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Beacon Hill-Freda School on left. Holy Trinity Catholic Church in center and Congregational Church on far right. Photo taken in 1922.

From: Barb Mattila 1-08

"2008" I was told that the Congregational church was ^{taken} ~~was~~ down in sections in 1935-~~or 1937~~ & hauled to Toivola to build a ^{Protestant} Lutheran there on Church Rd. In 1936-37 it was put back together. The land in Toivola on Church Rd was donated by the Antio family to put the church on. In 1995 they put an addition ^{was} put on the church - In door toilets, etc. Her Bro Jim, Uncle Leo & a ^{Reino} Taska boy were the 1st children to be baptised there.

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FROM LEO MATTILA 1/08 LEO'S MOTHER WAS JOHNSON - SHE WAS 1 OF 15 CHILDREN
MATTILA LEO'S FAMILY (15) CHILDREN. 13 LIVED TO ADULTHOOD 9 B OYS - 4 GIRLS

THE CHURCH WAS TAKEN DOWN IN SECTIONS AND HAULED BY TRAIN - TO TOIVOLA STATION
THE HILL BROS. LOGGING TRUCK PICKED UP THE SECTIONS THERE AND HAULED THEM TO ITS PRESENT LOCATION. THEY DID NOT USE THE (BELL TOWER). PEOPLE THAT ATTENDED THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME AND PROBABLY HELPED RE BUILD THE CHURCH WERE SAM MATTILA (LEO'S FATHER), GABRIEL MAKI, WILHART JOHNSON, BENJAMIN NAASKO, JACOB LUOKKANEN, MIKKOLAS. BEFORE THIS CHURCH WAS BUILT THE GROUP MET AT THE "TEMPERANCE HALL" ON CHURCH RD. (LEFT SIDE) ACROSS FROM NOW ²⁰⁰⁸ FIREHALL. LATER PEOPLE BY THE NAME OF RAKKO LIVED THERE. SAM MATTILA MADE THE SHINGLES THAT WERE USED ON THE CHURCH. THEN.