

[Bristol, Ontario Co. NY]

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The first Universalist church of Bristol dates its actual organization back to the year 1837, though it is said that its teaching and preaching in the town antedated that time by nearly twenty years. The first church edifice was built in 1836 of cobblestones, and in the year following a society organization was effected, but the complete organization was delayed until February 2, 1872, the name, First Universalist Church of Bristol, being then adopted. The edifice was built in 1861, and a decade ago was remodeled, making it a very complete building for church entertainments, etc. The pastors of the church were William Quele [Queal], Samuel Goff, Orin Roberts, J. R. Johnson, C. [Charles] Dutton, U. M. Fisk, George W. Gage, J. [James] M. Bailey, J. R. Sage, W. [Warren] W. Lovejoy, L. [Lewis] C. Browne, L. P. Blackford, Henry Jewell, J. F. Gates, S. G. Davis, G. W. Cole, F. B. Peck, E. B. Barber, H. J. Orelup, T. F. May, F. F. Buckner, L. D. Boynton. The present pastor is Rev. G. A. Babbitt. Miss Agnes Hathaway, who was born in the town and a member of this church, went to Japan as a missionary five years ago. She has been stationed at Tokyo and has been in charge of the Blackmer Home for young Japanese girls. She is now home on a vacation.

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