

January 4, **1840**. Church met in covenant meeting. Opened by prayer and Praise. The Brethren and sisters in the relation of their travel and exercises seemed to feel their unworthiness and a desire to be more faithful.

Brother Stephen P. **Williams** presented a letter of commendation from the Baptist church in Conventry, Chenango County, with a request to unite with this church, whereupon resolved that Brother **Williams** be received.

The clerk presented and read a letter notifying the church that the (?) and Brethren had called upon Sister churches to meet in council through their delegates at this place on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant. Letter signed by Brothers James **Pettit**, John **Saxton**, and Mr. David **Barrell** (see letter on File) [Not found.]

Closed by prayer.

L.G. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day January 5, **1840**. The church being assembled in the Basement resolved ourselves in to a special church meeting.

Resolved that the clerk present to the (?) council to be convened on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant (as per notice of Brethren **Pettit**, **Saxton**, and Mr. **Barrell** of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant). Upon the said council being organized, the proposition and correspondence made and had with the committee of the aggrieved brethren from November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Closed by prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day January 5<sup>th</sup> **1840**. church as usual assembled in communion. The covenant not having been read at covenant meeting was then presented and read.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church assembled by request of the clerk in the Basement January 16, 1840. After having resolved ourselves into special church meeting, Resolved that Br. **Cornwell** be Moderator.

Resolved that Elder **Bishop**, Brethren D. **Saxton** and **Grant** be a committee to confer with a committee of the aggrieved in pursuance of a resolution passed the 15<sup>th</sup> instant by the (?) Council (see resolution on file). [Not found.]

The following resolution was then read and almost unanimously adopted. Whereas the church having failed in their effort reconsidered by the (?) council for a Mutual Council, out of said council and their former propositions, not yet having been accepted, therefore resolved that the church propose still for their acceptance, the proposition of Nov. 20 or if they choose the following, viz. that the committee of the church and the committee of the aggrieved (?) mutually select 12 churches in our denomination without regard to location to which churches neither party may have any objection, to send their Pastor and one Lay Brother. Both parties to confine themselves to the declarations neutrally interchanged this day.

Resolved that the aforesaid resolution be presented before the (?) Council.

Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

The proposition passed as above was by the clerk read before the (?) Council on the same day. The (?) Council then went into secret sessions and finally the committee of the church, viz. Elder **Bishop** and the Clerk were invited to meet with the committee of the aggrieved and the committee appointed by the council, viz. Elders **Galusha**, **Elliot**, and **Leach** whereupon the committee of the church were notified of their proposition. In regard to the mutual selection of 12 churches was by the committee of the aggrieved accepted, whereupon the committee of the church chose

Elder **Galusha** of Baptist Church, Perry

“ **Elliott** “ “ “ LaGrange, Genessee

“ **Winsor** “ “ “ Cassadaga

“ **Sirain(?)** “ “ “ Clymer

“ **Rathbone** “ “ “ Ashville

“ **Stoddard** “ “ “ Busti

The committee of the aggrieved chose

Elder **Ewel(?)** of the Baptist church, Pavillion

“ **Clark** “ “ “ Leroy

“ **Scofield** “ “ “ Gerry and Charlotte

“ **Dodge** “ “ “ Mayville

“ **Chapin** “ “ “ Jamestown

“ **Templeton** “ “ “ Aurora

The committee of the church and the committee of the aggrieved then stipulated to abide the result of the decision, vacancies to be filled in the same manner as the selection of churches to meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> instant.  
L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord’s day January 19, **1840**. Church assembled in the basement in pursuance of notice given from the desk. Opened by prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved ourselves into special church meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that sister Charlotte **Pixley** have a letter of dismissal and commendation.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved that there be a committee of arrangements in reference to the approaching council and that Brethren **Moore, Stoddard, Armstrong, May, Forbes**, and R. **Webster** be said committee.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that there be a committee appointed to collect and arrange testimony not yet obtained necessary to be presented before the council and that Brethren D. **Saxton, Miller, Taylor, Hilton** and J. **Porter** be said committee.

Dissolved. Closed by prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord’s Day February 2<sup>nd</sup> **1840**. In consequence of the church having to attend upon business communicated with the Council on Saturday there was no covenant meeting, therefore a notice was given by the clerk that the church would assemble in the basement after remarks upon the propriety of putting over the administration of the Lord’s supper and also after prayer. Resolved that the administration of the Lord’s Supper be put over until the first Sabbath in March.

Closed by prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord’s day February 7, **1840**. Elder Bishop Publicly tender his resignation of his charge (see his resignation on file) [Not found.]

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord’s day February 9, **1840**. Church assembled in the basement in accordance with request from the clerk. Resolved that the members of the church in regular travel meet on Wednesday the 12 instant at one o’clock P.M. to confer with each other in reference to our matters of difficulty.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church met in special church meeting in presence of Resolution passed February 9.

Chose Brother D. **Saxton** as Moderator.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that the result of Council be read after the reading of the same a motion was made by Brother **Moore** and seconded by Brother **Thompson** to adopt the same.

The motion was put and lost.

Brethren **Moore, Earl B. Thompson, Bailey, Armstrong, R. Morgan, Bartholomew**, and David **Sweet**, and Sisters (?) and **Moore**, voting in the affirmative and a large member say from 50 to 60 voting n the negative.

Before the vote as above was taken Elder **Bishop** read a document in reference to the different points upon which he was censured by the Council (see said document on file). [Not found.]

Many remarks were also read in reference to the decision of the Council.

Elder **Bishop** read his letter to the church that was presented and read February 9 resigning his pastoral charge.

The clerk read a communication from Br. D. **Barrell** dated February 10<sup>th</sup> (see letter on file). [Not found.]

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that the church postpone the acceptance of the resignation of their Pastor until (?) by the church.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved that next week on Thursday the church and its aggrieved members meet at 10 o’clock A.M. and that said day be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Closed by prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day February 16, **1840**. The clerk gave Public notice that in consequence of Elder **Winsor** being with us the meeting that was appointed to be held on Thursday would be changed to Monday at ½ past 10 A.M.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

February 17, **1840**. Church met in pursuance of notice as given by the clerk. Prayer by Elder **Winsor**. A recess was had until 1 o'clock P.M. when the church assembled.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that Elder **Winsor** be Moderator. Prayer by the moderator.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that we adopt the report of the council as made to the church February 6 excepting all that relates to Elder **Bishop**.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved that we adopt the report of the council in reference to Elder **Bishop** as far as is consistent with the following statement and confession with the following statement and confession of Elder **Bishop**: "I sincerely and humbly concede that there were (?) in my statements, as evidence came up before the Council on which they made out their result. Yet I distinctly state that I did not design to misrepresent in my own instance, wherein I have erred in any point set forth in the result of the Council I sincerely regret" and that this is satisfactory to the church.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved as to the decision of the council in reference to the (?) passed upon the (?) church we feel that in many instances we have done things wrong as specified, though we did not design so to do, but wherever we have thus done, we as a body do humbly confess the same. Elder **Johnson** here made the confession required by the Council.

5<sup>th</sup> Resolved that the confession of Brother Elias **Johnson** is satisfactory. Brother **Barrell's** confession was by the clerk read.

6<sup>th</sup> Resolved that the confession of Brother **Barrell** is satisfactory. Heard Brother A.C. **Guild's** confession.

7<sup>th</sup> Resolved that the confession of Brother **Guild** is satisfactory. Heard Brother Avery **Buck's** confession.

8<sup>th</sup> Resolved that the confession of Brother **Buck** is satisfactory. Resolved that all the aggrieved members of the church be restored into full fellowship.

10<sup>th</sup> Resolved that this meeting is dissolved.

Closed by Prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

February 29, **1840**. Church met in Covenant Meeting. Opened by Prayer. Brethren and Sisters in the relation of their exercises and feelings seemed not to be united.

It was moved and seconded that Elder **Bishop's** request for a Letter of dismission and commendation as a Christian and Minister be granted. Whereupon Brethren **Moore** and **Pettit** objected. The motion was then withdrawn. After some conversation Elder Bishop withdrew his request.

Closed by Prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, March 1<sup>st</sup>, **1840**. By request of Brother **Forbes** the church was called in the Basement immediately after the close of forenoon Service. Opened by Prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that the Communion Service be postponed until next communion season.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that we appoint on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> instant a meeting of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer at ½ past 10 o'clock A.M.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, March 15, **1840**. Church were by the clerk notified that a communication from the Church in Forestville had been received, and requested the church to meet in the Basement. Upon the church complying with the request,

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that we organize into Special Church Meeting. The clerk then read the said communication from the Forestville Church which was to notify this church that they had appointed a committee to visit on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> instant, to learn whether or not we were corrupt(?) in sustaining our Pastor. (See letter on file.)

[Not found.]

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that we appoint a committee of 7 to wait upon the committee from the Forestville Church and also to attend to all committee or churches that may hereafter vis it us in relation to the same subject (if any).

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved that Brethren T. **Osborn**, D. **Saxton**, **Miller**, **Stoddard**, **Forbes**, **Hilton** and **Grant** be said committee.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, March 29, **1840**. The church at intermission was assembled in the basement at the request of Elder **Bishop**.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that we organize a Special Church Meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that in view of circumstances the church omit the next Covenant meeting and communion (next Saturday and Sunday) and that the clerk give public notice of the same. Public notice was by the clerk duly given.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, April 5, **1840**. The church upon request of the clerk was assembled in the Basement. Prayer by Elder **Bishop**.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that we organize into a Special Church Meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that we accept the report of the majority of the committee of the Forestville Church, a copy of which is as follows.

Fredonia, March 17, 1840.

The Committee appointed by the Baptist Church at Forestville on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March instant to visit the Sister Church in Fredonia, would respectfully report that they have endeavored(?) to discharge the duty assigned them in regard to the matter alluded to in the resolution of their appointment.

After prayerful examination of the facts and circumstances that came up before them in regard to the matters alluded to in said resolution, the committee have come to the following conclusion.

1<sup>st</sup> That the said Sister Church in Fredonia have become corrupt in practice in violating the gospel (?) in receiving charges against their Pastor for trial without the presentation of the requisite testimony.

2<sup>nd</sup> They have erred in suffering their Pastor to be put upon Public and painful trial, previous to and without gospel labor.

3<sup>rd</sup> Delegating their power of discipline to any body of men, and binding themselves to adopt their decision right or wrong, thereby violating the Constitution of the Chautauqua Baptist Association.

The committee would further report that after examining the testimony that was presented them in relation to the state of the said Church and its Pastor, they find no further cause of grief, provided the above mentioned corruptions are removed by suitable retractions.

Signed D. **Woodbury**, Wm. **Willcox**, B. **Willoughby**, J. Fuller, (?) Hide(?).

Signed David **Woodbury**, Chairman

William **Willcox**, Clerk

The above certified to be a true copy by David **Woodbury**.

Previous to adoption of the above the clerk read the following:

At a meeting of Brethren from Forestville, Stockton and Portland Churches, to examine the ground on which the Church stand in regard to the adoption of the result of the late Council, and their action in regard thereto, and also in relation to the action of the church, and its members prior to the Council aforesaid; and on hearing the facts in the case,

Resolved that we agree with the report of the committee of the Forestville Church of March 17, 1840.

Resolved that if the Church comply with said report, that we recommend to Fredonia Church to invite Brethren from all of the churches in this association to assemble in conference in this place to hear and advise them in their present situation.

Signed Bethel **Willoughby**, Chairman

Walter **Cushing**

Charles **Batchelor**

Harlow(?) **Crissey**

Elijah **Fay**

(?) **Crissey**(?) Jr.(?)

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved, in compliance with the advice of the above Brethren we invite all the Churches in this association to send their Pastor and one or two good lay Brethren, or if thy have no Pastor send two or three good lay Brethren, to meet here on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> instant at 10 o'clock A.M. and that the clerk write to the said churches.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that the clerk be instructed to request of Brother **Barrell** a copy of the Letter of Elder **Galusha** and **Eliot** that he may have received since the dissolution of the Council that convened January 29, so far as they pertain to our matter of difficulty, also copies of Letters that were presented upon Elder **Bishop's** trial against him.

5<sup>th</sup> Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, April 12, **1840**. Church met in the basement by request of Elder **Bishop**. Prayer by Elder **Bishop**.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that we organize into Special Church Meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that the church appoint a committee of seven Brethren to ascertain precisely the number of male members belonging in any way to the church, and the exact number of he same, who have signed a certain Paper, to adopt the action report of the late Council directly contrary to the signed(?) vote of the church, on that subject and that said committee, affectionately admonish all members who have thus done, that the same is a grief to the church, and labor with them to reclaim them to the ground the church are on as to the report of the County and report to the church.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved that Brethren **Forbes**, **J. Miller**, **Hilton**, **E. Webster**, **P.L. Stephens**, **J. Parker**. **D. Saxton** be said committee.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that it was the understanding of the church in the vote of Restoration of the aggrieved members of the 17<sup>th</sup> of February that said members should come back into the church on the ground of and be in fellowship with the previous vote of the church in regard to the adoption of the report.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church Assembled in Covenant Meeting, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, **1840**. Opened by Prayer and Praise.

The Brethren and Sisters present generally manifested a good degree of union. The meeting was Divinely graced by the presences of the Head of the Church.

Closed by Prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, **1840**. Church assembled to celebrate the death of the Savior in partaking of the Communion.

Sister Abigail **Williams** presented a letter of commendation from the church of Coventry with a request to unite with the church. Resolved that she be received.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, May 31. Church were assembled in the Basement.

Heard a request from Sister Joanna **Brunson** requesting a Letter of dismissal and commendation. Voted that her request be granted.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

June 6, **1840**. Church assembled in council meeting. Opened by Prayer and Praise.

Owing to circumstances the minds and feelings of the Brethren and Sisters was somewhat disturbed.

Closed by Prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, June 7. Church assembled around the communion table.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

July 4, **1840**. Church assembled in Covenant Meeting.

Received Covenant. A good degree of union seemed to prevail.

Closed by Prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, July 5. Church assembled to partake of the Lord's Supper. There seemed to be a communion of and with our souls.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church assembled in Covenant Meeting, August 1<sup>st</sup>, **1840**. Opened by Prayer and Praise.

Brethren and Sisters proceeded with the relation of their exercised [etc.] after which Sister Asenith **Morrison** presented a Letter from the Laona Church desiring to unite with us. Upon motion, Resolved that she be received. On motion resolved ourselves into a Special Church Meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that we represent ourselves by delegation and Letter to the coming session of the Chautauqua Association.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that Elder **Bishop** and Brethren Ebenezer **Webster**, John **Miller**, Daniel **Saxton**, Alford **Stoddard**, L.B. **Grant** be the delegates.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved that we send three Dollars toward defraying the expenses of Printing Minutes.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that the meeting be dissolved.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Church assembled in communion. Heard a request for Sister Temmy **Hawkes** for a Letter of dismission, whereupon Resolved that Sister **Hawkes** have a Letter of dismission.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, August 23, **1840**. Church assembled in the Basement.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that we organize into Special Church Meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that Brother John **Miller** be Moderator.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved that we appoint a committee of six Brethren to visit the Brethren of the Church and ascertain who are in fellowship with the Church in relation to our present difficulty.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that Brethren Ebenezer **Webster**, **Forbes**, Thos. **Osborne**, **Hilton**, **Stoddard** and **Shepherd** be said committee.

Dissolved.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, August 30, **1840**. Church met in Special Church Meeting. Opened by Prayer by Deacon E. **Webster**.

The clerk presented a Letter from Sister Louisa **Phillips**, requesting a Letter of dismission and commendation.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that her request be granted.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that there be two more(?) Brethren delegated to the Association.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved to Brethren **Forbes** and J.R. **Parker** be said committee. The clerk read a letter designed to be presented by the delegates to the association.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that we accept the same.

5<sup>th</sup> Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

September 5, **1840**. Church assembled in Covenant Meeting.

A good degree of union manifested. Opened and closed by Prayer.

Sister Sarah **Shepherd** requested a letter of dismission and commendation. Voted that her request be granted.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, September 6, **1840**. Church assembled in communion. Received Covenant.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting, October 3, **1840**. Meeting opened by Prayer and Praise.

Brethren and Sisters proceeded in the relation of their feelings. There seemed an increasing interest of feeling with a desire to renew their Covenant obligation.

Heard the Christian experience of Jonathan **Phelps** with a desire to unite with the Church. Upon motion resolved that he be received as a candidate.

Heard a request from Brother Aaron **Osborn** and Sister Caroline **Randall** for Letters of dismission and commendation. Upon motion Resolved that their requests be granted.

Closed by Prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, October 18, **1840**. Church by request of the Pastor assembled at intermission.

Heard the Christian experience of John **Adams**, Philip **Palmer**, Robert H. **Jones**, and Betsy **Adams**. Upon motion resolved that each be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Brethren **Adams** and **Jones** were Baptized and received into our fellowship.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church conference, October 24, **1840**.

Heard the Christian Experience of Joel **Parker** with a request to unite with the church. Upon motion resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized to be in fellowship with us.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, October 25, **1840**. Philip **Palmer** and Joel **Parker** were Baptized and received into the fellowship of the Church.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting, October 31, **1840**. Opened by Prayer and Singing. Proceeded to renew Covenant.

Rather(?) an increased religious feeling with a good degree of union in the church.

Heard the Christian Experience of Sister Eliza B. **Sanford**, with a desire to unite with the Church, and having satisfactory evidence of her having been Baptized by a Methodist into their connection, on motion resolved that she be received into our fellowship.

Also heard the Christian Experience of Sister **Teft**(?) with a desire to unite with us, she having been Baptized into the Methodist connection. Upon motion resolved that she be received into our fellowship.

Heard the Christian Experience of Brother Joel **Bliss** with a desire to unite with the church, with evidence of his having been Baptized into the Presbyterian connection. Also heard a relation of his Backsliding and return to his duty. Upon motion resolved that he be received into our fellowship.

Heard the Christian Experience of Mary Ann **Brewster** with a desire to be Baptized. Upon motion resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism, and when Baptized a member in fellowship with us.

Sister Harriet **Shattuck** returned a letter that she had secured(?) from the church with a desire to reunite(?) with us. Upon motion resolved that she be received.

Closed by Prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, November 1<sup>st</sup> **1840**.

Jonathan **Phelps** and Mary Ann **Brewster** were Baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. Church on same day assembled in communion. A good attendance and a pleasant time.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church Conference, November 7, **1840**.

Heard the Christian Experience of Brother Elijah **Bliss** with a desire to be received into our fellowship.

With evidence of his having been Baptized by the Presbyterian, upon motion resolved that he be received into our fellowship.

Heard the Christian Experience of Miriam **Wheeler** and Mary Ann **Wood** with a desire to be received a candidate for Baptism. Upon motion resolved that they be each received a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized a member of this church and in fellowship with us.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, Nov. 8, **1840**. Sisters Miriam **Wheeler** and Mary Ann **Wood** were Baptized, and received into the fellowship of the Church.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church Conference, November 14, 1840. Opened by Prayer and Singing.  
Heard the Christian Experience of Mr. John **Whitney** and Miss Almira **Russel** and Rosetta **Ellis** with a desire to unite with the church. On motion resolved that they be severally received as candidates for Baptism, and when Baptized to be members of this church in fellowship.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, November 15, **1840**. John **Whitney** and Almira **Russel** and Rosetta **Ellis** were Baptized and received into the fellowship of the Church.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church Conference, November 21, **1840**.

Heard the Christian Experience of Norman **Andrews** and Hannah Olive **Stearns** with a desire to unite with the church. Upon resolution resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized to be members of the Church.

Heard a request from Sister Mary Ann **Wood** for a letter of dismissal and commendation. Upon motion resolved that her request be granted.

Resolved that there be a committee appointed to visit the church to improve upon its spirituality.

Resolved that Brethren Ebenezer **Webster**, John **Miller**, **Forbes**, R.B. **Morgan**, D. **Saxton**, Thos. **Osborn** and **Phelps** be said committee.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, November 22, **1840**. Norman **Andrews** and Hannah Olive **Stearns** were Baptized and received into the fellowship of the Church.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church Conference, November 28, **1840**.

Heard the Christian Experience of Abarine **Shaw** and Laura **Richardson** with a desire to be united with us. Upon motion resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized to be members of this Church.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, November 29, **1840**. A. **Shaw** and Laura **Richardson** were Baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting, December 5, **1840**. Opened by Prayer and Praise, after which Brethren and Sisters proceeded to relate their Christian exercises and feelings.

Heard the Christian Experience of Sister [blank] **Barrus** with a desire to be united with this church and heard from her that she had been Baptized by the Free Will Baptists which statement was satisfactory to the Church. Upon motion resolved that she be received into our fellowship.

Also heard the Christian Experience of Anna **Williams**, Washington **Basteto** and Orastus H. **Burrows** with a desire to unite with us. Upon motion resolved that they be severally received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized to be in full fellowship with us.

Closed by Prayer.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, December 6, **1840**.

Anna **Williams**, Washington **Basteto** and Orastus H. **Burrows** were Baptized and received into the Fellowship of the Church.

The church assembled as usual around the communion table.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church Conference, December 12, **1840**.



Heard the Christian Experience of Marvin **Randall** with a desire to unite with the Church. Upon motion resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism, and when Baptized to be a member of this church in fellowship with us.

L.B. Grant, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, December 13, **1840**. Church was called together at intermission.

Heard the Christian Experience of Willson **Taylor** with a desire to unite with the church. Upon motion resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized to be a member of this church in full fellowship with us, after which repaired to the water where Marion **Randall** and Willson **Taylor** were Baptized into the fellowship of the Church.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Church Conference, December 19, **1840**.

Heard the Christian Experience of John **Morgan** with a desire to unite with us. Upon motion Resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism. Brethren C. **Morgan** and D. **Saxton** were appointed a committee of admonition to visit Br. Lemuel **Webster**.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, December 20, **1840**.

Heard the Christian Experience of Mr. and Mrs. Levi **Sellick** with a desire to unite with us. Upon motion resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism, soon after which assembled at the water where was Baptized Brother John **Morgan** and Brother and Sister Levi **Sellick** into the fellowship of the Church.

L.B. Grant, Church Clerk

Church Conference, December 21(?), **1840**.

Reports in circulation implicating Brother Robert F. **Jones**. On motion resolved that Brethren L.M. **Randall** and L.B. **Grant** be a committee to visit an labor with Brother **Jones** and report to the Church.

L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk