

The Old Methodist Church and Religions.

The old Methodist church was built in 1869 and stood on the corner of Andrew Kirstine Sr.'s farm. Eventually the Protestant Kirstines started going to the Presbyterian church in Walkerton. Later, Sebastian Kirstine Jr. (Bassie) and his family became members of St. Paul's United church in Walkerton, but Andrew Jr. and his family remained Presbyterian. The other Kirstines attended the Roman Catholic church at Carlsruhe.

The old Methodist church was bought by Bassie Kirstine, but the land it stood on remained in Andrew Kirstine Sr's name. The church was moved to Bassie's farmyard on lot 45 con. 2., and was used for a time to store implements. It was moved by rollers and one horse with the help of about 10 men. By this time it was badly in need of repair. I am including some prints taken from old snapshots of the church before and after renovations. You can see the church windows in the old picture.

The church was renovated about 1954 by Mac Kirstine, son of Bassie. He put metal siding on this building, and with the help of Izadore Benninger and Clarence Poehman, a steel roof was put on the west side. The inside was renovated for a poultry house. The second floor had an old brooder, heated by an old coal stove. The third floor had an electric brooder. These were for day old chicks which were bought in the spring. At one time we raised a thousand chicks. Izadore helped Mac put in the second floor. A lot of lumber and material was obtained from the old Walkerton Highschool. Burns and Bassie helped Mac put in the attic floor. The attic was used to store straw, and the basement was used to store feed. The water was piped in from the overflowing well. At that time it seemed like a lot of chicks and hens, but is nothing compared to the large poultry buildings to-day.



Poultry House at Mac Kirstine's Formerly was Methodist Church.