

## **Ohio Conference Organized in 1812 (Four Circuits)**

- 1812 Grand River Circuit extended along the lake shore from the east line of Ohio to the mouth of the Grand River, embracing several counties.
- 1869-70 Called the New Connecticut Circuit
- 1869-70 Called Grand River Circuit
- 1816-17 Called Grand River and Mahoning Circuit
- 1818-30 Grand River Circuit
- 1825 Pittsburgh Conference, embracing within its bounds, Northeastern Ohio
- 1836 Erie Conference formed
- 1876 Erie Conference was divided, this part of it being known as East Ohio Conference
- 1830 Ashtabula Circuit was formed, comprising a large portion of Ashtabula County and a part of Lake County.
- 1835 Geneva Circuit was formed, embracing the towns of Perry, Madison, Geneva, Saybrook and some territory south of Grand River.
- 1858 Madison and Perry Circuit was formed from another division
- 1869-70 Madison Charge formed from another division
- 1881 North Madison and North Geneva put together for one year, when it was put with Madison again.

In 1833 a very extensive revival prevailed all through this section. John C.

Ayers, one of the evangelistic preachers of this section was a power for good. Preaching was established in Unionville with Peter Burroughs preaching the first sermon in the basement of this church, which the members built mostly with their own hands father said. Charles, Emily and Eliza Cumings were members of this class of 1833 at Unionville.

The North Madison Society was organized in 1833 and the log Chapel built in 1834. There was quite a revival in the log chapel in 1837. A class was formed at the Dock Road in 1838. This continued for a time and the Sabbath School in the King School house for some time longer. A class

was easily formed at Madison Gore, South of Centerville (Madison Village).

The frame church at North Madison was began in about 1849, but not completed until 1851. This building was repaired in 1908 during the pastorate of J.G. Exline. A memorial window was then placed in the front of the Chapel by the children of Charles Cumings. This was so placed as a memorial by his entire family.

There was an early class formed in Centerville, but was soon united with the Unionville church. It was reorganized some time later. The church edifice was built and the parsonage on Union Street bought and paid for during the pastorate of E.R. Knapp in 1864 and 65.

The parsonage on the square was built during the pastorate of W.T.S. Culp.

(Above material collected by Miss Emily Cumings in 1939 from various sources, including a paper written by Charles Cummings in 1888 at North Madison.)

**Circuit Preachers in this part of Ohio from 1812**

1812	John McMahan Robert C. Hutton	1821	Alfred Bronson	1829	John Crawford Caleb Brown
1813	John Solomon Oliver Carver	1822	Edward Raylor John Crawford	1830	John W. Hill John W. McLean
1814	James McMahan Lemuel Lane	1824	David Sharp Sylvester Dunham	1831	Caleb Brown P. D. Horton
1815	Samuel Brown	1825	Philip Green John W. Davis	1832	James Gilmore A. M. Brown
1816	Henry Baker	1826	Thomas Carr John Scott	1833	John C. Ayers
1817	D. D. Davidson Ezra Booth	1827	Thomas Carr W. R. Babcock	1834	John C. Ayers Dillon Prosser
1818	Ira Eddy	1828	John Crawford Lorenzo D. Prosser	1835	John Luccock S. Card
1820	Philip Green Henry Knapp				
1836	John Luccock B. K. Maltbee	1846	H. D. Cole G. B. Hawkins	1855	Lewis Clark T. Radcliffe
1837	J. L. Holmes Peter Burroughs	1848	T. Guy I. E. Aiken	1858	Wm. Matson Left to be supplied
1838	J. W. Hill J. Leslie	1850	Jesiah Flowers L. W. Wly	1859	Roderick Noiton Supply
1840	E. J. Henney M. H. Bettit	1851	Potter Sullivan. R. H. Hulburt	1860	A. M. Brown Potter Sullivan
1842	J. Towl J. Van Horn	1853	T. B. Tait C. R. Pattee	1861	A. M. Brown
1844	Moses Hill D. Preston	1854	Lewis Clark S. Wilkinson	1862	Darius Smith

**The Methodist Church  
Madison -----Chapel  
Presiding Elders in this part of Ohio**

1812-15	Jacob Young	1827	D. Limerick
1815-18	James B. Finley	1828-29	William Swasy
1818-19	Charles Waddell*	1830-31	Ira Eddy
1819-22	William Swasy	1832-35	William Mack
1823-26	Charles Elliott	1836-39	Ira Eddy

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\*Obtained elsewhere

1839-43	John C. Ayers	1855-56	E. J. Kinney
1843-46	Hiram Kinsley	1857-60	J. Bane
1846-49	B. O. Plimpton	1860-62	J. E. Chapin
1848-49	Timothy Goodwin	1862-66	William F. Wilson
1853-54	B. O. Plimpton	1869-73	C. Prindle
1854-55	William W. Hunter	1873-74	D. C. Osborne

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1899	J. F. Fisher	1917	T. E. Miller
1900	T. W. Lane	1921	J. S. Secrest
1905	G. K. Morris	1924	A. E. Piper
1910	N. W. Stroup	1929	Edwin Kirby
1914	C. W. Danforth	1935	Clyde P. Barnes

(Above material taken from Secretary's Book of Grand River Circuit)

**Pastors at the Methodist Church – Madison and Chapel**

1864	R. Knapp	1910	R. W. Freshwater
1866	J. Robinson L. Gregg	1911	A. E. Yeager
1868	J. Robinson D. Smith	1913	Olin Clark Jones
1869	G. W. Chesbrough	1916	W. S. Baker
1871	J. I. Excell	1921	D. A. Denton
1873	A. W. Arundle	1923	J. E. Paddock
1875	W. H. Seely	1926	G. C. Giffin
1877	George Elliott	1927	E. H. Thompson
1879	L. W. Wly	1931	C. H. Bowers
1881	J. R. Shaffer J. L. Herron	1934	Horton S. Chase
1882	G. J. Bliss	1943	Roger Ortmyer
1885	T. S. Rader	1945	Edwin Eshelman
1886	Benjamin Excell	1949	Supplu
1889	E. E. Whittaker	1950	G. L. Brown
1891	A. H. Domer	1957	C. A. Bucholz Robert Fisher Richard Haney Joseph Glassner
1896	W. T. S. Culp		
1901	D. C. Osborne		
1902	F. W. Barrett		
1905	J. H. Starret		
1907	J. G. Exline		

**1907 Record of Marriages – Park United Methodist**

10/20/1906	Byron E. Black Bessie Mathews	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J. H. Starrett
12/03/1906	Clinton A. Bentley Florence Hardaker	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J.H. Starrett
12/24/1906	Frank Quirk Ruby E. Lockwood	Geneva, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J.H. Starrett
01/12/1907	F. G. Fisher Mrs. Kate Woolaver	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J.H. Starrett
02/26/1907	James Woodworth Olga G. Booth	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J.H. Starrett
03/07/1907	Neil H. Beckwith Slade Anna North	Ashtabula, Ohio Austinburg, Ohio	J. H. Starrett
09/14/1907	Myron Towne Eva Murphy	Thompson, Ohio Thompson, Ohio	J. H. Starrett
09/20/1907	Harvey E. Blair Myrtle O. Morrison	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J. H. Starrett
11/06/1907	Eli A. Whipple Iva M. Pethtel	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J. G. Exline
11/17/1907	Walter W. Adlard Sarah Eva Bliss	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J. G. Exline
01/28/1909	Lloyd D. Sanford Mrs. Nina L. Peck	Jefferson, Ohio Geneva, Ohio	J. G. Exline
05/01/1909	Everette Warren Hearn Bertha C. Hager	Wickliffe, Ohio Wickliffe, Ohio	J. G. Exline
06/02/1910	Clarence Benedict Mrs. Hattie Tuttle	Tacoma, Wash. Madison, Ohio	J. G. Exline
08/11/1910	Bert F. Burdick Ethel L. Mack	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	J. G. Exline

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11/08/1911	Lynn I. Fuller Ethel L. Foster	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	A. E. Yeager
06/11/1912	Herman G. Torke Cora H. Vessey	Wisconsin Madison, Ohio	A. E. Yeager
06/26/1912	Lawrence E. Booth Marion L. Birch	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	A. E. Yeager
09/05/1912	Bert E. Clock Grace May Stuart	Ashtabula, Ohio Madison, Ohio	A. E. Yeager
09/24/1912	Allen F. Bebee Ruth A. Mericle	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	A. E. Yeager
12/05/1912	Albert E. Joiner Lola E. Pierce	Geneva, Ohio Geneva, Ohio	A. E. Yeager
12/11/1912	Elmer Fee Lydia Hickok	E. Orwell, Ohio Madison, Ohio	A. E. Yeager
10/15/1913	Ralph B. Pettit Mary Jane Alban	Cleveland, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
12/25/1913	W. Harry Korb Eleanor A. Thompson		Olin B. Jones
04/03/1914	Earl W. Beebe Florence Harrington	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
03/25/1914	Arthur N. Waite Flora H. Crippen		Olin B. Jones
06/06/1914	Earl W. Gates Della Mae Reed	Cleveland, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
07/21/1914	Roy E. Walworth Ruth M. Maltbie	Ashtabula, Ohio Geneva, Ohio	Olin B. Jones

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10/21/1914	Tom H. Foster Glenna M. Snyder	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
12/19/1914	William G. Kilty Bertha N. Talcott	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
04/07/1915	Pearl E. Pethtel Nan Lee Peoples	Madison, Ohio Cumberland, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
04/27/1915	John H. Forney Mildred A. Prime	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
06/01/1915	Burrel H. Ruffiner Ethel A. Eyssen	Hebron, Ohio Madison, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
06/25/1915	Ernest F. Gage Alma E. Evans	Geneva, Ohio Madison, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
10/09/1915	Henry Q. Prah Kathlyna Woodworth	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
11/15/1915	Claire S. Crocker Iva S. Miller	Madison, Ohio Painesville, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
11/27/1915	Clyde H. Anderson Bernice L. Lockwood	Painesville, Ohio Madison, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
05/02/1916	Francis J. Fuller Mrs. Ivah May Norton	Madison, Ohio Painesville, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
08/31/1916	Thomas M. McVey Anna L. Davis	Youngstown, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio	Olin B. Jones
08/31/1929	William W. Person Mary E. Diedrich	Duluth, Minn. Madison, Ohio	E. H. Thompson
11/27/1929	J. B. MacDonald Mrs. Mary E. Young	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	E. H. Thompson
08/06/1930	Ralph Killian Clara M. Thompson	Strongsville, Ohio Madison, Ohio	E. H. Thompson

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09/28/1930	Eleanor Foster Urvin Gibbon	Madison, Ohio Grand River, Ohio	W. S. Baker
10/09/1930	Kenneth Wright Catherine Forsch	Madison, Ohio Madison, Ohio	E. H. Thompson
07/22/1931 (double wedding)	Robert D. Bates Miriam Winifred Thompson  Lacey K. Teatsworth Mildred B. Reed		E. H. Thompson