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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God…" (1 Peter 4:11).

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Stone-Hard Proof Alexander Campbell Did Not Start the Church of Christ

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In Memory of Elder
THOMAS CAMPBELL
Father of Alexander & Archibald W.
CAMPBELL
Born in County Down Ireland
Feb. 1, 1763, and died at the residence
of his Son Alexander, Va. Jan 4, 1854
Aged 91 years minus a few days.

Many years a minister of the Secession
Presbyterian Church in Ireland and sometime
In the U. States, upon the arrival of his family
In America 1809 he with drew from the
Presbyterian connexion and advocated a platform
Of primitive Christianity in conjunction with his
Son Alexander he labored in this cause with much
Success more than forty years. In Christian
Learning & piety he had few equals, as a Christian
Minister, husband, father has few superiors. Strong
In faith and hope he triumphed over death
And reposed in Jesus without a sorrow or a fear.
Happy the dead who died in the Lord for they
Rest from their labours and their works do follow

There are those who either ignorantly or maliciously refer to members of the church of Christ as 'Campbellites', thinking the church originated with Alexander Campbell. They overlook the fact that Jesus Christ is the Builder (Mt. 16:18), Purchaser (Acts 20:28), Head (Eph. 1:22-23), and Saviour (Eph. 5:23) of the church. More than 1,700 years before Mr. Campbell was born in Antrim county Ireland, the apostle Paul wrote, "….The churches of Christ salute you" (Rom. 16:16). There are two headstones which prove Campbell could not and did not start the church of Christ.

On display in the Campell Mansion in Bethany, West Virginia is the headstone of Thomas Campbell, father of Alexander Campbell. The inscription mentions "…the arrival of his family in America 1809…"

In the cemetery at Cane Ridge Meeting House near Paris, Kentucky is the grave of William Rogers. The headstone says William Rogers was "United With The Church Of Christ In 1807." This shows the church of Christ was in existence in the United States at least two years before the Campbell family arrived in America. These two headstones deal a death blow to the thought that Alexander Campbell started the church of Christ and lay to rest the idea that members of the church of Christ are 'Campbellites.' Members of the church of Christ are simply Christians as "…the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). Therefore, when one refers to Christians as 'Campbellites' or says the church of Christ was started by Alexander Campbell, he is either ignorant of the facts or speaks such in slander to prejudice your mind against the church. He cannot name one thing we believe, teach or practice that originated with Campbell, if his life depended on it!

WILLIAM ROGERS
BORN IN
Campbell Co. Va.
July 7, 1754. Removed
With His Father To Caine
Ridge Bourbon Co, Apr, 1798
United With The Church Of
Christ At Cane Ridge In 1807
DIED Feb. 15, 1862.
In The 78 Year Of His Age.
He as the friend of God

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