

FREDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
aka First Baptist Society of Pomfret

Transcriptions of handwritten, church correspondence and loose leaf records from **1818** through **1849**

- Receipts are not included in this transcript unless they contain names of persons.
- Items are not necessarily listed in chronological order.
- Loose-leaf records prior to **1818** have not been found, although the church is said to have been founded in 1808.
- Notes which seem to have been added at a later date in another hand are so noted.
- Some punctuation is added, and some spelling is corrected.
- Key words and years have been given a bold face font by the transcriber.
- Undecipherable words or phrases are followed by or replaced with a question mark.

Transcribed in March, **2006** by **Wendy Straight**, assisted by **Douglas Shepard**

- Transcribers' notes are in italics.
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(Item 1a) The **First Baptist Society of Pomfret**
Clerk's Office, **Chautauqua County**
Received for recording June 26th A.D. **1822** at
One o'clock P.M. and
Recorded in Liber Two of Miscellaneous Records
For said County Page 20
John Dexter, Clrk.

Fee Paid and certificate to be made

State of **New York**
Chautauqua County

We whose names are hereunto subscribed and seals affixed do hereby certify that on the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two pursuant to Public Notice previously given according to the directions of an act of the Legislation [sic] of the State of **New York** entitled an Act to provide for the incorporation of Religious Societies passed April 5th **1813** the male persons of full age belonging to the **first Baptist Society in the Town of Pomfret** in said County assembled at the Schoolhouse in the **Village of Fredonia** in which the said Society stately attend for divine worship for the purpose of choosing trustees to be incorporated under and by virtue of said act and that the said persons so assembled as aforesaid did then and there by a majority of voices nominate and appoint **Thomas Morton** Esq and **James Hull** members of the said Society to preside at the said Election receive the votes of the Election be the Judges of the qualifications of such electors and to be the officers to return the names of the persons who by plurality of voices should be chosen to serve as trustees for the said Society & to be incorporated as aforesaid and we do further certify that **Zattu Cushing**, **Nathaniel Crosby** and **Ebenezer Webster** were then and there duly elected to serve as trustees for the said Society to take Charge of the estate and property belonging thereto and to transact all offices in relation to the temporalities thereof who together with their successors shall forever be called and known by the name or title of the trustees of "the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret.**" All who do hereby certify under our names and seals pursuant to the said act the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two. **Jas. Hull / Thos. Morton.** Returning officer chosen as aforesaid.

(Item 1b) State of **New York**
County of Chautauqua

Be it remembered that on the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty two personally appeared before me **Zattu Cushing** first Judge of the Court of Common pleas for the **County of Chautauqua** the within named **Thomas Morton** and **James Hull** persons to me well

known to be the same persons Described in and who Executed the within instrument of writing who acknowledge that they signed and sealed the within certificate for the uses and purposes therein Mentioned and Described and I having examined the within instrument and finding therein no interlineations(?) or erasures do allow the same to be Recorded --

Zattu Cushing

(Item 1c) [Much later note added in 1859 by A.Z. Madison]

On petition to **B.F. Greene** Supreme Court Justice the name of the within Society was changed pursuant to law, to be known by the name, "**The Fredonia Baptist Society**," from and after the 25th day of May **1859**.

See society records

A.Z. Madison Clerk of Society

(Item 2) Records of the formation of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret**
Recorded

Found in old Town Clerk's Desk over Censor office by **E.F. Warren** and taken by **A.Z. Madison** Bpt Soc. Clk. Augt. 21, **1871**

On the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty two the male members of the **Baptist Society of Pomfret Fredonia** met at the Schoolhouse on the east Side of the Creek the usual place of their assembling for religious worship according to public notice previously given pursuant to the Statute in Such case made and provided and resolved to form them Selves into a religious Society chose for their presiding and returning officers **Thomas Morton** and **James Hull** and then proceeded to the choice of Trustees when on counting the ballots it appeared that **Zattu Cushing**, **Ebenezer Webster** and **Nathaniel Crosby** were elected and when they had cast lots as the law directs it appeared that **Nathaniel Crosby** was to Serve one year, **Ebenezer Webster** two years and **Zattu Cushing** three years. The Society then & there resolved that their name or title should be the Trustees of the first Baptist Society in Pomfret. The Trustees then appointed **William Barker** for Treasurer and **Thomas Morton** for Clerk and chose for their common Seal a half cent the impression to be made with that Side which has the words "half cent" on it. The returning officers above named then and there made out their certificate of incorporation. Then they went to **Zattu Cushing** Esq, first Judge of the Court of Common pleas for the **County of Chautauque** and acknowledged the Certificate before him. The Certificate was then Sent to the Clerk of the **County of Chautauque** and recorded.

(Item 3a) At a Meeting of the **first Baptist Society in the Town of Pomfret** being warned according to Law for the purpose of appointing a trustee in the Place of **Nathl Crosby** whose term of Time expires on the 24 Inst/ by limitation --

1st Chose **Zattu Cushing** Moderator

2nd Chose **Nathaniel Crosby** Clerk Protem

3rd Chose **Martin D. Harmon** trustee for three years

4th Voted to dissolve this meeting without day June 16 – **1823**

Nathaniel Crosby

Clerk Protem

(Item 3b) [A list from **1834** showing expenses paid out for "raising house" and altering slips]

(Item 4) At a meeting of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret** legally notified holden at the **Baptist Meeting House** in the **Village of Fredonia** on the 16 of June **1824** for the Election of one trustee in the

room of **Ebenezer Webster** whose time of Service will expire on the 24th instant chose **Benjamin Randall** for trustee.

Thomas Morton, Clerk

(Item 5) At the annual Meeting of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret** holden at the **Meeting House** in the **Village of Fredonia** 16th of June **1827** for the purpose of choosing one Trustee in the place of **Benjamin Randal** whose term of Service will expire on the 24th of the present instant chose **David (?) Matteson** for Trustee.

(Item 6) **1823** Feb 24 Society met according to adjournment **Zattu Cushing** auctioneer Sold Slip No. 49 to John Walker for \$33.00.

Sold Slip No. 48 to **Jonathan W. Covell** for 35.000.

Adjourned to the 25 at 10 PM at this place

Society met according to adjournment

Samuel Everden auctioneer

Sold Slip No. 13 to **Stephen Porter** for 70.00

(Item 7a) The annual Meeting the first **Baptist Society of Pomfret** Met according to Legal Notice at the **Baptist Meeting house** June 14th **1831 E. Webster** Chairman

B. Randall Clerk protem

After balloting for a Trustee it was Declared that **Nathaniel Crosby** was Legally Chosen Trustee for three years from the 24th of June instant

Ebenezer Webster Mod[erator]

B. Randall Clk(?)

(Item 7b) **Fredonia** Decm 8th **1823**

At a meeting of the Baptist Society **Esqr. Morton** was appointed chairman and D (?) **Matteson** Clerk Prote[m](?) and proceed(?) to Business. 1st voted to appoint a Committee to wait on the **Reverend E. Tucker** expressing the High Opinion they entertain of the Sermon he Delivered at the Dedication of the new Meeting House in this place and request a copy for the press.

2nd Voted that **B. Randall, N. Crosby** and **D.J. Matteson** as Committee for the above purpose

3rd Adjourned until Saturday 15th instant at 4 0'clock P.M. at the School House.

D.J.M. Clerk PT.

(Item 7c) **1823** December 8th

Meeting of the Society to request a Copy of the Dedication Sermon for publication
Not Recorded

Society Minutes

The annual meeting for **1823** is recorded.

The next thing to be recorded is the call of **E.E Tucker** to this place and his removal.

2 the dedication of the **Meeting House** 4 Dec **1823**.

3 the Society meeting requesting a copy of the dedication Sermon for publication

4 the adjourned meeting from that above.

The above minutes are made this 12 of May **1829**.

(Item 8) **1826** March 20

Society met at the **Baptist Meeting House** according to notice previously given & adjourned to **Harmons Hotel**

Proceeded to Business according to adjournment

First voted that we approve of what the Trustees have done in Selling the gospel Land to **Aaron Osborn**

2ly voted to empower [*sic*] the Trustees to Sell So much of the unsold ground in the **Meeting House** as will pay **A. Osborn** \$25.00 due him from the Society either at auction or private Sale
3ly voted to empower the Trustees to Sell the property in the Meeting House at their discretion to pay **Nathaniel Crosby**
4 dissolved the meeting

(Item 9) Terms of Sale

Not recorded

1823

Terms of Sale made known at the sale of Slips Jany 20th **1823** –

1st The purchaser shall pay one Eighth part of the purchase money in Cash by the first day of April next
2nd The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying a part of the remaining Seven Eighths in lumber, and the Trustees or whoever may be Employed to build said house will endeavor to give all who wish to pay in lumber an equal chance to pay the same according to what the amount may be of property they have bid off in said house, and the Trustees agree that those interested in said house shall have the privilege of finding all the lumber for said house if they choose, which shall be delivered in the **Village of Fredonia** by the first day of April next at cash price, and those who bid off Slips in said house if they wish to furnish lumber shall signify their wish to the Trustees or whoever may be by them employed to build said house, before the fifteenth day of February next, and also shall designate what kind of materials they will furnish & the amount and if they fail to give(?) notice as above stated they shall be considered holden, to pay to the Trustees or whoever may be engaged to build said house two thirds of the remaining seven Eighths in Grain or Stock by the first day of April next, and two thirds of the reaming seven Eighths shall be considered due by the first day of April next. The remaining one third of the seven Eighths shall be paid in Grain or Stock by the first day of January one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four.

Zattu Cushing

(Item 10) List of Deeds for Slips in the Meeting House

No 45 **Morris Adams** Deed

N 31 **Samuel Eveden** 1/4 Deed

N 25 **William A. Hart** 1/2 Deed

N 16 **Justus Adams** Deed

N 23 **Abraham Johnson** 1/2 Deed

N 25 **Richard(?) Woleben** 1/2 Deed

N26 **John Ross**

No ½ 20 **Jas. Norton** 1/2

No 42 **Herman McLure**

No 50 **Moses Clark**

No 27 **David Elliott**

No 25 **Wm. A. Hart** 1/2 (crossed out)

No 31 **Henry Bosworth** 1/4

No 51 **Benj Gifford**

No 7 **Buxton Stephens**

No 41 **Royal Tefft** 1/2

No 30 **Aaron Osborn** 1/2

No 33 **Thos. Morton**

No 35 **James Hull** 1/2

N 41 **John Walker** 1/2

N 37 **Z. Cushing** 1/2

N 43 **Wm Barker**

No 47 **M. Greeley** 1/2

N 17 **P Crosby** 1/2 Each for 1/2

N 48 **Ebenezer Webster** 1/2

N 38 **W. Smith**

N 35 **Jas. Butler**

N 24 **D.G.(?) Garnsey** 1/2
29 **R. Buck**
19 **N. Crosby**
23 **Abraham Johnson** 1/2
9 **H. Barker**
13 **S. Porter**
32 **Chilled(?) Clark**
40 **M. Abell**
31 **S. Everden**
15 **Z. Cushing**
48(?) **Jonathan Covell** 1/2
23 **E.H. Mulford** 1/2
37 **W. Cushing** 1/2

(Item 11) Copy of the Bond for finishing the **Meeting House**

Ask the Trustees how the nine Men have been paid and whether they hold any of the pews now that were made over to them.

Not recorded

Recorded

Copy of Bond

Whereas **Nathaniel Crosby** has heretofore contracted with the Trustees of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret** to finish the **meeting House** in said Society if the funds should be sufficient and whereas there is a deficiency of Six hundred dollars to finish it. To enable the said Crosby to finish the same therefore we the undersigned do hereby agree with & promise the said Crosby to pay him the Sum of Six hundred dollars in manner following viz one Eighth part of said Six hundred dollars in Cash by the first of October next & the remainder payable in two equal installments on the first of October and first of January next in grain or neat Stock delivered at **W. Smiths Store** at Cash price: and for the purpose of remunerating ourselves for the Six hundred dollars So agreed to be paid we are to have & own and the Trustees of the Society do agree that we Shall have & own the remaining unsold Slips viz Nos 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 34, 41, 42, 45 & we are to Sell the Same at the appraisal or rent the Same as opportunity may offer and reimburse ourselves out of the avails . Dated July 8, **1823**.

Walter Smith
Pearson Crosby
Richard Woleben
Morris Adams
Zattu Cushing
Nathaniel Crosby
M.D. & J. Harman
Martin Eastwood
B. Randall

(Item 12) *This item appears to be the original version of Item 11, with signatures, and with payments noted on back. Some names are crossed out, and these may or may not correspond to the payment lists on the back. A final note on the back reads:*

Rec. Fredonia Jan'y 11, **1827** of the Trustees of the Baptist Society the balance of the within Bonds in full.

Nathaniel Crosby

(Item 13) At a meeting of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret** holden at the **Baptist Meeting House** in the Village of Fredonia on the fifth day of Sept at 4 oc P.M. 1825 in pursuance of public notice previously given **Benjamin Randal** Esq was called to the Chair the Business of the meeting being brought forward

which was to ascertain whether the Society wished to retain **Elder Elisha Tucker** to preach to them for the year to come the year to commence the 15th of August last past. First voted that we wish to have **Elder Tucker** for our Minister for this year. 2ly voted to choose a committee to circulate a Subscription paper in order thereby to obtain a support for **Elder Tucker**. 3ly chose **Benjamin Randal Esq David J. Matison** and **Walter Cushing** for that committee. 4ly voted that this committee make a report to the Society of what they have done on Saturday the 17th instant at 4 oc PM at this place. 5ly voted to adjourn this meeting to the 17th instant at 4 oc PM at this place. **Thomas Morton** Clerk

1825 Sept 17. Society met according to adjournment and the above named Committee reported that the Subscription paper is filled in part and a prospect of more. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first day of October next at 5 oc PM at this place.

Oct 3 Society met according to adjournment and having received the Deed of the Ministerial Land from the Holland Land Company and the Deed not giving them power to convey the Land for more than twenty one years the Trustees are in trouble having Sold the Land to **Aaron Osborn**. Received payment and Osborn expecting a Deed from them.

(Item 14) This document is torn, part of it missing.

The first thing to be Recorded is the Record of the formation of the Society. The second is the Certificate of incorporation or past(?) the certification Book. 3ly A Society Meeting 3 of December **1822** when it was voted or resolved that this Society build a **Meeting House** upon the plan then exhibited. 4ly I think ought to be a plan of the House drawn upon the leaf of the Book.

5ly comes a committee chose to locate (?)

6ly (?) Meeting 11 of December **1822**

7ly Meeting 21 of Dec

8ly Meeting of 20 of January **1823** (?) of Slips

9ly Meeting 25 of Jan **1823** Sale of (?)

10ly Meeting 6 of Feb **1823** and Sale of Slips

11ly Meeting 11 of Feb Sale of Slips

12ly Meeting 24 of Feb Sale of Slips

13ly Meeting 25 of Feb Sold a Slip

14ly the Notice for the annual Meeting **1823**

15ly Sale by the Trustees Slip No 33 to **Thos Morton** 16 of June **1823** (?) noon

16ly Annual Meeting 16 of June **1823** when **M.D. Harman** was chosen Trustee.

(Item 15a) This is a small slice of a document, most of which is missing.

Nathanial Crosby Bond for pointing underpinning of Meeting House & (?) papers

(Item 15b) Bill of Notes to Crosby Jany 7th 1825

Wm Sage \$3.00

B. Walworth 4.00

Thos. Osborn 3.25

W & F Dalee 3.00

A. Young 1.75

A. Barnaby 6.50

J.B. Jackles (?) 3.25

J.(?) Hemstead 5.50

A. Winchester 6.50

E. B.(?) Gillett 2.00

J. Sloan 2.00

E. Webster 2.00

I.Z. Saxton 4.00

J.B. Jaekels(?) 1.25

Re'c/ as D.G. Gar_y note 6.00
By N. Crosby
S. Abell note 20.00
Jan 1st 1826

(Item 16) Trustees of Baptist Society in Agt: with **N. Crosby**

Framing and enclosing **Meeting House** per Agreement \$1300.00
Finishing inside per agreement \$700.00
Extra work on front 100.00
Putting in three windows on North End 15.00
8(?) days work on Pulpit at 10/ [10 shillings] per day 11.00
7 ½ Gall Whiskey at 3 shillings 2.75
1 Gall Brandy 4.75
\$2130.75

Recd payment in full
Nathl Crosby

(Item 17) Fredonia August 9 **1828**

Society met according to the appointment(?)

Organized by appointing **Edward H. Mulford** Chairman

And **Nathaniel Crosby** Clerk Protem

1st voted that we are satisfied with the services of **Elder Tucker** for the year past and that we use(?) the customary means to retain him another year.

2nd voted that the Trustees make such repairs on the meeting house as seems necessary and pay the expense out of the funds of the Society

3rd voted that the Trustees be requested to call a special meeting for the purpose of Enlarging the meeting house

4th voted that we Dissolve the Meeting

Nathl Crosby Clerk Protem

(Item 18) The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of inviting the **Rev. Elisha Tucker** to continue his ministerial relations with this Church and Society for the year ensuing, beg leave to report –

That they have had the subject referred to them under consideration, and have bestowed about it that attention which its importance and solemnity require. The fact that such a reference is now deemed necessary reminds us in the most forcible manner of the change which has recently taken place in this Society. About seven years ago **Elder Tucker** assumed the pastoral charge of this Church at the unanimous request of all its members. It then consisted of about 50 members, was without funds, without a house to meet in for public worship & surrounded(?) by powerful competition and rivalry. The talent and zeal of this minister awakened a spirit of enterprise and kindled a flame of devotion. Under the ministry of **Elder Tucker** the church was blessed with a prosperity which indicated the approbation of Heaven. It increased to about 160 members, and with the voluntary aid of the Society, erected a house which does credit to the Society and the Village in which it is located. During the greater part of this time the church has been united and happy, loving each other with the holy ardor of truly Christian affection, happy in the mutual and reciprocal intercourse of kind and charitable feelings, and happy in their united love and veneration of their Pastor. Until lately no one thought of inquiring into the propriety and expediency of inviting him to continue his ministerial labors with us. The thought of his separation from the Church he had built up and loved would have shaded the brow of piety with sorrow. But **Elder Tucker** belonged to the **Society of Freemasons**, and although this fact was frankly and honestly avowed by him before he formed a connection with the Church, yet it has lately been brought against him as an objection which charity herself cannot excuse, and for which all the ministerial services of **Elder Tucker** cannot atone. This subject was

first introduced into the Church about a year ago. **Elder Tucker** with all a parents anxiety and solicitude forewarned his Church of the ravages it would make in his little family of Christian brethren, exhorted them to charity and forbearance relinquished(?) the privileges of membership with the fraternity himself, and prepared not to associate with it to the grief of the Church. This course was followed by the other Masonic members of the Church, but all this could not appease. The honest prejudices of some of the members of the Church against the Masonic institution, we have too much reason to believe, were encouraged and excited for purposes of private ambition, and with feelings and (?) in which the religion of peace had but little influence. Meetings, conventions, and councils were held in different parts of the county in which resolutions were passed denouncing freemasonry or alike (?) to Christianity and to civil liberty. This aspect(?) soon assumed a character for zeal and uncharitableness, for credulity and persecution unknown in this country and unexpected in this enlightened age. Amid this general contagion, Elder Tuckers little family of Zion could not escape. All of them had not an amulet, in their Christian charity, against the hateful influences of designed misrepresentation nor strength of piety sufficient to stand up against the assault of all the most violent passions. (?) and whispers(?) began to be heard at Elder Tuckers nominal connection with the Masonic Society. These were encouraged by designing and aspiring(?) politicians, in the name of religion, till they broke forth into audible complaints which nothing reasonable could satisfy. **Elder Tucker** was requested not only to abandon freemasonry himself, but to denounce it as an evil and a curse in the world, an enemy to religion, a promoter of dissatisfaction(?), and a contaminating and deadly blot upon human nature. This he boldly and (?) refused to do, declaring in the most solemn manner that this was not the true character of Masonry as he understood it, that he was willing to resign its comparatively unimportant privileges for the sake of religion, but that he could not, to gratify a temporary (?) and unreasonable excitement violate his own conscience, nor dare he in the name of religion insult the god of truth. This was considered sufficient cause for open war. From that time **Elder Tucker** has been persecuted, by a part of his own Church, with a zeal and speed(?) which show how easily the aroused passions can trample down the better(?) affections of the human heart. The Society & Church have hereunto sustained(?) **Elder Tucker** and the disaffected members have resigned their religious privileges and withdrawn from the Church. However unpleasant this controversy and separation must be to every true Christian, yet your committee cannot impute it to any misconduct on the part of **Elder Tucker**, on the contrary they think he has done all in his power to prevent it. That he has made every concession and sacrifice that could reasonably be required of him. It is therefore the opinion of your committee that it is proper and expedient to invite **Rev. Elisha Tucker** to continue his ministerial relations with this Church and Society for the year ensuing, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the confidence of this Society in the integrity and piety of **Elder Tucker** is undiminished, that their admiration of his talents and zeal is unimpaired and that they retain their esteem and affection for him as a man and a Philanthropist, and therefore invite and request him to continue his ministerial relation with this Church and Society for the ensuing year.

Not recorded

(Item 19) Copy of Letter to Several Churches

June 5, 1830

The first Baptist Church of Christ in Pomfret to the Baptist Church in Portland, send greeting

Dear brethren,

Agreeably to the fifth article of the (?) of the "Chautauque Baptist Association," as published at the organization of said body in 1823, we have solemnly(?) and unanimously come to the conclusion that it is our duty, as a sister church and a member of the "Chautauque Baptist Association," to present before you the following ground of trial and difficulty which have made with you, Viz

Corrupt and unscriptural practice.

1ly. In sending delegates from your church on the 20th of Jany last, at the request of a minority of this church, to listen to complaints which said minority might prefer(?) against this body.

2ly. In proceeding by your delegates, with delegates from other churches, to organize a council on the 20th Jany last for the purpose of investigating certain charges to preferred(?) against this chh & knowing at the same time, that all excepting two hve tem under the watch care and discipline of this body & (?) these two have been excluded from the same.

3ly. In proceeding to investigate such charges against this church knowing at the same time that this church had never called for such investigation and that we had never had even and invitation to attend such investigation to answer for herself.

4th In proceeding to make up a result prejudice to (?) character (?) of this chh, and all this without even having seen her records, or having asked her to be heard in her defense, (?) believe (?) contrary to all Scripture, (?) example.

5th In proceeding under such circumstances to recognize said Minority as the chh and (?) to the (?) of the Majority, charging them (?) think you have violated (?) independency of this chh and have (?) of all churches and the rights of all men to be heard before condemned.

We have appointed Mr. John (?) to bear this communication to you to whom we hope you will make such answers as you may deem according to the Gospel of Christ.

By order of the Church
M.D. Harmon Clerk

(Item 20) To the Baptist Society of Fredonia

Gent,

I have this moment received through your committee your polite invitation to continue my ministerial services with you the ensuing year. The flattering manner in which you have expressed our approbation of my former humble efforts to advance the interest of this society is but another demonstration of the fact (and of which I have always been deeply conscious) that the prompt and cheerful manner in which the Society have uniformly by their influence, and liberality sustained me, is, under the divine blessing, the principal cause of every success which has at any time attended my very imperfect services. Allow me to say that this testimony of your esteem, coming as it does from the Society I love, and at a time when I am unfortunately, and of necessity, expressed to the "peltings of a pitiless storm," has made an impression upon my heart which I shall carry with me to my grave.

If the unhappy controversy of which you have made mention, and by which we have been so much agitated, I have only to say, that no one can more deplore its existence than myself, and that in the course, I have pursued, I have steadily endeavored to keep my eye upon the right of private Judgment, with the duty of a Christian, and Christian Minister.

In answer to your request, permit me to assure you of my very great attachment to this people, and that it is the desire of my heart to live with you and be useful.

With very great solicitude for your present & future welfare.

I am yours respectfully,
Elisha Tucker

Not recorded

(Item 21a) Slip No 9

Receipt to **Hezekiah Barker**

Signed by **Martin D. Harmon, Benjamin Randall, and J.Z. Saxton** August 20, 1825.

(Item 21b) Same as Item 21a, but for Slip No. 17

To **Pearson Crosby & Pearson Crosby Jr.**

Signed by **Martin D. Harmon, Benjamin Randall, and J.Z. Saxton**

(Item 22) Same as Item 21a, but for Slip No. 7

To **Daniel Buxton & Woodard Stephens**
Signed by **Martin D. Harmon, Benjamin Randall, and J.Z. Saxton**

(Item 23) Same as Item 21a, but for Slip No. 50

To **Moses Clark**

Signed by **Martin D. Harmon, Benjamin Randall, and John Z. Saxton**

(Item 24) Same as Item 21a, but for 1/2 Slip No. 24

To **D.G. Garnsey**

Signed by **Martin D. Harmon, Benjamin Randall, and J.Z. Saxton**

(Item 25) Same as Item 21a, but for 1/2 Slip No. 30

To **Aaron Osborn**

Signed by **Martin D. Harmon, Benjamin Randall, and J.Z. Saxton**

(Item 26) Same as Item 21a, but for Slip No. 43

To **William Barker**

Signed by **Martin D. Harmon, Benjamin Randall, and J.Z. Saxton**

*(Item 27) Pew receipt from May, 1818 in the town of Pompey for the Baptist Society in Delphi to **Graphen Sweet.***

This is perhaps a sample given to the Fredonia Baptist Church.

It is signed by four Trustees:

(?) Litchfield(?)

Jas. Pettit

T. or J. Tracy

M.(?) Savage

(Item 28) A tax list made June 18th 1836 taxing the members in the first Baptist Church in Pomfret

Abell T.G. \$3.50

Barber Walworth 2.00

Buck Avery 2.00

Bond William 4.60

Bailey, Alanson 11.44

Barrell David 28.08

Buck Reuben 8.52

Crosby Nathaniel 67.20

Champlin John 24.82

Crosby Loring 31.34

Davison Chester 28.08

Forbs John 47.64

Guild Anson E. 24.82

Hemsted Jonathan 34.60

Isherwood F.P. 3.30

Johnson Elias 7.24

Johnson Rufus 3.30

Jones Peter 6.57

King Alexander 15.04

Keach Abram 24.82

May Stephen 38.93

Moore Josiah 32.00

Meader Harvey 2.00

Meeder Daniel 3.96

Nicholas Phineas 41.64
Nicholas Ira S 2.00
Osborn Tho. 22.54
Osborn G. 5.26
Porter Joseph 12.76
Parker Alonzo 2.00
Parker Joel 5.26
Patterson Hiram 5.26
Pettitt James 6.56
Pettitt E.M. 11.78
Randall Benj 21.56
Roberts B.F. 16.35
Saxton J. Z. 34.60
Shephard P.L. 67.53
Shumway Ebenezer 8.03
Sweet Graphen 47.64
Sweet Benjamin 4.57
Stoddard Alford 47.64
Sweet Joseph 2.00
Tuttle Ebenezer 3.96
Tuttle Lemuel 2.00
Webster Ebenezer 14.41
Webster Russell 14.84
Webster Horace 18.87
Walker J. Wood 39.96
Winsor Ora 2.00
Young Abijah 2.00

(Item 29) "Not Recorded.
1829 July 25th.
Recorded."

At the annual Meeting of the Members of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret** held at the **Baptist Meeting house** in the **Village of Fredonia** on the 25th day of July **1829**.

Philo Orton was chosen chairman and **Isaac Harmon** was appointed Secretary protem.

The following resolutions were adopted

Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed to enquire into the propriety & expediency of hiring the **Rev. Elisha Tucker** to preach with said Society of the ensuing Year. **Benjamin Walworth, Abm Johnson, Ebenezer Webster, John Z. Saxton & James Norton** were appointed said committee.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to wait on **Elder Tucker** & return his answer whereupon **N. Crosby, J.Z.Saxton** and **I. Mullett** were appointed said committee.

Resolved that the Trustees of said Society circulate a Subscription for the purpose of hiring **Elder Tucker** for the Ensuing year.

Resolved unanimously to adopt the Report & resolutions of the Committee.

Resolved that the proceedings of this Meeting be published together with the report and resolutions of said Committee & **Elder Tucker's** answer.

Meeting adjourned.

Philo Orton Chm

Isaac Harmon Secy. Protem

Alter it as you thing best. I.H.

(Item 30) "Meeting of the Baptist Society 20 Aug **1826**

Not recorded

Recorded"

At the annual meeting of the Baptist Society convened at the Meeting House in Fredonia August 20, **1826**

1st Chose **Bm Randall** Moderator

2ly **D.J. Matteson** Clerk protem

3ly Voted to request **Eld Tucker** to preach with us for the ensuing year

4lt Voted to allow **Eld Tucker** four (?) for his own (?)

5th Voted that the Trustees raise(?) by subscription money for the purpose of fencing the **Meeting House** and cause it to be Done

6th Trustees instructed to call a meeting for forming B__g(?) G__(?)

7th Adjourned until the Wednesday before(?) the 12th of August **1827**.

(Item 31a) "**Nathl Crosby** Bond to Trustees of **Baptist Society**"

This may Certify that I **Nathaniel Crosby** do hereby agree and bind myself to the Trustees of the **first Baptist Society** to point with Lime Mortar the underpinning or stone work of the **Baptist Meeting House** in the **Village of Fredonia**. Said work to be done the Ensuing Spring.

Nathaniel Crosby

(Item 31b) Recd Jany 7th **1826** of the Trustees of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret** a Notice Signed by **D.G. Garnsey** dated Nov. 28th **1825** for twenty two dollars and fifty cents to collect or return when call'd. for.

Nath'l. Crosby

Recd Six Dollars of the (?) Receipt

M.D. Harmon, Trustee

(Item 32) "Notice of the annual Meeting of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret 1828** and record of said meeting.

Recorded."

Elder Elisha Tucker Sir

We hereby give you notice that a vacancy of one Trustee in the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret** will happen on the twenty fourth day of June next. **John Z. Saxton** will then go out of office. An election to fill that vacancy must be holden Six days before it Shall happen and the Stattute in that case made and provided makes it your duty as minister of this Society to appoint the time and place for holding Said election.

Pomfret 15th of May **1828**

E. Mulford

D.J. Matteson

Trustees of **first Baptist Society in Pomfret**

We would wish Monday 16th June

6 oc PM at this place

At a meeting of the **first Baptist Society in Pomfret** holden at the **Baptist Meeting House in Fredonia Village** on the 16th of June **1828** pursuant to notice given according to Law for the purpose of choosing one Trustee in the place of **John Z. Saxton** whose term of office will expire on the 24th of the present instant. Chose unanimously **Benjamin Randal** for Trustee.

(Item 33) "**Z. Cushing** Paper"

Dear Brethren, Whereas a very great exc itement has spread through the State of **New York** respecting (?) **freemasonry** whilst many of our Sister Churches have been rent asunder by reason of the connection of

some of their members with the Masonic fraternity and excitement having overspread this county and its effect is seriously felt in our Church whilst many of its members have Kept their heart(?) with the Church (?) (?) of the Connections some of its members have in the **Masonic fraternity** and as a union of the Church is necessary to its existence and without that union can be affected our church is ruined and in order to effect so desirable an object Each brother and Sister must Relinquish Every thing which the Commands of God and the Good of Zion will not warrant us in retaining and as the Great body of our Church is of the opinion that a public renouncement of the principles of **freemasonry** ought not to be required of our Masonic brethren to entitle them to our fellowship and as some arrangement ought to be Entered into that a union may be affected in the body and by which Each and Every member of the Church Shall feel themselves bound and from which they Shall not feel themselves of Liberty to Depart and to more fully affect Said object we the members of the **first Baptist Church of Christ in Pomfret** whose names are underwritten do jointly and severally agree to the following Statements first that we will not Enjoin it on our Masonic brethren to publicly renounce the principles of **freemasonry** But will leave it to their own option and we further agree that if our Masonic brethren who now belong to that fraternity will unreservedly Declare to the Church their determination to walk no more with the Masonic fraternity and will meet the Church on that ground we the members of the **first Baptist Church in Pomfret** whose names are underwritten do agree and solemnly bind ourselves to (?) and to the Church to walk in full fellowship with our Masonic brethren on the grounds above stated and should any members of our Church raise any objections against a Masonic brother who complies with the above statement and is an orderly walker in the Church shall be considered an offense and any Masonic Brother refusing to Comply with and observe the same Shall be considered as an offender against the Church and we further agree that this paper Shall be kept in the Clerk's office in the Church as a Record of said Church.

N.B. if the church concurs therein

(Item 34) This document appears to be a roll call vote tally. It is dated June 2, 1830.

Board(?)

Rev. E. Tucker

Rev. J. Handy

Deacon E. Webster

Eli Webster a

X James Mark

Joseph Sprague a

X (?) Webster a

Horace Webster a

Daniel Baldwin a

Peter Jones a

Wm Riskey a

X Salmon Mourton(?)

James Mullett a

Bn Walworth a

Alfred Handy a

Bucklin Gillet a

Amos P(?) a

Thomas Osborn a

Reuben Buck a

Mathew Greley a

Ben Randall a

X Thomas Mourton N

James Norton a

Ebenezer Shumway a

Richard Woleben a

Nathaniel Crosby a

Joseph Porter a

Ebenezer Eaton a
John Z. Saxton
Michael(?) Mourton a
James Butler a
Walter Porter a
Abram Johnson a
Thomas G. Abel
Levi Risley a
Henry King a
Edward Mulford a
Wm Barker a
Charles Barker a
Edward Howard a
Israel Smith
D.J. Matteson a
Abijah Young a
Samuel Shepard a

John Z. Saxton elected Trustee

June 2, 1830

(Item 35a) "Copy of Letters
March 5th 1831
Not on Book"

Bro. **Zattu Cushing**

I am instructed by the 1st **Baptist Church of Pomfret** to inform you that at a special chh meeting March 2nd, 1831, the chh adopted, and sanctioned the result of the late council in this church, in relation to those difficulties, which have so unhappily divided us. The record of the meeting you can see at any time by calling at my house.

I am yours

M. D. Harmon Chh. Clk.
March 5th 1831

(Item 35b) This is a small scrap of a document entitled, "Deed ready for delivery." Names appearing in the shred of the text are **Dewey, Webster, and Barlow.**

(Item 35c) This undated document appears to be a list of Slips sold, and their corresponding prices/donations.

No 3. Not Sold \$60
No 4. Not Sold 60
No 5. Not Sold
No 6. Not Sold \$65
No 7. **Buckson & A. Stephens** \$70
No 8. **Martin Eastwood** \$72
No 9. **Hezekiah Barker** 70
No 10. Not Sold \$70
No 11. Not Sold 70
No 12. **B. Randall**
No. 13 **Stephen Porter** 70
No. 14. Rented 70
No. 15. **Zattu Cushing** 67.50

- No. 16. **Justus Adams** 64.50
 No. 17. **Pearson Crosby & jun** 65.00
 No. 18. Rented to **Osborn** 65.00
 No. 19. **Nathaniel Crosby** 60.00
 No. 20. One ½ to **J. Norton** 60.00
 No. 21. Rented to **J. Mark** 55.00
 No. 22. ½ Rented to **Russel** 50.00(?)
 No. 23. **Edward H. Mulford & A. Johnson** 40
 No. 24. ½ Sold to **Daniel Gurnsey** 40
 No. 25. **Hart & Woleban(?)** 35
 No. 26. **John Ross(?)** 40
 No. 27. **David Eliot** 30
 No. 28. Not Sold. Rented. 40
 No. 29. **Reuben Buck** 39
 No. 30. ½ to **Aaron Osborn** the other was rented 35
 No. 31. **Harmon, Evido(?) & Bosworth** 48
 No. 32. Clelal(?) **Clarck** 45
 No. 33. **Thomas Mourton** 40
 No. 34. **McClure** 40
 No. 35. **Holland Butler** 45
 No. 36. Not (?) Sale 45
 No. 37. Rented to **Barnaby** 45
 No. 38. **Walter Smith** 65
 No. 39. Rented to **Thompson** 65
 No. 40. **M.W. Abel** 65
 No. 41. **John Walker & Royal Tefft** 55
 No. 42. **H. McClure** 55
 No. 43. **William Barker** 55
 No. 44. Rented to **Wood** 55
 No. 45. **Morris A. Adams** 60
 No. 46. Not Sold 55
 No. 47. **Burret & Greely** 35
 No. 48. **Webster & Covell** 35
 No. 49. Not Sold 35
 No. 50. **Moses Clark** 35
 No. 51. **B. Gifford** 38
 No. 52. Not Sold 35
 No. 53. Not Sold 30
 No. 54. **John Bond** 30

(Item 36) "Mr. Lewis Statement of Work
 A Statement of expenses repairing
Baptist Meeting House"

William Lewis Worked 80 days at \$1 per day Board 25.25 per day	\$100.00
Moses J. Lewis 100	125.00
Leland(?) J. Lewis 52	65.00
Rufus Tuttle 84	117.50
Woleben's Bill for work and Lumber	44.87
Isaac Higgins Bill for work	17.38
A. Vedder Bill for work and Lumber	40.75
Easmon Ball's Bill for work	32.25
D.W. Stephen's Bill for Lumber	7.00
O.J. Orton & Co. Bill for Lumber	40.93
Spragues Bill for Lumber	3.02
Pier's Bill for Lumber	1.35

Hutchinson	Bill for Lumber	10.50
Davis	“	.25
Nobles	“	13.35
Beards	Bill for Pine Lumber	12.70
Nortons	Bill for Lumber	9.15
Saxtons	Bill for Pine Lumber	3.75
Bucks	“	1.82
Abells	Bill for Timber and Lumber	11.21
	Seder Posts	5.50
Youngs	Bill for Windows and Putty	5.21
Crosby	Bill for Framing and Lumber	10.34
Abells	Blacksmiths bill	3.81
	Pew Buts(?)	1.13
Painting	Bill Barkley	150.00
Saxtons	Bill for goods	44.44
	Timber 150 feet at \$4	6.00
Tailors	Bill for goods	18.81
Framing	Bill	20.00
Saxtons	Lime bill	8.44
Barkers	Bill for hair	1.00

(Item 37) This appears to be a payment or tithing list of the 1820s or 1830s, but is unlabeled and undated. There are four columns of figures associated with each name. The first column ranges in amount from no entry to 33.33. The second column ranges in amount from no entry to 000 to 3000. The third column ranges from no entry to 00 to 200. The fourth column, mostly single digits, ranges from no entry to 300.

Ebr Webster
N. Crosby
J.Z. Saxton
J.Saxton
Abm Johnson
B. Randall
R. Buck
H.A. Buck
P.L. Shepard
Bliss(?) Willowby
S. May
D. Meder
R. Webster
H. Webster
J. Porter
L. Douglass (going)
A. Parker
J.R. Parker
L. Tuttle
Ebr. Tuttle
S. Corwin
Peter Jones
Alx King
Ebr. Shumway
Thos. Osborn
J. Forbes
J.O. Allen
J. Hempstead
Wm. Bond

R. Johnson
A. Young
S. Brooks
G. Sweet
B. Sweet
J.C. Sweet
H. Paterson
E. Davis
E.E. Case gone
C.S. Sanford
T.G. Abell
C. Davison
A. Bailey
P. Nichols
G.C. Osborn
L.M. Walker
N. Wood Jr.
F. L. Sherwood
A.C. Guild
J. Champlin
Wm. Verrinder
Harvey Meder

N. Butler
L. Barker
H. Crosby
C. Carroll
L. Bartholomew
S. Gates
M. Morean
M. Eaton
A. Baldwin
M. Baldwin
R. Mulford
Wealthy Webster
Sybbil Locke
A. Walker
N. Walker
M. Walker
H. Webster
L. Scott
L. Norton
J. & A. Handy
S. & R. Meder

(Item 38) Eld Tuckers Papers

At an Annual Meeting of the **first Baptist Chh & Society of Pomfret** held at the **Baptist Meeting house** on the 2nd Tuesday of June **1836** for the choice of trustees.
Chose **Stephen May** to fill the vacancy of **Abm Johnson** for the term of one year as trustee.
Chose **A.C. Guild** for the term of three years as trustee.

A.Young Clk PT

Chose **Josiah More** Collector of the funds to build the Parsonage. **D. Barell** Clk of Society.

A. Young

(Item 39) Amt Rec in payment for Sale of **Meeting House** Slips

Arahim Johnson	Cash ½	16.75	Note	16.75	
Richard Johnson			16		16
Thos Osborne		8.50		8.50	
A. Buckingham		15.00		15.00	
Wm Meader	See him	17.25		17.25	
Jas Norton		10		10	
Jn Hempstead		17		17	
Alonzo Parker	See him	20.50		19.00	
Phineas Nicholds			17.25		17.25
Graphim Sweet		20		20.00	
P.L. Shepherd		16		16.00	
J. Forbs		18		18.00	
J.Z.S. Slip		21.25		21.25	
T.G. Abell		18.25		18.25	
Stevens(?) & Rodger & Abell		16.25		16.25	
Orton Robins		15.75		15,75	
A. Bailey & Webseter	See Webster	16.00		16.00	
E.M. Pettitt	See him	18.75		18.75	
Lester & Dr. Crosby	See them	18.25		18.25	
Ward & Bartholomew	See Ward	16.		16.00	
A.H. Armstrong		18.25		18.25	
Rowland Porter	See him	7.50		7.50	
Clinton Osborne		8.50		8.50	
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		367.00		365.50	
				367	
				<hr/>	
				735.50	

(Item 40) **S. Smith**

[to] **Revd. Chas. Thompson**

Coseley

Sedgley 18th Jan 1833

Rev'd Sir,

I beg leave to return you thanks for the very candid and honest manner you discussed the subject of neglecting the Lord's Prayer, and for that spirit of Christian affection which pervaded the whole discourse. When I wrote to you upon the subject I had some fears lest a different spirit would have been manifested, but during your introductory prayer my fears were done away, and although, I am not a convert to your arguments I am at liberty to confess, that your Sermon afforded me not only much pleasure, but also much profit. Within the last 40 years I have heard in your chapel some of the greatest Preachers the Dissenters have had to boast, and I feel no hesitation in saying that I never heard one of them (not excepting the late **Robt. Hall**) with more pleasure than I hear you, and it was under these feelings I was anxious to hear what you could bring forward in defence [sic] of an omission which I know brings condemnation to the soul.

You seemed Sir to be quite alive to the force of the passage in St. Luke's Gospel and as the Lord's Prayer [is] taught in the Baptist Schools, I was glad to hear you urge it upon your people to teach it their children, but why Sir, learn a form in our youth we are not to use in after life even in a converted state. Sincerely wishing that the time is not far distant when you will be more closely identified with our Church I am

Rev'd. Sir

With great respect
 Your obedt. Serv't.
Samuel Smith

(Item 41) Undated document, same handwriting as Item 39

Amt of Slips Sold in **Baptist Meeting House**

T. & G. Sweet	40
J.Z. Saxton	42.50
T. G. Abell	36.50
J. Forbes	36.00
T.G. Abell for Stevens & Roger	32.50
N. Crosby ½ \$36 for Norton	18.00
Abraham Johnson	33.50
J. Hempstead	34.00
Osborn & Son	34.00
Orton & Robins(?)	31.50
A. Baily	32.00
P.L. Shepherd	32.00
E.M. Pettitt	34.50
E.A. Lester & Crosby	36.50
A. Parker	40.50
(?) & (?)	32.00
Ward & Bartholomew	32.00
Wm. Meader	34.50
P. Nichold	34.50
A.N. Armstrong	36.50
Slip to R. Porter paid to Saxton	15.00
Slip to Hart Paid by Woleben	15.00
	716.50
A. Buckingham	30.00

	746.50

(Item 42a) Recd Fredonia Feby 26 **1835** of **J.Z. Saxton & Thos. G. Abell** the following Payments in full satisfaction for the altering Enlarging improving & Painting the **Meeting House**

Viz

To Cash part of Abells note	72.65
“ “ part of Saxtons a/c	64.30
“ “ “ Crosby a/c	5.17
“ Notes as P. (?)	101.75
J. Orton a/c	10.93
“ Saxtons Note for Ved(?)	20.00

	\$274.80
To list of Notes as Recd by (?)	199.25
“ Stock part of Abells note	10.00
“ “ “ Crosbys a/c	5.17
On a/c Orton Slip	4.82
“ Stock part of Saxtons a/c	41.01
to allowance for not having made & Painted fence – Rails & posts on the premises Thrown in by Lewis	\$180.00

To allowance for not painting according
to contract 65.00

\$618.05

We acknowledge the above to be in full satisfaction for the fulfillment of the contract made between the Trustees & ourselves.

Wm. Lewis Sr.(?)
Moses(?) S. Lewis
John Z. Saxton
Thos. G. Abell

(Item 42b) To the Clerk of the Trustees of the **first Baptist Society of Pomfret**

We whose names are here affixed friendly to the above named Society and having paid during the Year last past for the support of Said Society and wishing to be considered as members do hereby request our names registered as members of Said Society

Pomfret Chautauqua County May 1830

Edw'd. H. Mulford
Reuben Buck
B. Randall
Abraham Johnson
James Horton
Edward Howard
Alfred Handy
Asa Pierce(?)
B.W. Barber
Thomas Osborne
George C. Osborne
John Z. Saxton
Abijah Young
W. A. Hart
Benj. F.. Tyler
Richard Woleben
B. Robbins
Ths. G. Abell
N.D. Snow
A.H. Walker
Thos. Gillis
H. C. Frisbee
J. Porter [*crossed out*]
S.H. Berry
I. Crane
Jas. Mullett
Amos Palmer
M.D. Harmon
Isaac Harmon
Edward Hewes
Henry Bosworth [*appears to be crossed out*]
W.W. Dalee
G. Robbins
S. Hart
A. Buckingham
W.H. Gould

D.M. Matteson

(Item 42c) This item is undated; most likely a list of payments on Slips

No. 60	G. Sweet		
" 59	Benj Randall	42.00	
" 14	T.G. Abell	36.50	
" 12	John Forbes	36.00	
" 10	T.G. Abell A.H. Armstrong	36.50	
" 7	Darius Nathl Crosby Norton		36.00
" 47	Abm Johnson	33.50	
" 8	J. Hempstead	34	
" 36	C.J. Orton & B. Robbins	31.50	
" 22	A. Bailey	32.00	
" 48	E.M. Pettit	37.50	
" 4	T.G. Abell (?)	32.50	
" 58	P. Nichols	34.50	
" 57	T.G. Abell for E.A. Lester		36.50
" 55	J.D. Cole	36.00	
" 18	A. Parker	40.50	
" 23	Keich & Johnson		32.00
" 3	W.P. Ward & Bartholomew		32.00
" 56	Wm. Meder	34.50	
" 20	T. Osborn	34.00	
	N. Crosby (?)		50

(Item 43) Rcv Fredonia Feby 20 1835 of J.Z. Saxton on account of the Meeting House Contract the following notes payable in grain

1 note	Abraham Johnson	Dated Jany 6	16.75	
1 note	Abraham Keach	Jany 5	16.00	
1	Thos Osborn	do.do.	8.50	
1	Geo C. Osborn	(?)	8.50	
1	A. Buckingham	(?)		15.00
1	Wm. Meader	(?)	17.25	
1	James Morton	(?)	10.00	
1	Jona. Hempstead	(?)	17.00	
1	Alonzo Parker	(?)	19.00	
1	Phineas Nichols	(?)	17.25	
1	Graphan Sweet	(?)		20.00
1	P. L. Shepherd	(?)	16.00	
1	John Forbes	(?)	18.00	

			\$199.25	

Amounting in all to One Hundred & Ninety Nice Dollars 25 cts

W. & M. Lewis

(Item 44) Undated and unlabeled; same handwriting and type of paper as Item 43.

Stock etc.

Phineas Nicholds	Note	17.25	Cash Note	17.25
Thos. & C. Osborn	Note	17	Cash Paid	17.00
J. Forbes		18	Cash Paid	18.00

Alanson Parker	19	Saxton is to pay 10.25 & Parker is to pay 10.25
Abraham Johnson	16.50	Cash paid 16.50
Wm. Meader	17.25	Saxton is to pay 17.25
Abraham Keach	16.00	Cash paid 16.00
P.L. Shepherd	16	Cash paid 16.00
A.(?) Buckingham(?)	15	J.Z. will pay 15.00
Graphan Sweet	20	paid cash \$10 due bill 10 20.00
J. Norton Note ½ Slip	10	paid Lewis bond & cash(?) 20.00
J. Hempstead	17	J.Z.S. will pay 17.00

(Item 45a) Whereas the **first Baptist Society of Pomfret** did at their Annual Meeting in the Month of June last Authorize the present acting Trustees on Certain Conditions to take Measures to alter, Enlarge, improve, & point(?), their **Meeting House** this is therefore to Certify that if said trustees will proceed & alter the slips in the House and plan nearly corresponding with the late alteration Made in the Slip of **R. Buck** No, 31 & place such a gallery in the House as will extend around on three sides, & put 3 Windows in the north End prepare Cement platforms & paint the House outside & Inside On or before 18th Nov. Next then & upon the following Conditions, we Consent to become Subscribers for Such an amt. of unlocated property as is anext to Our names. That is to Say when the improvement is Made the Society will (?) of unsold Slips in the House in whole & half Slips, Twenty four in all the four front Slips in the body(?) they propose to leave free that the average price of the remaining twenty be thirty Dollars & When the improvement is Made the Slips Shall be comparatively appraised & Sold At Auction and we whose names are here unto affixed promise to pay to the said Trustees according to the Number of Slips we subscribe one half at the completing of the improvement & the other half in Neat Stock or grain in One year from that time.

Witness Our hand (?) July 8, **1834**

The Sale is to be public only to Subscribers & if the Sale Ends(?) the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars the bal Shall be divided in equal amt on each Slip.

Abell & Armstrong 1 Slip
Phineas Nichols 1 Slip
Walker & Wood ½ Slip
Joel H. Parker ½ Slip
Alonzo (?) Parker
Robbins & Orton 1 Slip
J.Z. S. William(?) in Bond(?) 1 slip
Stephen May 1 Slip
John Z. Saxton ½ Slip
Graphan Sweet 1 Slip
Nathaniel Crosby 1 Slip
Providence L. Sheppard 1 Slip
James Horton ½ Slip
John Forbes 1 Slip
Jona Hempstead ½ Slip
Jacob Morian 1 Slip
Abraham Johnson ½ Slip
Jeremiah Baldwin(?) 1 sl
Abm Keech & Rufus Johnson 1 Slip
Thos G. Abell 1 slip
N. Crosby 1 Slip
A. Buckingham 1 Slip

(Item 45b) Amt paid over by **J.Z. Saxton** for Trustees a/c on cash half(?) to **Lewis(?)**

Amt(?) of Abells bills bill [sic]	72.65
Saxton cash part of a/c	64.30
Cash half of (?) a/c	5.17

Cash part of Lewis (?)	101.75	
Cash half of (?) a/c	10.93	
Gave my note to Lewis (?) for Ved(?)	20	
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	274.80	
a list of notes (?) by Lewis	199.25	
on Abells a/c included in Slips	10	
½ cash a/c	5.17	
on C.J. Orton Slip	4.82	
Saxton a/c Stock & (?) (?)		41.01
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		260.25
To half the Slip Sold A. Johnson originally (?)	16.75	
My (?) against (?) bal.	73.95	
My Basement (?) a/c	236.88	
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		862.63

(Item 45c) Trustees **first Baptist Society**
in a/c with **J.Z. Saxton**

1833

March 18	To Bal. Brot. Down this day	4.09	
March 30	To 2 Gall Oil @ 12/	3.00	
Apr 12	“ Paid Capt Sprague Society Note & Int	36.51	
“ 26	Wicking	.16	
May 11	“ Paid Crane for taking Care Meeting House		7.00
“ “	“ “ “ on a/c his slip being Sold to Shumway	1.08	
“ “	“ “ “ for Work	1.00	
June 27	“ 1 (?) (?)	.38	
“ “	1 Gall Oil 11/	1.37	
July 2	1 Match Box	.6	
“ 3	Paid Norcott (?) Bros(?)		(?)
Oct. 5	1 Gall Oil 11/ 1 Match Box	1.44	
Nov. 13	Paid Lake for Wood 9/	1.13	
“ 23	2 ½ Galls Oil 11/ Little over(?)	2.92	
“ 27	1 Broom 2/	.25	
“ “	Paid E.H. Clarks note	2.50	
Dec. 28	5 pounds(?) Candles 1/3		.78

1834

Apr. 8	Paid Mrs. Hull for use of Slip for Eld. Cole	2.50	
“ 19	2 (?) Candles 1/3	.31	
“ 25	2 (?) Do 1/3	.31	
May 17	1 (?) Candles 1/3	.16	
“ “	2 (?) Do	.31	
“ “	1 Lucifer Match 1/6 1 (?) Candle 1/3	.35	
Aug. 7	15 (?) Rosin (?) 6d	.90	
“ “	1 (?) Candles	.16	
Nov. 15	2 Brooms 2/	.50	
Dec 20	Paid Norcott 3/6	.44	
“ “	Paid Buck for taking Care House	20.00	
“ 22	1 (?) Candles	.16	
“ 31	Paid Bond for Labor \$3.75 4 Nails 9d 36	4.13	

1835

Jany	Ribbon (?) Brass nails(?) (?) for Pulpit	.85
" 3	1 ½ Gall Oil 12/ \$2.25 1 (?) Candles 1/3	2.41
" 9	2 (?) Candles 1/3	.31
" 12	Paid Gould 3/ 1 Gall Oil 12/	1.88
" 17	1 Gall. Oil	1.50

	Amount Carried Over	\$101.10
Jany 19	3 (?) Candles 1/3	.47
" 23	Paid Hart for tin for Slip Doors	.75
	Wire for Door Springs	.38
Febby 16	1 Cord 2 foot wood	.75

		\$103.45

1833

	Credit	
Apl.	By Cash (?) (?) Morton	1.00
Nov. 8	By Old Stove Sold	3.50

1834

Sept. 11	By Osborn	15.00	19.50

	Bal.		\$83.95
	By Osborn		10

			73.95
	By (?) (?) with Trustees		73.95

(Item 45d) Basement Story Co. Acct. with
Jno. Z. Saxton

Basement Story Cos
To: **J.Z. Saxton**

1834

Sept. 17 th	Paid H. Turner (?) for Work	.38	
" 20	2 ½ Pounds(?) Nails 9d	.28	
" 23	3 (?) Do	.27	
" 29	Paid Elsworth 5/	.63	
Oct. 4	" Do 3/	.38	
Oct. 4	(?) Iron 6d	9.66	
" "	Paid Sanford (?) Cash	2.00	
" 9	Paid Aylsworth (?) 8d Do Do 44	.52	
" "	Do Do Goods .79d Cash 8/	1.79	
" 16	Ditto Ditto	.42	
" 17	29 (?) Small Round Iron 7d	2.00	
" 28	10 ½ (?) Iron 6d 3 ½ (?) (?) Do 9d	.95	
" 30	Paid Aylesworth	2.56	

		\$	21.82
" 31	Russia(?) Strut(?) Iron for Plates(?)	.94	
" 36	(?) Do Do for Dummies(?)	3.60	
" "	Paid Hart for making Ditto	2.25	
" "	Paid Cushing & Button	45.00	
" "	Paid Bond(?) & Rood(?)	45.00	

“ “	46 ½ (?) Iron @ 5 ½ d	2.56
Nov. 1	50 (?) Iron @ 6d	3.00
Nov. 3	Paid Flint for laying Arches Cash	5.63
Nov. 5	Paid John Roberts	1.50
	Amt. Carried over	\$ 132.70
	Basement Story a/c	
	Bal. Brought over	\$ 171.27
	Bill of Iron from W. &(?) Pratt	8.66
	Freight on Do a/c	.50

(Item 45 misc) [Five miscellaneous receipts from 1834 and 1835. Names include apparent trustees **J.Z. Saxton** and **G.C. Osborn**, and apparent contractors **M. & W. Lewis** and/or **Moses S. Lewis**.]

(Item 46) The **Second Baptist Church, Rochester.**

To any Baptist Church of the same faith and order,

Sendeth Greeting,

Dear Brethren,

This is to Certify that

Lewis Denny

Jane Denny

Caroline Eales

Samuel Ward

Mary Ward

Wilkins Killick

Thomas Stuttard

Elizabeth Stuttard

Emma Woolenough

Charlotte Ashman

Isaac Hagreen

Eliza Hagreen

Samuel G. Crane

Harriot R. Crane

Sarah Percells

Sarah Chubbs

Azariah Clark

Ann Palmer

Sarah Pugh

Robert Lovell

Mary Lovell

Thomas M. Warrant

Elizabeth W. Warrant

Ann Leathersick

John Pittman

Elizabeth Pittman

Ann Grant

Thomas Warrant

Charles Stanton

Elizabeth King

Jacob Coselman

Elzabeth Coselman

Are members in good standing and full fellowship with us, and at their own request we hereby grant them this Letter of Dismissal for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most affectionately recommend them to your Christian fellowship and watch care, praying that the Lord may crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church, at their monthly church meeting. **Rochester** Sep 6th **1847**

Lewis Denny
Church Clerk

(Item 47) Sep 15, **1842**

Miles

Aug 27

Single

Rev'd. **Charles Thompson**

Swansea England

Via Boston per **Cunards Steamer** to **Liverpool**

Paid 12/

Meriden Village. N.H.

Dear Brother Thompson

I have just recd. Your letter dated April 27th and why it should have been four months reaching **New York**, I cannot tell, but I hope this reply will not be more than eighteen days before you receive it. In relation to my not writing you since April 6th **1841**, I have only to say that I have not till very lately understood how much my letters must have cost you and not thinking them worth the expense of postage is the only apology I have to offer.

You inquire if I have found an opening for you to which I would reply that I have not. Neither do I expect that you will find one to suit you, the very hour you arrive in **America**. The fact is you must make up your mind to find things here very different to what they are at home. Nevertheless after a residence of 12 months you will like the change and wish that you had carried your determination into effect long ago. It has taken me two years to become, in a certain degree, reconciled to the state of things in the country, but now I would not return to **England** if any Man would pay my expenses and give me fifty sovereigns to boot.

I could fill a dozen letters with a brief account of my experiences but anticipate the pleasure of a verbal communication tete a tete(?). When I came here I had no one to advise with, and had to beat my own way amidst a people who cared for nothing but how to get my dollars. In ye prospect of **America** I thought it a grand thing to go to a country where I should have to bow to no Man, in this I am gratified, but since I have been here I have never found a Man that will bow to me, in this I am disappointed. Like **Cesar** who resolved to have no Superior, and **Pompey** to have no equal.

“**Cesar** no longer a superior brooks

“And **Pompey** scorns an equal.

As a dissenter in **England** a part of my religion consisted in my opposition to the course of the multitude, but here religion & virtue consists in a compliance with the wayward propensities of popular opinion.

You want to know what will become of your family & I will tell you. They will become happy & independent at twenty years of age, if brought up to habits of industry & economy. The most respectable class in **American Society** is the industrious & economical.

But perhaps you are anxious to know what to do with wife & family till you obtain an appointment. I have turned it over and over again & again, and finally concluded that on your arrival in **America** you had better take part of some house by the week and board with the family. Almost every house in **America** takes in boarders. This you had not better do in any of our Cities but in some country place where board is comparatively as cheap as dirt in **England**.

I live in a village about the size of **Carleon** near **Newport**. Board is rather high in this place, in consequence of the very great number of students who study at an Independent Academy in **Meriden**. I board with a widow Lady of that denomination. What I have to pay for one room & board I cannot tell, because she lives in ye Baptist parsonage & my expenses will be deducted from her rent when she settles

with the Deacons. I should like to have offered you & your family a place under this roof till something would turn up, but am so situated that I have it not in my power.

Still if you send me word, the number, age & sex of your children, I will try to get you lodging & board somewhere in the neighborhood. So that you may have somewhere to go directly on your arrival. I should think that about 4/6 per week, that is one dollar a head, would board the family. Your coming into my neighborhood till you find a place for your family would be attended with some advantages & some disadvantages.

I live about 100 miles from **Boston** & about 300 from **New York**.

I am anxious to assist you & any thing in my power or out of my power shall be done to promote your happiness. If you arrive in **New York** do not stay there a day longer than you can help. I have staid there three months and know that if I had not remained there three days it would have been all the better for me & my pocket.

If you can, come to **Boston**. Send me word and I will come & meet you. I traveled eight hundred miles to attend the Convention at **Baltimore** preached before the Doctors the evening before the convention, but I do not want to fill my letter with any thing about myself except it would give you any necessary information. I must however say that I have only this night to answer your letter, in order to take the advantage of the next **Cunard** packet to **Liverpool**.

Always send your letters by his packet to **Boston** & then I shall have them in 18 days from your date. When you receive this post me a news paper & that will give me the satisfaction of knowing that this has been received.

In coming to **America** do not bring out any more luggage than you can possibly help. Turn all you have, except yr. wife & family into Sovereigns, for although a republican government a Sovereign has sovereign power. I have just one left, in company with three shillings which I hope to keep to show my children.

I hope you will not infer from the Spirit of this harsh acknowledgement of ye receipt of your tardy letter that I am low spirited or down in the heart. I thank you for your information contained in your letter & would send you a better reply, but for the above reasons and I wish to avail myself of the opportunity of sending by the first of the month to let you know that I am in good health & spirits.

Yours as usual

Miles

Monday Night

[Marginal postscripts] Bad as **Wales** may appear to you, there are no ministers from the Old country better received in **America** than those who come from Wales. I have been frequently announced in the papers as a Welshman. You have no idea what a pre judice exists against English Ministers, therefore do not deny that you are from **Wales** when you come to this country. Do not forget to send me a paper, and any news about Newport will be welcome.

Mind when you write to let it be on a single sheet to save postage which is no trifle in **America**. I expect to hear **Knapp** preach next month & shall be glad to let you know what I think of him, next time(?) I write.

(Item 48) To all whom it may Concern

This is to certify that Sister **Pauline Smith** is a member in good standing and fellowship in the **Baptist Church** called **Rockdale** and as such we recommend her to any Chh of our denomination and when united to you we shall consider her dismissed from us.

By order of the Chh

Rockdale September 2d 1842 **Abraham Miller** Chh Clk

(Item 49) This predates Item 47

The Rev. C. Thompson

S(?) England

Meriden Village N.H. Jan'y.(?) 28th. 1841

My dear brother

I have to thank you for your welcome letter, dated Nov 25, **1840**. It reached me about an hour ago. As it is the only one I have received from the Old County since my residence in **America**, I can assure you that it produced no ordinary excitement in my feelings, which I shall express as the pleasing sensations of surprise, of friendship, of thankfulness and joy. I lay awake nearly all last night wondering what I should learn from the letter, which the villagers told me was come from England for me, and would not be delivered to any other person. I made an early application at the Post Office this morning & was greatly rejoiced to recognize your letter. On my way to the office, a distance of half a mile, every body I that I met (about six or seven in number) told me that a letter from **England** was left at the office for me, & on my return I was asked by one or two person what was in my letter & on my return to my residence several persons were collected & wished me to let them see it, which I refused to do, saying I had not yet read it for myself, & tho' I had opened it on the way nothing would satisfy their Yankee Curiosity but my letting them take it in their hands to look on the address. I was obliged to go into my bed room to get out of the way of annoyance in reading your letter, & I am glad to be able to say that not more than one person followed to know what was really in the letter from **England**. I mention these little circumstances, as a specimen of the inquisitiveness of the character of the **New Englanders**, or real **Yankees**, in the State of **New Hampshire**.

"I guess." I must now let you know what brought me in this place, & what I am doing here. In referring to my diary, I find that I wrote to you by the **British Queen** Nov 30. which was after My return from **Boston** to New York, & I am inclined to think that I must have given you some (?) of my journey with Mackey (?), I shall conclude, therefore, that I have done so. The following copy of a letter from the half brother of **W.W.(?) Phillips of Pontypool** will afford me an opportunity of making you better acquainted with the person who brought me hear [sic], & as I shall have frequent occasion to speak of him, I will transcribe his letter to **Dr Sharp of Boston**.

Meridan Village, N.H. Nov 30, **1840**.

My dear brother

I perceive by the last Watchman that the **Rev Mr Miles** from **Newport Wales** was in **Boston** a few days ago. I therefore take the liberty of requesting you to say to him, if now in your City & unemployed by any Society or Church, that there are several destitute Churches in this region & just over the river in **Vermont** & that I should be happy to aid him all in my power. **Mr. Miles** brought ought with him letters of recommendation from my brother in whose immediate vicinity he lived several years. Will you say to him I will most cheerfully render any assistance in my power & that I shall be truly happy to see him at my House. If he should come he must take the cars(?) to **Nashua** & then the stage to **Claremont N.H.** & then call on our brother **Rev J.M. Graves** who will direct him to get here, or if he will write me & say what day he will be in Claremont I will meet him at **Bro' Graves's**. he should direct to me **Meridan Village N.H.** Knowing that **br. Miles** is a Stranger in a strange land, I know how to feel for him & this is my apology for addressing you.

I am Dear Brother yours in Love **Gibbon Williams**
To **Dr Sharp**
Boston

Dr Sharp forwarded the letter to me, & I conferred not with flesh & blood but wrote to **Gibbon Williams** & thanked him for his Kindness, stating at the same time my determination to be with him, on a visit, as soon as possible. On the 17 day of Decr. I left New York & after a journey of 350 miles by land & water, I reached **Gibbon Williams'** House Decr. 22, **1840**, where I have been to the present hour

Gibbon Williams is he Son of **W.W. Phillips'** Mother, by a second husband, he was born in **Monmouthshire** & served his time to a cheesemongor in **Bristol**, with his brother **W.W. Phillips** when he was in that way of business in that City. **G.W.** is a **Baptist** Minister & has been a pastor of several churches in the **New England** States in **America**. He has been married twice & has a houseful of little children. He has nothing to depend upon, for their support but his own exertions. Still, he does well & keeps his horse & carriage. I pay him for my board & lodging and assist him in his duties as a minister.

I have preached for him about 5 or 6 times every week since I have been visiting him, and although I receive no direct acknowledgement in the shape of pay in cash or kind, still I find many things that are of great advantage to me as a Stranger, such things for instance, as attending marriages & funerals, the services of which I should have been at a loss to know how to conduct, if I had no one to teach me, as they are not (?) the same in this country as they are in the Old. I have also many other advantages of a ministerial kind, which will induce me to stay with him, 'till something turns up to my advantage, which I expect will be "just so" in about three weeks, when I hope to supply the church at **Bradford** in this State (& about 30 miles from this place.) I guess that I shall then have three dollars & a half per week with my board & Lodging for two months, which will bring me thro' this winter. But if I should be disappointed, I shall not be dispirited.

I thank you for your kind & friendly reproof, but fear you must have misunderstood me, when I informed you that I was sent to bed about 6 OC. Or immediately after my poor tea, on a Saturday Night, but I guess you will understand me better when you come over and get right into the very thick of "**Yankee** usages," & then I presume that I shall have laugh at your nervous affections. I feel confident that you will come over & therefore I shall not trouble you with any of the inconveniences which, I as a bachelor, have to endure, for they are not likely to interest you, because you will never be affected by them.

I wish you to understand that I have no wish, desire, or thought of ever returning to the Old Country, & all that gives me any grief in this, that I did not come here many years ago. If I were married & had a family as you have, I should do better than I shall ever be able to do as a bachelor. You will not therefore, think that I have done any violence to myself, if you should hear of my taking(?) to a widow & a family, ready made. I hope to be able to give you & your wife & your family, an invitation to come right to my house next summer; & as for an appointment to a church I have no fear of your succeeding. I have mentioned you to several brethren on whose opinion I can rely, & they all say, that there will be no difficulty in your providing for your own comfort & the education & support of your family. Yet, perhaps you will say, than how is it that I have not yet succeeded on my own account. To which I w'd say that if I had wife & family I could obtain my choice of stations at this time. There is no encouragement given to unmarried men in any profession, no not in the profession of religion & the **Yankees** say that there is no earthly excuse for an unmarried man in **America**.

Young people marry very early in life & experience no difficulties in doing well. I have not seen a poor man, or a poor child since I left **Quebec**. They may be found in **Canada** but not one have I seen in any of the **United States**; here all men & women & children are "well educated & there is no mistake about that." When you come to this country, do not go to **New York**, to judge of **America**, or of the character of the **Baptists**, but go to **Boston**. There you will find a specimen of true Christian hospitality & brotherly affection. I was in New York 3 months & preached several times for almost all the **Baptist** ministers in the City & neighborhood without receiving a dollar, an invitation to their houses or yet a thankey for my service, except from Cone, of **Oliver Street**, & from him I frequently received a pleasant word, & **Jones History of the Christian Church**, in two vols, w'h he published in **New York**. But in **Boston** I found **Dr. Sharp** a friend & a brother & made his house my home. There was not a **Baptist** minister in that City but what treated me with kindness & respect. **Mr Baron Stow** who is now in **England** for the benefit of his health at the expense of his church, he is, on all hands admitted to be one of the finest men in the denomination in this country. He is a young, pious, & affectionate Man. He treated me with great kindness & I dined with him & his wife at his house before he left for **England**. No **Thompson** do not expect that **New York** is the place for an **English** minister to meet with much encouragement, for many have tried the place & soon been discouraged. You enquire after **Tom Steadman** but there is not a minister in **New York** that knew of his ever visiting the City. I was told by **Dr. Davis** of **Montreal** in **Canada**, that he was with him for a few weeks & left for **New York**, but I could learn nothing of him, during the three months I remained in that City.

I have to thank you for your sketch on (?) (?) 23. I like it, but you know I like all that you compose, & ever since I heard your essay on moral philosophy at the annual meeting of the **Northern Baptist Education Society** at **Bradford** in the year 1825, my opinion of your abilities has been fully carried out. I remember that day quite well. I had just entered the academy & when I heard you read your essay in the Doctoral (?) Chapel on that occasion, I thought you were the Professor of Moral Philosophy at the College, and I was the more fully persuaded that you were "just so" from the fact that you wore glasses, a great coat buttoned up to the chin, carried a great stick, & left the institution with or about the same time as (?) for **Bradford** to return again about 10 the next morning. I really think that I used to touch my hat to you, under that impression, but be that as it may, or may not have been, I can assure you that after 16 years

acquaintance with your talents I shall be most proud to be recognized by you in this country when it will be my study to treat you with becoming respect whenever I meet you.

I shall furnish you with a monthly communication agreeably to your wish, but not for publication. My writing to you will be in confidence to furnish you with any information that I may think will interest you & your family in American propensities. I may furnish you occasionally with sketches of the best sermons that may come under my hearing & notes of books published in this country likely to interest your feelings or afford information. With respect to **Knapp** I have not yet seen him, of him, I have heard much, but will write you of him & several (?) meetings, when I have a personal knowledge of either. I could tell you of many strange things w^h I have heard, but w^d rather mention what may be worth writing, when any thing of the kind comes under my notice.

I will just tell you how Gibbon Williams & I manage things in our preaching excursions, on the Lords Day I preach three times, in some chapel in the morn'g. at 11 OC, I finish the(?) service by 12 OC. Then about a quarter of an hour is allowed for the people to take refreshment w^h chiefly consists of cold apples, which each one is expected to bring with him for himself or to go without, and in most of the chapel, "right" under the pulpit, or sometimes at the door of the chapel a bucket or pail of cold water is placed on a stool or bench, with a tin ladle or saucepan, with an alarming long handle, so that one may be able to drink at a time, or as the case may be!

At the expiration of the quarter of an hour, or "just so," some of the members begin to pray, without being called upon to do "just so," or giving out any hymn for himself or any the rest to sing. You will understand that the rest of the congregation, or the other members of the church not engaged in prayer, are all of them engaged in eating cold apples or drinking cold water, or reading newspapers. It is common practice for the people to read newspapers in the chapel after the morn'g sermon. The women collect together on one side of the chapel & the men on the other. There is no conversation between the men and women during this period. The boy & girls do not talk together as they do in England, but they gather round their respective stoves to warm themselves, if they have no taste for prayer, newspapers, cold apples, or cold water.

Well, "I guess" you will want to know what the poor minister will be doing all this time. His conduct will depend sometimes on others & sometimes on himself. It will depend upon others if they ask him to go hard by and take some apple pie, baked on a plate (& about as thick) with a cup of cold water in "gospel order," as it is called "just so." Should no one live hard nigh, or ask him to partake of their hospitality why then all will depend upon his taste for prayer, cold apples, newspapers, cold water, or a warm stove. Things are "just so" for one hour, & then the bell rings for the next service which is conducted by the minister as usual, after w^h he gives out a string of notices for the week, & the minister and the congregation go home, but not to dinner. I have never seen a dinner on a Sunday since I have been in this State (**N.H.**) I have placed the initials of **New Hampshire**, lest you may not understand, directly to what State I refer in my description of this state of things.

When we return to our own house or to the house of a friend, we are not asked to take anything till supper be ready, which is in general "just so" about four OClock, & consists of poor tea, & good bread, with about as much fat pork gravy out of a basin, poured over a few unskinned potatoes as will make a man of my taste look at his plate, as if he wished for some roast beef of **Old England**. But lest you should think that I get nothing better to suit my taste, I must tell you that I never sat down to table in any part of **America** without rotten apples mixed(?) up with molasses being placed, in a little glass salt stand, at my side, as desert, but whether to be taken at or after the meal I have never felt sufficient interest to enquire. The best accompaniment at each repast are apple or mince pies.

My movements are so intimately connected with my eating & drinking & sleeping, that I cannot give you an account of them without referring to some things w^h you think I ought not to notice, & perhaps I should not notice them to you, if I did not know of your **American** propensities, but I wish to let you know the only things that make me uncomfortable, & that they never will affect your comfort as a married man, with a family for you will be able to arrange your own domestic economy without being dependent on that of others. To return to the subject of the Sabbath day preaching, I have further to inform you that we never preach in the Chapel more than twice on the Lord's day, that is to say, at 11 OC in the morning, finish at 12 OC, & after the intermission of an hour preach again at 1 OC.

I wish you were able to come to this country next spring, so as to be able to attend our great convention of all the Baptists in America, w^h will be held next April in **Baltimore**. Great excitement on the subject of slavery in our churches will then be brought to a crisis. I guess **Baltimore** is about four hundred miles from this place, but I hope to be there, & will, if I have to sell my clothes & books to raise the money.

When you write me next pay your letter to **Liverpool** & say by **Cunard**. I doing so you will save me half a dollar. All foreign letters both in this & in the old country must be paid as for as they go in the country whence they are sent, or they may be in the office till dooms day, as no one will be found to pay if forwarded.

Mr. Barron Stow of **Boston** has sent a confidential letter to his friends in **Boston** in w^h he has written many things respecting the old country minister w^h his friends did very wrong to publish. I w^d send you the paper but I can not get it for the purpose. I should like to send you a paper now & then but I do not know what they will cost you. Therefore have hitherto withheld many, fearful they w^d cost more than you w^d think them worth. I cannot pay for this letter further than to **Boston** or I w^d do just so.

The following is from a correspondent of the **Baptist Advocate**. Perhaps you have seen it & it may be that you have not.

The **Rev Mr Cookman**, the Chaplain of the Senate, preached again in this Hall on Sunday last He is worth going ten miles to hear at any time. One of his touches of eloquence equalled anything that I ever heard at any time from the pulpit. He was expatiating on the triumphs of the cross in the primitive ages, when bringing the whole to a focus he exclaimed "**Christianity** shook high **Olympus** to its foundation, stripped **Jupiter** of his thunder, **Minerva** of her aegis, **Venus** of her charms, **Bacchus** of his bowl, **Plutus** of his wealth, **Mars** of his spear, & **Neptune** of his floods." The effect was prodigious (?)."

With the assistance of any common classical dictionary any one may be able to compose a sermon full of such kind of touches. I do not copy the above as worthy much, but simply because I have the paper in w^h it is noticed with praise, lying before me on the table.

I thank you for the information respecting **D.R. Stephens**. I hope he will be blessed & made a blessing at Newport. I think he is the very man for the place & he shall have my best wishes & prayers for his success among a people whom I greatly respect & from whom I have receive much kindness. Save their debts & his views on loose communion I see nothing in Newport to make his exchange & theirs in the ministry a blessing for both. In reviewing the past as well as in my present opinion, they are a people among whom good may be wrought.

With very kind regards to **Mrs. Thompson** & all your children with an assurance of a disposition to do any thing in my power to promote their welfare, on account of my respect for you.

Believe me to be as usual,

Miles

(Item 50) **Fredonia**, March 24, 1835

To **J.Z. Saxton, T.G. Abell & A. Johnson**

Dear Brethren,

A reply is due from me to the communication you made to me some weeks since as a committee from the church in this village. The object of that communication was to solicit me to continue my pastoral relation to said church. During the last three years I have according to my ability served the brethren in that relation. But in regard to the continuance of my engagement I have been much at a stand, owing to the small minority in the body that have expressed a wish that after the next Sabbath (the time when the 3rd year of my Services will expire) I should no longer fill your pulpit or continue your pastor.

After mature reflection I have so far succeeded as to settle my mind to a certain conclusion. I have been here sufficiently long to become generally acquainted with the church & they with me. On this acquaintance I will make the following proposition to you & through you to the Church.

I will engage to serve you as your preacher & pastor for 5 years from the 1st of April next devoting two days in a week to pastoral visiting & duties, circumstances permitting, & reserving four for the duties of the study & my own domestic affairs. Reserving also to myself four Sabbaths each year should I want them, on which I should not be under obligation to see the pulpit supplied.

In consideration of the above proposed services the church shall give me for the year next ensuing \$400, & for each year thereafter \$500 to be paid quarterly.

If at any time the church should become dis satisfied with me, or I with them, so as to make a disunion or my removal necessary, they shall give me three months notice of their wishes, or otherwise, I will give them three months notice of my wishes.

Affectionately yours
Jirah D. Cole

(Item 51) Sab. Mch. 16, 1845

The Bros & Sisters being convened for worship, after morning service, in the capacity of a Ch. M. listened to the following.

Whereas this body in cov. M. 1st inst expressed by resolution their desire to be united with our Bros and Sisters at the M. House & also Expressed a wish to unite with them in a day of fasting humiliation and prayer, which meeting was held in the basement of the meeting house 8th inst. At which a united Expression was had by resolution of the desire of those present to be united in one church. That meeting was adjourned until 12 inst. On Sab. 9 inst. A communication was rec'd. from the body worshipping at the M. house. At the meeting of the two bodies on the 12 inst. A preamble and resolution were offered expressive of the manner of a union of the two bodies, a committee was proposed from the two bodies which com. were subsequently appointed as follows viz. **E. Johnson, L.B. Grant, I. Hamilton, J.R. Parker, R.B. Morgan, & J.E. Norcross** to present the conditions or terms to the respective bodies for their approval, and whereas said com. present as a result of their labors the following viz.

“Both bodies mutually to come together without any officers. The respective Clerks of the two bodies to hand in the names of all the brethren & Sisters who are in regular travel and such shall be regarded as the future members of the Church in good and regular standing.

All members who cannot go along with the united church to ask within six months letters of dismission and commendation, and the former Clerks are to give respectively to persons so applying letters. No Minister to preach or officiate with us to the grief or disapprobation of even a small number of the Bros. & Sisters (until our selection of a future pastor). The ministerial conference that is appointed to be held at this place the coming summer we are to request should be holden at some other place. The Ch. upon its union to retain the name of 1st Bap. Ch. in Pomfret until after a complete organization and the selection of a future pastor & the name to remain or be altered as may be deemed advisable. The church not to delegate to any association if 5 brothers object.

(Item 52) Sab 2 July 1848

Br. C. Batcheler & wife & daughter were on motion rec to membership in the ch

Cov M [Covenant Meeting] July 1, 1848

Present **Rev. H. Silliman** about 20 brethren & the same number of Sisters. Opened by prayer by S[illiman]. A comfortable state of Christian feeling manifest in the several communications & some from last meeting.

Mr. **Root** (?) & wife requested to be considered as under the watch care of the Chh while he(?) remain in town: brings credentials from a Chh in **Michigan**. Dea. **Bachelor** & wife stated that on account of the necessary detention of his wife at home that afternoon he would like to present a letter tomorrow from the **Stockton** Chh.

(Item 53a) At a meeting of the members of the 1st **Baptist Church in Pomfret** and of the **Fredonia Baptist Church** convened at the **Baptist Meeting House in Fredonia** on Monday 14th February at 10/clock in the pursuance of a previous appointment by each of those bodies, for the purpose of organizing a new church, on motion of **Bro Hamilton. Elder Willoughby** was unanimously called to the chair and **Geo. W. Lewis** was appointed clerk.

After appropriate remarks by the moderator the following paper, which had been previously adopted by each of the above named Churches, as a basis of union, was read by the Clerk.

Fredonia February 9th 1848

Whereas, there has existed in **Fredonia** two bodies claiming to be the “1st **Baptist Church in Pomfret**,” and their separation has come to be a mater of universal grief, and an embarrassment to the success of the Gospel here, and as further agitation of the causes of their separation would not be for the peace of **Zion**. Therefore

Resolved

That from and after the separate and united adoption of this, these two bodies now known as the “**1st Baptist Church in Pomfret**” and the “**Fredonia Baptist Church**” be and become one, under the name of the “**1st Baptist Church in Pomfret**,” leaving the painful past as it is, and never call it up or refer to it as a difficulty or grief, transferring the Books and Papers of each to a clerk mutually elected, and a new Book opened for the records of the Church, that the present Pastors be desired to continue, under present arrangements with them until 1st April next, to preach alternately or as they may agree for their convenience, and the Desk thereafter supplied as the Church may determine,

And for the perpetuity and peace of this union we will labor and pray.

On motion of **Bro Parker** seconded by **Bro Abell**, mutually to adopt the resolution just read, bro **A.Z. Madison** rose and asked permission to read a paper which he had prepared, and which he said was in substance like that now before them with some amendments, to which no person in the room would object.

Objection being made, the Moderator proposed a committee to consider it, accordingly on motion of bro **D.A. Woodruff**, seconded by bro **Pettit** the joint committee (consisting of **Bros Abell, Forbes, Parker, Hamilton, D.A. Woodruff, & D. Barrell**, previously appointed by the two churches to nominate officers for the new church,) were instructed to retire and consider the paper of bro **Madison**.

While waiting the report of the committee prayer was offered by bro **Batchellor**,

The committee having reported adverse to the present reading of the bro **Madison's** paper the previous question was called for and, the **Basis of Union**, was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The joint committee being call'd upon made their report of names which they recommend to be elected for officers of the church, and on motion of bro **Grant** the report was accepted.

On motion of bro **Pettit** seconded by bro **Grant, Bros Ebenezer Webster, John Hamilton and Joel R. Parker** were unanimously elected Deacons of this church.

[added in another hand] Moved to elect **AZM** clrk, some remarks by **AZM** & clerk of chh. defeated(?) [deferred?]

On motion of bro **Grant** seconded by bro **Forbes, Bros A.C. Barrell, B.C. Willoughby, D. Barrell, L.B. Grant, J.R. Parker, and J. Hamilton** were appointed a committee to recommend Articles of Faith and Covenant for the adoption of this Church.

On motion of bro **Barrell** seconded by bro **Grant**.

Resolved That the 1st Sabbath of each month be observed for the Communion of the Lord's Supper and that the Covenant meeting be held on the Saturday preceeding.

On motion of bro **Hamilton** seconded by bro **Grant**.

Resolved That the Committee just appointed be required to make their report on Saturday one week before covenant meeting the 26th inst. At 1 o'clock P.M.

On motion of bro **Parker**, seconded by bro **Pettit**.

Resolved That the Clerks of the former Bodies be requested to give to the clerk of this church all the names of the members which are in good standing, in each church, to be added as members of this church.

On motion of bro **Parker** seconded by bro **Forbes**.

Resolved, that the Clerk of this meeting be requested to act as clerk of this church until a new clerk be appointed.

On motion of bro **Grant** seconded by bro **Barrell**. Resolved that this church meet on Thursday evening of each week for conference and prayer.

On motion of bro **Grant** seconded by bro **Morgan**. Resolved that the Articles of Faith and the Covenant used by the **Fredonia Baptist Church** be adopted by the Church until new articles shall be adopted.

On motion of bro **Barrell** seconded by bro **Parker**. Resolved that we adjourn to meet at this house on Saturday 10th inst at 1 Oclock P.M.

[added in a different hand} That the books & papers of each church be retained by the clerks of each.

(Item 53b) Meeting of Committee 12th 1848

present Bro **Abel, Hamilton, Forbes, Woodruff, Parker & Barrell**.

Prayer by Bro **Hamilton**.

Called by Br **Abel** to the chair & appointed Bro **D. Barrell** Clerk.

Resolved that we recommend Brs. **Ek Webster John Hamilton, Joel R. Parker** for Deacons of the Church.

Deliberated in reference to Articles of faith & Practice & Covenant, & after kind conversation Resolved that we request the body, united, to raise a committee to recommend articles & covenant at a future meeting.

(Item 54) Substitute for a Basis of union read by **A.Z. Madison** before committee and rejected 14 Feb. **1848**.

Whereas, for several years past, there has existed in **Fredonia** two separate bodies of individuals, each claiming to be “the **first Baptist Church in Pomfret**”

And whereas these two separate organizations are a matter of universal grief, and evidently are a great and deplorable hindrance to the success of the gospel and the advancement of the Redeemer’s cause and kingdom in this vicinity; and as further agitation of the causes of the separation of the original “**First Baptist Church in Pomfret**” cannot be for the peace of Zion:

Therefore, in a meeting held in the **Baptist Meeting** house in **Fredonia** pursuant to previous agreement and, public notice, by the two bodies above named, this 14th day of February A.D **1848**: it is hereby

Resolved, That the several members now in good and regular standing in each of these two bodies, the one, known as “the **first Baptist Church in Pomfret**,” and the other, as “the **Fredonia Baptist Church**” Be and become One Church, under the name and title of [no entry here]

Being now thus united, all the several members, do hereby mutually promise and agree to leave the painful past as it is, never more to call it up or refer to it as a difficulty or grief; and any person who becomes a member by the adoption of this Resolution and agreement, now or subsequently, and who shall at any future time so violate this pledge as to cause grief to any other member of the church, he or she, for such act, shall be held subject to the discipline of the Church;

The former books and papers of each former respective body, are to be retained in the custody and keeping of the respective Clerks, to wit, **L.B. Grant** and **David Barrell**, who are authorized to give letters of dismissal and commendation, in their former capacity, to any member or members of their respective bodies, who are in good and regular standing in the same at this date, and who shall not desire, membership in the church constituted and organized by this union, and who shall apply for such letters within six months.

It is also made the duty of the former Clerks above named, immediately to present lists of the names of all members in good and regular standing at the present time in the respective bodies hereby united, to the Church Clerk this day elected, who is to transcribe the same into a new book which he shall open for the records of the Church formed by this union.

Each of the bodies hereby united, are deemed to have power and authority, as in their separate capacity, with all reasonable dispatch, to close up and bring to a termination all their respective unfinished Church and Society business.

The two present Pastors viz. **Rev. B.C. Willoughby** and **Rev. A.C. Barrell** are hereby respectfully requested to continue with us, on the terms of the existing arrangements with them by the respective bodies to which they have been attached, they to preach alternately, or as they may agree, until the first of April next, after which the desk is to be supplied as the Church shall determine.

For the influences of the Spirit of Wisdom to control, guide and direct us, for the perpetuity and peach of this union, and for the extension of pure and undefiled religion in our midst and through the world, we will labor and pray.

(Item 55) Minutes of 2d Joint Meeting 26 Feb, **1848**

Kept by **G W Lewis**

Clk of Meeting

Sab 26 Feb **1848** at 1 o’Clock P.M.

Met pursuant of adjournment and the records of last m (14 Feb) read by clk after prayer by **Eld LaHatte**. The committee were call’d upon to report Articles of Faith.

Elder Barrell here read articles found (?) by **New Hampshire** convention & adopted by **Otsego** also (?).

Moved by **Bro Hamilton** second by father **Woodruff** that the report of the Committee be accepted.

(carried)

Moved by **Bro. Forbes** Second by **Bro. Frisbee** that the Articles of Faith & Covenant presented by the committee be adopted by the church. Voted. (Unanimously) no dissent

Moved by **Bro. Grant** second by **bro. Parker** that **A.Z. Madison** be elected Clerk of this church. Voted unanimously.

Moved by **bro Hamilton** Seconded by **bro Pettit** that the former Clerks be requested to present names of members in accordance with resolution of last meeting. Done by the Clerks without (?)

At a general request the **Clerk A.Z.M.** read the names now handed in by the two clerks, requesting each one present to signify their assent to their being considered members of this church, and those absent make same request when present at another time.

Moved by **bro Grant** that the names of **A. Shattuck(?)** be added to list of names also **bro Webster** & wife

Moved by **Bro Parker** second by **Bro Forbes** that a committee of Five be appointed to supply the Desk (Voted)

Moved that **Bros Grant, Barrell, A.Z. Madison, J.R. Parker & J. Hamilton** be such committee.

Bro. Hamilton moved **Grant** seconded that **Bro. Madison** be instructed to purchase a Book for records and that moved by **Bro Lewis** second by [sic] that **Bro Grant** be desired to furnish lights until 1st April and funds be raised.

Moved by **Bro Grant** seconded by **bro Forbes** that **Bro Madison** be chosen leader of the Bible Class.

Moved by **Bro Parker** that **Elder Willoughby** be appointed superintendent of the Sunday School until 1st of April.

Moved by **Bro Parker** Second by **Bro Barrell** that this meeting be dissolved. **GW Lewis**

(Item 56) Original Basis of Union adopted by the **United Baptist Churches** at **Fredonia** Feb 14th 48

Fredonia Feb 9th 1848

Whereas there as existed in **Fredonia** two bodies claiming to be the **1st Baptist Church in Pomfret** and their separation come to be a matter of universal grief and an embarrassment to the success of the Gospel here and as further agitation of the causes of their separation would not be for the peace of **Zion**, Therefore Resolved

That from and hereafter the separate and united adoption of these two bodies now known as the **1st Bap Church in Pomfret** and the **Fredonia Bap Church** be & become one under the name of the **1st Bap Church of Pomfret** leaving the painful past as it is and never call it up or refer to it as a difficulty or grief transferring the Books & Papers of each to a clerk mutually elected and a new Book opened for the records of the church and the present Pastors to be continued under present arrangements till the first of April next to preach alternately as they may agree for their convenience and the Desk thereafter supplied as the Church may determine, and for the perpetuity and peace of this union we will labor & pray.

(Item 57a) For Lights

M(?) C(?) Com

Sab. Sch.

Future supply

Cov. Meeting 1, April, 1848. Pres. **Eld. Willoughby** & **Eld. Barrell**. The Cov. read by clk after prayer by elds. & **Dea Webster**.

Bro McCann received (?) as to letters (?)

Dea. Webster

D. Barrell

R.B. Morgan

D.A. Woodruff

D (?) Hamilton

A.O. Buck

A.C. Guild

M. Frisbee

J. Woodruff

J. Forbes

E. Johnson silent

J. Moore
Br.(?) Wilcoxspoke
Clark Woodruff desires to unite with ch ((?) & wife)
(?) **Dodge**
Joseph Sweet
Isaac Bartholomew
___ **Batchellor**
Dea. Parker
Benj Webster
Young ___ Webster
Williams b. in union with ch.
L.B. Grant
Maj. W. Wilcox (?) backslid. Loves religion. Desires prayers.
Years past took letter from F. u. ch., self & wife.
Has not offered to any ch but wants now.

Recd.

S. May adopts same(?) remarks (?) (?)
Has not squared life by word of God.
Desires that burdens of his heart
Be done away. Has (?)
Against any human being
He has been a great stumbling
Block most of time
Since he professed religion
God had given him talking(?)
To be (?) had they been
(?) (?)
Desires to go with ch. in ch capacity

Br. G.W. Lewis

Br. Wilcox

Shattuck

Sist. **Roots**(?)

Mrs. Lewis silent

Sr. Taylor

“ **Cole**

“ **Moore**

“ **Matteson** will be visible member of (?)

“ **Sibert** (?)

“ **Spoke** (?)

“ **Wilcox**

“ **Morrison**

“ (?)

“ **Madison**

“ **Hempstead**

“ **Silbert**(?)

“ **McCann**

“ **Finlay**

Mary Ann Woodruff

Mother(?) **Woodruff** (?)

“ **Farnham**

“ **Parker**

“ **Willoughby**

“ **Stoddard**

“ **Thompson**

Sr. Spoke

“ **Parker**
“ **Webster**
Sr. Webster (mother)
“ **Wilbur**
“ **Dodge** – walk with ch
Starr silent
Snow Exp.
Sr. Spoke(?)
“ **Martin**
M.E. Smith silent
O(?) Woodruff
“ **Phillips**
M(?) Webster
Sr. Patterson desires(?)
It no obj to walk with
Church

Snow Exp. # Recd. **John Snow, Elizabeth Snow** Baptized 2 Apl /48 ed. W.

(**Wealthy Dodge** case Explained by **Br. Grant**) for motion

She was recd to ch. on her request

Moved and voted to letter to **Br. McCann** & wife

Cov. Meeting closed by prayer by **Elder Dodge** who had come in.

Resolved(?) in ch meeting. The request of **S. May** was introduced by **Rev. A.C. B.** Several remarks of (?)

On he subject. [balance of line and next line crossed out]

Resolved to defer the case until tomorrow before communion. Sab. At his request it was still deferred

Heard request by **Br. Grant** as to (?) **Br. M**(?)

Resolved to adjourn to Monday eve. 6 Oclock

(*Item 57b*) At a meeting held pursuant to adjournment Sat. 26 Feb. **1848** at one Oclock PM in the basement of the **Baptist Meeting** house for the purpose of more fully organizing the new **1st Bap. Ch. in Pomfret.**

Rev. B.C. Willoughby in the chair, and **G.W. Lewis** Clk of Meeting. Prayer by **Rev. C. LaHatt**

1st. The clerk read the records of the previous meeting 14, Feb. inst.

2d. The Com. to recommend articles & cov. By their chm. **Rev. A.C. Barrell** reported those framed by the **New Hampshire** convention with our change(?) at close(?)

3d. On motion **Bro. J. Hamilton** 2d by **Bro J. Woodruff**, Resolved that the Rep. of Com. be accepted.

4th. On motion of **Bro. Forbes** 2d by **Bro. Frisbee**, Resolved that the articles of faith & covenant recommended by com. be adopted by the church.

5th. On motion of **Br. Grant** 2d by **Bro. J.R. Parker**, Resolved that **A.Z. Madison** be elected Clerk of this Church.

6th. Moved by **Bro. Hamilton** 2d by **Bro. Pettit** that the former Clerks present the names of members of their respective bodies to the church clerk in accordance with the 14. resolution of last meeting 14 in/. It was not deemed necessary to vote on this motion & the clerk’s presented list without.

7th. On motion by **Br. Grant** 2d by **Br. Barrell**, Resolved that the names of all now handed in shall be considered as members of the church as at present constituted and that such members be notified of their being considered unless they shall signify their dissent to such union and shall take letters under the provisions made by the two bodies when acting separately.

8th. At a general request the clerk (**AZM**) read the lists of names handed in by former clerks commencing with that handed by **L.B. Grant** & closing with that handed by **D. Barrell**, and requested each person present to signify their assent or dissent to membership. Those absent to signify same at subsequent time.

9th. On motion of **Bro. Grant** 2d by **Bro. Parker** that the names of **A. Shattuck, Benj. Webster & Saphrona(?) Webster** (persons who have given satisfaction for their several past delinquencies to the ch. during the recent revival) be included in the lists of members.

10th. On motion of **Bro. Parker** 2d by **Bro. Forbes**, Resolved that a Com. of 5 be appointed to procure a supply for the desk.

11th. Resolved that **Bro. L.B. Grant, David Barrell, A.Z. Madison, J.R. Parker & J. Hamilton** constitute such committee.

12th. On motion of **Bro. Hamilton 2d by Bro. Grant**, Resolved that the Clerk be instructed to purchase a book for the records of the church.

13th. On motion of **Bro. Lewis 2d** by [no entry], Resolved that **Bro. Grant** be requested to furnish necessary lights to 1st April next and that funds be raised at cov. Meeting to defray the expense of Book & Lights.

14th. On motion of **Bro. Grant 2d by Bro. Forbes**, Resolved that **Bro. Madison** be chosen leader of the Bible class.

15th. On motion of **Bro. Parker 2d by A.Z.M.**, Resolved that **Elder Willoughby** be appointed Supt. Of the Sab. School until 1st Apl.

16th. On motion of Bro. parker 2d by **Bro. Barrell**, Resolved that this meeting be adjd sime die Closing remarks by **Eld. Willoughby**. Prayer by **Eld. Barrell**.

A.Z.M.

(Item 58) Sat. 12th Feb. 1848 Church meeting held in P.M. simultaneously by 1st **Bap Ch in Pomfret & Fredonia Bap ch.** at their respective places M.H. & Academy.

The 1st **Bap ch in Pom.** Adopted (as was said unanimously) the Basis for a union of the two bodies as drawn by **Rev. S.P. Way** (?) The same was by com. presented to **Fredonia Bap Ch.** & after remarks (without much deliberation) adopted by the majority, several refusing to vote affirmatively or negatively.

Sabbath 13. Feb. 1848 both churches or bodies met in Bap M.H. & attended on the preaching of **Rev. B.C. Willoughby.** (**Rev. A.C. Barrell** having been out of health for several days did not attend the meetings either Sat. or Sab.)

Monday 1 Oclock P.M. 14. Feb. 1848. Both bodies met in basement of Bap M.H. both **Eld Willoughby & Eld Barrell** being present. Meeting opened with prayer by **Dea. I. Hamilton.** On motion **Eld Willoughby** was appointed moderator & **G.W. Lewis** chosen Clerk of the meeting. The clerk read the basis for union in order to its being acted upon jointly by the two bodies.

Previous to the call for the vote, **A.Z. Madison** offered some remarks & proposed, by leave, to read an article which he had, for the consideration of the meeting. The reading objected to by **D. Barrell** & others. It was finally proposed that the joint com. previously appointed should go out & hear the article & report whether it should be read in open meeting or not. Thinking done & considered it was rejected on the ground that they designed to bring in additional resolutions after the adoption of the basis by **Eld. Way**, which would cover ground embraced in the article of **A.Z.M.**

The question of adoption of the basis was called. Resolved to adopt it. **L.B. Grant** resigned his office as clerk & **Col. Forbes** moved to reconsider his resignation finally deemed unnecessary. The Com. to nominate deacons & clerk reported names & also as to their labors in reference to articles and covenant to be adopted. Resolved to appoint **E. Webster, J. Hamilton, & J.R. Parker** Deacons. Called up the name of **A.Z. Madison** for Ch. Clerk. Action deferred.

Resolved that **Rev. A.C. Barrell, Rev. B.C. Willoughby, D. Barrell, L.B. Grant, J.R. Parker & J. Hamilton** be a com. to revise & present articles of faith at a future meeting.

Resolved to hold cov. Meeting Saturday before first Sabbath in each month.

Resolved that the above com. present articles & cov. Sat. at 1. oclock P.M. 1 week before cov. M. or 26. Feb. inst.

Resolved that the former clerks draw off lists of the names of persons in travel with the respective bodies or churches & hand the same to the Clerk of Ch.

Dr. Pettit moved that there be some arrangement for each body to close up their respective pending business as discipline & c [etc].

Dea. Hamilton thought it unnecessary as any one under discipline could not be in travel & must be left out. **Col. Abel** agreed with **Bro. Hamilton** in regard to cases of discipline & c [etc] as the Fredonia Ch had now become extinct. **Elder Willoughby** said that the remark of **Bro. Abel** needed correction. It should have included both bodies that both are extinct, the one as well as the other.

Clark Woodruff said he was a whole (?) Baptist that he came here & united with what he supposed was a Baptist ch, that ashe was about, he was often inquired of which ch, was dissolved or whether both were dis solved, and he wanted brethren of both sides to inform how it was? Several answered, **Col. Forbes** & others, that it might be expected that many such questions would be asked & the

way would be to throw them back where they came from (rather indefinite). Among others old **Mrs. Taylor** had heard rejoicing among those who cared nothing for religion. **Bro. Grant** said we had mutually united. **Br. Lewis** replied that both were dissolved & referred to the paper he held as the basis of union that it was so.

Resolved to have prayer meeting Thursday evenings.

Some talk of delegating to bible soc & some questions asked. On motion of **DB** adjourned.

(Item 59) Minutes of the first Cov. Meeting 4. Mch. **1848**
Church papers from Febry **1848**

Cov. Meeting 4. Mch **1848**

Pres. **Rev. B.C. Willoughby**, **Rev. A.C.B.** being absent detained by the funeral of **Miss [Laura] Palmer**, [14, died in **Versailles** in March **1848**]. **Rev. C. La Hatt** present.

Reading by Eld. W. (?) & prayer by Dea. E. Webster & Bro. J. Woodruff. At request of **Eld. W.** the Clerk read the covenant (?) (?)

Reverend (?)

Dea. E. Webster

Br. (?) McCann

“ J. Woodruff

“J.H. Damon

“A.Z. Madison

Stephen May

Jno. Forbes

Bro. D. Barrell

“ (?) Webster

“ Francis Webster

“ Rowland Porter

Col. Tho. Abell

Dea. J.R. Parker

H.A. Buck

David Sweet

Russell Webster

Elijah Morrison

Bro. (?) Forbes (Shattuck)

Avery L. Taylor

R.B. Morgan

Glass (?)

Benjm. Webster

Dea. J. Hamilton

A.C. Guild

O.A.. Buck

M. Frisbee

Charles Pettit

Otis Luther(?)

David Woodbury

L.P. Williams

Jos. C. Sweet

D.A. Woodruff

Jas. Pettit

Luther Crouch

____ Batchellor(?)

Alonzo Parker

Levi Selleck

Jos. Porter

E. Johnson

A. Shattuck
Wm. Taylor
Baxtor Dodge
C. LaHatt
B.C. Willoughby
A.C. Barrell
Silent not members
Sister Hannah Russell
“ **Widdow Williams**
Olivia E. Woodruff
Silent **Mary Ann Hempstead**
Lucy Morgan
Synthia Fisher
Widow Sweet
Sr. Wm. Taylor
Harriet Taylor
Beulah Johnson
Webster
Selleck
Silent **Mrs.(?) Colburn**
J.M. Willoughby
Nancy Taylor
_____ **Damon**
Mother Myron Parker
Mother(?) Morrison
Emily(?) Gardner(?)
Moth(?) Pettit
Mila Stoddard
Myra Parker
Sr. Benj. Webster
Mary McCann
Olive Hamilton
Silent **(?)Barritt**
M. (?) (?)
A.L. Matteson
Moth(?) Anna Stoddard
Polly Woodruff
Almira Webster
Harriet Farnham
Jane Haight
Daughter (?)
New conv (?) **Elizabeth Ann Wilbur**
Mrs. Shattuck(?)
Elizabeth(?) Roots
Silent **E. Barrell**
Margaret Handy
Nancy Butler
Statira Forbes
Helen Handy
Miranda N. Guild
Silent **Mrs. Lewis**
Maria Martin (?)
New conv. **Miss Mary E. Smith**
New (?)
Lovina Parker
Finlay

Mrs. Woodbury
Mother Crouch

42 Sister spoke. 6 silent. 3 converts

(Item 60) Ripley Feb. 2nd 1848

This may certify that sister **Statyra Bigalow** is a member in our church in full fellowship and as such we commend her to the watch care and fellowship of any other church of the same faith and practice with permission to unite. Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

E.A. Sawin Chh Clk

(Item 61) Special Church Meeting April 3, 1848

Appointed **Elder B.C. Willoughby** Moderator

L.B. Grant Clerk Protem

Prayer by the moderator.

Resolved that we raise Ten Dollars to defray the incidental expense of the church such as paying **Brother McCann** for lighting and warming the house which was stated to be about 20 [shillings](?) and to pay for clearing out the chimney & c [etc]

Resolved that we raise the same by subscription.

Resolved that **Brother A.Z. Madison** be (?) Treasurer of the Church. The committee to supply the Desk being called upon made a verbal report of their doing. Considerable conversation was had relative to a future supply. No definite action.

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned sine die

Prayer by **Brother Hamilton**

L.B. Grant Clerk Pro tem

(Item 62) The Baptist church in **Forestville**

To any church of the same faith & order Sendeth greeting.

This is to certify that **Br. William Wilcox** and **Sister Esther Wilcox** is members in good standing with us and as such we recommend them to the Fellowship and watch care of any Sister Church with Leave to unite with you.

This letter Being a Dismission from This Church, done by order of the church, at **Forestville** this 3d. day of Decr. 1842

Royal Tefft Chh. Clerk

(Item 63) The **Sherman Baptist Church** to any sister church of the same faith and practice Greeting Our dear sister in Christ **Juliaet Pierce** is a member with us in good standing and is worthy of Christian commendation And as such we recommend her to any sister Church with permission to unite with any such church and when so united is dismissed from us.

Done by order of the Church April (?) 1848

Niles(?) Dean Chh. Clerk

(Item 64) Members who assent to union 26 Feb /48

call over names

Book & Lights

1. **James Pettit**

Lucy Pettit

2. **Charles Pettit** here

Elizabeth Roots

Elizabeth Moore

3. **Joseph C. Sweet**

4. **Thomas B. Sweet**

5. **David Barrel** here

6. **A.C. Guild**
Miranda Guild here
Nancy Butler
Lucinda Barker
7. **Henry A. Buck** here
8. **O.A. Buck** here
9. **Jno. Hamilton** here
Olive Hamilton
10. **Isaac** Woodruff
Polly Woodruff
11. **D.A. Woodruff**
Olive E. Woodruff
12. **Avery D. Taylor**
13. **A.Z. Madison** here
Maria T. Madison
14. **Myron Frisbee**
15. **G.W. Lewis**
16. **Jos.(?) Porter**
Hannah Porter
Harriett Taylor 28th
Helen Handy
Rev. A.C. Barrell
K.E. Barrell
Jno. Hamilton Jr(?)
Lydia Barber

Members assenting 26. Feb.

1. **Rev. B.C. Willoughby** here
J. Willoughby here
2. **E. Webster** here
Mary Webster
3. **J.R. Parker**
Lorina Parker
Almira Webster
Nancy Webster
Martha Bailey
4. **John Forbes**
Hannah Crosby
Cynthia Frisbee here
Myra Parker
Miriam Parker
5. **Willard Webster**
6. **R.B. Morgan** here
Roxy Morgan
7. **Rowland Porter** here
Eliz. Porter
8. **L.B. Grant**
Julia Ann F. Grant (crossed out)
9. **Isaac Damon** here
Anna Damon
10. **Levi Selleck**
Mrs. Selleck
11. **Jno. McCann** here
Mary McCann
12. **Elijah Morrison** here

Frances Webster
Jane Haight

Cov. Meeting 4. Mch. **1848**

Pres. **Rev. B.C. Willoughby**

Rev. **A.C. Barrell** being detained by a funeral of **Miss Palmer**

(?)

came in the clk. (at the request of **Eld. Willoughby**) read the Church Covenant.

*(Item 65) The following lists appear on one document, in the handwriting of **A.Z. Madison**, perhaps transcribed by him from lists made by **Barrell** and **Lewis**, and with notes added most likely by **Madison**, perhaps at a later date.*

List of names of members in good standing as returned by **L.B. Grant** Clk of **1st Bap Ch. in Pomfret** 26. Feb in accordance with the 14. Resolution of 14. Feb. **1848**

Rev. Bliss C. Willoughby

Joanna M. Willoughby

Dea. Ebenezer Webster

Mary Webster

Dea. Joel R. Parker

Lovina Parker

Rosamond Randall (?)

Walworth Barber (?)

Dead **Anna Sprague**

New **Lucy Bartholomew**

Russel Webster

Almira Webster

Del **Horace Webster**

Nancy Webster

Nancy Barlow

Name **Harriet Osborn**

Abigail or Hannah Russell

Del **Eleanor Sage**

Martha Bailey

Name **Margaret Munroe**

Dead **David Benjamin**

Hannah Benjamin

John Forbes

Statira Forbes

Del **Susanna Stearns**

Hannah Crosby

Cynthia Fisher

Del **Alonso Parker**

name **Laura Parker**

Wealthy Webster

Dead **Sybil Lock**

Thomas G. Abell

Myra Parker

Esther Webster

Anna Stoddard

Name **Elizabeth Howes**

Widow **Elizabeth Crane** (dead)

Name **Mrs. Elizabeth Crane**

Sarah Pier Dead

Laura Scott

Mrs. Wheeler cov M 2 Feb/ 49

Nancy Taylor

Miriam Parker

Del **Sophia Stearns**

Willard Webster

Name **Sally Emmons**

Name **Anna Mead**

Del **Esther Geer**

Roswell B. Morgan

Roxy Morgan

Del **Jonathan Phelps**

Del. **Charity Phelps**

Emeline Ellis

Rowland Porter

Name **Elisa Porter**

Del. **Lucy Geer**

Lewis B. Grant

Julia Ann F. Grant

Del [crossed out] **Stephen P. Williams**

Del **Anna Williams**

Asenath Morrison

Elijah Bliss

Name **Mrs. Bliss**

Name **John Whitney**

Isaac H. Damon

Anna Damon

Levi Sellick

Mrs. Sellick

Name **Sarah Leach**

Members in 1st **Bap Ch in Pomfret** continued

Jotham(?) Winchester

Mrs. Winchester

John McCann

Mary McCann

Phineas Baldwin

Lucy Baldwin

Name **Edson Wilcox**

Name **Walter Wilcox**

Name (?) **Lucy Wilcox**

Del. **Emily Wilcox**

Emily Gardner

Mariette Morrison

Sidney Beldin

Mary Ann Beldin

Del. **Rosina Wheeler**

Sanford Webster

Baxter Dodge

David Patterson Letter **LBG**

Mrs. Patterson

Name **Mary E. Thoma (?)**

Elijah Morrison

Mila Stoddard

Miss Frances Webster

Mrs. Esther Apthorp

Jane Haight
Del. **Sarah Mills**
James Hilton
Fanny Hilton
Name **Emily Porter** (married)
Del. **Maria Martin**
Del. **Ann Marti**
Del. **Theresa Martin**
Del. **Joanna E. Bronson**
Del. **Martha Davis**
name **Almeda Morrison** dead Feb/50
Del. **Bethel Willoughby**
Laura Willoughby Letter **LBG**
Del. **Hannah Barnard**
Del. **Rebecca Mader** ___
Del. **Eunice King**
Margaret Jay(?)
Stephen Tanner dead
Name **Orin Wright**
Name **Mary Ann Wright**
Urbane (?) Butler
John Jay(?) [Joy?]
Cynthia [crossed out] **Jay(?) (Catherine)**
Name **Ebenezer Merrifield**
Del. **Jane Shattuck**
Del. **Hannah Ellis**

Names returned as not in good standing

Rhoda Abell
Alford Stoddard
Stephen May
Lucy May
Fatima Rositer

Resolved to receive as members See 9. Resolutions of 26 Feb.

Benjamin Webster
Saphronia Webster
Del. Alvin Shattuck

List of members in good standing in the **Fredonia Baptist Church** as returned by **D. Barrell** clk 26 Feb
1848

Rev. A.C. Barrell
Kesiah E. Barrell
Lydia Barber
Dead **James Pettit**
Lucy Pettit
Charles Pettit
Name **Elenora Delvin**
Elizabeth Roots
Josiah Moore
Elizabeth Moore
Del. **Elias Johnson**
Beulah Johnson

Elizabeth Sweet
Del. **Deborah Sweet**
name **Mary E. Sweet**
Joseph C. Sweet
Thomas B. Sweet
David Barrell
Clarinda Barrell
A.C. Guild
Miranda N. Guild
Nancy Butler
Del. **Susan Orton**
Lucinda Barker
Henry A. Buck
Name **Olivia H. Buck**
O.Adams Buck
Margaret Morian Letter **D.B.**
Elizabeth Thompson Letter before union & not members(?)
Del. **Anna Thompson**
dead **Sarah Matteson**
Del. **A.L. Matteson**
John Champlin Letter **D.B.**
Del. **Keziah Champlin**
Letter **Isaac Bartholomew**
Del. **Stephen Corwin**
Name(?) **Priscilla Corwin**
Margaret Handy
Helen Handy
Del. **John Hamilton**
Del. **Olive Hamilton**
John Hamilton Jr.
Isaac Woodruff
Polly Woodruff
Dwight A. Woodruff
Olive E. Woodruff
Clark C. Woodruff
Almira Woodruff
Name **Mary Ann Woodruff**
Del. **William Taylor**
Mary Taylor
Harriet Taylor
Avery D. Taylor
Roxana Taylor
Del. **Aurelia Colton**
Aurelia Phillips
A.Z. Madison
Maria T. Madison
Myron Frisbee
Eliza Frisbee
Geo. W. Lewis
Eliza Lewis
Joseph Porter
Hannah Porter
Nathan L. Payne
Mary A. Hempsted
Martha Finley
Harriet Farnham

Sophia Crouch

Name **Susan Gifford**

Members in **Fredonia Bap. Ch.** continued
Members in good standing but absent now

Polly M. Handy

Sally Gifford

Del. **Polly Lunt**

Del. **Mary Stetson**

Sarah B. Tyler

Del. **Caroline Buck, now Palmer**

Del. **Aveline H. Pier**

Del. **Martha Mark**

Del. **Harriet Jennings**

Dead **Stillman Brooks**

Rev. **Charles Carlton** Letter

Del. **Helen E. Lewis**

Edward D. White Letter

Del. **Laura Doolittle**

Names returned not in good standing

Sidney Stearns

Augusta Whiting

Anson Porter

J.M. Stedman

Cornelia Billings

*[Item 66] The following is most likely in the handwriting of **L.B. Grant**, with notes apparently added later by **A.Z. Madison***

L.B. Grant Clk. Of the 1st **Bap. Church in Pomfret**

List of Members

Returned 26. Feb. **1848**

No. Members 121

Elder Bliss C. Willoughby

Joanna M. Willoughby

Deacon Ebenezer Webster

Mary Webster

Deacon Joel R. Parker

Lovina Parker

Rosamund Randall

Walworth Bar ber

Anna Sprague

Lucy Bartholomew

Russel Webster

Almira Webster

Horace Webster

Nancy Webster

Nancy Barlow

Harriet Osborn

In cov (**Hannah**) **Russell**

Eleanor Sage

Martha Bailey

Margaret Munroe
David Benjamin
Hannah Benjamin
John Forbes
Statira Forbes
Susannah Stearns
Hannah Crosby
Cynthia Fisher
Alonzo Parker
Laura Parker
Wealthy Webster (now Bond)
Sybil Lock
Thomas G. Abell & Rhoda Abell
Myra Parker [crossed out] Green
Esther Webster
Alford Stoddard
Anna Stoddard
Elizabeth Howes
Elizabeth Crane
Lucy May
Stephen May
Elizabeth Crane (wife of Mr. C.)
Sarah Peir Dead
Laura Scott (Wiggins)
Mrs. L.B. Wheeler
Nancy Taylor
Miriam Parker
Sophia Stearns
Willard Webster
Sally Emmons
Anna Mead
Esther Geer
Roswell B. Morgan
Roxy Morgan
Jonathan Phelps
Charity Phelps
Emeline Ellis
Rowland Porter
Eliza Porter
Lucy Geer
Lewis B. Grant
Julia Ann F. Grant
Stephen P. Williams
Anna Williams
Asencth Morrison
Elijah Bliss
Mrs. Bliss
John Whitney
Isaac Damon
Anna Damon
Levi Sceleck
Mrs. Sceleck
Sarah Leach
Jotham Winchester dism 1 Sept/ 49
Mary Winchester dism 1 Sept/ 49
John McCann

Mary McCann
Phineas Baldwin
Lucy Baldwin
Edson Willcox
Walter Willcox
Lucy Willcox
Emily Willcox
Emily Gardner
Maryett Morrison
Sidney C. Beldin dis 1 Sept / 49
Mary Ann Beldin dis 1 Sept / 49
Rosina Wheeler
Sanford Webster
Baxter Dodge
David Patterson LBG notified me 13 Mch / 48 that these had taken letters
Mrs. Patterson “
Mary E. Thommy (?)
Elijah Morrison
Mila Stoddard
Francis Webster (Ellis)
Mrs. Apthorp
Jane Rhodes
Sarah Mills
Benjamin Webster
Sophrona Webster
James Hilton
Fanny Hilton
Emily Porter
Theresa [crossed out] Martin (?)
Ann Martin
Fatima Rositer
Joanna E. Bronson
Martha Davis
Almeda Morrison
Bethel Willoughby
Laura Willoughby
Hannah Barnard
Rebecca Meeder
Eunice King
Margaret Jay
Stephen Larner Dead
Orrin Wright
Mary Ann Wright
Urban Butler
John Jay
Cynthia Jay
Ebenezer Merrifield
A. Shattuck
Jane Shattuck in cov
Hannah Ellis

The following pencil note appears to be in the handwriting of A.Z. Madison

Benj. Webster
Saphronia Webster
A. Shattuck yes

On Motion of **Bro. Grant** 2d by **J.R. Parker** Resolved that the three names above be included in the list of members returned.

The following note also appears to be in A.Z. Madison's handwriting.

as not in travel

Rhoda Abell
Alford Stoddard
Stephen May
Lucy May
Benj. Webster Recd
Saphronia Webster Recd
A. Shattuck Recd
Fatima Rositer

The following note may be the handwriting of A.Z. Madison in 1877.

Living of **L.B. Grant's** List March 15, **1877** as supposed. **A.Z.M.**

Rev. B.C. Willoughby
Mrs. Joanna M. Willoughby
Mrs. Nancy Webster
Mr.s Harriet Osborn
John Forbes
Mrs. Miriam Green
Laura Wiggins
Willard Webster
Roswell B. Morgan
Roxy Morgan
Rowland Porter
Lucy Geer
L.B. Grant
Julia Ann F. Grant
Isaac Damon
Mrs. Anna Damon
Edson J. Wilcox
Mrs. Lucy Barclay
Mrs. Saphrona Webster
Mrs. Fatima Rossetter
Mrs. Mary Ann Wright

(Item 67) The following is most likely in the handwriting of D. Barrell, with notes added later in the handwriting of A.Z. Madison.

D. Barrell Clk of the **Fredonia Baptist Ch.**
List of members Returned 26. Feb. **1848**
No. Members in fellowship 84

Members in fellowship & travel in the **Fredonia Bap. Ch.** Feby. 14. **1848**

Rev. A.C. Barrell
Keziah E. Barrell
Lydia Barber
James Pettit
Lucy Pettit

Charles Pettit
Elenora Delvin
Elizabeth Roots
Josiah More
Elizabeth More
Elias Johnson
Beulah Johnson
Elizabeth Sweet
Deborah Sweet
Mary E. Sweet
Joseph C. Sweet
Thomas B. Sweet
David Barrell
Clarinda Barrell
A.C. Guild
Merinda N. Guild
Nancy Butler
Susan Orton
Lucinda Barker
Henry A. Buck
Olivia H. Buck
O.A. Buck
Margaret Morian
Elizabeth P. Thompson
Anna Thompson
Sarah Mattison
A.L. Mattison
John Champlin
Keziah Champlin
Isaac Bartholomew
Stephen Corwin
Priscilla Corwin
Margaret Handy
Helen Handy
John Hamilton
Olive Hamilton
John Hamilton Jr.
Isaac Woodruff
Polly Woodruff
D.A. Woodruff
Olive E. Woodruff
Clark C. Woodruff
Almina Woodruff
Mary Ann Woodruff
Wm. Taylor
Mary Taylor
Harriet Taylor
A.D. Taylor
Roxanne Taylor
Aurelia Cotton
Aurelia Philips
A.Z. Madison
Maria T. Madison
Myron Frisbee
Eliza Frisbee
G.W. Lewis

**Eliza Lewis
Joseph Porter
Hannah Porter
N.L. Payne
Mary A. Hempsted
Martha Finley
Harriet Farnham
Sophia Crouch
Susan Gifford**

Members Absent

**Polly M. Handy
Sally Gifford
Polly Lunt
Mary Stetson
Sarah B. Tyler
Caroline Buck
Aveline H. Pier
Martha Mark
Harriet Jenning
Stillman Brooks
Charles Carlton
Helen E. Lewis
E.D. White
Laura Doolittle**

Not in fellowship

**Sidney Stearns
Augusta Whitney
Anson Porter
J.M. Stedman
Cornelia Billings**

Living of **D. Barrell's** list Mch. 15, 1877, as supposed. **A.Z.M.**

**Rev. A.C. Barrell
Mrs. Elnore Delvin
Mrs. Elizabeth Moore
Elias Johnson
Mrs. Beulah Johnson
Mrs. Mary E. Van Scoter
Jos. C. Sweet
Thos. B. Sweet
David Barrell
Mrs. Clarinda Barrell
Mrs. Miranda N. Guild
Mrs. Susan Orton
Henry A. Buck
Mrs. Olivia A. Buck
Mrs. Margaret Morian
Mrs. Elizabeth P. Thompson
Mrs. Applea (?) G. Matteson
Isaac Bartholomew
Mrs. Margaret Handy**

Mrs. Helen Tyler
John Hamilton
Mrs. Olive Hamilton
John Hamilton Jr.
Mrs. Polly Woodruff
Mrs. Olive E. Woodruff
Clark C. Woodruff
Mrs. Almira Woodruff
Avery D. Taylor
Roxana Taylor
A.Z. Madison
Mrs. Eliza Frisbee
Geo. W. Lewis
Mrs. Eliza W. Lewis
Mrs. Hannah Porter
N. L. Payne
Mary A. Jones
Aveline H. Pier
Mrs. Harriet Jennings
Mrs. Helen E. Sumner

(Item 68) The following is in the handwriting of A.Z. Madison.

List of names of persons returned by **L.B. Grant** as members in good standing in the original "**first Baptist Church in Pomfret,**" who by absence from the meetings held 26 Feb. **1848** & March 4th **1848** or refusal, or subsequent neglect, have not signified their assent to the Union, and desire to travel with the newly organized "**first Baptist Church of Pomfret.**"

Viz.

Rosman (?Rosamond) Randall	Absent from meetings
Walworth Barber	Do. [This evidently means "ditto."]
Anna Sprague (now dead)	Do.
Lucy Bartholomew	Do.
Horace Webster	Refused assent
Harriet Osborn	Absent
Abigail (alias Hannah) Russell	Neglected
Eleanor Sage	Absent.
Margaret Munroe	Do.
David Benjamin (now dead)	Do.
Hannah Benjamin	Do.
Susannah Stearns absent 6 years	Do.
Laura Parker (wife of Alonzo P.)	Do.
Sybil Locke	Do.
Elizabeth Howes (of Milford)	Do.
Elizabeth Crane (now dead)	Do.
Elizabeth Crane (wife of Capt. H. Crane)	Do.
Sarah Pier (now dead)	Do.
Mrs. L.B. Wheeler	Do.
Sophia Stearns Absent 3 years	Do.
Sally Emmons	Do.
Anna Mead (of Versailles)	Absent
Esther Geer	Do.
Jonathan Phelps	Do.
Charity Phelps	Do.
Eliza Porter (wife of Rowland P.)	Do.

Lucy Geer Do.
Anna Williams (wife of **S.P.W.**) Do.
Mrs. Bliss (wife of **Elijah Bliss**) Do.
John Whitney (now in lunatic asylum) Do.
Sarah Leach Do.
Jotham Winchester Letter Do.
Mrs. Winchester Letter Do.
Phineas Baldwin Letter Do.
Lucy Baldwin Letter Do.
Edson Willcox Do.
Walter Willcox Do.
Lucy Willcox Do.
Emily Willcox Do.
Rosina Wheeler should not be a member Do.
David Patterson (Took letters of **L.B.G.**) Do.
Mrs. Patterson (Took letters of **L.B.G.**) Do.
Mary E. Thommey (wife of **Dominicus T.**) Do.
Sarah Mills Left for good Do.
Ann Martin Do.
 [two other Martins penciled in]
Joanna E. Bronson Do.
Martha Davis Do.
Almeda Morrison Do.
Bethel Willoughby (now dead) Do.
Laura Willoughby (Letter from **L.B.G.**) Do.
Rebecca Mader Absent
Hannah Barnard (**Cherry Creek**, now dead, I think the late **Mrs. Carr** of) Do.
Eunice King Do.
Margaret Fay Do.
Stephen Tanner (now dead) Do.
Orrin Wright Do.
Mary Ann Wright Do.
Urbane Butler (Letter from **L.B.G.**) Do.
John Jay Do.
Cynthia (alias **Catherine Jay**) with letter Do.
Ebenezer Merrifield Do.
Hannah Ellis Do.

Names Returned as not in travel with Ch.

Rhoda Abell
Alford Stoddard
Lucy May
Fatima Rossiter

Some sisters named in the foregoing list may have expressed in some language their wish to travel with the church as newly constituted in some covenant meeting, but, if so, they were strangers to me & they spoke in tones so low as not to be understood.

I think that **Edson & Walter Willcox** may have done so, but it was not noted at the time.

A.Z.M. Ch. Clk.

(Item 69) Also in the handwriting of **A.Z. Madison**.

List of names handed in by **D. Barrell** from the **Fredonia Bap. Church** in good standing similar to the foregoing.

Viz.

Elenora Delvin	Absent
Josiah Moore	Refused and Letter from D.B.
Beulah Johnson	Do. Do.
Deborah Sweet	Absent
Mary E. Sweet	Do.
Clarinda Barrell	Do. Letter of A.Z.M. asst clk
Olivia A. Buck	Do.
Margaret Morian	Refused
Elizabeth P. Thompson	Absent
Anna Thompson	Do.
Sarah Matteson (now dead)	Do.
John Champlin	Do. Neglects Letter
Keziah Champlin	Do Do.
Stephen Corwin	Do.
Priscilla Corwin	Do.
Mary Ann Woodruff	Do.
William Taylor	Refused.
Aurelia Cotton	Absent
Aurelia Phillips	Do. Wishes letter
Susan Gifford	Do.

Members in standing but absent from country at time –

Polly Lunt, Mary Stetson, Caroline Buck (now **Palmer**), **Aveline H. Pier, Martha Mark, Harriet Jennings, Stillman Brooks, Rev. Charles Carlton**, (Letter **D.B.**), **Helen E. Lewis, Edw. D. White, Laura Doolittle.**

Names rec'd. as noy in travel with **F. ch.**

Sidney Stearns
August Whitney (now **Underwood**)
Anson Porter
James M. Stedman
Cornelia Billings

(Item 70) **O. Fish** [**Fisk?**] clk

So. E. Stockton Pomfret

Read to Ch. Sab. PM at close of Service

Resolved that **Brs. Parker, Webster, Batchellor & D.A. Woodruff** be delegates to answer call.

Saturday August the 18th **1849**

At a Meeting of the **South East Stockton Baptist Church**

Resolved to call a council to assist us in dedicating our house to the Lord which through the providence of God we have been able to finish. Also to assist us in ordaining **br. Waterman** to the Gospel Ministry we therefore send you Christian Salutation wishing you to send your minister and brethren from the Church at Pomfret to assist in the above Duties.

Meeting to commence on Friday, the 14th of Sept. and end on Saturday

As Judgment shall Dictate

10 O clock A.M.

Done by Order and in behalf of the Church

Orrin Fish [**Fisk?**] Chh Clk

(Item 71) This certifies that **Miss Susan C. Barrell** is a member of the **Baptist Church at Evans** in good standing.

She is cordially recommended to the fellowship of the **Church at Fredonia** of the same faith & intrusted to their watch care during her stay with them.

Evans Nov 26th **1849**

H.M. Danforth, Pastor

(Item 72) Recd. of **A.Z. Madison** Treas. **1st Bap. So. of Pomfret** Ten dollars for amt. loaned to **R. Phillips** Collector

Fredonia Dec. 25, **1858(?) [1838?]**

J.R. Parker

(Item 73) Officers of the Association for the year commencing Sept. 4th **1849**

Moderator

B.C. Willoughby Cherry Creek N.Y.

Corresponding Secretary

J.C. Allison Versailles Catt. Co. N.Y.

Treasurer

A.Z. Madison Fredonia N.Y.

Minutes of the 2nd Ses'n. **Erie Bap Asn.**

Tuesday Sep 4, 1849

The **Erie Baptist Association** for the purpose of holding its second annual meeting met at one O Clock PM with the **Bap Church of Stockton**. Introductory sermon by **Bro. B.C. Willoughby of Cherry Creek** from Zach'h 4.6.

Took up a collection for the widows and orphan's fund, amounting to \$483.

Association organized by appointing **Bro. B.C. Willoughby** Moderator, **Bro. S.P. Way**, Clerk, **Bro. W.B. Williams** assistant Clerk, and **Bro. N. Mixer** Treasurer.

Visiting Brethren invited to take a seat with us. The following names were forwarded. **Br. G.W. Sisson**, **Br. David Searl**, and **Bro. G. Crittenden**, **Bro L. Rathbone**, **Bro S.S. Ainsworth** and **Bro. L. Stowell**. Moved that the setting of this body commence at 9 AM close at 12 resume ½ past 1 and close 4 PM. Prayer by **Bro. Howard**.

Bro. Mixer on his request was excused from serving as treasurer and **Bro. McClenathan** was appointed Treasurer Pro Tem.

The following committee was appointed.

Com. of arrangements

Bro. **J.C. Allison** Chairman

“ **J.B. McClenathan**

“ **D. Morse**

“ **J.J Fuller**

“ **A. Handy**

Appraising Committee

J.S. Wheeler, H. Fuller, Wm. Saunders

Auditing Committee

J.B. McClenathan, M.T. Wadsworth

Committee on Circular letter **S.F. Griswold, W.B. Williams, D. Morse**.

Com. of arrangements report in part that **Bro. Howard of Randolph** be invited to preach this evening, adopted, adjourned. Prayer by **Bro. Waterman**.

Evening, Seven O Clock

Bro Howard preached from Luke 24.32.

Prayer by **Bro. Trumbell**

Wednesday Sep 5th 9 O Clock. Minutes read and approved.

Committee of arrangements report further. After the reading of letters of the Churches, and the reception of Churches if any (?) there and **Bro. Griswold** Agt. A.W. Tub. So. **Bro. Searl** Agt. A.B.H.M.S. **Bro.**

Ainsworth agt. N.Y. State B. Convention be invited to spend fifteen minutes each, in behalf of the Several Societies which they represent, and that a collection be taken to be equally divided between them.

Also that **Bro David Searl** be invited to preach at 2 O Clock and **Bro. W.B. Williams** preach at 7 O Clock. Adopted.

Bro. Coleman appeared and made a few pertinent remarks setting forth the nature and objects of the American Tract Society, and was followed by **Bro. Stowell** former agent of A.T. S. Heard the annual letters from the Churches of the association, after which the following Churches by their delegates (?) themselves, and on motion the **1st B. Church of Pomfret, B. Church at Sheridan and Laona B. Church** were admitted and received the right hand of fellowship through their representatives.

[Included in addition to number of members in the following list is the number of members added by Baptism, added by Letter, Dismissed, Excluded, and Died]

Churches and Clerks

Cassadaga M.T. Wadsworth

A. Lyon

B. Merrill (Present members 27)

Cherry Creek B.C. Willoughby (Present members 99)

J.D. Wheeler A. Wilcox

Dea. Strang

“ Hyatt

J.D. Wheeler

J. Essex

A.F. Willoughby

Clear Creek Harry Frink (number of members 70)

R.B. Clark Harvey?

Dayton J.J. Trumbell (number of members 46)

H.M. Shaw

H. Fuller

J.M. Shaw

Ellery J.J. Fuller (number of members 113)

W.H. Athenly (?)

R.D. Pierce (?)

S. Higby

D.C. Parker

Dea. J.R. Brownell

A. Lewis

M. Wood

1st Hanover W.B. Williams (number of members 38)

N. Hopper

J. Bennett

S.N. Slawson

Forestville N. Wood (number of members 147)

J. B. McClenathan

Dea. N. Downes
J.B.Stutson
N. Mixer
J.B. McClenathan
Wm. Cranston

3rd Hanover W.B. Williams (number of members 48)
C.R. Leland
David Woodbury
Dea. A. Tower
S. Eaton
A. Watrous
S. Record

Leon A. Frink (number of members 45)
H.H. Holmes (?)
J.B. Shannon
Wm. Saunders

Sinclairville J. Leach (number of members 66)
R.D. Shannon
Dea. J. Sumner
E. Chapman
H. Arnold
O. Harris
J. Manning

Poland David Morse (number of members 48)
J. Breminstool, Dea. J. Miller
R. Bullock

Stockton S.P. Way (number of members 141)
A.P. Leach
H. Crissy
C. Thompson
J. Crissy
A. Crane (?)
B. Miller
C. Cady

Randolph J. Howard (number of members 71)
J.H. Thomas
Dea. O. Hitchcock
E.Draper
J.C. Cady

1st Perrysburg J.C. Allison (number of members 27)
E.M. Pettit
H. Herrick
N.B. Hills

Admitted at this session

1st Pomfret S.T. Griswold (number of members 210)
A.Z. Madison
Dea. J. Hamilton

Dea. J.R. Parker
Chas. Batchellor

Sheridan A. Handy (number of members 38)
J.A. Jones
J. Fuller
A. Giles
J. Scott
J.A. Jones

Laona J. Messinger (number of members 20)
A. Gardner
Wm. Higgins

The following delegates were Received

Bro. D. Searl Buffalo Association
Brethren L. Rathbon, S.S. Ainsworth
M. Roberts, L.S. Stowell and G.W. Sisson
From Harmony Association

Also Bro O. Crittenden French Creek
Also PA and **Bro. J. Blake** Grand River

Voted to send a copy of our minutes to all the associations in this state and all other corresponding bodies.
Voted that any Brother being at any association with which we correspond, having a copy of our minutes with his name, be considered our delegate.

A.Z. Madison was appointed Treasurer.

Brethren S.L. Griswold, S.S. Ainsworth and D. Searl presented the claims of the Societies they respectively represent, when a collection was taken amounting to \$30.

Prayer **Bro. Bennett**, adj'nd.

Afternoon opened with Prayer by **Bro Pierce**

Bro. Way presented and read the Circular letter, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Com. of Arrangements

Report further. Resolved that the next session of this association be held with the **Church at Cherry Creek**, and that **Bro. J.J. Trumbull** be invited to preach the introductory sermon and **Bro. N. Wood** be his alternate.

2ndly that **Bro. Morse** be invited to write the circular letter, also **Bro. J.C. Allison** be our corresponding Sec. adopted.

The corresponding Sec. made his report which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes (none with manuscripts).

Suspended business to hear a sermon by **Brother D. Searl** from Hebrews 13-16.

The following appointments were made. Delegates to the N.Y. State Convention, **Bro. S.L. Griswold, J.C. Allison, H.J. Howard, S.P. Way, and J. Leach** for Director.

Brethren Williams, Allison and Griswold were appointed on a committee to prepare a constitution for the keeping and disbursing the widows and orphans fund.

Voted that the Treasurer retain the widows and orphans funds till otherwise ordered by this association.

Bro. Williams preached in the evening from Prov. 24-11,12.

Sep 6th ½ past 8 O Clock Prayer by **Bro. Frink**

Committee of arrangements report for missionary committee for the ensuing year.

Brethren J.J. Fuller, B.C. Willoughby, S.J. Griswold, David Morse, and N. Wood, adopted.

Heard and approved the report of the former missionary committee.

The Appraising Committee reported the following. They find goods from **Ellery** for Home Missions \$3.20 from 1st **Perryburgh** \$2.75 Grande Signe Mission. **Clear Creek Church** \$3.50 for N.Y. State Convention.

Voted to give **Bro. W.B. Williams** \$3.00 for preparing the minutes for the press and distributing the same.

Voted that the Treasurer be associated with **Bro. Williams** in preparing the minutes.

The Auditing Committee made the following report which was accepted and ordered printed.

We the undersigned have examined the report of the late Treasurer and certify that the same is correct, and that the amount has been duly paid out as was made to appear to our satisfaction by vouchers which were presented for our examination.

M.J. Wadsworth
J.B. McClenathan

The following resolution was offered by **Bro. S.P. Way**. Resolved that we kindly, earnestly, and importunately entreat brethren not to jeopardize their usefulness and the peace of their Churches to sustain a membership in Societies not required by scripture. Moved by **Bro. J.J. Fuller of Ellery** seconded by **Bro. David Morse of Poland**. Carried.

The committee of arrangements presented the following Resolutions which were adopted.

1. Resolved that we recommend to the Churches composing this body, the observance of the first day of January as a day of fasting and prayer for a revival of God's work.
2. Resolved that we recommend to Pastors and Churches in this association to adopt early and efficient measures to increase the funds of the Foreign Missionary and A & (?) Bible Societies, and that there be a full representation at the next session.
3. Resolved that we deeply deplore the communion of any portion of the Christian world, and especially the Baptist denomination with the sin of Slavery; and we recommend to ministers and Churches composing this body that by every instrumentality which the Gospel furnishes wherewith to combat sin, they labor for its estimation.

It was further Resolved that the thanks of this body be tendered to the Choir for the aid and interest they have rendered during the session; and to this Church and friends for the cordial hospitality with which they have received and entertained the delegation.

Suspended business to hear the closing Sermon by **Bro. Griswold** from 1 Cor. 10.4.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that this body tender to **Bro. B.C. Willoughby** their hearty thanks for the kind and Christianlike manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties devolving upon him as moderator at this session of the association now brought to a close.

Adjourned to meet with the **Baptist Church in Cherry Creek** on Tuesday before the first Wednesday in September **1850** at 1 O'Clock.

Prayer by **Brother Willoughby**

B.C. Willoughby Mod.

S.P. Way Clerk

Printer Licentiates The Minister's Name is the head of the delegation from each Church and should be put in caps. marked thus * should be Italicized. The Constitution and notes of order will be found in the last year's minutes.

The Circular Letter you will find with the Copy. The writer had a year to prepare it in, and doubtless, has put it in the dress he would like to see it come out in. I cannot therefore touch it.

W.B. Williams

The following appears in a different hand.

Notices

The **Chautauque Foreign Mission Society** auxiliary to the **Am. Bap. Missionary Union**, will hold its next anniversary meeting at **Fredonia** on the Tuesday before the third Wednesday in February, 1850, at 10 O'Clock A.M.

The **Chautauque Bible Society** auxiliary to the **Am. & Foreign Bible Society** will hold its next anniversary meeting at **Fredonia** likewise on the third Wednesday in Febry. 1850 at 10 O'Clock A.M.

(Item 74) The **Silver Creek Baptist Church of Christ**
To whom it may concern.

This certifies that **Br. Loren & Sister Harriott Colburn** are members in good standing with us, and as such, we cordially recommend them to the fellowship of any sister church, wherever God in his providence may cast their lot.

Done by order & behalf of the Church

This 20th of June 1846, **Stephen Eaton** Ch. Clerk

(Item 75) [on a pre-printed form]

The **Baptist Church of Christ in Ashville** to

The **Baptist Church in Fredonia**

Sendeth Greeting:

This certifies that **Br. Charles Parker** is a member of this Church in good standing, and, as such, we cheerfully commend him to your fellowship, with liberty to unite with you, and when the accompanying certificate is filled out and returned to us, showing that he has united with you, his relation to us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

Dated Oct 11th 1849

Pastor. **A.A. Atherly** Clerk

(Item 76) [on a pre-printed form]

The **Baptist Church of Christ in Ashville** to

The **Baptist Church in Fredonia**

Sendeth Greeting:

This certifies that Sister **Elizabeth Parker** is a member of the this Church in good standing, and, as such, we cheerfully commend her to your fellowship, with liberty to unite with you, and when the accompanying certificate is filled out and returned to us, showing that she has united with you, her relation to us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

Date **Ashville** Oct. 11th 1849

Pastor **A.A. Atherly** Clerk

(Item 77) To the **Baptist Church Society of Fredonia**

We the undersigned are most happy to say that the **Rev. S. T. Griswold** while Pastor of the Baptist Church in this place has enjoyed the Entire Confidence of the Church and Society as a man, Christian, and Minister & is universally Respected as such & we most cheerfully recommend him to your Society as [a] man whose talents are well adapted to that Field of Labour,

Knowlesville May 7th 1849

Alphius French

H.D. Smith

Ephraim Hill

E. Raymore

Benj. Th__ (?)

Wm Hicks

C.W. Howe

R. Van Wie

T.A. Perkins

Joseph D. Ferris

C.J. Bolt

E. B. Dodge

Jas. Mc Martin

Sands Cole

R.P. Wood

Oliver Davis

William Wood

Harvey Hill

H. Beecher
Aaron Hill
Orange O. Smith

(Item 78) This is to certify that Sister **Elizabeth Wheeler** is a member of the **Baptist Church of Christ in Sinclearville**, in good standing, and as such, we would recommend her to any church of the same faith and order, with liberty to unite, and when united, we shall consider her dismissed from us. Done by order and in behalf of the Church

Sinclearville April 2d, **1848**
R.D. Sherman Chh. Clk.

(Item 79) **The Baptist Church in Knowlesville**

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that Elder **Salem T. Griswold** & wife are members of this church in good standing and as such we cordially recommend them to any other church of our faith and order with liberty to unite therewith and when so united shall consider them dismissed from us.

Done by order & in behalf of the Church is 8th day of May **1849**

[Written later in pencil] Acts 18:27

[Written in **Knowlesville** clerk's hand] "And when he was disposed to pass into (?) the brethren wrote exhorting the disciples to receive him."

J.(?) (?) Sawyer(?) Ch. Clk.

(Item 80) This is to certify that sister **Lydia Barber** is a member in good standing of the **1st Baptist Church of Pomfret**, under its present organization, and as such we cordially commend her to the fellowship of any other church of the same faith and order, she being at her request, hereby dismissed from us.

Done by order & in behalf of the Church

A.Z. Madison Ch. Clk
Fredonia 3d. June **1848**

(Item 81) **The Baptist Church of Christ in Sheridan** to any Church of the same faith and order.

This is to certify that Brother **John Devine** is a member in good standing with us and as such we cordially recommend him to your fellowship and watch care and when united with you and we notified thereof shall consider him dismissed from us.

Done by order of the Church

Sheridan January 27th **1849** **J.A. Jones** Ch. Clerk

(Item 82) Resolved that the names of all now handed in shall be considered as members of the church as at present constituted and that such members be notified of their so being considered unless they shall signify their dissent to such union and shall take letters under the provisions made by the two bodies when acting separately

Drawn by **L.B. Grant** See Resolution 26 Feb

(Item 83) **The Baptist Chh of Christ in Portland Chautauqua County State of New York** to any other Chh of the same faith and order with sendeth Christian Salutation

This may certify that Sister **Esther Doolittle** is a member of our Church in good standing with us and as such we would recommend her to the fellowship of any other chh of the same faith and order with us liberty to unite

Done by order and in behalf of Chh

Oct 16th 1842(?)

Arthur B. Post Clk

(Item 84) **The Fredonia Baptist Church**, to any sister Church sendeth Christian Salutation.

This is to certify that the bearer, Sister **Margaret Morian** is al member in good standing & full fellowship with us, and as such we commend her to the Kind regards of the saints wherever this may be

presented. At her request, we also give her liberty to unite with any other church of the same faith & order with us.

By order & in behalf of the Church

David Barrell Ch. Clk.

Fredonia 12th Feby. 1848

(Item 85) Rec. of **A.Z. Madison** Treas. Of the **Chau. Bible Society** the following sums

Viz. On subscription of Geo. W. Lewis to constitute himself a life member of the **Am. & For. Bible Society** \$10.00

“ On subscription of **Joel R. Parker** Same as above previously pd. (?) \$5.00

“ **1st Bap. Ch. of Pomfret** to constitute **A.Z. Madison** a Member as above 30.00(?)

“ **Forestville** Ch. for Rev. N. Wood(?) (?) \$14.75

“ Bal. from Churches & individuals of Society to apply on or cancel the debt of the **Chau. Bible So.** for books drawn by Bro. **D. Barrell**, so far as such debt may exist. If more(?) than sufficient to cancel the debt, then the balance for the parent Society. Whole bal. 125.27

Whole Sum One hundred & Eighty Five Dollars & two cents 185.02

Mayville 21, Feb. 1849

H. Munger of above from **Sherman** Ch. \$5.82 for **German Bible So.**

[other notes added in pencil about receipts of Feb. 21 and Feb, 22]

(Item 86) Received of the **Second Baptist Church in Stockton** fifteen dollars in part to constitute **S.P. Way** a life member of the **American & Foreign Bible Society.**

Feb. 22, 1849 **H. Munger** Agent of **A. & F.B.S.**

(Item 87) Received of the **Randolph Baptist Church** six dollars and 20 cents 6.20 for the **American & Foreign Bible Society.** **H. Munger** Agent **A.&F.B.S.**

Received as above one dollar Feb. 24, 1849

(Item 88) \$10.00 Received Sept 5th 1849 of the Treasurer of the Erie Association for the **American Bap. Home Mission Society** Ten Dollars

David Searl Agent

1/3 contribution of \$30

(Item 89) Recd. of **A.Z. Madison** Seventeen Dollars and Seventy six cents in full for printing Minutes of **Erie Bap. Association** for 1849 and for the balance due for printing minutes of 1848.

W. McKinstry

Fredonia Nov. 15, 1849

(Item 90) Amt. Recd. by Treas.

From Dea. **J.B. Burrows** for sales of Books \$40.40

From Bro. **D. Barrell** for do. 21.42

\$61.82

Recd. **A.Z. Madison** Treas. **Chau. Bible So.** Sixty one Dollars and Eighty two cents to be passed to the credit of said Society by the **Am. & For. Bible Society** Rooms, on acct. for Books drawn by Bro. **D. Barrell.**

Mayville 21, Feb. 1849

H. Munger Agent of **A.&F.B.S.**

[additional notes in pencil] 22 Feb Sent the Amt. of this Recpt. By **Rev. L.M. Osgood** to **Rev. G.**

Williams \$61.82

(Item 91) Received of **A.Z. Madison** Treasurer of the **Chau. Bible Society**, four dollars, being a balance paid in to him subsequent to his settlement with **Rev. Gibbon Williams** at the Meeting of the So. at **Union Ellery** 16. Feb. last.

Fredonia 11th July **1848**.

[signed] **A. Maclay**

(Item 92) Received of the 1st **Baptist Church of Pomfret** by the hand of **A.Z. Madison**, the sum of Thirty-five Dollars & Sixty two cents for Foreign Missions, conditional, that in case said Church pay into the Treasury of the **Chautauqua Foreign Mission Society** before its next anniversary, the sum of Sixty-four dollars and Thirty eight cents (making in all \$100), they shall thereby be entitled to nominate a Life Member of the **Am. B. Miss'y. Union**.

J.B. Burrows Treas.

Ch.F.M.So.

Mayville 20. Feb. **1849**

[note added] \$100 Geo. L. See Recpt. Of 19 Feb. **1850**

(Item 93) \$39.98 **Union Ellery** Feb 16, **1848**

Recd. of the Treasurer of the **Chaut. Co. Bible Society** Thirty Nine dollars 98/100 to be presented to the Bro(?) of their despository for Books.

Gibbon Williams

Agt. Of the **A. & F.B.Sy.**

(Item 94) **James Thomas**

Letter – **Caxton Eng.**

Recd. 3 Augt. **1849**

To the churches of Christ in **Canada** and the **United States of America**

The Church of Christ of the **Baptist** Denomination at **Caxton Cambridgeshire, England**, to their Brethren of the **Baptist** Denomination in particular, and the Churches of Christ generally in **America**,

With Christian Greeting,

Dear Brethren,

The bearer **James Thomas**, was Baptized, and admitted into Christian fellowship with us August 7, **1842**, and we are happy to state that to the best of our knowledge, his conduct has been such as to adorn his Christian profession from that time to the present period. As our Brother is about to leave this country for **America**, hoping that it may to the Advantage of himself and family, we cordially and affectionately commend him and his family to your kind sympathies, and Christian care,

Wishing you much peace,

Prosperity & joy,

Mr. **Remein** (?)

Dear Brethren

Yours in Brotherly love.

Signed for the Church

Samuel Forham(?)

Pastor

Caxton 15 April, **1841** [note] Rec'd 6 Aug'st

(Item 95) The **Niagara Square Baptist church Buffalo** to any sister church of the same faith and order sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren

Sister **Nancy H. Stedman** is a member with us in good and regular standing. We therefore at her request grant her this letter of dismission to unite with you and when thus united her membership with us will cease.

Done by order nd in behalf of the church

Buffalo June 1st 1849

John S. Fosdick

Church Clerk

(Item 96) This certifies that Miss **Jane Bennett** is a member of the **Baptist Church at Evans** in good standing. She is cordially recommended to the fellowship of the Church at Fredonia of the same faith & entrusted to their watch care during her stay with them.

Evans Oct. 29th 1849

H.M. Danforth, Pastor

(Item 97) **Stockton** June 30th **1848(?)**

To whom it may concern

This will certify that Br **Charles Bachelor** & his wife **Eliza Ann Bachelor** are members in full & regular Standing in the **1st Baptist Church Stockton** and are hereby commend to the fellowship of any Sister Church of the Same faith with liberty to unite and when united are dismissed from us.

By order of the Church June 30th **1848(?)**

A.P. Leach Ch Clk

(Item 98) This is to certify that Rev. **Bliss C. Willoughby** and **Joanna M. Willoughby**, his wife, are members om good standing of the **1st Baptist Church of Pomfret**, under its present organization, and as such we cordially commend them to the fellowship of any other church of the same faith & order, they being, at their request, hereby dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

A.Z. Madison Ch. Clk.

Fredonia May 6, **1848**

(Item 99) **Stockton** June 30th **1847**

To whom it may concern

This will certify that Sister **Ladosca Bachelor** is a member in full and regular standing in the **1st Baptist Church Stockton** and is hereby recommended to any Sister Church of the same faith with liberty to unite and when united is dismissed from us

By order of the Church June 30th **1848**

A.P. Leach Ch Clk

(Item 100) Covenant Meeting. Heard from all present. A comfortable state of feeling. At the request of **Rev. B.C. Willoughby** & wife for letters of commendation & dismission. On motion Resolved that their request be granted. A letter was presented by Sister **S. Bigelow** from the Church in **Ripley**. At her request on motion she was received as a member of the Church on the recommendation of said letter.

(Item 101) This certifies that Brother **John Grant** and his wife are members of the **2nd Baptist Church in Stockton**, in good and regular standing and as such we commend them to any other Church of our faith and order with which they may wish to unite, and when they have so done, we shall consider them dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church this 26 Day of May **1849**

A.P, Leach Chh. Clk.

(Item 102) *Unsigned and undated. Possibly same hand as Item 100.*

Meeting opened by prayer by **Bro. Barrell. Bro. J. Forbes** called to the chair. The Co. through **Bro. D. Barrell** reported that they had received a communication from **Eld. E. Tucker** stating that she(?) could not come to **Fredonia** to settle. Com. also reported through **Br. Hamilton** the state of finances, which was that the church were yet in debt for preaching in the amount of something over \$28.00. The com. appointed to solicit subscriptions also reported which corresponded with the above.

Bro. Johnson introduced **Rev. George Silver** from **Canada West** who presented credentials from the place in which he resided & certifying to his agency from the **Grand Signe Mission**. On motion of **Br. Grant** Resolved that he be requested to preach tomorrow presenting the claims of his agency & taking a collection at the close of the afternoon exercise. On motion of **Br. Selick** Resolved that we invite the trustees to call a Society meeting. On motion of **Br. Grant** defeated.

(Item 103) Avon Sept. 20th 1848

The **Baptist Church in Avon**

To the **Baptist Church in Fredonia New York**

Dear Brethren

This certifies that **Elisah Bissel** is a member of the Church in good standing and by a vote of the Church affectionately recommended to your cordial fellowship and Christian sympathies.

This Letter is valid for six months (?) from Date and if during that time we are informed of his reception by you he will be considered as dismissed from us.

By order in behalf of the Church

James Hilton Clerk

(Item 104) To this may come

This is to certify that our dear Sister

Amy Lewis is a member with us in good and regular standing and as such we cheerfully recommend her to the watch care and fellowship of any Sister church of our faith and order with liberty to unite and when so united we shall consider her dismissed from us.

By order and in behalf of the **Baptist Church of Christ at Laona Chautauque Co. NY.**

Sept. 25, 1841

Azariah Gardner

Church Clk.

(Item 105) The **Baptist Church of Christ at Long Grove** to any Sister Church of the same faith and order
Send Christian Salutation

Whereas Sister **Harriett Morgan** has asked of us a letter of Commendation and dismissal. This is therefore to certify that Sister Morgan is a member of this Church in regular standing and as such we commend her to the Watch care and fellowship of any Sister Church of our faith and order with permission to unite with them and when so united and we notified shall consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church at **Long Grove** this 7th day of April 1849

Almon Ives Chh Clerk

Recd 2d June 1849 **AZM** Clk

(Item 106) This certifies that Br. **Ira Hill & Sister Hill** his wife are members in good and regular standing of the 2nd Baptist Church in Stockton and as such we commend them to any other Church of our faith and order with which they may wish to unite. And when they have so done we shall consider them dismissed from us. Done by order and in behalf of the church this 28 day of Nov. 1847.

A.P. Leach Chh Clk

Rec May 5, 1849

(Item 107) Same handwriting and paper as Item 102, also unsigned.

Ch. Meeting

Apl 14th, 1849

Recd. **S. May**

Church meeting April 14, 48(?)

Elder **A.C. Barrell** called to the chair. **O.A. Buck** appointed Sec. protem.

Bro. May's(?) request called up by **Bro. Johnson**.

On motion of **Bro. Johnson** secd. By **Bro. Abell**, Resolved that **Bro. May** be received as a member of this church in accordance with his request.

After some remarks in relation to obtaining a pastor on motion adjourned.

(Item 108) \$3.82

Received August 12th 1849 of the **Baptist Church of Forestville** for the **American Baptist Home Mission Society**. Three Dollars 82/100

David Searl Agent

(Item 109) Recd of the **Baptist Church of Forestville** fifteen dollars & seventy five cents in behalf of the A & F.B.S. Feb 19, **1849**

H. Munger Agent

\$15.75

14.75 of above passed through hands of **A.Z.M. Treas. Chau. Bible So.** the 21. Feb. **1849** as see a/c of that date

(Item 110) Recd. of **A.Z. Madison** Treas. **Erie Bap. Asso.** Three dollars from the sum paid by the Churches for printing minutes according to a Resolution of the association for compensation for Services as Clerk of assoc.

Stockton 6 Sept. **1849**

W.B. Williams

Assistant Clk

(Item 111) \$10 Recd. from the Treasurer of the **Erie Bap.**

A.Z.Madison / Ten Dollars for the N.Y. State convention

Stockton 5 Sept. **1849**

Spencer S. Ainsworth

1/3 contribution of \$30.

(Item 112) **Stockton** May 12 **1849**

\$10

Received of the 2nd **Baptist Church Stockton** per **S.P. Way** ten dollars for **Rev. J.B. Olcott** Agent of the **A.B. Publication Society**

David Bernard

(Item 113) \$2.70

Received Sept. 3d 1849 of the **Church of Randolph** for the **American Baptist Home Mission Society**

Two Dollars 70/100

David Searl / Agent

(Item 114) \$16.19

Received of **B.C. Willoughby** form the **Cherry Creek Church** sixteen dollars & nineteen cents fro the **N.Y.S.B.Miss. Convention** in goods & cash

Stockton Sept 6th **49**

Spencer S. Ainsworth

(Item 115) Received of **A.Z. Madison** Treas. **Erie Bap. Asso.** The following funds in Cash for the **N.Y.S.Bap. Missionary Convention** Viz.

Sinclearville Ch \$3.00

1st Bap. Ch. of Pomfret \$5.00

1st Bap. Ch. of Perrysburg (for **Grand Signe** \$2.50

Contribution of Sr. **Fisher of Pomfret** .25

\$10.75 in all

ten dollars & seventy five cents. Also in goods from **1st Perrysburg Ch.** \$2.75 for the **Grand Signe**

Missions also from **Clear Creek Ch.** for conv. 3.50

6,25 in all

Six Dollars and twenty five cents making seventeen Dollars

Stockton 6 Sept. **1849**

Spencer S. Ainsworth

(Item 116) \$5.25

Received Sept. 4, 1849 for the **American Baptist Home Mission Society** of the **Bap. Chh. of Forestville**

Five Dollars and 25 cents.

David Searl / Agent

(Item 117) \$24.57.

Received June 17, 1849 of the **Bap. Chh. of Stockton** for the **Am. Bapt. Home Mis. Society** Twenty four Dollars and 57 cts.

DavidSearl / Agent

(Item 118a) On a pre-printed form.

This certifies that Sister **Esther Webster** has been received from the **first Baptist Church in Pomfret** as a member of the **first Baptist Church in Perrysburgh** on a letter bearing date 31st March **1849**

Dated **Versailles** August 11th **1849**

E.M. Pettit Clerk

(Item 118b) This is NOT a pre-printed form letter.

The **North Baptist Church** in the **City of New York** under the pastoral care of **Elder A.C. Wheat** holding the important doctrines of three equal persons in the Godhead; eternal and personal election; original sin; particular redemption; free justification by the righteousness of Christ imputed; the absolute necessity of the Spirits' operation; efficacious grace in regeneration; the obligation of believers to attend to all the precepts of scripture; the final perseverance of real believers; the resurrection of the dead; the general judgment of the last day; the eternal happiness of the righteous, and the everlasting misery of such as die impenitent; the immersion of believers only; and the independence of individual churches. To the **Baptist Church in Fredonia** sendeth Christian salutation.

Beloved Brethren

This is to certify that our Sister **Ann Rowe** is a member with us in good standing and has requested her letter of dismission to unite with the **Baptist Church in Fredonia**. We hereby grant her request, and dismiss her to another Branch of Zion of the same faith and order; and when so united we shall consider her dismissed from us. And may the great head head of the church Crown your union, with mutual, and eternal blessings.

Done at our monthly Church meeting July 25, **1849**.

Signed in behalf of the church

J.H.(?) Townsend C. Clk

(Item 119) **A.Z. Madison's** handwriting

List members that should be dropped

Sarah Mills (Ohio)

Mary Stetson – wrote F.Ville – No reply

Aveline Pier (Mary) wrote Do.

Martha Mark wrote Do

Anna Thomson wrote (?) Do.

Horace Webster

Alonzo Parker

Sophia Stearns

Emily Wilcox

Rosina Wheeler

Joanna(?) E. Bronson

Martha Davis

Hannah Barnard

Rebecca Mader

Eunice King

Hannah Ellis

Susan Orton

(?) Matteson

Wm. Taylor
Laura Doolittle

Drop 12 (?)
Aug 31, 1850

Dead

Mrs. **Forbes** 8 Jay / 50
“**Lock** Feb 5

Dism Letter

Alvin Shattuck)
Jane Shattuck
Catherine Jay
J(?) L(?)
Ernest Wilcox
N. Ball(?)
O.A. Buck
Polly N/ Handy
Aurelia Phillips
Aurelia Colton
Caroline Patterson(?)
Helen M. Lewis
Har.(?) Morgan
Rus. T. Griswold

Excluded

John Hamilton
Olive Hamilton
Elias Johnson

Recd. by letter

(?) C. Parker
E. Parker
Mary Williams
Aurelia Draper
Lucinda Keith
M. Batchellor
Polly Conrod
Tabitha Eddy
Sarah Ann Eddy
Mrs. Devine

Recd. by baptism

C.L. Quackenbush
L. Love
M. Martin
Angeline Martin
Olida Hanson

Vote of ch.

(?) Rossiter
E.A. Gates
Chloe A. Adams

(Item 120) Most likely in later hand.

Elder N. Wood
for **Sr. Aurelia Cotton**
Mch 26, **1850**
Request granted Apl 5 / **50**

[In the original hand] **Mr. A.Z. Madison**
Clerk of the **Bp. Chh.**
Fredonia

[noted in a third hand] Politeness of the rmks

[In the original hand] **Forestville** March 26th **1850**
Dear **Mr. Madison**

Sister **Aurelia Cotton** has just received a letter from you informing her of the necessity of either signifying her wish to become a member of your church or else asking a letter to join some other church. She is now with us in this house and wishes a letter to join with us. She is well reported of by the brethren here.

I write this letter by her request.

A.Z. Madison

Yours in Christian fellowship

N. Wood

[End of pre-1850 correspondence.]