

Bollman Chapel

Information by
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Bollman Chapel -(Photo by Harry Hibbs)

Bollman Chapel was organized in 1888. Some of the Charter members were;

Joseph Bollman and wife Malissa, Charles Burton and wife Eva, (parents of Earl Burton), Henry Burton and sister Emily Burton, James Smith and wife Ann, Alf. Whitmore, Evan J. Roberts and wife Nancy, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Masters.

Barton Harper, who never belonged to the church, donated cheerfully and left a sizable bequest for the care of the cemetery.

Church services were held in the Brushy School house until the church was built. Everybody walked, or came on horse back to church.

This amusing story is told; One young man always went to sleep during services, and snored loudly. One faithful church woman got tired of this and vowed she would wake him up. One Sunday she carefully rolled the Sunday School paper and at the first snore, whacked the sleeping young buck on top of his head. Desired result, he never went to sleep in church again, but was watchfully awake. When this incident happened no one laughed and the minister went on preaching.

One of the earliest ministers was Rev. Charles Goff, and another one was a Holland Dutchman by the name of Van Dyke. He also preached at the Kniffin Church.

Bollman Chapel Methodist

by
Ortha Green.

In the Wayne County Recorders office in book 34, page 140-141, a deed reads as follows;

Known all men by these present that we Hiram Evans and S.J. Evans, his wife of the county of Wayne, state of Iowa in consideration of the sum of a donation in hand paid to the trustees of Bollman Chapel Methodist Episcopal, of Wayne County, state of Iowa, we do hereby donate and convey to the said trustees and their successors in office the following described premises situated in the county of Wayne, and State of Iowa to-wit; Commencing 30 rds. E. of N.W. corner of the N.W. one fourth of the S.W. one fourth, section 6, township 68, range 20, 5 prime meridian, running south 20 rds., thence east 13 rds., thence north 20 rds. run-

ning thence 13 rds, to place of beginning.

We also further agree to give and bequeath a right of way from said Bollman Chapel to the Cemetery situated on above described land. Said trustees of Bollman Chapel namely; S.A. Havoth, Joseph Bollman, John Gaines, Andrew Ross and J.A. Moxley and their successors in office to have and to hold the same in trust. That said premises shall be used, kept and maintained as a place of Divine Worship for the use of the Ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United State of America, subject to the Disciples usage and Ministril appointments of said Church as from time to time authorized and decreed by the General Conference of said Church and

the Circuit conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated.

If said premises are sold the proceeds of same shall be disposed of in accordance with the Disciples of said Methodist Episcopal Church. Whenever said lot is abandoned as a church site the land is to revert back to original land with the exception of the right of way to the Cemetery.

February 27, 1888.
Hiram Evans,
S.J. Evans.

J.A. Moxley,
Justice of Peace.

Bollman Chapel was located in Walnut township, seven miles north west of Seymour, Iowa. In 1906, Rev. J.C. Core took charge of Bollman Chapel, uniting five different denominations. He served as pastor for six and one half years. Donald L. McKay, 1932.

In 1935 the trustees of the church were; Earl Burton, Hugh Roberts and Katie Roberts.