

Litchfield (Cedarville)

The Universalist society of Cedarville was organized October 27th, 1829. The original members of this society were: Henry Devendorf, Chauncey Brainard, Henry L. Eaton, Levi Smith Esq., Samuel Smith and seventy others. Of these only Levi Smith is still living. Rev. Orrin Roberts became pastor of this society in 1830. He was succeeded in 1834 by Rev. L.[Lewis] C. Brown[e]. In 1836, Rev. T.[Thomas] J. Smith commenced his pastorate; in 1840 the Rev. Mr. Belden; in 1843, Rev. Dr. Smith; in 1846, Rev. J.[James] H. Tuttle; in 1849, Rev. E. M. Wooley; in 1854, the Rev. Mr. Anderson; in 1857, Rev. L. C. Brown[e]; in 1863, Rev. Mr. Paine; in 1865, Rev. W. H. Grigsby; in 1867, Rev. D. Ballou; in 1871, Rev. L. Rice; and in 1876, Rev. J. G. Powers. The first church edifice was erected in 1829, at a cost of \$2,500, and dedicated in 1830. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. Dolphus Skinner. In 1860 this building was repaired and remodeled at an expense of \$6,000. An organ was purchased in 1873, at a cost of \$1,000. The society has been uniformly prosperous since its organization.

F. W. Beers, *History of Herkimer County, NY* (New York: 1879) p. 135