

**THOMAS BAILIFF AND ROBERT BAILIFF STARTED THE WILLOW CREEK CUMBERLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ORANGE TWP CLARK COUNTY ILLINOIS 1863**

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The **Willow Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church** was organized as a society on **October 11, 1863**. In forming this society, the fifteen founding members approved the doctrine of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and were under the government and care of Foster Presbytery. Through reorganization within the denomination, we are now a member of North Central Presbytery, a part of the North Central Synod. **REV. ROBERT BAILIFF AND HIS SON REV. THOMAS BAILIFF**, were founding pastors. The original Elders were: **ABEL RONNELS AND ISREAL JARRET. FELIX CHESSER** served as session clerk. **REV. THOMAS BAILIFF** served the congregation from 1863-1888.