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Voted to adjourn to meet at br. Lewis Chases, Nov 3^d one o'clock P.M.

Nov 3^d 1834.
Ch^h Meeting

\$ 130 for
building &c.

Church met according to adjournment and proceeded to business.
Voted to raise the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars to build a barn &c. agreeably to the report of the committee.

Voted that the above sum be apportioned on the brethren by the Committee who estimate the expense of building &c.

Recorded by E. Fisk, Clerk.

Church Meeting.

25 Dec^r 1834.

Elder Clark opened meeting by prayer & presided.

Voted to furnish twenty four cords of wood for Elder Clark, for the present year, at one dollar & twenty five cents per cord. the brethren to have the privilege of paying each his quota of the same in money, or wood at the above price.

Dea. J. Anderson then introduced the subject relative to the non-payment of a tax of twenty five cents, voted by the Ch^h. August 7th 1829 to be paid by the members of the Church, annually. Dea. Anderson said he did not introduce the subject for discussion at that late hour, but he wished brethren to consider of the subject that they may be prepared to act upon it at a future meeting of the Ch^h - and on his motion the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the next Ch^h Meeting.

E. Fisk Ch^h Clerk

Church Meeting.
29 Feb^y 1835.

Elder Clark opened meeting by prayer & presided. The subject introduced by Dea. Anderson last meeting was taken under consideration, and the discussion occupied the whole time without being brought to a close.

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Voted to adjourn two weeks from this day, one o'clock P.M.
Closed with prayer by Dea. Bacheller.

E. Fisk Ch^h Clerk

Church Meeting.
4 March 1835.

Ch^h met according to adjournment - Elder Clark opened by prayer and presided. The subject respecting the twenty five cent tax was resumed and discussed.

Br. Ezra Fisk moved that those members of the Church who did not pay the twenty five cents, required by the resolve of 7 August 1829, the two first years, should now be required to pay - and from this time, all members shall be required to pay according to the tenor of the Resolve.

The subject was deliberately considered and calmly discussed - But there did not appear to be a perfect concordance of views on the subject - On one hand it was considered the most reasonable, just, and equal mode of raising funds to defray the expenses of the minutes of the Association, and of the communion, that the Church could adopt - on the other hand, it was considered very unequal & unjust -

On putting the question of the above motion, it was decided in the affirmative, thirteen members voting in favour of the motion, and six members voting in the negative -

Voted to raise a Committee of five to consider what repairs are necessary to be made on the Meeting-house, make an estimate of the expenses of the same, and report at the next Church Meeting - and E. Fisk, L. Chase, Dea. Palmer, S. N. Watson & C. Prossworth were chosen on said Committee.

Br. S. N. Watson stated that a difficulty existed between Br. John Brown jr. and his father, and, at the suggestion of Br. Watson, Dea. B. Palmer, Dea. A. Bacheller and Ezra Fisk were appointed a Committee to visit Br. John Brown jr. and enquire respecting said difficulty.

Voted to abate seventy six cents tax due from Br. James Lane.

Voted to adjourn, to meet at the Meeting house, two weeks from this day, one o'clock P.M. and closed the meeting with prayer by Dea. B. Palmer.

E. Fisk Ch^h Clerk

N.B. In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, the above adjourned meeting was not attended.
E. Fisk

Committee
to consider
repairs
Meeting house.

Abated taxes
to Br. J. Lane
76 cents.

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April 9th.
Ch^h Meeting

Elder Clark opened the meeting by prayer & presided. Br. E. Fiske of the Committee appointed to visit Br. John Brown Jr. Reported that he had seen Br. Brown and learned from him that reports affecting his moral character had been put in circulation, and requested the Ch^h to make inquiry respecting the same - and on motion of Br. S. N. Watson, the same Committee were requested to make the enquiry.

The Committee appointed to consider what repairs of the Meeting are necessary &c. made the following Report:

The Committee appointed to consider what repairs are necessary to be made on the Meeting house, and estimate the expenses of the same, report the following items of repairs and expenses - viz -

Estimated expense
of repairing M. H.

	\$.	C.
Stone work for underpinning &c. - - - -	35	
Clapboarding - - - - -	205	
Painting - - - - -	75	
Plastering - - - - -	75	
		390

The Com. are of opinion that the means of defraying the expenses of repairing the meeting house would be more easily obtained by connecting therewith a Steeple & Bell - they have therefore estimated the expenses of the same as follows -

Porch & Steeple - - - - -	250	
Bell & apparatus - - - - -	350	
Making for Bell & Steeple - - - -		600

The Com. further estimated the expenses of new windows as follows -

Sash, glass, putty & work - - - -	50	
Ad for three thousand Boards - - -	24	
Making - - - - -		74

The whole amount of estimated expense is - 1064

The above report was accepted for consideration.

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On motion of Br. E. Fisk, Voted that the prudential Com. be instructed to consider, and report at the next Ch^h meeting, what members of the Church ought to be excused from paying the twenty five cent tax for Minutes of the Association &c. which is now due from them, agreeably to a vote of the Church, passed at the last Church meeting - and further, what Members who have paid said tax ought to have the same refunded.

Voted that Deacons Palmer & Gram be a committee to call on Mrs. Knowls, widow of Br. John Knowls deceased, and obtain from her, the papers relating to the Meetinghouse - and Br. E. Fisk & S. N. Watson were added to the above, to assist in examining the papers.

Voted that S. N. Watson, Cyrus Bosworth, Jonathan Tuck, Lewis Chase & Mr. Andrew Sturtevant be a Com. to draft a plan of a new Meeting house, estimate the expense of the same, and report at the next meeting. - Voted that Br. Jonathan Tuck Deacons Palmer & Bacheller be a Com. to visit Br. Stacy, enquire respecting a difficulty between him & Dea. Hutchinson and cite him to the next meeting.

Voted that the Clerk make out a certificate of recommendation for Br. Isaac Palmer, agreeably to his request made thro' Br. Joseph Watson. Closed by prayer.

Ezra Fisk

April 23d.

Stated Ch^h Meeting. Opened with prayer by Dea. Palmer, and Elder C. Clark presided. The Com. appointed to enquire respecting Br. Brown's case, report - that for certain reasons, that service had been postponed til after this meeting.

Br. S. N. Watson of the Com. to draft a plan of a new Meeting house &c. reported that they had attended that they had attended that service, and presented the following -

Dimensions of house, 46 ft. long, 46 ft. wide, with 16 ft. posts - Belfry standing on main house.

Report accepted for
consideration.

Expense.	\$.	C.
Frame up - - - - -	125.00	
Boards for outside - - - - -	53.00	
Clapboards & shingles - - - - -	122.50	
Boards for inside - - - - -	200.00	
Nails for whole - - - - -	50.00	
Glass, lime, door trimmings &c - -	85.00	
Stone work & plastering - - - - -	63.67	
Joiner work - - - - -	375.00	
	1074.17	

Worth of old house towards building new - 300.00

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Papers relating
to Meeting house
are obtained.

Dea. Palmer of the Committee appointed to call on Mr. Knowles for papers &c. reported that he had obtained the papers & had them present.

Dea. Palmer of the Com. appointed to visit Br. Stacy reported that he had seen Br. Stacy and cited him to this meeting - Voted the said Com. visit Br. Stacy again & cite him to the next meeting.

On motion of Br. E. Fisk, Voted that the Com. who had under consideration the papers relating to the Meeting house, be requested to examine the same in reference to the different interest in the house, and report the condition of the same, at the next Ch^h meeting, in a condensed form.

Voted that Br. J. Heawey, Dea. B. Palmer & R. Brown be a com. to visit Br. Elijah Lane, enquire ye cause of his absenting himself from the Church and admonish him to duty. On motion of Br. S. W. Watson Voted to adjourn to Thursday, 30th. inst. 1 o'clock P.M. Closed with prayer by Dea. Anderson.

Erza Fisk Ch^h Clerk

Apr. 30th.

Ch^h met
according to adjournment.

Opened meeting by prayer by Dea. Anderson - Ch^h Dea. Palmer Moderator. The Com. who had under consideration the papers relating to the Meeting house, reported the substance of the same in a condensed form, as follows - viz

Report of Com. to the Meeting house, and make out a digest of the same to examine papers. The Com. appointed to examine the papers relating to the Meeting house, have attended that service and Report - That among the papers obtained from the ~~Mrs. Knowles~~ relating to the Meeting house, the earliest records found, respecting the doings of the proprietors, bear date September 8th, 1801. This meeting was held at the house of Mr. Asa Higgins - They organized by choosing Joseph Davis Moderator and David Merrill Clerk - Then voted to build a meeting house, and to locate it on the spot of ground where it was finally erected - Chose a sup^rs. intending committee, and adjourned to the 28th. Oct^r following. At the meeting on the 28th. Oct^r the size & plan of the house was agreed on, and a Vote was passed "the Meeting house should belong to the Baptist Society" - Then voted "that the meeting house

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should stand open at all times for town business, or for any other Minister that any of the proprietors should introduce, when the house is at liberty." It further appears from the records, that meetings of the proprietors were held on the third & 14th. of Feby. and the 14th. & 21 March, all in 1803. at these meetings the pews were sold at vendue, and the terms and conditions of the payments agreed on &c.

There are two papers, purporting to be articles of agreement, made by and between the proprietors of the meeting house, Feby. 14th. 1803. One of these papers is evidently in the hand^{writing} of Solomon Bates Esq. and contains six specific articles of agreement, which specify the time and manner of building and finishing the house, - of making payment for the pews, the consequence of neglecting payment, and the kind of title to be given to those who purchased pews.

The other paper appears to be in the handwriting of Br. John Knowles deceased, and contains seven articles of specification; the last six of which are precisely the same as those in the paper written by Esq. Bates - But the first article, which appears to be an addition, provides that the Meeting house shall belong to the Baptist Society so long as there shall be a Baptist Church in town, and so long as the house shall continue.

Both of these papers bear the same date, and in the preliminary provisions they perfectly agree, being written verbatim.

These provisions assume the ground, that individuals had associated together in the capacity of proprietors for building a meeting house, who jointly and severally agree as follows - viz.

1st. that any person who shall bid off a pew and conform to the articles, shall become a proprietor. 2d. The proprietors bind themselves, their heirs &c. to conform to the acts and doings of, ^{the Committee} so far as those acts shall be in accordance with the plan which has been accepted. 3rd. That the instrument shall be lodged in the hands of the proprietors Clerk for safe keeping &c. There are 56 subscribers to the articles written by Esq. Bates, which appears to be the original paper, altho both papers bear the same date. On the other paper, there are twenty four names, only sixteen of which appear on the first paper. Whether the last paper is good and valid, as a majority of the original subscribers did not sign it, is a question worthy of consideration.

Among the papers are several promissory notes, given to the Committee, by those who purchased pews. There are

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are also ^{seeds of} ~~seeds~~ ^{seeds} ~~seeds~~, duly executed by the Committee,
which have not been delivered.

Lastly there is a deed duly executed by Asa Miggins
Ap^l 20. 1805, conveying the land on which the meet-
ing house stands, to Elijah Crane & others, proprietors
of the meeting house in Fayette. This deed has not
yet been recorded in the County Registry, nor was it
acknowledged by the grantor. submitted.

By order of the Committee—

Erva Fisk

The Report was accepted for consideration

The Prudential Comm. who were instructed to consider and report to the Ch^h what Members of the Ch^h ought to be excused from paying the twenty five cent tax for Minutes &c. Report, that in their opinion the following Members should be excused, viz~

Elder Billings & wife - Henry Watson & his daughters Sally & Lucindia - Abigail Watson - Polly Ham - Deborah Readon - Betsy Lane, Molly Young and Hannah Sanderson. Voted to accept the Report.

Voted that Br. S. N. Watson be a Com. to obtain an acknowledgement of the Deed of the land on which the meeting house stands, and get the Deed on record in the County Registry.

Voted that Deacons Anderson, Palmer & Bachellor
be a Committee to call on those members of the
Church who have neglected to pay the tithing and
tax for minutes &c. and request them to pay the
same without delay.

Voted that the Com. appointed to visit Br. Stacy shall visit him again, and cite him to the next Church meeting. Voted that the committee who have under consideration papers relating to the meeting house, be requested to ascertain who are the present owners of the pews. Voted to adjourn to Thursday, 21st day of next month, 10 o'clock P. M.

Closed by prayer by Br. Reuben Crane.

Erza Fisk Ch^h Clerk

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28. July.

Reports of
Committees

At a stated Meeting of the Church, holden on Thursday, July 2^d.
Opened by prayer. Dea. Palmer of the Committee appointed to visit
Br. Lewis Stacy, reported that the service had been attended and that
Br. Stacy had the committee satisfaction. Report was accepted.
The Committee appointed to visit Br. John

Dr. Erza Firk of the committee appointed to visit Dr. John Brown, Reported that the service had been attended, the difficulties had been settled and the parties were reconciled.

Br. Reubin Crane of the Committee appointed to visit Br. Elijah Lane, reported that the service had been attended - that Br. Lane said he was very low in his mind and did not feel fit to meet with the Church. Respecting his Ch^h tax - Br. Lane said he was unable to pay the whole - thought he could pay a part. Voted to accept the report, and abate five Dollars of Br. Lane's taxes which are unpaid.

Brother Ezra Lisk presented a complaint against
Mr. Enoch Watson as follows, viz.

1st. That the said Enoch Watson did, at a former meeting
to of the Church, in a wrong temper of mind, accuse
the Church of base motives and conduct, in saying
that the Church had sneered and ridiculed him, &
tried to crowd him down. and if the Church could
get his money, they didn't care how they got it.

2^d. That the said Enoch Watson is guilty of unchristian conduct in indulging ~~in~~ a wrong temper of mind, and using abusive language to Dea. Anderson and Ezra Lisk, while attending to services with him, assigned them by the Church - saying they had tried to crowd him down, and he wasn't disappointed in the least, for he didn't expect any better of them. - and a further complaint was presented against said Enoch Watson by Dea. Joseph Anderson as follows, viz. That the said Enoch Watson, at a Church meeting, on the 11th. day of June last, in a wrong

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the trial.

wrong temper of mind, said that the Majority of the Church had abused, ridiculed and vilified the Minority, and run them down to the lowest degree of degradation, even below Robbers and Murderers - had charged them (the Minority) with disannulling the covenant, breaking the laws of Jesus Christ and insulting the dignity of heaven.

After the foregoing complaints were received by the Church, Br. E. Fisk made some explanatory remarks upon the complaint presented by him, Br. E. Watson was called on to answer to the complaint. Br. Watson acknowledged that he ~~did~~ make use of the expressions alleged in the complaint, or expressions of the same import - and that when he used the expressions, he was in a wrong temper of mind. He said it was ~~wrong~~ ^{improper} to indulge a wrong temper of mind - it could be no benefit to the Christian. He said that he thought the expressions which he used were wrong, and he ought to be ashamed of them. - As a mitigation of the offence, he alluded to a measure adopted by the Church some years since - and said he was not agreed in the measure; but he was informed that it was not in order to allude to that measure, as it had no connection with the ~~Complaint~~, under consideration. Dea. Anderson asked him if he felt to justify himself in getting in a wrong temper of mind, and using such expressions - he replied that he did not - and he had already said he thought he ought to be ashamed of it. Dea. Anderson then asked Br. Watson if he thought he felt repentance for his wrong conduct - He said he thought he ought to be ashamed of it and sorry for it, but he couldn't make feelings. At this stage of

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the investigation of the complaint, it being near night, the Church voted to adjourn to the ninth inst. 1 o'clock P.M.

Thursday, July 9th. 1835 - The Church met according to adjournment, and after prayer, proceeded to business. The complaint brot. against Enoch Watson by Ezra Fisk was read, and the Moderator enquired if Br. Watson wished to make further reply to the complaint - he answered that he did - and said that he had reflected much on it since the last meeting - he acknowledged he had done wrong - he hoped the Church would forgive him, and he hoped God would forgive him. Br. Watson was then called on to answer to the complaint brot. by Dea. Anderson - and he replied that the expression Majority in the complaint was wrong - being told that he so expressed himself, he said he was wrong, he should have said an individual, instead of the Majority - and the individual, he said was Br. Ezra Fisk. He said that Br. Fisk stated in a church meeting, that the Minority had disannulled the Covenant, and substituted another - He said the covenant was in accordance with the Bible, which is the word of God - and if they disannulled the covenant, they of course disannul the word of God - disannul the authority of God, and so insult the dignity of heaven. Here Br. Fisk denied that he ever made any such statements in Chh meeting or any other place - he was positive that no such idea ever entered his mind - Br. Watson affirmed that Br. Fisk did make the expressions which he stated, and that he made them in church meeting - He acknowledged that he had taken undue advantage of the expressions - he thought, however, that the expressions would bear the construction which he had put upon them - but he did not suppose that Br. Fisk meant any such thing when he used the expressions - He still should insist that Br. Fisk made the expressions - but he thought it was wrong to take the advantage of it. Br. Fisk then requested that if any Br. present ever heard him make the expressions that Br. Watson said he made in Chh meeting, he would come forward and make it known. Br. Jewell Watson said he recollected that Br. Fisk, in a Chh meeting, made

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made some remarks respecting the measure which has been alluded to (the 25 ct. tax) and in connexion with those remarks, he believed that Mr. Fisk ~~and~~ inquired whether the covenant had been laid aside and another substituted in its stead - if so he wished to know it. Dea. Anderson then enquired of Mr. Watson whether he did not think he ought to make satisfaction to Mr. Fisk for what he had said against him out of Church Meetings - Mr. Watson replied that he did not know that he had ever talked against Mr. Fisk out of Church meetings - Dea. Anderson then alleged that Mr. Watson did, in a conversation with him in his shop, exclaim very loud against Mr. Fisk - said that he was determined that he would never submit to any measure introduced into the Church by one who is not a Christian - Dea. Anderson said he enquired of Mr. Watson whether he did not think Mr. Fisk was a Christian? Mr. Watson, he said, answered - No - he did not believe him to be a Christian - he had no more fellowship for him than he had for an infidel. This conversation, Dea. Anderson said, took place but a short time since. To this allegation Mr. Watson replied, and said, he had no recollection of saying any such things. Now several Brethren testified that they had, at different times, heard Mr. Watson make the same or similar expressions and exclamations about Mr. Fisk, & one Brother said that Mr. Watson added, he would not be governed by patent laws. Mr. Watson then said he did not recollect saying so - but, as a member of Brethren had stated that they heard him say so, he must give it up - for, he said, in the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word shall be established - he must therefore conclude that he did say so - he asked forgiveness of Mr. Fisk & of the Church. The Moderator then enquired

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whether Brethren were ready for the question. Dea. Bacheller said he wished to ask a few questions - and he enquired if Mr. Watson was determined to try and walk with the Church, and submit to the requirements of the Church - and in reply, Mr. Watson alluded to the aforementioned measure of the Church - The Moderator reminded Mr. Watson that Dea. Bacheller's inquiry was general, and he ought not to evade the inquiry by alluding to one particular thing. Mr. Watson said he did not want to be resigned up in that way. The Majority of the Church, he said, were liable to be wrong - and in the mean while, he thought they were wrong, and he should not submit to it. Here the Moderator recommended a postponement of the subject to some future time, & it was thereupon voted to postpone the further consideration of the subject to the next stated Church Meeting, unless the Church shall sooner hold a meeting.

Closed by prayer by Dea. Palmer.

Erza Fisk Ch^l Clerk27 Aug.
Stated Ch^l
Meeting.Case of
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Thursday, August 27th. 1835 - Stated Ch^l Meeting - 15 Members present - Elder Clark opened the meeting by prayer and presided, and read a letter from Sister Jane Day requesting dismission, to join the Church in Augusta. Voted to grant her request. The records of the last meeting were read & approved as being correct. The case of E. Watson was then called up - The Moderator enquired whether Mr. Watson wished to make further reply to the complaint - he said he had reflected much on the subject since the last meeting - he felt sensible that he had done many things wrong, and asked forgiveness. Mr. E. Fisk said he wished to state a few facts. Mr. Watson had thus far held him responsible for expressions, which he never uttered. In the first place, Mr. Watson stated in Church meeting that the Majority had vilified the minority &c, as stated in the complaint. But being called on to answer to the complaint, he had said that it was not the Majority - it was an individual - it was Mr. Erza Fisk. He had said in the Church meeting that the Minority had disannulled

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the covenant and substituted an other. Mr. Fisk said he had never used such expressions at any time, and he thought the testimony of Mr. Sewall & Watson at the last Church meeting might throw some light on the subject. From that testimony it appeared that he (Mr. E. Fisk) made some remarks in a former Church meeting, and in connexion with those remarks he enquired whether the Ch^h had laid the covenant aside and substituted an other. Here Mr. E. Watson said he supposed that he entirely misunderstood Mr. Fisk, and he would take back what he had said, and hoped the Ch^h would forgive his wrongs. Brother Fisk then said he was not satisfied on another point. In the complaint brought against Mr. Watson by Dea. Anderson, Mr. Watson was charged with saying many hard things against him (Mr. Fisk). Mr. Watson replied that he had no recollection of saying any such things against Mr. Fisk. But several Brethren having testified that they had heard him say similar things about Mr. Fisk, Mr. Watson had come to the conclusion that he must have said so. Mr. Fisk said that this was but a small part of the abuse which he had received. Mr. Watson had exclaimed against ^{him} thro' the course of twelve years - he had sought to injure him, and had injured him - and now it was strange that Mr. Watson could recollect nothing of it. Mr. Watson then acknowledged he had abused Mr. Fisk - said he was a poor imperfect creature - he hoped Mr. Fisk would forgive him, and hoped the Ch^h would forgive him. Here Mr. Sam^l Hearsay & Mr. Lewis Chase both said that it was mysterious that Mr. Watson could so distinctly recollect many things pertaining to the difficulty between him and Mr. Fisk - but could recollect none of the harsh expressions he had so often

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made about Mr. Fisk, at different times, during twelve or thirteen years. Mr. Watson said that he was very passionate - and when he was in a passion, it was likely he said many things that he could not afterwards recollect. He said that he felt like a poor, miserable, sinful creature - he hoped the Brethren would try to forgive him - Mr. Watson was then requested to retire. After some conversation on the subject, some Brethren wished to ask Brother Watson a question before the main question was decided, and upon sending out for Mr. Watson it was ascertained that he had gone home - and it was agreed to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next Church meeting, and Mr. S. Hearsay was requested to notify Mr. Watson to attend. On motion of Dea. Anderson, Dea. Bacheller was appointed to visit Mr. Arnold Ham and enquire the reason of his long absence from the Church. Voted to adjourn two weeks, and closed by prayer by Dea. Crane.

Erza Fisk Ch^h SecSept 10.
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Church meeting held on by adjournment from August 27th - Dea. Bacheller, who was appointed to visit Brother Arnold Ham, reported that he had not attended to that service. Voted that he be continued a committee for that purpose.

Chore Elders Millings, Houghton & Clark, together with Deacons Anderson & Bacheller, & Brother Erza Fisk, as our Messengers to the Association. Voted that the committee appointed to prepare a List of the members of the Ch^h, be requested to ascertain what numbers of copies of the Minutes of the Association will be necessary to supply the members of the Church, and report the same to Elder Clark, who is appointed to prepare the letter to the Association.

Samuel Lyford of Livermore presented his request for admittance to membership in this Church.

It appeared in evidence that the said Sam^l Lyford

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S. Lyford
received
into Chh
fellowship.

had been a member of the Third Baptist Chh in
Livemore - that he had been excluded from that
Church - not for any immoral conduct, but for
reasons that this Church deem insufficient - and
On motion of Dea. Anderson, seconded by Dea Crane,
Voted to receive said Samuel Lyford into fel-
lowship of this Church.

Erna Fisk Chh Clerk

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debated.

The case of Enoch Watson was taken under
consideration. Dea. Bacheller enquired of Br. Watson
whether he was willing to walk with the Church
in agreement, and submit to the decisions of the
Church - Br. Watson replied that he wished to walk
with the Church - and be in agreement with the Chh
in every thing he could conscientiously - he did not want
to promise to be in agreement with every measure the
Church should adopt - he did not know what the
Church might be led to do - Dea. Bacheller asked
him whether he was willing to submit to the measures
which the Chh had already adopted - Br. Watson
answered that he had always been willing to pay his pro-
portion of the Church taxes, and no one could
say that he had ever refused to pay his tax. Br. E.
Fisk said he wished to ask Br. Watson one question
and he wished to have an answer direct to the point -
He said if Br. Watson did not ^{know} what measures the Chh
would here ^{after} adopt, he well knew what measures the
Chh had already adopted - and some of those measures
Br. Watson had refused to submit to - he had insisted
that his own judgement should prevail over that
of the Church - all the difficulties which had ~~arisen~~
arisen so much ^{labor} of the Church with Br. Watson,
had arisen from this ground - He would now ask
Br. Watson whether he was prepared to say

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that he was willing to submit to the measures which the
Church had already adopted - Br. Watson said that he
had never resisted any reasonable measure of the Church,
but he thought he had a right to his own opinion as well
as others. The discussion then closed - Another E. Watson
retired into the porch - and the Moderator put the ques-
tion in the following form - If you are so far satisfied
with Br. Enoch Watson as to hold him in fellowship,
you will signify it by lifting the hand - and no hand
was raised. Dismissed. Erna Fisk Chh Clerk.

Oct. 22.
Stated Chh
Meeting.

Stated Church meeting. Elder Clark opened the meet-
ing by prayer, and presided. Voted that Elder Clark preach
one Sabbath in the Union Meeting house in the north part
of Fayette, the people there paying him for the same.
Voted to furnish a pump to carry water from the well
to the barn on the parsonage. Chose Deacons Palmer and
Anderson to superintend the above work. Chose Br. E. Fisk
Dea. Palmer & Reuben Crane, a Committee to consult with
the freewill Brethren and ascertain whether they wish to unite
with this church in holding meetings together on the Sabbath,
and occupy their house. Chose Br. E. Fisk, Dea. Bacheller
and Jonathan Suck, a Committee to inquire respecting a
difficulty between Mr. Lewis Stacy and Dea. Hutchinson
of the Freewill Church. Voted to reconsider a vote passed
by the Church on the 10th day of April A.D. 1835 - accepting a
report of a Committee, appointed to report the names of such
members of the Church as, in their opinion, ought to be excu-
sed from paying the twenty five cents for the Minutes of the
Association &c. Voted that the prudential Committee be au-
thorized to excuse from paying the twenty five cents for the
Minutes &c, such members of the Church as they shall judge
are unable to pay the same. Erna Fisk Chh Clerk.

Omission

June 11.

The following was omitted to be recorded in the proper order of
dates - June 11th. 1835. Church Meeting - Eldr. Clark
opened the meeting by prayer, & presided - The committee
appointed to visit Brother Enoch Watson for the purpose of ascer-
taining whether the reasons why an abatement should be made
in his Church tax. Reported that they had attended that service,
but they had received no information which satisfied them
that any abatement should be made. accepted the
report. Erna Fisk Chh Clerk.

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Omission

July 9th

The following is not in order as respects date.
The Church met by Adjournment (minutes wanting)

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Nov. 17

The Church met at the dwelling house of Mr. Lewis Chan. Dea. Bacheller opened meeting by prayer. Chose Dea. Bacheller Moderator. Chose Br. Sewall N. Watson Clerk pro tem. Voted to accept of proposals of the Freewill Baptist Chh, to occupy their Meeting house three fourths of the time during the winter season, provided there be no expense to pay. Voted to employ Elder Clark as our preacher, one half the time during the winter season, on the same terms as heretofore, if his choice so to do. and appointed Brs. Richard Packard & Reuben Coane to inform Elder Clark.

The Committee appointed to visit Br. Ham report that they find no cause for special labour.

Sister Eunice Butterfield presented a letter of Dismission and recommendation to join the Baptist Church in Farmington. which was granted.

Br. R. Packard closed by prayer.

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24 Dec.

Stated Church Meeting. Elder Clark opened Meeting by prayer and presided. The Com. appointed to visit Br. Lewis Stacy and inquire respecting a difficulty between him and Dea. Hushinson of the Freewill Baptist Chh. Report that they have attended that service in connexion with the like committee of the freewill chh. The parties to the difficulty mutually acknowledged their faults, asked each others forgiveness and extended the friendly hand to each other, and united in prayer. and that the Committee enjoined it upon the parties to make a like acknowledgement to Mr. Joseph F. Underwood, as they had both of them behaved in an unchristian manner in his presence. Voted to accept the report, and hold Br. Stacy in fellowship, provided he complies with duty enjoined upon him by the Committee.

Com.
to visit

C. Seaper.

Case of
E. Watson
postponed.

Voted that the Clerk write and forward to Sister Hannah Trew, a letter of recommendation and dismission, to unite with the Church in Wayne.

On motion of Dea. Bacheller, Dea. Benja. Palmer was appointed to visit Br. Cyrus Seaper, and make inquiry respecting a report in circulation viz. that he had been intoxicated with spiritous liquor.

The case of Enoch Watson being called up, Voted to postpone the further consideration of the case to the next Church meeting. Dismissed the meeting.

Erza Fisk Chh. Clerk

Jan'y.

Church Meeting January 7th. 1835, holden by adjournment. Chose Dea. Palmer Moderator. The Clerk being absent, Chose S. N. Watson Clerk pro tem. Dea. Anderson opened the meeting by prayer.

The Committee appointed to visit Br. Cyrus Seaper reported that the service had been attended, that Seaper was in a low state of mind, and acknowledged he had but little or no religious enjoyment - acknowledged he had at one time taken too much ardent spirits, but had about concluded that he should wholly abstain from the use of ardent spirits. He did not appear much inclined to meet with the Church.

Voted

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7th. Jan'y.

care of
S. Watson

care of
E. Watson

postponed.

Raised
\$100

Voted to accept the report - the Church not
feeling satisfied to continue him under existing
circumstances - Chose Dea. Palmer and Sewell
N. Watson, a Committee to visit Cyrus Soaper
again, and report at the next Chh meeting
The case of Bro. David Watson 2d was called -
bad reports were in circulation - Chose Bro Hensy
a Committee to visit him, and make inquiry &
report next Church Meeting - Case of Bro. Enoch
Watson was called - he not being present - Voted
to postpone same til next Chh meeting -
Voted to raise one hundred Dollars in money
to be apsed on the members of the Church for
the purpose of defraying their expenses and
supporting preaching. Voted to adjourn -
Dea. Bacheller closed by prayer.

(Signed) S. N. Watson Clerk pro. tem

Attest Emma Fisk Chh Clerk

10 March.

Cyrus Soaper
Excluded.

Thursday March 10th. 1830. Church Meeting at the
Center School house - Elder Clark opened meeting
by prayer and presided. The Committee appoin-
ted to visit Cyrus Soaper report that they have at-
tended that service - They found Bro Soaper at home
and in his house - he soon left the house and did not
return - after waiting several hours for his return
they informed his wife what their business was
and left with her a request that he would attend
our next Church Meeting. Bro David Anderson
said he had lately conversed with Brother Soaper
and he manifested no inclination to walk with
the Church. On motion of Deacon Bacheller -
Voted to withdraw fellowship from Cyrus
Soaper. The case of David Watson 2d.
was brot under consideration

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10 March.

David
Watson 2d.
Excluded.

Dr. Samuel Hensy who had been appointed ^{to visit} David Watson 2d. had
not made the visit. Elder Clark said he had been to Bangor,
where Mr. Watson resided - He was then informed by Matthew
who belong to the Baptist Church in that place, that David Watson's
general deportment was entirely unchristian - He mingled
with wicked company - in his conversation he used profane
language, and in all his movements he was corrupt -
Connecting this evidence with what had before been
received, the Church could not be satisfied with David
Watson 2d. and accordingly Voted to withdraw fellow-
ship from him, and Mr. Hensy was excused from
making the visit appointed for him.

Case of
E. Watson
concluded.

The case of Enoch Watson was called, and after
some conversation on the subject, the Moderator put the
following question, viz: Those who are so far satisfied
with Brother Enoch Watson as to continue him in fel-
lowship, will signify it by raising the hand. There being
nine members present, the Moderator announced the
vote as follows - there are five votes in favor, and four
votes against restoring Mr. Watson.

Com. to
visit
L. Stacy.

Dea. Palmer and David Anderson were appointed
a Committee to visit Mr. Lewis Stacy and make inquiry
respecting some reports relating to his moral character - but
before the meeting adjourned, Dea. Joseph Anderson and Bro.
Joseph Watson were substituted for the said Committee.
Voted to adjourn the meeting two weeks, to meet at
one o'clock P.M. and Dea. Bacheller closed by prayer.

Emma Fisk Chh Clerk

March 24th.

Adjourned
meeting.

Church Meeting holden by adjournment March 24th. 1830.
Elder Clark opened the meeting by prayer, but was
under the necessity of leaving the meeting immediately -
Chose Bro. S. N. Watson Moderator - Mr. Joseph Watson
of the Committee appointed to visit Mrs. Lewis Stacy,
reported that he had attended that service - inquired of Mrs.
Stacy respecting his selling spiritous liquors to be drank
in his store, and permitting a dancing school to be
kept in his hall. Mrs. Stacy said he should sell no
more spirits, excepting to those who wanted it for medicine.
Respecting

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March 24th.

Rept of Com. to L. Stacy.

New Com. to L. Stacy.

Chose new prudential Com. and Treasurer.

Respecting the dancing school Bro. Stacy said he had no connection with it - The hall belonged to his son, and was under his sons control, and the dancing school also - Bro. Stacy said he had calculated to attend the next Chh meeting but as the Church had sent to him in this way, he then thought he should ~~be~~ ~~should~~ not - Voted to accept the report, and excuse the Com. from any further service - and then appointed Bro. E. Fisk Sec. Anderson and Lewis Chase, a Committee to visit Bro. Stacy, to labour with him and cite him to the next Chh meeting. Voted to choose a prudential Committee of five - and Bro. Reuben Crane, William Billings, Lewis Chase, David Anderson and S. Watson were chosen as the said Committee. Chose Bro. Jonathan Tuck Treasurer - Voted that the prudential Committee be instructed to take up a vote of about fifty Dollars which Philip Davis holds against Elder Clark. dismissed the meeting.

Era Fisk Chh Clerk.

2d April.

Arrangements for Sabbath School

Letter of Dismission to B. Watson.

April 2d. 1836. at the close of a conference meeting, the Church took under consideration the propriety of making some arrangements for a Sabbath school the approaching season, and chose Brother Reuben Crane Superintendent of the Sabbath School; and chose Dea. Allen Bacheller and Sewall Watson as assistants to the superintendent. Chose Brethren Saml. Heavey, David Anderson and Jonathan Tuck as a Com. to make arrangements for the Sabbath School.

Voted to instruct the collectors to use their best endeavors to collect, immediately, all taxes remaining in arrears on their bills.

Brother Benjamin Watson having requested a letter recommendation and dismission, to join the Church in New Sharon - Voted to grant his request.

Era Fisk Chh Clerk.

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April 21.

New arrangements for Sabbath School

Delegates to Council 3d. Chh Livermore.

Church Meeting April 21st. 1836. Opened by prayer. Chose Dea. Palmer Moderator - Clerk being absent, chose Sewall Watson. Clerk pro tem. The subject of a Sabbath School was taken up - Bro. R. Crane asked to be excused from superintending the school - Voted to excuse Bro. Crane, and chose Bro. Richard Packard Superintendent of the Sabbath School. Voted to excuse the before chosen assistants and disperse with the same. Subject of delinquents in paying Church taxes was taken up - Voted to request the collectors to call on delinquents and collect the same if possible - otherwise request them to attend the next Church Meeting and shew why they do not pay the same. A letter from 3d. Church in Livermore was presented by Bro. Crane, requesting delegates to attend a Council to be holden on the 2d. Wednesday in May next - Voted to grant the request and chose Elder Clark, Dea. Joseph Anderson and Bro. Reuben Crane Delegates. Voted that when this meeting adjourns, it be to the 28th of the present month at one O'clock P.M. Voted to adjourn - Bro. Crane closed by prayer. (Signed) S. N. Watson Chh protem att. Era Fisk Chh Clerk.

28 April.

Report of Com. to visit L. Stacy.

Church meeting by adjournment from Apr 21. Opened with prayer by Dea. Palmer. Records of last meeting were read - Bro. E. Fisk of the Com. appointed to visit Bro. Stacy Reported that he had attend that service, and Bro. Stacy being present answered for himself, and said he did not know what particular faults were charged against him - Dea. Bacheller replied that Bro. Stacy, he had understood, kept a store where he sold ardent spirits, and often sold to persons who drank in the store to intoxication. That he and Bro. Richard Packard went to see Bro. Stacy and consulted with him on the subject - but did not gain satisfaction - consequently he (Dea. Bacheller) had proposed to the Chh to send a Committee to visit Bro. Stacy to labour with him and report to the Chh - Bro. Philip Morse said, he was in Bro. Stacy's store last winter and saw some persons in the store who were

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L. Stacy

were drinking, and appeared to be intoxicated. Mr. Stacy said that many false reports respecting his dealing in spiritous liquors had been put in circulation - during the winter past, several persons had called at his store in a state of intoxication, and went away again in the same condition without drinking any thing in his store, & then it had been reported that they got drunk at his store. Bro. Stacy further said that he had in some instances sold spirits to persons who said they wanted it for medical purposes - but he afterwards learned that they made a bad use of it - he further said that he had in some instances sold spirits to persons who he had reason to fear would make a bad use of it - in this he said he had done wrong - But he had come to the conclusion that he ^{should} sell no more spirits to any person excepting in cases of necessity, as a medicine - he had occasion to keep and use spirits in preparing a kind of elixir, which he could not make without alcohol. After some further conversation on the subject, On motion of Bro. Reuben Crane, Voted to postpone the further consideration of the subject to the next Church Meeting.

L. Stacy's case
postponed

The Collectors who were instructed to call on those Brethren who had not paid their Church tax were called on - Bro. David Anderson reported that he had two bills, and something was due from several Brethren on both Bills. Chose Deacons Crane and Palmer a committee to visit Mrs. Joseph & Asa Watson and try to obtain from them their tax. Voted to adjourn two weeks, to meet at 1 o'clock afternoon.

Erna Fisk Chh Clerk

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12 May.

L. Stacy's
case post-
poned.

Amount of
taxes put
on new
Bills

Abatement
of S. Fisk's
tax.

Com. to
procure
preaching
half of time.

Church Meeting, 12th. May, 1836, holden by adjournment from the 28th. Aprl - Opened meeting with prayers by Mr. R. Packard. Dea. Crane of the com. appointed to labor with Brother Joseph and Asa W. Watson, Reported that the service had been attended. Bro. Joseph Watson being present, answered, that sickness in his family & scarcity of hay had obliged him to give his produce to his stock which he had calculated to sell to pay his taxes. Bro. Watson, however, paid \$11.50, and so gave satisfaction for the present.

On motion of Bro. R. Packard, Voted that all arrears of taxes be placed on a new Bill, and Mrs. Packard was appointed to take charge of the same for collection.

Bro. Lewis Stacy not being present, his case was further postponed. Bro. S. Fisk requested some abatement of his Church Tax - and stated his reasons - Voted that the Assessors be instructed to ascertain what abatements should be made on Mr. Fisk's past Chh. Taxes and to adjust the same accordingly. On motion of Dea. Crane, Voted that the pres-

dential Committee procure preaching half the time or more, if they can, for the present. Voted to adjourn three weeks to meet at one o'clock P.M. and then closed with prayer by Dea Anderson.

Erna Fisk Chh Clerk

June 20.

L. Stacy's
case post-
poned.

Several
abatements
of taxes
allowed.

June 20. 1836. Church met according to adjournment from 12th. May - Moderator opened meeting by prayer - Nine members present - Bro. Stacy's case was called, and he not being present, was further postponed. Voted to allow Bro. C. Brownworth two Dollars on his Chh tax, for building a sink in the parsonage house. Voted to abate the tax due from Bro. Elijah Lane. Voted to allow Bro. Reuben Crane's account of four Dollars for boarding Elder Garrison. Voted to allow Bro. Lewis Chase's account of seven Dollars, and eighty nine cents for boarding Elder Garrison. Voted that the Assessors examine Bro. L. Stacy's tax for 1832, for the purpose of correcting a supposed error. Voted to abate one Dollar due on Bro. R. Packard's tax for 1832. Voted to allow James Smith's account of one Dollar for painting on the parsonage house.

Dismissed.

Erna Fisk Chh Clerk

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23d June

L. Stacey
case con-
cluded.

June 23d. 1836. Stated Church Meeting- 12 Members present- Dea. Palmer opened meeting by prayer- Chon Dea Palmer Moderator- The case of Bro Stacy was taken under consideration. Bro. Stacy was not present- The admissions which he made at a former meeting were considered, and the whole subject reviewed- After which, Voted so far satisfied with Bro. Stacy as to continue him in fellowship.

Voted to instruct the Assessors to assess on the members of the Church, as usual, according to their respective ability, the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars, and report the same at the next Church meeting for the consideration of the Church, all Brethren to make known to the Assessors, if they wish, any allowance on account of debts or other burthens.

Dismissed.

Erza Fisk Ch^l Clerk.

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August 25th. Stated Church Meeting- Opened by prayer assessors report by Bro. Zephaniah Bumpus - Chose Mr. Reuben Crane Moderator. Bro. S. W. Watson, one of the Assessors, reported of an assessment of \$150. to be transferred to subscribers to manifest satisfaction with the assessment. Voted that a subscription paper be prepared and presented to the members who are assessed, and that they transfer their respective assessments to the subscription paper, and sign their names against the same. Voted that the subscriptions be paid in three equal payments at four months each. Voted to appoint a Committee to visit Bro. Enoch Watson and enquire the cause of his neglecting the Church, and Bro. J. Bumpus and Sam^l Hearsy were chosen said Committee.

Chon Mess^{rs} - Chose the following Brethren as messengers to the Association viz. Elder Oliver Billings, Deacons Bachelor & Palmer and Mr. Erza Fisk. Appointed Mr. Richard Packard to

prepare the letter to the Association. Bro. Oliver Richard & wife presented a request for a dismission to unite with the Baptist Church in Byron, and the Church Voted to grant their request. Chose Erza Fisk, Sam^l Hearsy and Dea. Benjamin Palmer a Committee to make out a list of the Members belonging to this Church, and report as soon as may be.

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Voted that our delegates to the Association be instructed to enter their objections to altering the time of holding the meeting of the Association.

Dismissed the Meeting.

Erza Fisk, Ch^l Clerk.

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Stated Church Meeting- Opened meeting by prayer- Chon Dea. Palmer Moderator- Brethren Zephaniah Bumpus & Samuel Hearsy, who were appointed to visit Bro. Enoch Watson, reported that they had attended to that service, and Bro. Watson being present answered for himself and says, that he had good reasons, as he thought, for neglecting to meet with the Church. He said that charges heretofore brot against him had all been exaggerated and misrepresented- that some members of the Church had been determined to get him out of the Church- that nearly half of the Church had been against him, and manifested no fellowship for him- that he had been much tried in his mind on that account, and sleep had sometimes departed from him- that in this state of mind, many passages of Scripture had come to his mind, which seem calculated to encourage and comfort him, and lead him to expect that his enemies who pursued him and sought to injure him, would be pursued by the Lord, who would finally destroy them- these scriptures, he said, he had been enabled to apply to himself, and he had found peace and comfort to his mind- After much being said by several Brethren to convince Bro. Watson that he was wrong, and all to no purpose, On motion of Dea. Anderson, the Moderator put the following question- If you are so far satisfied with Bro. Enoch Watson, as to continue him in fellowship, you will signify it- No one lifted the hand- Then, on motion of Dea. Bachelor, the following question was put- If you are so far dissatisfied with Bro. Enoch Watson as to withdraw fellowship from him, you will signify it- And every Member present raised the hand. Enoch Watson then said he wished to make a few remarks- and proceeded to say that if the Church had acted right in what they had done, they would be blessed in it, but if they had acted wrong, they would feel the effects of it- He said that he believed that they had not been influenced by the spirit of God- but had been influenced by a hypocritical individual, and they would yet be convinced of it- and God would yet destroy those who had wronged him.

Enoch Watson
Excluded.

Dismissed.

Erza Fisk, Ch^l Clerk.