

BAPTIST CHURCH  
PROSPECT, WISCONSIN

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BAPTIST CHURCH  
Village of Prospect, Waukesha County, Wisconsin

Baptist Ladies Aid Society of Prospect (Owner)

Erected in 1859

Architect & Builder - Quincy W. Church

The building is in excellent state of preservation. It sets on its original foundation and remains intact today as built. It is a one story structure with a gallery.

The foundation walls are of field stone and the rest of the entire structure including the roof is of wood. The chimney is of brick.

The regular church services in this building have been discontinued because of the dwindling population of the locality. The building is now used for general community purposes. It is owned and controlled by the Ladies Aid Society of Prospect.

The church building is an excellent rendering of the typical Colonial work. The mouldings, entrance-way, cornices, and cupola are all carried out consistently in the true spirit of the style. It is recalled that one named H.E.Hale a member of the original building committee, was so anxious to have a gallery that he paid for it himself. An article in the Wisconsin Magazine of History states that "No doubt a standard plan of architecture was adopted since churches of this type are common both in the vicinity and elsewhere - a dignified churchly type." But the writer would like to disagree on this point because he has searched far and wide for similar churches and has found but a very few and these

are not nearly as interesting as this church at Prospect. The inhabitants far and wide are especially proud of the "rising sun treatment" in the pediment. This large and unusual treatment is typical of what is more gererously known as the ornament which occurs frequently over doorways in the eastern states.

The foregoing information was obtained from old time inhabitants in Prospect as well as from an article appearing in the March 1926 issue of the Wisconsin Magazine of History.

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