

[East Bloomfield, Ontario Co. NY]

In this connection we may also mention the existence of a Universalist church and society in Bloomfield, which had only a brief career. Their meeting-house was built about 1832, but was afterward sold to the [Episcopals].

The [Episcopal] parish of St. Peter's in Bloomfield was established in 1830, and the first services were held in dwellings and the Universalist meetinghouse, the latter being subsequently purchased by the society, but later, in 1859, being sold to the M. E. society.

They [Episcopals] first worshiped in the building erected by the Universalists in 1832, which they purchased of them, and sold to the Methodists about 1859.

They [Methodist Episcopal] reorganized a second time about 1859, and bought the property erected by the Universalist in 1832 of the Episcopalians, who had taken it when the Universalists disbanded. The Methodists paid \$2,000 for the church and parsonage.

The [Methodist Episcopal] society then [1859] purchased the old Universalist property at East Bloomfield village, and from that time has maintained a church home at that place.

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