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On this the 24 of June Elder E Loomis
Agent of the American Baptist Home
Missionary Society & Elder L. Slater
Missionary at the Thomas Miss Station
visited this Place

After sermon and other
Religious exercises six Brethren and sisters
viz

Samuel Dexter & Anna his wife
Alfred Cornell & Nancy " "
Erastus Yromany & Phebe " "

United In Conference —

On the 23 of August 1834 Elder E Loomis
as above and Br Caleb Eldred a member
of the Church in Comstock, St Lawrence
County visited this place. After prayer
and conference Br Benjamin G. Barber
offered himself as a member of the Conference
and his letter being accepted he was received

A free interchange of views then followed when it was resolved unanimously to ask for fellowship as a Church. The brethren present being satisfied with their numbers, standing location, gifts &c resolved to grant the request. At the same meeting Wm B. Lincoln offered himself as a candidate for baptism and membership. His Christian experience views &c being accepted. voted to receive him as a member after baptism. After Prayer adjourned.

Sunday Aug 24, 1834 Elder C Loomis preached from 3^d Chapter of Acts & part of 41st verse

At intermission the congregation proceeded to Grand River where the solemn rite of Baptism was performed where the banks of the Stream and a solemn and interesting congregation were witness that Br W B Lincoln was buried by baptism and came out of the water in imitation of Christ. returned to Brs Lyman's when the Church & Cong

regation again received instruction from Elder Loomis with an impressive discourse from 4th Ephesians 16th. After which he gave the right hand of fellowship to Br Cornell in behalf of the Church and also gave the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Church to Wm B Lincoln.

W. B. Lincoln was chosen
Clerk of the Church

Article 1 { Articles of Faith
We believe in God, the Father, Son and Holy
ghost; And that these three are one,
and justly entitled to equal and undiv-
ided honor. See 1st Ep John 5. and John 5-23

Art 2^d {
That the scriptures of the Old and
New Testament are of divine origin and
form the only rule of Christian faith
and practice 2 Tim 3-16-17-

Art 3^d {
That all mankind are by nature "Child-
ren of wrath" and being wholly destitute of
holiness "must be born again" or they will perish
Eph 2^d 3 & John 3-3-

Article 4th {
That those who are truly reconciled to
God are "the called according to his purpose"
through the meritorious death and sufferings
of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that the good
works begun in their hearts will be carried on
until the day of Jesus Christ Rom 8-28. - 2 Tim 1-9
Rom 5-10 Philippians 1-11-6

Article 5th {

That the King dom of Christ being spiritual,
and not of this world, true believers are the only
proper subjects of holy Institutions John 18-36-1st
Peter 3-5 Mark 1-5 Acts 2-41-8-12, 37-10-47 & 18-5
Art 6th {

That it is inconsistent with apostolic doc-
trine and example for us to Commune at the
Lords Table with those who have not been buri-
ed with Christ in Baptism on a profession
of their faith ^(and) for as inasmuch as this is
an external ordinance, we consider it as
originally designed to express not only our inter-
nal but external agreement in those things
that concern the Lord Jesus Christ Acts
2^d 41-42 Rom 6-4 1st Cor 1-10 Numbers 24-13

Art 7th {

That the government of the Church is vested
in the hands of the male members, and it
is the duty of all quietly to submit to the judg-
ment and discipline of a majority of the brethren
in all matters appertaining to the peace and

prosperity of the Church is St Timothy 2^d 12
Article 8th 3

That God hath appointed a day in
which He will judge the world by Jesus Christ
and that the wicked will go away into
ever lasting punishment; but the Righteous
into Life Eternal Acts 17. 31 Math 25-16
Rom 9-22-23^d

Covenant

We do in the presence of God Angels and men
give up ourselves to the great Father, Father
Son and Holy Ghost and Confess him as
our Father our Savior and our Leader and
receive him as our portion forever —

We engage to adhere to the Lord Jesus Christ
as the head of the Church and rely on him
as our Prophet Priest and King to bring
us to Eternal blessedness —

We engage to improve our time talents
and advantages to Gods glory and the
good of our fellow men to walk in the
ways of wisdom, to devote the first
day of the week to the particular duties
of religion both public and private
abstaining from all unnecessary worldly
conversation, reading and labor in secular
or employment. On said day promising
to maintain the worship of God in our
families and to train up those under
our care in the nurture and admonition

of the Lord, Promising to abstain from all foolish talking and jesting and vain disputing about words and things which gender strife rather than godly edifying, Spending time idly at taverns or elsewhere and to watch against everything which is contrary to sound doctrine and true Christian practice according to the precepts of Christ and his Apostles -

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ - watching over one another in ^{the} love of God to bear one another's burthens and so fulfil the law of Christ. To comfort the feeble minded to support the weak and assist the poor and destitute of the flock To contribute as God has or may prosper us to support public worship among us, and to engage as far as in us is in the benevolent enterprises of the day - promising to watch over ourselves and our conduct and to abstain

from all tattling and backbiting and unnecessary exposing the faults and weaknesses of one another and to seek each others comfort & growth in grace. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God and in the ordinances and discipline of his house and to endeavor to fulfil these and all other covenant obligations according to our several abilities - expecting that the great Head of the Church will lead us into the mysteries of his Kingdom unfold his work and enable us to apply to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many sins and we pray the Lord to prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ our Lord -

Jonica Feb 18. 1837

The Baptist Church in Jonica met at the school house in District No one according to an adjournment at which meeting The Articles of Faith & Covenant presented by a Committee appointed by the Church viz J. Caton R S Parks William B Lincoln Samuel Dexter & Crastus Gromans as above were adopted by the Church.

Moderator A Cornill

Prayer by Br J Caton

Resolved this Church will hold a Covenant meeting on the Saturdays immediately preceding the first Sabbath in each month at 3 o'clock — P.M.

The following members were received at this and a previous meeting as members of this Church they having presented their letters which were accepted —

George W Dexter and Amira his wife
Stephen Dexter & Berilla his wife
William Wood & Sally Ann his wife
Jeremiah Caton
Leandis Dexter
Justus Barber
Mercy Smith
Jane Smith
Delilah Blapsaddle
List of members at the end of Book

Voted that it be the duty of the Clerk whenever members are received into this church by letter to inform the Church or churches from which such letters may have been ~~given~~

Adjourned without a vote
W. B. Lincoln Ch Clerk

Saturday March 3rd 1838 Covenant meeting
was held by the Church at which time Eri-
astus Yomans was chosen Clerk of the Church

May 20th 1838 Elder A. C. Sangster from Pike
N.Y. was present & administered the Sacrament
of the Lord's Supper to the Church

June 2nd 1838. Covenant meeting was held
Union was manifested by the few members
who were present

Sunday June 3rd 1838. Dr. Jeremiah Eaton
requested a letter of recommendation from the
the Church - when it was Voted that the
request be granted

Sunday Augst 12th 1838 - Elder Arch^d. C.
Sangster, Charlotte his Wife & Sarah their
daughter presented a letter of recommendation
from the Baptist Church in Pike (N.Y.)
requesting to be admitted as members of this
Church - Voted that they be received

Saturday Oct. 6th 1838 At a Cov-
-nt meeting held at the house of Sis. M.
Smith - Candau Littlefoot presented a
a Letter of Commendation from the Baptist
Church on the West fork of Whetstone Ohio
Dr. Alanson Cornell & Emeline his Wife
at the same time presented letters of com-
-mendation from the Baptist Church in Fenner
N.Y. - when it was - Voted that they all
be received as members of this Church

Saturday Dec 1st The Church met in Covenant
meeting - Dr. Elijah B. Marcell presented a
Letter of commendation from the Baptist Church in
Steuben - for himself & Sarah his Wife regarding
to unite with this Church - Voted that
they be received as members - After the members
of the Church had expressed their religious feelings
Oliver Arnold and Pudence Dexter related their
Christian experience requesting the fellowship
of this Church - Voted that they both be
received (after baptism) as members of this Church

Sunday Dec 2 - Phoebe Lang was received
as a member of the Church - who, together
with the two Sisters Arnold and Dexter men-
tioned on the previous page were baptized.

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Saturday July 2nd in Church meeting it was
resolved that Geo. W. Dexter serve as church
clerk.

Monday August 5th. 1839. a meeting
of the church was held at the school house
(Geo. W. Dexter Moderator) to consider the pro-
prietty of rescinding a former resolution,
to not employ Elder Langster for another
year. & after a good deal of conversation
in which it was proposed, if the church
requested to give Elder Langster three months
notice of the intention of the chh. to call
some other minister, & in that event
he agreed not to preach in the vicin-
ity of the church, without their
request. Whereupon the chh. rescinded
their former resolution. & voted to emp-

loy Elder Langster for another year, &
he signified his willingness to comply
with such call, making Disabed.

Saturday Feb 1st 1840. church met in coven-
ant meeting. John Wood & Esther his wife
presented letters from the Church in Saline
Washtenaw Co. Mich. & requested to unite
with the Church. Voted to receive them
as members of this church.

Saturday March 7th. 1840. In covenant
meeting. Sister Sarah Parks presented a
letter from the church in Troy Oakland
Co. Mich. & requested to unite with this
chh. Voted to receive her.
At the same meeting Wm Parks related
his christian experience & requested adm-
ission. chh. voted to receive him as a mem-
ber of the chh. after baptism.
Sunday following the ordinance of Baptism was
administered & he recd fellowship of the chh.

Through Eldre Sangster pastor of the chh
of the sacrament administered to the chh.
after which a church meeting was requested
to be held on Tuesday the 17th day of March
Notice to hold such meeting on that day

On ~~Tuesday~~ Tuesday the 17th March chh.
not agreeable to previous appoint^{ment} chose
Brother Alfred Cornell Moderator, Prayer
by Br. G. W. Dexter, Brother Georham
then requested the chh. to take measures
to relieve him from his liabilities & also
to pay the freight of Eldre Sangster's goods
heretofore advanced by him, & Brother Tom.
Dexter. Checks were then presented for
the above charges. Brethren Alfred Cornell
Alanson Cornell & E. Markett were
appointed a committee to ascertain all
demands against the church, & also
as near as they can the amt paid upon
the subscription for the support of Eldre
Sangster the past year,

Voted that Brother Alanson Cornell serve
as steward for the church. The committee
of acc^{ts} were then directed to report to the
church on the next covenant meeting day
immediately after the conclusion to wh
ich time the meeting was adjourned

Saturday April 11th chh. met in cove-
nant meeting & after expressing usual
good feeling & union. was dismissed. &
agreeable to adjournment opened chh-
meeting to hear report of committee
of acc^{ts}. & also to express their feeling
as to the propriety of continuing Eldre
Sangster another year. The committee
as above reported in writing & not
being a majority present. the further
consideration of the same was forth-
come. The chh. then conferred up-
on the subject of keeping Eldre Sangster
after his term was out. & unanima-
ously expressed their opinion against emb

loving him any longer. meeting ~~discontinued~~

Saturday April 18th Chh. held a special meeting ^{at 2 o'clock P.M.} for the purpose of enquiring into some unfavorable reports about Elder Sangster, Brother Stephen Dexte Moderator, & prayer by Elder Sangster. After some time spent in conversation upon the above subject the meeting adjourned to Brother Alanson Cornells, & Sister Smith, & Elapsaddle were present, & stated that Elder Sangster told them that he intended uniting with the Episcopalians, as soon as the Bishop came in from Detroit, the Chh. not being satisfied with Elder Sangster's explanation of the matter. it was postponed until the next Saturday at 2 o'clock P.M. to which time the meeting was adjourned.

Saturday April 18. Chh. met pursuant to adjournment at Brother Cornells. prayer by Brother Cornells. Saml Dexte moderator. But few brethren present. The meeting adjourned to Saturday the 2nd day of May to meet at the house of Brother Saml Dexte. at three o'clock P.M.

On Saturday the 2nd day of May Chh. met pursuant to adjournment prayer by Bro. Alanson Cornells. took up the subject of the reports concerning Elder Sangster to wit. that he had declared his intention of uniting with the Episcopalians as soon as the Bishop came in from Detroit. the report being substantiated by the testimony of Sister Smith & Elapsaddle. the Chh. voted to discontinue the labors of Elder Sangster any longer. The Chh. voted to appoint Brethren Alanson Cornells & Saml Dexte a committee to labor with Elder Sangster wife for the sin of intercommunication. & also to settle with Elder Sangster for his ministerial labors & report to the Chh.

at the next Chh meeting & that the same committee inform him that the Chh do not wish his services any longer. Voted to continue Sabbath meetings at 1 o'clock P.M. Voted to adjourn to 3 o'clock on next covenant meeting day.

On Sunday the 9th August Brother Butolf from Oakland county being present & presentia, it was requested to take measure after meeting to ascertain of him whether his services could be performed with the Church & society & it was thought best to appoint a committee to confer with him. & thereupon Dr A Cornish & Brother Saml Dexter were appointed on the part of the Church. & D. N. Bell on the part of the Society. It was resolved by the Chh that said committee be authorized to employ said Butolf & circulate a subscription for his support. to have charge of the same & at the end of the

year to settle with him. it was also resolved that Brother Yeoman the then moderator write a communication to the Chh in Troy, Oakland Co. & request the Ordination of Br Butolf before he enters upon his labor in this place.

A special Chh meeting was then appointed to make some further arrangement towards a final settlement & reconciliation with Elder Sangster at the house of Dr Cornish on Sunday the 15th inst at 1 o'clock P.M.

The meeting then adjourned.

Saturday August 15. 1840 -

There being but a few Brethren present and Elder Sangster being sick, an of course unable to attend, ~~there~~ was not held,

October 25, 1840. (Jonio)
Brother Henry D. Buttolph having arrived
commenced his Ministerial labours this
day with the first Baptist Church in
Jonio, Jonio Co - Michigan

October 31, 1840 (Jonio)
Church met in Covenant Meeting at
the Court Room after Brethren and Sisters
had freely expressed their feelings, fellowship &
union. Sister Barber related to the
Church, her Christian experience and
made a request to become a member of
our church. Brethren and Sister resolved
unanimously, that they were satisfied with
Sister Barber's Christian experience, and she be
received into the full fellowship of the
Church upon Baptism. Brother H. D.
Buttolph then presented a letter from the
first Baptist Church in Troy Oakland Co Mich
which informs us that the request of this

Church was complied with, by the above
sister Church, in calling a council, which
set apart Brother H. D. Buttolph by ~~sole~~
solemn Ordination to ^{the} important work of the
ministry, on the 8th of Sept 1840. The above letter
also informed us that Brother H. D. Buttolph
is a member of that Church, in good standing
and cheerfully recommended him to our watch
care and fellowship, with liberty to unite
with us. Br. H. D. Buttolph having made
a request to unite with ^{us}. Therefore Resolved
unanimously that Br. H. D. Buttolph be
received into the full fellowship of this Church.
The Church then chose Br. H. D. Buttolph, ~~Moderator~~
Moderator & Br. Hanson Cornell Clerk, ~~Pro Tem~~
Pro Tem
Br. William Parkes wishing a letter of
Dismission & Commendation voted to grant it -
- also Sister Phebe Lang wishing a letter of
Commendation and dismissal. Church
voted to grant it
Hanson Cornell Clerk
Clerk Pro Tem

Jonio November 1. th 1840 - This day
Sister Barber went forward in the
ordinance of ^{Baptism} and received the right hand
fellowship from the Church (administrator, Br. H. D. Buttolph)
Hanson Cornell Clerk P.T.

Jonio November 16. th 1840 -
Church met according to publick notice, previ-
ously given, at Br Samuel Dexters at 1. O. clock P.M.
-appointed Br. Buttolph Moderator, & Br Hanson
Cornell Clerk Pro-Tem

Prayer by Br. Buttolph - The Committee, appointed
by the Church on the second day of May last to
visit Sister Sangster and to labour with her
respecting ^{a report of} the sin of Intoxication - and also to
settle with Elder A. C. Sangster for his Ministerial
labours with the Church - reported that they
had not visited Sister Sangster - and that they
had settled with Elder A. C. Sangster -

Elder Sangster being present informed the
Church that Sister Sangster had not drank
any Spirits for a number of months to his
knowledge - Therefore resolved that the

Committee be discharged -

Resolved - that four Dollars twenty cents be
paid from the last years subscription, to pay
Elder A. C. Sangster, tax, & that the remainder
due on said subscription go to the benefit
of the Church

Is. Elder A. C. Sangster Confesses that he
felt wrong and acted wrong, in saying
he intended to unite with the Episcopals
and that he says he is willing to make a
public Confession on this point - Therefore
Resolved that the Church on this ground
is satisfied with him, and receive him to
fellowship - after Prayer, Church adjourned sine die
Hanson Cornell Clerk Pro-Tem

Jonio December 5th 1840
Church met in Covenant Meeting at the
School house - after Brethren and Sisters had
freely expressed their feelings, fellowship, and
union, Sister, Ann-Benette Dexter and Helen-
Maria Littlefield, gave a relation of their Christian

experience, and made a request to become members of this Church - Therefore Brethren and Sisters resolved unanimously that they be received, after Baptism, into the full fellowship of this Church - Brother George W. Dexter said, his being so far from the meetings of the Church, it was quite inconvenient for him to attend, but a few, and therefore it was his wish to be excused from acting as church clerk any longer. Therefore the church resolved, that Br. G. W. Dexter be excused - Resolved that Br. E. B. Marlett be church clerk - Also Elder A. C. Langster requested a letter of Commendation - Therefore Resolved that the request be ~~made~~ granted, upon condition, that he makes the public confession, as recorded on the 16th ~~part~~ of November - Hanson Cornell Clerk Pro Tem

Jan 6th 1840 - Sisters, Ann Genette Dexter & Helen Maria Littlefield, went forward in the ordinance of Baptism (administrator Br. H. D. Battolff) & also received the right hand of fellowship from the Church, A. Cornell, C.P.T.

Dec 20th Recd a communication from the Baptist Conference in Dewitt requesting us to send our Pastor & two or more faithful Brethren to sit in council with Brethren from sister Churches to give us fellowship as a Church Resolved that their request be granted & appointed Brethren Alfred Cornell & Hanson Cornell with our Pastor, E. B. Marlett Ck

1841 Jan 2^o ^{a Saturday} Church met in Covenant Meeting at the Court Room - after Brethren & sisters had expressed their feelings fellowship & union. Brother Patrick ^{Canada} expressed a desire to enjoy the privileges of the Church - voted his wish be granted, E. B. Marlett, Clerk

also Dexter Arnold & Rufus Lock related their Christian experience & made a request to become members of this Ch., voted that they be received as members after Baptism E. B. Marlett Clerk Sunday 3^o this day repaired to Grand River to administer the Ordinance of Baptism to D. Arnold & R. Lock & received the right

hand of fellowship from the Church
at same time Brother George Parks ^{for himself} &
sister Permelia his wife presented Letter
from the first Baptist Church in Troy (N.Y.)
requesting to unite with this Church Voted
that they be received as members - E. B. Marlitt Clerk

Novia Feb 6th 1841

at Court Room

Church met in covenant meeting prayer
by Dr Cornell, after Brethren & sisters had exp-
ressed their feelings fellowship, & Union -

Br John Van Vleck presented a Letter from
the West Church in the City of New York
State of N.Y. & requesting to unite with
this Church - Voted unanimously that
he be received as a member of this Church
at same time sister Meria Yeomans
related her Christian experience & re-
quested to unite with this Church -

Voted she be received as a member
with us after Baptism E. B. Marlitt Clerk
Feb 7th repaired to Grand River &
administered the Ordinance of Baptism to
sister Meria Yeomans administrator Br

H. D. Buttolph. after Baptism repaired
to the school House gave the right hand
of fellowship to John Van Vleck & sister
Meria Yeomans, & partook of the sacrament
Novia 1841 E. B. Marlitt Chh. Clerk

Feb 21 Received a communication from
the Church in Dewit requesting us to
send our Pastor and two or more Breth-
ren to sit in Council with Brethren from
sister Churches to assist in the ordination
of Br Moses Church, if thought advisa-
ble - Voted that our Pastor with
Br John Van Vleck be that Com-
mittee. E. B. Marlitt Chh. Clerk

Novia March 6th 1841 Met in Covenant at the Court
Room after expressions of fellowship &
Union from Brethren & sisters Br
Ethan S. Johnson presented a Letter
of commendation from the Baptist Church
in Frankfort N.Y. requesting to unite with
us. Voted to receive him as a member
with us. Br Matthew A. Sturtevant from
Canada being present and requesting membership

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with us and it appearing from his and
his Father's statement that the Church
was not in a condition to give Letters,
and has since become extinct therefore
resolved that he be received as a
member with us. at the same
time sister Betsey Jane Johnson re-
lated her Christian Experience and
requested membership with us. Voted
that she be received as a member
after Baptism — March 7th repaired
to the Grand River and administered
the ordinance of Baptism unto Betsey
Jane Johnson. after which reassembled
at the School House, gave the right hand
of fellowship unto Ethan S. Johnson
Matthew A. Patrick and Betsey Jane Johnson
and took of the Supper. Administrator
Br H. D. Buttolph E. B. Marlitt Clerk
at same time received a request from
the Church ^{of Dewit} for us to send our pastor to assist
in the ordination of Br Moses Clarke
Voted that Br H. D. Buttolph attend ^{from this} Church

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Senior March 14th Sabbath day Philander Baskin
related his Christian Experience and requested
to unite with this Church — Voted that he be
received after Baptism which was attended
to by repairing to the Grand River.
Administrator Br H. D. Buttolph E. B. Marlitt Clerk
Saturday April 3th

Church Met in Covenant meeting
Prayer by Br Buttolph & after mutual
expressions of love & fellowship dismissed
E. B. Marlitt Clerk

May 1st Met in Covenant meeting at the school
House Prayed by Br Hanson Cornel after the usual
Expressions of fellowship ~~and~~ Union sister Abiga-
il Scovil Presented a Letter of recommendation from
the Baptist Church in Carlisle Lorain Co Ohio
after which ^{hears of} the experiences of Alfred Cornell &
Samantha Cornell Sarah Cornell Philena
Lyndra Antilda Arnold Anson Arnold William
Patrick Emily Patrick Mary Patrick Sophia Little-
field — and requested to unite with this Church
Church voted to receive them after Baptism

May 2nd 1841 repaired to the River to attend to the administering the ordinance of Baptism administered by Br. H. D. Buttolph after which returned to the Court Room where the right hand of fellowship was given to those received and partook of the supper. E. B. Murlett Clerk
 Church Meeting

May 22nd 1841 Church met at school house according to previous notice given — Prayed by Br. H. D. Buttolph — Voted that Br. Buttolph serve as standing moderator unless excused — took up the subject of Br. W. Parks — ~~dismission~~ ^{dismission} as the Church did on the 6th of ^{the month} Last Reconsider the vote of the Chh. of October 31st 1840 — which granted Br. W. Parks a letter of Dismission & commendation Resolved therefore that Brethren H. D. Buttolph & Alanson Cornell be a committee of the Church to communicate with Br. W. Parks & express its feelings in regard to his request — the Church not

being willing under present circumstances to grant his request.

At the same time Br. Samuel Hexter introduced a complaint against the Church for not carrying out the vote taken by the Church to build a house on what is called the Parsonage Lot or recind the vote to build.

Resolved that the Church did wrong in not fulfilling on their part the above engagement or recind the vote taken for that purpose

Br. Samuel Hexter then brought a charge against the Church for not refunding to him the money he had advanced to pay the freight on Elder Sangster's Goods & the rent of his house Resolved the Church have ^{fall} ⁱⁿ ^{my} ^{agent} ^{did} ^{not} ^{paying} ^{freight} ^{if} ^{repd} Whereas Brother Samuel Hexter &

Br. Trastus Germans have advanced money to pay the freight on Elder Sangster's Goods & the rent of a house for him to live in — Therefore Resolved that we pay it

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on the principle of equality as soon as we can. Resolved that a committee be appointed to inform Brethren Dexter & Thomas of the above & confer with them in reference to the amt. due for freight & rent - and also to ascertain whether the above resolution is satisfactory. Resolve that Brethren Manson Cornell & John Van. Fleck be said com. Moved to adjourn four weeks from this to meet at the School House at 1 O'Clock.

June 2nd 1841

Church met in covenant meeting & the Brethren & Sisters having expressed their union & fellowship. Sisters Caroline C. Hearsby Ann R. Buttolt & Sarah Van. Fleck - and Brother Artemas Hinds related to the Church their Christian experience & requested to be admitted after baptism as members into fellowship with the Church & it was unanimously resolved

that they be received according to their request

Brother Patrick being present a request was made that he be admitted as a member into fellowship with the Chh. It having appeared to the satisfaction of the Church that Br. Patrick left Canada during the late rebellion which the Church to which he belonged was in no condition to give him a letter of recommendation & the Brethren being satisfied that Br. Patrick had exemplified the life & character of a Christian since he had been with us & also being informed by credible testimony that he was a member of a Baptist Church in Canada and in good standing it was unanimously voted to receive him as a member into fellowship with the Church.

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The Solemn Ordinance of Baptism was administered by Br. Buttolph to Br. ~~And~~ & Sisters ~~Therese~~ C. Harsey Ann P. Buttolph & Sarah Van. Yick, after which they received the right hand of fellowship from the Church.

Tonia June 19th 1841

Church meeting at the School House prayer by Br. Buttolph. The subject of Br. ~~Wm~~ Parks being introduced and there being no charge ~~upon~~ charge upon record. Resolved that a specific charge be preferred against him to the end that he may be enabled to respond to the call of the Church. The following charge was then preferred as being the reason why they recalled the vote to give him a letter of recommendation passed Oct 31st 1840. That his character & conduct generally did not correspond with the life of a Christian

consequently they could not conscientiously recommend him to the fellowship of a Sister Church.

The Committee who were appointed to visit Br. Samuel Dexter & Erastus Geomans were called upon to report whereupon they made the following Report: that the Committee appointed to visit Br. Samuel Dexter & Erastus Geomans visited Br. Dexter & found him unwilling to bear his proportion of the freight & rent, voted to be raised on the principle of equality & further that if the Church should pay him the money he advanced for freight & free him from rent he would receive it. and further the Committee did not call on Br. Geomans as they had forgotten as he was in the resolution. Voted that the report be received and that the Committee be discharged from further duties. Voted that Br. Alfred Cornell Jr. be appointed to assist the Clerk

at the present meeting.

Voted that the Church adhere to its former resolution to raise a tax upon the principle of equality to discharge the debt due Br. Dexter & Spoonman.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to confer with Br. Samuel Dexter & inform him of the expression of the Church to adhere to their former resolution & if he does not conform to the requirements of the Church to take up a labor with him & report their doings to the Church at its next meeting.

Voted that Br. Marlett & Br. Barber be said committee. and that said comm. be further instructed to call on Br. Crastus Spoonman & confer with him on the business ~~from~~ which the former committee were discharged ~~from~~.

Br. Marlett requested to be discharged from acting longer as clerk of the Church and it was voted that his

request be granted.

Voted that Br. Alfred Cornell be appointed clerk of the Church.

E. B. Marlett Clerk

The following Resolution was offered and laid upon the table for discussion at the next meeting of the Church.

Resolved that ^{the} members of this Church, ^{ang. 11 '99} abstain from, & discard the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Voted that all Committees be furnished by the clerk with the resolutions of the Church specifying their duties & that they make their report in writing.

Voted that all the male members of this Church be required to pay 12 1/2 cts. & the sisters pay 6 1/4 cts. each year to defray the incidental expenses of the Church.

Voted that the following Resolution be adopted

Resolved that it is the duty of every Brother & Sister in the Church to be faithful in attendance on covenant meeting day and at the Supper and also that all Brethren should be faithful in attendance at all Church meetings & that the Clerk keep an account of all absentees and that on each covenant meeting day after Brethren & Sisters have spoken the Clerk inform the Church of all absentees & that they be required to render a satisfactory excuse or be admonished for neglect of duty and also the same rule govern at Church meetings and that the Church look after all absentees after the second offence.

The proceedings being read & accepted the meeting adjourned to meet at the School House three weeks from today at 3 o'clock P.M.

A. Cornell, C. C.

Vonia July 3rd 1841

The Church met in Covenant meeting and the Brethren & Sisters expressed their usual feeling of fellowship and union and their strong desire for the salvation of souls & the up-building of Christ's Kingdom & we can truly say the Spirit of God was with us. After which Sister Patience Norton presented a letter of recommendation from a Sister Church in Lakeville (Michigan) and requested to unite with this Church.

Voted that her request be granted and that she be admitted into fellowship with the Church.

Brother Mason Hearsey related his Christian experience and expressed his dissatisfaction with his former mode of Baptism & requested to be admitted into the Church after Baptism.

Voted that his request be granted. Brother Edson Arnold related his Christian experience & requested admission into the Church. Resolved unanimously that his request be granted after baptism.

The Brethren & Sisters proceeded to elect a Deacon by ballot whereupon Br. George W. Hexter was declared duly elected

Resolved that the appointment for the next Church meeting be altered from 3 o'clock to 1 o'clock P.M. & that a Church & Society meeting be held on said day at the Court room at 5 o'clock P.M. Meeting closed by prayer

Sabbath July 4th 1841

The solemn ordinance of baptism was administered by Eld. H. N. Buttolph to Br. Mason Hearsy & Pason Arnold in the Grand River in presence of a large congregation.

After which the Church repaired to the place of worship and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered. The right-hand of fellowship was given to Br. Hearsy & Arnold

A. Cornell Secy

Yonia July 10th 1841

A number of brethren being present the meeting was opened by prayer. After the proceedings of the preceding meeting were read the Church proceeded to the consideration of the resolution laid upon the table at the last preceding meeting of the Church

After some discussion upon motion of Br. George W. Hexter the farther consideration of the resolution was postponed.

The committee appointed to wait upon Br. Samuel Dexter & Br. Yomans were called upon to report. Whereupon they made the following report. That the committee appointed to wait on Brethren Saml. Dexter and Crastus Yomans would respectfully report that after informing Br. Hexter our business we were presented with a communication which he wished to be used as a report for your committee. They also called upon Br. Yomans and found that the amount due for rent is \$25.00 dollars for which he Br. Yomans & Br. Saml. Dexter are now holder

On motion of Br. George W. Lester it was
Resolved to proceed to investigate the
complaints introduced before the Church
by the letter of Br. Samuel Lester

The first business being upon an enquiry
of Br. Samuel Lester of what the chu-
rch had done with the 100 Dollars raised
to pay the freight on Elder Sangster's goods
& the rent of his house it was

Voted that a committee be appointed to con-
sult with Br. Geomans & ascertain as far as
practicable the manner in which said mo-
ney was appropriated also that the committee
avail themselves of any means in their power
to cast any light upon the subject and re-
port at the next meeting of the Church.

Voted that Br's B. G. Barber & Mason
Hearsey & C. S. Johnson be said committee
Voted that the farther consideration of Br.
Lester's letter be postponed.

On motion voted that the meeting adjourn to
meet next Wednesday at 1. O'Clock P.M.

The Church met July 14th 1841

After the meeting was opened by prayer
the records of the preceding meeting were
read. The committee appointed to investiga-
te an enquiry & complaint prepared by Br.
Samuel Lester July 10th 1841 submitted the
following Report.

That the paper containing the original
subscription to the amount of \$400 Dollars
or thereabouts raised in the year 1837
for the purpose of paying Elder Sangster
salary of \$300 Dollars for one year & also to
defray the expenses of freight on his goods
to this place & the rent of a certain house
is not to be found, but is reported to
have been lost while in the care of
Eld. Sangster.

In April A.D. 1840 a committee was appointed
to inquire into matters connected with said sub-
scription paper & ascertain as nearly as pos-
sible the names of the persons who had subscri-
bed said paper the amount that each had

subscribed, whether paid - in what man-
-ner & to whom paid &c.
That committee on diligent inquiry repor-
-ted that they had ascertained that 481 dollars
-had been subscribed by thirty nine indiv-
-iduals. Your committee on this occasion
have availed themselves of the labors of that
committee & of such other papers as they have
been able to obtain touching the matters
-pertaining to such things as were not oth-
-erwise clearly understood.

It appears ^{that} of the 481 dollars represented
as being raised ~~raised~~ on the original ^{paper} 343
25 was paid to Eld. Sangster directly by
the subscribers that \$64. was paid ^{to} by Br.
E. Giomans as a member of the commi-
-tee for collecting & applying said subscrip-
-tion. That \$65.75 was paid by the subscribers to
to Eld. Sangster in labor & material on
his house - that 8 dollars of the said
amount of 481 is still unpaid.
Your committee would further report

that much uncertainty exists with re-
-gard to several things pertaining to the
duties of your committee.

Br. Giomans relying on the original sub-
-scription paper for means of accounting for
the items by him received & disbursed is
now unable to present so full an acc-
-ount as would be desirable on this
occasion.

The amount of his sub-
-scription on the original paper is \$410
which added to the amount paid to
him of 64 dollars by subscribers is
\$104 for which he stands indebted to
the Church. The amount paid by him
to Eld. Sangster as rendered p. acc.
is \$52.53. The amount advanced by
him to Eld. Sangster for a cow & interest
for eight months is \$27.21

The amount paid for sash for the
Elders' house is \$10.00 also \$8 paid
to Mr J. Whipple for labor on said
house making a total of amounts

disbursed of \$97.74 leaving a balance
of \$6.20 due the Church. But another
item for which he is liable instead of
the Church is the sum due on a certain
note in which he is jointly concerned
& also for a certain amount paid for
freight. These items your committee
believe would leave a balance of con-
siderable amount in favor of Br.
Quomans. So far as the misapplication
of funds is concerned in the way of
applying subscriptions to the building
of a house which was intended for
other purposes your committee believe
that there has been an error committed
But we are not prepared to charge
that error entirely on any one individ-
-ual of the Church; as we feel sur-
-rounded that a considerable number of
individuals paid in labor or materials the
full amount of their subscription & in
some instances more before anything

was known of the matter to either of
the members of the committee.

It further appears that Br. Samuel Dexter
was a member of the committee for collect-
-ing & disbursing the money for the misapp-
-lication of which he complains.

Your committee cannot learn from Br.
Dexter or any other source that he exer-
-cised any diligence in regard to the collection
or application of said funds.

Believing the above report to contain all
the material facts in relation to the duties
of your committee which our limited
means & knowledge of circumstances
would enable us to arrive at we would
respectfully submit the same for your
disposal

B. G. Barber }
Mason Fleasay } Com.
E. S. Johnson }

On motion of Br. Patrick voted that the report of the committee be accepted & that they be discharged from further duties.

On motion of Br. Stephen Dexter it was Resolved that any moneys raised for the support of Elder Sangster & to pay the freight on goods & rent on house ought not to have been applied to any other object

Resolved, ^{that} upon investigation the Church find the amount of \$50. Dollars out of a subscription raised to support Eld. Sangster & paying the freight on his goods & rent of his house has been misapplied. On motion of Br. John Van. Fleet

Resolved that in the misapplication of the \$50 above alluded to no individual member of the Church alone is ^{culpable} responsible but that it is an unintentional neglect of duty on the part of persons including the committee & members of the Church & Society. Voted to rescind the vote taken to raise the money upon the principle of

equality to pay the debt due Br Dexter & that a subscription be circulated to raise said money by the 1st of March A.D. 1842.

voted that a committee of two be appointed to draft & circulate said subscription & that Br. E. S. Johnson & Alanson Cornell be said committee

voted that a committee be appointed to inform Br. Samuel Dexter of the resolution of the Church to raise the money by subscription & enquire if the same will be satisfactory to him & if he will now feel reconciled to & travel with the Church.

Br E. S. Johnson & B. G. ^{Matthew Patrick} were appointed said committee

voted that Br. Matthew Patrick be a committee to inform Br. Robert S. Parks that the Brethren of the Church cannot conscientiously travail with him under existing circumstances & request he would stop his travail until he shall present a

letter of recommendation from the Church
to which he now belongs.

Upon motion it was unanimously
Resolved that the Church invite Br. H.
D. Buttolph to labor with this Church an-
other year & that Brethren E. S. Johnson
E. B. Marlett & Hanson Cornell be a
Committee to confer with him thereupon.

Voted that the hour for the next covenant
meeting be altered from 3 o'clock to 1 o'clock P.M.
& that a church meeting be held at 5 o'clock P.M.
after which the meeting adjourned

The Church met in covenant meeting at
the Court Room on Saturday July 31. 1841
and after the Brethren & Sisters had related
their feelings & expressed themselves in
union & fellowship with each other Br.
Red Taylor related his Christian experience
& stated that he was dissatisfied with his for-
mer baptism & wish to transfer his stan-
ding from the Presbyterian Church to this

after baptism.

On motion it was unanimously Resolved
that his request be granted & that he be
received after baptism.

Br H. D. Buttolph requested the Church
to give himself & Sister Buttolph a trav-
-eling letter. voted to grant his request.

Br. & Sister Matthew Van Vech
presented a letter of recommendation
from the 2^d Baptist Church in Roxbury
N.Y. & requested to unite to this Church.

voted to grant their request
After which the meeting adjourned

July 31. 1841 The Church met accord-
to previous adjournment & the meeting
was opened by prayer

The Committee appointed to visit Br.
Samuel Dexter made the following report

Dear Brethren. Your committee have
conversed with Br. Samuel Dexter upon
the subject relative to which they were

instructed by you & find him unwilling
to comply with the requisitions of the
Church & says he will not & wishes
no longer to remain in the Church
but insists on a letter of exclusion

M. Patrick } Com.

E. S. Johnson }

On motion voted the report be accepted
& the Committee discharged.

After due deliberation the Brethren were of
the opinion that everything had been done
which they could do consistent with truth
& righteousness & that their labors with him
were at an end; & believing that he has
exhibited an unchristianlike spirit, it was
Upon motion of Br. B. G. Barber ^{an} unanimously
Resolved that the hand of fellowship be
with drawn from Br. Samuel Dexter for
neglecting & refusing to travel with the
Church

On motion of Br. G. W. Dexter voted that

the clerk send Samuel Dexter a copy of the
resolution of excommunication passed by the Church today
Br. Matthew Patrick appointed to visit Br. R.
D. Parks Reported that he had visited Br. Parks
& found him willing to stop his travel with
the Church

The committee appointed to visit Br. Buttolph
ph & learn from him whether he accepts the
call of the Church to labor with them another
Year, Report that Br. Buttolph is willing
to accept the call, whereupon the meeting ad-
journed sine die. A. Cornell } C. C.

Sunday August 1st 1841

After public worship the congregation
repaired to the water where the ordinance
of baptism was administered was adminis-
tered to Br. Taylor by the Rev. H. L. Buttolph
after which the Brethren & Sisters returned
to the place of worship & after the right
hand of fellowship was given to Br. Paul
Taylor the ordinance of the Lord's Sup-
per was administered.

Sabbath Aug. 30. 1841. The Church
were requested to tarry after Divine Ser-
vice & the following motion was adopted
That the Rev. A. L. Sangster be invited
to supply the place of Br. Buttolph.
until his return ^{except} unless when supplied by
ministers ^{previously} invited by Eld. Buttolph

Sept. 4. 1841. The Church met in cov-
enant meeting the Brethren & Sisters present
expressed their attachment to the cause of
Christ & their union & fellowship with
each other - after which the meeting adjourned
- Sabbath Sept. 5. the ordinance of
the Lords' Supper was administered by
Br. Sangster to the Brethren & Sisters present

Sabbath Oct. 3rd. The ordinance of the Lords'
Supper was dispensed with in consequence
of Brethren being dissatisfied with Br. Sangster
in consequence of certain rumors which were
circulating prejudicial to his christian charac-

ter & a church meeting was called to be held
on Saturday next for the purpose of calling
enquiring into the truth of said reports
Saturday Oct. 19. The Brethren met at the
place appointed to investigate certain charges
against the christian character of Br. Sangster
To a part of the charges preferred he plead
Not Guilty & to others he plead Guilty
The meeting adjourned with coming to any def-
-inite decision upon the matter

Saturday Nov. 6th 1841 - The Church met at the School-house in Covenant Meeting and manifested union - At the close Br Alfred Cornell jun. gave the Church a relation of his views and exercises relative to a call to preach the Gospel, and also of his wishes to attend the Theological Institution at Hamilton N.Y. - all of which received the approbation of the Church: at the same time it was mutually agreed that Br Alfred Cornell preach tomorrow (Sabbath) evening - - - - -
Voted That Br. A. Cornell jun. (on account of his intentions of journeying immediately to Hamilton) receive a Letter of Commendation
Voted That Erastus Yeomans act as Clerk pro tem & prepare said letter - - - - -
Sunday Evening Nov. 7 - After an interesting Discourse by Br. A. Cornell jr. to a numerous Audience - the Church were called together & a Letter of recommendation and dismissal, in which was included an approval and

recommendation of Br. Cornell's talents and gifts - was presented and read by the Clerk which received the sanction and unanimous approbation of the Church - when it was Voted - That the above described letter as well as the travelling Letter (previously prepared) be delivered to Br. Cornell

Saturday Dec 4th 1841 Covenant meeting was held at the School house - The weather proving unfavorable - but a few of the members attended - but the meeting was interesting and profitable - At the same time Phebe Steel related her religious views and exercises to the Church accompanied with a request to be baptized and to become a member of the Church
Voted That she be received as a member of this Church when baptized - - - - -
Voted That Br. Matthew A. Patrick serve as Church Clerk - - - - -

Sunday Dec^r 5th 1841

After public worship A.M. the Congregation repaired to Grand River where the solemn Ordinance of Baptism was administered to Sister Phoebe Steel by the Rev. H. D. Buttolph after which the Brethren & Sisters returned to the place of worship. and after the right hand of fellowship was given to Sister Steel the solemn Ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered by the Rev. H. D. Buttolph

M. A. Patrick - C. C.

Sunday Dec 12th 1841

After public worship, the Brethren were requested to carry Br. George W. Dexter requested by Elder Buttolph a letter of Commendation as a traveling letter His request was granted by a vote of the Brethren

M. A. Patrick
C. C.

Saturday 1st Jan^y 1842

The Church met in Covenant Meeting at the School House pray by Eld. Buttolph after which the Brethren and Sisters present expressed their attachment to the cause of Christ their union and fellowship with each other, and manifesting a desire and the necessity of commencing a New Year with renewed exertions to live more devoted to God and more active in his work. after which Sister Martha Spring presented a letter of commendation from the first Baptist Church of Christ in Randolph N.Y. and requested to unite with this Church and come under its charity care, the letter was read and the request granted by a unanimous vote of the Church. Pray by Br. et Cornell the Brethren were then requested to carry being resolved into a Church Meeting Sister Sarah Parks requested by Elder H. D. Buttolph a letter expressive of her standing in relation with the

Church after well considering the request the
Church felt unwilling to grant it without
hearing her definitely the cause and becoming
fully acquainted with her standing in the Church
as she has not traveled with the Church
in some length of time therefore a Com-
mittee was appointed. Br Erastus Stoman
and Br Mathew Patrick constituting said
Committee to visit Sister Parks and
report to our next Church Meeting.

The subject relative to certain report
against Elder Sangster was brought
before the Church after considering some
length of time relative to said reports
Br Dexter Arnold and Br A. Cornell
was appointed a Committee to visit
Br Sangster relative to such reports
and report to the next Church Meeting
Meeting voted to adjourn until
Saturday next at 1 o'clock P.M. at
the House of Eld. Buntolp

M. A. Patrick
C. C.

Monday 2nd January 1842
After Divine Service A.M. the solemn
Communion of the Lords Supper was admin-
istered by the Rev. B. D. Buntolp
M. A. Patrick. C. C.

Saturday 5th Jan. 1842
Church met pursuant to previous notice
and adjourned to meet at the school
at 6 o'clock

Church met for adjournment
at the school house meeting
opened by Prayers The Committee that
was appointed to visit Sister Sarah
Parks reported. The report was received
and the Committee were discharged
Voted that the Clerk give Sister
Parks a ~~letter of~~ Certificate of her
good standing and full fellow-
ship with the Church
The Committee that was appointed
to visit Br Sangster also reported

Their report was received and they are
charged then the following resolution
was passed. That we suspend further
action relative to Br Saugter until he
shall come before the Church and
answer for himself, and to stand as
a suspended member until certain
reports alleged against him are
reconciled with the Church.

M. A. Patrick C. C.

16th January 1842

Received this day a communication
from the Baptist Church of Christ
in Morrisville N. Y. informing us
that Br Alfred Cornell has received
a member of that Church upon our
recommendation

M. A. Patrick - C. C.

Saturday 5th February 1842

The Church met in Covenant Meeting
at the School House Prayed by Bro. Buttolf
after which the Brethren and sisters present
expressed their attachment to the cause of
Christ - their Union and Fellowship with
each other. During the time that the sisters
were expressing their feelings Sister Emily
Hubbell presented a letter of recom-
mendation from the Baptist Church
at Northville. with a request to unite
with this Church and come under its watch
care. The letter being read the request
was granted by a unanimous vote of
the Church. Prayed by Br. A. Cornell

Sunday 6th February 1842

After divine service A. M. the Brethren
and sister convened and the solemn
ordinance of the Lords Supper was
administered by the Rev. G. D. Buttolf

M. A. Patrick C. C.

Saturday 5th March 1842

The Church met in Covenant Meeting
at the School House the Brethren
& Sisters present manifested union
and fellowship with each other

Sunday 6th March 1842

Elder Buttolph being absent the
Ordinance of the Lords Supper
was dispensed with —

M. A. Patrick C. C.
" "

Sunday 20th March

after divine service A. M. members
were requested to carry Sister Amanda
Cornell requested a traveling & dismis-
sion letter the request was granted
by a vote of the members

M. A. Patrick
" " C. C.

Saturday 2^d April 1842

Church met in Covenant at the
School House after Brethren & Sisters
had freely expressed their feelings, fellowship
and union with each other. The Brethren resolved
themselves into a Church Meeting for the pur-
pose of devising means necessary to raise \$100.00 due

Samuel Dexter according to a previous reso-
lution thereon resolved that Bro. Barber &
Cornell constitute a Committee to draft and
circulate a subscription for the purpose of
raising said sum by the first day of
May next ~~following~~

Bro. Parks requested by Elder Buttolph a
letter of dismission from this Church
Elder Buttolph having been at Pontiac
saw Bro. Parks ~~and~~ stated that ~~he~~
he had removed all the then existing
difficulties. The Brethren present not
being conversant with his moral
character and Christian character
since his residence at Pontiac, deemed
it expedient and necessary to solicit

a letter from said Church relative
to the particulars before mentioned
Therefore resolved that Br E Geomar,
and Br M. A. Patrick constitute a Com-
mittee to correspond with the Church at
Pontiac relative to the above
M. A. Patrick
C. C.

Sunday 3^d day of April 1842
Met for Divine Service on account
of there being but few members present
the Ordinance of the Lords Supper
was dispensed with

Saturday 30th April 1842
Church met in Covenant Meeting
at the School House after the usu-
al Expression of Union & Fellowship
with each other, Br George Hosford
related his Christian Experience and
requested to be baptised and receive
with us and come under our watch-
care Voted that he be received as

a member of this Church after baptism
Br Chas. Aldridge presented a letter
of commendation from the Baptist
Church in ^{Dutchess Co., N.Y.} N. East ~~with~~ with a request to con-
sider under the watch care of this Church and
enjoy Church privileges Voted that ~~his~~
to grant his request; Meeting Adjourned

Sunday 1st May 1842
After public worship A.M. the Congre-
gation repaired to Grand River where the
solemn Ordinance of Baptism was admin-
istered to Br Hosford by the Rev. H. D.
Buttolph after which the brethren and
sister ~~and~~ returned to the place of worship
after giving the right hand of fellowship
to Br Hosford The solemn ordinance
of the Lords Supper was administered
by the Rev. H. D. Buttolph

M. A. Patrick
C. C.

Saturday 4th June 1842
Church met in Covenant Meeting
at the School House, after the
usual expression of union and
fellowship, with each other; the Pres-
-bytery ~~resolving~~ being resolved into a
Church Meeting, the following subject
came before the Church; Whereas the
Church has agreed to pay Samuel
Dexter about \$100. by the first day
of May last, and exertions having been
made to raise the same by voluntary
subscription (according to a previous
resolution) and have failed in their
attempts; therefore Saml. Dexter has pro-
-posed to release them, from their liab-
-ilities, by releasing him from his sub-
-scription for the purpose of building the
Baptist Church; therefore resolved that
the Church will become responsible for
the amount of said Dexters subscrip-
-tion, providing that the building

Committee will accept the same; to be
raised by voluntary subscription — — —
Also Voted to send Br George Dexter, and
Br M. A. Patrick, in commission with our
Pastor, as delegates to the Woodhull asso-
-ciation, which will convene on the fourth
Wednesday of June inst. Voted that
Eldr. Buttolph in Commission with the
Clerk prepare the statistics of the
Church with the letter and present
it before the Church next Sabbath
12th inst. (for the approval) also
appointed Elder Buttolph and Br
A. Cornell as a committee to visit
Brs. Martlett and Johnson to as-
-certain if possible, the reason why
they have not traveled with the
Church for some time past
and to report the next Church
Meeting Voted to adjourn
M. A. Patrick C. C.

Sunday 5th June 1842

After Divine Service Am. the
Solemn Ordinance of the Lords
Supper was administered by Elders
Buttricks

Sunday 12th June 1842

After Divine Service Am. the
letter & statutes of the Church was
read by the Clerk and received
the approbation of the Church

Saturday 2nd July 1842

Church met in Covenant at
the School House the Brethren
and Sisters present expressed feeling
of union and Fellowship with an
earnest desire to live and walk in
in the pathway of holiness we can
truly say the Spirit of God was with
us for we had a soul refreshing
season

M. a. Petrus C. S.

Sunday 3rd July 1842

In consequence of the absence of
our pastor the ordinance of the
Supper was dispensed with

Saturday 6th August 1842

Met in Covenant at the School
House there being but few present
our meeting was not as interesting
as usual but there was union and
fellowship expressed by each present
with a desire after holiness

Sunday 7th August 1842

After a very interesting discourse by
our Pastor H. D. Buttricks the solemn
Ordinance of the Lords Supper was
administered to a goodly number
present with great solemnity

M. a. Petrus C. S.

Saturday 3rd Sept. 1842

Met in Covenant at the school house after the usual expressions of union and fellowship, the Brethren resolved themselves into a Church Meeting Br G. W. Dexter introduced the penny & week system after a general expression of feelings by the Pres. and the general object of this system by Eld. H. D. Buttolph, it received the approbation of the Church Voted that Br. Geomans solicit the Brethren and Sisters to subscribe either weekly monthly or quarterly as they may deem proper Voted to rescind the resolution passed 19th June 1841 requiring Male Members to pay 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts and Female Members 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts yearly to defray incidental expenses of the Church; and to take a Collection Monthly after Communion Deas Cornell Treasurer Voted that Br. Geomans Br. Barber and Br. Lincoln confer with Elder Buttolph

and ascertain if his services can be obtained another year and report at our next Meeting. Moved to adjourn
M. A. Patrick

Sunday 4th Sept. 1842

After divine service A.M. the solemn Ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered to a goodly number of Brethren and Sisters by Eld. H. D. Buttolph

Saturday 1st October 1842

Met in Covenant Meeting at the schoolhouse after a very interesting meeting and the usual expression of union and fellowship the Brethren resolved themselves into a Church Meeting to hear the report of the Committee that was appointed to confer with Eld. Buttolph who reported that he was willing to remain another year and labour with us in his ministerial capacity, the Commencing on the 23rd Oct 1842

Therefore Br. Neomans, Br. Barber and Br. Lincoln were appointed a Committee to draft and circulate a Subscription to raise means for his support and to recompense him for his labours the ensuing year also to attend to the collection of what ever may be subscribed and ~~administered~~ ^{supply} the wants of our pastors, ^{at such times} as they have means in their hands of so doing also to deliver to Eldr. Buttolph a copy of the subscription to enable him to receive payment and give credit accordingly.

Sunday 2^d day of October 1842

After divine service &c. the solemn Ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered to a goodly number of Brethren and Sisters by Eldr. H. D. Buttolph

M. A. Patrick

C. S.

Saturday 5th Nov 1842

Church met in covenant meeting at the School House after a very interesting season in the expression of union and fellowship with each other Br. Jerome Dexter related his Christian Experience and requested to unite with us and come under the watchcare of this Church Voted that we receive Br. Dexter after Baptism also Sister Catharine Knoppton related her Christian Experience and requested to become united with us Voted that Sister Knoppton be received after Baptism Sister Delilah Clapsaddle requested a letter of dismissal Voted to grant her request and the Clerk is hereby instructed to give Sister Clapsaddle a letter relative to her good standing and full fellowship with us

Voted to adjourn two weeks from to day Saturday 19th at School House for Church Meeting

M. A. Patrick C. S.

Sunday 6 Nov. 1842.

After divine service A.M. repaired
to Grand River where the solemn
ordinance of Baptism was administ-
ered by Eldr. H. D. Buttolph to Br. Jerome
Dexter and Sister Catharine Romsfont
after returning to the place of worship,
the right hand of fellowship was given
to Br. Dexter and Sister Romsfont and
the solemn ordinance of the Lord's
Supper was administered to a
goodly number of Brethren & Sisters
by Eldr. H. D. Buttolph.

M. A. Patrick,
C. C.

Saturday 19th Nov. 1842.

Church met pursuant to previous appointment
at the School House. The subject relative to
Br. Wm. Parks was laid before the Church
after a deliberate discussion it was deemed
advisable to confer with some one individual
member of the Pontiac Church requesting
him to present our inquiries to some of the
prominent members of said Church and
write us accordingly. Therefore noted that
Eldr. Buttolph & Br. M. A. Patrick confer with
relative to the above and
in accordance to a resolution and
the proceedings of a Meeting held upon
the 2^d of April 1842.

M. A. Patrick, C. C.

Br. Barber was appointed by a vote of
of the Church to draft and circulate
a subscription paper for the purpose of
and in the manner of liquidating the
debt of Saul Dexter as found in a
resolution passed on the 4th June 1842
M. A. P. C. C.

Saturday 9th in Continuance) on Motion the
Brethren listened to a communication
presented by Br Hanson Comml From Eld:
A.C. Sangster containing a request to be
Excluded from this Church. On Motion
that as it is inconsistent with Gospel
Order to exclude a Member on his or her
request, and as there are well ground^{ed}
reports prejudicial to his Moral Character
Therefore resolved that Brethren Hanson
Comml D. Arnold and G. Harford constitute
a Committee to prefer Charges against
Eld: A.C. Sangster in Behalf of the Church
and lay them before the Church on Saturday
3^d Dec: for the action of the Church

Saturday 3rd Dec: 1842

Church met in Covenant Meeting at
the School House: Pray: by Br Battalps
after an unusually interesting Season in the
renewal of Covenant obligations with God
and each other the Brethren resolved
themselves into a Meeting for business
On Motion, the Brethren that were appointed
to prefer Charges against Eld: A.C. Sangster
reported as follows —

1st The Baptist Church of Tonin is grieved
with Eld: A.C. Sangster on the following
Grounds first — As he has repeatedly fallen
back into the same unjustifiable course
of conduct, after having confessed the
course as decidedly unchristian in its
Character —

2^d For having for a long time past manifested
an unchristian spirit toward the Church
as a body and some of its Members as individuals
3^d For permitting or originating and supporting
disturbances bearing the character of quarrels in his
family

- 4th For loose and unbecoming Expression
bordering on profanity
- 5th For using intoxicating Liquors
excessively as a beverage
- 6th For not keeping his Covenant with
his God and his Brethren in the
discharge of family worships, from
whence has gone forth an injurious
report to the world
- Resolved that the Clerk prepare a copy
of the above with the following letter
To Eld^r. A. C. Sangster.

Dear Brother

The above is a list of grievances charged
against you by the Church, with a
request for you to meet the Church on
Saturday the 17th inst at the School House
where the Church will be ready to act upon
and hear your answer to the same

Resolved that Br George Hosford be a Committee
to present the above to Eld^r. A. C. Sangster
Done by order and in behalf of the Church
M. A. Patrick. C. C.

3 in Continuum, Resolved that Brethren
Hosford and Barber be a Committee to visit
Sister Sangster and Enquire into her standing
in the Church, and report at our next Meeting
Voted that Brethren Lincoln and Geomans
be a Committee to Enquire of Br E. S. Johnson
the reasons why he has not and does not
walk with the Church.

On Motion adjourned until Saturday 17th
Just at one O'Clock at the School House
M. A. Patrick
C. C.

Sunday 4th Dec. 1842

After Divine Service A. M. the solemn
Ordinance of the Lords Supper was ad-
ministered to a goodly number of Brethren and
Sister North, great solemnity by Eld^r -
H. D. Battolphy -

M. A. Patrick
C. C.

Saturday 17th Dec^r 1842

Brethren met at the School House
pursuant to adjournment a Communicat^{ion}
from Eld^r A. B. Sangster address to the
Church was received in answer to a request
of the Church by letter dated 3rd inst. on
motion the letter was read by the Clerk
in which he neither confessed nor denied the
charges preferred against him by the Church
on motion the charges were taken up
separately and sustained by the testimony
of Brethren of the Church on motion
resolved that further action be deferred
untill our next meeting and that Eld^r
Buttolph be a committee to visit and request Eld^r
Sangster to meet the Church on Saturday the
31st Inst. An motion adjourned to Satur-
-day 31st inst. after Covenant Meeting

M. A. Patrick
" " C. C.

Saturday 31st Dec^r 1842

Church met in Covenant Meeting
at the School House after Bro & Sister
had made a brief expression of Union
and fellowship with an earnest desire
after holiness The Brethren resolved into
a meeting for business according to a
previous motion, Eld^r Buttolph presented
a communication from A. B. Sangster on
motion letter was read by the Clerk in
which was contained a confession of the
charges preferred against him and a request
for the forbearance of the Church with a
promise to meet the Church at a future
meeting. On motion the committee appointed
to visit Sister Sangster reporting that she still
wished to continue her travel with the Church
and regretted that she could not meet with
her Bro and Sisters this winter on account of not
having the means of conveyance voted
to raise twenty dollars for Eld^r Buttolph by
subscribing to discharge the last years subscription
in full for his services

Sister Sarah Spencer requested by
Br Cornell a letter of Dismissal
from this Church, the request was
granted, and the Clerk instructed
to give her a letter of her good
standing & full fellowship —

Sunday 1st Jan. 1843

After Divine Service Am. Church
met at the School House where the
Solemn Ordinance of the Lords Supper
was administered by Eld. H. D. Buttobz
with unusual solemnity

M. A. Patrick

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Saturday 4th Feb. 1843

Church met in Covenant Meeting at the
School House Pray. by Eld. Buttobz, after
an unusual interesting Season in the
renewal of Covenant Obligations with God
and each other. The Brethren resolved themselves
into a Meeting for Business. Eld. Sangster
being present. There was an opportunity given
for him to express his feelings in regard
to the Charges preferred against him ~~and~~
by a humble Confession of his sins
~~and~~ a departure from his God
and his Brethren earnestly desiring
to become reconciled with the Church
and to come under its watch care
and in full fellowship. The Brethren
after hearing Eld. Sangster's Confession
with one accord, Voted to reinstate the
resolution passed on the 8th of Jan. 1842
and welcome Eld. Sangster in the Church
of Christ, a beloved Brother in full
fellowship

Saturday 4th February 1843

In covenant at the School House
Sister Ruth Worder presented a letter
of recommendation of her regular
standing and full fellowship in
the first Baptist Church of Detroit
and requested to unite with us
her request was granted by a
vote of the Church
M. A. Patrick
C. C.

Sunday 5th February 1843

After divine service A.M. the
solemn ordinance of the Lords
Supper was administered by Elder
G. D. Buttolph.

M. A. P.
C. C.

Saturday 4th March 1843

Church met in covenant meeting at the
School House pray by Elder Buttolph
The Brethren and Sisters present expressing
union and fellowship at which time
Br. Hiram Bromang related his Christian
experience with an earnest desire to follow
his Saviour in the victory tomb and come
under the watch care of this Church

Voted that he be received after baptism

The covenant exercises being closed by
pray the Brethren resolved themselves into
a meeting for business. A report came before
the Brethren that Br John Wood & his wife
had attended a ball a short time since
and joined in its exercises. Voted that Br
John Van Vleet and Br E. Marlett as a com.
visit them in regard to the above report and
report accordingly at our next meeting —
Also to visit Sister Scovil and learn the reason
why she has not attended the meetings of the
Church for some time & report as above

Br Hearsy and Br Johnson having
absented themselves for some time
the Brethren appointed Br G. Dexter and
Br Stephen Dexter to visit them and if
possible learn the reason why they have and
do not travel with us. and report at
our next meeting also appointed Broth-
Gromanz & Br Cornell to visit Sister Beckwith
and Sister Sarah Parks to learn why they
have not met with us for some length
of time and to report at our next
meeting. Voted to have a Church
meeting two weeks from today at 1. O.
Clock P.M. at the school house
On motion adjourned

M. A. Patrick

Saturday Evening Prayers Meeting Br
Thompson Dexter related his Christian
Experience and requested to come under
the watch care of this Church. Voted to
grant his request after Baptism.

Sunday 5th March 1843

After divine service Am. We repaired
to Grand River where the solemn ordinance
of Baptism was administered to Br H
Gromanz and Br J. Dexter (in presence of
a large congregation) By our beloved
pastor Elder H. S. Buttrick, after which
the Brethren and sisters returned to the
School House where we partook of the
broken bread and wine in remembrance of
the death and sufferings of our blessed
redeemer after Br Gromanz & Dexter, received
the right hands of fellowship with us the
plan was truly solemn we then sang
a hymn and went out

M. A. Patrick

Chas. Clark

Saturday 18th March 1843

Brothers met at the School House,
pursuant to adjournment on the 4th inst.
Committee reported as follows. Br Buttletts
by request of Br Marble acted as a
Committee with Br Van Vleck, on motion
reported as follows visited Sister Seville and
learned that she was diffident with an
individual Member of the Church and
was unable to attend this winter on account
of means of conveyance. Visited Br John Woods
& Sister Woods his wife who acknowledged that
they had grown cold in the cause of Christ
and in consequence had been led to do
the wrong charges against them and are con-
scious that they had done wrong and would embrace
the first opportunity to become reconciled remove
the grievance by an humble confession to the
Brethren & Sisters on motion report received
and Committee discharged

on Motion Br George & Stephen Dexter reported
as follows. Visited Br Hearsy who said he
would attend the next meeting and in person
would make known his diffident also visited
Br Johnson who said he would endeavour
to be present at the next meeting. Br Hearsy
present said that various circumstances had
combined to destroy in a measure his attach-
ment to his Brethren and in consequence
had absented himself for some time but
as his greatest diffident was with one or
two individual Members of the Church he
would endeavour to have them removed and
again renew his travel with us, wishing to
enjoy peace and the Society of Christians in
unions and fellowships. Br Johnson not
being present deferred action until next
meeting. On Motion Br. Geomay & Cornell
reported as follows visited Sister Beckwith who said that
it had been inconvenient for her to have attended
and that she was in union with the Church
Sister Parks being very ill. report deferred until
some future period —

Saturday April 1st 1843

Church met in covenant meeting at the School House; the Brethren and Sisters expressed Union, and fellowships with each other, earnestly desiring to fill their places in Christ's Militant Church, as faithful soldiers of the Cross.

Pray by Br John Van Hook

Sunday April 2^d 1843

After divine service A.M. at the School House the Brethren and Sisters were permitted enjoy with solemnity ~~and~~ the ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Eldr H. D. Buttolph

Saturday May 6th 1843

A goodly number of Brethren and Sisters being present we had a very interesting meeting in the renewal

of Covenant Obligations with God and each other in Union and fellowships; cheering each other on towards the Marks of the presence of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Br Wm Patrick wishing to unite with a sister Church at Flat Rivers requested a letter of dismission, and Br M Patrick by Br Wm requested a letter for the same purpose the requests being heard ^{and} granted by a vote of the Church for the Clerk to prepare letters of dismission & recommendation for Broz M & Mrs Patrick as members of this body in Union and full fellowsh^{ip}.

M. A. Patrick C.C.

Sunday May 7th 1843

After divine service A.M. the solemn ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered to the Brethren and Sisters by our pastor, Eldr H. D. Buttolph

Saturday June 3^d 1843

Church met in Covenant meeting at the School House the Brethren and Sister as usual harmonized in the expressions of reunion and Fellowship with an earnest desire to found watching when the Master shall come to receive his weary bride to himself —

Br Cornelius Myers related his ^{an} Christian Experience and requested to unite with us voted that ~~upon~~ ^{upon} the profession of ~~his~~ faith that Br Myers be received after Baptism into the fellowships of this Church —

Also on motion voted to represent this Church in the Shiawassee Michigan Baptist Association to be held at Perry therefore we voted to send the following Brethren as delegates Elder Buttolph, Elder A. C. Sangster Brethren John Van Vleet Anson Arnold and Hiram Gromans and agreeable to the

Wishes of the Brethren Elder Sangster accepted an invitation to prepare a letter and in connection with the Clerk the Statisticians of this Church for the associations —

M. A. Patrick
" " " " C. C.

Sunday June 4th 1843

Met at the School House for public worship after to the preaching of the word by Elder Buttolph we repaired to the waters side where the solemn ordinance of Baptism was administered to Br. Myers by Elder Buttolph in presence of many witnesses — we then returned to our place of worship where the solemn ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered by our Pastor after giving the right hand of Fellowship to Br Myers —

M. A. Patrick
" " " " C. C.

Saturday 1st July 1843

Church met in Covenant at the School House Brethren and Sisters as usual harmonized in an Expression of Union and Fellowship

Prayer by Eldr H. D. Buttolph ~~after~~
The Brethren resolved into a Meeting for Business Br Geo. W. Dexter appointed Moderator

Br A. Cornell presented a Communication from Eldr Buttolph containing a request to be discharged from his Ministerial Labours with us hoping that the Brethren will ratify his request the Brethren not being prepared to act deferred action until our next Meeting Voted to adjourn until Sat. 15th inst

Sunday 2^d Exercises as usual

M. A. Patrick C. S.

Saturday July 15th 1843

Brethren met agreeable to appointment & on motion Voted Eld Sam-
-gster serve as chairman

On motion Voted Bro. A. R. Arnold act as clerk pro tem

On motion of Bro Marlett sustained by Bro Alfred Cornell the Church with regret comply with Eld H. D. Buttolph request and whilst they do so wish to say they entertain the warmest affection & regard for him

On motion Resolved that this Church withdraw the hand of fellowship from Sister Sarah Parks she having united with the Episcopal Ch

Voted that Bro Alanson Cornell be a committee to visit Bro John Wood & Wife and Sister Scovel

Resolved that this Church open a correspondence with Mrs H Parks in regard to his conduct

Voted that Bro. E. Gromans & A. Arnold
be a committee to correspond with Wm H
Parks

Voted that Bro. Barber & Hosford visit
Bro Johnson & Wife and earnestly solicit
them to attend the next covenant
meeting

Voted that we invite Bro John Van Fleet
to preach to us one week from next Sabbath

Voted that Messrs Alanson Cornell Barber
& Marlett be a committee to seek supplies
for the pulpit

On motion adjourned to 3 weeks from
to day at 4.0 o'clock P.M. at the schoolhouse

{ A. Arnold
C. Clerk Pro Tem

Gonia Saturday August 5th 1843

Church met in Covenant meeting
at the schoolhouse prayer by Eld Buttolph

The Brethren and Sisters present ex-
-pressed their union & fellowship & a
desire to still press forward and be found
among that number that Christ will
own and bless. - After which the
Brethren met pursuant to adjou-
-rnment and proceeded to business

On motion voted Eld Buttolph be
moderator of

Com^{tee} Report

Bro Alfred Cornell (instead of Dr Cornell)
visited Sister Scovell & found her far
away from what she professed to be

Also visited Sister Wood: found
her manifesting some hardness at first
which was removed on conversation by
the committee Bro Wood was absent nothing done

Voted Report be accepted & Com^{tee}
discharged

Voted that Bro Lincoln be added to
the Committee to confer with ~~Mr. Barber~~
Smith - Barber & Hosford Report found
Sister Johnson in union with the Church
& wishes to continue in the Church
Report found Bro Johnson manifesting
a good ^{deal} of coldness & want of feeling and
some hardness. - gives encouragement
to come to attend ~~in person~~ the meeting
Report accepted & Com disch-
-arged
On motion adjourned

Sunday August 6th 1843
After divine service A.M. at the
schoolhouse the solemn ordinance
of the Lords Supper was administered
to the Brethren & Sisters by Eld H D Buttolph
after which Eld Buttolph requested
a ^{letter} of Commendation from this Church
On Motion voted his request
be granted
A. R. Arnold
C. C. Pro Tem

1843
Saturday Ionia Sept 2^d 1843
Church met in Covenant meeting at
the school house prayer by Eld Buttolph
Brethren & Sisters present express union and
fellowship. Bro & Sister Alfred Cornell
request a traveling letter as they intend to
journey. Their request was granted.

Saturday Sept 2, in Church meeting
voted Bro E. Romans be Moderator
After some deliberation the following
Resolutions was offered
Resolved that we invite Eld H. D.
Buttolph to continue his pastoral labours
with this Church - Carried -

Resolved that we will raise in the ensuing
week \$15.00 for Eld Buttolph

Voted Bro A. Arnold receive said money
and pay over to Eld Buttolph

Eld H. D. Buttolph moved that this
Church give Bro John Van Fleet a license
after the Baptist order to preach
the Gospel -

Sunday Sept 3rd 1843

Sermon in the morning by Eld Buttolph
after which Bro G. B. Taylor request a
letter of Commendation from this Church

Voted we give him a letter

The Ordinance of the Supper was
dispensed with on the account of Eld Buttolph
attending a funeral —

Anson R. Arnold

Church Clerk Pro Tem

Sunday Sept 24 - 43

After sermon the Brethren were requested
to carry ~~with~~ Sister Sarah (Langster) Lloyd
requested a letter of dismissal & Commendation
from this Church. Her request was granted

Saturday Sept 30th 1843

Church met in Covenant meeting but
few present yet in union & fellowship
a strong desire for a revival of religion
in the Church. Voted we have a
Church meeting one week from to day
at 1 o'clock P.M.

Sunday October 1st 1843

After public worship in the morning
the solemn ordinance of the Lords sup-
per was administered to the Brethren & Sisters
present

Saturday Oct. 6th

Brethren met agreeable to appoint-
ment On motion Voted Bro E. Gromans
visit Bro Harsey & ascertain if possible the
reason ^{why} he absents himself from the Church

On motion Voted Brethren E. Gromans, Geo
W. Dexter, and Sarah H. Gates, be a committee
to circulate a subscription for the support
of Eld Buttolph; in their respective nei-
ghbourhoods

Voted Bro Cornell be a Com^{tee} to visit Bro
Wm Wood. —

On motion Voted we adjourn

Anson R. Arnold

C. Clerk Pro Tem

Saturday Nov^r 4th 1843
Church met in covenant meeting
at the schoolhouse - but few of
its members present.

Sunday 5th Nov^r
Eld. Battolphe absent and no meeting

Saturday December 2nd 1843
Church met in covenant meet-
ing at the schoolhouse with a good-
ly number present; express union &
fellowship and a desire to be more en-
gaged in the cause of our blessed Redeem-
er that we may be counted faithful
stewards

Prayer by Bro Barber
In meeting for business Bro Geo W
Dexter was called to the chair.

Bro E Gronau report visited Bro
Hearsey & found some difficulty existing
in his mind with Breth^r Dexters
and some hardness existing with
Eld Battolphe

Report accepted & com^r discharged
Bro E Gronau request^d to be discharged
from the com^r to circulate a sub-
scription for the support of Eld Battolphe.

Voted we grant his request
On motion Voted Bro A R. Arnold
serve in place of Bro Gronau on said
committee

On motion Voted we adjourn

A R. Arnold

C. C. P. Jones

Sunday Dec^r 3rd

After divine service A M. the solemn
ordinance of the Lords Supper was admin-
istered to the Breth^r & sisters present by
Eld H. A. Battolphe

A R. Arnold

C. C. P. Jones

Saturday 6th Jan. 1844

Church met in Covenant Meeting at the School House after the usual expressions of union and fellowship.

Br Geo. W. Dexter requested letters of Dis. for the following Brethren & sisters

Br Geo. W. Dexter & ~~his~~ Almira his wife

" Stephen Dexter & Berilla his wife

" S. Thompson Dexter & sister Angerett Dexter

by a vote of the Church, the request was granted & clerk requested to write letters of Dismission agreeable to the foregoing requisitions.

M. A. Patrick
C.C.

Sunday 7th Jan. 1844

After Divine Service A.M. the solemn ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered by Elder H. D. Buttolf.

Saturday 3rd Feby. 1844

Church met in Covenant Meeting at the School House after the usual exercise Br Edson Arnold (by Br Patrick requested a letter of Dismission. request granted by a vote of the Church,

Sister Anthonias Arnold, by Br Edson Arnold, requested a letter of Dismission request granted by a vote of the Church and the instructed to write said letters

M. A. Patrick
C.C.

Sunday 4 Feby. 1844

After Divine Service A.M. the solemn ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered to Br & sister by Elder H. D. Buttolf.

Saturday 2^d March 1844

March 14th 1844

Church met pursuant to previous appointment. Prayer by Elder Buttolph. Then came up the case of Br William Parks standing in the Church. Voted that Br E Yromans & Cornell be a committee to visit him for the purpose of ascertaining his feelings and wishes in regard to his standing in the Church and report at our next meeting. Also the subject relative to the standing of Br's John & William Woods & Wives. Voted that Elder Buttolph be a committee to visit said Brethren & Sisters and report at our next meeting.

M. A. Patrick
C. C.

By W. B. Simons

Friday eve April 12th 1844

According to notice previously given The Church met at the School House. Prayer by Rev H. S. Buttolph. The Committee appointed at previous meeting not being prepared to report voted that they report at next meeting. W. B. Simons appointed a committee to visit Br Henry for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of his not traveling with the Church. Voted that Elder Buttolph be appointed a committee to visit Sisters Anna Dexter & Mother to ascertain the cause why they do not walk with the Church and if any be found to exist to endeavor to remove the same. Voted that this meeting adjourn to meet at this place two weeks from this evening at early candle light.

W. B. Simons
Church Clerk

Friday Evening April 26th 1844

Church met according to previous adjournment Elder Butolph having opened the meeting by prayer the Committee appointed to visit sundry delinquent members proceeded to make their reports. The Committee appointed to visit Sisters Anna Dexter and Mother Report that they have no personal difficulty with the Church as a body and while for peace sake in the family they cannot walk with the Church they still wish to remain as members. Committee appointed to visit Br Hearsey Report that no particular difficulty exists between him and any member of the Church or the Church as a body. The principal cause of hardness had been lately removed. Thinks he shall meet with us at the next Covenant Meeting. The Committee appointed to visit Br Wm Parks & Br Woods & wives were continued to next meeting. Voted to adjourn to next Covenant Meeting.
W. B. Lincoln C. C.

Saturday May 5th 1844

Church met at 2^{PM} of the clock at the School House for Covenant Meeting. There being a small number of the Brethren and Sisters present, after the several present having related their experience since the last Covenant Meeting with their present feelings and views on the subject of religion, which were all for perseverance in the good cause looking to the great head of the Church of divine aid. Moved that the business of Church to be attended to after said meeting be postponed till Monday evening next at the same place where the Church will meet for such purpose. The ordinance of the Lords Supper deferred until next Sabbath by request of Elder Butolph.
A. P.

W. B. Lincoln
C. C.

Further. A request was presented by Elder Butolph from the branch of the Baptist

Church of Grand Rapids in the Townsh
ip of Vergens Kent County for a deleg
ation from the Baptist Church at Ania
to give them the fellowship of a Church.
on the 23rd of May inst at 10 o'clock A.M.
at the Walker School House.

Eld Butolph, Br J. VanNest & Br
Hiram Yeomans were appointed as that
Delegation
W B Lincoln
C.G.

Friday Ev Oct 8th 1844

Church met at the house of Br But
olph. Br Alfred Cornell was appointed
Moderator. After prayer by Br Butolph
voted that we grant Br A. Peirce a let
ter of dismission and recommendation to
the Church at Vergens.

Voted that 2 charges be preferred against
Br Beckwith - The one for leaving this
place on the Sabbath in the manner
aforesaid and the other for profane swearing

Voted that Eld Butolph be a Committee to
visit Br Beckwith &c -
Resolved: That whereas Eld Sangster has
neglected to attend the meetings of the Church
for some months past, and that whereas
common report says that he has been guilty
of gross immoral conduct, that Br
Cornell & Butolph be a committee to
inquire for proof in the premises and pre
sent the same at the next meeting of
the Church and that the clerk inform
the Elders of the difficulty, and request him
to attend the next meeting - Also a charge
is preferred against Sister Sangster for
drunkenness. The said committee
above are appointed to inquire into the
case and report at next meeting of the
Church.

Voted that Br Cornell & Eld Butolph
be a committee to visit Br Van Nest and
William Wood, and their wives and
Sister Powell and report at the next
meeting of the Church -

Noted that the Clerk write to Br Geo Parke
inquiring of him in relation to the course
of his conduct.

Noted that Sister Pamela Parke be
granted a letter of dismission and
commendation. W. B. Lincoln
C. C.

Saturday, Nov 2, 1844.

The Church met at the school house to
renew their covenant obligations to
God, and with their Brethren. after the
usual exercises Br. C. W. Cornell presented
a letter of dismission and commendation from
the 2^d Baptist Church in Calvary N. Y. with
a desire to unite with us, noted that
we receive him as a member in full fel-
lowship. Br. Jerome Fargo & Br. Henry
J. Plyfield related their Christian ex-
perience and desire to follow their Savior
in all of his requirements. The church being
satisfied, voted to receive them in full
fellowship (after baptism)

Sunday, Nov 3 1844

The church listened to an impressive
discourse from Rev. H. D. Burdolph
after which repaired to the oft-
visited banks of Grand River where
Br. Fargo and Plyfield, seized the com-
mand, and followed the example of
our Blessed Saviour; by being buried
with him in baptism, and raised
again, as we hope to walk in newness
of life.