

50,000 feet of lumber. The lumber had been bought at Sheboygan, for Mr. Bullen, at a cost of \$20 per M. It was thrown into the Lake, and floated ashore in rafts. The next arrival by Lake at Kenosha was a part of a cargo of merchandize, also for Mr. Bullen. These goods were shipped by way of Oswego and the Lakes, and arrived at Kenosha in August of that year. The arrival of this stock of goods dates the opening of the first mercantile establishment in Kenosha.

Up to the middle of August, no religious meetings had been held at Kenosha; but about that time Mr. Jonathan Pierce, and Mr. Austin Kellogg, both strangers to each other, happening to meet on the Island, agreed, in the course of five minutes conversation, to call a religious meeting for the Sabbath next ensuing, and which meeting was accordingly held in the log building, on the Lake shore, on the south side of the harbor, that was first put on that side. There were present at that meeting twenty-eight persons, of whom twenty-one spoke at more or less length. During most of the year 1836, the religious meetings were all held at the house of William Bullen, on the Island. In the latter part of the season of 1837, a block building was put up on South Main street, and near the present market square, for a school house and a place of worship, free to all denominations; and in 1839, a frame building, of considerable size, was erected in the second ward for an academy, and a place of worship, also free to all denominations. During these years no regular clergymen were employed, but services were performed by itinerant and missionary preachers, and when no clergymen were present, prominent members of the church read sermons from a printed volume. R. H. Deming and Rev. Abner Barlow, also preached at Kenosha frequently.

In 1840, the Methodist Society built the first church edifice that was erected at Kenosha. This building originally stood in the centre of Main street, at that point where it intersects with Kenosha street, and fronted north. In 1855 this church