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Smith included in this issue a report on the revival. As the crowds grew, the meetings continued with similar emotional responses.

Revival at Cane Ridge

The Presbyterians among them at first formed themselves into a Presbytery in 1803, calling it the Independent Presbytery of Springfield, for John Thompson, pastor of the Church of Springfield now Springdale, near Cincinnati, Ohio, was one of those who went off, and that church had the honor of giving a name to the seceders.

A Brief History of the Stone

None was sure when or where it would begin, but many were convinced that God would begin his work of revival. Estimates of attendance ran between 10,000 and 25,000; estimates of the slain from 1,000 to 3,000; estimates of those who took Communion from 800 to 3,000; estimates of conversions, from 1,000 to 3,000. Some Methodists resented their exclusion from the meetinghouse and the tent.

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McGready took pains to circulate the news, but a media campaign was hardly necessary. Religion, as well as education, would have to come later.

Revivals became the primary means of Christianizing the growing and expanding population.

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