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The records of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Morley, New York reveals the following information as given to me by Mrs. Ray L. Morgan, wife of Rev. Morgan, RFD 3, Canton, New York 13617. This church is located six miles northeast of Canton (Route NY 345), across the Grasse River bridge, top of hill, turn right, and then the first left hand turn onto Lisbon Highway. From the Bucks Bridge Methodist Church, across from the First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, one goes southwest to Morley, just before you reach the 3 corners, turn right onto Lisbon road.

My cousin, next door, toward Morley told me that her Mother was married to Judson Westaway in 1900. There were no houses adjoining, or next to them until after that. Their farm operator knows where there is a cellar--remains of site of a house, on the river side of the their cattle lane- not far from their barn. Above this former set of buildings was another house, gone before I can remember. My aunt cannot remember either of these two houses now, but one of the two places was where people by the name of Hurst lived. Farther up the road, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile- from my aunt's, is a bend in the highway, from this way, there still stands an old wood colored barn, which my aunt uses to store machinery. Just beyond this barn, was another barn that my father owned. A red house on the river side of the highway. The house and latter mentioned barn were sold to George Marshall, deceased, presently owned by Arnold Seavey.

A friend, neighbor, toward Bucks Bridge from here, was talking with a man in Morley, who seemed to know quite a little. Our neighbor is going to see the man in Morley tonight. I trust we will have some more threads to weave into the picture.

My cousin, next door, has one picture, if she can find it, which she will loan to me to have a copy made. This means a photographer will make a negative. From that a picture. You still have \$2.00 credit for money not needed.

Now to the records to quote:

✓ Dec. 19th, 1846-- John Byington speaking resolved that as a conference, we look upon American slavery as a real outrage on humanity and a sin under all circumstances and that pledge ourselves as a conference to use all legal means in our power by preaching, praying and voting against this unchristian institution.

Feb. 20th 1847--Brother John Byington recommended to the Annual Conference to be held at Watertown the last Wednesday of May next as a suitable person to be received on circuit as a preacher.

Also at same meeting Truman Penoyer be a delegate to the District Annual Meeting to be held the seventh day of March A.D. 1847.

John Byington was a traveling Preacher Aug. 28-1847. At the same time T. Penoyer was put on as a steward in the church.

✓ At a second Conference held at Morley chapple Aug 28 AD.1847, a resolution, presented by W. Byington, asking how far we can fellowship pro slavery churches--rested and laid on the table. Moved and carried that Bro. Barnes and Byington appoint the next quarterly Meeting.

Records of Byington history, as received from Morley Wesleyan Methodist Church

H. Hilliard was steward at the June 3rd 1848 meeting.

A committee was named on March 3rd, 1849 and resolved that a committee of 3 be appointed to inquire into the affairs in David Hurst's Clubs.

The committee: David Clement
Wesley Byington
Henry Hilliard

At a business meeting in the Wesleyan Methodist Church a resolution was presented by Aaron Hilliard, moved and adopted. Resolved as a church that we are opposed to any of our members being connected with any secret organization.

1849 John Byington was listed under superanuate and Henry Hilliard still a steward; also Wesley Byington, a Steward and Aaron Hilliard as a class leader.

In September 29, 1849 Brother H. Hilliard was put on as a chairman.

March 10th 1850 Meeting held and John Byington-supernumary; class leader, Aaron Hilliard; stewards- Henry Hilliard and Wesley Byington.

Mar. 29, 1851 Henry Hilliard put in recording secretary. Henry Hilliard also appointed as a reserve delegate to Annual Conference--among those present at the meeting were John Byington, Henry Hilliard, Aaron Hilliard and Henry Hilliard (note: Henry Hilliard's name was written twice in letter I received)

April 24, 1852 H. Hilliard again appointed secretary. Present at this meeting- John Byington, Henry Hilliard and Wesley Byington.

August 14, 1852 Character examined of Henry Hilliard, Wesley Byington, and Wesley Byington also elected steward.

Sept. 18- 1852-Wesley Byington, Henry Hilliard put in as trustees to heed Church Property. They met again and put Robert Qua in to fill vacancy made by Wesley Byington.

To quote Mrs (Marion) Ray L. Morgan:

" I copied this just as it was in the church records. I find no name of Crosby or Peck. And the names of Byingtons and Hilliards seem to drop abruptly. Trust this will be of help in your research."

My neighbor did not get information last evening. He thinks it must be some one else. He will scout around to try to recall who it was.

I have checked and re-checked for accuracy in copying Mrs. Morgan's letter. I thought it would be much easier for you to have it typed.

Affectionally your friend

Edith A. Westaway
Back (Bridge, N.)

*If only I had the requested picture!
I shall keep trying & hope to have
some picture soon.*