

Western Presbyterian Church and the East Palmyra Connection

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1843 meetinghouse of the East Palmyra Presbyterian Church, exhibiting some interior lumber from the original 1807 meetinghouse. The 1843 church cost \$1,400 to build.



Two doorways in the 1843 meetinghouse that are believed to have led to the gallery and the steeple.

Many of our church's first congregants met in the Presbyterian Church in East Palmyra that was built in 1807, Western Presbyterian Church's "mother" church. When the 1807 church was torn down in 1843, some of the boards from that first church were used in the new church, built in 1843. A picture of the 1843 church is shown here and would have been considered the meetinghouse of the First Presbyterian Church of Palmyra and not of the Western Presbyterian Church. However, for history buffs, it is interesting to think that some of the boards still exist in this 1843 building, that our original congregants may have walked on during the years 1807 to 1811 until a meetinghouse was built in Palmyra village. The church building stands on the Hoad property in East Palmyra and has been used as a barn for many, many years. Original wainscoting, trim, and windows remain in much of the building. The shutters are original. The building was moved from a little east of the existing site.

1869 East Palmyra Presbyterian Church



The East Palmyra Presbyterian Church as it looks today. This church was built in 1868-1869 at a cost of \$10,000. The church has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Palmyra Historian, Beth Hoad says, “according to the application of East Palmyra Presbyterian Church for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the present brick church was built in 1868-69 - a brick and stone church with vernacular Romanesque Revival style design and decorative features.”