

Early Churches in Chagrin Falls

There were five early churches in Chagrin Falls, the planners envisioned all churches to be located around a projected public square.

The **First Congregational Society** was formed in 1835. As was the case with all of the early churches they met in private homes, until 1845 when they built a church on East Orange St.

In 1837 **The Methodist Episcopal Church** was formed, their church was built in 1846 on the East side of South Franklin St.. A new church was built on the West side of the street in the 1800's.

The **Disciples Of Christ**, a Protestant denomination built a church house in 1853. James A. Garfield helped build the church, and later was a minister there. They joined with the Congregationalists in 1919 to form the Federated church.

The **Bible Christian** church, an English denomination, had a church house on Bell St.

The **Free Will Baptist Church** met in Russell until 1842 when they moved to Chagrin at a site on Bell and Vincent. They shared the building with the Wesleyan Methodists who split off from the main church over the slavery issue.