

Francis A. Soule.

At Lincoln, 1839.

J. Gerry.

Probably a supply. Can find nothing about him. At Lincoln 1840. (Died, Prairie, Ill., 12 April, 1886, aged 81.)

Silas S. Cummings.

Probably a supply. J. G. Pingree was sent by Conference but went to Liberia the same year, and Mr. Cummings took his place. At Lincoln 1841. Mr. Cummings married, probably while at Lincoln, Miss Mary A. Cram, published at Lincoln, 30 June, 1842.

Henry C. Henries.

Was a local preacher. At Lincoln 1842 and again in 1860, and lived in the house next the church on Lee Street. He was chaplain in the Eighth Regiment Maine Volunteers. Resigned 22 Nov., 1861, and died during the war.

Enoch M. Fowler.

Lincoln, 1843, also 1854 and 1855. (Died at Searsmont, 4 March, 1908, aged 90.)

Benjamin Bryant.

In Lincoln, 1844.

Alfred C. Godfrey.

Lincoln, 1845 and probably 1846.

Elliot B. Fletcher.

Lincoln, 1848 and see 1836.

True Page Adams.

In Lincoln, 1849. Mr. Adams married while at Lincoln D. Ellen Winslow of China, Me., pub. at Lincoln 18 May, 1850. (He died at Schenectady, N. Y., 19 Jan., 1910, aged 88.)

Charles H. A. Johnson.

In Lincoln, 1850. His abilities were: close student, ardent temperament, fertile and imaginative, no man in the Conference giving greater promise of usefulness. He had three local preachers: Andrew Edwards, Elkanah S. French and Billings Clapp. He died in Minneapolis, Minn., 21 April, 1855, aged 32 years.

Ephraim H. Whitney.

In Lincoln, 1851. He grieves over the slipshod ways his predecessors had had of book-keeping. No wonder. He made a full list of members and we are indebted to him for the knowledge that there were then eighty-three.

Nelson Whitney.

In Lincoln, 1852 and 1853. This year we first learn of Patten as included in the Mission. Three local preachers still at work, and an exhorter, William Bachelder. (Mr. Whitney died at Indianola, Iowa, 1 July, 1887, aged 76.)

Enoch M. Fowler.

In Lincoln, 1854 and 1855. Was returned, see 1843.

David P. Thompson.

In Lincoln, 1855 and 1856. Probably assisted Mr. Fowler. (He died at China, Me., 3 July, 1888, aged 81.)

Levi L. Shaw.

Born at Frankfort, Me., 4 Sept., 1822; died at Newburyport, Mass., 17 Aug., 1867. In Lincoln, 1856. Logical, bold, fearless, hopeful, social, genial.

Ephraim H. Small.

Born Thomaston, Me., 1809. Died at Winterport, 22 Sept., 1879. In Lincoln, 1857 and 1858. Sound in doctrine, rich in experience. Served in the Legislature of Maine.

W. Trewin.

In Lincoln, 1859. He and his wife were English and were regarded as somewhat peculiar.

Henry C. Henries.

Lincoln, 1860. Local, supplied. (See 1842.) During the pastorate of Mr. Henries a Sabbath School Convention was held at Lincoln. The church was repaired at a cost of one thousand dollars, and it was reopened and rededicated on Tuesday, 17 July, 1860. Sermon by Rev. R. B. Curtis of Bangor.

William Wiley Marsh.

At Lincoln, 1862 and 1863. He was born in Orono, 12 Feb., 1830. Died in Brewer, 18 June, 1886. He married Ellen S. Brann. He was Presiding Elder four years. He had children, Charles Melville, Mary Edith, Grace Ellen.

Charles E. Springer.

Lincoln, 1864, 1865, 1866. Mr. Springer died at Northport, Me., 18 Sept., 1899, aged 66 years.

George R. Palmer.

At Lincoln, 1867, 1868, 1869. Mr. Palmer was born in Brewer, Me., 10 Jan., 1839. Married in 1887 Sarah Doe of Vassalboro, Me. She died in Portland 25 Feb., 1914. Mr. Palmer was educated at Kent's Hill, was a Trustee of the East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport in 1866 and in 1880 a delegate to the General Conference. He held other responsible positions in the State. He enlisted in the 19th Maine Regiment in the Civil War, was made Lieutenant and promoted to Captain. In Grant's campaign in 1864 he was adjutant. He had five brothers, of whom two were killed in battle. Member of the G. A. R. in Augusta. Mr. Palmer served, by appointment, on the School Committee of Lincoln in 1868 and 1869.

Moses D. Matthews.

In Lincoln and Mattawamkeag, 1870 and 1871. Born in Lincolnville, Me., 5 Oct., 1819; died in Upper Stillwater, 7 Oct., 1885. He regretted his limited education, was lacking in confidence, though able, methodical, sound and instructive. A man of highest integrity.

Charles E. Libby.

Lincoln, 1872. (Died Boston, 24 Oct., 1897, aged 53 years.)

James H. Mooers.

Lincoln, 1873.

James A. Morelen.

Lincoln, 1874 and 1875. (Died Dresden, Me., 27 Oct., 1911, aged 82 years.)

Walter Farr.

In Lincoln, 1876.

S. Hahnemann Bayley.

In Lincoln, 1877.

In November, 1877, the clock from the bequest of Isaac S. Burton was placed in the tower of the Methodist Church.

John H. Barnett.

In Lincoln, 1878.

On the 16 November, 1878, the clock in the tower struck for the first time.

Isaac H. W. Wharff.

In Lincoln, 1879 and 1880. (Mr. Wharff died at Winterport, 15 July, 1911, aged 62.)

Frederick A. Bragdon.

In Lincoln, 1881 and 1882. (Died at Kennebunkport, 24 April, 1893, aged 46.)

J. H. Irvine.

In Lincoln, 1883, 1884, 1885. The church was repaired in 1885.

Walter Franklin Prince.

Mr. Prince was here in 1886, and as stated above, compiled the list of preachers in Lincoln for the preceding fifty years.

Charles Rogers.

In Lincoln, 1887. (He died at Newport, 12 November, 1910, aged 61 years.)

Charles L. Banghart.

In Lincoln, 1888 and 1889.

William N. Powland.

In Lincoln, 1890 and 1891. (Died at Orrington, 19 December, 1917.)

H. B. Nutter.

In Lincoln, 1892.

Mark H. Sipprelle.

In Lincoln, 1893 and 1894. (Died at Mapleton, Me., 25 April, 1899, aged 49 years.)

W. T. Johnson.

In Lincoln, 1895.

William F. Campbell.

In Lincoln, 1896. (Died Moro, Me., 29 March, 1901, aged 47.)

Charles H. Johonnett.

In Lincoln, 1897 to 1900.

The parsonage on Lee Street was built in 1898.

Malry Kearney.

In Lincoln, 1901 and 1902.

S. K. Lydstone.

In Lincoln, 1903. He was born in Prince Edward Island. Drowned in Mattanawcook Pond, 20 Sept., 1903, aged 41 years.

H. G. Hoisington.

In Lincoln, 1904.

Supplies, 1905.

Fred McNeill.

In Lincoln, 1906.

Harry P. Taylor.

In Lincoln, 1908. (In Mattawamkeag, 1906 and 1907.)

J. H. Atwood.

Lincoln, 1909 and 1910.

Cyprian H. Bryant.

Lincoln, 1911 to 1914. The church was repaired during his pastorate.

Frank Kirkpatrick.

Lincoln, 1915 and 1916.

Theodore S. Ross.

In Lincoln, 1917 to 1922. He was active in the organization of the Agricultural Fair.

Zebedee Andrews.

In Lincoln, 1925 to——.

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The first preaching of this denomination in Mattanawcook was undoubtedly that of Stephen Chase, who came to the settlement in February, 1825. He held meetings, preached, visited the sick, attended funerals and was constant in all the duties that pertain to the pastor of a church at what is now Lincoln Center for a period of nearly twenty years. It is recorded that "his preaching was very acceptable without pay," and a contemporary who knew him well has declared, "He did much good in the community." There was, as far as we know, no church organization in his time. He did not live to see the erection of the church at Lincoln Center.

Rev. Sylvester Besse arrived at Lincoln Center 28 November, 1845, from Paris, Me., and was ordained a little more than a year later, soon after the church dedication, which took place on 1 Jan., 1846. Mr. Besse remained as pastor of the church twenty-five years, and during this time he gave the hand of church fellowship to one hundred and thirty-four persons, most of whom he baptized, preaching regularly at the church, besides, as he says, "fighting the devil in all directions." He was a faithful pastor and a kind and honest man.

In 1858 Mr. Besse was instrumental in organizing the Baptist church in Lee, and Mr. Houghton informs us that the church property was acquired and the church built under his efforts and guidance, and that part of the church property was held by deed to him, and conveyed to the church in 1892.

The Penobscot Baptist Association held a meeting at Lincoln Center in September, 1859, at which Mr. Besse was chosen moderator.

Mr. Besse was a member of the School Committee of Lincoln in 1851, 1854 and 1857. About 1870 he removed to Chester, buying the A. J. Heald farm at the head of the ferry road. He lived here about twenty-five years, preaching at times, no doubt, in his former church, and serving as Selectman and as Treasurer of Chester.

Sylvester Besse was a descendant of Joshua Besse of Wareham, Mass. His father was John who married, 25 Sept., 1803, Betsey W. Tripp of Hebron, Me. The subject of this sketch was the seventh of fourteen children, and was born 25 June, 1815. Of his early life and education but little is known. We have had a glimpse of about fifty years of his life on the Penobscot, and on the 9 Jan., 1894 he was admitted to the George Nugent Home for Baptists at Germantown, Pa., where he had a good home until his death which occurred 22 June, 1898. Burial was at Lincoln Center.

The following brief notes, which have been compiled, seem to contain all the information available of the later years of the church, unless other records shall be found:

Rev. William A. Morse was pastor of the church in 1881 and 1882.

Rev. Seth Benson, about 1894 for a year or more.

Rev. Charles P. Kittredge in 1899.

Rev. J. E. Whitmore, three or four years from 1900.

Rev. E. E. Small in 1905 and 1906.

Rev. E. W. Kenyon of Spencer, Mass., held revival services here and at Lee in 1906.—*Houghton*.

Roy Hilton Short was ordained at Lincoln Center 12 June, 1918.

Lincoln never had a Universalist church building. Presumably there was a church organization of some kind of this denomination, as there appears to have been a settled minister, and the County Association held a meeting here. All that we know of Universalism in Lincoln is embraced in this brief account. The earliest mention known of the subject is of a meeting of the Penobscot Association of Universalists the 30 and 31 Oct., 1850. Another event of which notice was sent by the Lincoln correspondent of a Bangor paper was a levee on Thursday evening, 18 Dec., 1851. This is regarded by the correspondent as a particularly pleasant affair, as persons of other communions, especially two clergymen of the town, one a Congregationalist and the other a Baptist, were present and participated in the exer-



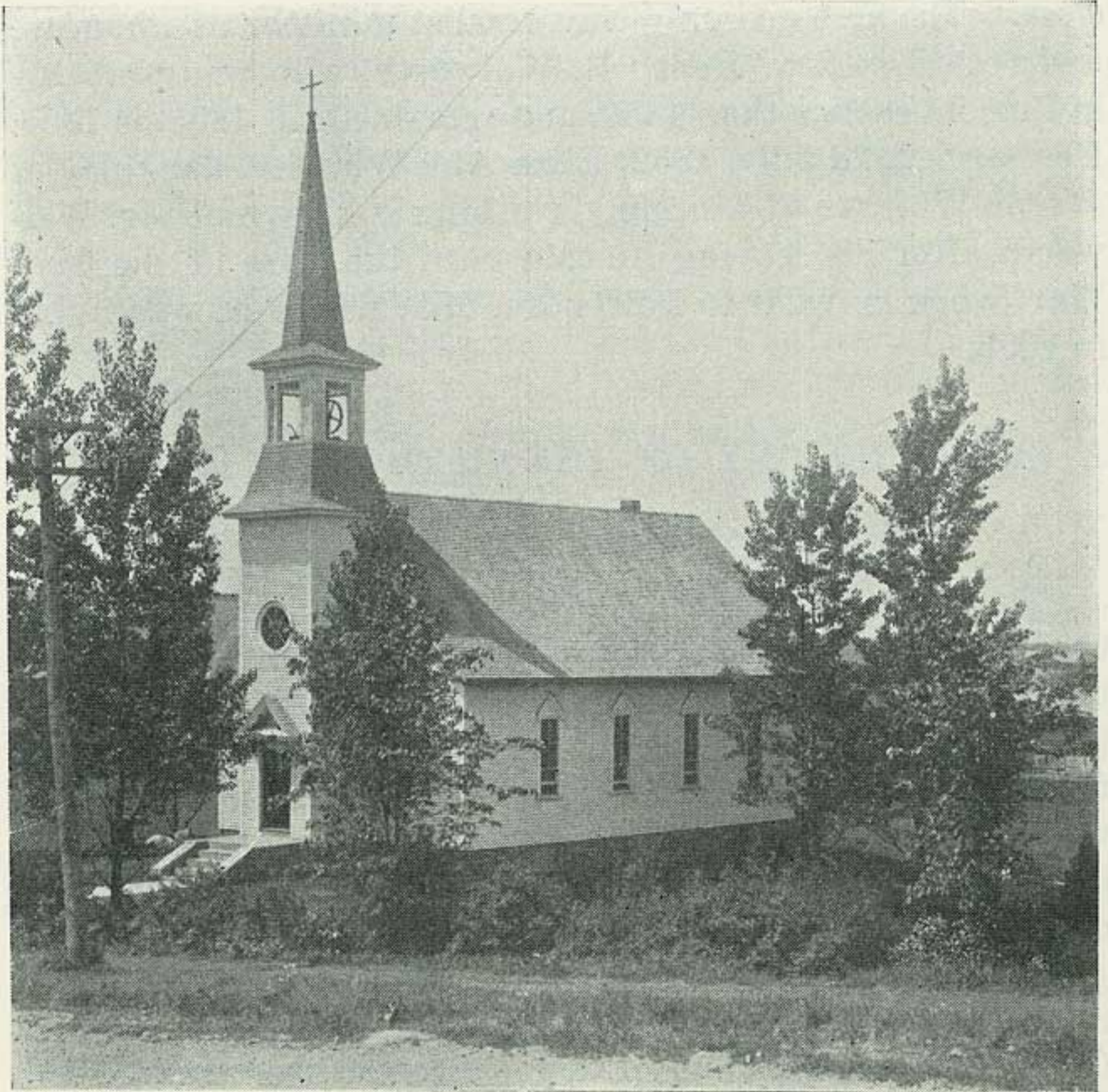
cises. The first and only Universalist minister of whom we find record is Rev. Henry R. Walworth, who was probably in Lincoln earlier than 1850, and remained till 1855 or 1856. He married, 28 July, 1852, Eliza Ann Whittier, daughter of Joseph Whittier of Lincoln. Nothing is known of Mr. Walworth after his leaving Lincoln until the close of the Civil War, when he went to Baltimore, Md., where he was living in 1896.

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LINCOLN

The Indians of the Penobscot tribe were the first Catholics of whom there is any record in Lincoln. Their settlement on the Island was visited by Rev. John Bapst, S. J., from 1884-1885. He used to come there by stage coach from Old Town, and return by canoe. Rev. Eugene Vetro-mile also attended the Indians; on one occasion he nearly lost his life in the Piscataquis Falls at what is now the town of Howland.

In later years the small Catholic population was attended to from Benedicta. Rev. John J. Cassidy and Rev. James Carnes made their visits occasionally and used to offer the Holy Sacrifice and dispense the Sacraments at the home of Joseph Michaud for their mixed congregations. Rev. M. C. O'Brien and Rev. T. J. Trudel took charge of the flock after the railway was put through. Mr. Stephen Stanislaus used to tell of bringing Father Trudel in his ox team from Old Town on sick calls.

When the parish of Winn was set up in 1880, Lincoln was attended from there. Rev. Francis Cinqmars attended from Jan., 1880-1882; Rev. John J. Holahan from Nov., 1882-1884; Rev. J. Plante from Jan., 1884-1887; Rev. Peter E. Bradley from 1887-1889; Rev. James D. O'Brien from 1889-1894; Rev. Matthew H. McGrath from 1894-1898. Under the above named pastors Lincoln was attended about four times each year. Rev. Father McGrath established a



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monthly service in 1894. He usually held services at the home of Joseph Corro. With Winn as a center, all these pastors attended missions from West Enfield to Vanceboro—no small field for their missionary zeal.

When Rev. Matthew Reilly assumed charge of the Winn parish in October, 1898, there were twenty-four Catholic families in Lincoln. Divine service was held in the primary school-room. Soon after he engaged Pinkham's Hall as a more becoming place for divine worship. A very successful mission was given here in 1901 by Fr. Feeney.

In Sept., 1902, work was begun on the new church on Ballard Hill. On Sunday, Nov. 20th, the first mass was cele-