

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

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

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

2806— one more was added to their number.

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

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

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

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

Names of members (with no date)

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

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

November 9<sup>th</sup> 1813– At meeting at Brother John VanTassel’s, Eld Handy moderator

1<sup>st</sup> voted that Brother Zattu Cushing serve the Church as Deacon.

2<sup>nd</sup> vote that there be a contribution in the church every last Saturday for the support of the Lord’s Table and that the church keep a record of the money and by whom paid.

3<sup>rd</sup> vote that we raise money by subscription to provide furniture for the Lord’s Table.

4<sup>th</sup> vote that each brother keep a record of all the property he pays to the Elder and return it the first of August next to the clerk and that all the provisions shall be carried to the Elder by the first of June next and the ensuing year and if after that time to be the same price it was going at the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Note by clerk: “The next account is written in the record book following the meeting of April 5<sup>th</sup> 1817, but we

place it here to keep dates chronologically correct.” Also:

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

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

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

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

Oct 11, 1814— Church meeting— Brother Pickett moderator

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

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

Oct 28, 1814— Church met agreeable to appointment

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

November 5<sup>th</sup> 1814— Church met according to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> Arva O Austin moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eliphalet Burnham clerk

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

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

December 31<sup>st</sup> 1814— Church met agreeable to appointment, Brother Barrett moderator

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

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

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

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

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1816— At a Church meeting held at the house of Zattu Cushing for the purpose of forming some regulation in the church.

1<sup>st</sup> voted Ebenezer Webster Deacon

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

home.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1816– Church met agreeable to appointment

1<sup>st</sup> voted Deacon Webster moderator & 2<sup>nd</sup> voted Brother Joseph Sprague clerk.

3<sup>rd</sup> voted that Brother Zattu Cushing should improve with Mr & Sister \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> voted that Brother Thomas Bull serve this church as clerk.

2<sup>nd</sup> voted that Brother Elijah Devine serve the church as Deacon.

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

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1817– Church met agreeable to appointment, Brother Webster moderator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> voted that we answer the request of the brethren in Hanover

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

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

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1818– met according to adjournment, Brother Zattu Cushing moderator

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

August 19<sup>th</sup> 1819– Church met at the schoolhouse near Bull’s Mills, Brother Rufus Langdon moderator  
1<sup>st</sup> voted that we invite Elder Handy to preach two thirds of the Sabbaths the ensuing year beginning the first of May last and that there be a subscription paper circulated for his support.  
2<sup>nd</sup> voted that our meetings be held one half the time in Fredonia at the schoolhouse near Hezekiah Barker’s and the other half at the schoolhouse near Bull’s Mills.

November 10<sup>th</sup> 1820– Church met according to appointment, Eld Crosby moderator  
1<sup>st</sup> voted to take into consideration the propriety of holding meetings all the time at one place  
2<sup>nd</sup> voted that the subject respecting holding meetings lay over — to our next Covenant meeting.  
3<sup>rd</sup> voted that the clerk take down the names of all the members present at Church and Covenant meetings and when any shall be absent two meeting that there shall be brethren appointed to look after them and to report to the Church at the next Church meeting.  
4<sup>th</sup> voted that Deacon Webster, Brother Nat’l Crosby be committee to visit sisters Williams, Rogers, Brother Sprague, Sister Sprague & families.  
5<sup>th</sup> voted that Brothers Willson & Bull be committee to visit sisters Luke, Cowden, Willson, Harris, Willson, Crouch & Brother Burnham.  
6<sup>th</sup> voted that Brother Eastwood visit Brother Barnaby..  
7<sup>th</sup> voted that this meeting be dissolved.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1820– Church met agreeable to adjournment, made choice of Eld Crosby moderator and Brother Bond clerk pro tem  
1<sup>st</sup> voted that there be a committee formed to regulate the meeting; chose Brothers P Webster, E Bull, N Crosby & D Willson.  
2<sup>nd</sup> voted to have communion day the first Sabbath in every month.  
3<sup>rd</sup> voted that the Covenant meetings be one half the time up the creek.  
4<sup>th</sup> voted that there be a committee to draft a subscription and circulate for the purpose of building Elder Handy a house.  
5<sup>th</sup> voted that Brothers N Crosby, D Webster & J Bond be a committee to see the collection of the subscription now in the hand of Elder Handy.  
6<sup>th</sup> voted that this meeting be adjourned to Brother Bull’s on the thirteenth inst at ten o’clock AM.

December 13<sup>th</sup> 1820– Church met agreeable to adjournment  
1<sup>st</sup> voted that there be a committee of four to confer with Brother Cushing his call to preach.  
2<sup>nd</sup> voted Elder Crosby, Elder Handy, Deacon Webster, Deacon Crosby be said committee.  
(The was no 3<sup>rd</sup> item)  
4<sup>th</sup> voted that the committee report at the next Covenant meeting.  
5<sup>th</sup> voted that we have another deacon.  
6<sup>th</sup> voted that this meeting adjourn.

January 6<sup>th</sup> 1821– Covenant & Church meeting at Brother Cushing’s, Bro Cushing moderator  
1<sup>st</sup> the committee appointed to confer with Brother Cushing report that there number is— that it be postponed for the present.  
2<sup>nd</sup> voted that Brother Bull confer with Brother Simmons respecting the way that support may be raised for him to

preach with us five months one Sabbath per month.

3<sup>rd</sup> voted that we proceed to the choice of a deacon.

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

5<sup>th</sup> voted that the meeting be adjourned.

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

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1821– Church met agreeable to appointment; 1<sup>st</sup> made choice of Brother Cushing moderator

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

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

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> voted that we choose a deacon for this church.

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

8<sup>th</sup> voted that this meeting be dissolved

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1821– Church met agreeable to appointment

1<sup>st</sup> voted Deacon Crosby moderator

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

3<sup>rd</sup> voted that Deacon Webster & Brother Willson be said committee.

4<sup>th</sup> voted that we make Brother Simmons compensation for his preaching with us.

5<sup>th</sup> voted that we raise \$10.00 for brother Simmons in grain and money.

6<sup>th</sup> voted that we have a subscription to raise the above and Brother Hull and Brother Peas Be a committee to circulate said subscription.

7<sup>th</sup> voted that Richard Douglas be appointed to superintend the building of Elder Handy's house, and that the church will not consider them (s----) holden no further than (subscribed?).

8<sup>th</sup> voted that the meeting adjourned to meet Saturday at ten o'clock AM

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1821– Church met agreeable to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> chose Deacon Crosby moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> voted that there be a subscription paper circulated for Elder Crosby.

3<sup>rd</sup> voted that Brother Hull draw said subscription paper.

4<sup>th</sup> voted that Brethren Crouch, R Willson, (Knewdess?) Hall, John Ross be a committee to circulate the said subscription for Eld Crosby.

5<sup>th</sup> voted that this meeting adjourn to fortnight from today at one o'clock PM

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1821– 1<sup>st</sup> voted that Deacon Webster be moderator

It was ascertained by the votes of the Church that Nathaniel Crosby was chosen Deacon.

2<sup>nd</sup> voted that Bro Crosby & Bro Bull be called to ordination.

3<sup>rd</sup> voted that this meeting be adjourned.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1821– 1<sup>st</sup> voted Eld Crosby moderator.

2<sup>nd</sup> voted Barush C Peas have a letter and Sister Picket likewise.

3<sup>rd</sup> voted by Elder Handy's request to discharge him from exclusive pastoral care of the church.

4<sup>th</sup> voted that there be a church meeting five weeks from today to find the minds if the church respecting a part being ----- and they shall deliver their minds in writing to the church on that day.

5<sup>th</sup> voted that this meeting adjourn to the seventh of June next

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

2<sup>nd</sup> voted that the request of the brethren be granted agreeable to their request.

3<sup>rd</sup> voted that we call on the churches at Bear Creek, Gerry, Hanover, Portland, Perrysburg & Elder Gillet to sit in council with us on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June next at ten O Clock AM.

4<sup>th</sup> voted that Eld Crosby invite the church at Portland to attend the council.

5<sup>th</sup> voted that the letters Brother Cushing wrote to find to the Association be (enclosed?).

6<sup>th</sup> voted that this meeting adjourn to the 21<sup>st</sup> inst at 10 O Clock AM.

Church conference June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1821

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

After conference the church transacted the following business—

1<sup>st</sup> voted that we fund members to represent us at the association.

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

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

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> the Church voted to receive the Brethren of the Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Chose Elder Elnathan Finch chairman.

3<sup>rd</sup> chose James Bennett Clerk

4<sup>th</sup> called for their Articles of Faith & Practice.

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

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1821– Church meeting, met agreeable to appointment

1<sup>st</sup> voted Deacon Webster moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> appointed Brother John Bond clerk

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

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

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1821– Church met according to adjournment.

The committee report agreeable to the Church request.

1<sup>st</sup> voted that the clerk give Brother Nathaniel Crosby a letter of recommendation.

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

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

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

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1821– Church met according to appointment

1<sup>st</sup> voted that Eld Crosby preach with us

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

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1821– Elder Handy moderator

1<sup>st</sup> voted that the clerk draft (something?) for brother Joshua Ames relating the situation of which he joined this church and to inform the church in Perry Ohio the mistake in a letter sent Brother Ames from this church.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> vote to dissolve this meeting. Eld Handy Mod, J Bond Clk

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1821– Church met according to appointment

1<sup>st</sup> Elder Crosby moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> voted Nathaniel Crosby clerk pro tem.

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

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

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

February 20<sup>th</sup> 1822–

1<sup>st</sup> chose Elder Handy moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> chose Brother Randall clerk pro tem

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

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

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

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

Apr 4<sup>th</sup> 1822– Church met according to appointment

1<sup>st</sup> chose Elder Handy moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> and bother Nath'l Crosby Clerk

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> chose Brethren N Crosby & Osborn to visit Sister Cole.

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

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

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1822– Church met according to appointment

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

2<sup>nd</sup> voted to give Sister Luke a letter to join the Baptist Church in Stockton

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

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

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1822– Church met agreeable to adjournment, Elder Handy moderator

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

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

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

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1822–

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

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> voted to dissolve this meeting. Elder Handy mod, J Bond clerk

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

Church met agreeable to appointment

1<sup>st</sup> vote Elder Joy Handy moderator and Brother James Hull clerk pro tem

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

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

August 12, 1822– Church met agreeable to appointment.

1<sup>st</sup> chose Brother Randall moderator

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

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> voted that Deacon Webster, Brother Crosby, Brother Randall, Brother Cushing, Brother Eastwood, Brother Hull and Brother Bond be the committee to do all the business respecting Eld Tucker moving to this place.

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

Voted to dissolve this meeting; J Bond clerk

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1822– Church met agreeable to appointment

1<sup>st</sup> chose Deacon E Webster moderator

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

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

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

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

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

October 5<sup>th</sup> 1822– Covenant meeting

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

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

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1822– Church met agreeable to appointment.

1<sup>st</sup> chose Brother B Randall moderator

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> voted to dissolve this meeting. B Randall moderator, J B Bond clerk

November 7<sup>th</sup> 1822– Church met agreeable to appointment

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

2<sup>nd</sup> voted the same committee attend to the above business.

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

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

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

(No record of meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>)

December 7<sup>th</sup> 1822– Church met agreeable to adjournment, Eld tucker moderator, chose N Crosby clk pro tem.  
1<sup>st</sup> resolved under existing circumstances not to receive Mr Justis Adams into Church.  
2<sup>nd</sup> voted that Brother B Randall, Eastwood & Mark be a committee to inform Mr Adams of the proceedings of the church and also that there are a committee through which he can hereafter inform the church should all difficulties be removed which now exist.  
3<sup>rd</sup> voted that if the 2<sup>nd</sup> church in this town can make arrangements with Brother Cushing to improve with them that he goes in the fullest fellowship of this church.  
4<sup>th</sup> voted to circulate a subscription to make up the subscription to Eld Tucker this year.  
5<sup>th</sup> voted that Brother B Randall, W Crosby and R Buck be a committee to arrange the ---- of the communion table on the several members of the church and report.  
6<sup>th</sup> voted to dissolve this meeting. Eld Tucker moderator, N Crosby clerk pro tem.

December 28<sup>th</sup> 1822– Covenant meeting

1<sup>st</sup> voted to give Brother Nathaniel Crosby a traveling letter.  
2<sup>nd</sup> voted that the church use currant wine for the use of the table and that Brother Nathaniel Crosby furnish for one year for 75 ? Per gallon.

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

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

February 1<sup>st</sup> 1823– Covenant meeting

The committee appointed by the Church to inquired into the conduct of Brother St John and find him guilty.  
Vote that Eld Tucker write a letter to the Baptist Church in (Euclid?) stating the situation of said Brother since he received a letter from them.

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1823– Covenant meeting

1<sup>st</sup> voted to receive Brother Barzilla Barker into the church again.  
2<sup>nd</sup> voted to receive Brother Nathan & Sister Eunice Wood and Sister Welthan Fenner into church by their letters.  
3<sup>rd</sup> voted to receive Orphy Bennett as a member of this church when baptized.

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1823– Covenant meeting

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

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1823– Entire Church meeting

1 voted to receive James Mark & Lucy Mark as members of this church when baptized.  
2 voted to receive Lydia Mark on her experience as she had been regularly baptized not withstanding it had been

performed by a Methodist.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1823– Covenant meeting

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

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

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

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1823– Church met according to appointment.

1<sup>st</sup> prayer by Elder Andrews

2<sup>nd</sup> chose Nathaniel Crosby clerk pro tem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1823– at a church meeting provisionally appointed– prayer by Elder Tucker

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

2<sup>nd</sup> voted to dissolve this meeting. Nathaniel Crosby church clerk

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1823– Covenant meeting, Nathaniel Crosby CC

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

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

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1823– At a Church meeting being duly notified

1<sup>st</sup> Prayer by Elder Tucker

2<sup>nd</sup> voted that a letter be drafted and signed by the clerk in behalf of the church for Elder Tucker to present to our

sister churches and friends to solicit funds to finish our meeting house.

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

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

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

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

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1823— Met according to adjournment— prayer by Elder Tucker

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

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

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

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

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1823— Church met according to adjournment— prayer by Elder Tucker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1823– At a Church meeting being duly notified

1<sup>st</sup> prayer by Elder Tucker

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

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1823– met according to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> prayer by Elder Tucker

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

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

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting two weeks from this day. Nathaniel Crosby church clerk

and Br Caleb Ward by letter from Gerry church

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

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1823–

1<sup>st</sup> chose Br Jairus Handy clerk pro tem

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

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

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

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

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

7<sup>th</sup> voted that this meeting be dissolved. Jairus Handy clerk pro tem

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

Jan 10, 1824 at a Church meeting

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

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> voted to dissolve this meeting. Nathaniel Crosby church clerk

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

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1824– Covenant meeting

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

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

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> voted that in the opinion of the church Brethren Charles Morton and Jairus Handy have gifts that if improved will be profitable in Zion and that they improve alternately at Elder Crosby's on Sunday evenings for the present.

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

4<sup>th</sup> voted to dissolve this meeting. Nathaniel Crosby Chh Clerk

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

1<sup>st</sup> voted to answer this request

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

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1824– Covenant meeting

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

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

Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1824– Church met according to appointment–

1<sup>st</sup> voted that Br Jairus Handy serve this meeting as clerk

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

3<sup>rd</sup> voted that a standing committee be appointed in the church to enquire into and settle difficulties as far as

consistent without informing upon the privileges of the church—said committee to consist of five brothers.

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> instant at meeting house at 3 o'clock PM. Jairus Handy clerk pro tem

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

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

Bro N Crosby church clerk being absent voted that Bro Jairus Handy serve as clerk till his return

Heard Walworth Barber relate his experience & voted to receive him as a member when he is baptized, which on account of his health is to be done near his parents' home.

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

Jairus Handy clerk

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

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

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

Jairus Handy clerk

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

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

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

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

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

Prayed and meeting dissolved. Jairus Handy church clerk

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Walworth Barber was baptized and added to the Church.

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

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Chose Bro Randall moderator

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

4<sup>th</sup> Elder Tucker make known the business of the meeting, which was respecting his further settlement with the Church as their minister– and it relating to him, he withdrew–

(no 5<sup>th</sup> item noted)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday Sept 4, 1824— Covenant meeting—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jairus Handy clerk

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1824 Special Church meeting— opened with prayer

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Chose Bro B Randall clerk pro tem.

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

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

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

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1824 Saturday— Church met according to appointment. Meeting opened by prayer, proceeded to business.

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

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

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

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1824— Church met according to adjournment— meeting opened with prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

First the Church is grieved with Br Eastwood in that when he had joined this church and had become a member of the same that he, the said Eastwood, did introduce Sister Ross to the brethren of this church as a clean \*\* member, highly recommending her from his acquaintance with her, to be a valuable member of the Baptist church and as he thought was an ornament to the church, that after a lapse of five years the same Brother Eastwood reported Sister Ross to be a woman of bad character from the knowledge which he had heard of her before either of them resided in the county, for Brother Eastwood now declares that he committed the act of adultery with her at his own house in

Pittstown county of Renssalaer and he not only published the foul and scandalous report to several of the brethren but to more of this world to great grief of the brethren and to the injury of the cause of Christ.

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

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup>– voted to hold a special church meeting on Monday Eve 14<sup>th</sup> at the Meeting House. Voted to adjourn.

J Z Saxton clerk

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

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1824– Thursday afternoon– The church met according to appointment, meeting opened by prayer.

First– voted Brothers Crosby and Randall be a committee to visit Br & Sister Sprague and Sister Smith to inquire after their long absence from the church & report at the next meeting. Also that Elder Tucker to visit Mrs Moses Tucker & Br Webster to visit Sister French and report at the next meeting. The Church next took up the subject of Mr Eastwood's request– after he had made some remarks to the Church on the charges of his excommunication he desired to hear the charges & they were accordingly read in his hearing and on the first charge he requested the evidence to be produced stating that he did not remember to have stated such things as were included. Sister Woodcock was then called in who stated that soon after Mrs Ross came in to this county Mr Eastwood came to the house of Sister Woodcock to attend a conference meeting as it was before the hours of the meeting he introduced some religious conversations and stated that he had a new neighbor who had lately moved in to his neighborhood by the name of Ross and that his wife was a Baptist and a very fine pious person and no doubted not would be a great ornament to the church said he had formerly had an intimate acquaintance with her Christian character and considered her a real mother in Zions– and accordingly she expressed a desire to become acquainted with her; and that shortly after Mrs Ross accompanied Mr Eastwood to her house to a conference meeting and there talked,

exhorted & prayed and both Mrs Ross & Mr Eastwood appeared enjoyed deeply in the subject religion. To this testimony Mr Eastwood listened but did not acknowledge the truth of them, the other charges being read and treated upon and no apparent disposition on this part to confess anything more than so much as was brought home to him by testimony. The Church requested him to retire and after a few moments consultation called him in and stated to him that viewing the importance of sustaining the character of Christian Churches by keeping them cleansed from persons of bad report by putting away from among us any person who's character has been so far disgraced as to be a reproach to the cause of Zion. We deem it inexpedient to restore you to the fellowship of the church, although we hope you may earnestly repent of your great sins so far as we discover in you a spirit of penitence we feel free to forgive & most earnestly pray the Lord to forgive you and prepare you for the Church triumphant above. Voted to adjourn until the Saturday before the first Sabbath in March next at 1 o'clock at meeting house. J Z Saxton clerk

omission at the above meeting-- voted to give a letter of dismissal to Sister Asenath Woodcock Febry 17,1825 J Z Saxton

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1825-- Covenant meeting--

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

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

March 7<sup>th</sup>-- met Monday even at 1 (sic) o'clock PM according to adjournment at the meeting house. Church meeting opened by prayer--chose Samuel Hull clerk pro tem-- called on bros Crosby and Randall respecting visiting Brother & Sister Sprague, duty not done, said committee continued. Elder Tucker reported he visited Br Mack who wishes to be heard-- voted to appoint a meeting at Elder Crosby's for that purpose on Wednesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> inst. Voted to appoint Brother Webster to visit Br Cushing to ascertain why he stopt traveling. Voted to appropriate 1.75 for the benefit of Sister Damon to redeem her bed. Voted to dissolve.

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday-- Covenant meeting opened by prayer found a union & dissolved

Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Covenant meeting opened by prayer.

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

Voted to receive Pearly Abbey as a member

Letter from Kingsville Sis Smith

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

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

Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 1825-- received a letter returned by Sister Abigail Woodcock.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1825– At a Church meeting previously appointed, opened by prayer  
voted to withdraw fellowship from Sister Smith

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

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

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1825– Covenant meeting opened by prayer.

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

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Covenant meeting July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1825– opened by prayer– Mrs Mulford received by baptism 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

July 6<sup>th</sup>– Covenant meeting

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

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>– Covenant meeting opened by prayed

voted to receive Mr J Bornay/Barnaby by baptism

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

letter of dismission granted to Brother J M M Barber.

Sept 31<sup>st</sup> opened by prayer

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Sister Caple David

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

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

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

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

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1826– voted to give sister Naoma Handy a letter of recommendation

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>–Covenant meeting according to agreement. James Mark Chh Clk

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1826– Covenant meeting opened by prayer

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

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1826– Covenant meeting opened by prayer

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

The church called on Brothers Rundle and Osborn to report concerning Brother & Sister Sprague. They said that they had talked with the before mentioned ones and found that they believed in anti Christ and denied the only true Lord God our savior. The church then voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship, also voted to choose another deacon.

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

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

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Covenant meeting opened by prayer

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1826– Covenant meeting opened by prayer.

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

August 5<sup>th</sup>– met in Covenant meeting opened with prayer. Found a good union but complaint of coldness after which church agreed to call a council to set Brother Jairus Handy apart by ordination to the work of the ministry. Voted to call upon the following churches viz: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hanover, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pomfret, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Stockton, Chautauque and Portland.

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

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

Next heard the Christian experience of Matilda Merrill who gave good satisfaction to the Church. Voted to receive her as a candidate for baptism.

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

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

August 6<sup>th</sup> Matilda Merrill baptized, Elder Tucker administrator

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

Voted to give Sister Fitch a letter of recommendation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Covenant meeting opened by prayer found a tolerable degree of union.

Voted to give Joseph Rockwell a letter of recommendation.

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

Jan 6, 1827– Covenant meeting opened by prayer, found a tolerable degree of union. Voted to receive Sister Herrington upon the recommendation of a letter.

Appointed a special church meeting Jan the 9, 1827. J Mark church clerk

Special meeting Jan 9, 1827– Church met agreeable to appointment, opened with prayer.

Church voted that Brother Zattu Cushing be a committee to visit Brother Merrit Barber to call on him to give an answer for his neglect of the church.

Also appointed Brothers Buck & Mark to visit J Russell and to report to the church the next covenant meeting. J Mark chh clk

Feb ?, 1827– Covenant meeting opened by prayer found a tolerable degree of union. Brother Jeremiah Russell came and related his feelings to the church respecting this former exercise and said that he did not think that he

was a Christian or had not received a change of heart. The church voted that the subject should be adjourned to next covenant meeting as far as related to Brother Russell.

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

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

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

James Mark chh clk

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

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

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

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

Church voted to receive him as a candidate for baptism.

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>– rec'd by baptism Abigal Ward, Josiah Ward, Calista Ruth & Susan Cowden

Eli Tucker administrator

June 20<sup>th</sup>– Rec'd Russel Webster by baptism, Eld Tucker, administrator

June 30<sup>th</sup>– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer, found a good union, after which Sister Sprague

came forward and desired to be restored to the fellowship of the Church after considerable conversation upon the subject of the exclusion, unanimously voted to restore Sister Sprague to the fellowship of the church— Brother Sprague wishes also to be restored.— Wherefore voted that Bros Cushing, Crosby & Saxton be a committee to have conversation with him and report tomorrow.

Mrs Webster, wife of Bro Russel Webster, then came forward and requested to be admitted to the church— heard her Christian experience with the church once baptized, & she having been previously baptized. Resolved that she be acknowledged a member of the church.

Bro Chas Morton & his wife requested letters of dismissal from the Church which was unanimously voted.

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

18<sup>th</sup>— Mrs King related her experience was rec'd and baptized, Eld Tucker administrator.

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

Aug 4<sup>th</sup>— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer found a good union.

After meeting Nancy Crane related what the Lord had done for her and wished Baptism— church voted satisfied with her experience.

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

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

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

August 5<sup>th</sup>— Nancy Crane was baptized, Eld Tucker administrator.

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

<b>when &amp; how joined</b>	<b>names of members</b>	<b>dismissed</b>
	Eld Joy Handy	by letter
	Zattu Cushing	
	Wm Gould	by letter
	John VanTassell	by letter
	Benjamin Barrett	by letter
	Elipathet Burnham	letter to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ch June 21, 1823
	Rufus Longden	by letter
	Seth Cole	deceased
	Barzilla Barker	expelled; restored 1 Mar 1821, expelled
	Daniel Baldwin	

by letter	Abell Beebe	by letter
by letter	Sela Pickett	by letter
by letter	Arvy O Austin	by letter
by baptism	Samuel Conwiss	by letter
by letter	Joseph Sprague	excluded Apr 1, 1826; restored
by letter	Caleb Ward	by letter
by baptism	Martin Eastwood	excluded
by letter	Elijah Devine	by letter
by letter	Ebenezer Webster	by letter
by letter	David Crouch	to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21, 1821
by letter	Aaron Osborn	
by baptism	Joseph Buck	
by letter	Benjamin Barrus	by letter
by letter	Charles Morse	by letter
by letter	John Potter	
by letter	Alfred Warner	
by letter	Duane Griffith	to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21, 1821
by letter	Daniel Bliss	excluded Oct 7, restored Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>
by baptism	Thomas Bull	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21, 1821
by baptism	Benjamin Burritt	by letter
by baptism	____ Frink	by letter
by letter	Horace Thompson	by letter
by letter	James Hull	
by letter	James Hull	
by letter	Seth Merrill	by letter
by letter	George G Blaliss	by letter
by letter June 14, 1819	Joshua Emmons	by letter February 1820
by baptism	Benjamin Griffin	just after to 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21, 1821
by baptism	____ West	
by letter	Philip Mark	
by letter	James Bacon	
by letter	Henry Willson	just after to 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21, 1821
by letter	Nathaniel Crosby	
by letter Oct 19, 1819	John Barnes	dismissed May 1830
by letter Oct ?	Pearson Crosby	
by letter Feb 1822	Benjamin Randell	by letter Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 1823
by letter	Henry L Walker	
by letter	Ezekiel St John	by letter Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> 1823
by letter Aug 12, 1822	Eld Elisha Tucker	
by letter Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1822	Reuben Buck	
by letter Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1822	Davis Elliott	
by letter Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Joseph Rockwell	

by letter		
by letter Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Jonathan Mc Covill	
by letter Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 1823	Orrin Sage	
by letter Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> 1823	Nathan Wood	
	Eld Tucker	
baptism Jan 1825	Charles Morton	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1827, dismissed
baptism Apr 20, 1825	James Mark	
baptism May 31, 1825	Jairus Handy	
baptism May 31, 1825	Howard Ward	
baptism May 31, 1825	Jeremiah Russell	excluded
baptism May 31, 1825	Merit Barber	excluded
baptism July 5, 1825	Ira Hoisted	
by letter 1824	Caleb Ward	
baptism 1824	Walter Cushing	
by letter Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1824	Human McCluer	by letter
by letter May 9, 1824	Charles Wade	by letter
by letter May 9, 1824	Ebenezer Mason	by letter
baptism June 7, 1824	Walworth Barber	
by letter July 3, 1824	J Z Saxton	
baptism Sept 3, 1825	James Barnaby	dismissed May 1830
by letter April 1, 1826	Norman Lee	died 1826
by letter March 5, 1825	Levi Tucker	dismissed May 1829
by letter July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1826	Loping Crosby	
by letter Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> 1826	Fennels Nichols	
by letter Feb'y 4 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Jeremiah Woodcock	
baptism May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Justis Adams	
baptism May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Eli Webster	
by letter May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Stephen May	
by letter May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Peter Jones	
by letter May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Joshua Douglass	
by letter May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Jehanan Winchester	
by letter May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	George W Winchester	
by letter June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1827	Rufus H Platt	
by letter June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1827	Orange Mott	
baptism June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1827	Josiah Ward	
baptism June 20 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Russell Webster	
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1827	Joseph Sprague	restored
baptism Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> 1827	Abraham Johnson	
baptism Oct 1827	Daniel Harris	
by letter Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> 1828	Elon Crane	
by letter Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1828	John L Lamphier	
by letter Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1828	Ira Lamphier	

by letter March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1828	Edwin S Garnsey	dismissed by letter Sept 5, 1830
by letter June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1828	Rev Joy Handy	
	Levi Parsons	dismissed by letter May 1830
baptized Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 1829	Martin D Harmon	
baptized Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 1829	Joel Baldwin	
by letter Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> 1829	Daniel Bowen	dismissed by letter May 1830
by letter May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1829	Marshall Morton	
by letter May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1829	Salmon Morton	
baptized Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> 1830	Avery Buck	
baptized Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> 1830	Br Abel Brown	dismissed by letter May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1830
by letter May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1830	E H Shumway	
by letter May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1830	Samuel Shepherd	
baptized May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1830	Horace Webster	
baptized May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1830	Mosely W Abell	at Dunkirk, dismissed
baptized June 6 <sup>th</sup> 1830	Joseph Porter	
by letter July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1830	Amos Palmer	
baptized July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1830	James Hale	at Dunkirk
baptized July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1830	Franklin Robbins	at Dunkirk dismissed May 1830 (sic)
baptized Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> 1830	Ezra Thompson	

Names of Sisters

	Rachel Cushing	deceased
	Rhoda Burnham	deceased
	Sophia Morton Williams	
	Silence Barto	
	Polly VanTassel	by letter
	Clarissa Barto	
	Celie Cole	
	Polly M Handy	by letter
	Parnel Peas	by letter
	Mary Burnham	by letter
by letter	Hannah Barnes	
	Minerva Handy	deceased
	Elizabeth Tucker	
	(Louise?) Cowlinson	by letter
	Jemima Adams	
	Nancy Butler	
	Mary Beebe	by letter
	Sarah Easton	by letter
	Nancy Walker	deceased 1829
	_____ (Surviving ?)	died 1824
by letter July 30 <sup>th</sup> 1819	Sally Simons	by letter Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 1821

by letter	Aseneth Woodcock	
by letter	Sarah Conviss	by letter
baptized	Saba Woodcock	by letter
by letter	Rebecca Batcheller	by letter
by letter	May Lewis	
by letter	Anna Sprague	excluded Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> 1822, restored 1826
baptized	Clarissa Palmer	
by letter	Jerusha Crouch	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1821
by letter	Lucinda Denny	
by letter	Rumila Osborn	
baptism	_____ Williams	
baptism	_____ Berry	
baptism	Betsy (Cussle?)	died
baptism	Annie Cowden	
baptism	_____ William	to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1821
by letter	Elizabeth Luke	
baptism	Charity Willson	
baptism	Sally Bull	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1821
by letter	Marian Harris	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1821
baptized	Patty Thompson	
by letter	_____ Langdon	by letter
by letter	Fanta Buck	
by letter	Naomi Handy	by letter
by letter	Annie Lewis	
by letter	Renah Webster	
by letter	Sally L Gifford	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1821
by letter	Mary Jones	
by letter	Lydia Foster	
by letter	Sophia Hull	by letter June 1828
baptized	Lucy Duist	by letter
by letter	Zulemana Merrill	by letter 1826
baptized	Joanna Harris	by letter
by letter	Mabel Bliss	
by letter	Lucy Ross	excluded
by letter	Polly Divine	
by letter	Delila Sage	by letter Dec 8, 1828
baptized	_____ Smith	
baptized	Sally Merrill	deceased 1829
baptized	Betsey Douglass	Excluded
baptized	_____ Day	by letter
by letter	Polly Mason	
by letter	Polly Willson	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> church June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1821

by letter	Sally Crosby	
by letter	Betsey Crosby	
by letter May 5 <sup>th</sup> 1822	Jane Osborn	
by letter July 1822	Rosemond Randall	
by letter July 1822	Anna St John	by letter July 4 1823; excluded June 8 1824
by letter Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> 1822	Celinda Tefft	dismissed May 1830
by letter Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1822	Abigail Tucker	
by letter Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1822	Eunice Elliot	
by letter Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1822	Polly Buck	
by letter Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 1823	Hannah Bond	
by letter Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1823	Sally L Gifford	
by letter Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> 1823	Eunice Wood	
by letter Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> 1823	Welthan Fenner	
baptized Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Eld Tucker		Orphy Bennett/Burret?
baptized April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Vinett Bond	dismissed May 1830
“	Elizabeth Fink	dismissed May 1830
“	Esther Grant	
“	Emily Clark	by letter July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1831*
baptized April 20 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Lydia Mark	
baptized April 20 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Lucy Mark	by letter
baptized May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Mary Hill	
by letter	Eunice Wood	
baptized May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1823	Betsy Fuller	dismissed by letter
“	_____ Eaton	
“	Harriet Randall	
“	Sebiah Handy	by letter
baptized July 5 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Anna Thompson	
“	Mary Anna Hart	
“	Rachel Thompson	
“	Almira Buck	by letter
by letter	Catherine Damon	
by letter	Aseneth Sharp	
by letter	Catharine Webster	
baptized Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Sally Simmons	
“	Electa Merrill	dismissed by letter
baptized Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Susan Morton	dismissed July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1827
“	Naoma Handy	by letter
baptized Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> 1823	Betsey Berry	
“	Eunice Elliott	dismissed May 1830
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1824	Patty McCleure	by letter
	Dollina Mason	by letter
by letter June 5 <sup>th</sup> 1824	Olive Covell	

by letter July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1824	Apphia L Mattison	
by letter July 4 <sup>th</sup> 1824	Susan Barnaby	dismissed May 1830
by letter July 31 <sup>st</sup> 1824	Esther Learned	dismissed by letter
by letter Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 1824	Mary Saxton	
by letter Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> 1826	Salina Lee	dismissed March 8 <sup>th</sup> 1827
baptism Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> 1826	Hannah Benjamin	
“	Eliza Porter	
by letter July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1826	Polly Morton	
“	Lydia Crosby	
baptism Aug 5 <sup>th</sup> 1826	Matilda Merrill	deceased
by letter Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> 1826	Esther Nichols	
by letter Feb’y 4 <sup>th</sup> 1826	Polly Woodcock	
by letter April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1826	Demaris Tuttle	
baptism May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Mrs Webster	
“	Angeline Smith	
“	Nancy Turner	
by letter May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Hannah Brown	
“	Nancy Jones	
“	Martha Douglass	
baptism June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1827	Abigail Ward	
“	Susan Cowden	
“	Calista Bull	
by letter June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1827	Clarissa Platt	
by letter June 30 <sup>tj</sup> 1827	____ Webster	
	Anna Sprague	restored July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1827
baptism July 18 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Mrs King	
by letter August 4 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Laura Alma	dismissed Oct 1828
“	Eleanor Sage	
baptism August 5 <sup>th</sup> 1827	Nancy Crane	
baptism Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1827	Mary Johnson	
by letter Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1827	Esther Lamond	
by letter Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> 1828	Joanna Harris	
“	Mary Mark	
“	Betsey Crane	
by letter June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1828	Poly Handy	
by letter July 5 <sup>th</sup> 1828	Aphia Walworth	
“	Zebiah Handy	
	Catharine Damon	dismissed Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 1828
baptism Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> 1828	Martha Hiller	
“	Rachael Cook	
“	Abigail Russell	
by letter Jan’y 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1829	Anita Selestia Lanphier	

by letter May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Morton  
 “ Juliette Morton  
 “ Naoma Handy

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

by letter Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1829 Mrs \_\_\_\_ Bowen dismissed by letter May 1830

baptism Nov 1829 Mrs \_\_\_\_ Parsons dismissed May 1830

by letter Dec 1829 Mrs Martha Baily

“ Susan Harris

by letter Feb'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1830 Lucy M Bennett

by letter March 6<sup>th</sup> 1830 Huldy Saxton

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

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

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

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath Oct– Daniel Harris Jr was baptized, Elder Tucker administrator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 1828— Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer, found a union, closed with prayer.

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

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

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1828— Elder Joy Handy & Polly his wife presented letters of recommendation & dismissal from the Baptist church in Jefferson Ohio requesting to become members— voted to receive them.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1828— rec'd sister Zebiah Handy by letter

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

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

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

Oct 5<sup>th</sup>— The above named persons were baptized, Elder Tucker administrator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

April 1829– Covenant meeting– good meeting after which Br Heman McCleuer presented a paper signed by a number of the members of the church presenting a number of charges against the church. Church voted to have a special church meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock at the meeting house.

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1829– special Church meeting according to appointment. Opened meeting with prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> had a written communication from a number of the brothers and sisters of this church in which after specifying a number of charges against the doings of the church which more fully appear by reference to said paper, the proceeded formally to withdraw from the church.

2<sup>nd</sup> In as much as the present clerk of the church is one of them it was therefore moved and voted that Br Heman McCluer be no longer considered as clerk of this church and that Br Martin D Harmon be appointed in his stead, and that brothers Saxton, Johnson & E Webster be a committee to notify Br McCluer of the appointment of Br Harmon and request him to hand over to Br Harmon all papers in his hands belonging to the church.

3<sup>rd</sup> voted to hand over the communication from the brethren as above named to a committee consisting of Brothers Saxton, Johnson & E Webster who are requested to examine and make a report upon the same to the next meeting of the church.

4<sup>th</sup> resolved to adjourn this meeting to two weeks from this day at one o'clock pm. M C Harmon church clerk.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1829– adjourned Church meeting– opened meeting by singing and prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> Br Daniel Bowen presented a letter of recommendation & dismissal from the Baptist Buffalo church and requested to become a member and church voted to receive him.

2<sup>nd</sup> rec'd a letter from a conference of Baptist members in Jefferson Ohio requesting a delegation from this church to meet them the first Thursday in May for the purpose of forming a church. Voted to answer their request and

appointed Elders Tucker & Handy as delegates.

3<sup>rd</sup> Called on the committee appointed at the last meeting to report upon a certain paper handed by a number of the members of this church. The committee presented a written report which was examined item by item— and the preamble and (reply) of the report & any changes proposed by those brethren was examined and adopted by the church separately.

4<sup>th</sup> voted to rescind the vote here to fore passed proposing to give letters of dismission to the dissatisfied members of this church.

5<sup>th</sup> resolved that Eld Joy Handy be appointed by the church to visit those brethren & sisters who have subscribed their names to a certain paper specifying certain charges against the Church dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1829—and concluding by a formal withdrawing themselves from the church and that Eld Handy be instructed to inform those brethren and sisters that the church highly disapprove of the course they are pursuing, believing as they do that it is greatly opposed to the gospel of Christ, and the church cannot but hope they may yet see their wrong and return and Eld Handy is hereby instructed to admonish and entreat these each and everyone of them so to do and it is hoped that in the discharge of this duty Eld Handy will happily combine Christian discipline with the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Adjourned— M D Harmon church clerk

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829—Covenant meeting opened with prayer by Eld Winsor—good union

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

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

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

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

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1829— Special Church meeting held at the meeting house— opened meeting with prayer.

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

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

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> because that after they had proceeded forward to request council without the consent or even knowledge of the

church, they kept back all information of such council notwithstanding tow Sabbaths passed before the council arrived after they had resolved to request one until it was too late to have any legal meeting of the church to meet the same—in all of which we do think these brethren have greatly erred and acted unworthy of the character and gospel of Christ

4<sup>th</sup> resolved unanimously that this church feel particularly bound to disapprove the conduct of Br Zattu Cushing and Br Loring Crosby, who we are (cont—d) to believe have been particularly instrumental of plunging this church into unnecessary and unreasonable trial in relation to the council above named.

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> because that these brethren did greatly injure the character of the church by representing the church as unwilling to grant them council at a certain time when requested from a disposition to oppress them, which the church does hereby declare to be contrary to the fact—Brother Cushing representing the church as having prepared a guillotine for the execution of his manhood—

The church therefore do most solemnly resolve that it is an (insse-----tious) duty upon them in view of the course pursued toward this church by Br Zattu Cushing and Br Loring Crosby in addition to the former charges against them to send a second admonition to these brethren admonishing them of their wrong and inviting them to appear before the church on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 1 o'clock PM at the Baptist Meeting House.

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

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> because that after being presented with the following written objection to their proceedings

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

2<sup>nd</sup> because the church have never authorized these members to do so—

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

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> because for the council to proceed under present circumstances would be to disregard entirely the independence of the church, and establish a precedent at war with the peace and harmony of churches.

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

We do certify that the above objections were read before the council previous to there proceeding to business, and were entreated to adjourn at least until the church could be convened. They refused and still determined, and resolved to proceed and did accordingly. signed by Adrian Foot, Jairus Handy, Joy Handy, John Winter. 4<sup>th</sup> because in their result they greatly injured the church attaching them a character which has no foundation in truth.

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

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

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1829— Adjourned Church meeting opened with prayer by Eld Joy Handy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The brethren being called upon declared their entire want of fellowship for the church— insisted upon their right to call a council under the circumstances which they did, declared their design to have it a private council, or one in which the church should have no part, and Brother Crosby expressed his astonishment that Eld Tucker should have interfered before the council by making any objection, and assured the church that they had not so they did

not calculate to walk any more with the church whereupon the church being doubly imposed with the belief that all hope of redeeming these brethren for the present at least as at an end, and also of the decision that those should be out that trouble the church and make divisions. (Apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ). The church unanimously resolved to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother Zattu Cushing and Loring Crosby until they shall return with suitable satisfaction to the church which may God grant. M D Harmon Chh clerk.

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1829– Covenant meeting opened with prayer by Eld Tucker– Church in union. Closed by prayer by Eld Handy. M D Harmon Church clerk

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1829– Covenant meeting opened with prayer by Eld Tucker. Church in union. Closed by prayer by Eld Joy Handy. M D Harmon Church Clerk.

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1829– Covenant meeting– opened meeting by singing and prayer by Eld J Handy.

All present expressed a good union and desire to press forward in the good cause. Sister Bowen presented a letter of recommendation from the church in Buffalo and was received as a member.

Mrs Pearsons related her experience to the church and requested baptism. Church voted satisfaction & that she be considered a member of the church when baptized— Rec'd a letter from the Baptist church in Forestville requesting a delegation from this church to sit with them in Council the second Wednesday of this month. Voted to answer the request and appointed Elder Handy, Tucker, and brothers Webster, Bowen & Baldwin.

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

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

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

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1829– Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer. Good union among all present– Mrs Martha Bailey presented a letter of recommendation from the Baptist church in Manchester CT and requested admission in to this church and was rec'd. Miss Susan Harris related what God has done for her soul and requested baptism. Church voted satisfied. Closed by prayer. M D Harmon church clerk

Dec 6<sup>th</sup>– communion & baptism of Susan Harris, E B Tucker administrator. M D Harmon ch clk

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

Jan'y 3<sup>rd</sup>– Communion & baptism of A Buck, E C Tucker administrator. M D Harmon chh clerk

Febry 6<sup>th</sup> Covenant meeting opened with singing and prayer– full meeting and unusual union and good feeling

among the members and a desire to promote the cause of Christ. Mrs Lucy Bennett presented a letter of recommendation from the Baptist church in Springfield PA and requested admission as a member. Voted to receive her—

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

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>—communion, Elder Tucker administrator.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1830— Abell Brown baptized, Eld Tucker adm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> voted that as certain members of this church have under the sanction of a certain council convened in this place on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant without the advice or consent of the church assumed the name and authority of this church that therefore a committee of serve to wit Eld Joy Handy, Dea Webster & brothers N Crosby, D J Mattison, J Z Saxton, Benj Randall be appointed. Johnson

1<sup>st</sup> to ascertain by what authority said council were convened.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1830– Adjourned Church meeting opened with prayer by Elder Handy.

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

Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> for withdrawing from the Church in an unproper and ungospel-like manner

3<sup>rd</sup> for fellowshipping and sustaining the measure prescribed by the minority of the Church in calling two councils which convened in this meeting house one on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May last and the other on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January last–

4<sup>th</sup> for presenting before their councils a complaint against the church for discussion and decision without having previously acquainted the Church with the coming of a council or even ever having invited them to attend, and

this against the remonstrances of individual brethren who were present, proceeded to urge the council forward without having any records of the church before them or ever having invited them to be heard in their defense— 5<sup>th</sup> for misrepresenting the doings and feelings of the Church to both councils.

6<sup>th</sup> For assuming under the sanction of the council that convened the name and authority of this Church, and for proceeding to administer ordinances as a church and to discipline and exclude members belonging to this body— Resolved that the consideration of the difficulty as it relates to certain female members of the church visited by the committee and included in their report be postponed until the next church meeting to which this shall be adjourned.

Resolved unanimously that as Brother James Hall has been visited by one committee without giving any satisfaction for having withdrawn from the church, and whereas is one of the editors of a political paper he has from time to time published slanderous & libelous articles against this church and his brethren, he has therefore in the opinion of this church forfeited his standing in this body, and we do therefore withdraw from him the hand of fellowship until he give suitable satisfaction to this church.

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

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

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

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

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1830— Our brethren at Dunkirk heard the experience of Franklin Robbins

Apr 18<sup>th</sup>— The above persons baptized, Elder Jairus Handy administrator

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

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

As the council convened at Dunkirk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of March last adjourned to the first Wednesday in May,

and as several have been baptized into the fellowship of this church at Dunkirk, therefore voted that all such as shall have been baptized into the fellowship of our brethren at Dunkirk previous to the setting of said council shall receive a dismissal from this church— to be recognized with our other brethren and sisters in the constitution of the church.

Brother Abell Brown requested a letter of dismissal. Voted to give him a letter. Closed a happy meeting with singing and prayer by Eld Haskel.

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

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

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

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1830– Philinda Warren baptized at Westfield Eld Tucker administrator M D Harmon Church Clerk

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

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

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1830– Met according to adjournment at the Baptist Meeting House at Fredonia– opened meeting with prayer–

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

The motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the report of the committee be accepted. Agreeably to the suggestion of the committee the following resolutions were submitted and adopted:

1. Resolved that our confidence remains unshaken and unimpaired in the integrity and piety of Elder Elisha Tucker and that many of us have been personally and intimately acquainted with him during the whole term of his residence in this village which is now nearly eight years during all of which time he has been the pastor of this church under whose stated ministrations we have sat with profit and pleasure and whereas the same reports have been circulated and measures persuaded Eld Joy Handy as towards Elder Tucker, therefore resolved that our confidence remains unshaken and unimpaired in the integrity and piety of Elder Joy Handy, the former pastor

and present member of this church & that having removed to this county and to this place more than twenty years since and having borne the burden and heat of the day in sustaining the denomination in which he belongs and in preaching Christ with unblemished reputation and character to a false world and as a faithful minister having patiently submitted to the fatigue and uniformly attended to the distant calls of the distracted incidents to the settlement of a new country, desirous now to be sustained by this church against the breath of calumny which would blast one of the fairest reputations in the decline of life.

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

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

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

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1830— Adjourned Church meeting opened with prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1830— Adjourned Church meeting opened with prayer— Called on committee sent to several churches according to resolution of June 23<sup>rd</sup> to report— all of those brethren being present reported that they had

discharged the duty assigned them with the exception of Bro Buck who stated that although he visited Perrysburg on the Sabbath yet no meeting could be found in either church and that he left his communication with members of those churches all the other churches had been visited but gave no satisfaction, whereupon the church resolved that as none of those churches to whom we have sent manifest any disposition to make Christian satisfaction for the injury they have done us, that therefore it is our duty to proceed according to the 5<sup>th</sup> article of platform of the Chautauque Association to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> step of labor with those churches.

Resolved that we call upon Carroll, Mayville & Villenova churches to assist us in taking said labor on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath day of August next.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1830— Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer— Church in good union.

Sally Ann Goby and Caroline Mathews related their experience each to the church and requested baptism.

Rosanna Winsor presented a letter from Stockton church and was rec'd as a member.

Rec'd a communication from a number of brethren in Stockton requesting council for the purpose of receiving fellowship as a church— voted to send Elds Tucker & Handy & Bros Webster, Crosby & Mott.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1830— Covenant Meeting opened by singing and prayer, found a good union in the church. Closed with prayer.

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

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

the Chautauqua Baptist Association. Closed with prayer.

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

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1831– Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer– found a good union and general desire to press forward. Voted to appoint a committee to make arrangements preparatory to the coming of a council expected on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant and that Elds Tucker & Handy & Bros Saxton, Crowley, Johnson, Buck, Mattison, Randall & Harmon be that committee. Closed with prayer.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Bro Geo W Pierce presented a letter from 2<sup>nd</sup> church in Hanover and was received

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

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1831– Special church meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Pomfret holden at the Baptist meeting house, Fredonia– opened with prayer  
voted to give Bro D Matteson a letter.

The object of the meeting to take into consideration the result of a council held in this church commencing Feb'y 15 and ending Feb'y 19<sup>th</sup> 1831, and to which council was mutually submitted on the part of the church and on the part of those brethren who had separated from us, those difficulties which had for a long time separated this church.

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

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

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

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> resolved that the clerk of this church give notice to each individual excluded at the above named meetings of

the proceedings of this meeting—

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

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

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

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

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1831— Covenant meeting opened with singing & prayer by Elder Tucker— found a good degree of union among the brothers and sisters and a desire to press forward in the good cause—

Sister Caroline Mathews & Sister Betsy Sage requested letter of dismissal— vote to give them letters. Lucy Morton and Maryan Sprague and Nancy Barlow related the dealing of God with their souls and wished to unite with the church. Church voted to receive them when baptized.

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

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

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

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

July 2<sup>nd</sup>— Covenant meeting opened singing & prayer by Eld Tucker— found good union in the church— Almira, now Sister Clark, requested a letter of dismissal— church voted to give her one— Roxy Windsor by letter also. Sabbath day July 3<sup>rd</sup>— Charlotte Berry baptized E Tucker administrator. Julia Berry rec'd by letter. Sister Emily Mallory dismissed by letter. M D Harmon Church Clerk

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

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

Tucker.

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

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

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

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

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

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

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath day– Catharine Pearce & Salina Boyington were baptized, Eld Tucker administrator. Sister Fanny Dewey presented a letter–church voted to receive her–

Voted to give Eld Absalom Minor a call to preach with us the ensuing year. Voted that Deacon Webster & N Crosby & P L Sheppard be committee to send him a letter— M D Harmon Church Clerk

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

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1831– Covenant meeting opened with prayer & singing and found a good degree of union among the Brethren & Sisters—

Brother Bliss Willoughby presented a letter from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baptist church in Shaftsbury Vermont and wished to unite with the church– voted to receive him. M D Harmon Church clerk

Sabbath Day (possibly still Nov 6<sup>th</sup> which was a first Sunday, the agreed upon communion day)– after communion Sister Abigail Tucker & Martha Miller requested letters of dismissal from this church– voted to dismiss them. M D Harmon church clerk

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

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

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1832– Covenant meeting opened by singing & prayer– good union in the church— Sister Anna Thompson & Sister Polly Lunt requested letter of dismission. Voted to grant them. Closed by prayer by Elder E Johnson. M D Harmon church clerk

Feb'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1832– voted a letter of dismission to Sister Susanna Clark, M D Harmon church clerk

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

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

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

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1832– Sabbath after service appointed a committee to visit Brother Eli Webster to inquire the cause of absence from the church– appointed Elder Handy & Deacon N Crosby. M D Harmon church clerk  
Church appointed a meeting to be holden on April 14<sup>th</sup> 1832 at the meeting house at 2 o'clock

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

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

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

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

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

Eld Elias Johnson & Sister Beulah, his wife, gave in their letter to this church from Baptist church in

Provincetown Mass and wish to unite with us. Voted to receive them. Voted that Br Randall be added to the committee to visit Br Eli Webster. Closed with prayer. M D Harmon church clerk

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

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

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

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

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

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

by letter May 1, 1830	Mercy Shumway	
baptized April 11, 1830	Lovina Douglass	
baptized at Dunkirk	____ Robbins	dismissed May 1830
“	Nancy Church	“
”	Cordelia Tefft	“
baptized May 2, 1830	____ Webster	
“	Percy Sawin	
“ at Dunkirk May 2, 1830	Ruth Abell	dismissed May 1830
“	Lovisa Gales	“
baptized May 9, 1830	Nancy Warren	
“	Philinda Warren	
baptized June 5, 1830	Hannah Porter	
“	Melissa Barnaby	
“	Almira Ferris	
“	Esther Smith	
“ June 6, 1830	Hannah Butler	
“	Samantha Harmon	
“	Lucy Shumway	
by letter June 5, 1830	Margaret Munroe	
“	Matilda Morton	
baptized July 3, 1830	Sally Sawin	
“	Eliza Jane Daggett	

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

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