Prospect Methodist Church
Monticello Chorze

Prospect Methodist Church is located in Thompson & Barnes district 7 miles south of Mansfield, 11 miles north of Monticello, just off No. 11 Highway in Eudora Community in Jasper Co., Ia.

The history of Prospect is very interesting, dating back as far as the year 1844, even years prior to this date, The first church at Prospect was already built and was used as a place of worship even before the date of the recording of the deeds of the approximately 15 acres of land which was donated by Michael Barnes & Harris Allen.
and dated April 23, 1844.

The first trustees of the first church were namely, John Horton Sr., Bryant L. Allen, Harris Allen, Thompson Curry, John Horton Jr., Elisha Horton and Charles E. W. F. Campbell.

The house that we now worship in was the second to be used on this plot of land.

The first one was located several hundred feet west of the building that now stands.

When the second church was built, the first church was given to the Negroes and was used for a place of worship a number of years.

The white people with their Negroes came to church
in the same wagon. On arrival, the negroes would retire to their church while the white people would go to the new building.

Later on, it was determined that the two churches were too close together and later the negro church was moved to what is known as Negro Prospect, located about a mile farther south on No. 11 Highway.

The building in which we now worship bears the name of the original church "Prospect" and was built in the year 1875.

It will be interesting to know that the hills, the foundation of the church, were donated by
James Benton. They were hand hewn and dragged some 4 or 5 miles from what is known as the Benton & Price Farm. The church building measures 40 x 60 feet.

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