

Audrain County, Missouri

Historical Notes: Emmanuel Evangelical German Church

The Emmanuel Evangelical German Church was organized in 1883 and a building was erected on 4 acres of land purchased from Mr. Meinholz . The church was badly damaged by a tornado on May 17, 1896, and was replaced with a new building and it was dedicated on May 28, 1905. The cemetery was located west of the church, a new parsonage east and a German school north of the parsonage. German was taught several years before changing to English.

Across the road south of the church on land owned by Roy P. Willingham stood the Gilead Baptist Church, which was torn down several years before the German church. Littleby Post Office, later known as Progress Post Office, stood about a mile north of Bean Creek school. In 1884, the area known as the Bean Creek Community had, besides the school, a blacksmith shop, general store, churches, and was a shopping point for live stock and grain.