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The purpose of this partial transcription is to capture personal information that may be helpful to researchers seeking to learn more about early residents of Middletown, Vt. The transcriber has attempted to faithfully record names and basic information about the people involved, and apologizes for errors in reading or interpretation that may have occurred. Handwriting in the original document is generally quite good, but there are instances where names or other information is unclear. In such instances, the information appears in brackets.

Many baptisms are included. It is important to realize that the Baptist Church did not practice infant baptism, so the date of baptism does not provide evidence of likely age of those being baptized.

p. 1-9 – Articles of Faith.

p. 10-13 – Church Covenant.

p. 13 – List of members.

Men	Women
Caleb Smith – died July 10, 1808.	Sarah Smith.
Gamaliel Waldo – a soldier in war, 76. early settler in Vt.	Mary Waldo.
Thomas McCheer – Excd., dead.	Keziah Malery – Dead.
Ephraim Foster – Excluded.	Betty Ford.
Josiah Caswell.	Joanna Cory – Dismissed.
Gardner Wood - Excluded.	<del>Hannah Foster</del> – Excluded.
Jacob Cory – Dismissed.	Esther White – Dismissed.
Joseph Wood – Dismissed.	Phebe Canfield – Dead.
Samuel Stone – Dismissed.	Sabrina Caswell – Died Sept. 1813.
David Ward.	Miriam Morse – Dismissed.

p. 14 – List of members.

Men	Women
Nathan Walton.	Eunice Walton.
Davis Morse – Dismissed.	Zilpah Colman – Dismissed.

Men	Women
Silas Rudd – Died Feb. 19, 1804.	Sarah Wood – <del>Excluded</del> Dismissed.
<del>Daniel Pray</del> – Excluded.	Phebe Rudd Davis.
Asher Blunt.	<del>Hannah Johnson</del> – Excluded.
John Sunderlin.	<del>Anna Clough</del> – Excluded.
Zechariah Malery – Dismissed.	Esther Sunderlin.
<del>Isaiah Johnson</del> – Excluded.	Lovisa Haynes.
Daniel Ford – Dismissed.	Thankful Malery – Dismissed.
James Smith – Excluded Feb. 1811.	Sarah Blunt.
Silvanus Haynes.	<del>Sarah Wood Jun.</del> – Excluded.
Joseph Chubb.	Eunice Tracy – Dismissed 1809.
<del>John Smith</del> – Excluded.	Mary Haskins – Dismissed.
Jonathan Barce	Mary Ford – Dismissed.
Stephen Tracy – Died May 1807.	Elizabeth Matison – Dismissed.
David Ives – Died Oct. 8, 1801.	<del>Esther Harriek</del> – Dismissed.
Amos Agard – Dismissed.	Susanna Ford – Dismissed.
<del>David Whipple</del> – Excluded Feb. 16, 1804.	Anna Corbin.
Zeri Skinner.	Avis Clark – Died [Jroy.] 1814.
Uriah Richard.	Fanny Clark – Dead.
Ethan Pier – Dismissed to Hubbardton.	Mary Smith Freeman – Dismissed.
<del>William Lewis</del> – Excluded.	<del>Martha Crouch</del> – Excluded.
Thomas Hutchin Jun.	Latilda Bayley – Dismissed.

p. 15 – List of Members.

Men	Women
Elihu Miller	Mary Kellog.
Thomas Johnson – Dismissed 1806.	Phebe Cleaveland – Dismissed to Pawlet June 10, 1802.
Seth Benson.	Polly Chubb.
Eli Bebe.	Esther Perkins.
Samuel Spicer – Dismissed aft. Apr. 1805.	Mary Caswell – Dead.
Daniel Ford Jun. – Dismissed to Rutland.	Susanna Pier – Dismissed to Hubbardton.
John Reynolds – Dismissed to Rutland.	Abigail Hutchinson.

Men	Women
Joel Smith – Died April 1813.	Relief Chubb.
Seth Crow – Dismissed.	Deidamia Hill.
Obadiah Williams.	Lydia Fagin Hilton.
Campbell Waldo.	Susanna Newell – Died Feb. 15, 1804.
<del>Asahel Malery</del> – Excluded July 9, 1807.	Lidia French – Dead.
Adonijah Perkins.	Lidia Benson.
Samuel Northrop.	Jerusha Hill – Died 1806.
Reuben Stephens.	Patience Bebe.
<del>Jared [Mixpran]</del> – Excluded Nov. 10, 1803.	Mary Hubbard.
Sanford Smith – Died 1813.	Relief Dart – Dis. to Hubbardton 1805.
Francis Perkins – soldier of 76.	Sarah Spicer – Dismissed aft. Apr. 1805.
Bennet Beach – Dismissed to Poultney.	Anna Outman – Died March 2, 1802.
Elijah Mattison – soldier of 76.	Sally Mattison.
<del>Lyman Outman</del> – Excluded Nov. 14, 1805.	Lucinda Hubbard Cram.
William Ward – Dismissed to Poultney.	Lois Hubbard Hutchinson.

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Men	Women
John Ashley – Dismissed to Poultney.	<del>Mala</del> Nella Corbin.
Joseph Marshall – Dismissed to Poultney.	Huldah Mors.
Elijah D. Webster – Dismissed to Poultney.	Betsey Stephens.
Abel Pond – Dismissed to Poultney.	<del>Polly Evett Brewster</del> – Departed.
Eleazer Calkins – Dismissed to Poultney.	Sally Fisher Brookins.
Abner Dolittle – Dismissed to Poultney.	Anna Hubbard.
Elihu Corbin – for many years sexton of chh.	Anna Perkins Stillwell.
David Smith.	Sally Northrop.
<del>Benajah Cleaveland</del> – Excluded May 13, 1802.	Lois Smith.
James Hasington – Dismissed to Poultney.	Betsey Williams.
Olivet Dart – Dismissed to Hubbardton 1805.	Jemima Waldo Kindall.
<del>John Rudd</del> – Excluded Nov. 14, 1805.	<del>Olive Butler Lewis</del> – Departed to Methodists.
<del>Hezekiah Mehurin</del> – Excluded Feb. 13, 1806.	Sally Northrop Jun.
Calvin Malery – Dismissed to Poultney.	Susanna Ford.

Men	Women
William Buckland – Dismissed to Poultney.	Hannah Hubbard.
Lemuel Hutchinson.	Polly Brookins Perkins.
Eleazer Bateman – Dismissed to Poulney.	Chloe Leech Miner [Storms].
Oliver Sanford – Dismissed to Poultney.	<del>Polly Bailey</del> – Excluded Mar. 13, 1806.
Lemuel Cleaveland – Dismissed 1806.	Anna Barce.
Jonathan Haynes.	Eunice Rudd Warner.
Henry Nicholson – Died March 1807.	Eunice Blunt Bebe.
Pelatiah G. Nicholson.	Zilphah [Record] Jones.
<del>Joseph Wheeler</del> – Excluded.	Hannah Fellows Smith.

p. 17 – List of Members.

Men	Women
James Hutchinson.	Keziah Ford.
Isaac Andrews – Dismissed to Poultney.	Sally Ford Yaw.
Roswell Buckland – Dismissed to Poultney.	Avis Hasington – Dismissed to Poultney.
<del>David Sawyer</del> – Excluded June 13, 1805.	Rosanna Morgan – Dismissed to Poultney.
Buri Cramton.	Elizabeth Bateman – Died June 27, 1806.
Luther Finnel – Dismissed to Poultney.	Hannah Malery Frisbie.
Nathan Ford.	Lydia Marshall – Dismissed to Poultney.
Caleb Brookins.	Martha Cleaveland – Dismissed to Poultney.
<del>Timothy White.</del>	Zeviah Ashley – Dismissed to Poultney.
Adonijah Ford.	Anna Fellows Bacon.
Nathan Morgan.	Polly Whitney – Dismissed to Poultney.
Timothy Green – Died Aug. 13, 1803.	Elizabeth Marshall – Dismissed to Poultney.
Samuel Rowley – Dismissed to Granville Nov. 2, 1806.	Joanna Dolittle – Dismissed to Poultney.
Paul Thomas.	Rebecca Hubbard – Died April 23, 181[3].
Eber Rice.	Rhoda Craw – Dismissed.
David Whipple – Dismissed to Malone Jan. 1808.	Silvia Frisbie Smith.
Hezekiah Carr.	Lois Haynes.
William Carr – Excluded.	Charlotte Mehurin – Dismissed to Poultney.
Joel Dayton – Excluded.	Rhoda Cleaveland.

Men	Women
Nathaniel Parker.	Polly Ford – Dismissed.
Wm. Fuller – Dead.	Esther R[ecor]d Sutton.
	Mary Sanford – Dismissed to Poultney.

p. 18 – List of Members.

Men	Women
Ezra Mason – Dismissed to Ira May 1809.	Zilphah Rudd.
<del>John Woodard</del> – Excluded Sept. 13, 181[0].	<del>Chloe Mehurin</del> – Excluded Nov. 1802.
Jeddediah Rogers.	Ke[rs]en Pond - dismissed to Poultney.
Erastus Woodard.	Sarah Bateman – dismissed to Poultney.
Beriah Newland.	Anna Wells - dismissed to Poultney.
John Perkins.	Esther Webster - dismissed to Poultney.
David Malery.	Nancy Hutchinson.
Samuel Foster.	Margaret Mallery - dismissed to Poultney.
Thomas Huntington.	Clarry Andrews - dismissed to Poultney.
Samuel Chubb.	Mary Malery - dismissed to Poultney.
Stephen Butts – Excluded Dec. 1809.	Lois Bateman - dismissed to Poultney.
Calvin Colegrove – Died Oct. 22, 1809.	Lydia Haynes.
Richard Stephens.	Rhoda Nicholson.
Henry Woodhouse.	Polly Nicholson – Died June 23, 1802.
Noah Gifford.	Polly Wheeler – Died June 22, 1804.
Rufus Basset.	Polly Sawyer.
Gorden Walther – Dismissed Feb. 1810.	Rhoda Cramton.
Waterman Perkins.	Anna Baldwin.
Calvin Davis.	Betsey Nicholson.
Joel Ford.	<del>Polly Baldwin</del> – Excluded June 13, 1805.
Philip Lewis.	Lydia Morgan.

p. 19 – List of Members.

Men	Women
Rufus Glass.	Sally Nicholson.
Oliver Yaw.	Ruth Mecheer Miles – Dead.

Men	Women
Isaiah Smith.	Fanny Daniels – Dismissed to Rutland.
Philip Parker.	<del>Polly Bates.</del>
Levi Rudd – Excluded 1814.	Abigail Ward.
Joseph Pine.	Polly Bates.
Lindsey Jocelyn.	Dimis Weller – Dismissed to Rutland.
Reuben Hazen.	Esther Herrick.
Phinehas Smith.	Mary Rice.
David Woodard.	Clarinda Smith.
Asa Parker	<del>Sally Smith</del> Salome Smith Ford.
William Lewis – Dismissed 1810.	Eunice Carr.
John Allen.	Betsey Skinner.
Septemeus Pierce.	Delight Stiles Jun.
Samuel Waite.	Delight Stiles Junior.
Hiram Mehurin.	Ruth Whitmore.
Edwin Barce.	Rebeca Hazen.
Jacob Newell.	Susanna Dayton.
John Davis.	Hannah Parker.
James Downey – Died Nov. 13, 1809.	Chloe Fuller.
Jonathan Paul.	Lydia Newland.

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Men	Women
<del>Sarah Jocelyn.</del>	Sarah Jocelyn Hawkins.
<del>Nabby Hill.</del>	Nabby Hill Coole Cole.
<del>Sally Rogers.</del>	Sally Rogers.
<del>Hannah Carr.</del>	Hannah Carr.
<del>Eunice Carr.</del>	Eunice Carr Jun.
<del>Wealthy Griswold.</del>	Wealthy Griswold Perkins.
Jedediah Smith.	Jemima Holden.
Amos Smith.	Katy Woodhouse.
Harvey Gillet.	Polly Wallis.
Stukely Foster.	Mehitabel Blunt.

Men	Women
James M. Cheer.	Polly Waldo.
Elanson Eldridge.	Clarry Waldo.
	Abia Huntington.
	Charlotte Foster.
	Tacy Colegrove.
	Lavinia Filmore Richardson.
	Nabby Glass.
	Rebecca Whitmore.
	Dorcas Wallner – Dismissed Feb. 1810.
	Zerviah Haynes.
	Angelina Barce.

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Men	Women
	Sarah Allen.
	Sarah Pine.
	Temperance Smith.
	Leva Smith.
	Sally Pierce.
	Sabina Smith.
	Lois Smith.
	Clarissa Mehurin [Hicks].
	Laura Huntington.
	Diadama <del>Parker</del> Brown.
	Mary Leech.
	Mary Parker.
	Alice Smith Cowdrey.
	Betsey Barce.
	Polly Hubbard.
	Lucy Hart.
	Nabby Foster.
	Hannah Cross.
	Hannah Paul.



Men	Women
	Betsey Paul.
	Eunice Smith.

p. 22 – List of Members.

Men	Women
	Lucy Hambleton – Excluded.
	Lucy Smith Carr.
	Sarah Foster.
	Mary Crippen.
	Sally Crippen Mason.
	Lois Downey – Died Sept. 17, 1810.
	Temperance Hutchinson.
	Rebecca Obrian.
	Mehitabel Andrews.
	Electa Clark.
	Eunice Woodard.
	Eunice Downey – Died Nov. 1810.
	Polly Stocking.
	Eunice Filmore Seward.
	Warrenner.
	Marcy Tobey.
	Fanny Daniels.

p. 24. - Those who are under the watch of this chh., & yet, not in actual membership are:

<del>Edward Corbin – See p. 31, died Aug. 30, 1807.</del>	<del>Sr. Leech.</del>
Abram Wilson – p. 61.	Mary Crippen – p. 31, joined p. 159.
Benjamin Foster – p. 107.	Sr. Warrenner – p. 40.
John Davis – p. 144.	<del>Delight Stiles Jun. – p. 107.</del>
Joseph Pine – p. 144, joined p. 152.	<del>Lucy Hart – p. 133.</del>
	<del>Zeviah Johnson – p. 133.</del>
	Rhoda Colvin Branch.
	Sr. Brown – p. 144.

p. 25 – Novr. 30, 1800. Then Samuel Spicer, Daniel Ford, John Reynolds, Mary Hubbard, Relief Dart & Sarah Spicer were baptized and joined the chh.

p. 26 – December 18, 1800. Then Anna Outman, Sally Mattison, Lucinda Hubbard & Lois Hubbard were baptized and joined the chh.

Jan. 11, 1801. Then Joel Smith, Seth Craw, Nelda Corbin & Huldah Mors were baptized and joined the chh.

Jan. 18. Then Obadiah Williams, Campbell Waldo, Asahel Malery, Betsey Stephens, Polly Evetts & Sally Fisher were baptized and joined the chh.

Feb. 1. Then Adonijah Perkins, Anna Perkins & Anna Hubbard went forward in baptism, & joined the chh.

Feb. 8. Then Samuel Northrop, Reuben Stephens, Sally Northrop & Lois Smith were baptized and joined the chh.

Feb. 15. Then Jared Megraw, Sanford Smith, Betsey Williams, Jemima Waldo, Olive Butler & Sally Northrop Junr. were baptized and joined the chh.

March 1. Then Francis Perkins, Bennet Beach, Susanna Ford & Hannah Hubbard were baptized and joined the chh.

p. 27 – [March 5, 1801]. At a meeting of late, Br. Daniel Bateman, a member of a chh. in Scipio, now residing in Poultney, was admitted to the chh.

March 5. Br. Beriah Wetmore, a member of a baptist chh. of Christ in Deerfield, was admitted to the chh.

March 15. Then Elijah Mattison & Lyman Outman were baptized and joined the chh.

p. 28 – March 22, 1801. Then baptized & admitted Chloe Leech, Polly Brookins & Polly Bailey.

April 5. Then Anna Barce, Eunice Rudd Warner,<sup>1</sup> Eunice Blunt Bebe,<sup>2</sup> Hannah Fellows & Zilpha Record were baptized and joined the chh.

p. 29 – April 22, 1801. Then Keziah Ford & Sally Ford were baptized and joined the chh.

p. 30 – [April 23, 1801]. Then baptized and admitted, Avis Hasington, Rosanna Morgan, Elizabeth Bateman & Hannah Malery.

Poultney April 30. By request we received for watch, care & occasional communion, sisters Margaret Buckland & Esther Angerwine.

April 29. Then Anna Fellows was baptized & joined the chh.

p. 31 – May 9, 1801. Sister Elizabeth Marshall, once a member of a baptist chh. in [ ], now dissolved, who we are informed was in good standing when the chh. disappeared, told her experience, & desired to be admitted to membership. She was then admitted.

May 9. Then came forward Abner Dolittle & Joanna his wife, were baptized & joined the chh.

May 17. Then Elihu Corbin, David Smith, Rebecca Hubbard, Rhoda Craw, Silvia Frisbie & Lois Haynes were baptized and joined the chh.

May 19. Then Hezekiah Mehurin & Chloe Mehurin were baptized & added.

May 23. Br. Edward Corbin & Sister Mary Crippen desired our watch, care & to commune with us. They were admitted according to their request.

1 The name Warner was written above the name Eunice Rudd, and is assumed to be her married name, added later.

2 The name Bebe was written above the name Eunice Blunt, and is assumed to be her married name, added later.

p. 32 – [May 23, 1801]. This day Benajah Cleaveland, Rhoda Cleaveland, Polly Ford & Esther Rudd were baptized and added to the chh.

May 24. Then James Hasington was baptized & admitted.

June 11. Olivet Dart, John Rudd & Zilpha Rudd were baptized and joined the chh.

Poultney Meeting House, June 25, 1801. Calvin Malery, William Buckland, Sarah Bateman, Anna Wells & Esther Webster were baptized and joined the chh.

p. 33 – July 18, 1801. Br. Timothy White, a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist chh. in Boston, was admitted to the chh.

July 18. Br. Lemuel Hutchinson & Nancy his wife, members of a chh. in Scipio, New York, were admitted to the chh.

p. 38 – August 9, 1801. Then Margaret Mallery & Clarry Andrews were baptized and joined the chh.

Middletown Meeting House, August 20. The church expressed dissatisfaction with Br. David Ward for his having attended meetings at the Masonic Lodge.

p. 39 – August 20. The church accepted the confession of Br. Benajah Cleaveland respecting an act of intemperance.

Poultney, August 27. Then Eleazer Bateman, Oliver Sanford, Mary Malery & Lydia Bateman were baptized and joined the chh.

p. 40 – August 30, 1801. Then Samuel Cleaveland, Jonathan Haynes & Lydia Haynes were baptized and joined the chh.

Middletown, Sept. 10. Letter of recommendation given to Br. Craw & his wife, who were about to remove to a distant place.

Middletown, Sept. 29. Then Henry Nicholson & Pelatiah G. Nicholson were baptized and joined the chh.

Middletown, Oct. 8. This morning Br. David Ives departed this life.

p. 41 – October 18, 1801. Then Joseph Wheeler, Polly Wheeler, James Hutchinson, Rhoda Nicholson & Polly Nicholson were baptized and joined the chh.

Poultney, Nov. 7. Letter of recommendation given to Anna Fellows, who is about to remove to a great distance.

Nov. 8. Then Isaac Andrews & Roswell Buckland were baptized and joined the chh.

p. 42 – Nov. 12, 1801. Then David Sawyer, Buzi Cramton, Polly Sawyer, Rhoda Cramton, Anna Baldwin & Betsey Nicholson were baptized and joined the chh.

Nov. 25. Then Polly Baldwin was baptized and joined the chh.

p. 43 – Jan. 5, 1802. Voted that Br. John Ashley call on Br. Jordan & wife to know the cause of their absence from meetings.

Jan. 5. Examined, and were satisfied with Luther Finnel as a candidate for baptism & membership.

Jan. 5. Sr. Sarah Stephens admitted to the chh.

Poultney, Jan. 10. Then Luther Finnel was baptized and joined the chh.

p. 44 – Middletown, Jan. 23, 1802. Then Nathan Ford & Caleb Brookins were baptized and joined the chh.

Jan. 28. Br. Waldo presented a complaint against Br. Benajah Cleaveland for intemperance in drinking, extravagance in conduct & profanity in conversation. Br. Cleaveland begged the church for forbearance a while longer, and his request was granted.

p. 45 – Middletown, March 18, 1802. Br. Benajah Cleaveland found to be again amiss with strong drink. The church therefore presented him with a letter of admonition.

March 18. The church has received reports unfavorable to the moral character of Br. David Whipple, and it was recommended that they be investigated.

p. 50 – [March 26, 1802]. Br. Timothy White, a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Chh. in Boston (who put himself under our watch & care July 18, 1801), presented a letter of dismissal dated Boston, Oct. 27, 1802[sic], and was admitted to the chh.

p. 52 – An offshoot of the Middletown church established in Poultney, with the following set off to it:

Elijah D. Webster	John Ashley	Margaret Buckland
Esther Webster	Anna Wells	Mary Whitney
Wm. Ward	Esther Angerwine	Martha Cleaveland
Eleazer Calkins	Lydia Marshall	Lydia Bateman
Eleazer Bateman	Calvin Mallery	James Hasington
Sarah Bateman	Bennet Beach	Avis Hasington
Joseph Marshall	Luther Finnel	Charlotte Mehurin
Elizabeth Marshall	Abner Dolittle	Rosanna Morgan – since dismissed.
Oliver Sanford Junr.	Joanna Dolittle	
Isaac Andrews	Theron Pond	
Clarry Andrews	Mary Sanford	
Roswell Buckland	Wm. Buckland	
Abel Pond		

p. 53 – May 13, 1802. Dismissed Sister Rosanna Morgan of Poultney to the Baptist Chh. there.  
May 13. Excluded Br. Benajah Cleaveland from the fellowship of this chh.

p. 54 – May 23, 1802. Then Adonijah Ford was baptized and added.

p. 55 – June 10, 1802. By request, Sister Phebe Cleaveland was dismissed to the Baptist Chh. in Pawlett.

p. 56 – July 25, 1802. Then Lydia Morgan was baptized and joined the chh.

p. 57 – Sept. 9, 1802. Sister Sally Nicholson of Tinmouth, having previously been baptized, was

admitted to the chh.

Sept. 19. Then Nathan Morgan was baptized and joined the chh.

Sept. 30. Heard and accepted the relation of Mr. Timothy Green & Mrs. Ruth Mechier & then conferred.

p. 58 – October 10, 1802. Then Timothy Green & Ruth Mechier were baptized and joined the chh.

Nov. 11. Br. Timothy White presented a complaint to the chh. against Br. Jared Megraw for gaming & neglect of walking with the chh. Voted to accept the complaint for trial.

p. 59 – Nov. 2, 1802. Committee report on the charges against Br. David Whipple.

p. 60 – December 16, 1802. Letter of admonition to be sent to Br. Megraw.

p. 61 – Jan. 19, 1803. Then Samuel Rowley & Fanny Daniels were baptized at Rutland, and joined the chh.'

Jan. 22. Br. Abraham Wilson of Putney was admitted to the chh.

p. 62 – January 10, 1803. Admitted Sister Abigail Ward by letter from the chh. in Dover, State of New York.

Jan. 10. Voted to give a letter of recommendation & dismissal to Br. Ethan Pier & wife to Hubbardton chh.

March 3. Then Polly Bates was baptized in Tinmouth, and joined the chh.

p. 63 – April 14, 1803. Voted to give Br. Samuel Spicer & wife a letter of dismissal & recommendation as they were about to move away.

Sister Olive Butler, alias Olive Lewis came forward and told the chh. that she no longer subscribes to many of its teachings and desires to be dismissed to the Methodists. Her request was taken under consideration.

p. 65 – [May 12, 1803]. Br. Timothy White presented a complaint against Br. Jared Megraw for assault and battery against Mr. N. Record, for breach of promise to Mr. J. Clark, for denial of making sd. promise, for abusive language to Mr. Clark & challenging him to fight. Voted to accept the complaint for trial.

Deacon Smith exhibited a complaint against Br. David Whipple for railing against the chh. relative to the wheat affair, for declining to fulfill an agreement relative to the Delan affair, for refusing to pay his assessment of our Elder, and for double dealing respecting an errand to Rutland. Accepted the complaint for trial.

p. 67 – June 9, 1803. Took up the complaint of Deacon Smith against Br. Whipple. One issue resolved; Br. Whipple requested a council, which request was approved

p. 68 – June 10, 1803. Br. Whipple made retractions respecting his errand to Rutland, and the chh. voted satisfied in that particular. Additional issues will be addressed by the council..

Took up the case of Mr. Jared Megraw. He was not present. The chh. heard the evidence and found that the charges were proved. Voted to send him a letter requesting he attend a future meeting to justify himself.

p. 69 – June 22, 1803. Received Br. Whipple's complaint against the chh. and its judgments against him. The report of the council followed on p. 70.

p. 72 – July 14, 1803. Voted to accept the confession that Br. Whipple has made to the chh. respecting what is pointed out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> article of the result of council.

Accepted the confession of Sister Bebe relative to difficulty with Mrs. Townsley.

As Br. Megraw has written that he cannot attend this meeting by reason of a journey & that he will attend our next, therefore laid over the business respecting him till next meeting.

August 11. Voted that it is the duty of Br. Whipple to pay his assessment for the year past.

Voted to send Br. Megraw a letter of admonition.

September 7. Then Sister Dimis Weller was baptized in Rutland, and joined the chh.

p. 73 – Sept. 8, 1803. Br. Megraw was present, and the difficulties with him were discussed, but he gave no satisfaction to the chh. Still, the chh. thought proper not to proceed to exclusion at this meeting.

Br. Timothy White came forward & informed us that he has changed his principles, and has now become a Congregationalist.

p. 75 – October 13, 1803. As Br. Samuel Rowley is about to remove to a distance from us, & requested a letter of recommendation & dismissal, therefore voted to grant him one.

As Br. Joseph Chubb is about to remove from us, & requests a letter of recommendation, therefore voted to give one for himself and wife.

As there is some money in the treasury, & as Sister Hulda Morse is in needy circumstances through long infirmity, therefore voted that Deacon Ford visit her & afford relief as he may find occasion.

Nov. 10. Br. Ward exhibited to the chh. a complaint against our Sister Olive Lewis for neglecting the chh. and for publicly renouncing a part of the articles of faith. The chh. voted to accept the complaint for trial, and voted to send her a letter of admonition.

p. 76 – Nov. 10, 1803. Excluded Br. Jared Megraw from the chh.

Br. David Whipple being present, we had a lengthy conversation with him relative to his refusing to pay his assessments. No satisfaction was achieved during the meeting. He then asked for a letter of dismissal & recommendation, but the chh. declined to do that.

p. 77 – December 8, 1803. Voted to send Brother Whipple a letter of admonition.

By request, voted to give Brother Thomas Johnson a letter of recommendation & leave to join another chh. if he wishes, as he expects soon to move away.

Jan. 21, 1804. Then Mr. Nathaniel Mallery, Esq., of Jay, state of New York, was present: he was excluded from this chh. a number of years ago for neglecting the chh. and on account of a case that went against him in court at Plattsburgh which greatly affected his moral character. He desires to rejoin the church.

p. 78 - Jan. 22, 1804. Met with Mr. Mallery; were satisfied with his admitting wrongdoing in regard to his neglecting the chh. in the past, but claimed innocence in the second case. Therefore the chh. voted to write to the Baptist Chh. of Christ in Jay asking for their advice on the matter. If the Jay chh. was satisfied with Mr. Mallery's explanations, that would suffice for the chh. to be satisfied in that regard.

p. 79 – Feb. 16, 1804. After lengthy conversation excluded Br. David Whipple from this chh. for covetousness & for not being subject to the chh.

Voted to give Sister Anne Stilwell a letter of recommendation & leave to join another chh. of the same order, as she is about to move away.

Br. Joel Smith wished to have the chh. dismiss him to Poultney chh. at our next meeting.

p. 81 – April 12, 1804. By request, voted to give Br. Joel Smith & wife a letter of recommendation & dismissal from this, to the Baptist chh. in Poultney.

p. 82 – May 19, 1804. Received Sister Esther Herri[ck] by letter from the Second Baptist chh. in Greenfield.

p. 83 – Tinmouth, May 26, 1804. Voted to give a letter of recommendation & dismissal to Sister Polly Bates as she is about to remove to a distance from us.

p. 84 – June 14, 1804. Heard the return of Deacon Smith concerning Sister Olive Lewis which was, that she had joined the Methodist church, whereupon the chh. laid out the details of the matter.

Examined Mr. Paul Thomas as a candidate for baptism, & obtained satisfaction.

Br. Timothy Brewster of Pawlet chh. requested membership. A decision on the request was postponed.

p. 85 – June 28, 1804. Br. Barce presented a complaint against Br. Hezekiah Mehurin & wife for neglecting the chh., for tarrying too late hour at a store last fall & for unbeoming conduct during that stay. The chh. voted to accept it for trial. For the first of these Br. Mehurin gave satisfaction to the chh. & the rest of the business was laid over to next meeting.

Br. David Ward presented a complaint against Br. Beriah Wetmore for neglecting the chh. & for intemperant drinking. The chh. voted to accepet sd. complaint for trial.

June 29. Then Br. Paul Thomas was baptized in Tinmouth, & joined the chh.

p. 86 – July 12, 1804. Attended to a request personally made by Mr. David Whipple for a council. & voted to grant him one under certain conditions.

p. 87 – [July 12, 1804]. Took up the case of Br. & Sister Mehurin. Br. Mehurin made full satisfaction for his late tarry at the store. Sister Mehurin did not appear, but Br. Barce brought forward his evidences, and upon examining them found the charge fully supported, & that she had tamely accepted the caresses & salutations of other men besides her husband in an open manner in the store among a number of men. Voted to send Elder Haynes & Br. Blunt to labor with her on the account, & to endeavor to bring her to repentence & reformation.

p. 88 – July 22, 1804. Then Eber Rice of Tinmouth was baptized & added to the chh.

August 9. Took up the case of Br. Wetmore. Due to lack of evidence the business was postponed.

Took up the case of Sister Mehurin & voted to send her a letter of admonition.

p. 89 – September 13, 1804. Accepted the draft of a letter of admonition for Sister Chloe Mehurin & appointed Br. Francis Perkins to convey it to her.

p. 90 – September 16, 1804. Then Clarinda Smith was baptized & added to the chh.

p. 91 – October 11, 1804. Took up the case of Br. Wetmore – Br. Ward withdrew that part of his complaint against him which respects his intemperance. On account of his total neglect of the chh. for about two years & an half (though living within about seven miles) & he proving incorrigible after labors with him therefor, the chh. this day withdraw from him that fellowship which they once granted.

p. 93 – [November 8, 1804]. Excluded Sister Chloe Mehurin from this chh.

November 22, 1804. Then met to enquire after delinquents. Chose Elder Haynes & Br. Blunt to enquire after Br. John Rudd & wife.

Received a letter from Sister Polly Brewster, requesting a letter of dismissal to the Congregational chh. in this town. - Laid over the business of sd. letter till next meeting.

p. 94 – December 20, 1804. The case of Sister Brewster was laid over till next meeting because Dn. Smith has not had opportunity to visit her according to appointment.

p. 95 – Jan. 10, 1805. Voted to recommend our members in Rutland as in good standing & give them leave to join the new chh. in Rutland if formed in the fellowship of the council. - Those thus recommended are Daniel Ford Jun., John Reynolds, Dimis Weller & Fanny Daniels.

Voted to give Sister Brewster a letter, manifesting our freedom that she should exercise liberty of conscience in joining the other chh. in this town.

p. 97 – Feb. 14, 1805. Voted to give Br. Paul Thomas a letter of recommendation & leave to join another chh. of the same order as he is about to move away.

Voted to give Br. Lemuel Cleaveland a similar letter as he is about to move to a distance.

Br. Mattison presented to the chh. a complaint against Br. Hezekiah Mehurin – 1. for neglect of the chh. - & 2. for denying the facts which were proved against his wife as the cause of her exclusion, which facts he saw and heard. Then the chh. voted 1. that the charge is supported, 2. voted to send him a letter of admonition.

p. 98 – March 14, 1805. Elder Haynes presented a complaint against Br. David Sawyer for lascivious conduct.

Br. Eber Rice presented a complaint against Sister Polly Baldwin for lascivious conduct.

These complaints respected conduct that passed between them two.

Then the church voted to accept these complaints for trial after some conversation.

March 21. Then met at Br. Rice's in Tinmouth. Br. Sawyer was present; Sister Polly Baldwin was not. The following questions were put & answered by Br. Sawyer. [cont'd. On p. 99]

p. 99 – March 21, 1805, continued. 1. How long has Polly Baldwin lived at your house? Answer: Most of the time for about two years.

[Many other questions were asked and answered. Miss Betsey Wilford was called on as a witness, as was Miss Seba Newell, although the latter refused to testify. A committee of Br. Eber Rice, Buzi Cramton & Asher Blunt was formed to examine her and taker her affidavit if she still persisted in refusing to attend the chh. meeting and testify verbally. The matter was put off until another future meeting.]

p. 100-101 – April 11, 1805. [Inquiry into the Br. Sawyer and Sister Polly Baldwin matter resumed.



Miss Newell and Mr. Carlton Newell were there and ready to testify. Esquire Barker administered the oath, and they testified. Both spoke of instances where they thought the two “manifested unbecoming fondness toward each other” and “seemed to exceed the bounds that virtuous delicacy would prescribe.” Although some were ready to act on the matter at hand, it was decided to postpone any decision to a future date.]

p. 102 – May \_\_, 1805. In the matter of Br. Sawyer & Sister Polly Baldwin, a charge of lascivious conduct is supported, and it was voted to send them a letter of admonition by Br. Nicholson.

p. 103 – [May 16, 1805]. Read and accepted the draught of a letter of admonition for Br. Sawyer & Sister Baldwin.

May 30. Then met at Br. Rice's in Tinmouth & took up the case of Br. Sawyer & Sister Polly Baldwin – they were both present – confessed they were imprudent in lodging together but denied any further wrong. The chh. was not satisfied - & as some individuals desired to have the business postponed till our next monthly meeting – therefore laid it over till then.

p. 104 – [June 13, 1805]. Excluded Br. David Sawyer & Sister Polly Baldwin from this chh. for lascivious conduct.

p. 104-105 – June 27, 1805. Pursuant to a request from the Baptist chh. of Christ in Middletown, the following from different chhs. assembled at the meeting house on the 27<sup>th</sup> June instant to attend to matters sd. chh. should present: From Salem chh.: Elder Obed Warren; from Hartford: Elder Amasa Brown, Deacon Whitford & Deacon Borrel; from Wallingford, Elder Henry Greene & Deacon Moon; from Ira: Elder Joseph Carpenter, Deacon Horton & Br. Cephas Carpenter; from Clarendon: Deacon Greene & Br. Ichabod Walker; from Poultney: Elder Clark Kendrick, Deacon Sanford & Br. Adams. [This council reviewed the case of Br. David Whipple and concluded that he could once again be accepted into the church.]

p. 106 – June 28, 1805. Sally Smith was baptized & added to the chh.

June 29. This day Br. David Whipple came forward & made gospel satisfaction to the chh. & council & was restored again to the chh.

p. 107 – July 11, 1805. Br. Benjamin Foster of Orwell chh. having moved into town came forward & desired to be under our watch & care & was admitted for watch [&] care.

Br. Barce presented a complaint against Br. Lyman Outman for neglect of the chh. on chh. meetings & Lord's days – for omission of family prayer & for unduly conforming to the world in vain merriment. The chh. accepted the complaint for trial.

July 27. Delight Stiles Jun. came under the watch of this chh.

p. 107-08 – August 8, 1805. Br. Outman was present. He owned that he did neither walk with the chh. nor prayed in his family - & that the only reason of these neglects was that he had given up his hope as a Christian, & therefore could not travel as a member of the chh... The chh. labored with him but to no purpose. We finally laid the matter over till next monthly meeting...

p. 108 – Sept. 12, 1805. Br. Buzi Cramton presented a complaint against Br. James Hutchinson for lascivious conduct & for evidence referred as to the oath of Polly Baldwin, & same circumstances. The chh. laid the business over to our stated meeting at Tinmouth on the last Thursday in this month.

Took up the case of Br. Outman & appointed Elder Haynes, Br. Blunt & Br. Jonathan Haynes as a committee to visit Br. Outman & admonish him to return to his duty in the chh.

p. 109 – [Sept. 12, 1805]. As Sister Sally Nicholson is about to move to a distance from us, & wishes for a letter. Therefore voted to give her a letter of recommendation, with leave to join any other chh. of the same faith & order.

Voted to give Br. & Sister Dart a letter of dismissal to Hubbardton chh.

p. 110 – October 10, 1805. Voted to send Br. Outman a letter of admonition.

p. 111 – [October 10, 1805]. Deacon Ford brought forward a complaint against Br. John Rudd for neglecting the chh. almost totally for a long time. The chh. accepted the complaint for trial. - Voted the charge supported. - Also, voted to send him a letter of admonition.

Had returns that Br. Spicer & wife have joined another by virtue of a letter from this. Therefore they are dismissed from us.

Nov. \_\_, 1805. Excluded Br. Lyman Outman from this chh. Also, excluded Br. John Rudd from the chh.

p. 113 – January 9, 1806. Br. Morgan is about to remove to a distance & is now gone to make preparation. Sister came forward and asked for a letter. Therefore, voted to give Sr. Morgan a letter of recommendation with leave to join any other chh. of the same faith & order.

p. 114 – Jan. 30, 1806. [discussion of the case against Br. James Hutchinson, and why it has taken so long to deal with it.]

p. 115 – Feb. 13, 1806. Excluded Br. [Hezekiah] Mehurin from this chh.

p. 116 – Feb. 26, 1806. Br. Caswell exhibited a complaint against Sr. Polly Bailey for joining vain company in attending balls, for embracing the heresy of the Universalists & for neglect of the chh. The whole was supported by her own concession, which was attested by a member of the chh., as she would not attend this meeting. Voted to admonish her.

p. 117 – March 6, 1806. [Another meeting with Br. James Hutchinson to discuss the charges against him. Adjourned this business to another future meeting.]

p. 118 – March 13, 1806. Excluded Polly Bailey from this church for attending balls, for embracing the heresy of the Universalists, for neglecting the chh., & for renouncing both the chh. & the cause.

p. 119 – March 22, 1806. [The case against Br. James Hutchinson finally resolved and he was allowed to resume his place in the chh.]

April 10. Read and approved a letter of exclusion for Polly Bailey.

p. 120 – [April 10, 1806]. Mr.. Josiah Lowell, formerly of Pawlet, but now of Crown Point, having been excluded from the Pawlet church and later exonerated, requested to be admitted as a member of the chh. The chh. decided to call a council to consider the request.

p. 121 – May 17, 1806. This day received into this chh. Hezekiah Carr & William Carr his son by letter

from Pittsford chh.

p. 122 – June 15, 1806. Deacon Smith exhibited a complaint against Br. Lemuel Hutchinson & wife for abuse of a child which was born to them. The chh. voted to accept the complaint for trial.

p. 123 – July \_\_, 1806. The committee appointed to inspect the case of Br. Hutchinson & wife reported that there had been some instances of imprudence, but not so far as to amount to an absolute crime. Sr. Hutchinson retracted the same to our satisfaction, but Br. Hutchinson thought that he had not exceeded the bounds of duty.

p. 124 – July 19, 1806. Sr. Eunice Carr was received into the chh. by letter from Ira chh.

p. 125 – October 9, 1806. As Sister Ruth Miles of Wallingford & her husband have parted, therefore voted to send a committee to enquire into her conduct & standing in this affair.

[discussion of a pamphlet published by the Congregational chh. in Poultney respecting the conduct of the Baptist chh. in Poultney toward Mrs. Anna Wells.]

p. 126 – October 9, 1806. Deac. Smith informed the chh. that he had sold his farm & if he could not conveniently purchase in the vicinity he wished the chh. would give him a line certifying his standing in this chh. - voted to grant it.

October 28, 1806. Upon Br. Rowley's request, voted to dismiss & recommend him to Granville chh.

p. 127 – Decr. 11, 1806. The committee appointed to inspect the standing of Sr. Miles who is parted from her husband, reported that they had made enquiry, & that Eber Greene wants leave the whole light on the subject next Lord's day, as he is to preach here.

p. 128 – Jan. 8, 1807. [The case of Sr. Miles' parting from her husband was discussed. "Many hard and cruel speeches" had passed between them, causing her to leave. She was willing to be reconciled, but he refused to live with her any more. The church considered her standing in the church to be good.]

p. 129 – May 14, 1807. Mrs. Skinner came forward & offered herself to the chh., told her experience & gave satisfaction.

Whereas Br. Benjamin Foster who is under our watch care has almost totally neglected all kinds of our meetings for a long time, therefore voted to request Deacon Smith to call upon him to come forward at our next chh. meeting & render to us the reason of his neglect, if any he has.

p. 130 – May 28, 1807. Appointed Deacon Smith as a committee to visit Sr. Anna Baldwin & enquire why she neglects the chh. as she does & to call upon her to return.

June 7. Then Betsey Skinner was baptized & added to the chh.

June 11. Deacon Smith exhibited a complaint against Br. Asahel Malery; first for a line of dishonest conduct, & secondly, for a total neglect of the chh.

p. 131 – June 11, 1807. Voted that Eber Haynes & Deacon Smith prepare a letter of admonition for Br. Mallery, & Brs. Skinner & Mattison bear it to him.

[a revisit of the 29 Jun 1805 issue with Br. David Whipple, who has since moved with his family to a great distance.]

p. 132 – July 9, 1807. Excluded Asahel Mallery from the chh. [Then followed a description of Br. Waldo having lent money to Asahel Mallery, taking no security but his word, and having to sue him to get it back.]

p. 133 – July 9, 1807. Received Sister Delight Stiles Jun. into the chh. by letter from the chh. in Salem, N.Y.

Lucy Hart & Zeviah Johnson exhibited their letter of recommendation from the Baptist chh. in Southington in Connecticut, & upon their request were admitted to the watch care & privileges of this chh.

Autust 13. Whereas Rhoda Cleaveland has moved away to West Haven, & has of late sent word to us desiring a letter to the chh. in Whitehall, therefore voted to give her one, & consider her dismissed when we are informed she has joined another chh.

Br. Benjamin Foster came forward & confessed his fault in his long absence & engaged to be more punctual in future.

Sister Rebecca Hubbard brought in a complaint against Sister Hannah Frisbie for unrighteous conduct & for saying things which are not true & for hard abusive talk to her.

p. 134 – August 23, 1807. Then Joel Dayton was baptized & joined the church.

p. 135 – Sept. 19, 1807. Then Delight Stiles Junior joined this chh. by letter from Salem chh.

September 24. Br. Barce reported that he had visited Anna Baldwin, but could not prevail on her to return to the church.

p. 136 – Decr. 10, 1807. Upon Br. Hezekiah Carr's request, appointed a committee to enquire into certain evil reports which have been circulating concerning Br. Wm. Carr - & that Brs. Barce, Caswell & Skinner be this committee.

Br. David Ward informed the chh. that a serious contradiction existed between him and Elder Samuel Rogers of New Galway & requested the chh. to look into the matter.

p. 137 – Dec. 22, 1807. Voted a letter of recommendation for Br. Reuben Stephens & wife as they are about to move away.

January 14, 1808. Eld. Haynes exhibited a complaint against Sr. Anna Baldwin for a total neglect of the chh. Br. Barce was appointed moderator in the trial of this case.

p. 138 – Feb, 4, 1808. Took up the case of Sr. Anna Baldwin - & the chh. voted to send her a letter of admonition.

As Br. Bebe has moved away to a great distance from us & as he has not sent for a letter of recommendation, therefore voted to send him one, with leave to join another chh.

Feb. 11, 1808. The committee that was appointed last August to look into the case of Sister Hubbard & Sister Frisbie, reported that these sisters had settled their difficulty, & a draught of the manner of the settlement was presented to the chh. & was accepted by the chh. - so the matter is now dropped.

p. 139 – Feb. 11, 1808. Accepted the draught of a letter of admonition for Sr. Anna Baldwin & requested Br. Barce to bear it to her.

Feb. 23, 1808. The subject of the contradiciton between Elder Rogers and Br. Ward was

discussed and resolved.

p. 140 – March 10, 1808. Examined & extended fellowship as candidates for baptism & membership to Rebecca Hazen & Susanna Dayton.

Br. Barce exhibited a complaint against Br. Wm. Carr for intemperance in drinking. The complaint was read, but the business was laid over till next meeting on account of Br. Carr's absence.

Br. Blunt came forward & requested to be dismissed from being clerk of the chh. for various reasons. The chh. voted to dismiss him from that work.

Voted that Br. Zeri Skinner serve as clerk in future.

March 19. This day received into this chh. Ruth Whitmore by letter from Chester chh.

p. 141 – April 12, 1808. Took under consideration the complaint brought forward by Br. Barce against Br. Willm. Carr. Br. Willm. Carr came forward and made retraction and for particular reasons the chh. suspended giving their minds till next meeting.

April 17. Then Rebecca Hazen was baptized and joined the chh.

April 24, Then Susanna Dayton was baptized and added to the chh.

May 12. Took up the case of Willm. Carr and the chh. voted, satisfied by his making a public retraction.

Br. James Hutchinson exhibited a complaint against Br. Joseph Wheeler for unchristian conduct towards him and his breach of covenant in absconding with his property and not taking any measures at that time nor since to pay him.

p. 142 – May 12, 1808. [cont. from above] The chh. voted that the complaint was supported, and voted to send Br. Wheeler a letter of admonition.

June 9. Enquired after a number of delinquents who were absent from last communion. Made the following committees to call after a member who have been long absent, viz. Br. Barce to visit Benjamin Foster. Br. Mattison to visit Sr. Lydia Fagin. Br. Sunderlin to visit Sr. Crippen. & Deacon Ford to visit Sr. Andrews & Br. Corbin & his wife, to stir them up & to enquire after the reasons of their absence & to exhort them to duty...

p. 143 – July 14, 1808. Appointed Br. James Smith to visit Sr. Warner and enquire the reason of her absence from the chh.

p. 144 – July 14, 1808. [Sr.] Brown of Danby under the watch & care of this chh. allowing her six months to procure a letter from the chh. to which she belonged.

Appointed Elder Haynes as a committee to visit Br. & Sr. Brookins to enquire the reasons of their absence from the chh.

Br. Joseph Pine under the watch and care of this chh. allowing him six months to procure a letter from the chh. that he came from last.

July 23. This day Mrs. Allen of Danby came forward and told her experience and offered herself to the chh. and gave satisfaction.

Then Br. John Davis came under the watch and care of this chh.

p. 145 – August 18, 1808. Enquired of Elder Haynes and Br. Barce if they had visited Sr. Crippen and they reported that her mind was to travel with the chh. if the chh. could travel with her.

Called on Br. James Smith to know if he had visited Sr. Warner and he reported that her mind was to travel with the chh. but her circumstances were such that she could not attend so often as she

wanted to.

Elder Haynes reported that he had visited Br. Brookins & wife and their minds were to travel with the chh.

p. 146 – September 15, 1808. Sister Anna Baldwin came forward & retracted her wanderings to the satisfaction of the chh. & she agreed to take her place & travel with the chh. in future, & not commune with chhs. which are not in our fellowship.

p. 147 – October 13, 1808. Called on Deacon Foard to explain himself respecting being dismissed and he said that on account of his age and infirmities he wished the chh. would dismiss him. The chh. conversed on the matter and thought best to put the matter over til our next meeting.

Voted a letter of recommendation to Sr. Rebecca Hazen as she is about to move away.

p. 148 – Nov. 10, 1808. Excluded Joseph Wheeler from this chh.

p. 149 – Nov. 13, 1808. Then the following persons were baptized & added to the chh. (viz.) Nathaniel Parker & Hannah his wife; William Fuller & Chloe his wife; Ezra Mason; John Woodard; Lydia Newland; Sarah Jocelyn; & Nabby Hill.

Decr. 11. Then the following persons were baptized and added to the chh. (viz.) Jeddediah Rogers & Sall[y] his wife; Beriah Newland; Erastus Woodward; David Malany; John Perkins; Eunice Carr; Hannah Carr; and Welthey Grinald.

p. 150 – Decr. 15, 1808. Br. Blunt presented a complaint against Br. Walton for treating him with passionate & prophane language. The complaint was accepted for trial.

p. 151 – January 1, 1809. Then the following persons were baptized & added to the chh. (viz.) Samuel Foster; Thomas Huntington; Samuel Chubb; Stephen Butts; Calvin Colegrove; Richard Stephens; Henry Woodhouse; Noah Gifford; Jemima Holden; Katy Woodhouse; Polly Wallis; Mehitabel Blunt; Polly Waldo; Clarry Waldo; Abia Huntington; Charlotte Foster; Tacy Colegrove; Lavinia Filmore; & Nabby Glass.

p. 152 – Jan. 15, 1809. Then Gorden Walker, Waterman Perkins, Calvin Davis, Joel Ford, Philip Lavis, Rufus Glass, Oliver Yaw, Isaiah Smith, Philip Parker, Levi Rudd, Rebecca Whitmore, Dorcas Walker, Zerviah Haynes, Angelina Barce, Sarah Allen were baptized & added to the chh.

Jan. 19. Then received Br. Joseph Pine by letter from Little Whtie Creek chh.

Jan. 21. Admitted Sr. Sarah Pine as member of this chh. having previously been baptized by Eber Taylor, & never having joined any chh.

Jan. 22. Then Lindsey Jocelyn, Temperance Smith, Leva Smith, Sally Pierce, Salinda Smith were baptized & added to the chh.

p. 153 – Jan. \_\_, 1809. Br. Skinner requested to be dismissed from being clerk of the chh. - accordingly he was dismissed.

Appointed Br. David Smith as clerk of this chh. instead of Br. Skinner.

p. 154 – Jan. \_\_, 1809. Then Reuben Hazen, Phinehas Smith, David Woodard, Lois Smith & Clarissa Mehurin were baptized & added to the chh.

Feb. 1, 1809. As Br. Reuben Hazen is about removing to a great distance, gave him a letter to

join any chh. in sister relation.

Feb. 2, 1809. Admitted Br. John Davis by letter from Ira chh. & Sister Lucy Hart by letter from the chh. Southington in Connecticut.

The committee appointed some time past to visit Br. Walton upon complaint from Br. Blunt reported that they found him so far in a state of derangement that they thought it inexpedient to proceed in any labor with him.

p. 154-5 – Feb. 2, 1809. In consequence of a complaint presented, Br. Benjamin C. Foster came forward & confessed his wrong in neglecting the chh. as he had done & the chh. concluded to bear with him a little longer.

p. 155 – February \_\_, 1809. Admitted Sr. Mary Leach from Sturbridge chh., Massachusetts.

Restored Wm. Lewis to the chh. who was excluded a number of years ago.

p. 156 – Feb. 26, 1809. Then Asa Parker, Laura Huntington, Diadamia Brown was baptized & added to the chh.

March 8, 1809. By request of Br. Adonijah Perkins, voted to give him a letter of recommendation & dismissal to the Baptist chh. in Orwell, under the care of Elder Peck.

By request of Br. Ezra Mason, voted to recommend & dismiss him to the Baptist chh. in Ira.

March 12, 1809. This day John Allen, Samuel Waite, Septimeus Pierce, Hiram Mehurin, Edwin Barce, Betsey Barce, Mary Parker & Alice Smith were baptized & added to the chh.

p. 157 – March 19, 1809. Then Jacob Newell & Polly Hubbard were baptized & joined the chh.

April 20. Received Sister Nabby Foster into the chh. She was a member of the old Orwell chh. which was dissolved.

Appointed Deacon Barce & Brs. Hezekiah Carr & Elijah Mattison as a committee look into an objection brought by Sister Anna Corbin against the reception of Mrs. Downey.

p. 158 – April 20, 1809. Then James Downey was baptized & added to the chh.

April 24. Then Jonathan Paul, Jeddediah Smith, Amos Smith, Hannah Cross, Hannah Paul, Betsey Paul, Eunice Smith, Lucy Hambleton & Lucy Smith were baptized & added to the chh.

May 7. Then Sarah Foster was baptized & added to the chh.

May 11. Received Br. Harvey Gillet by letter from Canaan chh.

Examined candidates – Charlotte Perry, a member of a Methodist facility, who was baptized by immersion upon a profession of her faith by a Methodist minister offered herself to the chh. No objections by Br. Sunderlin. Then appointed Br. Carr, Deac. Skinner, Br. Mattison & Eld. Haynes to confer with Br. Sunderlin on the subject, for the relief of his mind.

p. 159 – May 20, 1809. This day Mary Crippen joined this chh. by letter from Ameniatown. Also, Lois Downey & Sally Crippen were baptized & added.

May 21. Then Stukeley Foster was baptized & added to the chh.

May 28. Then Temperance Hutchinson & Rebecca Obrien were baptized & added to the chh.

June 8. Recieved Mehitabel Andrus by letter from the fourth Baptist church in Shastbury.

p. 160 – June 8, 1809. Appointed Jonathan Haynes to visit Elihu [Corbin] to enquire the reasons of his neglect.

June 11. Then Electa Clark & Eunice Woodard were baptized & were added to the chh.

June 25. Then Eunice Downey was baptized & added to the chh.

July [3]. Took under consideration the case of Charlotte Perry & concluded to wait for further light.

Received a complaint against Stephen Butt[s] by Dea. Barce for examination & laid it over to the next chh. meeting.

p. 161 – July 22, 1809. Then Lena Hubbard was baptized & added to the chh.

July 23. Then James M. Cluer, Elanson Eldridge, Polly Stocking & Eunice Filmore were baptized & added to the chh.

Aug. 10. Then met at the meeting house & took up the case of Br. Butts on a complaint from Dea. Barce, The complaint was – 1. For neglect of the chh. - 2. For using influence against the chh. & for communing with the Congregational chh. in this town - & 3. For gambling.

p. 162. - September 23, 1809. Then admitted Sr. Warrinner of Tinmouth as a member of this chh.

September 28. Voted a letter of recommendation to Br. Gorden Walker & wife with leave to join any other chh. of the same faith & order, as they are about removing.

p. 162-3 – September 28. Took up the case of Br. Butts. - Br. Butts has wholly forsaken our meeting & Br. Butts informed us this day that he refused to attend this chh. meeting & that he would give no encouragement that he would ever attend another with us & that he talked of going out [remainder at the bottom of the page, illegible.] The chh. then agreed to examine the evidence of his gambling – three witness[es] testified that they heard him concede to the facts which he did, which the chh. considered gambling. The chh. then voted to send him a letter of admonition & that Eld. Haynes & brethren Carr & Huntington be a committee to make out the letter.

p. 163 – October 1, 1809. Then Mary Tobey was baptized & added to the chh.

p. 164 – Novr. 9, 1809. Wm. Lewis requested a letter of dismission to Poultney chh. but there being so few of the chh. together, it was thought proper to defer acting on the request till more of them should be together.

Voted a letter with leave to join another to Nabby Hill, alias Nabby Cole.

Decr. 14. Excluded Stephen Butts from the chh.

Gave Br. Wm. Lewis a letter of dismission to Poultney chh.

p. 165 – Decr. 14, 1809. As Sister [Harriet Hubbard] is about to remove to a distance voted to give her a letter of recommendation with leave to join any other chh. of the same faith & order.

As Br. Harvey Gillet is about to remove to a distance & requested a letter, voted to give him a letter with leave to join any other chh. of the same faith & order. When Br. Blunt (who had some questions on his mind) [should] certify that he thought it proper for him to take out a letter though Br. Blunt said he had no difficulty with Br. Gillet. Accordingly, a letter was given to Br. Gillet Jan. 13, 1810.

Jan. 11, 1810. Voted that in consequence of long & habitual neglect of the chh.; after many labors from time to time, that Benjamin C. Foster is no longer under the watch of this chh.

p. 166 [incorrectly called 165] – 8 March 1810. Br. H. Carr exhibited a complaint against Br. James Smith concerning a certain injury in dealing.



p. 167 [incorrectly called 166] – 8 March 1810. The chh. accepted the complaint [against Br. James Smith] for trial.

April 12, 1910. Sister Fanny Daniels joined the chh. by letter from Rutland chh. now dissolved.

Read a letter from Sr. Clarissa Mehurin requesting a recommendation and dismissal to the Congregational chh. in town. Appointed Elder Haynes, Dn. Skinner & Br. Williams a committee to visit Sr. Mehurin on the subject of her letter.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to attend to business of difficulty between Br. Carr and Br. James Smith reported that they judged the sd. horse was recommended too high and that the cause of religion was wounded thereby, that reparation had been made to Br. Carr as to...

p. 168 - ...property, and that they thought Br. Smith ought to make some satisfaction to the chh. as it was brought before them. Br. Smith then said he ought not to make any retraction, for he said he thought the committee had not the whole light of the case.

p. 169 – May 10, 1810. Took up the business of the complaint of Br. Carr against Br. James Smith... they are still of opinion that Br. Smith was out of the way in the recommendation of sd. horse. Br. Smith still asserted his innocence.

p. 171 – August 9, 1810. Voted to give a letter of dismissal & recommendation to Deacon Ford and his wife, & Susanna Ford & Polly Ford to join Pittsford chh.

Took up the case of Clarissa Mehurin (or Hicks) & after some conversation voted that for sundry reasons we dismiss the letter she sent us.

Br. Nathan Ford exhibited a complaint against Br. John Woodard for an ill use of [---] liquor, for gambling and for neglect of the chh. On this, the chh. voted to accept it for trial.

p. 172 – August 9, 1810. The chh. voted the charges [against Br. John Woodard] supported & voted to send him a letter of admonition.

September 13, 1810. Excluded John Woodard.

Appointed Dea. Barce to visit Sr. Ward.

Appointed Wm. Fuller to visit Elihu Corbin.

p. 173 – October 25, 1810. Br. James Smith's case was brought up, & after further attention to it, & considering some further evidence he exhibited, were still of the same mind on the subject. Voted that Br. Carr's complaint is supported – several of the Brethren labored with him by turns in chh. meeting to retract his wrong – but he wholly justified himself in the matter of the complaint – the chh. proceeded no further with him at this time.

p. 174 – October 6, 1810. Took up the matter of a complaint which Br. Blunt exhibited against Br. Walton on Dec. 15, 1808, which has been so long neglected on account of his infirmity. Voted to go into a further investigation of the subject.

p. 175 – December 13, 1810. Appointed Br. McCheer to enquire after Sister Mary Parker & know why she is absent so much, & excite her to more attention to the chh. & make report.

Appointed Br. Huntington to enquire after the two Sister Stiles's for the reason of their absence from communion, & make report.

Whereas some difficulty appeared between Brother Jonathan Haynes & Br. David Smith, the chh. appointed Dn. Barce & Br. Hezekiah Carr to attempt a reconciliation between them.

As Br. Glass is about moving away & made a request, voted a letter for him & his wife.

Jan. 10, 1811. Whereas Clarissa Mehurin, alias Clarissa Hicks, hath departed from us and joined a chh. out of our fellowship, therefore voted – that she be no longer considered as a member of this chh.

The committee which was sent [to] enquire after Sr. Stiles's absence reported that she would come as soon as possible & render her reasons.

p. 176 – Jan. 10, 1811. Appointed Br. Woodhouse to enquire after Sr. Mary Parker the reasons of her absence from us.

Appointed Br. Adonijah Ford to visit Sr. Lydia Hilton & enquire for the reasons of her absence from us.

Voted the following letters for members about to move away, viz. - Br. Amos Smith & wife – Br. Nathaniel Parker & wife - & Br. Alanson Eldridge.

Deacon Barce presented a complaint against Br. Richard Stephens for getting a bill of divorce from his wife for a cause different from that pointed out by our Lord. The chh. accepted the complaint for trial.

Br. Jonathan Paul brought in a complaint against Sr. Lucy Hambleton for frolicking & dancing. The chh. accepted the complaint for trial.

p. 177 – Feb. 3, 1811. Voted a letter of recommendation for Sr. Polly Stocking.

Feb. 14. Br. Ford reported that he had visited Sr. Hilton but that her husband forbid his talking with her, & turned him out of doors – but that he had conversations with her at another time from home & that she manifested a wish to travel with the chh., but her husband would not let her. - the chh. accepted the report & dropped the matter.

Sr. Stiles was called on for her reasons of absence & she stated that the conduct of Br. Stephens had obstructed her way, & she began to instance other things besides his getting a bill from his wife & the chh. enquired if she had taken regular labors with him... & she said she had not – we then informed her that she could not be heard on that subject till such labors were taken.

Br. Paul reported that Sr. Lucy Hambleton had removed into some part of Middletown soon after his appointment & that he had not seen her.

p. 178 – February 22, 1811. By request of Br. Richard Stephens, met this day to tend to his case, pursuant to a complaint against him by Dn. Barce. Enquired of Br. Stephens whether he had obtained a bill of divorce from his wife. - He answered in the affirmative. Called on him to render his reasons for so doing. - He then exhibited the affidavits upon which he obtained his bill – They set forth many trying things, but adultery was not mentioned in the papers – Then the moderator read, & briefly commented [Biblical references]. Then called on the chh. to know whether they are justified, or dissatisfied with Br. Stephens, & took a silent vote, each one whispering his mind to the clerk - & we found that part were justified – part dissatisfied – and part undetermined.- of course put over the business till next week.

Br. R. Stephens exhibited a complaint against Sr. Delight Stiles for slandering him & reporting things about him which he said are not true.

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