

## **Rev. H. Holtzman in 1875 - 1877**

Township: Aldborough

Denomination: Evangelical (later Evangelical United Brethren)

Name of Church: Immanuel Evangelical, Churchville

Location: Lot 13, Concession 10 (southwest quarter)

Date of Formation: 1860

Date of Closing: 1949

Records: all records deposited at United Church Archives, Toronto

**History:** Churchville was a community consisting primarily of German settlers in the early years, and a church in which German services were conducted was a necessity. In 1860, Rev. Henry Sauer travelled on foot and horseback to Churchville from Willoughby township to minister to the Evangelical residents of Churchville. These meetings were held in homes. In 1861 a church was built in the hamlet of Churchville, (corner of Middle Street and Kerr Road) on five acres of land purchased from Sir Richard Airey by Adam Baker, Andrew Streib and Gottfried Mistele, on behalf of the Evangelical United Brethren congregation (deed dated July 17, 1861). In 1866, Trustees John Adam Butschbacker, Simeon Hauser and Matthias Hauser purchased additional land in lot 12 from Simon Zoller for a cemetery.

During the ministry of **Rev. H. Holtzman in 1875 - 1877**, the original church building was sold and used as a driving shed on the Watson farm (later the Douglas Schleihauf farm west of Black Road).

A windstorm blew the old church down in 1984. A new church was built by contractor J. J. Mistele, and dedicated in 1876. A manse was built directly behind the church. During a severe electrical storm on September 19, 1948, the church steeple was struck by lightning and the old frame building was set on fire. The church had been undergoing extensive renovations at the time of the fire, and during a service on the lawn the following morning, the ruins of the church and basement were still smouldering. After the fire, the congregation worshipped in the Rodney Evangelical Church. The money collected from insurance was used to purchase a new organ for the Rodney church, donated by the Churchville congregation. In 1947, the Evangelical Church of Canada and the United States of America joined with the United Brethren Church of U.S.A., to form the Evangelical United Brethren. In 1949, the united congregations in Rodney were officially organized and named Calvary Memorial Evangelical United Brethren. (Further history: a history of Churchville Evangelical Church, by Sheila McCann, 1978)

## **Rev. Holtzman, 1862**

Rev. S. Krup, 1863

Rev. T. Hauck, 1864-1865

Rev. M. Rothermal, 1866-1867

Rev. G. Barnhart, 1868-1869

Rev. G. Graff, 1870-1872

Rev. Sharfa, 1873-1874

## **Rev. Holtzman, 1875-1877**

Rev. Steinogel, 1878-1879

Rev. H. Werner, 1880-1882

Rev. Finkbeiner, 1883-1885

Rev. John Stabler, 1886-1888

Rev. Levi Whitting, 1889-1891

Rev. E. H. Been, 1892-1893

Rev. J. K. Devitt, 1894-1896

Rev. G. H. Wagner, 1897-1899

Rev. E. D. Becker, 1900-1902

Rev. Fred Meyer, 1903-1906

Rev. W. M. Sippel, 1907-1910

Rev. A. W. Saucer, 1911-1915

Rev. J. C. Morlock, 1916-1921

Rev. A. Clemens, 1922-1923

Rev. J. B. Burns, 1924-1928

Rev. N. Reibling, 1929-1930

Rev. F. B. Meyer, 1931-1935

Rev. W. C. Hayne, 1935-1938

Rev. Charles Kauth, 1939-1945

Rev. W. T. Braun, 1945-1948

Rev. Paul Erb, 1948