

Trinity Lutheran Church
Stone Arabia
Montgomery County
New York

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This church was built in 1792. The church was first organized in 1711 and a log church built in 1729. The frame church was commenced by the Dutch Reformed Church in 1733 brought about a dispute among the two congregations as to which it should be, Reformed or Lutheran. The Reformed Dutch element prevailed and the Lutherans withdrew to the Log Church.

The lot was divided between the two churches. Both were destroyed on October 19, 1780; However, the church dates its organization from 1711.

Reference: Green's-The Old Mohawk Turnpike-pages 158 and 159.

The following curious documents relating to the Pastor's Compensation has been preserved:

Know all men by these presents that we, the subscribers are held and firmly bound unto the said "Drusteis" of the Lutheran Church in Palatine for every third "Sontay" to pay him twenty-five currency yearly from First of September in the year of Our Lord 1797, and to

Find him the third of the Firewood and likewise the Housing and twenty skippers of wheat yearly."

Reference: Mary Riggs Diefendorf's "The Historic Mohawk" page 247.