

First Presbyterian Church
Tuscumbia, Alabama

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
E. Fourth Street,
Tuscumbia, Colbert County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Presbyterian Church.

Previous Owners: " "

Date of Erection: 1828.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Presbyterian Church.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: Brick exterior; interior plaster
with wood trim; stained glass windows.

Other Existing Records:

See: "PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE SYNOD OF ALABAMA"
Althea Thompson Cobbs, author & compiler.

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Additional Data: The First Presbyterian Church was organized in 1824 by Dr. Blackburn, of Frankfort, Kentucky evidently the same man that organized the Huntsville Church in 1818. The first meeting was held in a large frame house on the hill near the spring, which is in the rear of the Masonic Building in Tuscumbia.

The Tuscumbia Church Building still in use, was erected in 1828. An interesting feature was a bell weighing 195 pounds, placed in the steeple.

The Church was incorporated on March 1, 1891 as the The First Presbyterian Church of Tuscumbia, in the office of the Probate Judge at Tuscumbia and a record of the incorporation is there preserved.

The Church was repaired and improved in 1888, soon after this a former resident of Tuscumbia, John F. Wilson gave the church a new bell weighing 985 pounds, the name of his friend Laura Thornton was moulded into the bell.

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