

Bro. Bill;

I have received much of this information from different people, but the traditions the brethren have passed on is remarkably consistent with perhaps some discrepancies easily accounted for, much like what I was showing concerning Bro's Brewer and McDonald. I have dug out and researched these people with a great amount of personal effort from a wide variety of sources. I would like to think in this I was infallible, but there are errors I am sure, which as more complete information appears could change. I have numerous source documents, which prove much, and provide evidence for some conclusions I have drawn. For example, there are actually about 5 Elias Brewers (all related) which could be ours, there are especially two which fit the evidence, one of whom I feel is the right one, based on the evidence. We have so little to go on, only a name we assume is correct, an approximate time period, and general vicinity where he could have lived. Not much to go on, and of course who is to say that OUR Elias Brewer even was recorded, he may have been itinerant to the point of almost non-existence as far as the rest of the world was concerned! If you are interested, I can share with you my sources, evidences, and why I have identified them the way I have.

As to Bro. McDonald, we are on virtually certain ground, I have newspaper and other vital information that record his life, and his whereabouts. One news account out of Arkansas City dated May 3, 1876 said, "Revs. Reece and McDonald, the ministers who were to preach for us some time ago, passed the neighborhood last week, on their way to Sumner County. They said they would be back and hold a protracted meetings with us in two or three weeks. We would rather see them than to hear from them." Then on May 17 the paper records, "Revs. McDonald and Reece have arrived, and have been holding a series of meetings at the Holland school house." That these two men were indeed the ones of our faith becomes certain when a short time later the newspapers wrote this article:

RELIGIOUS INTEREST AT SALT CITY. For several weeks past one Rev. McDonald, of Chanute, Kansas has been holding religious exercises at the Salt City schoolhouse, with an interested audience. Mr. McDonald belongs to the denomination calling themselves "Followers of Christ," and believes in and preaches miracles. If our informant has told the truth, Mr. McDonald claims to be ordained to preach the gospel; has raised one person from the dead, and can cure the sick and heal the afflicted. Several persons are to be baptized by him at Salt City next Sunday.

One of the newspapers of the area, *The Winfield Courier* contained a letter written to the editor of the paper, it contained both the dates and place:

CEDAR TOWNSHIP, JAN. 31, 1878.

ED. COURIER: Thinking a line would not be amiss, I will say we had a series of meetings held by the Followers of Christ and an accession to the church of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Caldwell, who were baptized and confirmed on Monday the 28th.

This J. D Caldwell is none other than Bro. Jim Caldwell, and his wife, who was the daughter of Bro. Wood Retherford. F.M Osborn was Bro. Frank Osborn who was later ordained as an elder near Arkansas City, moved to near Guthrie, Okla. (Hennessey) and then to the Stillwater area. All four were baptized by Bro. McDonald .