

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CHURCH

The Bobcaygeon Circuit extended originally within four miles of Lindsay, and as far as Kinmount and Fenelon Falls.

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The early records inform us that the first preacher was Rev. James Ash, who only remained one year.

The first services were held in the schoolhouses at Bobcaygeon, Dunsford, and elsewhere. It was then known as "Bobcaygeon Mission."

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Prominent among the early names appear the following:— McLelland, Taylor, McFeters, Rapley, Stephens, Jaeson, Carnaby Thurston, and his brothers and their wives, Agnew, Bick, Junkin, McFarland, Ingram, Martin, Sproule, Patterson, Kelly, Seymour.

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The first Quarterly Board was held on May 15th, 1858. There were present Brother Geo. Bick, R.S.; Thos Taylor, Jas. Rapley, James Thurston.



REV. JOHN DOWLER

Pastor in 1858-61, and who was instrumental in erecting the Church.

The second pastor was Rev. John Dowler, who remained three years; a man greatly beloved, and under whose guidance the original church was erected by Thos. Taylor, assisted by Wm. Kennedy, Wm. Robinson, and Alex. Trotter. The latter two are eighty years of age, and hale and hearty. The building was frame, and was seated with plank and lighted with candles.