

Jacob Charles Mosebach

Pastor 1866 – 1871

According to the 1870 U.S. Census, Mosebach was born in Prussia in 1802 and had the following family: Lisette Mosebach , twenty-three years old, Henry Mosebach, twenty-one, years old, public school teacher, and Mary Mosebach, nine years old.

The tenure of this pastor was filled with dissension of the congregation.

The Montzen building site with an old house that was built in Belleville's pioneer days and which bordered the church property was bought during his time. It was first rented and then used as a confirmation room.

However, this sacrifice of one thousand two hundred dollars was apparently once more a heavy cross for the congregation to bear. They felt themselves pressed to reduce the pastor's salary from six hundred dollars to four hundred dollars and excused this with the thinking that the pastor, "if he worked diligently, could earn double that in addition."

Mosebach soon left the congregation.

He was later killed by a train in the western United States.

Information Sources:

1909 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Booklet of St. Paul's by Reverend Otto F. Pessel. Translation from the German by Lynn C. Koehler of our congregation, 1973

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