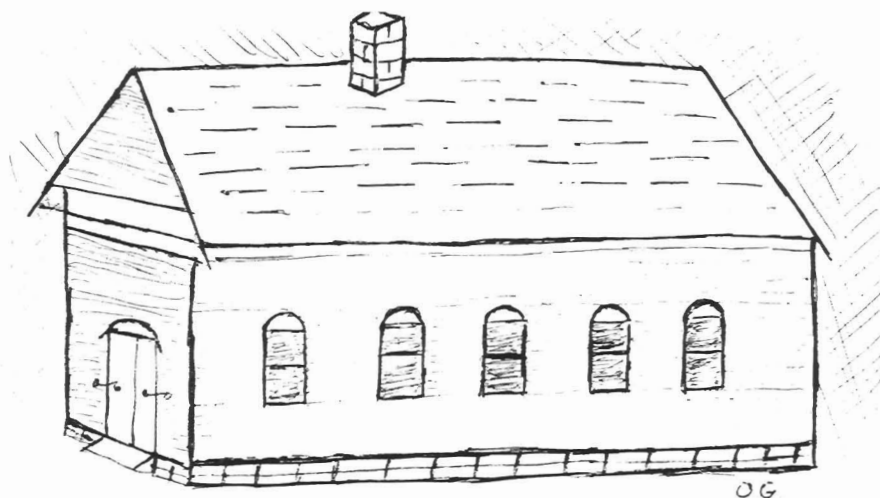


Seventh Day Adventist Church

by Ortha Green



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“The Seventh Day Adventist Church of Confidence, Iowa was incorporated Dec. 19, 1887 with A.K. Robertson, Edward Roderick and Joseph Johnson trustees and Ella Robertson as secretary.”

“Many of the citizens of Confidence and vicinity greatly feel the need of a church building in their midst which shall be open to all christian people and workers of whatsoever order.”

“Said building to be owned and controlled by the Seventh Day Adventist people but with this expressed provision, that said house shall be free to all christian denominations for religious worship when not occupied by Adventist people, and when deeded this clause shall be incorporated in the conveyance.”

They met on June 20, 1887 at the schoolhouse in the village of Confidence to obtain subscriptions for building the church and this is a list of donors; A.M. Corbit, Joseph, Charles, John and Henry Johnson, J.W. Hook, W.T. Howell, John W. Sayer, W.M. Carpenter, Edward Roderick, Matthew Larson, S.D. Harper, W.S. White, A.W. and A.K. Robertson, Foster Hawk, Cora Farmer, B.F. Jared, Samuel Wright, B.F. Burns, Newton and S. Morlan, J.S. Rimmer, N. DeVore, Oliver Hixenbaugh, M.B. Sampson, Jacob Wilt, John H. Raikes and Ed. Mosby. The smallest amount was \$1. and the largest \$104. which was donated by Mr. Larson. Total \$544 raised.

The property for the church was purchased Feb. 7, 1887 from John M. Given for the sum of \$25.

The building of the church was commenced in Nov. 1887, with A.K. Robertson, chairman, J.W. Given Sec. and J.S. Rimmer Treas., of the building committee. The building was completed in Dec. 1888, at a

cost of \$543.70 including work and was received by the church Dec. 29, 1888. The carpenters who built the church were; A.G. Duer, S. Talkington and F. Fenley.

The seats were made by L.O.M. Kinley and the labor was \$12. (There must have been 30 or 40, most of them ten or twelve feet long and well made, lasting 75 years.)

On April 6, 1889 the church elected officers being Elder, Matthew Larson, Trustees, A.K. Robertson, Nathan DeVore and Joseph Johnson, Church Clerk, Ella Robertson.

The names H.J. Schneppe and C.F. Stevens, listed as receiving money, so presumed to be the Pastors.

Here are the names of the tithers of the church; Corbit, Larson, Church, Crosby, Laing, Norton, Buoy, Fox, Cross, Rimmer, Bennett, King, Johnson, Bryant, Carver and Steck. The amounts of tithing were very small and some quarters of the year no money at all was received. Members moved away, interest lagged and the property was sold for taxes. A sheriff's deed was made May 27, 1914 by A.J. Surbaugh, the county sheriff, and thus ended a religious denomination.

The writer has personal knowledge that not all of the tithers and donors were members of this religious group, but the site of this church was destined to be used for religious services, as it was bought by the Baptist denomination.

The old church books were given to the writer by the Earl Bennett family, from which the history was taken.