

Otterbein United Brethren

Information by
Mrs. Rosa Walker of Seymour, Ia.

The Otterbein United Brethren Church was located three miles south of Seymour, Iowa in the S.W. corner of Sec. 36-68-20, Walnut township. It was organized in the year of 1896.

Rev. Walton was an early minister and Maude Pettit was the organist. Hamilton Park gave the land on which the church was built.

Some of the Charter members were;

Hamilton Park, Henry Pettit, J. Bruce Duskin, Noah Pettit, John McAnelly, Nathan Stanton and wife Judy.

The church was bought by the "Believers" and moved to Numa, Iowa around 1920.

For twenty-four years it served as a church home for the good people in that neighborhood.

German Lutheran

Information by
Henry Breuer

There were several families of German ancestry living in this vicinity. Sometimes before 1900, Mary Rinker gave a parcel of land in the N.E. cor. of N.E., Sec. 28-69-23, Clay township, for the erection of a Lutheran Church. (This church appears on an old map of 1897, so it was built before that.) This was at what now is the south junction of highway No. 2 and 65.

Members of several different denominations attended here. Then one year a controversy arose in

regard to the minister. The German families wanted a German preacher, the others did not, but were willing to give half time to each minister. So heated became the issue that the church disbanded.

The building was then turned into a store run by Oscar Caldwell, who several years later sold it to Chris Holma and Dick Gerdes.

Adam and Barbara Trinkaus were members and Mr. Trinkaus was song leader.

Unity Baptist Church

by
Mrs. Clede Poland



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