

Conference  
January  
6 1821

After the conference was concluded it was  
thought proper to chose several committees  
to visit delinquent brethren and sisters  
and admonish them to their duty and make  
them report next conference  
Dea Wetters and Dea Richards was chosen  
to visit Bro Elkanah Billings and wife Bro  
Oliver Billings Bro Patten Wyman and  
Bro Perkins sister Betty Gliddons and sister  
Betsey Motton  
Bro David Knowls and Bro Ewakins was  
chosen to visit Brethren David Watson  
Henry Fish James Swift and sisters  
Anna Jameson Ruth Stratford and sister  
young  
Bro Henry Watson Bro Miss Batchlar  
were chosen to visit Brethren Stephen  
Abraham French William French  
and sister French and sister wing

Church  
Conference  
February  
3 1821

After the conference was concluded I attended  
to the report of the comtee appointed last conference  
Dea Richards reported that Bro E Billings  
had a difficulty with Bro Stephen and that  
he agreed to try to settle it that he and  
his wife were sad in their minds and he  
neglected meeting on that account but give  
encouragement that would attend the present  
conference but they did not attend Bro  
Billings and Bro P. Wyman they did not say  
that Bro Perkins was here in his mind and  
his difficulty was all his himself  
Sisters Gliddons and Motton being present  
spoke for themselves sister Motton made a  
confession of her backsliding and acknowledged  
the word which she had brought on the Lord  
of Christ and asked forgiveness the comtee  
satisfied with sisters Gliddons and Motton  
and voted to continue Bro Watson and  
Richards a comtee to visit Brethren E  
Billings O Billings P Wyman and Perkins  
and report next conference

Sister  
Motton  
gives  
satisfaction  
to the church  
for the crime  
of fornication

Continued

Brother Knowls and Ewakins reported that they visited  
the Brethren and sisters to whom they were sent  
Bro D. Watson being present spoke for himself  
and said that it was difficult for him to attend  
at all times and some times he forgot the  
day till it was too late but desired to walk  
with the ch. sister Anna Jameson the comtee  
said they were desirous to attend with the ch.  
but could not she had no way to get to meeting  
but walk and the sister R. Mutton sent the  
comtee her - Bro Swift was present and  
spoke for himself and appeared very agreeable  
Bro Fish the comtee said had been much imbu-  
red with worldly things but thought that he should  
attend as often as he could the church voted  
satisfied with the above members  
the comtee said that sister young was running even  
but they were not wholly satisfied with her  
much was said respect sister young by some  
it was thought that the ch. ought not to have  
with her by others that they had better resolve  
to continue her in fellowship  
Brother W. Watson reported that he and Bro John  
Batchlar had visited the Bre Frenches that  
Bro Stephen French had many difficulties and  
appeared to possess a hard mind and give but little  
encouragement of reconciliation Bro Abraham  
French being present he read some excuses  
for not meeting with the ch. but manifested a  
desire to walk with the ch. the ch. voted to  
continue him in fellowship - sister wing they  
had not seen - Bro William French he said  
was very stubborn and refused to meet with the  
ch. as he had any thing to do with the government  
and disciples of the ch. and prior to this he  
said to one of the standing comtee that he had  
for a long time contemplated to withdraw from  
the ch. ~~which~~ though considering that it  
was inconsistent to hold members in fellowship  
who utterly refused to submit to its govern-  
ment voted to withdraw their watch care and ch.  
fellowship from him  
a voted that Bro David Chase and Jesse French  
be sent to visit Bro Stephen French and  
wife and admonish them to duty and report  
next conference and that Bro Watson and  
Batchlar be continued to visit sister wing  
and report next conference

Abraham  
French  
gives  
satisfaction  
William  
French  
Excluded



Church  
Conference  
March 3  
1821

After Conference was concluded  
the com<sup>tee</sup> reported last Conference report  
Dea Richards and Watson had not performed  
the duty assigned them. Bro Elkanah Billings  
being present gave the church satisfaction  
Brothermen Mary Watson and Allen Hatcher  
reported that they visited Sister Waring that she wished  
to continue a member of the Church and would try  
to perform her duty agreeable to the request of the  
Church - voted satisfied  
Brother Chase and J. Zuck had not finished  
the business assigned them agreed that they should  
report next Conference  
appointed to vote to relinquish Bro. Watson from  
Richards from the duty assigned them last Conference  
and that Bro J. Eton and B. Palmer be  
a com<sup>tee</sup> to visit Bro Perkins Bro Oliver  
Billings and Bro Peter Wymann and D. Marshall then  
to duty - report next Conference  
voted that our next Conference commence  
at one o'clock in the afternoon

Church  
Conference  
March 31

A very low discouraging time.  
After Conference was concluded the com<sup>tee</sup> reported last Confer-  
ence reported Bro Eton and Palmer had performed their  
duty assigned them. Bro Perkins present said the reason  
of his neglect was the state of his own mind that he did  
not perform family prayer and that his mind was such  
that he could not pray in his family nor communicate with  
the Church at present - Bro Peter Wymann present  
said that he thought that he was not fit to belong to any  
Religious Society and doubted very much of his being a  
Christian - both were requested to attend the first Church  
meeting - Bro Oliver Billings present said that his  
neglect was on account of a difficulty which he had with  
Bro Abram French - voted to refer said difficulty  
to the standing com<sup>tee</sup>

Bro J. Zuck reported that he visited Bro J. French  
but received no satisfaction. Voted to hold a church meeting  
on Tuesday April 10<sup>on election</sup> and to request Bro J. French to  
attend it

1st Voted Bro Perkins situation and after considerable  
conversation on the subject voted to continue him in  
fellowship - took notice of Bro Peter Wymann's situation  
but he not being present voted to defer the matter  
until further information could be obtained  
took notice of Bro Stephen French's situation heard  
being present it was supposed by some that he  
did not understand the desire of the meeting voted  
to defer acting on the subject until Elder Martin's

Church  
Meeting  
April 10  
Brothermen  
Perkins  
P. Wymann  
and French  
discipline

1821

Brothermen  
O. Billings  
and  
A French  
in difficulty

John Duggan  
May 2  
Church  
Conference

Brother  
Stephen  
French  
Excluded

Tuesday  
June 5  
Church  
meeting

shall have an opportunity of conversing with him  
5th Bro Oliver Billings and Abraham French being  
present voted to recall a vote past last Conference  
which referred their difficulty to the standing com<sup>tee</sup> and  
to consider it in the present meeting - after inquiring  
into the difficulty it was found to consist of a controversy  
in its statements made by them in court at which  
neither of them had any evidence of the truth of what  
they affirmed after considerable conversation on the  
subject - voted to inquire upon them that they walk  
together as brethren and fill their place in the  
Church and if one or both do not that they must be  
subject to discipline therefore unless further light  
can be obtained on the subject

after Conference took notice of Bro Stephen he  
not being present and appears to neglect the author-  
ity of the Church and by the best information  
which we can obtain he has no design to walk  
with the Church - therefore voted to with-  
draw our watch care and Church fellowship  
from him  
a complaint entered by the Standing com<sup>tee</sup> against  
Deacon Watson - appointed next Tuesday  
one o'clock to hear the same

met agreeable to appointment engaged in prayer  
1 read the result of the com<sup>tee</sup> to which Deacon  
Watson objected  
2 heard the evidence and circumstances on  
which the result was founded  
3 agreed to consider each article of the Result  
separately

Art 1 that Deacon Watson ought to have attended the  
bond which he received of John Crane agreeable  
to Crane's request - viz to uncover Crane's  
personal property - this charge appeared to  
the Church not sufficiently supported  
voted to relinquish the Deacon from it  
Art 2 that Deacon Watson's charge to stock and pain-  
ing tools which Oliver Richards carried away  
was unjust and consequently his claim to  
a part of certain lands which he said he  
bought with said stock and tools was unjust  
on this article much was said but nothing  
decided  
agreed to Monday June 25



Monday  
June 25  
Church  
meeting  
Respecting  
Dea. Watton

1821

Dea. Watton

the most agreeable to a government  
engaged in prayer and proceeded to business  
after much conversation it was agreed to  
proceed by taking notice of each article in the report  
of the Standing Committee

1<sup>st</sup> the article which was taken up but not passed  
was again discussed - and excepted by the Church  
on which Dea. Watton made such an acknow-  
ledgment that the Church voted satisfied

2<sup>nd</sup> the third article in the report was noticed  
which was as follows that Dea. Watton ought to  
have placed John Crane in the same situation  
in regard to the writings that Oliver Richards  
was formerly in an author was second him  
agreeable to process - this article the Church  
voted to accept but the Dea. said that he could  
not conscientiously comply with it

3<sup>rd</sup> the fourth article of the report was that he has many  
statements relative to the affair which  
are not true - on this article the Dea. made  
such an acknowledgment that the Church  
voted satisfied

4<sup>th</sup> the fifth article in the report was the second  
wrong in not submitting the matter to the  
judgment of men agreeable to the Church  
purpose - this article was accepted by the Church  
but Dea. Watton said he could not comply with it

5<sup>th</sup> the sixth article in the report was that Dea.  
Watton's movement relative to getting  
Oliver Richards first testimony in the affair  
calculated to give people reason to think that  
the true situation of the business  
by was unwilling that the true situation of the  
business should be known on this article  
the Dea. made such an acknowledgment that  
the Church voted satisfied

6<sup>th</sup> voted that the Dea. be requested to acknowledge his  
wrong in the two articles which he has not acknow-  
ledged - in conference meetings and to John Crane  
and wife

7<sup>th</sup> voted that Dea. Watton have till conference  
after next to comply with the request of the Church  
which will be August seventh

Saturday  
June 30  
Conference  
1821

Saturday  
August 2  
Conference

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Said Day September 2 1821  
Bro. Cousins  
Cousins of the ch. by  
letter

voted to raise one hundred Dollars for  
Elder Martin and that he preach the  
as much as he think proper this  
year - - - - -

after conference the situation of  
Dea. Watton was noticed but few  
brothers present voted to  
postpone deciding on his case until  
our annual church meeting which  
will be on Wednesday September 12  
A complaint from Mr. Jennil  
Buehler against Bro. Abraham  
Quench was presented to the Church  
the Church voted to inquire of  
brother Quench to settle with Mr.  
Buehler and to bring a statement  
from him that he is satisfied  
to the annual meeting or otherwise  
vindicate his case before the  
meeting -

Monday  
September  
17 1821  
Church

for certain reasons the church meeting  
to be on Wednesday the 12 was put by till Mon-  
day the 14 on which day the church met and trans-  
acted the following business -  
1<sup>st</sup> voted that Elders Billings and Martin Dejeu-  
re Richards and Bro. Enock Watton be the messengers  
of the Church to the Association  
2<sup>nd</sup> that three Dollars and fifty cents be used to  
send to the Association  
3<sup>rd</sup> that our letter request the Association to  
sit with us next year  
4<sup>th</sup> that Elder Martin prepare the letter



September  
17 1821

5 Voted to drop some business in the Church  
a standing committee  
6 voted to hold stated Church meetings on  
the last Thursday but one before our communion  
7 Attended to a complaint brought by Bro J. French  
Billings against Bro Peter Wyman the substance  
of which was that Bro Wyman struck him  
twice in his face with his fist without any just  
ground of provocation - after hearing Bro  
Billings complaint and Wyman's statement of  
the affair the church were of the opinion  
that the complaint was correct  
and voted to withdraw their watch care and church  
fellowship from Peter Wyman

Peter  
Wyman  
Excluded

8 Called on Bro Abram French to know whether  
he had settled with Mr Daniel Bachler and  
found that he had not

Voted that we put by deciding on the affair  
until our first stated Church meeting and  
still insist on him to settle with Mr Bachler

9 Called on Dec Watson and found that he had  
not made and still refused to make any further

Dec Watson acknowledged on the accusations brought  
against him in the result of the court after  
much conversation on the subject some were  
in favour of receiving him without further  
acknowledgement and some against it  
twenty brethren being present the vote  
as follows - nine voted so far satisfied as to con-  
tinue him in fellowship - eight voted not satisfied  
and two did not vote on either side

including  
Dec  
Watson

October  
25 1821

stated chh  
meeting

Chh met agreeable to appointment inserted in  
prayer

inquired respecting Bro Abraham French  
settlement with Mr D. Bachler and found  
that Bro French had acknowledged his fault  
to Mr Bachler for giving at his day and also  
offered him three dollars for damages but  
Mr Bachler and Bachler refused to accept it  
Bro French then proposed to leave the  
affair to men to which Bachler agreed

French  
D. Bachler

A French  
gives  
satisf  
action

but Brother French after word finding that  
it would place him in very unpleasant  
circumstances in many respects withdrew  
his proposal of leaving it to men  
the chh believing that Bro French had  
made a sufficient acknowledgement and  
subject and that he had offered more than  
Bachler more than the real damages was  
voted satisfied with Brother French respect-  
ing the complaint brought by D. Bachler

2 Chose Bro E. Fisk and E. Watson assessors  
and Bro William Billings collector

3 Brethren Erast Watson E. Fisk  
Jesse Fisk and J. Chase manifested  
disatisfaction with the votes of the chh  
respecting Dec Watson which they say  
justified by his immoral conduct  
much conversation past on the subject  
but no agreement was obtained  
Voted to again the meeting to Thursday  
November first then to meet at Elders  
Martins at ten o'clock morning  
closed by prayer

thurs  
Novem

1821  
Church  
meeting

The church met agreeable to appointment  
opened the meeting by prayer but few brethren  
present doubted the propriety of proceed-  
ing to business - much conversation past on  
the subject before the church  
voted to recall the vote which was past  
by the church Monday September 14 1821

2 Voted so far satisfied with Dec Watson as to con-  
tinue him in fellowship  
3 Voted to again the meeting to Thursday November  
eighth then to meet at Elders Martins at one o'clock  
P.M. - closed by prayer

Dec  
Watson



Thursday  
Nov 8th  
1892  
Church  
meeting

Laban with Deans with the conference

The Church with agreeable to government  
after prayer proceeded to business  
1 voted that each Brother present express his  
opinion respecting the difficulty with De Wotton  
and proceed accordingly after the Brother had  
expressed their opinion on the subject it was  
clear that a variety of opinions existed among us  
respecting it - it was then thought best to  
fix on some point which would be best con-  
sidered to concentrate the ends of the Brethren  
after much conversation on the subject  
2 voted that Elder Martin form a result put it  
in writing and lay it before the Church  
agreeable to said vote the following result was  
formed and accepted by the Church -

The Baptist Church of Christ in Leyton to  
Dear Joshua Wotton Dear Brother  
after much labour anxiety and perplexity  
we have come to a decision on your case which  
has been before the Church and the Church is  
unanimously of the opinion that you ought to  
make the following confessions and we do hereby  
request you to make the following confessions

1 to John Evans and his wife that in the  
controversy between you and him that have  
manifested a wrong temper of mind and  
that you was not so willing to accommodate him  
as you ought to have been and that you have  
said many things concerning the affair which  
are not true

2 to the Church in conference meeting that in  
the controversy between you and John Evans  
that you have manifested a wrong temper  
of mind that you was not so willing to accom-  
modate him as you ought to have been that you have  
said many things concerning the affair which  
are not true that you have given just cause  
of grief to your Brethren and wounded the  
cause of Christ

3 that if you have represented to any person or  
persons out of this Church that the cause of your  
making said statements was by being interrupted  
by the community while you were stating things  
relative to the difficulty before them that you  
confess to those persons that that was a wrong  
statement

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you are requested to make the above confessions  
you are requested to make the above confessions  
without putting in the word (if) or trying to justify  
yourself by any circumstances what ever  
if you comply with this request and finish the  
confessions at our next conference meeting  
you will be considered a member in fellowship  
with the Church but if not the Church will  
take such order on the subject as they shall  
think proper

Signed in behalf of the Church Jesse Martin  
Young at Church meeting Nov 8 1892

3 voted that the above result be sent to  
Dear Wotton

2 voted to release Bro Wm. Billing from the  
Cathartian ship

5 Chase Bro. Member Eugene Cathartian  
Closed by prayer

Friday  
November  
1892  
Church  
Conference

after conference was concluded a letter from  
Dear Joshua Wotton was read to the Church  
the purport of which was as follows -

Dear Brethren as it respects the wrong  
temper of mind which I possess I can  
acknowledge that after Mr. Evans said that  
he would not take a deed except he could have  
it free and clear of all incumbrances I then  
felt my temper to rise and I thought it best to  
say nothing in this manner of mind

that I was not willing to accommodate him I cannot  
confess for I tried hard to make him easy by  
offering him the seventy acres of land to the  
satisfaction of his father

that I have said many things concerning the  
affair which are not true and that the word of  
must not be put in I cannot acknowledge  
and I the further that I had twenty years  
ago those wrong statements would not have  
been but being old and broken and intemperate  
was the reason of my making them

Deans with Deans with the conference



1821

and as you write to say that the Comtee was not  
a great cause of my making wrong statements  
I cannot see where they were so prejudiced as  
I think and would not hear any thing more  
hardly believe a word that I said

Brothers we ought to wash one another for  
one another but I think that you have washed one me  
for my bettering for I think that I have been  
examined full too closely in my brother's state  
of mind. to find out that something as you  
found it on something had been the certain  
god forbid that I should judge the heart. but  
I wish have been my feelings

Brothers this is my mind in full about  
the matter and I thought it best for me  
to write it down and send it in to the  
Church.

this is only an extract from the letter but  
the whole contained nothing which was more in  
compliance with the request of the Church

the Church hearing the letter and considering  
that all that was contained in it went to  
justify the Deacon in all his proceedings and con-  
formity with the judgment of the Church and that  
the Church had labored with him about nine  
months and could not reclaim him they  
thought proper to decide on his case thinking  
better to withdraw our wash care and Church  
fellowship from Deacon Joshua Watson

Deacon  
Joshua  
Watson  
Excluded

1822  
Saturday  
June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Conference

and after conference it was thought proper that we should  
take notice of reports circulating about sister Lovejoy's  
making too free with spirituous Lickquer it was thought  
proper that a committee of inquiry should be sent  
to her Brethren John Knowles & Enoch Watson Chosen  
for that purpose and report at our next Church Meeting  
Brother David Fifield then came forward and confessed  
he had lately been guilty of the sin of Intoxication  
and said he was willing to confess before all who  
were knowing to the Circumstance but as some were  
of the opinion he ought to make a public acknowledge-  
ment on the Sabbath others doubtful whether  
we ought to make such a demand it was thought  
proper to postpone the matter untill our next  
Church Meeting for further consideration

June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Chh  
Meeting

circumstance relating to br Fifield was again taken  
into consideration and after some conversation  
on the subject voted so far satisfied on his former  
Confession as to hold him in Fellowship  
Committee visit sister Lovejoy Reported they visited  
her as requested by the Church and she confessed she had  
drunk to Excess and appeared sorry for the same  
and said she was willing to confess the same to saints  
and sinners but had not confidence enough to come  
to the Chh and confess to them

Some more complaints was then brought against  
her of the same nature the Chh voted not satisfied  
and voted to send her an other Committee and  
admonish her to her duty and Report at our  
Next Conference Meeting  
Brethren David Knowles and David Watson  
were Chosen for that purpose

Elder Jesse Martin then came forward and observed  
that he had something of a Much more serious nature  
to lay before the Brethren than that which we had  
just attended to and then observed that he himself  
was at Readfield Corner last Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst  
that he drank so much Spirit to be very much  
Intoxicated and so as loose his recollection



1822

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Wholly for considerable part of the way home this was a very  
 this was a very alarming circumstance to the Chh Intirely  
 new and unexpected to the greater part of the Chh the  
 the Elder then Confest his wrong and Manifested  
 sorrow of heart for the same and said he should ~~go~~ and  
 Confess to those before whom he had been Exposed  
 and said he was willing to confess in publick on the  
 Sabbath he then desired leave of absence  
 the <sup>Chh</sup> being thrown into such a consternation that  
 almost profound silence Insued sorrow of heart  
 appeared to rest on Every ~~heart~~ Countenance  
 after some moments had Elapsed some conversato  
 Commens, on the subject the Chh considering the  
 Circumstance Exidental and that we were bound  
 to forgive and overlook the same and should he do as  
 he had proposed for Elder Billings to attend with  
 us next Sabbath and preach in the forenoon and  
 and for Elder Martin to preach in the afternoon  
 Elder Billings Dea Jeremiah Richards Dea  
 Abijah Crane were Chosen as a coucil to Inform  
 him the proceeding of the meeting and advise him  
 Concluded by prayer

The next day after Elder Martin had confest his fault to  
 the Church he went and saw a number of those  
 people before whom he had been Exposed and  
 Confest to them and also on the next Sabbath  
 Morning made a publick acknowledgement  
 in the Meetinghouse no preaching in the  
 fore noon Elder Billings preac. in the after noon

July the 3<sup>d</sup>  
 Chh Meeting

first Chose br Joseph Anderson Moderator  
 to govern said Meeting the circumstance  
 Relating to Elder Martin was again taken into  
 Consideration Brethren Jesse Luck and Israel  
 Chase then stated to the Chh that they saw Elder  
 Martin about a year ago last March at his own  
 House and were satisfied he had Drunk  
 too much spirit and appeared Intoxicated

and that he was not <sup>in</sup> situation <sup>to</sup> converse with them but  
 Concluded they should take an opportunity and  
 converse with him on the subject but confest they  
 had neglected their duty untill this late affair  
 Relative to Elder Martin had become publick. E Martin  
 was asked when these things were so he said he had  
 no knowledge of any such thing and therefore had  
 no Confession to make Information had lately come  
 to the Chh that a year ago last winter he was  
 at parkers Tavern in Hallowell and had the  
 appearance of Intoxication Dea Crane was  
 then asked whether he had made Inquiry Respect  
 E Martin he said he was direct from Hallowell  
 and that he made Inquiry at Parkers Tavern that  
 Mrs Parker said she thought one time  
 when he was there he had Drunk too much  
 but this however gained but little Credit in the  
 minds of the Chh Elder Martin was then  
 asked whether he remembered any such  
 thing he said he did not and had no confession  
 to make as to that Charge E Martin then  
 Requested a dismission from the Pastoral  
 Care of the Chh and then Chose to withdraw  
 and after much conversation on the Subject  
 the Chh were of the opinion that E Martins  
 Misfortune was not the Products of Exident  
 but rather Imprudence and considering the  
 wound it had brought on religion it was the  
 Minds the Chh that his preaching would not  
 be profitable to us at present then voted  
 to dismiss him from the pastoral care of  
 the Chh and no longer consider <sup>him as</sup> our preacher  
 at present but to hold him in Fellowship  
 as a private Brother

Concluded by prayer



1822  
July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Conference

and after the Brethren and sisters had related the Exercise of their minds the Committee to visit sister Lovejoy reported that they had visited sister Lovejoy as requested by the Chh and had made inquiry of her neighbours respecting her drinking to excess they said they had seen her when they thought she had drunk too much but did <sup>not</sup> think she was in the habit of it nor did they think she wisht to put her self in the way of it her neighbours spoke very favourable of her sister Lovejoy appeared to manifest sorrow of heart for her wrong and said for the future she thought ~~for the future~~ she should wholly desist from taking any spirit altho the nature of her disorder some times required a little spirit the Chh considering her situation to be very peculiar and trying and that she was some restrained by her husband in coming to the Chh voted so far satisfied as to hold her in Fellowship  
Concluded by prayer

August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Stated Chh  
Meeting

It chose Br Anderson Moderator to govern the Meeting then Inquired of the Collectors whe ther they had collected the money on their bills and settled with E Martin they stated there was considerable Due on their bills and some there was but little prospect of collecting it was then thought proper that we should have a Treasurer Ezra Fisk chosen for that purpose Dea Abijah Crane Dea Jeremiah Richards Br Anderson and Br Ezra Fisk were chosen as a Committee to settle with Elder Martin and report at our next Chh Meeting then voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in September at one O'clock  
Concluded by prayer

1822  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup>  
Chh Meeting

opened by prayer then the Committee to settle with E Martin Reported they had settled with him and found about Sixty Dollars Due him Elder Martin stated that if he could have the Money soon he would take some less brethren Joseph Anderson Dea Abijah Crane and David Fifield agreed to pay him and receive it of the Chh when they could pay it then chose Elder Billings and Brethren Joseph Anderson and Ezra Fisk as messengers to the Association voted that Joseph Anderson Jr write the letter to the Association and to request 70 Copies of the minutes voted to give Elder Martin a writing stating his standing in the Church

Dec 26<sup>th</sup>  
Stated Chh  
Meeting

It chose Br Anderson Moderator to govern the Meeting Stephen Page and his wife Mary by letter Requested a recommendation and Dismission to join the Baptist Church in Hartford Connecticut Granted sister Pages Request but the Request of Br Page we thought not to comply with at Present considering the manner in which he left the Town but to write him a letter stating the minds of the Chh on the Subject Brethren Enock Watson and David Knowles Com to visit Br Swift and Inquire the reason his so long absenting him self from the Chh and admonish him to his duty  
Brethren Benjamin <sup>Palmer</sup> & Joseph Anderson Com to visit Br Elkanah Billings and Oliver Billings and Melitabel Gladden and make a similar Inquiry  
Brethren Jeremiah Richards & Israel Chase Com to visit Br Elijah Lane Sisters Betsey and Sally Lane and make a similar Inquiry and Com to report at our next Stated Chh Meeting  
Brethren Joseph Anderson Benj<sup>a</sup> Palmer David Fifield Jesse Lusk and Israel Chase as a committee for one Year to see that this Church is supplied with Preaching  
Concluded by Prayer



1823  
Conference  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 4  
Saturday

March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Conference

after the Brethren had Related the Exercise of their  
Minds Elder Martin and wife Requested a Recommendation  
and dismission from this Chh to join some Church  
of the same faith and order that should be most  
Convenient for them their Request Granted

and after the Brethren and sisters had Related their  
Exercises then attended to some Chh Business

1. Br Anderson Moderator to Govern sd Meeting

2. attended to the <sup>Report of the</sup> several Committees Br David Knowles  
Reported he had visited Br Swift and gained satisfaction  
the Church voted satisfied Br Anderson Com. to visit  
Brethren Elkanah Billings and wife Oliver Billings  
and sister Glidden Reported he had attended to his  
duty as requested by the Church and on his report  
voted satisfied with Br Elkanah Billings and  
wife Oliver Billings being present speaks for  
him self and tries to justify him self for  
with drawing from the Chh on account of a  
difficulty between him and Br Abraham French  
much time was spent in trying to convince him

of his wrong but he not being convinced of his wrong  
voted to give him untill our next stated Chh  
to further consider the subject the Church  
admonished him to his duty sister Glidden  
being present Endeavors to justify her self  
for communing with what we consider  
an unbaptised Church and denied scriptural  
authority for baptising by Emersion much time was  
taken up in trying to convince her of her  
wrong and many arguments made use of  
but she still appears to maintain her Error  
then voted to give her untill our next stated  
Church Meeting for further consideration  
voted to Adjourn this meeting to our next stated  
Chh Meeting Concluded by Prayer

1823  
March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Chh meeting

Chose Br Anderson Moderator to Govern sd Meeting  
then made some Inquiry of the Collectors respecting  
their bills they stated there was considerable  
Due and some they thought they could not collect  
it was thought proper to make Inquiry into the  
Circumstances of such as had not settled with the  
Collectors and try to ascertain whether they are  
able to pay or not Brethren Enoch Watson  
and Joseph Watson Com to visit Br Swift and  
Inquire into his circumstances and see whether  
in their opinion he is able to pay his taxes or  
not the Church then manifested their  
unanimous wish to have Elder John Haines  
to preach with us the present year if he could  
be obtained a complaint brought against Br  
Robert Erwin in which he was accused of  
stealing Lying and using profane language  
voted that Br Enoch Watson write a letter to  
Br John Bradbury who lives near him and  
whom we expect must be knowing to his  
conduct Requesting him to send this Church  
a correct statement of his conduct

Concluded by Prayer

April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
stated Chh  
Meeting

Aneps Tilton brought an accusation against Br  
Henry Watson in which he accused him of  
Injustice in with holding money from him  
which he promised to pay over to School  
District No. 7 but Br Watson not being present  
it was thought proper to put by that to our  
next Chh Meeting Mehitable Glidden being  
being present the subject Respecting her was  
again taken in consideration and finding her  
to be of the same opinion and no prospect  
of her being reclaimed from her Error altho  
many arguments were made use of to convince  
her voted to withdraw our church Fellowship  
and wait for her.

Mehitable  
Glidden  
Excluded

The circumstances Respecting Br Oliver Billings  
was again taken up Br Billings being present  
was again Questioned Respecting the present  
state of his cond he appeared the same as before  
much was said to convince him of his wrong  
but he not being fully convinced of his wrong voted  
to give him untill our next stated Chh meeting  
voted to adjourn this meeting to the 8<sup>th</sup> May next



1823  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Conference

after the Conference was closed  
Rachel Billings Related her Experience of a work  
of Grace on the Heart to the satisfaction of the Chh  
and offered her self as a candidate for Baptism  
and to join this Church ~~the~~ concluded to attend  
to the ordinance of Baptism as soon as should  
be convenient

May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Chh Meeting

br Jeremiah Richards one of the Com to visit br  
Elijah Lane Sisters Betsy Lane and Sally Lane  
Reported he visited them as requested by the Chh  
and gained satisfaction so far as to think they  
ought to be continued in Fellowship  
the Chh voted satisfied  
the subject respecting Robert Erwin was  
again taken up but as we have recd no answer  
to the letter had any information from him  
voted that br E Watson write an other letter  
to br John Bradbury requesting him to send  
a letter to this and to give a correct statement  
of Erwin's Conduct Brethren Enock Watson  
and Joseph Watson Com to visit br Swift  
Reported they visited him but br T Swift  
being present speak for him self  
he stated that he had met with adverse  
Providence had sickness in his Family &c  
and was very much embarrassed and felt  
unable to pay his Chh tax voted to give in  
br Swift's taxes all that are behind  
the Complaint brought against br Henry  
Watson was further considered br Watson  
stated that he had a demand against the  
District that Tilton was to pay unto  
and wished to make an offset that way but  
the district not being to comply with that  
the Church then demand of H Watson  
that he should pay over the money  
to Anes Tilton Concluded by Prayer

1823  
Sunday  
May 11<sup>th</sup>

Betsy Billings told her Experience of a work  
of Grace on the Heart and wished to be Baptised  
and join this Church the Chh voted satisfied  
with her Experience next Tuesday appointed  
for her and sister to be Baptised and for  
Elder Haines to preach a sermon at br Elkanah  
Billings House

Tuesday  
May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Rachel  
and Billings  
aded to the Chh

Rachel Billings and Betsy Billings Baptised  
and the same day aded to the Church

April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Conference  
Elder  
Haines  
and wife  
aded to the Chh

Elder John Haines and his wife Lydia Haines  
Presented a Recommendation and Dismission  
from the first Baptist Church in Livermore  
Requesting to join this Chh and were recd into  
Fellowship in this Chh and at the Unanimous  
Request of this Church Excepted the Pastorial  
of the Church in Colleague with Elder Billings  
NB it was a mistake that this was not Entered  
in its proper place

Saturday  
May 31<sup>st</sup>  
Conference

after the Brethren and sisters had related their  
Exercises Hannah French came forward and Related  
her Experience of a work of Grace on the heart and also  
Requested to be Baptised and join the Church the Chh  
voted satisfied with her Experience next Thursday appointed  
for Elder Haines to preach a lecture at br Abraham Frenches  
at One O'clock P.M and baptise her

Thursday  
June 5<sup>th</sup>

Elder Haines Preachd a sermon as appointed  
and Baptised Hannah French same day aded to the Chh

Hannah French aded to the Chh



1823

Thursday  
June 26<sup>th</sup>  
O. Billings  
R. Irwin  
Excluded

was stated Church Meeting the Circumstance  
respecting Robert Irwin was again taken into  
Consideration Information had lately been  
Rec<sup>d</sup> by the Church from br John Bradbury  
and Greenbel Information this day from Elder  
Mayhew that stated Irwins Conduct to be very  
Criminal Such as Stealing lying and profane  
Language ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

voted to withdraw our Church Fellowship and  
Watch Care from him  
the Subject respecting Oliver Billings 2<sup>d</sup>  
was taken into Consideration and after much  
being said on the Subject and having no  
Incouragement ~~and~~ that he would  
Comply with the Requirement of the Ch<sup>h</sup>  
voted to withdraw our Ch<sup>h</sup> Fellowship and  
watch Care from him ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

O. Billings, 2<sup>d</sup>  
Excluded

voted to Raise 100 Dollars for the support of  
the Gospel the Present Year and 20 Dollars  
for Ch<sup>h</sup> Charges Brethren Ezra Fisk  
Enoch Watson and David Field chosen to  
assess the same br Fisk Treasurer br  
Field Collector

Aug 30.

Stated Church Meeting. opened by Prayer  
The Ch<sup>h</sup> clerk being absent, chose br. E. Fisk  
clerk, Pro. Tem.  
2. Appointed Clerks O. Billings & J. Haynes  
& Brethren J. Chase, Jesse Turk, & J. J.  
Richards Messengers to the Ap<sup>l</sup>  
3. voted that the money for the minutes  
be taken from the Ch<sup>h</sup> tax.  
4. Appointed Br. B. Palmer, J. Chase, & J. Turk  
a com<sup>tee</sup> to ascertain what Br are delinquent  
in the payment of their taxes, to visit such  
Br & enquire into the reasons of their ne-  
glect & cite them to attend the adjournment  
of this meeting  
5. adjourned to the 11<sup>th</sup> of next month  
E. Fisk, clerk, Pro. Tem.

1823.  
Sept. 11.

The Ch<sup>h</sup> met according to adjournment.  
Opened by prayer. Prayers to business.  
The com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to ascertain what Br were  
delinquent in the payment of their taxes, & to cite them  
to attend this meeting. Reported - That they have  
attended that service - and that they find some from  
different members in all winter clothes, & sixty six  
cents.  
The Ch<sup>h</sup> took the report under consideration &  
voted that those Br be allowed until the stated Ch<sup>h</sup>  
meeting previous to the first sabbath in Nov. next  
to pay the same -  
voted that the above matter be requested to notify  
those Br of the time allowed by the Ch<sup>h</sup> for the  
payment of arrearages taxes.  
voted that the next appointment be paid off, or before  
the Ch<sup>h</sup> meeting next before the first sabbath in  
March next - and that notice thereof be entered  
accordingly on the bills by the assessors.

Oct. 22.

Stated Ch<sup>h</sup> meeting.  
It was thought proper that some committee  
should be appointed to visit members who have  
long absented themselves from the church, enquire  
into the reason, & admonish them to their duty.  
Accordingly Br. David Knobel, Jacob Collins were  
chosen to visit sister Smith, sister Benhaden, &  
sister Walton. Dea. J. Richards to visit br. E.  
Lane, sisters B. Lane, & S. Lane, & sister Davis  
& committee to report at the adjournment  
of this meeting.  
Adjourned two weeks from this day 1. O. Church  
P. M.



1823.  
Nov. 6.

The chh met according to adjt  
The committee to call on members who had  
not settled their taxes reported that they had  
notified those who are behind - some have settled  
their taxes -

voted that Dea. Crane be requested to inform  
the collector R. Crane that the Mr. Rayner  
him to collect immediately what is behind on  
his bills.

The committee to visit sisters Smith, Barchelder  
& Walton Reported that they have attended that  
duty - After conversing some time on the case  
of sister Smith. Voted not satisfied with her  
excuses - and the same com. to visit her again  
I make further enquiries, & report at the next  
meeting.

The chh not being satisfied with sister  
Walton voted that the same com. to upon the  
report of the com. to be directed to call on her  
again & inform her that the chh is not satisfied  
& admonish her to her duty.

Voted satisfied to hold sister Barchelder in  
fellowship.

voted not satisfied with sister Davis the same  
com. to inform her. Dea. Crane added -  
voted that Bro. John Krawles be appointed  
a committee to visit Bro. Henry Watson, and  
enquire the reasons of his absenting from  
conferences & communion, & report next meeting.

voted that Dea. Crane be a committee to visit  
Bro. Perkins & make similar enquiry, he having  
been sometime absent.  
Adj. again this meeting, 1823. Oct. Elder Thompson

1823  
Nov. 17.

## Church meeting adjournment.

Bro. Henry Watson made acknowledgement for  
intimation on his way to Augusta with a prisoner  
voted satisfied with Bro. Watson.

The committee chosen to visit sister Smith, Bro.  
Jesse Tuck being substituted in place of Bro. Krawles  
reported they had attended their duty, & that she  
gave no encouragement of walking with the church.

Whereas Mrs Smith has for a long time absented  
from the church, and much time & labor has been  
spent to no effect, it was  
voted to withdraw our fellowship from her from this  
time.

The committee chosen to call on sister Walton reported  
that they had attended that service - Sister Walton  
manifesting repentance for her negligence, and  
promising to meet with the chh. Voted satisfied.

The com. to visit sister Davis reported that  
they had attended that duty - Sister Davis  
professes fellowship with the chh & promises to  
walk with us. Voted to walk with her.

The com. to visit Bro. Perkins reported  
that they were not satisfied with Bro. Perkins excuse.  
Voted that Bro. Enock Watson, & Israel Chase be  
chosen to inform Bro. Perkins, & admonish him to  
his duty.

The committee sent to visit Bro. H. Watson reported  
that they had performed that service. Bro. Watson  
being present said that his reason for withdrawing was  
that at a conference meeting last April he stated  
a difficulty that existed with himself & others, in  
which he requested help from the chh which  
was near refused. The chh after much being said  
voted that Bro. Watson had not taken the gospel  
rule.



nor gone according to the direction of the Bible  
but had brought his difficulty forward improperly, &  
irregularly; and that he be required to take the proper  
steps & to bring his matter forward in a proper manner.

Dec 25.  
1823.

### States Chh Meeting &c.

The com<sup>tee</sup> to visit Mr Perkins reported that they had  
visited him, but he being present speaks for himself  
& states to the chh. that the reasons of his absenting from  
the chh was on account of his own feelings doubt & fear  
after much being said on the subject in admonishing  
Mr Perkins to his duty, without that effect that could  
be wished. Voted to dismiss the subject for the present  
until the next chh. meeting.

W. Watson  
declined

The subject respecting Mr Henry Watson was again  
taken up, and much labor with Mr Watson on the  
subject - he being present. He still persisting in  
his refusal to comply with the requisition of the  
chh. to take the steps of gospel respecting the  
difficulties he complained of.

The chh. voted not satisfied that he should refuse  
to be under subjection to the body. But he still  
maintained that he never would comply unless  
his mind should alter. The chh. then proceeded  
to exclude him from their fellowship.

April 22.  
1824.

### State church meeting &c.

The subject of Mr Perkins, that was to have been  
taken up at the last state meeting, (but was omitted  
on account of so few having attended) was mentioned, but  
Mr Perkins having come forward at a previous conference  
& confessed his fault in not meeting with the chh  
as usual, and asked forgiveness. Voted satisfied  
Mr Enock Watson, & Joseph Anderson chosen  
to visit sister Ruth Smith, & enquire the  
reason of her absenting from the chh.

April  
22. 1824.

6. Manton  
Died

June

1824

July 3.

July 31.

Aug. 8

Dec. 12.

Sept. 2.

Sept. 12.

Sept. 20.

Sept. 28.

Oct. 6.

Oct. 14.

Oct. 22.

Oct. 30.

Nov. 7.

Nov. 15.

Nov. 23.

Nov. 30.

Dec. 7.

Dec. 14.

Dec. 21.

Dec. 28.

Jan. 4.

Jan. 11.

Jan. 18.

Jan. 25.

Feb. 1.

The church, at a stated meeting, manifested by a vote  
that it was their wish that Elder Haynes should  
preach with us the present year.

Voted to raise one hundred dollars to support preaching  
the present year; & twenty dollars for chh. charges.

Sister Catharine Manton was removed to the chh. school.

Dr. Ichabod Killington dismissed to the chh. in Wayne.

At a conference meeting, David Anderson, Betsey Soper  
& Lois Soper gave a relation of a work of grace on  
their hearts to the satisfaction of the church, & were received  
as members.

David Anderson was baptized & added to the chh. same day.

Betsey & Lois Soper was baptized & the same day added to the chh.

### State Church Meeting &c.

Mr. Anderson & Watson reported that they had called on  
sister R. Smith. She said that she had embraced the  
sentiments of the Methodists, & had wholly renounced an  
confession of faith - whereupon it was voted that she  
be excluded from our fellowship.

Appointed the following brethren messengers to the Apr.  
Viz. Elders O. Billings, J. Haynes, & Mr. J. Anderson,  
B. Palmer, & Dea. J. Richards.

Dea. J. Richards, & David Knowles were chosen to visit Mr  
Allen Bachelor & wife; they having for a long time  
absented from the communion of the chh. to enquire  
the reason, & report. The same com<sup>tee</sup> to call on sister  
Dolly Watson H. Watson's wife & to make similar enquiry  
for similar reasons. Mr J. Turk to visit sister R. Jones  
Mrs Isaac Chow, & Mr Billings com<sup>tee</sup> to call on sister  
H. Davis for similar purposes.



1824

Sept. 16.

## Church Meeting Jan

The com<sup>tee</sup> to visit Mr. Batchelor & wife made report that they had attended that service as requested - Mr. Batchelor being present was called upon to speak for him self. He stated to the chh, that he did not consider it any privilege for him to belong to this chh and appeared very unwilling to bring the subject of his difficulty to the chh - much was said to him urging him to bring it forward, but he declined - The chh then requested him to make his difficulty known at the next meeting they should appoint

The com<sup>tee</sup> chosen to call on sister Watson & W. with made report - the reason she gave for not attending was an account of her husband being excluded - Mr. Palmer was appointed to call on her again & request her to attend the next meeting.

The com<sup>tee</sup> sent to sister Davis said the reason she gave for not meeting was not having a horse, & not for any hardness against the chh -

Adjourned this meeting three weeks 1 o'clock P.M.

Oct 7. Church met agreeably to adjournment.

The subject respecting sister Davis was taken up. The com<sup>tee</sup> reported that they had visited her - She made several excuses why she has not attended her covenant engagements, but not to the satisfaction of the chh committee. Br. Crane appointed to visit her & cite her to a chh meeting, or to attend our next conference. Adjourned two weeks from this day 10 o'clock A.M.

1824

Oct. 21.

## Church Meeting Jan

Adjourned from 7. Int - opened by prayer.

Mr. Henry Watson came to the chh and confessed his faults in having absented from the chh in the temper & spirit of gospel, and was restored to the fellowship of the chh -

At the same time his wife sister Dolly Watson acknowledged her fault in absenting from the communion of the chh & was satisfied.

Sister Hannah Davis being present confessed her fault in not meeting with the chh so often as she might have done, - but said she would try to be more punctual in future, - Satisfied

Deas. Crane & Richards were appointed to visit br. Fife. Adjourned to the 28. Int

Oct 28

Met agreeably to adjournment

The case between brother Turk, & brother Batchelor & wife was again taken up. Confessions and acknowledgements being made on both sides the contending parties came together, and the difficulties were mutually adjusted, & agreed to be finally settled, to the great satisfaction of the chh - Mr. Batchelor & wife made confession for absenting from the chh. Satisfied Peace having been once more restored to the chh great hopes are felt that the chh may again travel in harmony.

The com<sup>tee</sup> to br. Fife were instructed to desire to attend next conference.

One more



1824

Nov. 6.

Stated Conference

Nov. 11.

Nov. 11.

1824

Feb. 24

Dismitted 1.

April 2.

April 11.

Phoebe C. Haynes gave a relation of her Christian experience to the satisfaction of the chh. and

Was baptized, and soon after added to the chh.

Jan. Sister Sarah Knowles - died

Feb. 24 Church meeting; - Sister Mary Mitchell (formerly Watson) was dismissed to the chh. in Chesterville.

Brothers Henry Watson, & Israel Chase were chosen assessors; - & br. Abijah Crane collector.

April 2. Church meeting after conference -  
Voted to raise seventy five dollars for the support of preaching; - & fifteen dollars for other expenses.  
Voted that E. Fisk, D. Watson, & D. Fiske open the same - & that br. David Knowles collect.  
Voted that Dea A. Crane, & br. B. Palmer be a committee.

April 11. We now prayed to record the commencement of a most precious, & glorious revival in this place. after a long season of declension & trial. The first appearance of which was discovered in James Watson 2<sup>d</sup> and in a day or two Betsey & Lueretia Watson were powerfully aroused. At a prayer meeting on Sabbath evening Apr. 14. the power of the spirit came down in a marvelous manner; and during the following week y. or 8. professed hope, & a number more discovered serious impressions.

1825

May 5.

May 7.

May 8.

Add. 12.

May 14.

Add. 13.

May 22.

Add. 10.

May 28.

June 4.

June 9.

Monthly Conference

Francis Fisk, Simon Chase, Benj. Watson, Elmerie Gosselyn, & Betsey Watson, were approved by the chh. & vied as candidates for baptism.

Richard Watson, James Watson<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Fisk, Isaac C. Haynes, Jeremiah Canwell, Ann Watson, & Alice Waff, gave a relation of a work of grace to the satisfaction of the chh. and were vied for baptism.

The above named persons were baptized, and received the fellowship of the chh.

Samuel Hearsy, Joseph Fobner, & Cyrus Bosworth were baptized & the same day added to the chh. having been approved by the chh.

Asa W. Watson, Isaac Palmer, David Watson, Jr. Mrs. Palmer (widow), Mrs. Hearsy, Lueretia Watson, Magail Watson, Sophrona Palmer, Sarah Lovejoy, & Oliver Ann. Haynes, were baptized and added to the chh. the same day.

Alma Lovejoy, Sarah Justkins, & Betsey Prescott, were approved by the chh. and baptized, the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Lewis Chase, Arnold Hearn, Lewis Watson, Newben Crane 2<sup>d</sup>, Nant Bosworth, Sally Fiske, & Cynthia Chase were approved.

Mrs. Watson (wife of Thos. W.) & Betsey Fisk, & Nathan, Berry were approved.