BUFFALO CHURCH LOCATOR 1832-1860

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1832

The 1832 Buffalo City directory listed 9 churches. They were listed by denomination only and no addresses were given. From other sources we can identify most of them and match them with a location. They are:

**Episcopal.** This is St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. It was and is located on the triangle formed by Erie, Pearl and Church Sts.

**Presbyterian.** This was First Presbyterian Church. It was on the triangle of Church, Pearl and Niagara Sts.

Free Congregational.

**Baptist.** This was First Baptist Church. This was on the northeast corner of Seneca and Washington Sts.

**Bethel.** This was on Perry St. in 1850, the first year an address was given.

**Methodist.** The Methodist Episcopal Church was on Niagara St. between Pearl and Franklin Sts.

**Universalist.** This was First Universal church, located on Washington St. near the corner of South Division St.

**Unitarian.** First Unitarian church was on the corner of Eagle and Franklin Sts.

**Roman Catholic.** St Louis church. This was on Main St. opposite Goodell St.
By 1840 the number of churches had doubled. Addresses were still not listed but names of pastors were. Some churches were identified by name.

**Episcopal.**
- St Paul’s.
- Trinity Episcopal. Located on the corner of Washington and Mohawk Sts.

**Presbyterian**
- First Presbyterian.
- Pearl Street Presbyterian. Located on the corner of Pearl and Chippewa Sts.
- Park Street Presbyterian. On Lafayette opposite the Park Tabernacle (Congregational)

**Baptist**
- First Baptist.
- Baptist (colored). Michigan near Batavia Sts

**Methodist**
- Methodist Episcopal
- Methodist Protestant. Located on Pearl St. near Niagara St.
- Methodist African.. The address listed is No.9 Vine.

**Reformed Churches**
- Scotch Reformed.
- Reformed Dutch. Located on Washington St. near Eagle.

**Bethel**. The address is Perry St. near Michigan Ave.

**Lutheran**
- (St. John’s). Located on Hickory St between William and Broadway. Could also be Trinity Lutheran Church. This was on Michigan and Genesee Sts.

**Roman Catholic**
- Dutch (probably St Louis)
- Irish (probably St. Patrick’s- on Ellicott and Batavia Sts)

**Universalist** Same as 1832.

**Unitarian.** Same as 1832.
By 1850, the number of churches in Buffalo had grown to almost 36 and many denominations and languages were represented. The City directory listed churches with addresses and officers.

1850

Episcopal.
St. Paul’s
Trinity Episcopal.
St. John’s Episcopal. Located on Washington and Swan Sts

Presbyterian.
First Presbyterian.
South Presbyterian. Located on Washington St. near Eagle
Lafayette Street Church. Between Main and Washington Sts, north of the Park.
Central Presbyterian (Old School). On the corner of Genessee and Pearl Sts.
North Presbyterian. Located on Main St. between Huron and Chippewa.
East Presbyterian(colored)

Baptist.
Washington Street Baptist Church. Located on Washington St.
Niagara Square Baptist Church. This was on the northwest corner of Niagara Square.
Michigan Street Baptist Church.
German Baptist Church. This church was on Spruce St. north of Batavia(Broadway)

Methodist
Methodist Episcopal Church. Niagara St. between Pearl and Franklin.
Pearl St. Methodist Episcopal Church. Pearl and Chippewa
Swan St. Methodist Episcopal Church. Swan and Michigan Sts.
Vine St. Methodist Episcopal Church. (colored)
Sycamore St Methodist Episcopal Church(German) Sycamore and Ash Sts.

Unitarian
First Unitarian Church. Eagle and Franklin Sts.

Universalist
First Universalist Church. Washington St. near South Division St.
Second Universalist Society. Washington and Clinton Sts

Roman Catholic
St. Louis Church. Main St opp.. Goodell.
St Mary’s Church. Batavia and Pine Sts.
St. Mary’s of the Lake
**Reformed/Evangelical**

**Lutheran**
Evangelical Lutheran Church. Hickory between Batavia and William Sts.
German Evangelical Church. Corner of Genessee and Hickory Sts.
Trinity church(German). Corner Goodell and Spruce Sts.
Trinity(Lutheran) Church. Willliam St.

**Bethel Church.** Perry St.

**Free German Catholic Church.** Corner of Genessee and Pearl Sts.

**1860**
By 1860 there were 70 churches in Buffalo. Reflecting the diverse population of the city, they include for the first time a Jewish synagogue. Also churches in the former Black Rock are included. Churches are listed with addresses, clergy and in many cases, trustees.

**Presbyterian**
First Presbyterian . Church, Pearl and Niagara Sts.
Central Presbyterian. Corner of Genessee and Pearl Sts.
North Presbyterian. Main Street between Huron and Chippewa.
United Presbyterian Church. Washington St. below Eagle.
Westminster Presbyterian. Delaware above North.
East Presbyterian(Colored). Elm between North and South Division.
Church of the Puritans. Breckenridge near Niagara. Black Rock.

**Methodist**
Niagara Street Methodist Episcopal. Niagara St. between Pearl and Franklin
Ashbury Methodist Episcopal. Corner of Pearl and Chippewa.
Grace Methodist Episcopal. Michigan between North and South Division.
German Methodist Episcopal. Sycamore Ave. corner of Ash St.
River Side Methodist. Dearborn St.
Fillmore Methodist. Near Whittemore’s Tavern
St. Mark’s Methodist Episcopal. Elk St. near Alabame.
Vine St. Methodist Episcopal(Colored).
North St. Methodist. North St. near Twelfth.
**Baptist**

Free Baptist. Corner of Pearl and Genesee Sts
Michigan St. Baptist(Colored). Michigan between Clinton and Batavia.
First German Baptist. Spruce St. north of Batavia.
North Buffalo Baptist. Dearborn St.
Niagara Square Baptist. North-west corner of Niagara Square.
Cedar Street Baptist church. Cedar St. between North and South Division.

**Episcopal**

St. Luke’s Episcopal. Maryland St. near Virginia
St. Paul’s Episcopal. Erie, Church and Pearl Sts.
Church of the Ascension. North St. at the head of Franklin St.
St. James’s Episcopal. Corner of Swan and Spring Sts.
Grace Episcopal. River Side

**Reformed Churches**

First French Protestant. North-east corner of Ellicott and Tupper Sts
German Evangelical. Corner of Spruce and Sycamore.
German Evangelical. Corner of Genesee and Hickory Sts.
German evangelical. North Buffalo. Amherst St
German United St. Paul’s, Evangelical. Washington St. between Genesee and Chippewa
Zion’s German Reformed. Lemon St.

**Lutheran**

Evangelical Lutheran. Hickory St. between Batavia and William Sts.
Trinity United Evangelical Lutheran, German. Corner of Goodell and Maple Sts
Trinity Lutheran, German. William St.
St. Peter’s. Genesee, corner of Hickory St.
St. Stephen’s. Peckham St. corner of Adams.
St Andrew’s Evangelical Lutheran. Peckham St.corner of Sherman.

**Roman Catholic**

St. Joseph’s Cathedral. Franklin St. near Swan.
St. Michael’s. Washington St. between Chippewa and Tupper Sts.
St. Francis Xavier. East St near Amherst St.
St Patrick’s. North Canal St. near Emslie.
Holy Angel’s. Prospect Hill.
Holy Cross. Main St. near the Poorhouse.
Immaculate Conception. Edward St. near the Buffalo Orphan Asylum.
St. Louis German Catholic. Main St. opposite Goodell St
St. Mary’s. Batavia and Pine Sts.
St Bonifacius. Mulberry St.
St Bridget’s. Louisiana St. corner of Fulton.
St Anne’s. Emслиe near Lovejoy.

First Universalist. Washington, near South Division.
First Unitarian. Corner of Eagle and Franklin.

Other (or not identified)
Calvary Church. Delaware below Tupper.
Mission Church. Goodell St. corner of Boston.
Ebenezer church. Grape St. near virginai.
Old Indian Church. Indian Church St. near Whitemore’s Tavern.
House of Bethel. Seneca St near Jefferson.
Thirteenth St. Church. Thirteenth St. near Jersey.
Second German Church. Hickory St near Sycamore.
Jewish Synagogue. Pearl St. near Eagle.