

Letter from inside of record book cover  
Hunts Hollow March 8, 1866

Dear Brother

I found your letter here as I came home this morning from a church meeting held at Brother Tabors' – we are wading through through such a scene of church labor as I never before witnessed - We have had extra meetings as much or more to average once a week since the year commenced and I can not now tell how many committee meetings – And we are not yet through - What the result will be none of us yet know – I will not now attempt to give you any outline of the nature of the difficulties – Pray for us –

You can get more information about the early history of the Baptist Church at your place from Brethren Benjamin and William Begole than I am able to give you – The organization occurred in 1823 – I did not move in until 1825 and then was not a member of the church – The moderator, Elder S. Menssinger I afterward knew, but he has long since gone to his reward – Henry R. Clark, the clerk was I suppose our Harry Clark of Cayuga, who is also now dead – I do not think I can give you any incidents of sufficient importance to be wove into a history – I know the church was small and feeble for a long time – It must have been some 4 or 5 years before they were able to build the old log meeting house, which by the way I think was the first house built expressly for public worship in the town – Their first preacher, at least after I became acquainted, was Elder Bennett, I believe his given name was Elijah, who supplied them only a part of the fall of the year meetings at Phelps – I think it was the fall of the year 25 when they settled Elder Oliver Reed. How long he supplied them I can not now remember. I think not more than two or three years – Elder Ransom Harvey was their next preacher. He was ordained there and continued with them until our Father came there – They had some trials and some exclusions and had very few additions and no revivals so far as I recollect until after you came into the place. I think it was the year '32. But most or all of these items you will doubtless find in your record.

The next Baptist church formed in the town was that of Oak Hill, now extinct – William Dake will probably be able to give an outline of the history of that –

The church at Union Corners was older than either, but that was known as the Sparta church –

Do not think of any local news here that will be of interest to you – the Methodists have held their meetings nearly all \_\_\_\_\_ at Nunda Station. It is said they have had quite a number of conversions – Here the difficulties in the church seem to hang like a dark cloud over us. Vice and iniquity prevail and the ways of Zion mourn – We have had a very good preacher nearly five months, by the name of Finney – Expect he will leave the first of April.

But it is bedtime and I must close – I hope you will find it convenient to make us that visit you spoke of.

D. P. Lake

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Inside first page –

In this book are the records of the Baptist Church at the Ridge from April 19, 1823 to Sept. 15, 1849.

The church was first a log house, the first building expressly for public worship in the Town of Mount Morris.

In 1834 the building, for many years known as the Ridge Church, and torn down in 1956 or 57, housed this Baptist church. In 1849 it was sold to the Methodist Church, and the Baptist congregation joined with the Baptist church in the Village of Mount Morris.

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This book found among other books of Mrs. John VanDorn, and given to C. F. Braman  
Sept. 25, 1919

Articles of the Mt. Morris Baptist Church as revised by the Committee appointed by the Ch. March 18. Adopted May 20, 1837

1. We believe there is one only true and living God that there are three Persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost who are equal in nature Power and Glory
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and new testaments are the infallible word of God and the rule of our Faith and practice
3. We believe the first Man by his fall lost the Image of God and became wholly depraved, and all his posterity are by nature Children of wrath.. "Dead in trespass and sins"
4. We believe that Man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and of God, and that all who will be finally Saved "were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world". Accordingly to the foreknowledge of God the Father

Through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that justification is only by the Righteousness of Christ, imputed to repenting sinners by Faith in Him without the consideration of any works of righteousness done by them, and is wholly through the blood of Christ according to the riches of his grace.
6. We believe the work of regeneration conversion sanctification and Faith is effected by the influences of the Holy Ghost in the heart.
7. We believe all those who are chosen by the Father, Redeemed by the son, and Sanctified by the spirit will be kept by the Power of God through Faith unto salvation "ready to be revealed in the last time" and shall never perish.
8. We believe the son of God will come to judge the world in righteousness that there will be

a resurrection of the just and unjust, that the punishment of the wicked and the happiness of the righteousness will be eternal.

9. We believe the Gospel Church is a congregation of Baptized believers who have covenanted to hold communion together in the ordinances of Christ.
10. We believe Baptism and the Lords supper are positive Institutions of Christ to be observed by his people until his second coming and none have a right to administer them but regular ordained ministers of the Gospel.
11. Baptism is the first Gospel institution and a prerequisite to the communion of the Supper it is a burying the whole body in water in the name of the Father and the son and the Holy Ghost. It is absolutely necessary that the candidate give evidence of regeneration and that he be led in some good degree into the solemn import and design of the ordinance

that he may feel his obligation to walk in newness of life.

12. The Lords supper is the receiving of Bread and Wine in commemoration of the broken Body and blood of Christ, by which we declare our vital union with him as our Head and Surety and one with another in the fellowship of the Gospel of Christ and those only are to be admitted to the Lords Table who have been Baptized on profession of their faith and who maintain a regular standing in a Gospel church.
13. The first day of the Week ought to be kept saved as a day of worship and devotion and esteemed by way of eminence the Lords day
14. We believe discipline in personal offences should be conducted agreeably to Matthew 18 Chap. 15 to 17 verses inclusive.
15. We believe the Charges of the Church should be borne by equality according to the Substance and ability of each member.

Church Covenant adopted May 20, 1837

We do now in the presence of God, angels and men, without any known reserve, devote ourselves to God, choosing Him for our God and portion forever, promising most solemnly to make his word the rule of our faith and practice. We engage to take heed to ourselves conversation and company to shun the ways of Sin, and pursue the ways of holiness. We engage to maintain a faithful watch and care over each other and a regular discipline and to provoke each other to love and good works, to be tender of each other's persons, characters and estates, and to be just towards all. We engage to perform the duties contemplated in our Articles and in the Holy Scriptures, such as religiously observing the Christian Sabbath, attending public worship with our families stately and in season, secret and family prayer and the religious instruction of our families. We engage to attend to the appointments of the church; to maintain communion with them at the Lords table and to seek the prosperity of the Church, and of the Redeemers

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Kingdom in general, wherever we may be so long as we live. All which we engage to perform through the gracious assistance of God to whom be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Names of Members

Eld. Warner Lake  
Eld. Amos Chase  
Polly Chase  
David P. Lake  
Ann Lake  
Benj. Begole  
Wm. Begole  
Peggy Begole  
Eleanor Begole  
Nancy Begole - married to Nathan Bills  
Thomas Begole  
Joseph Begole  
Cyrenus Stilson - died Dec. 26, 1845  
Sarah Stilson - died April, 1844  
Edwin Stilson  
Huldah Stilson  
Asahiel B. Stilson  
Saloma Stilson

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Wm. Van Doler  
Mariah Van Doler  
Thomas Wisner  
Abigail Wisner  
Sarah Wisner  
Abigail Wisner  
Ebenezer Childs  
Hannah Childs  
Alvira Childs  
Israel Herrick  
Urana Herrick  
Almira Ferris  
Joseph Crane  
Sally Crane  
Harley Thayer - died Dec. 1841  
John Simonson  
Lydia Simonson  
George Burkhart  
Almira Burkhart

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Susanna Burkhart  
Benjamin Bills  
Almira Bills  
Barney Putnam  
Margaret Putnam  
Silas Woodard  
John Bodine  
Mary Bordene  
John Shank  
Polly Jane Shank  
Wm. Divinna  
Sally Divinna  
Margaret Hunt  
Jeremiah Rockefeller  
Ann Thayer  
Alma Wheaton  
Sally Fuller - married to H. Hoagland  
Hannah Bartelow  
Phebe Ann Hoskins

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Eleanor Taylor  
Eleanor Vanderbeek married to \_ Smock  
Catharine Vanderbeek  
Sally Smock married to Amasa McAllister  
Catharine Bradley  
Luther Gilbert  
Hannah Gilbert  
Alchee Hilliker  
Polly Wisner  
Jemima Reed died Aug. 31, 1843  
H. D. Hunt  
Sarah Canfield  
Olive Smock married to Wm. Divinna  
Affa Hagadorn  
Alva Thayer died Dec. 17, 1841  
Selinda Herrick married to Tha. Begole  
Mary Stilson  
Abraham Bordena  
George Wort

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John W. Toby  
Phebe Haynes  
Agnes Hunt  
Emeline Chase  
Jane Wirt  
Elizabeth Woodard  
Gana Ferris  
LaFayette Chase  
Mary Anne Moyers  
Sally Begole  
Matilda Wirt  
Phelena Stilson  
Aron Borden  
Anna Borden  
James Bert  
Sarah Bert  
Richard Gant  
Elder Henry Shute Jr.  
Louisa Shute (Henry's wife)  
Louisa Shute (Henry's daughter)  
Sarah Shute (Henry's daughter)

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Amos Chase Jr.  
Cornelia Begole  
John S. Wright  
Aseneth Wright  
Israel Guile died June 15, 1846  
Arvilla R. Guile  
Victor Wright  
Lucinda Wright  
Perlina Dake  
John L. Everett  
Josias C. Wheaton  
Perry Wisner  
Henry Crane Jr.  
Stephen Wisner  
James V. Defore  
Mary Wort  
Christiana Moyers  
Sally Hunt  
Moriah Dake

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Eliza Ann Herrick  
Sarah Wright  
Anjeline Chapman married to F. Begole  
Julia Chapman married to Mr. Miller  
Eliza Stilson  
Loiza Teale  
Jane Ann Watson  
Harriet M. Divinna  
Moriah Whiteneck married to J. O'Depré  
Emma Borden  
Calvin Wisner  
William Devinna 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Albert Herrick  
Peter Bodine  
Elizabeth Moyers  
Celistia Shute  
Catharine Moyers  
Thirza Guy  
Clarinda Teale  
Emily Crane

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David Finch  
Betsey Daboll  
Harry Teale  
Nelson Putnam  
Orlando Jones  
Lydia Putnam       died April, 1844  
Freelove Thorp  
Eliza Risen  
John D. Dorson  
Mary Teale  
Corotine Teale  
Jesse Moyers  
Anson Rogers  
Lewis Ferris  
Eli Townsend  
Hannah Townsend  
Eliza A. Everett  
Joseph Townsend  
Joseph Tolley

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Henry Bowen  
Arsinoe Bowen  
Berintha Hagadorn  
Nelson Teale  
Asahel B. Stilson  
Saloma Stilson       died Apr. 1844  
Philema Stilson  
Wm. Ray Dake  
Toline Hart  
Samuel M. Benedict  
Hellen VanArsdell  
Berintha Huggadorn  
    A. C. Taylor  
Caleb Lankdon  
J. F. Borden  
Melissa A. Hagadorn  
Geo. W. Wisner       died April 24, 1846  
Thomas Townsend  
Lydia Ann Townsend  
Jonathan Hagadorn  
Harry McDaniel  
Clarisa McDaniel  
Sarah Winner

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David P. Lake  
Rascum Heart  
Reuben Roberts  
Mary Roberts  
Adelia Roberts  
Margaret Putnam  
Nelson Putnam  
John H. Butler  
John T. Hilliker  
Hannah Winner  
Robert Hagadorn  
John S. Wright  
Aseneth Wright  
O. D. Lake  
Martha Gunn  
Darius Gould  
Mary E. Gould  
John Peck  
Jane Kilpatrick

died April 27, 1844

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H. Bettse  
Elisabeth McGonn  
Isaac Fargo

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Church Records Mount Morris April 19, 1823

April 19th 1823. A number of Brethren and Sisters met agreeable to previous appointment to take into consideration the subject of forming into a conference or Church to maintain the worship of God agreeable to his work. Chose Elder Samuel Nessinger moderator and Br. Joseph Coe Clerk----- Voted to associate together to maintain the worship of God voted that Brethren Joseph Coe and Silas Dibble be a committee to draft and present written articles of faith and practice also a covenant at our next meeting. Adjourned this meeting to the 26<sup>th</sup> of the present month at his place at 2 P. M.

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April 26 Met agreeable to adjournment meeting opened by prayer chose Deacon Daniel Wisner moderator Brethren Dibble and Coe presented articles of faith and practice also a covenant which were adopted voted to adjourn this meeting until Saturday the 10 day of May next 2 oclock P. M.

May 10<sup>th</sup> Met agreeable to adjournment opened by prayer. Chose Rev. Bethel Phelps moderator, voted to send letters to the Church in Nunday and the west Church in Sparta requesting them to send their Elder and Brethren to sit in council at the house of Joseph Coe on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June at 10 o'clock A. M. to look into our situation and if they think proper to fellowship us as a Church also to empower the delegates to set off or give up such members belonging to their respective churches as request the privilege of uniting with us. \_\_\_\_\_ -

Voted that Brethren Silas Dibble and Joseph Coe represent us to the council on said day.

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Agreeable to the above request the council convened on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1823 at the house of Joseph Coe and formed by appointing Elder Samuel Nessinger moderator and Elder Henry R. Clark clerk. And after solemn prayer for wisdom and direction proceeded to look into the situation of the Brethren and Sisters and retiring for deliberation and being satisfied with their articles of faith and covenant, the council were unanimous in giving them fellowship as a church in Gospel order.

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Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1823 Church Meeting opened by prayer Letter from the Church in Nunday read requesting this Church to send Brethren to sit in council with them to examine Brother E. Bennet and if thought expedient to set him apart by ordination. Chose Br. Bethel Phelps moderator. Voted to answer the request of Nunday Church by appointing Brethren Joseph Coe, Bethel Phelps and Silas Dibble to attend said council. \_\_\_\_\_

Church voted to answer a letter from the Church in Sparta, requesting assistance in council. Appointed Brethren Wm. Begole, Joseph Coe and Joseph Bark to attend said council.

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November 16<sup>th</sup> Elder Lake preached and adm. The ordinance of the Lords supper. \_\_\_\_\_

The Ch. Appointed a meeting (on the request of Breth, Hosum and others) at the schoolhouse in Mt. Morris village on Tuesday next for the purpose of receiving members \_\_\_\_\_ -

November 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting opened by prayer. Capt. Lewis Mills and his wife (members of the Presbyterian Ch.) gave a relation of their experience recieved. Fellowship and

Were Baptised by Elder E. Benet under date of November 16<sup>th</sup>. Ch. Voted to hold a Ch. Meeting at Breth. Joseph Coe on Saturday evening the 22, Nov. Saturday evening nobody attends the meeting.

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Feb. 17, 1824 Sister Roney Fuller and sister Lucy Fuller both received by Letter.

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Sept. 14, 1825 The Church voted to united with the Holland Purchase association and that Brethren Silas Dibble, Curtis Coe and Bethel Phelps represent this Church to the association at their next annual meeting and that a letter be advised to this association requesting admittance with them.

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Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1825 The Church voted to raise twenty-five Dollars in cash by an average for Elder O. R. Bird. And that Brethren Benj. Begole, Joseph Coe and Silas Dibble make out the same and Joseph Coe be collector.

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Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1826 Covenant meeting opened by prayer. Elder O. R. Bird and his wife united with

The Church by letter.

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to circulated a subscription for the support of Elder Bird and that the subscription which has been partly circulated by Bro. Phelps be accepted and that Br. Phelps continue to circulate the same. \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>th</sup> Voted that meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabath in each month and covenant meeting by held at the schoolhouse near Br. Coes and at some suitable place on the state road the remaining three sabath for the present.

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Lords day Febr. 11<sup>th</sup> 1826 Sisters Nancy and Susanna Hagadorn united by letter.

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Febr. 18<sup>th</sup> 1826 Voted letter of recommendation and dismission to R. H. Root and sisters Huldah and Rhodaanor Root and Sally Bliss \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> A communication form the trustees of the society was made to the Ch.

Stating that in their opinion the schoolhouse near Br. Coe and also one near Mr. Shermans on the state road were the most suitable places to hold meetings and that the meetings ought to be held alternately at those two places. The Ch. Agreed to acquisse with the opinion of the society and accordingly voted the meetings on the first and third lords days in each month to be in the schoolhouse near Br. Coe and at the schoolhouse near Mr. Sherman on the state road on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> sabath in each month.

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The church then appointed Br. William Begole and Br. Lewis Mills to visit Silas Dibble previous to our next Covenant and labour with him for abstaining himself from the communion of the Church requesting him to attend on our next covenant day. Also to make

Report to the Ch. On --- day.

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April 15, 1826 Church meeting opened Br. Lewis Mills being called on. Br. Begole not present stated that himself with Br. Begole had visited Br. Dibble and laboured to persuade him to take up his travard with the church. But he Br. Dibble could not be persuaded to do so but said he should keep the stand he had taken in refusing to meet at the schoolhouse near Br. Coe and should wait and see what the Ch. would do. Br. Mills said Dr. Dibble manifested an obstinate spirit while conversing with him. The question then being put wheather the Brethren were satisfied with Br. Dibble and was answered in the negative. The Ch. then voted to appoint a special Ch. meeting at Br. Wm. Begole's on Saturday next at 3 oclock to attend Br. Dibble cause and convene on the subject of the average for Elder Reed, voted that Br. Craft see Br. Dibble and notify him to attend said meeting.

Saturday, April 22, 1826 Vh. Met agreeable to appointment Br. W. Begole being called on to make returns of his labour with Br. Dibble gave in substance the same as Br. Mills had at the former meeting. Br. Dibble being present was requested to state the the Ch. the reason why he abstained himself from the Ch. and refusing to travil with them. Br. Dibble said he had very little to say but that the meeting had been removed from him in order to injure him and his family He therefore thought he was justified in taking the stand which he had. With this reply the Ch. was not satisfied. Br. Dibble was asked if he could give any reason why the Ch. should not withdraw the hand of fellowship from him. His answer was that he had only one request to make which was that the Ch. would call a council. The Brethren considering this a clear case and not at all complicated would not grant his request. The question then was put theather the Ch. ought to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Br. Dibble for being obstinate and refusing to travil with the Ch. Answer unanimous in the affirmative.

Then was Silas Dibble excluded from the fellowship of this Ch. on the 22 day of April, 1826.

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August 19<sup>th</sup> the Ch. voted that the places of holding meeting be as follows. Viz. on the first Sabath in each month at the schoolhouse near Nr. Neelands, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the schoolhouse near Esqr. Alling, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at the schoolhouse near Mr. Coe and on the 4<sup>th</sup> at the schoolhouse near Mr. Shermans on the state road.

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Sept. 16, 1826 At covenant meeting Ch. voted that Brethren B. Phelps and J. Coe visit those Brethren and Sisters who in their opinion have two long neglected \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> the Ch. voted letters of recommendation and dismission to Br. Curtis Coe and his wife \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> voted to send our Elder and Joseph Coe

To meet the association.

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Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Sister Shed united with the Ch.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1826 voted letters of recommendation and dismission to Elder O. H. Reed and his wife

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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1827 The Ch. appointed Br. Phelps to inquire into the reports in circulation unfavorable to the character of Jemima Reed and report to the Ch. and likewise chose Br. Wm. Begole Clerk in place of Mr. Coe who is about to move, also voted a letter of recommendation and dismission to Br, Joseph Coe.

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August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1827 Ch. meeting a number of Brethren and Sisters meet and expressed desires for the advancement of the Redeemers in this place and to renew covenant, voted that Elder O. H. Reed and Br. Wm. Begole be our messengers to the association.

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Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1827 Covenant meeting Brethren and Sisters united in love, appointed a Ch. Meeting at the schoolhouse near Mr. Boylegs on the river road for the purpose of receiving members \_\_\_\_\_

Sept. 22, 1827

Met agreeable to appointment had an agreeable and refreshing season and received  
Baptism Br. Isaack Lamb, Sister Sally Dake joined by letter also Sister Zilphe Pekisley

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October 20 Covenant meeting day a number of Brethren and Sisters met open their  
minds and found quite a union, and voted a letter of recommendation and dismissal to  
Sally Corthell.

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December 15<sup>th</sup> Covenant meeting open by prayer and found union and  
peace \_\_\_\_\_ voted to receive Sister Catherine Phelps by Letter. 16. Ch.  
communed Eld. Justin administrator

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December 22<sup>nd</sup> voted a letter of recommendation and dismissal to Brother Otis  
Shepherd. \_\_\_\_\_

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January 19, 1828 Covenant meeting a number of Brethren and Sisters met and open  
minds

And found seemed to be quite a union \_\_\_\_\_

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February 16<sup>th</sup> opened by prayer the Ch. united in love and on the 17<sup>th</sup> day came around the table of the Lord in a commemoration of our blessed redeemer and on the same day received Sister Permela Bliss by letter, administrator Elder Benet \_\_\_\_\_

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March 15<sup>th</sup> Covenant meeting but a few met but found a happy union. \_\_\_\_\_

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April 18<sup>th</sup> Covenant meeting day quite a number of Brethren and Sisters met and opened their minds and enjoyed a comfortable season and the Ch. voted Sister Doreus Chase a letter of dismission. And also received Brother Ransom Harvy by letter and on the 20<sup>th</sup> the Ch. came around the table in commemoration of the death and sufferings of our beloved Redeemer – Elder Nessinger administrator \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday May the 17<sup>th</sup> Covenant meeting day the Brethren and Sisters met as usual and  
opend their minds \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> Covenant meeting day \_\_\_\_\_ the Brethren and Sisters met as usual  
and opend their minds. \_\_\_\_\_

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And on the 15<sup>th</sup> the church came around the table to commemorate the death and  
suffering of their Lord and Savior The ordinance administered by Elder O.  
Reed \_\_\_\_\_

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Sabath June 29<sup>th</sup> 1828 At the close of public worship the Ch. voted to have a meeting for  
business next fryday afternoon, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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July 4<sup>th</sup> Ch. met agreeable to appointment opend by singing and prayers. Chose Br.  
Ransom Harvey as standing moderator appointed Br. Bejamin Begole and Br. Isaack  
Lamb as a committee to labour with Bethe Phelps

And admonish him of the following things viz. to make satisfaction to the Chh for neglecting to travel with the Chh and for manifesting an unchristian spirit respecting singing and if he has not that he take up labour with those individuals with whom he is diffculted also to request him to attend our next covenant meeting. Closed by prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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July 18<sup>th</sup> Church convened for covenant meeting open by prayer and singing. Brethren and Sisters spoke their feelings, voted that the meetings of the church for business as well as covenant meetings shall be publick. Heard the report of the committee to labour with Br. B. Phelps. Voted to request council in the difficulty with Br. B. Phelps from the following churches viz. Avon, Genesia, Nunday, Livonia, Castile and portage. Council to meet the 13<sup>th</sup> of August at half past 10 o'clock. A. M. Voted if there be any business for the church on the day of the

Meeting of the council that they then attend to it. Closed by prayer.

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Sabath July 20<sup>th</sup> voted to add Sparta to the above named churches.

Sabath August third at the close of publick worship the church voted to appoint Br. Ransom Hervy and Br. Benjamin Begole as a committee to represent the church to the council on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August.

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Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August covenant meeting a number of the Brethren and Sisters met and related their felling and appeared to be quite a union and on the sabath 17<sup>th</sup> the church came around the table in commemoration of the sufferings of their Lord and saviour Elder Nessinger administrator.

The church voted that the clerk write Br. Phelps a letter of admonition and hand it to him, which is as follows \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Brithers Phelps. We feel it our duty to admonish you to make satisfaction to the church for have neglected publick worship on lords day, for having refused to travil with the Church, and for having manifested an unchristian spirit respecting singing We earnestly desire you to attend our next covenant meeting and if possible to give the Church satisfaction and this prevent the painfull act of withdrawing the hand of fellowship from you. May the Lord direct you and us in the right way and cause us to know how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.

The church likewise voted to give Elder Oliver Reed a traveling letter \_\_\_\_\_  
Voted that we cannot hold fellowship with our Baptist Brethren unless they withdraw all connection from the masonick institution and forever cease to support countenance or fellowship free masonry, likewise voted to send Brother Ransom Harvy and Brethren Lewis

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Mills to the convention to be held in Livonia on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
August \_\_\_\_\_

Sabath August 24<sup>th</sup> after publick worship the church voted to give Sister Shed a letter of  
recommendation and dismissal from the church. Voted the same day that the Church  
call a counsil to examine Brother Ransom Harvy and to have him set apart by ordination  
if thought impediment, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> days of September.

Also voted to send to the sister churches, viz, Avon, Geneseo, Livonia, Nunda, Castile  
and Portage, Sparta and Warsaw to sit in counsil with us, voted that Elder Oliver Reed  
and Brother Wm. Begole be a committee to represent the church to the  
council \_\_\_\_\_

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Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1828 Council met agreeable to request

Names of Delagates from the several churches present

Churches	Delegates
Avon	Elder Philander Kelsey Nathaniel Munger
Livonia	Elder Isaac J. Brown Levi Fuller
Warsaw	Elder David Bernard Nehemiah Fargo Seth Higgins
Nunda	Elder Elijah Bennett Elias Rawson
Castile & Portage	Elder James Reed
Geneseo	Philo Mills
Sparta	Amos Scott

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Council formed by appointing a Moderator and Clerk. Heard the Christian experience of Brother Hervy and his call to the work of the ministry. After which the council retired for deliberation. After imploring wisdom from God to direct them. Were united, and proceeded to sit him apart by solemn ordination

Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> Covenant Meeting The Brethren and Sisters met and expressed their feeling and voted to appoint a special church meeting the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September for the purpose of conversing on the subject of Br. Phelps difficulty \_\_\_\_\_

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November 13<sup>th</sup> the Church met according to appointment and conversed freely on the subject of Brother Phelps difficulty and agreed to defer it to the covenant meeting. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> the Church met and the Brethren and Sisters opened their minds and then took up the subject of Brother Phelps difficulty and laboured to persuade him to make satisfaction to the Church for the charge that was brought against him and Brother Phelps refused to give satisfaction the question was then put whether the church ought to withdraw the hand of fellowship from him for refusing to travel with the church. Answer in the affirmative

And then was Brother Bethel Phelps excluded from the fellowship of this church this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 1828 \_\_\_\_\_

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Feb. 14, 1829 The church convened meeting opened by prayer spoke freely and felt it to  
be a privilege to have a name and place among the people of God. Closed by  
prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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March 14<sup>th</sup> Church meeting opened by prayer Brethren and Sisters spoke and appeared to  
have something of the spirit of religion \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Phebe Tilor related what  
the Lord had done for her soul voted to receive her as a member of the church on her  
being baptized

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Lord's day March 15<sup>th</sup> Received Sister Patience Bemise by letter

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April 16<sup>th</sup> Church meeting opened by singing and prayer. Brethren and Sisters spoke and  
there seemed to be a harmony among them.

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1829 The Church met had an agreeable season. Received a report to meet Brethren from several churches with the Castile and Portage Church on the third Monday of June next to form into an association and hold the first session. Voted to answer the request by appointing our Pastor Ransom Harvy and other Brethren as deligates.

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June 29<sup>th</sup> Covenant meeting attended as usual \_\_\_\_\_

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July 18<sup>th</sup> The Church met and reviewed covenant

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August 15<sup>th</sup> Church meeting opend by prayer Received Joseph Gibbirt by letter. Heard the religious experience of Sarah Harvy and voted to receive her as a member of this Church when Baptisted

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Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Voted to give R. Harvy a certificate of his standing in the Church and that Brother J. P. Gilbert sign it. \_\_\_\_\_

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October 16, 1830 Church Meeting. Brethren and Sisters united. Br. Craft made returns of his visiting Sister Fuller by the appointment of the Church in company with Br. Lamb now deceased reported no prospect of her being restored to travail with the Church. The Church after mature deliberation withdrew the hand of fellowship from her. The Church after ascertaining the fact that Sister Phelps had sold \$50 note against her Father in Las Phelps which had been paid and she being moved to a great distance Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from her

Dec. 18 Church meeting. Brethren and Sisters united Voted to give to Eld. Harvey and wife letters of dismission and recommendation

Jan 30, 1831 Covenant meeting Brethren and Sisters spoke their minds, union prevailed.

Feb. 19 Covenant meeting Brethren and Sisters met and voted to give Br. Lewis Mills and wife letters of dismission and recommendation

1831

March 17 Covenant meeting Brethren and sisters united and received Br. Asahel B. Stilson and Sister Saloma his wife by letter likewise Sister Polly Lake Voted to give Sister Ann Lake a letter of dismissal and recommendation.

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March 19 Covenant meeting spoke their minds. Received Sister Ann Lake by letter

April 17 Covenant meeting Brn. And Sisters spoke their mind.

May 14 Covenant meeting renewed covenant

June 13 Covenant meeting spoke their minds

August 20 Covenant meeting Brn. And Sisters united and received Sister Eliz. Hunt by Baptism

Sept. 17 Covenant meeting Brn. And Sisters met and received Alchea Hilliker by letter

Oct. 15 Covenant meeting. Sister Susan Heath received by letter. Voted to send Brn. Benjamin Begole and Edwin Stilson to visit Sister Sally Smith to know the cause of her not travelling with the Church

Jan 17, 1832 Covenant meeting a good time received Br. Asahel Stilson and Sister Saloma his wife by letter also Sister Polly Lake by letter. Voted to give Sister Ann Lake a letter of dismissal and recommendation.

1832

February 18 Cov. Meeting Brethren and Sisters met and expressed their feelings.

March 17 Cov. Meeting expressed their minds

April 14 Cov. Meeting related their feelings

June 16 Brethren and Sisters met in covenant relation received Sister Elizabeth Lake by letter and on the Sabbath the 17 Brother Silas Dibble was restored to the Church. Voted to send delegate to the association.

August 25 Covenant meeting opened by Prayer and proceeded to hear experiences heard and gave fellowship to the following

David Dibble  
George Burkheart  
Stiphen Haggadorn  
Hiram Ransom  
Joseph A. Dibble  
George W. Lake  
Wm. Vandoler  
Oliver Bunce  
Jonas Bunce  
Henry Haggadorn  
Loomis Thayer  
Joseph Townsend  
Joseph Crane  
Isaac Peterson  
Harley Thayer

Eunice Dibble  
Hannah Burkheart  
Polly Wisner  
Elizabeth Begole  
Rachel Dibble  
Nancy Begole  
Abigail Wisner  
Elizabeth Burkhart  
Anna Liza Wisner  
Charlotte Bunce  
Caroline Bunce  
Maria Vandoler  
Susanah Burkhart  
Lydia Moyers  
Fanny Larue

John Simonson  
Wm. Divinne  
H. D. Hunt  
Hillery Burkhart

Alma Hunt  
Maria Haggadorn  
received Joseph Haggadorn  
by letter

Sept. 1 Met to receive candidates for Baptism  
Voted to receive the following:

Jeremiah Rockafellow  
Abraham Burdine  
John Vanderbeck  
Humphrey Hunt  
Alva Thayer

Margaret Hunt  
Sarah Wisner  
Mary Hunt  
Fanny Dibble  
Ann Yocum  
Eleanor Vanderbeck  
Ann Thayer  
Sally Divinna

Sept. 2 Voted to receive Br. Abraham Morgan by letter. Voted to receive Sister Julda Munson by letter

Wm. Haggadorn proposed a request for assistance to become a member of this Church  
Voted that his request be attended to and appointed Eld. Lake and Br. Wm. Begole and Edwin Stilson a committee for that purpose.

Sept. 14 Covenant meeting opened by Prayer, moved to hear experiences and gave fellowship to the following:

Sherman Stanley  
Walter Simonson  
Caleb Lankton

Annis Thayer  
Polly Snider  
Mary Simonson

1832

John Burdine  
Lane Snider

Hannah Bartilow  
Lovina Short

Voted to receive Sister Elizabeth Morgan by letter Voted to give Br. Joseph Townsend a letter of dismissal and recommendation.

Sept. 28 church. Met to receive candidates for Baptism. Voted to receive the following:

Thomas Wisner  
Joseph Yocum  
Andrew Short  
Wm. Link

Catharine Vanderbiek  
Hannah Yocum  
Olive Smock

Hear the report of the committee appointed in the case of Br. Robert Hagadorn which was as follows – that he had been a member of a church in Truxton and was excluded and according to the best evidence that Church is down and that he had confessed all that the Gospel required and we feel it out duty to receive him.

Voted to adjourn sd. Meeting to the 13 day of Oct. Church met according to appointment

Oct. 13 opened by prayer Heard the experience of the following persons:

Silas Woodard and Agnes Parker

1833

And they were Baptized on the 14 and received into fellowship

Oct. 27 Covenant meeting Brethren and Sisters met and opened by Prayer and voted to receive the following persons for Baptism:

Sally Smock. Dolly Crapo. Affa Haggadorn

Voted to give Anna Lize Wisner a letter of dismissal and recommendation

Nov. 17 Cov. Meeting opened by prayer, expresses their minds Voted to give Wm. Link a letter of dismissal

Dec. 15 Cov. Meeting opened by prayer renewed Covenant Voted to receive William Lee and Polly Jane Shank for Baptism and on the 16 they were Baptized and received into the Church.

Took up the subject of Sister Sally Smith Brn. B. Begole and Edwin Stilson said they had visited her and there was no prospect of her being restored to the fellowship of the church

The Church after mature deliberation withdrew from her for breach of covenant

Jan 19, 1833 Cov. Meeting opened by prayer an agreeable union. Voted to receive Olive Lankton by letter, likewise examined Clark Lankton and received him for Baptism

Feb. 24 After Service voted to give Sister Dolly Crapo a letter of dismissal

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March 10, 1833 Received Br. Clark Lankton by Baptism

March 16 Covenant meeting a very agreeable union Voted to appoint a committee to supply the desk with preaching to consist of the following Brethren - Edwin Stilson, Joseph Crane, Silas Dibble, Hillary Burkhardt and Wm. Begole

March 17 After Public worship voted to give Hiram Ransom a letter of Dismission

March 24 After service Voted to give Br. Silas Woodard a letter of Dismission.

April 21 Covenant meeting a good state of feeling and union Voted to receive Thomas and Joseph Begole when Baptized Voted to give Br. Abraham Morgan and Sister Elizabeth Morgan letters of Dismission

May 18 Covenant meeting the Church in peace and union

June 15 Cov. Meeting found peace and union to pervade in the Church Voted to receive Sister Eleanor Begole into fellowship in the church Voted to give Sister Elerey Maurine a letter of Dismission

July 20 Cov. Meeting renew'd Covenant hears the experience of Mary Bodine Voted to receive her when Baptized

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August 14 Cov. Meeting spoke their minds a good degree of union

Sept. 14 Cov. Meeting union in the Church

Oct. 19 Cov. Meeting a good union

Nov. 16 Cov. Meeting union prevails

Dec. 14 Cov. Meeting renewd covenant

Jan. 18, 1834 Cov. Meeting spoke their minds as usual Voted to appoint Eld. Lake and Brethren Silas Dibble, E. Stilson and T. Wisner to visit Br. Aron Rosegrant to inquire into some unfavorable reports that are in circulation about him and report to the Church likewise. Voted to answer a request from the Church in Sparta to send chosen Brethren to sit in counsel with them on the 12 Feb to ordain their Minister if found expedient We have selected our Pastor and Brn. Wm. Begole, Hillery Burkhart and Jonathan Haggadorn to sit in Counsel with them. Also voted to appoint a committee consisting of Brn. Wm. Begole, Sherman Stanley and Walter Simonson to visit Sister Short to enquire into some unfavorable reports that are

1834

In circulation about her and report to the Church also Voted to receive Asa C. Taylor by letter

Feb. 15 Cov. Meeting spoke their minds heard the report of the committee that was sent to visit Br. Rosegrants they stated that it was proven that Br. Rosegrants had falsified his word in several instances and that he had been guilty of using foul language and after mature deliberation the Ch. thought it advisable to put it off a little longer and appoint another committee to visit him consisting of Brn. Silas Dibble, Humphrey Hunt, Edwin Lamb and Joseph Yocum and to report to the Ch. on Saturday evening the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Likewise heard the report of the committee sent to visit Sister Short and after a fair investigation of the reports that were in circulation about her, the Ch. came to the conclusion that she had conducted very imprudently and that she manifested no humility nor penitence and that the Ch. could not with any propriety bear with her any longer. But after discussing the subject another

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Committee was appointed consisted of Eld. Lake and Brn. Silas Dibble, Edwin Stilson and Sherman Stanley and to report to the Ch. on Saturday evening the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst.

Saturday evening 22 the Ch. met agreeable to appointment to hear the reports of the committees appointed to visit Br. Rosegrants and Sister Short the committee that visited Br. Rosegrants stated that he had falsified his word in a number of new cases and laid himself open to the law in committing a trespass against one of his neighbors in cutting a certain Pine tree and when ask'd about it, he denied it and call'd God to witness that he did not cut it neither did he know who did cut it and since has acknowledged that he did cut it and paid a certain sum of money to settle it.

The Church then took up the matter and after deliberating candidly on the Subject withdrew the hand of fellowship from him. The committee were then called on that visited Sister Short. They said they had laboured

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faithfully with her and that their views and feelings were in substance to those of the first committee except there did appear some humility and a spirit of confession for some things but could gain no satisfaction on the leading points and it is the opinion of both committees from what they could gather from every circumstance that there is reason to fear there was a design in doing those things that she has been accused of, and after a serious investigation of the matter the Church withdrew the hand of fellowship from her.

March 15 Cov. Meeting after expressing their feelings

Voted to receive Sister Margaret Thayer by letter also to give Br. Short a letter of Dismission the Church being informed that Bethel Phelps and wife had become members of a Baptist Church in Ohio. Voted to send a letter to that Church to inform them of the situation in

1834

which he left here.

April 19 Covenant meeting Voted to give Brother Clark Lankton and sister Olive Lankton letters of dimission

Voted to receive Sister Eleanor Taylor by letter Voted to appoint a committee consisting of Eld. Lake, Silas Dibble and Joseph Crane to assist Br. Wm. Begole to regulated the Ch. records.

May 17 Cov. Meeting peace and harmony Voted to receive Eld. Pearson and wife to enjoy the priveledge of the Church and fellowship also voted to answer a request from the Oak Hill Church to sit in counsel with them on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. To examine Wm. G. Wisner for ordination We have appointed our Pastor, Eld. Lake, Eld. James, Parsons Br. Silas Dibble and Wm. Begole to sit in counsel with them.

June 1 After preaching voted to give Brother Edwin Lamb a letter of dismission.

June 14 Cov. Meeting spoke as usual Voted to give Br. Oliver Bunce and wife

1834

Letters of Dismission. The church then took up the case of Sister Sally Lowe who removed to Michigan about a year ago there were unfavorable reports about her before and after she went away which were not becoming a professor She going away suddenly the Church had no opportunity to do any thing with her and now having receive'd correct information that soon after she arrive there she united with the Methodists the Church felt it their duty to withdraw the hand of fellowship from her

The Church there Voted to send Delegates to the Association consisting of Elders Lake and Parsons with Br. Humphry Hunt Joseph Crane and John Simonson Voted that Br. Silas Dibble and Wm. Begole circulate a subscription for Eld Lake's support

Sabbath 15 after service the Church Voted to invite the Association to sit with us next year.

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July 19 Cov. Meeting express'd their feelings Voted to receive Sister Sally Canfield by letter Voted that the Church send a communication to Elder Beebe requesting him to visit the Church sometime this fall in order to form an acquaintance with each other and if such acquaintance proves satisfactory to each the Church will try to get him to take the Pastor of charge thereof

August 16 Cov. Meeting express'd their minds Voted to disannul the Vote to send to Eld. Beebe

Sept. 20 Cov. Meeting. Br. And Sisters met as usual voted to give sister Susan Heath a letter of dismission

- 2 Voted to give Elder James Read a call to visit and preach one week in a month for four or five months with a view of settleing with us if agreeable for which we agree to pay him five Dollars for each week he shall spend with us
- 3 Voted that what sum shall remain due for the Meeting house after collecting the subscription and what shall be obtained for the sale of the slips shall be raised by equality according to what each male member is worth clear of debt.
- 4 Voted that the Building committee purchase the stove and pipe for the M. House on one

1834

Years credit or otherwise as they shall think proper and pay for the same agreeable to the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vote

Oct 25 Cov meeting opened by Prayer union and Peace among the Brethren

Voted to receive Br. Barney Putnam and Sister Margaret his wife by letter

Oct 30 The Church assembled in the conference room and consulted the propriety of hiring Eld. James Reed to be our preacher and voted unanimously that if the Church shall be satisfied with him and he with the Church after his laboring within, one week in each month for 4 or 5 months that we agree to hire him one year for which the Church agree to pay him two hundred Dollars to be rais'd on the Church by equality according to what each member is worth

Nov 15 Cov. Meeting opened by Prayer union and peace prevailed Voted to give Sister Polly Lake a letter of dismission

Voted to give Junier Bunce and his wife letters of dismission

Nov 23 Chruch Voted to comply with a request from the Church in Groveland to sit in

1835

Council with them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the examination of Alva Thorp for Ordination  
We have appointed Eld. Lake and Brethren Edwin Stilson and Wm. Begole to sit in  
council with them

Dec. 20 Cov. Meeting open'd by Prayer peace and union                      heard the Experience  
of Joel M. Stilson and voted to receive him when Baptized

Jan 17, 1835 Cov. Meeting open'd by Prayer      Union and peace among the Brethren

Voted to appoint Brethren Sherman Stanley and Wm. Begole to visit Sister Laney Snider  
to have her take up her travel with the Church

Feb. 14 Cov. Meeting Prayer Union and peace in the Church

March 14 Cov. Meeting Prayer a good state of feeling in the Church

Call'd on the committee appointed to visit Sister Snider they stated that they found her  
mind settled to remain with the Methodists and there was no hope of her taking up her  
travels with us And the Church withdrew the hand of fellowship from her for breach of  
Covenant

1835

Voted to receive Sister Abigail Wisner by letter

Voted to receive Brother Lester Cook by letter

April 12 Joel M. Stilson was Baptized and received into the Church

April 18 Cov. Meeting open'd by Prayer Union and peace prevail'd

Voted to give Br. John Vanderbeek a letter of dismission

Voted that Brethren J. Crane, H. Hunt and Wm. Begole be a Committee to lay on average on the Church to pay up the balance due on the meeting house and for the stove and pipe

May 16 Cov. Meeting open'd by prayer Union and Peace among the Brethren

Voted to receive Sister Elsey Marvine by letter who we dismiss'd by letter some time ago

June 7 Brethren met in the conference room and appointed Eld. Lake with Br. Edwin Stilson, Silas Dibble, Joseph Crane, Thomas Wisner, Loomis Thayer and Wm. Begole as messengers to the Association

1835

Cov. Meeting Prayer a union was expressed Voted to appoint Brethren John Simonson and Benj. Begole a committee to visit Asa Taylor and find out the cause of his absenting himself from the Church for such a length of time and some reports about his drinking ardent spirits to excess

June 28 The Church voted to give Br. George Lake a traveling letter

July 16 Cov. Meeting opened as usual a happy union among them

Br. Taylor was present and acknowledged that he had made too free use of ardent spirits a number of times and he was sorry and for the future would try to do better Church voted to forgive him Voted to receive Br. Benj.n Bills by letter

July 19 after service voted to receive Br. Ebenezer Childs and his wife and sister Hannah Childs by letter

August 15 Cov. Meeting opened by prayer Brethren expressed their feelings voted to receive Sister Phebe Ann Hoskins by letter

Sept. 13 After service the Church voted to give Br. Sherman Stanley a letter of dismission

1835

Oct. 17 Cov. Meeting opened by Prayer related their minds as usual  
Voted to give Brother Isaac Peterson and wife letters of dismissal

Oct. 18 The Church voted to give Br. Caleb Lankton a letter of dismissal

Nov. 14 Cov. Meeting met and related their feelings Voted to receive Elder Hull  
Taylor and Sally M. Taylor his wife by letter Voted to receive Sister Sally Hunt by  
letter

Nov. 15 Voted to receive Sister Susan Ellis by letter

Dec. 19 Cov. Meeting open'd by Prayer Church expressed their minds  
Brother Hillery Burkhart presented a complaint against Br. Silas Dibble, stating that the  
course he has taken has had a tendence to injure his character and also his property in a  
difficulty between J. C. Wheaton and himself After a few moments deliberation  
Church voted to accept the complaint Voted to meet at the M house on Saturday  
the 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 oclock to investigate the matter

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December 26 Church met according to appointment Elder Hull Taylor was chosen Moderator the matter of difference between Br. Burkhart and Dibble was then taken up Item by Item Brother Dibble became sensible that he was rather to blame and confession was made and the result of the meeting was that Peace and harmony was restored in a good degree

Jan. 16 1836 Cov. Meeting Brethren renew'd covenant and were united

Feb. 20 Cov. Meeting Prayer an agreeable union

March 19 Cov. Meeting Prayer Nothering special Voted to give Eld. Taylor a traveling letter

April 10 Received Br. David P. Lake by letter and at the same time voted to give him a traveling letter

April 16 Cov. Meeting open'd by Prayer members spoke as usual Appointed Br. Benj.n Begole and John Simonson to visit Br. Asa Taylor to know the cause of his absenting from the Church for a length of time.

1836

Voted to give Brother George Lake a traveling letter

May 1 Voted to give Brother Lester Cook a letter of Dismission

May 14 Cov. Meeting open'd by Prayer expressed their union with each other

Voted to give Brother Joseph Yocum his wife and daughter letters of dismission

Voted to give Sister Piper a letter of dismission

Voted to receive Brother Israel Hurick and Sister Urana his wife by letter

Voted to receive Sister Almira Fenis by letter

Voted to comply with a request from the west Sparta Church to send delegates to sit in  
counsel with them on the 26 of May to examine Br. G. W. Warren for ordination we

have appointed our Beloved Pastor Eld. Lake, Elder Hull Taylor with Brethren Wm.

Begole, Asabel B. Stilson and John Simonson to sit with them

1836

June 18 Church meeting opened by Prayer Br. And sisters spoke as usual received Dea. Cyrenus Stilson and Sister Sarah his wife also Sister Ann Lake by letter Also receive Brother Thomas B. Whipple by letter Voted a letter of dismission to Br. David Dibble sometime in the month of May the Church voted to appoint a committee to employ a minister to take the Pastoral Charge of the Church Said committee was composed of Edwin Stilson, Joseph Crane, Thomas Wisner, Benjamin Bills and Wm. Begole

July 16 Meeting opened by Prayer renewed covenant Voted to give Eld. Lake a dismission from this Pastoral Charge of this Church Voted to appoint a committee to consist of Brethren Edwin Stilson, Israel Hurick and Wm. Begole to visit and look up the delinquent members and find out the cause of their neglecting to travel with the Church and report accordingly

1836

August 20 Church meeting opened by Prayer      Union manifested  
Voted to give Br. Lummis Thayer and Margaret his wife letters of Dismission  
Voted to give Br. Wilson Lee and Sister Mary his wife letters of Dismission

August 27 Voted to give Sister Elsey Morvine a letter of Dismission

Sept. 17 Opened by Prayer  
Related their feelings as usual

A complaint was presented by Br. Edwin Stilson against Sister Almira Burkhart for neglecting to walk with the Church and unchristian conduct towards old Sister Burkhart, Sister Woodord and Sister Putnam in charging them or some of them with stealing dried Plumbs from her likewise reporting it to others Br. E. Stilson then called on Br. Herrick and Br. C. Stilson who reported that they went with Br. E. Stilson to visit Sister Almira Burkhart and all labored faithfully with her but to no purpose

1836

And the charges were fully proved before them and acknowledged by her

Voted to receive the complaint

Voted to hold a church meeting on Tuesday coming at the M. H. at 6 oclock P. M. the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst. For the trial of said cause.

Voted thatr Br. E. Stilson notify her to attend the meeting

Sept. 27 Special Church meeting Chose Br. C. Stilson Moderator and Br. D. J. Lake Clerk protem opened by Prayer by Br. Dibble read the minutes of the last meeting and entered upon the consideration of the complaint then presented against Sister Almira after some conversations and many questions Sister Almira acknowledged that she had done wrong in neglecting to travel with the Church and expressed some desire to return if certain members would make some confession to her She confessed also that she had done wrong in making the reports with which she was charged but did not appear fully to satisfy the minds of the Brethren present.

Voted that the standing committee with the addition of Br. T. Wisner, D. P. Lake

1836

And C. Stilson take another opportunity with her and the other parties concerned and that we hold a special church meeting on Monday evening next to hear their report

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Church met according to appointment chose Br. C. Stilson Moderator  
and Br. E. Stilson Clerk the committee made a favorable report Sister Almira  
made some confession and promised to strive for a reconsiliation  
Voted to go along with her

Oct. 15 open'd by Prayer

Br. Opened their minds as usual

Br. Crane made some remarks concerning some delinquents in paying for Building the  
M. House Voted to hold a special Ch. meeting on the 29 at one oclock P. M.

Appointed Br. A. B. Stilson and G. Burkhart to notify the following Brethren W.  
Vandoler, Jonathan Hagadorn and Alva Thayer to appear and show cause why they had  
not paid claimsheld by the Trustees of the Society

1836

Voted to appoint Br. Crane and D. P. Lake a committee to notify Br. John Vanderbeek

Brother Robert Hagadorn and wife applied for letters of dismissal  
Voted to grant their request

Oct. 29 Met agreeable to appointment Voted that Br. D. P. Lake serve as  
Moderator Wm. Begole present as clerk

Prayer by Br. C. Stilson Brother Vandoler came forward the day before and  
paid the balance due on his account Br. Hagadorn was present and made a  
number of excuses but the Church voted to hold him responsible for the balance due from  
him

Br. Alva Thayer was not present but the Church voted to hold him responsible for a note  
of five dollars that the Trustees hold against him Br. John Vanderbeek was not  
present and the church voted to hold him responsible for the payment of a note of 21  
dollars which the Trustees hold against him

At the time the slips was sold Br. Dibble bid off a slip at between \$50 and \$60

1836

And afterward refused to pay for it and it has lingered along eversince finally the Church took it into consideration and voted to hold him responsible for the payment of the slip adjourned the meeting           Prayer by Br. D. P. Lake

Nov. 19                   Meeting opened by Prayer

A low time

Elder Lake wished to know whither the Church wished him to continue as he had done before to Supply them until they obtain a Pastor Voted that he be our standing Moderator and administrator as well as preacher and be compensated for the same until we are otherwise supplied

Voted that we hold a church meeting next Saturday evening at this house for the purpose of attending to the cases of such as are delinquent in paying for the building the M. H.

Voted that Br. Edwin and Joel M. Stilson be a committee

1836

To notify Brother Jonathan Hagadorn to attend said meeting and pay what was charged against or show cause why the Church should not proceed against him according to the rules of Discipline of the church

Voted that the same committee stand that were appointed at the last meeting to notify the other delinquents

There were some that appeared to be not altogether satisfied with the decision in Sister Almira's case on account a certain Item being overlook'd by the Church to wit that old sister Burkhart did not cook any of own Plumbs while they lived together say 1 or 2 years ago Old Sister Burkhart says she did which was proved by Sister Putnam before Brethren that visited Voted that C. and A. B. Stilson visit Sister Almira and labor with her and also show that her agreement to strive for a reconciliation with her Mother-in-law had not been performed

1836

Nov. 26 Church met according to appointment opened by Prayer Br. J. M. Stilson reported that he had notified Br. Jonathan Hagadorn to attend the meeting and that he replied he should not attend and that his mind was not altered respecting paying the Debt the Church held against him After a five minute consultation on the subject Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from him

The subject of Brother Alva Thayer came under consideration. Br. A. B. Stilson said that he had visited Br. Thayer and requested him to pay a certain Note the Church held against him for building the M. H. and also notified him to attend the meeting he made a number of excuses and rather manifested an unchristian spirit after a few moments deliberation the Church thought it advisable that Br. Wm.

1836

Begole visit him and reason the case with him and if possible prevent his exclusion and report at the next meeting

The case of Br. Dibble then came up Brother Dibble was present and the Church requested him to state his feeling respecting a certain slip that he bid off Br. Dibble remark'd that his object in bidding on the slip was to make it fetch as much as he could in order to get the house paid for but since found that he had done wrong because he know he was not able to pay for a slip in case one should be struck off to him

He then proposed that he would pay \$25.00 towards the slip if the Church would give him clear Voted to accept his proposal

Dec. 17 Meeting opened by Prayer

A dull time some groaning under it

Voted to give Sister Susan Hagadorn a letter of dismissal

Voted to receive Sister Almira Bills by letter

1836

Br. Wm. Begole said that had had several opportunities with Br. Asa Taylor trying to persuade him to take up his travel with the Church but could gain no satisfaction the Church after a few moments reflection concluded they had borne long enough with his intemperate habits and his absenting himself from the Church Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from him

Br. Wm. Begole said he had visited Br. Alva Thayer and tried to persuade him to pay a certain Note the Church held against him he made a number of excuses and manifested an unchristian spirit Voted to withdraw from him the hand of fellowship

Then heard the report of Br. C. and A. B. Stilson who was appointed to visit Sister Almira Burkhart they

1837

Stated that they together with Elder Lake had labored with her and that she confessed she had done wrong in stating some things and was sorry for it

Voted to receive the report

Voted to give Br. Stephen Hagadorn a letter of dismissal

Jan. 14, 1837                      Church meeting opened by Prayer                      as usual a low dull  
time

Voted to give Br. Hillery Burkhart and Sister Hannah his wife, Sister Elizabeth Lake and Sister Susan Ellis letters of Dismission

Feb. 18 Cov. Meeting              Prayer                      Brethren and Sisters met and expressed  
their feelings

Lord day 19      Church met in the conference room                      some members were  
unwilling that Br. H. Burkhart should have had a letter as he did                      a Church  
meeting was appointed on Tuesday evening next at candlelight at the M House to hear  
their objections

Feb. 21 Opened with prayer by Elder Lake                      Some held objections but had taken  
no measures to gain satisfaction or to

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Labor with him

Voted that no reasons were shewn why Brother Burkhart should not have a letter of Dismission and recommendation closed with prayer by Eld. Lake

March 18 Meeting opened with Prayer by Elder Lake                      Articles and covenant were read

Elder Chase made some remarks on the Articles and presented a letter to join with Sister Chase

Voted to receive them

Voted to receive Elder Amos Chase as Pastor of this Church

Voted to revise the Articles

Voted that Elders Lake and Chase also Brethren Herrick and E. Stilson be a committee to revise the articles and then present them to the Church for acceptance

Voted that Br. E. Stilson serve the Church as Clerk    applications were made by Sister Reed, Brethren Joel N. Stilson, Joseph Craft and

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And Sister Craft his wife for letters of dismission  
Voted to grant their request and give them letters

Prayer by Eld. Chase

March 26 Voted to give Brother J Thomas, B. W Whipple a letter of Dismission

April 15 Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Taylor a  
good time

Brethren seem'd to wake up to a sense of duty

Brethren Luther Gilbert and wife presented a request to join with a letter Nunday Church

Voted to receive them

Voted to Dismiss Brother and Sister Dibble

Voted Sisters Fanny and Rachel Dibble and Brother Joseph A. Dibble have letters 5  
in number

Voted to give Elder Taylor a traveling letter

Closed with prayer by Eld. Harvey

Lords day 16

Elder Chase Preach'd 2 Discourses then administrated the supper

A solemn time

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April 30 Sabbath after service the Church was stayed  
Voted to give Brother Henry D. Hunt a letter of Dismission and Sister Agnes his wife,  
which had been Voted before

May 14 Voted to give Brother Abraham Morgan and wife letters of dismission

May 20 Church meeting Opened by singing and Prayer by Elder Chase

Voted that Elder Chase be our standing Moderator (except when it shall be deemed  
proper to appoint another for the time being)

Voted to give Brother Humphey Hunt and Sister Sarah Hunt his wife letters of  
Dismission

Voted to give Elder Hull Taylor and Sister Sally M. his wife letters of dismission

Voted to adopt the Articles as revised by the Committee.

Voted to adopt the Covenant of the Elbridge Church in Fuller's Hymn Book

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Voted to send Brother Wm. Begole with Elder Chase to the Council at Portage and Castile to form a Bible Society if thought expedient on Wednesday next

Voted to Choose Deacons in this Church

After some consultation it was thought best to defer the choice til some future day

Prayer by Eld. Lake

May 28 Voted to give Sister Polly Snider a letter of Dismission

June 17 Covenant meeting Opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase

Br. And Sisters seemed to be more awake and manifested some feeling on the whole it was a good time

Sister Selinda Herrick presented a letter wishing to unite with us.

Voted to receive her

Mary Stilson related God's dealing with her and wished to unite with us.

Voted to receive her on her being baptized

Voted to send Elders Chase and Lake with Br. E. Stilson, Wm. Begole and E. Stilson to the Association Voted to restore Br. Alva Thayer

Prayer by Eld. Lake

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June 18 Eld. Chase Preached one discourse, then repaired to the water and Baptized Mary Stilson. Then attended to the Communion, a solemn time

Return'd to the Association                      73 should be 76

July 15 Church meeting opened by singing, and Prayer by Eld. Chase.

The Covenant was then read, Brethren and Sisters spoke their minds a low time.

Voted to send a committee to call after Brother Silas Woodard to know why he neglects to walk with the Church and whether certain reports about him are true.

Voted that Brethren E. Stilson and J. Herrick be that committee.

Voted that Brethren Wm. Begole and John Simonson be a committee to call after Brethren John and Abraham Bodine and both committees to report to the Church.

Prayer by Eld. Lake

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August 19 Covenant meeting opened by prayer by Eld. Lake (note on side of page says Eld. Chase was sick)

Few present

Brn. Spoke their minds some manifested unshaken confidence in God yet mourned the low state of Zion

Two came forward and related their minds requesting Baptism and to unite with the Church.

Voted to receive them on their being Baptized. George Wort and Phebe Haines  
Closed with Prayer by Eld. Lake

20 Eld. Lake Preached one discourse, then repaired to the water and Baptized the above candidates then came to the M. House for communion. Br. John W. Tobey presented a letter from West Bloomfield wishing to unite with us  
Voted to receive him. The Church proceeded then to the Communion  
Elder Lake administrated

Voted to request Eld. Lake to supply us during Eld. Chase's sickness

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Lords day Sept. 10

Voted to give Br. Harleigh Thayer a letter of dismissal

Recd information that Br. Humphrey Hunt and Sister Sarah Hunt his wife and Sister Polly Snider had united with a Baptist Church in Michigan

Also that J. M. Stilson had join'd a Church in Alden, Erie Co.

Sept. 16 Church meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase

Brethren and Sisters spoke their minds. Then call'd on the Committee appointed to visit Br. Woodard to report Br. C. Stilson reported that he had visited him alone and Br. E. Stilson said he went with Br. Herrick he did not conclude then to go along but he is present now and our knowledge he has done wrong and is sorry for his conduct

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And intends to go with the Church for the future if they can get along with him

Voted that his confession is satisfactory the other Committee not present

Closed with Prayer by Eld. Lake

Oct. 14 Covenant opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase few  
present yet a determination to keep along

Br. Wm. Begole reported that he and Br. Simonson had visited the Brethren John and Abraham Bodine and they agreed to come to the Church or Abraham in particular, but has not

The Church conclude to wait on them and visit them again

Voted to send a committee to know why Br. Crane does not walk with the Church

Voted that Brethren Wm. Begole, Herrick and Toby be that Committee

Prayer by Eld. Lake

Voted to receive Sister Emeline Chase by letter from Prattsburg Church

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Lords day Oct. 15

Elder Chase Preached 3 discourses and then administered the Supper                      Sister  
Jane Wirt presented letter from Nunda Church

Voted to receive her.                      Solemn Season

Oct. 22

The church was called into the conference room    a report was in circulation unfavorable  
to the character of Br. Wirt                      a committee consisting of Brn. Herrick and A. B.  
Stilson were appointed to visit him and notify him of a church meeting to attend to his  
case.

Voted to hold a Church meeting on Monday at 6 P. M. at the M. House the 30 Inst

Oct. 30

Church meeting opened by Prayer by Eld. Lake. Br. Wirt was present and confessed that  
he had been intoxicated and was very sorry and hoped that church would forgive him  
Saide he intended to drink no more

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Voted to forgive him                      Prayer by Eld. Chase

Nov. 19    Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Elder Chase

The Brethren and Sisters spoke their minds and seemed sensible that it was a low time and some groaning on account of it.

Br. Begole reported that the committee had visited Br. Crane and peace appeared to be restored

Br. Crane said it was settled and he felt at peace

Voted to accept the report and discharge the Committee

Voted to observe the 30 day recommended as a day of thanksgiving recommended by the Governor

Sister Elizabeth Woodard presented a letter from Groveland Church to unite with us  
Voted to receive her

Prayer by Br. Bills

1837

Dec. 16 Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake

Brethren spoke their minds                      nothing special                      some appeared  
determined to arise from their stupor and engage anew in the Service of God

Voted to observe the first day of Jan. next as a day of fasting and Prayer

Prayer by Eld. Chase

Dec. 17      Eld. C. Preached one discourse then attended to the Communion

Jan. 20, 1838                      Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase.

Brethren spoke their minds and there appeared more life and a determination to keep  
along                      all spoke of having their hopes revived

One come forward and related God's dealings with her and requested Baptism and to  
unite with us

Voted to receive her on her being Baptized                      Br. C. Stilson spoke of  
unfavorable reports that were abroad concerning Sister Bradley and that the matter ought  
to be searched out

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Voted to appoint Brethren D. P. Lake and John W. Toby a committee to look into the matter and report to the Church

Voted to hold a church meeting 2 weeks from this day at this place at 2 oclock P. M.

Closed by Prayer by Eld. Lake

Jan. 21 The Church in the intermission repair'd to the conference room and took up the matter respecting employing Eld. Chase another year

Voted unanimously to engage him upon the same terms as last year provided we could raise enough

Voted that Br. Wisner, Tobey and Bills be a committee to circulate a subscription for that purpose.

Voted that Br. Wm. Begole and Simonson be a committee to prize the use of the house and other priveledges of Eld. Chase

Feb. 3

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase

Some observations were made by some Brethren the door was then opened for others to come forward 2 came and related God's dealings with them

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With a view of uniting with the Church

Voted to receive them on their being Baptized

The committee appointed to visit Sister Bradley reported that they had visited her and some of the report she acknowledged to be true (to wit) the expression about Esq. Miller

the contradictory stories about Hiram She rather denied but it was proved

She was present disapproved the speech about Esq. Miller but afterward justified herself saying she felt so and could not help it On the whole her discourse was quite censurable railing against the Church and saying she did not wish to belong to such a Church and would esteem it a prevelidge to be out of it.

Voted to withdraw from her for false hood and railing against the Church and unchristantike conduct

Prayer by Eld. Lake

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Feb. 17

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase

Brethren spoke their mind            few present            a cold uncomfortable day  
nothing special

One came forward and related what God had done for him with intent to join the Church

Voted to receive him on being Baptized

Voted to postpone communion til the next Sabbath and to hold a Church conference next  
Saturday at 2 oclock P. M.

Prayer by Br. C. Stilson

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the church in the intermission retired to the conference room and concluded to engage  
Eld. Chase another year.

1838

Feb. 24 Meeting opened by singing and prayer Eld. Chase Brn. Spoke their  
minds and seem'd somewhat awake  
2 related their exercises wishing to join  
Voted to receive them after Baptism  
Expected to Baptize tomorrow  
Prayer by Eld. Lake

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Eld. Chase Preach'd, then Broke bread  
Baptism was deferred

March 11 Resolved that Brethren Tho. Wisner and B. W. Bills by a committee  
to investigate and report to the Church certain reports respecting Br. Wirt

March 17 Church meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase

Brethren and Sisters spoke their minds a good time  
Br. Wisner reported that he and Br. Bills had visited Br. Wirt that he own'd he  
had drank spirits but denied being intoxicated but others had told them that he  
was

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Voted to hold a meeting here 2 weeks from this evening to attend to the case and whatever else shall be necessary and that Br. Wirt be notified to attend

Voted that Eld. Lake and Br. E. Stilson be a committee to visit Br. Woodard and see why he don't walk with the Church.

Voted that Eld. Chase and Br. Wm. Begole be a committee to visit the Br'n Bodines and know why they don't come to the Church and walk with them

A letter was received from Prattsburg Church requesting Brethren to be sent to assist in ordaining Brother James H. Stebbins to the word of the ministry

Prayer by Eld. Lake

March 25

Elder Chase Preach'd one discourse                      then one came forward wishing to unite

Voted to receive her after being Baptized                      Then repaired to the water

Baptized the 6 candidates

March 31, 1838

Church meeting opened by prayer by Eld. Chase. The report of the committee was read. And Br. Crane presented a complaint against Br. Wirt in the following words.... From an imperious Sense of duty I present to the Church the following charges against Brother George Wirt.

1. For taking oats from me in a dishonest manner
2. attempting to conceal the same by falsehood, by agreement between Br. Wirt and myself the matter of my complaint has this day been investigated in the presence of Elders Lake and Chase and Brother David P. Lake and substance of the evidence taken which herewith is transmitted to the Church

March 31, 1838      Joseph Crane

Voted to receive the complaint

Br. Crane admits that he has no objections that Br. Wirt should have fed oats at the Barn provided he measured them and

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rendered account

Br. Wirt presented an act. dated at different times in which he credited Br. Crane in the whole with 11 ½ bushels of oats. The oats were kept sometimes in a bin and sometimes in a bag – 1 ½ bushels he carried to the house. When he first began to thresh he fed his pigs a few times some oats in the half and since cleaning up he has occasionally fed them some tailings. Br. Wirt has no recollection of feeding any oats in the half since he first cleaned up Stephen Parker thinks the first oats were threshed sometime in Dec. Br. Wirt said to him for part Jan. he did not see what made his pigs look so well as he fed them nothing but slops from the house. Parker says he knows that Wirt fed his pigs oats in the chaff whenever there were such on the floor from the fore part of Jan. til lately. That Wirt never fed clean oats to his pigs when there were uncleaned oats on the floor he knows the pigs were fed liberally

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Through the winter when witness was at the Barn.

Eden Parker saw Wirt on the morning of the 14 Feb. take a scoop shovel full of oats in the chaff from the floor and feed to his pigs

D. P. Lake says that about the first of March Wirt said he did not see what made his pigs look so well for he had not fed them anything but slops except about 1 ½ bushels which he measured out in the forepart of the winter ----- The following were the particulars in which the Church hold Br. Wirt guilty

1. For drinking ardent spirits repeatedly when he had pledged himself to the Church that he would not-----
2. for denying that he was in the Village of Mt. Morris and that he drank any ardent spirit on the said day (Feb. 17) when it has been proved and since confessed

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By him that he was in said Village and that he drank whisky at two different times on said day

3. On the charges brought by Br. Crane which have been proved to our satisfaction

Voted that we exclude Br. Wirt from the fellowship of this Church for the causes above mentioned.

Voted to adjourn this til next Sat. evening          Prayer by Eld. Lake

April 7          Church meeting opened with a prayer by Eld. Lake          chose Eld. Lake  
Moderator

The committee appointed to visit Br. Silas Woodard reported that they had visited him and he was Difficulted with Sister Elmira Burkhart and don't feel satisfied with the Church in this decision in that case concerning the Plumbs and that he was not called on at the time.          Since has felt that he could not go along though he did agree to last fall

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Voted to accept the report and dismiss the committee. Much conversation ensued concerning the former trial with Sister Almira. A Committee was appointed consisting of Brethren Herrick Crane and E. Stilson to visit Sister Almira and see why she has not effected a reconciliation with her Mother in law

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday the 19 inst. At 3 P. M.

Prayer by Eld. Chase

April 14

Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer by Eld. Chase

A good agreement and some engagedness

Br. Aron Borden presented a letter from Howard Church for himself and Sister Anna his wife

Voted to receive them

Prayer by Br. Wm. Begole

15 Eld. Chase Preached 1 Discourse. Then administered the Sacrament a larger number present than usual

1838

April 19 Meeting opened with prayer by Eld. Chase the committee appointed made a report that they wanted more time to obtain testimony in the case before them. Br. Woodard said he felt the same as he had done he was labored with very affectionately to submit to the opinion of the Church but he did not appear to be willing it was agreed to put both cases over to next regular church meeting

Voted to exclude Br. John Bodine for neglecting the Church altogether not attending any of the meetings

Eld. Chase and Br. Wm. Begole had visited them as a committee

Prayer by Br. C. Stilson

May 13 Br. James Bert united by letter from York and Br. H. D. Hunt rec'd a new letter with his wife

19 Meeting opened with prayer by Eld. Chase Br. Silas Woodard case was taken up and he was excluded for

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Not walking with the Church and not yielding to the Judgement<sup>5</sup> of the Church and setting up his opinion in opposition and adhering to the same. Sister Almira Burkhart case was then taken up. The report ed that she had charged her Mother in law of taking the plumbs or Betsey since the meeting on which it was agreed to be drop'd and settled. But it was proved by W. Odell and his wife that she had repeatedly charged them with steal the plumbs (which is in writing and kept on file) and the same was proved by Elder Chase and Br. Edwin Stilson. And by Br. E. and A. B. Stilson that they had visited her by the appointment of the Church and she told them why she did not believe that Betsey got them. Because Betsey said she did not

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get them on her dying bed and she must believe her Eld. Chase said she told him this day that she never had told she did not believe Betsey had got them

Voted to exclude her for slander and falsehood Prayer by Eld. Lake

June 16 Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase Br. And  
Sisters spake their minds few present those present appeared  
determined to keep along  
Voted to send Elders Chase and Lake to the Association Returned 8 added by  
Baptism

Present number 32 Prayer by Lake

16 Eld. Chase Preach'd 1 discourse then attended to the Communion

Sister Sarah Bert presented a letter from York Church and was received

July 22 Voted to give Sister Elsey Maivens a letter of dismissal and  
recommendation

1838

August 18 Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake

Few attended

The Member seem'd sensible that it low time some appeared to feel it and to strive for greater Zeal in the cause

19 Eld. Chase preach'd one discourse then broke Bread some solemnity appear'd to rest on the minds

Sept. 15 Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase Br. Spake their minds. A low time, dismissed the committee appointed to visit Br. Abraham Boding who reported favorably and drop the matter.

Rec'd a letter from Dansville Church requesting this Church to appoint our Elder with Chosen Brethren to sit in Council with them on the 19 Inst.

Voted to answer their request by sending Elder Chase and Br. C. Stilson

Prayer by Eld. Lake

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Oct. 20 Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Br. Wm. Begole. There were few present, a low time, yet some were sensible that they were not in the way of their duty and seem'd almost revolved to arise and call upon God. As Eld. Chase is sick and Eld. Lake gone we expect to be destitute tomorrow but conclude to read a sermon and improve the time and leave the event with God. Prayer by Br. C. Stilson

Nov. 17 Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase

Few present, a low time, some mourning on account of the low state of religion in the Church Prayer by Br. Mills of Gorveland

Dec. 15 Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase. Brn. Spake their minds a low time few present

Voted to dissolve the connection between the Church and Br. David P. Lake for his neglecting to walk with the Church Prayer by Br. Herrick

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Dec. 16 Eld. Chase Preached one discourse then attended to the ordinance of the supper a solemn time

Jan. 19, 1839

Church meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Chase. Brn. And Sisters spake their minds, few present but seem'd to feel the importance of perseverance. The Church then Chose committees to call after delinquents Eld. Lake and Br. Herrick were appointed to visit the 2 young Br. Begoles, Joseph and Thomas. Eld. Chase and Br. C. Stilson were pointed to visit Brn. G. Burkhart, B. Putnam and John Shank and wife and know why they don't travial with the Church. And the Committees to report next Covenant meeting. Prayer by Eld. Lake

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Feb. 16 Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Elder Chase.

There appeared to be a good degree of union in the Church and a sense of their low state.

Eld. Chase requested letters for himself and family. Voted to give them

One came with a letter from a Church in Buffalo wishing to unite with us.  
Voted to receive him.

Br. Gano Ferris requested a letter of dismissal. Voted to give him one. Voted that the Committees appointed last meeting defer making their reports til nest month. The business of procuring a preacher was taken up but deferred til tomorrow at intermission  
Prayer by Eld. Lake

17 Eld. Chase preached 1 discourse then administered the ordinance of the Supper.

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March 16

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake Brethren spake their minds a good union was manifested

Eld. Lake reported that he and Br. Herrick had visited the two young Br. Begoles but gained no satisfaction that they would go along.

Voted to put off their 2 months

A number of Brn and Sisters applied for letters to form a Church at the Village Voted to grant their request they called on this church to send delegates to the Council to agree on the Constitution of the Church

Voted to answer their request and appointed Elder W. Lake, Brn. Wm. Begole, Thomas Wisner and Edwin Stilson

Appointed E. Stilson to provide for the Communion

Voted to employ Elder Shute to Preach for 1 year

Appointed Br. Crane, E. and C. Stilson a committee to confer with Eld. Shute

And make an arrangement with him

Voted that Brn. Crane and Wm. Begole be a committee to look over Br. E. Stilson's account and arrange it

Prayer by Eld. Lake

March 31

Sister Phebe Ann Hoskins requested a letter of dismissal      Voted to grant the request

April 27

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute

Read the articles and covenant. Then spoke their minds

2 came forward to join, Amos Chase Jr. and Cornelia Begole.

Voted to receive them on being Baptized

Elder Shute Jr., his wife and two daughters presented letters from the 1<sup>st</sup> Church in Phelps and were Rec'd

Voted that Eld. Shute be our standing Moderator

Voted to give Sister Ann Lake a letter of dismissal

Prayer by Eld. Lake

April 28

The 2 candidates were Baptized in the morning then Eld. Shute Preached one discourse then administered the supper there were but few present on account of the rain.

May 18

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute. Brn. And Sisters seem'd to feel the importance of arising from this state of coldness but few present

Voted to postpone the consideration of Joseph and Thomas Begole til next meeting

Voted to give Sister Hannah Batelow a letter a letter of Dismission

Prayer by Eld. Lake

May 26

Received a letter from Sparta requesting us to send Brethren to sit in council with them to ordain Br. Henry Bowen if thought expedient. we have chosen Elders Shute and Lake and Brethren Wm. Begole and T. Herrick 6 of June next meet

June 15 Meeting opened with singing and prayer by Elder Shute a good deal of union Appear'd some groaning on account of

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The low state of the Church and a desire to be more actively engaged in the service of God. Then took up the case of Joseph and Thomas Begole. Voted to exclude them for neglecting to walk with the church for a great length of time. Voted that Eld. Shute and Brn. Benjn Begole , T. Herrick, E. Stilson and Wm. Vandoler be a committee to visit all delinquent members and know the reason why they don't go along with the Church and report to the Church at their next meeting that the Church may deal with them as their cases require. Voted to send Elders Shute and Lake and Br'n Benj. Begole, T. Herrick and J. Wright to the Association. Voted to request the Association to sit with us next year.

Rec. Br. And Sister Wright from Nunda Church

Return'd to the Association 70 members

Prayer by Eld. Lake

July 20

Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Br. H. Burkhart.

Brethren seen'd sensible of their low state and the necessity of arising, a proposition was made to commune every month to be decided next meeting.

Prayer by Eld. Shute

August 17

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute. Some feeling manifested on account of the low state of religion. Voted to commune every month

The Church in Burns request a Council to sit the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in September to ordain Br. Wm. Evert if found expedient appointed Elders Shute and Lake with Brethren Benj'm Begole, J. S. Wright and E. Stilson

Prayer by Br. Herrick

Sept. 14

Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer by Eld. Shute

A good meeting

The Brethren seemed determined

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To arise and saw that they could not expect a blessing in this cold way of living

Israel Guile came forward and related Gods dealing with him

Voted to receive him on being Baptized his wife Arvilla R. Guile came with a letter  
from a presbyterian Church after some questioning voted to receive her after  
Baptism 3 more came with letters and were received

Prayer by Eld. Lake

15

Eld. Shute preach'd 1 discourse then repair'd to the and Baptized the 2 candidates then  
attended to the ordinance of the Supper a good time

Oct. 19

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake. Read the covenant

Br'n amd Sisters seem'd to be awake in a good degree and manifested a determination to  
arise and engage anew in the service of God

2 requested letters of dismissal Br. Amos Chase Jr. and Sister Taylor

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Voted to give them letters

Closed by prayer by Eld. Lake

20

Eld. Lake Preached 1 discourse, then Broke Bread  
A good time

Nov. 16

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake.

A good union and some determination to arise and call upon God  
Prayer by Eld. Shute

17

Eld. Shute Preached 2 discourses, then administered the Supper

A good time.

Dec. 14

Meeting opened by singing and Prayer by Eld. Shute

A good union with those present and waking up

Br. Wort came and requested to be restored      confessed he had done wrong and  
wounded the cause. Would not drink any more

Prayer by Eld. Lake

15

Eld. Shute Preached 2 discourses then broke bread

A solemn time

1840

Jan. 18

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Br. Wm. Begole. The Church spake their minds and seemed to be united and felt the need of more zeal in the cause

Br. Asahel B. Stilson, his wife and daughter applied for letters of recommendation and dismission. Voted to grant hteir request

Prayer by Eld. Shute

19

Eld Shute preached 2 discourses then administered the Sacrament

Fev. 15

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute Brethren then spake their minds a good time there seem'd to be ardent desires that there might be a revival among us one presented a letter wishing to unite. Voted to receive him

Voted to hold a Protracted meeting as soon as help can be obtained

Prayer by Eld. Lake

Voted to hold a Protracted meeting to commence the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March

1840

Feb. 16

Eld. Shute preacher 2 sermons then administered the supper

March 7

Elder Shute agreed to Preach to us another year

Sister Elizabeth Woodard requested a letter of dismission to join at Nunda

Voted to grant her request

Protracted Meeting commenced under the Preaching of Eld. U. B. Miller, who preached day and night the Church prayed fervently and the Holy Spirit descended and many said pray for us and the work went on the interest increased, on the 17 March 19 were Baptized and 4 stand as candidates.

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Eld. Shute preached 2 discourses then went to the water and Baptized 10 candidates

29

Eld. Shute preacher 2 sermons and Baptized 3 candidates

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April 4

Church meeting opened by prayer by Eld. Shute 6 came forward and related  
God's dealings with them wishing to unite

Voted to receive them on their being Baptized

Voted to restore Sister Lovina Short to the fellowship of the Church

Voted to give her a letter of dismissal

Voted to give Brother James U. Depre a letter of Commendation

April 11

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute a good number  
present a good meeting

Voted that it is the wish of the Church to have Eld. Shute continue as Pastor another year.

Voted that Brethren Wm. Begole, Edwin Stilson and Vistor Wright be a committee to  
supply the Desk circulate subscription and collect.

Prayer by Eld. Lake

12

Eld. Shute Preached 1 discourse then gave the Right hand of fellowship to those lately  
seen, then broke bread

An interesting time

1840

April 18

Church meeting opened by prayer by Eld. Shute 3 came and related Gods  
dealings with them  
Voted to receive on their being Baptized

Prayer by Eld. Lake

19

Eld. Shute preached 2 discourses then Baptized the candidates  
Appointed next Saturday at 4 oclock P. M. to hear experiences and what other Business  
shall be necessary

25

Prayer by Eld. Lake one came forward and related his exercises and was received on  
being Baptized

Voted to send a committee to visit Br. George Burkhart and see why he does not walk  
with the Church and report to the Church at their next Church meeting  
Voted that Eld. Lake and Brethren J. S. Wright, J. Herrick and C. Stilson be that  
committee

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One more came forward and related what the Lord had done for him and was received on  
being Baptized

Eld. Shute preached 2 discourses then went to the Water and Baptized the 2

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May 16

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Br. Wm. Begole and Eld. Shute                    few  
Brethren present                    a good union manifested and sense of their dependence

The committee appointed to visit Br. G. Burkhart reported they had visited him and he complained of difficulties being in this way on account of others being neglected naming them

Voted that the same committee visit the Persons named by Br. Burkhart and investigate the matter

Voted to give Br. David Finch a letter of Dismission and Recommendation

Voted that Br. J. Crane be superintendent of Sunday School and Br. J. Herrick assistant for this season.

Prayer by Eld. Lake

Appointed a meeting next Saturday to prepare for Association

Voted to give Sister Nancy Bills a letter of dismission

June 5

3 joined by letter

Chose Elders Shute and Lake and Brethren Wm. Begole, Israel Guile and Cyrenus Stilson to sit in the Association

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June 18

Returned 3 restored 45 Baptized 7 dismissed excluded none died none Total 112

20 Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake a good union and  
harmony one came forward and joined by letter

Prayer by Eld. Shute

21 Eld. Stone Preached 1 discourse then broke bread. A good time

July 18 Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute. A good  
degree of Steadfastness and union the committee appointed to visit Br. Geo.  
Burkhart reported they had done their errand and he remained steadfast in his purpose to  
stay away from the Church a motion was made to withdraw from him but a  
motion to suspend him 1 month prevailed

Prayer by Eld. Lake

19

Communion season. Eld. Shute Preacher 1 discourse a tolerable good time

August 15 Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake a good  
meeting though few present

Prayer by Eld. Shute

August 16

The Sacrament was attended.

23

Rect a request from Oakhill Church for members to be appointed to sit in council with them on Saturday the 29 Inst at one o'clock P. M. Appointed Elder H. Shute, Ekder W. Lake and Brethren John S. Wright, Wm. Begole, Israel Horsick and C. Stilson to sit with them

Sept. 18

Voted to give Br. Benj'n a traveling letter

19

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake a good union and some engagedness manifested

Voted to withdraw from Br. George Burkhart for neglecting to walk with the Church  
Prayer by Eld. Lake

20

Elder Lake Broke Bread after hearing a discourse from Br. Bywater  
Br. Gilbert and wife and Sister Sally Hunt applied for letters

Voted to grant their request

Oct. 17 Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute few present  
rather a low time

17 Eld. Shute Preacher 2 discourses then attending to the communion

Voted send a committee to look into the case of Br. Borden who is deranged

Voted that Br'n Wm. Begole and Lewis Ferris by that committee

Voted to hold a church meeting on Saturday the last day of this month at 6 o'clock P. M.  
to do whatever business comes before the Church.

Oct. 31

Opened with prayer by eld. Shute

Br. Begole reported that he and Br. Ferris had visited Sister Borden. Br. Ferris was called  
away and could not attend this meeting but Br. Herrick was present at Sister Borden's  
and assented to the statement of Brother Begole who complained that Br. Borden had  
harboured unreasonable jealousies against his wife and had repeatedly accused her of  
lewd and

Unbecoming conduct with Br. Herrick and others without the least occasion for such suspicion. They report that he had used abusive language before he went away and when going said he was going to Mt. Morris should be at home that night that he left his family without provision to last more than a week that he had before taken his Razor, went to his shop threatening to take his own life he had frequently accused her of the like conduct and then would confess that he had wronged her and said she was clear and shortly after would bring the same up again. She sent for Br. Herrick. Br. Borden said if he, Br. H. did come, he would knock him down with a chair should he should never walk with the Church again The Church unanimously voted to exclude him from our fellowship for lying and unchristian conduct toward his wife

Closed by prayer by Eld. Shute

1840

Nov. 14

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute

A tolerable good union and harmony but not engagedness enough

Brother J. S. Wright requested a letter of recommendation and dismissal for himself, his wife and daughter Sarah

Vaoted to grant them

Prayer by Eld. Lake

Dec. 19

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake. A good union and some engagedness and determination to arise from this state of stupor

20

Eld. Shure. Prayer by Eld. Shute

Preached 1 discourse then administered the supper

Jan 16, 1841

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute. A very good union manifested and some determination to arise

Voted to send Eld. Lake, Wm. Begole and Victor M. Wright to the Convention on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Feb. next at Pike

Voted that Brethren V. M. Wright and C. Stilson attend to the case of Br. B. Putnam and his wife

Voted Brethren Wm. Begole, J. Herrick and V. M. Wright serve as Deacons in this church

Prayer by Eld. Lake

17

Eld. Shute Preached 1 discourse then administered the supper

Feb. 20

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake. The Brethren and Sisters then spake their minds and seemed to be engaged to try to rise up and move on

The committee then enquired of Sister Putnam whether she meant to go on she said she did the church voted to restore her and leave Br. Putnam til next meeting

He was not present. Br. Herick then mention the case of Br. Ferris Borden, proposing a committee to be appointed to look after him. Voted to send Brethren E. Stilson and V. M. Wright to visit him

Prayer by Eld. Lake

21

Br. Bywater preached 1 discourse then Eld. Lake administered the supper

March 20

Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Shute. The Brethren and Sisters spake with a considerable propriety and feeling, and seem'd determined to aris. The committee appointed to visit Brother Ferris Borden reported that had visited him and he acknowledged that he had been cold and lifeless in religion and Brother Wright proposed to put his case over til our next meeting which was agreed to. Then came up the case of the Deacons. They agreed to submit to the decision of the Church and go along

Br. Joseph Townsend and wife joined by letter

Dismissed by prayer by Eld. Lake

Put over the case of Brother Putnam

21

Elder Shute preached 1 discourse and then administered the supper

27

The Church was stayed after service. Voted to give Eld. Shute a dismission from this church.

Voted to give each of his family that are members letters likewise.

April 17

Cov. Meeting opened by prayer by Eld. Lake. Brn and Sisters spake their minds

1841

A tolerable good time and some engagedness

Voted to exclude Br. Barney Putnam from our fellowship for not complying with the decision of the Church to confess his faults and go on with the church. Br. F. Bordens case was presented and put over til next month. Conclude with prayer by Eld. Bowen

18

Eld. Bowen Preached 2 discourses then administered the Lord's supper. Br. Stephen Wisner applied for a letter of dismission.

Voted to grant it.

May 15

Cov. Meeting opened by prayer by Br. Begole. Elder Bowen presented a letter from Sparta for himself and his wife to join here. Voted to receive them

Voted to give him the Pastoral charge of the Church then.

The Church proceeded to speak their minds. They spake well and were sensible of their low state

Another presented a letter from Nunda Church. Voted to receive her.

Voted to send Elders Bowen and Lake and Brethren Wm. Begole, Herrick and Wright to the

1841

Association. Voted that Brethren E. Stilson, J. Herrick and T. Guile be a committee to collect money for the Convention and Sisters Huldah Stilson, Mary Begole, Polly Wisner and Moriah Depre be also of that committee.

Closed by prayer by Eld. Bowen

16

Eld. Bowen preached 2 discourses then administered the supper

A good time

Returned 103 to the Association.

June 19

Cov. Meeting opened by prayer by Eld. Bowen. Brethren and Sisters spake their minds spake very well seem'd desirous of waking up

Abraham Bodine sent a letter confessing his wandering and requesting a letter. Voted to accept it.

Voted to give him a letter.

Voted to receive Nelson Teale from Whitesville.

Br. Ferris Bordens case was talked of. Agreed to put it over til our next meeting

Prayer by Eld. Bowen

20

Elder Bowen preached then administered the Sacrament

July 17

Cov. Meeting opened by reading covenant and prayer by Br. Herrick the Brethren and Sisters then spake. It was a time of some determination to rise. Concluded to let matter of Br. Ferris Borden rest a little longer. Prayer by Eld. Lake

18

Eld. Bowen preached 2 discourses then administered the supper

1841

August 14

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Br. T. Guile. Brn and Sisters spake their minds. Clos'd by prayer by Eld. Bowen

Church meeting commenced. Br. Ferris Borden's case was presented after some talke. Voted to exclude him

Br. Worts case was presented. He was complained of for drinking to excess. Voted to send a committee to labor with him. Voted that Brethren Wm. Begole and Br. T. Guile be that committee

15

Eld. Bowen preached 2 discourses then administered the supper

29

Br. Everitt requested a letter of dismissal. Voted to grant his request

Sept. 18

Covenant meeting opened by prayer by Br. Begole. The Brethren spake their minds seemed to be sensible of their low state. Voted to exclude Br. Wort from our fellowship. Prayer by Br. Wright

19

Elder Bowen preached 1 discourse then broke bread and administered the supper

1841

Oct. 16

Cov. Meeting opened by prayer by Eld. Bowen. Brethren and Sisters spake and seem'd to be somewhat engaged. Voted to give Sister Hagerdorn a letter of dismissal.

Voted to give Brother and Sister Wright a letter of dismissal.

Prayer by Eld. Lake

17

Elder Bowen preached 2 discourses then administered the sacrament

Nov. 20

Covenant meeting opened by prayer by Dea. Herrick a good union and a sense of our low estate and some mourning

Closed by prayer by Eld. Bowen

21

Elder Bowen preached 1 discourse then administered the supper a solemn time

Dec. 18

No meeting the day was very severe

19

No communion

1842

Jan 15

Cov. Meeting opened by prayer by Dea. Herrick a Brethren and Sisters spake their minds a tolerable good time.

Prayer by Eld. Bowen

Then took up the business of Br. John

1842

Shank and wife. Eld. Lake and Br. C. Stilson were appointed to visit him who reported that they had done their errand and he told them that he did not esteem it any privilege to belong to the Church. That he was not a Baptist and was a Universalist. Voted to exclude him for refusing to walk with the Church and embracing Universalism.

Voted to exclude Sister Dolly Jane Shank for refusing to walk with the Church

16

Eld. Bowen preached 2 discourses then administered the Sacrament a solemn time

Feb. 19

Cov. Meeting opened by prayer by Eld. Bowen Brethren and Sisters spoke their minds as usual a good union

Took up the matter of Eld. Shute's grievance and concluded he had had all he ought to have from this church and directed Eld. Bowen to write to him to that effect, he being absent a part of the time.

20

Eld. Bowen preached 2 discourses then administered the supper

March 19

Cov. Meeting opened by prayer by Eld. C. Stilson Brn and Sisters spoke their minds a tolerable good meeting.

Wm. Ray Dake came forward and wished to unite. Voted to receive him on his being Baptized.

A. B. Stilson, his wife and daughter came forward and were received

Prayer by Eld. Bowen

1842

March 20

Elder Bowen preached 1 discourse then went to the water and Baptized the candidate then returned to the M. house and administered the supper

April 16

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Bowen They then spake their minds there was some engagedness and mourning for the low estate of Zion

Br. John D. Dorson requested a letter of dismissal. Voted to grant his request

17

Elder Bowen preached 2 discourses then administered the supper

May 14

Cov. meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Bowen. The church then spake their minds a good time there was a good time

Then took up the preparation for Associon Appointed Elders Lake and Bowen, Brethren Herrick and Guile, Wisner, E. Stilson to sit with them. Then Sister Hart asked to join the Church. Voted to receive her, likewise Sam'l M. Benedict asked for the same. Voted to receive him.

Eliza Everitt and Wm. Ray Dake asked for a letter of dismissal. Voted to grant their request(Sister E. laid in with Brother Wm. Begole to get it for her)

1842

May 15

Eld. Bowen preached 2 discourses then administered the supper

June 18

Cov. Meeting opened by singing prayer by Dea. Herrick. Brothers and Sisters spoke their minds and all felt low in their minds seem'd to think they ought to arise they spoke of the difficulty with Sister Putnam and her son conclude to put it off till a convenient and appointed Br. James Townsend and ----- to visit them and report to the Church

Appointed 3 collectors to collect Eld. Bowen's subscription the 3 were Dea. Herrick, J. Townsend and John Simonson

Prayer by a stranger

19

Eld. Bowen preached 1 discourse and a stranger preached 1 discourse. Then the supper was administered a good time

July 16

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Eld. Lake. Brn. And Sisters spoke their minds felt somewhat engage but owned their backwardness

Sister VanArsdale desired admission. Voted to receive her

Sister Putnam's case was put over til next meeting

Prayer by Eld. Bowen

1842

July 17

Mr. Wisner preached in the forenoon, Elder Bowen in the afternoon then administered the Sacrament

August 20

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Elder Lake few were present Brethren and Sisters spake their minds seemed sensible of their low estate and seemed to groan on account.

Prayer by Eld. Lake

21

Eld. Lake preached 1 discourse then administered the Sacrament a good time

Sept. 17

Covenant meeting opened by singing and prayer by H. Bowen. Twenty of the brethren and Sisters were present. The church spake one to another in the name of the Lord. Some little desire for a revival of religion

Cyrenius Stilson tendered his resignation of the office of Church Clerk on the account of the failure of his mental powers and the rapid decline of his health. His resignation accepted.

Appointed Henry Bowen to fill the office of Church Clerk vacated by the resignation of C. Stilson

Sept. 17

Voted to grant Sister Margaret Putnam and Nelson Putnam letters

Closed by prayer by W. Lake and H. B.

18

Eld. H. Bowen preached two discourses and then administered the sacrament of the supper

Oct. 16

Church meeting. Opened by singing and prayer by H. Bowen few present. Good degree of union. Some confusion and brokenness of heart and desire to arise the Lord granted it

17

Two sermons by the Pastor and the administration of the Sacrament of the Supper by the same Some faith and feeling

Nov. 19

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer few present some brokenness of heart among the Sisters

20

The Sacrament of the Supper omitted

Dec. 17

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer. Brn. And Sisters spoke round giving the state of their feelings. Some desire for a revival and more holiness of heart. May the Lord grant it

Closed with prayer by Eld. Lake

18

One sermon by the Pastor, after which he administered the Sacrament of the supper.

1843

January 14

Cov. Meeting opened by singing and prayer. The Brn. And Sisters talked around most of them giving evidence of an increasing interest in religion and desire for a revival

Bro. A. C. Taylor came before the Church and confessed his sins and was restored to its fellowship. Granted him a letter to unite with the Grove and Portage Church.

Bro. Caleb Lankton was rec'd and dismissed by letter. Sister Berinthan Hagadorn was received by letter.

Closed with prayer by Father Lake

31

Bro. J. F. Borden came before the church and confessed his wanderings and backslidings and asked the church to forgive and restore him. Granter

Feb. 18

Cov. Meeting opened with singing. Prayer by the Pastor. The Brn. And Sisters spoke around exhibiting a good degree of interest and feeling. The greatest number out that have attending Cov. Meeting in long time. The following individuals came before the Church – related this Hn. Experience and were received for Baptism - The Townsends, Lydia Ann Townsend, Hancy McDanil, Clarisa McDanil, Sarah Winner

Letters were voted to F. G. Borden, Emily B. and Anna Borden

Closed with prayer by Eld. Lake

March 12

Rec'd Geo. W. Wisner on a relation of his Christian Experience and profession of his faith – for the Solemn ordiance of Baptism – After morning service repaired to waters and them Baptized in the likeness of the Saviour's death thru willing disciples

March 18

Cov. Meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Eld. H. Bowen. The Brn. And Sisters talked around expressing their confidence in God and desire to live near the cross.

Granted Letters of dismissal to Eli and Hannah Townsend. Close with prayer by Bro. Wm. Begole.

Apl 15.

Cov. Meeting opened with singing and prayer. Good degree of harmony and Hn. Feelings. Good numbers out. Cov. Meeting closed and church meeting organized with prayer by Father Lake.

Bro. Jonathan Hagadorn came before the church and after a mutual explanation and confession was restored to fellowship again.

Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Phebe Haynes for neglecting to walk with the church and for immoral conduct.

Voted to visit and look after the delinquent members of the church.

1843

Apl 16

Sabbath – Attended to the ordinance of Baptism during intermission – Administered the Sacrament of the Supper.

May 14

David Lake came before the church and confessed his wanderings and backslidings and asked to be restored to the fellowship of God's people. Granted

May 29

Cov. Meeting opened with singing and prayer by Pastor. The Brn and Sisters spoke with warm hearts. Good time. Many seemed to be growing in grace Granting after the likeness of Christ.

The following individuals came before the church – related their experiences and were received for Baptism. John T. Hilliker, John H. Butler, Hannah Winner.

Voted to send delegates to represent us in the Assocation to sit at Pike in June next. Appointed the following delegates – Elders H. Bowen and Warner Lake, Brns. J. Herrick, Wm. Begole, P. Wisner, D. Gould and J. T. Hilliker

Voted to receive the following individuals by letter – Rascum Heart, Reuben Roberts and his wife Mary and daughter Adelia Roberts, Margaret Putnam, Nelson Putnam.

Voted David P. Lake a letter of dismissal and recommendation

Voted a letter to Benjamin Begole.

Voted to take up subscription in behalf of N. Y. Bap. St. Convention.  
Adjourned with prayer by Brn. Metcalf

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List of the members of the church the 2rd day of June, 1846  
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Elder Warner Lake - died Sept. 25, 1848  
Edwin Stilson  
Huldah Stilson  
Wm. T. Vandoler  
Mariah Vandoler  
Thos. Wisner  
Agagail Wisner  
Sarah Wisner  
Agagail Wisner  
John Simerson  
Lydai Simerson  
Susanna Burckhart  
Mary Bodine  
William Divinney  
Sally Divinney  
Ann Thayer  
Sally Hogland

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Alchee Heliker  
Polly Wisner  
Olive Divinney  
Affa Hagadorn  
Mary Ann Moyer  
Sarah Brinkerhoff  
Cornelia Depuy  
Arvilla R. Guile  
Paulina Deak  
James V. Depuy  
Christiana Moyer  
Jane Ann Watson  
Harriet M. Divinney  
Mariah Depuy  
Calvin Wisner  
Peter Bodine  
Elisabeth Moyer  
Catharine Moyer  
Thirza Guy  
Betsey Daboll  
Orlando Jones

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Freelove Thorp  
Jesse Moyer  
Anson Rogers  
Lewis G. Ferris  
Joseph Townshend  
Polly Townshend  
Asahle Be. Stilson  
Philena Neroton  
Polina Hart  
Helen Vemasdalb  
Berintha Hagadorn  
Melissa A. Hagadorn  
Jonathan Hagadorn  
Sarah Wisner  
David P. Lake  
Pescom Hart  
Margaret Putnam  
Helson Putnam  
John H. Butler  
Hannah Wisner  
Robert Hagadorn

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John S. Wright  
Asenath Wright  
Orrin D. Lake  
Sarah P. Lake  
Martha B. Grenn  
Mary E. Gould  
John Peck  
Rev. Isaac Fargo Jr.  
Rev. H. Gellasher  
Phebe Mosher  
John Yeo  
Mary Yeo  
Calvin Swift  
Esther Swift  
S. M. Benedict  
Norman Mosher  
Susan Mosher  
Sarah M. Deak  
Mordon S. Wright  
Almira D. Wright

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Victor Wright  
Lucinda Wright  
Almira Burnap  
Samuel Daily  
Syvilla Daily  
Gustria Pittenger  
George Bodine  
Darwin Gould  
Marianne Putnam  
Hannah Putnam  
Peter Bodine  
Miss Daily  
Aaron Borden

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