

# Big Springs United Brethren Church

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Big Springs Church, (Photo by Lelah Schultz)

The Big Springs United Brethren Church was built in 1852. G. Riley Massey hauling the first load of lumber. His father came to Wayne county in 1876 and was a blacksmith. Following the organization of the class (church) John Johnson sawed the lumber by night, donating work and material.

Those contributing money and time toward the building were; James Crouch, Wm. Hutchins, David Clark, E.E. Bay, and Marshall Brown.

Rev. Whitlock was the first pastor, also Rev. E.C. Opie.

From the recorders office, in book 32, page 365 we find;

On February 8, 1887 Wm. Hutchins and wife Margaret deeded to M. Brown, Wm. Hutchins, J. Crouch, D. P. Clark and W.P. Brown a tract of land commencing 30 rods west of the corner of the S.W., S.W., Sec. 17-68-23, (Jefferson Twp.) being a 16 x 15 rod plot containing 1½ acres of ground to be used for church purposes of all denominations when not in use by the United Brethren.

The church was incorporated February 23, 1898. The incorporators and trustees at that time were; James Krouch, D.A. Jackson and Lot Conwell.

The church burned a number of years ago.