

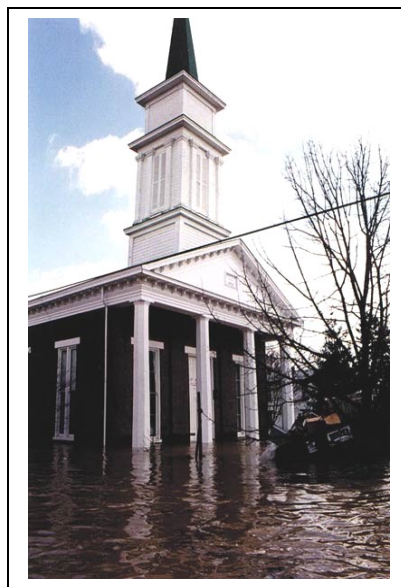
Address: Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

Date Constructed: 1856-57 (Steeple 1870)

Date Designated: March 10th, 2009

Building Information: Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church plays a significant role in the Village of New Richmond both architecturally and historically. The congregation was formed in 1821 and included John Rankin (Underground Railroad) and James Birney (Publisher of the Philanthropist) among its members. Cranston Presbyterian Church is known as one of the first area churches to take a stand against slavery by denying communion to slave owners. In 1836 the church hosted the organizational meeting of the New Richmond Anti-Slavery Society.

Architecturally the large green steeple can be seen from all corners of the village. The building is meticulously maintained by its membership with little changed within the sanctuary since it was constructed in 1956.



Cranston Church – 1997 Flood