

Vermontville Methodist Church
Historical Record
1859 to 1880

(Excerpts from reports of above period)
Book was purchased November 1868

1862

" In 1862 Conference held at Grand Rapids. Uri Mason is sent back to Vermontville. This year a Church is built on the charge valued at \$1600. Bro. Mason reports at close of year 143 members and 32 probationers, \$62 raised for missions---

1876 (Wm Swift)

" A hall was fitted up in the Village-- 90 chairs furnished for seating and preaching once in 2 weeks Sabbath Evening and every Friday-----. Petitions were circulated among the members and friends of the Church to move the Church to Vermontville, about the 1st of July. Before this, however, meetings were held and subscriptions taken for the purpose of building a brick church, which subscription appeared by the trustees too small to warrant building-----more than 2/3 of the members were willing to move the church, -----the House was on its way on the 1st day of September 1877, with many threats of "injunction" and harsh words by a few."

1877 (Swift)

" The church was brought safely and set upon the Public Square and held by the Title of Possession without opposition--the same as the Congregational Church. A tower 12 x 12 feet was built in front for an entry. The total cost of moving and fitting was over 800 dollars all provided for except a few dollars. And the church was reopened by appropriate sermon by L. H. Pierce of Lansing, assisted and directed by Rev. F. B. Bangs Presiding Elder, on the 8th day of Jan. 1878."

Makell Sprague