

# History of the Church

By Augustus J. Chapin

The First Universalist Church of Iowa City, Iowa was organized Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1841. The first pastor was Rev. A. R. Gardner.

The first Church edifice was built by funds partially collected in the East and cost about \$5000.00

The names of the original members were as follows.

A. R. Gardner	C. C. Winchester
Edward Foster	W. W. Winchester
Benjamin Weiser	William P. Doty
Warren Stiles	Asa Gregg
Jeremiah Greenman	James Robinson
Nathaniel McClure	C. C. Sangster
Daniel Hays	Amanda Foster
Robert Weaver	Elizabeth M. Foster
Franklin Kimball	Elizabeth Weiser

Harriet M. Gardner	
Mary Baker	
Adalina Greenman	
Rosella Andrews	
Vienna V. Winchester	
Altavella Winchester	
Eleanor Walker	
Jane Robinson	
Mrs - Gregg	
Margaret Libby	
Lydia Kiddle	
George P. Robbins	Hosea Johns
John M. Kiddle	Wm Payne
Lydia Kimball	Joseph W. Fisher
John C. Lee	Manning Hull
Maria Hull	Miles Hayden.

The Church toiled and struggled through many hardships until in 1868 the Church was burned. In 1869 the Pastor Rev. J. Quincy died. Public services were again suspended until January

1870 when Rev. Augusta J. Chapin commenced her labors as Pastor of the Church. The work steadily progressed until at length, to-day Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1871 the corner stone of the new Church is laid.

The Officers of the Church at the present time August 31<sup>st</sup> 1871 are as follows.

Trustees

John P. Irish. G. G. Cornell  
Hugh Brown. & J. N. Seydel.

Clerk.

W. C. Preston.

Treasurer

J. Norwood Clark.

The President of the Society is H. W. Winchester, one of the original members.

Names of members at the present time.

H. W. Winchester	Franklin Kimball
Edward Foster	W <sup>m</sup> P. Doty
Lydia Bidder	W <sup>m</sup> Payne
George Paul	Peter Roberts
Augusta Myers Hobart	Sylvester Coe.
Christian Druff	Catharin Druff
Joseph Walker	Elizabeth Welsh
Ephraim Welsh.	B. W. Coe
J. N. Clark	Alden Fletcher
Jane Clark	Susan P. Fletcher
Annie Fletcher	Amanda Kinney
Hugh Brown	Mary Brown
Mary Chandler	Jane E. Banbury
Annie B. Seymour	Alda H. Burr
Adaline H. Jones	J. N. Seydel
Kellie Eaton	Edwin E. Brown
Martha Brown	Mrs Wetherby
Sarah Manville	W <sup>m</sup> Nelson
Martha Nelson	Mrs. Harris
George Fesler	Sarah Fesler
Gardner Griffith	George Cheate

U. Choate	Mrs. A. Choate
David Jayne	S. L. Baker
Fanny L. Grackar	Mrs. Cropper
Mrs. Price	B. W. Ford
Lydia Coe	Magdalena Ford
Jonas Hartman	Sarah Hartman
Jane Walker	Ephriam Welsh
Henry Walker	Harriet Walker
P. H. King	Ellen King
Dora King	Mrs. Catharine Green
W <sup>m</sup> Hardy	Alice Hardy
Mrs. Francis	Mrs. Irish
Dr. Adams	Mrs. Adams
Dora Adams Shephard	Mary Hills
Sarah Greely	Mary Gulsom
W <sup>m</sup> Jayne	Elizabeth Welsh.

Name of the Architect of the  
new Church. W. N. White of  
Syracuse N. Y.

Names of Building Committee  
John P. Irish Hugh Brown  
G. G. Cornell and J. N. Seydel

Names of Members of Ladies  
Industrial Circle. August 31<sup>st</sup> 1877

Jane E. Preston  
Alda K. Burr -  
Charlotte W. Hayward -  
Fanny L. Grackar -  
Susan P. Fletcher  
Annie B. Seymour  
Augusta J. Chapin.  
Mrs. Dr. Adams  
Dora Adams  
Mrs. Franklin Kimball  
Mrs. Avery  
Mrs. Rundell.  
Mrs. J. M. Seydel - Mrs. <sup>Cyrus</sup> Sanders

Name of Sabbath School Superintendent  
George G. Cornell.

Names of Pastors of the City

Rev. S. M. Osmond. Presbyterian.  
Rev. B. H. Adkins Baptist.

Rev. M. L. James Congregationalist  
Rev. J. W. Clinton Methodist

Rev. A. R. L. Williams Christian

Rev. A. J. Chapin Universalist.

Names of Teachers in Universalist  
Sabbath School

Annie Fletcher Amanda Emery  
Alice Cool Mary Eaton  
Belle Chapin Florence Emery  
Susan P. Fletcher Udelia Seydel  
L. G. Powers C. W. Preston

Officers of Sabbath School -

G. G. Cornell. Superintendent.  
George Choate. Librarian.  
Nellie Eaton. Secretary.