

CHURCHES  
of  
WAYNE COUNTY, IOWA

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PART 1, CHURCHES OF TODAY

PART 2, CHURCHES OF YESTERDAY

# ORDER OF CHURCHES IN BOOK

## Part I

Poem  
Clio Christian  
Millerton, M.E.  
Lineville Baptist  
New York Christian  
Corydon Baptist  
Corydon Bible  
Humeston Christian  
Bethel  
Antioch Christian  
Sewal, U.B.  
Cambria Baptist  
Sunny Slope Christian  
Humeston, M.E.  
Confidence Assembly God  
Allerton Presbyterian  
Cambria, M.E.  
Bethlehem Church Christ  
Promise City Christian  
Allerton Nazarene  
Clio Community  
Humeston Baptist  
Clio M.E.  
Lineville, M.E.  
Poem  
Sharon Baptist  
Corydon Christian  
Seymour Assembly of God  
Corydon Pentecostal  
Seymour Christian  
Promise City, M.E.  
Seymour, U.B.  
Allerton Baptist  
Corydon, M.E.  
Corydon Latter Day Saints  
New Zion, M.E.  
Lineville Jehovah Witness  
Confidence Baptist  
Corydon Assembly of God  
Allerton, M.E.  
Seymour, M.E.  
Lineville Assembly of God  
Spring Branch  
Allerton Christian  
Seymour Baptist  
Poem

## Part II

Poem  
Richardson Chapel  
Pleasant View, U.B.  
Genoa, M.E.  
Highland Baptist  
Kniffin, M.E.  
Maple Grove, M.E.  
Bethlehem Baptist  
Good Water, U.B.  
Confidence Christian  
Fry's Chapel  
Jefferson Presbyterian  
New York, Methodist  
Corydon, U.B.  
Lineville Christian  
Humeston Presbyterian  
Humeston Congregational  
Seymour Presbyterian  
Otterbein, U.B.  
German Lutheran  
Unity Baptist  
Bollman Chapel, M.E.  
Promise City Presbyterian  
Zion Hill, M.E.  
Poem  
Mt. Olive, M.E.  
Cambria Christian  
Sewal Christian  
Bethlehem, M.E.  
Jones Chapel, M.E.  
Corydon Presbyterian  
Clinton Chapel, U.B.  
Harvard Community  
Big Springs, U.B.  
Confidence 7th Day Advents  
Lineville Presbyterian  
Harvard, M.E.  
Jones Cemetery  
Bethlehem Christian  
Harvard Baptist  
Corydon Catholic  
Warsaw, M.E.  
Union, South Fork Twp.  
Poem

# FOREWORD

Our forefathers built with sincerity. They built their churches of yesteryear with what means they had. Mammoth structures were beyond them, thus they built more simply. They loved their churches and what they represented. This was a place set apart to worship God, find spiritual joy, and peace in living a life of *faith* in a Divine Being.

Truly they believed "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

St. Matthew, 16:18

I make no apologies for inclusions, omissions or mistakes.

Information was gleaned from personal knowledge, contacts with church members, church bulletins, Association minutes, recorded records and newspaper articles. Every effort has been made to make this book as authentic and complete as possible.

It represents a labor of Love and Humility. If anyone after reading it has become more aware of the sacrifice of our Savior, and their belief in HIM is made stronger then I have fulfilled my mission.

*Ortha Green.*

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# STATISTICS

of

Wayne County Churches

Listed in the Historical Atlas of Iowa, pub. 1875

“This is all denominations. There were 50 organizations with seven denominations, - Baptists 12, -Christian 4, - Congregational 1, - United Brethern 4, - Catholic 1, - Presbyterian 3, - Methodists 25. Edifices 15.”

From that time until 1963 we find there have been 85 churches with 16 different denominations. Thirty-seven churches have gone out of existence, leaving 48 churches with only eleven denominations which are active and hold services, each in its own church.

To-day there are 12 Methodist, 11 Christian, 9 Baptist, 4 Assembly of God, 2 United Brethren, 1 Latter Day Saints, 1 Presbyterian, 1 Bible Church, 1 Jehovah Witness, 1 Nazarene, 1 Pentecostal and 4 are Non-denominational.

Sixty-one people have written Histories and several others furnished bits of information. Fourteen Photographers have taken pictures and there are several pictures by unknown photographers. Four Poets have fitting poems included to make reading more interesting.

# FIRST CHURCH MEETING IN WAYNE COUNTY

by  
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The first religious services ever held in Wayne county, Iowa, so far as can be learned with any certainty, were held by Rev. Joseph Sullivan, at the home of his son, H.P. Sullivan, who lived about one and one-half miles east of the present town of Lineville, Iowa, early in December 1840.

Rev. Sullivan was a Methodist minister who was born in Kentucky Dec. 15, 1792. His wife was Narcissy Duncan, sister of H.P. Duncan, who later came to Iowa. Rev. Sullivan arrived at the home of his son on Nov. 4, 1840. After a month here he made arrangements for the meetings to be held at his son's home. Rev. Sullivan attended and assisted at nearly all the meetings in that vicinity. Those trips were, of course on horseback, and "Riding the Circuit" had its difficulties as at that time in 1840 there were no bridges in the country and no regular roads as we know them, just trails. Rain storms made it necessary to swim the streams, and severe winter blizzards were equally troublesome. Yet in spite of all these drawbacks, they persisted and much credit should be and is given to these early ministers.

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