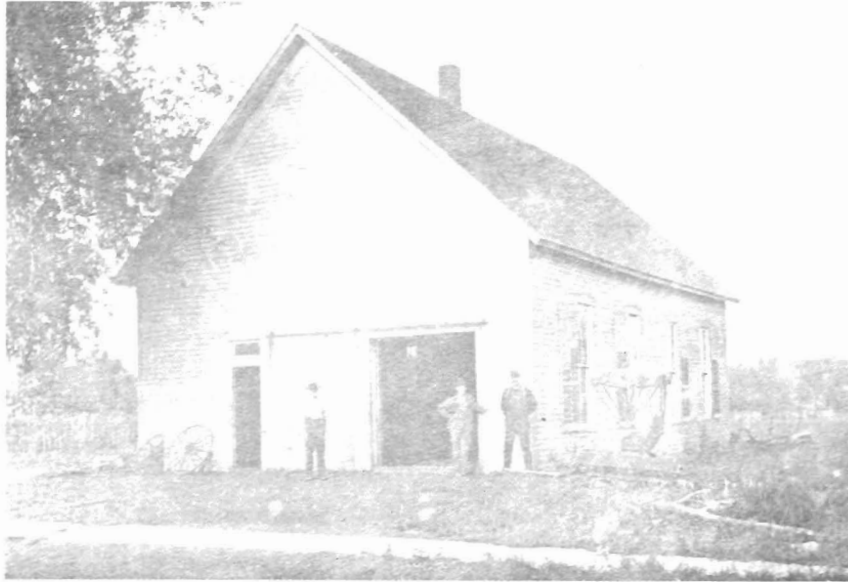


United Presbyterian Church

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United Presbyterian Church-Promise City

The United Presbyterian Church was the first church built in the town of Promise City, and it was erected in the year of 1871. It stood in the south east part of the village. A new church was built in 1882 at a cost of \$1200.00. The board for the first church was Jim Little, Ssm Milligan and Mr. Kirkpatrick. At one time the membership was thirty-five.

From the Synod of Iowa we get the following information; Charter members were twenty-two. Ministers serving were; 1871 stated supply, 1872 J.P. Bringle, 1873-75 vacant, 1876-78 supply, 1879 vacant, 1880 supply, 1881 J.P. Bringle, 1882 vacant, 1883-84 D.H.

Stewart, 1885 C.S. McElhinney, 1886 vacant, C.S. McElhinney, 1886 G.H. Putnam, 1889 vacant, 1890 G.H. Putnam, 1891 supply, 1892 vacant, 1893-94 stated supply, 1895-99 S.H. King, 1900 A.M. Eells.

From a 1661 statement it is said of a Presbyterian group from Scotland settling in Ireland.

“There came from Scotland’s storied land
To Carrick’s old and fortified town
A Presbyterian band.

They planted on the castle wall
The banner of the blue;

They worshiped God in simple form,
As Presbyterians do.”