

Lee Swanson audio files - see jch.com/places/meetinghouse

So when there's original building was built in 1722/23 on the smaller building approximately 20' x 40' and our foundation can be checked out in the crawlspace below the Parish Hall as to how large that original building was. The foundation is still there to examine it to see what's up for actual size and they should be marked on the floor of the parish hall in some way that would not be disruptive.

When I have all the 3rd grade kids they are fascinated to hear about house used to be open from the parish hall in the sanctuary. closed up

Here we have a building on a Rocky Plain it's worthless soil later it's all washed out it's my believe it's called a morrain. Behind the first Parish there are graves and some are from very early on and some of them are Indian graves.

Underneath, in the crawlspace there are Native American artifacts strewn about buried in there and that very dry soil thing is so dry.

You have a small building out grown by population growing so fast here in the west side of the river. Rev. Loring had a good approach very well attended services support of the population so that your original building was out grown they needed to build this and the conversation starts in town records since this a Town building.

Starts for so by the time 1796 comes along I had a great great need and a view as to what they needed to build this building that way exactly you see it. It grew in fits and starts and fix and some ways porch is what we call the front of the meetinghouse, which holds the steeple.

If that was added as a separate building, one of the historical architects thought it was a separate matter at all and we couldn't be sure without ripping apart, her frame which we weren't willing to do.

In the house house plan patented house plan. Architect in Boston called it because parish plan so you have other building and off is that Parish Plan finished differently.

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The sanctuary is on the second floor but originally it was on the first floor, along the North Wall there was a staircase leading up to the pulpit that was attached to the back wall with a sounding board above it much like the Wayland first parish. That was all change once it was filled in the hole that allowed people to be seated on the second floor looking down at the rich people that were in the good seats those utilized by the minister but once you filled in the hole was at the same height just that all the people on that one

When I first came here in 1948 with my parents, the choir was on the back balcony. There are a few pictures of it (Found one - see jch.com/places/meetinghouse !) to separate stairway leading up to it in the back of the sanctuary a third floor was really neat when we get the interior work here but the scaffolding I want to do the plastering and you could walk around with you head just below the ceiling to see how much space there was.

There was a stairway in the porch waiting up to it in the picture that I've seen the pictures of the choir stand and standing sing at that level

On the plaque on the second floor as to when we got electricity when we had all those all right and I haven't found any any different opinions of those that are stated there.