

## **Pilot Grove Methodist Episcopal Church South Pilot Grove Methodist Church**

<b>Township:</b>	T-49-N	<b>Organized:</b>	1826 - 1827
<b>Range:</b>	R-18-W	<b>Disbanded:</b>	Unknown
<b>Section:</b>	32	<b>Active:</b>	Unknown
<b>Map:</b>		<b>Updated:</b>	March 8, 2020

**Cemetery:** The cemetery originally associated with this church is now the Pilot Grove City Cemetery. The church is no longer associated with the cemetery.

**Area:** Northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the section in Pilot Grove, Missouri

**Records:** The location of the church records is unknown at present.

### **History:**



Photograph From "Pilot Grove Centennial 1873 - 1973"

#### **Pilot Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South From "History of Howard and Cooper Counties Missouri", 1883**

Pilot Grove M. E. Church South -Organized 1826 or 1827. Names of original members: Samuel Roe, Sr., is the only name among the original members that we could get. Church was built in 1850, rebuilt in 1879; is a frame building. Cost \$1,200. Dedicated by Rev. Preston Phillips, October 1879 (new structure). J. C. Given is present pastor. Number of present membership, 125. In September 1832, Bishop Soule held annual conference at this church.

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#### **Methodist Episcopal South of Pilot Grove From "History of Cooper County Missouri" by W. F. Johnson 1919**

Pilot Grove M. E. Church, South, was organized in 1826. Samuel Roe was one of the original members of this church. A building was erected in 1850 and rebuilt in 1879.

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#### **Pilot Grove Methodist Church From "Pilot Grove Centennial 1873 - 1973"**

A camp meeting ground near the spring west of the cemetery was the rendezvous of the faithful, and it was here the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in 1828. The first log church

was built in 1829, and in 1932, the Missouri Annual Conference was held on the camp ground with the Bishop Joshua Soule presiding.

On August 9, 1852, the M. E. Church South purchased land from Samuel and Sarah Roe to erect a frame church. The trustees were James Roe, Peter Wilson, and John Leigh. In 1878 the old frame church was superseded by a new two-story edifice built jointly with the masons, who occupied the upper story. This new building was dedicated by Rev. Preston Phillips in October of 1879, with the Knight Templars of Sedalia assisting.

Not many years later it was felt a larger church was needed, and some felt another location would be more suitable. One sister felt so strongly on the subject that she would never bow her head when a brother member, who strongly favored moving the church, prayed. But it was decided to move the church to the corner of Third and Roe Streets. The cornerstone of the church was laid July 22, 1886, with ceremonies by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Missouri. On November 5, 1950, a fire did considerable damage to the structure, and at once members and friends donated labor and cash to repair the damages and redecorate the building. A rededication was held January 28, 1951 with Dr. H. O. Isbell, district superintendent, officiating.

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**Pilot Grove Methodist Church Founded in 1828  
From "Memorabilia of Cooper County", 1990**

One of the oldest churches in our midst is the Methodist Episcopal Church which was organized in Pilot Grove in 1828. A camp meeting place near the spring west of the cemetery was the rendezvous of the faithful and it was here that the first log church was built in 1839.

In 1832, the Missouri Annual Conference was held there on the camp ground with Bishop Joshua Soule presiding. In 1850 the old log structure was replaced by a neat frame building.

Forty-six years later, in 1876, the old frame church was superseded by a new two story edifice, built jointly with the Masons, who occupied the upper story. It was located where the old school building stood across the railroad tracks from the depot. This church was dedicated by the Rev. Preston Phillips in October, 1879, assisted by the Knight Templars of Sedalia. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. C.C. Wood, pastor, the Rev. M. Atkisson, presiding elder, and the Rev. R.H. Shaffer.

**Sold Building in 1888**

In 1888 the church sold its interest in this building to the public school board and erected the brick edifice now occupied. This church was dedicated by Bishop E.R. Hendrix assisted by the Masons from Sedalia and the Rev. R.H. Shaffer. On Nov. 5, 1950, fire broke out in the basement of the church and did considerable damage before it was brought under control by the city firemen. A building committee was organized at once to repair the damages and redecorate throughout.

by Mrs. A.J. Hayes

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