

*The Records of
the Baptist Church
of Christ
In Granville and St Albans
Constituted at St Albans Lords Day
June 6th 1819*

St Albans May 5th 1819

Whereas God in his providence having brought a number of Baptist brethren into these parts and that having met together in months past to relate their expearances [sic] and consult on the expediency [sic] of forming themselves into a visible Church agreeable to a previous appointment they collected this day at Esqr. Jonathan Atwoods at 9 O'clock AM The meeting being opened by Prayer and reading 1st Thesalonians [sic] 1st Chapter

1st Chose Elder George Evans Moderator, and Elijah Russel Clerk.

2nd The Brethren and Sisters related their Expearances [sic] some of which were quite refreshing, Their Letters of recommendation were read which were satisfactory.

3rd Examined the following Articles and were hapily [sic] united in them.

4th Voted to meet on the first Lords Day in June and form ourselves into a Visible Gospel Church to be known by the name of the Baptist Church of Christ in Granville and St Albans.

5th Voted to send to the Church in Delaware for Elder Drake and that one or more Breathren [sic] accompany him and that he be invited to Preach on the occasion

6th Voted to invite Elder John Motte of Miller township to set with us in Council.

We the subscribers feeling it an incumbent Duty, (with a view as we trust to the glory of the rich grace of the Redeemer which we hope we have expearanced [sic] and to the extention [sic] of his Kingdom among men) to associate and covenant together in the bonds of Christian fellowship under the name of the Baptist Church of Christ in Granville and St Albans.

And knowing that as with the heart man believeth with righteousness so with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation, We deem it suitable to make the following

Declaration

Doctrine 1st Of our views of divine Truth of God.

Art 1st We believe in God, supreme in his dominion, and infinite in his being and perfections: the Creator, Possessor, Upholder, and disposer of all things.

Art 2nd The mode of divine existance [sic], is unity in Trinity (three in one) Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; one in nature; coequal, coessential and coeternal: equally worthy of divine honors and religious worship.

Doct. 2nd Of the holy scriptures

God has given us a Revelation of his mind and will in the Scriptures of the old and new Testaments, which being given by inspiration of God, and divine authority and our only rule of Faith and practice.

Doct. 3rd; Of man's first state.

Art. 1st God created man at first, holy or upright, in the divine image; being a rational living Soul; was capable of serving and enjoying God.

Art. 2nd The condition of life, or the perpetuity [sic] of holiness and happiness in that paradisaical State, was perfect, personal and unceasing obedience.

Art. 3rd Man being in honor did not long abide but many things respecting his fall are as unaccountable as inexcuseable [sic]

Doct. 4th Of man's fallen state

Art. 1st The fall of man consisted in his voluntarily transgressing the divine will, by adhearing [sic] to the temptations of Satan and eating the forbidden fruit.

Art. 2nd By sin mankind lost the divine image, became defiled and debased in all the powers and passions of the soul, and consequently incapable of serving or enjoying God truly, until he is renewed by grace.

Art. 3rd As this depravity does not consist in a privation or lack of the natural powers and faculties necessary to serve God; but in a total voluntary and wicked love of sin and aversion to God and holiness they are still under obligation of perfect obedience [sic], to all the precepts of law and Gospel.

Art. 4th Adam being the natural head or root of mankind, in consequence of our relation to him, we all came into the world poluted [sic] or defiled with sin.

Doct. 5th Of Election.

Art. 1st God in mere mercy has been pleased before time, the devise a way for mans recovery by the Gospel.

Art. 2nd God's eternal purpose of salvation called Election; includes the subjects of salvation with all the necessary means and qualifications for obtaining it.

Doct. 6th Of Christs atonement.

- Art. 1st God the Son, or the second person in the trinity, in order to open the way for our salvation, came down from heaven, took upon him human nature, in which nature he obeyed the Law; suffered death, rose from the dead, ascended to glory and lives to make intercession for his people
- Art. 2nd Although there is an infinite fullness in the atonement or merits of Christ sufficient for all mankind; yet none are justified or entitled to any of the spiritual benefits of it until they are united to Christ by faith.
- Art. 3rd Christ has procured all spiritual blessings for his people, which are freely bestowed on the elect for his sake, as a mere act of grace, and not at all on account of any worthiness of their own.

Doct. 7th Of Regeneration.

- Art. 1st Although there is a most full and free declaration of mercy in the Gospel, to mankind, through faith and repentance, yet through the native opposition of the heart, none ever do, will nor can savingly acquiesce and receive Christ until the heart be renewed.
- Art. 2nd Regeneration is usually preceeded [sic] by deep conviction of sin and followed by divine comfort and exercise of grace; but the change itself is wrought instantaneously by the powerful operation of the divine Spirit upon the heart, by which its enmity is slain and the creature disposed and enabled to receive Christ and depend on him as a whole and complete Savior.

Doct. 8th Of Adoption

- Art. 1st All believers are adopted; that is, received into the number, entitled to the privileges, and by the Father acknowledged as the Sons of God.
- Art. 2nd The grace of adoption is freely given as a token of access in prayer, and pledge of the redemption of the body.

Doct. 9th Of Justification

True believers are justified freely through the righteousness of Christ; received by faith without the deeds of the Law, it being an act of God's free grace.

Doct. 10th Of Sanctification.

Sanctification or growth in grace, is a gradual progressive influence of the spirit of truth on the heart whereby a believer is enabled more and more to bring under and mortify corrupt nature, and increase in grace, spiritual knowledge etc. but is never perfected in this life.

Doct. 11th Of persevearance [sic]

That nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but they will be kept by his power, through faith, unto salvation.

Doct. 12th Of the Sabbath, Or Lords Day.

The weekly Sabbath is to be observed on the first day of the week under the New Testament; and wholly employed in devotion and worship, except works of necessity and mercy.

Doct. 13th Of the Resurrection.

That there will be a resurrection, both of the just and unjust; and that Christ will come a second time to judge both the quick and the dead; when those who die impenitent, and unreconciled to God, will be sentenced to endless misery, as the just desert [sic] of their sins; and those who have been renewed by grace, and washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, will be completely delivered from the dominion of sin, and admitted into the holy and heavenly Jerusalem, with songs and everlasting joy. So shall they be ever with the Lord.

Part Second

Of the Visable [sic] Church, its order, Discipline, etc.

Chap. 1st Of the Church

Art. 1st. A Church of Christ is a number of Saints by mutual acquaintance and fellowship, uniting or embodying together, maintaining the true gospel doctrine, Ordinances, worship and discipline.

Art. 2nd Christ alone is head of the Church, excludeing [sic] all human authority in its discipline, worship, etc.

Art. 3rd The Church of Christ has power to choose and and [sic] call to ordination their own officers, depose such as walk contrary to the gospel, discipline its members, etc. tho' in difficult cases and when the Church is divided, it is proper to call the assistance and concurrence of Sister Churches, and one or more ministers of Christ, and even in ordinary cases it is well for the increase of union and fellowship.

Chap. 2nd Of Baptism.

Art. 1st Gospel baptism is to be administered by ordained ministers, to such only as give evidence of true faith, by immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Art. 2nd By this Ordinance believers are admitted into the visible Church, and entitled to all its privileges.

Chap. 3rd Of the Eucharist.

Art. 1st The ordinance of the Lords Supper is to be administered to none out of the visible Church; unbaptised persons, disorderly members, or those sensurable [sic] for heresy, are not to be admitted.

Art. 2nd In this Ordinance, by receiving Bread and Wine, consecrated by a regular minister of the gospel, we show our union and communion with Christ, and one with another.

Chap. 4th Of Church Officers.

Art. 1st There are two officers in the Church, (viz) Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; who are to serve the Church, in the functions attached to their office.

Art. 2nd Ministers must be qualified according to scripture, approved by the Church, and ordained by prayer and laying on hands of the Presbytery.

Art. 3rd The Bishop's work is to gather and organize Churches, administer ordinances, and rule and govern [sic] in the Church of God as under shepherds etc.

Art. 4th The Deacon's work is to serve tables, and oversee the temporal concerns of the church, in order to lighten the cares of the minister, and enable him to give himself wholly to the duties of his office.

Chap. 5th Of Divine worship.

Art. 1st The worship of God should be attended devoutly and conscientiously [sic] by all, secretly in the closet, privately in the family and publickly [sic] in the house of God.

Art. 2nd In public worship the minister should lead or govern and improve his gift as a public teacher.

Art. 3rd Every gift should be used and improved for the mutual comfort and edification of the body.

Chap. 6th Of Discipline.

Art. 1st Members walking disorderly or holding doctrine contrary to the gospel, should be dealt with by way of discipline, according to the laws and order of Christ's house.

Art. 2nd Personal injuries and private offences should be taken up by the individual who receives or knows them and buried forever on private confession.

Art. 3rd Although such offenders should be laboured with by the individual, and the subject examined, for light or evidence, by the second labourer; yet, it should not be brought to the Church until they judge the evidence will convince them.

Art. 4th Public transgressions should be laboured with by suitable brethren [sic], according to Gospel rule, and restored only on confession made sufficiently public, to relieve the wound the cause of Christ may have sustained.

Art. 5th Though personal injuries are to be forgiven on suitable retraction; yet, one indulging habit of scandalous immorality should not be restored without amendment.

Art. 6th A member under labour by the church, should be suspended from communion, until his case be decided.

Chap. 7th Of civil causes.

Art. 1st As it is unlawful for brother to go to law with brother, the Church should appoint one or more wise and discerning brethren, with full power to judge and decide all civil causes and controversies among its members.

Art. 2nd A member refusing to submit to the judgment of the Church, it becomes a crime and should be dealt with accordingly.

The Covenant.

We do now in the presence of the great, all seeing and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and avouch him this day, to be our God, our Father, our Saviour and our leader; and receive him as our portion forever.

We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people, in the covenant of grace, and rely on him, as our Prophet, Priest and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligation to glorify God, by living a holy, righteous and godly life in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage, by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents and advantages to his glory and the good of our fellow men, promising by divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the way of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren [sic] in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God, and to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient; vain disputing about words and things, which gender strife; disregarding promises, and not fulfilling [sic] engagements; tattling [sic] and backbiting; spending time idly at taverns or else where, and vain and unnecessary worldly conversation on the Lord's Day and whatsoever else is contradictory to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ; promising to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his Church, according as we are, or shall be, guided by the Spirit of God in his word, applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors; and praying the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work, to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, - Amen.

St Albans Lord's Day June 6th 1819

Agreeable to appointment the following Brethren met at 9 O'Clock AM at the house of Jonathan Atwoods Esq.

From Liberty Church Elder Jacob Drake, Brethren Daniel Nettleton and Charles Waters.

From Miller Church Elder John Mott.

Elder George Evans having laboured in this place in Months past being presant [sic] was considered One of the Council

1st Chose Elder Jacob Drake Moderator and Elder George Evans Clerk

2nd Voted to invite Brother Nathan Nettleton from Liberty Church and Brother John McLeod from Harlem to sit in Council with us.

3rd Having thus formed Prayer was offered up by the Moderator
The Articles of Faith and Church Covenant being read.

4th Voted that we approve of the same –

5th Voted that Elder Mott Preach first and that Elder Drake follow him immediately without any dismissal of the assembly - - -

6th Voted that Elder Evans give the Right-hand of fellowship to the Brethren in behalf of the Council as a Church of our Lord Jesus Christ - -

Elder Mott spake from 1st Peter. 2,7.

Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

Elder Drake spake from 1st John. 1,3.

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truely [sic] our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. Then Elder Evans gave the Right-hand of Fellowship.

After a short intermision [sic] the people reassembled and Elder Evans addressed them from Titus. 3,8. Be careful to maintain good works applying it more particularly to the Church.

To close the solemnities of the day the precious Ordinance of the Lords supper was celebrated by the newly Constituted Church and a number of Brethren from various Sister Churches had the privilege of united with them. The day was remarkably Plesant [sic] the assembly pretty large and the Season Solemn and delightful and many hearts rejoiced to see another Church of Jesus formed in this Western Wilderness.

The following Persons united in the Constitution.

Males	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
Levi Nichols	By Letter	March 24. 1827		
James Hair	By Letter	Oct 21. 1820		
Abraham Chandler	By Letter	Nov 5. 1826		
Sandford Castle	By Letter	March 24. 1827		
Timothy Spelman	By Bap'm	Apr 26. 1824		
Thomas Green	By Bap'm			
David Adams	By Bap'm	Nov 25. 1820		

Females	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
Salome Squire	By Letter			
Mary Atwood	By Letter	March 24. 1827		
Philenda Jewet	By Letter			Aug. 29 th . 1823
Sarah Crow	By Letter			June 26. 1826
Mary Drake	By Letter	March 24. 1827		
Rhoda Burnet	By Letter	March 24. 1827		
Anna Chandler	By Letter	Nov 5. 1826		
Jerusha Baker 2 nd	By Bap'm			
Sarah Kelly	By Bap'm			
Betsa Case	By Bap'm			
Loisa Woods	By Bap'm			Aug 10. 1831
Polly Phelps	By Bap'm	March 24. 1827		

Added to the Church After the Constitution.

Males	Rec'd.	Page	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
Nathan Brooks	By L	see 22			March 1 st , 1826
Asa Shepardson	By B	see 22	March 23, 1833		
Hugh Kelly	By B	see 26			
Oliver Allen	By B	see 34			
Joseph Allen	By B	see 35			
Daniel Shepardson	By L	see 36			
Isham Sinnet	By B	see 36			March 1838
Joseph Bains	By B.	see 39	March 24, 1827		
Thomas Spelman	By B.	see 60	March 24, 1827		
Daniel Baker	By B.	60			
AZARIAH HANKS	By L.	60	April 21, 1827		
Daniel Dusenbury	By L	60			
Erastus Allyn	By B	64			
Alanson Sinnett	By B	64			
Levi Morton	By B	74	June 28 th 1834		
Luther Woods	By B.	78			July 23, 1832
Elijah Russell	By L.	79			
Harris Thurston	By B.	80		Sep. 22, 1832	

Stephen Ashton

By B 80

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Females	Rec'd.	Page	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
Phebe Hair	By L	see 22	Oct. 21, 1820		
Rhoda Baker	By L	see 22	Oct. 21, 1820		
Sarah Brooks	By L	see 22			
Mary Santee	By L	see 22	Nov 15, 1832		
Betsa Nichols	By Letter		March 24, 1827		
Sarah Chadwick	By B	see 26			
Luna Rose	By B	see 26		Nov 26, 1831	
Bethiah Castle	By B	see 30	March 24, 1827		
Cynthia Spelman	By B	see 31	Apr 26, 1828		
Hannah Granger	By B	see 31			
Lucretia Allen	By B	see 34	Jan 26, 1833		
Mary Martin	By B	see 35	Nov 24, 1827		
Prudence Shepardson	By L	see 36			
Maria Barnes	By B	see 41	March 24, 1827		

Continuation of Brethrens Names.

	Rec'd.	Page	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
David Chadwick	By B	see 80			
Joseph Ashton	By B	80			
Ronson Case	By B	80			
Cyrus Brooks	By B	80		March 26, 1831	
Gideon Dagget Jun.	By B	81			
Perren Shepardson	By B	81			
John Strickler	By B	82	Oct 24, 1829		
John Cubberly	By B	83			
Jael Philbrook	By B	83			
James Peasley	By B	84			
George Gardner	By B	85			
Allen Darrow	By L	85	Oct. 26 th , 1833		
JAMES BERRY	By L	87			July 28 th , 1834
Charles Sawyer	By L	88			
William Rose	By B	90			
Isaiah Miller	By L	98	Oct 23, 1830		
John E. Vance	By B	110	Feb 25, 1832		
Mahlon Holden	By B	110	Sep 22, 1832		
George Armstrong	By B	113	Feb 25, 1832		
Whiten Holsclaw	By B	114		March 29 th , 1834	
John Vance	By Exp.	114	Feb 25, 1832		
Alexander Holden	By Exp.	117			Sep 25, 1832
Joseph English	By B	119	Feb 25, 1832		

Aaron Pond	By B	122	
Myron Gardner	By B	123	
Frederick Gardner	By B	123	
Obed Holsclaw	By B	122	March 29 th 1834
Daniel Jewett Jun.	By L	127	Aug 30, 1834

Continuation of Sisters' Names

	Rec'd.	Page	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
Jerusha Baker	By B	see 60			
Keziah Hanks	By L	60	April 21, 1827		
Nancy Dusenberry	By L	60			
Julia Sinnet	By L	64			
Alvin Kelly	By B	78			
Louisa Thomas	By B	80		Nov 24, 1832	
Polly Thurston	By B	80		Sep 22, 1832	
Lydia Nicoll	By B	80			
Elizabeth Powell	By B	80			
Polly Rose	By B	79			
Mary Ashton	By B	80			
Polly Dagget	By L	80			
Rebecca Cramer	By B	80			
Anna Case	By B	80			
Mary Sinnet	By B	80	Aug 12, 1832		
Adaline Chadwick	By B	80		April 26 th , 1834	
Electa Bigelow	By B	80			
Hannah Cramer	By B	80	Oct 22, 1831		
Elizabeth Russell	By B	80			
Joanna Ashton	By B	80			
Polly Bigelow	By B	80	Feb 25, 1832		
Nancy Ashton	By B	81			
Sally Graves	By B	82			
Maretta Atwood	By B	82	May 22, 1830		
Melinda Chadwick	By B	82			
Samantha Carpenter	By B	82			
Elizabeth Rose	By B	82			
Sally Holler	By B	81			Jany. 1831
Elizabeth Connell	By B	81	Dec 27, 1828		
Sarah Alder	By B	82	July 24, 1830		
Mehitabel King	By B	82		March 24, 1832	
Sally Nicoll	By B	82		Jan 21, 1832	
				Restored 20 th April 1833	
Sally Cubberly	By B	82			
Mary Thrall	By B	82			
Mary Cubberly	By L	83		Jan. 26, 1833	
Lucy Peasley	By B	84			

Eliza Richmond	By B	84		
Roxanny Gardner	By B	84		
Sally Darrow	By L	85	Oct 26 th , 1833	
Phebe Miligan	By L	87		
Susan Cubberley	By B	89		
Esther Miller	By L	98	Oct 23, 1830	
Elizabeth Fowls	By L	98	Oct 23, 1830	
Polly Smith	By B	102		
Abigail Shepardson	By B	105		
Mary Peters	By B	107		
Lydia Philbrook	By B	107		
Maria Vance	By B	110	Feb 25, 1832	
Jane Holden	By B	110	Sep 22, 1832	
Anna Chamberlin	By B	112		
Alice Armstrong	By B	113	Feb 25, 1832	
Sarah Holden	By L	116		June 1833
Mary English	By B	116	Feb 25, 1832	
Maria Holden	By B	124	Feb 25, 1832	
Lovina Sinnet	By B	122		

Continuation of Brethrens Names.

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JOSHUA BRADLEY	By L	see 131	July 20, 1834		
JOHN PRATT	By L	132			
Thomas Evans	By L	135	March 23, 1833 (147)		
Paschal Carter	By L	136			
Alexander H. Frink	By L	137			
William Roberts	By B	141			
William Whitney	By L	141			
Timothy Hixon	By L	142			
Philip Ewings	By B	144			
Abner Wright	By B	144	Oct. 26 th , 1833		
Charles Bryant	B. L.				
Daniel Wildman	B. B.				
Adam Bell	By B.		August 24, 1833		
Sylvester Spelman	By B.				
Marcus :Morton	By B.				
Allen Sinnett	By B.				
Wm Downes	By B.		August 24 th , 1833		
Hiram Boardman	By B.				
Joseph Pratt	By B.		July 27, 1833		
Thomas Wickham	By B.				
Hiram Langdon	By Letter				
O. N. Sage	By Letter				
Monceir Jones	By Letter				

Asa Shepardson	By Letter	
Edward Miles	By Letter	
Burwell G. Allgood	By Letter	Aug. 31 1834
Wm Downs	By Letter	
John R. Williams	By B.	
Milton Bush	By B.	
John T. Weaver	By B.	July 26 th 1834
Wm Allgod	By Letter	Aug 30, 1834

Continuation of Sisters' Names

	Rec'd.	Page	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
Mary Pratt	By L	see 133			
Mary Ann Carter	By L	136			
Electa Wing	By B	139			
Jerusha Gear	By B	141	March 23, 1833 (147)		
Nancy Mallory	By L	141			
Laura R. Jones	By L	141			Jan. 21 st , 1834
Eliza Asher	By L	141			
Mabel Thrall	By L	145			Dec 7, 1834
Matilda Bailey	By L	145			
Sarah Woodard	By B	142			
Rebecca Cubberley	By B	142			
Cynthia Smith	By B.				
S. Jewett	By B.				
Nancy Sinnet	By Bap.				
Emily Spellman	By Bap.				
Harriet Woods	By Bap.				
Jane Anderson	By Bap.				
Matilda Whiteford	By Bap.				
Betsey Langdon	By Letter				
Laura Beeman	By Letter				
Phebe Anderson	By Letter				
Frances S. Ingraham					
Caroline Brown	By Baptism				
Emily Carter	By Letter				
Sarah Taylor	By Letter				
___ Cooke	By Bap.				
___ Gardner	By Bap.				
Julia Eddy	By Bap.				
Phebe Pond	By Bap.				
Mary Pond	By Bap.				
Nancy Wilson	By Letter				
Mary Horton	By Letter				
Mary Rose	By Letter				

Brethrens Names continued.

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Griffith E. Roberts	B. Letter		July 26, 1834		
E. E. Barnes	B. Letter		May 31, 1834		
Henry Clark	By Baptism		Oct 25, 1834		
Francis Metcalf	By Baptism				
Jonathan Wilson	By Letter				
Spencer Turner	By Letter				
Orson S. Knapp	By Baptism				

June 17th 1819

At our first Church Confrence [sic] after the constitution after relating the expearances [sic] received Phebe Hair and Rhode Baker By Letter as an addition to our little number the meeting was plesant [sic] and harmonious Blessed be God.

July 15th 1819

At our Church Confrence [sic] Brother Nathan Brooks and Sarah his Wife were received by Letter having related their Expearances heretofore

Lords Day August 1st 1819

Asa Shepardson was received into the Church having been Baptised heretofore

August 12th 1819

Met in church Confrence Elder George Evans acted as moderator

1st Voted to receive Sister Mary Santee as a member with us she being dismissed from The Welch Church in Granville

2nd Voted to join the Columbus Association and that Elder Evans write the Letter and that he and Brother James Hair be our messengers to bear the same.

*The following is a copy of the Letter to the Columbus Association to be holden [sic] at
Troy Baptist Meeting house Delaware County Ohio September 4th 5th 6th 1819*

The Baptist Church of Christ in Granville and St Albans to the Columbus Association assembled in Troy Delaware County Ohio - - - - -

Beloved in the Lord. God in his providence has brought us from different parts of the United States of America into this County – Some of us who had been without Church privileges for four some of us even seven years were almost ready to say with the Psalmist Will the Lord be favourable no more? So his mercy clean gone forever? Doth his promise fail forevermore? Hath he forgotten to be gracious? - -

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Or with the Prophet Amos By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small? Amos 7,2. But to our great joy within two years past the Chief Shepherd (in answer to our feeble cries and; not withstanding our innumerable wanderings) Sent an under Shepherd Eight hundred miles to gather his scattered sheep here whose comeing [sic] (to some at least) was as the comeing [sic] of Titus to the people of old. A goodly number gladly received the word: And as Jesus (who has left us an example that we should follow his steps) went almost three days journey to the wilderness of Judea and was baptized of John in Jourdan [sic] even so some of these went a Sabbath days journey and were Baptised in our little Jourdan in the wilderness of St Albans.

Having ourselves as we trust to the Lord in secret we publicly gave ourselves to one another and united as a visible Church on the first Lords Day in June last. Our number is small and we live scatered [sic] as to our local situation; but blessed be God we are hapily [sic] united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel: Dear Brethren pray for us that we may keep together, as a company of horses in Pharough [sic] Chariot, that brotherly love may continue and abound; that we may all speak the same thing, contend earnestly and meekly for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

Dear Brethren we rejoice to hear that one Article in your constitution declares you to be a missionary society. O that the streams which shall hereafter flow from your fountains may gladen [sic] the harts [sic] of thousands. We should rejoice were it in our power as a Church to send much to augment your store but so it is in the providence of God we are in general quite low as to property and we have exerted ourselves to support a gospel ministry amongst us and have thought it our duty to spend something of out little store for internal conveaniences [sic] wich [sic] we trust will be for the glory of God and the good of his cause in this place. Another year we are in hopes to be able to forward something for Missionary purposes –

We have chosen our beloved Brethren Elder George Evans (who has laboured with us to our edification and comefort [sic]) and James Hair as our Messengers to you; desireing [sic] to join with you as a member of your body. As to our Faith you will be informed by our Articles and messengers.

May the King of Zion grant you his presents in your session and cause the word spoken to reach every heart. Our presant [sic] number is twenty five, nine received by Baptism and sixteen by letter: Several more are expected to join us soon both by Baptism and Letter.

Done in Church Meeting August 12th 1819

George Evans Moderator

Lords Day October 3rd 1819
Sister Luna Rose was Baptised and added to the Church

St Albans October 14th 1819

Met in Church Conference Elder George Evans acted as Moderator – Some time was occupied [sic] in the Brethren's relating their Exercises – and the following things were attended to and voted passed - - -

1st Made choice of Brother James Hair for our Deacon - - - -

2nd Choose Brother Asa Shepardson Clerk

3rd Voted that Deacon Hair take the lead of the meetings and improve the time in Prayer Exhortation and Expounding the scriptures and that whereas he has been in the practice of improving his gift in this way in time past: Voted that we approbate the same among ourselves and occasionally in adjacent neighborhoods and Churches.

Lords Day December 5th 1819

Sarah Chadwick having been Baptised by Elder Evans before our constitution was added to the Church.

Fourth Lords Day in April 1820

Brother Hugh Kelly was Baptised by Elder John Mott and added to the Church- - - - -

July 22nd 1820

Agreeable to appointment Met in Church Confrence [sic] at the South School house in St Albans The following votes were taken

1st Choose Brother Hugh Kelly Moderator

2nd Voted thought not best to give Deacon Hair licence [sic] to preach he having made application to the Church for the same heretofore

3rd Voted that Deacon James Hair write the corresponding letter for the Church to the association - -
Asa Shepardson Chh Clerk

August 25th 1820

Met in Church Meeting at Sister Squires

after the meeting was opened the following votes were taken

1st Voted to send a letter to the association

2nd Choose Brother James Hair and Brother Nathan Brooks as delegates –

3rd Voted to give Deacon Hair a copy of the fourth vote of the Church at their meeting at St Albans Oct. 14th 1819 with the faith and order of the Church - - -

4th Voted that we hold our Church Meetings stately on the Saturday before the fourth Lords Day in each Month - - -

October 21st 1820

Agreeable to our appointment Met at Sister Squires in Church Conference

1st Voted to give Deacon Hair Sister Phebe Hair and Sister Rhoda Baker Letters of Recommendation and Dismision [sic] . . .

Asa Shepardson Chh. Clerk

November 25th 1820

Met Esq. Atwoods in Church Conference

Brother David Adams wishing to be dismissed from the Church in order to join the Church in Johnstown where he can be better accommodated; The Church voted to give him a letter of recommendation and dismision [sic]

December 23rd 1820

Met at Sister Squires, No business transacted except appointed some of the Sisters to visit some of the Sisters who had been absent for some time...

January 27th 1821

Met at St Albans in Church Conference no business done except appointed Brother Castle to visit

Brother Green and Sister Atwood to visit Sister Drake, they having been absent from Church

Conference for some time, was but eight members present, but had a good meeting all being very free in conversation.....

February 24th 1821

Met in Church Conference at Brother Shepardsons after the meeting was opened by reading and prayer Brother Castle was appointed to visit Brother and Sister Nicholas they having been absent for some time also appointed Brother Shepardson to visit Brother Spelman...

Voted to have Brother Kelly invite Elder Mott to come and preach with us one Lords Day

Asa Shepardson Chh. Clerk

St Albans May 19th 1821

Met in Church Conference, and had the pleasure of Elder George Evans company after a privation of more than fifteen months (that is) in our Church Meetings; though he had preached two Lords Days with us in the time. Sister Bethiah Castle related her expearance [sic] the Church voted to receive her as a candidate for Baptism: On account of ill health her Baptism was defered [sic]

Lords Day May 20th 1821

Elder Evans preached at St Albans and administered the Lords Supper.

August 9th 1821

Met in Church Conference at the house of Sister Squire Elder George Evans again was present Some were melted while relating the travel of their minds. Sister Cynthia Spelman related a very clear Christian expearence [sic], and was received as a candidate for Baptism. Our meeting was truely [sic] refreshing which caused us to thank God and take courage...

Voted that Elder George Evans write a letter to the Association and that he Brother Hugh Kelly and Brother Timothy Spelman be our Messengers to bear the same.

Asa Shepardson Chh. Clerk

August 19th 1821

Being Lords Day Elder Evans preached at Esq. Atwoods in St Albans administered the Lords Supper, and Baptised Sister Bethiah Castle and she was added to the Church...

October 20th 1821

Met in Church Conference at Brother Timothy Spelmans after the meeting was opened by reading and prayer Sister Hannah Granger related a very bright expearence [sic] and was received as a candidate for Baptism. We have reason to bless God that he is making [sic] some additions to our little number of such as we hope will be saved.

Lords Day November 4th 1821

Elder Evans preached with us again; Sister Cynthia Spelman, and sister Hannah Granger was Baptised in our little Jourdan in the wilderness of St Albans, and added to the Church: The day was very plesant [sic], the assembly pretty large, the Ordinance was attended with the greatest decency and solemnity, after the usual exercises of the day was over the ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered.

Asa Shepardson Chh. Clerk

Saturday Jan'y 19th 1822

Met in church Conference at Esq. Atwoods in St Albans we had no business in particular to attend to Elder Evans was present with us we had a very comfortable season believing that God granted us the sweet influence of his holy Spirit in some good degree... The day following being the Lords day we met again at the same place Elder Evans delivered two very affecting discourses from the words of our Savior to his desiples [sic]. I am the way.

Saturday March 16th 1822

Held a church Conference at St Albans

Elder G. Evans was with us and the day following he preached with us and administered the Lords supper.

Saturday April 27th 1822

Met in Church Conference at Sister Squires Elder Evans was present [sic] with us

We voted that we each and individually would for the present [sic] pray in secret at least once a day for the Church in particular that God would enable us to arise and trim our lamps and be engaged in the cause of Zion; and that God would bless every house and Family to which we belong. We also agreed to observe the Second day of May as a day of Fasting Humiliation and Prayer.

Asa Shepardson Chh. Clerk

May 2nd 1822

This day we met at the house of Ormon Rose in Loudon Street at ten O'Clock AM, the time was spent in Prayer, Exhortation, Singing, confessing, etc. We had a very comfortable season, Some at least we believe got their Spiritual strength renewed, while waiting before the Lord.

St Albans June 1st 1822

Met at Brother Castles for Church Conference

Elder G. Evans was with us, a goodly number were together, we had a very good meeting, and the following votes were taken.

1st. Voted that we would hold Church Conferences two Lords-days in Each month when we had no Preaching (viz) the second Lords-day at Sister Squiers in Granville, and the fourth at Brother Castles in St Albans

2nd. Voted that Elder Evans write a letter to Elder Hanover, and so in behalf of the Church and send it by Brother Castle, Inviting him to come and see us, and preach with us.

Saturday June 15th [1822]

Met at Brother Castles for Church Conference

Had a very agreeable interview [sic], Sister Lucretia Allen, came forward [sic] and related her expearence [sic] which was satisfactory, and the Church Voted to receive her as a candidate for Baptism.

Lords-day June 16th. [1822]

Sister Lucretia Allen was Baptised By Elder Evans, in our little Jourdan in the wilderness of St Albans, and added to the Church.

The day was plesant [sic] the assembly pretty large and the ordinance attended with great decency and solemnity.

Elder Hanover Preached with us this day.

Saturday June 29th. [1822]

This day held a church Conference at Sister Squires, Brother Oliver Allen, and Sister Mary Martin, related their expearances [sic] and were received as candidates for Baptism.

Lords-day June 30th. [1822]

We assembled by a river side, where Prayer had been wont to be made, and Brother Oliver Allen was Baptised By Elder Evans, and added to the Church.

We have great reason to bless the Lord that he is adding to our numbers of such as we believe will be saved.

July 27th [1822]---- Had a Church conference at Brother Castles, Brother Joseph Allen related his expearance [sic] and the Church Voted to receive him----

Elder Evans being about to go to New England and whereas he had been with us, and preached with us occasionally [sic], for more than four years, but had never become a member with us, the Church Voted to give him a letter of recommendation.

Lords-day July 28th

Brother Joseph Allen, and Sister Mary Martin was baptized, and added to the Church

Elder Evans preached a sermon on baptism, and administered the Lords supper to us.

Saturday, August. 24th [1822]

According to appointment met for Church Conference at Sister Squires, the following votes were taken.

1st. Voted to send Brother Sandford Castle, and Brother Asa Shepardson, as Delegates to the association.

2nd. Voted to send a letter to the association.

3rd. Choose Brethren Timothy Spelman Sandford Castle and Nathan Brooks, a committee to give Elder Evans an invitation to come back and settle with us he being about to go to New England.

October 26th. [1822]

Met at Sister Squires for monthly Conference, the Meeting being opened by reading and Prayer Proceeded to business.

1st. Voted unanimously to give Elder Hanover an invitation to preach with us one fourth part of the time for the present.

After which Brother Daniel Shepardson, and Brother Isham Sinnet, related their expearances [sic].

2nd. Voted to receive Brother Daniel Shepardson (by letter) as a member of this Church.

3rd. Voted to receive Brother Isham Sinnet as a candidate for baptism.

Asa Shepardson Chh. Clerk

November 23rd [1822]

In Church Conference at Brother Castles, sister Prudence Shepardson related her expearance [sic] and the Church Voted to receive her by Letter.

November 24th. [1822]

Elder Hanover Baptised Brother Isham Sinnet, and gave him and Brother Daniel Shepardson and Sister Shepardson, the right hand of Fellowship in behalf of the Church.

Elder Hanover Preached and administered the Lords supper

Feb. 22nd. 1823.

At a Church Meeting in Granville, at Brother Daniel Shepardsons

The following votes were passed ---viz.

1st Voted that in case that any member shall absent him or herself for two Church meetings in succession, and the Church not knowing the reason, it shall be the duty of the Church to inquire after such member, by a member of the Church, and the member after enquireing [sic] to make report of the same at the next Church meeting.

2nd Voted that, whereas, Brother Nicholds and Brother Chandler, having been absent from Church meetings and other meetings also the most part of the time for a long while: that Brethren Sandford Castle and Asa Shepardson visit our absent Brethren to know the cause of their absence.

March 22nd [1823]

This day met at Brother Castle for Church Conference the meeting being opened by reading and prayer, the following votes were taken.

1st Voted that Elder Hanover act as moderator in this meeting

2nd Voted that the Saturday before our Communion that we attend one hour sooner than the usual time and that so much of the time as may be nessasary [sic] shall be taken for the members to relate there [sic] minds and whether they are in fellowship and union with the Church, and their feelings with regard to going forward to Communion, and the rest of the time to be improved in such way as may be thought proper.

3rd Voted that the report of Brother Castle and Shepardson in regard to visiting Brother Nicholds and Brother Chandler be satisfactory. After which the brethren and sisters expressed their minds with regard to their fellowship and union with the Church and in regard to going forward on the morrow to Communion

Blessed be God for so much love and fellowship as is subsisting with us.

Lords day March 23rd. [1823]

We went forward to the Communion Elder Hanover administered to us.

At a Meeting at B Spelmans April 26th the following votes were taken (viz)

1st Voted that B Daniel Shepardson serve as moderator in our meetings.

2nd B Asa Shepardson being about to go to Vermont on a visit Voted to give him a letter of recommendation.

3rd Voted that B Isham Sinnet serve as Clerk in the absence of B Asa Shepardson

4th Voted to Send a letter to Elder Evans in Mass. Inviting him to come and settle with us.

Church M. July 26th 1823.

Voted 1st That Bs D. Shepherdson and Kelly visit B Thomas Green and make report next meeting.

2nd. Voted that B Kelly visit B Joseph Allen and make report next meeting.

3rd Voted that B I Sinnet write a letter (to be read next Chh. Meeting) to send to the Association.

Church [sic] meeting August 19th. [1823]

Reference laid over till next meting [sic].

Voted that Bs. Sanford Castle, Kelly and Sinnet serve as Delegates to the Association.

2. Voted that we in future meet at 11 O'clock punctually.

3. That the preparatory letter for the Association be conceded to.

Church Meeting Sept. 20th. [1823]

References of B Green satisfied by his acknowledgement before the Church. Voted that Brother Joseph Barns be admitted as a candidate for Baptism.

Sept. 29th. Elder Hanover Baptised Brother Joseph Barns and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

Church Mt. Oct. 25 [1823]

Brother Moses Tharp came forward and related his experience. Voted that Brother Moses Tharp be admitted as a candidate for Baptism.

Church M. Nov. 22 [1823]

Voted to give Brother Ishum Sinnet a letter of recommendation [sic].

January 24th 1824.

Met at B Castles and meeting being opened in the usual manner, the following votes were taken,

1st Voted to send a letter to Elder Sedwick inviting him to come and preach with us.

2nd Voted that B Castle serve as Clerk in the absence of Brethren, Shepardson and Sinnet.

March 27th. 1824.

Met at B. Castles, Elder Hanover being present acted as Moderator. Moses Tharp having heretofore came forward and related his expearance [sic] and been received as a candidate for baptism but not Baptised, and he since relating his experance [sic], having been accused of the crime of whipping [sic] a boy in such a manner as was supposed to be unhuman, and the business prosecuted in behalf of the State.

The Church took the thing into consideration and after conversing on the subject, thought best to let the matter rest untill [sic] Esq. Tharp should have his trial and then some of the Brethren attend in order to satisfy ourselves.

Voted that S Granger visit S Sawyer and enquire the cause of her absenting herself from meeting, and make returne [sic] at the next meeting.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

April 24th. [1824]

Met at B Spelmans and the meeting being opened by reading and prayer. Voted that B Asa Shepardson visit B Thomas Green and inquire the cause of his not attending with us and to make report at our next meeting. The rest of the time taken up in relating the exercises of our minds.

May 22nd. [1824]

Met for covenant meeting at B Castles in St Albans but having some business on hand the following votes were taken. (viz)

1st. Voted that B Greens acknowledgement for not attending meetings be satisfactory.

2nd. Voted that the report of S Granger in regard to S Sawyer be satisfactory.

3rd. Voted that S Phelps visit S Chadwick and inquire the cause of her absence and make report to the Church.

4th. Voted to receive S Mariah Barnes as a candidate for Baptism, after hearing her expearance [sic]. After having gone through with the business and our meeting being pretty full, and the time far spent, it was thought expedient for the members to relate their minds in regard to going to communion, in a short way which was done very much to our satisfaction to find so much love and union subsisting.

Lordsday May 23rd. [1824]

Elder Hanover baptised S. Maria Barns, gave her the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Church. Preached with us and administered the Lords supper.

Saturday June 26th. [1824]

Met at B Spelmans agreeable to our monthly appointment the meeting being opened by singing and prayer, the following question was presented to the Church by B Asa Shepardson, that whereas B Sandford Castle has some time since been appointed to serve in the Church as Deacon for the time being. Is it not expedient to appoint him for our Deacon. After conversing on the subject and reading what Paul wrote in his Epistle to Timothy respecting the qualifications of Bishops and Deacons, the question was decided by the few members present (being nine in number) that it was expedient. B Castle being absent, and but few of the Church present, thought not best to take any vote upon it. The rest of the time taken up in expressing the travil [sic] of our minds.

Saturday July 24th. [1824]

Held our monthly meeting at Brother Castles Elder Hanover being present acted as moderator, the meeting being opened in the usual way, the question was again proposed to the Church, for consideration. Is it not expedient to appoint B Castle for our Deacon, the members present seemed to be of one mind agreeing that it is expedient, it was however thought best to postpone the business till our monthly meeting in Sept, and then take a vote upon it. Voted that B Asa Shepardson write the Letter for the Church to the Association.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clerk

Saturday August 21st [1824]

Met in covenant meeting at Brother Spelmans the meeting being opened in the usual way the members present expressed their minds in regard to their union with the Church and going forward to communion after which the following votes were taken (viz)

1st Voted to receive the letter wrote by B Shepardson to the association.

2nd Voted that Brethren Asa Shepardson Hugh Kelly and Oliver Allen be our messengers to bear the same.

Lords-day 22nd. [1824]

Elder Hanover preached and administered the Lords supper to us.

Saturday Sept 25th [1824]

Held our monthly meeting at Brother Castles. Elder George Evans being with us acted as Moderator, the meeting being opened the members were call'd on to relate the travel of their minds after which, Voted to come to communion on the morrow as we could have Elder Evans to administer to us. As this day had been fixed upon to make choice of a deacon the thing was brought forward, but with the advise of Elder Evans agreed to wave the matter and appoint one brother to converse with the members individually to ascertain the minds of all the Church more fully with respect to the expedience of choosing one at this time and the proper person.

2nd Voted that Brother Asa Shepardson enquire the minds of the members in respect to a Deacon, and make report in two months.

3rd Brother Castle calculating to go to Vermont on a visit, Voted to give him a letter of recommendation.

4th Sister Mary Merrill having joined the Church soon after the organization, but no record made of it, and she soon after removeing [sic] her residence near Johnstown, at her request, Voted to give her a letter of recommendation and dismission [sic] to join with the Johnstown Church.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clerk

October 23rd [1824]

Held our meeting at B Spelmans the meeting being opened by reading and prayer the following Votes were taken (viz)

1st Voted that S Kelly visit Sister Sawyer enquire the cause of her absence and make report to the Chh

2nd After hearing the report of the Brethren [sic] who attended the trial of Esq Tharp. Voted not satisfyed [sic]

3rd Voted that B Sinnet visit Esq Tharp enquire whether he is calculating to come forward to the Church, if so, to inform him that we are dissatisfyed [sic] with him.

4th B Asa Shepardson going to Zanesville this winter to live, Voted to give him a letter of recommendation And B Sinnet to write the same.

Nov 27th [1824]

Met at Brother Castles the meeting being opened proceeded to business.

Heard the report of B Sinnet respecting Esq Tharp, which was that he was not prepared to give an answer, the query then arose is it expedient to decide on it at this time.

1st Voted that it is expedient.

2nd Voted that in consequence of his unchristian like walk and conversation since his relating his expearance [sic], we cannot receive him as a member. Brother Brooks presented a request in behalf of Sister Woods that she wished to become a member of this Church if there were no objections in the minds of any of the members. Sister Kelly reported from S Sawyer

3rd Voted that her excuse be accepted.

4th Voted that our next Lords-day meeting on the 4th Lords-day in next month be in Granville.

Dec 25th [1824]

Held our meeting at B Spelmans

Voted that we hold our Lords-day meetings of preaching one half of the time in the meeting house in St Albans, and the other half in the School-house in Mitchel District in Granville Township,

The request of S Woods referred to our next meeting.

Jan 22nd 1825

Met at St Albans Our Moderator being absent Elder Hanover supplied [sic] the vacancy.

1st Voted to receive S Chadwicks excuse after hearing S Phelps report.

The request of S Woods taken into consideration and as nothing appeared in the way on the part of the Church.

2nd Voted that B Brooks notify her of the same B Green having for years past been negligent in not attending Lords-day and Chh meetings and having call'd upon him from time to time and have rec [sic] his acknowledgments but we still feel burdened with him on account of his not doing any better after confessing and promising to amend we feel it to be duty to admonish him to his duty.

3rd Voted that Brn Nichols and Barnes visit B Green and commence the labour. B Asa Shepardson reported that he had conversed with the members respecting the propriety of choosing a Deacon, and found that the majority were in favor of appointing one, but that there were different minds respecting the proper person and B Castle manifested that it was his wish to let the matter rest and that he was willing to serve as he has formerly done, after conversing on the subject thought best (all things considered) to not proceed to choose any and passed a Vote to that effect.

Saturday Feb 26th 1825

Met at B Spelmans for Covenant Meeting The meeting being opened in the usual way proceeded to hear the minds of the members, which were very uniform for they all expressed that their minds were very low, but still were in union with their brethren and intended to go forward to communion. O may the Lord in mercy revive us in the spirit of our minds. Heard the report from B Green by B Barnes (B Nicholds not present) which was that B Green thought that he had a reasonable excuse for not attending our meetings, that he thought there was more time consumed in our meetings with our business than was necessary, and that he was burdened with some of the members. B Barnes stated that B Green was now

lame and unable to come to meeting but that he should endeavour to attend our next meeting. Call'd for a vote to see if we were satisfied [sic] with B Green. Voted not satisfied [sic].

Lords-day 27 Feb. [1825]

Elder Hanover preached with us and administered the Lords Supper.

March 26th 1825

In Church meeting at St Albans Brother Green came forward and acknowledged that he had been in the fault in absenting himself from meeting and was resolved to amend.

1st Voted to receive his acknowledgment.

2nd Voted that our next meeting be at B Kellys in Granville on the Saturday before the third Lords-day in April.

3rd Voted that B Daniel Shepardson and B Levi Nicholds be our Committee to circulate a Subscription to see what we can get for the purpose of obtaining preaching, whose duty it shall be to endeavour to obtain such person or persons to preach with us as the Church shall think proper.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

April 16th. [1825]

Met at B Kellys in Granville agreeable to appointment, the meeting being opened in the usual way the following votes were passed (viz)

1st Voted that we approve of our committe [sic] employing Elder Debolt to preach with us.

2nd Voted that we hold our Chh meetings one half of the time at this place

3rd Voted that we come into some regular method of doing our business in meetings.

4th Voted that a committee be appointed to form articles of decorum, and forward them at our June meeting.

5th Voted that Brethren Asa and Daniel Shepardson and Sandford Castle be said committee

6th Voted that Lords-days when we have no preaching that we meet at this place at 4 O Clock PM for Prayer meeting.

May 21st. [1825]

This day being our Covenant meeting the time was occupied in relating the travel of our minds and our feelings with regard to going forward to communion on the morrow, find a great simirarity [sic] in our feelings all manifest a great degree of coldness, yet (blessed be God) all in fellowship and determined to go forward to communion. We have great reason to bless the Lord that since the formation of the Chh which is almost six years we have had no jars nor divisions but still continue in love and fellowship. Yet we have reason to mourn our great declention [sic] and coldness, and may with propriety say with the Prophet Amos. "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small." Yet we trust that he that has began a good work in our Souls will revive us in his own time, may the Lord in mercy hasten the time, yea the happy set time to favour Zion in this place.

Asa Shepardson Clerk.

Saturday June 25th. [1825]
Met in Granville at B Kelly's and adopted the following

Rules of decorum.

Article

- 1st. There shall be a moderator, whose duty it shall be to open the meeting (or cause it to be done) and to preside in meeting, receive all motions, call votes and declare the same.
- 2nd. There shall be a Clerk whose duty it shall be to record all votes and other business necessary to be recorded done by the Church.
- 3rd. The moderator and Clerk shall be chosen annually on the Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September.
- 4th. It shall be the duty of the moderator to invite members of Sister Churches that are in good standing to a seat with us in Council.
- 5th. A time and place having been previously appointed by the Church for business and a sufficient number of members being together shall be considered capable of transacting business, and whatever thus done shall be binding on the Church, and shall not be recall'd without a previous notice given of three months.
- 6th. Any refferences [sic] left on record, shall be the first thing attended to after the opening of the meeting.
- 7th. A member presenting any thing to the Church or speaking on any business before the Church, shall stand on their feet while speaking.
- 8th. Any member not satisfying their own mind in speaking on a matter once shall have the privilege of speaking only once more without permission from the moderator.
- 9th. Any member makeing [sic] a motion, it shall be necessary for them to obtain a second in order to their motion being attended to.
- 10th. Any member makeing [sic] a motion and meeting with a second it shall be attended to before any other motion unless the member shall see cause to withdraw his motion.
- 11th. In all cases the majority shall rule, except in receiving members when the voice of the whole shall be required.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday July 23rd. [1825]

Agreeable to appointment met at St Albans the meeting being opened the following business was attended to.

Our rules of decorum being read, Brethren Timothy Spelman and Nathan Brooks made a request that our Eighth article of Decorum be altered, that the power therein given to the moderator to grant liberty to a member to speak the third time on any subject, be vested in the Church.

- 1st. Voted that the request of B'n Spelman and Brooks be attended to after three months according to our rules.
- 2nd. Voted to send three Delegates to the Association
- 3rd. Voted that Brethren Daniel Shepardson Ishum Sinnet and Asa Shepardson be our Delegates.
- 4th. Voted that B Asa Shepardson write a letter for the Church to the Association. After which Elder Hanover made a request that the time which he preaches with us that we hold our meetings at the Schoolhouse in St Albans.

5th Voted that the request of Elder Hanover be granted.

Saturday August 27th. [1825]

Met at Brother Kellys and but four members present, Agreed to act in a Church capacity opened the meeting by reading and prayer. B Asa Shepardson presented a letter to send to the association. Voted to send it.

Saturday Sept 24th. [1825] The meeting being opened by reading singing and prayer, proceeded to business.

1st Choose B Daniel Shepardson moderator for the year ensuing. he being absent.

2nd Choose B Kelly moderator for the day.

3rd. Choose B Asa Shepardson Clerk for the ensuing year. It being thought expedient for us to go forward to Communion on the morrow proceded [sic] to renew our covenant, enjoyed a comfortable season a goodly number of the Church being together, and the minds of some seemed quite tender while relating the travel of their minds. Blessed be God for some small revival of his spirit in our Souls in this time of coldness.

October 22nd [1825] Being but few members present Voted to postpone the business of the request of Brethren Spelman and Brooks to alter one article in our rules of decorum.

Held our meeting according to appointment at Brother Castles, the meeting being opened in the usual way proceeded to business.

1st Voted that Brother Castle be moderator protem. Brother Kelly came forward voluntarily [sic]and confesed [sic] that he had been out of the way in that he had suffered himself to get very angry.

2nd Voted to recieve [sic] his confession.

The request of Brethren Timothy Spelman and Nathan Brooks was then taken under consideration and after suitable discussion [sic] on the subject.

3rd Voted not to grant the request.

Brother Green having previously conducted himself very unbecoming in publick [sic] and brought an open reproach upon the cause, and being present came forward (after being invited by the moderator) and confessed that he had been out of the way in getting ery angry but said he had been abused and that he thought that Brother Kelly had been the instigator of the thing, Brethren Kelly and Green in conversing on the subject did not agree. Brother Kelly also said that Brother Green Call'd him a d__d son of a b__h which he denied [sic] B Kelly Said he could prove it. Finding matters thus thought best to choose a committee to go in search of evidence in this case and report at our next meeting.

4th Voted that Brethren Castle and Nicholds be said committee.
Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday Dec 24th. [1825]

A goodly number present, Elder Hanover being with us acted as moderator, the meeting being opened in the usual manner proceded to business. The case of Brethren Kelly and Green was again Call'd in

question, the committee came forward and presented the testimony of a number of witnesses in writing three came forward and gave in their testimony in a verbal form. Brother Green made some confession as at the last meeting but still endeavored to defend his cause and seemed very loth [sic] to concede to the testimony against him.

1st Voted Brother Kelly clear from the charge by Brother Green.

2nd Voted Brother Green guilty of the charges against him (viz) for getting angry, drawing a knife to defend himself with, and makeing [sic] use of profane language.

3rd Voted not satisfyed [sic] with B Greens confession. After some time conversing on the proper time to exclude B Green from the Church.

4th Voted that his case be laid over till our next monthly meeting and the meeting to commence at 9 O Clock AM.

Jan 21st 1826

The meeting being open'd proceeded to renew our Covenant, after which the case of Brother Green was again taken in to consideration, Brother Green being present again confessed that he had been in the fault, after considerable time spent in conversing on the subject it was motioned that the minds of the Church be tryed [sic]. Voted that B Greens confession be received on condition of his makeing [sic] a public confession. Lords day 22nd Jan Brother Green made his acknowledgement publickly [sic].

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Feb 25th. [1826]

Held our meeting in Granville, the meeting being open'd in our usual manner, proceeded to business, Elder Debolt having been preaching with us for some time once a month and we now having a prospect of obtaining a preacher to be steady with us, thought best to dismiss Elder Debolt therefore.

1st Voted that our Committee make him acquainted with our situation.

Elder Drake having visited us twice this winter preached with us a number of times and given some encouragement of comeing [sic] to live with us, of comeing [sic] for a season upon trial at least.

2nd. Voted that we send him a letter requesting him to come and make us another visit.

St Albans 25 March. [1826] Elder Drake being with us

1st Voted that he be moderator, our moderator being absent. Elder Corbly Martin having sent us a circular letter from the board of the Baptist missionary society of Cincinnati wishing us to form an auxiliary society for the purpose of chooseing [sic] a delegate to meet our brethren in Zanesville for the purpose of considering the expediency of forming a State Convention. The bysiness [sic] was laid before the Church and after some time spent on the subject.

2nd Voted to choose a committee to draught a constitution and present it at our next meeting.

3rd Voted that Brethren Asa Shepardson and Hugh Kelly be said committee.

Some of our brethren stated to us that it was expected that Elder Wileman from Connecticut was comeing [sic] to live in St Albans and probaly [sic] might supply us as a minister, but considering it uncertain and Elder Drake and Elder Hanks being both with us and a probability that we can obtain either of them.

4th Voted not to wait for Elder Wileman Elder Drake offering to supply us for the present [sic].

5th Voted to accept of Elder Drakes proposal. Also to invite Elder Hanks to make us a visit that we may have an opportunity to become acquainted with him.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

April 22nd. 1826

In Covenant meeting held at the Academy in Granville the following things were attended to, a goodly number being together our moderator being absent, the meeting being open'd in the usual way by Elder Hanks.

1st Voted Elder Hanks moderator.

Brethren Asa Shepardson and Hugh Kelly having been previously appointed by the Church to draught a constitution for forming an auxiliary Society and not being fully prepared to present it to the Church requested to withdraw a few minuets [sic].

2nd Voted that the request be granted.

After which proceeded to renew our Covenant, the draught of the constitution being call'd for was read.

3rd Voted not to receive it, After some deliberation on the subject.

4th Voted to postpone the forming of the Society until our last meeting before the meeting of the State Convention next year and see what donations we can then obtain for the (?) Elder Hanks expecting to tarry with us for a short Season at least.

5th Voted that we hold our Lords-day meetings half the time in Granville and the other in St Albans. Elder Hanks presented a subject to the Church for consideration that whereas there is a number of Baptist members within the bounds of this Church who have letters of recommendation from Churches at a distance and stand aloof from the Chh, whether it is not the duty of the Chh to call after them and if they returne [sic] not to their duty to Note them back to their Mother Church. The time being far spent thought best to let it rest until our next meeting, but no vote taken upon it.

Asa Shepardson, Chh Clk.

May 27th [1826]

The meeting being open'd in the usual way, the subject presented by Elder Hanks at our last meeting was brought forward and after some deliberation on the matter,

1st Voted to postpone the business untill [sic] our next meeting. Lois Matthews made a request to join the Church by presenting her Letter.

2nd Voted to postpone it untill [sic] our next.

3rd Voted that our Chh meetings be at one O Clock PM.

4th Choose Brother Castle to converse with Elder Drake (he being with us) with regard to our inviting him to supply us for the present. Brother Castle reported that Elder Drake considered himself under no particular obligations to us nor we to him.

5th Voted to choose a committee to get Elder Hanks proposals for to preach with us six months and circulate a subscription.

6th Choose Brethren Asa Shepardson and Hugh Kelly said Committee.

Brother Thomas Spelman related his expearance [sic]

7th Voted to receive him as a candidate for Baptism

Lords-day June 11th. [1826]

By the request of Elder Hanks met at B Kellys at nine O Clock AM Brother Daniel Baker and his wife Jerusha Baker related their expearances [sic] which were very dear and full, were received by the Church, after which we repared [sic] to the water where they and Brother Thomas Spelman were Baptised by Elder Hanks in the presence of a large concourse of people. The day was pleasant [sic], the assembly solemn, the ordinance attended with propriety and decency.

Asa Shepardson, Clk.

June 24th. [1826]

The meeting being open'd Elder Azariah Hanks and his wife presented their Letter and requested to become members with us.

1st. Voted to receive them.

After which Brother Daniel Dusenbury and his wife presented their Letter.

2nd. Voted to receive them.

3rd. Voted to look after such members as are within the bounds of the Church that have Letters from other Churches and Stand aloof from the Church.

4th. Choose Brother Kelly committee to enquire after those members.

The committee appointed at our last meeting for the purpose of getting Elder Hanks's proposals to preach with us reported that for certain reasons they had engaged him to preach with us one year from the time he began, instead of six months.

5th. Voted satisfyed [sic] with the proceedings of the committee.

Mrs. Matthews sent a request by B Castle for her Letter which she left with us at our last meeting

6th. Voted to give up her Letter.

Brethren Joseph Barnes and Sandford Castle stated that the inhabitants of St Albans were very anxious to hire Elder Wileman to preach, and that the members in St Albans wished the Church to appoint a committee to invite him to preach there and that they have the priviledge [sic] to pay their subscriptions to him in conjunction with the rest of the people there. The Brethren manifested a willingness to give them the privilege of paying what they were willing to pay for preaching to Elder Wileman, but as we had engaged one preacher already thought it improper for the Church to appoint a committee to employ another. After considerable conversation on the subject Brother Castle made a motion that it be laid over till our next meeting.

7th. Voted not to postpone it.

8th. Voted that the Brethren in St Albans have the privilege to pay what they can raise by subscription to Elder Wileman in conjunction with others.

Lords-day July 9th [1826]

Being some differences in the Church, and our next monthly meeting being our covenant meeting thought best to appoint an extra meeting for the purpose of reconciling [sic] those differences agreed therefore to meet at B Kellys on the 15th (?) at 11 O Clock AM

July 15th 1826

The meeting being open'd Proceeded to business which is to reconcile the differences subsisting in the Church which differences consisted of our brethren in St Albans being dissatisfyed [sic] because the

Church were unwilling to hire Elder Wileman in the same way we had hired Elder Hanks. After considerable time spent in conversing on the subject and finding ourselves no nearer the point Elder Hanks proposed for the Chh to choose a Committee of five to withdraw and agree on some proposals to present to the Chh for a settlement.

1st Voted to choose such committee.

2nd Voted that Brethren, Joseph Barns Timothy Spelman, Daniel Baker, Sandford Castle and Asa Shepardson be said Committee.

The Committee withdrew, and returned with the following proposals (viz) That Elder Hanks preach in Granville Elder Wileman in St Albans and exchange occasionally if they think proper: our Chh meetings one half the time in Granville and the other half in St Albans, and our communion to be held where the Chh think proper.

3rd Voted to receive the proposals of our committee After which some confessions were made by members on both sides which seem'd satisfactory to all, it was now agreed to bury all difficulties heretofore subsisting and go on together in love and fellowship- - - - -

Blessed be God for the result of this meeting whereby peace and harmony is restored to us. How pleasant tis to see brethren dwell together in unity.

Before our meeting was concluded Elder Hanks gave B Thomas Spelman the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Chh.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Lords-day July 16th. [1826] Brother Erastus Allyn related his Christian expearance [sic], and was received by the Church as a candidate for baptism.

Saturday July 22nd. [1826]

The meeting being open'd proceeded to renew our Covenant was very happy to find all in Fellowship and union.

Sister Julia Sinnet requested to become a member by forwarding her Letter from Poultney Church.

1st Voted to receive her.

Alanson Sinnet related his expearance [sic] and requested to become a member.

2nd Voted to receive him for Baptism.

Lords-day July 23rd [1826]

Elder Hanks Baptised Brethren, Alanson Sinnet and Erastus Allyn, in our little Jourdan [sic] in Granville gave them the right hand of fellowship at the water side. Blessed be God that he is adding to our numbers of such as we believe will be saved.

Lords-day August 13th. [1826]

Voted that Brother Asa Shepardson write a letter to the Association in behalf of the Church.

August 26th. [1826]

After opening our meeting the following votes were taken.

1st Voted to send to the Association. Brother Asa Shepardson having been previously appointed by the Church to write a letter to the Association, the letter being call'd for was read.

2nd Voted to receive it.

3rd Voted that Elder Hanks, Brethren, Thomas Spelman Alanson Sinnet and Asa Shepardson (in case of failer [sic]) be our Messengers.

Sept 23rd. [1826]

1st Voted that Elder Hanks serve as moderator the ensuing year.

2nd Voted Asa Shepardson serve as Clerk.

The question was then call'd where shall our communions seasons be held, it having heretofore been held half the time in St Albans and the Church now two thirds residing in Granville or can be better accommodated there the members thought it their privilege to claim their part of the time according to their numbers, after some time spent in convening on the subject

3rd Voted that we hold our communions one third of the time in St Albans and two thirds in Granville.

4th Voted that we have six communions in the year and our covenant meetings on Saturday preceeding [sic] at the same place where the communion is to be held.

Sister Chadwick having absented herself from meeting for a long time.

5th Voted that Elder Hanks visit her and make his report at our next meeting.

October 21st [1826] Held our covenant meeting in St Albans agreeable to appointment.
Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day Nov 5th. [1826]

Brother and Sister Chandler being about to remove to the State of Indiana requested letters of recommendation and dismission [sic].

1st Voted to give them Letters.

Saturday Nov 25 [1826]

Met at the academy in Granville, the meeting being open'd proceeded to business.

Elder Hanks having been appointed to visit Sister Chadwick and enquire the cause of her absence made his report.

1st Voted the report Satisfactory.

A proclamation having been issued by the Govenor [sic] of the State for a day of thanksgiving.

2nd Voted to observe the day and hold a meeting

3rd Voted to observe the first day of Jan'y next as a day of fasting and prayer agreeable to the request of our Association.

Brother Green having absented himself for some time.

4th Voted to give him a letter of admonition requesting him to attend and show the cause of his absence.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day Dec 10th. [1826]

Agreeable to the 4th Vote of our last meeting a letter of admonition to Brother Thomas Green was presented by the Clerk, read and approved.

Said Letter stating our cause of grief with him requesting him to attend our next meeting on the 23rd of this month in Granville and show the cause of his absence [sic] and take his place with us as a member.

Dec 23rd. [1826]

Held our covenant meeting in Granville after renewing our covenant had a letter presented from Brother Green which was read, the following is a copy of it.

Bennington Dec. 22nd 1826

To the Church of Jesus Christ in Granville and St Albans send greeting.

Dear Brethren in Christ I received your kind and inviting admonition which requested me to attend on the 23rd instant and give the reasons of my neglect of not attending with you. I take this method to express my mind to you, Which is as follows, my coldness and indifferency [sic] of mind and poverty as to the want of clothes, I feel to confess my fault and ask the Church's forgiveness and for them to continue their watch and care over me as a member hoping [sic] that the Lord will bless and build you up in the faith of the Gospel.

Thomas Green.

1st Voted that the business with Brother Green be postponed untill [sic] our next meeting.
Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day Jan'y 14th. 1827

Sister Atwood having stop'd her travel with the Church.

1st Voted that we choose a committee to enquire the cause

2nd Voted that Brethren Asa Shepardson and Daniel Baker be said committee.

Elder Hanks being about to go a journey requested a letter of recommendation.

3rd Voted to give him one.

St Albans Jan. 27th [1827]

The cause of Brother Green taken up and lade [sic] over untill [sic] our next meeting Brother Baker expecting to see him shortly

1st Voted that he converse with him on the subject

The committee appointed to converse with Sister Atwood reported that her complaint is removed

2nd Voted to give Brother Barnes a letter of recommendation.

Saturday Feb 24th. [1827]

Held our covenant meeting in Granville.

March 24th. [1827]

The meeting being open'd in the usual way our moderator being absent.

1st Voted Brother Daniel Shepardson serve Brother Greens case call'd in question. Brother Baker stated he had not seen him as yet therefore.

2nd Voted that the business rest untill [sic] Brother Baker see him.

The members belonging to St Albans presented to the Church the following petition.

To the Granville and St Albans Baptist church.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters.

We the subscribers, Members of your boddy [sic] and maintaining the same faith and order with yourselves and now in fellowship and communion with you having of late duly considered our local situation and the difficulty that many of us labor under of attending worship and ordinances with you and also the hopeful conversion of a good number in our vicinity who have manifested a desire of uniting and enjoying membership and communion with us by which the cause we have espoused will doubtless be enlarged and strengthened and the light of truth more abundantly shone and we and our families receive additional religious privileges as also a number of members of sister Churches now residing in this town, do consider it our duty and have jointly agreed by these lines to petition you to take our case into consideration and if you shall think proper by your vote to set us off to be constituted as soon as conveinent [sic] into a distinct Church holding the same doctrine, discipline, and ordinances we now do, and maintaining the same fellowship with you and all Churches of the same faith and order which now exists.

Done and agreed to at a meeting call'd for the purpose at St Albans. March 21st 1827.

Levi Nicoles	Rhoda Burnet	Polly Drake
Thomas Spellman	Betsy Nicoles	Mary Atwood
Joseph Barnes	Polley Phelps	Bethiah Castle
Sandford Castle	Maria Barnes	

3rd Voted to grant the petition.

4th Voted that the Church property be divided as follows (viz) Granville to have Benedicts history 2 Vol. The Chh Book of record and two cups.

St Albans the tankard and two cups.

The members from St Albans made a request for council at their constitution

5th Voted Elder Hanks and Brother Asa Shepardson attend as council at St Albans on the 14th day of April 1827

6th Voted that we wish to hire Elder Hanks to preach with us another year

7th Voted Brethren Daniel Baker and Daniel Dusenberry be our committe [sic] to converse with him on the subject.

8th Voted that all Church meetings be held in the town of Granville
Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

April 21st [1827]

1st Voted that we be known by the name of the Granville Church.

2nd Voted to give Elder Hanks and his wife letters of recommendation and dismissal.

3rd Voted to give Elder Hanks a copy of the 3rd 4th and 5 votes of our meeting in March 25th 1826. The 5th Vote of May 27th 1826, The 4th Vote of June 24th 1826. And the 6th and 7th Votes of March 24th 1827.

Also a copy of the petition of the St Albans members as recorded page 70.

4th Voted to give Brother Ishum Sinnet a letter of recommendation.

5th Voted that we hold our communions quarterly

6th Voted to go to communion on the morrow.

7th Voted to give Elder Hanks an invitation to administer to us.

8th Voted that this Church become an auxiliary to the convention of the State of Ohio.

9th Choose Elder Hanks delegate to the convention

10th Voted to receive Brother Greens confession.

11th Voted to reconsider the postponing Brother Greens case and Brother Bakers appointment to visit him.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday May 26th. [1827]

1st Voted Daniel Shepardson moderator for the day.

2nd Voted that we meet every Lords-day except the third at half past ten O Clock read a sermon in the AM. and in the PM a prayer and Conference meeting. Levi Morton related a very clear and pleasing expearance [sic].

3rd Voted to receive him as a candidate for Baptism

Saturday June 23rd. [1827]

1st Choose Oliver Allyn moderator for the day. Had no particular business to attend to but as we were destitute of preaching and none to administer to us in holy things and Brother Levi Morton standing as a candidate for Baptism. Conversed on the subject of obtaining some one to administer the ordinance of Baptism and also to obtain preaching but no Votes taken.

Asa Shepardson Clk.

Lords-day July 8th. [1827]

Elder James Berry preached with us, and Baptised Brother Levi Morton.

Saturday 21st. July. [1827]

Renewed our covenant and agreed to go forward to communion on the fifth Lords-day in this month as we expect Elder James Berry to be with us.

Saturday August 25th. [1827]

Brother Asa Shepardson having been appointed to write a letter to the Association presented it, was read and approved.

Appointed Brethren Oliver Allyn and Asa Shepardson Messengers to the association
Asa Shepardson Clk.

Saturday 22nd Sept. [1827]

Met at Brother Bakers in Granville and according to our rules of decorum

1st Voted B Daniel Shepardson serve as moderator for the ensuing year.

2nd Voted Asa Shepardson Clk.

Nov 3rd [1827]

Our covenant meeting being postponed for one week met this day and renew'd our covenant and on Lords-day went forward to communion Elder Wildman administered to us

Saturday Nov 24th [1827]

Elder Nathan Wildman being with us opened the meeting by reading and prayer after which received a request from Sister Mary Martin presented by B Asa Shepardson for a Letter of recommendation and dismission for the purpose of Joining the Chh in St Albans

1st Voted to give Sister Martin a Letter.

2nd Voted to request Elder Nathan Wildman to preach with us a part of the time the ensuing winter as he is expecting to tarry here till spring.

3rd Voted that B Alanson Sinnet visit B Timothy Spelman and enquire the cause of his absence.

4th Voted that Sister Jerusha Baker the 1st Visit Sister Sawyer and enquire after her

Saturday Dec 22nd [1827]

Brother Alanson Sinnet Stated had not seen B Spelman.

Sister Baker stated she had conversed with Sister Sawyer. She stated to the Church her excuse for not attending meetings.

1st Voted to rec. the excuse.

January 26th 1828

A goodly number attended Elder Nathan Wildman being with us opened the meeting by singing and prayer after which proceded [sic] to read and renew our covenant.... Brother Timothy Spelman being present acknowledged his fault in absenting himself..

1st Voted to receive his confession.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Feb 23rd [1828]

1st Voted to circulate a subscription for the purpose of making [sic] a compensation to Elder Nathan Wildman for his labours with us.

2nd Voted that B Daniel Baker be our committee to circulate and rec the Subscription.

3rd Appointed B Kelly to see Sister Santee and make some arrangement [sic] to provide a home for her.

Saturday March 22nd. [1828]

1st Voted to build a cabin [sic] for Sister Santee.

2nd Voted that Brother Erastus Allyn superintend the concerns of Sister Santee.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday, April 26th. [1828]

A goodly number met to renew our covenant and was happy to find all in union and fellowship after renewing our Covenant.

1st Appointed Elder Berry and Brother Dusenberry our delegates to the convention.

2nd Voted to give Brother and Sister Spelman letters of recommendation and dismission [sic] in order to join with a Church to be constituted in McKean where they reside.

Brother Spelman then presented a letter from the members in McKean requesting Counsel for organization.

3rd Appointed Brethren Daniel Shepardson Asa Shepardson and Alanson Sinnet for Counsel to McKean.

Saturday May 24th [1828]

Elder Berry being present opened the meeting by Singing and prayer and acted as moderator

1st Voted that we have our covenant meetings and Communion once in two months and every other month a meeting of business.

2nd Voted that Brethren Levi Morton and Oliver Allyn be our Committee to procure preaching for us and circulate a Subscription.

3rd Appointed Asa Shepardson to enquire of Eld. Nathan Wildman how much he has received for preaching with us and also who are willing to pay to him and how much.

Some being present who expressed a desire of relating their experiences [sic], open'd a door for them.

Luther Woods related his exercises of mind and was rec. as a candidate for Baptism.

Alvira Kelly related her Experience [sic], and was Received

Louisa Thomas related hers and Received

Polly Thurston related and rec. a candidate for Baptism

Lords-day May 25th. [1828]

Lydia Nicoll having related her experience [sic] on Saturday was received for Baptism.

Elizabeth Powell related her experience [sic] and was rec. for Baptism and the six Candidates were Baptised by Elder Berry.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Saturday June 21st. [1828]

Renewed our covenant.

1st Voted to Received [sic] Brother Elijah Russell by Letter.

Brother Allen Darrow made a request for himself and wife to enjoy Chh privileges with us for the present forwarded a letter of recommend.

2nd Voted to grant their request

Polly Rose, Mary Ashton, Harris Thurston and Stephen Ashton. Related their expearances [sic] and were received for Baptism.

Lords-day June 22nd. [1828]

Polly Dagget rec by Letter. The four candidates were Baptised by Elder Berry and after the usual exercises of the day were over the ten recently Baptised with the two rec by Letter, rec the right hand of fellowship After which we enjoyed a very plesant [sic] and solemn season with a goodly number of our Brethren from a number of Sister Chh's in surrounding the table of the Lord to celebrate the death and sufferings of our ascended Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..... Blessed be thy name O God that after a long season of darkness with us thou hast appeared in mercy and granted us fresh tokens of thy love and art making additions to us of such as we believe will be saved.

O Lord continue thy good begun work that we may see many more sinners born into thy kingdom.

Asa Shepardson, Clk.

God in mercy having been recently pouring out his spirit among us and bringing many to the knowledge of the truth and a number having expressed a desire to unite with us in a Chh capacity. Therefore according to a previous appointment met at the Academy on the 12th of July at two O Clock PM to hear from those who wish to go with us. The meeting being opened by prayer... singing and a very appropriate address by Elder Berry, opened a door for expearances [sic] when the following when the following persons came forward and gave in their relation.

Rebecca Cramer

Anna Case

Mary Sinnet

Adaline Chadwick

Electa Bigelow

Hannah Cramer

Elizabeth Russell

David Chadwick

Joanna Ashton

Polly Bigelow

Joseph Ashton

Benson Case

Cyrus Brooks were received.... Time failing adjourned till tomorrow at nine O Clock AM.

Lords-day July 13th [1828]

Met according to adjournment but none came forward to relate their expearance [sic]. The thirteen who were rec yesterday were Baptised by Elder Berry and rec the right hand of fellowship.

Saturday July 26th. [1828]

- 1st Voted to send a letter to the Association.
- 2nd Voted to send three Delegates to the Association.
- 3rd Voted Elder Berry be one of our messengers
- 4th Voted B Daniel Shepardson a messenger.
- 5th Voted B Levi Morton third messenger.

Some wishing to join the Church, after reading our Articles of Faith and our covenant and singing a Hymn opened a door for them..... and the following persons came forward and related their exappearances [sic]. Gideon Dagget Jun. Was rec as a candidate for Baptism. Nancy Ashton, rec, Perren Shepardson received.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Lords-day July 27th. [1828]

The three candidates rec yesterday baptised by elder Berry.

Friday 4 O Clock PM August 15th. [1828]

Sally Graves, Millinda Chadwick, Elizabeth Rose & Samantha Carpenter, related their exappearances [sic] and were received as candidates for Baptism.

Asa Shepardson Clk.

Saturday One O Clock PM August 23rd [1828]

After opening the meeting by singing and prayer..... Read our Covenant and proceeded to renew it and were happy to find all in love fellowship and union.....

Maretta Atwood related a very clear and pleasing expearance [sic] and was rec as a candidate for Baptism... Sally Holler, Elizabeth Connel and Sarah Alder related their exappearances [sic] and requested to become members with us and were rec having been previously Baptised by Elder Berry in Newark.

Asa Shepardson Clk.

Lords-day August 24th. [1828]

Elder Berry Baptised Sally Graves, Maretta Atwood, Melinda Chadwick, Samantha Carpenter & Elizabeth Rose. - - - John Strickler related his expearance [sic] and was rec having been recently Baptised in Newark by Eld Berry. - - and the right hand of fellowship given to all recently rec. and the Lords supper administered.

Saturday September 27th. [1828]

1st Appointed Elder Berry Moderator for the ensuing year.

2nd And Asa Shepardson Clerk.

Brother Alanson Sinnet brought forward to the Church the propriety of choosing a deacon. After consulting on the subject.

3rd Voted that we choose a deacon in the Chh

4th Voted that we postpone the choice for two months that we have time to consult with one another on the subject and make it a matter of prayer that our choice may be directed by God. - -

Mahitabel King Related her expearance [sic] was rec

Sally Nicoll rec from a relation of her expearance [sic]

Sally Cubberly and Mary Thrall rec on relation of their expearance [sic]

Lords-day September 28th. [1828]

Elder Berry Baptised Mehitabel King, Sally Nicoll, Sally Cuberly, Mary Thrall.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday October 25th. [1828]

Met at the Congregational meetinghouse, after opening the meeting by reading singing and prayer, read our Covenant and proceeded to renew it a goodly number being together – were happy to find ourselves as a Chh in love and fellowship. After which opened a door for expearances [sic]. Also for reception by Letter. John Cubberly related, and rec by a unanimous

1st Vote

2nd Voted to rec Sister Mary Cubberly by Letter.

3rd Voted to rec Joel Philbrook from a relation of his expearance [sic]

Lords-day Oct 26th [1828]

Elder Berry Baptised John Cubberly and Joel Philbrook and gave the right hand of fellowship to those recently received, and administered the Lords supper.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Saturday Nov. 22nd [1828]

Met at the Academy. the day being very stormy was but a few members present. After opening the meeting by singing and prayer. Proceeded to business. And this being the day agreed upon to choose a deacon and being few present the question arose in regard to the propriety of postponing the Choice After consultation on the subject.

1st Voted that we postpone the Choice untill [sic] the Saturday before the fourth Lords-day in Dec next at 3 O Clock PM.

2nd Voted that through the winter season we attend our Chh meetings punctually at 11 O Clock AM. Enquired after the fellowship of the Church, found nothing disturbing or marring our peace. Opened a door for the reception of members by Letter or expearance [sic]. James Peasley and Lucy his wife related their Christian expearance [sic] and were rec having been baptised heretofore.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day Nov 23rd [1828]

Eliza Richmond and Roxanny Gardner related their experances [sic], were rec and baptised by Elder James Berry. Blessed be God for enlarging the borders of Zion.

Dec 27th [1828]

Met at the Academy, Eld Berry opened the meeting by singing prayer and reading the 133 Psalm, read our Covenant and proceeded to renew it, had a goodly number presant [sic] and have reason to bless God for the opportunity, as we find love and fellowship still to continue, and some expressed seasons of great joy since our last Covenant meeting.

Opened a door for the reception of members.

1st George Gardner related his expearance [sic] and was received as a candidate for Baptism. Brother Allen Darrow and his wife sister Sally Darrow presented a letter of recommendation and dismission from the Chh to which they belong in Connecticut.

2nd Voted to rec them as members of this Church.

Sister Elizabeth Connell having married and remooved [sic] from this place, made a request by Eld Berry for a letter of recommend and dismission

3rd Voted to grant it.

Agreeable to our former appointment opened our meeting of business at 3 O Clock PM.

Query. What way to proceed in Voted for a Deacon in the Church. After a number of remarks made on the subject.

4th Voted to choose by nomination.

5th Voted that Brother Daniel Shepardson be the Deacon of this Church. Concluded by singing and prayer by B Darrow.

James Berry Mod.
Asa Shepardson Clk

Lord's-day Dec 28 [1828]

B. George Gardner Baptised by Elder Berry and those recently Baptised and rec. by letter rec. the right hand of fellowship after which we had a very solemn and pleasant season in comeing [sic] around the table of the Lord, a goodly number of our Brethren from Sister Churches being present.

Asa Shepardson Clk.

January 24th 1829

Agreeable to our stated appointment Met at the Academy, Elder Berry pened the meeting by singing, prayer, and reading the 2nd Chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Phillipians [sic], after which proceeded to Business.

1st Enquired for references, found none

2nd Invited visiting members to a seat with us

3rd enquired after the fellowship of the Chh, found nothing marring our peace,

1st Voted that we appoint a society meeting, to be held at Brother Kelly's on the 5th of February at 6 O'Clock PM for the purpose of making [sic] some arrangment [sic] with regard to the building of our meeting house. Whereas we have heretofore been in the habit of holding meeting on Lord's-days only

every other day when we had preaching, it being suggested by some of our Brethren the propriety of holding meeting every Lord's-day after consultation held on the Subject.

2nd Voted that we hold meetings on every Lord's-day. Brother Allen Darrow manifested to the Chh that he has for some time past thought whether the Lord had not called him to preach his Gospel and he wished to know the mind of the Church on the Subject and if they thought proper to give him a letter of License.

3rd Voted to give B. Darrow a letter of Licence [sic] to preach wherever the Lord opens a door for him..... May the Lord make him a usefull [sic] Servant in the ministry.

Elder James Berry heaving been labouring with us for some time presented a letter of recommend and dismission from the Chh to which he belongs, wishing to become a member with us.

4th Voted to rec him.

Asa Shepardson Clk

Feb 21st [1829]

After opening the meeting, read our covenant and proceeded to renew it. Still found fellowship existing, Some expressed a great deal of darkness since our last covenant meeting some great Seasons of joy, and some a mixture of both. - - - - -

Sister Phebe Miligan rec by Letter and also rec the right hand of fellowship.

Brother Darrow closed the meeting by Prayer.

March 21st [1829]

The meeting being opened proceeded to business

1st Voted that a contribution be taken up on our meetings of business which money be lodged in the hands of the Deacon for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Church and that he make an annual report.

2nd Voted that B. Alanson Sinnet visit B. Thomas Green and enquire after him, and make return to the Church

3rd Rec Brother Charles Sawyer by Letter from the McKean Church and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

4th Voted that we appoint a committee for the purpose of makeing [sic] some arrangements for to procure preaching for us the ensuing year and that B. Sawyer be one of Said committee.

5th B. Daniel Dusenberry 2nd Com

6th B. Asa Shepardson – 3rd Com

And make return to the Chh as soon as convenient.

Brother Oliver Allyn being about to remove out of the bounds of the Church for a season requested a letter of recommend.

7th Voted to grant his request.

Brother Kelly having for some time past neglected to fill his place in the Church and also been guilty of improper and unchristian like conduct, made his acknowledgement.

8th Voted to rec his confession.

His acknowledgment to be made known to the public by Elder Berry at our next communion

Asa Shepardson Clk.

April 25th [1829]

Met at the Academy for the purpose of renewing our Covenant, the meeting being opened by singing and prayer, read our covenant and proceeded to renew it. Had a goodly number together and a very comfortable season, found all in fellowship.

1st S. Susan Cubberley related her expearance [sic] and was rec for baptism.

2nd Voted to give Sister Polly Bigelow a letter of recommend

The Committee appointed to make arrangement for preaching the ensuing year, reported that they had got Elder Berry's proposals to continue with us another year in the same manner as he has the year past.

3rd Voted that we acquiesce in the proceedings of said Committee.

Lord's-day April 26th. [1829]

Sister Susan Cubberley baptized by Elder Berry, and on the bank of our little Jourdan [sic] received the right hand of fellowship.

Saturday one O'Clock PM May 23rd. [1829]

The meeting being opened in the usual way

The moderator enquired first for references, second invited visiting brethren to a seat with us, third enquired for fellowship, found nothing marring our peace, fourth opened a door for business.

Deacon Daniel Shepardson requested that one other Deacon be appointed in the Church to serve with him.

1st Voted that at the close of our next Covenant meeting we proceed to make choice of a deacon. Then opened a door for the reception of members.

William Rose related his expearance. [sic]

2nd Voted to rec him.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Lord's-day May 24th. [1829]

William Rose Baptised by Elder Berry.

Saturday June 27th. [1829]

Being our Covenant meeting day, met at the Methodist meeting house, the meeting being opened in the usual way, Brother Darrow read the 133rd Psalm. How pleasant it is for breathren [sic] to dwell together in unity, made some comments on it, and whereas some unfavourable reports had gone out against Elder Berry, which had disaffected the mind of some members, Brother Darrow suggested the propriety of having the minds of those disaffected, reconciled before renewing the Covenant. In order to which Elder Berry arose and made a Statement to the Church of what had transpired in regard to his conduct which gave rise to those unfavourable reports which had been greatly exaggerated in order that the Church might know the certainty of the thing. He acknowledged he had been overtaken in a fault and confessed the Same, which was youthful lightness and vanity. After some time taken up on the subject

1st Voted satisfied with his confession.

2nd Voted to go to Communion on the morrow. Then proceeded to renew our covenant, had a goodly number together and a good degree of fellowship to exist. Brother Darrow closed by Prayer.

Agreeable to a vote of our last meeting proceeded to make choice of an other Deacon.

3rd Voted that Brother Russell be our 2nd Deacon

Brother Alanson Sinnet reported that he had visited Brother Thomas Green agreeable to the request of the Church and stated the situation in which he found him.

4th Voted that the report be Satisfactory.

Adjourned by Prayer by B. Berry.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

July 25th [1829]

Agreeable to our stated appointment met at 1 O Cock PM for business.

The committee appointed in March last, to make arrangements [sic] for preaching the ensuing year and having only obtained Elder Berry to preach with us every 2nd and 4th Lord's-day in each month, and we having given Brother Darrow Licence [sic] to preach and has improved with us some, the committee reported that they had agreed with him to preach every 1st Lord's-day in each month.

1st Voted that we approve of the report.

2nd Voted that we send a letter and Delegates to the association.

3rd Voted Brother Darrow 1st Delegate

4th Voted Brother Berry 2nd Delegate

5th Voted Brother A. Shepardson 3rd Delegate

6th Voted Brother D. Shepardson in case of falier [sic].

7th Voted that we invite the association to meet with us next year.

8th Voted that our Deacons be authorised [sic] to settle with B. Kelly for Elder Berry's board the past year

9th Voted that our committee make arrangements for a home for Elder Berry the ensuing year.

August 22nd One O Clock PM. [1829]

Met at the Academy for the purpose of renewing our Covenant.

After reading the Same proceeded to renew it, had a goodly number together, and a very pleasant season, some indeed seemed to renew their strength while waiting before God. Found fellowship still existing, Blessed be the God of Jacob. - - - Closed by prayer by B. Darrow. After renewing our Covenant: having some business on hand proceeded to it.

1st The Clerk presented a letter to send to the Association. Read and approved with some little alteration made in phraseology.

2nd Voted to give Elder Berry a letter certifying that we are in fellowship with him in order to remove any objections which may be brought against him abroad, on account of those unfavourable reports which have gone out.

3rd Voted that on laying the corner Stone of our meeting house we observe the method frequently practised [sic] and that we invite Elder George C. Sedwick and Elder Hughes to attend.

4th Choose Brethren Charles Sawyer and Allen Dawson Committee of arangment [sic].

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

The proceedings of laying the corner stone, being forgotten to be recorded in its proper place is inserted on page 95.

September 26th. [1829]

Being our annual meeting,

1st Appointed Elder Berry Moderator,

2nd And Asa Shepardson Clerk for the ensuing year.

3rd Voted to give Brother Levi Morton a letter of recommendation.

October 24th. [1829]

Renewed our covenant, found fellowship existing the members generally expressed a want of Spirituality, although some few expressed pleasant seasons since our last Covenant meeting. Brother John Strickler having removed his residence requested a letter of recommendation and dismissal

1st Voted to give him one.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

November 21st [1829]

Through the inclemency of the weather had no meeting.

Saturday Dec 26th. [1829]

Met for the purpose of renewing our covenant. the members generrally [sic] expressed a great degree of coldness, and want of engagedness in the cause, but still we found fellowship existing.

Met (by invitation of the Rev. Mr. Little) at the Congregational Meeting house, on Monday Sep. 21st 1829 at 2 O,Clock. PM. From thence proceeded to the place of building in the following order.

1. Master Builder
2. Building Committee
3. Clergy
4. Ladies
5. Gentlemen

Services commenced at the building by Eld. Geo. C. Sedwick, of Zanesville.

1. Sung the 102 Psalm 2 part C.M.

2. Prayer

3. A Glass Jar sealed was then deposited in an excavation made in a Stone laid at the North East Corner, according to ancient custom; containing the following articles. Viz.

One No. of "The Western Religions Magazine" containing the History of the Granville Baptist Church.
Baptist Confession of Faith.

The practical uses of the Ordinance of Baptism.

The Columbian Star.

The Christian Watchman.

The third report of the American tract society.

Christian Almanach for 1830.

Ketridge's Address on temperance.

Account of the formation and present state of the Granville Temperate society.

A large stone was then let down upon it and properly adjusted by the Master Builder and was then pronounced by Eld. Sedwick to be "well laid true and trusty."

The procession then returned in the same order to the Meeting House where they attentively listened to an appropriate address delivered by Eld. Sedwick founded on 1 Peter 2nd 4.5.

The exercises of the day were closed by singing the 133 Psalm C.M.

Asa Shepardson Chh. Clk.

Saturday Jan'y 23rd 1830

Met at the Academy for Chh business 2 O.Clock P.M. Singing, prayer by B. Allen Darrow Our Clerk being absent.

1st Voted B. Darrow act as Clk protem.

2nd Voted that those who lead in worship be requested to commence worship at half past ten O.Clock A.M. and One O.Clock. P.M. if 2 or 3 members are present.

3rd Voted to accept the report of Deacon Daniel Shepardson with regard to Chh funds.

Brother Berry closed by prayer.

James Berry Moderator
Allen Darrow Clk protem

Feb'y. 27th [1830]

Met at one O.Clock. P.M. for Covenant meeting, the meeting being opened by singing, prayer, reading, and a short address by Eld. Berry, proceeded to renew our Covenant, had a goodly number together and a very interesting meeting and were happy to find love peace and fellowship among the members.

Blessed be God.

After renewing our Covenant B. Daniel Shepardson presented to the Chh for consideration the propriety of calling to ordination B. Allen Darrow. Licensed theretofore After some consultation on the subject.

1st Voted that Brother Darrow be ordained Evangelist on thte 29th of March. (Meeting to commence half past ten A.M.)

2nd Voted that Elders George C. Sedwick – Hughes Owen Owens. – Carpenter Azariah Hanks together with Eld. Berry be invited to attend and assist us on the occasion.

3rd Voted that our Deacons (viz) Daniel Shepardson and Elijah Russell, be ordained on the same day.

4th Voted that Eld. Sedwick be invited to preach the introductory Sermon for the ordination of B. Darrow.

5th And Eld. Carpenter, in case of falier [sic] Eld. Hanks for our deacons.

6th Voted that Eld. Berry give the invitation to the Elders.

7th Voted that B. Sawyer endeavour to procure the Congregational Meeting House for our meetings.

James Berry Moderator.
Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

March 27th [1830]

The meeting being opened by Brother Darrow and our Moderator and Clerk being absent.

1st Choose B. Darrow Mod'r and

2nd B. Alanson Sinnet Clk. For the day.

3rd Voted to receive Brother Isaiah Miller, Esther Miller, his wife and Elizabeth Fowls, by Letter as members of this Church.

Elder George C. Sedwick being present closed the meeting by prayer and praise.

Alanson Sinnet Chh Clk protem

March 29th. [1830]

Agreeable to our former appointment met at the Congregational Meeting House, for the purpose of Ordination.

Council presant [sic].

Elder Geo. C. Sedwick.

Eld - - Hughs.

Eld Owen Owens.

Eld Azariah Hanks.

Eld James Berry.

Elder Sedwick Commenced the exercises by, first reading and singing the 10 hymn 1st Book Second, Prayer. Third Sung 133rd Psalm C.M. then delivered a Sermon from 2nd Timothy 2 Chap 15 verse – and then Prayer by Eld Hanks. The ministers then descended from the Pulpit to the Deacon Seat, Elder Sedwick called forward B. Darrow, questioned him in regard to his religious expearance [sic], his exercises in regard to preaching, and his views on the most important Subjects of religion. B. Darrow then knelt down, and the Elders laid on their hands which was accompanied by prayer by Eld Hanks. - - The right hand of fellowship given by Eld Hughs - - Elder Berry presented him with the Bible, and Eld Sedwick gave the Charge.

The Deacons were then Call'd forward, and a very Short address to them by Eld Sedwick. The imposition of hands then took place Eld Darrow prayed Eld Berry gave the right hand of fellowship. After which Eld Sedwick made a very short address to the assembly.

Concluding prayer by Rev Mr. Little pastor of the Congregational Church. Then Sung the 119th Psalm 3rd part. Benediction by Eld Darrow.

James Berry Mod

Asa Shepardson Clk

April 17th [1830]

Met at the house of Brother Kelly's (being an extra meeting) at four O Clock PM for the purpose of Chooseing [sic] a pastor for the ensuing year.

Deacon Russell opened the meeting by singing and prayer.

1st Choose Deacon Shepardson moderator our moderator being absent.

2nd Voted that one of the Elders residing in the Church be chosen as our pastor of the Chh for the ensuing year.

3rd Voted to make choice by ballot.

4th Voted that Elder Berry be our pastor this ensuing year.

5th Voted that brethren Alanson Sinnet Charles Sawyer and Stephen Ashton be our committee to make arangment [sic] for preaching the ensuing year and circulate a subscription.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

April 24th [1830]

Covenant meeting being opened in the usual way, proceeded to renew it, and found the Church to be in union and fellowship, with the exception of three or four members.

Prayer by B. Alanson Sinnet.

1st Voted that we meet the Convention at their annual meeting in May with a Letter and Delegate.

2nd Choose elder James Berry Delegate to meet the Convention and in case of falier [sic] Elder Allen Darrow.

3rd Voted that Elder Darrow write the Letter.

4th Voted that it be the wish of the Church for our Committee if they can to obtain Eld Berry to preach with us one half of the time and Eld Darrow the other half for the ensuing year.

Asa Shepardson Clk

May 22nd. [1830]

Being our meeting of business met at the house of Brother Kelly's, The meeting being opened in the usual way proceeded to business.

1st Choose Brother Kelly moderator protem.

The committee appointed to make arrangments [sic] for preaching the ensuing year, reported that they had obtained Elder Berry to preach with us half the time and Elder Darrow the other half.

2nd Voted that we approbate the proceedings of the committee.

3rd That the committe [sic] make such arrangement in regard to the subscription for our two preachers, as they think proper either to have the subscription in conjunction or separate.

4th Voted that we give Sister Maretta Atwood a Letter or recommendation and dismissal.

5th Voted that Elder Berry and Elder Darrow visit Brethren Erastus Allyn Joseph Ashton Cyrus Brooks Harris Thurston and Benson Case and enquire the cause of their absence and make return at our next meeting.

6 Sister Polly Rose and S Anna Case to visit S Mehitabel King enquire the cause of her absence and make report to the Chh.

Saturday 26th of June. [1830]

Tomorrow being our Communion season met at the house of Brother Dusenberry for the purpose of renewing our covenant, Elder Berry opened the meeting by prayer, and reading the 76th and 77th Psalms and made some few observations, read our Covenant and proceeded to renew it. - - -

Found many to complain of a coldness and want of engagedness in the cause but still found the members in general in fellowship with the Church.

Polly Smith related a very pleasing expearance [sic] and expressed a desire to become a member with us and after reading to her our articles of Faith and she expressing that her mind was satisfied [sic] and felt as though she could subscribe to them

1st Voted unanimously to see her as a candidate for Baptism.

Whereas some little difference had heretofore arisen betwixt two of our members (viz) Daniel Shepardson and Hannah Granger in a former meeting, it was brought worward [sic] for settlement after some time spent on the subject and Deacon Russell having heard some conversation which took place betwixt the parties which conversation seemed to be the cause of the difference before the Church.

2nd Voted to receive Brother Russells testimony after which a reconciliation being not fully obtained.

3rd Voted to refer it to the parties.

Lord's Day June 27 [1830]

Sister Polly Smith Baptised, and rec the right hand of fellowship.

Deacon Daniel Shepardson and Sister Hannah Granger reported to the Church that their differences were amicably setteled [sic].

Saturday July 24. [1830]

Met for business, after opened the meeting in the usual way proceeded.

The report of our committee for visiting absent members call'd for. And being not ready to report in full.

1st Voted that the same committee continue their inquirey [sic] and report hereafter.

2nd Voted that Brethren Daniel Shepardson Alanson Sinnet Charles Sawyer William Rose Isaiah Miller be our Committee to make arangment [sic] for the meeting of the Association.

3rd Voted that our next covenant meeting be changed from the fourth to the third.

4th Voted that Sister Alder have a letter of recommend and dismission.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Saturday August 21st [1830]

Met for the purpose of renewing our covenant and meeting was very thin being but a few present.

August 27th [1830]

A Letter from the Church to the Association presented, read and approved. Elders James Berry and Allen Darrow, and Brother Asa Shepardson appointed messengers to the Association

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

September 25th [1830]

Being our annual meeting appointed.

1st Elder Darrow moderator for the ensuing year.

2nd Asa Shepardson Clerk for the ensuing year.

Those members which were to be visited by our Elders on account of absence we could not at this time ascertain in regard to them in full therefore

3rd Voted that the same committee continue their enquiry and report hereafter.

Sister Granger having heretofore stopt [sic] her walk with the Church and she expressing her feelings that she wished to state her feelings before this Church in preference to having the Chh appoint a committee to converse with her on the subject.

4th Voted that she express her mind before the Chh. She then informed us that her burden was with Elder Berry only.

After some time spent on the subject.

5th Voted that a committe [sic] of three (viz) Charles Sawyer Daniel Shepardson and Stephen Ashton converse with Elder Berry on this subject to see if a reconciliation cannot be had betwixt the parties.

Brother Miller having sold cider and cakes on Lord's-day where people were assembled for worship to the grievance [sic] of his brethren. Came forward and made an acknowledgement

6th Voted to receive it as satisfactory.

Saturday Oct 23rd. [1830]

Met at Brother Baker's according to our monthly appointment for the purpose of renewing our covenant, the moderator spend the meeting by singing and prayer, read the covenant and proceeded to renew it, had a goodly number together, and were happy to find the Chh as a boddy [sic] in fellowship and union. Abigail Shepardson related her expearance [sic] and manifested a desire to become a member of the Church.

1st Voted to receive her as a candidate for Baptism

Brother Miller being about to remove, requested Letters of recommendation and dismissal for himself his wife and sister Elizabeth Fowls.

2nd Voted to give them Letters.

Lords-day Oct 24th. [1830]

Elder Berry Baptised Sister Abigail Shepardson and gave her the right hand of [fellowship] in behalf of the Church
Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

November 27th. [1830]

Met at the Methodist Meeting house for business

The meeting being opened in the usual way, Call'd for references. The committee appointed in May last to visit delinquent members reported that they had not fully ascertain'd in regard to any of them except Brother Benson Case.

1st Voted that the report from B Benson Case be received as satisfactory.

Heard the report from Sister King.

2nd Voted that it be satisfactory.

The committee appointed to try to effect a reconciliation betwixt Brother Berry and Sister Granger, Reported no reconciliation.

3rd Voted that the committee continue their exertions and report hereafter.

4th Voted that we have an extra meeting on the 24th of December at half past ten O Clock AM for the purpose of attending to the business now in question.

Mary Peters related her expearance [sic] with a view of joining the Church.

5th Voted to receive her as a candidate for baptism.

Lords-day Nov 25th. [1830]
Sister Mary Peters Baptised

Lords-day Dec 12th [1830]
Sister Lydia Philbrook related her expearance [sic] was received and Baptised.

December 24th [1830]

Agreeable to our former resolution met at the house of Elder Darrow.

The meeting being opened in the usual way and some appropriate remarks made by Eld Darrow proceeded to the business of the day.

The committee call'd upon for their report.

Reported that the difficulty existing in the mind of Sister Granger towards Eld Berry were removed, by Eld Berry makeing [sic] a statement and acknowledgment of the things before the Church. Which thing Eld Berry did.

1st Voted that the report be satisfactory and that the committee be discharged (After which Deacon Shepardson Stated to the Chh that while himself and Brother Ashton were labouring with her (viz) Sister Granger in order that she might become reconciled to Eld Berry, she stated that there were liars in the church and she could prove it, this he said she stated at the first interview they had with her, and at the second brother Ashton being absent she denied [sic] it, Sister Granger then said she was willing to acknowledge before the Chh what she did say and stated that she said that there was lieing [sic] in the Church, and she still said she could prove it if she was put to it. Some members thinking that Deacon Shepardson had ought to taken the steps of a private labour with her before bringing it to the Chh after some time spent on the subject)

2nd Resolved that the whole difficulty be refered [sic] back to its origin and that Sister Granger go to the member whoever it may be and endeavour to effect a reconciliation and to make known to the committee the result of her visit and that the committe [sic] report the same to the Church

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday 25th Dec. [1830]

Met at the Academy for the purpose of renewing our Covenant and found (notwithstanding some very serious difficulties existing in the Church) the members present to be in fellowship and determined to go forward to communion on the morrow.

Lords-day 26th Dec [1830]

The two Sisters recently baptised rec the right hand of fellowship.

January 22nd. 1831

Met for business, heard the report from brethren Erastus Allyn and Harris Thurston.

1st Voted that the report be satisfactory.

Received a letter from Cyrus Brooks stating to us that he did not Believe our doctrine, did not enjoy religion, thought himself not fit to belong to any Chh, wish'd us not to call on him for he should not give

us satisfaction, and considered himself under no more obligations to us than any other denomination of Christians.

No regular information from Brother Ashton.

2nd Voted that Eld Darrow visit Sister Betsa Rose and inquire the cause of absence.

3rd Voted that Brethren Charles Sawyer, Alanson Sinnet and Asa Shepardson be a Committee to visit Brother and Sister Kelly and enquire the reason of their stopping their walk with the Church..... Deacon Vance being present stated that he had been excluded from the Licking Chh and that as he thought unrighteously, and that he had a desire to become a member with us and wished us to ascertain whether his exclusion be just or not.

4th Resolved that Elder Berry and our two Deacons be a committee to go into an examination in regard to Deacon Vance's exclusion.

February 26th. [1831]

Renewed our Covenant once more, had a goodly number together and found the Chh in Fellowship Sister Luna Rose stated to the Church that she had become dissatisfied [sic] with us on account of close communion and requested a certificate for the purpose of joining the Congregational Church, time failing the business was postponed.

John E. Vance, Mahlon Holden and their Wives stated that they wish'd to become members with us and presented certificates signed by Elder James Berry certifying that they had related their expearances [sic] before a number of Baptist members from different Churches, had rec their approbation and been Baptised by him.... But as they had no letters from any regular Chh thought best to rec them on a relation of their expearances [sic].

They then proceeded to relate their expearances {sic] and were cordially rec, one at a time, by a unanimous vote of the Chh.

Lords-day Feb 27th. [1831]

The four members rec yesterday rec the right hand of fellowship. After which we celabrated [sic] the Lords supper, had a goodly number together and enjoyed a very pleasant season.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

March 26th [1831]

After opening the meeting in the usual way (our meeting being in our meeting house) proceeded to business, first enquirey [sic] made for references.

Brother Berry reported in regard to Cyrus Brooks

1st Voted the report not satisfactory.

2nd Voted that Cyrus Brooks be excluded from our fellowship and communion and that the Clk notify him of the Same

The case of Brother Joseph Ashton call'd and postponed.

The case of Sister Granger brought forward and postponed.

Report from Sister Betsa Rose by Elder Darrow

3rd Voted the report satisfactory.

The committe [sic] appointed to visit B and S Kelly reported that the reason he could not walk with the Church was that he could not rec bread broken by Eld Berry and handed by Deacon Shepardson. She seem'd burdened with the Same thing but still gave no decided answer.

4th Voted that we rec the report of the committe [sic] on their part and exonerate them.

5th Voted that a committee be appointed to visit B and S Kelly and request an explanation of their objections against those members and endeavour a reconciliation

6th Voted that Brethren Wm Rose Alanson Sinnet and Geo Gardner be said committee.

The request of Deacon Vance postponed.

The request of Luna Rose taken into consideration and whereas she had declared that she could not fellowship us on our plan of communion. Therefore

7th Voted that it would be inconsistent for us to give her a letter

8th Voted that Elder Darrow write a letter to her stating to her the reasons why we cannot give her a letter.

9th Resolved that our meeting be adjourned to the fourth Saturday in April at ten O Clock AM for the purpose of transacting business which we have on hand.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day March 27th [1831]

At the intermission Sister Anna Chamberlin related her expearance [sic] and was rec by giving her the right hand of fellowship she having been previously Baptised by Elder Berry.

Saturday April 23rd. Ten O Clock AM. [1831]

Met agreeable to adjournment and transacted the following business.

The committee appointed to visit Joseph Ashton reported that he was sorry that he had neglected meeting +c.

1st The report was received as satisfactory.

The case of Hannah Granger on account of her ill health was put over

The committee appointed to visit B and S Kelly not prepared to report.

The committee appointed to attend the South Fork Church to enquire respecting Deacon Vance's exclusion Reported that they attended their meeting had recourse to their records found that Deacon Vance was excluded for joining a temperance society and declaring an unfellowship with the Church.

2nd The report accepted.

3rd Voted that the case of Brother Vance be defered [sic] untill [sic] our next meeting.

4th Resolved that we send a delegate to the Convention

5th Appointed Elder Darrow.

6th Appointed Elder Berry and Elder Darrow as delegates from the Chh to attend the meeting of the Education Society to be held in Lancaster on the fourth monday in May.

7th Resolved that we invite the Convention to meet with us next year.

8th Appointed Wm Rose Geo Gardner and Asa Shepardson a Committee to make arrangements for Preaching the ensuing year.....

At one O Clock PM. The Covenant meeting open'd and found the Church in Fellowship and resolved to go forward to Communion on the morrow.

George Armstrong and Alice his wife wishing to become members of the Church presented a Certificate of their Baptism Signed by Eld Berry, related their expearance [sic]

9th And were received as member of the Chh.

Whiten Holsclaw related his expearance [sic],

10th And was rec as a candidate for Baptism.

Lords-day April 24th [1831]

Elder Berry Baptised Brother Whiten Holsclaw gave him and the other two members rec yesterday the right hand of fellowship and administered the Lords supper.

Saturday, May 21st. one O Clock PM. [1831]

Again met for the purpose of setting in order things wanting in the house of God, the meeting being opened by Eld Darrow by singing, Eld George C Sedwick being with us prayed, read a part of the fifth Chapt [sic] of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians and made some observations on the same, in regard to our duty to love one another.

After which call'd for references.

No report from Sister Granger.

The committe [sic] appointed to visit B and S Kelly reported that they had gone in pursuit of their business but did not find B Kelly at home the business therefore was put over

The case of Deacon Vance brought forward.

1st Voted that we hear his expearance [sic] in consequence of his having no letter of recommendation. After hearing his relation.

2nd Voted to rec him as a member of this Chh

The committee appointed to make arrangements for preaching the ensuing year reported that they had agreed with our two ministering Breathing to preach with us each half of the time, but found that our ministers had made such other arrangements with other Churches that seemed to interfear [sic], after some time spent on the subject left it until some arrangement can be made.

3rd Voted that our delegate to the convention have a certificate from the church stating his appointment

4th Voted that Sister Squire have a letter of recommendation, She being about to go on a journey at a distance.

5th Resolved that Brethren Charles Sawyer and Luther Woods be a committee to enquire after Levi Morton and Sally Nicoll.

6th Resolved that Brethren Alanson Sinnet and Deacon Russell be a committee to enquire of Brother Dusenberry the cause of his leaving his seat at the Lords table and request him to take it again.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday June 25th. [1831]

Read and renewed the covenant and found the Church in fellowship. After which

1st Received Sarah Holden by Letter.

Mary English related her expearance [sic] and was

2nd received a candidate for Baptism

3rd Voted that Elder Berry take the pastoral care of the Church the ensuing year.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day June 26th. [1831]

Sister Mary English Baptised, She and Sister Sarah Holden and Brother John Vance rec the wright [sic] hand of fellowship.

After which we attended the ordinance of the supper

Saturday July 23rd [1831]

The meeting opened, call'd for references. The case of Sister Granger call'd. The committee reported that she said that the difficulty betwixt her and the member whom she had charged with lying [sic] was amicably seteled [sic] and that since the settlement the member perhaps fearing that Sister Granger were not fully reconciled to them they had sent by a member of the Church to know if she was satisfied [sic] finding the business in this situation thought best to leave it untill [sic] the Committee can obtain the evidence of the second person

From Brother and sister Kelly no information

Heard the report from Sally Nicoll by the committee which was that she acknowledged she had danced but seemed rather to justify herself on the ground that she did not think that she was a Christian

1st Voted that the Clerk write to her and prefer the Charge of dancing against her and cite her before the Church to answer to the same.

Since the committee appointed a visit [to] Brother Levi Morton he has been with us and communed and we feel perfectly satisfied [sic] that we have no cause of complaint with him.

From Brother Dusenberry the report was that he had wandered away and feared he knows nothing about religion could not go forward in religious duties because he could not act the hypocrite and conjectured that the Church had ought against him but he had nothing against the Chh.

2nd Resolved that the Labour be continued by the same Committee.

Brother Alexander Holden having been excluded from the Licking Chh at the same time that Brother John Vance was excluded and implicated in the same charges, requested to become a member with us, After hearing his expearance [sic].

3rd Voted to received [sic] him and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

Elder Berry said he thought that he could make arrangements so as to preach with us on the first and third Lords-days instead of the second and fourth, with this proviso.

4th Resolved that we change our Covenant meetings and Communion from the fourth to the first. Brother Russell presented to the Church rather by way of query whether it be our duty as a Chh to support Sister Santee (she having become chargeable) or throw her upon the Township.

After some remarks made on the subject.

5th Voted that the Clerk rite [sic] a subscription to be paid in cash in six months from date and circulate it among the members to ascertain what can be obtained for her support for one year.

Adjourned till ten O Clock on Saturday August 27th.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Saturday August 27th. [1831]

Met agreeable to adjournment the meeting being opened in the usual manner, proceeded to business the case of Sister Granger call'd. Deacon Shepardson stated he had not obtained the testimony he had the privilege to obtain therefore

1st Voted that the business rest as it is for the present

The remainder of references on the Book had not time to attend to.

2nd Resolved to send three Delegates and a Letter to the Association.

3rd Appointed Eld Berry Eld Darrow and Alanson Sinnet Delegates.

4th In case of falier [sic] Brother Whiting Holsclaw

5th Voted to request the Association to give us a visitation meeting to commence on the Saturday before the fifth Lords-day in April next.

6th Voted to send one dollar to the Association for the purpose of obtaining the minutes. The meeting then closed and the Covenant meeting commenced. Read the Covenant and proceeded to renew it. Found many members low in their minds and some young members seemed as though they could not go forward to communion still the Chh in general manifested a union and fellowship.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day Aug 28th [1831]

Yesterday after covenant meeting Brother Joseph English related his expearance [sic] was received as a member for Baptism and today Baptised and rec the right hand of fellowship and with us partook of the Lords-supper.

Saturday September 24th One O Clock P.M. [1831]

Met for our annual meeting, the meeting being opened in the usual manner proceeded to choose.

1st Elder Allen Darrow Moderator for the ensuing year.

2nd Asa Shepardson Clk.

3rd Voted that we choose a Treasurer annually on the same day of Choosing a moderator and Clk.

4th Voted that Deacon Shepardson be our Treasurer the ensuing year. References call'd for.

Deacon Shepardson stated that in regard to the difficulty which has been long existing betwixt him and Sister Granger that he had conversed with her and She had told him who the person was that had been sent with a message to her from the member whom she had charged with stating a falshood [sic] and Brother Shepardson Stated that he was satisfyed [sic] on the subject

5th Voted that we are satisfyed [sic] with the settelment [sic] in regard to all the old difficulty which has been of long standing

Heard the report of the committee appointed to visit Brother and Sister Kelly which was that they should give no explanation of their burden with Elder Berry and Deacon Shepardson

6th Voted that the Committee have done their duty and that they be discharged.

The case of Sister Sally Nicoll call'd but as we had not rec the information whether she had received the citation from the Church to attend and answer to the charge against her therefore put it over and at the same time.

7th Appointed Sister Betsa Case to converse with her on the subject

Brother Dusenberry being present stated that he had no hardness with any of the Chh said he had got far from the enjoyment of religion was to [sic] much engrossed with the things of this world had felt as though he could not act the part of a hypocrite therefore could not engage in Christian duties but still wished for the prosperity of the Church and wished he could feel as he formerly had done.

Some observations were then made to him by a number of the Brethren as designed to comfort and strengthen him to resume his place in the Chh. He then confessed his wrong in neglecting his duty and said he felt resolved to take his place.

8th Voted that we feel satisfied [sic] with his confession and resolve

9th Voted that we hear from our Deacons in regard to getting a home for Sister Santee. The report was no home.

The meeting closed by Prayer by the Moderator.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

October 1st [1831]

Being the second day of a four day meeting Mariah Holden related her expearance [sic] and was received as a candidate for Baptism, her parents living at Some distance and wishing to have her Baptised in their own neighbourhood her Baptism was deferred for that purpose.

October 20th [1831]

Elder Berry Baptised Sister Maria Holden at Hog-run

Saturday 22nd. [1831]

Being our Covenant meeting. Elder Berry opened the meeting By singing and Prayer, and then reading the 96th Psalm and makeing [sic] some few appropriate remarks from the same in regard to praising God.

Read the covenant and proceeded to renew it, and whereas the Lord in great mercy has recently appeared for our help has renewed us in the spirit of our minds and already brought some to rejoice in a crucified [sic] Saviour and many more to tremble before God on account of their Sins, we had a goodly number together many more than we have had at a covenant meeting for some time we had truly [sic] a pleasant meeting found the Chh in fellowship and some members who had for some time been negligent in regard to filling their seats with the Chh acknowledged their faults and manifested a resolution to resume their place

After renewing the covenant some came forward and expressed a desire to unite with us.

Obed Holsclaw related his expearance [sic] was rec.

Aaron Pond related his expearance [sic] and rec.

Lovina Sinnet related her expearance [sic] and rec.

1st Voted to give Sister Hannah McAllister (formerly Hannah Cramer) a letter of recommendation and dismissal She being about to remove from the place

2nd Voted that we meet on monday evening next at 6 O Clock PM for the purpose of makeing [sic] some arrangement in regard to supporting Sister Santee

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Lords' day October 23rd [1831]

At the intermission we assembled on the bank of our little Jourdan and Elder Berry Baptised Sister Lovina Sinnet in the presence of a large and Solemn assembly

October 24th [1831]

Met according to appointment.

Opened the meeting by Prayer.

1st Choose Deacon Shepardson Mod'r

2nd Voted that we consider the case of Sister Santee

3rd Voted that we make application to the Trustees of the Township for her support.

4th Voted that our Deacons make the application

October 27th [1831]

In the evening held a conference

Myron Gardner and Frederick Gardner related their expearances [sic] and were rec as candidates for Baptism

Lords-day Oct 30th. [1831]

Elder Berry Baptised Brethren Myron Gardner Frederick Gardner and Aaron Pond.

Lords-day November 13th. [1831]

Elder Darrow Baptised Brother Obed Holsclaw

Saturday Nov 26th [1831]

Met at 10 O Clock according to a previous appointment to attend to Church business the meeting being opened in the usual way

1st Voted that Brother Alanson Sinnet Serve as moderator protem our moderator being absent references then call'd for - - the case of B + S Kelly call'd - - - -

2nd Voted that the reason they have given for not going with the church are not sufficient for absenting themselves

3rd Voted that we cite them to appear before the Church and make an explanation of their reasons for not walking with us.

4th Voted that they be cited to attend at our next meeting of business.

The committee to visit S Sally Nicoll not present.

5th Resolved that in future we have our arrangement for preaching commence with the year.

6th Voted that a committee of three be appointed to make arrangement for preaching for the ensuing year.

7 Brethren Charles Sawyer Alanson Sinnet and Daniel Dusenberry said committee.

8th Whereas Luna Rose has left us and joined the Presbyterian Church in consequence of which we consider her no longer a member with us.

Sister Mehitabel King made a request for a letter of recommendation in order to join the Presbyterian Chh

9th Voted that Elder Darrow inform her that we cannot give her a letter

10th On motion appointed B Luther Woods to visit Sister Granger and inform her that they are dissatisfied with the remarks prematurely made against the Church at our last Chh meeting by way of censure, and wish her to make acknowledgement to the Church for the Same.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk

Saturday Dec 24th. [1831]

Renewed our Covenant and found the Chh in fellowship and prepared to go forward to communion.

Jan 21th 1832.

Met agreeable to our monthly appointment for the purpose of setting in order things wanting in the house of God. At the commencement of the meeting the moderator read the 13th of Pauls 1st Letter to the Church at Corinth.

After which proceeded to business References call'd for. The case of Brother and sister Kelly call'd The vote taken at the last meeting of business read. Brother and Sister Kelly both present after some time spent on the subject

1st Resolved that Brethren Daniel Shepardson and Hugh Kelly withdraw and converse together on the subject of Brother Kellys ___?___ with B Shepardson if may be he may get his mind relieved.

Heard the report from Sister Case in regard to S Sally Nicoll.

2nd Resolved that the report from S Case be satisfactory and she be discharged.

3rd Resolved that Sally Nicoll be Excluded from our fellowship and Communion.

Sister Grangers case brought worward [sic], She present made an acknowledgement for the remarks made against the Chh

4th Voted the confession satisfactory

Brethren Shepardson and Kelly returned to the meeting Brother and Sister Kelly acknowledged they had been in the fault in absenting themselves from the Chh

5th Voted their Confession satisfactory.

6th Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to next Saturday 28th of this month One O Clock PM at this place for the purpose of examining the Chh accord on page 108 [Dec. 24, 1830] Sister Granger being dissatisfied with the record there made as it relates to her.

January 28th 1832

Meet according to adjournment Deacon Shepardson opened the meeting by prayer Brother A Sinnet Chosen Moderator + C Sawyer Clerk protem brother Asa Shepardson previously requested that he be excused (?) from serving as Clerk, voted that the the [sic] records on the Church book be read and examined to see if any thing there be that is not in accordance with the views of the Church voted to adjourn to meet Saturday at 1 O P.M. At this place

C Sawyer, Clerk protem

February 4th 1832

Met according to adjournment Bro D Shepardson opened the Meeting by Singing 130 Hymn 1st Book and by Prayer, Chose Bro C. Sawyer Clerk protem

1st voted that we receive our Church records as they now Stand

2^d voted that the Church do not Criminate Sister Granger where it is stated on Page 108 [Dec. 24, 1830] in this book that "Brother Ashton being absent She denied it."

3 voted that Brother Daniel Jewitt Jr. be received into this church in full fellowship by letter from Miller Township Church

4 voted that our meetings begin at 11 A.M. on sabbath days hereafter.

5 voted that Eld Darrow be our Treasurer for to receive the monies which may be raised at our monthly Concert of prayer for the aid of the B__?__ Union

6th voted that the minutes be read Brother Jewitt praying meeting Closed –
C Sawyer Clerk protem

February 25th [1832]

Met for the purpose of renewing our covenant our moderator not present Brother Whitney opened the meeting by Singing and Prayer, after which the moderator came in, sang another Psalm and expressed something of his own feelings and made some observations to the Chh. after which the members proceeded to express their feelings, had a goodly number present, and found fellowship existing and the members determined on going forward - - - - -

After renewing our covenant.

Elder Berry stated that some of the Brethren in and about Newark had thought it expedient to constitute a Baptist Church in Newark and wished to know the mind of the Church.

1st On motion Resolved that the Clerk be authorised [sic] to give Letters to such members belonging to the Church as may wish to join the new contemplated Church in Newark, provided they Call for them.

2nd Voted that as Sister Granger had requested to take her place again in the church that we receive her again to fellowship.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

March 24th. [1832]

Met for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before us.

The meeting being opened as usual and our Moderator being absent.

1st Resolved that Brother Dusenberry be our Moderator for the day.

Mehitabel King having joined the Congregational Church.

2nd Resolved that we withdraw our Chh fellowship from her

3rd Voted that we call after the following members (viz) Erastus Allyn Harris Thurston and his wife Joseph Ashton + Elizabeth Rose and enquire the cause of their Absence and request them to come to our next meeting of business in May and give the reason of their absence

4th Appointed Sister Smith to visit Sister Rose

Asa Shepardson visit B and S Thurston.

And Brother Dusenberry visit Brethren Erastus Allyn and Joseph Ashton.

Brother Alanson Sinnet stated that he is calculating to be gone from home the ensuing Summer and wished us to give him a letter of recommendation.

5th Voted to give him a letter.

Brother Thomas Evans presented a letter of recommend and dismissal from the Welch Chh requesting to become a member with us but Brother Alanson Sinnet said that he had some objections to his becoming [sic] a member after some discussion on the subject concluded to let the business rest until [sic] Brother Sinnet have an interview with Brother Evans in order that he may become reconciled to him.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day April 8th. [1832]

Elder Darrow and his wife, calculating to set out on a Journey on the morrow, requested and received a letter of recommendation.

Saturday April 21st One O Clock PM. [1832]

Met agreeable to our monthly appointment for the purpose of renewing our Covenant the meeting being opened in the usual way, read our Covenant and proceeded to renew it, we had a goodly number together, after the Brethren had related their feelings, sung part of a hymn Brother Whitney prayed, the Sisters then expressed their minds, found the Chh in fellowship and nothing to prevent us from going forward to Communion, we feel that we have abundant reason to bless God that we are at peace among ourselves, and that our situation as a body is so much more pleasant and agreeable than some time past. O may he who is the teacher of his people keep us from jars and divisions.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day May 13th. [1832]

Elder Joshua Bradley having been appointed as a traveling Agent for the Granville Literary and Theological institution, and being with us, Preached in the morning and again half past seven P.M. after which he presented a letter of recommend and dismissal from the Chh in Indianapolic, requesting to become a member with us.

1st Voted that he be received as a member of this Church.

2nd At his request Voted to give him a letter recommending him to the Churches wherever he may go.

May 19th. [1832]

Met for the purpose of transacting business the meeting being opened in the usual way

1st Appointed Deacon Shepardson Mod'r protem

Brother and sister Thurston being present stated that they did not feel exactly to agree with us on our views of the doctrine of election we wished them to state to us what course they wished to take in regard to going with the Chh. They desired some more time to mature the thing in their minds.

2nd Voted that they have two months for this purpose.

The labour with of [sic] Elizabeth Rose continued

Brethren Erastus Allyn and Joseph Ashton and Brother Dusenberry the committee to visit them all absent.

Brother Thomas Evans again renewed his request to become a member with us.

Brother Alanson Sinnet said he had an interview with B Evans but their differences were not adjusted but said he had determined not to go into an investigation of the thing with B Evans and should submit the thing to the Chh

3rd Voted to rec Professor John Pratt as a member of this Chh by his letter of recommend.

4th Voted to rec Sister Mary Pratt By Letter.

5th Voted that Elder Berry be our Delegate to the Convention, in case of falier [sic] Brother Woods. Brethren Evans and Sinnet and Sister Sinnet withdrew and had another interview, returned and stated not yet reconciled with B Evans and especially S Sinnet.

Resolved that they have another interview and that they call in such aid as they think proper to endeavour to effect a reconciliation [sic].

Asa Shepardson Clk.

Lords-day May 27th [1832]

Sister Granger being about to go a journey to New England requested and received a letter of recommend to the Churches of our Faith and order

Saturday June 23rd. [1832]

Being our covenant meeting our Moderator not present Deacon Shepardson opened the meeting by singing the 4th Hymn 2nd Book. Brother French prayed. Proceeded to renew our Covenant and found the Chh in fellowship

After which opened a door for business if any

Brother Whiting Holsclaw said he had heretofore been led away with the doctrine of New lights so call'd and had even joined with them as a member but had since become convinced of his error and confessed his fault and wished to return

1st On motion resolved that he be restored to the fellowship of the Chh.

Sung the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds"

Brother French closed the meeting by Prayer.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day June 24th [1832]

Brother Whiten Holsclaw being about to remove out of the bounds of the Church for the present, requested and received a Letter of recommend.

Saturday One O Clock July 21st. [1832]

Being our meeting for business and our moderator being absent.

1st Voted that Deacon Russell be moderator protem References call'd for.

Brother Alanson Sinnet stated that he would withdraw his objections against Brother Thomas Evans heretofore made against him.

2nd Voted to receive Brother Evans as a member of this Church.

Brother Daniel Jewit having previously stated to the Church that whereas he had for some time past been in the habit of improveing [sic] his gift in a public way, he wished to know whether the Church would approbate his procedure. The business having been put by, was brought forward at this time

3rd Voted that his request be attended to.

After hearing Brother Jewit relate something of the exercises of his mind in regard to preaching

4th Voted that we give Brother Jewit a letter approbating his improving his gift in public as heretofore, where God in his providence shall open a door for him.

Brother and Sister Thurston having come in since the commencement of the meeting. Their case was taken under consideration.

After sometime spent in conversing with them on the subject they seemed to think that they should enjoy themselves better if they were amongst the methodist, but wished us to give them Letters of dismission in order that they might go where they pleased.

We told them we could not dismiss them in that way, but a number of the Church as individuals manifested their feelings on the subject, that they wished not to retain them in the Chh contrary to their feelings, but wished them to feel at liberty to act their minds, but no vote taken on the subject.

Brother Jewet closed the meeting by prayer.

Asa Shepardson Clk.

Lords-day August 12th. [1832]

Voted to give Sister Mary Woods, formerly Mary Sinnet, a letter of recommendation and dismission.

Saturday August 25th. One O Clock PM. [1832]

Being our Covenant day, opened the meeting by singing and prayer, read our covenant and proceeded to renew it, found the Church in peace and fellowship.....

After which Prof Carter and his wife presented letters of recommend wishing to become members with us.

1st Voted to receive them as members of this church.

Brother Alexander H. Fink presented a letter also wishing to become a member.

2nd Voted to receive him.

3rd Voted that Prof Pratt be one of our Delegates to the Association

4th Voted Asa Shepardson 2nd Delegate.

5th Voted Brother Alanson Sinnett 3rd Del.

6th Voted B Joel Philbrook in case of falier [sic].

A Letter to the association read.

7th And approved.

Brother Frink Closed by Prayer.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday Sep 22. [1832]

Being our annual meeting, and opened by singing a hymn, and prayer by Prof Carter, proceeded to the business of the day, read the rules of Decorum incerted [sic] on page 50th. [June 25, 1825]

1st Voted that Prof Carter serve as moderator the ensuing year and,

2nd Asa Shepardson Clk.

3rd Deacon Shepardson Treasurer.

The treasurer for last year stated that he was not fully prepared to make a regular report
References call'd for.

Asa Shepardson stated that he had visited Harris Thurston and his wife again and they had informed him that they had united with the methodist Church, in consequence of which

4th Voted that we withdraw our Church fellowship from them

A report have [sic] been circulated that Louisa Thomas had joined the Christian Chh.

5th Voted that Eld Berry and B George Gardner be a Committee to convene with her and make return

A Letter was presented to the Church from Whiting Holsclaw directed to Rev J N Walter stating that he still wished to be in fellowship with him which plainly seems to contradict the confession he made to us in June last when he received from us a letter of recommendation.

5th[sic] Voted that Elder Berry write to him on the subject. – Our Committee for obtaining preaching stated that their [sic] was some prospect of obtaining Eld George C Sedwick, and wished to know the mind of the Chh on the subject.

6th Voted unanimously that we wish our committe [sic] to engage Eld Sedwick for us to take the Pastoral care of the Chh.

Brother Mahlon Holden having moved into the bounds of the St. Albans Church requested a letter for himself nd wife in order to join them.

7th Voted to give them letters of recommend and dismission.

The minutes of the meeting read and approved Deacon Shepardson Closed by prayer.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

October 27th. [1832]

Met for the purpose of renewing our Covenant, the meeting being opened by prayer and singing, read our covenant and proceeded to renew it. Our Moderator being absent and Eld Richmond Taggart being providentially with us.

1st Appointed him Moderator for the day. Found the Church in fellowship and the members fishing to go forward on the morrow.

Sister Electa Wing related her expearance [sic].

2nd Voted to received [sic] her as a candidate for Baptism

Asa Shepardson Clk.

Lords-day Oct 28th. [1832]

Elder Richmond Taggart Baptised Sister Electa Wing, gave her the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Church, and administered to us the ordinance of the Lords-supper.

Lords-day Nov 18th. [1832]

Elder Gear Preached with us, and when about Closing the exercises of the day requested the members of the Church to tarry, for the purpose of consulting on the expediency of shortly holding a protracted [sic] meeting, After some consultation on the subject the following resolutions were past [sic]

1st Resolved unanimously that we hold a four days meeting.

2nd Resolved that the meeting commence on Wensday [sic] the 5th of December at One O Clock PM

3rd Resolved that we meet on Thursday previous to the commencement of our protracted meeting at one O Clock PM and hold a meeting or Prayer and fasting

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday Nov 24. [1832]

1st Elder Gear being with us was appointed Mod'r for the day at the request of Prof Carter our standing moderator. References call'd for.

Whereas Louisa Thomas had left the Chh and joined the New lights so call'd and manifests no desire to come back.

2nd Voted that we withdraw our Chh fellowship from her.

Elder Gear appointed to visit Sister Mary Cubberley on account of her joining the New lights

3rd Appointed Brethren Charles Sawyer, Daniel Dusenberry and Alexander H Frink a committee to make arrangements for preaching the ensuing year.

Mary Cubberly being now present related her feeling in regard to the Church. Said she had no hardness against the Chh but still wish'd to remain where she was.

Sung the hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross"

Brother William Roberts related his expearance [sic]

4th Voted to receive him as a candidate for Baptism

Sister Jerusha Gear related her expearance [sic].

5th Voted to receive her as a member after being Baptised

6th Voted to rec Sister Nancy Mallory by Letter.

7th Voted to rec Sister Laura R. Jones by Letter.

8th Voted to rec Brother William Whitney by Letter.

Deacon Shepardson Prayed

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Lords-day Nov 25th [1832]

Elder Gear Baptised Brother Roberts and Sister Gear his wife. - - - - - and at the Close of the meeting Sister Eliza Asher presented a Letter of recommend for admission into the Church.

1st Voted to receive her.

Lords-day Dec 16th [1832]

Whereas God in his good providence towards us as a Church has very lately revived his work with us and blessed us in our protracted meeting and brought some from darkness to his marvelous light and some manifested a desire to put on Christ visibly, and next saturday being our covenant meeting appointed at one O Clock PM Changed the appointment to ten O Clock AM.

Saturday Dec 22nd. [1832]

Met agreeable to appointment.

Elder Hiram Gear opened the meeting by singing the 340th hymn in Millers Selection and prayer, after which read our Covenant and proceeded to renew it, found the Chh in fellowship and many of the members manifested that they had recently exappeared [sic] soul reviving seasons in view of Gods goodness towards them and for what he is doing for us as a people.

Daniel Wildman related his expearance [sic].

1st Voted to receive him as a Candidate for Baptism.

Sarah Woodard related her expearance [sic].

2nd Voted to rec her for Baptism.

Rebecca Cubberley related.

3rd Voted to rec her too for Baptism.

4th Voted to rec Brother Timothy Hixon by Letter.

Saturday January 26th 1833.

Met for the purpose of of [sic] transacting Business relative to the Church.

The meeting being opened in the usual way and the Moderator being absent.

1st Voted that Deacon Shepardson serve as moderator for the day. References called for. Brother Dusenberry reported he had seen Brother Allyn but not Brother Ashton

2nd Voted that B Dusenberry be discharged and a new committee appointed to visit them and report in one month.

3rd Appointed Brethren Alanson Sinnet and Myron Gardner Said committee

4th Voted that S Laura Jones be an additional committee with S Polly Smith to visit S Elizabeth Rose and report next month.

5th Voted Elder Berry be discharged as a Committee in regard to B Whiting Holsclaw, and a new committee to write to him and prefer the charge of Practising [sic] deceit [sic], and site [sic] him to come before the Chh and answer to the charge.

6th Voted Brother Daniel Jewett Jr. and Alexander H Frink Said Committee

7th Voted that Elder Gear be discharged as a Committee to visit Mary Cubberley.

8th Voted that Mary Cubberley be dropt [sic] from our list.

9th Voted that our Committee for makeing [sic] arrangement for Preaching, make arrangement also for making fires in the meeting house lighting it +c.

10th Voted that an addition of two be made to the Committee just mentioned.

11th Voted that Alanson Sinnet be one of the committee.

12th Voted that Prof Pratt be the other.

13th Appointed Gideon Dagget Alexander H Frink Pascal Carter, Daniel Wildman and Alanson Sinnet a Committee to make arrangement for our singing

14th Voted to give sister Lucretia Allyn a Letter of recommend and dismissal.

Asa Shepardson Chh Clk.

Saturday Feb 23rd [1833]

Met for the purpose of renewing our covenant.

Elder Kerr being with us, opened the meeting by singing and Prayer. After which read the covenant and proceeded to renew it. Found the members in union and fellowship, and manifested a desire of going forward with the Church. After which sung the 350th Hymn Millers Selection, and opened a door for hearing expearances [sic] The following persons came forward and gave a relation of their expearances [sic] and were received as candidates for Baptism.

Abner Wright, Cynthia Smith, Sally Jewet, nancy Sinnet, Philip Ewings, Marcas Morton.

1st Voted to receive Sister Mabel Thrall by Letter.

2nd Voted to receive Matilda Bailey by Letter

Heard the report of the Committee appointed to write to Brother Whiting Holsclaw, that they had done according to their directions in writing to him preferring [sic] the Charge of practising [sic] deceit upon the Church, and requesting him to attend on this day to answer to said charge. Also heard a letter from him directed to the Clk. in which he stated that he could not attend manifested a desire to remove the

difficulty, denied [sic] the Charge preferred by the Church, Said in a letter which he had some time since wrote to Elder Darrow he had stated the reasons of his writing to Mr. Walters as he did if they may be called he says, seemed very anxious to maintain his place in the Church, and to have his case postponed till he could come to the Church himself.

3rd Voted that the business remain as it is untill [sic] we see him.

4th Voted that the committee be discharged.

Heard the report of the Committee appointed to see Brethren Erastus Allyn and Joseph Ashton which was in regard to B Allyn that the reason of his absenting himself was that he was burdened with one member of the Chh that he had tryed [sic] to have the difficulty removed, but had not succeeded, acknowledged he had ought to have come to the Church and made known the reason of his staying away, Said he would endeavour to have every thing righted, and come and take his place in the Church again. - - In regard to B Ashton our committee said we found him in a cold state of mind he said about one year ago he left off praying and reading The Bible and since that time had had no enjoyment, said he had no hardness against anyone in the Chh the committee exorted [sic] him to do his duty, he said he would try to do so.

5th Voted that the report of the committee be received and the Committee be discharged.

The report of our Committee from Sister Elizabeth Rose was that the reason she assigned for not walking with the Church is wholly owing to her improper conduct, and a want of sufficient humility to come forward and confess her fault. She appeared fully sensible of the impropriety of the course she had pursued, and acknowledged that the fruit of it was nothing but remorse of conchence [sic].

6th Voted that the Committee be discharged.

7th Voted that the Committee be reappointed.

Asa Shepardson Clk

Lords-day Feb 24th. [1833]

Elder Kerr Baptised Philip Ewings, Abner Wright, Sarah Woodward and Rebecca Cubberley. And gave them and the two Sisters rec yesterday by Letter the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Chh. And administered the Lords-supper.

Saturday March 23rd [1833]

Met for business, some time spent in singing and prayer, the proceedings of the last meeting then read and proceeded to business.

1st Voted to give Sister Jerusha Gear a letter of recommendation and dismissal.

2nd Voted to give brother Wm Whitney a letter of licence [sic] to preach the gospel where god in this providence may open a door for him

3rd Voted that Asa Shepardson rec a Letter of recommend and dismissal.

4th Voted that Brother Alexander H Frink be our Clerk

5th Voted that a new book be procured for the keeping of the records of the church and that the most material matter in the former records be transcribed into such book, by the Clerk on a committee appointed for that purpose

6th Voted that a committee be appointed for the purpose of investigating all matters of difference between members of the church, and all causes of difficulty to come before the church, and that when such causes cannot be otherwise removed the committee shall lay them before the Church

7th Voted that Br. Tho's Evans receive a letter of reccommendation [sic] and dismissal.

A.H. Frink
Church Clerk

Church Meeting Mrch 28th 1833

1. On motion resolved that brother J. H. Williams receive a letter of dismissal from the church according to his request

2. and give brother Orson B Craft a letter of dismissal by his request

On motion resolved that sister Rebecca Morrison receive at her request a letter of dismissal.

On motion resolved that brother Cubberley and his wife receive letterz [sic] of dismissal from the church according to their request

On motion resolved that brother Asa Shepardson be appointed Clerk instead of A.H. Frink resigned.

Church Meeting Nov 29th 1834

1. Miss Pricilla Runkle presented a letter of recommendation upon which she was received a member with us.

2. Mrs Samantha Woodruff was voted a letter of dismissal according to her request

3. On motion Resolved that Prof. Carter brother Roberts receive the approbation of the church in the exercise of their gifts in preaching

4. Resolved that Prof. Carter be signed to preach before the church as some time best suiting his Commission (?)

5. On motion Resolved that a subscription be drawn made payable monthly for the defraying of the expenses of the church and society

6. Resolved that Deacon Shepardson Alanson Sinnet and A H. Frink be a committee to notify the members of the plan adopted for paying (?) the above subscription.

Covenant Meeting
Dec 27th 1834

1. The committee reported and then report defended
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Church Meeting Jan. 24th 1835

1. Resolved that Brethren A. Shepardson and James Peasler be added to the Prudential commission
 2. Resolved that for the ensuing year the following persons constitute the Executive Council A.H. Frink Asa Shepardson Hiram Boardman Myron Gardner and David Anderson
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Covenant Meeting Feb. 21st 1835

Voted to receive Hannah Ball as a candidate for baptism after hearing her experience

That Sister Susan Cubberley receive a letter of dismission and commendation

On balloting for a deacon Brother Jonathan Wilson was unanimously elected

After the recommendation of the prudential [?] committee on motion resolved that Anna Chamberland be excluded from the church

Resolved that Dn. Spelman be appointed Treasurer

Church Meeting July 20th 1834 [?]

1. Anson S. Knapp related his experience before the church with a [sic] to uniting after which by vote of the church it was resolved that he be received after baptism.

2d By vote Mrs. Harriett Sawyer was received on the recommendation of her letter.

3d Voted that Brother that [sic] Weaver receive a letter of dismission.

4th Also that Brother Roberts receive a letter of dismission

5th Resolved that the subject of the adoption of the articles be defered [sic] until our next covenant meeting

6th The committee on the case of Mr A reported progress and the business was forth defered [sic]

7th The following persons were appointed delagates [sic] to the Association Mr. Carr, Mr. Sinnet, and Prof. Carter and Mr. Wildman in case of failur [sic]

Covenant Meeting Aug 30th 1834.

1. On motion it was resolved that C.L. Bagley [?] receive license to preach

2. On motion Resolved that Brother Wm Allyn B. G. Allgood & Daniel Jewett receive letter of dismission and commendation

3. The committee on Mr. Anderson's case reported that had written to the Hamilton church but that no answer had been obtained and that they further advised that Mr. Anderson be received into the church upon his Christian experience if it should [sic] satisfactory. The report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

4. On motion Resolved that the advice of the committee be adopted

5. The letter presented from the Association was read and adopted.

Covenant Meeting Oct 20th [1834?]

1. Mr. Anderson related his Christian experience before the church and since under motion was received as member
2. On motion it was resolved that the following persons be received upon the commendation of the letters which they presented. Brother H. Carr Mrs. An. B. Carr & Miss Isabel Clarke
3. Resolved that S. Clarke receive a letter of dismissal and recommendation agreeably to her request.