

[Ward (Philips Creek), Allegany Co. NY]

Philips Creek Universalist Church was organized as a society in July, 1845, with 32 members. Sanford Beach, Ira Baker and Harvey Thompson were the first trustees, and Harvey Thompson was the first clerk. The house of worship was built in 1849. George Waldorff donated the lot on which the building stands. It was built under the supervision of C. [Cornelius] M. Rice at a cost of about \$800, and was dedicated during the winter of 1849-50. Rev. O. [Orson] B. Clark preached for the society from the time of its organization up to 1853 when he was succeeded by Rev. Jason Lewis, who preached two years. Rev. I. [Isaac] K. Richardson succeeded Mr. Lewis and remained until Jan. 22, 1860. Mr. Richardson was followed by Wellington Sisson, and he, by Rev. Mr. Payne, who preached until about 1865. Since 1865 the society has not maintained regular services. Rev. F. [Francis] M. Alvord has preached for the society occasionally since that time.

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