

First Baptist Church in Pomfret, Chautauque County, New York, 1824

Pomfret July 30, 1821–The following is a copy taken from the former records of the Baptist brethren of said town

Nov 1805– A number of Baptist brethren having moved to this place it then being a wilderness, where we have no knowledge that there was ever a religious assembly before, whose number was small consisting of only five brethren and four sisters, thought proper to meet on Lord's days to recommend the cause of Christ and confirm each other in the faith, the Lord helping their labors. 2806– one more was added to their number.

March 14, 1807– The brethren and sisters entered into covenant and agreed to meet every last Saturday in each month to renew (the) covenant.

Sept 8th 1808– The brethren met and agreed to adopt the articles of faith and covenant which was presented for Elder Peter (J Roots?) at Utica in the year 1806.

Oct 12th 1808– At a meeting at Brother Cushing's, the brethren agreed to send for a council to see if they could fellowship us as a church in sister relationship according to a letter was sent to Elder Joel Butler, Dea Hezekiah Eastman and Dea Joy Handy.

(Minutes for Nov 14, 1813 were entered here but crossed out.)

Names of members (with no date)

how received	names	dismissed
by witness	<u>Elder Joy Handy</u>	
by witness	<u>Brother Zattu Cushing</u>	
by witness	<u>Wm Gould</u>	by letter
by witness	<u>John VanTassel</u>	by letter
by witness	<u>Benjamin Barrett</u>	by letter
by witness	<u>Eliphalet Burnham</u>	2 chh (maybe left for 2 nd church)
by witness	<u>Rufus Landon</u>	by letter
by witness	<u>Seth Cole</u>	died
by witness	<u>Barzilla Barker</u>	excluded
by witness	<u>Daniel Baldwin</u>	
by witness	<u>Abell Beebe</u>	by letter
by witness	<u>Daniel Harris</u>	2 chh
by witness	<u>Sela Pickett</u>	by letter
by witness	<u>Arva O Austin</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Samuel Conviss</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Joseph Sprague</u>	

by letter	<u>Caleb Ward</u>	by letter
by baptism	<u>Martin Eastwood</u>	
by letter	<u>Elijah Devine</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Ebenezer Webster</u>	
by letter	<u>David Crouch</u>	2 chh
by letter	<u>Aaron Osborn</u>	
by baptism	<u>Joseph Buck</u>	
by letter	<u>Benjamin Barrus</u>	by letter
new page headed "sisters"		
by baptism	<u>Charity Willson</u>	died 21 July 1819
by baptism	<u>Sally Bull</u>	2 chh
by letter	<u>Marian Harris</u>	2 chh
by baptism	<u>Patty Thompson</u>	(baptized Jan 19, 1817)
by letter	<u>Langhan</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Sophia Hull</u>	by letter
by baptism	<u>Lucy Ducit</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Zulimana Merrit (Merril)</u>	
by baptism	<u>Fanna Harris</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Mabel Bliss</u>	
	Lucy Ross (this entry in different ink between lines, no other info)	
by letter	<u>Delila Sage</u>	
by baptism	<u>Smith</u>	
by baptism	<u>Kathy Merrel</u>	
by baptism	<u>Betsey Douglass</u>	
by baptism	<u>Day</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Sally Crosby</u>	
by letter	<u>Jane Osborn</u>	
letter 5 Aug 1821	<u>Rosama B Randall</u>	
by letter	<u>Anny St John</u>	
brothers (at bottom of "sisters" page)		
by letter	<u>Benjamin Randall</u>	
by letter	<u>Ezekiel St John</u>	

November 9th 1813– At meeting at Brother John VanTassel’s, Eld Handy moderator
1st voted that Brother Zattu Cushing serve the Church as Deacon.
2nd vote that there be a contribution in the church every last Saturday for the support of the Lord’s Table and that the church keep a record of the money and by whom paid.
3rd vote that we raise money by subscription to provide furniture for the Lord’s Table.
4th vote that each brother keep a record of all the property he pays to the Elder and return it the first of August next to the clerk and that all the provisions shall be carried to the Elder by the first of June next and the ensuing year and if after that time to be the same price it was going at the 1st

of June.

Note by clerk: "The next account is written in the record book following the meeting of April 5th 1817, but we place it here to keep dates chronologically correct." Also:

"While copying from the old book, we found the following in the latter part of the book, not time enough to insert it where it belongs."

May 28, 1814– Church meeting– Brother Sela Pickett moderator

1st voted that the charge brought by Eld Handy against Brother Barzilla Barker is proved. Voted that he be admonished.

The charge brought by Eld Handy is as follows: in Pomfret May 28, 1814 Elder Joy Handy appeared before the church and saith that he is grieved with Brother Brazilla Barker for refusing to fulfill an agreement he had made and denying he had made the same. I have taken the first two steps according to the 18th c Matthew and he is not (regained?) It to apply ---- Joy Handy. Members present when Eld Joy Handy brought a complaint against Brazilla Barker: Elder Handy, Zattu Cushing, Daniel Baldwin, Sela Picket, Benj Barret, Abel Beebe, Arva O Austin, Wm Gould.

Oct 11, 1814– Church meeting– Brother Pickett moderator

1st voted that Eld Handy give Brother Gaude a letter of recommendation in behalf of the church

2nd voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Saturday in Oct just at ten o'clock AM

Oct 28, 1814– Church met agreeable to appointment

1st voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Saturday in November next at the same place.

November 5th 1814– Church met according to adjournment

1st Arva O Austin moderator, 2nd Eliphalet Burnham clerk

3rd as Elder Handy knowing the future and prospects to his support as well as his brethren we view it as our duty therefore leave it to him to go or stay, but to stay if Pomfret trusts with his mind.

5th this meeting dissolved (note: there was no 4th agenda item noted)

December 31st 1814– Church met agreeable to appointment, Brother Barrett moderator

1st voted that church inform the general Churches from whence our brethren come of there being united with us when there letters require it.

2nd voted that we withhold the hand of fellowship from Barzilla Barker who was previous to this date a brother among us and further that the church from whence he came be informed of our labor with him and the manner of our labor.

3rd voted that Brother Daniel Baldwin and Wm Gould inform Brazilla Barker that he is no longer a member of this church.

4th voted in consequence of the resignation of Brother Wm Gould as clerk, Brother Arva O Austin be appointed in his place.

March 5th 1816– At a Church meeting held at the house of Zattu Cushing for the purpose of forming some regulation in the church.

1st voted Ebenezer Webster Deacon

2nd voted to attend and (state?) church conference possibly at one PM and meeting to be opened possibly at half past one provided five persons belonging to the Church are present they may pray state their minds and return home.

August 3rd 1816– Church met agreeable to appointment

1st voted Deacon Webster moderator & 2nd voted Brother Joseph Sprague clerk.

3rd voted that Brother Zattu Cushing should improve with Mr & Sister _____.

4th voted that there should be two subscription papers for the support of Elder Handy, who is preaching with us.

5th voted that brother (space left blank) and brother Burnham circulate the same.

December 1816– Church met at Brother Thomas Bull's, Elder Handy moderator

1st voted that Brother Thomas Bull serve this church as clerk.

2nd voted that Brother Elijah Devine serve the church as Deacon.

3rd voted that money be raised to procure a platter for the Table and that the money be put in Brother Bull's hands and to procure the same.

April 5th 1817– Church met agreeable to appointment, Brother Webster moderator

1st voted that Eld Handy preach two thirds of the Sabbaths to this church, one third at the village and the other third at the church house near Bulls Mills the ensuing year.

2nd voted that there be two subscription papers circulated for the support of the church.

3rd voted that Brothers Webster, Eastwood, Baldwin & Brother Bull be a committee to circulate the subscription papers.

4th vote there be Brethren appointed to call after delinquent brothers & sisters who do not attend to covenant in not meeting with the church.

5th vote that Brothers Webster & Eastwood with part of the church and Brother Devine and Langdon in their part.

6th voted that Brother Webster & Brother Devine be a committee to call on Elder Handy and invite him to preach with us two thirds of the time for the ensuing year.

March 14th 1818– Church met at the schoolhouse near Dan'l C Smith's, Brother James B(rown?) moderator

1st voted there be a subscription paper circulated to see what can be raised for support of the church and said subscription to state that the Elder will preach to the Church according to the support raised.

2nd voted that Brother Eastwood and Brother Webster circulate the paper down the creek and that Brother Devine and Brother Baldwin and Brother Bull up the creek

3rd voted that we answer the request of the brethren in Hanover

4th voted that we send brothers Ebenezer Webster, Zattu Cushing, Elijah Devine, Benj Bennet to sit in council with the church in Hanover.

5th voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 15th of April next at the same place.

April 15th 1818– met according to adjournment, Brother Zattu Cushing moderator

1st voted Brothers Webster, Eastwood and Devine be a committee to present the subscription to Elder Handy and request him to preach with us through the ensuing year just a part of the time as the sum raised in the subscription support him and also the committee is instructed to request of the Elder to state what portion of the time he will preach with us for the sum furnished.

August 19th 1819– Church met at the schoolhouse near Bull's Mills, Brother Rufus Langdon moderator

1st voted that we invite Elder Handy to preach two thirds of the Sabbaths the ensuing year beginning the first of May last and that there be a subscription paper circulated for his support.

2nd voted that our meetings be held one half the time in Fredonia at the schoolhouse near Hezekiah Barker's and the other half at the schoolhouse near Bull's Mills.

November 10th 1820– Church met according to appointment, Eld Crosby moderator

1st voted to take into consideration the propriety of holding meetings all the time at one place

2nd voted that the subject respecting holding meetings lay over — to our next Covenant meeting.

3rd voted that the clerk take down the names of all the members present at Church and Covenant meetings and when any shall be absent two meeting that there shall be brethren appointed to look after them and to report to the Church at the next Church meeting.

4th voted that Deacon Webster, Brother Nat'l Crosby be committee to visit sisters Williams, Rogers, Brother Sprague, Sister Sprague & families.

5th voted that Brothers Willson & Bull be committee to visit sisters Luke, Cowden, Willson, Harris, Willson, Crouch & Brother Burnham.

6th voted that Brother Eastwood visit Brother Barnaby..

7th voted that this meeting be dissolved.

December 2nd 1820– Church met agreeable to adjournment, made choice of Eld Crosby moderator and Brother Bond clerk pro tem

1st voted that there be a committee formed to regulate the meeting; chose Brothers P Webster, E Bull, N Crosby & D Willson.

2nd voted to have communion day the first Sabbath in every month.

3rd voted that the Covenant meetings be one half the time up the creek.

4th voted that there be a committee to draft a subscription and circulate for the purpose of building Elder Handy a house.

5th voted that Brothers N Crosby, D Webster & J Bond be a committee to see the collection of the subscription now in the hand of Elder Handy.

6th voted that this meeting be adjourned to Brother Bull's on the thirteenth inst at ten o'clock AM.

December 13th 1820— Church met agreeable to adjournment

1st voted that there be a committee of four to confer with Brother Cushing his call to preach.

2nd voted Elder Crosby, Elder Handy, Deacon Webster, Deacon Crosby be said committee.

(The was no 3rd item)

4th voted that the committee report at the next Covenant meeting.

5th voted that we have another deacon.

6th voted that this meeting adjourn.

January 6th 1821— Covenant & Church meeting at Brother Cushing's, Bro Cushing moderator

1st the committee appointed to confer with Brother Cushing report that there number is— that it be postponed for the present.

2nd voted that Brother Bull confer with Brother Simmons respecting the way that support may be raised for him to preach with us five months one Sabbath per month.

3rd voted that we proceed to the choice of a deacon.

4th voted that absent brothers and sisters shall have a chance to vote for deacon and that they shall hand their ballots to Brother Cushing on or before our next covenant meeting and the votes to be counted on that day.

5th voted that the meeting be adjourned.

(Note written in margin that 12 January belongs here and 24th of March immediately after, so we have placed the notes in correct order here.)

January 12th 1821— Church met agreeable to appointment; 1st made choice of Brother Cushing moderator

2nd committee appointed to confer with Bro Cushing report that there mind is that it be postponed for the present.

3rd voted that we relinquish Bro Cushing's appointment on the arrangements for preaching.

4th voted that Eld Crosby & Elder Handy supply the place of Brother Cushing.

5th voted that Brother Bull confer with Bro Simmons respecting the way that support may be raised for him.

6th voted that we choose a deacon for this church.

7th voted that absent brothers & sisters shall vote by ballot and hand them to Brother Cushing on or before our next Covenant meeting and to be canvast (canvassed?) on that day.

8th voted that this meeting be dissolved

March 24th 1821— Church met agreeable to appointment

1st voted Deacon Crosby moderator

2nd voted that there be a committee of two to visit Eld Handy to inform him of the minds of the church respecting preaching and to get his mind respecting the same and to report at our next meeting.

3rd voted that Deacon Webster & Brother Willson be said committee.
4th voted that we make Brother Simmons compensation for his preaching with us.
5th voted that we raise \$10.00 for brother Simmons in grain and money.
6th voted that we have a subscription to raise the above and Brother Hull and Brother Peas Be a committee to circulate said subscription.
7th voted that Richard Douglas be appointed to superintend the building of Elder Handy's house, and that the church will not consider them (s----) holden no further than (subscribed?).
8th voted that the meeting adjourned to meet Saturday at ten o'clock AM

March 31st 1821– Church met agreeable to adjournment

1st chose Deacon Crosby moderator
2nd voted that there be a subscription paper circulated for Elder Crosby.
3rd voted that Brother Hull draw said subscription paper.
4th voted that Brethren Crouch, R Willson, (Knewdness?) Hall, John Ross be a committee to circulate the said subscription for Eld Crosby.
5th voted that this meeting adjourn to fortnight from today at one o'clock PM

April 14th 1821– 1st voted that Deacon Webster be moderator__

It was ascertained by the votes of the Church that Nathaniel Crosby was chosen Deacon.
2nd voted that Bro Crosby & Bro Bull be called to ordination.
3rd voted that this meeting be adjourned.

May 26th 1821– 1st voted Eld Crosby moderator.

2nd voted Barush C Peas have a letter and Sister Picket likewise.
3rd voted by Elder Handy's request to discharge him from exclusive pastoral care of the church.
4th voted that there be a church meeting five weeks from today to find the minds if the church respecting a part being ----- and they shall deliver their minds in writing to the church on that day.
5th voted that this meeting adjourn to the seventh of June next

June 7th 1821– Church met agreeable to adjournment. 1st voted Eld Crosby moderator.

2nd voted that the request of the brethren be granted agreeable to their request.
3rd voted that we call on the churches at Bear Creek, Gerry, Hanover, Portland, Perrysburg & Elder Gillet to sit in council with us on the 21st day of June next at ten O Clock AM.
4th voted that Eld Crosby invite the church at Portland to attend the council.
5th voted that the letters Brother Cushing wrote to find to the Association be (enclosed?).
6th voted that this meeting adjourn to the 21st inst at 10 O Clock AM.

Church conference June 2nd 1821

Note in margin: "this ought to have place before but was not found."

After conference the church transacted the following business—

1st voted that we fund members to represent us at the association.

2nd voted that we send Eld Handy, Eld Crosby, Brother Cushing, Brother Burnham, Brother Bull to the Association.

3rd voted that Brother Cushing assist the clerk in writing a letter for the church.

4th voted that we request the Association to meet with us at their next meeting.

June 21st 1821– Council met agreeable to appointment for the purpose of giving fellowship in their proceeding in dividing the Baptist Church of Pomfret and giving their fellowship to the second church in Pomfret. The following brethren of the Council present: from Bear Creek Church Elder Smith, Brother Samuel Crissey, Brother Benjamin Miller; Jery (Gerry?) Selah Pickett; 2nd Hanover Elder J Bennett, Bethel Willoughby, Elijah Devine, Alanson Herriman, Justus Fletcher; Portland Loring Crosby, Isaac Sage, Charles Morse; Perrysburg Elder E Finch, Samuel Hamand.

1st the Church voted to receive the Brethren of the Council

2nd Chose Elder Elnathan Finch chairman.

3rd chose James Bennett Clerk

4th called for their Articles of Faith & Practice.

5th voted to give them the right hand of fellowship as a sister Church of Christ. Signed by Elder Elnathan Finch, moderator & James Bennett clerk.

June 29th 1821– Church meeting, met agreeable to appointment

1st voted Deacon Webster moderator

2nd appointed Brother John Bond clerk

3rd voted a committee of Elder Crosby, Elder Handy & Brother Cushing to visit absent members.

4th voted to adjourn this meeting to the twentyth of July next at 4 o'clock PM

July 20th 1821– Church met according to adjournment.

The committee report agreeable to the Church request.

1st voted that the clerk give Brother Nathaniel Crosby a letter of recommendation.

2nd voted that N Crosby & J Bond be a committee to visit the 2nd church to settle the account of Brother Simmons.

3rd voted that Sister Wilson have a letter to join the 2nd church.

4th voted to adjourn this meeting to the 4th of August at one o'clock PM. Deacon Webster moderator, J Bond clerk

August 4th 1821– Church met according to appointment

1st voted that Eld Crosby preach with us

2nd voted that this meeting be dissolved. Deacon Webster Mod, J Bond Clk

Oct 6th 1821– Elder Handy moderator

1st voted that the clerk draft (something?) for brother Joshua Ames relating the situation of which

he joined this church and to inform the church in Perry Ohio the mistake in a letter sent Brother Ames from this church.

2nd voted that Eld Handy, Eld Crosby, Brother Cushing & Brother Bond attend the council at Bear Lake.

3rd vote to dissolve this meeting. Eld Handy Mod, J Bond Clk

December 5th 1821– Church met according to appointment

1st Elder Crosby moderator

2nd voted Nathaniel Crosby clerk pro tem.

3rd voted that the church send to Elder Elisha Tucker to remove to this place and serve this church as their minister.

4th voted Elder Handy, Elder Crosby, Brother Cushing be a committee to correspond with Elder Tucker.

5th voted to dissolve this meeting. Eld Crosby mod, N Crosby clerk pro tem

February 20th 1822–

1st chose Elder Handy moderator

2nd chose Brother Randall clerk pro tem

Rec'd a letter from the 2nd church of which the following is a copy:

The Second Baptist Church of Pomfret sendeth Christian salutation to the First Baptist of Christ in Pomfret grace, memory and peace be unto you and request to you is that you will give Brother Zattu Cushing a letter to unite with us for we feel that we ---- and in need of his gift and believing that it will be for our mutual benefit and for the prosperity at Laona ----- regards of the church. Pomfret Feb 8th Thomas Bull church clerk.

3rd voted that we do not give Brother Cushing a letter of dismissal unless it should be his request.

4th voted to dissolve this meeting. Elder Handy mod, Bro Benj Randall clerk pro tem

Apr 4th 1822– Church met according to appointment

1st chose Elder Handy moderator

2nd and bother Nath'l Crosby Clerk

3rd voted that Brethren Webster & Randall be a committee to visit the brethren and sisters in the west part of the town and report their union with the church.

4th chose Brethren Eastwood & Marsh to visit those in the east part and to report accordingly.

5th chose Brethren N Crosby & Osborn to visit Sister Cole.

6th chose Brethren Handy & Cushing to visit members in the south part & report.

7th voted to dissolve this meeting. Eld Handy mod, N Crosby clerk pro tem

May 4th 1822– Church met according to appointment

1st chose Elder Handy moderator. The committee report their fellowship for all members except Brothers Russell and Sprague.

2nd voted to give Sister Luke a letter to join the Baptist Church in Stockton

3rd voted that Elder Handy, Brother Webster & Brother Crosby be a committee to visit Brother J Sprague.

4th voted to adjourn this meeting to the 11th at 4 o'clock PM; Elder Handy mod, J Bond clerk

May 11th 1822– Church met agreeable to adjournment, Elder Handy moderator

The committee appointed to visit Brother Sprague report that Brother Sprague did sometime since make some expression in anger very unbecoming a Christian, that is, he was accused of saying to his daughter that he wished her in hell & (Lyvenius??) says (Sage) to her and of ----- is come over (Jacob) says ---- and calling him an old cuss.... *(Note: This description written so as to be impossible to tell what is meant.)* Brother Sprague being present acknowledged that he did as he was charged but did not make satisfactory acknowledgement to the church.

2nd voted to give Brother Cushing and Sister (Sage?) letters of recommendation.

3rd voted to adjourn this meeting to the 28th at 4 o'clock PM. Elder Handy Mod, J Bond Clerk

May 18th 1822–

1st vote to pay Eld Crosby \$8 (maybe 8 shilling/pound) as (comfort?) for preaching in the year 1820.

2nd voted that Brothers Webster & Bond be a committee to close the unsettled business of the church.

3rd vote that Brothers N Crosby & Bond write a letter of admonition to Brother Sprague.

4th voted to dissolve this meeting. Elder Handy mod, J Bond clerk

(Date does not appear at top of page, apparently between May & August 1822)

Church met agreeable to appointment

1st vote Elder Joy Handy moderator and Brother James Hull clerk pro tem

2nd took into consideration the defection of Brother Joseph Sprague. Brother Sprague presented the letter of admonition which the church had sent him and was dissatisfied with some part of said letter did not bring the matter to a close. Brother Sprague agrees to endeavor to make satisfaction in his own neighborhood and meet the church at our next Covenant meeting.

3rd voted to dissolve this meeting. Elder J Handy mod, J Hull clerk pro tem

August 12, 1822– Church met agreeable to appointment.

1st chose Brother Randall moderator

2nd took into consideration the business of Brother Sprague. Brother Sprague pressed, confessed his fault and (was) restored to fellowship of this church.

3rd voted to find a committee to meet the Town Line Church in Stockton in response to their letter and made choice of Elder Handy, Elder Crosby, Brother Cushing, Brother Randall

4th took into consideration the blessings of Eld Tucker and voted to receive Eld Tucker as our minister.

5th voted that Deacon Webster, Brother Crosby, Brother Randall, Brother Cushing, Brother

Eastwood, Brother Hull and Brother Bond be the committee to do all the business respecting Eld Tucker moving to this place.

6th voted to receive Elder Elisha Tucker in this church as a member and to give him a letter of recommendation.

Voted to dissolve this meeting; J Bond clerk

Sept 19th 1822– Church met agreeable to appointment

1st chose Deacon E Webster moderator

2nd Sister Betsey Blood requested a letter. The church objected on account of her marriage with Mr Blood who it is reported has another wife living.

3rd voted that Brethren Cushing & Randall be a committee to enquire into the report respecting this Sr Blood & see whether it be true.

4th voted Brother James Hill write a letter to Sister Blood in answer to her request and state the reason why the church do not think proper to give her a letter at present.

5th voted that Brethren Cushing and Randall be a committee to inquire into certain reports respecting Brother St John.

6th voted that this meeting be dissolved. Deacon Webster mod, James Hill clerk.

October 5th 1822– Covenant meeting

The Church voted to send the following brethren to the Association viz Eld Pearson Crosby, Eld Joy Handy, Eld Elisha Tucker, Brother Cushing, Brother Webster & Brother Randall.

Voted to have a Church meeting on Saturday the 12th of June at 2 o'clock PM

October 12th 1822– Church met agreeable to appointment.

1st chose Brother B Randall moderator

Brother St Johns feels himself grieved (paragraph concerning St John crossed out and illegible)

2nd voted that there be an addition of three to the old committee to inquire into circulating reports respecting Brother St John—two smudged words—Brethren M Eastwood, P Mark & N Crosby.

3rd voted to dissolve this meeting. B Randall moderator, J B Bond clerk

November 7th 1822– Church met agreeable to appointment

1st the Committee appointed to inquire into certain reports against Brother St John report that on account of the absence of Bro St John they have not attended to their business.

2nd voted the same committee attend to the above business.

3rd The committee appointed to inquire into certain reports respecting Sister Betsey Douglas report that they have not been able to ascertain anything satisfactory.

4th voted that Brethren Cushing & Randall be a committee to visit Sister Betsey Douglas.

5th voted that this meeting adjourn to Saturday the 23rd inst. J Bond clerk.

(No record of meeting on the 23rd)

December 7th 1822– Church met agreeable to adjournment, Eld tucker moderator, chose N Crosby clk pro tem.

1st resolved under existing circumstances not to receive Mr Justis Adams into Church.

2nd voted that Brother B Randall, Eastwood & Mark be a committee to inform Mr Adams of the proceedings of the church and also that there are a committee through which he can hereafter inform the church should all difficulties be removed which now exist.

3rd voted that if the 2nd church in this town can make arrangements with Brother Cushing to improve with them that he goes in the fullest fellowship of this church.

4th voted to circulate a subscription to make up the subscription to Eld Tucker this year.

5th voted that Brother B Randall, W Crosby and R Buck be a committee to arrange the ---- of the communion table on the several members of the church and report.

6th voted to dissolve this meeting. Eld Tucker moderator, N Crosby clerk pro tem.

December 28th 1822– Covenant meeting

1st voted to give Brother Nathaniel Crosby a traveling letter.

2nd voted that the church use currant wine for the use of the table and that Brother Nathaniel Crosby furnish for one year for 75 ? Per gallon.

January 26th 1823 Sabbath– Elder Tucker complains of Brother St John and saith there is no report in question that the said brother has been guilty of (intunation?)

Church voted that Eld Tucker, Brothers Eastwood & Bond be a committee to inquire into the circumstance of Brother St John.

February 1st 1923– Covenant meeting

The committee appointed by the Church to inquired into the conduct of Brother St John and find him guilty.

Vote that Eld Tucker write a letter to the Baptist Church in (Euclid?) stating the situation of said Brother since he received a letter from them.

March 1st 1823– Covenant meeting

1st voted to receive Brother Barzilla Barker into the church again.

2nd voted to receive Brother Nathan & Sister Eunice Wood and Sister Welthan Fenner into church by their letters.

3rd voted to receive Orphy Bennett as a member of this church when baptized.

April 5th 1823– Covenant meeting

1st voted to receive Ninell Bond, Elizabeth Fink, Ester Grant, Emily Clark as members of this church when baptized. J Bond clerk

April 19th 1823– Entire Church meeting

1 voted to receive James Mark & Lucy Mark as members of this church when baptized.

2 voted to receive Lydia Mark on her experience as she had been regularly baptized notwithstanding it had been performed by a Methodist.

May 3rd 1823– Covenant meeting

voted to receive Mary Hill as member of the church when baptized. J Bond clerk

May 3rd 1823– At Covenant meeting Br John Bond resigned his office as church clerk. Voted to receive his resignation.

2nd voted that Nathaniel Crosby serve the Church as clerk. Nath'l Crosby church clerk.

March 10th 1823– Church met according to appointment.

1st prayer by Elder Andrews

2nd chose Nathaniel Crosby clerk pro tem

3rd heard a letter from North East and Clymer dated 10th June requesting us to send our Elders and Messengers to sit with them in Council the 25th June.

4th voted to answer their request by sending Elders Tucker, Crosby & Handy and Brethren Randall, N Crosby, Z Cushing & Hull

5th voted to appoint a committee of three to attend to the collection of the subscription for the support of the Gospel and buying Elder Tucker a cow.

6th voted to appoint Brs Randall & Buck and Mr Martin D Harmon a committee for that purpose.

7th voted that the above committee settle with Isaac Thompson and circulate a subscription for Elder Tucker the present year.

8th voted that in view of the conduct of Betsy Douglass in uniting with a man by the name of Blood in an unlawful and un-Christian manner, that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from her until she leaves him and make suitable acknowledgment to the church. Nathaniel Crosby church clerk

May 31st 1823– Covenant meeting– voted to receive Eaton Betsy Fuller, Harriet Randall, Zebiah Handy, Jairus Handy, Howard Ward, Jeremiah Russell and Merritt Barbour as members of this church when baptized. Lord's day June 1st 1823 the above persons were baptized and received as members.

June 4th 1823– at a church meeting provisionally appointed– prayer by Elder Tucker

1st voted that Elder Tucker take a journey to New York, Boston, Providence and Salem and other places on his route to solicit aid to finish our meeting house as soon as he can leave home.

2nd voted to dissolve this meeting. Nathaniel Crosby church clerk

July 5th 1823– Covenant meeting, Nathaniel Crosby CC

Rec'd Sister Almira Buck by letter from the Baptist church in Farmington– voted that Anna Thompson, Polly Morton, Rachael Thompson and Ira Folster? Become members when baptized in this church. Also rec'd Mary Ann Ward by baptism. Nathaniel Crosby– clerk

rec'd Sister Catharine Damon by letter from Ellicott Church.

July 21st 1823– At a Church meeting being duly notified

1st Prayer by Elder Tucker

2nd voted that a letter be drafted and signed by the clerk in behalf of the church for Elder Tucker to present to our sister churches and friends to solicit funds to finish our meeting house.

3rd voted that Elders Handy & Crosby & Brother Cushing to a committee to examine said letter and approve or amend said letter in behalf of the Church.

4th voted that Elder Crosby, Br Randall & Br Buck be a committee to visit Br Barzilla Barker and inform him the church grieved with him for 1st refusing to abide by the principles of a settlement made between him and the church; 2nd for refusing to abide by his agreement to have said settlement for agreement publicly read; 3rd for neglecting the church.

5th voted that this meeting be adjourned till the first Friday in Sept. Nathaniel Crosby church clerk

August 24th 1823– in Church meeting voted to send delegates to the Association viz Elds Elisha Tucker, Pearson Crosby, Joy Handy, Brs Zattu Cushing, Eben'z Webster, Nath'l Crosby, Benj Randall, Reuben Buck. N Crosby clerk

Sept 5th 1823– Met according to adjournment— prayer by Elder Tucker

1st voted that Brethren Randall, Hull & N Crosby be a committee to adjust the account with Elder Tucker for his last years labors with us.

2nd voted the same committee appointed at a former meeting to visit Br B Barker visit him and report at our next meeting.

3rd voted Br Cushing and Eastwood be a committee to visit Br Bliss and enquire into certain reports in circulation against his character as a Christian.

4th voted to adjourn till next Tuesday three o'clock PM. Nathaniel Crosby Chh Clk

Sept 9th 1823– Church met according to adjournment– prayer by Elder Tucker

1st voted that Brs Cushing and Eastwood be a committee to visit Br Bliss again and that there be a letter of admonition written and the committee be the bearer—

2nd The committee appointed to settle the accounts with Elder Tucker reported that there is three dollars wanting to make up the subscription for his house rent.

3rd voted that is our wish to employ Elder Tucker as our preacher another year.

4th voted that we hold Br Brazilla Barker to an agreement of a settlement before made and that the settlement be read in public.

5th voted that in consideration of Br Brazilla Barker's not complying with the vote of the Church in asserting it as his opinion that he shall not comply therefore resolve that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Br B Barker until such time as he makes satisfaction to the Church.

6th voted to dissolve this meeting and that the committee appointed to visit Br Bliss report at our next covenant meeting. Nathaniel Crosby Ch Clerk

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reported unfavorably about Br D Bliss. This Church voted to exclude him.”

Oct 6th 1823– Covenant Meeting heard (blank space left as though intended to add given name later) Morton, Betsy Berry, Naomi Handy and Eunice Elliott relate their experience and voted to receive them when baptized. There were baptized and joined the Church.

Nov 6th 1823– At a Church meeting being duly notified

1st prayer by Elder Tucker

2nd voted to adjourn this meeting until the 10th instant at 2 o'clock PM. Nathaniel Crosby Ch Clk

Nov 10th 1823– met according to adjournment

1st prayer by Elder Tucker

2nd voted that Br James Mark be appointed to collect the subscription for the meeting house ground.

3rd that an order be drawn on Mr E Lincoln Secretary of the Boston Missionary Society for one hundred dollars which the said society have given to this church for the purpose of finishing the meeting house.

4th voted that Elder Tucker be appointed to the board expressing their thanks for this liberal donation.

5th voted that Brethren Cushing and Crosby be a committee to circulate a subscription for Elder Tucker for this year and that they be exempted from any other trouble about the subscription.

6th voted to adjourn this meeting two weeks from this day. Nathaniel Crosby church clerk and Br Caleb Ward by letter from Gerry church

rec'd Sister Almeda Sharp by letter from Pittsford church. N Crosby clerk

Nov 25th 1823–

1st chose Br Jairus Handy clerk pro tem

2nd voted that there be a public installation of Elder Elisha Tucker as pastor of this church on the 4th Dec next the day the house is dedicated.

3rd voted that Elders Lahatt, Davis, Bennett, Blake, Smith & Turner be requested to attend the installation.

4th voted that Brethren Cushing, Randall and N Crosby be a committee to represent the church at the installation.

5th voted that the meeting house be dedicated to the worship of God the 4th of Dec next.

6th voted that the 2nd church in this town be invited to attend the dedication.

7th voted that this meeting be dissolved. Jairus Handy clerk pro tem

Dec 7 at Covenant meeting rec'd a letter of recommendation from the 1st Church in Troy to Sister Catharine Webster voted to receive her on the letter. Heard Walter Cushing , Sally Simmons & Electa Merrill relate their experiences and voted to receive them as members of this church when baptized and they were baptized and received. N Crosby clerk

Jan 10, 1824 at a Church meeting

1st voted to restore Br Daniel Bliss into fellowship into fellowship with this church upon his confession.

2nd voted that Br Buck supply the table with wine the ensuing year and that we have (imported?) wine.

3rd voted that in answer to the letter from Euclid Church respecting Sister St John we request them to appoint faithful brethren to labor with her and report their labors to this church.

4th voted to dissolve this meeting. Nathaniel Crosby church clerk

Jan 21st 1824– At Covenant meeting Br N Crosby stated to the church that there is difficulty between Br Eastwood and Sister Ross that ought to be inquired into by the Church. Appointed Br Z Cushing, N Crosby and R Buck to make such inquiry and report to the Church. Nathaniel Crosby Ch Clerk

Jan 31st 1824– Covenant meeting

Church voted letters of recommendation and dismissal to Elder Joy Handy, Sister Polly M Handy, Naoma Handy, Sr Noama Handy Jr and Zebiah Handy to join the Baptist Church in Jefferson Ohio.

Feb 4, 1824– At Church meeting being duly notified– prayer by Elder Tucker.

1st your committee report that this difficulty between Br Eastwood and Sister Ross is of such a nature as seriously to affect the cause of Christ– Bro Eastwood alleges that a number of years ago when living in the town of Pittstown N York and before he professed religion that he had criminal intercourse with her, Sister Ross, in an adulteress manner and that with her consent while she was a professor of religion and a member of the Baptists which she, Sister Ross positively denies and affirms that Br Eastwood did twice attempt to seduce her once by pulling her to the bed in which he lay and once by forcing himself into the bed in which she was lying, but that she instantly refused the attempt and that no unlawful intercourse has ever been between them. And your committee further report that they both in the most solemn manner do call on God to witness to the truth of what they say. Your committee believe that at present there is no prospects of a settlement between them. (Signatures of) Nathaniel Crosby, Zattu Cushing, Reuben Buck, committee– A true copy, Nathaniel Crosby Ch Clerk

Voted that the Church suspend Br Eastwood and Sister Ross from the privileges of the church for the present. Nathaniel Crosby, Ch Clerk.

March 11th 1824– At a Church meeting being duly notified– prayer by Elder Tucker

1st voted that for apparent slandering and malicious about the members of the church we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Br Eastwood until he returns and makes satisfaction to the church.

2nd voted that in the opinion of the church Brethren Charles Morton and Jairus Handy have gifts

that if improved will be profitable in Zion and that they improve alternately at Elder Crosby's on Sunday evenings for the present.

3rd voted that Brethren Walter Cushing and Jas Mark be a committee to collect Elder Tucker's subscription.

4th voted to dissolve this meeting. Nathaniel Crosby Chh Clerk

Sunday March 23– Read a letter from the Second Baptist Church in Ellicott requesting our Elders and Messengers to sit in Council with them.

1st voted to answer this request

2nd voted to send Elder Tucker, Brothers James Hull and Deacon E Webster. Nathaniel Crosby Chh Clk

April 3rd 1824– Covenant meeting

Voted that Elder Tucker by the request of the Church in Stockton break bread to the church the second Sabbath in this month.

Rec'd Brother Heman and Sister Patty McCluer by letter from the Baptist Church in Homer as members of this church.

Thursday April 8th 1824– Church met according to appointment–

1st voted that Br Jairus Handy serve this meeting as clerk

2nd voted that Elder Tucker present the accounts he holds against the church for letters, minutes to Bro R Buck who is authorized to settle them.

3rd voted that a standing committee be appointed in the church to enquire into and settle difficulties as far as consistent without informing upon the privileges of the church–said committee to consist of five brothers.

4th voted that Brethren N Crosby, Baldwin, Buck, Z Cushing & Randall be said committee.

5th voted that Bro James Mark be appointed to collect the subscription for meeting house land & to solicit new subscription for the same purpose.

6th voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday 22nd instant at meeting house at 3 o'clock PM.

Jairus Handy clerk pro tem

Thursday April 22nd 1824– Church met according to adjournment and after prayer proceeded to – vote to give Philip Mark a letter of recommendation as he is going on a journey

May 3rd 1824– At Covenant meeting rec'd a letter of recommendation from the church at Waterford & McKean PA to Charles Wade– voted to receive him on the letter

Bro N Crosby church clerk being absent voted that Bro Jairus Handy serve as clerk till his return Heard Walworth Barber relate his experience & voted to receive him as a member when he is baptized, which on account of his health is to be done near his parents' home.

Voted to give Bro Mason & wife letters of dismission to any other church of our faith & order.

Jairus Handy clerk

June 5th 1824– At Covenant meeting heard Mrs Hannah Reed relate her experience, and voted to receive her as a member of this church when baptized.

Rec'd a letter of recommendation from the First Baptist Church in Ellicott to Sister Olive Covill– voted to receive her.

Voted that we have a special church meeting on Tuesday the 8th instant at 4 o'clock PM at the meeting house.

Jairus Handy clerk

June 8th Tuesday– Met according to appointment– opened meeting by prayer– after which Eld Tucker read a communication to the church from Euclid informing us that they had labored with Sister St John but without any good effect and that she wholly neglected their advice and admonition and the church reports all efforts to restore Sister St John voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship until she makes suitable and Gospel satisfaction. The church furthermore resolved that a letter be addressed to our sister church in Euclid expressing our sense of their faithfulness in the case of Sister St John and that there be enclosed a letter of excommunication to Sister St John which we desire them to see conveyed to her.

Rec'd a letter from Church of Christ in Buffalo requesting us to send our elders and chosen brethren to sit with them in council respecting Brother Brown's ordination.

Voted that we answer their request and send Elder Tucker, Eld Crosby, Elder Zattu Cushing, Br Randall, Br Charles Morton and Jairus Handy.

Voted that a committee be appointed to visit Sister Ross and to inform her that at present, the church do not feel prepared to go into an investigation of her difficulty and that their minds were not in a proper situation to decide upon her case, and also that the church request her to quickly submit to this delay as well for her own sake as for the peace and quietness of the church.

Voted that Eld Crosby, Bro Randall & Bro Buck be said committee.

Prayed and meeting dissolved. Jairus Handy church clerk

June 9th– Walworth Barber was baptized and added to the Church.

July 3rd 1824– At Covenant meeting received a letter of recommendation to Mrs Rebecca Button from the Church in Salem NJ, voted to receive her. Also received a letter of recommendation from church in Arlington, Vermont, to Bro David J Mattison and his wife, Apphia L Mattison– voted to receive them– Sister Mattison's letter of dismissal was from White Creek. Jairus Handy clerk

Church took into consideration the improvement of Broths Jairus Handy & Charles Morton and resolved that we feel satisfied from their improvement that they possess gifts which are profitable to be improved in a public manner & therefore resolved that have letters of license from this Church publicly to improve their gifts as the Lord may give them opportunity. E Tucker Pastor

July 4– Rec'd a letter of recommendation to Sister Susan Barnaby from the Baptist Church of Christ in Franklin NY. Voted to receive her. Jairus Handy clerk

July 9, 1824– A meeting being notified brethren met at the meeting house and after prayer voted that this be considered a regular Church meeting.

2nd Chose Bro Randall moderator

3rd voted that Eld LaHatt & Bro Keyes who were present be invited to a seat with us.

4th Elder Tucker make known the business of the meeting, which was respecting his further settlement with the Church as their minister– and it relating to him, he withdrew–
(no 5th item noted)

6th voted unanimously that it is the wish of the Church that Elder Tucker settle with them, as they are satisfied, profited and pleased with him as a minister.

7th voted that a committee be appointed to consult on the best means for obtaining Elder's permanent settlement, and consult with him, and report to the church.

8th voted that Elder Crosby, Brethren N Crosby, R Buck, B Randall & McCleur and Cushing be said committee.

9th The committee who were appointed June 8th to visit Sister Ross report that they follow the direction of the Church.

10th voted that this meeting be adjourned to Saturday 17th instant, to meet at 3 o'clock PM at the meeting house. Closed by prayer by Elder Tucker. Jairus Handy church clerk

July 17, 1824– met according to our adjournment– opened by prayer by our Elder

1. Voted that Brother McCleur's name be dropt from the committee– voted that Dea Webster be appointed in his room–

2. Heard the report of the committee and agree to give Elder Tucker four hundred dollars per annum and advance seventy eight by the 15th of October.

3. Voted to adjourn until Saturday 31st instant 1 o'clock PM. D J Mattison pro tem. A true copy, Jairus Handy

Saturday 31st July– Covenant meeting– met according to adjournment. Opened meeting by prayer– union in the church– proceeded to business.

1. Received a letter of recommendation to Esther Learned from Homer, signed by the clerk of the Baptist Church in that place. Voted to receive her–

2. The church heard the report of the committee appointed to devise means for Elder Tucker's settlement which was as follows: That the church raise by subscription for Elder Tucker \$400– per annum & that \$78 be paid on the subscription by the 15th of October, and that they would use their influence towards building, or in assisting Elder Tucker to build him a house, besides—

3rd The church voted that they agree with the committee that Eld T ought to continue with us, and that they entirely concur with this proceeding unanimously.

4th Voted that Elder Tucker & Bro Jairus Handy be paid their expenses in going to Buffalo to attend Council as soon as it is raised by their contributions, & sufficient in the hands of the Treasurer– amount Twenty one shillings.

5th Voted that this meeting be dissolved. Jairus Handy clerk Fredonia July 31, 1824

Thursday Aug 26, 1824— Church met according to appointment and voted that Elder Elisha Tucker, Elder Pearson Crosby, Brs Nathaniel Crosby, Zattu Cushing, Benjamin Randall, Ebenezer Webster, D J Mattison, James Hull, Charles Morton, Jairus Handy be delegates to represent this church in the Association at their annual meeting on the first Wednesday of September next—

Voted that the clerk write a letter and insert the names of the delegates. Jairus Handy church clerk

Saturday Sept 4, 1824— Covenant meeting—

Rec'd a letter of recommendation from the First Baptist Church in Guilford, Chenango County, to Br John Z Saxton. Voted to receive him.

Also a letter from the same church to Mrs Mary Saxton. Voted to receive her.

Rec'd a letter from the church at North East requesting us to send our Elders & chosen brethren to sit with them in council on the 4th Wednesday of this present month— voted to answer their request & appointed Elder E Tucker, Elder P Crosby, Brs N Crosby, E Webster, Z Cushing, D J Mattison, Charles Morton & J Handy—

Voted that we call a special church meeting on Wednesday next at 4 o'clock PM. The business of the meeting being finished closed by singing and prayer. J Handy clerk

Wednesday Sept 8, 1824— met according to appointment, prayer by Eld Tucker

Elder Crosby explained the object of the meeting which was to make some arrangement about raising a subscription to fulfill the contract of the church with Elder Tucker. Voted that a subscription paper be drawn up and circulated immediately and that Br Nathaniel Crosby circulate the same and receive a reasonable compensation therefore. Voted that this meeting be dissolved. Jairus Handy ch clerk

Sunday Sept 19, 1824— After public services were conducted Jairus Handy, expecting soon to leave this place for Hamilton, requested a letter of recommendation—voted to give him one— Elder Tucker to write same.

Jairus Handy clerk

Oct 3rd 1824 Special Church meeting— opened with prayer

1st As Bro Jairus Handy our clerk has left here for a season resolved that Bro J Z Saxton be requested to serve this church as clerk.

2nd Chose Bro B Randall clerk pro tem.

3. Voted that Bros Buck, Randal & Eli Crosby be a committee to obtain any information from Deacon Fouch of PA that he may be able to give this Church in relation to the difficulty with Sister Ross.

4. Voted that Bros Randal, Mattison & Morton be a committee to collect the money which this Church agreed to make in advance to Elder Tucker for his services this year. Closed with prayer.

Nov 21st 1824– After public worship on Sunday the Church being together appointed a Church meeting to be held on Saturday the 27th. Also appointed Elder Crosby, Bros N Crosby, B Randall, G Cushing a committee to examine a letter received from Brother Martin Eastwood dated 7th Oct 1824 & draft an answer to said letter and present it at the Church meeting on Saturday.

Nov 27th 1824 Saturday– Church met according to appointment. Meeting opened by prayer, proceeded to business.

First voted to approve the letter drafted by the committee in answer to M Eastwood's letter & authorized the clerk to copy the letter and send a copy to M Eastwood.

2nd Voted to approve the report of the committee respecting Mrs Ross and that the members individually give their opinion respecting her standing at the Covenant meeting to be held on Saturday before the first Sabbath in Dec next.

3rd Voted to adjourn until Saturday the 4th of Dec next at 10 o'clock. John Z Saxton C clerk.
Fredonia Nov 27

Dec 4th 1824– Church met according to adjournment– meeting opened with prayer

Voted Bro N Crosby be moderator for the meeting. Voted that the meaning of the Church in respect to Eld Tucker's support was not properly expressed in the records of the 31st of July last and that one hundred dollars of the four hundred alluded to in said vote be so construed in said vote and to be so construed and to be raised and paid to assist him in building a house, and that three hundred dollars is to be the salary of this year and the words per annum in the vote above mentioned of the 31 July last was only intended to mean one year.

Voted that the clerk draft a subscription paper & it be circulated immediately for the purpose of assisting Eld Tucker to build a house according to the vote above.

Voted that Br Buck is appointed to visit the Trustee of the first Baptist Society and endeavor to obtain a settlement for Br Mark a/c for service in collecting. 3 o'clock voted to dissolve.

Same day Covenant meeting– opened by prayer– found a union in the Church.

Voted to give our thanks to Eld Spencer Cone for his present of Joneses History. Voted to deposit said history in the clerks hands & that when any member of the church wants the use of said volumes, they are to apply to the clerk whose duty it is to deliver them. If not returned in 14 days the member shall pay over to the clerk 2/p to be kept in his hands until called for by the Church. If any such member dirty or blot said volume or volumes as the case may be, is also to pay 6 for the smallest blot and if more in proportion as the clerk thinks proper. Meeting closed.

Mar 11th 1824– Record of the Church meeting held this day relative to Brother Eastwood. The following charges were preferred against him:

First the Church is grieved with Br Eastwood in that when he had joined this church and had become a member of the same that he, the said Eastwood, did introduce Sister Ross to the brethren of this church as a clean ** member, highly recommending her from his acquaintance with her, to be a valuable member of the Baptist church and as he thought was an ornament to the

church, that after a lapse of five years the same Brother Eastwood reported Sister Ross to be a woman of bad character from the knowledge which he had heard of her before either of them resided in the county, for Brother Eastwood now declares that he committed the act of adultery with her at his own house in Pittstown county of Rensselaer and he not only published the foul and scandalous report to several of the brethren but to more of this world to great grief of the brethren and to the injury of the cause of Christ.

Second— The Church is grieved with Brother Eastwood for creating and circulating a scandalous report about John Ross, a member of the Baptist church, in saying Ross was a thief and had stolen his knife when he lived in Pittstown and carried it away with him for which he recovered pay of him in this county and was afterward convinced of his error but made no retraction for his wrong either to the offended brother which we consider to be unchristian like and a blot on the Christian character.

Thirdly— The brethren are grieved with brother Eastwood in that he has spread scandalous reports about himself in that he inquired of people of the world if Ross had not reported that he had been infected with a foul disease which thing he said was true but that Ross's people were as deep in the mud as he was in the mire all of which we think has given occasion the enemies of the cross of Christ and is wounding to the feelings of this Church.

Fourth— The Church is grieved with Brother Eastwood that he not only neglected to give satisfaction for his former faults to the Church but like a man bent on his own ruin and that of his brethren laying aside that meek and quiet spirit which is the mantle of the saint, like a man lost to all consequences appeared to rush on determined to destroy the reputation of his brethren in making and spreading false reports to the wounding of the feelings of the brethren and to the injury of the cause of Zion. All of which appeared to be done with a wicked and malicious intent to destroy Him.

Feb 5th 1825— First Covenant meeting opened by prayer found a union after which church voted that the letter rec'd by the clerk from M Eastwood bears the complexion of controversy & also noted that the clerk be instructed to say to Mr Eastwood that as the above is their view of his letter they are unwilling to carry on a controversy with another person through him & that if he has any requests to make he must make them to the Church verbally.

2nd— voted to hold a special church meeting on Monday Eve 14th at the Meeting House. Voted to adjourn.

J Z Saxton clerk

Sunday Feb 13th 1824— After meeting Church met by request and voted to take up the appointment for Monday eve following and postpone it until Thursday afternoon at the Meeting House. JZS clerk

Feb 17th 1824— Thursday afternoon— The church met according to appointment, meeting opened by prayer.

First— voted Brothers Crosby and Randall be a committee to visit Br & Sister Sprague and Sister

Smith to inquire after their long absence from the church & report at the next meeting. Also that Elder Tucker to visit Mrs Moses Tucker & Br Webster to visit Sister French and report at the next meeting. The Church next took up the subject of Mr Eastwood's request— after he had made some remarks to the Church on the charges of his excommunication he desired to hear the charges & they were accordingly read in his hearing and on the first charge he requested the evidence to be produced stating that he did not remember to have stated such things as were included. Sister Woodcock was then called in who stated that soon after Mrs Ross came in to this county Mr Eastwood came to the house of Sister Woodcock to attend a conference meeting as it was before the hours of the meeting he introduced some religious conversations and stated that he had a new neighbor who had lately moved in to his neighborhood by the name of Ross and that his wife was a Baptist and a very fine pious person and no doubted not would be a great ornament to the church said he had formerly had an intimate acquaintance with her Christian character and considered her a real mother in Zions— and accordingly she expressed a desire to become acquainted with her; and that shortly after Mrs Ross accompanied Mr Eastwood to her house to a conference meeting and there talked, exhorted & prayed and both Mrs Ross & Mr Eastwood appeared enjoyed deeply in the subject religion. To this testimony Mr Eastwood listened but did not acknowledge the truth of them, the other charges being read and treated upon and no apparent disposition on this part to confess anything more than so much as was brought home to him by testimony. The Church requested him to retire and after a few moments consultation called him in and stated to him that viewing the importance of sustaining the character of Christian Churches by keeping them cleansed from persons of bad report by putting away from among us any person who's character has been so far disgraced as to be a reproach to the cause of Zion. We deem it inexpedient to restore you to the fellowship of the church, although we hope you may earnestly repent of your great sins so far as we discover in you a spirit of penitence we feel free to forgive & most earnestly pray the Lord to forgive you and prepare you for the Church triumphant above. Voted to adjourn until the Saturday before the first Sabbath in March next at 1 o'clock at meeting house. J Z Saxton clerk
omission at the above meeting— voted to give a letter of dismissal to Sister Asenath Woodcock
Febry 17,1825 J Z Saxton

March 5th 1825— Covenant meeting--

voted to adjourn the church meeting to be held this day at 1 o'clock until Monday eve at 6 o'clock at the meeting house. Covenant meeting next opened by prayer— found a good union in the church. Next a letter rec'd from the church at Bull's Mill or 2nd Pomfret dismissing & recommending Brother Gifford. Church voted to receive Brother Benjamin Gifford on recommendation of the letter—

Next a letter of commendation from the first Baptist church in Broom— commending Brother Levi Tucker. Church voted to receive him as a member on the recommendation in said letter.
Meeting dissolved

March 7th— met Monday even at 1 (sic) o'clock PM according to adjournment at the meeting

house. Church meeting opened by prayer—chose Samuel Hull clerk pro tem— called on bros Crosby and Randall respecting visiting Brother & Sister Sprague, duty not done, said committee continued. Elder Tucker reported he visited Br Mack who wishes to be heard— voted to appoint a meeting at Elder Crosby's for that purpose on Wednesday Dec 16th inst. Voted to appoint Brother Webster to visit Br Cushing to ascertain why he stopt traveling. Voted to appropriate 1.75 for the benefit of Sister Damon to redeem her bed. Voted to dissolve.

Apr 2nd Saturday— Covenant meeting opened by prayer found a union & dissolved

Apr 30th Covenant meeting opened by prayer.

Voted to grant a letter of dismissal to Brother Daniel C Bliss

Voted to receive Pearly Abbey as a member

Letter from Kingsville Sis Smith

Voted to refer Sister Case/Corb to a Church meeting to be held on Wednesday May 4th at 4 o'clock.

Voted to adjourn— omission: May 1st after meeting received a letter from 2nd Stockton Church asking assistance in council 3rd Tuesday in May. Voted to answer their request & appointed Elder Crosby & Tucker & Brethren Mattison, Cushing, Crosby, & Brother Levi Tucker to sit with them in Council

Apr 25th 1825— received a letter returned by Sister Abigail Woodcock.

May 14th 1825— At a Church meeting previously appointed, opened by prayer

voted to withdraw fellowship from Sister Smith

2nd voted again to hear Mr Eastwood. Mr Eastwood again denied a recollection of the recommending of Mrs Ross. Brother Webster states that Mr Eastwood recommended Mrs Ross to him about the time stated by Mrs Woodcock. Each member present that stated that they were not satisfied.

3rd The case of Mrs Ross then called up— Elder Crosby said that he had heard Mrs Ross say that she was at the house of Eastwood at the time stated by him and confessed that she slept by herself and that Mr Eastwood had before night scuffled with her and she thought he would be likely to come to her bed during the night and that in the night she heard him get up come & heard him come towards her bed and he came to her bed and he came to her bed open in the bed and pulled up her clothes to the waist etc etc. Nathaniel Crosby stated that he had heard the same etc etc. The church withdrew from Sister Ross the hand of fellowship. Meeting dissolved.

June 4th 1825— Covenant meeting opened by prayer.

Voted to receive Naoma Handy on a letter from Jefferson Ohio. Voted to receive Brother & Sister Tukels on letters.

July 2nd Covenant meeting July 2nd 1825— opened by prayer— Mrs Mulford received by baptism

3rd July.

July 6th– Covenant meeting

voted to grant a letter to Brother James Bacock of Lockport, letter to sister Almira Buck.

Sept 3rd– Covenant meeting opened by prayer

voted to receive Mr J Bornay/Barnaby by baptism

voted to receive Mrs Winchester and Mrs (Fitby?) by letter

letter of dismissal granted to Brother J M M Barber.

Sept 31st opened by prayer

Nov 30th Sister Caple David

Dec 3rd 1825– Covenant meeting opened by prayer. The church heard a complaint against Brother B Gifford & appointed a Church meeting on Wednesday following to attend and hear the complaint. Voted to dismiss Sister Damon to Stockton Church. Voted to adjourn

Wed Dec 7th 1825– Heard the complaint against Brother Gifford who made a confession after which voted to suspend fellowship from him. Also voted to appoint Mr James Mark Clerk in place of J Z Saxton resigned this day by consent of the church. Voted to dissolve. J Z Saxton Clerk Dec 7th 1825

Dec 20th 1825– Covenant meeting this day opened by prayer and dismissed by prayer, James Mark church clk

Jan 1st 1826– voted to give Sister Almira Shark a letter of recommendation to the Stockton Church. James Mark Church Clerk

Jan 8th 1826– voted to give sister Naoma Handy a letter of recommendation

Feb 2nd–Covenant meeting according to agreement. James Mark Chh Clk

March 2nd 1826– Covenant meeting opened by prayer

March 5th 1826– after service voted to give Sarah Eaton a letter of recommendation. James Mark Chh Clerk

April 1st 1826– Covenant meeting opened by prayer

voted to receive Brother Norman Lee and Salina his wife on the recommendation of a letter from the Baptist Church in Crawford County in Pennsylvania.

The church called on Brothers Rundle and Osborn to report concerning Brother & Sister Sprague. They said that they had talked with the before mentioned ones and found that they

believed in anti Christ and denied the only true Lord God our savior. The church then voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship, also voted to choose another deacon.

May 1st– Covenant meeting opened by prayer and the subject of choosing a deacon and voted to postpone it until the next covenant meeting.

Church voted to give Sister Esther Learned a letter of recommendation. James Mark Church Clerk

June 3rd Covenant meeting opened by prayer

July 1st 1826– Covenant meeting opened by prayer.

Church voted to receive Brother Lorin Crosby and Sisters Polley Morton & Lydia Crosby. James Mark Chh Clk

August 5th– met in Covenant meeting opened with prayer. Found a good union but complaint of coldness after which church agreed to call a council to set Brother Jairus Handy apart by ordination to the work of the ministry.

Voted to call upon the following churches viz: 2nd in Hanover, 2nd in Pomfret, 1st & 2nd in Stockton, Chautauque and Portland.

Voted that the council be requested to meet at the Baptist Meeting House in Fredonia on Wednesday the 30th at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Brother Buck made a report of monies which he had received by contributions as Treasurer of the church amounting to \$35.70 and has in the same time paid out \$30.80 which left still in his hands \$4.90.

Next heard the Christian experience of Matilda Merrill who gave good satisfaction to the Church.

Voted to receive her as a candidate for baptism.

Voted to call a special church meeting one week from this day at 3 o'clock pm

Voted a letter of dismissal to Sister Rachel Thompson to unite with the church in Ashtabula Ohio

August 6th Matilda Merrill baptized, Elder Tucker administrator

Sept 2nd– met in Covenant meeting opened with prayer found a good union but still felt that same coldness as at other times.

Voted to give Sister Fitch a letter of recommendation.

Voted to send Elders Tucker, Crosby and Handy, Brother Loren Crosby & Brother Zattu Cushing to the association in Stockton on Wednesday the 6th day of September for delegates to represent this First Baptist Church of Pomfret.

Voted to postpone the subject of giving Mr Sprague a letter to signify the reason of his exclusion. James Mark CC

Sept 30th 1826– met in Covenant meeting and opened by prayer and found a tolerable degree of union, but a complaint of coldness. On request of brother Perley Abbey a letter of recommendation and also Sisters Zalemna Merrill and Electa Merrill. James Mark Church clerk

Oct 15th – At intermission church voted to give brother Jairus Handy a letter of dismissal.
James Mark CC

Oct 22nd Received a letter from the Baptist Conference calling for a council and requested Elder Tucker and Brethren to sit in Council in Ripley on 24th of present month. Church voted to send Elder Tucker and Deacon Ebenezer Webster. Lorin Crosby, James Mark as members to sit in counsel as afore said. James Mark Chh Clk

Oct 29th after meeting church voted to give Sister Mulford a letter of recommendation.

Nov 5th Covenant meeting opened by prayer and the Brethren and sisters proceeded to express their minds found a tolerable degree of union.

Nov 6th Voted to receive Brother Phineas Nichols and Sister Esther Nichols as members of this church upon recommendation from Coventry Church. James Mark Church clerk

Dec 2nd Covenant meeting opened by prayer found a tolerable degree of union.
Voted to give Joseph Rockwell a letter of recommendation.

Dec 1826– Church voted that the clerk should give letters of recommendation to the brothers and sisters when called for without the vote of the church if the members are supposed to be in good standing on fellowship with the church.

Jan 6, 1827– Covenant meeting opened by prayer, found a tolerable degree of union. Voted to receive Sister Herrington upon the recommendation of a letter.
Appointed a special church meeting Jan the 9, 1827. J Mark church clerk

Special meeting Jan 9, 1827– Church met agreeable to appointment, opened with prayer. Church voted that Brother Zattu Cushing be a committee to visit Brother Merrit Barber to call on him to give an answer for his neglect of the church.
Also appointed Brothers Buck & Mark to visit J Russell and to report to the church the next covenant meeting. J Mark chh clk

Feb ?, 1827– Covenant meeting opened by prayer found a tolerable degree of union. Brother Jeremiah Russell came and related his feelings to the church respecting this former exercise and said that he did not think that he was a Christian or had not received a change of heart. The church voted that the subject should be adjourned to next covenant meeting as far as related to Brother Russell.

Received by letter Jeremiah Woodcock and Polly Woodcock. James Mark chh clk

Mar 3, 1827– Covenant meeting opened by prayer found a tolerable degree of union. Church postponed the church meeting until March 14th

Mar 4, 1827– Church voted to give Sister Salinda Lee a letter of dismissal & recommendation.

James Mark chh clk

March 31, 1827– Covenant meeting opened by prayer. The brothers and sisters expressed a want of zeal for the Jesus yet found a tolerable degree of union.

The church voted that Bro Merrit Barber be excluded from the fellowship of this church for his neglect of the church and disorderly conduct and Brother Jeremiah Russell for his neglect of the church.

Apr 1, 1827– Church voted to give Brother Charles Wade a letter of recommendation & dismissal

May 5, 1827– Covenant meeting at the meeting house opened with singing and prayer. Brethren and sisters related their minds and found a good union after which Justus Adams related his experience and requested to be a member of this church.

Church voted to receive him as a candidate for baptism.

Eli Webster related his experience and requested as above. Church voted to recommend him as a candidate for baptism.

Nancy Lerner related her experience etc– Church voted to receive her as a candidate for baptism

Angeline Smith related her experience etc– Church voted to receive her as a candidate for baptism.

May 13, 1827, Sunday– The candidates received May 5th were baptized, according to the requirement of the Savior. – Eld Tucker, Administrator, immediately after which, proceeded to the communion, when the following persons presented letters from sister churches to become members of this– viz– Stephen May & Hannah Brown from Baptist Church in Guilford NY– Peter Jones & Nancy Jones, his wife, from Baptist Church in Huntsville NY– Joshua Douglass and Martha Douglass, his wife, Baptist Church in Bergen NY– Jehanan Winchester from Baptist Church in Ellery, Chaut Co NY, George W Winchester from Baptist Church in Ellery, Chaut Co NY.

June 2 1827– Covenant meeting opened with prayer found a tolerable degree of union— Church voted to receive Brother Rufus H Platt and Clarissa his wife & Orringe Mott on the recommendation of letters from Whitesboro & Middletown. James Mark C Clk

Sunday June 3^d– rec'd by baptism Abigal Ward, Josiah Ward, Calista Ruth & Susan Cowden

Eli Tucker administrator

June 20th– Rec'd Russel Webster by baptism, Eld Tucker, administrator

June 30th– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer, found a good union, after which Sister Sprague came forward and desired to be restored to the fellowship of the Church after considerable conversation upon the subject of the exclusion, unanimously voted to restore Sister Sprague to the fellowship of the church– Brother Sprague wishes also to be restored.— Wherefore voted that Bros Cushing, Crosby & Saxton be a committee to have conversation with him and report tomorrow.

Mrs Webster, wife of Bro Russel Webster, then came forward and requested to be admitted to the church– heard her Christian experience with the church once baptized, & she having been previously baptized. Resolved that she be acknowledged a member of the church. Bro Chas Morton & his wife requested letters of dismissal from the Church which was unanimously voted.

July 1st, Sunday– The committee appointed yesterday reported in favor of Brother Sprague being restored to the fellowship of the church. Bro Sprague then confessing his wrong in having absented himself from the church was unanimously restored to our fellowship.

18th– Mrs King related her experience was rec'd and baptized, Eld Tucker administrator.

22nd Sunday– rec'd a letter from Brethren in Villenova requesting brethren to be sent to meet them in council the 25th appointed Eld Tucker, Bros Mark, Wood & Dea Webster.

Aug 4th– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer found a good union. After meeting Nancy Crane related what the Lord had done for her and wished Baptism– church voted satisfied with her experience.

Mrs Laura (Alena) presented a letter of recommendation and was received.

Mrs Eleanor Sage also presented a letter of recommendation and was received.

Received a request from a number of brethren in Mina requesting brethren to meet with them in council to acknowledge them a church in Gospel order. Voted to answer the request by sending Eld Tucker, Bro Cushing, Dea Webster, Loring Crosby and Bro May. Closed with prayer

August 5th– Nancy Crane was baptized, Eld Tucker administrator.

There followed a list of members (males only) that was a repeat of the earlier list with additions:

when & how joined	names of members	dismissed
Eld Joy Handy _____	by letter Zattu Cushing	
Wm Gould _____	by letter	
John VanTassell _____	by letter	

Benjamin Barrett	by letter	
Elipathet Burnham	letter to 2 nd Ch	June 21, 1823
Rufus Longden	by letter	
Seth Cole	deceased	
Barzilla Barker	expelled; restored 1 Mar 1821, expelled	
	Daniel Baldwin	
Abell Beebe	by letter	
Sela Pickett	by letter	
Arvy O Austin	by letter	
by letter	Samuel Convis	by letter
by letter	Joseph Sprague	excluded Apr 1, 1826; restored
by letter	Caleb Ward	by letter
by baptism	Martin Eastwood	excluded
by letter	Elijah Devine	by letter
by letter	Ebenezer Webster	by letter
by letter	David Crouch	to the 2 nd church June 21, 1821
by letter	Aaron Osborn	
by baptism	Joseph Buck	
by letter	Benjamin Barrus	by letter
by letter	Charles Morse	by letter
by letter	John Potter	
by letter	Alfred Warner	
by letter	Duane Griffith	to the 2 nd church June 21, 1821
by letter	Daniel Bliss	excluded Oct 7, restored Jan 10 th
by baptism	Thomas Bull	to 2 nd church June 21, 1821
by baptism	Benjamin Burritt	by letter
by baptism	Frink	by letter
by letter	Horace Thompson	by letter
by letter	James Hull	
by letter	James Hull	
by letter	Seth Merrill	by letter
by letter	George G Blaliss	by letter
by letter June 14, 1819	Joshua Emmons	by letter February 1820
by baptism	Benjamin Griffin	just after to 2 nd church June 21, 1821
by baptism	West	
by letter	Philip Mark	
by letter	James Bacon	
by letter	Henry Willson	just after to 2 nd church June 21, 1821
by letter	Nathaniel Crosby	

by letter Oct 19, 1819	<u>John Barnes</u>	dismissed May 1830
by letter Oct ?	<u>Pearson Crosby</u>	
by letter Feb 1822	<u>Benjamin Randell</u>	by letter Feb 1 st 1823
by letter	<u>Henry L Walker</u>	
by letter	<u>Ezekiel St John</u>	by letter Feb 4 th 1823
by letter Aug 12, 1822	<u>Eld Elisha Tucker</u>	
by letter Nov 2 nd 1822	<u>Reuben Buck</u>	
by letter Nov 2 nd 1822	<u>Davis Elliott</u>	
by letter Jan 9 th 1823	<u>Joseph Rockwell</u>	
by letter		
by letter Jan 5 th 1823	<u>Jonathan Mc Covill</u>	
by letter Feb 1 st 1823	<u>Orrin Sage</u>	
by letter Mar 1 st 1823	<u>Nathan Wood</u>	
	<u>Eld Tucker</u>	
baptism Jan 1825	<u>Charles Morton</u>	July 1 st 1827, dismissed
baptism Apr 20, 1825	<u>James Mark</u>	
baptism May 31, 1825	<u>Jairus Handy</u>	
baptism May 31, 1825	<u>Howard Ward</u>	
baptism May 31, 1825	<u>Jeremiah Russell</u>	excluded
baptism May 31, 1825	<u>Merit Barber</u>	excluded
baptism July 5, 1825	<u>Ira Hoisted</u>	
by letter 1824	<u>Caleb Ward</u>	
baptism 1824	<u>Walter Cushing</u>	
by letter Apr 3 rd 1824	<u>Human McCluer</u>	by letter
by letter May 9, 1824	<u>Charles Wade</u>	by letter
by letter May 9, 1824	<u>Ebenezer Mason</u>	by letter
baptism June 7, 1824	<u>Walworth Barber</u>	
by letter July 3, 1824	<u>J Z Saxton</u>	
baptism Sept 3, 1825	<u>James Barnaby</u>	dismissed May 1830
by letter April 1, 1826	<u>Norman Lee</u>	died 1826
by letter March 5, 1825	<u>Levi Tucker</u>	dismissed May 1829
by letter July 1 st 1826	<u>Loping Crosby</u>	
by letter Dec 5 th 1826	<u>Fennels Nichols</u>	
by letter Feb'y 4 th 1827	<u>Jeremiah Woodcock</u>	
baptism May 13 th 1827	<u>Justis Adams</u>	
baptism May 13 th 1827	<u>Eli Webster</u>	
by letter May 13 th 1827	<u>Stephen May</u>	
by letter May 13 th 1827	<u>Peter Jones</u>	
by letter May 13 th 1827	<u>Joshua Douglass</u>	
by letter May 13 th 1827	<u>Jehanan Winchester</u>	

by letter May 13th 1827 George W Winchester
 by letter June 2nd 1827 Rufus H Platt
 by letter June 2nd 1827 Orange Mott
 baptism June 3rd 1827 Josiah Ward
 baptism June 20th 1827 Russell Webster
 July 2nd 1827 Joseph Sprague restored
 baptism Sept 21st 1827 Abraham Johnson
 baptism Oct 1827 Daniel Harris
 by letter Jan 5th 1828 Elon Crane
 by letter Feb 2nd 1828 John L Lamphier
 by letter Feb 2nd 1828 Ira Lamphier
 by letter March 1st 1828 Edwin S Garnsey dismissed by letter Sept 5, 1830
 by letter June 1st 1828 Rev Joy Handy
 Levi Parsons dismissed by letter May 1830
 baptized Feb 1st 1829 Martin D Harmon
 baptized Feb 1st 1829 Joel Baldwin
 by letter Sept 27th 1829 Daniel Bowen dismissed by letter May 1830
 by letter May 2nd 1829 Marshall Morton
 by letter May 2nd 1829 Salmon Morton
 baptized Jan 7th 1830 Avery Buck
 baptized Feb 7th 1830 Br Abel Brown dismissed by letter May 1st 1830
 by letter May 1st 1830 E H Shumway
 by letter May 1st 1830 Samuel Shepherd
 baptized May 2nd 1830 Horace Webster
 baptized May 2nd 1830 Mosely W Abell at Dunkirk, dismissed
 baptized June 6th 1830 Joseph Porter
 by letter July 3rd 1830 Amos Palmer
 baptized July 3rd 1830 James Hale at Dunkirk
 baptized July 3rd 1830 Franklin Robbins at Dunkirk dismissed May 1830
 (sic)
 baptized Sept 5th 1830 Ezra Thompson

Names of Sisters

Rachel Cushing deceased
 Rhoda Burnham deceased
 Sophia Morton Williams
 Silence Barto
 Polly VanTassel by letter
 Clarissa Barto
 Celie Cole
 Polly M Handy by letter

Parnel Peas	_____	by letter	
Mary Burnham	_____	by letter	
by letter	_____	Hannah Barnes	
Minerva Handy	_____	deceased	
		Elizabeth Tucker	
(Louise?) Cowlinson	_____	by letter	
		Jemima Adams	
		Nancy Butler	
		Mary Beebe	_____ by letter
Sarah Easton	_____	by letter	
Nancy Walker	_____	deceased 1829	
_____ (Surviving ?)	_____	died 1824	
by letter July 30 th 1819	_____	Sally Simons	_____ by letter Sept 1 st 1821
by letter	_____	Aseneth Woodcock	
by letter	_____	Sarah Conviss	_____ by letter
baptized	_____	Saba Woodcock	_____ by letter
by letter	_____	Rebecca Batcheller	_____ by letter
by letter	_____	May Lewis	
by letter	_____	Anna Sprague	_____ excluded Apr 1 st 1822, restored 1826
baptized	_____	Clarissa Palmer	
by letter	_____	Jerusha Crouch	_____ to 2 nd church June 21 st 1821
by letter	_____	Lucinda Denny	
by letter	_____	Rumila Osborn	
baptism	_____	Williams	
baptism	_____	Berry	
baptism	_____	Betsy (Cussle?)	_____ died
baptism	_____	Annie Cowden	
baptism	_____	William	_____ to the 2 nd church June 21 st 1821
by letter	_____	Elizabeth Luke	
baptism	_____	Charity Willson	
baptism	_____	Sally Bull	_____ to 2 nd church June 21 st 1821
by letter	_____	Marian Harris	_____ to 2 nd church June 21 st 1821
baptized	_____	Patty Thompson	
by letter	_____	Langdon	_____ by letter
by letter	_____	Fanta Buck	
by letter	_____	Naomi Handy	_____ by letter
by letter	_____	Annie Lewis	
by letter	_____	Renah Webster	
by letter	_____	Sally L Gifford	_____ to 2 nd church June 21 st 1821
by letter	_____	Mary Jones	

by letter	<u>Lydia Foster</u>	
by letter	<u>Sophia Hull</u>	by letter June 1828
baptized	<u>Lucy Duist</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Zulemana Merrill</u>	by letter 1826
baptized	<u>Joanna Harris</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Mabel Bliss</u>	
by letter	<u>Lucy Ross</u>	excluded
by letter	<u>Polly Divine</u>	
by letter	<u>Delila Sage</u>	by letter Dec 8, 1828
baptized	<u>Smith</u>	
baptized	<u>Sally Merrill</u>	deceased 1829
baptized	<u>Betsey Douglass</u>	Excluded
baptized	<u>Day</u>	by letter
by letter	<u>Polly Mason</u>	
by letter	<u>Polly Willson</u>	to 2 nd church June 21 st 1821
by letter	<u>Sally Crosby</u>	
by letter	<u>Betsey Crosby</u>	
by letter May 5 th 1822	<u>Jane Osborn</u>	
by letter July 1822	<u>Rosemond Randall</u>	
by letter July 1822	<u>Anna St John</u>	by letter July 4 1823; excluded June 8 1824
by letter Oct 5 th 1822	<u>Celinda Tefft</u>	dismissed May 1830
by letter Nov 3 rd 1822	<u>Abigail Tucker</u>	
by letter Nov 3 rd 1822	<u>Eunice Elliot</u>	
by letter Nov 3 rd 1822	<u>Polly Buck</u>	
by letter Feb 1 st 1823	<u>Hannah Bond</u>	
by letter Feb 2 nd 1823	<u>Sally L Gifford</u>	
by letter Mar 1 st 1823	<u>Eunice Wood</u>	
by letter Mar 1 st 1823	<u>Welthan Fenner</u>	
baptized Mar 2 nd by Eld Tucker		<u>Orphy Bennett/Burret?</u>
baptized April 6 th 1823	<u>Vinett Bond</u>	dismissed May 1830
“	<u>Elizabeth Fink</u>	dismissed May 1830
“	<u>Esther Grant</u>	
“	<u>Emily Clark</u>	by letter July 2 nd 1831*
baptized April 20 th 1823	<u>Lydia Mark</u>	
baptized April 20 th 1823	<u>Lucy Mark</u>	by letter
baptized May 4 th 1823	<u>Mary Hill</u>	
by letter	<u>Eunice Wood</u>	
baptized May 31 st 1823	<u>Betsy Fuller</u>	dismissed by letter
“	<u>Eaton</u>	
“	<u>Harriet Randall</u>	

“ _____ Sebiah Handy _____ by letter
 baptized July 5th 1823 _____ Anna Thompson
 “ _____ Mary Anna Hart
 “ _____ Rachel Thompson
 “ _____ Almira Buck _____ by letter
 by letter _____ Catherine Damon
 by letter _____ Aseneth Sharp
 by letter _____ Catharine Webster
 baptized Dec 7th 1823 _____ Sally Simmons
 “ _____ Electa Merrill _____ dismissed by letter
 baptized Oct 7th 1823 _____ Susan Morton _____ dismissed July 1st 1827
 “ _____ Naoma Handy _____ by letter
 baptized Dec 7th 1823 _____ Betsey Berry
 “ _____ Eunice Elliott _____ dismissed May 1830
 April 3rd 1824 _____ Patty McCleur _____ by letter
 Dollina Mason _____ by letter
 by letter June 5th 1824 _____ Olive Covell
 by letter July 3rd 1824 _____ Apphia L Mattison _____
 by letter July 4th 1824 _____ Susan Barnaby _____ dismissed May 1830
 by letter July 31st 1824 _____ Esther Learned _____ dismissed by letter
 by letter Sept 1st 1824 _____ Mary Saxton
 by letter Apr 1st 1826 _____ Salina Lee _____ dismissed March 8th 1827
 baptism Apr 20th 1826 _____ Hannah Benjamin
 “ _____ Eliza Porter
 by letter July 1st 1826 _____ Polly Morton
 “ _____ Lydia Crosby
 baptism Aug 5th 1826 _____ Matilda Merrill _____ deceased
 by letter Nov 5th 1826 _____ Esther Nichols
 by letter Feb’y 4th 1826 _____ Polly Woodcock
 by letter April 1st 1826 _____ Demaris Tuttle
 baptism May 13th 1827 _____ Mrs Webster
 “ _____ Angeline Smith
 “ _____ Nancy Turner
 by letter May 13th 1827 _____ Hannah Brown
 “ _____ Nancy Jones
 “ _____ Martha Douglass
 baptism June 3rd 1827 _____ Abigail Ward
 “ _____ Susan Cowden
 “ _____ Calista Bull
 by letter June 3rd 1827 _____ Clarissa Platt
 by letter June 30th 1827 _____ Webster

Anna Sprague _____ restored July 1st 1827
 baptism July 18th 1827 _____ Mrs King
 by letter August 4th 1827 _____ Laura Alma _____ dismissed Oct 1828
 “ _____ Eleanor Sage
 baptism August 5th 1827 _____ Nancy Crane
 baptism Sept 2nd 1827 _____ Mary Johnson
 by letter Sept 2nd 1827 _____ Esther Lamond
 by letter Jan 9th 1828 _____ Joanna Harris
 “ _____ Mary Mark
 “ _____ Betsey Crane
 by letter June 1st 1828 _____ Poly Handy
 by letter July 5th 1828 _____ Aphia Walworth
 “ _____ Zebiah Handy
 Catharine Damon _____ dismissed Sept 1st 1828
 baptism Oct 4th 1828 _____ Martha Hiller
 “ _____ Rachael Cook
 “ _____ Abigail Russell
 by letter Jan’y 3rd 1829 _____ Anita Selestia Lanphier
 by letter May 2nd _____ Mary Morton
 “ _____ Juliette Morton
 “ _____ Naoma Handy

March 1st 1829– Naoma Handy wife of Eld Handy rec'd by letter (there are penciled x's through this entry, perhaps because Naoma was Elder's daughter–wife was Polly Handy)

by letter Oct 3rd 1829 _____ Mrs Bowen _____ dismissed by letter May 1830
 baptism Nov 1829 _____ Mrs Parsons _____ dismissed May 1830
 by letter Dec 1829 _____ Mrs Martha Baily
 “ _____ Susan Harris
 by letter Feb’y 6th 1830 _____ Lucy M Bennett
 by letter March 6th 1830 _____ Huldy Saxton

note at bottom of this page: see other sisters names registered toward close of the book.

* note written later in purple ink–very small, difficult to read: married Elias Mallory of Westfield, to Westfield, later to North East and in 1853 to Castile NY & died there at her daughters house of falling Jan’y 1855.....some records in this book as Emily Mallory.

September 1st 1827–Covenant meeting–opened with singing and prayer, found a good union, after which came forward Abraham Johnson and Mary his wife and related what the Lord had done with their family and requested to be admitted to the church by baptism. Church voted satisfied with their experience and that they be received as members when baptized.

Sunday Sept 2nd– Abraham Johnson & Mary his wife were baptized, Elder Tucker administrator.

Oct 1827– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer– found a good union. After the meeting Daniel Harris Jr came forward and related the exercise of his mind and requested baptism. Voted satisfied with his experience.

1st Sabbath Oct– Daniel Harris Jr was baptized, Elder Tucker administrator.

Nov 1827– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer– found a good union

Dec 1827– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer– found a good union

Jan'y 5th 1828– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer–had a blessed meeting found an increasing good feeling among the members.

Letters of recommendation were presented by Brother Elon Crane & wife from Stockton, Chaut Co NY, by Joanna Harris from Plainfield, Con & by Mary Mark from Penfield NY, all of which were rec'd and the persons admitted to fellowship– closed with prayer.

Feb 2, 1828– Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer, found a good union and considerable anxiety to wake out of sleep after meeting.

Bros Ira & John L Lamphier presented letters of recommendation and dismission and requested fellowship, voted to receive them– closed with prayer.

March 1st 1828– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer found a good union and enjoyed a heavenly meeting together, some good appearances of a reviving– Oh that the Lord may visit us in mercy— After the meeting Edwin S Garnsey presented a letter of recommendation from Detroit & was rec'd as a member of this church— Also rec'd a letter from the church in Villenova requesting brethren to sit with them in council– voted to send with Elder Tucker, Brethren Ebenezer Webster, Lorin Crosby & Orange Mott– closed by prayer.

Apr 5th 1828– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer, found a union, closed with prayer.

May 1828– Covenant meeting opening by singing and prayer– some trials, but still trust in God for direction.

June 1828– Covenant meeting–low time in church but still the church feel it important to continue their travel.

June 1st 1828– Elder Joy Handy & Polly his wife presented letters of recommendation & dismission from the Baptist church in Jefferson Ohio requesting to become members– voted to receive them.

July 5th 1828– rec'd sister Zebiah Handy by letter

August 1828– Covenant meeting– The same feeling as formerly much to lament on account of trials but hope the Lord will deliver us.

Sept 6– Covenant meeting found a good union and desire to promote the interest of the redeemer– dismissed by letter Sister Laura Alma and Delia Sage. Closed with prayer.

Oct 4th 1828– Covenant meeting found a good union and desire to maintain the trinity of the spirit in the bond of peace— after which Martha (Hitter?), Abigail Russell & Rachael Cook related what God had done for them in bringing them to the knowledge of the truth, and requested baptism. Church voted to receive them as members when baptized.

Oct 5th– The above named persons were baptized, Elder Tucker administrator.

Dec 22nd 1828– Special Church meeting opened by prayed, appointed J Z Saxton clerk pro tem— called on committee appointed to visit Brother Benj Gifford to report. Committee reported that they had visited him but got no satisfaction, Brother Gifford being present was called upon who confided that he had frequently become intoxicated with ardent spirits. The church, having frequently called upon Brother Gifford before, and their admonitions never having produced anything more than a temporary reformation, therefore unanimously resolved that we withdraw the had of fellowship from Br Gifford until he give suitable evidence of reformation to the church – which may God grant.

Nov 1828– Covenant meeting– good union and desire to promote the interest of Christ

Dec 1828– Found a good union and generally prevailing desire to be useful in the kingdom of the precious Savior. After meeting Mrs (blank) Ward related the dealing of God with her soul and requested baptism. Church voted to receive her as a member when baptized. (For record of Monday meeting, turn back one page)

Jan'y 3rd 1829– Covenant meeting and good session after which Martin D Harmon related his experience to the church and requested baptism. The church voted to receive him when baptized.

Jan'y 31st 1829– Covenant meeting– found some trials in the church. Mr Joel Baldwin came forward and related his experience and requested baptism. Church voted to receive him when baptized.

Feb 1st 1829– Martin D Harmon & Joel Baldwin baptized, Eld Tucker administrator.

March 1st 1829– Covenant meeting– good union on the part of those present, but trials yet —ing in the church. Appointed a special church meeting March 9th at meeting house at 1 o'clock PM

March 9th, 10th & 19th –There were special church meetings holden at the meeting house, the records of which are on file in the clerk's office but are prevented being place upon this book by a resolution of March 1929 also on file.

April 1929– Covenant meeting– good meeting after which Br Heman McCleure presented a paper signed by a number of the members of the church presenting a number of charges against the church. Church voted to have a special church meeting April 8th at 1 o'clock at the meeting house.

April 8th 1829– special Church meeting according to appointment. Opened meeting with prayer. 1st had a written communication from a number of the brothers and sisters of this church in which after specifying a number of charges against the doings of the church which more fully appear by reference to said paper, the proceeded formally to withdraw from the church. 2nd In as much as the present clerk of the church is one of them it was therefore moved and voted that Br Heman McCluer be no longer considered as clerk of this church and that Br Martin D Harmon be appointed in his stead, and that brothers Saxton, Johnson & E Webster be a committee to notify Br McCluer of the appointment of Br Harmon and request him to hand over to Br Harmon all papers in his hands belonging to the church. 3rd voted to hand over the communication from the brethren as above named to a committee consisting of Brothers Saxton, Johnson & E Webster who are requested to examine and make a report upon the same to the next meeting of the church. 4th resolved to adjourn this meeting to two weeks from this day at one o'clock pm. M C Harmon church clerk.

April 22nd 1829– adjourned Church meeting– opened meeting by singing and prayer. 1st Br Daniel Bowen presented a letter of recommendation & dismissal from the Baptist Buffalo church and requested to become a member and church voted to receive him. 2nd rec'd a letter from a conference of Baptist members in Jefferson Ohio requesting a delegation from this church to meet them the first Thursday in May for the purpose of forming a church. Voted to answer their request and appointed Elders Tucker & Handy as delegates. 3rd Called on the committee appointed at the last meeting to report upon a certain paper handed by a number of the members of this church. The committee presented a written report which was examined item by item– and the preamble and (reply) of the report & any changes proposed by those brethren was examined and adopted by the church separately. 4th voted to rescind the vote here to fore passed proposing to give letters of dismissal to the dissatisfied members of this church. 5th resolved that Eld Joy Handy be appointed by the church to visit those brethren & sisters who have subscribed their names to a certain paper specifying certain charges against the Church

dated April 4th 1829—and concluding by a formal withdrawing themselves from the church and that Eld Handy be instructed to inform those brethren and sisters that the church highly disapprove of the course they are pursuing, believing as they do that it is greatly opposed to the gospel of Christ, and the church cannot but hope they may yet see their wrong and return and Eld Handy is hereby instructed to admonish and entreat these each and everyone of them so to do and it is hoped that in the discharge of this duty Eld Handy will happily combine Christian discipline with the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Adjourned— M D Harmon church clerk

May 2nd 1829—Covenant meeting opened with prayer by Eld Winsor—good union

1. Rec'd letters of recommendation from 2nd Baptist ch in Hanover to this church and presented by Brs Marshall Morton, Salmon Morton and sisters Mary Morton & Juliette Morton & requested to become members. Voted to receive them.

Sister Noama Handy presented a letter from the Baptist Church in Mayville & wishes to become a member of this church. Voted to receive her. Meeting closed

2nd voted to appropriate six dollars of church funds towards furnishing libra for Sabbath School. Closed by prayer. M D Harmon church clerk.

May 24th 1829— At a meeting of the Church voted that a special meeting of the church be held at the meeting house on Monday next at six o'clock. M D Harmon Church clerk

May 25th 1829— Special Church meeting held at the meeting house— opened meeting with prayer. The object of the meeting was to take into consideration the doings of a certain council held in the Baptist meeting house on the 20th instant at the instance and request of a minority of this church. After due deliberation upon the subject the Church unanimously resolves that is with extreme regret and sorrow that the church is compelled in this act of some of her members in their rising up against the fabric and authority of the church to recognize the result of her endeavors to reclaim them from an error into which she would charitably hope they had fallen without suitable reflection.

1st resolved unanimously that the church disapprove of the course pursued by certain of their brothers in their calling a council which convened in Fredonia on the 20th ult.

1st because they were each and every one of them at the time members of this church and subject to the watch care of and discipline of the same

2nd because at the very time of calling the council they were each and every one of them under admonition and censure of the church.

3rd because that after they had proceeded forward to request council without the consent or even knowledge of the church, they kept back all information of such council notwithstanding tow Sabbaths passed before the council arrived after they had resolved to request one until it was too late to have any legal meeting of the church to meet the same—in all of which we do think these brethren have greatly erred and acted unworthy of the character and gospel of Christ

4th resolved unanimously that this church feel particularly bound to disapprove the conduct of Br Zattu Cushing and Br Loring Crosby, who we are (cont—d) to believe have been particularly

instrumental of plunging this church into unnecessary and unreasonable trial in relation to the council above named.

1st because they appeared publicly and before the council to sustain in the behalf of the other brethren the measures which had been pursued in calling said council

2nd because that before the council and publicly these brethren urged the council to organize and proceed to the investigation of their situation as members of this church notwithstanding the remonstrance and criticism of other brethren of the church who assured the council and those brethren that the church had not had it in their power to have any meeting since their knowledge that a council had been called and were consequently totally unprepared to meet any subject which the minority might think proper to present and that to proceed under such circumstances would be both unjust and cruel—and still over all these, their brethren urged the council to proceed.

3rd because that these brethren did greatly injure the character of the church by representing the church as unwilling to grant them council at a certain time when requested from a disposition to oppress them, which the church does hereby declare to be contrary to the fact—Brother Cushing representing the church as having prepared a guillotine for the execution of his manhood—The church therefore do most solemnly resolve that it is an (insse-----tious) duty upon them in view of the course pursued toward this church by Br Zattu Cushing and Br Loring Crosby in addition to the former charges against them to send a second admonition to these brethren admonishing them of their wrong and inviting them to appear before the church on Wednesday the 24th of June at 1 o'clock PM at the Baptist Meeting House.

Resolved unanimously that the first Baptist Church of Christ in Pomfret view with most unqualified disapprobation the course pursued by delegated from Seven Churches who assembled in the Baptist Meeting House on 20th instant at the request of certain members of said church who were at the same time under the censure and discipline of same.

1st because that after being informed that they were collect without the knowledge or consent of the church they still proceeded forward to organize.

2nd because that after being organized and being still urged that the council would be expartle altogether and that for them to proceed would be greatly to add to the difficulty on the church they still resolved and determined to proceed.

3rd because that after being presented with the following written objection to their proceedings

1st because in the investigation a minority of the church propose to present for investigation to the council the proceedings of the Baptist Church in Pomfret

2nd because the church have never authorized these members to do so—

3rd because the church have never been notified of the council nor had any knowledge that a council was to convene to investigate any difficulties.

4th because those at whose request the council have assembled are still under the watch care and discipline of this church—

5th because the very subject to be presented is still a matter of discussion in the body and for the council to judge in the matter would be to anticipate the final result of the difficulty here.

6th because for the council to proceed under present circumstances would be to disregard

entirely the independence of the church, and establish a precedent at war with the peace and harmony of churches.

We beseech and entreat the council by the love they have for the cause of Christ and the peace of his kingdom that they will not proceed to investigate a difficulty which we are totally unprepared to meet, and do hereby assure the council that we cannot meet any charges against us at this time.

We do certify that the above objections were read before the council previous to there proceeding to business, and were entreated to adjourn at least until the church could be convened. They refused and still determined, and resolved to proceed and did accordingly. signed by Adrian Foot, Jairus Handy, Joy Handy, John Winter.

4th because in their result they greatly injured the church attaching them a character which has no foundation in truth.

5th because that the church do consider the said council have violated the independence of this church and so have violated the rules and discipline of the Baptist body and above all have gone contrary to the word of God. Meeting adjourned to the last Wednesday of June next at one o'clock at the meeting house. D Harmon ch clk

June 4th Covenant meeting– Meeting opened with prayer by Jairus Handy. Good union. Closed by prayer. Eld Handy reported that he had visited all those to whom----- April 8th– got no satisfaction (bottom of page frayed and torn so most of this paragraph is illegible).

June 24th 1829– Adjourned Church meeting opened with prayer by Eld Joy Handy.

At the meeting of the church May 25th a committee was appointed to visit Bro Zattu Cushing & Brother Lorin Crosby and inform them of the difficulty which the church had with them and admonish them to meet the Church at this meeting and both of those brethren having attended they were called upon to answer the charges against them–

1. For having withdrawn from the church and refusing to attend with their brethren in the worship of the sanctuary upon the Sabbath contrary to and in violation of the covenant with which they had voluntarily entered.

2nd for calling an expartee council while they were yet members of the church in order to obtain such countenance as would be likely to strengthen them in their stand with their brethren.

3rd and these brethren being appointed by their other dissenting brethren to represent them to the council for neglecting to give the church any information of having called a counsel during two Sabbaths that passed and until it was impossible that the church would be convened or have any legal notice of their coming.

4th for insisting that the council should proceed to investigate this difficulty against the church against the remonstrances and entreaties of brethren of the church, who were present at the meeting of the council and who insisted upon the impropriety of proceeding under such circumstances and asked an adjournment of the council that the church might have opportunity to convene but all to no purpose, these brethren urging the council to proceed which they did & in the result justified their brethren without ever hearing the church in her reference seeing her

records, or giving her an opportunity to be heard.

5th for misrepresenting the character and sentiments of the church to the council by representing her as in fellowship with foremeasuring and rigorous and oppressive in their discipline.—

The brethren being called upon declared their entire want of fellowship for the church— insisted upon their right to call a council under the circumstances which they did, declared their design to have it a private council, or one in which the church should have no part, and Brother Crosby expressed his astonishment that Eld Tucker should have interfered before the council by making any objection, and assured the church that they had not so they did not calculate to walk any more with the church whereupon the church being doubly imposed with the belief that all hope of redeeming these brethren for the present at least as at an end, and also of the decision that those should be out that trouble the church and make divisions. (Apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ). The church unanimously resolved to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother Zattu Cushing and Loring Crosby until they shall return with suitable satisfaction to the church which may God grant. M D Harmon Chh clerk.

July 4th 1829— Covenant meeting opened with prayer by Eld Tucker— Church in union. Closed by prayer by Eld Handy. M D Harmon Church clerk

August 1st 1829— Covenant meeting opened with prayer by Eld Tucker. Church in union. Closed by prayer by Eld Joy Handy. M D Harmon Church Clerk.

Oct 3rd 1829— Covenant meeting— opened meeting by singing and prayer by Eld J Handy.

All present expressed a good union and desire to press forward in the good cause. Sister Bowen presented a letter of recommendation from the church in Buffalo and was received as a member. Mrs Pearsons related her experience to the church and requested baptism. Church voted satisfaction & that she be considered a member of the church when baptized— Rec'd a letter from the Baptist church in Forestville requesting a delegation from this church to sit with them in Council the second Wednesday of this month. Voted to answer the request and appointed Elder Handy, Tucker, and brothers Webster, Bowen & Baldwin.

Rec'd a letter from the Baptist church in Ripley requesting a delegation to sit in council with them on the third Wednesday of October for the purpose of examining, and if thought proper, ordaining Br Kingon to the work of the ministry. Voted to answer their request and send Elders Tucker & Handy and Br Webster, Johnson, Bond & N Crosby.

3rd voted that the delegates to Forestville be authorized to confer with delegates from other churches who may be present at that meeting upon the expediency of sending delegates to the convention to be holden at Whitestown on the 21st instant and if thought proper they be authorized for this church to appoint them. M D Harmon Ch Clk

Oct 31st 1829— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer, found a good union among all present. Closed by prayer. — M D Harmon Church clerk

December 5th 1829— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer. Good union among all

present— Mrs Martha Bailey presented a letter of recommendation from the Baptist church in Manchester CT and requested admission in to this church and was rec'd. Miss Susan Harris related what God has done for her soul and requested baptism. Church voted satisfied. Closed by prayer. M D Harmon church clerk

Dec 6th— communion & baptism of Susan Harris, E B Tucker administrator. M D Harmon ch clk

Jan'y 2nd 1830— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer, found a good union among the members present. Mr Avery Buck related what the Lord had done for his soul and requested baptism. Church voted satisfied—

Jan'y 3rd— Communion & baptism of A Buck, E C Tucker administrator. M D Harmon chh clerk

Febry 6th Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer— full meeting and unusual union and good feeling among the members and a desire to promote the cause of Christ. Mrs Lucy Bennett presented a letter of recommendation from the Baptist church in Springfield PA and requested admission as a member. Voted to receive her—

Abell Brown related what God had done for his soul and requested baptism and to be admitted a member of this church. Voted to receive him. Voted to call a special church meeting on Monday 15th inst at 1 o'clock PM

M D Harmon, church clerk

Feb 7th—communion, Elder Tucker administrator.

Feb 14th 1830— Abell Brown baptized, Eld Tucker adm.

Feb 15th— Special church meeting according to appointment— opened meeting with singing and prayer by Eld Joy Handy.

1st took up the difficulty with certain brethren and sisters visited by Eld Handy in compliance with his appointment from the church April 8, 1829

1st voted that Eld Joy Handy, Dea E Webster & Br Mott be a committee to visit these members a 2nd time and they are hereby instructed to ascertain as definitely as possible

1st What are their individual determinations about walking anymore in the fellowship of this church

2nd Whether they are disposed to acknowledge and fellowship the calling & result of two councils convened at the request of a minority of this church. One on the 20th of May 1829 and the other on the 20th of January 1830 and

3rd whether they do or do not recognize as the first Baptist church of Pomfret a certain minority of this church who on the 20th of January last under the sanction of a certain council assumed that name and the committee are hereby requested to use all persuasive mild and Gospel measures to induce such a return to the church as may happily terminate the long and afflicting difficulty.

2nd voted that as certain members of this church have under the sanction of a certain council convened in this place on the 20th instant without the advice or consent of the church assumed the

name and authority of this church that therefore a committee of serve to wit Eld Joy Handy, Dea Webster & brothers N Crosby, D J Mattison, J Z Saxton, Benj Randall be appointed. Johnson 1st to ascertain by what authority said council were convened.

2nd under what circumstances they proceeded to organize, and investigate any matters affecting to this church

3rd what was the amount of their result and report thereon at the next meeting to which this shall be adjourned.

3rd Received a written communication from a number f brethren in Dunkirk who are members of this church requesting permission to organize a separate and independent church in that village and should their request be granted request this church to call a council for that purpose.

4th voted to comply with the above request and that we invite Baptist churches in Mayville, Ashville, Carroll 1st and Ripley and 2nd Stockton to send delegates to sit with those brethren in council on the third Wednesday in March next at the village of Dunkirk.

5th voted that the treasurer be a authorized to pay one dollar and eighty cents from funds in his hands for Sunday school magazine rec'd last year by A Young.

6th appointed Elders Tucker, Joy Handy, brothers D J Mattison, G Z Saxton, N Crosby, E Webster delegates for this church to the council at Dunkirk on the third Wednesday of March next.

Adjourned to March 8th 1830 at 1 o'clock PM. Closed with prayer, M D Harmon Chh Clk Feb 15th 1830–

March 6th 1830– Covenant meeting opened by prayer by Eld Handy– singing and a good union among all present. Haldy Saxton presented a letter from the church in Concord PA. Voted to receive him. Communion– E Tucker administrator. M D Harmon Chh clk

March 8th 1830– Adjourned Church meeting opened with prayer by Elder Handy.

1st chose Elder Handy moderator of this meeting. Called on the committee appointed Feb 15, 1830 to visit certain members of this church and which appointment together with instructions given to this committee will more fully appear by reference to the records of that meeting to report. Wherefore the committee presented to the church the following written report:

Report

Dear Brethren, We your committee agreeable to your instruction have visited those brothers and sisters who have withdrawn from the Church with a very few exception we have likewise so endeavored to follow your instructions to ascertain as correctly as possible whether they calculated to walk any more with the Church; and if they did or did not fellowship the doings of the two councils called by the dissenting Brethren and likewise whatever they conceived themselves the first Baptist Church of Pomfret and we have endeavored to take heed to ourselves and to be mild and gentle and to pursue such a return to the Church and may happily end this long and painful difficulty, as this result is unpleasant; they do, with a few exceptions justify the doing of the Councils, consider themselves the Church and refuse to return. Fredonia, March 8th 1830– Joy Handy, Ebenezer Webster, Orange Mott

The committee were then requested to endorse upon their report the names of such individuals as they considered to have evinced such a spirit and determination as to render all further efforts on the part of the Church to reclaim them utterly hopeless wherefore they gave the names of the following brothers and sisters:

Brothers: Justus Adams, Caleb Ward, Joshua Douglass, Phineas Nichols, Josiah Ward, John B Takles, Jonathan W Covell, Walter Cushing, John L Lamphier, Ira Lamphier, Nathan Wood, James Mack, Heman McCleure.

Sisters: Esther Nichols, Martha Douglass, Jamima Adams, Nancy Ward, Elizabeth Tucker, Olive Covil, Sally Gifford.

After solemn and painful deliberation upon the difficulty before the Church and being fully persuaded that there remains no possibility of success in any further effort to reclaim, therefore resolved unanimously

1st that this Church acting as we verily believe under the eye of the all-seeing and heart searching God, do consider it to be an unfortunate duty to withdraw the hand of fellowship from: Brothers Justus Adams, Caleb Ward, Joshua Douglass, Phineas Nichols, Joshua Ward, John B Takles, Jonathan W Covil, Walter Cushing, John L Lamphier, Ira Lamphier, Nathan Wood, James Mack & Heman McClure and we do hereby withdraw the hand of fellowship from each and everyone of those above named accordingly until they return with suitable & Christian satisfaction to the Church and for the following reasons:

1st for neglecting to maintain and fulfill their Covenant obligations with this Church in steadily associating with the Church as they have opportunity, the maintaining the visible interest of the Gospel of Christ.

2nd for withdrawing from the Church in an unproper and un-gospel-like manner

3rd for fellowshiping and sustaining the measure prescribed by the minority of the Church in calling two councils which convened in this meeting house one on the 20th of May last and the other on the 20th of January last—

4th for presenting before their councils a complaint against the church for discussion and decision without having previously acquainted the Church with the coming of a council or even ever having invited them to attend, and this against the remonstrances of individual brethren who were present, proceeded to urge the council forward without having any records of the church before them or ever having invited them to be heard in their defense—

5th for misrepresenting the doings and feelings of the Church to both councils.

6th For assuming under the sanction of the council that convened the name and authority of this Church, and for proceeding to administer ordinances as a church and to discipline and exclude members belonging to this body—

Resolved that the consideration of the difficulty as it relates to certain female members of the church visited by the committee and included in their report be postponed until the next church meeting to which this shall be adjourned.

Resolved unanimously that as Brother James Hall has been visited by one committee without giving any satisfaction for having withdrawn from the church, and whereas is one of the editors

of a political paper he has from time to time published slanderous & libelous articles against this church and his brethren, he has therefore in the opinion of this church forfeited his standing in this body, and we do therefore withdraw from him the hand of fellowship until he give suitable satisfaction to this church.

The 2nd committee appointed Feb'y 15th requested a longer time to report which was accordingly granted— adjourned to the last Wednesday in April next to this place at 1 o'clock pm M D Harmon chh clk

March 14th 1830— after public worship Church requested by Brothers John Bond, Ambrose Barnaby, Daniel Bowen and Levi Pearsons and sisters Susan Barnaby, Lucy Bowen, Lucy Persons, Abigail Woodcock, Celinda Tefft, Elizabeth Finck and Eunice Raymond living in Dunkirk, letters of dismission from this body that they may be prepared to meet a council to convene in that village on Wednesday next for the purpose of constituting them into an independent church— Voted to give them letters— M D Harmon chh clk

April 3rd 1830— Covenant meeting opened with prayer & singing— prayer by Eld Handy. All the brothers and sisters present exposed a good union and increasing desire to awake to the duties and obligation which are upon them as disciples of Christ after which Lovina Douglas related the dealing of God with her soul, and requested baptism. Church voted to receive her— at this meeting it was evident that the Lord was present by his spirit. Closed by singing and prayer by Elder Tucker. M D Harmon Chh Clk

Apr 11th Lovina Douglass baptized, Elder Tucker administrator. M D Harmon Chh clk

April 17th 1830— Our brethren at Dunkirk heard the experience of Franklin Robbins

Apr 18th— The above persons baptized, Elder Jairus Handy administrator

April 28th— adjourned Church meeting appointed— Br Buck moderator. An motion voted to adjourn the business of this meeting to Wednesday the 2nd of June at 1 o'clock at the meeting house.

May 1st 1830— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer by Elder Winson— full meeting and perfect union. Among the (brothers) and sisters...had reason to thank God and take courage. Bro & Sister Shumway presented letters from churches in Portland & Henderson and were received as members— Also for Samuel Shepard from church in New Berlin and was received, after which Horace Webster and his wife related what God had done for their souls and requested baptism, also Percy Sawins and Philinda Warren gave the reason of their hope in Christ and requested baptism. Church voted to receive them.

As the council convened at Dunkirk on the 3rd Wednesday of March last adjourned to the first Wednesday in May, and as several have been baptized into the fellowship of this church at Dunkirk, therefore voted that all such as shall have been baptized into the fellowship of our brethren at Dunkirk previous to the setting of said council shall receive a dismission from this

church— to be recognized with our other brethren and sisters in the constitution of the church. Brother Abell Brown requested a letter of dismission. Voted to give him a letter. Closed a happy meeting with singing and prayer by Eld Haskel.

May 1st — Our Brethren at Dunkirk heard the experience of Mosley W Abell, Ruth Abell & Louisa Gates who requested baptism and voted to receive them as members of this church.

May 2nd 1830— Horace Webster & wife & Percy Sawins were baptized, Eld Tucker administrator. Church enjoyed a pleasant time at communion.

2nd Mosley W Abell & wife & Louisa Gates were baptized, Elder Jairus Handy administrator. M D Harmon C C

May 9th 1830— Philinda Warren baptized at Westfield Eld Tucker administrator M D Harmon Church Clerk

June 5th 1830— Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer, found an uncommon degree of religious feeling among the members— Joseph Porter, Hannah Porter, Melissa Barnaby, Almira Ferris, Esther Smith, Hannah Butler, Samantha Harrison, Lucy Shumway and Phoebe Aldrich related to the church their dealings of God with their souls and their evidence of their hope in Christ and each of them requested membership in the church. Church voted satisfied with their Christian experience and be acknowledged as members when baptized. Sisters Margaret Munroe and Matilda Morton then presented letters of recommendation from the churches of 2nd Hanover and Paulet VT and were rec'd upon the same as members of this church, also sister Nancy Warren requests to become a member who had been previously baptized by Eld Tucker. Voted to receive her. Closed with prayer.

Sabbath Day June 6th 1830— baptism was administered to that who yesterday related their experience & the church excepting Phoebe Aldrich, Elder Tucker administrator

June 25th 1830— Met according to adjournment at the Baptist Meeting House at Fredonia— opened meeting with prayer—

1st called upon the committee appointed Feb 15th last and consisting of Brethren Saxton, Mattison, Randall, Johnson, Webster, Crosby & Elder Handy to know whether they were ready to report, whereupon the committee submitted a report which is on file.

The motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the report of the committee be accepted.

Agreeably to the suggestion of the committee the following resolutions were submitted and adopted:

1. Resolved that our confidence remains unshaken and unimpaired in the integrity and piety of Elder Elisha Tucker and that many of us have been personally and intimately acquainted with him during the whole term of his residence in this village which is now nearly eight years during

all of which time he has been the pastor of this church under whose stated ministrations we have sat with profit and pleasure and whereas the same reports have been circulated and measures persuaded Eld Joy Handy as towards Elder Tucker, therefore resolved that our confidence remains unshaken and unimpaired in the integrity and piety of Elder Joy Handy, the former pastor and present member of this church & that having removed to this county and to this place more than twenty years since and having borne the burden and heat of the day in sustaining the denomination in which he belongs and in preaching Christ with unblemished reputation and character to a false world and as a faithful minister having patiently submitted to the fatigue and uniformly attended to the distant calls of the distracted incidents to the settlement of a new country, desirous now to be sustained by this church against the breath of calumny which would blast one of the fairest reputations in the decline of life.

Resolved that Elder Elisha Tucker and Joy Handy are members of this church and that the report that they have been scolded and silenced is without the least foundation in truth.

Resolved that it is with extreme regret and sorrow that this church regards every attempt to destroy the reputation and eclipse the usefulness of such ministers as have with untiring diligence devoted membership to their interest of that precious cause for which they live and labor.

Adjourned this meeting to July 7th at the Baptist Meeting house at 4 o'clock PM. Closed with prayer.

June 2nd 1830— Adjourned Church meeting opened with prayer

In view of the alarming course which several churches of the Chautauqua Baptist Association have pursued toward this church, it was unanimously resolved that this church feels particularly bound according to the platform of the Chaut Bapt Assoc to commence a labor with each of the following churches to wit: Ellery, Portland, 2nd Pomfret, Harmony, 1st Hanover, Gerry & 1st & 2nd Perrysburg churches for having their delegates violated the independency of this church in authorizing a minority of this church together with persons who had been previously excluded from the fellowship of this church and assume the name of this church, and the right to discipline and exclude the members of this church and all this without ever having seen the records of this church, or having heard her in her defense, and in all which this church does conceive they have acted contrary to the Gospel of Christ— therefore

Resolved that we send a letter to each of those churches stating our difficulty and requesting satisfaction and that we appoint the following brethren in the name of this church to present said letters, viz: to Ellery, Br Shumway; to Gerry, Bro Harmon; to Portland Bro Saxton; to 2nd Pomfret Bros N Crosby & Randall & Harmony Deacon E Webster & to Harmony Br Baldwin and to 2nd Perrysburg Bro Buck— Where upon the letter was drafted, approved and a copy kept on file in the clerk's office.

Voted to authorize the treasurer to pay Person Crosby for table \$2.00

Voted to adjourn this meeting to June 25th at this place at 4 o'clock PM. (turn back)

July 3rd 1830— Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer— found a good union and an abundant cause of thanksgiving and praise that the helped God in yet bringing sinners to the

acknowledgement of the truth.

Sally Sawin, Eliza Jane Daggett, Lucy May and Lucy Eastwood each related the dealing of God with them gave the reason of their hope in Christ. Church voted satisfied.

Amos Palmer presented a letter from Baptist church in Berlin and was received. Closed by prayer.

July 4th Lord's Day— those who related their experience yesterday were baptized excepting Lucy Eastwood, Elder Tucker administrator.

July 7th 1830— Adjourned Church meeting opened with prayer— Called on committee sent to several churches according to resolution of June 23rd to report— all of those brethren being present reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them with the exception of Bro Buck who stated that although he visited Perrysburg on the Sabbath yet no meeting could be found in either church and that he left his communication with members of those churches all the other churches had been visited but gave no satisfaction, whereupon the church resolved that as none of those churches to whom we have sent manifest any disposition to make Christian satisfaction for the injury they have done us, that therefore it is our duty to proceed according to the 5th article of platform of the Chautauque Association to take the 2nd step of labor with those churches. Resolved that we call upon Carroll, Mayville & Villenova churches to assist us in taking said labor on the 2nd Sabbath day of August next.

Resolved that the same brethren be delegated as before, and that they be furnished with a letter as in the first step— and which was accordingly prepared and approved, a copy of which is on file in the clerk's office.

July 21st 1830— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer—found a good union and a desire to promote the cause of Christ by living conformed to the precepts of the Gospel.

Polly Ann Brown related her experience to the church and requested baptism. Voted to receive her.

Sept 4th— Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer. Church in good union. Ezra Thompson & Eli Beardsley related their experience to the church and requested baptism— voted to receive them.

Sept 6th— The above persons were baptized, Eli Tucker administrator. Fanny Saxton presented a letter of recommendation from the church in Stockton and was rec'd.

Oct 2nd 1830— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer. Again were permitted to witness an uninterrupted union among the members.

Ezra Buck and Sally Warren related their experience to the church and requested baptism. Voted to receive them.

Oct 3rd Ezra Buck was baptized, Elder Tucker administrator. Ora Winsor & Betsey Mills presented letters from Stockton & voted to receive them. Closed by prayer

Nov 6th 1830– Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer– Church in good union. Sally Ann Goby and Caroline Mathews related their experience each to the church and requested baptism. Rosanna Winsor presented a letter from Stockton church and was rec'd as a member. Rec'd a communication from a number of brethren in Stockton requesting council for the purpose of receiving fellowship as a church– voted to send Elds Tucker & Handy & Bros Webster, Crosby & Mott.

Dec 4th 1830– Covenant Meeting opened by singing and prayer, found a good union in the church. Closed with prayer.

Dec 5th 1830– Received a communication from a number of brethren in Evans, Erie Co requesting council for the purpose of receiving fellowship as a church. Voted to send Eld Tucker & Bros E Webster & Daniel Baldwin– Voted a special church meeting Dec 6th at 4 o'clock PM at Meeting House.

Dec 6th 1830– Special Church meeting opened with prayer. Resolved that we sanction and approve the nomination of Elders Tucker, Winsor, Foote, Joy Handy & Jairus Handy as a committee to make arrangements for calling council to adjust if possible the difficulty existing between the two groups each claiming to be known as the Chautauqua Baptist Association. Closed with prayer.

Jan'y 1st 1831– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer. This was a remarkable meeting when new resolutions were formed by all to be more prayerful and religious by the blessings of God than formerly. Closed with prayer.

Feb 5th 1831– Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer– found a good union and general desire to press forward. Voted to appoint a committee to make arrangements preparatory to the coming of a council expected on the 14th instant and that Elds Tucker & Handy & Bros Saxton, Crowley, Johnson, Buck, Mattison, Randall & Harmon be that committee. Closed with prayer. Feb 6th – Bro Geo W Pierce presented a letter from 2nd church in Hanover and was received

Feb 28th 1831– Church called a special meeting on Wednesday next at 2 o'clock PM.

March 2nd 1831– Special church meeting of the 1st Baptist Church in Pomfret holden at the Baptist meeting house, Fredonia– opened with prayer voted to give Bro D Matteson a letter. The object of the meeting to take into consideration the result of a council held in this church commencing Feb'y 15 and ending Feb'y 19th 1831, and to which council was mutually submitted on the part of the church and on the part of those brethren who had separated from us, those difficulties which had for a long time separated this church. And whereas said council, after a full investigation of our difficulties thus mutually submitted,

did, and as we believe, in the fear of God and under a deep and solemn consciousness of their responsibility to Him, present a written result, as the fruit of prayerful deliberation upon those difficulties thus submitted, to their decision; and the object of this meeting being to consider this same the result was presented before the church and after due deliberation upon the same, the following resolutions were passed: ---

1 Resolved, that this church feel under obligation to sanction and approve said results, touching the difficulties of this church—

2 Resolved that the resolution which the council advised us to adopt, passed at Whitesboro Oct 22nd and 23rd 1829 upon speculative Free Masonry, together with the explanation of said resolution, as given by the council be, and the same as hereby adopted by this church—

3rd Resolved that the adoption of the result of said council touching the difficulties of this church by any of either of those member who were excluded from this church June 24th 1829 and March 8th 1830 and whose names will appear by reference to the records if those meetings, and who shall desire— again to become members of this church and admitted to the proceedings of the same; in that case and on such communication being made to this church such acts of exclusion shall be considered as rescinded, and those members in good standing in this church.

4th resolved that no individual shall present a labor t this church against any individual members of the same who shall comply with the doing of this meeting in relation to those difficulties which have divided us previous to the date of this council; but each in the true spirit of Christian charity and brotherly kindness endeavor to lose sight of the things that are past.—

5th resolved that the clerk of this church give notice to each individual excluded at the above named meetings of the proceedings of this meeting—

6th resolved that it is the duty of this church most ardently and devoutly to cultivate the divine powers and to beseech the blessed God to follow with his blessing the labors of our beloved brethren who composed this council that peace and order may be restored to his affected Zion in this country.

7th Resolved that the proceeding of this meeting be published in the Baptist Register— By order of the church, Martin D Harmon Church Clerk

March 5th 1831— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer by Elder Tucker— found a good degree of union among the brethren and sisters.

Brother Peter Sails and his wife presented a letter and requested to become members of this church— voted to receive them. Closed by prayer by Deacon Crosby. M D Harmon Church Clerk

April 2nd 1831— Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer by Elder Tucker— found a food degree of union among the brothers and sisters and a desire to press forward in the good cause— Sister Caroline Mathews & Sister Betsy Sage requested letter of dismissal— vote to give them letters. Lucy Morton and Maryan Sprague and Nancy Barlow related the dealing of God with their souls and wished to unite with the church. Church voted to receive them when baptized.

April 3rd, Lord's Day— the above were baptized, Eld Tucker administrator, M D Harmon Church Clerk

April 30th 1831– Covenant meeting opened by singing & prayer by Eld Joy Handy–good union among the brothers and sisters– closed by prayer by Eld Tucker, M D Harmon church clerk

June 4th 1831– Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld Tucker. Found a good union in the church– heard the dealing of God with their souls from Linus Douglass & Julia Story, Charlotte Berry, Amanda Sage & Eliza Parker. Voted to receive them

June 5th Sabbath– Lucius Douglass, Julia Story, Amanda Sage & Eliza Parker were baptized, Elder Tucker, Administrator. M D Harmon church clerk

July 2nd– Covenant meeting opened singing & prayer by Eld Tucker– found good union in the church– Almira, now Sister Clark, requested a letter of dismissal– church voted to give her one– Roxy Windsor by letter also.

Sabbath day July 3rd– Charlotte Berry baptized E Tucker administrator. Julia Berry rec'd by letter. Sister Emily Mallory dismissed by letter. M D Harmon Church Clerk

Sabbath day July 31st 1831– after service rec'd a letter from the Baptist conference in Forestville requesting delegates to sit in council on Wednesday the 3rd of August next for the purpose of constituting a church. Church voted to send Eld Tucker, Eld Joy Handy, Deacon N Crosby and E Webster & Bro S May. M D Harmon C C

August 6th 1831– Covenant meeting opened by singing & prayer by Eld J Handy. Good union among brothers and sisters. Brother Lucius Andrews presented a letter and wished to become member of this church– voted to receive him— Sister Anna Thompson presented a (letter) and wished to unite with this church– voted to receive her. Mariah Tuttle & Roxy Tuttle related their experiences to the church and the church voted to receive them when baptized. Sister Mary Hill requested a letter of dismissal– voted her a letter. Closed by prayer by Eld Tucker.

Sabbath August 7th– Mariah Tuttle & Roxy Tuttle baptized, Eld Tucker administrator. M D Harmon Ch Clk

September 3rd, 1831– Covenant meeting opened by singing & prayer and found good union among the brothers & sisters– Rec'd a letter of recommendation from Br Providence L Sheppard and wished to unite with this church– voted to receive him. Ruth Sheppard & Sarah Sheppard, Mary Sheppard & Almeda Handy related their experience to the church and requested baptism– voted to receive them.

Elder Tucker, Elder J Handy, N Crosby, E Webster, L P Sheppard & A Johnson were appointed delegates to the Association. Closed with prayer. M D Harmon Church Clerk

Sabbath Day Sept 4th 1831– Ruth Sheppard, Sarah Sheppard, Mary Sheppard & Almeda Handy were baptized, Eld Tucker administrator. Sister Polly Lunt presented a letter of dismissal from the Baptist church in Phelps and wished to become a member of this church– voted to receive her— Lucy Maring related her experience to the church having been previously baptized. Voted

to receive her. M D Harmon Church Clerk

Sabbath Sept 11th – Sister Boyington, now Sister Brigham requested a letter of dismission from this church– voted (to) give her one. Voted to call a special church meeting on Monday the 11th at 3 o'clock. M D Harmon CC

October 1st 1831– Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer by Eld Tucker and found good union in the church. Bro Abell Brown presented a letter of recommendation & dismission from Lockport church and wished to unite with this church– voted to receive him. Bro Alexander King & Sister Abigail King, Caroline King & Susan King presented letter from the Baptist church in Augusta and requested membership– voted to receive them. Catharine Pearce & Salina Boyington related their experience and requested baptism. Church voted to receive them. Church voted to a meeting at Br A Johnson's on Monday coming to hear Brother Corwin preach or improve. Closed with prayer– M D Harmon Church Clerk

October 2nd Sabbath day– Catharine Pearce & Salina Boyington were baptized, Eld Tucker administrator. Sister Fanny Dewey presented a letter–church voted to receive her– Voted to give Eld Absalom Minor a call to preach with us the ensuing year. Voted that Deacon Webster & N Crosby & P L Sheppard be committee to send him a letter— M D Harmon Church Clerk

Oct 12th 1831– At a meeting of the Church held at Br Crane's the church voted to give Br Abell Brown & Br Ira Corwin license to preach. M D Harmon church clerk

Nov 6th 1831– Covenant meeting opened with prayer & singing and found a good degree of union among the Brethren & Sisters—
Brother Bliss Willoughby presented a letter from the 3rd Baptist church in Shaftsbury Vermont and wished to unite with the church– voted to receive him. M D Harmon Church clerk
Sabbath Day (possibly still Nov 6th which was a first Sunday, the agreed upon communion day)– after communion Sister Abigail Tucker & Martha Miller requested letters of dismission from this church– voted to dismiss them. M D Harmon church clerk

Dec 3rd 1831– Covenant meeting opened with prayer by Elder Johnson and found a good union. Closed by prayer by Eld Handy– M D Harmon church clerk

Dec 31st 1831– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer by Elder J Handy– found a good union among those present. Church voted to appoint a committee to procure temporary preaching and to adopt measures to procure a minister to preach steadily. Voted to hold a special prayer meeting on Thursday of next week. Closed by prayer. M D Harmon church clerk

February 4th 1832– Covenant meeting opened by singing & prayer– good union in the church— Sister Anna Thompson & Sister Polly Lunt requested letter of dismission. Voted to grant them.

Closed by prayer by Elder E Johnson. M D Harmon church clerk

Feb'y 8th 1832– voted a letter of dismissal to Sister Susanna Clark, M D Harmon church clerk

Feb'y 12th 1832– Sabbath day after service rec'd a letter from the first Baptist Church in Forestville requesting this church to send delegates to meet in council on the 4th Wednesday of this month at 10 o'clock. Voted to send Eld Handy, Bro J Z Saxton, P L Sheppard & M D Harmon. M D Harmon church clerk.

March 3rd 1832– Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer by Eld Cole– found a good degree of union. Br Daniel Meader & Sarah Meader, Rebecca Meader & Sally Meader 3^d presented letters from the Baptist church at Scroon in Essex Co NY and wished to become members with this church– voted to receive them. Br Stephen Corwen & Sister Corwen presented letters from the church in Cazenovia and wished membership– voted to receive them. Sister Fanny Saxton wishes a letter of dismissal from this church & Sister Almira Peck also. Church voted to grant them.

March 4th– Sabbath– Communion session, Eld Cole & Eld Johnson pastors. M D Harmon church clerk

March 26th 1832– Sabbath after service appointed a committee to visit Brother Eli Webster to inquire the cause of absence from the church– appointed Elder Handy & Deacon N Crosby. M D Harmon church clerk

Church appointed a meeting to be holden on April 14th 1832 at the meeting house at 2 o'clock

April 14th 1832– Church meeting by appointment– meeting opened by singing & prayer by Elder Cole– heard the report of the committee appointed to visit Br Eli Webster. They did not succeed in their endeavor to reclaim him. He said had nothing against the church– but had a difficulty with private brethren.

Church appointed a committee consisting of Elder Handy, Deacon Crosby & Bro J Z Saxton to investigate it further and report at some future meeting of the church.

Heard the report of a committee appointed to visit Br Samuel Sheppard consisting of Eld Handy & Br Saxton. They report that they visited Brother Sheppard and that he would attend the meeting of the church. Voted that the case is over until the next meeting of the church.

Eld J D Cole & wife presented letter from the Baptist church in Ogden, Monroe Co NY which were accepted by the church. Voted that Eld J D Cole be the standing moderator of this church while our minister. Close with prayer. M D Harmon church clerk

May 5th 1832– Opened by prayer by Eld Handy and found good union among the brs & sisters. Church voted satisfied with Br S Sheppard's confession.

Eld Elias Johnson & Sister Beulah, his wife, gave in their letter to this church from Baptist church in Provincetown Mass and wish to unite with us. Voted to receive them. Voted that Br Randall be added to the committee to visit Br Eli Webster. Closed with prayer. M D Harmon

church clerk

May 12th 1832– Sabbath after service Sister Fanny Saxton asked a letter of dismissal from this church. Voted to give her one. M D Harmon church clerk

June 2nd 1832– Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer by Eld Cole– good union among those present. Thomas L Summerton related his experience to the church and requested baptism. Margaret Morgann related her experience to the church and requested baptism. Voted to receive them.

Appointed Elds Handy & Cole a committee to visit the members of the church during this month. Closed with prayer by Elder Handy

Sabbath day at noon–the above candidates were baptized, Eld Cole administrator. M D Harmon Church Clerk

June 30th 1832– Covenant meeting opened by singing & prayer by Elder Cole– found a good union and a desire to be more devoted to the service of God. Sister Lucy Morton requested a letter of dismissal from this church– voted to give her one. Church voted satisfied with the confession of Sister Eliza Jane Daggett, appointed a committee to visit Laona church and enquire as to the standing of Sister Tuttle’s daughter in that church who wishes to unite with this church. Meeting closed with prayer. M D Harmon church clerk

Names of female members of Church– list referred to on an earlier page

by letter May 1, 1830 Mercy Shumway
baptized April 11, 1830 Lovina Douglass
baptized at Dunkirk Robbins dismissed May 1830
“ Nancy Church “
” Cordelia Tefft “
baptized May 2, 1830 Webster
“ Percy Sawin
“ at Dunkirk May 2, 1830 Ruth Abell dismissed May 1830
“ Lovisa Gales “
baptized May 9, 1830 Nancy Warren
“ Philinda Warren
baptized June 5, 1830 Hannah Porter
“ Melissa Barnaby
“ Almira Ferris
“ Esther Smith
“ June 6, 1830 Hannah Butler
“ Samantha Harmon
“ Lucy Shumway
by letter June 5, 1830 Margaret Munroe

“ _____ Matilda Morton
baptized July 3, 1830 _____ Sally Sawin
“ _____ Eliza Jane Daggett
baptized July 4, 1830 _____ Lucy May
baptized August 1, 1830 _____ Lucy Eastwood
“ _____ Polly Ann Brown
baptized Sept 5, 1830 _____ Eda Beardsley
by letter “ _____ Fanny Saxton
by letter Oct 3, 1830 _____ Betsey Mills
baptized Nov 14, 1830 _____ Sally Warren
by letter Nov 5, 1830 _____ Roxanna Winsor
baptized Nov 6, 1830 _____ Caroline Matthews
“ _____ Sally Ann Gates

another page, last in this record, is dated July 3rd 1824 and signed by Jairus Handy & Chas Morton