

Lord's day 1st January **1837**. The following persons received the ordinance of Baptism and hand of fellowship from the church. Viz. Mrs. **Newel**, Myron **Frisbee**, Jane **Burrell** and Almira **Walker**. Received. Rev. B.N. **Leach** Administrator.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Conference 14 January **1837**.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Chloe Ann **Barber** and Miss [name omitted] with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Church conference 21 January **1837**. Opened by a season of prayer. Heard a letter recommending Sister Elmira **Hodges**. Resolved that she be received to our fellowship.

Heard a letter recommending sister Roxana G. **Taylor**. Resolved that she be received to our fellowship.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Horace **Turner** and his desire to be Baptized. Resolved that he be received as a Candidate for Baptism.

Heard also the Christian experience of Reuben **Tuttle**, Miss Sally **Ewer**, and Mrs. Lucina **Flint**. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Brothers and Sisters of the church individually expressed their desire to go forward and labor in the cause of the Lord.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's day 22nd **1837**.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Elisha **Flint** with his desire to be Baptised. Resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism.

The following persons received the ordinance of Baptism. Viz. Horace **Turner**, Sally **Ewer**, Chloe Ann **Barber**, Lucretia **Saxton**, Mrs. Laura **Parker**.

D **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Conference 28 January **1837**.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Miriam **Parker** together with testimony of her having been Baptized many years ago, and not uniting with any Church, she had no letter. On her request resolved that she be received to membership with us. Heard the experience of Miss Mary **Shumway** with her desire for membership with us. She had been Baptized and in Connection with the Methodist Church. Resolved that she be received to membership with us. Heard the experiences of Avery D. **Taylor**, Andrew **Brown**, Norman **Ladd**, and Miss Calista **Gay**. On their request Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized to membership with us.

On request resolved that we give a letter of dismissal to Sister Juliette **Morton**.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day 29 January **1837**. The following persons received the ordinance of Baptism. Viz. Elisha **Flint**, Avery D. **Taylor**, Lucina **Flint**, Reuben **Tuttle**, Norman **Ladd**, Andrew **Brown**, and Calista **Gay**.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting 4th February **1837**. Opened by prayer and praise. Heard our articles of faith and Practice.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Joseph **Bogardus**, Oliver **Shumway**, Henry L. **Crosby**, Daniel **Saxton**, James **Hilton**, Wm. **Stewart**, Emeline **Stewart**, Olivia **Crawford**, Fanny **Hilton**, Aurelia **Cotton**, Susan **Keach**, Ruth **Keach**, Emily Betsy **Patterson**, Caroline **Whitney**, and Maria Elizabeth **Lewis** with their desire to be Baptized and received to fellowship with us. Resolved (individually) that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when baptized to our fellowship.

Closed this interesting meeting by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Note,

During the five weeks past, this church have held meetings almost constantly day and evening and the efforts of the church have been abundantly blessed in the salvation as we hope of many souls. Elder **Leanard** has labored with us with abundant success for more than two weeks.

D. Barrell

Lords day 5 February **1837**. Church convened in the morning agreeable to appointment an hour previous to time for worship. After a season of prayer heard a relation of the Christian experience of James **Lowel**, F. W. **Crosby**, L. F. **Ryckman**, Sarah **Dickerson**, Elijah **Clark Jr.**, Delia **Lowel**, and David H. **Phelps** with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

The following persons received the ordinance of Baptism and hand of fellowship. Viz. James **Hilton**, Fanny **Hilton**, Oliver **Shumway**, David **Saxton**, Wm. **Stewart**, Emeline **Stewart**, Olivia **Crawford**, Aurelia **Cotton**, Susan **Keach**, James **Lowel**, F. W. **Crosby**, L. F. **Ryckman**, Elijah **Clark Jr.**, Delia **Lowel**, David H. **Phelps**, Caroline **Whitney**, Maria E. **Lewis**, and Joseph **Bogardus**.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Monthly (?) February 6, **1837**.

On request Resolved that we grant a letter of dismissal to Sister Sally **Ewer**.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Conference February 11th **1837**. Opened by prayer.
Heard a letter recommending Brother John E. **Bishop** with his desire to be received to our fellowship. Resolved that he be received. Heard the Christian experience of Aaron. H. **Armstrong**, Sally **Munro**, Harriet **Ruff**, Calfina **Ruff**, Sophia **Stearns**, Mariah **Pratt**, Susan **Stearns**, David **Sweet**, Sidney **Stearns**, and Rachel **Morse** with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved individually that they be received as candidates for Baptism.
Closed by prayer.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day 12th February **1837**.

The following candidates received the ordinance of Baptism and the hand of fellowship. Miss **Shattuck**, Rachel **Morse**, Ruth **Keach**, Henry L. **Crosby**, David **Sweet**, Harriet **Ruff**, Calfina **Ruff**, and Mariah **Pratt**. Church meeting appointed for next Tuesday evening.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting February 14, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Heard report from Committee appointed to visit Brother J. **Hempsted**. Committee have visited Brother **Hempsted** and have also had an interview with Mr. **Munson**. Mr. **Munson's** story did not differ materially from Brother **Hempsted's**. Committee advised Brother **H.** go and settle with Mr. **Robbins** about the Cow. Subsequently, committee had learned from Brother **H.** that he has been to Mr. **R.** to settle with him but that he thought Mr. **R.** unreasonable in his demands, and that he had not settled with him. Brother **H.** not being present it was deferred. Resolved that we receive the report as satisfactory thus far, and that Committee continue, and be prepared to report further at our next church meeting.

Heard a letter from Elder **Cole**, calling on the church for a balance, something over \$100 which he claims to be his due. Moved and seconded that Elder **Cole's** claims as presented be paid. Lost. On motion Resolved that the balance of \$41.63 which was his due on settlement, be paid and \$25 for his extra services and interest on the same. Resolved that Brother **Isherwood** circulate a subscription to raise the amount necessary to meet the foregoing resolution after he shall have collected and arranged what is now due on Subscriptions for him. Resolved that Brother J.Z. **Saxton** be a committee to answer Elder **Cole's** letter, giving him a statement of the view of the church have of his claim. (?)

Heard remarks from J. **Morian** with his desire to be restored to the fellowship of the church. After some remarks and deliberation his case was deferred until our next church meeting.

Resolved that we grant letters of dismissal to Brother **Tuttle** and family.

Resolved that this meeting stand adjourned for one week from this evening.

Adjourned by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference 18 February **1837**. Opened by prayer. Heard our articles of faith and practice.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Lucina **Cornwell** with her desire to be received to our fellowship. Had Evidence of her previous Baptism and connection with the Methodist church. Resolved that she be received to our fellowship.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Benjamin **Cornwell**, Phebe **Rust**, Fanny **Ketchum**, Mariette **Hammond**, Mary **Sheppard**, Emily **Gifford**, Wm. **Baldwin**, Biathar **Ross**, and Mary **Sweet**, with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved (individually) that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when baptized to our fellowship.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day 19 February **1837**. The following persons received the ordinance of Baptism. Viz. Mary **Sweet**, Marietta **Hammond**, A. H. **Armstrong**, Mary **Sheppard**, Benjamin **Cornwell**, Fanny **Ketchum**, Wm. **Baldwin**, Biathar **Ross** and Sophia **Stearns**. Received B. **Leach**, Administrator.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Adjourned Church meeting February 20th **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Resolved that the case of J. **Morian** be deferred until our next church meeting.

Heard a complaint from Br. R. **Buck** against Br. Wm. **Bond** (see compliant on file). Resolved to review the complaint. Resolved that the complaint be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers R. **Buck**, J.Z. **Saxton**, and S. **May** and that they report at next church meeting. Heard remarks that this case be deferred until next church meeting. Resolved that the committee appointed to visit Br. E. **Johnson** be prepared to report next church meeting.

Resolved to adjourn for one week from this evening at 6 o'clock. Adjourned by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference 25 February **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of John **Webber**, Wm. **Taylor**, Benjamin **Johnson**, Helen **Pettit**, Aldalucia **Cogswell**, Elizabeth **Johnson**, Mary **Taylor**, Deborah **Phelps**, and Alice **Blake** with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism. Heard a letter recommending Brother Wm. **Walding** and Sylvia his wife. Resolved that they be received to our fellowship. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's day 26 February **1837**.

The following candidates received the ordinance of baptism, viz. Wm. **Taylor**, Mary **Taylor**, Deborah **Phelps**, John **Webber**, Helen **Pettit**, Sidney **Stearns**, Andalucia **Cogswell**, Benjamin **Johnson**, Elizabeth **Johnson**, and Phebe **Rush**.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting February 27, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Appointed Brother E. M. **Pettit**, Clerk Pro tem.

Heard the report of committee appointed to investigate the complaint against Brother Wm. **Bond**. Accepted the report. Heard remarks from Brother **Bond**. Resolved that the conduct of Brother **Bond** in attempting to obtain the signature of Mr. **Watson** was irreligious and immoral. Resolved that this case of Brother **Bond** be deferred until our next church meeting.

Heard the report of committee to investigate the case of Brother **Hempsted**. Report accepted and committee discharged. Resolved that in view of the report of the committee the church regard the conduct of Brother **Hempsted** as dishonorable and unChristianlike in the transaction with Mr. **Robbins**. Resolved that the case of Brother **Hempsted** be deferred until our next church meeting.

Heard the report of the committee to confer with Brother E. **Johnson**. Report accepted and committee discharged. Resolved that Brother **Johnson** be requested to make out his a/c and present it at our next church meeting. Resolved that the church are not aware in relation to Elder **Cole** in hiring or dismissing him of rendering him any abuse. Resolved that Brother **Johnson** has no ground of grief in relation to his 5th Charge. Resolved the church consider Brother **Johnson's** 6th charge unjust. Resolved that we require the same of Brother **Johnson** that we do of other private members and no more as regards spiritual and temporal things. Resolved that the case of Brother **Johnson** be deferred until next church meeting.

Resolved to adjourn to Monday next at one o'clock P.M. Adjourned by prayer.
E. M. **Pettit**, Clerk Pro tem

Covenant meeting March 4, **1837**. Half past 10 AM. Opened by prayer and praise.
Enjoyed an interesting conference together until near one o'clock. Adjourned for half an hour.
Met according to adjournment. Heard our articles of faith and practice and covenant.
Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Nathaniel **Perkins**, Justus **Brooks**, Darias **Loomer**, Jerome **Saxton**, Willard **Webster**, Esther **Perkins**, Mary Ann **Bowman**, and Emily **Porter** with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved (individually) that they be received as candidates for baptism and when Baptized to fellowship with us.
Closed by prayer.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's day 5 March **1837**. The following persons received the ordinance of Baptism and hand of fellowship of the church, viz. Nathaniel **Perkins**, Justus **Brooks**, Darias **Loomer**, Jerome **Saxton**, Willard **Webster**, Esther **Perkins**, Mary Ann **Bowman**, Emily **Porter**, Alice **Blake**, Sally **Monro**, and Sally **Dickerson**. Elder **Leach** Administrator.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Resolved that sister Julia **Grant** have a letter of dismissal from the church.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk
Lord's day March 5 **1837**.

Church meeting March 6, **1837**. Opened by prayer.
Heard a letter recommending Justus **Adams**. Received to our fellowship.
Resolved that we are satisfied in the case of Brother **Morian** that the charge against him was unfounded and with his confession of fault in not going with the Laboring Brethren when solicited removes his suspension.
After much deliberation on the case of Brother **Bond** resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother **Bond** for unChristian and immoral conduct.
Heard confession of Brother J. **Hempsted**. Confesses his conduct has been unbecoming the Christian, that he is sorry and asks the church to forgive him. That he has confessed to Mr. **Robbins** and has settled with him about the cow to his (**Robbins**'s) satisfaction. Resolved we are satisfied with Brother **Hempsted** confession.
In the case of Brother E. **Johnson**, the report of the committee was repeated. Asked Brother **Johnson** if he had made out his a/c agreeable to the request of the church. He answered he had not. Resolved that Brother **Johnson** be released from the payment of a tax made against him last summer for preaching. Resolved that Brothers **Saxton**, **Crosby** and **Buck** be a committee to adjust the claims of Brother **Johnson** on the church. Resolved that we believe Brother **Johnson** has no just cause of complaint in not being heard at the covenant church meeting in as much as he was bringing up private matters and not acts of the church. Resolved that the reasons assigned by Brother **Johnson** for not taking an active part with the church are not satisfactory.
Heard a letter recommending Brother **Stork**. Resolved that Elder **Handy**, Brothers **Pettit**, **Sheppard**, **Barrell** and **Armstrong** be a committee to confer with Brother **Stork** on matters relating to his uniting with the church and report next church meeting.
Resolved to adjourn to next Monday 1 o'clock P.M.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference March 11, **1837**. Opened by prayer.
Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Deborah **Keach** and Theresa **Martin** with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized to fellowship with us.
Enjoyed a pleasant conference. Closed by prayer.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting March 13, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Called on committee appointed to adjust the claims of Brother E. **Johnson**. Committee not prepared to report. Resolved that the same committee be continued and report next church meeting. Appointed a committee consisting of Brethren **Pettit, Guild, May**, Crosby, and **Abell** to settle with Elder **Leach** and to arrange for further supplies.

Resolved that collector for the building committee for parsonage be prepared to report next church meeting. Brother J. **More** presented a complaint against Brother J. **Hempsted** for profanity. Brother E. M. **Pettit** second laborer. Resolved that the complaint be received. After hearing statements resolved that we think the 3rd charge proven. (?)8. (?)5. Resolved to defer the complaint against Brother **Hempsted** until next Church meeting. Heard report of committee on Brother **Stork's** letter. Resolved that Brother **Stork** have leave to withdraw his letter.

Resolved that Brethren **Crosby, Pettit** and **Champlin** be committee to investigate the case of Brother **Hempsted**.

Resolved to adjourn until next week Wednesday. Adjourned by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference March 18, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

But few Brothers and sisters present enjoyed a comfortable season in prayer and praise and in conversing together on the cause of Christ. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting March 21, **1837**. Opened by prayer. M. **Frisbee** [clerk protem].

Called on the following committees, who were not prepared to report, viz. committee on parsonage, committee on Brother **Isherwood's** case and committee to settle with Elder **Leach** and procure further supplies. Resolved that the above committees be prepared to report next church meeting.

Heard report of committee (in part) on the case of Brother **Hempsted**. Resolved that committee be continued and the case deferred until our next church meeting.

Resolved that Brethren **May, Randall** and (?) be committee to investigate the a/c for furnishing Elder **Leach** wood and report next church meeting. Resolved that Brothers **May, Randall** and (?) be committee to make an (?) on the church for Elder **Leach's** services the past year and the expenses of moving him here. Resolved that \$75 for Elder **Leach's** first 2 months services be added to the average above named.

Resolved that the bills of expenditure on Parsonage be handed to committee on parsonage so as to enable them to make a full report next church meeting. Resolved that a committee be appointed to wait on those Brethren who are dissatisfied with their assessment in the support and expenses of the church and to reduce the same as they think proper.

Heard the report of Committee on Elder **Cole** business.

Resolved that Brother John **Saxton** be added to Committee and be prepared to report next church meeting.

Resolved that Brother Stillman **Brooks** have a letter of dismissal from the church at his request.

Resolved to adjourn to next Monday at 1 o'clock PM.

M. **Frisbee**, Clerk Pro tem

[*March 25, 1837*]

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Lucia **Watkins** and William **Boyd**, their desire to be received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for baptism and when baptized to membership and fellowship with us. Enjoyed a pleasant season together. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day March 26, **1837**. The following persons received the ordinance of Baptism, viz. Emily **Patterson**, William **Boyd**, Lucia **Watkins**, and Theresa **Martin**.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

[*Date unknown.*]

Called on committee to settle with Elder **Leach** and procure further supplies to report. Committee not prepared to report. Resolved that it is the desire of the church to continue Elder **Leach** as pastor of the church. Resolved that the above committee continue to report at our next covenant meeting.

Heard the report in part of committee to make an (?) on the church to pay the expense of repairs. (?) (?)

Resolved that the received (?) thus far, that the committee continue and revise and report next church

meeting. Resolved that there be an (?) made on the church to pay the claims of Elder **Cole** and Brother **Johnson** giving those liberty to object who wish to do so. After much deliberation the case of Brother **Johnson** dismissed.

In the case of Brother **Hempsted**, Deacon **Crosby** one of the committee reported that he had visited E. **Clark**. He (**C**) had never heard Brother **H** use profane language but had heard of him being profane and had talked with Brother **H** about it and he (**H**) said it was wrong. **C**. admonished him of his error as he was a professor of religion. Brother **H**. confessed he was passionate and often used language unbecoming a Christian for which he is sorry. The case of Brother **Hempsted** dismissed.

Heard a series of resolutions presented by Brother **Randall**. Resolved that they lie over until next church meeting.

Elder **Leach** resigned his agency as having charge of the parsonage house. Appointed Deacon **Crosby** and Brother **May** as agents on the parsonage house. Appointed Brother (?) Champlin committee to obtain further subscriptions to the parsonage.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting April 1, 1837. Opened by prayer. Heard our covenant.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of John **Keach** with his desire to be Baptized. Resolved that he be received as a candidate for baptism and fellowship with us.

Heard the report of committee to settle with Elder **Leach** and procure further supplies as part of their report. Called on Elder **Leach** who remarked to the church that he was willing to continue with the church longer but that under a view of the past unceasing labor the state of his own health and that of Mrs. **Leach** he viewed it duty to take a journey. He designed to go a journey soon, to be absent five Sabbaths, that he hoped to be able to procure supplies in his absence. But if he should fail for a part he should not expect to have it considered as (?) time by him. Deacon **Crosby** of the committee reported that in their interview with Elder **Leach**. He (Elder **Leach**) thought that having the use of the parsonage house and \$30 for wood he could support his family with \$400 salary. After the above statement and report Resolved that it is our desire that Elder **Leach** continue with us. (a full meeting and a unanimous expression on the above resolution). Brethren and sisters renewed covenant enjoyed an interesting season.

Closed by prayer.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's day, April 2, 1837.

John **Keach** and Deborah **Keach** received the ordinance of baptism and the hand of fellowship of the church.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting April 6, 1837. Opened by prayer.

Heard a complaint presented by Brother E. M. **Pettit** against Brother J. **Hempsted**. Resolved to review the complaint. Brother **Hempsted**, present, called upon. He says there is very little truth in the charges presented. After much deliberation appointed Brothers **May**, **Randal**, and **Sweet** a committee to visit Mrs. **Young**, with Brother **Hempsted**. Adjourned for one hour.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Opened by prayer heard report of committee. Resolved that Brother **Hempsted** had no moral or legal right to collect his demand of Mrs. **Young**. Resolved that Brother **Hempsted** is censurable for questioning the correctness of Brother **Young's** a/c. Resolved that Brother **Pettit's** 3rd charge is proved. Resolved that Brother **Hempsted** has satisfied the church on the 4th charge. Adjourned to Monday next at 1 o'clock PM.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting April 10, 1837. Opened by prayer.

After deliberation on the case of Brother **Hempsted**, on motion Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother Jonathan **Hempsted** for unChristian conduct as in the charges preferred against him by Brother **Pettit** and his neglecting to satisfy the church.

Heard and adopted a series of resolutions which are on next page.

On request of Brother **May** resolved that Elder **Leach**, Deacon N. **Crosby** and [blank] be a committee to confer with him regarding the covenant of the church.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

In church meeting April 19, **1837**.

Where as it is the sentiment of this church that every Brother should pay equal proportion of the expenses of the church according to their ability to do so, therefore:

Resolved that we appoint three assessors which shall hold their office one year or until others shall be appointed in their place.

Resolved that every brother shall by the first day of May in each year give in writing the amount of his property as near as he can over and above paying his just debts to the said assessors or some one of them.

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the assessors on or before the first day of June in each year to make an assessment from the list of property received from each brother and their estimate of the same taking into the account their ability to pay, and shall deliver the assessment to the clerk of the church for the inspection of any who may wish to examine the same for the space of 20 days.

Resolved that if any Brother shall feel himself aggrieved by the assessment so made and shall within the said 20 days aforesaid make it known to the assessors, it shall then be the duty of said assessors to examine the complaint of said brother and make alterations as to them shall be thought just and equal.

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the assessors, before they shall have made out the assessment, to solicit and obtain from the members of the Society such as may be willing to contribute towards the expenses of the church, and such contributions if any collected shall be applied in the same manner as the assessment above mentioned.

Resolved that the assessors request the trustees of the Society on or before the first day of June in each year to make out and deliver to the said assessors a statement in writing of the probable expenses of the church the year ensuing, which statement so made out and approved by the said assessors or a majority of them shall be the amount which shall be collected for the year.

Resolved that if any Brethren shall neglect to deliver to the assessors a statement as aforesaid it shall be the duty of said assessors to make out their assessment from the best information they can obtain of their ability to pay and that all moneys that shall be raised by virtue of these resolutions shall be collected by quarterly installments.

Resolved that the trustees or assessors have no power by these resolutions to assess or raise any money, except for the express purpose of sustaining the preaching of the Gospel in the Church, and also repairing and keeping clean the meeting house, together with wood and lights for said House.

Resolved that these resolutions be recorded on the church book, and that Brethren **Russell, Webster**, Thos. G. **Abell** and P. L. **Shephard** be the assessors for the ensuing year.

Covenant meeting May 6, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Brethren and sisters renewed covenant, enjoyed a pleasant season.

Heard a letter recommending Br. Joseph B. **Pixley** and Charlotte his wife.

Resolved that they be received to our fellowship.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference May 27, **1837**. Meeting opened by prayer. Brethren and sisters enjoyed a pleasant interview together.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Sarah **Dickinson** with her desire for Baptism and membership with us. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting June 3rd, **1837**. Opened by prayer. Heard our articles of faith and practice and covenant.

Brethren and sisters renewed covenant. Enjoyed a harmonious season.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Roxy Sarah **Norton** with her desire to be Baptized.

Resolved that she be received as a candidate for the ordinance of Baptism and when Baptized to our fellowship.

On request resolved that we grant a letter of recommend and dismissal to Br. Myron **Frisbee**.

Church meeting appointed on Saturday next.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lords day June 4, **1837**. Mrs. Sarah **Dickinson** and Roxy Sarah **Norton** received the ordinance of Baptism and hand of fellowship of the Church. Elder **Boynton**, Administrator.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting June 10, **1837**. Opened by prayer. Deacon **Crosby** appointed Moderator.

Resolved that Brother James **Pettit** be appointed assessor in place of Brother **Shephard** on account of Brother **Shephard's** ill health, and that the assessors be prepared to report in 2 weeks. Resolved that we appoint a collector for the Church to hold the office one year, and that it is the duty of the Brethren to pay to said collector or give their notes for the amount when they have notice of an assessment being made out. Resolved that Brother John **Saxton** be collector for one year. Resolved that the trustees of the Society be authorized to make a loan of \$300, by mortgaging the parsonage property to pay the expense of said property.

Heard a complaint against Brother A. **Stoddard**, presented by Brother S. **May**. (See complaint on file.)

[*Not found.*] Resolved to review the complaint. Resolved that this difficulty be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers **Crosby**, **Pettit**, **Abell**, Elder **Handy**, and Brother **Barrell**.

Adjourned to Tuesday next at 4 o'clock PM.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

June 13th **1837**. Church met agreeable to adjournment. Opened by prayer.

Called on committee in the case of Brother **Stoddard** to report. See report on file. [*Not found.*]

The church urged Brothers **May** and **Stoddard** to submit their matter of difficulty embraced in the 2nd charge to some three Brethren to decide. After much deliberation they agreed to submit the case to Brethren Daniel **Saxton**, Josiah **More** and Deacon **Webster**.

Meeting Closed.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting July 1, **1837**.

Meeting opened by Prayer. A full attendance of Brothers and Sisters renewed covenant.

Heard letters recommending Sister Mary **Williams**, Sister Diana **Douglass** and Brother Philip **Lion**.

Resolved that they be severally received to our fellowship.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting July 11, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a partial report from the assessors, the substance of which was that they found difficulties in attending to their duties, and insurmountable obstacles to arriving at equality in the course pursued.

Resolved that the trustees circulate subscription to raise the amount necessary for Elder **Leach's** salary the present year.

Heard a communication from Sister **Benjamin** and others complaining of Brother David **Meder**. Resolved that we receive the communication and appoint Deacons **Webster**, **Buck**, and **Crosby** a committee to adjust the above.

Letters of dismissal granted to Sisters Lois **Norton**, Fidelia **Webster**, and Lydia **Willoughby**.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting August 5, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a letter recommending sister Desdamona **Otis**. Resolved that she be received to our fellowship.

On request letter of dismissal granted to Sister Celia **Cole**.

Appointed Reverends B. N. **Leach** and Joy **Handy**, and Brethren N. **Crosby**, Z. **Cushing**, D. **Barrell**, J. **Pettit** and Henry **Crosby** as delegates to the association.

Resolved that we invite the association to meet with us next year.

Brothers and sisters renewed covenant enjoyed a pleasant season.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting September 2, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Heard and approved the letter to the association. On request granted a letter to Sister **Winchester**, the wife of Alpheus **Winchester**.

Voted that we are in Favor of the formation of a Bible Society in this association auxiliary to the parent Society. Brethren and Sisters renewed Covenant. Enjoyed a pleasant season.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, September 3rd, **1837**. Heard the Christian experience of Emeline **Baldwin** with her desire to be Baptized. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Proceeded to the water and the ordinance of Baptism was administered unto Emeline **Baldwin** and [blank] **Stearns**.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference October 28, **1837**. Opened by prayer. Enjoyed a pleasant season of Prayer and praise. Heard the relation of the Christian experience of Millicent **Millen** with her desire to be admitted to our fellowship. Resolved that she be received to our fellowship. (Note – Miss **Millen** was Baptized and in the connection with the free Will Baptist Church)

Letters of dismissal granted to Brother Oliver **Shumway** and Sister Avis (Walker) **Cotrell**.

Heard a letter from Church in Northeast and Ripley requesting delegates from this Church to sit in council. Resolved that in answer to the above request we send our Pastor and Brothers Loving **Crosby** and James **Pettit**.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference November 25, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Brother Daniel **Cross** was received to our fellowship on recommendation of his letter.

A committee was appointed to investigate a matter of difference said to be in existence between Brethren S. **May** and P. L. **Sheppard**. Committee consisted of Brethren R. **Buck**, J. **Pettit** and Thos. **Osborn**.

Enjoyed a very harmonious conference.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting December 3, **1837**. Opened by prayer. Brethren and sisters renewed covenant.

Enjoyed an interesting season at the close of which Brother P. L. **Sheppard** presented a complaint against Brother Stephen **May**. Heard the complaint as follows

Charges:

1st For taking the advantage of me in matters of deal.

2nd For unChristian conduct and language concerning the same.

3rd For commencing two suits in law against me contrary to direct rule of the gospel and of this church.

4 For harsh and unChristian language on the 2nd step of labor.

5 I complain in general in behalf of the church of Brother **May** for having [*been*] so frequent contentious with the Brethren of this church and thereby a disturber of the peace of Zion. For testimony to the last charge and his general deportment in the world I appeal to the church. (copy) [*Original not found.*]

Providence L. **Sheppard**.

After hearing the complaint and having evidence [*of*] the first and second steps of Labor had been attended, Resolved that we receive the above complaint. Resolved that a church meeting for business [*be*] held on Friday next at 1 o'clock PM.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting December 8, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Called on committee appointed November 25 to investigate a difference existing between Brothers **Sheppard** and **May**. To report: Brother J. **Pettit** from said Committee reported that the committee had

attended to the duties of their appointment. They found a difficulty existing between Brothers **Sheppard** and **May** regarding matters of deals(?). The latter had commenced two suits in law against the former. The result of their labors with them was (?) settlement of their accounts and a discontinuance of said suits, each feeling confident they made a sacrifice. Resolved that we receive the report of the committee [as] satisfactory and that they be discharged.

Proceeded to call up the subject of the complaint by Brother **Sheppard** against Brother **May**. Brother **May** objected to the first charge, saying that [*it was*] not embraced in the steps of Labor. On Hearing Testimony of the second laborers, Resolved that the first charge be dropped. Heard remarks and evidence on the second charge. Proved that Brother **May** had charged Brother **Sheppard** with (?). Resolved that the second charge be sustained. The business of the above difficulty suspended.

Heard the following complaint presented by Brother H. **Pattison** against Brother Jacob **Morian**.

1st That sometime last spring he told Mr. **Gray** that he had [purchased] a farm formerly owned by Mr. **Huchison**(?) ordering him to take [his] Cattle away and uses rough language. Alleges that this statement by Mr. **Morian** to Mr. **Gray** was untrue.

2nd That he told Mr. **Wood** that Brother **Pattison** had sold some to Mr. **Gray** some (?). [*Alleges*] also was untrue.

3rd. That in his testimony before Esq. **Tiff** he stated in regard to [*text missing*] (drawn by Brother **Pattison** near his house) that said timber was [*text missing*] Mr. (?), and that he did not know the cattle. [*Alleges he*] did know the cattle.

4. That at the time Mr. **Williams** hired Brother **Pattison** [*text missing*] Dunkirk last summer Brother **Morian** treated [*text missing*] and unChristianlike manner, shaking his fist and [*text missing*] angrily that he must pay him money that [*text missing*].

5. That since laboring with Brother **Morian** for these offenses he has railed on him profanely calling him a liar and (?).

I do certify that I have privately labored with Brother **Morian** for the above offenses, but without success. (copy) Hiram **Pattison** [*Original not found.*]

On hearing the above complaint, together with evidence of the second labor (Brothers **Lyon** and **Hamilton** 2nd Laborers) resolved that we receive the above complaint.

The complaint against Brother **May** resumed. The 3rd charge Brother **May** admitted the charge as correct and justified the act for two reasons, 1st because it was a case in which legal questions were involved, and could not be settled in any other way and 2nd because a precedent was established in the church that no wrong was committed for one member to sue another. Brother **May** discussed the subject in his defense at length, was admonished once by the Church, of being in error, in charging Brother **Sheppard** in very strong terms, of being in fault. After which it was (?) that we view the present as an ordinary case entirely within the jurisdiction of the church inasmuch Brother **May** had made no effort to adjust the difficulty by taking [the steps of] labor as the gospel directs.

Resolved that we adjourn until Monday next at (?) o'clock.

Adjourned by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting December 11, 1837. Agreeable to adjournment opened by prayer.

Heard a report from Brother J. **Pettit** appointed to collect arrears for 1836. Resolved that we accept the report as satisfactory. On hearing a statement from Brother T. G. **Abell** of the amount he had paid (?), Resolved that he be released from any further payment on arrears for 1836. Resolved that Brothers J. **Hilton** and J. **Saxton** be a committee to visit such brethren as have declined to pay the amount due from them.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock this PM. Met agreeable to adjournment. Prayer by Brother **Pettit**.

Called up the case of Brother **Morian**. 1st charge not admitted. The 1st charge was waived on account of some differences of opinion in regard to the testimony offered to prove the charge. 2nd charge withdrawn. 3rd charge proven by E. P. **Beckwith**, together with some statements from Brother L. **Crosby**. After many remarks the case deferred until next church meeting. Heard a statement from Brother **Saxton**, asserting that Brother **Morian** had taken a stove away from the meeting house belonging to Brother **Abell** and also a quantity of stove pipe belonging to the meeting house and disposed of it to a Mr. **Druse**. Brother **M.** being present denied having sold the stove. Resolved that Brother **Saxton** associate with the trustees to enquire into the matter and report next church meeting.

Called up the case of Brother **May**. From the statement of the Brethren on the second step of labor it was shown that the 4th charge was so far sustained as that Brother **May** said that Brother **Sheppard** had lied, and in other very insignificant language, toward Brother **Sheppard** behaved unChristianlike. Resolved that the 4th charge is sustained. Resolved that the 5th charge or appeal be dropped and adjourned until Friday next at 1 o'clock PM.

Adjourned by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Friday December 15, **1837**. Church meeting agreeable to adjournment. Opened by prayer and praise.

The case of Brother **May** resumed. Brother **May** presented testimony to prove circumstances to justify his suing Brother **Sheppard**. Richard **Barber** testifies that he went with Brother **May** to see the damage done at one time to Brother **May's** crops by Brother **Sheppard's** cattle or hogs, a year ago last fall, that Brother **Sheppard** refused to leave it out to men to say what the damage was. Brother **May** was mild and calm. Brother **Sheppard** appeared angry that Brother **Sheppard** did not (?) all his fence as per Esq. **Tucker's** statement he agreed to last spring. Brother **May** made lengthy remarks, at the close of which he protested (and wished it so recorded) against any member who had taken any part, pro or con, in the investigation of this matter from voting on the question, after which he submitted his case to the church. Subsequently Brother **May** made remarks on the 4th charge as follows, viz. that if he said Brother **Sheppard** lied as the laboring Brethren testify it was wrong. He would (?) it in any body (?).

The case of Brother **Morian** brought up again. Heard remarks from Brother **Ebenzer Baldwin** in regard to the integrity of Mr. **Outout**. He (Mr. **B**) did not consider him a man of truth.

The case of Brother **May** resumed. Brethren **May** and **Sheppard** and others present not members of the Church requested to withdraw. After remarks from Brethren it was resolved that Brother **May** is censurable for denying that he said that Brother **Sheppard** had lied on the 1st Step of labor, inasmuch as if proven by two Brethren that he admitted to them that he did say so at that time. Resolved that Brother **May** is censurable for saying in his defense that among all his difficulties in the church he had never been the aggressor. Resolved that the deportment of Brother **May** while this subject has been pending is censurable in his frequent harsh epithets and language about Brother **Sheppard** and others. Resolved that the remarks of Brother **May** concerning the fourth charge are not satisfactory to the church. Resolved that we require of Brother **May** Christian satisfaction in reference to the resolutions of the church. Resolved that the moderator present to Brother **May** a copy of the resolutions of the church and inform him what the church will expect from him.

The committee appointed to enquire about the stove taken from the meeting house called on to report (see report on file) [*not found*] resolved that Brother **Morian** is highly guilty of immoral conduct and censurable from the church. Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Jacob **Morian** for his conduct in this transaction for his denying that he had sold the stove, when he had sold it, and for his total neglect to attend to it when he saw a notice concerning it in the newspaper, and for his neglect to satisfy the church concerning it.

Resolved to adjourn to Friday next at 1 o'clock PM. Prayer by the moderator.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting December 22nd, **1837**. Opened by prayer.

Heard remarks from Elder **Leach** as a report of his labors in accordance with his appointment to visit Br. **May**. He had an interview with Br. **May** found him convinced that his course pursued was wrong. (?)

Heard from Br. **May** at length. He (?) the church that he now saw that his whole course [with] regard to this transaction was wrong. He had no been influenced by the Spirit of the Gospel. He has acted wrong, felt wrong and talked wrong. Heard a full account from Br. **May** of his exercises for the week past. He confesses his fault for his conduct in this affair. Resolved that we receive the confession of Br. **May** as satisfactory to the church.

Heard from **May** and also from Br. **Sheppard** that there was a difference between them in matter [of the] deal and each expressed a willingness to submit it to Brethren appointed by the Church to adjust. The moderator named, and they were appointed as follows to be said committee, viz. Brs. James **Pettit**, Benjamin **Randall**, and [~~crossed out~~] Josiah **Moore**, and Z. **Cushing**.

Whereas there have been statements made [at] church meeting derogatory to the character [of] Br. Hiram **Pattison**. Resolved that Brn. J. **Hamilton**, Loving **Crosby** and Graphen **Sweet** be a committee to enquire into the moral and religious character of Br. **Pattison** and report to the church.

Closed by prayer.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk