



First Baptist Church in 1910. Richland County History Room photo.

## First Baptist Church 394 North Church Street, 1866-1870.

Characterized by the broad gable roof, cornice returns and cupola of its original Greek Revival form, this brick church exhibits round arched windows and a round arched off-set entrance added during the extensive remodeling project carried out in 1900. The Baptist Church was constructed by members of the congregation with William Carey Wright acting as pastor over a period of four years.



William Carey Wright.

William and Permelia Wright settled in Lone Rock, Wis. where he set himself up as a lawyer. Wright also worked as a preacher, musician, and composer and was Superintendent of Richland County schools for two years. Permelia Wright died in 1864 leaving three children. Anna Lloyd Jones, who was a boarder in the Wright home, and William were married in 1866.

In 1866, William Cary Wright of Lone Rock met with the lay group in the Richland County courthouse to found the Baptist church. A baby boy, Frank Lincoln Wright, was born to William and Anna Lloyd Wright on June 8, 1867. The precise location is a matter of debate with seven possible locations being in contention. Wright remained as the pastor of the church until 1869 when the Wright family left Richland Center and located in McGregor, Ia.

William and Permelia Wright are buried in the cemetery located at the Little Brown Church in Richland County, Wis. just north of Lone Rock. (See photo below).





Frank (Lincoln) Lloyd Wright as a three-year-old. Wisconsin State Historical Society photo.