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Dear Brother Newall:

Bro. Nail asked me to send you information about the church in Flint in past years. I am sending you herewith a copy of the combined directory of December, 1936. I would like very much to have this returned since it is the only one I have and is valuable.

I will summarize somewhat and add a few pertinent facts to help you in writing your article.

1. The first member was Mrs. Chas. Carpenter. Services were held in her home for some time. This was about 1915. The first meeting (series) was held in this home by H.H. Hawley (an uncle of mine, still living in Ludington, Michigan.)

2. The principal organizer of the work was Bro. C.F. Witty, who made many trips to Flint. A. W. Hastings, now of Chicago, helped in preaching. *This was Murray Hill, now Court Street*

3. The Thomas brothers, Leslie and Claude (both outstanding preachers today) both labored with the Murray Hill Church during the '20's.

4. The first building, 1433 Mable Ave., was built ^{mainly} by Detroit churches, the deed being held by them for several years. Completed in June, 1920.

5. No regular preacher labored on a full time basis for any length of time until 1940. From 1930 to 1940 Harold E. Hawley preached on a part time basis while teaching school. Morton Utley, 1940, was the first preacher receiving full support from the church. *You can get list of preachers since then*

6. Membership: 1930, about 75; 1933, about 110; 1936, 140; 1940, 202.

7. Seating capacity of old building; before 1936, 150; after 1936, 225. During DeHoff meetings, about 1938, 400 attended once.

8. In 1933 the ~~4~~ Flint churches, Murray Hill, Bristol Road, *Lewis St.* South Saginaw Street (Now Zimmerman), were not in fellowship with each other. They were brought together in a general meeting and since have had wonderful fellowship.

9. The following evangelists preached in meetings at Murray Hill during the 30's: Leslie G. Thomas, J. N. Armstrong, Geo. DeHoff, James D. Willeford. The last 2 each two meetings.

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Hope this is helpful In Him, Harold E. Hawley