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Records of the **First Baptist Church in Pomfret** (Record B)
Chautauqua County N.Y.
Commencing August 1832
Jirah D. Cole Pastor

Articles of Faith & c. of the **First Baptist Church in Pomfret N.Y.**

Art. 1. We believe in one God, infinite, unchangeable, self (?) and independent, and that in the Godhead there are Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a perfect (?) of faith and practice, and were given by inspiration of God.

Art. 3. We believe that God made man upright, but he has sought out many inventions, and by his transgressions (?) himself and all his posterity in a death of trespasses(?) and to the wages of which to all the finally impenitent is death, the second death.

Art. 4. We believe that our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is possessed of all the perfections of absolute essential Deity, and of all the infirmities of innocent humanity, so that he is emphatically Immanuel, God with us.

Art. 5. We believe that Jesus Christ is the beginning of the creation of God, and that all the members of his mystical body are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Art. 6. We believe that God, according to the councils of his own will, revealed a place of Grace - his own glory being the moving cause - in which the eternal salvation of all spiritual Israel is secured.

Art. 7. We believe that all the people of God, however in scripture by the appellation of the heirs of promise, are the sheep of Christ the elect, and are called in time with an holy calling; not according to their works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given them in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ the Lord is the covenant head of his people, and that all spiritual blessings, included in, or derived from his righteous life, bitter death, and glorious resurrection, and intercession at the Father's right hand, do particularly and exclusively belong to the people of God, and are secured to them by the oath and promise of their heavenly Father, and that the hour cometh in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice and come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

On Practice.

Art. 1. A Christian church is composed of visible saints, who covenant with each other, to walk together according to the rules of the Gospel.

Art. 2. Christ has instituted water baptism and the Lord's Supper, to be observed by his followers to the end of the world, and they ought to be administered by those only who are in good standing, and have themselves been buried in baptism, and have been regularly set apart to the work of the ministry.

Art. 3. Those who profess faith in Christ and give evidence of true piety, are the only proper subjects of baptism, and dipping(?) in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as a figure of the death burial and resurrection of Christ and his members, is the only scriptural mode.

Art. 4. The Lord's supper is a figurative representation of the sufferings of Christ in having his body broken and his blood shed for us, and an emblem of our feeding on him by faith.

Art. 5. Water baptism on gospel evidence of faith and repentance and a circumspect life, are necessary qualifications for church membership and communion at the Lord's table.

Art. 6. Every church has a right to discipline her own members, and by the voice of a majority of the brethren to exclude offenders who cannot be reclaimed, but to promote harmony in Zion, an advisory council ought to be called from sister churches in difficult cases.

Art. 7. Before an individual brings a complaint to the church against any of our members, he ought to take the first and second steps according to the 18th chapter of Matthew.

Art. 8. Public offenders ought to be public confessors.

Art. 9. Church members are forbid to sue each other in the law, in ordinary cases.

Art. 10. Every church for the support of the gospel ministry, and other necessary changes among them, ought to communicate of their substance, according to each one's ability, that these may be an equality, and

the church has a right to judge of each one's ability, and ought to deal with those as covetous who neglect this duty.

Art. 11. To all the above articles we now manifest our hearty assent.

Fredonia, August 4, **1832**

Covenant of the **First Baptist Church** in Pomfret N.Y.

We do now in the presence of God, angels and men, without the least known reserve, devote ourselves to God, choosing the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be our God and portion, for time and eternity; providing most solemnly to make His word the rule of our faith and practice.

We covenant to take heed to ourselves, to our (?), conversation, and company, not to indulge ourselves in passionate revengeful anger, lascivious talking, foolish jesting, evil speaking, nor tavern haunting; but maintain a peaceful and quiet deportment at home and abroad, and have our conversation and company as becometh the gospel of Christ.

We promise to keep a faithful watch over each other, to provoke one another to love and good works, to be tender of each other's persons, characters, and states; to be just in all our dealings, both among ourselves and towards all men, and to do good to all men as we have opportunity, especially to the household of faith.

We covenant to observe the Lord's day in a religious manner, and not allow ourselves in unnecessary worldly business, conversation, or visiting, but constantly to devote the first day of the week to the public and private duties of religion, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.

We covenant to practice secret prayer, and while or whenever we are heads of families, to maintain the worship of God morning and evening in our houses, daily to attend to the reading of the scriptures for the instruction of our families, and to use our best endeavors to bring up those committed to our care in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

We covenant to attend the appointed meetings of the church, and stately to unite with our brethren in observing the Communion Supper and all the ordinances of Christ's house to maintain Gospel discipline, to seek the prosperity of this particular Church, and the good of the Redeemer's kingdom in general. And should we ever remove to any other place, so that we cannot enjoy the ordinances of Christ in this particular Church, we will endeavor, so soon as we have opportunity, to unite with some other Church of the same faith and order; and we solemnly covenant in whatever part of the world we may live, to devote ourselves to God, and to seek the prosperity of Zion so far as opportunity may permit, to the end of our days. Depending on God for His assistance, we severally and unitedly make this solemn Covenant. Witness whereof we say Amen.

The covenant of this Church adapted at the organization of the body in October 1808 being lost or mislaid the Church supplied its place on the 4th of August 1832 with the above covenant.

September 1st **1832**

Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Elder **Handy** found good union in the church –

1. Church voted to send Elders **Handy, Cole & Johnson** and Deacons **Webster** and **Crosby**, Brothers **Forbes, Saxton** and **Johnson** as delegates to the association to meet at Mayville on the fifth of September instant

2. Voted to hold a special church meeting on Monday next at 3 o'clock for business.

M.D. Harmon, Church Clerk

(?) Sabbath Communion season

M.D. Harmon, Church Clerk

Special church meeting on Monday September 3, **1832** opened with prayer by Elder **E. Johnson**. Heard the report of a committee appointed to visit Brothers **Eli Webster** and **J. Sprague**. Committee reported. Voted to accept of the same.

Report of the committee appointed to visit Brethren **Eli Webster** and **J. Sprague** beg leave to say that – Brother **E. Webster** condemned himself for not having continued his walk and assured committee that he

had (?) in not having brought his difficulty before the church. Brother **J. Sprague** said admitted that he had stated to **Deacon Webster** and Brother **Horace Webster** things prejudicial to the character of Brother **Eli Webster** and sister **Fitch** and still declared he believed the slander true, and Brother **Sprague** at the time behaved very unChristian like and appeared (?) by a very bad spirit and persisted in the slander about Brother **Webster** and justified the declination he had made all though at the first meeting he said he did not believe at the last meeting he said he did believe it – that Brother **Sprague** also (?) at the last meeting of committee that he could prove the case of Br. **Webster** and Sister **Fitch**.

J. Z. **Saxton**, Clerk of Committee

Church voted that the clerk inform Brother **J. Sprague** by letter to attend an (?) meeting appointed to attend to business of which he has been notified by committee appointed by the church.

Br. J.Z. **Saxton** presented a charge against Brother Amos Palmer for unChristian conversation in the public highweigh [*sic*] in conversation with Mr. **Howard**. Put over until a future meeting. Voted that Brother **Andrus** and sister **Eastwood** have letters of dismissal from this church also to Brother and sister **Fails**.

Meeting adjourned to September 15th at 3 o'clock.

M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

Adjourned church meeting September 15, 1832.

Opened by prayer. Read the proceedings of the last meeting in reference to Mr. **Eli Webster**, **J. Sprague** and **Palmer**. Church voted that Brother **J Sprague** be requested to retract the whole that is embraced in the report of the committee appointed to visit him.

Voted that Brother **Sprague** be suspended from this church until satisfaction is made by him to the church.

Brother **Palmer** did not appear. Church voted to withdraw from Brother **Palmer** the hand of fellowship until satisfaction is by him made.

M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

October 6th 1832.

Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Elder **Cole**. Good union among the Brothers and sisters present. Heard the experiences of Ebenezer **Tuttle** and Jonathan **Hempstead**. Church voted to receive them when Baptized.

Sister Amanda **Sage** presented a letter from the Baptist church in Erie , PA, and wished to unite with this church. Voted to receive her.

Heard the experience of Thomas **Osborn** and Mariah **Hawks**. Church voted to receive them when Baptized.

Meeting closed by prayer.

M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

After Sabbath Thomas **Osborn** and Ebenezer **Tuttle** and Jonathan **Hempstead** baptized. Elder **Cole** administrator.

Communion season after (?)

M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

November 3 1832

Covenant Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Elder **Cole** and found a desire to press forward in doing the will of the Lord among those present. Sister Susana **Stearns** presented a letter from the **Baptist Church in Hoosick**, Rensselaer Co, NY and wished to unite with this church. Voted to receive her.

Clerk is instructed to write the **Second Baptist Church in Hanover** requesting them to grant sister **Lydia Willoughby** a letter of dismissal from them for the purpose of uniting with this church.

Heard the experiences of Jacob **Morgan**, Betsy **Bond**, Caroline **Randall**, and Lovilla **Gardner**. Voted to receive them when Baptized.

Closed.

M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

Lord's day at noon M. **Morgan**, Mariah **Hawks** and Betsy **Bond** were Baptized. Elder **Cole** administrator.

Sister Mary **Williams**, Hannah **Butler** and Mary Sheppard asked for letters of dismissal. Granted. Sister Julieta **Morton** a letter of recommendation to the **Villanova** church.
M.D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

December 1, **1832**

Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer by Elder **Cole** and found a union in the church.
Wm. **Griffin** related his experiences. Church voted to receive him when baptized. Church voted to hold a special church meeting next Wednesday at 1 o'clock at the meeting house for transaction of business.
Lemuel **Tuttle** related his experience. Church voted to receive him when baptized.
Closed by Prayer by Elder **Cole**.
M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

December 5th **1832**

Special church meeting opened by prayer by Elder **Handy**. Appointed Elder **Handy** Moderator. Voted that the trustees be requested to ascertain if those owning slips in the House will agree to give them up for one year from the first of January next for the support of preaching, if so to rent them to the highest bidder for the above named purpose.
Voted that the church write to Joseph **Plumb**(?) of **Lodi [Forestville]** to ascertain whenever(?) Brother Ira **Halstead** has changed his religious sentiments or has become a Universalist. Voted to dissolve this meeting. Closed by prayer.
M.D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

(Postponed one week for protracted meeting)

Covenant meeting January 12, 1833 opened meeting with prayer by Elder **Cole** and found union in the Church. Heard the relation of **Rufus Johnson**, **Abijah Young** and **Alonso Parker**.
Church voted to receive them when Baptized. 18th Sabbath Day. **Abijah Young** and **Alonso Parker** Baptized. Elder **Cole** Administrator.
M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

February 2, **1833**

Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Elder **Cole** found union in the church.
Martin **Eastwood** and Stillmon **Brooks** related their Experience to the church.
Voted to receive them when Baptized.
Sister Polly **Baldwin** from Pawlet, Vermont who was a member of a church which did not travel. Received on the testimony of Sister **Monroe**. Church voted to receive her.
Church voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother Samuel **Sheppard**. Voted that Elder **Cole** write him a letter and to Sister Rachel **Thompson** and request her to return an answer.
M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting, March 2, **1833** opened by singing and prayer by Eld **Cole**. Union in among those present.

Mother **Crosby** wished to return to the church and wished an expression of the church. Voted to receive her. Sister Cynthia **Carroll** related her experience to the church. Voted to receive her having been baptized.
Closed by prayer.

3rd, Sabbath. After service Elder John S. **King** and Sister Anna **King** and Elsa A. **King** presented letters from Ashville church and wished to unite with this church. Voted to receive them. Brother John **Cady** presented a letter from the Baptist Church in Pompey and wished membership with us. Voted to receive him.

Closed by Prayer.

M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting April 6, **1833** opened with singing and prayer and found union among those present.
Alvira **Woods** related her experience to the church. Church voted. Received her when baptized. Brother David **Elliott**, Eunice **Elliott** and Sister Hannah **Elliott** requested letters of dismissal. Church voted to grant them. Sister Polly **Lunt** returned her letter to the Church.

Voted that Elder John S. **King** be a committee to visit(?) Brother George W. **Pierce** relating to reports about him. Voted to hold a special church meeting 3 weeks from this day to transact church business at 1 o'clock P.M.

Closed by Prayer by Elder **Cole**.

M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting April 24, **1833**. Opened by singing and prayer by Elder **Tucker**. Church proceeded to sanction by vote the appointment of Deacon N. **Crosby** as one of the Deacons of this church. Voted that this meeting be adjourned to May 1 at 1 o'clock.

M. D. **Harmon**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting held by adjournment May 1, **1833**.

Voted to postpone the business (choice of Deacons) indefinitely. The request of Brother M. D. **Harmon** to be discharged from further services as clerk of the church was taken up and agreed to and Abijah **Young** chosen to supply his place. Meeting dissolved.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting May 4, **1833** opened by prayer and renewing covenant. Found a union among those present. Voted a letter of recommendation and dismissal to Sister Eliza Jane **Vedder**. Appointed Brother Elon **Crane** a Committee to visit Ira **Halstead**, inquire into certain reports, and cite him to appear before the church.

Sabbath May 5, communion. Brother Orange **Mott** returned a letter from this church and was received. Martha **Simpson** presented a letter from the church in Erie, PA and was received.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting June 1, **1833**. Pastor absent. Elder E. **Johnson** presided.

Brethren M. D. **Harmon** and Elon **Crane** for themselves and wives and Wm. **Griffin** for himself, requested letters. Voted that they receive letters.

Brother E. **Crane** as a committee appointed to visit Ira **Halstead** reported that he has performed the duties assigned him, that he received as an answer from **Halstead** that he had no fellowship in sentiment or feeling with the church, and that he would not obey the citation to appear before them. Statement confirmed Brother Ezra **Buck**. Where upon, voted, that Ezra **Halstead** be excluded from the fellowship and privileges of this church.

Appointed J.Z. **Saxton** church treasurer and to furnish the Table.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting July 6, **1833**. Appointed a special church meeting for the transaction of business in one week from next Monday and appointed Elders **Handy** and **Johnson** and Brother **Buck** as a committee to visit delinquent members and report at next(?) meeting. Voted to receive Lydia **Willoughby** into this church, the 2nd Hanover church of which she was a member having in writing refused to give her a letter on the ground that they were not in fellowship with us.

Voted to appropriate enough of the church funds to make up five dollars as a compensation to Elder **Johnson** for services in supplying the Desk two Sabbaths.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting held by appointment July 15, **1833**.

Elder John S. **King** as a committee (appointed April 6th) to visit Brother George W. **Pierce** reported that he had not visited him, but had been informed that he paid no attention to religion. Voted that the clerk write a letter to Brother **Pierce** requesting him to appear before the Church. Elders **Handy** and **Johnson** and Brother **Buck** as a committee appointed to visit delinquent members reported that they had visited Brethren **May**, Eli **Webster**, **Randall** and **Palmer**. Eli **Webster** states that he has a difficulty, but not with the church as a body. He refused to tell what the difficulty is, but says he cannot walk with the church. He was required to meet the Church, but refuses to appear. Whereupon, voted that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Eli **Webster** for refusing to hear the Church. Voted to continue same committee to visit Sister **Webster** and report at a subsequent meeting. Brother **May** not being present his case laid over till next meeting. Brother **Randall** being present, stated that he has difficulties with the Church as a body and

until removed he cannot walk with the Church. After some conversation on the subject the case was postponed. Brother **Palmer** being present, denied the charges against him, consents to any investigation the church thinks proper, whereupon committee was continued and case postponed till next meeting. On motion, Resolved to rescind a vote passed May 1st granting a letter of recommendation and dismission to Sister Eliza Jane **Vedder** and appointed Sisters **Butler**, **Mulford**, and **Morton** as a committee to visit her and report. Appointed Brethren Ab. **Johnson** and Thos. **Osborn** a committee to visit Brethren **Sprague** and **Sage** and report. Resolved to hold an adjourned meeting on Monday 29th instant at 1 o'clock P.M. Adjourned.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

By request of some of the members the adjourned meeting for the 29th July was by a public notice postponed two weeks.

A. **Young**, Clerk

The above postponement was confirmed by a vote of the church August 11, 1833.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting 3rd August 1833. After the usual exercises voted that Elder **Cole** write the letters to the association and that Elders **Cole**, **Handy**, and **Johnson**, and Brethren Ebenezer **Webster**, Nathl. **Crosby**, J.D. **Allen**, Stephen **May**, and I.Z. **Saxton** be the messengers from this church to the association. Resolved that we invite the Association to meet with us next year. On her request, voted a letter of dismission to Sister Anna **Thompson**. Sunday at Communion Sisters Harriet E. **King** and Mary E. **King** presented letters from the Church in Ashville and were received.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special Church meeting held by adjournment 12 August 1833.

Sister Roxa **Winsor** (now **Crissy**) returned her letter to the church and was received. The committee on the case of Sister Jerusha **Webster** reported that Sister **Webster** thinks she must go with her husband. Case postponed. Brother **May** present, case laid over. And likewise Brother **Randall's**. Brother **Palmer's** case called up, committee presented a written report which was received and accepted and ordered to be kept on file. [*Not found.*] On one of the charges Brothers **Crosby**, **Allen**, **Osborn**, and A. **Johnson** were added to the committee and directed to see **Palmer** and (?) **Houghton** together and investigate the charge. After an absence of a few minutes the committee returned and reported that they had examined the accuser and accused face the face, that **Houghton** affirms the charge to be true and so far as they can judge they are satisfied of the truth of the charge. **Palmer** not returning to the house Deacon **Webster** was sent to require his return. When Brother **Palmer** absolutely refused to return to the house and immediately went home, thus by refusing to hear the call of the church putting a stop to a further investigation of the charges, whereupon the church resolved unanimously that Amos **Palmer** be excluded the fellowship of this church. The committee on Eliza Jane **Vedder's** [case] reported that they had visited her, that she refuses to make any confession to the church or to meet them, but said if the church thought she should be excluded, they must do it. Elder **Handy** and wife was appointed to visit her and her case laid over to next meeting.

The committee appointed to visit Sisters **Sage** and **Sprague** reported that they had performed that duty, that Sister **Sage** says she has no difficulties with the church and the reason of her absenting herself is on account of domestic troubles. Case dropped. Sister **Sprague** being present states that she has no difficulties with the church but wishes to hold her place with them. Case dropped. Meeting adjourned two weeks.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting held by adjournment 26 August 1833.

On motion voted that the vote passed 15 July excluding Eli **Webster** be rescinded in consequence of a prospect of a final adjustment of difficulties. Elder **Handy** as a committee appointed to visit Eliza Jane **Veder** reported that he has performed that duty but has no hopes that she can be reclaimed. Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Eliza Jane **Veder**. Brother **May** being present says that he did not know that a labor had been commenced with him, whereupon the committee was called to report on his case. They reported that [they] visited him as a committee of the church and that he stated to them, that he had a difficulty with Deacon **Crosby**. Brother **May** now says that the difficulty is settled. Case dropped. On

motion appointed Brethren **Crosby, Forbes and Buck** a committee to visit Brother **Randall**. Voted that so much as may be necessary of the collection taken up next Sabbath, be appropriated to printing the Minutes of the Association. On motion resolved the following expression of the sense of this church be entered on the records of the Church.

It is the sense of this church that every member who may withdraw from the communion of the church on account of any difficulty with any other member, unless they have taken Scripture measures to adjust it, shall be considered a transgressor and dealt with accordingly. Meeting adjourned to the second Monday of November next.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting August 31, **1833**. After the usual exercises the letter to the Association was presented and accepted and Brother **Corwin** added to the delegation.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting 5 October **1833**. After the usual exercises the church heard the confessions of Linus **Douglass** for drinking to excess and on motion appointed Elder **Handy, B. Buck** and Brother **Shepard** a committee to take such measures as they think necessary and report. A letter from Brother Lucius **Andrews** was read to the Church requesting a letter of dismission, request granted. Sister Betsy B. **Sage** presented a letter from the Church in Erie Pa. and was received. A letter from the Church in Sardinia requesting a delegation to sit in council 23 instant was read. Voted to answer the request and Elders **Cole, Handy**, and Brothers **Crosby** and **Buck** appointed to go.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Sunday October 6. After communion the church voted a letter of dismission to Sister Nancy **Warren**.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Sunday October 20th, church voted a letter of dismission to Sister Persis **Shumway**.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting November 2, **1833**. A letter presented from the church in Delphi recommending Brother Graphen **Sweet**, his wife Elizabeth **Sweet**, Thomas **Sweet** and Pamela **Sweet** (their children) and Deborah **Sweet**, who were accepted. On motion resolved that the church hold a prayer meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in November instant 10 o'clock A.M.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Sunday 10 November voted a letter to Sister Lovilla **Gardner**.

A. **Young**

Monday 11 November Special Church Meeting. Met and adjourned two days. Then adjourned to Monday 18 November at 1 o'clock P.M.

Monday 18th November **1833**. Special Church Meeting held by adjournment. Meeting opened by prayer by Pastor. Minutes of previous meeting read. Committee (Brothers **Crosby, Forbes, and Buck**) called upon to report on the case of Brother **Randall**. Reported that they had performed the duty assigned them. Brother **Randall** being present stated that his difficulties are with certain acts and resolutions of the Church which he thinks are unequal and unjust. After much discussion and careful investigation the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas this church in hopes of securing peace and harmony and restoring Christian confidence which had been destroyed in the conflict touching the subject of Freemasonry, Did, by the advice of a Council, convened in the Baptist Meeting House in February 1831 adopt their result with the Whitesborough resolutions, and whereas such act of the Church failed to produce the effect contemplated; Therefore resolved, that such resolutions are and of right ought to be null and void; and that we, as the professed followers of our Lord Jesus Christ have no fellowship with Freemasonry and that any connection of any member of this church either directly or indirectly with the institution of Freemasonry, we deem an offence against the church, and such member a proper subject of Discipline.

Meeting dissolved.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

At an adjourned church prayer meeting held at the meeting house December 5th Brother **Saxton** informed the Church that a proposal had been made by some of our dissenting brethren, that the church should appoint a meeting and give them notice thereof, to ascertain whether the breaches which had so long unhappily existed between the two bodies could not be healed and Union and Christian confidence restored. After conversation had on the subject the following letter was voted and sent by the hand of Brother P. **Nichols**.

From the First Baptist Church in Pomfret. To their brethren who have been long separated from them by reason of the unhappy division which has rent asunder the Zion of God in this section of country. Dear Brethren, We have (feeling it our duty, in hopes of the greatest good) recently rescinded the Whitesborough resolution together with the result of Council on the subject of Freemasonry and have in the place of said Whitesborough resolution adopted a resolution which is on our Church Book, a copy of which had recently been handed to Brother Phineus **Nichols** by our Church Clerk, which resolution is the unanimous sentiment of our church upon the subject and we cheerfully invite our Brethren to meet us and unite with us on that Resolution, and hope in the spirit of the gospel we may again be united as Brethren in the love of the Saviour. And if we are agreed touching the main question it is our opinion that no good can result from a discussion of the old subject, or the particular merits of the resolution now adopted; but hope on both sides the question, all personal difficulties, hardness, etc.(?) may be removed and that a spirit of confession maybe felt and exercised and that a forgiving spirit may possess every heart, that all may mutually harmonize, and may we all feel to bow before God and together move on toward that Celestial City where we hope ere long to meet. We propose to meet at the Baptist meeting house on Saturday 7th instant at 12 o'clock.
In behalf of the church (Signed) A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Voted that we hold a special church meeting on Saturday next at 12 o'clock. Meeting dissolved.
A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special Church meeting held by appointment December 7, **1833**. Meeting opened by prayer and reading minutes. Voted that Elders **Winsor** and **Sawyer** be invited to take a part in the deliberations of the meeting. The meeting being thus opened our dissenting brethren present were desired to say whether they agreed with the church in the sentiments of the resolution adopted November 18th **1833**. Whereupon Judge **Cushing** inquired to know whether the church understood by the phrase "an offence against the Church" in the resolution, the same as though it had read "a violation of the Divine rule," and expressed his wish to have it thus amended. The brethren present individually expressed their opinion that they were modes of expression of the same meaning in this case but preferred not to have the alteration made. With this our dissenting brethren individually professed satisfaction on that point. Meeting adjourned till Tuesday next.
A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special Church meeting held by adjournment December 10, **1833**. Meeting opened by prayers and reading minutes. Our dissenting brethren presented the minutes of a meeting which they held yesterday (9 instant) in which they expressed themselves unanimously and perfectly satisfied with the stand the church have taken on the subject of Freemasonry and resolving to meet with us for the purpose of amalgamating. A question arising respecting the manner in which the two bodies shall unite, whether they shall be received as a body or as individuals. On motion resolved that it is the understanding of the church that they were invited to return to the church as individuals. Whereupon Judge **Cushing** declared that it was their unanimous determination not to dissolve their organization and if they could not return as a body they could not come. On motion appointed Elders **Winsor** and **Sawyer** and Brothers **Forbes**, **Saxton**, **Cushing**, and **Covell**, a committee to consult together and ascertain if any measures could be devised by which a union could be effected. While the committee were absent the church called on the committee appointed on the case of Brother S. **Douglass**, who reported that they had seen him and directed him to make a confession to Brother **Hempstead's** family. Brother **Douglass** being present says he has made a confession to them and others and has made up his mind never to drink any more ardent spirits except as a medicine. Voted satisfied. Brother **Buck** from the committee on the case of Eli **Webster** reports that he has visited him and that he refuses to walk with the church or to meet them, but

says he has no hardness toward the church as such. On motion resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Eli **Webster** till he make satisfaction to the church. Elder **Winsor** from the committee appointed reported no progress. On motion, meeting dissolved.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting January 4, **1834**. After reading the covenant and articles of faith the church heard the relation of the following persons who were received as candidates for baptism. **Wealthy Webster**, Mrs. **Charlotte Story**, **Benjamin Sweet**, **Joel Parker Jr.**, **Arunah R. Buck**, **Ebenezer Shepard**, **Justus Smith**, **Hiram Patterson**, Mrs. **Sibbill Lock**, **Thos. G. Abell** and **Rhoda** his wife, and received by letter Brethren **Joseph Sweet** and **Sister Sally Sweet** and on Sunday at noon **Brothers B. Sweet, Parker, A.R. Buck, E. Shepard & H. Patterson** and **Sisters W. Webster, Story and Lock** were baptized by **Elder Cole** and received into the Church.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

At a special Chh. meeting 7th January **1834** the Church heard the relation of **Harriet Webster**, **Nancy Norcutt**, **John Saxton**, **Fidelia Webster**, **Lois Norton**, **Lavina Scott**, **Amelia Webster**, and **A. Warren Young**, who were received as candidates for baptism and on Saturday January 11th, the following persons were received as candidates for baptism, and on Saturday January 11th the following persons were received as candidates for baptism, viz. **William Bond**, **Elisha E. Case**, **Harvey Meeder**, **Charles S. Sanford**, **Edwin Loomis**, **Emilius Davis**, **Demmy Hawkes**, **Sabrina Shumway**, **Miriam Brown**, **Amanda Eaton**, **Jane Osborn**, **Julia Ann Forbes**, **Ester Webster**, and **Sarah Crosby** and on Sunday morning the Church heard the relation of **Avis Walker**, **Mary Walker**, and **Hannah Smith** who were received as candidates for baptism, and at noon Sunday January 12th the following candidates were baptized and received into the church. **John Saxton**, **E. Davis**, **Chas. S. Sanford**, **H. Meeder**, **E.E. Case**, **E. Loomis**, **S. Crosby**, **J. A. Forbes**. **J Osborn**, **M. Brown**, **H. Smith**, **S. S. Shumway**, **A. Walker**, **M. Walker**, **H. Webster**.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

At a special church meeting 18th January **1834** the church heard the relation of **Chester Davison**, **Jemima Gear**, **Mira Parker** and **Fanny Abell** who were received as candidates for baptism and on Sunday morning January 19th heard the relation of **Nancy Walker**. Same day at noon **Thomas G. Abell**, **Rhoda Abell**, **Demmy Hawkes**, **Jemima Gear**, **Nancy Walker**, **Lavina Scott**, **Amanda Eaton** and **Mira Parker** were baptized and received into the church.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting 25 January **1834**. Meeting opened as usual and after reading the Covenant and Articles heard the relation of **Benjamin Webster**, **Rosamond Randall**, and **Catherine Morian** who were received as candidates for baptism.

A **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting 2 February **1834**. After reviewing Covenant and reading the Articles of Faith and practice the church heard the relation of **George C. Osborn**, **Ira S. Nichols**, **Hanson Bailey**, **Mary Nichols** and **Lorena Davison** who received as candidates for baptism. Brother **Farring Willson** presented a letter from the first Baptist church in Medina and was received. On motion resolved unanimously that the church have no other feelings towards **Sister Mercy Baldwin**, than the fullest fellowship and Christian kindness. Sunday 3 February at noon the following candidates were baptized and received in the church. Viz. **Chester Davison** and **Lorena** his wife, **Wm. Bond**, **I. Nichols**, **Alanson Bailey**, **Benjamin Webster**, **A.W. Young**, **Esther Webster**, **Amelia Webster**, **Fidelia Webster**, **Mary Nichols** and **Rosamond Randal**.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting 9 February **1834**. The church heard the relation of **Adams Buck** who was received as a candidate for baptism. Sunday 24 February church voted letters to **Elder King** and family and **Brother Farring Wilson**.

A **Young**, Church Clerk

Sunday March 9th the church heard the relation of Lodemia **Chapel** who was received as a candidate and at noon Elder **Cole** baptized Adams **Buck**, Lodemia **Chapel**, and Lois **Norton** who were received the same day into the church.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

March 22nd special church meeting. Brother Phineas **Nichols** and Esther his wife requested to take up their walk with the church. Voted that this church consider Brother and Sister **Nichols** as members of this church. Sister Betsey **Hull** requested to resume her place in the church. Voted that we welcome her return. Elder **Cole** having retired, Deacon **Webster** chosen chairman for the remainder of the meeting. On motion resolved that we invite Elder **Cole** to preach to us another year. Appointed Brethren **Abell**, **Shumway**, and **Buck** a committee to inform Elder **Cole** of the wishes of the church, who visited Elder **Cole** and returned, informed the church that he wishes to have the old subscriptions settled that he may know what it costs him to support his family. On motion voted that the church visit every member of the church and learn what they will give for preaching the coming year.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting 5 April 1834. After the usual exercises the church heard the relation of Lewis M. **Walker**, Nathan **Wood**, Jr. and Lucinda **Walker** who were received as candidates for baptism and Sunday April 6th at noon they were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Sunday 20th Church voted letters of dismission to Sisters Lovilla **Gardner** and Betsey **Hull** and on Sunday 27th April church voted a letter of dismission to Sister Julia **Story**.

Covenant meeting May 3rd. Church heard the relation of Mary **Underhill** who was received as a candidate. Voted letters of dismission to Brother and Sister **Allen** and Brother Salmon **Morton**. On motion the following preamble and resolution were adopted.

Whereas the Canadaway church located at Laona has requested to know whether this church will receive letters from that body. Resolved that this church are in fellowship with and will as freely receive letters from the Canadaway church as from any other church of the denomination.

Mary **Underhill** and G. C. **Osborn** baptized May 4.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Sunday May 11th. Voted a letter of dismission to Sister Sarah **Clark**. A letter from the church in Erie PA requesting a council. Voted that Elder **Cole** and Brethren P. L. **Shephard** and A. **Young** be delegates. Sunday 18 May. A letter presented from the church in Napoli. Voted that Elders **Cole**, **Handy** and **Johnson** be delegates. Voted letters of dismission to Sisters Philinda and Sally **Warren**.

Covenant meeting in June. Postponed one week. Elder **Cole** absent. Held June 7. After the usual exercises resolved the situation of Julia Ann **Morian**. Received and baptized June 8.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting July 5th. After the usual exercises the church heard the relation of Alexander **King** Jr. and Uriah E. **Allen** who were received as candidates. Voted a letter of dismission to Brother Thos. L. **Somerton**. Sister Esther **Smith** presented a letter from the church in Yates and was received.

Sunday 6 July, the above named candidates were baptized and received into the church. Voted a letter of dismission to Sisters Amanda **Walker** (formerly **Sage**). Appointed a special church meeting for Tuesday next.

A **Young**, Church Clerk

Tuesday 8th July. Special church meeting. Chose Elder **Handy**, Moderator. Voted a letter of dismission to Sister Betsey B. **Sage**. Voted that this church unite with the churches of Portland, Dunkirk, and Forestville in calling a convention of the Baptist churches in this county to take into consideration the propriety of forming a new association. Appointed Elders **Cole** and Brothers **Crosby** and **Shepard** a committee to call said convention. Meeting dissolved.

A **Young**, Clerk

Sunday 20 July. Voted letters of dismissal to Brother Arunah **Buck** and Sister Sarah S. **Robinson** (formerly **Crosby**). Sunday 27 July, a letter laid before the church from the church in Villenova requesting a delegation to sit in council for the examination and ordination of Brother A. **Frink**. Whereupon voted, that we answer said letter by appointing Elders **Cole**, **Handy** and **Johnson** and Brothers **Forbes** and **Young** as delegates.

A **Young**, Clerk

Covenant meeting 2nd August **1834**. Pastor absent. Meeting opened by prayer by Deacon **Webster**. After the church had expressed their feelings, heard the relation of Francis P. **Asherwood** and Adaline his wife and Thos. **Potter** who were received as candidates for baptism. Voted that we appoint five delegates to convention at Ellery on the 14 instant and nominated Elder **Cole**, Deacon **Crosby** and Brothers **Saxton**, **Sheppard** and **Young** as delegates. Sunday August 3rd. F. P. **Asherwood** and Adaline **Asherwood** were baptized and received into the church.

A **Young**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting 25 August **1834**. On motion resolved unanimously that the church delegate to the association to be held at Ashville on the first Wednesday of September next. Voted that Elders **Cole**, **Handy**, **King** and **Johnson**, Deacon N. **Crosby** and Brothers Abm. **Johnson**, **Buck**, **Abell** and **Allen** be delegates to the same. Resolved that we recommend to the trustees to raise the meeting house and finish rooms below if they can obtain means by using the Society's unappropriated property. Brothers **Crosby** and **Buck** as laboring brethren laid a statement before the church respecting Brother Jacob **Morian**, who had refused to meet his accuser until too late. Brother **Morian** made his statement of the case. On motion voted that Brother **Morian** be suspended from the fellowship of the church (for refusing to meet his accuser, though frequently urged so to do by the laboring brethren) until circumstances may enable to church to investigate the charges and judge of his guilt or innocence.

A **Young**, Church Clerk

October 19th, a letter laid before the church from the church in Villenova requesting delegates to sit in council for the examination of Brother A. **Frink**. Whereupon voted that we answer the same by the appointment of Elders **Cole**, **Handy**, and **Johnson**. A letter from the Cassadaga Baptist church desiring delegates to sit in council for the purpose of examining the proceedings of that body with a view of acknowledging them as a sister church. Voted that we answer the same by appointing Elders **Cole**, **Handy**, and **Johnson** and Brethren **Crosby** and **Forbes** for that purpose.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

November 1st Covenant meeting, letters presented by Henry A. **Knapp** and Martha his wife from the church in Buffalo, by Anson C. **Guild** and Miranda his wife from West Winfield and by Fanny **Buck** wife of Brother R. **Buck** from Madison, who were severally received by the church on the same.

December 6th Covenant meeting letters presented by John **Champlin** and Keziah his wife from the church in West Winfield. Voted that they be received. A difficulty laid before the church by Brother Benjamin **Sweet** against Brother **May**. Voted to hold a special church meeting on Thursday next.

December 7th. A letter presented by Belinda C. **Brown** from the church in Otto, Cattaragus County and she received.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

December 11 special meeting. Opened by prayers by Elder **Johnson** who was chosen moderator. Deacon **Crosby** from a visiting committee reported that on investigation of all the difficulties between Brother **May** and Brother **Sweet** and his family. They all expressed themselves satisfied and the parties present manifested a settlement of difficulties. Church voted satisfied. The case of Brother and Sister **Randall** was presented. Voted that Elder **Handy**, Brethren J.Z. **Saxton**, and **Abell** be a committee to visit them and learn the reasons why they absent themselves from the church and the labor to reclaim them. Voted that Elder **Handy**, Brothers R. **Buck**, **Abell** and A **Young** be a committee to visit D. J. **Matteson** and learn from him his views of his standing with the church. On motion resolved that the church withdraw the hand of fellowship from George W. **Pierce** for refusing to appear before the church when summoned and entirely

neglecting to hold any correspondence with them, and that the church be directed to write him by mail informing of the proceedings of the church in the case. Adjourned to Saturday the 20 instant.

A **Young**, Church Clerk

December 20. Special church meeting held by adjournment. Elder **Handy** from the committee appointed to visit Brother and Sister **Randall**, reported that they had performed that duty. Brother **Randall** present stated that he had no difficulty with any individual member but had had much difficulty [with] some of the proceedings of the church but after much consideration of the subject had resolved to give the church no further trouble on that ground. Sister **Randall** prevented by ill health but was in fellowship with the church. Voted that the church are satisfied in the case. Elder **Handy** from the committee appointed to visit D. J. **Matteson** reported that they had performed that duty and that D. J. **Matteson** declined to state expressly his views on the subject. Report accepted and committee discharged. Adjourned to December 29 **1834** when the meeting was held. After much desultory conversation on several subjects, Brothers **Crosby** and **Sheppard** were appointed a committee to investigate a difficulty between Brothers **May** and Joseph **Sweet**. On motion resolved that it is the sentiment of this church that members of sister churches in good standing have a right to a seat with the church in meetings of business. Adjourned.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting 3 January **1835**. After the usual exercises the subject of a meeting of (?) was brought before the church. On motion resolved that a notice be given from the pulpit tomorrow that a meeting will commence on Thursday next to continue till Sunday evening and then be governed by circumstances. Voted a letter of dismission to Brother Orra **Windsor**. Voted that the church approve of the alteration of the monthly (?) from the evening of the first Monday to the evening of the first Sunday of the month. January 4 at communion letters were presented by Brother Wm. **Verrinder** and Sister Keziah **Barber** who were received.

A. **Young**, Clerk

January 24th **1835**. Agreeably to public notice given from the pulpit and in consequence of an engagement of our pastor for next week the church agreed to anticipate the regular communion season one week.

Covenant meeting held when the church heard the relation of Mrs. Harriet **Jennings**, Mrs. Harriet **Catlin**, and Maryann **Morgan** who were received as candidates.

January 25. At Communion voted a letter of recommendation and dismission to Sister Selina **Boyington**.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting February 28th **1835**. After the usual exercises voted a letter of recommendation and dismission to Sister Roxa **Crissy**, also to Brother Thomas **Sweet**.

Sunday March 1st. Harriet **Jennings** and Marryann **Morgan** were baptized and received to the fellowship of the church. Voted to hold a church meeting on Thursday 5 instant at 1 P.M.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting held by appointment 5th March **1835**.

Deacon **Webster** chosen moderator. Trustees read their report. On motion resolved that [we] are under covenant obligation to contribute for the support of all the temporal interests of the church according to the measure with which God has favored us. Voted that we have preaching the ensuing year. Voted that we raise \$400 the next year for contingent expenses, one half to be paid in grain or such produce as is wanted and one half in cash, the whole to be paid quarterly to the trustees. Voted that we appoint 3 assessors to ascertain the property, income and privileges and settle what is the proportion of each member. Appointed. Brethren **Randall**, **Shepard** and **Young**. Voted that the trustees visit Elder **Cole** and request him to preach for us the ensuing year.

Adjourned 2 weeks.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Sunday 8 March. A letter received from the church in Westfield requesting a delegation to sit in council on Wednesday 11th instant. Voted to answer by appointing Elder **Cole** and Brethren **Crosby**, J.Z. **Saxton**, and L M. **Walker** as delegates.

A. **Young**, Clerk

Special church meeting held by adjournment March 19th 1835. Elder **Handy** chosen moderator. Meeting opened by prayer by moderator.

After much discussion and deliberation adjourned for two weeks, altered by appointment to March 30th then held. The trustees presented to the meeting the proposals of Elder **Cole** in answer to the request that he preach another year to us. Voted that we offer Elder **Cole** 400 dollars and a subscription for 20 cords of wood and appointed Brethren **Crosby**, **Saxton**, and **Verrinder** a committee to wait on Elder **Cole** with said proposals. Committee returned and stated that Elder **Cole** was not at home. Meeting dissolved.

A. **Young**, Clerk

Covenant meeting April 4th. After the usual exercises voted that we hold a special church meeting on Thursday next at 1 o'clock PM.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting held by appointment April 9th 1835. Stephen **May** chosen moderator. A paper laid before the meeting by brethren which purported to be an equalization of the expenses of the church, which was read. Each member present expressed satisfaction. Voted that the clerk be authorized to draw a subscription paper and transfer the names of the members present to it, with the sums set to them. Meeting dissolved.

A. **Young**, Clerk

Covenant meeting, May 2nd. Voted a letter of dismission to Sister Charlotte **Story**. Letters presented and received by Josiah **Moore** and wife and Elizabeth **Roots** from Mendon, and by Benjamin F. **Roberts** from Forestville, and a letter given by the church to Marietta **Simpson** was returned. Sister Hannah **Post** dismissed.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting July 4th. After the usual exercises a request was made by Elvira **McKnight** to unite with the church, she having been baptized by the "Christians." After hearing her relation on motion resolved that we recognize her baptism as valid. Voted that we receive her. A letter presented by Sister **Hughes** from the church (?). Voted that we receive her. Elder **Cole** requested (by letter) that the church consent that the relation subsisting between him and them (as pastor of the church) should cease after the first of September next. Voted that we accede to his proposal. Appointed Brethren **Crosby**, J.Z. **Saxton**, **Sheppard**, **Moore** and Doctor **Pettit**, a committee of correspondence to procure some person to visit us as a candidate for the pastoral office. Voted that the church will pay the traveling expenses of the candidates. Voted that the church withdraw the hand of fellowship from Rachel **Pemberton** (formerly **Thompson**) for unChristian conduct.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting 1st August. Letters presented by David **Barrell** and Clarinda his wife, from the church in Evans, Erie. Voted that they be received. Also a letter by Esther **L(?)** from the church in Claremont N.H. received. Appointed a special church meeting for Monday 10th instant at 4 o'clock PM. Appointed Elder **Cole** and Brothers **Crosby**, **Barrell**, **Sheppard**, and **Saxton** a committee to prepare and recommend a course to be pursued by the church toward the association and appointed Deacon **Crosby** and Brothers **Allen**, **Buck** and **Barrell** a committee on delinquents.

A. **Young**, Church Clerk

A letter presented by Sefy **Starr** from the Church in Guilford and received.

Special church meeting held by appointment August 10th 1835. The committee on the association reported that it is best all things considered to represent to the association and submitted a letter. Voted to receive report and adopt the letter. Appointed Elders **Cole**, **Handy**, **Johnson**, and **King**, Deacons **Crosby** and **Webster**, and Brothers **Saxton**, **Barrell**, **Sheppard**, **Abell**, **Verrinder**, **Champlin**, and any others who may attend as delegates to association.

The request of A. **Young** to be discharged from further duties as clerk of the church being taken up. Voted that the church will not discharge him.

A. **Young**

Special church meeting held by appointment 5th October **1835**. Elder **Handy** appointed moderator. The request of A. **Young** to be discharged from further duties as clerk was reconsidered. Voted that he be discharged. Chose Br. David **Barrell** Church clerk. A. **Young** appointed clerk pro tem. Voted to discharge the corresponding committee and appointed another. Chose Brothers **Saxton, Pettit, May, Abell, Forbes, Guild Buck**, Deacon **Webster** and Elder **Handy** [as] committee. Voted that the corresponding committee write to Elder D. **Putnam** requesting him to become their pastor and offer him \$400 for (?) and \$50 toward the expenses of moving his family. Meeting dissolved.

A. **Young**, Clerk P.T.

Special church meeting held by appointment 22nd October **1835**. Elder **Handy** moderator. Br. J.Z. **Saxton** from the committee of correspondence laid before the church a letter from Elder **Putnam** declining their application to him to become pastor of this church. Elder **Cole** requested to know the minds of the members of the church on their covenant obligations, when their views given individually. Voted a letter of dismissal to Elder **Cole**. Meeting dissolved.

A. **Young**, Clerk P.T.

Lord's Day, 16 November **1835**. Special Church Meeting.

Heard a letter from Brother Ira **Corwin** asking aid to pay his doctor's bill and to purchase clothing.

Resolved that Elder **Handy** and Br. **Saxton** be a committee to solicit aid from the brethren of the church to lend to Brother **Corwin**.

Heard remarks from Brother Salmon **Morton** in regard to his view of duty to enter on a preparatory course for the Minister, this request for license from the church to improve his gift. Also heard his views on a portion of Scripture, after which Brother **Morton** retired and the brethren consulted together and resolved that Brother **Morton's** case coming before them at so late a period they are not prepared to grant him a license, yet would encourage so far as they are able and recommend him to a favorable reception wherever he may go. Resolved to grant Brother **Morton** a letter of dismissal and that our Clerk be instructed to express the above sentiments in his letter dismissal.

Adjourned until next Lord's Day at 1 o'clock PM.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day 23rd November **1835**. Church met agreeable to adjournment.

Heard and approved the letter recommending Brother **Morton** to notice. Also a letter of dismissal.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting December 5, **1835**. Opened by prayer Elder **Handy** Moderator. Brothers and Sisters renewed Covenant. A good degree of union generally manifest and a desire to arise. Brother (?) expressed his dissent from the Covenant. Brother Ora **Winsor** and his wife Polly Ann were received to our fellowship by a letter from Mayville.

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

Covenant meeting January 2, **1836**. Opened by prayer. Brethren and Sisters renewed Covenant.

On motion resolved that we send a messenger to Elder **Leach**, inviting him to come and take the pastoral charge of the Church.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lords Day January 3, **1836**. Church convened for the Ordinance of the Supper. A letter was presented by Sister Elizabeth **Howes** from the (?) Church in Eaton(?) NY. On motion resolved that Sister **Howes** be received to our fellowship.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting February 6, **1836**. Opened by prayer. Heard a letter from Church of Dunkirk requesting us to send our Minister and Brethren to sit in Council with them on the 10th instant to Examine Brother B.F.

Roberts with a view to ordination. Resolved that we send as delegate Reverends **Leach** and J. **Handy** and Brethren **Crosby, Webster, Buck, Barrell, Shepard** and **Sweet**. Brothers and Sisters renewed Covenant. Enjoyed a comfortable season.

A letter of dismissal was granted to Lucy **Bennett**. Adjourned two weeks.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Adjourned Covenant meeting 20 February **1836**. Brothers and Sisters remarked of the travel of their minds, after which a letter was read recommending Brother Eber **Pettit** and his wife. On request it was resolved that Brother **Pettit** and wife be received to our fellowship. A letter was read recommending Brother Loving **Crosby** at his request. Resolved that he be received to our fellowship.

Heard the relation of the Christian experience of Miss Harriet **Morgan**, with her desire to be Baptized.

Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized to Membership with us.

Resolved that the resolution giving Elder **Leach** a call to become Pastor of this Church, as he now accepts the call, be recorded on the Church book, his term of labor to commence about 1st April.

Closed by Prayer.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day February 28, **1836**. At the close of worship notice was given of a special church meeting to be held on Friday next at 1 o'clock PM.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Meeting March 4, **1836**. Opened by prayer. Elder **Handy** chosen moderator.

Deacon **Crosby** remarked that reports had been in circulation injuring the cause and against the character of Brother G. **Hempstead** in relation to his selling a cow to B. **Robbins**. Brother **Hempstead** being present heard his version of the story. Resolved to appoint a committee to investigate this matter and that Brothers **Saxton, Buck** and **Moore** be said committee and report hereafter.

Resolved that a letter of Dismission be granted to Sister Almira **Ferris (Peck)**.

Heard a report of Brother **Abell** who was appointed to procure a place to build a parson house, that he had got Mr. S. **Johnson** terms for two acres of land adjoining Deacon(?) **Durkee** for \$175 after deductions for himself and **Johnson**. Resolved that speedy and efficient measures be taken to raise the necessary sum to pay for the parsonage lot and the Trustees of the Society be requested to do it. Resolved that we present the thanks of this church and Society to Capt. S. **Johnson** for his liberality in selling us a lot for a parsonage, and in contributing so liberally to aid the Society in this object, (?) in offering us the use of a house the year ensuing for our minister, gratuitous.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting March 5, **1836**. Elder **Handy** Moderator. Brothers and Sisters renewed Covenant.

Enjoyed a pleasant interview.

On request a letter of recommendation and dismissal was granted to Brother Jonathan O. **Allen** and his wife Harriet P. **Allen** and their son Uriah E. **Allen**.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting March 12, **1836**.

Heard the religious experience of Miss Eunice **Mack** with her desire to be Baptized. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized to our fellowship.

Heard a letter recommending Reverend B. N. **Leach**. Resolved that he be received to our fellowship.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day March 13, **1836**. Miss Eunice **Mack** and Miss Harriet **Morgan** received the Ordinance of Baptism and the right hand of fellowship of the Church.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Special Church meeting April 15, **1836**. Opened by Prayer by Elder **Leach**.

Br. P. **Nichols** chosen Clerk Pro tem. The following Preamble and resolution presented were unanimously adopted. Whereas Jesus Christ by dispensation of his grace and by particular indications of his providence

is awakening energies of his people and graciously exerting them to higher and more enlarged efforts of beneficence in diffusing the light of life through our benighted world. Therefore Resolved:

- I. That it is the duty of this Church to come up with appropriate promptness and energy(?) to sustain and forward the glorious enterprise of Evangelizing the nations and whereas consequence of the tardy movements of the Churches, or for want of a system of(?) efficient organization, more than \$1500 [per year] is expended in our own state in sustaining agents to solicit the liberalities of the Churches. Resolved:
- II. That it is the imperative duty of this Church to occupy such high ground of (?) and systematic beneficence as will preclude the necessity of such labors and expenses as far as this Church is concerned. Resolved:
- III. In order to carry the above into effect, that the male members of this Church, on solicitation, whose duty it shall be to present to every male member a subscription book for the various benevolent objects of the Church, that he may have the privilege of doing what is his privilege to aid to the message of the everlasting Gospel through the world. Also a Treasurer whose duty it shall be to keep an account of all the monies he receives and appropriate them to the various objects as specified in the subscription and report to the Church annually. Also a collector whose duty it shall be to collect subscriptions when due and pay into the treasury. The subscription for Domestic Missions shall be paid two weeks previous to the meeting of the Chautauqua Baptist Association. The subscription for Foreign Missions and for the printing of the German Bibles, shall be paid the 1st week in March. The subscription for Sabbath School and other objects the third week in April. The Solicitor, Treasurer, and Collector shall hold their appointments for one year and until others are chosen. Resolved:
- IV. That we will furnish every Sunday School scholar with the New Testament, who shall be connected with our Society, and that the remainder of the subscription for Sunday School after deducting \$30 for the purchase of a library for our own school shall be appropriated for the general distribution in the county. Resolved:
- V. That we recommend to the Female members of this Church to adopt such an organization as they deem expedient but such an one as will give each sister in this Church an opportunity casting their mite into the Treasury of the Lord. (?) was appointed Solicitor to report to the church 3 months. G. **More** Treasurer to report 1st Monday in (?). Avery **Buck** Collector.
- VI. Resolved that the Church appoint one Deacon in addition to their present number and that Elders **Leach** and **Cole** and **Johnson** and Brothers **Webster**, **Crosby** and **More** be a committee to nominate. The Committee nominated Brother Reuben **Buck**, whereupon it was unanimously voted that Brother Reuben **Buck** be a Deacon of the Church. The Brothers and Sisters voted by Ballot. Voted that Br. A. **Parker** be collector for the church to collect Elder **Leach's** subscription for the two months labor. Closed by prayer by Elder **Handy**. Phineas **Nichols**, Clerk Pro tem
B. N. **Leach**, Moderator

Church Meeting July 25, 1836.

On Motion Resolved that we still make an effort to build a parsonage by subscription to become the property of the Society. Resolved that Brother S. **May** be the Building Committee. Resolved that Brother A. C. **Guild** be Collector. Resolved that Brethren J. **Pettit**, Elias **Johnson** and D. **Barrell** be a Soliciting committee to solicit subscriptions. After hearing an expression of the minds of the Brethren present, with their subscriptions taken by the committee. Resolved that the building Committee go on with their arrangements for building, and if the subscription is not filled, we will expend so far as we have means in building and trust the aid of our friends to make up the amount.

Closed.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting August 6, 1836. Opened by prayer and praise. Brethren and Sisters renewed Covenant. On request, resolved that Sister **Morton** have a letter of recommendation and dismissal from this church. Resolved that Sister Harriet **Morgan** have a letter of Dismission. Resolved that Brother Linus **Douglass** have a letter of dismissal.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting May 21, 1836. Deacon **Webster** appointed moderator.

Resolved that we appoint a committee to (?) associate with the assessing committee previously appointed to assist them in arranging and rectifying the property of the church, and make out the assessment on the members of the church and that Brothers **May, More** and **Barrell** be said committee.

Whereas reports have reached the Church of bad conduct in Brother N. **Wood** in quarrelling on the Sabbath with (?) **Lowel**. Resolved that we appoint Deacon **Webster** and Brother **Champlin** a committee to investigate the matter.

Resolved that Brothers **Saxton, May** and **Buck** be a committee to visit Elder E. **Johnson** and enquire into the nature of his claim on the church, and the relative situation he occupies in regard to liability with the church. Adjourned.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting September 3, **1836**. Opened by prayer.

Resolved that we appoint delegates to the association that our Pastor, B. N. **Leach**, and Brethren **Sheppard, J. Pettit, J. More** and L. **Crosby** be our delegates.

Resolved that Sister **Clarke** have a letter of dismission from the church.

Resolved that we hold a church meeting on the 3rd Saturday instant at 2 o'clock PM.

Brothers and Sisters renewed Covenant. Enjoyed a comfortable Season. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Meeting Sept. 17, **1836**. Opened by prayer.

Heard the report of the committee to visit Brother **Wood**. Also a statement from him (he being present) of the circumstances of the affair with Mr. **Lowel**, together with his acknowledgements of his error. Resolved that we are satisfied with the statement made and that we dismiss the subject.

Resolved that we raise seventy five dollars to repair the house, stoves (?) and for taking care of the house. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting December 3rd **1836**. Opened by prayer.

Brethren and Sisters renewed Covenant after which heard a relation of the Christian experience of Miss Laura **Scott** with an expression of her desire to be Baptized. On motion resolved that we receive her as a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized to fellowship with us.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. **Watson** with her desire to be Baptized. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and fellowship with us.

Heard also a relation of the Christian experience of Miss **Mark** and her desire for Baptism. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and to fellowship with us.

Enjoyed a very pleasant season. Closed by prayer. Resolved to hold a church conference next Saturday.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's day 4 December **1836**. The following persons were baptized and received the hand of fellowship of the Church. Viz. Mrs. **Watson**, Miss Laura **Scott**, and Miss **Mark**.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference agreeable to appointment 10th December **1836**. Opened by prayer. Brothers and sisters enjoyed an agreeable season in prayer and conference, after which Mrs. **Parker** and Moses P. **Buck** related the dealings of God with them and expressed their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. On motion resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized to membership and fellowship with us.

Resolved that our church conference be established to be held every Saturday at one o'clock PM.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Conference December 24, **1836**. Opened by Prayer.

Resolved that we hold a church meeting for business on Tuesday next at 1 o'clock PM. Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Myron **Frisbee** and Mrs. **Newel**. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and fellowship. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting, agreeable to appointment December 27, **1836**. Opened by prayer. Elder **Leach** moderator. Heard a complaint from Br. J.Z. **Saxton** against Brother Alford **Stoddard** (See complaint on file). [*Not found.*] The steps of labor admitted. Brother O. **Winsor** the witness. Resolved that this subject of difficulty be referred to a committee of Seven. Resolved that the moderator associate with Elder **Handy** and nominate this committee. They recommended as follows: Viz. Deacon **Crosby**, Brethren **Forbes**, **Barrell**, **Buck**, **Champlin**, **Abell** and T. G. **Osborn** as said committee. Resolved that the above named Brethren be said committee. Deacon **Crosby** asked Brothers **Saxton** and **Stoddard** if they would abide the decision of this committee. Brother **Saxton** said he would. Brother **Stoddard** said he was not prepared to say he would abide their decision. After deliberation and advice, Brothers **Saxton** and **Stoddard** retired and after consultation, returned and said they had agreed to submit their matter of difference and had fixed on Brothers **Crosby**, **Abell** and **Forbes** and Mr. **Morton** and Mr. **Woodruff** as the referees. Whereupon the church resolved that they are satisfied with the arrangement. Resolved that Brother **May** furnish wood for Elder **Leach**. Present his [account?]
Closed.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting December 31, **1836**.

After a season of prayer, Heard our Articles of Faith and practice and Covenant.

Received a letter recommending Sister Celestia **Dimick**. Resolved that she be received.

Also a letter recommending Brother and Sister **Wheeler**. Brother **Wheeler** not present. On request of Sister **Wheeler** resolved that she be received.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Miss Jane **Burrett** with her desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Miss Almira **Walker** with her desire for Baptism. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard a letter recommending sister Abigail M. **Turner**. Resolved that she be received.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Lucretia **Saxton** with her desire for Baptism. Resolved that she be received as a Candidate for Baptism.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

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 **Leonard** 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**, Calina **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 dismission 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. **Outhout**. 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

Covenant meeting January 6, 1838. Opened by prayer and praise. Brethren and sisters renewed covenant, a large number present and much interest manifested.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Margart **Burnell** with her desire to be Baptized. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard letters recommending Sister Anna **Mead**, and Sister Aurelia **Cotton** and Brethren Elisha **Cotton** and Thomas **Sweet**. Resolved that they be received to our fellowship.

Resolved that we as a church feel called upon to make an extra effort in labor for the advancement of the cause of Christ among us.

Heard in part the report of referees in the matter between Brethren **Sheppard** and **May**. Committee report accepted and they discharged. Matter deferred.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference January 13, 1838. Opened by prayer. After a season of prayer and conference, heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. [*blank*] **McDonald** and [~~crossed out~~] Margaret **Aikins** and Sally

M. **Tyler** with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Heard remarks from Brother P. L. **Sheppard** confessing his faults in matters relating to the difficulty with Brother **May**. Resolved that the confession of Brother Sheppard is satisfactory to the church.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting February 3rd **1838**. Opened by prayer.

After enjoying a season of prayer, heard our articles of covenant. Brethren and sisters reviewed covenant, a very large number present so that but a small part only could free their minds.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Hannah **Wilcox**, Miss Eveline **Pier**, Harriet **Perry** and Sally Ann **Higgins** with an expression of their desire to be Baptized and received [to] our fellowship.

Resolved individually that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized, received to our fellowship.

Heard a communication from the church at Laona, also several Brethren from that church were present [and] expressed their minds. See communication on file. [Not found.] Resolved that so far as this church is concerned we most cordially correspond in feeling with the sentiments expressed by our dear Brethren at Laona.

Resolved that Brethren **Guild**, **Stoddard**, **J. Saxton**, **Flint**, and **Isherwood** be a standing committee to provide a [place] and attend to the necessary arrangements for the ordinance of baptism.

Appointed Elder **Leach** and Brethren **Guild**, **Joseph Sweet**, and such other Brethren as can attend as delegates to the Bible Society to be held at Mayville on Wednesday next.

Closed this highly interesting season by Prayer and Praise.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's day February 4, **1838**. The following candidates received the ordinance of Baptism, viz. Hannah **Wilcox**, Eveline **Pier**, and Sally Ann **Higgins** who together with those Baptized previous received the hand of fellowship of the church.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference February 10, **1838**.

Letter of dismissal granted to Brethren E. M. **Pettit**, his wife and daughter, also to Brother Ora **Winsor** and wife.

Received a recommendation from Brethren at Laona desiring this church to advise them on some points of interest to them in their advancement.

Resolved that we appoint a committee consisting of our Pastor Elder **Leach**, Deacons **Crosby** and **Buck** and Brethren **Cushing**, **Pettit**, **Johnson** and **Cornell** to confer with and advise those Brethren agreeable to their request. Said committee will meet at Brother **Cushing's** on Friday next to confer with Brethren from Laona.

Resolved that we have a church meeting for business on Monday 19th instant at o'clock PM.

The above record handed me by Brethren **Guild** and Br. **Buck**, I being prevented from attending by sickness.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting February 19, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Called on committee appointed to enquire into the reputation of Brother Hiram **Pattison**. They report that from those whose statements could be relied on they are informed that he has practiced dishonestly in his deal among his neighbors and that since their appointment by the church he has gone away in a clandestine manner. Resolved to receive the report as satisfactory and discharge the committee. Resolved that on the above report of our committee we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother Hiram **Pattison**.

Heard from Brother **Johnson** that he had in his hands certain papers regarding the report of the referees to whom was submitted the difficulty between Brethren **Sheppard** and **May**, and that Brother **May** declines to accept the papers or execute a receipt presented for him to sign. Brother **Johnson** asks what he shall do in the case. Resolved that Brother **Johnson** again present these papers [and] ask Brother **May** to sign the receipt and tell him that he is sent by the church to have this business finished.

Called on committee appointed to investigate the complaint against Brother D. **Meder** to report. Heard their report in part (verbal) .Resolved that the same committee continue and investigate the matter of difficulty.

Heard further from committee appointed to visit delinquents in paying their average. Heard also from Brother L. **Crosby** and Brother C. **Davison** (delinquents) that they are willing to pay and do all they should do in their circumstances.

Heard remarks from Elder **Leach** regarding his [feeling], about continuing pastor of the church. He closed his remarks by asking a dismissal from the church and have his labors close in April next. Resolved that we appoint a committee to confer with Elder **Leach** on his request and also to look for supplies for the desk and that Deacon **Crosby**, Brethren J. Z. **Saxton**, A. C. **Guild**, D. **Barrell**, and T. G. **Abell** be said committee.

Heard the report of committee appointed to confer with the Church at Laona. The committee met the Brethren from that Church, enjoyed a pleasant and harmonious meeting. Committee advised them as they were able. That church look to us for council and aid.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference February 24, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Eliza **Foster** and Rice **Berry** with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting March 3, **1838**. Enjoyed a season of prayer. Heard our articles of faith and practice and covenant.

Heard a letter commending Sister Sarah L. **Robinson** and another commending Sister Achsah Ann **Saxton**. Resolved that they be received to our fellowship.

Heard a communication from Eli **Webster** confessing his fault in stopping his travel with the church. Resolved that he be restored to our fellowship. Resolved that Brother Eli **Webster** and Jerusha his wife have letters of dismissal from this church.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Jane **Langford**, Harriet **Langford**, Betsy **Norcutt**, James **Norton Jr.**, Russell **Clark**, and Isaac **Bartholomew**, with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized received to our fellowship.

Letters of dismissal granted to Alexander **King** and family.

Heard report of committee to confer with Elder **Leach** on his request. Resolved by request of Elder **Leach** our beloved Pastor we grant him a letter of dismissal from his pastoral labors about the 1st of April next.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting March 12, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard in part the report (see report on file) [*not found*] of committee to enquire into the complaint against Brother D. **Meeder**. Resolved that the same committee continue and investigate the matter of difficulty.

Heard from Brother **Johnson** that agreeable to the requirements of the Church he had called on Brother **May** and requested him to accept the papers and sign the receipt according to the decision of the arbitrators.

Brother **May** refused to comply with the request until he should see the Church together and have an opportunity to make some communications to the church. Brother **May** being present, he gave his receipt to Brother **Sheppard** and accepted his note as a final settlement of [*text missing*] the deal between them.

Brother **May** asked a letter of dismissal of the church. Motion to grant a letter was lost a majority voting against it. Brother **May** read a lengthy communication to the church (which see on file). [*Not found.*]

Closed by prayer.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church and society meeting March 19, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Committee appointed by the church to look for supplies for the desk, and the Trustees of the Society, stated that the object of the meeting was to ascertain the minds of the Church and Society in regard to inviting Reverend Ira F. **Bishop** to supply the desk. They had invited him to stay the week previous and an

opportunity had been presented for many of the society to hear him preach [*at that time ?*]. After an interchange of views the committee waited on Elder **Bishop** and after they returned they reported that they had invited Elder **Bishop** to remain with us as pastor of this church and that we would raise a salary of \$500 per year for his support. The invitation was for a time indefinite. On motion resolved that we approve the doings of our committee and that we sustain them in the invitation given to Elder **Bishop**.

Meeting closed.

D. **Barrell**, Clerk of Church and Society

Covenant meeting March 31, **1838**. Opened by prayer. Heard our covenant. Brethren expressed their minds. A good degree of union manifest.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience [*of*] Brother [*blank*] **Randall** together with testimony from [*the*] Church Clerk at Whitesboro that he had been Baptized into the fellowship of the church several years ago. Br. **Randall** confessed his fault and wanderings a long time past and desired that he may have a place with this church. Resolved that he be received to our fellowship.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Chas. H. **Crosby**, Mary **Hudson**, Mariah ?, Abigail **More**, Welty **Monroe**, Jane **Crosby**, Susan **Crosby**, William **Turrell**, Jeremiah **Clark**, Ressalas **Dickinson**, with their desire to be baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for baptism.

Letters of dismissal granted to Reverend B. N. **Leach** and wife, Chloe Ann **Barber**, Rebecca **Meder**, Alice **Blake**, Melissa **Stewart**, and John **Webber**.

Closed by prayer.

David Barrell, Church Clerk

Reverend I. F. **Bishop** assumed the pastoral charge of the church and received the hand of fellowship from Reverend B. N. **Leach**. March 29, **1838**.

David **Barrell**, Clerk

Church meeting April 4, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard from Elder **Leach** that he had not settled with the trustees the balance his due something over \$200.

Heard a communication from Brother P. **Lyon**. Appointed Brethren J. **Pettit**, B. **Randall**, and James **Hamilton** a committee to answer to the letter.

Committee to investigate the complaint against Brother D. **Meder** not prepared to report. Brethren N. **Crosby** and R. **Buck** released from the above committee and Brethren J. **Champlin** and D. **Saxton** substituted.

Heard remarks from Brother **May**, but without any decision in his case.

Meeting closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting April 11, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

The case of Brother **May** called up. Heard remarks at great length from him. He confessed he had done wrong in preferring charges against the Church. He is sorry and asks the church to forgive him. Motioned and seconded that we are not satisfied with the confession of Brother **May**. Motion lost. On motion resolved that Brother **May** be restored to the fellowship of the church.

Heard report of committee to visit Brother **Lyon**. Committee are satisfied that reports circulated [*derogatory*] to the Christian character of Brother **Lyon** are [*not*] well founded. He solicits the pecuniary aid [*from*] the Church, also asks license to preach. Resolved that Brother **Sheppard** solicit and receive aid for Brother **Lyon**.

Resolved that we give Brother **Lyon** license to [*present*] his gift in Preaching. The committee above named to visit him discharged.

Closed by prayer.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference April 21, **1838**.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Roxy **Morgan** with her desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Letter of dismissal granted to Sister Harriet **Perry**.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference April 28, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Joel **Greene**, [*blank*] **Greene**, Mrs [*blank*] **Orton**, and Eliza **Burton** with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting May 5, **1838**.

Received letters from Sister Churches recommending Sisters Ann **Mattison**, Esther **Geer**, and Brother Nathaniel **Hubbard** and Wife. Resolved that they be received to the fellowship of this church.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Roswel B. **Morgan**, Edwards **Hewes**, Relief **Howe**, Elizabeth **Adams**, and Marian **Cheshire**. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Resolved that Brother Aaron **Osborn** and Permelia his wife be considered as members of this church.

Resolved that Brother **Pixley** be requested to establish a Sabbath School at Harmon Hill, and labor there as God in his providence may open the door.

N. **Crosby**, Clerk Protem

Church conference May 19 heard the Christian experience of Silas F. **Baker**, Willis **Weed**, Joanna E. **Phillips**, Chloe **Patterson**, Emily **Edmunds** and Harriett **Veness**. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting June 30, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a request from conference at North East, PA requesting a delegation from this church to sit in council with them with a view to fellowship as a Church.

Resolved that our Pastor and Deacons **Webster** and Brethren **Norton** and **Pixley** be said delegates.

Suggestions were made to the church that Brother Joel **Greene** had greatly erred and given occasion for remarks against his religious character. On motion Resolved that Brethren **Buck**, **Guild** and **Pettit** be a committee to visit and admonish Brother **Greene** of his fault.

Heard and renewed our covenant.

Heard the Christian experience of Miss Eunice **Guest**, Philinda **Adams**, Chloe Ann **Wilbur** and Hannah Sumner with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Sister **Phelps** received to our fellowship on the testimony of Sister **Forbes**, her letter having been lost.

Letter from 1st church Greene Chenango, Co.

Received by letter Sister Sarah **Mattison**.

Resolved to observe in a religious manner the approaching anniversary of our independence and that

Brethren J. **More**, J. Z. **Saxton**, J. **Saxton**, T. G. **Abell**, and A. C. **Guild** be a committee of arrangements.

Received on relation of her experience Mrs. Angeline **Parsons** as candidate for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting July 4, **1838**.

Committee to visit Brother **Greene**. Report no satisfaction. Resolved to review the report and discharge the committee. Resolved that we hear Brother **Greene**. After deliberation, Resolved that where as Brother **Greene** has been repeatedly overtaken in the use of ardent spirits, also the use of profane swearing, all due means has been taken to reclaim him, and cause him to abandon the use of ardent spirits, but without success. Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from him for the above offenses.

Appointed a committee to visit Brother W. **Weed** to reclaim him from outbreking sins. (?) Brethren G. **Sweet**, and **Pettit**.

Appointed Brethren **Porter** and **Champlin** to visit Brethren C. **Davison** and A. **Parker** for absenting themselves from communion.

Heard the report of committee to visit Brother **Meder** in regard to complaint preferred against him.

Accepted the report. Committee discharged. Resolved that Brother **Saxton** copy the above report and write to Brother **Meder** on the subject.

Resolved that Brother **Hewes** be a committee to circulate subscription for Elder **Bishop's** support and report the names of those who decline signing.

Resolved that Brother A. C. **Guild** have one dollar fifty cents for each slip for cleaning and lighting the house, wood, (?) for one year.

J. **Saxton**, Clerk Pro tem

Church meeting July 7, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Called on committee to visit Brother W. **Weed**. They report that he was last seen at Dunkirk, Drunk.

Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from W. **Weed** for intemperance and immoral conduct and that this act of the church be publicly announced from the desk.

Sister **Porter** appointed to visit Sister Caroline **Whitney** to inquire after certain reports regarding her conduct.

Called on committee to visit Brethren **Davison** and **Parker**. Report accepted so far as regards Brother **Parker**, reported no farther.

Resolved that Brother **Cushing** and **Buck** be committee to unite with the trustees of society and advise with Elder **Bishop** regarding his secular affairs and with reference to assisting him to go east for his family.

Adjourned.

J. **Saxton**, Clerk Pro tem

Covenant meeting August 4, **1838**. Prayer and praise.

Heard a letter recommending sister Alena **Bishop**. Resolved that she be received to our fellowship.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Samantha **Cogswell** with her desire to be Baptized also a letter from the Presbyterian Church in this village recommending her as a member in good standing.

Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and membership with us.

Heard from Brother **More** remarks in regard to the Sabbath School in which he declines to act as Superintendent longer.

Appointed Elder **Bishop** and Brethren **Guild, Barrell, Woodruff, J. Saxton, Johnson, and Pixley** a committee to reorganize and arrange the Sabbath School.

Closed.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting August 25, **1838**. Opened by prayer and praise.

Resolved to appoint a committee to investigate the case of L. M. **Randall** and that Brethren **Cushing** and **Buck** be said committee.

Resolved to appoint a committee to enquire into [reports] concerning Sister Maria E. **Lewis** and that Brethren **Pettit, Buck, and Stoddard** be said committee.

Resolved to receive Charles **Pettit** as candidate for the ordinance of Baptism (relation of experience [given]).

Resolved that we appoint, in addition to (?) Deacons **Webster** and **Buck** and Brethren **Barrell, J. Z. Saxton, (?)**, and **Pettit** as delegates to sit in association to represent this church. Resolved that Brethren

Barrell, Stoddard, and Norton be a committee of arrangements to provide for the entertainment of delegates to the association and that Brethren (?), **Saxton, J. Porter** and E. **Flint** be a committee to provide for the care of the horses as delegates come in.

Resolved that Brother **Pixley** have an opportunity to present his Gift before the church and improve in preaching.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting September 8, **1838**.

1. Called on Committee to visit Maria E. **Lewis** to report. They had visited her, she utterly and totally denies the truth of the reports derogatory to her character. Resolved that the report be received as satisfactory so far and that the committee investigate the matter further.
2. Called on the committee to visit Brother L. M. **Randall**. Report accepted. Committee instructed to call on Brother **Randall** to come before the church and make explanation.
3. Resolved that Sister **Hamilton** be on the committee with Sister **Porter** to visit Sister Caroline **Whitney**.
4. Resolved that Brethren **More** and **Cushing** be a committee to visit Brother Bliss **Willoughby** for absenting himself.

5. Resolved that Brother **Pettit** be a committee to visit absenting Brethren.
6. Resolved that the clerk write letters to Brethren **Ladd** and **Davis**.

Church meeting September 22nd 1838.

1. Appointed Brother J. Z. **Saxton** and Brother **Buck** to visit Jerome **Saxton** and enquire in regard to reports.
 2. Appointed Brethren A. **Stoddard** and J. **Hilton** a committee to visit Brother D. **Loomer**.
 3. Appointed Brethren A. **Stoddard** and J. **Norton Jr.** a committee to seat strangers.
 4. Resolved that Brethren **Buck** and **Johnson** be a committee to visit Sister **Munford**.
 5. Heard favorable remarks from Brethren **Hubbard** and **Thompson** in regard to Brother **Pixley** preaching.
 6. Resolved that Brother **Pixley** has the approbation of the church to improve for the further satisfaction of the church under their direction.
- T. G. **Abell**, Clerk Pro tem

Church meeting October 8, 1838.

Appointed A. C. **Barrell**, Clerk Pro tem

1. Heard the records of the 2 last meetings.
2. The case of Sister Lewis called up. Passed.
3. The case of Brother **Randall**. No further information. The committee in this case discharged.
4. The case of Sister C. **Whitney**. The committee report that they had visited her, but could get not satisfaction, disposition to retract, and justifies her course. Does not deny attending balls. Thinks she should repeat the same thing, should an opportunity present. Resolved that the report be accepted and committee discharged. Resolved that we as a church withdraw the hand of fellowship from Miss Caroline **Whitney** and that the clerk notify her of the same.
5. The case of Brother **Willoughby** called up but no report.
6. Committee to visit Brother Jerome **Saxton** not prepared to report.
7. Committee to visit Brother **Corwin** continued.
8. Resolved that we give Brother Justus **Brooks** and wife letters of dismission.
9. Committee in the case of Sister **Mumford** continued and Brother **Saxton** added to that committee.
10. Committee to visit Brother **Loomer** report that they have visited him, that he says he belongs to the Methodist church, and (?) did not wish to hold a standing anywhere. Report of committee accepted and they discharged. Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Darias **Loomer** for obstinate neglect of the church.
11. A report was communicated by Brother **Johnson** concerning Brother **Shumway**. Appointed Brethren **Johnson** and **Barrell** a committee to enquire into his case and report.
12. Committee in the case of Brother **Meder** report that they have visited him but nothing satisfactory. Resolved that Brother **Saxton** write Brother **Meder** that a special church meeting will be held for his case 4 weeks from next Wednesday at 1 o'clock PM.
13. Brother **Guild** introduced the old arrearages of the Church, [and] talk was had upon it, but nothing done.
14. Resolved that Brethren **Cushing**, **Webster** and **Pettit** be a committee to visit Father **Adams**.
15. Resolved that Brethren D. **Barrell**, T. G. **Abell**, A. **Stoddard**, Z. **Cushing** and E. **Johnson** be (?) committee to make arrangements for sustaining sacred music in the church.

Closed by prayer.

A. C. **Barrell**, Clerk Pro tem

Covenant meeting October 6, 1838.

Heard from Brethren and sisters, after which Mrs. [blank] **Mabbitt** gave a relation of her Christian experience and expressed her desire to be Baptized and united with us. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Miss Emeline **Webster** (aged 13), which was very satisfactory to the church and on motion resolved that she be received as a candidate for baptism.

Letter of dismission granted to sister Margaret **Burnell**.

October 20, 1838.

Church conference.

Heard a relation of the Christian expression of Lemuel **Webster**. Resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard the Christian experience of Mr. [blank] **Benjamin** with his desire to be Baptised. Resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Letter of dismissal granted to Sister Sarah **Mack**.

Church conference October 27, **1838**.

On the relation of the Christian experience of Roswell W. **Fitch**, Resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting November 3, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard the covenant and remarks from Brethren and sisters after which heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Rowland **Porter**, John **Porter**, Maria (?), Charlotte **Mabbitt**, Ruth **Mabbitt**, and Ann **Martin** with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Resolved to defer the church meeting for business one week from next Wednesday.

Closed by prayer.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting November 14, **1838**. After prayer appointed J. **Saxton** Clerk Pro tem

1. Minutes of last meeting read.
2. Committee to visit Brother Jerome **Saxton** report that they had visited him and found him indisposed to say much on the subject of misconduct. Also the Committee have learned from Mr. **Bosworth** that Jerome has been detected in taking things which were not his own. Report of committee received and committee discharged. Resolved that Brethren **Buck** and **Webster** be a committee to make further effort to reclaim Brother Jerome.
3. In the Case of Brother **Willoughby**, Committee not prepared to report.
4. Committee regarding Brother **Corwin** continued.
5. Committee in the case of Sister **Mumford** discharged on learning she was not a member of this Church but had been excluded from Portland church.
6. Committee in the case of Brother D. **Meder**, report no satisfaction. Resolved to withdraw the hand of church fellowship from David **Meder** for refusing to hear the church.
7. Committee in the case of Brother **Shumway** continued.
8. Committee appointed visit Father **Adams** continued.
9. Appointed Brethren Elder **Bishop**, **Pettit**, **Cushing**, **Randall**, **Barrell**, and **Johnson** a committee to revise our articles of faith and practice and covenant for publication.
10. Appointed Brethren **Randall** and **Johnson** a committee to get our articles of covenant printed.
11. Appointed Brother J.Z. **Saxton** a committee to call on Brother **May** and enquire the reason of his long absence from the church and admonish him to his duty.

Adjourned for one week.

J. Z. **Saxton**, Clerk Pro tem

Church meeting November 21, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard the records of last church meeting.

Resolved that the committee in the case of Brother **Shumway** be discharged as Brother **S**. had united with Portland church.

Heard the report of Committee concerning Brother Jerome **Saxton**. They reported (one of them) that they had visited him and Brother **J**. said it was his duty and wanted [to] be his privilege to confess to the church. Received the report of Committee thus far. Committee continued.

Committee to visit Brother Justus **Adams** report they had visited him. He confessed his error to committee. Brother **Adams** being present confessed he had done wrong in being angry. Resolved that we receive the confession of Father **Adams** as satisfactory and that the committee be discharged.

Brother **Willoughby** being present remarked that he has seldom attended with the church. He lives remote and his health poor and he has not met with the church as often as he desired to. He regards the cause of

religion with interest and the church as a desirable home. Resolved that the remarks of Brother **Willoughby** are satisfactory and that the committee be discharged.

Heard remarks at length from Brother **May** in regard to the reasons of his not traveling with the church. One reason was he had never had knowledge of the disposition of his difficulty last spring. Resolved that we as a Church, if we were in error in not notifying Brother **May** that we confess that error to Brother **May** and remove it out of the way. On the question being asked Brother **May** whether he was now ready to resume his travel with the church, he answered he was not. That there were certain things which had grown out of that difficulty last winter which he must have settled before he can travel with the church. His difficulty was not with the church. Resolved that committee to visit Brother **May** be discharged. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting December 21, **1838**. Prayer by Elder **Bishop**.

1. Resolved that Brother John **Saxton** be assistant Church Clerk.
2. Heard a written complaint from Brother J. Z. **Saxton** against Brother A. **Stoddard**. Complaint received by the church. Brother **Stoddard** admitting the 2nd steps of labor. Resolved that we appoint a committee on the above complaint and that Brethren Z. **Cushing**, J. **Pettit**, J. **More**, B. **Cornell** and B. **Randall** be said committee.
3. Resolved that Brethren E. **Johnson**, J. Z. **Saxton**, and R. **Buck** be a committee for the church to hear complaint of Brother S. **May** against the church.
4. Resolved that Brother **Barrell** and **Pettit** be a committee to enquire into reports derogatory to the Christian department of Brethren R. **Dickinson** and L. B. **Wheeler**.

Closed.

B. **Randall**, Clerk Pro tem

Church meeting January 7th **1839**. Opened by prayer.

1. Resolved to appoint Brother John **Champlin** on committee appointed at last meeting on Brother **Stoddard** and **Buck's** case in place of Brother **Cushing** whose illness prevents him from meeting with the committee.
2. Resolved to request the committee appointed to aid and encourage the singing to attend to their duty and also to make an effort to raise money to pay for the Organ. Resolved to release Brother Z. **Cushing** from said committee and appoint Brother **Hewes** in his stead.
3. Heard written report from committee appointed in regard to Brethren **Dickinson** and **Wheeler**. Report accepted and committee discharged so far as relates to Brother **Dickinson**. Resolved that Brother **Dickinson** be required to make proper acknowledgement to individual, not members of the church in whose hearing he had made hard expressions. Brother **Barrell** continue committee to (?) when done.
4. Brother J.(?) C. **Stoddard** presented written complaint against Brother R. **Buck**. First and second steps of labor admitted and the complaint accepted. And [referred?] the complaint to the committee previously appointed to investigate Brother **Saxton's** complaint against Brother **Stoddard**. Voted to add to the said committee Brothers Thomas **Osborn** and G. **Sweet**. Brother J.(?) C. **Stoddard** also brought a complains in writing against Brother J. Z. **Saxton** which complaint was also referred to the above named committee

Voted to adjourn to Saturday next at 10 o'clock A.M.

Adjourned by prayer.

J. **Saxton**, Assistant Clerk

January 12th **1839**. Church meeting today agreeable to adjournment.

Opened by prayer. Heard minutes of last meeting.

1. Brother **Johnson** having announced the death of our venerable Brother Zattu **Cushing** who expired yesterday. On motion of Brother **Barrell** it was resolved that we as a church [are deeply] afflicted in the providence of God that calls us to mourn the [passing] of our beloved Brother and Father in Israel, Hon. Father **Cushing**, and that we pray that this dispensation may be sanctified to our spiritual [glory].
2. Called on committee on Brother **Stoddard** and **Buck's** case. Committee presented written report. Report received and committee discharged.
3. Voted to act on the report by items. The report of committee on charges of Brother **Saxton** against Brother **Stoddard** was adopted. [We?] adopted the second and third items of the report.

4. Resolved that it is the opinion of the church that Brother J.Z. **Saxton** is exonerated from any participation in the injunction of Brother **Buck** as referred to in charges against Brother **Saxton** brought by Brother **Stoddard**. Voted to [adjourn] to the 1st day of February next at one o'clock P.M.

Adjourned by prayer.

J. **Saxton**, Assistant Clerk

Church conference 25 January 1839. Opened by prayer.

Heard the experience of Louisa **Miller**. Received for baptism.

Heard a relation of John **Miller's** feelings. Voted, Deacon **Webster**, John **Saxton**, and J.B. **Pixley** be a committee to enquire into his case.

Voted letters to J. Z. **Saxton** and family.

The clerk and assistant being absent the above handed in by J.B. **Pixley**.

D. **Barrell**, Clerk

Covenant meeting [January?] 5, 1839.

Heard the report of Committee appointed to revise our articles of faith and practice and Covenant.

Resolved that we accept the articles of Covenant as presented by the committee and adopt them as the articles and Covenant of the church.

Received a request from the church at Laona requesting us to send our pastor and Brethren to sit in council with delegates from other churches on the 1st Wednesday in February to take into consideration the propriety of setting apart A. C. **Barrell** to the work of the ministry. Resolved that we answer the above request by sending our pastor and Brethren E. **Johnson**, Deacon **Webster** and J. **More** as delegates.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting February 1, 1839. Opened by prayer.

Elder **Bishop** made a statement of his feeling in regard to certain reports in circulation regarding him, and concluded his remarks by asking the church to appoint a committee to enquire into the matter. Resolved that we appoint such committee. Brother **May** proposed that Elder **Bishop** nominate said committee. Elder **B.** commenced the nomination and it was objected to by Br. D. **Saxton** on the ground that as the committee was on affairs concerning Elder **B.** it might be said that it looked bad. The church then nominated and appointed a committee of seven consisting of Brn. J. **Pettit**, Deacons **Webster**, Randall, **Osborn**, **Sweet**, **Forbes** and **Abell**.

The following resolution was presented by Br. **Randall**. Upon the request of Elder **Bishop** our pastor, "Resolved that the church appoint a committee of seven to give advice and pass resolutions in relation to certain statements of the course pursued by Elder **Bishop**, by some of the Brethren upon the subject of calls from the churches of Buffalo and Sardinia, and also statements made by individual Brethren of this church in relation to the same, and that the committee report to the church.

The following resolution offered by Bro. **May** next adopted. Resolved that the church highly appreciate the labor and service of Elder **Bishop** in the preaching of the gospel and the pious and religious influence that he has exerted in the church and community for the last year. Brother D. **Barrell** and a few other dissenting on the ground that such a resolution was uncalled for. Resolved that we appoint Brethren Deacon **Webster**, Joseph **Sweet**, Elder [?] and Alford **Stoddard** a committee to solicit subscriptions for the support of Elder **Bishop**.

Resolved that the church ask Bro. John **Saxton** to retain his letter which was voted at last church meeting by request of the church.

Voted to restore Br. Jerome **Saxton**.

Voted to adjourn to Friday next at 10 o'clock A.M. for the adjustment of Brethren **Stoddard** and **Buck's** business, and at one o'clock P.M. for other business. Adjourned by prayer.

J. **Saxton**, Assistant Clerk

Lord's day February 3rd 1839. At the close of morning service notice was given from the Desk that there would be a special church meeting in the basement in $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

Agreeable to the above notice church convened in the basement. Opened by prayer.

Called for the report of committee appointed on Friday last to enquire into reports in circulation regarding Elder **Bishop**.

Heard their report in part (see report on file). [Not found.]

Resolved to receive the report so far as made.
Prayer by Elder **Bishop**.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Meeting February 8, **1839**.

Meeting opened by prayer as adjourned. Appointed J. B. **Pixley** clerk pro tem.

Heard the records of church meeting January 12.

Enquired of Brother **Buck** whether he had complied with the result of the committee (see his reply on file).
[*Not found.*]

On enquiry of Brother A. **Stoddard** whether he had interfered in any arrangement made by Brother **Buck** and Elder **Stoddard's** Atty. he answers he had not unless it was interfering to say he did not want the property. Resolved to appoint a judicious committee of 3 to aid Brother **Buck** and **Stoddard** in carrying into effect by simultaneous effort the result of the committee, and that Brethren D. **Saxton**, J. **Hamilton** and S. **May** be said committee and that they report to the church.

Adjourned for one hour.

J. B. **Pixley**

February 8th one o'clock P.M. Church convened agreeably to adjournment.

Heard resolution appointing a committee enquiring certain reports concerning Elder **Bishop**. Called for the report of committee. Adopted report of committee as presented in part (see report on file). [*Not found.*]

Heard and accepted report of Committee on last part. Referring to Brother J.Z. **Saxton** as follows,

Your committee would state that in connecting with and in addition to other statements in relation to these rumors that Brother John Z. **Saxton** has made repeated statements to the prejudice of the moral character of our pastor, in a given case and that your committee have their substantial witnesses that he did thus state. They have also examined the truth of such statements and find it to be untrue upon competent testimony, and that our pastor is not censurable in the case. In view of the fact the committee recommended that the vote by which he has obtained a letter be rescinded as far as he was concerned until a satisfactory explanation or retraction is made and that he be immediately certified thereof.

Whereupon it was Resolved that we adopt the report of the committee and further Resolved that Brothers **Pettit** and **Randall**, Chairman and Clerk of committee, write to Brother **Saxton** to inform him of their report. Resolved that the committee be discharged.

Voted letters to Brother E. **Flint** and wife.

Voted to appoint Brother **Stoddard** to take care of the meeting house. Adjourned to Friday next 1 o'clock.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting February 15th **1839**. Opened by prayer.

Heard the minutes of last meeting.

Voted to call on committee appointed at the last meeting to aid Brother **Stoddard** and **Buck** in resolving their matter of difficulty. Heard and accepted report of committee and they discharged. Resolved, heard the report of committee in reference to [*rumors in*] circulation regarding Elder **Bishop** be recorded.

The committee appointed by the church [*and on*] special request of Elder **Bishop** to enquire regarding certain reports in circulation, to wit, that Elder **Bishop** [*received*] a call from the church in Buffalo [*and his*] intention to accept the same and also [*of reports*] respecting the church at Sardinia. (?) After a full investigation of all the correspondence respecting those rumors do unanimously [*agree that*] the reports in reference to Sardinia [*are without*] foundation. They are also of opinion that respecting Elder **Bishop** requesting the church in Buffalo give him a call to be their pastor with the understanding that the church had at the time [*given*] Elder **Charles** (?) a call to be their pastor are of opinion that Elder **Bishop**, in view of all the circumstances and testimonies is not censurable.

[*The next paragraph, which pertains to Elder Bishop, is mostly illegible, partially erased, and fully crossed out.*]

[*In*] the business relating to **Stoddard** and **Buck** it was moved to adjourn for one week, after which it was Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to aid the trustees in settling up and looking after unsettled pecuniary business, committee consisting of Brethren **Forbes**, J. **Porter**, and J. **Saxton**.

Voted a letter of dismission to Sister Elvira **Carr**.

Adjourned.

J. **Saxton**, Assistant

Church meeting February 22nd 1839. Opened by prayer by Elder **Bishop**.

Resolved that Brother A. **Stoddard** and Brother R. **Buck** be admonished to carry into execution the adopted decision of the committee on record by the church and as the said brethren have referred the matter to certain brethren selected for decision and agreed to abide their decision. Resolved that said brethren leave the decision to be arranged in the form of a legal contract, by the committee under the instruction of some competent man selected by the committee.

Resolved that the matters of conversation on record February 15, 1839 be erased.

Resolved that four delegates be appointed to [attend] the Bible society at Mayville, Elder **Bishop**, Deacon **Webster** and Brother **Moore**, also Brother D. **Barrell**.

Resolved that we appoint a committee of three brethren to nominate four candidates for the deacon's office in this church and report the same to the church as soon as possible. Resolved that Brethren. **Osborn**, **Webster**, and **Pettit** be said committee.

A subscription for Bible Society be disannulled, an old subscription.

Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Covenant meeting March 2nd 1839. Opened by prayer.

The covenant not being present, having been given to the committee appointed to get it printed, the brethren and sisters proceeded to relate their exercises after which heard a request from Brethren D. **Barrell** and J. **Saxton** asking to be released from the duties of Clerk of the church, and that some other one be appointed to take charge of the records of the church. They assigned as a reason for making this request that they had felt abused and insulted by an erasure of a part of the records of the church meeting, February 15th which was erased on the 22nd February in their absence, and no reason assigned for so doing, which said record, so erased, was recorded in good faith by Brother **Saxton** as clerk of that meeting, and precisely as dictated by the chairman of the committee to whom the question was put and he answered it. Also that on a previous occasion the correctness of the record had been questioned in open church meeting when it was subsequently shown that the record so questioned was literally correct.

On motion of S. **May** resolved that their request be granted, and that they be released from the further discharge of the duties of clerk and assistant clerk.

Resolved that Brother T. G. **Abell** be appointed church clerk.

Closed by prayer.

David **Barrell**, Clerk

John **Saxton**, Assistant

Covenant meeting April 6th 1839.

Devotional exercises very interesting. Attendance [large?]

First voted a church meeting to be held on next Saturday at 1 o'clock P.M.

2nd Voted Sister Jane **Crosby** and Susan **Crosby** letters.

3rd Voted Sister Mary Ann **Bowman**.

Thos. G. **Abell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting April 13th 1839.

Opened by prayer.

First voted Brother Joseph B. **Pixley** letter of dismission and commendation.

2nd Resolved that the funds in the hands of Brother R. **Buck** go to pay D. **Barrell** \$5 and pay Brother G. **Sweet** \$2.75 and the balance go to pay for printing the covenant.

3rd Resolved that if Elder **Bishop** will take the subscription and all that can be got on it for his services this year that it be given to him under the direction of the committee in proportion to the time being.

4th The committee appointed to solicit funds for the support of our pastor would report that they have attended to their duty and have succeeded far beyond their expectations. They have obtained nearly seven hundred dollars on paper all of which they consider as responsible and in good faith as the subscription the preceding year, and in most instances there was not only a wish that the amount pledged should be paid for the purpose specified and to Elder **Bishop**, but a willingness to do more if necessary.

Elder **Webster**

A. **Stoddard** copy

5th Resolved that this church look with feelings of strong disappointment upon the course or practice of private or public individuals writing insinuating statements or opinions against any brother (in private or official standing) to individuals of other churches behind the back of such a brother, or to use such communications to his prejudice in his absence.

6th Resolved that it is the judgment of this church that she and other Sister churches are bound to receive and treat their members on the ground of their official recommendations and not of individual insinuations or opinions.

Thos. G. **Abell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting 23 April **1839**. Brother **Moore** appointed Moderator. Opened by prayer.

1st Resolved that Broother J. B. **Pixley** be appointed Assistant Clerk.

2nd. Brother **Barrell** called upon to state his grievance with Elder **Bishop**. Heard by the church.

3rd Resolved that they be accepted with the exception of the 4th charge.

4th Resolved that the vote taken on the 15th of February last accepting the report of a committee appointed by the church at the request of its pastor to examine and advise in relation to certain reports then in circulation respecting him (Elder **Bishop**) be rescinded.

5th Resolved that the meeting be adjourned for one hour.

Three o'clock P.M. Met according to adjournment. Opened by prayer.

1st By request of Elder **Bishop**, Resolved that the church proceed to hear the investigation of the subject of calls for the purpose of ascertaining whether Elder **Bishop** is censurable therein: and if so, where in, and that Brother **Barrell** be requested to present his testimony on the subject and remarks, and that Elder **Bishop** also present his evidence and defense, and that the church decide in view of all the testimony presented and bearing on the subject. Said investigation to include only the matters which have transpired subsequent to his Cazenovia letters of commendation. Also said investigation be entered upon at the time ordered by the church.

2nd Resolved that the 4th charge set forth in Brother **Barrell's** grievances be accepted so far as Brother Bishop understood it at the time the labor was taken and so far as Brother **Barrell** has now conceded. Of this the church is to judge.

3rd Resolved that Brother **Barrell** be requested to proceed in bringing forward his testimony.

4th. Resolved that Brother **Barrell** proceed in bringing forward his testimony upon the 4th charge. The two last resolutions waived for the present.

5th. Resolved that 4 ministering brethren be agreed upon and invited to set with the church in examination of this subject. And also 4 [*lay*] brethren members of the churches of such pastors, to be selected by the pastor. And the said brethren be invited to set with the church in the decision of this subject and of all matters of difficulty which may come before the church which have originated in or grown out of this subject. Said brethren to be Elder **Little**, Elder **LaHatt**, Elder **Windsor** and Elder **Scofield** with their laymen.

6th Resolved that when this meeting be adjourned it be adjourned until next Tuesday.

7th Resolved that the acceptance of Brother **Randall's** complaint against Brother **Johnson** be deferred until next Tuesday. The church to do nothing with it at the present.

8th Resolved that the meeting be adjourned. Closed by prayer.

Thos. G. **Abell**, Clerk

Made out and recorded by J. B. **Pixley**, Assistant

Tuesday April 30th **1839** Church meeting. Agreeable to adjournment.

Brother **Moore** resigned his seat as moderator. Resolved that the Reverend W. **Windsor** be requested to sit as moderator of this meeting. Prayer by the moderator.

Heard the records of last meeting.

Resolved that the visiting Brethren invited by the church, be requested to advise with the church in all matters of difference, now to be presented before the church, but not to vote with the church. Said Brethren being Reverend W. **Windsor** and Brother A. **Clark** of Cassadaga, Reverend C. **LaHatt** and Brother L. **Crosby** of Salem [*later known as Brocton*], Reverend F. **Scofield** and Brother W. **Strong** of Gary and Charlotte, Reverend S. **Little** and Brother W. **Cushing** of Stockton. All being present.

Resolved that the church proceed to investigate the charges preferred by Brother **Barrell** against Elder I.F. **Bishop**.

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned for one [hour].

Prayer by Elder **Scofield**.

Two o'clock P.M. Met agreeable to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder **Bishop**.

Heard the first charge set forth against Elder **Bishop** by Brother **Barrell**. Testimony on file. [*Not found.*]

Heard the second read. Testimony on file. [*Not found.*]

Heard also the third charge. Testimony on file. [*Not found.*]

The fourth charge read. Resolved that the fourth charge be waived for the present and the fifth examined.

Heard the fifth charge. Waived for the present.

Resolved that the church proceed to examine the 6th charge. Heard the 6th charge. Remarks.

Heard the 7th also. Remarks.

The 8th read. Remarks

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned until tomorrow at 8 o'clock A.M.

Prayer by Elder **LaHatt**.

1st May assembled according to adjournment at ½ past 8 A.M. Prayer by Elder **Scofield**

Heard the 4th charge read. Remarks from different brethren as introductory to the examination of it. After hearing the testimony brought forward by Brother **Barrell** to sustain the charge, the church resolved to adjourn for one hour.

Prayer by the moderator.

2 o'clock P.M. Convened according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder **LaHatt**.

5th charge read. Testimony on file. [*Not found.*]

Heard Elder **Bishop's** defense mainly on the 4th charge. The case submitted by both Brother **Barrell** and **Bishop**.

Resolved that the church appoint the 8 visiting Brethren with 8 members of the church to prepare something to recommend to the church for their consideration upon this subject; and adoption if thought advisable by the church. And report to the church the same. Brethren **Moore, D. Saxton, Hamilton, Abell, May, Osborn, Cotton, and Randall**, appointed by the church to be in the committee.

Resolved the meeting be adjourned until tomorrow at 8 o'clock A.M. Prayer by the moderator.

2nd May. Assembled agreeable to adjournment at 9 o'clock A.M. Prayer by Moderator.

Heard the report of committee.

Resolved that it be accepted by the church. Unanimous.

Resolved that the 1st item of said report be adopted by the church. Unanimous.

Resolved the 2nd item be adopted. Unanimous.

Resolved the 3rd item be adopted. Unanimous.

Resolved the 4th item be adopted. Unanimous.

Resolved the 5th item be adopted. Unanimous.

Resolved the 6th item be adopted. Unanimous.

Resolved the 7th item be adopted. Unanimous.

Resolved the 8th item be adopted. Unanimous.

Heard remarks by way of counsel and advise from Brethren **Scofield, LaHatt, Crosby, Windsor** and **Little**.

Resolved that on the ensuing Sabbath a collection be taken for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Sister **Woodcock's** funeral. And all (if any there be) that is received more than is required to be kept for like purposes.

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned until the 6th of June. The visiting Brethren invited to attend.

Prayer by Elder **Scofield**.

Taken down at meeting and recorded by J. B. **Pixley**, Assistant Clerk

Covenant meeting May 4th 1839. Opened by prayer by Brother J. B. **Pixley**. Heard the remarks by Brothers and Sisters.

Resolved that the clerk be instructed to add to the letter which has been voted to Brother **Pixley** that he has gifts that ought to be improved and might be beneficial to the church and the cause of God wherever providence may place him.

2nd Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to examine into the matters in relation to Brother **Miller**. Brethren **Webster**, **Randall**, **J. Forbes** [be] committee and report to the church.

Thos. G. **Abell**, Church Clerk

Sabbath May 5, **1839** at intermission.

Voted Brother John **Saxton** superintendent of the Sabbath School. Also Brother David **Barrell** Leader of the Bible class. Voted Brother Benj. **Randall** Assistant Clerk.

Thos. G. **Abell**, Church Clerk

Sabbath May 5th **1839**.

After service received contribution of Church and Society four dollars and forty cents to defray the funeral expenses of Sister Polly **Woodcock** and the money paid to Mr. E. **Phillips**.

After communion Voted Elder John F.(?) **Bishop** a traveling letter.

Thos. G. **Abell**, Church Clerk

Sabbath May 26, **1839**. On motion of Deacon **Webster** voted a church meeting of Business next Thursday May 30th.

May 30th. Church met according to appointment.

Prayer by Deacon **Webster**.

1st Voted that the committee on Sacred Music and the financial committee be united in order to procure means to purchase the organ and to purchase the same if means can be obtained.

2nd Voted that Sister Roxy S. **Norton** have a letter of dismissal.

3rd voted Sister Ann **Whitman** have a letter of dismissal.

June 1st **1839**. Covenant meeting.

Brother Lewis B. **Grant** and Sister Julia A. **Grant** presented a letter of commendation from Forestville church.

1st Voted they be received as members of this church.

2nd The committee appointed to inquire in regard to Brother **Miller** reported favorably.

3rd Voted that the report be accepted and committee discharged.

4th Voted that Brother **Miller** be received as member of this church.

Resolved that Elder **Bishop** and Brethren be a committee to attend a meeting in Sheridan on the council with Brethren of other churches in regard to the erection of a church and if in their opinion advisable the following brethren and sisters to have the privilege of uniting with new church. Brother **Cotton**, wife and daughter, Brother **Willoughby**, Brother (?) and wife, Brother **Keach** and wife, which was accordingly done.

June 6, **1839**. Church convened pursuant to adjournment together with visiting Brethren, elders, **Winsor**, **LaHatte**. Prayer by Elder **Winsor**.

Elder **Winsor** by consent was chosen Moderator.

1st Voted to invite Elders **Leach**, (?), **Smith** and (?) to take a seat with the advisory Brethren and the church; which they accordingly did.

2nd Went into committee of the whole.

3rd Brethren **Randall's** charges were called for.

4th Voted that the first item of Brother **Randall's** charge was out of order and was withdrawn.

5th Voted that the second charge be accepted.

6th Voted that the third charge be accepted

7th Voted that the fourth charge be accepted.

[*The following sentence is crossed out.*] Voted that the above be accepted by the church.

8th In committee of the whole dissolved after (?) the above resolutions.

9th On resolution the above recommendations were accepted by the [church].

10th Adjourned for one hour.

Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment.

11th Prayer by Elder (?).

12 Brother **Porter** presented a complaint against Brother **Barrell**.

12th Voted said complaint be deferred by the church.

1 Brother **Osborn** presented a complaint against Brother Reuben **Buck**.

13th Voted said complaint be received.

Brother **Osborn** presented a charge against Brother Avery **Buck**.

14th Voted the same be deferred.

Voted the case of Brother Elias **Johnson**.

15th be acted upon.

Elder **Bishop** presented a charge against Brother E. **Johnson** on labors.

16th Voted the first charge of Elder **Bishop** (he voluntarily waving the other charges) be received.

Elder **LaHatt** testified that in Portland at Mr. **Crouches'** Brother **Johnson** Stated unqualifiedly that Elder **Bishop** was an imposter, a deceiver and Liar.

Brother (?) testified that some 4 weeks since he went home from church with Brother **Johnson**, Brother **Johnson** stated at his house that Elder **Bishop** had lied like the Devil; said first Elder **Bishop** had Lied and then said he had lied like the Devil or Elder (?) had; Cross Examined said if Elder **Bishop** had said then had no committee been appointed to look into charges once existing against him he **Bishop** had either Lied or Elder (?) had lied. Gave him (?) to understand that he **Johnson** had a letter from Elder (?) upon the subject. Brother **Forbes** testified in regard to Brother **Randall's** 2nd charge that Brother **Johnson** at the close of a certain meeting of the church in the basement to inquire into certain charges against Elder **Bishop** or to hear the report of a committee upon that subject, a question arose about reading the proceedings in relation to the same, that then Brother **Johnson** said to Elder **Bishop**, can you under such circumstances break bread to the church.

Brother **Cotton** testified to the same.

Brother **Johnson** acknowledged the third charge of Brother **Randall's**.

In regard to the 4th charge Elder **Bishop** presented a written statement from Brother T. G. **Abell** which excused Elder **Bishop** from all censure in relation to that matter. Brothers **May**, **Porter** and **Webster** testified that Brother **Johnson** said the record was erased by a motion of Elder **Bishop**.

In relation to the 3rd charge of Brother **Randall**, Brother **Johnson** said he would acknowledge it by adding some qualification. Brother **Johnson** confessed that he was sorry in saying that Elder **Bishop** had lied like the Devil. Voted to appoint a committee of 6 Brethren and report to the church on the morrow morning.

Brother **Forbes**, **Moore**, **Pettit**, **Webster**, **Randall**, and **Porter** were chosen.

Friday morning June 7, 1839. Committee met according to appointment. Prayers by Elder **Smith**. Voted Elder **Winsor** be Moderator. Brother **Randall** Clerk.

1st Took up the complaint of Elder **Bishop** against Brother **Johnson**.

Voted the resolution of Elder **Leach** be adopted.

2nd Took up Brother **Randall's** first charge and voted that we are satisfied with Brother **Johnson's** explanation and confession. Adopted by the church.

3rd On Brother **Randall's** second charge resolved that Brother **Johnson's** explanation is satisfactory.

Adopted by the church.

4th. On brother **Randall's** 4th charge resolved that Brother **Johnson's** explanation is satisfactory. Adopted by the church.

5th On Brother **Randall's** 5th charge resolved that the church withdraw the charge. Adopted by the church.

6th On Elder **Bishop's** charge against Brother **Johnson** resolved that the remarks of Brother **Johnson** in reference to Elder **Bishop** (whether they were qualified or not) were unjustifiable and unChristian. Adopted by the church.

7th Resolved that the confession made by Brother **Johnson** in relation to the charge made by Elder **Bishop** is so far satisfactory, and it would be expedient to make the same confession in covenant meeting. Adopted by the church.

8th Resolved that we recommend to the church to accept the complaint of Brother **Osborn** against brother Avery **Buck** in its present shape and that action on the same be deferred at this time. Voted by the church to adopt and accept the same.

[The following sentence is crossed out.] Voted to adjourn and that the advisory and counseling brethren be informed by the clerk of the time of our next meeting.

9th Your committee would recommend the labor of Brother **Osborn**, against Brother Reuben **Buck** be deferred indefinitely.

Signed Washington **Winsor**, Chairman

B. Randall, Clerk

Voted by the church that the above report of the committee be accepted and the committee discharged.

Voted to dissolve the meeting with an understanding that the church meet again (upon these matters) at some future time subject to the orders of the church and that the Brethren originally agreed upon to wit.

Elder **LaHatt**, **Scotfield** and **Winsor** and their chosen Brethren and that they be reasonably notified by the church.

L.B. **Grant**, Assistant Clerk Pro tem

Church assembled in covenant meeting July 6, **1839**.

Meeting opened by Prayer and Praise. Then the members proceeded to relate their Christian exercises after which proceeded to the transaction of Business.

1st Resolved that Brothers **Hamilton** and **Moore** be added to the Old committee that was appointed to draft a new covenant for the church.

2nd. Resolved that Brother **Moore** be Superintendent of Sabbath School.

3rd Resolved that Brother **Woodruff** be Librarian of Sabbath School.

4th. Resolved that there be a special church meeting on Saturday the 13th instant to appoint Deacons provided there should be a general attendance and for the transaction of other Business.

5th. Resolved that letters of commendation and dismissal be granted to Sister Hannah **Willcox**, Achsah **Saxton**, May L. **Shepherd** and Sister Lovinia(?) **Montgomery**(?).

6th Resolved that Lewis B. **Grant** be church clerk after hearing from Elder **Bishop** that Brother **Abell** would probably be absent some time and that the church much needed some one to take charge of books. Heard a confession from Brother **Fitch**.

Appointed Brothers **Webster** and R. **Porter** to meet Brother **Fitch** and report to a subsequent meeting.

Closed by prayer.

Lewis B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Sunday July 7. Church assembled specially by request of Elder **Bishop**.

Heard a confession from Brother **Fitch**. In public meeting Brothers **Fitch** and **Forbes** made each a public confession.

1st Resolved by the church that the confessions of Brothers **Forbes** and **Fitch** is satisfactory.

2nd Resolved that letters of dismissal and commendation be given to Sister **Starr** and Brother Thomas **Sweet**.

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

July 13th Church convened in pursuance of adjournment. Meeting opened by prayer. Minutes of last meeting read by the clerk.

Brother **Webster** reported that he had visited Brother **Fitch** and reported satisfied with his confession.

Brother **Webster** on the part of the committee appointed to nominate Deacons reported that they had made no nominations.

1st Voted that the committee be discharged.

2nd Voted that three Brethren be nominated to the office of Deacons subject hence after to the appointment and election of the church.

3rd Brethren **Moore**, **Cornwell**, and Rufel **Webster** were ballot(?) elected.

Brother **Moore** objected to serve as Deacon whereupon

4th Resolved that Brother **Moore** be excused.

5th Resolved that Brother **Hamilton** the next highest on the list of candidates be nominated in place of Brother **Moore**.

6th. Resolved that the church appoint a committee to labor affectionately and thoroughly with all and every member indiscriminately who are delinquent in their travel with the church, excepting those members who are or may otherwise be dealt with or considered by the church, and that said committee faithfully admonish such members to duty and report to the church.

7th resolved that Brothers Ebenezer **Webster**, **Osborn**, (?), **Cornwell**, and **Porter** be said committee.

8th Resolved that all persons who have taken letters from the church of commendation and dismission and have not or may not use them (having convenient opportunity) within three months of the present date are and shall be considered not amenable or in standing or fellowship with the church and that the same standing rule of order regard all Letters hereafter given and not used within three months of their date where convenient opportunity presents for their use.

9th Resolved that the adjournment June 7 to take into consideration and action the difficulties in regard to Brethren dissatisfied with Elder **Bishop** be appointed on Thursday 18th instant at 9 o'clock A.M.

10th Resolved that Elder **Little** and Chosen Brethren be invited to attend.

Elder Bishop presented a letter from Elder (?) **Metcalf** and others of advice to him in regard to recent difficulties of which see a copy on file [not found] in regard to which unanimously resolved by the 11th Church (?). That whereas a communication has been received as a copy of a letter sent to our Pastor by Individuals, purporting to be advice that he should submit to call a council or have all his difficulties examined by a council with the communication that they as individuals shall disregard him as a minister and shall publish their correspondence with him in the Register if he does not comply and whereas a public, bonafide and mutual agreement and selection of Brethren for advice upon this matter, with the understanding that the decision of the church with the advice should be final and unalterable, and whereas said agreement has been prosecuted and resulted in the full and unanimous acquittal of Elder **Bishop**, and inasmuch as if the church should consent to (?) the above referred to fair agreement for final settlement they or Elder **Bishop** would have no (?) or encouragement that those who are personally(?) interested and dissatisfied would be any better satisfied with the church or its Pastor than they are now (if he should clear ?). But on the contrary Therefore Resolved that the church without any disrespect for the persons who have tendered their gratuitous advice, the most of whom are strangers to the Church and to Elder **Bishop** and of course to the case as it is, (?) and hereby certify that they cannot without positive violation of their mutual agreement and violence to all principle of good faith and sacrifice of their (?) rights and best judgment, consent or submit to the measures proposed, though the church is convinced that a candid and disinterested council of Brethren of Sister churches (?) not do away the present result.

12th Resolved that there be a committee appointed to visit Brother Aruna **Buck** and William (?) and that Brothers **Moore** and **Pettit** be said committee.

13th Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Closed by prayer.

Louis B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's day July 14th 1839. Brother Avery D. **Taylor** and wife presented letters of commendation from Portland Church. Resolved they be received.

Friday July 14 church. Met by request of Elder **Bishop**.

Resolved that the clerk forward to the ministering Brethren of the Holland Purchase Association (whose names are attached to an advisory letter to Elder **Bishop** July 11). A copy of the proceedings of the church in relation to said letter.

Resolved that Brothers E. **Webster** and **Osborn** be added to the committee to visit Brother Aruna **Buck** and Wm (?).

Closed by prayer.

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

July 18, 1839. Church met in pursuance of adjournment.

Present Elders **Scofield**, **LaHatt**, **Winsor** and **Little**. Brothers **Strong** of Sinclairville, **Crosby** of Portland, **Wood** of Cassadaga, **Cushing** of Stockton.

Prayer by Elder **Winsor**. Elder **Winsor** in the chair.

Brother **Porter** presented a charge against Brother **Barrell**.

Elder **Scofield** requested to hear the letter from Elder (?) **Metcalf** and others which together with the action of the church in relation to the matter was read.

Upon Elder **Scofield's** request to have a private interview with the other advisory brethren the advisory brethren withdrew.

In their absence.

1st Resolved that Brother **Hamilton** be chairman pro tem.

2nd Resolved that Brother Avery **Buck** make the statement he desires to the church in relation to Brother **Osborn's** charge. Heard Brother Avery **Buck's** statement.

3rd Resolved a committee of two Brethren together with the Laboring Brethren be appointed to visit Brother Avery **Buck**.

4th Resolved that Brother D. **Saxton** and E. **Webster** together with the laboring Brethren (**Osborn** and **Shepherd**) be said committee.

5th 12 o'clock resolved that the meeting be adjourned one hour.

Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother **Sage**.

Committee in relation to the case of Brother Avery **Buck** reported not satisfied.

6th Resolved that the report of the committee be accepted and they be discharged.

7th Brother **Porter** gave notice that he had withdrawn his complaint against Brother **Barrell**.

8th The advisory Brethren returned and reported that they could not recommend any course or action for the church to pursue.

9th Resolved that the thanks of the church be tendered to the advisory Brethren for their important(?) advice under the difficult and trying circumstances under which they have labored and that they as individuals still be invited to continue their advice to the church.

10th Resolved that the case of Brother Avery **Buck** be deferred subject to the appointment of the church and when such time of trial shall be appointed the committee that was chosen to visit him are instructed to notify him of such appointment.

11th Resolved that a committee be appointed to visit brother E. **Johnson** in relation to his confession and ascertain what ground he asserts(?) in regard to the matter and report to the church.

12th Resolved that Brother E. **Webster** and **Osborn** be said committee.

13th Resolved that a committee be appointed to Labor with Brother **Barrell** in regard to his circulating reports and also presentations against Elder **Bishop** and neglect of the church and that said committee report to the church.

14th Resolved that Brothers R. **Webster**, **Osborn** and **Cornwell**(?) be said committee.

15th Resolved that this clerk write to Brother Reuben **Buck** in relation to the labor preferred against him and accepted by the church, requesting him to answer the church the earliest opportunity by mail.

16th Brother **Bishop** presented a charge in labor against Brother **Guild** for unChristian and cruel treatment of his character and course, and that of the church in his (?) conversation and conduct, the second step of labor having been taken was certified by the laboring brother L.B. **Grant**.

17th Resolved that Elder **Bishop's** charge against Brother **Guild** be accepted and a committee appointed to visit and cite him before the church.

18th Resolved that Brother E. **Webster** and **Hamilton** be said committee.

19th Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Closed by prayer.

Lewis B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day July 28, **1839**. Sister Margaret B(?) returned the letter received from the church October 1838.

Resolved that she be received.

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

Covenant meeting August 3, **1839**.

After a season of Prayer and Singing Brethren and sisters proceeded to relate their Christian travel and exercises. Rather an interesting season though not a very full attendance on account of the season. A great degree of union manifested.

1st that sister **Edmunds** have a letter dismission and commendation.

2nd Resolved that the church readopt and use our present covenant and articles (in our church book) until arrangements for their revision and publication be exacted and adopted by the church.

Lord's Day August 4. Special church meeting.

Resolved that there be a special church meeting on Saturday the 10th instant at one o'clock P.M. in regard to which appointment public notice was given in church.

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

Church met August 10, **1839**. In special church meeting in pursuance of resolution passed August 4. Brother **Webster** opened the meeting by prayer.

1st Resolved that Brother **Hamilton** be Moderator.

2nd Resolved that the report of the committee to visit delinquent members be presented (see report on file) after hearing the report read. [*Not found.*]

3rd Resolved the report be accepted.

The committee appointed to visit Brother Elias **Johnson** (in regard to his further confession to the church in relation to the matters tried June 7) presented their reported (see report on file)

After the report being read. [*Not found.*]

4th Resolved that the report of the committee be accepted and that they be discharged.

The committee appointed to labor with the brother David **Barrell** presented their report (see report on file) the report having been read. [*Not found.*]

5th Resolved that the report be accepted and that the committee be discharged.

Brothers **Hamilton** and **Webster** the committee appointed to visit Brother A. C. **Guild** made a report (?) that they had visited Brother **Guild** but got no satisfaction, that they had cited him to trial on this day, said that the church might (?) of his case as they pleased, that he did not care how the church dealt with him in reference to the matter. (Brother **Guild** did not attend.)

6th Resolved that the report of the committee be accepted and that they be discharged.

Brothers **Moore** and **Pettit** 2 of the committee to labor with Brother Aruna **Buck** reported that they would advise the church to drop or excommunicate him for immoral conduct. (Brother **Buck** not present.)

7th Resolved that Brother Aruna R. **Buck** be excommunicated.

8th Resolved that the committee still continue to visit Brother William (?) and that his case be at present deferred. The first, second and third sections of the report of the committee upon delinquents was again read and remarks in reference to the same were made by Elder **Bishop**. The last section of the report was again read with a request from Elder **Bishop** that any of those members embraced in said section make such statements as they desired in reference to the matter. Brother James **Pettitt** stated he had in connection with some thirty others a written statement to present in reference to said matter (see statement on file) [*Not found.*] Brother **Barrell** by consent read said statement.

9th Resolved that the case of Brother Avery **Buck** be tried on the charge preferred by Brother **Osborn** against him June 7th and accepted by the church. Said charge was in general terms slandering the character of Elder **Bishop**. The committee appointed to visit him, having reported that they made specific charges against him in the labor that he did but partially confess the allegations, and that he did not give satisfaction. Brother **Osborn** presented the following Letters to sustain the charge. "To the first Baptist church in Pomfret or to whom it may concern, this may certify that about the latter part of April last past Witness had conversation with Avery **Buck** about Brother **Barrell's** letters, and witness said he thought that **Barrell** was lighting upon him rather rough or harsh by showing letters. That said **Buck** said he did not think it harsh at all but that he Elder **B.** was a great Liar and Scoundrel, he had lied like a dog and I know it and Father and **Barrell** knows he has lied, and said that you know that Elder **Bishop** was sick last spring. Witness said I did not know it. **Buck** said he was and that he Elder **B.** pretended to have the measles and came out in Blotches in his face and they do say it was something worse than the measles, and I requested what, and he said that it was the clap, and further said that Dr. **Walworth** doctored him for it but **Walworth** would not tell of it because it was contrary to medical practice, but I should think he had it by his walk, and that Elder **Bishop** was seen going into the back door of a suspicious house (and pointed toward a certain house) and you know that it has been reported that he Elder **Bishop** is very fond of women." Dated January 4, **1839**. Signed Jonathan **Hempstead** (see letter on file). [*Not found.*]

"To the first Baptist church of Christ in Pomfret or to whom it may concern, this may certify that on or about the tenth of May last Avery **Buck** told me that in presence of (?) **Gillis** and D. **Darling** that at the time of the council of Brethren met at Fredonia, that I told said **Buck** that he understood that he had told J. **Hempsted** that Elder **Bishop** had the venereal complaint or Pox, said **Buck** did not say of telling **Hempsted** so, but said he was told so by another person on report, and he had reason to believe it by his Elder **Bishop's** walk." Dated June 4, **1839**. Signed Wm. **Meder** of Fredonia (see letter on file). [*Not found.*]

Brother E. **Johnson** on the part of Brother **Buck** was called upon. Stated nothing particularly relative to the case.

J. **Hempsted** on the part of Brother **Buck** called upon. His statement did not materially alter the statement presented above in writing.

10th Resolved that the case of Brother A. C. **Guild** be acted upon. (Brother **Guild** not present.) Brother **Hamilton** testified that he had this day cited him before the Church. Brother L.B. **Grant** testified to the second step of labor having been taken. Elder **Bishop** presented the following written testimony. Fredonia August the 8th 1839.

“Being called upon to state in writing what we understood Brother **Guild** to say in our hearing that he believed Elder **Bishop** to be a notorious liar and a downright scoundrel, on Monday or Tuesday previous to our last special church meeting in July last.” Signed R.B. **Morgan**, R.W. **Mason**(?), Robert L. **McKay**. (see letter on file) [*Not found.*]

Fredonia August 8th 1839.

“Being called upon to state in writing, Brother **Guild** said Elder **Bishop** is a liar, a deceiver and imposter and a hypocrite, I now make bold to say it. I believe in calling every one by their right names. On Saturday previous to our last special church meeting in July last. (see letter on file) [*Not found.*] Signed L.M.

Randall, R. B. **Morgan**.

Fredonia August 8th 1839.

Being called upon to state in writing the conversation between Brother **Guild** and Brother **Stoddard**, Brother **Guild** said that Brother **Cushing** told him that Elder **Bishop** had better leave when the year is up for he is not a man of common sense. Brother **Cushing** did not say exactly so but he said he lacked of good judgment and that is what I call a lacking of common sense. I can't have much charity for him to see him in the Pulpit with great crocodile tears running down his cheeks. (see letter on file) [*Not found.*] Signed L.M.

Randall.

“Inasmuch as reports are in circulation that my Father previous to his Death was tryed with the course of (?) John F. **Bishop** of Fredonia and that he had expressed an opinion that it was best for him to leave. The people of his charge (?) and so forth. I deem it due to my Father and to Elder **Bishop** to say that such is not the fact. I had frequent conversation with my Father last fall and the fore part of winter respecting Elder **Bishop** and the course pursued against him by some of the members of his church, and he has (?) expressed a deep regret at the course of these Brethren and an entire satisfaction with the course of Elder **Bishop**. The last conversation I had with him was the day before his last attack, and the last day he (?) spoke in this world, and he then expressed the same opinion, and further said that if they turned Elder **Bishop** away, he feared it would be the ruin of the (?). I was with my Father the most of the time the last few days of life, and the day before his death Brother Reuben **Buck** came in the morning, and went to my Father and told him that all the difficulty in the church was like to be settled in regard to (?) and Brother **Stoddard**, and that whatever unpleasant feelings there had been in his mind, and in the minds of others in regard to Elder **Bishop**, was entirely settled, and that everything was now peace and union.” Fredonia June 13, 1839.

Signed Walter **Cushing** (see certificate on file) [*Not found.*]

“I herby state that Brother **Guild** stated (in the meeting house) that Elder **Bishop** had not common sense. At another time he stated that he and his family had never been abused by any one as bad as they had been by Elder **Bishop**.” Signed Alford **Stoddard**. (see certificate on file) [*Not found.*]

“Brother **Guild** stated subsequent to the trial of Elder **Bishop** that he would not set on a jury for any one who voted in favor of the report of the committee (referring to Elder **Bishop**.” Signed Alford **Stoddard**. See certificate on file. [*Not found.*]

“Brother **Guild** stated that the paper (referring to the paper got up and presented to Brother **Abell**) laid on his counter half a day. Said statement was made previous to Brother **Barrell's** stating in church meeting that it had not been out of his possession until the present time. Subsequently he stated that it did lay on his counter but it was in **Barrell's** Pocket.” Signed Alfred **Stoddard**.

(see certificate on file) [*Not found.*]

Fredonia June 26, 1839.

11th Resolved that the church withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother A. C. **Guild**

12th Resolved that the case of Brother **Barrell** be called up where upon Elder **Bishop** presented the following certificates in relation to the charges preferred against Brother D. **Barrell**.

“As I have been requested by a member of the Brethren to leave a written statement of my understanding in relation to a paper presented to me by Brother D. **Barrell**, I am sorry to have such a thing to do, painful as it may be, but I feel that I ought not to shrink from what my brethren tell me is duty, and my own conscience tells the same. I do say that Brother D. **Barrell** came into my house last winter and laid a paper down on the desk, and asked me to sign or put my name on it. I took up the paper, looked at it, saw it to be church matters as I supposed, asked him in another room. There Brother **Barrell** said I will read it for you. He did so. I told him I could not sign such a paper, that it was wrong to put anything of that nature in black

and white. I told Brother **Barrell** if he or any of the Brethren had anything against Brother **Bishop** that I would go with them and have it explained, then or any other time, and what I learned(?) of Brother **Barrell** at that time I supposed that it was his intention at the time we (?). In relation to what the paper contained I am not able to state all, but it carried with it this idea, will it not be best in view of all the circumstances for Elder **Bishop** to ask for a dismissal at the end of the year. There was certain item or complaints of reports in that paper which I supposed was the reason why they asked him to resign his charge." May 20, 1839. Signed Thos. G. **Abell** (see certificate on file) [*Not found.*]

"I herby state that in reply to Brother **Barrell's** repeated statements in the church, that I was of the same mind with them (referring to Elder **Bishop**) after the third time repeating it I feel it a duty to say to Brother **Barrell** that he must be mistaken as to my being of the same mind. Then Brother **Barrell** said he and(?) Brother **Abell** knew these things. I then asked (?) when he told me them. He answered in his counting room at the time Brothers Z. **Cushing, Saxton**, and other brethren met soon after elder **Tucker** left." Signed T. G. **Abell** (see certificate on file) [*Not found.*]

"I herby state that I know positively as a member of the committee of seven, that said committee did not clear or justify Brother **Barrell** in writing to Buffalo. Also Brother **Barrell** did certainly and plainly admit before the committee of seven in the basement of the church (on (?)) that it was suggested (in the paper then referred to) for Elder **Bishop** to resign his pastoral charge. I for one would not be satisfied at the time without an examination of the paper only as he admitted the fact of such a request or suggestion. I further state that Brother **Barrell** did distinctly state before the church that he knew nothing of such a record and had nothing to do with it (referring to it with his hand) and adding (?) it is in Brother **Saxton's** handwriting and his signature and afterwards that he made out the original papers and showed it to Brother **Pettit**." Signed Thomas **Osborn**. Said statement (?) by Brother Ebenezer **Webster**.

"I hereby state that I was at the church meeting and distinctly heard Brother **Barrell** make the statement relative to Brother **Porter's** charge against Brother **Barrell** in relation to (?) Elder **Bishop**. Afterward I heard Elder **Bishop** and Brother **Barrell** have conversation about the subject and that Brother **Barrell** did positively deny making the statement."

June 10, 1839. Signed B. **Randall** (see certificate on file) [*Not found.*]

"I herby state at the time the committee of seven met in the basement on the subject of getting up a certain paper (referred to in the report of said committee) that Brother **Barrell** did distinctly admit before the said committee that the paper (referred to) did contain a suggestion for Elder **Bishop** to resign his charge, and afterward I heard Brother **Barrell** say of making such admission, once in church, and once in said **Barrell's** counting Room." June 10, 1839. Signed B. **Randall**.

"I herby state that Brother D. **Barrell** stated subsequent to the first trial, Elder Bishop would have come off with flying colors if he **Barrell** had not wrote to Buffalo and got these letters." (see certificate on file) [*Not found.*] Signed Alford **Stoddard**.

"Brother **Barrell** (I also state) about the last February took me into his counting room and read to me one or two letters and said I am a friend to you and I do not wish to have you identify yourself with Elder **Bishop** and disgrace yourself with him for he must come down." (see certificate on file) [*Not found.*] Signed Alfred **Stoddard**.

Brother **Hewes**(?) testified that some time last spring he called in to Brother **Barrell's** store, went into Brother **Barrell's** counting room, that Brother **Barrell** read or presented letters he had received from Buffalo that went against Elder **Bishop's** character, that Brother **Barrell** said Elder **Bishop** was a liar or had lied (Brother **Pettit** and Brother **Buck** being present) one of them said that was a hard saying. Brother **Barrell** said he knew it was but he could prove it.

13th Resolved that the Report of the Committee in the case of Brother E. **Johnson** be taken up. Brother **Johnson** made some remarks in reference to the matters. His statement did not vary materially from the report of the committee.

14th Resolved that the church are not satisfied with the further confession of Brother Elias **Johnson** as made and reported by the committee, and also with the ground assumed by him in regard to the church and its Pastor upon the occasion of his last confession, and as reported by the committee, and that Brother **Johnson** be (?) he is hereby placed under solemn admonition(?), humbly to confess as resolved by the church on the 7th of June, he should do with the advice then had. And that he retract his (?) of nonsubmission and unconciliation to the church upon matters decided upon in the church and that in case he fails to hear the church in this admonition, he be hereby admonished thus(?) in due season and without any further citation of him or trial of his case, the church will be compelled to withdraw their connection from him as a member of this body.

15th Resolved that Brother **Barrell's** course, in making and suffering to be made frequent use of letters against the Pastor of the church and behind his back before numbers of persons, and by this (?) endeavoring in private to prejudice the minds of [the] community against him, and also preferring charges against him for duplicity or (?) and holding him up before the public upon painful trial for several days for such charges when such charges were false and he (?), in the Judgment of complaint and mutually fixed upon advice and also in view of the church did Brother **Barrell**, having been labored with by the church according to the report of the committee, and the document of labors now on file, and he still refusing to humbly retract or confess his error, and submit and be reconciled to the church and its Pastor on the ground of the result of his (the Pastor trial referred to above) and the church still being desirous to reclaim him on the ground set forth in his labors. Therefore resolved that the church do now hereby place Brother **Barrell** under continued and solemn admonition immediately to discharge the duty of retraction before the church, give up his ground of nonsubscription and unconciliation to the church upon the matters referred to and thus (?) to himself the peculiar privilege of regular membership, and that Brother **Barrell** be admonished that in case he does not hear the church in this matter they will be compelled (in due season) to withdraw their connection from him without further citation.

The following resolution was then made. Inasmuch as members referred to in the 4th section of the report of the committee upon delinquents are certified (from (?) and said report upon the case) to have withdrawn themselves from the communion of the church on the ground of dissatisfaction with our pastor in matters which have been previously and finally examined and settled upon by the church (with competent and unanimous advice mutually fixed upon) and have been admonished by the church to retract their delinquency and fall in with the (advice referred to and the decision of the church in the case) But they still refusing thus to do, and inasmuch as the church are anxious to reclaim them to duty and to exercise all due forbearance. Therefore resolved that they(?) are hereby placed under continued and solemn admonition by the church immediately to confess their delinquency in the case before the church and return to duty. And in case they refuse to hear the church in the matter the church will be compelled (in due season without any further citation) to withdraw the connection from them, in relation to which

16th Resolved that the same be laid on the table.

17th Inasmuch as the charge preferred by Brother **Osborn** against Brother Avery **Buck** in labors has been accepted by the church in its present vague form in consequence of the peculiarities of its particulars, and accepted thus by the competent and unanimous advice of chosen Brethren, inasmuch as the heinous nature and the publicity of the slanders (?) by Brother Avery **Buck** are of such a character as to (?) a strict private labor necessary, and though such labor was not perfectly accomplished as to particulars in the case, yet as he has been (?) with by a committee of the church on said particulars and still refuses to give satisfactory resolution(?), and partly denies the abundance competent testimony in the case, and having been cited to and had his trials in the case and found guilty of committing the base slander (?) in the charge, which slander he does not now even attempt to sustain or profess to be as true concerning Elder **Bishop**. Therefore resolved that the church feel that his case (?) and (?) that he be excluded without much delay, unless that he immediately respond and humbly confess his cruel treatment of Elder **Bishop's** character, and endeavor to make such retractions to the cause as he can, and that such dispensation(?) of his case be without further advice.

18th Resolved that the church place delinquent members embraced in the forth section of the report of the committee on delinquents under continued admonition by the church.

19th Resolved that the clerk request of Brother **Barrell** certified copies of the letters of H(?) C(?), Deacon **Bowen**(?) and Elder **Metcalf** that were used on the trial of Elder **Bishop**.

20th Resolved that members embraced in the 1st and 2nd sections of the report of the committee upon delinquents be placed under the admonition of the church.

21st Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Closed by prayer.

Lewis B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's day August 18, **1839**. Special church meeting called. Resolved that there be a special church meeting on the 24th instant at one o'clock P.M. for the transaction of business.

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

August 24, **1839**. Met in special church meeting in pursuance of appointment August 18. Opened by prayer and praise.

- 1st Resolved that the Pastor, Clerk and Brother D. **Saxton** be a committee to draft a letter for the church to the association and present it at our next covenant meeting for the (?) of the church.
- 2nd Resolved that we appoint 7 delegates represent this church in the association in their next session.
- 3rd Resolved that Elder **Bishop** be a delegate.
- 4th Resolved that Brother **Moore** be a delegate.
- 5th Resolved that Brother D. **Saxton** be a delegate.
- 6th Resolved that Brethren **Shepherd** and **Miller** be delegates.
- 7th Resolved that Brother **Osborn** be a delegate.
- 8th Resolved that Brother E. **Webster** be a delegate.
- 9th Resolved that the association be requested to meet in their next session with this church.
- 10th Resolved that the church raise three dollars to be raised out of the fund of the church for printing the minutes.
- 11th Resolved that Brother **Morgan** be Treasurer of the church.
- 12th Resolved that there be a committee of two brethren to enquire as to funds of the church.
- 13th Resolved that Brother **Hilton** and J. **Osborn** be said committee.
- 14th Resolved that Brother R. **Morgan** be appointed to provide for the table.
- 15th Resolved that Brother E. **Webster** and **Grant** be a committee to enquire in regard to the former records of the church.
- 16th Resolved that Sister Naomi **Benjamin** (now Sister (?)) have a letter of dismissal and commendation.
- 17th Resolved that Brethren R. **Morgan**, L.B. **Grant** and A. **Stoddard** be a committee to solicit subscription for sacred music in the church.
- 18th Resolved that Brother **Forbes** (the successor of A.C. **Guild** as trustee) be instructed to obtain ? papers belonging to the church in the hands of said A.C. **Guild**
- 19th Resolved that the records of last meeting be read whereupon the clerk made the same.
- 20th Resolved that Brother R. **Clark** whose season(?) was elapsed(?) by the committee upon delinquents in the second section of their report (made to the church August 10) be placed or included in the fourth section of said report.
- 21st Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.
- Closed by prayer.
- L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting Lord's day August 25, **1839**. Resolved that sister Amelia **Webster** have a letter of dismissal and commendation.

L.B. Grant, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting August 31, **1839**. Opened by prayer and praise.

The Brethren proceeded to relate their Christian exercise after which the covenant was read. Then the sisters proceeded with the relation of their feelings and travel after which resolved that Sister Susan **Stearns**, now Sister **Weed**, have a letter of dismissal and commendation.

The meeting was as fully attended as usual and was particularly (?) by a oneness of feeling and a (?) after more holiness.

The committee appointed to draft a letter to be presented to the association made their report to the church after hearing the letter read. Resolved that the same be adopted.

Closed by prayer.

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

Lord's day September 1st **1839**. Church assembled in communion the attendance being full. It was a pleasant season.

Resolved that sister Esther **Leonard** have a letter of dismissal and commendation.

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

Covenant meeting October 5, **1839**. Opened by prayer by Brother **Hamilton** and singing. Brethren and sisters proceeded in the relation of their Christian travels. Rather an interesting season. A good degree of union in the church. Renewed covenant.

1st Resolved that the church hold conference(?) meeting on Every Saturday at 2 o'clock P.M. until otherwise ordered by the church.

Sister Sarah **Shepherd** presented a letter of commendation from the church in Massilon, Ohio.
2nd Resolved that she be received as a member of this church.
L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day October 6, **1839**.

1st resolved that Sister Rachel **Case** (former Rachel C. **Morse**) have a letter of dismissal and commendation.

2nd Resolved that Brother Orange **Mott** have a letter of dismissal and commendation.
L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day October 20, **1839**. Resolved that there be a special church meeting on Friday the 25th instant at one o'clock P.M.

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

Church met in special church meeting October 25th, **1839**. Opened by prayer by Elder **Bishop**.

1st Resolved that Brother T. G. **Abell** be clerk protem.

2nd Resolved that the case of Brother Reuben **Buck** and J. F. **Saxton** be taken up.

3rd Resolved that the case of Brother Reuben **Buck** be investigated.

A certificate from the clerk L.B. **Grant** was read certifying that Brother **Buck** was duly notified in accordance with the direction of the church in July 18th.

After which proceeded to hear written testimony of Brethren Stephen **May**, John **Forbes**, A. **Stoddard** and **Randall**, also Sister Hannah **Barrell**.

See testimony on file. [*Not found.*]

4th Resolved that the case of Brother J. Z. **Saxton** be investigated.

Proceeded to hear the written testimony of Sister Esther **Geer**, Lucina **Flint**, and Brother **Hewes**.

See testimony on file. [*Not found.*]

5th Resolved that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Brother Reuben **Buck** upon the ground of the charges set forth in the labors presented against him being (?).

There was then a preamble and statement read in relation to the case of Brother John Z. **Saxton**.

6th Upon which resolved that the preamble and resolution be adopted and that the clerk inform the church at Rochester of the doings of the church in reference to the matter (see preamble and resolution on file).

Elder **Bishop** presented a request to the church in reference to the difficulties existing between himself, other brethren and Elder C(?) **Metcalf** [etc.] (see said documents on file) [*Not found.*]

7th Resolved that said request be laid over until next Friday at 1 o'clock P.M.

8th Resolved that there be a special church meeting next Friday at one o'clock p.m.

T. G. **Abell**, Clerk Pro-tem

Lord's day October 27, **1839**. Church assembled.

1st Resolved that we go into special church meeting.

2nd Resolved that the special church meeting appointed to be held on Friday be held on Tuesday of this week at 1 o'clock P.M.

3rd Resolved that there be a committee appointed to enquire in relation to the purport of the facts and the getting up of the paper against Elder **Bishop** presented at special church meeting August 10, **1839** and signed by some thirty members and that since committee labors with said individuals and cite them to trial at our next special church meeting excepting them who have been excluded recently dealt with and report to the church.

4th Resolved that Brother Deacon **Webster**, **Morgan**, L.M. **Randall**, **Hilton**, T. **Osborn**, **Hamilton**, and T.G. **Abell** and **Thompson** be said committee.

5th Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

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

October 29, **1839**. Church met in special church meeting in pursuance of resolution October 27, **1839**.

Opened by prayer by Deacon **Webster**.

1st Moved the records of last meeting be read.

2nd Resolved that the Record be approved. There was then read a letter from Brother James **Pettit** (see letter on file.) [*Not found.*]

Brother E. **Webster** stated that he as one of the members of the committee upon delinquents labored with Brother **Pettit**. Brother **Pettit** then stated the reason for his leaving the communion was his being on Sabbath called away to visit a sick person, that one Sabbath he was sick [etc] and refused to give any other answer until he could see a particular Brother.

Brother **Osborn** testified that as one of the members of said committee upon delinquents he called upon Brother James **Pettit**, that Brother P. stated his reasons for not attending on the communion was his attending a sick person one Sabbath, his being sick another, and it being rainy another and said before he could give any further reason he wished to see a certain Brother. Since which he had seen Brother **Pettit** and Brother **Pettit** said he had not seen the certain Brother.

3rd Resolved that the committee appointed to enquire in relation to the getting up of the paper against Elder **Bishop** make their report. The report was then read (see report on file) [*Not found.*]

4th Resolved that the report of the committee be adopted and that they be discharged. Brethren **Webster** and **Thompson** called upon to make in relation to Brother **Champlin**. No particular facts elicited.

5th Called upon Sister **Johnson**. No particular facts elicited, that her mind was expressed in the paper. Did not feel satisfied with the results of Elder **Bishop's** trial.

Called upon sister **Buck**. Got no particular facts, that she could not come to church meeting if Elder **Bishop** was there, said she had not liked him much, his conduct did not meet her mind. Brother S. **May** called upon in relation to R. **Dickinson** said he had conversed with him that he D. had nothing against Elder **Bishop** and never(?) had.

5th Resolved that the report of the committee be adopted. The clerk was called upon to state the conversation had with sister **Pier**, that she was not acquainted with any particular facts charged in said paper against Elder **B.**, that the ground of her difficulty was the result of Elder **Bishop's** trial.

6th Resolved that the report of the committee be acted upon.

A preamble and resolution was then read in reference to the matter (see resolution on file) [*Not found.*]

7th Resolved that the same be adopted.

Elder **Bishop** then read a request to have the privilege of making propositions(?) for a council for neutral trial [etc.] with Harlow(?) **Case** and others of Buffalo and also with the dissatisfied members of this church.

8th Resolved at the earnest request of Elder **Bishop** that he have the privilege of making the proposition (presented to the church in special church meeting October 25, 1839, and again read October 29, 1839) to the parties opposed to him in Buffalo and Fredonia so far as said proposition regards a mutual council as therein expressed.

9th Resolved at the earnest request of Elder **Bishop** he have the privilege of making the proposition ((?) October 25, 1839 in special church meeting and again read October 29, 1839 in special church meeting) to the (?) in this church as referred to in said proposition so far as said proposition regards the mutual council for mutual trial as therein expressed.

10th Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Closed by prayer by Elder **Bishop**.

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

Covenant meeting November 2, 1839. Opened by prayer and praise.

The covenant not being present was not read.

A letter from Brother James **Pettit**, David **Barrell**, and Elias **Johnson** was read. See letter on file. [*Not found.*]

Heard a relation of the exercises of the brethren and sisters. Closed by prayer.

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

Lord's day November 3, 1839. church met in communion. Attendance about as usual.

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

Lord's Day November 10, 1839 at conference meeting.

1st Resolved ourselves into special church meeting.

2nd Resolved that the former committee appointed to revise and see to the publication of our covenant and articles be discharged excepting Brother **Moore**.

3rd Resolved that Elder **Bishop** and Brothers E. **Webster** and **Grant** be added to the committee to attend to the publishing of covenant and articles.

4th Resolved that Brothers E. **Webster**, **Morgan** and **Grant** be a committee to solicit subscriptions to warm and light the church.

5th Resolved that on Saturday the 7th day of December there be a meeting of the church and society at 2 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing a trustee in place of Benjamin **Randall** deceased.

6th Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Closed by prayer.

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

Lord's day November 17, **1839**. Church assembled in the basement.

1st Resolved that we go into special church meeting.

2nd Resolved that Brother E. **Webster** be a committee to visit and labor with Brother James **Norton**, Jr.

3rd Resolved that the committee appointed to visit and labor with Brother (?) be discharged.

4th Resolved that Brothers Horace and Russell **Webster** be a committee to visit and labor with Brother (?).

5th Resolved that there be a committee appointed to collect and arrange, give, receive and consider such communications or information as may be necessary to be kept or used in regard to our present and recent existing difficulties.

6th Resolved that Elder **Bishop**, Brothers D. **Saxton**, **Hilton**, R. **Morgan** and **Grant** be said committee.

7th Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Closed by prayer.

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

Covenant meeting November 30, **1839**. Opened by prayer and praise, after which the Brethren and Sisters proceeded in the relation of their exercises and travels. Upon Sister Matilda **Morton's** request for a letter of dismission resolved that a letter be granted.

Closed by prayer.

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

Lord's day December 1st **1839**. Church assembled as usual to celebrate the death of the saviour.

The covenant not having been read at the preceding covenant meeting was now read. A goodly number in attendance.

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

Lord's day December 8, **1839**. At conference meeting resolved that there be a special church meeting on Thursday the 12th instant at one o'clock P.M.

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

Church met in special church meeting December 12th **1839**. Prayer by Brother L. **Crosby**.

The clerk presented a letter from Brother **Pettit**, John **Saxton**, and **Barrell** dated December 12.

After hearing the letter read,

1st Resolved that the committee appointed under the 5th Resolution of November 12 make their report. The clerk on the part of the committee read the proposition made by the committee November 20, to Brethren **Johnson**, **Barrell**, **Pettitt**, and **Saxton** as also the correspondence that had passed on the subject. (see proposition and letters on file) [*Not found.*]

2nd Resolved that the report of the committee be accepted and they be discharged.

3rd Resolved that the report of the committee be approved and adopted.

4th Resolved that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Brother Elias **Johnson** in pursuance of the 14th Resolution passed in special church meeting August 10, **1839**.

5th Resolved that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Brother David **Barrell** in pursuance of the 15th Resolution passed in special church meeting August 10, **1839**.

6th Resolved that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Brother Avery **Buck** in pursuance of the 17th Resolution passed in special church meeting August 10, **1839**.

7th. Resolved that there be a committee appointed to confer with Brother **Taylor** and Brother Loving **Crosby** in regard to difficulty existing between them.

8th Resolved that Brethren D. **Saxton** and **Osborn** be the said committee.

9th Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the 19th ? at 1 o'clock P.M.

Closed by prayer.

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

Church met in special church meeting December 19, **1839** in pursuance of adjournment.

Opened by prayer by Brother **Morgan**.

After hearing the record of last meeting,

1st Resolved that the same be approved.

2nd Resolved that the committee appointed to confer with Brother **Taylor** and Brother Loving **Crosby** report. They thereupon reported that they had not been able to accomplish the object of their appointment.

3rd Resolved that the committee appointed to labor with Brother James **Norton Jr.** report.

Deacon **Webster** the committee reported that he had visited Brother **Norton**, that Brother **Norton** had not neglected his travel with the church on the account of any difficulty with the Pastor or church, but when he asked for a letter some objection was raised. He desired to stand as he was for the present.

4th Resolved that the report be accepted.

5th Resolved that the case of Brother **Norton** be postponed and that Brother E. **Webster** be continued the committee.

6th Resolved that the committee appointed to visit Brother (?) make their report. (see report on file) [*Not found.*]

7th Resolved that the report be accepted and the committee be discharged.

8th Resolved that the request as reported by the committee of Brother (?) be accepted.

Resolved that the difficulty that existed last winter between Brothers A. **Stoddard** and J. Z. **Saxton** have been settled to the satisfaction of the church.

10th Resolved that there be a committee appointed to enquire of D. **Barrell** whether he performed his duty in reference to Brother J. Z. **Saxton** in pursuance of a resolution passed February 1st **1839**. and also of Brother James **Pettit** in regard to the committee performing their duty in reference to Brother J.Z. Saxton in pursuance of the instruction of the church February 8, **1839**.

11th Resolved that the clerk be said committee.

12th Resolved that there be a committee appointed to labor with Brother James **Pettit** for detraction(?) in regard to the character of Elder **Bishop** and (?) in regard to the getting up and soliciting names to the paper presented to the church against Elder **Bishop** August 10, **1839**.

13th Resolved that Brethren D. **Saxton** and J. **Porter** be said committee.

The clerk then presented the following preamble whereas our Pastor under the sanction of the church made certain propositions to Brethren disaffected with him, and said Brethren being unwilling to make arrangements as aforesaid but on the 15th of November addressed a letter to the church, continuing propositions for a council, and whereas on the 17th of November there was a committee appointed whose province it would be to consider and answer such communications, and whereas said committee did consider such communication and acknowledges the receipt thereof, and made one the 20th of November certain propositions for a council to Brethren **Johnson**, **Barrell**, **Pettit** and **Saxton** which in their judgment would be much more likely to bring about a happy termination of the difficulties that have so long distracted the church, and whereas said Proposition has not been accepted, and whereas on the 12th of December the committee reported to the church their doings in full, which were by the church approved, therefore

14th Resolved that the said proposition of November 20 be extended to them a reasonable time for acceptance with the exception that there be only the Pastor and one Brother from each church in the association invited in place of the Pastor and two Brethren, if they (Brethren **Saxton** and **Pettit**, **Barrell**, **Johnson**) shall desire.

15th Resolved that the clerk forward to Brethren **Pettit** and **Saxton**, Doct. **Johnson** and Mr. **Barrell** a copy of the above preamble and resolutions.

16th Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

Closed by prayer.

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

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 15th 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 15th instant (as per notice of Brethren **Pettit**, **Saxton**, and Mr. **Barrell** of the 4th instant). Upon the said council being organized, the proposition and correspondence made and had with the committee of the aggrieved brethren from November 15th.

Closed by prayer.

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

Lord's Day January 5th **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 15th 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 aggreived 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 29th 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.

1st Resolved ourselves into special church meeting.

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

3rd 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.

4th 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 2nd **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.

1st 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 in 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 10th (see letter on file). [Not found.]

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

3rd 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.

4th 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.

1st Resolved that Elder **Winsor** be Moderator. Prayer by the moderator.

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

3rd 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.

4th 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.

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

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

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

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

10th 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 dismissal 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 1st, **1840**. By request of Brother **Forbes** the church was called in the Basement immediately after the close of forenoon Service. Opened by Prayer.

1st Resolved that the Communion Service be postponed until next communion season.

2nd Resolved that we appoint on Saturday the 7th 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,

1st 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 17th instant, to learn whether or not we were corrupt(?) in sustaining our Pastor. (See letter on file.) [Not found.]

2nd 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 visit us in relation to the same subject (if any).

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

4th 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**.

1st Resolved that we organize a Special Church Meeting.

2nd 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**.

1st Resolved that we organize into a Special Church Meeting.

2nd 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 9th 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.

1st 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.

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

3rd 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.(?)

3rd 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 15th instant at 10 o'clock A.M. and that the clerk write to the said churches.

4th 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.

5th 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**.

1st Resolved that we organize into Special Church Meeting.

2nd 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 the 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.

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

4th Resolved that it was the understanding of the church in the vote of Restoration of the aggrieved members of the 17th 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 2nd, **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 3rd, **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 1st, **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.

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

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

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

4th Resolved that the meeting be dissolved.

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

Lord's Day, August 2nd, 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.

1st Resolved that we organize into Special Church Meeting.

2nd Resolved that Brother John **Miller** be Moderator.

3rd 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.

4th 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.

1st Resolved that her request be granted.

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

3rd 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.

4th Resolved that we accept the same.

5th 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 1st **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 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

Church Conference, January 9, **1841**

1st Resolved that the church appoint Brethren E. **Webster**, **Forbes**, T. **Osborn**, **Hilton**, **Stoddard** and **Grant** a committee to procure a new Blank Book and to transfer from our Church Records all they may deem expedient, and specially to regulate(?) and revise the list of names, and report to the Church.

2nd Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to examine with respect to the case of [blank] **Lewis**, who desires to become a member of this church by giving them satisfaction as to his past backsliding and loss of standing as a church member.

3rd Resolved that Brethren E. **Webster**, **Forbes** and John **Adams** be said committee.

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

Church Conference, January 23, **1841**. After devotional exercises,

Heard the Christian Experience of Brother [blank] **Lowel**, with a request to unite with the Church.

Resolved that he be received as a member upon his Christian Experience and the Testimony of Brethren of the Presbyterian Church. Heard(?) and(?) **Lowel** as to his having a letter which was not present, and also as to his past and present moral standing.

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

Church Conference, January 30, **1841**. After devotional exercises,

Heard the report of the Committee to visit Br. **Lewis**. Accepted the report and adopted it. See report on file. [Not found.]

Also the report of the committee to visit and labor with Brother Robert **Jones**. Accepted and adopted the same. Resolved that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Brother **Jones** for immoral conduct.

Heard and accepted the report of Br. D. **Saxton** in the case of Brother Lemuel **Webster**. Committee not successful in reclaiming him. Resolved that Brethren **Forbes** and R. **Morgan** be a committee to visit and admonish Brother Lemuel **Webster**.

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

Lord's Day, January 24, **1841**.

Heard the Request of Sister Hannah **Stearns** for Letter of dismissal and commendation. Resolved that her request be granted.

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

Covenant Meeting, February 1, **1841**. Meeting opened by Prayer and Praise. Brethren and Sisters proceeded in the relation of their exercises and Christian travels.
Heard a request from Augusta **Whitney** with a relation of her Christian Experience, desiring to unite with the Church. On motion resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and when baptized a member of this church.
Closed by Prayer.
L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, February 7, **1841**. Sister August **Whitney** was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Church. After the public services of the day, the church met in communion, an uncommonly large attendance.
L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day, February 14, **1841**. Brother Jonathan W.(?) **Good**(?) presented a Letter of dismissal and commendation from the Baptist Church Laona desiring to unite with us. Upon motion Resolved that he be received.
L.B. **Grant**, Church Clerk [*End of Fredonia Baptist Church Record Book B*]