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It contains a handwritten history of not only the Lambertville Church, but mention of the Erie, Ida, Lulu, Summerfield, Whiteford and Whiteford Center charges as well.

It was written in September, 1881, by M. J. Scott (Pastor), and was transcribed February, 2018, by Mary Vergowven, Reference Librarian at the Bedford Branch Library. It is noted that punctuation in the document was sketchy at best, and most sentences flow into one another. The document was transcribed "as is" and no attempt was made to insert punctuation where it was obviously missing.

A Probationers' Record follows the written history and is indexed separately. It contains names of those who joined, date of reception, their residence, and other information that can be valuable when doing genealogy research.

Researchers will find these separate indexes under the following Lambertville Circuit Adrian District Detroit Conference headings:

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## Historical Record

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lambertville Adrian District Detroit Conference

Written Sep 1881 by M. J. Scott Pastor

The Lambertville Methodist Episcopal Church had its origin as a society in a class formed in the fall of 1835 A.D. in a log dwelling the home of Brother Peter Foote situated 1 ½ miles southeast of Lambertville nearly opposite the dwelling now owned by W. Rawson. The class was at first connected with a circuit in Ohio probably Tremainsville Circuit. The meetings were moved from Br Foote's to a log school house on the southwest corner of the first four corners towards Lambertville and meetings were sometimes held in private houses. They were afterwards moved to Lambertville and held in a frame school house nearly opposite the present site of the church where they were continued until the church was built

Brother Silas Bristol was leader of the class for many years in its early history.

The following persons were members of the original class

Silas Bristol	Gabriel Ketcham
Alzara S. Bristol	Mary Ann Ketcham
Peter Foote (Local Preacher)	Nancy Rawson
Mrs. Foote	Charles Phelps
Westbrook Van aken	
Fanny Van Aken	

The following is a list of names of preachers appointed to Lambertville

(see index titled Lambertville Methodist Church Probationer's Record Index)

Between the years 1848 & 1853 the following brethren preached at Lambertville but am uncertain about the order William Lufton Wm. Z. Burnett and Br Gray

Lambertville at first connected with Tremainsvill [sic] Circuit Ohio was not long after made an appointment upon Dundee Circuit detached from that some years afar with other appointments if [sic] formed Dundee Circuit and afterwards appeared in the minutes as Lambertville Circuit.

In 1842 a frame church was built the one now (1887) in use but it has been enlarged & improved

In 1852 a parsonage was bought it has been improved from time to time and continued as the home of the preacher

In 1863 Br Wells the evangelist held a meeting

In 1869 while Br J. B. Russel was here dissension arose and the church passed through her most severe trial a number of the members separating themselves from the society thus weakening the church.

In 1878 while Br Dunlap was here revival services were continued considerable of the time for eleven weeks and quite a large number were awakened and some were converted but from a variety of causes not so much permanent fruit was gathered as was at first hoped but some remain steadfast to this day.

1879 1879 M. J. Scott was appointed to the circuit by conference. Is included the following appointments Lambertville. Ida Church. Ida Station Lulu and Summerfield Preaching had been discontinued the year previous at Whiteford Center. Whiteford Center appointment was again taken up and the other appointments retained A revival meeting was held at Summerfield during the winter at which a good degree of interest was manifested and a number of conversions and accessions to the church occurred

1880 M. J. Scott was reappointed to the circuit The appointment at Ida Station was discontinued. Severe sickness of the pastor prevented his holding revival meetings this year and he could not preach for about two months but his appointments were kept up faithfully by the local preachers. Brothers Conant Smith Clegg & Evens it was a year of but little change in circuit matters

1881 Phillip J Wright was appointed to the charge; and reappointed in 1882. As he made no record himself of his work during the time he was here a simple statement that he was here must suffice for his record.

1883 F L Osborne was appointed to the charge It was his first charge and he labored for the interest of the work as best he knew.

1884 The conference of 1884 appointed A Whitcomb to the charge. On coming to the charge a good religious interest was found to prevail. The Brethren and Sisters rallied around the Pastor and his family, welcomed us to the charge and their homes, and repaired the parsonage making it pleasant and comfortable as possible.

Some revival services were held during the early part of the year with some degree of prosperity. A new church enterprise was inaugurated at Lambertville, between seven and eight hundred dollars raised by subscription, and some material was placed on the ground. It was determined however not to build until the following year. At Lulu it was felt that a new church was very much needed, and consequently a Board of Trustees were elected for that place at the second quarterly conference. A lot was soon secured and deeded to the Trustees, and a subscription raised amounting nearly to four hundred dollars, contemplating the building and completing of the church during coming Fall. At Erie a door was opened to take up a new appointment and organize a new

class which was done, ten members joining by letter. An arrangement is being effected to secure a valuable [sic] piece of property for Church and Parsonage. At the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Conference a Board of Trustees was elected to be ready to receive it as soon as it could be bought. Bro Jared S. Agnew standing ready to advance the money for the same. The Local Preachers on the Charge have heartily cooperated with the Pastor in his work during the year. But few changes have taken place, and Pastor and people have worked pleasantly and harmoniously together.

The Conference of 1885, returned A Whitcomb to the charge. During the fall & winter revival meetings were held at Lulu, and Summerfield resulting in the conversion, and accession to the Church of 23 persons, who in due time were baptized and received into full membership in the Church. Some were received by letter, and the membership has been increased from 75 to 97. The Whiteford appointment was discontinued by vote of the Quarterly conference. During the winter between fifty and sixty thousand brick were placed upon the ground for the Lambertville Church. At Summerfield a Board of Trustees were elected and organized with a view to secure some Church Property, and build a church in the near future. The Local Preachers this year as last have heartily cooperated with the Pastor in his work. This year the Pastor is able to report his claim all paid up in full at all the appointments excepting Whiteford. During the year death entered our ranks and Sister Lavina E Davenport passed to her reward in the better home above. She was one of our most efficient workers. The second year of our labors closes up peacefully and pleasantly.

At the conference of 1886 held at Adrian Lambertville charge was left to be supplied. Presiding Elder T. J. Joslin employed Chas. W. Baldwin to labor upon the charge during the year Revival meetings were held at Lambertville during the winter with a few additions to the membership as a result. During the summer a Church was erected at Lambertville. Built of Brick 34 x 50 ft with a tower in center of front 12 x 12 75 feet high and a basement under all 8 feet high height of ceiling in audience room 17 feet the building was estimated to be worth \$3,000.00

At the Conference of 1887 held at Saginaw Chas. W Baldwin was appointed to the charge the church at Lambertville was dedicated January 1<sup>st</sup> 1888 a subscription of \$832.00 was raised to cover indebtedness subscription was made payable in one year from date In the Spring of 1888 a bill costing \$90.00 was placed in the Church at Lambertville

At the Conference of 1888 held at Detroit Chas. W. Baldwin was reappointed to the charge