

Jones Chapel

by
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Information from the Recorders Office and the Times Republican. From articles of Incorporation book 1, page 257 we find the following;

Be it known that we whose names are subscribed, citizens of Iowa, -under authority of the statutes of the said state, in that behalf we consolidate ourselves and such other persons as may hereafter become members of the corporation hereby formed into a body politic and corporation, assign to and for the said corporation, all the rights, powers privileges granted and conferred by the laws of the state of Iowa upon corporations of the kind hereby formed and created and under and in pursuance of said statutes do hereby make and adopt the following;

- 1, - Name of this society shall be Jones Chapel Methodist Episcopal, of Wayne county, Iowa.
- 2, - Purpose of conducting and maintaining religious services and worship in accordance with the forms and usages of the Methodist Episcopal as set forth in the Discipline of said M.E. as adopted and recognized from time to time by General Conference.
- 3, - Place where principal business of corporation is to be transacted is Jones Chapel, Wayne county, Iowa.
- 4, - Members of the society shall at all times consist of members of the local church connected therewith as shown by church records.
- 5, - Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, as such officers as the By-laws and Discipline of the church may provide, including a Board of Trustees composed of six persons, two-thirds of whom shall be members of the church.
All vacancies to be filled at Quarterly Conference.
- 6, - Officers are to be chosen annually.

- 7, - Property to be used for ministers and religious services, etc.
- 8, - This church assumes the rights and powers of Methodist Episcopal Disciplines.
- 9, - This church shall be under the direction of the Bishop, Presiding Elders, Pastors and Quarterly Conference.
- 10, - To be managed and controlled by a board of trustees, under rules of the Conference.

The Trustees for one year or until their successors are appointed are; W.P. Jones, - John T. Fennell, - Wm. Bracewell, - Dyas Niell, - W.E. Bracewell and Charles Jones.

Rev. E.C. Martin, Presiding Elder and the Lineville Quarterly Conference were officers conducting said election.

Dated May 28, 1891

Jas. S. Dennisin, Notary Public.

On May 28, 1891, W.P. Jones and Mary his wife deeded to Jones Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church a portion of land in the S.W. corner of Sec. 18- 67 -22, Clinton township, 10 rods by 16 rods, one acre or less for the sum of \$50.00 to be used for church purposes. When no longer used as such the tract reverts to the land. (book 37, page 207).

July 4, 1917,- A special series of evangelistic services at Jones' Chapel closed as such on Sabbath night and on Monday evening the Pastor and the Clio Gospel Team went down to Seymour and with the church and converts held a "hallelujah" meeting with 16 conversions.

Thursday June 22, 1918, Pastor Phelps and Frank Lister went to Seymour to Dist. Conference of Chariton district M.E. Church, while there Mr. Lister was licensed as a local preacher (He has since been ordained and is a prominent minister.)

Rev. J.V. Corder was pastor the winter of 1918 during the "Flu" epidemic. Church sold to George Shelton and torn down in 1925.