

south to Otter Creek and north half a mile beyond Avonton.

The site on which the first Church—a log one—was built was granted by the Canada Land Company, and embraced the ground occupied by the graveyard. Willing hands soon prepared the logs and by means of a “bee” they were soon in position. The “corner” men as far as can be learned were: Wm. Muir, Henry Parker, Jas. and Robert Roger.

During the greater part of 1847 it stood without a roof, funds not being then obtainable for the purchase of shingles.



LOG CHURCH, BUILT 1847.

Many features of this primitive structure were interesting. A stove pipe performed the function of a chimney. The seats for many a day were unplanned planks set on blocks. The collection was put in a plate set on a block standing at the door, beside which stood the caretaker, Thos. Brooks, and usually another. The old “box” pulpit had erected behind it a sounding board, considered by the congregation a fine piece of work, the handiwork of Mr. John Bain, who for many years acted as precentor of the congregation. His raising the tune by the aid of a tuning fork is one of the memories of those who then young, now far advanced towards three score years