

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PARSONAGE
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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PARSONAGE
Payson, Adams County, Illinois

Owner. Congregation of Payson, Illinois.

Date of Erection. 1845.

Architect. Unknown.

Builder. Albigence Scarborough.

Present Condition. The parsonage is in good condition and stands as originally built, with the exception of a later addition on the east end of the building. The original part is well preserved and shows very little, if any, changes or repair. It has been maintained adequately.

Number of Stories. Two, and basement.

Materials of Construction. The basement walls are rough ashlar stone, with bush hammered limestone facing above grade on the main portion, and cement facing on the east portion. The joists are 2" x 8" oak, eighteen inches on centers, and are supported by 8" brick masonry partitions in the basement. The studding on the first floor is 2" x 12" oak, and 2" x 8" on the second floor. The exterior is covered with clapboards 5" to the weather. The interior is finished with plaster, covered by wallpaper. All interior trim is yellow pine, and the white pine floors are one inch thick and six inches wide.

The oak rafters, $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ ", are two feet on centers. The roof is supported by heavy oak timbers in skeleton form, namely, 6" x 8" members resting on 8" x 8" beams and braced

by 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4" oak pieces. All joints are mortised and tenoned, and held in place by oak pins. The present roof is asphalt shingles.

Other Existing Records. None known.

Additional Data. The Congregational Church Parsonage was erected in 1845, through the untiring efforts of a little band of God loving people led by Albigen Scarborough. The primary object was to give permanent residence to some one of the traveling ministers of the Gospel who traversed from town to town in the early pioneer days.

The foundation stone was taken from the local quarry at Marblehead. This was hauled by teams to the location of the building, and was of the first stone ever taken from this now well known quarry.

References:

Dr. Mary F. Leach, Payson, Illinois.
Church Records.

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