It seems fitting that this page was left blank for 50 years that that record of the first years work might be recorded in this book; if a book containing those records were left it must have been lost as all we are able to find is a few notes by Mrs L P Ingalls had and which Carrie Ingalls Swanson gave us and are among the purest files. from this old Journal we find that the Ingalls family lived in the Ry Surveyors house on bank of Silver Lake in winter of 879 & 80, Carrie in writing says it was a beautiful body of water at that time, this house was later moved on the townsite and at present is standing at the East end of First St. It was to this house and this family that Rev E. H. Alden came and on Feby 29 1880 preached the first sermon in this vicinity and possibly in this county, he was evidently a traveling missionary who went on further west and on his return preached in this house again, some said those were the only two services in that home, those present on last of these were Mr & Mrs L P Ingalls Mary, Laura, Carrie and Grace Ingalls, Mr & Mrs R A Boast, T H Ruth A W Ogden Mr O'Connell wife O'Connell (the two latter catholics) 25 in all. Rev Alden was appointed to have charge of this field for first six months of 1880 by Supt Stewart Sheldon of Congl work in D. T.

The services were held in the depot as soon as it was finally finished.

Rev Alden relinquished the work in May to Rev Edw. Brown (first cousin of John Brown of Kansas Jayhawk renown) (Rev Brown had a homestead S.W. of town) On June 20 1880 Rev Brown organized the church in the then unfinished depot and it was named The First Congl Church of De Smet, the charter members were Mr & Mrs L P Ingalls and Mary, Mr & Mrs S N Gilbert V A Barnes Rev & Mrs Edw Brown all by letter from the church

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The foregoing is all of the church record we can find; at that time a meeting was held and Articles of Incorporation drawn and signed by V V Barnes Edward Brow S O Sherwin, L L Ingalls, Orville Sherwin, Mary Ingalls and L P Ingalls; under the organization a regular meeting was held at 3 P.M. Oct 9 1880 at the house of V V Barnes and V V Barnes L P Ingalls and S R Gilbert were elected Trustees, the ~~Articles~~ articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secy of D. T. who on Nov 10 1880 issued a Certificate of Corporate Existance to the Trust Congl Church of De Smet. This finishes the record to the time the book starts. Apl 2 1881 in the school house

In a record book of the Lake Henry church G N Crain made a history of that settlement showing who settled in that locality and speaks of religious services held in March and April 1880 with a few present but not preaching, this record may be with the Historical Society or with some of the Lake Henry Church people

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# Members.

1. Rev. E. Brown
2. B.C. Burdick 1-1-82
3. Sarah Benedict
4. L.L. Barnes
5. J.B. Crawford
6. Naomi M. Crawford
7. John B. Crawford
8. Lewis A. Crawford
9. Mary E. Crawford
10. Hobbs Stone Crawford
11. W.H. Carroll
12. Rubert Cooley
13. Carrie Cone
14. David Dick Apr 2-1881
15. James Davis
16. Jane Dick
17. Betsey Davis
18. Jane M.J. Dick
19. Rev. A. Drake
20. M.C. Drake
21. Jennie J. Drake
22. B. Homer Davis
23. Martha M. Dunkle
24. Rebecca Davis
25. Wm. French
26. Mrs. Floyd
27. Sarah Goodale
28. J.M. Gray
29. O.F. Gray
30. Peter M. Hartberg
31. A. Magnuson
32. C.P. Ingalls
33. Mrs. Ingalls
34. Mary Ingalls
35. Mrs. N.P. Johnson
36. Boyd Lapham
37. Rev. J.M. Lafrenz
38. Mrs. Morin 1-7-82
39. Mrs. Noyes 1-7-82
40. Jane M. Marshall 1-9-11
41. Rev. J. Otis 2-months 1-15
42. Mrs. Otis do
43. Jerry Oates do
44. N.D. Phelps +
45. H.P. Ross +
46. Mrs. R.P. Ross
47. S.O. Sherwin
48. J.M. Scofield +
49. C. Sherwin
50. John Schmick + Wife Jan 2 82
51. James E. Smith +
52. Mrs. Jane E. Smith +
53. Eva Smith +
54. Mrs. W.N. Scoville +
55. Mrs. L.M. Scofield
56. Elmer J. Sheldon
57. Alfred J. Sheldon
58. N.T. Scofield +
59. Mrs. Emma Simpkins +
60. Mrs. A.M. Waters
61. Geo. C. Westervelt +
62. Mrs. G.C. Westervelt +
63. Ione West
64. Mrs. S.O. Sherwin +
65. Mrs. C. Sherwin +
66. M. La Belle Bonner
67. Burt C. Wade +
68. Mrs. Fannie A. Warner
69. Mrs. Laura J. Brown
70. S.M. Gilbert
71. Mrs. E.F. Bonner +
72. Miriam Bonner +

73. Mrs. S.H. Gilbert +
74. [illegible] +
75. Mrs M E Root
76. Mrs J A Owen +
77. Rebecca Stewart +
78. A W. Owen +
79. E A Owen +
90. [illegible] +
91. [illegible] +
92. Frank M Cooley
93. Mrs Frank Cooley
94. Miss Grace Skinner
95. Mrs. W Kenney
96. Mrs W Kenney
97. [illegible]

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# Minutes of Meeting of First Congregational Church of DeSmet, Dakota,

Held at School House in DeSmet on Saturday, April 2nd 1881, at 3 P.M.

Meeting called to order at time and place appointed.

Meeting presided over by Rev. C. Brown Paston. Secretary present, also the following other members, viz.: C. P. Ingalls Mrs. Brown, Orville Sherwin and S. E. Sherwin. Also in attendance at said meeting, David Dick and James Dav, who presented each a church letter from Alexander Duff, Minister Scotto Parish, Kirriemuir Scotland. Said letter also included Janet Robb, wife of said David Dick, and Jane Mc Nicol Dick, their daughter; also Betsey Dick, wife of said James Dav. On motion, all said persons in such letters recommended, were duly received by the into the church.

Plans were then discussed as to proceedings to obtain a site for a church building. Trustees requested to determine what could be done for $1,000.00.

Adjourned.

W. W. Barnes
Secretary.

DeSmet, Dakota, Sunday April 10th 81.

Divine Service held this day at 11 O'clock A.M. at the School House being the customary place of meeting. Sacrament partook of the Lords Supper. At this occasion, Mary Jane Fraser, infant

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# De Smet Congo Church

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The first sermon preached was on Feb. 29th. 1880 — Twenty-five being present. The service and all services until later were held at the residence of C. P. Ingalls. Those present included C. P. Ingalls, Mrs C. P. Ingalls. R. A. Boast Mrs R. A. Boast, T. H. Ruth, A. H. Ogden, Mr O'Connell, Mrs O'Connell, Mary Ingalls, Laura Ingalls Carrie Ingalls, Grace Ingalls

In May Rev. E. H. Alden relinquished the field to Rev. Edward Brown who organized the church on June 20, 1880 The organization was effected in the then unfinished depot. The church was named The First Congl Church of De Smet.

The Charter members all of whom joined by letters from other churches were — Rev. Brown, pastor, Mrs Edward Brown, C. P. Ingalls, Mrs C. P. Ingalls, S. H. Gilbert, Mrs S. H. Gilbert, V. V. Barnes & Mary A. Ingalls.

Officers Rev. Brown, pastor
V. V. Barnes, Clerk.

Mrs Ware left with Rev. — copied from mothers papers

Proceedings of Cong'l Church
of De Smet Jan. 1, 1882

Mr. Benedict & wife & Mr. Scofield united with the church by letter

Number of trustees restricted to 3 to be elected by ballot one for one year, one for two, one for three

V. V. Barnes elected for 3 yrs
C. P Ingalls " for 2 "
I W Newhall " " 1 "

For clerk V. V. Barnes
" treasurer S O Sherwin
" deacons
S O Sherwin & Mr Benedict

Meeting then closed by prayer by S. N. Gilbert.

Organized June 20
1880

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Mr Mary Rev. E. H. Alden relinquished

# MEMBERS RECEIVED.

In case of married women, put the maiden name in brackets [———]; if married after enrollment, add the new name [Mrs. ———].

| | NAME IN FULL. | DATE OF RECEPTION. | HOW RECEIVED. If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. If baptized at that time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter. | DATE OF REMOVAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | B. C. Burdict | | | Died Oct 3/15 |
| | Mrs Sarah Burdict. | | | Death Apr. 14, 1901. |
| | David Dick. | | Letter. | Death |
| | Mrs Jane M. Dick | | " | Dropped. |
| | " Betsey Davo | | | July 2 - 1903. |
| | E. Gomer Davis | | | Moved to Stay |
| | F. W. Gray | | | Mark Sab. D. |
| | August C. Hanson | | On Confession | Dropped |
| | Mrs A. C. Hanson | | Dropped Aug 1 1901 | |
| | Charles P. Ingalls | | | Letter - Nov. 1904 - |
| | Mary Ingalls 2 | | | Death |
| | Mrs. N. O. Johnson | | | Aug 10, 1899 |
| | J. E. Smith | | | Died |
| | Mrs J. E. Smith | | | Jan 1902 |
| | Mrs. A. N. Waterp. | | | Died 1/17/[illegible] |
| | Mrs. Eva Coolidge | 3 X | Mch 1887 | Nov 20-1911 |
| | Alexander Ludsay | X | | Nov 27-1901 |
| | Mrs. Elizabeth Basse | X | | Nov 27-1911 |
| | Mrs. O. F. Taylor | 4 X | | " " died |
| | Camilla M. Hanson | X | | May 1 1903 |
| | Clifton Burdict | 5 X | Enos | Letter Aug 4-[illegible] |
| 2 | Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong | 6 X | | Dropped 1915 |
| 3 | Miss Carrie Ingalls. | 7 Swanzy X | | Died - 1923 |
| 4 | Joseph Fairchilds | | | Dropped 1915 Oct. 31st 1901 |
| 5 | David Whitehead | X | | Dropped |
| | Mrs Ingalls | | | Died 1923 |

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