"The members of the African M. E. Church held a little festival in their homes of worship on the 3rd. inst., and cleared $35. They have an indebtedness resting upon their building of about $200.[9]

[9] Bethel Church Abstract of Title.

In 1887 at a meeting held October 29, presided over by the Pastor Rev. Richard Holley, with Thomas Williams as Secretary, on motion of Columbus Green, it was voted that "we the members of A. M. E. Church authorize the Trustees to buy lot 53 of Mr. and Mrs. John Kreiger at $350." Carried. Trustees: Gordon C. Taylor, John Moss, Henry Johnson. Sect. 7, Town. 19, range 9 E, now a part of Champaign City.