

THIRD M.E. CHURCH, SODUS VILLAGE (Site)
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General Information

Name of Structure: Third M.E. Church, Sodus Village

Address: NE Maple at Belden—56 Main St W—on what is now the replacement
3rd ME Church (brick)

Parcel ID: (544201) 69117-05-168967 "Methodist United Third Church"
Atlas: 1853: "Church"; 1858: "METH E CH"; 1874: "M.E.Ch"

When Built / Mason: 1841
When Razed: 1887
Why: Replaced on same site with new larger church

Original Owner: M.E. Church

Original Use: Religious Services

Photographs: One, from the Church archives (shared with me by Loreen Jorgensen,
Wayne County Church Historian)

Description:

Design details (masonry details cannot be discerned from photograph):

Tall 2-story with gable end faced Main St. It does not appear to have had a cobblestone façade, instead appearing to have been of some kind of solid white-colored stone, as were the pilasters and tympanum gable. The door was in the center (no two doors—one for women and one for men as was common practice) and a very tall window was on each side of it—tall enough that they went well into the second story. Over the door was another window, similar to the two tall windows, except smaller scale. The pilasters were made to resemble simple Tuscan columns. There was a similar faux Tuscan column on each side of the door to match the pilasters, giving the church a stately look. The side facing Belden Rd was of cobblestone. It appears very small, uniformly colored lake stones were used. 3 long windows, same as those used to flank the door were equally spaced along the side in the cobblestoned area. 3 smaller windows were centered below them in the lower level (ie above grade basement/ basement windows) that was done in the same material as was the façade.

Note: Adjacent to this long side of the church is where Dist #4 cobblestone SH stood, although it does not show in the photograph

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<https://fultonhistory.com/newspaper%202/Sodus%20NY%20Wayne%20County%20Alliance/Sodus%20NY%20Wayne%20County%20Alliance%201887-1893.pdf/Sodus%20NY%20Wayne%20County%20Alliance%201887-1893%20-%200741.pdf> Wayne County Alliance, Wed 12/23/1891

"The M E Church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the holding of the first services in the old stone church, which was recently razed to give place to the present commanding edifice." This short notice appeared in the 12/16/1891 Wayne County Alliance. In 12/23/1891 edition was a reminder: "Something over 50 years ago the M E Church of this village was organized. Property was purchased where the church now stands in 1837 or 38. The old stone church was opened in the basement with a preaching service on Christmas Eve, 1841. The 50th anniversary of that occasion is to be observed at the church on Christmas Eve this week."

http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?k=cobble&t=27982&i=t&d=01011875-12312018&m=between&ord=k1&fn=wayne_county_alliance_usa_new_york_sodus_18870914_english_3&df=1&dt=10 Wayne Co Alliance, Wed 9/14/1887

"The last services in the old cobblestone M.E. Church in Sodus were held last Sunday. Work of tearing down commenced today and a new church edifice will be built."

History of replacement church: <https://www.waynehistorians.org/Places/site.php?site=637>