

THE MECHANICSBURG EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

The first meetings in the village were held in 1822, and the congregation was organized in the same year, at the house of Nicholas Enders. The original members were: Nicholas Enders, his wife Elizabeth Enders, George Enders, Jacob Enders, Mary Enders, and Susan Enders, all of the same family; George Lowmaster, his wife Magdalena Lowmaster, and daughter H. A. Lowmaster.

The first church was built in or about the year 1840, and was called the "Log Church." The second was erected in 1858, and was styled the "Valley Church." The present edifice in Mechanicsburg is a new and substantial structure.

Jacob Baumgartner and Joseph Long served as the first preachers for only one year. In the second year J. Deholf and T. Buck were the pastors. The present minister is S. Milliron, who succeeded Joseph Porceth.'

The first class leader was N. Enders, and the second John Overdorff. The Sabbath School from the earliest period was connected with the church, and was at first held in private houses.

The circuit of which the Mechanicsburg church is a part, comprises three churches, three Sabbath Schools, and seven appointments – all situated in Indiana county.