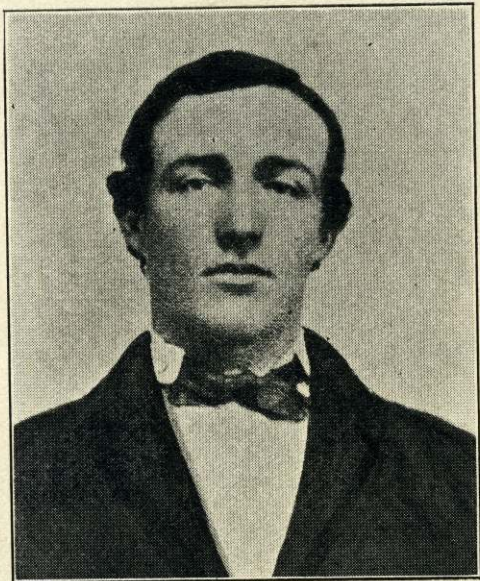
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*REUNION HELD NOVEMBER 6, 1909.*

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*JOHN W. MASON, as he appeared at the  
Age of 17 as the Teacher of Mount Pleas-  
ant School, now Triune, West Virginia.*



*JOHN W. MASON*  
*at the Age of 67*

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## Mount Pleasant School 1859-1860

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The Mount Pleasant school house was situated at the cross roads a short distance from where the Triune church now stands. It was a small hewn log building. There John W. Mason, (who then used the initials "W. J.") began a school Monday, November 7th, 1859. He was then between 17 and 18 years of age. Quite a number of his pupils were about the same age.

It will be observed that this was prior to the formation of the state of West Virginia and several years before the public school system was inaugurated.

School houses, such as they were, were built and maintained by the people of the neighborhood in which they were located. The teachers were paid by the patrons, supplemented by a small sum furnished by the Commonwealth, to aid persons of limited means. It was the custom for the teacher to require the patrons of the school to enter into a written contract. Only a very few of these contracts are now in existence. The contract under which this school was taught is still in the posses-

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sion of the teacher. It is here copied verbatim, as follows:

“Orthography, Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Natural Philosophy, and Penmanship, will be taught in Mount Pleasant school-house, for the term of four and one half months; W. J. Mason preceptor. Term \$3 per scholar which we the undersigned agree to pay said Mason at the expiration of his term. School to commence the first Monday in November, 1859.

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NAME	No.	By the Commissioner District No. 11.
John Turner	3	
Moses Jacobs	3	
Joseph Gwyne	1 ½	Joseph Gwyne 1 ½
William Kinkaid	1	William Kinkaid 1
William Kinkaid	1	James Trickett 1 ½
James Robe	1	Oliver McRa ½
James Trickett	1	John Funk ½
William Kisner	2	
William Carroll	1	
Allen H. Kisner	1	
Oliver P. McRa	1 ½	
John Funk	½	

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All the persons who signed this agreement are dead.

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The following are the names of the pupils,  
copied from the original book from which the roll  
was called daily:

George Kisner,  
John E. Kisner,  
Mozel Robe (now Mo-  
zel Jacobs),  
Moses Kinkaid,  
Imrie Robe,  
Anne L. Robe, (now  
Anne L. Reppert),  
Susana Turner,  
Alcinda Turner,  
Sarah Turner, (now  
Sarah Wagner),  
Arne L. Gwyne, ,  
Samantha J. Gwyne,  
(now Samantha J.  
Bucklew)  
Mary Jacobs, (late  
Mary Fortney)  
Susan M. Jacobs,  
(now Susan Sater-  
field)  
Sarah Carroll,  
Jeferson Kisner,  
Henry Kisner,  
Thomas Kisner,  
Anne L. Trickett,  
Julia A. Trickett,  
John Sisler,

Sarah Trickett, (now  
Sarah Shafferman)  
Mary E. Trickett,  
(now Mary Black-  
wood)  
James Trickett,  
Caleb McBee,  
Nelson Steele,  
Edgar McRa,  
Waitman McRa,  
Jacob Hall,  
Elza Jacobs,  
Louisa Jacobs, (now  
Louisa Ferrell)  
Linza Jacobs,  
Elijah McRa,  
David Kinkaid,  
Mary Kinkaid, (now  
Mary Fletcher)  
Andrew J. Kinkaid,  
Ann D. Kinkaid,  
Timothy Bennett,  
Albert Bennett,  
Evaline Jacobs, (now  
Evaline Powell)  
Columbus Jacobs,  
Katharine Smith,  
Harrison Jacobs.



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Of this number the following named persons are dead, to-wit:

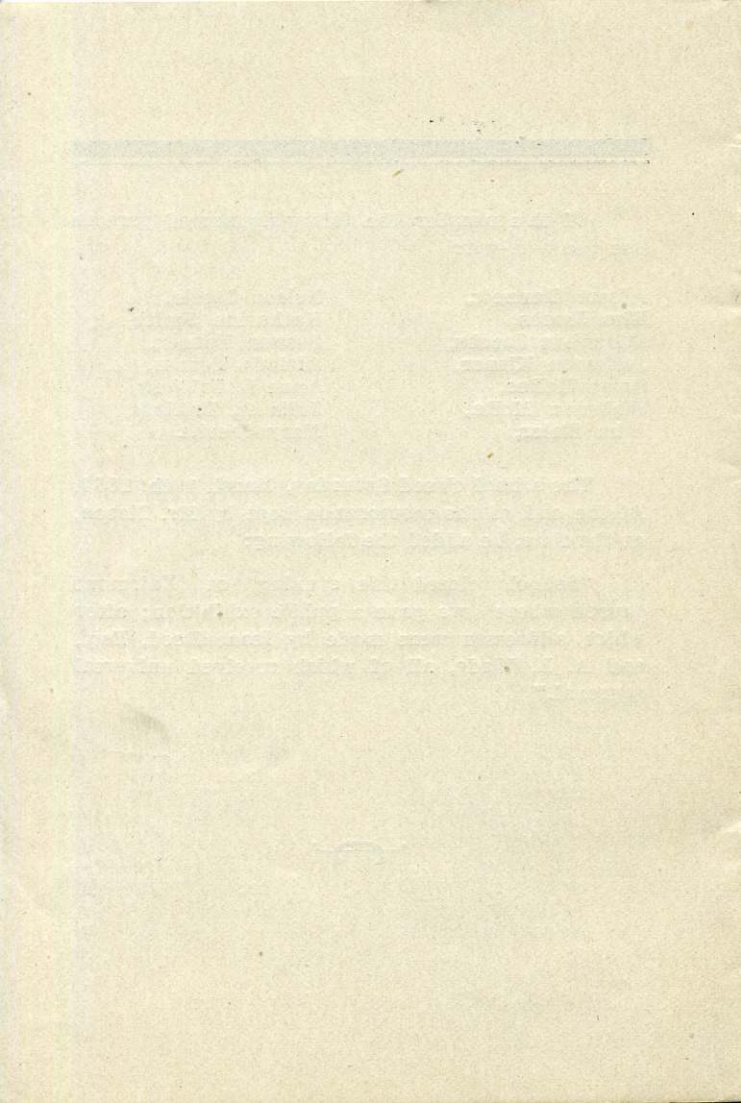
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Nelson Steele,  
Katharine Smith,  
Susana Turner,  
Alicinda Turner,  
Anne L. Trickett,  
Julia A. Trickett,  
Mary Jacobs.

The school closed Saturday, March 10th, 1860. At the end of the memoranda kept by Mr. Mason, at the time, he added the following:

"School closed this evening at Fairmont church where we gave a public exhibition; after which addresses were made by Isaac Reed, Esq., and A. L. Wade, all of which received universal approval."







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