

Records of the Trustees of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret **1822**

P. 21. Diagram of first or frame chh. Edifice

“ 126 Do. of Brick Chh. Ed.

“ 127 Do. Do.

**1822** June 24<sup>th</sup>

Organization of 1<sup>st</sup> Bap. So.'y Pomfret

On the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight hundred and twenty two the male members of the Baptist Society of Pomfret met at the Schoolhouse on the East Side of the Creek in the Vilage (sic) of Fredonia the usual place of their assembling for religious worship acording (sic) to public notice previously given persuant (sic) to the Stattute (sic) in such case made and provided and resolved to form themselves into a religious Society chose for their presiding and returning officers Thomas **Morton** and James **Hull** and then proceeded to the choice of Trustees. When on counting the ballotts (sic) it appeared that Zattu **Cushing**, Ebenezer **Webster** and Nathaniel **Crosby** were elected and when they had cast lots as the Law directs it appeared that Nathaniel **Crosby** was to serve one year, Ebenezer **Webster** two years, and Zattu Cushing three years.

The Society then and there resolved that their name or title should be the Trustees of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret. The Trustees then appointed William **Barker** for Treasurer and Thomas **Morton** for Clerk and chose for their common Seal a half Cent. The impression to be made with the Side which has the words half Cent on it. The returning officers above named then and there, made out their certificate of incorporation. Then they went to Zattu **Cushing** Esq., first judge of the County of common pleas for the County of Chautauque, and acknowledged the Certificate before him. The Certificate was then Sent to the Clerk of the County of Chautauque and recorded.

Certificate of Incorporation

“State of New York, Chautauque County

We whos (sic) names are hereunto subscribed and Seals affixed, do hereby certify that on the twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty two, persuant (sic) to public Notice previously given acording (sic) to the directions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of religious Societies pased (sic) April 5<sup>th</sup> **1813**. The male persons of full age belonging to the first Baptist Society in the Town of Pomfret in said County assembled at the Schoolhouse in the Village of Fredonia in which the said Society, stately attend for divine worship, for the purpos (sic) of choosing Trustees to be incorporated under and by virtue of the Said act, and that the Said persons to assemble as aforesaid did then and there, by a majority of voices nominate and appoint Thomas **Morton** Esq. and James **Hull**, members of the said Society to preside at the said Election,

receiv (sic) the votes of the Electors, be the judges of the qualifications of such Electors and be the officers to return the names of the persons who by plurality of voices, should be choosen (sic) to serve as Trustees for the said Society, and to be incorporated as aforesaid and we further certify that Zattu **Cushing**, Nathaniel **Crosby** and Ebenezer **Webster** were then and there duly Elected to serve as Trustees for the said Society, to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto, and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof who together with their Successors, Shall forever be called and known by the name or title of the Trustees of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret. All who hereby certify under our hands and seals, pursuant to the said act, this twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two.”

Jas. **Hull** { seal}            Tho.’s **Morton** { seal} – returning officers chosen as aforesaid

A trew (sic) copy attest Thomas **Morton**, Clerk

Acknowledgment of Certificate

“State of New York, County of Chautauque

Be it remembered that on the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty two, personally appeared before me, Zattu **Cushing** first judge of the County of Common pleas for the County of Chautauque, the within named Thomas **Morton** and James **Hull**, persons to me well known to be the same persons described in and who executed the within instrument of writing who acknowledged that they signed and sealed the within certificate for the uses (sic), purposes therein mentioned and described, and I having examined the within instrument, and finding therein no interlineations or erasures do allow (sic) the same to be recorded. Zattu **Cushing**”

A true copy attest Thomas **Morton**, Clerk

County Clerks Certificate

Clerks office  
Chautauque County  
Received for recording  
June 26<sup>th</sup> A.D. **1822** at  
at one o’clock P.M. and  
recorded in Liber two of  
Miscellaneous (sic) records for  
Said County page 20  
John **Dexter**, Clk.

A trew (sic) copy attest Thomas **Morton**, Clerk

Names of the men who composed the first Baptist Society in Pomfret at the time of its formation.

Zattu **Cushing**

Thomas **Morton**

Joy **Handy**

Person **Crosby**

Nathaniel **Crosby**

Houghton **Gaylord**, dead

Hezekiah **Barker**

William **Barker**

James **Hull**

Martin **Eastwood**

James **Butler**

William **Jones**

Martin D. **Harman**

Isaac **Harman**

Justus **Adams**

Aaron **Osborn**

Ebenezer **Webster**

Daniel **Baldwin**

Person **Crosby** junr.

Nathan **Wood**

Records of the proceedings of the Trustees of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret.

**1822** Dec. 3, Society met according (sic) to notice previously given at the Inn of M.D.J. **Harman**.

First chose Zattu **Cushing** Esq. for moderator.

Second, voted to build a Meeting (sic) House.

Third, voted to build the House forty by fifty feet upon the plan this day presented with such improvements (sic) (if any) as shall be found necessary with a porch or belfry.

Fourth, voted to chuse (sic) a committee of three to ascertain (sic) the spot where the House shall stand.

Fifth, chose for that committee Nathaniel **Crosby**, William **Barker** and Martin D. **Harman**.

Sixth, voted to adjourn (sic) this meeting (sic) to the eleventh of the present instant at this place at one o'clock P.M.

Names of men who applied to the Clerk of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret at the annual meeting (sic) of Said Society 17<sup>th</sup> of June **1826** to have their names entered on record to make them voters in Said Society hereafter

John Z. **Saxton**

Alpheus **Winchester**

	<b>David Elliott</b>	
	<b>Caleb Ward</b>	
	<b>Benjamin Randall</b>	
	<b>John B. Takle</b>	
	<b>Field Dalee</b>	
	<b>John Walker</b>	
	<b>Ruben Buck</b>	
	<b>David J. Matteson</b>	
	<b>James Mark</b>	
	<b>Thomas Osborn</b>	
	<b>George Aldridge</b>	
	<b>James Barnaby</b>	
	<b>Jonathan W. Covill</b>	
	<b>Selleck St. John</b>	
14 May <b>1829</b>	<b>Joshua Douglas</b>	
21 Jan. <b>1830</b>	<b>Phineus Nichols</b>	
22 Jan. <b>1830</b>	<b>Loring Crosby</b>	
Feb. 4 – <b>1830</b>	<b>Walter Cushing</b>	
	<b>John L. Lamphier</b>	
	<b>Ira Lamphier</b>	
	<b>Heman McCluer</b>	
<b>1830</b> Feb. 8	<b>Samuel Cook</b>	
<b>1830</b> Feb. 25	<b>John Lamphier</b>	
March 15	<b>Rufus R. Platt</b>	
May 10	<b>Paul Burdict</b>	
17	<b>Jonathan Hempsted</b>	
	<b>Moses Clark</b>	
18	<b>Josiah Ward</b>	
	<b>Matthew Patrick</b>	
	<b>David Barrell</b>	
	<b>Elias Johnson</b>	
	<b>Jas. Pettit</b>	
	<b>Chs. Pettit</b>	
	<b>R.B. Clark</b>	
	<b>Henry A. Buck</b>	
	<b>D. A. Woodruff</b>	
	<b>John Saxton</b>	
	<b>S. Stearns</b>	
	<b>A. Z. Madison</b>	/42
	<b>Jno. E. Norcross</b>	“
	<b>Anson Guild</b>	“
	<b>O. A. Buck</b>	“
	<b>Smith Berry</b>	“
	<b>Myron Frisbee</b>	“

**1822** Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Society met according (sic) to adjournment

First voted to add Zattu **Cushing** Esq. to the committee (sic) chosen at the last meeting (sic).

Second voted to add James **Hull** to the committee (sic).

Third voted to empower (sic) this Committee to fix and purchase (sic) the Site for the House on condition that they will sell to raise the purchase money also to empower (sic) them to affix a price (sic) to the Slips and have them ready to offer for Sale at the next meeting (sic).

Fourth voted to adjourn this meeting (sic) to the 21<sup>st</sup> of the present instant at 10 O'C. A.M. at this place.

Dec. 21 Society met according (sic) to adjournment.

First chose Samuel **Everden** for auctioneer (sic).

Second voted to set up no more than the body Slips this day.

Third voted to adjourn this meeting to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January next at 1 O'C. P.M. at this place.

**1823** Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Society met according (sic) to adjournment.

First chose Thomas **Morton** for auctioneer.

Second chose Walter **Smith** for Clerk pro tem.

Third proceeded to sell Slips.

Sold Slip No. eight to Martin <b>Eastwood</b> for	\$72.00
Sold Slip No. thirty seven to Zattu <b>Cushing</b> for	\$68.00
Sold Slip No. thirty eight to Walter <b>Smith</b> for	\$65.00
Sold Slip No. thirty nine to Hezekiah <b>Barker</b> for	\$65.00
Sold Slip No. forty three to William <b>Barker</b> for	\$55.00
Sold Slip No. forty to Mosely W. <b>Abell</b> for	\$65.00
Sold Slip No. forty five to Moris <b>Adams</b> for	\$60.00
Sold Slip No. fifty to William <b>Sage</b> for	\$35.00
Sold Slip No. fifty one to Benjamin <b>Gifford</b> for	\$38.00
Sold Slip No. fifty four to William <b>Bond</b> for	\$32.00
Sold Slip No. twenty nine to Reuben <b>Buck</b> for	\$39.00
Sold Slip No. fifty two to John <b>Ross</b> for	\$37.00

Fourth voted to adjourn this meeting (sic) to the twenty fifth of the present instant at one o'clock P.M. at this place.

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> Society met according (sic) to adjournment.

Samuel **Everden** auctioneer.

Sold Slip No. twenty seven to David **Eliot** for \$30.00  
Sold Slip No. twenty five to William A. **Hart** for \$35.00  
Sold Slip No. twenty six to Walter **Cushing** for \$35.00

Adjourned to the Sixth day of February (sic) next at twelve O.C. at noon at this place.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Society met according (sic) to adjournment

Samuel **Everden** auctioneer

Sold Slip No. thirty to Aaron **Osborn** for \$35.00  
Sold Slip No. forty seven to Charles **Burritt** for \$35.00

Adjourned to the 11<sup>th</sup> of the present instant at 10 O.C. A.M. at this place.

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Society met according (sic) to adjournment.

Samuel **Everden** auctioneer (sic)

Sold Slip No. fifty three to Justus **Adams** for \$30.00  
Sold Slip No. seven **Buxton** and **Stephens** for \$70.00  
Sold Slip No. thirty one to Henry **Bosworth**  
M.D. & I. **Harman** & Samuel **Everden** for \$48.00  
Sold Slip No. forty four to Ben.'j **Randal** for \$55.00  
Sold Slip No. thirty five to James **Hull**  
and James **Butter** for \$45.00  
Sold Slip No. thirty two to Chelal **Clark** for \$45.00  
Sold Slip No. three to Person **Crosby** jun.'r for \$60.00

Adjourned (sic) to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the present instant at 1 O.C. P.M. at this place.

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Society met according (sic) to adjournment the Trustees not being present  
adjourned (sic) to the 24<sup>th</sup> of the present instant at 1 O.C. P.M. at this place.

Feb 24 Society met according (sic) to adjournment.

Zattu **Cushing** auctioneer (sic)

Sold Slip No. 49 forty nine to John **Walker** for \$33.00  
Sold Slip No. forty eight to Jonathan W. **Covell** for \$35.00

Adjourned (sic) to 25<sup>th</sup> of the present instant at 1 O.C. P.M. at this place.

**1823** Feb 25 Society met according (sic) to adjournment.

Samuel **Everden** auctioneer.

Sold Slip No. thirteen to Stephen **Porter** for \$70.00

**1823** March the Trustees bargained with Nathaniel **Crosby** to build and finish the Meeting House forty feet by fifty and they have paid him for the building two thousand one hundred and thirty dollars and Seventy five Cents.

June 16<sup>th</sup> 10 O.C. A.M. Trustees Sold to Thomas **Morton** Slip No. thirty three for \$40.00.

### **1823 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**

**1823** June 16<sup>th</sup> first Baptist Society in Pomfret met according (sic) to notice previously given in conformity to the Statute in that case made and provided at the School house in Fredonia the usual place of meeting of Said Society for religious worship for the purpose (sic) of choosing (sic) one Trustee in the room of Nathaniel **Crosby** whose (sic) term of Service (sic) will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the present instant chose Martin D. **Harman** for Trustee Nathaniel **Crosby** was Clerk protem (sic) of this meeting.

### **Church Slip Diagram**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

**1824** June 16

First Baptist Society in Pomfret met according (sic) to notice previously given according (sic) to the Statute (sic) in that case made and provided for the purpose (sic) of choosing (sic) one Trustee in the room of Ebenezer **Webster** whose (sic) term of Service (sic) will expire on the 24 of June instant chose Benjamin **Randall** for Trustee.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

**1825** June 17<sup>th</sup>

Society met at the Meeting (sic) House agreeable to notice previously given in conformity (sic) to the Statute (sic) in that case made and provided for the purpose of choosing one Trustee in the place of Zattu **Cushing** whose (sic) term of Service (sic) will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the present instant, choose John Z. **Saxton** for Trustee.

**1826** March 23th (sic) Trustees Sold Slip No. 44 to Jonathan **Hempsted** for fifty dollars \$50.00

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**1826** Jun (sic) 17

Society met at the Meting (sic) House in Fredonia agreable (sic) to notice previously given in conformity to the Stattute (sic) in that case made and provided for the purpose of choosing one Trustee in the place of Martin D. **Harman** whoes (sic) term of Servis (sic) will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the present instant.

Choose (sic) Edward H. **Mulford** for Trustee.

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**1827** June 16

Society met at the Meting (sic) House acording (sic) to notice previously given in conformity to the Stattute (sic) for the purpose of choosing one Trustee in the place of Benjamin **Randall** whoes (sic) term of Servis (sic) will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the present instant, choose David J. **Matteson** for Trustee.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**1828** Jun (sic) 16

Society met at the Meting (sic) House acording (sic) to notice previously given in conformity to the Stattute (sic) for the purpoos (sic) of choosing one Trustee in the place of John Z. **Saxton** whoos (sic) term of office will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the present instant. Choose (sic) Benjamin **Randall** for Trustee.

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**1829** June 17

Society met at the Meting (sic) House acording (sic) to notice previously given in conformaty (sic) to the Stattute (sic) for the purpose of choosing one Trustee in the place of Edward H. **Mulford** whoos (sic) term of Servis (sic) will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the present instant. Choose (sic) James **Norton** for Trustee.

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**1830** June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Society met at the Meting (sic) House acording (sic) to notice previously given. Notice dated 15<sup>th</sup> of May **1830** directed to Rev. E. **Tucker**. Signed by the Trustees.

When John Z. **Saxton** was nominated for Trustee and – Eli **Webster** : Joseph **Sprague** : Horace **Webster** : Daniel **Baldwin** : Peter **Jones** : Wm. **Risley** : James **Mullett** : Ben.'j **Walworth** : Alfred **Handy** : Buckland **Gillet** : Amos **Palmer** : Thomas **Osborn** : Reuben **Buck** : Matthew **Grely** : Ben.'j **Randal** : James **Norton** : Ebenezer **Shumway** : Richard



**Woleben** : Nathaniel **Crosby** : Joseph **Porter** : Ebenezer **Eaton** : Michael **Morton** :  
James **Butler** : Walter **Porter** : Abraham **Johnson** : Thomas G. **Abell** : Levi **Risley** :  
Henry (?). **King** : Edward H. **Mulford** : Wm. **Barker** : Edward **Howard** : Israel **Smith** :  
D. J. **Matteson** : Abijah **Young** : Samuel **Shepard** voted in the affirmative and Thomas  
**Morton** in the negative.

**1830** June 2<sup>nd</sup>

The men whose (sic) names are under written made application (sic) at this annual (sic)  
meeting (sic) to have their names entered as future members of the Society.

Joseph **Sprague**  
Eli **Webster**  
Horis **Webster**  
Peter **Jones**  
Wm. **Risley**  
James **Mullet**  
Ben. J. **Walworth**  
Alfred **Handy**  
Buckland **Gillet**  
Amos **Palmer**  
Matthew **Greley**  
James **Norton**  
Ebenezer **Shumway**  
Richard **Woleben**  
Joseph **Porter**  
Ebenezer **Eaton**  
Michael **Morton**  
Walter **Porter**  
Abram **Johnson**  
Thomas G. **Abell**  
Levi **Risley**  
Henry **King**  
Edward H. **Mulford**  
Edward **Howard**  
Israel **Smith**  
Abijah **Young**  
Samuel **Shepard**  
Russel **Webster**  
Asa **Pierce**  
B. W. **Barber**  
George C. **Osborn**  
W. A. **Hart**  
Ben. J. F. **Tyler**  
B. **Robens**  
N. D. **Snow**  
A. H. **Walker**

Thos. **Gillis**  
H. C. **Frisbee**  
S. H. **Berry**  
J. **Crane**  
Edward **Hewes**  
W. W. **Dalle**  
G. **Robbens**  
S. **Hart**  
A. **Buckingham**  
W. P. **Gould**  
H. C. **Guild**  
A. H. **Armstrong**  
Graphen **Sweet**  
Benjamin **Cornwell**  
Earl B. **Thompson**

Copy of the Bond for finishing the Meeting house.

Whereas Nathaniel **Crosby** had heretofore contracted with the Trustees of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret, to finish the Meeting House in said Society if the funds should be sufficient, and whereas there is a deficiency of six hundred dollars to finish it, to enable the said **Crosby** to finish the same, therefore, we the undersigned do hereby agree with promise(?) the said **Crosby** to pay him the sum of six hundred dollars in manner following – Viz. One eighth part of said six hundred dollars in cash by the first of October next, & the remainder payable in two equal installments, on the first of October & first of January next, in grain or meat(?) stock delivered at W. **Smith's** Store at Cash price, & for the purpose of remunerating ourselves for the six hundred dollars so agreed to be paid, we are to have & own, and the Trustees of the Society do agree, that we shall have & own the remaining unsold Slips – Viz. No. 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 34, 41, 42, 45 & we are to sell the same at the appiasal (sic), or rent the same as opportunity may offer and reimburse ourselves out of the avails.

Dated July 8<sup>th</sup>, **1823**

Walter **Smith**, Pearson **Crosby**, Richard **Woleben**, Morris **Adams**, Zattu **Cushing**, Nathaniel **Crosby**, M. D. **Harmon**, Martin **Eastwood**, B. **Randall**

**1825** Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 4 P.M.

At a meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret holden (sic) at the Baptist Meeting House in the Village of Fredonia on the fifth day of September **1825** in pursuance of publick (sic) notice previously given, Benjamin **Randall** was called to the Chair. The business of the meeting being brought forward which was to ascertain whether the Society wished to retain Elder Elisha **Tucker** to preach to them for the year to come. The year to commence on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August last past, 1<sup>st</sup> voted that we wish to have Elder **Tucker** for our Minister for this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to choose a Committee to circulate a subscription paper in order thereby to obtain a support for Elder **Tucker**. 3<sup>rd</sup> Chose Benjamin **Randall** Esq., David J. **Matteson** & Walter **Cushing** for that committee. 4<sup>th</sup> Voted that this committee make a report to the Society of what they have done, on

Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> instant at 4 o'clock P.M. at this place. 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 17<sup>th</sup> instant at 4 o'clock P.M. at this place.

Thomas **Morton**, Clerk

**1825** Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Society met according to adjournment & the above named committee reported that the subscription paper is filled in part, & a prospect of more. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first day of October next, at 5 o'clock P.M. at this place.

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Society met according to adjournment & having received the Deed of the Ministerial Land from the Holland Land Company, & the deed not giving them power to convey the Land for more than twenty one years, the Trustees are in trouble, having sold the land to Aaron **Osborn**, received payment & Osborn expecting a Deed from them.

**1826** March 20<sup>th</sup> Society met at the Baptist Meeting house according to Notice previously given and adjourned to **Harmon's** Hotel, & proceeded (sic) to business according to adjournment. 1<sup>st</sup> Voted that we approve of what the Trustees have done in selling the gospel Land to Aaron **Osborn**. 2. Voted to empower the Trustees to sell so much of the unsold ground in the Meeting House, as will pay A. **Osborn** \$25.00 due him from the Society, either at Auction or private sale. 3 voted to empower the Trustees to Sell the property in the Meeting House at their discretion to pay Nathaniel **Crosby**. 4<sup>th</sup> dissolved the meeting.

**1826** Aug. 't 20<sup>th</sup>

At the Annual meeting of the Baptist Society convened at the Meeting House in Fredonia, August 20<sup>th</sup>, **1826**.

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Benjamin **Randall** Moderator.

2. David J. **Matteson** Clk. pro tem.

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to request Elder **Tucker** to preach with us for the ensuing year.

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to allow Elder **Tucker** four Sabbath's for his own convenience.

5<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Trustees raise by subscription money for the purpose of fencing the Meeting house & cause it to be done.

6 Trustees instructed to call a meeting for fencing the burying ground.

D. J. **Matteson**, Clk. pro tem

Fredonia August 9<sup>th</sup>, **1828**.

Society met according to appointment organized by appointing Edward H. **Mulford** Chairman & Nathaniel **Crosby** Secretary pro tem.

1<sup>st</sup> Voted that we are satisfied with the services of Elder **Tucker** for the year past, and that we use the customary means to retain him another year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the Trustees make such repairs on the meeting house as are necessary, and pay the expense out of the funds of the Society.



Society met at the meeting house according to notice previously given in conformity to the statute for the purpose of choosing one trustee in the place of John Z. **Saxton** whose term of office will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst.

Chose Abraham **Johnson** trustee.

A. **Young**, clerk

**1834** June 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Society met at the meeting house according to notice previously given in conformity to the statute for the purpose of choosing one trustee in the place of Nath.'l **Crosby** whose term of office will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst.

Chose John Z. **Saxton** trustee.

A. **Young**, Clk.

**1835** June 22<sup>nd</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Society met at the meeting house according to notice previously given in conformity to the statute for the purpose of choosing one trustee in the place of Tho.'s G. **Abell** whose term of office will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst.

Chose James **Norton** trustee.

A. **Young**, Clerk

**1836** June 14<sup>th</sup> 14. Annual Meeting

Society met at this Meeting house agreeable to notice previously given in conformity to the statute.

Elected Stephen **May** as trustee for one year to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Abr.'m **Johnson**. Elected A. C. **Guyld** as trustee for the term of three years.

Chose Josiah **More** as Collector of the funds to build the Parsonage house. Chose David **Barrell**, Clk. Meeting dissolved.

A. **Young**, Clk. pro tem

**1837** June 15 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Society in Pomfret. Agreeable to notice previously given according to Laws. S. **May** chosen Moderator.

Proceeded to Elect by Ballot one trustee to fill the place of Jas. **Norton**.

On counting the ballots it appeared that Benj.'n **Randall** was duly elected Trustee.

Meeting dissolved.

D. **Barrell** Clk.

**1838** June 9 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Annual meeting held at this meeting house on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June agreeable to previous Legal notice.

A. C. **Guild** Chosen Moderator, proceeded to Ballot for one trustee to fill the vacancy of Stephen **May**, term of service having expired.

On counting the ballots, Alford **Stoddard** was declared duly elected.

(will expire June 9, **1841**.)

Meeting dissolved.

D. **Barrell** Clk.

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret (Agreeably to Legal Notice previously given) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June **1839**.

Deacon Ebenezer **Webster** was chosen Moderator.

1<sup>st</sup> Voted by Ballot and made choice of John **Forbes** as Trustee in the place of A. C.

**Guild**, when term of service expires on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June Instant.

Ebenezer **Webster**, Moderator

(it should have ben (sic) the 14<sup>th</sup> next that **Guilds** term expires)

We hereby constitute and appoint Lewis B. **Grant** as clerk of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Society in Pomfret in place of David **Barrell**

Fredonia April 14, **1840**

Alford **Stoddard**

John **Forbes**

Special Society Meeting or 18<sup>th</sup> Ann'l. M.

At a Special Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April **1840**.

Convened in pursuance of a notice that had been made in pursuance of the provisions of the statute.

The meeting made choice of Stephen **May** and Daniel **Saxton** as Moderators and Lewis B. **Grant**, Clerk pro tem.

Voted by Ballot and duly elected James **Hilton** as Trustee in the place of Benjamin **Randall** deceased.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Stephen **May** & Daniel **Saxton** – Moderators

Attest L.B. **Grant** Clerk Pro tem

Special M.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April **1840** the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Society in Pomfret have adopted as their common Seal a Half Dime dated **1839** – to use the side that Reads “Half Dime”.

(So. Seal)

L. B. **Grant**, Clerk to the Trustees

Special M.

Fredonia January 5 **1841** at a Special Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret called in pursuance of the Provisions of the Statute. Made choice of Thos. **G. Abel** and John **Miller** as Moderators and L. B. **Grant**, Clerk pro tem. Ballotted (sic) for Trustee and duly elected Joel R. **Parker** in place of James **Hilton** whose term of service having expired.

(will expire June 15, **1843**)

Thos. **G. Abel** & John **Miller** – Moderators

L. B. **Grant**, Clerk Pro Tem

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret June 7, **1841** assembled in pursuance of the provisions of the Statute. Organized by choosing Daniel **Saxton**, Moderator and L. B. **Grant**, Clerk Pro tem. Proceeded (sic) to the election of one Trustee to fill the place of Alford **Stoddard** whose term of Service will expire on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant. Upon counting the ballots Alford **Stoddard** was duly elected.

(term will expire June 9. **1844**)

Daniel **Saxton**, Moderator

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

Special Mg.

Special Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret called by the Trustees of the said Society in pursuance of the provision of the Statute for the purpose of dispersing of Money arising from the sale of the Parsonage as made by the Trustees in accordance with an order of the Vice Chancellor of the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit and Deeded to Beria N. **Leach** sometime in **1838** or **1839**.

Organised (sic) by choosing Thos. **G. Abel**, Moderator and L. B. **Grant**, Clerk Pro tem. Upon Motion Resolved that the Trustees retain in their hands money to defray the expenses already incurred and all they may incur in Collecting the said demand(?).

Resolved that money arising from the sale of the Parsonage as made to B. N. **Leach** and Deeded by the Trustees of the Society in **1838** or **1839** be paid to the respective individuals who contributed to purchase and erect the Parsonage, and who have not already been paid, and that the Trustees be authorized to take the notes of D. J. **Mullen** on interest payable in one year to the respective individuals who may have claims, and that L. B. **Grant** and D. **Barrell** be authorised (sic) to determin (sic) the amount of the Several Claims and the amount due to each out of the said sum. And in case of their disagreement, that T. G. **Abel** be the third person to decide in reference to the matter. Resolved that this meeting be dissolved.

L. B. **Grant**, Clk. Pro tem

Amount of claims allowed and dividends made out with the amt. of B. N. **Leaches** sides(?) due Feby 15 **1842** under the abov (sic) arrangements.

Allowed

Dividend

A. C. <b>Guild</b>	19.77	12.45
<b>Wood &amp; Walker</b>	35.00	22.04
Joseph <b>Porter</b>	8.75	5.49
P. L. <b>Shepherd</b>	40.00	25.18
E. M. <b>Pettitt</b>	16.40	10.33
Graffin <b>Sweet</b>	35.00	22.04
Ora <b>Winsor</b>	20.00	12.59
John <b>Forbes</b>	40.00	25.18
Widow <b>Crosby</b>	7.50	4.72
Joana <b>Harris</b>	3.75	2.36
E. <b>Howard</b>	4.00	2.51
A. <b>Buckingham</b>	5.00	3.14
D. <b>Barrel</b>	40.00	25.18
Cynthia <b>Carry</b> 6	.50	.31
Jas. <b>Norton</b> Senior	10.00	6.29
Z. <b>Cushing</b>	25.00	15.72
J. <b>Pettitt</b>	6.32	3.97
S. <b>Stearns</b>	15.00	9.44
E. <b>Johnson</b>	3.75	2.36
A. <b>Stoddard</b>	21.00	13.20
J. <b>Moore</b>	18.52	11.63
T. G. <b>Abel</b>	35.00	22.04
Horace <b>Webster</b>	15.00	9.44
Jonathan <b>Hempsted</b>	20.00	12.58
Ebenezer <b>Webster</b>	15.00	9.44
Roland <b>Porter</b>	5.00	3.14
Thomas <b>Osborn</b>	2.50	1.58
John <b>Champlin</b>	7.50	4.72
Russel <b>Webster</b>	2.00	1.26
Alanson <b>Bailey</b>	1.00	.63
Jacob <b>Moran</b>	6.00	3.77
Chester <b>Davison</b>	10.00	6.50
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	494.26	311.02
L. B. <b>Grant</b> for Costs & c.		42.00
E. <b>Risley's</b> Co. for Light(?)		<u>9.92</u>
		362.94

1 note so(?) B. N. <b>Leach</b> due Aug. 15, <b>1839</b>	\$116.55
1 " " " " " " 15, <b>1840</b>	<u>200.00</u>
	316.55
interest to Jan. 'y 15, <b>1842</b> 14:18 deduct payment	<u>173.62</u>
	142.93
1 note due Aug. 15, <b>1842</b> \$200—interest to Jan'y 15, <b>1842</b>	<u>205.83</u>
	348.76

Amount of Demands against Rev. B. N. **Leach**



Due January 15, <b>1842</b>		
1 Note due Aug. 15, <b>1839</b>	\$116.55	
1 " " " 15, <b>1840</b>	<u>200.00</u>	316.55
deduct amt. Paid to this date		<u>173.62</u>
		142.93
Interest to January 15, <b>1842</b>		14.18
1 Note due Aug. 15, <b>1841</b>		200.00
interest to January 15, <b>1842</b>		<u>5.83</u>
		362.94

The above funds are disposed of by Recovry(?) D. J. **Mattesons** notes to the several individuals named on the previous page. – January 15, **1842**

Names of Persons who applied to the Clerk of the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Society in Pomfret – who desired their names to be recorded as Members and Voters of said Society according to the Statute in such case.

<b>1840</b> April 17	Jonathan <b>Hempsted</b>
" " "	Lewis M. <b>Randall</b>
" " "	Lewis B. <b>Grant</b>
<b>1842</b> May 2	John <b>Forbes</b>
" June 6	Thos. G. <b>Abell</b>
" " "	Elias <b>Forbes</b>
<b>1843</b> Sept. 15	David <b>Benjamin</b>
" " 15	Joel <b>Parker</b> Senior
" " 15	James <b>Hilton</b>
" " "	Amos I. <b>Mead</b>
" " "	Benjamin <b>Locke</b>
" " "	John <b>Miller</b>
" " "	Daniel <b>Saxton</b>
" " 22	Rufus <b>Thompson</b>
<b>1844</b> January 4	Baxter <b>Dodge</b>
" " 10	Andrew J. <b>Gillett</b>
" " 10	Alford <b>Stoddard</b>
<b>1848</b> May 12	Charles <b>Batcheler</b>

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June **1842** held in pursuance of the Provisions of the Statute.

Choose (sic) Thos. G. **Abell**, Moderator & L. B. **Grant**, Clerk Pro tem.

Made choice of Joseph **Porter** as Trustee in place of John **Forbes**, whose term of service will expire on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June Instant.

(will expire June 14, **1845**)

L. B. **Grant**, Clerk P. T.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret, June 5, **1843** convened in pursuance of the provisions of the Statute. Choose (sic) Daniel **Saxton**, Moderator and Roswell B. **Morgan**, Clerk Pro tem.

Choose (sic) John **Forbes** Trustee in place of Joel R. **Parker** whose term of service will expire on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June Instant.

(will expire June 15, **1846**)

Daniel **Saxton**, Moderator

Roswell B. **Morgan**, Clerk Pro tem

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret convened at the Meeting House in pursuance of the provision of the Statute, June 3, **1844**. Choose (sic) R. B. **Morgan**, Moderator and Jonathan **Phelps**, Clerk Pro tem. Proceeded (sic) to Elect one Trustee in place of Alford **Stoddard** whose term of service will expire on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June instant. Upon counting the votes, Joel R. **Parker** was duly elected.

(will expire June 9, **1847**)

R.B. **Morgan**, Moderator

Jonathan **Phelps**, Clerk Pro tem

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret at the Meeting House of said Society on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June **1845** notice having been duly given in accordance with the provisions of the Statute for the Election of One Trustee in place of Joseph **Porter** whose term will expire on the fourteenth day of June. Appointed Joel R. **Parker**, Moderator, L. B. **Grant**, Clerk Pro tem. Voted by Ballott (sic) and found Alford **Stoddard** duly elected.

(will expire June 14, **1848**)

Moderator

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

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Fredonia, June 6, **1846**.

At the Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret, at the Meeting House of said Society, convened in pursuance of notice according to the provisions of the Statute on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June **1846**.

Made choice of R.B. **Morgan**, Moderator.

“ “ of L. B. **Grant**, Clerk Pro tem.

Balloted for one Trustee in the place of John **Forbes** when term of service expires on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June Inst.

Upon counting the Ballots found John **Forbes** to be duly elected.

(will expire June 15, **1849**)

Adjourned sine die.

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

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

June 1<sup>st</sup>, **1847**. The First Baptist Society in Pomfret met in the Meeting House in pursuance of notice previously given in pursuance of the provisions of the Statute. Appointed John **Miller**, Moderator and L. B. **Grant**, Clerk Pro tem. Met for the purpose of choosing one Trustee in the place of Joel R. **Parker** whose term of service will expire on the ninth day of June. Proceeded (sic) to elect by Ballot, one Trustee. Upon counting the votes, found Joel R. **Parker** to be duly elected.

(will expire June 9, **1850**)

Adjourned sine die.

L. B. **Grant**, Clk. Pro tem

First Annual Society Meeting after the Union of the two bodies Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, **1848**.

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting from the first.

June 5<sup>th</sup>, **1848**. The First Baptist Society in Pomfret held a meeting at the Meeting House in pursuance of the provisions of the statute, notice having been duly given. Appointed D. **Barrell**, Moderator & A. **Buck**, Clerk pro tem. Met for the purpose of choosing one Trustee in the place of Alford **Stoddard** whose term of service will expire on the fourteenth day of June inst. Proceeded to the election. 21 ballot: on canvassing, found John **Hamilton** to be duly elected.

(will expire June 14, **1851**)

A. **Buck**, Clk. pro tem.

On motion of Stephen **May**, Resolved that the Trustees be requested to enquire into the condition & ownership of slips in the meeting house & to report at another day.

On motion, adjourned sine die.

A. **Buck**, Clk. pro tem.

At the above Annual meeting the following persons presented themselves & requested to have their names entered as future members of the Society.

Jno. **Hamilton**

Myron **Frisbee**

Levi **Sellick**

James **Butler**

Isaac **Woodruff**

Clark C. **Woodruff**

A. **Buck**

Joseph C. **Sweet**

A. Z. **Madison**

At the close of the above meeting & at the request of the church, a meeting was held for the purpose of instructing the committee for the supply of the Desk. Heard in part a report from said commite: that Elder Wm. **Storrs**, the present incumbent of the desk had personally withdrawn his claim & wished no longer to be regarded as a candidate for the Pastorate.

On motion, Resolved that this Society raise the amount of \$100. to be placed in the hands of the committee to defray the expenses of the supply of the pulpit.

On motion of D. J. **Matteson**, seconded by May **Osborn**, Resolved that this Soc. instruct the com. of the chh. to open a correspondence with Eld. E. **Tucker** with a view to his settlement with us as our minister.

On motion of D. J. **Matteson**, sec. by A. H. **Armstrong**, Resolved that this Society instruct the com. of the church to open a correspondence with Eld. **Silliman** with a view to his settlement with us as our minister & that each minister be apprized (sic) of the correspondence with the other. On motion, adjourned sine die.

A. **Buck**, Clerk

#### Special Meeting

Special Meeting of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret convened Sept. 2, **1848**, in pursuance of notice given by Trustees August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Upon motion, Resolved that D. J. **Matteson** be Moderator.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the Moderator and others.

On motion of Dwight **Woodruff**, seconded by E. **Bliss**, Resolved that we raise by Subscription, Four Hundred Dollars to be placed in the hands of the committee of the Church and Society to pay for Preaching one year.

On motion of J. **Hamilton**, seconded by L. B. **Grant**, Resolved that this meeting be adjourned sine die.

L. B. **Grant**, Clerk

#### Special Meeting

Special Society Meeting held April 30, **1849** in pursuance of notice given by Trustees, Lords day April 29.

Resolved that Stephen **May** be Moderator upon the committee of the church, being called upon in reference to their action in supplying the Desk. A. Z. **Madison** made report and particularly in regard to Elder **Griswold**, that he could be obtained for \$400.

On motion of J. **Forbes**, seconded by Brother **Hamilton**, Resolved that the Trustees be requested to obtain the services of Elder S. T. **Griswold**, his name having been presented by the committee of the church.

Resolved that the Society will raise by Contribution or Subscription \$400. to be placed in the hands of Trustees to be appropriated to pay Elder **Griswold** for one year salary – payable quarterly.

Resolved that the Chairman appoint a committee to examine old Claims against the Society and that they report at the Annal (sic) Meeting.

The Chair appointed John **Hamilton** & Charles **Batcheler**.

Resolved that we raise \$400, to pay about \$12 to E. **Morrison** & I. H. **Damon** \$6., the balance to expend in repairing the house.

Resolved that the committee of the church circulate subscriptions.

Resolved that we raise \$40. to pay Elder **Griswolds** moving expenses.

Resolved that we adjourn.

L. B. **Grant**, Clerk

We the Trustees of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret, hereby constitute and appoint **A. Z. Madison** Clerk to the said Trustees and Society.

Fredonia, June 11, **1849**

**John Forbes, J. R. Parker, & J. Hamilton**

2<sup>nd</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Pursuant to previous public notice duly given according to law, an annual meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret was held in the Meeting house on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June **1849** at 1 O'clock P.M.

1<sup>st</sup> On motion made & seconded, Resolved that Thomas G. **Abell** be the Chairman of this meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. S. T. **Griswold**, present, and being called upon by the Chairman, offered prayer.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Clerk (on call from Society) read the minutes of all the meetings of the Society during the past year.

4<sup>th</sup> Proceeded to ballot for a Trustee in place of John **Forbes** whose term of service will expire on 15<sup>th</sup> June inst., the result of which was that eleven votes were given for David **Barrell**, two votes for Lewis B. **Grant**, and one vote for A. Z. **Madison** for such trustee, whereupon David **Barrell** was declared duly elected Trustee.

(will expire 15<sup>th</sup> June **1852**)

5<sup>th</sup> Sundry Remarks were made on different subjects connected with the Society, as to repairs of the M. House, ownership of slips & c. & c.

6<sup>th</sup> On motion of J. **Hamilton**, seconded, Resolved David J. **Matteson** and O. A. **Buck** be a committee to examine the House and report forthwith their opinion as to the amt. of expense necessary to paint, glaze, whitewash and otherwise temporarily repair the interior of the House.

7<sup>th</sup> The above named committee examined the House, and reported as follows, to wit. Repairing Windows \$4. Repairing Gallery seats \$1. White washing \$2. Cleaning \$5. Oil \$7. Lead \$8. Work \$10. Amounting to \$37.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Resolved that, (if the remains of an Organ in the Gallery & Basement belongs to the Society) the Trustees be instructed to sell the same to the highest bidder.

9<sup>th</sup> The committee previously appointed to examine old claims against the Society, by John **Hamilton**, reported that in the discharge of the duty imposed, they had found no other except, a claim for painting & repairing the Meeting house in **1847** by Jno. **Forbes** the balance due \$26.48 and a similar acct. of **Grant & Forbes**, the balance due \$24.48., both amounting to \$50.96. Also that it appeared that there was debts standing against the Society when the division of the ch. occurred about **1839**, amounting to between fifty and fifty-one dollars.

10<sup>th</sup> On motion of D. J. **Matteson**, seconded, Resolved to accept the report of the committee.

11<sup>th</sup> On motion of D. J. **Matteson**, seconded, Resolved that the Society instruct the Trustees to draw a subscription and circulate the same to raise \$50.96., payable to claimants viz. John **Forbes**, and **Grant & Forbes**, which as fast as paid over to them to so far apply toward cancelling (sic) said claims.

12<sup>th</sup> On motion of L. B. **Grant**, seconded, Resolved that the Resolution of Apl. 30 to raise \$100 for Repairs and other purposes there named be rescinded, and that the subscription procured in virtue of said Resolution be hereby cancelled.

On motion of L. B. **Grant**, seconded, Resolved that the Trustees circulate a subscription to raise Sixty Dollars from which \$12. is to be paid to E. **Morrison**, \$6. to be paid to. I. H. **Damon** & the balance (\$42.) to be appropriated to repairs of the House.

13<sup>th</sup> The following persons present, made request that their names be entered as future members of the Society. Viz. Isaac H. **Damon**, George W. **Lewis**, John **Champlin**.

14. The minutes of this Meeting were read by the Clerk and approved.

15. On motion made and seconded, Resolved to adjourn sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

3<sup>rd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

An annual meeting was held according to notice previously given, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, **1850** in Meeting house.

On motion of John **Forbes**, seconded, Resolved that Joel R. **Parker** be Moderator of this meeting.

On motion of J. **Forbes**, seconded, Resolved that Roswell B. **Morgan** be associated with Moderator as presiding officers at the election of Trustee in place of J. R. **Parker** whose term soon expires. (June 9<sup>th</sup>, **1850**)

Proceeded to ballot for one Trustee, & on canvassing votes found the following result, viz. five votes were given for Lewis B. **Grant** & two votes were given for Dwight A. **Woodruff**. Moderator announced the election of Lewis B. **Grant**, Trustee. (will expire 15 June, **1852**)

On motion, seconded, Resolved to adjourn sine die.

Prayer by Eld. **Griswold**.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

4<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret was held in the meeting house pursuant to previous notice June 7<sup>th</sup>, **1851**.

On motion of L. B. **Grant**, seconded by A. **Guild**, Resolved that David **Barrell** be Moderator of this meeting.

Resolved that A. Z. **Madison** be Clerk of this meeting.

Proceeded to ballot for Trustee & on canvassing votes, found that Dwight A. **Woodruff** was unanimously elected as Trustee for three years.

(will expire June 14, **1854**)

Resolved that we as a Society approve the settlement of the Rev. Arnold **Kingsbury** as Pastor of the Church at a salary of Six Hundred Dollars per annum & house rent & his moving expenses furnished him extra.

Resolved to adjourn.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

### Special Meeting

At a special meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret held at the Church pursuant to previous notice March 22<sup>nd</sup>, **1852**. Resolved that David **Barrell** be Moderator of this meeting.

L. B. Grant moved that we raise a fund to repair this house. Same seconded. Motion lost. Resolved that persons present in this meeting, who are interested in the prosperity of the Society, though not legal voters, be invited to participate in our deliberations.

Resolved that a petition to the Court of Chautauqua County be circulated amongst the holders of slips and others interested, for an order to the Trustees authorizing them to sell or dispose of this old meeting house, and apply the proceeds of same towards the erection of a new one.

Resolved that a paper be circulated among slip owners in order to obtain a release of ownership of slips, and that Trustees correspond with such owners who are absent from this place.

Resolved that we make an effort to build a Brick Church on the site of the old one, about 48 x 90 ft.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to circulate subscriptions to raise funds for the purpose to be valid whenever Five Thousand Dollars shall be subscribed.

Resolved that the Trustees, viz. David **Barrell**, Lewis B. **Grant** and Dwight A. **Woodruff** together with Alford **Stoddard** and Philip S. **Cottle** associated, be said committee.

Resolved to adjourn sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

### Memorandum

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, **1852**, the following named persons gave in their names as members of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret, viz. Anson **Porter**, Seth **Chapin**, Salem G. **Kennedy**, John R. **Madison**, Nath. l L. **Payne**, John **Hamilton** Jr., George W. **Lewis**, Lewis M. **Walker**.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

### (Special Meeting)

At a special meeting of the first Bap. So. in Pomfret, held in the M. H. pursuant to notice of Trustees, April 29, **1852**.

Resolved that L. B. **Grant** be Moderator of this meeting.

After some consultation as to the deficit in subscription for the new Meeting house,

Resolved to adjourn this meeting to Friday evening at 7 O'clock, May 7<sup>th</sup> at this place.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

Present: Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, L. B. **Grant**, D. **Barrell**, J. R. **Parker**, D. A. **Woodruff**, C. **Batcheller**, P. S. **Cottle**, L. M. **Walker**, A. Z. **Madison**.

### Adjourned Meeting

At an adjourned meeting of the first Bap. So. of Pomfret held at Church Friday evening, May 7, **1852**. L. B. **Grant**, Mod. in Chair.

The whole evening was spent in talk as to the legality of meetings & doing anything with the old Church & the expediency of building a new one. It was announced that the subscription for that object now a little exceeded five thousand dollars.

Resolved to adjourn to Wednesday evening of next week, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 ½ O'clock.

Present in this meeting: Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, L. B. **Grant**, D. A. **Woodruff** & his son Charles, A. J. **Gillett**, D. **Barrell**, J. R. **Parker** & his son Julius, W. J. **Gardner**, I. H. **Damon**, Alford **Stoddard**, Lewis M. **Walker**, David J. **Matteson**, Thos. G. **Abell** & A. Z. **Madison**.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

#### Adjourned Meeting

At an adjourned meeting of the first Bap. So. in Pomfret held in the Church Wed. evening May 12, **1852**, L. B. **Grant**, Mod. in Chair.

Records of meetings previous from Mch. 22<sup>nd</sup>, **1852** were read, accompanied by remarks of Mod.

On motion of J. R. **Parker**, seconded by Chas. **Batcheller**, Resolved that we instruct the Trustees to make a legal disposition of the old Meeting House, arrange a plan and proceed with the erection of a New Church on same site.

Before this resolution passed, many remarks were offered on it by different persons & particularly by D. J. **Matteson** who differed in judgment from others as to legality and expediency. He requested the voters present to be ascertained & polled on this resolution.

On the resolution when the question was called the following persons voted aye. Viz. D. A. **Woodruff**, L. B. **Grant**, J. R. **Parker**, L. M. **Walker**, Chas. **Batcheller**, A. Z. **Madison**, and the following being called declined to vote on the Resolution. Viz. I. H. **Damon**, D. J. **Matteson** & R. B. **Morgan**.

On motion made and seconded, Resolved that Lewis M. **Walker**, Alford **Stoddard**, Philip S. **Cottle**, & Joel R. **Parker** be associated with the Trustees, as a building committee to carry out the objects of the preceding Resolution.

On motion, seconded, Resolved to adjourn this meeting sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

Persons attending the foregoing meeting viz.: Anson **Porter**, I. H. **Damon**, E. D. **White**, D. A. **Woodruff**, Jno. **Hamilton Jr.**, L. B. **Grant**, A. Z. **Madison**, J. R. **Parker**, L. M. **Walker**, C. E. **Barkley**, Chas. **Batcheller**, D. J. **Matteson**, R. B. **Morgan**, (Stranger), S. G. **Kennedy**, Jno. R. **Madison**, H. H. **Lewis**.

Names given as members of Society.

Charles E. **Barkley**, Harrison H. **Lewis**, Loren **Colburn**, Carlton N. **Walker**, James H. **Madison**, Wm. **Bond**.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting of the first Bap. So. in Pomfret was held pursuant to legal notice at the Meeting House, June 8<sup>th</sup>, **1852**.



Present: L. B. **Grant**, David **Barrell**, Joel R. **Parker**, David J. **Matteson**, I. H. **Damon**, Jno. **Hamilton Jr.**, A. Z. **Madison**.

On motion, seconded, Resolved that Lewis B. **Grant** be the Chairman of this meeting. Resolved that A. Z. **Madison** be also associated with the Ch. as Inspectors of Election. Proceeded to ballot for one Trustee in place of David **Barrell** whose term will expire 15 inst. On canvassing the votes, it was found that David **Barrell** had received five votes for such Trustee & Joel R. **Parker** one vote for same.

(D. **Barrell**, Trustee – term will expire June 15, **1855**)

After a little consultation, on motion, seconded, Resolved to adjourn this meeting sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clerk

### Special Meeting

At a meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret held at the basement of the Church Dec. 17, **1852**, pursuant to previous notice. The following persons were present, viz. Chas. **Batcheller**, David **Barrell**, Lewis B. **Grant**, Joel R. **Parker**, D. A. **Woodruff**, Henry A. **Buck**, Lewis M. **Walker**, Levi C. **Miller**, Ira **Hill**, Isaac **Woodruff**, Loren **Colburn**, George W. **Lewis**, Jno. **Hamilton Jr.**, Isaac H. **Damon**, Elias **Johnson**, James **Rowe**, Joseph C. **Sweet**, Hiram H. **Sweet**, George **Walker**, J. F. **Willey**, A. Z. **Madison**. On motion made and seconded, Resolved that Charles **Batcheller** be the Moderator of this meeting.

Remarks by D. **Barrell**, L. B. **Grant**, Geo. W. **Lewis** and others as to the mode of selecting and designating slips in the basement for use of families and individuals the ensuing year.

On motion of G. W. **Lewis**, seconded by D. **Barrell**, Resolved that after reserving the four rear body slips for the choir and all the open or front slips for strangers & others who may attend and likewise one slip for the family of our Pastor, the minimum prices or rent of each remaining slip to the person who should occupy same for the year to come shall be Two dollars and that the highest bidder under that sum shall be entitled to choice of slips till all are taken. The fund so raised to be applied to defray the current expenses of the Society for wood, lights, & c. and if an overflow, same to apply on the debts of the Society due to D. **Barrell** and L. B. **Grant** for expenses of two years past.

So far as selections of slips were made, they were as follows to wit.

	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Bid</u>	
1. by Charles <b>Batcheller</b>	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$4.50
1. “ David <b>Barrell</b>	2.00	2.50	4.50
2. “ Lewis B. <b>Grant</b>	2.00 ea.	2.00 ea.	8.00
2. “ Joel R. <b>Parker</b>	2.00 ea.	2.00 ea.	8.00
1. “ D. A. <b>Woodruff</b>	2.00	.75	2.75
1. “ Henry A. <b>Buck</b>	2.00	.50	2.50
1. “ L. M. <b>Walker</b>	2.00	2.50	4.50
1. “ L. C. <b>Miller</b> & L. <b>Bartholomew</b>	2.00	.50	2.50
1. “ Loren <b>Colburn</b>	2.00	.25	2.25
1. “ Geo. W. <b>Lewis</b>	2.00	2.50	4.50
1. “ Isaac H. <b>Damon</b>	2.00	.75	2.75

1. “ James <b>Rowe</b>	2.00	.75	2.75
1. “ H. H. <b>Sweet &amp; Geo. Walker</b>	2.00	.75	2.75
1. “ A. Z. <b>Madison</b>	2.00	2.00	4.00
1. “ J. F. <b>Wiley</b>	2.00	.00	2.00
Ira <b>Hill</b> towards Exp. & (?)			<u>.50</u>
			\$58.75

Left this list & further disposition of slips with L. B. **Grant**.

Resolved to adjourn sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

6<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

At an annual meeting of the first Bap. Society in Pomfret held pursuant to notice at the basement of Chh. June 7, **1853**. David **Barrell** was chosen Moderator, and (in absence of the Clerk,) Thomas B. **Sweet**, Clk. Pro T. and associate Inspector of election.

Ballotted (sic) for one Trustee in the place of Lewis B. **Grant** whose term expires June 9, **1853**.

On canvassing the votes, it was ascertained that Lewis B. **Grant** was re-elected Trustee for the ensuing three years.

(L. B. **Grant**'s term expires June 9, **1856**.)

Resolved to adjourn sine die.

Thos. B. **Sweet**, Clk. Pro Tem

Special Meeting

At a special meeting of the first Bap. So. in Pomfret held pursuant to a call of the Trustees, duly announced June 24, **1853**, at the basement of Church.

On motion of L. B. **Grant**, seconded, Resolved that David **Barrell** be Moderator of this meeting.

On motion of L. B. **Grant**, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Resolved that the Pastor have the privilege of selecting one slip for family one year.

On motion of L. B. **Grant**, seconded by Alford **Stoddard**, Resolved that the Trustees appoint a day for the sale of the occupancy of the slips in the audience room of the new Church – that They have discretionary power to name the sum from time to time at which the bid shall be started and that the slips be disposed of to the highest bidder, the person purchasing, to have the privilege of making his own selection, and to pay to the Trustees seven percent on the amount of his purchase money annually towards the expenses of the Society. Neglecting to pay as above, at the expiration of the year, he forfeits the slip to Trustees for the use of the Society. Any sum that said person may have paid toward the erection of the house to apply in payment on his bid for slip. The Trustees to lease for one year, according to their discretion, any slips, the occupancy of which may not have been disposed of.

The following named persons were present during the whole or part of the time of said meeting, viz. D. **Barrell**, A. Z. **Madison**, D. A. **Woodruff**, W. J. **Gardner**, I. H. **Damon**, **Gibbs**, Stephen **May**, **Traverse**, L. B. **Grant**, J. R. **Parker**, Alford **Stoddard**, P. S.

**Cottle**, (**Parker**), **Green**, Chas. **Batcheller**, Geo. **Lewis**, Joseph **Robbins**, Jno. **Hamilton Jr.**, Joseph **Sweet**, Geo. C. **Osborn**, Chas. E. **Barkley**, R. B. **Morgan**.

On motion, seconded, Adjourned sine die.  
A. Z. **Madison**, Clk. So.

#### Special Meeting

At a special meeting of the first Bap. So. in Pomfret held pursuant to a call of the Trustees in the Ch. July 8<sup>th</sup>, **1853**.

On motion, seconded, Elected John **Chandler** Moderator of the meeting.

On his declination, the vote was rescinded.

On motion of D. **Barrell**, seconded, Elected Philip S. **Cottle**, Esq. Moderator of this meeting.

At the request of L. B. **Grant**, the clerk read the Resolution of the last So. Meeting held June 24<sup>th</sup> ult. in relation to the disposal of slips in the new church.

With some explanatory remarks L. B. **Grant** moved to rescind said Resolution which being seconded called forth remarks from D. **Barrell**, L. B. **Grant**, Mod., J. R. **Parker** & C. **Batcheller** & passed.

On motion of L. M. **Walker**, seconded by Mod., Resolved that the Trustees be instructed to reserve ten slips, beside the one reserved for the Pastor, for Free Slips, and then average the rent of the rest of the slips for one year so that the whole amount of rents shall amount to \$1600.

Resolved that after the Trustees shall have fixed the price of rent on each slip, they proceed to sell to the highest bidder over such sum, not receiving a bid below the price fixed by them. They to point out the slip offered for sale. Said rent to commence July 1, **1853** and be payable one half on the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. and the remainder on the 1<sup>st</sup> April next.

The Trustees made the average of price & then sold by D. **Barrell** auctioneer.

Resolved to adjourn to 1 ½ O'clock P.M.

At 1 ½ O'clock Society met again and resumed the sale of lease as before disposing of 44 slips in all.

Resolved to adjourn this meeting to July 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. at this place at one O'clock P.M. for leasing the remainder of slips. Trustees in the interim to lease at their discretion.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

#### Slip renting

At the meeting of Society July 8<sup>th</sup>/53 of which the foregoing is the record, the following named persons were present either all or part of the time. Viz. Philip S. **Cottle**, A. Z. **Madison**, David **Barrell**, Lewis B. **Grant**, Dwight A. **Woodruff**, Isaac **Woodruff**, Abner **Tiffany**, Jno. **Hamilton** Jr., Brigham **Sweet**, Elijah **Morrison**, John **Chandler**, William **Higgins**, Joel R. **Parker**, Henry A. **Buck**, Dr. E. A. **Merrifield**, Lewis M. **Walker**, R. B. **Morgan**, Alonzo **Andrews**, I. H. **Damon**, Chas. **Batcheller**, John **Champlin**, Levi C. **Miller**, John **Ross**, Joseph **Porter**, Herodotus **Smith**, John F. **Wiley**, Harrison H. **Lewis**, Charles E. **Barkley**, Geo. W. **Lewis**, Joseph **Robbins**, Darius **Tucker**, Alvah H. **Walker**, Allen **Hinckley**, Irvin **Osborn**, Cornelius **Dewitt**, Willard **Webster**, Caleb **Roberts**, John **Rowe**, Hiram H. **Sweet**, Rowland **Porter**, Sam. 'l B. **Webster**, Hiram **Gilbert**, George **Walker**, William **Taylor**, Robert **Anson**, **Scott**, James

**Rowe, E. M. Smith, Lyman Bartholomew, Thomas B. Sweet, Jos. C. Sweet, Mrs. G. C. Osborn, Mrs. H. H. Lewis, Mrs. C. Dewitt, W. S. Lake, Josiah Moore.**

The following persons leased slips according to the schedule following, viz.

	Slip No.	
Thomas B. Sweet	87	\$ 14.00
Samuel B. Webster	89	11.00
Rowland Porter	91	8.00
Lewis B. Grant	93	8.00
Warren S. Lake	94	8.50
C. E. Barkley (P. S. Cottle)	92	9.50
Levi C. Miller	90	11.00
Joseph Porter	88	13.00
Isaac H. Damon	85	11.00
Lewis B. Grant	83	12.00
Lyman Bartholomew	75	15.00
Henry A. Buck	71	18.00
John Chandler	67	20.00
Harrison H. Lewis	63	22.00
John F. Willey	59	23.00
Stephen May	39	25.00
Philip S. Cottle	68	22.00
L. B. Grant	64	31.00
Rev. A. Kingsbury Pastor	60	--
L. B. Grant	56	31.00
A. Z. Madison (exchanged)	41	29.00
Charles Batcheller	48	29.00
John Hamilton Jr.	44	28.00
Joseph C. Sweet	24	18.00
Joel R. Parker	65	30.00
L. M. Walker	61	31.00
J. R. Parker	57	31.00
Lewis M. Walker	53	31.00
David Barrell	45	31.00
G. W. Lewis	37	28.00
Alexander Bond	25	18.00
Joseph Gilbert & M. Gibbs	13	13.00
L. B. G. for Mrs. G. C. Osborn	86	11.00
Josiah Moore	82	16.00
William Taylor	78	15.50
Willard Webster	74	18.00
Herodotus Smith	70	20.00
Dwight A. Woodruff	66	21.00
A. Z. Madison	62	22.00
Dr. Elias Johnson	58	24.00
A. B. Post	50	25.00

Alvah <b>Colburn</b>	46	25.00
Anson <b>Porter</b>	42	25.00
Dr. Emery A. <b>Merrifield</b>	38	24.00
John <b>Rowe</b>	10	<u>13.00</u>
		\$889.50

Friday, July 22, **1853**

Pursuant to adjournment of July 8<sup>th</sup> inst. for Lease of bal. of Slips in Ch., L. B. **Grant**, C. E. **Barkley** and A. Z. **Madison** met at 2 P.M. & no other persons being present, adjourned sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

The Trustees subsequently leased and appropriated other slips as follows, viz.

E. F. <b>Osborn</b>	No. 79 Part	\$ 5.00
Mrs. S. <b>Eddy</b>	“ 43	0.00
Mr. <b>Van Scouter</b>	“ 35 Part	
D. <b>Traverse</b>	“ 31 Part	
Chas. <b>Pettit</b>	“ 15 “	
Jno. B. <b>McClanathan</b>	“ 72	18.00
Geo. <b>Teft &amp; B. Robbins</b>	“ 52	24.00
Mrs. E. <b>Wheeler</b>	“ 36 Part	5.00
Jona <b>Hempsted</b>	“ 32	22.00
<b>Stanley &amp; Anson</b>	“ 28	18.00
Jno. <b>Ross</b>	“ 20 Part	8.00
Mrs. M. B. <b>Cushing</b>	“ 16	10.00
Horace <b>Webster</b>	“ 12	14.00
C. <b>DeWitt &amp; J. Champlin</b>	“ 69	18.00
A. <b>Morian</b>	“ 29	20.00
E. <b>Morrison</b>	“ 21	17.00
Avery M. <b>Guild</b>	“ 84	12.00
Mrs. <b>Burritt &amp; L. B. Tyler</b>	“ 26	

7<sup>th</sup> or 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

At a meeting termed the annual meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret held pursuant to previous public notice June 6<sup>th</sup>, **1854**, Dwight A. **Woodruff** was chosen Moderator & took the Chair.

Resolved that the Moderator and Clerk be Inspectors of this election.

Proceeded to ballot for one trustee in place of D. A. **Woodruff** whose term expires June 14<sup>th</sup> inst. On canvassing ballots Moderator declared Joel R. **Parker** duly elected Trustee for ensuing three years from 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

(J. R. **Parker**'s term expires June 14, **1857**.)

After some consultation, Resolved to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday next, 13<sup>th</sup> June inst. at 6 O'clock P.M.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> June **1854** about 6 or 7 persons met at basement including D. **Barrell** & L. B. **Grant** & after some talk left as reported by J. R. **Parker**  
{D. A. W., J. H. D., J. H. Jr., J. R. P., A. Z. M.}

#### Special Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the first Bap. So. in Pomfret, held at the Church pursuant to Publick (sic) Notice, present all Trustees as Chairman & Clk. & others. June 26, **1854**.

The following named persons leased slips according to the following schedule, viz.

Buckland <b>Gillett</b>	½ of No. 83	\$ 6.00
Philip S. <b>Cottle</b>	No. 47	20.00
I. H. <b>Damon</b>	“ 27	Care Basement
Aaron <b>Clark</b>	½ of “ 19	8.00
L. B. <b>Grant</b>	“ 64	31.00
L. B. <b>Grant</b>	“ 56	31.00
John <b>Hamilton</b> Jr.	“ 44	28.00
Caleb <b>Stanley</b>	“ 28	
Joel R. <b>Parker</b>	“ 57	31.00
J. R. <b>Parker</b>	“ 61	28.00
David <b>Barrell</b>	“ 45	31.00
A. Z. <b>Madison</b>	“ 41	28.00
George W. <b>Lewis</b>	“ 37	28.00
Geo. D. <b>Jones</b> & T. B. <b>Wheelock</b>	“ 33	22.00
Josiah <b>Moore</b>	“ 82	16.00
Samuel B. <b>Webster</b>	“ 12	13.00
Herodotus <b>Smith</b>	“ 70	20.00
Dwight A. <b>Woodruff</b>	“ 66	21.00
A. B. <b>Post</b>	“ 50	25.00
Emery A. <b>Merrifield</b>	“ 38	24.00
Charles <b>Batcheller</b>	“ 48	29.00

Without doing further business the meeting adjourned sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> or 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

At an annual meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret held in the basement of Church on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June **1855** the Clerk called to order, and stated the object of the meeting.

On motion of J. R. **Parker**, seconded, Anson **Porter** was chosen Chairman.

Resolved that A. Z. **Madison** be also associated with Chairman to preside at the election.

Proceeded to ballot for a trustee in place of D. **Barrell** whose term will expire June 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

On canvassing votes, it was found and announced that John **Hamilton** Jr. was duly elected trustee for the ensuing three years from 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

(John **Hamilton** Jr.'s term expires June 15<sup>th</sup>, **1858**.)

No other business being presented,

Resolved to adjourn sine die.

A. Z. **Madison** Clk.

Present J. R. **Parker**, I. H. **Damon**, J. **Hamilton** Jr., Anson **Porter**, A. Z. **Madison**, Philip S. **Cottle**, David J. **Matteson**.

#### Special Meeting

At a special meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret held at the Church pursuant to previous public notice June 26, **1855**. Present L. B. **Grant**, J. R. **Parker**, R. **Porter**, A. **Clark**, D. J. **Matteson**, I. H. **Damon**, E. **Winsor**, I. D. **Bartholomew**, Jno. **Ross**, Joseph C. **Sweet**, H. A. **Buck**, A. B. **Post**, Geo. W. **Lewis**, A. C. **Guild**, A. Z. **Madison**, E. A. **Merrifield**, Jno. B. **McClanathan**, Sam. B. **Webster**, Jno. **Hamilton** Jr., Sandford **Webster**, Willard **Webster**, Ira **Fuller**.

The Clerk called to order and on motion made and seconded, Ira **Fuller** was chosen Moderator of the meeting & took the Chair.

Mr. **Grant**, Trustee then stated the objects of the meeting, first to devise means to pay the indebtedness of the Society, which he summed up at about \$4938.00 – which sum would be lessened by the unpaid rent of slips for the current year, about \$400. Second, to rent slips for the ensuing year, & third, to devise means to support the pastor.

The debts against the Society are to J. R. **Parker** about \$1216; to Mrs. **Jones** about \$1700 & to L. B. **Grant** about \$1850 of which \$600 has been incurred during the last year. L. B. **Grant** said he would give \$1000 towards extinguishing the debt or in proportion of one to five. After some further remarks, J. **Hamilton** Jr. came in, reported his success in getting pledges from individuals (beside those who had previously pledged large sums) to the amt. of some \$785. So that with all pledged the deficit would still be about \$1000.

After sundry remarks as to the circulation of two subscription papers, one to clear off the debt and the other for supply of the desk, as proposed by L. B. **Grant**, it was moved by Mr. **Grant** & seconded by J. **Hamilton** Jr. that the rent of slips be fixed at the uniform price of ten dollars & then bid over that sum for choice of slips. A. B. **Post** wished then to rent slip & did so, as did also several others as see on record.

L. B. **Grant** moved and it was seconded, to adjourn to Monday next at 2 O'clock P.M. for further renting slips.

Adjourned.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

#### Adjourned Meeting

At an adjourned meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bap. So. in Pomfret, Monday P.M. July 2<sup>nd</sup>, **1855**.

Present 12 persons, I. **Fuller** Moderator.

Several slips were rented in addition to those leased at last meeting, as see recorded with those. Ira **Fuller**, John B. **McClanathan**, E. A. **Merrifield**, Isaac D. **Bartholomew**,

Ambrose B. **Porter**, Joel **Traverse** gave their names as members of this Society.  
 Resolved that I. H. **Damon** seat strangers on east side of Pastor(?).  
 On motion, seconded, Resolved that Abner S. **Fay** have a rent of a Slip No. for his service in making the fires in the upper part of the house and sweeping & dusting same in proper manner for the ensuing year.  
 Resolved to adjourn sine die.  
 A. Z. **Madison**

List of Slips leased on the 26 June & 2 July, **1855** up to July 1<sup>st</sup>, **1856**. Viz.

Note	Slip No. 45	David <b>Barrell</b>	\$10.
Note	“ 64	Ira <b>Fuller</b>	10.
Do	89	Do Do	5.
Note	31	Isaac D. & Lyman <b>Bartholomew</b>	10.
Note	58	Half Elias <b>Johnson</b>	5.
Note	30	Joseph <b>Porter</b>	10.
Note	42	Willard & Sanford <b>Webster</b>	10.
Note	27	John B. <b>McClanathan</b>	10.
Note	54	Charles E. <b>Barclay</b>	10.
Note	20	John <b>Ross</b>	10.
Note	44	Hf. Jno. <b>Hamilton Jr.</b>	10.
	33	G. D. <b>Jones &amp; T. B. Wheelock</b>	10.
Note	30	Dr. E. A. <b>Merrifield</b>	10.
Note	39	<b>Perkins &amp; Moir</b>	10.
Note	25	A. B. <b>Post</b>	10.
Note	55	H. A. <b>Buck</b>	10.
Note	43	Eppenetis <b>Winsor</b>	10.
Note	51	Aaron <b>Clark</b>	10.
Note	56	L. B. <b>Grant</b>	10.
Do	71	Do Do	10.
Do	75	Do Do	10.
Note	41	A. Z. <b>Madison</b>	10.
Note	37	Geo. W. <b>Lewis</b>	10.
Note	62	A. C. <b>Guild</b>	10.
Note	61	J. R. <b>Parker</b>	10.
Do	57	Do Do	10.
	58	Hf. Thos. B. <b>Sweet</b>	5.
Pd Cash	16	Hf. Horace <b>Webster</b>	5.

#### Special Meeting

**1856** Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Subsequent to Covenant Meeting of Ch. a meeting of the first Baptist Society of Pomfret was held. Rev. Chas. N. **Chandler** Present Moderator.  
 The meeting having been noticed for 3 or 4 weeks previous, for the purpose of changing the name of the Ch. & So.  
 Moderator named the object of the call.



J. B. **McClanathan** remarked that he understood there were some persons opposed to the change of name / No posed & therefore moved to refer the matter to a committee to inquire & report at the next annual meeting of So.'y. J. **Hamilton** Jr. seconded motion. D. A. **Woodruff** remarked that he thought the So.'y is ready now to act as at An. M. On the question, Resolution carried. Resolved that the Trustees be such Committee.

Adjourned.

Prayer by J. **Hamilton** Jr.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

## 1856

9<sup>th</sup> or 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret held in the Lecture room of Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June **1856**. Rev. C. N. **Chandler** was appointed Chairman and A. Z. **Madison** Clerk. Prayer by Moderator. Resolved that the Chairman & Clerk be the tellers or Inspectors of this election of one Trustee.

Proceeded to ballot for Trustee in place of Lewis B. **Grant**.

On canvassing votes found that Lewis B. **Grant** was re-elected Trustee for the next three years from 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

(L. B. **Grant**'s term expires June 9<sup>th</sup>, **1859**.)

A. Z. **Madison** moved & L. B. **Grant** seconded and meeting Resolved that the price of rent of slips the ensuing year & the times of payment for same, be left to the discretion & determination of the Trustees.

L. B. **Grant** moved & A. Z. **Madison** seconded & Resolved that the Trustees be authorized to take the necessary steps to change the name of this Society to the Bap. Society of Fredonia, or Fredonia Bap. Society.

On motion of J. **Hamilton** Jr., seconded by I. H. **Damon**, Resolved that the assessments on slips for rent be such sum as will cover the expenses of the Society for salary of Minister, Wood, Lights, & c.

On motion of L. B. **Grant**, seconded by Joseph **Porter**, Resolved that there be a meeting of Society July 1 at 9 O'clock A.M. for renting slips for the ensuing year.

Present at this meeting Rev. C. N. **Chandler**, L. B. **Grant**, A. **Stoddard**, Joseph **Porter**, I. H. **Damon**, A. Z. **Madison**, Jno. **Hamilton** Jr.

Ballot for Trustee: L. B. **Grant** 5

A. **Stoddard** 1

Closed by prayer by Jos. **Porter**.

Resolved to adjourn.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

## 1857

10<sup>th</sup> or 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret held in Lecture room June 8<sup>th</sup>, **1857**.

Present A. C. **Guild** appointed Chn., John **Hamilton** Jr., Geo. W. **Lewis**, I. H. **Damon**, J. **R. Parker**, L. B. **Grant**, & A. Z. **Madison**.

Appointed Geo. W. **Lewis** to act with Chn. as Teller.

Ballotted (sic) for Trustee, and re-elected Joel R. **Parker** for the term of three years from June 14<sup>th</sup>.

(Joel R. **Parker**'s term expires June 14, **1860**.)

Trustees by L. B. **Grant** plead that they had neglected the duty imposed on them in relation to procuring the change of name of this Society.

Resolved that the Resolution of last year be continued in force and that present Trustees attend to the matter next session of the Legislature & procure the alteration to the name of "The Fredonia Baptist Society."

Circulated subscription to raise funds to pay J. Perry **Alexander** for his services as leader of the choir heretofore.

J. **Hamilton** Jr. spoke of raising funds for papers & c. for Sabbath School. L. B. **Grant** thought that should be done by subscription & the matter dropped.

Meeting adjourned sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

## **1858**

11<sup>th</sup> or 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret held in the Lecture room June 8<sup>th</sup>, **1858**. David **Barrell** was chosen Moderator and Geo. W. **Lewis** Clk. P. T.

The notice for the call of meeting was read by the Moderator.

L. B. **Grant** made a statement of his account against the Society being book acct. over \$1100. & 2 Notes over \$400., in all \$1591., which he will hold and apply the interest on his pew rent and other donations so as not to increase the amount.

Jno. **Hamilton** Jr. made a report as Treasurer of the Trustees for the past year, making the amount of the indebtedness to be as he had paid out \$759.54 on which had been pd. to him \$695.83.

He also reports balance due to Elder **Wheelock** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of his term ending Mch. 31<sup>st</sup>, **1858** of \$44.83.

There will be deficit this year \$188.00

Assessment on slips this year \$830.

256.75 Paid

Resolved to accept the report of Trustees.

Resolved that Trustees circulate a subscription to raise funds to meet the prospective deficiency for the year ending 1 Oct. **1858** including interest on outstanding debt.

Resolved to proceed to the election of Trustee.

Resolved that we elect four additional Trustees making the whole number of Trustees hereafter seven.

Proceeded to ballot for Trustees with the following result. D. **Barrell** 14, A. B. **Post** 15, Aaron **Clark** 11, A. **Stoddard** 11, J. **Hamilton** Jr. 9, Ira **Fuller** 7, Geo. W. **Lewis** 6,

James H. **Jennings** 1. Showing the election of the first five mentioned as Trustees, Viz. David **Barrell**, A. B. **Post**, Aaron **Clark**, Alford **Stoddard**, Jno. **Hamilton Jr.**  
 Resolved that the Trustees elect decide by drawing their several terms of office.  
 Resolved that A. Z. **Madison** be appointed Treasurer of this Society. {Here A. Z. M. came in from the board of Directors of Chau. Co. Mu. Ins. Co. of which he was Sec.'y}  
 Resolved that Philip **Phillips** be appointed Collector of this Society.  
 Resolved that the legal Collectors fees of 5 pr. ct. be paid to Collector over and above the sums due unless the same is paid promptly by the day when due without trouble to collector.  
 Resolved that circulars be sent to each Pew holder to notify of the time rents fall due three weeks before the day by the Collector.  
 Resolved that the present Trustees memorialize the Legislature for a change of the name of this, "the First Baptist Society in Pomfret" to "the Fredonia Baptist Society."  
 Resolved that we request Julius J. **Parker** and. J. Augustus **Moore** to act, as they have of late, as Sextons so far as relates to seating strangers in the congregation.  
 The Trustees elect then drew lots for their respective terms, with the following result.

Viz.

A. B. <b>Post</b>	1 year		expires June 8, <b>1859</b>
Aaron <b>Clark</b>	2 "		expires June 8, <b>1860</b>
Alford <b>Stoddard</b>	2 "	(vacant by refusal)	" " " "
David <b>Barrell</b>	3 "		expires June 8, <b>1861</b>
John <b>Hamilton Jr.</b>	3 "		" " " "

Resolved to adjourn sine die.  
 A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

**1858**

Trustee Meeting

At a meeting of the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Society in Pomfret held at the residence of Joel R. **Parker** (because of his ill health) June 29, **1858**. Present J. R. **Parker**, L. B. **Grant**, David **Barrell**, J. **Hamilton Jr.**, A. B. **Post**, Aaron **Clark**, Trustees & A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

On motion of D. **Barrell**, seconded by A. B. **Post**, Resolved that L. B. **Grant** be the Pres.'t of Trustees the ensuing year.

Resolved that A. Z. **Madison** be re-appointed Clk. of Trustees.

Heard statements of financial condition of Society from Messrs. **Grant**, **Parker** & **Hamilton**.

Resolved that the Clerk be directed to draw up a subscription for Collector to circulate for raising \$400, the estimated deficit over slip rents, on Salary & current expenses to Oct. 1, **1858**.

Adjourned sine die.  
 A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

**1858 Slip Diagram**

## 1859

### Special Meeting

At a meeting of Trustees at the Music Room of P. **Phillips**, Jan.'y 31, **1859**. Present L. B. **Grant**, J. R. **Parker**, Jno. **Hamilton** Jr. & Aaron **Clark**.

Resolved that the committee of finance be instructed to rent such slips as have not been previously rented, agreeably with the Resolution of Jan.'y 6<sup>th</sup>, **1859**, and not those already rented by the trustees.

Adjourned.

Clk. P.T.

## 1859

### Meeting of Trustees

At a meeting of Trustees held at the store of L. B. **Grant** Feb. 19, **1859**. Present, L. B. **Grant**, J. R. **Parker**, D. **Barrell**, J. **Hamilton** Jr. & A. Z. M. Clk.

Some consultation as to the deficiency of funds for current expenses.

L. B. **Grant** stated that we might now sell our Chandeliers for the use of the Stockton B. Church & we may be supplied with gas.

On motion of D. **Barrell**, seconded, Resolved that Brn. **Grant** and **Hamilton** be a comm.'ee to dispose of the chandeliers as in their discretion may be best.

There was talk of  $\frac{3}{4}$  original cost as the price of chandeliers.

Resolved that we call a meeting of the Society on Friday evening next (25 inst.) at 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  O'clock in the Lecture room, to hear a further report from the committee of finance, which was appointed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan.'y last, and to consult in regard to the financial matters of the Society generally.

Adjourned sine die.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

## 1859

### Special Meeting

At a special meeting of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret, held pursuant to public notice in the Lecture room Feb. 25, **1859** at 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M.

Present, L. B. **Grant**, D. **Barrell**, Geo. W. **Lewis**, Chas. **Parker**, I. H. **Damon**, Elias **Johnson**, A. Z. **Madison**, E. **Winsor**, P. **Winsor**.

On motion of D. **Barrell**, seconded, L. B. **Grant** was appointed the Moderator of this meeting.

Clerk read the notice of call for this meeting.

Com. of finance reported by Geo. L. & Dr. **Parker** that they had done nothing lately, & that A. C. **Guild** was absent too, who had done most.

Sundry remarks as to present financial condition of So. a change in order of service & c.

Adjourned to 11<sup>th</sup> Mch. At 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

## 1859

Adj.'d Meeting

At an adjourned special Society meeting held in the Lecture room Friday evening March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1859 pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Lewis B. **Grant** Chn., D. **Barrell**, A. B. **Post**, I. **Fuller**, Chas. **Parker**. I. H. **Damon**, A. Z. **Madison**, Jno. F. **Willey**, Jos. G. **Gilbert**, A. C. **Guild**, Jno. **Ross**, Geo. W. **Lewis**, J. **Hamilton** Jr., Aaron **Clark**, J. R. **Parker**, J. J. **Parker**, E. **Winsor**, Paris **Winsor**, Jno. **Eddy**.

Clerk read the call & notice for the meeting of Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from which this meeting was adjourned, which specified the object of it.

Chn. called upon the committee of finance to report.

G. W. **Lewis** reported in part, but could not in full as business done by A. C. **Guild** could not be fully reported without the books of P. **Phillips** who was absent.

Dr. Chas. **Parker** of the Com.'ee reported that he had done little or nothing as his professional business hindered.

The summing up of the whole report was by G. W. **Lewis**, that the whole amt. of slips now rented is about \$870 including the \$747. leased in Oct./58 by A. Z. **Madison**.

There was much informal discussion as to our financial affairs, the method of raising funds according to Bible & Christian rule, and our obligations to our Pastor.

G. W. **Lewis** contending for the abrogation of slip renting, but weekly contributions and persisting in the course taken by committee, though repeatedly told that no such power had been delegated to the committee when appointed or since. Committees acts (sic) date from 1 Jan.'y 1859 & leave from 1 Oct./58 to 1 Jan.'y/59 unprovided for except by previous slip rents by A. Z. M.

It was ascertained that to pay the delinquencies for the year, and current expenses including a prospective Insurance assessmt. by the Jamestown Ins. Co. would require about \$1300.

On motion of J. **Hamilton** Jr., seconded by J. R. **Parker**, Resolved that the committee of finance be continued for the present to make further efforts to rent the slips remaining unleased, & to procure subscriptions, they to have a discretionary power as to the price of the remaining slip rents.

Resolved that this meeting be now adjourned to the second Friday evening in April next to hear further report from Committee, at this place at 6 ½ O'clock.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

## 1859

Adj.'d Meeting

At an adjourned Society meeting held in Lecture room April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1859 (at same time of closing exercises in Academy at end of term,) only some 10 or 12 persons present.

These had some further conversation as to finances of Society. Especially G. W. **Lewis** of Committee and did no business except to adjourn to Friday evening April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1859.

Same noticed in church Sat. Apl. 10<sup>th</sup>. Clk. in Academy at the time of meeting above & doings reported to him by G. W. **Lewis** & J. R. **Parker** & others.

A. Z. **Madison**, Clk.

## 1859

Adj. 'd Meeting

At an adjourned Society meeting held in Lecture room April 15, **1859**. Present at 7 P.M., **D. Barrell** & soon after **A. Z. Madison**, then **I. Fuller**, and afterwards Jno. **Hamilton Jr.**, **G. W. Lewis**, **J. R. Parker**, **L. B. Grant** the Chn., **P. Phillips**, **A. C. Guild** & **I. H. Damon**.

Chairman called to order.

Clerk read records of past meetings.

Committee of finance, after some delay, reported its doings by **G. W. Lewis**, showing that about \$100 had been added by "weekly subscriptions" to the amt. of rents for slips \$747. previously reported by Clerk of Trustees. – see on file.

Resolved to accept the Report of Committee & that Committee be discharged.

On motion of **J. Hamilton Jr.**, seconded by **J. R. Parker**, Resolved that there be a Committee appointed to circulate a subscription to raise funds to pay balance of Eld. **Wheelock's** Salary & current expenses.

On nomination of **J. R. Parker**, seconded, Resolved that John **Hamilton Jr.** be said Committee.

On request of **J. Hamilton Jr.**, Resolved that **Geo. W. Lewis** be associated with him on said committee.

Resolved to adjourn sine die.

**A. Z. Madison**, Clk.

Finis 1<sup>st</sup> Pomfret

May 25, **1859**

See New Book of Records for "The Fredonia Baptist Society" from & after May 25<sup>th</sup>, **1859** when the name was duly changed according to Law.

**A. Z. Madison**, Clk.

## **Newspaper Clipping**

To the Hon. Benjamin F. **Greene**, Justice of the Supreme Court, residing in the County of Chautauque, N. Y.

We, your petitioners, respectfully represent as follows, to wit.

That in the early settlement of the town of Pomfret, in said county, viz: On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-two, (nearly seven years prior to the incorporation of the village of Fredonia,) a religious society was duly organized at the present village of Fredonia, in said town, pursuant to statute, by the name of "The First Baptist Society in Pomfret" That since the date above named, the village of Fredonia has increased, and now numbers a population of about three thousand, while in the same time, the villages of Dunkirk, Laona, Shumla, Milford and Cordova; have all grown up to their present respective dimensions, within the bounds of the same town of Pomfret.

That now, to strangers and persons residing at a distance, the name *Pomfret* is comparatively unknown while the village names Dunkirk, Fredonia, &c., are extensively known and recognized somewhat as *Rochester* is better known than *Brighton*.

That at the last annual meeting of said Society, held pursuant to legal public notice, for the election of Trustees &c., on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June **1858** the following resolution was passed unanimously, viz.

“Resolved, that the present Trustees memorialize the Legislature for a change of the name of this, “The First Baptist Society in Pomfret,” to “The Fredonia Baptist Society.” That we, the present Trustees of said society, have so memorialized the Legislature and have since been advised of the existence of certain past enactments providing for changes of name, and rendering all such legislation unnecessary, and that all acts of the present Legislature for such purpose had been, or would be vetoed by Governor **Morgan**; and that said name has not heretofore been assumed by any other existing religious corporation in this State.

Now therefore, we, the said Trustees as aforesaid, on account of the incongruity and inconvenience above suggested, do hereby make application to your Honor, to grant an order allowing said religious corporation to assume the aforesaid name, “The Fredonia Baptist Society,” as the name by which, and no other, it shall hereafter be known agreeably with provisions contained in the 323d chapter of the Laws of New-York, passed June 4<sup>th</sup>, **1853**, and the act therein referred to being chapter 461 of the Laws of New York, passed Dec. 14, **1817**.

**L. B. GRANT,**  
**DAVID BARRELL,**  
**J. R. PARKER,**  
**JOHN HAMILTON, Jr.,**  
**AARON CLARK,**  
**A. B. POST,**  
Trustees of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret.

CHAUTAUQUE COUNTY, as:

I, Almond Z. **Madison**, of the village of Fredonia in said county; being duly sworn, do depose and say; that I am now, and have been from the year **1848**, the Clerk of the Trustees of the First Baptist Society in Pomfret. That at the last annual meeting of said Society, held for the election of Trustees &c.; on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, **1858**, resolution was unanimously passed, of which, an exact copy is embraced in the foregoing petition of the Trustees, and that the persons whose names are signed to said petition, are the present Trustees of said Society, as appears on the records of the same. A. Z. **Madison**, Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, **1859**.

**ALLEN HINCKLEY**, Justice of the Peace.

On reading the foregoing petition and affidavit, it is ordered, that from and after the twenty-fifth day of May, **1859**, the corporation now known by the name of “The First Baptist Society in Pomfret” be, and the same shall be known by the name of “The Fredonia Baptist Society.”

**B. F. GREENE**

Dated Fredonia April 9, **1859**.