

Little Cedar Grove Baptist Church
Franklin County
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Marker Text

Built in 1812, this is the oldest church building still on its original location in the state. Interior shows rifle openings in walls, a balcony and raised pulpit. Burial plot adjoins church.

Report

This marker is under review because primary sources could not be located to prove or disprove that it is the “oldest.” According to John Barnhart and Dorothy Riker’s *Indiana to 1816* “it...is believed to be the oldest Protestant church in Indiana still standing on its original site.” The National Register of Historic Places Registration Form notes the church’s significance architecturally.

Only the statement, “interior shows rifle openings in walls,” has been proved incorrect. According to the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, “At the sill level, six small openings extend across the façade. The openings were used to support scaffolding.”