

# Old Churches

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## Orange County

New York

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*First Presbyterian, Goshen; Goodwill Presbyterian,  
Montgomery; Bethlehem Presbyterian, Cornwall;  
Blooming Grove Congregational, Blooming Grove;  
First Presbyterian, Newburgh*

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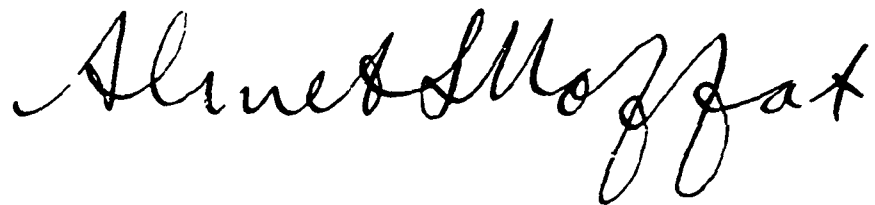
This little Brochure is, in all humility, dedicated to the members of The Orange County Society of New York City, members of five of the oldest churches of Orange County, New York, and the good people of the county, in general, among whom are many beloved relatives, valued friends and respected acquaintances.

It may possibly be looked upon by some as an unwarranted intrusion and a bumptious assumption to aspire to literary notoriety, but I can conscientiously assure them that such motives have not induced me to put forth this crude and imperfect effort. Only a sincere desire to perpetuate the memory of the heroic pioneers, who founded those historic old churches, has induced me to briefly record their many virtues, honest religious faith and patriotic courage, without in the least reflecting upon the religious belief of any sect or creed.

Although compiled from the best historical records extant, I am not unmindful of the many errors and shortcomings incident to so brief and imperfect a publication. What reception this simple recital of historical data may find I am not solicitous to know, save that those who may indulge in captious criticism, accord to myself the same measure of charity for honest candor which I shall cheerfully accord to them.

In this spirit I leave this little publication to the consideration and kindness of the good people of Orange County with the hope that it will be considered an humble effort to perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead and inspire the religious faith and patriotism of the living.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin S. Moffat". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Very sincerely," text.

Washingtonville,  
Orange County, N. Y.,  
November, 1927.



## THE ORANGE COUNTY SOCIETY

The Orange County Society in the City of New York was organized at a meeting held at the Republican Club, No. 54 West 40th Street, New York City, on March 27, 1916, pursuant to a call therefor. The following named gentlemen were present at that meeting:

James G. Graham, John P. Cohalan, General Frederick A. Smith, Clarence G. Fay, C. B. Hill, James E. Landy, A. S. Keeler, C. P. Berdell, Jr., E. P. Redfield, H. Murray Lamont, William Quaid, Dr. G. L. Stivers, W. N. Sanford, H. E. Colwell, Dr. Stafford McLean, A. N. Chambers, R. E. Thibaut, S. S. Tuthill, T. L. Chrystie, and D. B. Luckey. At this meeting the following named were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year:

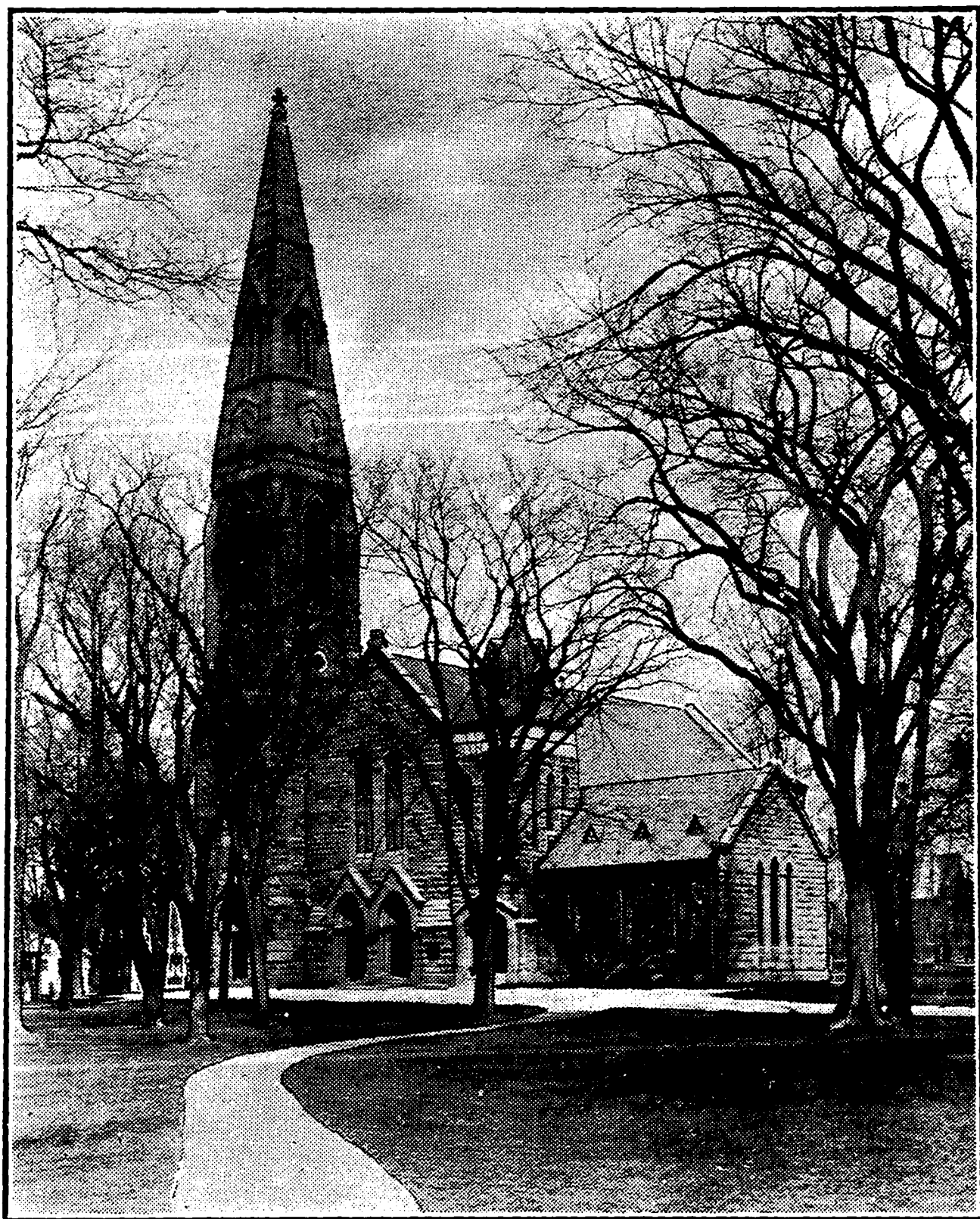
President, John B. Kerr; Vice-Presidents, Robert E. Deyo, Charles E. Rushmore, Gates W. McGarrah, Scott Foster; Secretary, James G. Graham; Treasurer, David B. Luckey; Directors, Judge Daniel F. Cohalan, William S. Bennett, A. N. Chambers, MacGrane Coxe, Frank O. Roe, William M. Sanford, R. E. Thibaut, E. P. Redfield.

The Society is incorporated under the provisions of the Membership Corporation Law, under the name of the "Orange County Society in the City of New York."

Any man of good standing, who is a native or a descendant of a native of Orange County, or who has resided therein for three years, or who is a descendant of a member, shall be eligible to membership in the Society. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and directors, and the transaction of other business is held on the first Monday of December. The Society holds an annual dinner during the Winter season which is always well attended.

The following named gentlemen have filled the office of President: John B. Kerr, Gates W. McGarrah, MacGrane Coxe, Benjamin B. Odell, Hon. Russell Wiggins, Lawrence F. Abbott and Frank O. Roe.





**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Goshen, New York





## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Goshen, N. Y.

The First Presbyterian Church of Goshen undoubtedly has the distinction of being the oldest religious organization in the County of Orange. Ruttenber's History of the County of Orange says: "There is ample evidence of a collateral nature to show that the Presbyterian Church of Goshen was organized as early as 1721. The dates of legal papers conveying property to the church and the regular call and settlement of a pastor establish this fact. There are, however, no church records in the possession of the society showing either facts, dates, or names for the succeeding sixty years. The founders of the church were doubtless in the main, the founders of Goshen."

Local tradition records that as early as 1715 a small congregation assembled in Goshen to hear the preaching of an itinerant clergyman by the name of Treat.

At the laying of the corner stone of the present edifice, May 11, 1869, the Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, Pastor of the church, in his address said:

"During the year 1720 there was preaching in the settlement occasionally by a clergyman by the name of Treat, but in 1721 a call was made upon the Rev. John Bradner, who accepted the invitation, and was installed that year as the first Pastor. He was ordained to the ministry in 1714 and was settled for some years before he came to Goshen at Cape May in the State of New Jersey. He died in 1732 and his remains are with us today.

"In 1724 a committee was appointed to superintend the erection of the first house of worship. There are no particulars on record as to the character, dimensions, or completion of this building, but it is well-known to have been a wooden structure, and to have occupied the ground on which the Court House



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now stands. This building continued to accommodate the congregation up to the year 1810. In January of that year a committee was appointed to take into consideration the erection of a new building. This new building was completed in 1813 at a cost of \$14,000, and was dedicated in August of that year."

The present spacious and majestic temple was dedicated November 22, 1871. It is built of rough-cut blue lime-stone. A spire of solid stone rises from one front corner of the church to a height of 186 feet from the ground. This is supplemented by a campanile tower 70 feet high at the other corner of the chapel entrance. The bell hangs in the main tower. Above it is the town clock with four dials. The main auditorium with its large gallery is capable of seating more than a thousand people. The church owns a splendid manse and a fine large parish house.

During the two centuries since the installation of the first Pastor there has been but twelve Pastors in that long period, and no considerable time has intervened in the succession of Pastors. Their names and years of service are:

Rev. John Bradner.....	1721-1732
Rev. Silas Leonard.....	1734-1754
Rev. Abner Brush.....	1758-1766
Rev. Nathan Ker, A. M.....	1766-1804
Rev. Isaac Lewis.....	1805-1812
Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D.....	1813-1833
Rev. James P. Johnson.....	1835-1839
Rev. Robert McCartee, D. D.....	1840-1849
Rev. William D. Snodgrass, D. D.....	1849-1885
Rev. Robert Bruce Clark, D. D.....	1885-1902
Rev. Francis Stoddard Haines.....	1903-1922
Rev. George Hamilton Scofield, Ph. D.....	1922

Dr. George H. Scofield, the present pastor, was born in East Newark, N. J. He is the son and grandson of Presbyterian clergymen. Upon graduation from New York University in 1911 he was awarded the Philosophical Fellowship and membership in the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa. He is also a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and has taken post-graduate courses at N. Y. U., Columbia and other educational institutions, receiving the academic degrees of M. A. and Ph. D.

He served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Highland, N. Y., from 1913-1922, and since then has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen.

Tusculum College, one of the oldest Presbyterian institutions of learning, conferred upon him in 1926 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in recognition of his Christian service for young people. He has the distinction of being the youngest person to receive that degree from the college. For several years he has been vice-president of the New York State C. E. Union,

a director of the Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts and other young people's organizations.

Dr. Scofield is a Chaplain in the Organized Reserves of the U. S. Army, a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar. He has traveled extensively in the United States and abroad.

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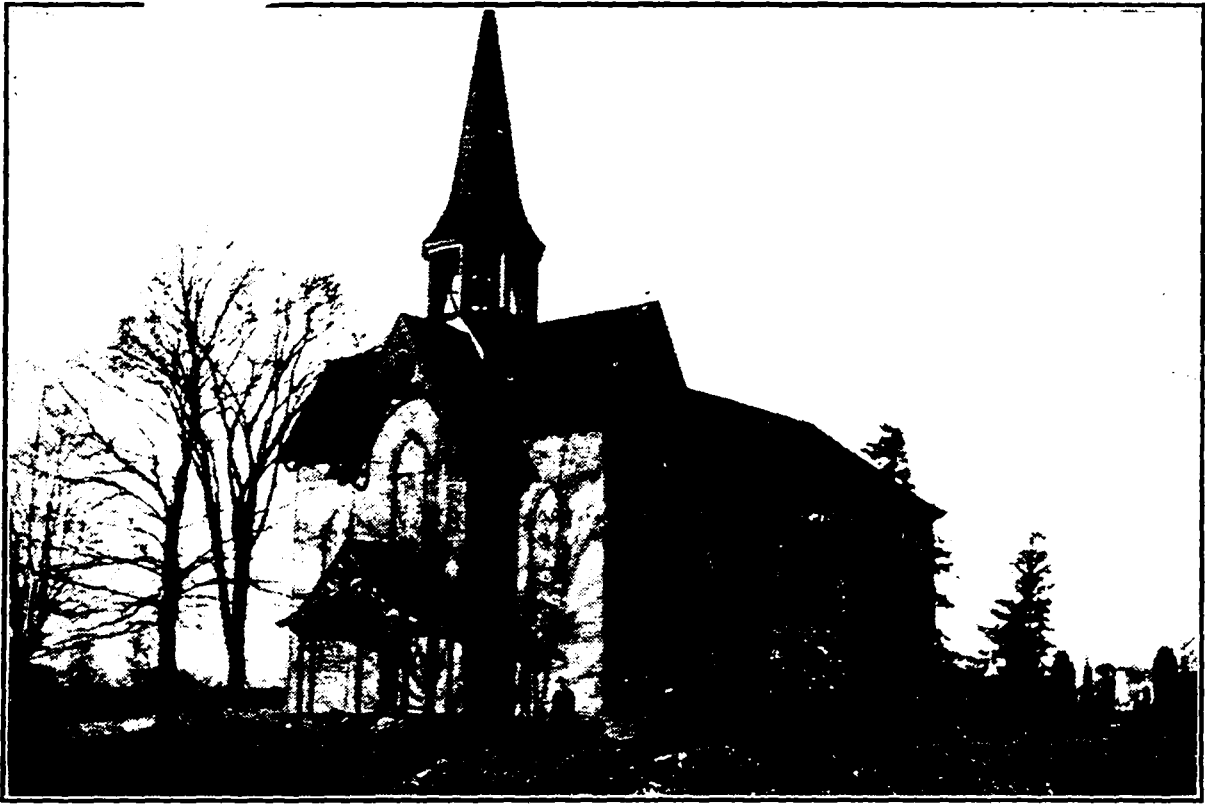
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**GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
Town of Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y.**

The original house of worship was probably built of logs. The church records show that the frame of the present edifice, of solid oak, was erected between 1763 and 1765. After an existence of over one hundred and sixty years, it is still staunch and strong, although it has been remodeled and modernized, twice, first in 1830, and again in 1870.



# GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Town of Montgomery, N. Y.

Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Town of Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y., has the distinction of being the oldest of its denomination but one, in the State, west of the Hudson River, and one of the first twenty-six Presbyterian Churches organized in this country. It also has the added distinction of being the second oldest church in Orange County.

It was established by Scotch-Irish settlers who first settled in this community, possibly as early as 1720, but the early records of this religious organization have been lost and its history previous to 1729 is shrouded in obscurity. From the records of the Synod of Philadelphia, however, it appears that in September, 1729, they sent a commissioner in the person of John McNeal, to said Synod, who represented the organization, and came before that body "to secure supplies of preaching among them." Whether they had at this time any formal organization, as a church, cannot be ascertained, as the early records of the Presbytery of Philadelphia are also lost. The year 1729 has, therefore, been taken as the date of the establishment of the church, as through John McNeal the church made application to be taken under the care of the Philadelphia Presbytery.



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The settlement was at that time known as Wallkill, and the church was naturally known as the "Wallkill Church," though Goodwill is the name incorporated in the deed of the ground on which the church stands, dated November 9, 1741, and was probably its corporate name from the first. Ruttenber's History states: "The territory which contributed to its membership came to be very extensive as the settlement enlarged, hence it is not strange to find this a mother of churches, as many as seven or eight having more or less directly sprung from it, some

through bitter controversy, and some in the natural order of growth."

The first structure is believed to have been erected in 1735, although there was some rude building set apart for religious worship some years before this. The Rev. James Milligan Dickson, a former pastor of the church, who delivered a historical address at the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the church on July 20, 1876, said: "In the deed of a highway from the Town of Shawangunk to the Goshen line occurs the following in describing the route, 'by or neare the meeting house, now erecting neare the settlement of Adam Graham.' The date of this is September 1, 1735. The next church building was erected in 1765, which is still standing, and constitutes the main framework of the present structure. In 1830 this building was again remodeled. In 1871 the building was again remodeled."

A few years ago, a former resident of Montgomery, the Hon. William Graham, of Dubuke, Ia., then in his 91st year, contributed to the *Westminister Bulletin* the following interesting sketch concerning the traditions of Goodwill Church, which, aside from its humorous feature, serves to illustrate the stern and steadfast fortitude of the pioneers who founded and kept alive this early religious society, as well as the customs of those times. He relates:

"When the building was first erected there was no provision for heating it, though two services were held in it every Sunday, both Summer and Winter, and many of the congregation rode from ten to twenty miles to attend them. Every woman who came was provided with a foot-stove in cold weather—a box of perforated tin, enclosed in a wooden frame, in which was an iron saucer filled with live hickory coals. On their arrival they would report first at the tavern on the opposite side of the road, and when the men were thawing out in front of the huge fireplace, the women would replenish their foot-stoves with hickory coals, of which the landlord always provided a plentiful supply, and the women and children were insured against cold feet. As for the men, they were expected to 'grin and bear it.'"

"As the services were separated by an hour's intermission, the entire congregation would again adjourn to the tavern, where the women not only replenished their foot-stoves, but each woman and child was provided with a glass of 'cordial,' and each man with a glass of 'flip,' while the minister was given a separate room and a glass of 'toddy.' Thus all were insured against taking cold during the second service."

"During the pastorate of the Rev. Andrew King, who was installed in 1776, and served as pastor until his death in 1815, someone suggested that it would be a good plan to install a stove, to mitigate the temperature of the church, as stoves were then



quite a novelty and were coming into use. Forthwith two parties arose among the people, and many were the arguments pro and con over the matter, and as usual each party became at the end of each argument more firmly convinced that it had the right side. The progressive pro-stove party won and the stove was put up.

"The next Sunday after the stove was installed was bitterly cold, and the progressives did not find it too warm, but not so with the anti-stove party. On entering the church they sniffed the hot air, the women loosened their wraps, some laying them aside altogether, while the men removed their overcoats. One man suffered so with the heat that he removed his coat and sat through the service in his shirt sleeves, while one woman was so overcome with the terrific heat that she fainted and had to be carried over to the tavern and revived with a glass of 'toddy.' The anti-stove faction were also quite indignant by reason of the smiling faces and significant winks of the pro-stove faction, and it became evident that the stove would bring endless trouble.

"At intermission it developed that the pro-stove faction had not built a fire in the stove, as they were afraid of setting the building afire with the 'new-fangled thing' and would be charged with burning up the church. The ridiculous exhibition that the antis had made was so humorous that opposition to the stove died out then and there."

During the long period of its existence the church has had only ten Pastors. They are: Rev. Joseph Houston, installed 1740, died on October 20 the same year; Rev. John Moffat, installed 1751, but when his pastorate ceased is not definitely known, but it was undoubtedly between the years 1765 and 1769; Rev. John Blair, installed May 19, 1769, died December 8, 1771; Rev. Andrew King, installed June 11, 1776, died Nov. 15, 1815; Rev. Robert W. Condit, installed December 13, 1820, remained pastor for ~~45~~ years, resigning in 1865, died February 13, 1871; Rev. William Blain, installed July 27, 1830, died June 9, 1857; Rev. David M. Maclise, installed June 17, 1856, resigned 1869; Rev. James Milligan Dickson, installed February 15, 1870, resigned 1883; Rev. David F. Bonner, D. D., installed 1883, resigned 1891; Rev. John H. Thompson, the present pastor, installed 1891.

The present Pastor, the Rev. John H. Thompson, was born in the Town of Stillwater, N. Y., on the site of the Saratoga Battlefield, in 1862. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1887, from Princeton Seminary in 1890. He was Stated Clerk of Hudson Presbytery for nineteen years.

On Thursday, September 29, 1904, Goodwill Church celebrated its one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary.

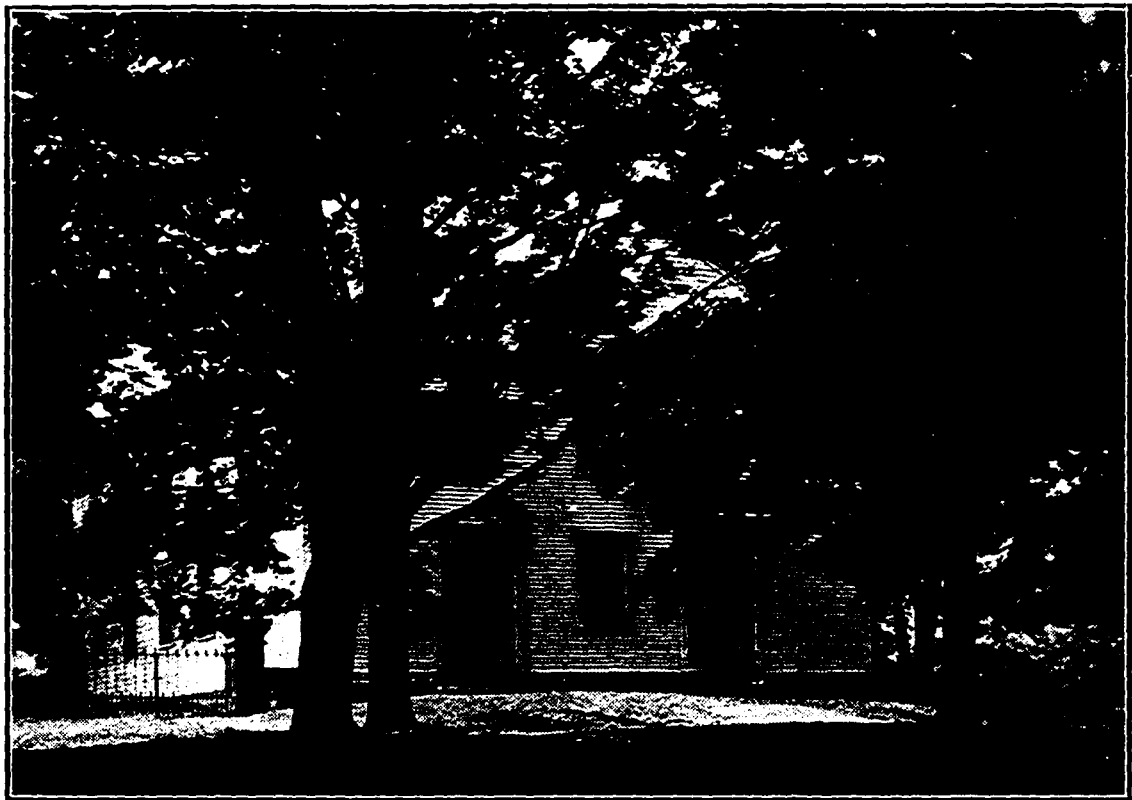
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BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
Town of Cornwall, N. Y.



# BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Cornwall, N. Y.

Bethlehem Presbyterian Church enjoys the distinction of being the third oldest Presbyterian congregation organized north of the Highlands and west of the Hudson River, and the further distinction of being the third oldest religious organization in the County of Orange.

The congregation is composed of residents of the Towns of Cornwall, New Windsor and Blooming Grove. The church edifice stands in the Town of Cornwall, on the main highway leading west from Newburgh towards Washingtonville, Chester and Goshen.

The first church building was erected in 1729, although previous to that date the inhabitants worshipped at various places in the immediate vicinity. For a considerable time the congregation did not enjoy the advantages of a stated ministry, but were dependent upon such occasional

services as they could obtain. The Presbyterian Congregation of Bethlehem was incorporated by a certificate filed April 30, 1785. The Trustees named in the instrument were William Denniston, James Kernaghan, Samuel Moffat, Jr., James Clinton, George Denniston, Samuel Ketcham, William Moffat, Joseph Chandler, two of the elders of the church. This was the legal organization under the laws of the State, of a church which had already existed for many years under Colonial authority.

The first minister who resided and labored among them was the Rev. Isaac Chalker, whose labors commenced in 1735 and terminated in 1743. His successors, their periods of service and other details are stated elsewhere. The first church edifice, after being in use ninety-nine years, was demolished and replaced by the present building which was erected in 1828. It was repaired and reseated in 1872. The first parsonage was built in 1735, repaired and painted in 1774. The present parsonage was built in 1837. The burying ground, where the fore-



REV. IRVING MAXWELL  
Pastor, 1919-1923

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fathers sleep "the sleep that knows no waking," contains the remains of many prominent residents of that locality who were leaders in affairs in the early days of the Republic. This ancient cemetery was enlarged in 1868 by the purchase of four acres which were appropriately divided into lots. It is still kept in excellent condition, and contains the graves of scores of the early pioneers who settled in this locality nearly two hundred years ago, many of whom were Revolutionary soldiers. The graves of soldiers participating in all the wars of the Republic to the present time are also numerous here.

As one wanders about this ancient cemetery and reads the inscriptions on the old headstones, there are found in plenty such well-known names as Moffat, Tuthill, Howell, Strong, Clinton, Smith and many others of prominence over a century ago, the descendants of whom are now scattered all over the United States.

The following brief record of the two church buildings, parsonage, burying ground and pastorates of Bethlehem Church was compiled by the late David F. Wood in 1895, largely from the official church records:

Old church built.....	1729
Parsonage built .....	1735
Parsonage repaired and painted.....	1774
Present church built.....	1828
New Parsonage built.....	1837
Burying Ground enlarged.....	1868
Church reseated .....	1872

#### PASTORATES—PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON

Rev. Isaac Chalker.....	1735 to 1743
Vacant seven years.....	1743 to 1750
Rev. Enos Ayers.....	1750 Died 1762
Vacant five years.....	1762 to 1767
Rev. Francis Peppard.....	1767 to 1771
Vacant two years.....	1771 to 1773
Rev. John Close—Stated Supply.....	1773 to 1785
Vacant thirteen years.....	1785 to 1798
Jonathan Freeman.....	April, 1798 to February, 1801
Vacant two years.....	1801 to 1803
Joel T. Benedict....	November 13, 1803 to October 8, 1808
Henry Ford.....	August 5, 1809 to December 20, 1812
Artemus Dean.....	June 25, 1814 to February 3, 1842
Jonathan D. Hubbard..	August 11, 1842 to December 9, 1845
John N. Lewis.....	June 1, 1846 to February 4, 1854

#### PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER

Robert H. Beattie.....	October 2, 1854 to May 5, 1866
William A. Holliday....	November 27, 1866 to May 4, 1872
David J. Atwater.....	May 1, 1873 to March 16, 1891
George Campbell.....	April 26, 1893 to July 30, 1893
F. Lincoln Cornish....	June 28, 1894 to November 29, 1896
Irving Maxwell.....	February 24, 1897 to December 1, 1918
William O. Nagle.....	June 16, 1919, to April 15, 1923
Ralph De Kay.....	September 27, 1925, to April 15, 1927

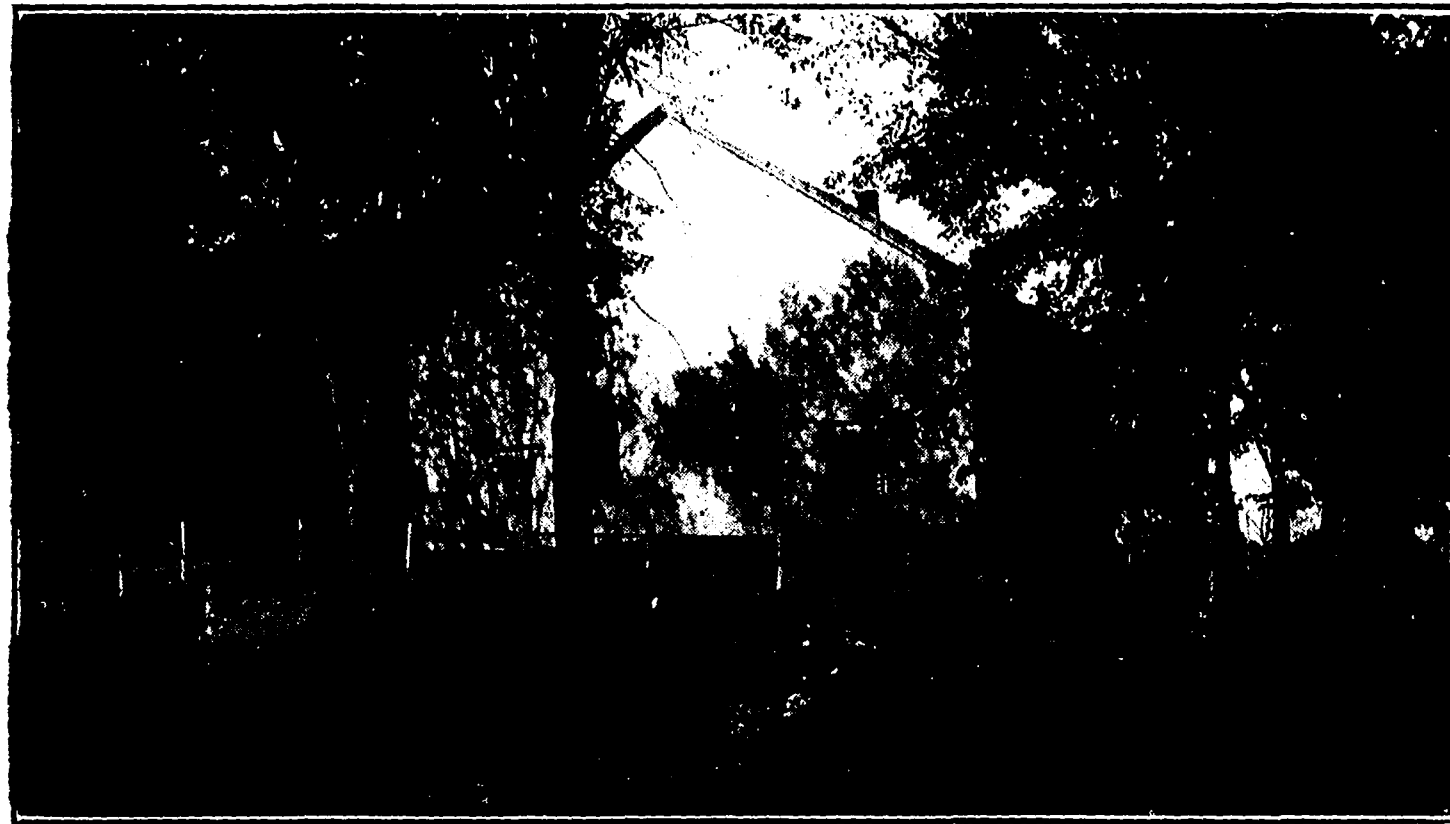
**MEMBERS OF BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
TOWN OF CORNWALL, N. Y., 1927**

Mrs. M. M. Barley, J. Bernard Bate, Oscar M. Bate, W. H. Baxter, Mrs. Anna F. Baxter, W. Clifford Baxter, C. Calvin Baxter, Mrs. Luella Baxter, O. C. Benedict, Mrs. Ruth Benedict, Howard O. Benedict, Mrs. Eva B. Benedict, Miss Eva B. Benedict, Miss Louisa Benedict, Miss M. Adele Bigler, John F. Bigler, Mrs. Rebecca R. Bigler, Miss Elizabeth Bigler, Mrs. A. T. Blackman, Walter H. Brown, Mrs. Walter H. Brown, Franklin S. Brown, Miss Ruth D. Brown, Mrs. Mabel C. Brundage, Stephen Brundage, Oren J. Chandler, Mrs. Anna V. Chandler, Beatrice Chandler, Mary C. Chandler, Mrs. Elizabeth Cameron, Henry R. Chandler, Miss Ann Christian, Miss Grace A. Clark, Miss Clara M. Clark, Mrs. Jesse T. Clayton, Miss Lula B. Cleaves, Mrs. Hilda Louise Clouser, Mabel Cox, Mrs. Bertha Clark, Joseph Corkedale, John Corkedale, James H. Cooper, Mrs. Mary E. Cooper, James H. Cooper, Jr., Samuel Craig, Mrs. Samuel Craig, George W. Cooper, Lewis T. Cooper, Miss Mary V. Cooper, Charles M. Denniston, Mrs. Francis F. Denniston, Mrs. Dora J. DeWitt, Mrs. William Downie, Miss Jeanie Findlay, Mrs. John Frost, Floyd Frost, George R. Fundin.

Mrs. Lizzie Garrison, John D. Garrison, Mrs. Elizabeth Germain, Charles V. Gorse, Mrs. Anna M. Gorse, Sylvester Gorse, Miss Alma Gorse, Miss Virginia Gorse, Elizabeth Henderson, Philip Hengst, Frederick Hookey, Charles W. Hunter, Mrs. Clara A. Ahrens, Charles W. Hunter, Jr., Lucy Marie Hunter, Emily DeWitt Hunter, Mrs. Bessie D. Henry, Ralph Hunter, Miss Bessie Horton, Mrs. Viola Johnson, Mrs. Francis Johnston, Marion Lewis, Miss Jennie Lord, Arthur O. Mahary, Mrs. Olive S. Mahary, Arthur O. Mahary, Jr., Mrs. Lillie McLoughlin.

Frank A. Peck, Mrs. Josie C. Peck, Mrs. Alice M. Ruckdeschel, Mrs. Luella Ruth Cox, Mrs. Mary C. Roberts, Emory Roberts, Robert A. Ruckdeschel, Virginia Robinson, Chester Roberts, Mrs. Clara M. Schmidt, Mrs. Caroline H. Satterly, Mrs. Frances S. Satterly, C. Scott Satterly, George S. Satterly, Miss Ina C. Schultz, Marcus K. Schultz, Miss Gretta Schultz, Robert L. Schultz, Mrs. Mary J. Seaman, Mrs. Jennie B. O'Hara, Frederick Seaman, Alvin Seaman, Mrs. Martha J. Seaman, Clemence C. Smith, Mrs. Ella R. Smith, Mary Florence Smith, Jacob Steidle, Mrs. Jacob Steidle, William Steidle, Miss Matilda Steidle, Wallace Stockwell, Miss Elizabeth Stoess, Miss Mildred Stoess, Mrs. Katherine Sinsabaugh, Harry G. Sinsabaugh, Mrs. Lizzie Sinsabaugh, Herbert Sinsabaugh, Mrs. Anna Sinsabaugh.

Mrs. Sadie F. Tannery, Miss Marguerite Tannery, Andrew Thompson, Mrs. Emma W. Thompson, Miss Sadie Thompson, Miss Henrietta M. Thompson, Mrs. Jesse F. Thurston, Mrs. A. F. Tiebohl, Herman Tiebohl, Mrs. Helen S. Turner, Ethelbert F. Taylor, Mrs. M. Louise Taylor, Miss E. Louise Tyler, Miss G. Helene Tyler, Clara M. G. Tyler, Edward Terwilliger, Mrs. Ruby Terwilliger, Mrs. Grace Hunter, Duane Weber, Frank Wentink, Mrs. Emily Wentink, Dorothy Wentink, Mrs. Annie S. Windas, Mrs. Olive Weber, Charles E. Wright, Mrs. Obediah Berger, Ida M. Wright, Mrs. Grace K. Wright, Mrs. Marion W. Cox, Ralph Wright, Miss Rachel E. Wright, Augustus Wright, Willard York.



**BLOOMING GROVE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**Town of Blooming Grove, N. Y.**

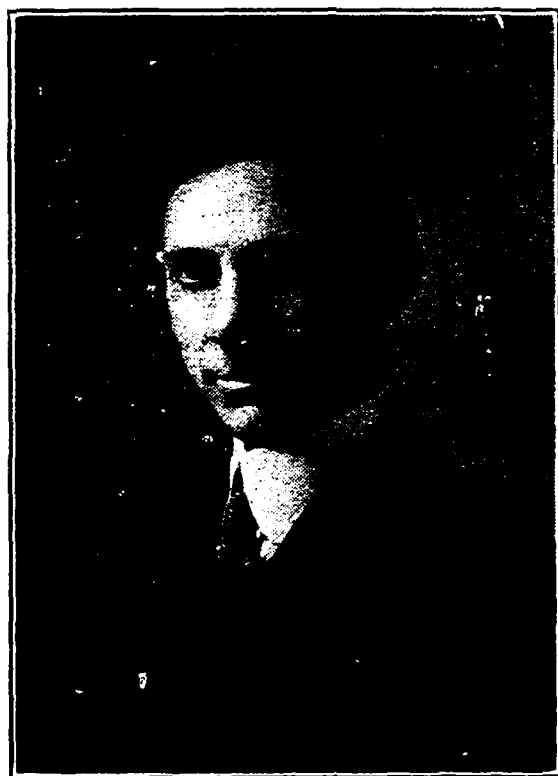


# BLOOMING GROVE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Town of Blooming Grove, N. Y.

Blooming Grove Congregational Church is situated in the Town of Blooming Grove, Orange County, New York, twelve miles west of the Hudson River, and two miles west of the Village of Washingtonville, on the main road running from the City of Newburgh to the Villages of Chester, Warwick and Goshen.

The first congregation was formed in 1759, by early pioneers settling in this section, who came chiefly from Suffolk County, Long Island, many of whom were descendants of the Pilgrims. The first house of worship was erected in the same year. It was a small wooden structure, painted yellow, and stood on the spot of the present edifice, facing the road. It was demolished in 1823 and the present church building erected in the same year, which covers not only the space occupied by the first church, but the cemetery in which are interred the remains



REV. A. ELWOOD CORNING

of three of the former pastors of the congregation, viz.: Revs. Enos Ayres, Benoni Bradner and Samuel Parkhurst.

The present building, erected in 1823, is a wooden structure, 75 feet long and 68 feet wide; has neither a steeple or bell and the audience room is devoid of central supports or pillars. The frame is made of massive oak timbers, hewed from the adjacent forests, and fastened together with wooden pins. The roof and sides were formerly covered with cedar shingles, three feet long, and one foot wide, with one foot exposure; the sides are still covered with these original shingles but the roof is now covered with modern slate roofing. There are two entrance doors, one at each side of the front end, each of which open into a small vestibule, from which ascends a stairway to the gallery, which in olden days extended across the entire end of the church.

The centre of the gallery was occupied by the choir and each end by colored slaves, the men in one gallery and the women in the other. The choir in early days was a large one and consisted of a full orchestra comprising bass vials, violas, violins, flutes and brass horns, and on many occasions numbered fifty voices.

The pulpit is midway between the entrance doors. In recent years there has been installed a large organ of modern make, presented to the church by the late David H. Moffat, of Denver, Col., and which has necessitated the removal of the centre part of the gallery, the choir now being stationed back of the pulpit. The audience room, which at the time the building was erected, was the largest room without central supports in all this section of country, and there are few of larger dimensions at the present day. The seating capacity is about one thousand.

Rows of straight-back pews, closed with high doors, fill the audience room, which is divided by three broad aisles. In olden days there were no stoves and in severe cold weather the congregation kept warm by means of little foot-warmers, filled with hickory and chestnut coals, which were carried to church in wagons and sleighs and served the triple purpose of keeping themselves warm while going to church, during service and returning home. Stoves were installed later on, but at the present time the building is heated by two large furnaces.

Tallow candles in chandeliers were first used for lighting, which were later displaced by whale oil lamps, and these in turn were displaced by kerosene lamps, which of late years have succumbed to modern electric lights. This plain, spacious audience room, with its quaint, interior furnishings, has the atmosphere of a century ago, neatly blended in harmony with the improvements of modern times. Its broad expanse of white ceiling curves from overhead to meet the upright walls of the sides and rear; high, small-paned windows, rounded at the top, admit daylight through wooden blinds painted green, which are fastened to the window frames.

In 1838 the congregation purchased five and one-half acres of land in close proximity to the church, upon which was erected a substantial residence for the minister, and the necessary out-buildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and all expenses of the congregation are raised by contributions from its membership. The original deed of the church property, bearing date of 1758, is framed and hangs on the church wall.

The first pastor of the church was the Rev. Enos Ayres, who was a member of the first class to graduate from the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University. Two other pastors of

the church were graduates of that institution, viz., Benoni Bradner, of the class of 1755, and Samuel Parkhurst, of the class of 1757. The Rev. Enos Ayres was installed as the first pastor of the church in 1759, eleven years after graduation. He died in 1762 and was buried in the churchyard now covered by the present church. He was succeeded by Rev. Abner Reeve, father of the celebrated Judge Reeve, who founded the law school at Litchfield, Conn. The Rev. Abner Reeve resigned in 1768. The Rev. Samuel Parkhurst came as a supply in 1768, his death occurring after serving six months. From 1768 to 1772 the pulpit was filled by supplies, the Rev. Amaziah Lewis serving as such one year, the Rev. ——— Case, one year, and the Rev. ——— Greene six months. The church records from 1774 to 1786 have disappeared and no accurate record can be given. The Rev. Benoni Bradner served as pastor from 1786 until 1802, dying in 1804. After the retirement of Rev. Mr. Bradner the Rev. Joel T. Benedict filled the pulpit for a few months. In 1803 the Rev. Noah Crane served as pastor until 1811. He was succeeded by the Rev. William Rafferty in 1812, who resigned in 1815 to accept the Presidency of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md. The Rev. Luther Halsey was installed as pastor in 1816 and served until 1824. He was succeeded by the Rev. James Arbuckle, who remained as pastor until 1847. He was succeeded by the Rev. Ebenezer Mason, who remained from 1847 to 1850. The Rev. Austin Craig was called to the pastorate in 1851 and remained until 1866. The Rev. Warren Hathaway was called to the pastorate in 1866 and served as pastor until his death in 1909. He was succeeded by the Rev. Frederick Walsh, who remained until 1916. He was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Genther, who remained two years and was succeeded by Rev. C. W. Hardendorf, who served until his death in 1921.

He was succeeded by the present pastor, the Rev. A. Elwood Corning. He was born at Sparkill, Rockland Co., N. Y., Feb. 25, 1885, where his father, William Burtis Corning, then resided. He comes from a distinguished ancestry on both his father and mother's side, many of his ancestors having been leaders in public affairs in Colonial times. Mr. Corning is an eloquent and forceful pulpit orator, of a pleasing personality, and is deservedly popular in the community. He is an able writer and the author of the following works: *Life of William McKinley*, *Life of James A. Garfield*, *Life of Will Carleton*, and a monograph of Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State under President Grant. For fifteen years before entering the ministry Mr. Corning was engaged in literary pursuits, being Editor of several periodicals. For twelve years he was a member of the New York Board of Education Lecture Staff and his lectures have taken him in various parts of the country, as well as abroad. His hymns and

poems have been widely quoted. In 1921, after having been examined and unanimously accepted before an ecclesiastical council of Congregational Churches, he was ordained to the Christian ministry in the church of which he is now pastor.

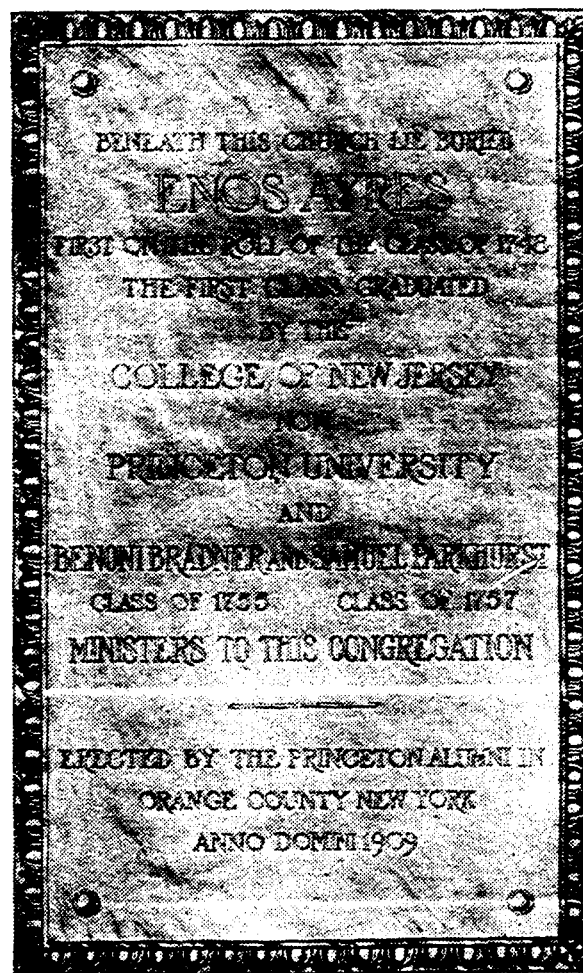
LIST OF PASTORS OF BLOOMING GROVE CHURCH\*

Rev. Enos Ayres.....	1759-1762
Rev. Abner Reeve.....	1764-1768
Rev. Samuel Parkhurst (Supply, 6 Months).....	1768-1768
Rev. Amaziah Lewis (Supply, one year).....	
Rev. Case, (Supply, one year).....	
Rev. Greene, (Supply, 6 months).....	
Rev. Silas Constant .....	1772-1774
Rev. Benoni Bradner, A. M.....	1786-1802
Rev. Joel T. Benedict.....	6 months
Rev. Noah Crane.....	1803-1811
Rev. William Rafferty.....	1812-1815
Rev. Luther Halsey.....	1816-1824
Rev. James Arbuckle.....	1824-1847
Rev. Ebenezer Mason.....	1847-1850
Rev. Austin Craig.....	1851-1866
Rev. Warren Hathaway.....	1866-1909
Rev. Frederick Walsh.....	1909-1916
Rev. Joseph Genter.....	1916-1918
Rev. C. W. Hardendorf.....	1918-1921
Rev. A. Elwood Corning.....	1921

\* The church records from 1764 to 1786 are not available, and the record as above, during those dates, has been taken from Eager's History of Orange County. During that period the pulpit was occupied principally by supplies.

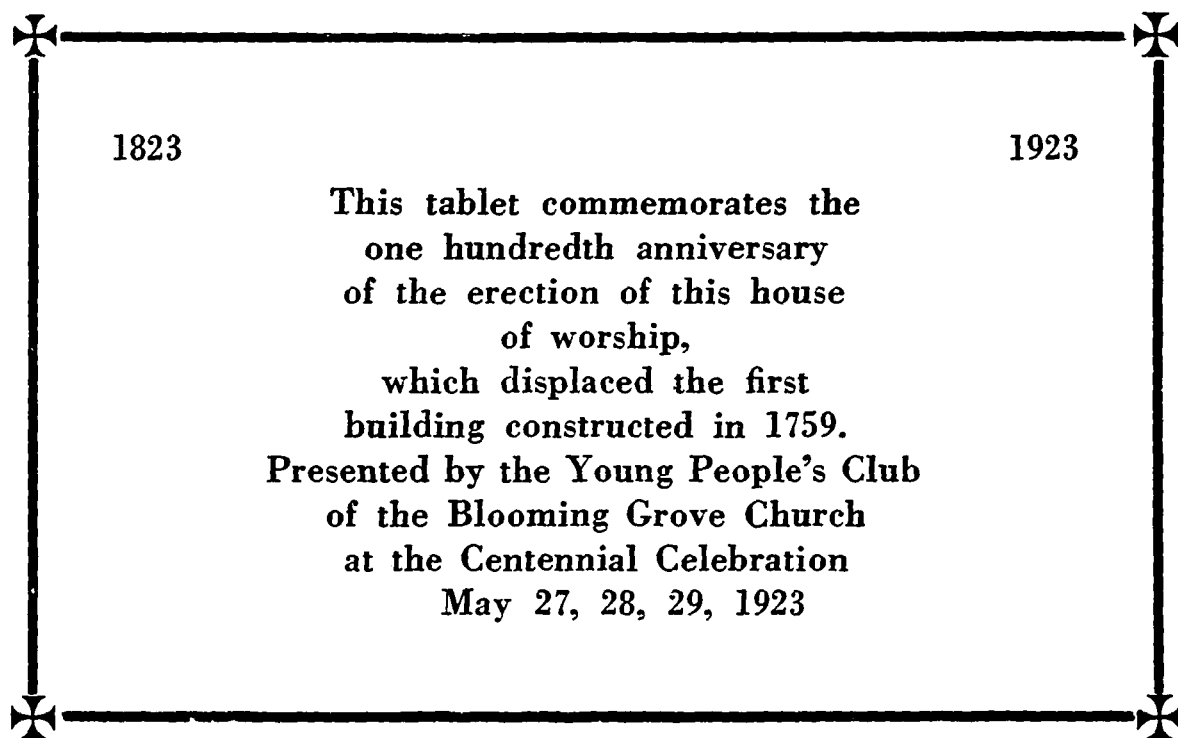
## TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF THE FIRST THREE PASTORS OF BLOOMING GROVE CHURCH

In 1909 a bronze tablet was placed on the east wall of the church to the memory of the first three pastors of the congregation, Enos Ayres, Benoni Bradner and Samuel Parkhurst, all graduates of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University. This tablet was presented by a committee of Princeton graduates consisting of Albert R. Chamberlain, class of 1894; Edward R. Otheman, class of 1895; Irving L. Roe, class of 1897, and Benjamin F. Chamberlain, class of 1906.



**TABLET TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE HUNDREDTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ERECTION OF THE  
PRESENT BUILDING**

A bronze tablet on the outside of the church, placed midway between the two front doors contains the following:



**TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF PASTORS FROM  
1803 TO 1909**

A bronze tablet on the west wall of the church commemorates the pastorates of Warren Hathaway, Austin Craig, Ebenezer Mason, James Arbuckle, Luther Halsey, William Rafferty and Noah Crane.

To the memory of  
**WARREN HATHAWAY**  
Pastor of this Congregation from  
April 4, 1866, until his death April 4, 1909.  
He being dead, yet speaketh of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Also to the memory of  
**AUSTIN CRAIG, D. D.**  
Pastor, 1851-1865

**REV. EBENEZER MASON**  
Pastor from 1847 until his death 1850

**REV. JAMES ARBUCKLE**  
Pastor from 1824 until his death 1847

**LUTHER HALSEY**  
Pastor 1815-1824

**WILLIAM RAFFERTY**  
Pastor 1811-1815

**REV. NOAH CRANE**  
Pastor 1803-1811

Worthy Pastors in the Master's Vineyard.

**MEMBERS OF BLOOMING GROVE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,  
TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE, N. Y., 1927**

George Alexander, Joseph Board, Mrs. Carrie Board, Sanford Benjamin, Mrs. Frank Brown, Henry Brewster, Mrs. Henry Brewster, Charles Bowman, Mrs. Charles Bowman, Brewster Board, Mrs. Henry Board, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brewster, John Newton Brewster, William M. R. Board, Mrs. William Board, Miss Olive Crissman, John S. Courter, Kenneth Courter, Mrs. Arthur E. Croft, Rev. A. Elwood Corning, Mrs. Emily Frances Corning, Mrs. Edna Courter, Mrs. Arthur Croft, Mrs. Elizabeth Colvin, Mrs. Clara Drake, Harrison DuBois Davis, Mrs. Anna B. Davidson.

Mrs. Marvin Edsall, Mrs. Marian E. Edsall, Mrs. Helen Tuthill Earl, Miss Myrtle Felter, Miss Catherine E. Felter, Charles Felter, Alice Virginia Felter, Alpheus Felter, Myrtle Frances Felter, Ralph Felter, Mrs. Fred Felter, Fred Felter, Mrs. Fred Felter, John Y. Gerow, Mrs. John Y. Gerow, Miss Henrietta H. Gerow, Mrs. Mary Gerow, Percy Gerow, Joseph C. Gerow, Mrs. Dorothea Gerow, Miss Sarah Gerow, Clarence Gerow, Mrs. Elsie Gerow, Mrs. Jennie Day Gerow, Mrs. Jennie Gerow, Miss Sue W. Gerow, Warren Gerow, Miss Alice Gerow, Clarence H. Gerow, Jr., Miss Jean Lucille Gerow, Fred S. Gregg, Mrs. Eva M. Gregg, Mrs. Dorothy Tuthill Green, Martin Gregory, Mrs. Emma C. Glover, Andrew S. Glover, Mrs. Martin Gregory, Roswell Green, Mrs. Roswell Green, Charles J. Haible, Mrs. Charles J. Haible, Miss Ethel Hudson, Miss Alma Hudson, Miss Lucille Hadley, Miss Clara Hudson, Joseph Howell, Stephen Hunt, Mrs. Ida Hunt, Wilber Hunt, Miss Agnes Helm, Miss Mary Hulse, Miss Mary A. Hookey, Miss Elizabeth Hookey, Miss Harriet M. Hookey, V. Hendershot, Mrs. O. M. Hendershot, Miss Arabelle Helm, Nathan Howell, Theodore Howell, Miss Hattie Howell, Miss Louise Howell, James B. Howell, Mrs. James Howell, Mrs. James B. Howell, Mrs. James Howell, Mrs. James B. Howell, Miss Harriet A. Howell, Miss Joanna B. Howell, Mrs. Huldah Hulse, Jesse Hulse, Howard E. Hulse, Everet H. Hulse, Mrs. E. H. Hulse, Mrs. Susan M. Hudson, William R. Hudson, Robert Joseph Hunter, Mrs. Robert Joseph Hunter, Mrs. Daniel Hookey, Miss Jennie Hookey, Daniel Hookey, William Hudson, Mrs. Grace Hudson, David W. Hudson, Mrs. William Hallock.

Harry Irving, Mrs. Anna B. Johnston, Miss Roberta Kruger, Henry L. Kilb, William Lord, Mrs. William Lord, Mrs. Russell Smith Lewis, Hezekiah Merritt, Leith Moffatt, Mrs. Harriet Moffat, Miss Anna Moffat, Mrs. Emma Many, William C. Merritt, William Clinton Merritt, Stephen E. Merritt, Mrs. Stella Merritt, Mrs. Mae Merritt, Miss Fanny Marvin, Jessie May Mabee, Mrs. William Mallan, Mrs. J. Overton, Miss May Ott, Mrs. Edna Overocker, Mrs. Abbie Ott, Miss Carrie Ott, Miss Ruth Parsons, Phillip Purdy, Harold Albert Pruss, George Pruss, Mrs. Martha Rogers, Mrs. Fannie Rogers, Miss May Rutan, H. K. Rutan, James D. Rutan, Mrs. J. D. Rutan, Matthew J. Richmond, Mrs. M. J. Richmond.

Henry C. Strong, Mrs. Clara S. Stewart, Roswell Shons, Charles Strong, Miss Anna Shons, Miss Mary B. Strong, Frank Strong, Mrs. Frank Strong, James Steadman, Mrs. Caroline A. Sears, F. Willis Sears, Mrs. Phoebe E. Sears, Marcus C. Sears, Edmund H. Sears, Miss Emma S. Stuart, Jesse Woodhull Stewart, Mrs. Jane D. Sears, Wilkin Seacord, Mrs. Charlotte E. Seacord, Mrs. Wilkin Seacord, Raymond Seaman, Mrs. Anna L. Steadman, Mrs. Susan Shons, Benjamin D. Sears, Miss Ella Tuthill, Mrs. S. Louise Tuthill, Miss Agnes Tuthill, Mott C. Tuthill, Mrs. Isabelle H. Tuthill, Benjamin Tuthill, Miss Cora Tuthill, Mrs. Alma Ella Tuthill, Mrs. Bertha S. Teal, Miss Adelaide Tuthill, Miss Rebecca Grace Tuthill, Henry S. Tuthill, Alice H. Tuthill, Mrs. Belle S. Tuthill, Harvey P. Tuthill, Miss Ruth Tuthill, Miss Merrial Estelle Todd, Chauncey Van Vliet, Miss Augusta Woodhull, Mrs. Josephine Woolsey, David Wright, Mrs. Everett Williams, Arthur H. Woolsey, Mrs. Everett Williams, Miss Emily Youngs, Miss Williametta Youngs.

Mr. Lloyd Lauber, Mrs. Lloyd Lauber, Mr. Charles Hookey, Mrs. Charles Hookey.





**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,**  
Newburgh, New York



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Newburgh, N. Y.

The First Presbyterian Church of Newburgh commenced its formal, legal existence shortly after the disbandment of the Revolutionary Army and the breaking up of its encampments in 1783. Previous to this time for nearly a score of years there had been a religious organization composed of those who by religious conviction were of the Presbyterian faith, or in the designation used in those days, "in communion with the Church of Scotland." It was an informal society and could be designated more properly as an outlying mission station or district. The records of the Marlborough Society state that in the year 1773 the society united with that society in procuring the supply of a minister for both congregations for a very brief period. It appears however to have been in the earlier years in more active and cordial connection with the old church at Bethlehem, the venerable mother of all the Presbyterian churches in this immediate vicinity.

Through the long weary years of the Revolution this feeble congregation continued to remain in existence, though having no pastoral supervision other than that given by an Elder, William Lawrence, by name. Immediately after the close of the war the society became strengthened by the addition of several persons who became residents of the locality on the disbandment of the army. The Society obtained the use of the building used as a storehouse for clothing and other supplies at the corner of First and Montgomery Streets, where public worship was held in the Winter of 1783 and the Spring of 1784. The church records state that on the 12th of July that year, this feeble flock organized itself as a Presbyterian Society under the laws of the State enacted the preceding April. In February the following year they united with the congregation in New Windsor, the original compact to continue for seven years, "for the purpose," as the resolution stated, "of promoting the preaching of the Gospel." From 1785 to 1796 the Rev. John Close was the stated supply. He was succeeded by the Rev. Isaac Lewis, who served until the year 1800. On May 6, 1801, the Rev. Jonathan Freeman was installed as pastor over the two congregations. He resigned in 1804 and was succeeded by the Rev. Eleazer Burnet in the following year, whose brief pastorate was terminated by death one year later. On July 5, 1807, the Rev. John Johnston was ordained and installed as Pastor over the two churches, and continued to hold this relation until 1810,

when the union was dissolved, the Newburgh congregation having acquired sufficient strength to support a Pastor. Dr. Johnston's pastorate extended over a period of forty years. He died on August 23, 1855.

On the following December the Rev. S. H. McMullin, who had been an assistant of Dr. Johnston for some months, was called to the vacant pastorate, but a remonstrance was made to the Presbytery against his installation and that body hesitated to place the call into the hands of the young pastor-elect. On September 10, 1856, a call was made out to the Rev. William T. Sprole, D. D., and on the 28th of the ensuing month he was installed as Pastor. He resigned on November 4, 1872.

In February, 1873, the church extended a call to the Rev. William K. Hall, of Boston, Mass., and on the following month of March he assumed the pastorate and was installed in the following May. He served as Pastor until his death in September, 1906.

The Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell, D. D., was called March 21, 1907, and resigned October 1, 1917. The Rev. Ebenezer Flack, D. D., was called February 20, 1918, resigned October 25, 1920. The Rev. John Leyburn Hughes was called March 1, 1922, died March 31, 1926. The Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, the present Pastor, was installed January 28, 1927.

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The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Newburgh thought it not advisable to sanction the publication of its list of members, which accounts for its not appearing in this publication.