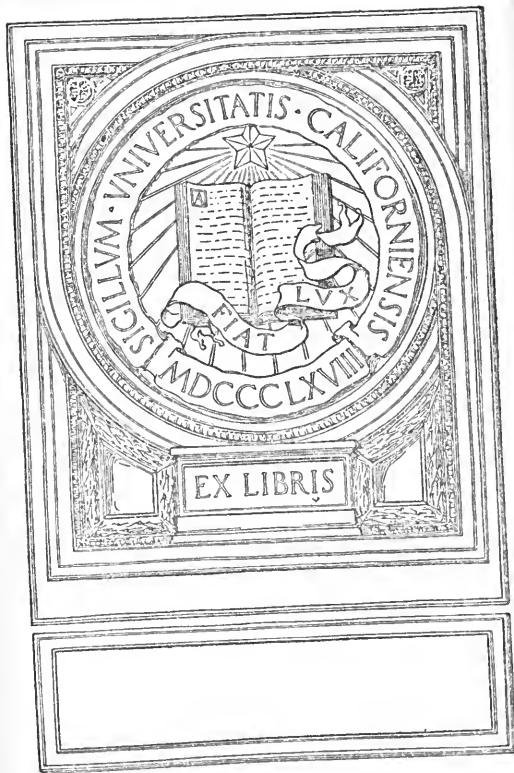


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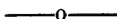
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*CLERK OF THE SOCIETY AND CHURCH.*



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## N O T E .



The original manuscripts and records, which are transcribed and presented in the following pages, are written in the ancient style of writing and spelling, which renders them almost, if not quite, illegible to all eyes unused to read them. They are also fast perishing by reason of age and decay. It is fit that they should live, and in an accessible form yield up any treasures of historical and genealogical interest that they may contain. It is hoped that they may prove valuable for reference to individuals and families, and as a contribution towards a history of Newington. The aim has been to let them, so far as possible, tell in their own quaint language the story of the past, connecting and explaining them with only needed words of comment. The preservation of the records of a society, church, or any public body is a matter of such common concernment, that it might very fittingly be undertaken by the authority and at the expense of such body. In this case, however, the interest felt in the subject by three persons has dictated the present publication. Martin Robbins, Esq., and Henry M. Robbins, Esq., of Newington, have furnished the means for carrying the work through the press, while my part has been to select, transcribe, and arrange the materials. Most of the documents quoted have been copied from the originals in the state archives now in the office of Mr. Charles J. Hoadly, the state librarian, who has very kindly given me his assistance in consulting them.

R. WELLES.

Newington, March 30, 1874.

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# EARLY ANNALS OF NEWINGTON.

## FIRST PERIOD,—1700-1726.

Wethersfield is the most ancient town in the Commonwealth of Connecticut. It was first settled about the year 1634, and called Watertown. Within twenty years after that time, the General Court of the Colony adopted a code of laws for the Colony, since called the "Code of 1650." This body of laws required among other things that all towns should set out their bounds and perambulate them every three years, and that "The most ancient town, which for the river is determined by the Court to be Wethersfield," should give notice of such perambulation.

This official enactment, made by men highest in authority in the Colony, who were themselves probably among the first settlers of these towns, and knew whereof they spake, ought to settle the question that Wethersfield is the pioneer town. This provision of the law was retained in the printed revision of 1672-3 and in that of 1702, and was not omitted till the revision of 1750, one hundred years after it was originally passed (Conn. Col. Rec. 1636-1665, page 513, and note). The original domain of the town was ample. It extended from Hartford south, six miles to Middletown, and east from the river three miles, and west from the river six miles to Farmington. From its territory have been incorporated the town of Glastonbury, a portion of the town of Berlin, and the towns of Rocky Hill and Newington. The first settled towns were divided into tiers of land or plantations called divisions of lands. There were such divisions in Wethersfield. How early in its history they were made, might possibly be disclosed by its ancient records. There was such a division of lands on its western border, running from Hartford, south to Middletown six miles, and from Farmington

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east, about two miles and fifty rods, called "the west division" of lands.\* It began to be settled probably about 1700. In the year 1708 its inhabitants had so increased in its fruitful valleys, that the spirit of liberty arose in their hearts, and they desired to break the ministerial tie that bound them to their brothers located at the other side of the town. They accordingly petitioned the town of Wethersfield to be allowed to be a distinct parish, as appears by the following vote, passed at a town meeting held December 20, 1708.

"Whereas the inhabitants, on the west part of this town do petition to be a distinct parish, the town think it meet to refer the consideration thereof to the next town meeting, and for that purpose choose Mr. Stephen Mix, Lieut. James Treat, Capt. Joshua Robbins, and John Chester, a committee to consider of what may be proper to offer concerning said petition of the west inhabitants, and make report thereof at the next meeting."

This committee did not apparently "consider" the matter very attentively. At all events the result of the next meeting was to postpone the subject for another year, as appears by the following vote.

"At a town meeting held in Weathersfield on the 14th day of December, 1709. This town do continue the power of the committee chosen in December, 1708, for the considering of the petition of the west inhabitants, and to consider a suitable place for the setting a meeting house on, and to make return of their thoughts to the town meeting the next opportunity."

It is probable that the committee were still slow to grant the prayer of the petition, and that they did not favor the formation of a new parish, and the consequent release of the west farmers from paying ministerial charges to the Wethersfield parish, then under the pastoral care of Rev. Stephen Mix, the chairman of the committee. Undoubtedly the committee reported the plan of compromise which received the sanction of the town, and is embodied in the following record.

\* This division of lands contained apparently four tiers of lots, called "East Tier," "Short Lots," "Sawmill Lots," and "Fifty Two Acre Lots." Some of the large land-owners, about 1720, were the Chester family, who held about 632 acres, of which 400 acres belonged to Major Chester and were by him entailed, 298 acres belonged to Capt. Wells' sons, 127 to Capt. Robbins, about 109 to Ensign Robbins, about 104 to Mr. Mix,—also Governour Saltonstall, Jonathan Deming of Rocky Hill, and Thomas Wright each owned a "Fifty-two Acre Lot."

“ At a town meeting holden in Wethersfield on the 18th day of December, Anno Domini, 1710.

Our brethren dwelling towards the west end of this town, viz. Ezekiel Buck, senior, and the rest hereunto subscribing, desiring liberty to be a distinct assembly for the public worship of God, because of their being remote from the place of public worship in this town. In answer to their petition, the proprietors, inhabitants of the town of Wethersfield, return as followeth, viz. That they being many of them newly planted and settled where they now live, we can't see how they can honorably, and without apparent straightening themselves to that degree as shall overbalance the toil of attending the public worship where it is now carried on, set up and support the public worship of God amongst themselves: and that therefore the proprietors, inhabitants of this town, do consent and vote, as far as it is with them so to do, that the said petitioners, and any that shall inhabit within half a mile of any of their houses, shall have liberty of assembling separately from the rest of the town, and jointly and publicly to gather in the worship of God amongst themselves for four months of the year yearly, that is to say, December, January, February and March, until the lands about them being more peopled, and themselves and their labors blest to such a sufficiency as that they shall be able comfortably, and without distraction, decently and honorably to set up and maintain the ministry and ordinances amongst themselves, and that they shall be released from one-third part of the charge that shall yearly arise for the maintaining the ministry in the town where it now is.”

Thus the people of this hamlet, four or five miles distant from Wethersfield church, and separated from it by Cedar mountain and two or three ranges of high hills and intervening valleys, had liberty granted them, for a third part of the year, when the weather was most inclement and the traveling the worst, to assemble in neighborhood meetings to worship God among themselves; and were released from a third part of the tax for the support of the ministry at Wethersfield. The two went together, freedom to worship God and the necessity of paying for it. The vote shows how firmly linked were church and state in those days. Indeed the church was dominant, the civil power subsidiary. Every man was held to his allegiance to his God, and it was considered right that his property which he held as the steward of his Master,

should pay its due proportion towards the Master's service. The sturdy men of that time saw no ecclesiastical despotism in these principles. They based their action upon the sure foundation of the written word of God. The words of our Saviour "Render therefore unto Cesar the things which are Cesar's, and unto God the things that are God's" contained a short summary of their duty to their God and their King, an epitome of their religion and their loyalty.

All compromises are apt to fail. This one lasted about two years, when the subject was again brought up in town meeting. The record tells the story as follows:—

"At a town meeting lawfully assembled and held in Weathersfield, December 24, 1712.

To the inhabitants of the town of Weathersfield now met in town meeting.

The petition of those that now inhabit in the west divisions of lands in the said Weathersfield, with others that are proprietors therein. The good Providence of God having cast our lot here in this place. And we being willing for ourselves and of ours to serve the Lord God of our fathers, and finding it very difficult in the best season of the year, with our families, to attend the public worship of God at Weathersfield, and at many seasons very difficult. And being increased to such a number at present that we may in a tolerable manner be capable to maintain a minister amongst us, with the ordinances of the Gospel, do earnestly entreat of the said town that they would compassionate us under our difficulties, (so far as to grant,) that we may be a distinct parish for the carrying on the worship of God amongst us. And that the town would please to set out our parish bounds as may include the west divisions of lands in Weathersfield, that all persons inhabiting within the said bounds, with the lands that are therein improved, may be obliged to pay their proportion to all charges for the setting up and maintaining the worship of God amongst us. And herein you, the said town, would be pleased to gratify our desire and oblige our persons to thankfulness to you. This is the earnest desire of us the subscribers, inhabitants and proprietors as above.

Ezekil Buck, Nathaniel Churchel, Abraham Woren, Jonathan Buck, Richard Bordman, Enock Buck, Ephraim Whaples, John Whaples, Joseph Andrus, Simon Willard, Benjamin Andrus, John Stoddard, Joseph Camp, John Camp, Samuel Hun, Nathaniel Hun, Eliphilit Whittlese, Jonathan Wright, Steven Buck, John Keley, Steaven Keley, Daniel Andrus,



Jonathan Hurlbut, Jonathan Buck, Thomas Molton, Richard Beckly, John Deming, Ephraim Deming, Jabez Whittlese, Benjamin Beckly.”

The action of the meeting was now favorable to the petitioners, as recited in the votes passed as follows :—

“ At this meeting, December 24th, 1712. This petition as above was by vote granted to the petitioners, that they should be a distinct parish by themselves for the carrying on the worship of God amongst themselves. And it was also by vote agreed and consented to, that the aforesaid petitioners should be discharged from paying their part of their minister’s rate to the town of Weathersfield when once they have attained to those abilities that they can maintain the worship of God among themselves. It was at the same meeting voted and agreed, that Capt. Joshua Robbins, Lieut. Benjamin Churchel, Mr. Stillman, Nathaniel Stodder and Jacob Griswold, Sen., shall be a committee to look out a convenient place on the commons between the two last divisions, whereon the west farmers shall erect their meeting house for the carrying on the worship of (God) amongst them. And to make return thereof to the next town meeting.”

Thus after an agitation of the question for four years the town of Wethersfield granted, so far as they could, to the west farmers, their cherished desire of becoming a distinct parish. But this step involved the expense of building a meeting house and of settling a minister, necessarily a considerable tax upon the slender resources of the community. And the grant of the town must be confirmed by the General Assembly to enable them to become a corporate body, with power to lay and levy taxes within their geographical limits. The next session of the General Assembly was holden at Hartford, in May, 1713, and the following petition was presented to that body.

“ *To the Honorable, the General Assembly now holden in Hartford, May 14, 1713.*

May it please this Honorable Court—Some of the inhabitants of Weathersfield, particularly those dwelling in the western part of the said town, near the borders thereof, being allowed by the inhabitants thereof to be a distinct society for the public worship of God ; the dwellings of the said western inhabitants being remote from the place of public worship in Weathersfield. We, the subscribers, in the behalf of the ma-

majority of the said remote dwellers, pray the approbation of this honored court, that they should be such a distinct society for the end aforesaid, and that they may be furnished with powers for doing and performing what is or may be needful to the aforesaid end of said society, particularly that they may be enabled to raise and levy in a due proportion and by an equal rule the necessary costs and charges for the said end on all persons inhabiting, now or hereafter, the westward part near the western border of Weathersfield, that is to say, two miles and fifty rods in width from Farmington township eastward, bounded on the north by Hartford and on the south by Middletown, and on their ratable estates within this said tract, and also on the appropriated lands, improved and unimproved, lying in the said tract pertaining to others dwelling without the said limits, as well as on the improved and unimproved lands of those that dwell within the said tract, unless that right would that the improved lands of those which dwell not within the said tract should be taxed lower than the improved lands of those that inhabit within it, the latter receiving the greater advantage of the ministry for the present. All of which is humbly submitted.

JABEZ WHITTLESEY, } Committee. In the name and  
 JOHN DEMING, } behalf of the west proprietors, *petitioners*.

There were nine or ten families "dwelling towards the south-west corner" of the town, at the south end of the proposed society, who attended worship at the Great Swamp Society, located in the south-east part of what was then Farmington. These families bore their part of the ministerial charge in the town of Wethersfield, to the Rev. Mr. Mix, as by law they were obliged to do, being included in the limits of that town, but they did not wish to be put to the additional expense of helping to pay for the settlement of a new minister and the building of a meeting house, which would be the natural result of the formation of a new society, within whose geographical limits they would be embraced.

These families, then known as the Becklys, opposed the granting of a charter to the proposed society. They presented to the General Assembly their written declaration, dated May 15, 1713, signed by Benjamin Beckly, Stephen Kelsey, Thomas Morton, Jonathan Buck, Richard Beckly, and Jonathan Hurl-

but, in which they declare that they did not desire to be "joined or included in said society with those inhabitants towards the northwest part of said township of Weathersfield," stating that some of them were "twice so near to the meeting house in the south-east part of the township of Farmington" as to the place appointed by the committee for the meeting house in the new society, and preferring to remain as they were. They appointed Stephen Kelsey and Jonathan Hurlbut a committee to represent them before the Colonial Legislature. They also presented a paper, entitled "An account of the case of those nine or ten families that inhabit toward the south-west corner of Weathersfield bounds, the Beckleys and those about them," which contained a statement in detail of the grounds of their opposition. But their labor was in vain. The General Assembly granted the charter by the following resolution:—

#### CHARTER.

"Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of Wethersfield, dwelling in the west division of lands on the borders of said town, requesting that they may be allowed to be a distinct parish for setting up the public worship of God amongst them. This Assembly allows and grants the said petitioners to be a distinct parish, for the public worship of God, according to the grant of the town of Wethersfield. Which parish is contained within these following limits, that is to say: Two miles and fifty rods in width from Farmington township, eastward, bounded on the north by Hartford, and on the south by Middletown. And that they shall be discharged from paying their dues to the minister of the town of Wethersfield, when and so long as they maintain the public worship of God amongst themselves." (Conn. Col. Rec. 1706-1716, p. 374.)

The society was now legally established, with the corporate powers of a parish, being the second ecclesiastical society in the town of Wethersfield. Its geographical limits formed a parallelogram, long and narrow, extending from Hartford to Middletown, between Farmington on the west and Cedar Mountain on the east, making a natural boundary between the new and old societies of Wethersfield. It contained two settlements, one comprising the great majority of inhabitants located towards its northern extremity, the other comprising

the Beckley quarter situated on its southern border. The latter community were dissatisfied with the alliance. They had opposed the granting of the charter. Now that the society was a fixed fact they turned their attention to bringing about their own separation from it, and their union with Great Swamp Society where they attended worship.

For some years there had been more or less controversy between Wethersfield and Farmington in relation to the boundary line dividing these two towns. A new element was now introduced to still further complicate the matters of dispute. At last, after nearly two years had passed away, the conclusion arrived at between those in Farmington and the West Society who favored the Beckleys, was, that an exchange of territory would best heal the difficulty.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the West Society held April 4, 1715, a committee was appointed who favored the exchange policy, consisting of Benjamin Beckley, John Stoddor, Jonathan Hurlbut, and Nathaniel Churchel.

They immediately began to treat with their friends in Farmington who were to be annexed to the West Society in compensation for the annexation of the Beckleys to the Great Swamp Society.

The terms were arranged and were put in writing in a paper which was signed by those proprietors in Farmington who consented to their proposition, as follows :—

#### Consent of Farmington Proprietors.

Whereas, on April 7, 1715, a committee from the Westernmost Society in the Township of Weathersfield, and sundry inhabitants of the Southeastern Society in Farmington, have been treating with us, the subscribers, being part of the proprietors of lands lying westward of the dividant line between said Farmington and Weathersfield, extending to the northward of the bounds of the Great Swamp Society, in order to our willingness to have our lands and estates in said place released from ministerial charge in the Northward Society in Farmington and annexed to the said Westernmost Society in Weathersfield, we, the said proprietors, do hereby signify our willingness to said motion, upon condition that we and our estates shall be excused from any rates for the building the

first meeting-house, and from all charge about settling the first minister, except our proportion according to law, with our neighbors in said Westernmost Society in said Weathersfield, of one hundred pounds, as money if needful, for the settlement of said first minister in said place, and also upon condition that the meeting-house in said Westernmost Society of Weathersfield be set upon the plain in the common land, about 20 or 30 rods to the northwestward from the house formerly belonging to Joseph Andrus, late of Weathersfield, deceased.

THOMAS HART, SEN.  
 JONATHAN SMITH, SEN.  
 HENRY BIRD.  
 JOHN THOMPSON.  
 THOMAS THOMPSON.  
 DANIEL JUDD.  
 ANTHONY JUDD.  
 JONATHAN SMITH, JUN.  
 JOHN ROOT.

The next step was to obtain the consent to this arrangement of the society in Farmington to which the above proprietors belonged. A meeting of the First Society of Farmington was called, and was held April 11, 1715.

To this meeting the Committee of the West Society made a formal request in writing that the above agreement might be ratified and carried out by the First Society. The document is as follows:

#### Committee's Request to Farmington.

Whereas, some of the proprietors of lands within the Township of Farmington in a division against Weathersfield have signified their willingness that their lands in said place shall be released from ministerial charge in the Northward Society of Farmington and annexed to the Westernmost Society in the Township of Weathersfield, upon certain conditions mentioned in an agreement bearing the same date with these presents. The request of us, the subscribers, a committee from the Westernmost Society in Weathersfield to the Northward Society in Farmington, met April 11, 1715, is as followeth:

That the said Northward Society in Farmington will please to release all the lands in the division against Weathersfield, from the north bounds of the Society of the Great Swamp to the north side of the lot in said division which belongs to

the heirs of Thomas Stanley, late of Farmington, deceased, together with all ratable estate thereto belonging, from ministerial charge in said Northward Society in Farmington, in order to their being annexed to the said Westernmost Society in said Weathersfield, upon the conditions mentioned in said agreement. Signed by us.

BENJAMIN BECKLEY,  
JOHN STODDOR,  
JONATHAN HURLBUT,  
NATHANIEL CHURCHEL, } Committee.

APRIL 7, 1715.

The request was favorably received and acted upon by the Northward Society. The meeting passed the following vote :

“ The Society granted a liberty to the proprietors of the several lots in the division of land butting upon Weathersfield Township, from the south side of John Norton’s lot on West Plain to the north side of the bounds of the Great Swamp Society, to annex their lots and estates within the said bounds to the society granted in Weathersfield west bounds, provided all that part of Wethersfield West Society from the north side of Hurlbut’s lot (and to include the Kelsys) to Middletown bounds, comprising the Beckley’s farm, all said land and estates be annexed to the Great Swamp Society, and so to continue. Yet allowing a liberty to any such persons, when any other ministerial society shall be erected nearer, to remove to said society. Upon the persons so doing, to be freed from all ministerial charge in the First Society in Farmington, arising after this time, for said lands and estates so annexed.”

The consent of the Society having been thus given to the exchange, nothing was now needed but the confirmation of the agreement by the General Assembly. Accordingly the following petition was presented to that body :

Petition to the General Assembly.

The Petition of some of the inhabitants of the Western Society of the Township of Weathersfield to the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, begun on May 12, 1715, humbly sheweth :

That, whereas at a meeting of the inhabitants of the said Society, holden on April fourth, sundry persons were ap-

pointed by said Society a committee to endeavor an exchange of some part of the bounds of said Society to make it more compact together, and the North Society in the Township of Farmington have so far complied with the motion of said committee as to be willing that a certain tract of land in their bounds adjacent to the main bulk of the inhabitants of the said Western Society, together with all ratable estate thereto belonging (as by the act of said society may more fully appear), should be released from ministerial charge among them, upon condition that the southern part of said Western Society in Weathersfield be annexed to the Southeastern Society in Farmington. The desire and request of the subscribers is that this Honored Court will please to perfect and confirm the above mentioned exchange. And your humble petitioners shall always pray. Benjamin Beckley, Richard Beckley, Stephen Kelsy, Daniel Andrus, John Kelsy, Jonathan Hurlbut, John Andrus, Samuella Hun, Simon Willard, Heze Deming, John Camp, John Stoddor, Nathaniel Churchell, Mindwell Whaples, James Francis, Benjamin Andrus, *Thomas Francis*, Josiah Willard, Samuel Churchell, Thomas Morton, Abigail Camp, *Nathaniel Stodder*, *Jonathan Stodder*, *Isaac Buck*, Joseph Andrus.

(The names in italics stricken out.)

But there was a large and very respectable number of persons in Wethersfield who did not approve of the policy proposed. A remonstrance headed by Rev. Stephen Mix and Rev. Elisha Williams, the latter the first minister of the parish some years later, was numerously signed, as follows:

#### Remonstrance.

We, the subscribers, proprietors, or intrusted with the rights of minors in the western tract of Weathersfield, allowed for a distinct parish or Ecclesiastical Society, expressive of our dissent from the project of uniting of a part of said tract to Farmington South Society, and of Farmington to the northward part of our Society, as subversive to the said Society, have hereto subjoined our names. Stephen Micks, Elisha Williams, James Treat, Thomas Wells, Joshua Robins, Joshua Robbins, 2d, Josiah Deming, Ebenezer Dickinson, Jonathan Belding, Daniel Warner, Joseph Hurlbutt, Michael Griswold, David Wright, Samuel Wright, Jonathan Goodrich, Jacob Griswold, Joseph Killburn, John Rose,

Robert Wells, Ebenezer Deming, Gideon Wells, Benjamin Belding, Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Curtis, wid., Samuel Benton, Nathaniel Nott, Daniel Bordman, Richard Robbins, Hannah Chester, Mary Chester, Ephraim Goodrich, Sarah Kilborn, Sarah Chester, Mercy Chester, William Warner, Elizabeth Warner, wid., Joseph Wells, Josiah Bellding, Samuel Dix, Samuel Bird, Jun., Abigail Lattimore, Thomas Standish, John Deming, John Deming, Stephen Lusk, John Griswold, Abraham Woren, Ephraim Deming, Ezekel Crab (?) (an inhabitant not proprietor), Richard Boardman, Jonathan Buck, Jabez Whittelsey, Eliphelet Whittelsey, Jonathan Wright.

But the Beckleys and those interested with them in securing their annexation to the Great Swamp Society, for the encouragement of their project executed a bond, for the payment of fifty pounds to the West Society in case the annexation should be granted by the Colonial Legislature. This bond was presented to the Assembly and lodged on file in the office of the Secretary of the Colony at Hartford. It is as follows :

Bond Lodged in the Secretary's Office.

Whereas, sometime in April last, at a meeting of the inhabitants of the Western Society in the Township of Weathersfield, in the County of Hartford, and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, a committee were appointed by said Society to endeavor an exchange of some part of the bounds of said Society; for the encouragement of said exchange, and upon condition that all the lands in said Westward Society in Weathersfield southward of the home lots of Stephen Kelsey and Jonathan Hurlbut inclusively (comprehending said home lots and Beckley's farm), and all the persons and estate either now or hereafter belonging to the southward part of said Society within the limits above mentioned, may be wholly released from ministerial charge in their own Township, and annexed to the Southeastern Society in the Township of Farmington, in the County aforesaid, by order of the General Assembly of this Colony; we, the subscribers, inhabitants of the said Township of Weathersfield, do hereby covenant and promise to and with our neighbors in said Western Society in the Township of Weathersfield, in manner following: That is to say, that we will do our proportion with our neighbors there of building the first



meeting-house among them, except what is already done to said meeting-house, and also pay to the said Western Society, or to any that shall legally represent them, upon demand thereof, the full sum of fifty pounds in current money of New England, or bills of credit, or that which is equivalent thereto, in manner following: That is to say, twelve pounds and ten shillings within one year after the date of these presents, also twelve pounds and ten shillings more within two years, and twelve pounds and ten shillings more within three years, and twelve pounds and ten shillings more within four years after the date of these presents, which above said fifty pounds is to be borne by us, the subscribers, according to the lists of our estates; and to the faithful performance of the above written agreement we, the subscribers, do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents, both jointly and severally.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifteen.

BENJAMIN BECKLEY.	[L. S.]
DANIEL ANDRUS.	[L. S.]
STEPHEN KELSY.	[L. S.]
JONATHAN HURLBUT.	[L. S.]
RICHARD BECKLEY.	[L. S.]
JOHN KELLSY.	[L. S.]
JOHN ANDRUS.	[L. S.]
DANIEL BECKLEY.	[L. S.]

Upon the presentation of these papers to the General Assembly they took no further action than to appoint Joseph Talcot, Esq., Col. William Whiting, and Capt. Aaron Cooke a committee to "go upon the place" to effect a settlement if possible between the parties; if this were impossible, to fix upon a site for the meeting-house, consider the subject of the exchange, and report at the next October session of the Assembly (Conn. Col. Rec. 1706-1716, p. 499).

Two of the Committee performed the duty assigned to them, and made the following report at the October session of the Assembly, 1715, held at New Haven.

## Report of the Committee of the Assembly.

We, the subscribers hereunto, being appointed by the General Assembly, holden at Hartford, May 13, 1715, to go to the West Farms in Weathersfield, to endeavor to bring the people there to an agreement and accommodation between the petitioners and other the inhabitants of the said West Society in Weathersfield, in respect to an exchange of the south part or southwest corner of Weathersfield West Society to the Great Swamp Society in Farmington, and for an addition of a part of Farmington Old Society to the foresaid West Society in Weathersfield, and any other thing that the situation of the lands and convenience or inconvenience of the exchange aforesaid, and place of setting the meeting-house, and any other things that may conduce to the peace and good settlement of said society, and make report to this Assembly in October next.

We have accordingly been upon the spot and called together before us said inhabitants, and have endeavored an agreement between them, which proved ineffectual, have also had a map of said lands laid before us, and upon the whole of our inquiry do conclude and report to this Assembly that we judge the best regulation of that affair, and that which will conduce most to the weal and convenience of said people that do or may inhabit there, that the exchange of land between Weathersfield West Society and Farmington, laid before the Assembly in May last, be confirmed, and that the meeting-house place for the West Society in Weathersfield be on the Commons or common land near Dea. Joseph Andros's house, within about twenty or thirty rods of said house, and that the southwest corner of Weathersfield help build the meeting-house at the said West Farms, and pay 50 pounds to the people of the West Society in Weathersfield, according to their agreement upon file in the Secretary's office, and that the lands, stocks and heads belonging to that part of Farmington now added to Weathersfield West Society shall be annexed to them, said Weathersfield West Farms, and be obliged to pay to the support of all ministerial charges there in equal proportion with the rest of the said West Society.

JOSEPH TALLCOTT.  
AARON COOKE.

The General Assembly accepted the report, and passed an act to carry it into effect, annexing to the Great Swamp Society that part of the West Society "From the north side of

Hurlbut's lot and the north side of Stephen and John Kelsey's lands to Middletown bounds, including the Beckley's land." And requiring them to pay the fifty pounds bond and help finish the meeting-house in the West Society. Also annexing to the West Society "All the land in the several lots in Farmington bounds from the south side of John Norton's lot on Wolf Plain to the north side of the bounds of the Great Swamp." (Conn. Col. Rec. 1706-1716, p. 532.)

The Great Swamp Society was in 1722 named Kensington. (Conn. Col. Rec. 1717-1725, p. 316.) And the territory taken from the West Society of Wethersfield in the manner detailed was wholly lost to Wethersfield, and now forms a part of the town of Berlin, which was incorporated May, 1785.

The West Society of Wethersfield was now established in more compact form, so far as its geographical limits were concerned, than when it was first chartered. Those of its former inhabitants who had formed an element of discord had departed in peace. It was now ready to build a meeting-house preparatory to settle a minister, and to enter upon a career more favorable to its harmony and prosperity. The Society became better organized. The next year, 1716, it began to keep a record of its Society meetings. The next ten years witnessed the building of the meeting-house, the formation of a church, the settlement of the first minister, Rev. Elisha Williams, the naming of the parish Newington, and the close of Mr. Williams' ministry, in 1726, by reason of his being chosen Rector of Yale College. This record still exists, but in a state of decay; it is worth preservation. It tells the story of the life of the parish during these years more truly than a brief condensation could do.

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BOOK OF RECORDS  
FOR  
NEWINGTON PARISH, OF WETHERSFIELD.

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April 3, 1716.

At a Society meeting lawfully assembled and held at the dwelling house of James Francis, in the westwardmost society in Wethersfield, upon the 5th day of April in the year 1716, it was voted and acted as followeth: We then chose Josiah Willard, clerk of the West Society. It was voted to raise our meeting house in this instant month April, and also that the said meeting house should be raised within a few rods of the place where the timber now lies. John Stodderd, Saml. Hunn, Stephen Buck were chosen a committee to take care to raise, (and) provide for the raising of, the said meeting house: to act according to the best of their discretion for the public interest.

May 3, 1716.

At a Society meeting lawfully assembled and held upon May the 5th, 1716, at the dwelling house of James Francis in the westwardmost society of Weathersfield, it was voted and acted as followeth, viz. to say, John Stodderd and Samuel Hunn, Stephen Buck, chosen a committee to take care to cover the meeting house that was of late raised in the westwardmost society in Wethersfield, to take care to provide all things necessary for said work that belongs to that meeting house, to act according to the best of their discretion for the public interest. It was voted that the same committee should underpin the said house.

At the same meeting Josiah Willard was chosen and empowered to demand and receive the money that is due from our neighbors by the bond lodged in the Secretary's Office;\* from the persons concerned or so bound

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\* That Mr. Willard entered upon the discharge of this duty appears from the following receipt given by him—"Whereas I, Josiah Willard, at a Society meeting lawfully assembled and held upon the 15th (5th?) day of May, 1716, at the dwelling house of James Francis, in the Westwardmost Society of Wethersfield, was chosen and empowered to receive the money due from several of our neighbors upon the account of the bond that is lodged in the Secretary's office. Received this 20 day of March, 1717, of Mr. Daniel Beckley, the just sum of twelve shillings due upon the account of the fifty pound bond lodged in the Secretary's Office, I say received by me

JOSIAH WILLARD.

to the Society, the above said Josiah Willard is to demand, receive and keep and deliver to the society the said money at their demand.

Dec. 2, 1717.

At a meeting of the west society of Wethersfield December the 2nd day 1717, being lawfully warned: at this meeting it was voted and agreed, that there should be a rate raised on all our polls and ratable estate to raise money to defray the charge of the General (2) Court to the obtaining our first grant for a society, and also to defray all the charge already laid out about our meeting house; always provided and to be understood, that all those that have done more work than their neighbors about the meeting house, shall stay for their pay for the space of one year, to or till others of their neighbors have come even with them in their labor, according as others that have already wrought at the meeting house, as to the price of their labor by the day or otherwise.

At the same meeting it was also voted, that all men that labored at the meeting house shall have three shillings per day, from the first day of March till the first day of September for the time past, and so annually for the time to come, and from the 1st day of September till the 1st day of March, they shall have two shillings per day, and also a man and team that is good and well fitted shall have six shillings per day, from the first day of March till the first day of September, and from the 1st day of September till the 1st day of March a man and team shall have four shillings per day.

At the same (meeting) it was voted that Abraham Woring,\* James Francis and Josiah Willard, or any two of them, shall be a committee to adjust and account with those that have laid out money or done any labor about our meeting house, or about the concerns of our society, and also to get a true list of our effects, and make a rate to defray the charge as above said: this is to be done upon the present list.

At the same meeting Caleb Androus was chosen collector to gather the rates when made as above said.

At the same meeting Jabezeth Whittelsey, Joseph Androus and John Deming were chosen a committee to manage the prudentials of our Society about our meeting house or other things needful for the year ensuing, with as full power as the selectmen in the town.

At the same meeting Josiah Willard was chosen clerk and sworn.

Dec. 13, 1718.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington† parish lawfully assembled and held upon the 15th day of December 1718 (3) voted and agreed, Josiah Willard chosen clerk and sworn.

Also voted, Jabezeth Whittelsey, Mr. James Patterson, James Francis a committee to order the prudentials of our Society about our meeting house or other things needful for the year ensuing, with as full power as selectmen of a town.

Also voted that our committee for the year ensuing are impowered to receive and allow any further amounts that are just, and shall add them to the Society debts already brought in.

Also voted, granted a rate on polls and all ratable estate in this Society

\* *Woren* was the way he spelled his name himself, now written *Warren*. The spelling of the original records as to names has been retained in all cases.

† This is the first mention of the word *Newington* in any records. It is said to have been so called "out of regard to the place of Dr. Watts's residence near London." (See Dr. Brace's *Dis.*, 65.)

for the payment of all debts allowed by our committee, it is to be understood only the charges already passed.

Also voted, Samuel Hunn collector to gather our society rates when made as above directed.

#### January 15, 1719.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon 15th of January, 1719-20, it was voted and agreed as followeth :

Voted, Jabezeth Whittlesey, John Deming, Samuel Hunn a committee to order the prudentials of our Society for the year ensuing.

Also voted, to call a minister to preach with us until the last of March next ensuing.

Also voted, John Stoddard, Abraham Woring a committee to treat with Mr. Nathanel Burnham to come and preach with us.

#### May 6, 1719.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon sixth day of May, 1719, voted and agreed to petition to the General Assembly for a repeal of that act concerning an exchange between some part of the bounds of Farmington and Wethersfield.

Also voted, Jabezeth Whittelsey, agent to go with a petition to the General Assembly.\*

#### April 6, 1720.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 6th day of April, 1720, it was voted as followeth: Jabezeth Whittelsey, Abraham Woring, a committee to treat with Mr. Elisha Williams to come and be our minister in Newington.

#### April 21, 1720.

(4) At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish' lawfully assembled and held upon the 21st day of April, 1720, voted and agreed: To get hewed plank and lay a floor in our meeting-house, and to get window-frames and glass for the lower tier of windows, and also to make doors for our meeting-house.

Also, Richard Borman, Isaac Buck, Abraham Woring, a committee to lay a floor in our meeting-house, and to make doors. Also voted, Jabezeth Whittelsey, Samuel Hunn, a committee to get window-frames, glass, hooks, and hinges for our meeting-house doors.

#### May 3, 1720.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, upon the 3d day of May, 1720, voted and agreed as followeth: Whereas, through defect of warning, our votes on the 21st day of April last are of no effect, now voted, that all of the votes passed by us on the 21st day of April last be good and valuable respecting our meeting-house, except that of getting hewed planks to lay a floor; also voted to get two summers† and joists, and to buy one thousand and half of pine boards for the floor of our meet-

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\* This petition was not granted. (6 Conn. Col. Rec., 116.)

† The *summer* is the technical name of the large central beam that supports the joists, seen in old buildings.

ing house. Also voted, Dea. Joseph Androus and James Francis a committee to buy boards.

#### August 5, 1720.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, upon the 5th day of August, 1720, voted and agreed as followeth: We did make choice of the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams (to) be our minister.

Also voted and empowered Jabezeth Whittelsey and Abraham Woring our committee to go and treat with the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams to be our minister, and agree with him as to a settlement and maintenance according to the best of their discretion, and make return to this society.

#### September 15, 1720.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, upon 15th day of September, 1720, voted and agreed as followeth: To make hollow walls to our meeting-house. Samuel Hunn, John Stoddard, and Isaac Buck a committee to lath and plaster said walls.

Also voted, Dea. Joseph Androus, James Francis a committee to lay a floor in our meeting-house.

#### December 6, 1720.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, upon the sixth day of December, 1720, voted and agreed as followeth: Samuel Hunn, Abraham Woring, and John Deming, a committee to order the prudentials of our society for the year ensuing.

Also voted, Samuel Hunn, John Camp, a committee to treat (5) with the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams, in order to a settlement, and make return to this Society; and endeavor with the town to get a piece of land for our minister, by gift, or by exchange, or by purchase, according as they shall be most likely to obtain it, to act according to the best of their discretion.

#### December 21, 1720.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 21st day of December, 1720, it was voted and agreed to give the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams one hundred and seventy pounds for a settlement, for and in consideration that he will be our minister, which is to be paid in money or labor done to building him a house, to be paid in two years after this present date, and he shall also have that money that is subscribed or shall be subscribed in the time.\*

Also voted, to give to him two days' work in a year of every man that is or shall be in this Society, from sixteen years old and upwards, capable of labor, for the space of five years ensuing this date, which labor is to be done half in the summer and half in the winter, yearly.

Also voted, to give Mr. Williams, for his salary fifty pounds the two first years, and so to rise two pounds a year until we come to seventy pounds per year, and so to continue so long as he continues in the work of the ministry with us. Also voted, to raise a rate on polls and all ratable estate to pay Mr. Williams from the time of his first coming unto the last

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\*This house was not the property of the Society, but belonged to Mr. Williams. It afterwards came into the possession of the Kellogg family, and so continued till it was destroyed by fire, in 1872.

of March, in proportion to a rate of fifty pounds a year, and then to begin the year with Mr. Williams.\*

Also voted, that a Society rate granted the 15th of December, 1718, shall stand in force and be collected.

Also voted, to raise a rate on polls and all ratable estate to defray all the charge or debts raised in our society since.

Also voted, that Samuel Hunn, John Deming, Abraham Woring to receive, accept any just accounts that are behind and not yet brought in, and to make a rate to defray them.

Also voted, Richard Borman and Abraham Woring collectors to gather our minister and society rates.

#### January 4, 1721.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held by an adjournment from the 21st of December, 1720, to the 4th day of January, 1720-21.

Voted and agreed as followeth: For a man to have 2s. 6d. per day from this time to the 1st of March, and for a man and team to have five shillings per day to work at Mr. Williams' house.

Also voted, Isaac Buck, Hezekiah Deming and Abraham Woring a committee to take care of the building of Mr. Williams's house (6) to see who labors and who does not, and keep an account.

Also voted, Samuel Hunn, John Camp a committee in behalf of the Society, to make demand of the fifty pounds due by bond from those persons included (in) the bond and annexed to Farmington: that is to say, Benjamin Beckley, Daniel Androus, Stephen Kellsey, Richard Beckley, John Androus, John Kellsey, Jonathan Hurlburt, Daniel Beckley; this committee is also empowered upon neglect or refusal to sue for the money due by the above said bond from those persons that are bound, viz. Benjamin Beckley, &c.

#### February 16, 1721.

At a Society meeting (of) the inhabitants of Newington parish, upon 16th of February, 1720-21, it was voted and agreed as followeth: granted to Mr. Elisha Williams liberty to make a seat or pew for his family in our meeting house.

Also voted, to pay Mr. Williams' rate in grain at the price as followeth, viz: Wheat at five shillings per bushel, rye at three shillings and four pence per bushel, indian corn at two shillings four pence per bushel.

Also voted, for the payment of the fifty pound bond due from Benjamin Beckley, Daniel Androus, Stephen Kellsey, Richard Beckley, John Androus, John Kellsey, Jonathan Hurlburt, Daniel Beckley, that wheat should be five shillings per bushel, rye at 3s. 6d. per bushel, indian corn at 2s. 6d. per bushel.

#### May 10, 1721.

At a Society meeting (of) the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 10th day of May, 1721, it was voted and agreed as followeth, to petition to the General Assembly for some relief, that they would grant to us our country rate or grant a tax on all land unimproved, belonging to proprietors; and that the Court would grant that

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\* It would seem from this vote that Mr. Williams had preached for some time before this. (See the votes passed January 15, 1719, April 6, 1720, and August 5, 1720.) Mr. Nathaniel Burnham had certainly preached before this time. (See Dr. Brace's Half Century Discourse, pp. 10, 11.)



our four public training days for some time might be improved in the public service of our society.

Also voted, Jabezeth Whittelsey agent to go to the General Court with the above vote and manage it according to the best of his discretion.\*

#### June 26, 1721.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held, upon the 26th of June 1721, voted and agreed as followeth :

Samuel Hunn, Jabezeth Whittelsey, Richard Borman, Samuel Churchel should undertake to make twenty thousand bricks for Mr. Elisha Williams, to take the care, and provide hands and all things for said work.

#### December 13, 1721.

(7) At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 13th day of December, 1721, it was voted and agreed as followeth :

Mr. James Patterson, Ephraim Deming, Richard Borman, a committee to order the prudentials of our Society for the year ensuing.

Also voted Jebezeth Whittelsey, Caleb Androus collectors for the year ensuing.

Also voted, for a man to have three shillings-per day from the first of March to the first of September, and from the first of September to the first of March two shillings and six pence per day, and for man and team shall have six shillings from the first of March to the first of September, and from the first of September to the first of March five shillings per day, for labor already done to Mr. Williams' house or yet to be done.

Also voted, Granted a rate to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, of the present list of our Society, to pay the one hundred and seventy pounds granted to Mr. Elisha Williams for a settlement December 21, 1720.

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\* Mr. Whittelsey immediately attended to this duty, as appears by the following petition :

"To the Honorable, the present General Assembly at Hartford, May, A. D. 1721.

The prayer of the inhabitants of the West Society in Weathersfield implores the indulgence of the Court, that the said Society may be exempted from Country Rates by the space of four years as other new poor places have been. That a reasonable tax for a reasonable time may be laid on their unimproved lands. That their training days may be turned into days of public service of the Society, at the discretion of such officers as the Society shall from year to year for that end appoint; and all training soldiers and officers obliged to attend the same under suitable penalties by the space of the above said four years. And finally that the said society may be named and called Newington.

And your poor petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

JABEZ WHITTEELSEY,

For the Society.

The Assembly granted "That the said Society raise a tax annually on all the land in the said parish or society that by law is not ratable, of ten shillings per the hundred acres, and *pro rata* for greater or lesser parcels, for the term of four years next coming; and that the said society or parish be called Newington." (6 Conn. Col. Rec., p. 246.)

This was passed May 25, 1721. One hundred and fifty years afterwards (July 10, 1871) Newington was incorporated a town.

Also voted, Granted fifty pounds, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate in our Society, for Mr. Elisha Williams' salary, to be paid in money or grain, as followeth, viz. wheat at 5s. 4d. per bushel, and rye at 3s. 6d. per bushel, and indian corn 2s. 10d. per bushel.

Also voted, to build a pulpit in our meeting house, as soon as we can in the spring.

Also voted, twenty pounds money to defray the charge of a pulpit.

Also voted, Stephen Buck, Tho. Frances, Sam'l Churchel, Jonathan Stodderd, Joseph Benton should undertake to build a barn for Mr. Elisha Williams,\* and to employ those men that are behind in their rate of 170 pounds above mentioned as him or them and they can agree, viz, Stephen Buck, Thos. Frances, &c.

#### February 8, 1722.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held on the 8th day of February, 1721-22, voted and agreed that Leonard Dix shall have two pounds out of the treasury or (the) fifty pounds due from the Beckleys.

Also voted, that the remainder of the fifty pounds and the tax laid on the proprietors's unimproved land, to be laid out in our meeting house, to build a pulpit and deacon seat, and to prepare timber and nails for the finishing the lower part of our meeting house, and to proceed as far as we can with the money granted.

Voted, Jabezeth Whittelsey, Samuel Hunn and Samuel Churchel a committee to take care and proceed to do the work above mentioned in our meeting house, to proceed as fast as they can with prudence, also voted, the tax put into our minister's rate should be laid out and improved as above, and the rate made on ratable estate.

#### December 20, 1722.

(8) December 20 Day, 1722.

That the Society grant the money of the tax granted by the General Assembly on the unimproved land to the committee for the finishing the meeting house for the charge that is past, that is, so much of it as to answer the same, that is the proprietors' and not the inhabitants' land, the galleries is exempted, the charge of them for this year. It was voted this 20th day of December 1722.†

#### September 5, 1722.

At a Society of Newington inhabitants lawfully assembled and held upon the fifth day of September, 1722, it was voted and agreed ;

That Mr. Elisha Williams shall have sixty pounds money for his salary this year and next year, and next year he shall have sixty-two pounds, and so to raise two pounds a year for the space of ten years, which will make eighty pounds, and so to continue eighty pounds per year so long as he continues in the work of the ministry with us.

Also voted, that Mr. Williams' rate should (be) paid by the last of March annually, so long as he continues to be our minister. (See page the 5th.)

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\* Stephen Kelsy was paid for eight days work "framing Mr. Williams' barn."

† Another record of the same meeting follows in its order. This seems to be inserted out of its chronological order.

Also voted, to find Mr. Williams his wood annually, so long as he continues in the work of (the) ministry with us.

Also voted, that a former vote bearing date the December 21, 1720, to give Mr. Williams two days works in a year of every male from sixteen to sixty years of age, shall be in full force and virtue, and if any man in our Society shall refuse or neglect to do the two days labor in the vote above mentioned (he) shall pay three shillings for the summer's day and two shillings six pence for a winter's day, and (it) shall be gathered by the collectors annually.

Also voted Jabesh Whittelsey moderator for this meeting, and if any man shall presume to speak without liberty (he) shall forfeit the sum of one shilling.

Also it was voted that if Mr. May\* would make window frames for the lower part of our meeting house, and Mr. Kelloug make the glass (?) for wood, then to take the windows that (are) now below and put them up in the upper part of our meeting house.

Also voted, Richard Borman, Ebenezer Kilburn, James Francis, Isaac Buck, should keep a public house of entertainment on the day of the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams.

#### September 12, 1722.

(9.) At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon 12th day of September, 1722, voted, and agreed as followeth :

It was voted, having had some considerable experience of his life &c., we do make choice by a full vote of the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams to be our minister and pastor.

Also voted, to keep Wednesday the 3rd day of October next ensuing as a fast, to implore divine assistance of God in gathering a church of Christ here, and in the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams.

Also voted and made choice of the Rev. Mr. Stephen Mix, of Wethersfield, and Mr. Samuel Whitman, of Farmington, to assist on the day of fasting as above mentioned, Mr. James Patterson and John Deming to go to the ministers above said and to intreat them to come and help us.†

Also voted, that the third Wednesday the 17th day of October next ensuing to be the day of the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams.

Also voted, Dea. Joseph Androus, Jabezeth Wittelsey, Joseph Hurlbut, David Curtis and Samuel Churchel to take care and provide for the ministers and messengers on the day of the ordination.

#### December 20, 1722.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington Parish, upon the 20th day of December, 1722, it was voted and agreed :

John Camp, Hezekiah Deming and Samuel Churchel a committee to order the prudentials of our society for the year ensuing.

Also voted, Joseph Hurlbut and Ebenezer Kilburn collectors for the year ensuing.

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\* Mr. Hezekiah May, of Wethersfield, did "joining work" on the meeting house to the amount of fifty-five pounds, for which Jabez Whittelsey, Samuel Hun and Samuel Churchell gave their personal bond, dated Sept. 25, 1722, payable 12.£. on or before the first day of October next, 31.£. on or before the 15th of March next, and 12.£. on or before the last day of May next thereafter. The office of committee was no *sinecure* in those days.

† The church was then first organized. (See Dr. Brace's Discourse, p. 11.)

Also voted, Mr. James Patterson, Deacon John Deming, and Josiah Willard, a committee to seat our meeting-house.

Also voted, granted a rate to be raised on polls and all ratable estate to pay Mr. Williams' salary, according to our agreement.

Also voted, Mr. Elisha Williams should have the parsonage at his disposal as long as he continues in the work of the ministry with us.\*

Also voted, £1 12s. to the widow Elizabeth Androus, for sweeping our meeting-house.

Also voted, that the present committee should inspect the old rates, and all that can't be had or got by law, and to deduct it and add it to our minister's rate. (See page 12.)

#### March 1, 1723.

(10.) At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 1st day of March, 1722-3, it was voted and agreed as followeth, viz.: Concerning our parsonage, lying so that there is a great inconveniency in the highway, we do consent and desire to remove it to a more convenient place, provided it be no damage to our Society, town, or to Mr. Williams, and that the land may be as good. We do appoint Mr. James Patterson, David Curtis, and William Smith, to use the circumstances thereof, and to discourse Mr. Williams, and to have his consent, and make report at the town meeting.

Also voted, to fill the walls, and lath and plaster the lower part of our meeting-house.

Also voted, that Joseph Hurlbut and Tho. Francis, a committee to see said work done.

#### December 31, 1723.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 31st day of December, 1723, it was voted and agreed as followeth: Hez. Deming, Eliphalet Whittelsey, and Josiah Willard, a committee to order the prudentials of our Society for the year ensuing.

Also voted, Ebenezer Kilburn and Hezekiah Griswold, collectors to gather our minister and Society rates, and tax money granted by the General Court.

Also voted, that all former committees shall make up their accounts with the collectors chosen when they were, and to bring the arrearages to the present committee, and to be added to the present Society charge.

Also voted, for the payment of our minister rate that wheat should be at 5s. 6d. per bushel, rye at 3s. 9d. per bushel, and Indian corn at 2s. 8d. per bushel.

Also voted, that the present committee to adjust all accounts in our Society about our meeting-house, from the laying of the floor and filling of the walls to this day; all such accounts to be examined by the committee, and to allow or disallow as they find them to be just or unjust.

Also voted, granted a rate to be raised on polls and all ratable estate to defray the necessary charge of our Society.

Also voted, that our committee should purchase a drum, and add it to our present Society charge.

Also voted, Jebezeth Whittelsey, Isaac Buck, a school committee, and the country money to them to defray part of the charge of a school.†

\* The parsonage was opposite the present residence of Martin Robbins, Esq. Mr. Williams lived in his own house. (Dr. Brace's Dis., 66.)

† The first mention of the subject of schools.

February 8, 1725.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 8th day of February, 1724-5, (11) it was voted and agreed as followeth: Mr. Josiah Deming, John Camp, and Josiah Willard, a committee for this year to order the prudentials of our Society according to the best of their discretion.

Also voted, Nathaniel Stodderd and Jonathan Griswould, collectors for this year.

Also voted, for the payment of our minister's rate, wheat should be at 6s. per bushel, rye at 4s. 6d. per bushel, Indian corn at 4s. per bushel.

Also voted, one pound ten shillings to be added to our minister's rate.

Also voted, to carry Mr. Williams wood as heretofore we have done, and to cart it on the first Thursday of March.

January 6, 1726.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the sixth day of January, 1725-6, voted and agreed: Deacon John Deming, Joseph Hurlbut, and Isaac Buck, committee for the year ensuing to order the prudentials of our Society.

Also voted, David Griswould, and Nathaniel Churchel, collectors to gather our minister and Society rates.

Also voted, that the necessary charge of our Society for this year should be added to our minister's rate.

Also voted, that grain for the payment of Mr. Williams' rate should be as followeth:—wheat at 6s. 6d. per bushel, rye at 4s. 6d. per bushel, and Indian corn at 3s. 6d. per bushel.

Also voted and agreed, that our annual meeting for the choosing of Society officers in this Society for the future shall be on the third Monday of December, beginning at twelve of the clock of the day.

Also voted, whereas this society are obliged by covenant to provide Mr. Williams his firewood so long as he continues in the work of the ministry among us, and the method heretofore practiced of warning all or most of the society in a day been found by experience to be troublesome, uncertain, and unequal, for remedy hereof it is now voted and agreed to grant a rate of twelve pounds to be raised on polls and all ratable estate appertaining to all persons inhabiting within this Society, for providing Mr. Williams' wood; and every person hath liberty to pay his proportion of the said 12 pounds in wood, provided he doth it in season; but if any person refuses or neglects to pay his proportion seasonably in wood, they shall pay it in money, or that which is equivalent, to the committee for the Society for the time being, to be by them improved for the providing of said wood; and further, the committee for the Society for the time being (12) for the time shall order every person as to the time of his carrying Mr. Williams his proportion of wood, and those that attend not this order as to time shall be deemed unseasonably, always provided no person be hindered from carrying their proportion sooner than the committee orders; and every load is to be reckoned at the price of three shillings.

Also voted, to provide all joists and boards for the galleries' floor of our meeting-house, and to lath and plaster the walls of our meeting-house up to the plate, and the new windows to be put up below, and the present windows of our meeting-house to be put up above.

Also voted, to have a school in our Society, and what the country money don't pay is to be raised on polls of the children that go to school, to defray the charge of the school.

Also voted, Dea. Joseph Androus and James Francis, a committee for the school.

Also voted, that for the payment of our minister rate grain should be as followeth, viz:—Wheat at six shillings per bushel, rye at four shillings per bushel, and Indian corn at two shillings eight pence per bushel.

Also voted, to have a school six months in this Society for the instruction of children, and all the charge more than is allowed by the country to be raised on the polls of those children whom their parents send to school.

Also voted, Jabezeth Whittelsey and Richard Borman a school committee.

*To the Honorable Governor and Council:*

We, the inhabitants of Newington, having considered the weighty affair of the removal of our Rev. pastor from us to Yale College—\*

April 15, 1726.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 15th day of April, 1726, voted and agreed as followeth: That we desire to be heard as to the removal of our Rev. pastor to Yale College by the honored Governor and Council.

Also voted, Deacon Jabezeth Whittelsey, John Camp, and Joseph Hurlbut, a committee to represent our Society, if by any means our minister may stay with us; and if not, act according to the best of their discretion that we may have the charge returned that we have been at in settling our minister.

May 25, 1726.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 25th day of May, 1726, it was voted and agreed to call the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus upon probation for our minister.

Also voted, Jabezeth Whittelsey, to call Mr. Backus upon probation.

Yale College had for some years been without a rector. The General Court had appointed a Committee to inquire into the reasons for the long delay in filling the vacant chair of president of that "school." At last the trustees of the College met at Hartford, May 22, 1724, and there presented a memorial to the General Assembly then in session at Hartford, stating among other things their action in attempting to fill the vacant rectorship as follows: "We have unanimously chosen the Rev. Mr. Wigglesworth, Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, to be the Rector of Yale College. And in case of a disappointment of our hope of obtaining him, we have chosen the Rev. Mr. William Russell, of Middletown, to that office. And in case our expectations should there fail us also,

\* This is the beginning of a petition to the Governor and Council, inserted here perhaps by mistake. I do not find any such petition.—[R. W.]

in a farther attempt, the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams, of Newington, hath had the voice of the major part of the trustees here present." The memorial was signed by T. Woodbridge, as moderator, and Eliphalet Adams, as scribe.

This memorial contains the following endorsement, "Upon consideration of the above address of the trustees of Yale College, and the extraordinary charge they will be at in settling a rector there, it is granted that the impost of rum for the present year be allowed and paid to them to enable them therein."

During the following year the trustees of the College made unanimous choice of Mr. Williams as rector. Only two or three years before, he had been settled as pastor for life over the parish of Newington. A considerable sum of money had been paid to him and expended for him for his settlement. It was in part consideration of his entering into a life-long contract to labor with them and cultivate this long destitute portion of the Lord's vineyard. He was their first pastor, and had but just begun his appointed work with them; had scarcely got his settlement money in his pocket. He could not now break this binding contract. He could not abandon it without the consent of the other party to it. This fact was recognized by all. Negotiations therefore were commenced between the trustees of the College, Mr. Williams, and the people, to effect an amicable arrangement for his release and removal. The people were unwilling to part with him. They asked to be paid their disbursements if he went away from them. This was certainly reasonable, for they were poor; so was the College. Recourse for help was had to the General Court.

In October, 1725, the trustees of the College presented the following memorial to the General Assembly.

"To the Honorable the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, at New Haven; October 14, 1725.

The memorial of the trustees of Yale College humbly sheweth, that the said trustees after many endeavors for the gaining a rector for Yale College, have at our late meeting in New Haven unanimously chosen the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams, minister of Newington, a parish belonging to Wethersfield,

unto that service, and judge him a person well qualified for the work we have called him to, and in him have a fair prospect that he will be a repairer of the breach that has been made in that society; and as that school has had its being from this Honorable Assembly, and testimonies of their good will in supporting it hitherto, so we count it our duty not only to inform this Honorable Assembly of the measures we have taken for the promoting the good thereof, but now pray that by your act you will give your public approbation of our choice, which we shall take as a favor. We (as appointed by the trustees) have made application, both to the Rev. Mr. Williams, and to the people of the parish, with him, and have a likely prospect of obtaining him, both from him and them; but the parish being small, and generally new beginners, it will necessarily bring a considerable charge upon them in settling of another minister. The College, out of their small stock cannot fully answer the charge we shall put them to; we therefore humbly pray this Honorable Assembly that as they have often done to divers places in this Government, that upon Mr. Williams' removal to the College, so you will please to allow them their country rates (which are but little,) for the space of four or five years, and by your act state it to be applied to the settling the next succeeding minister in their parish; and we shall accept it as a token of the favor this Honorable Assembly bears to the College, and a manifestation of their delighting in its prosperity. And your memorialists shall ever pray, &c.

TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE,  
 THOMAS BUCKINGHAM,  
 SAMUEL WHITMAN.

Upon the reception of this memorial the Assembly congratulated the College, saying,

"This Assembly rejoice in the good providence that conducted the Reverend Trustees to fill up the vacancy of a rector in said College with a gentleman so agreeable to the country, and so very acceptable to the Assembly; and do enact that when the said Mr. Elisha Williams shall remove to New Haven into the service of rector in Yale College, according to appointment of the said reverend trustees, that Newington, or the inhabitants of said parish, shall be freed from paying their country tax for the space of four years next coming, on condition that the money be improved towards settling another minister in said parish." *6 Conn. Col. Rec.*, 569.

After this aid was extended to Newington by the General Court, negotiations were again renewed. The College, acting through its trustees, and the parish, acting through its com-



mittee, at last agreed that the terms of adjustment between the College and society should be settled by a committee. The College selected Mr. Nathaniel Stanley and Capt. Ozias Pitkin; the society Mr. Nathaniel Burnham and Mr. Martin Kellogg, as a committee of arbitration, to adjust the accounts presented by Newington, for expenses incurred in settling Mr. Williams.

The parish presented the following bill of particulars:

“ A true account of the settling of Mr. Williams, at Newington.

1. Particular. The committee treating with Mr. Williams before his first coming out to Newington to undertake the work of the ministry with us, - - -	£1	4s.	0d.
2. The charge of the several meetings about settling him, - - - -	0	00	0
3. Charge arising in bringing out his family, goods, and creatures, at his first coming out, and providing a supper, - - -	2	13	0
4. Charges at his ordination, - - - -	38	15	5
5. Charges at the raising of Mr. Williams' house, - - - -	3	4	0
To eight acres of land, - - - -	80	0	0
To 170 pounds towards the building of Mr. Williams' house, - - -	170	0	0
More to days' works, that amount to	65	6	3

These items amount to £362 6s. 8d. The committee however did not allow the whole of the bill. They rejected all but the sum of £200 16s. which they awarded should be paid by the College. A memorandum of the adjustment, which still exists, shows its terms in full.

“ A. D. 1726, May the 4th. It was concluded by Mr. Nathaniel Stanley and Capt. Ozias Pitkin, chosen by the Rev. Trustees of Yale College, (Mr. Timothy Woodbridge, and Mr. Thomas Buckingham, and Mr. Samuel Whitman,) and also Mr. Nathaniel Burnham, and Mr. Martin Kellogg, chosen also by the committee of Newington, (Dea. Jabez Whittelsey, John Camp, and Joseph Hurlbut,) to adjust the accounts that the people of Newington were at in settling of the Reverend Mr. Elisha Williams amongst them as their pastor. It was concluded that there should be delivered to the committee the sum of two hundred pounds, sixteen shillings, in bills of credit, by the last day of October next ensuing the date of these presents, and also to pay to them what the General Assembly

granted to them, also the releasing of their country rates for the term of four years.”

On the same day the committee drew up their report to the General Assembly in which they announced the conclusion to which they had arrived. This sum was higher than the College felt able to pay. Again recourse was had to the General Court. It would seem that even now the question of Mr. Williams leaving for the new field of labor at New Haven, depended upon the action of the General Court in affording their aid. The College was felt to be in danger of sinking unless the enterprise could be carried through. The following carefully drawn memorial for help gives a vivid picture of the situation.

“To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, in Hartford, May 12, 1726. The memorial of us the subscribers, in behalf of Yale College, humbly offered.

Whereas for public benefit the said College hath been erected, and hitherto supported in great measure, by the favor and beneficence of the Honorable Assembly of this Colony, so as our necessities have required, upon application to them by the trustees of said College, it has from time to time been supplied, wherefore make bold to inform this Honorable Assembly that it stands in great necessity of relief. It is well known that the sufferings of the College through the defection of the rector have been long and great, and will increase till there be a rector settled in it. Through the good hand of God's providence the trustees have been directed to make choice of the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams, of Newington Parish, in Wethersfield, to supply that place, which this Honorable Assembly has well approved, and given a good token of their approbation. We, according to the instructions given us by the trustees, have applied to the said Mr. Williams, and to the people of his parish, and have, though not without difficulty, obtained the consent of Mr. Williams and his people, that he shall remove to New Haven, and as it appears both just and reasonable, that the people should be made good in their temporal interests. We have agreed with their committee to take the judgment of prudent and indifferent persons in stating their accounts, who have given their judgment in the case, and have determined what they judge to be just and reasonable for the people to receive, to make up what they have expended in settling Mr. Williams amongst them, which sum ariseth higher

than what the College can pay, and what the General Assembly in October last granted; wherefore we make our humble address to this Honorable Assembly to assist the College, which will be in danger of sinking without it. We therefore humbly pray that this Honorable Assembly would according to your usual bounty, and from their good will to the support of the College, grant to the trustees for the use of the College, the impost settled by law on the importation of rum, from the beginning of last May, to be continued till the May next coming, which possibly may reach to what is due to the people of Newington, to repair the rector's house, and fit it to dwell in. And we hope and desire that the Divine Goodness will graciously accept your offering. And we obliged ever to pray as in duty bound, &c.

T. WOODBRIDGE,  
SAMUEL WHITMAN.

The General Court received the application graciously, and responded by voting to pay one half of the money out of the Colonial treasury, as follows :

“ Upon the memorial of the Rev. Mr. Timothy Woodbridge, and Mr. Samuel Whitman, Trustees of Yale College, informing this Assembly that they had prevailed with the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams to remove from his parish at Newington to Yale College, and to undertake the trust and service of rector of said college, and that the people of Newington ought to be considered with respect to the disbursements they have made in settling Mr. Williams amongst them. It is, therefore, considered by this Assembly, that the Treasurer pay out of the public treasury to the inhabitants of Newington, the sum of one hundred pounds and sixteen shillings, in satisfaction of part of the sum the trustees agreed the said inhabitants should have as a recompense for their said disbursements; provided the said Mr. Williams be settled in the trust of rector of the said college.” *7 Conn. Col. Rec.*, 24.

The record also shows an act of courtesy to Mr. Williams which proves the high estimation in which he was held personally:—

At a meeting of the Governor and Council in Hartford on April 13, 1726 :

“ A letter to Mr. Williams, elect rector of Yale College, was read and approved at this board, and ordered that the same be signed by the secretary; and his Honor is desired to have it transmitted to Mr. Williams.” *6 Conn. Col. Rec.*, 380.

The Trustees of the College were now enabled to comply with the terms of the adjustment, and they did so. The money was paid to the committee of the parish, as shown by the following receipt:—

“ November 4, 1726.

“ The money received from the Reverend Trustees was thus disposed :

“ John Camp, 13 five-pound bills.

“ Joseph Hurlbut, 13 five-pound bills.

“ Of the society money received by me,

JOSEPH HURLBUT.

“ Jabez Whittelsey, 14 five-pound bills and sixteen shillings.

“ Witness our hands,

“ JOHN CAMP.

“ JABEZ WHITTELEY.”

The grant of the General Court in May, 1726, settled the question of Mr. Williams' removal. He probably dissolved his connection with the Newington parish and church at once. The society meeting of May 25, 1726, voted to call Rev. Simon Backus on probation.

The Society lost a revered pastor, the College gained an able rector.

Mr. Williams was a man of ability and culture. He had represented the town of Wethersfield in the General Assembly, at its sessions held in October, 1717 ; May, 1718 ; May and October, 1719 ; and May, 1720. He had been appointed Clerk of the House at all these sessions, except that of May, 1719, when he held the office of auditor of public accounts. He had also acted as tutor to some of the students of Yale College, at Wethersfield, in 1719. His ability had been tried and approved in all these positions. He acted as rector of the College for thirteen years, till Oct., 1739, when he resigned on account of ill health. Soon after, in May, 1740, we find him again representing the town of Wethersfield, in the General Assembly, and Speaker of the House during that session. He continued to be a deputy from Wethersfield and speaker of the House for several sessions thereafter. He was judge of the Superior Court in 1740, and for some years following.

He was also a Justice of the Peace for Wethersfield, in 1740, and for a number of years after that time. He held the office of Town Clerk for the same town. He was appointed by the General Assembly held in March, 1745, chaplain to the State forces sent in April in the expedition against Cape Breton. He was chaplain during that spring and summer, and witnessed the capture of Louisburg, June 17, 1745. In August he had probably resigned, as we find a vote of the General Assembly passed in that month requesting him to continue as chaplain.

In May, 1746, he was again a Deputy from Wethersfield to the General Assembly. That session determined that another expedition should be sent to Canada, and Mr. Williams was appointed its colonel. The regiment, however, did not go. It was raised and expenses were incurred. Mr. Williams was sent as special agent of the colony to Great Britain to negotiate for the payment of these expenses, by the General Government. Without following his career further, the foregoing incidents of his life, prove his great versatility of talent. He was a prominent character in theology, education, law, legislation, diplomacy, war and military affairs. He died in Wethersfield, July 24, 1755.\*

His removal from Newington to Yale College properly closes the first epoch in the history of that parish.

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## SECOND PERIOD, 1726-1746.

The parish of Newington being left without a pastor, by the removal of Mr. Williams, immediately took the necessary steps to supply the vacancy. Mr. Simon Backus, of Norwich, was called to preach on probation. His pastoral ministrations appear to have been satisfactory, for, after a short probationary term of service, he was called to be a settled pastor. This was voted in society meeting, Aug. 24, 1726. The terms of

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\* See Dr. Brace's Discourse, for a sketch of his life and character.

his settlement were agreed upon, and embodied in a vote of the society passed September 5, 1726. On account of the poverty of the parish he received but a meagre sum for a settlement, "One hundred and seventy-five pounds of the money given by the country and college, and all the money granted us in our country taxes, be it more or less." Mr. Backus, however, accepted these terms in his formal answer to the society, dated Sept. 7, 1726. He was ordained Wednesday, the 25th day of January, 1727. Dr. Brace says of him:—"From all the testimony which I have found, I am convinced that Mr. Backus was a substantial, orthodox, pious minister, that gave good satisfaction to the people during his ministry, which continued about twenty years. His wife was one of the ten daughters (every one of whom has been said to be six feet tall, making the sixty feet daughters, and all of them strong in mind,) children of Rev. Timothy Edwards, of East Windsor. Mr. Belden used to tell me of Madame Backus, as living here in his time, and of her brother, Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of Northampton, as visiting his sister, and favoring Mr. Belden by preaching to the congregation of Newington. I suppose she closed her life at Bridgeport, with her son, Rev. Simon Backus, who was the minister of that place. Mr. Backus himself died in 1745, at Cape Breton, whither he had gone as chaplain in the colonial service, aged about forty-five years. He was a good minister, and lived in great harmony with his people."\*

The following is the record of the society during the term of his service as pastor.

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### THE FIRST VOTES FOR THE SECOND MINISTER.

June 1, 1726.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, upon the first day of June, 1726, it was voted and agreed as followeth:

It was voted and agreed, that all the votes preceding the 25th day of May, 1726, however weak and insufficient they be, they shall be accepted to be good, and are hereby made good and valuable.

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\* Dr. Brace's Dis., pp. 14 and 15.

It was also voted, to proceed to get some suitable person upon probation to be our minister.

It was also voted, that Dea. John Deming and John Stodderd do, in behalf of the Society, apply to Mr. Russel, junior, of Middletown, to come and preach here upon probation; and if he shall decline it, then Dea. John Deming is to proceed to make application to Simon Backus, of Norwich, to come here on the aforesaid purpose.

#### August 24, 1726.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held on the twenty-fourth day of August, 1726, it was voted and agreed as followeth, viz.:

It was voted and agreed to call Mr. Simon Backus to be our minister. Dea. John Deming, Samuel Hunn, a committee to treat with Mr. Backus in order to a settlement.

It was voted and agreed to give Mr. Backus seventy pounds salary the first year, and to rise two pounds per year until we come to eighty pounds a year. It was voted to give Mr. Backus for a settlement one hundred pounds money when we receive it of the country or college, and sixty pounds as it is gathered in our country rates, and sixty pounds in labor towards building.

The meeting is adjourned until the next Monday come sennight, at sun one hour high at night.

#### September 5, 1726.

At a Society meeting continued by adjournment from August the 24th, 1726, to September the 5th, 1726, it was voted and agreed as followeth: Making void those two votes relating to a settlement and salary passed the 24th of August last. It was voted (17) and agreed, to give Mr. Simon Backus for a settlement one hundred and seventy-five pounds of the money given by the country and college, and all the money granted us in our country taxes, be it more or less.

It was also voted, to give Mr. Simon Backus for a salary seventy pounds the first year, and so to rise as we rise in our lists until we come to ninety pounds per year, so to continue as long as he continues in the ministry with us.

It was voted, to give Mr. Simon Backus his yearly wood, and the use of the parsonage, so long as he continues in the work of the ministry with us. This meeting is adjourned to the next Friday, at sun one hour high at night. We then received Mr. Backus' answer, which is as followeth:

#### MR. BACKUS' ANSWER TO THE SOCIETY OF NEWINGTON.

*"To the Society of Newington:*

"That respect you have put upon me in the several votes your committee appointed for that end have laid before me, calls for my particular acknowledgment, and to your votes of the 24th of August and of the 5th of this instant September, wherein you have manifested your desire of my settlement with you in the work of the ministry, and for that end have made proposals to me for my settlement and maintenance therein, as you desire (I) make this return by your committee. That in a due sense of my unworthiness to be employed in, and insufficiency for that great and solemn work of the ministry, I accept of your call to that work, and accept your proposal for my settlement and yearly maintenance. Desiring

your earnest prayers with mine to the God of all grace that I may come to you in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

"SEPT. the 7, 1726.

SIMON BACKUS."

#### November 21, 1726.

(18) At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, upon the 21st day of November, 1726, it was voted and agreed as followeth, viz.: We appoint by vote Wednesday, the 28th day of December next, for the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Backus.

It was voted, that the present committee is to agree with the man that boards Mr. Backus to provide for him on the ordination day for victuals and drink convenient.

It was voted and agreed, that Samuel Hunn, Joseph Hurlbut, Ebenezer Killborn, Caleb Androus, Isaac Buck, James Frances, Ebenezer Smith, should keep a tavern on the ordination day.

It was voted that the present committee, Jabezeth Whittelsey, John Camp, Joseph Hurlbut, shall forthwith pay to Mr. Simon Backus the one hundred and seventy-five pounds money already voted to him on Sept. the 5th, 1726, taking his receipt, which shall be their discharge of said money.\*

It was voted and agreed for the £23 10s. received for the Society, now in the hands of said Committee, Dea. Jabezeth Whittlesey, John Camp, Joseph Hurlbut, shall be distributed by them to the persons according to the charge they were at in the particulars following, to wit: the charge of bringing out Mr. Williams and his family, at his first coming, and charges of his ordination, and for raising of his house, and for his oven and well.

#### December 19, 1726.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington Parish upon the 19th day of December, 1726, lawfully assembled and held; it was voted and agreed as followeth:

It was voted and agreed that Dea. John Deming, Samuel Hunn, Senior, Caleb Androus, should be a committee for the year ensuing to order the prudentials of the society according to the best of their discretion.

It was voted, Daniel Curtis, Jonathan Whaples, Collectors, to gather the minister's rate and society rate.

It was voted, that the money overplus in our last minister's rate should be laid out in meeting house, by the present committee.

It was voted, to make a rate to defray the ministerial charge of the year past.

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\*The Committee paid the money the next day, as appears by the following receipt:

"NOVEMBER, the 22, 1726.  
 "Then received of the parish of Newington, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five pounds, money, by the hand of their committee chosen to receive and dispose of said money, namely: Deacon Whittelsey, Capt. John Camp, and Mr. Joseph Hurlbut, which money became due to me, the subscriber, by virtue of a vote passed by said parish, September the first, 1726. I say received by me.

SIMON BACKUS.

The sum contained in the above receipt I, the subscriber, promise and oblige myself to return unto the above said Committee, in case I don't settle in the work of the ministry among them.

SIMON BACKUS."



It was voted, That Wednesday, the 25th of January next ensuing to be the day of ordination of Mr. Simon Backus, and the day of humiliation to be on Wednesday the eleventh day.

(19) It was voted to have a pound near about Caleb Androus corner, and Isaac Buck, Ebenezur Killburn, to take care of said work in erecting a pound, and Ebenezur Killburn to be pound keeper.\*

It was also voted, That the society charge, two pounds, nine shillings, eight pence, should be added to our minister's rate.

It was voted, Dea. Jabezeth Whittlesey, Ebenezur Killburn, a school committee.

#### December 18, 1727.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon the eighteenth day of December, 1727, it was voted and agreed as followeth, viz:

That those men, to wit: Dea. John Deming, Samuel Hunn, Sen'r, Caleb Androus, did agree with Ensign Richard Borman on the account of the ordination charge, we look upon that agreement to be good, and the levy made on that account to be good, and all those persons that are behind forthwith to pay their just dues. This agreement was voted.

It was voted and agreed, That Ensign Richard Borman, Mr. Eliphaet Whittlesey, Joseph Hurlbut, a Committee for the year ensuing to order the prudentials of the society.

It was voted, That Joseph Benton, Samuel Hunn, Ju'r, Collectors, to collect the minister's rate and society rate.

It was voted and agreed, to make a rate on polls and all ratable estate to pay Mr. Backus according to agreement by the last of March next ensuing, and we agree that wheat shall go at 6s. 6d., rye at 4s. 6d., indian corn at 3s. per bushel, to pay Mr. Backus' rate.

It was voted, and agreed, to allow Jonathan Wright one pound, one shilling, for sweeping the meeting house, and to Jonathan Whaples eleven shillings; and what money is wanting in the last rate, is to be brought to the present committee, and they to add it to the present society charge. This meeting is adjourned to the first Monday in January next.

January 1, 1727-8. The meeting was adjourned to the first Monday in May next ensuing.

#### May 6, 1728.

(20) At a society meeting of Newington parish lawfully assembled upon the 6th day of May, 1728, it was voted and agreed as followeth:

That whereas there is a certain piece or some part of the parsonage land in controversy between Abraham Woring and the Society, we agree

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\* The society not only managed the pounds and probably owned them, but also furnished the church edifice for meetings of military companies, as appears by the following warning. The meeting house was used as a Town Hall. Its sanctity was not considered profaned by such uses.

*To Ebenezur Kilborn Constable of Newington, Greeting:*

I, having received a special command from the Major Roger Woolcutt, Major of the County of Hartford, for a muster day of Newington parish, and also that part called the Beckleys. These are, therefore, in his Majesty's name, to require you to warn all the inrolled citizens there, that they appear on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of this instant October, at nine of the (clock) in the morning on said day, at Newington meeting house, and there to attend on the choice of your officers. Hereof fail not. Dated in Wethersfield, October the 12th, 1726.

THOMAS WELLS, Capt.

to leave it to the arbitration of two indifferent men, and if they cannot agree, the two to choose an umpire, or third man, and that the said Abraham Woring resign the said land to the society or to Mr. Backus at the time of said vote,—we vote and agree that Capt. John Camp, Ensign Richard Borman, Mr. Eliphalet Whittlesey a Committee to act in the Society's behalf, and are hereby impowered to choose one man, and Abraham Woring another, and to abide the award; and this society grants a rate on polls and all ratable estate to defray the charge if any ariseth, and to pay to said Abraham Woring what the arbitrators award to him said Woring.

It was voted, that Joseph Hurlbut, Ebenezur Killburn, Josiah Willard a Committee to examine or inspect Dea. Jabezeth Whittlesey's accounts concerning his collectorship and committeeeship about the meeting house, and to make return of his disposing of the society money to the next meeting.

#### December 16, 1728.

(21) At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon the 16th day of December, 1728, it was voted and agreed as followeth, viz :

It was voted and agreed that Mr. Eliphalet Whittelsey, Joseph Hurlbut, Jonathan Stodderd a committee for to order the prudentials of the society for the year ensuing.

It was voted and agreed John Patterson, Ephraim Whaples, collectors to gather the minister's rate and society rate.

It was voted and agreed that the society charge, for the year past, seven pounds two shillings and six pence, to be added to the minister's rate, and this (society) grants by vote twenty pounds to be added and gathered with our minister's rate; and also to be laid out in our meeting house by the present committee.

It was voted and agreed, that to pay our minister's rate, wheat (should be) at 6s. 6d. per bushel, rye at 4s. 6d. per bushel, indian corn at 3s. per bushel.

It was voted and agreed, to have a school as the law directs as to time, and Samuel Churchel, Thomas Francis, a committee for the school, and what the country money don't do towards defraying the charge, the rest shall be raised on the polls of the children that go to school.

#### December 23, 1728.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 23d of December, 1728, it was voted and agreed as followeth, viz :

It was voted and agreed to raise a rate on polls and all rateable estate to defray the ministerial charge arising in our society.

It was voted and agreed that all the votes made and passed on the 16th day of this instant shall be good and valuable, except the choice of John Paterson, a collector, because he is under age; it was voted that Joseph Androus should be a collector.

It was voted and agreed to raise a rate of six pounds for Mr. Backus's wood, and to go on in the same method as we did for Mr. Williams.

#### December 13, 1729.

(22) At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 15th day of December, 1729, it was voted and agreed as followeth, viz :

It was voted and agreed, Joseph Hurlbut, Capt. John Camp, Ensign

Richard Borman (committee) for the year ensuing, with as full power as the selectmen in the towns, as to the business of our society.

It was voted and agreed, David Wright, William Wells collectors, to gather our minister's rate and society rate.

This society, by vote, grants a rate on polls and all ratable estate to defray the ministerial charge for the year past; it was voted that wheat (should be) at 7s. per bushel, rye at 5s. 8d., per bushel, indian corn at 4s. per bushel, to pay our minister's rate.

This society, by vote, grants four pounds to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, to the last Committee Eliphalet Whittelsey, Joseph Hurlbut, Jonathan Stodderd, which they have already laid out on our meeting house.

This society, by vote, grants twenty pounds to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, and to be laid out on our meeting house by Samuel Hunn, Senior and Josiah Willard, a committee appointed for that end, according to the best of their discretion.

This society grants, by vote, two pounds nineteen shillings eight pence, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, to defray the charge arising by a certain arbitration between Deacon John Deming and Samuel Hunn, senr., in the behalf of this society, and Abraham Woring, about some part of the parsonage, awarded to him, said Woring, by Capt. Tho. Seymore and Isaac Heart, arbitrators.

It was voted and agreed, Ebenezer Killburn and Nathaniel Churchel a committee to cover the school house.\*

And we do grant four pounds, to be raised on polls and all other ratable estate, and laid out on the school house by the above said committee.

It was voted and agreed to raise eight pounds on polls and all ratable estate for Mr. Backus' wood, in the method we did for Mr. Williams.

We do, by vote, grant to Jonathan Wright, for sweeping our meeting house, one pound and eight shillings, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate.

It was voted, That, whereas there is a difference between the society of Newington and Dea. Jabezeth Whittelsey, we do agree by vote to leave said difference to the (23) North Association of the County of Hartford, on the first Thursday of February next ensuing, at the dwelling house of Mr. Thomas Buckingham; and we agreed to abide their determination, provided the above said Dea. Jabezeth Whittelsey will leave said difference to the North Association, and abide their determination. And the grand committee, Joseph Hurlbut, Capt. John Camp, and Ensign Richard Borman, to represent the society, and act in their behalf. Ebenezer Killburn, Josiah Willard and Samuel Hunn, sen., to act with the above said committee.

It was voted to begin our annual meeting at nine of the clock in the morning.

December 21, 1730.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon the 21st day of December, 1730, begun at our meeting house and adjourned to the house of Ephraim Whaples, by vote, voted and agreed:

Capt. John Camp, Mr. Josiah Deming and Daniel Curtis, a committee to order the prudentials of our society for the year ensuing.

Voted and agreed, Thomas Frances and David Hunn, collectors for the year ensuing.

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\* This is the first mention of a school house in the records.

Also voted, to raise a rate of five pence half-penny on polls and all ratable estate, to pay Mr. Backus' salary for the year past.

It was voted and agreed, to take three pounds, thirteen shillings, one penny, out of the twenty pounds granted last year, to be laid out in our meeting house, to pay what was wanting in a rate granted to the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus in the year 1726.

It was voted, to pay Mr. Backus' rate, wheat at 7s. per bushel, rye at 5s. per bushel, indian corn at 4s. per bushel.

We, by vote, grant ten pounds, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, for Mr. Backus' wood, in the same method as we agreed on to carry it to the Rev. Mr. Williams, at 3s. per load.

It was voted to release Joseph Root his rate this year.

Voted, Joseph Benton and Caleb Androus a school committee for this year.

Also voted, one pound ten shillings to Jonathan Wright for sweeping our meeting house, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate.

Also voted, to adjourn this meeting until next Monday, at twelve of clock.

#### December 20, 1731.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon the 20th day of December, 1731, voted and agreed as followeth, viz :

(24) Voted and agreed, Sergeant Isaac Buck, David Wright and John Patterson, a committee for the year ensuing.

Voted and agreed, Thomas Stodderd and Daniel Willard, collectors.

Also voted and granted, a rate to be raised, five pence half-penny on the pound, on polls and all ratable estate, to the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, for his salary for the year past.

Also voted, to raise a rate of ten pounds on polls and all ratable estate, for Mr. Backus wood, at four shillings per load, to be raised according to our vote January the 6th, 1725-6.

Also voted, one pound ten shillings to the widow Sarah Whaples, for sweeping our meeting house, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate.

#### March 20, 1732.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon the 20th day of March, 173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , it was voted and agreed as followeth :

It was voted and agreed to put up a prayer to the General Assembly in May next ensuing, for some relief under our present circumstance relating to our minister.

Also voted Samuel Hunn, sen., and John Patterson, a committee to go to the Assembly with a prayer, and to act according to the best of their discretion.\*

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\* The committee went to the Assembly with the following prayer :

To the Honorable General Assembly of Connecticut, in New England, holden at Hartford, May 11th, A. D. 1732.

The memorial of Samuel Hunn, and John Patterson, agents for the parish of Newington, in behalf of said parish, humbly sheweth—

That little more than nine years ago the said parish were at the cost and expense of settling a minister amongst them, who, after a few years continuance in the ministry with us, was elected Rector of Yale College, and being approved of by your Honors, accepted said office, and left us, and undertook to serve in that

Voted and agreed, That Samuel Hunn, sen. (be a committee) to treat with the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams, to see if he will give some relief relating to Mr. Backus's bonds, if we should attain to a prospect of clearing up the said bonds with Mr. Williams.

Voted and agreed, To have a school as the law directs.

Also voted, Isaac Buck and David Wright a school committee.

Also voted, To adjourn this meeting until the last Monday in May next ensuing at three o'clock in the afternoon.

December 18, 1732.

At a Society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 18th day of December, 1732, voted and agreed as followeth :

It was voted, John Patterson, Ebenezer Killburn and Joseph Benton, a

office a more public benefit for the whole government, and left the poor parish of Newington, who were then but about three thousand 700 pounds in their public list, to seek for and settle another minister, the burden of which was great upon our small parish, though favored with some relief from this Honorable Assembly, which was just about what was given by the said parish to the Rev. Mr. Williams, which, we make bold to inform your Honors, did not make up our loss, because Mr. Williams, his having a good and large estate of his own, and that being principally in lands in and near our parish, could and did serve us much cheaper in the ministry than any other would, or, indeed, could, and we being poor, &c., and having proceeded to settle another minister with us, and we not being able to purchase him a settlement, nor able to do much for him, he purchased a settlement for himself, and that but a small one, whereby our present rev'd minister did run himself considerably into debt in the purchase aforesaid, whereof there remains yet unpaid about three hundred pounds, and the time that it should have been paid is some considerable time ago, and our minister is unable to pay that debt, neither is the parish able to pay it for him, being still poor and having now but about three thousand nine hundred (pounds) in the public list.

And our said minister is daily exposed to be sued for the money, by reason whereof he informs us that he must be obliged to make sale of what he hath amongst us, for the payment of the debt and so leave us, if some other way be not found, speedily found, for the payment thereof, which would be attended with many inconveniences and consequences hurtful to our parish and threaten its dissolution.

We, therefore, pray your Honors would compassionate us under our distressed circumstances, and, according to your wonted goodness, afford us some relief, and if you, in your great wisdom, think meet to grant us liberty to take out of your public treasury as much money as our country rates will pay in, in four years. And if your Honors should think it not proper to do that, you would be pleased to grant us our country rates for four years, and although that would not half pay the debt, yet we hope that with the contributions of some generously disposed gentlemen, and with what we shall be able to obtain in some other ways, we shall then be able to pay the debt, and relieve our rev'd pastor of the difficulties he is involved in by reason thereof, and that we may yet enjoy and be blest with the continuance of his ministry among us. And your memorialists, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

Dated in Newington, May 16, 1732.

SAMUEL HUNN, } Agents.  
JOHN PATTERSON, }

In the Lower House,

The question was put whether anything should be granted on this memorial, Resolved in the negative.

Test.,

JNO. RUSSELL, Clerk.

In the Upper House,

Read and concurred,

Test.,

HEZ. WYLLYS, Secretary.

committee for the year ensuing to order the prudentials of our society according to their best discretion.

It was voted, Joshua Androus and William Smith, collectors.

Also voted and granted, To raise a rate of five pence half-penny on the pound on polls and all ratable estate, for the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus's salary for the year past.

Also voted, To the widow Sarah Whaples, one pound ten shillings, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, for sweeping our meeting house.

(25) Also voted, To raise sixteen pounds on polls and all ratable estate, according to our vote January 6th, 1725-6.

Also voted, Each man to have four shillings per load for Mr. Backus' wood

Also voted, To adjourn this meeting from our meeting house to the dwelling house of the widow Elizabeth Androus.

Also voted and granted, To Joseph Hurlbut, jun., three pounds, eight shillings, six pence, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate.

Also voted, To have a new seating of our meeting house.

Also voted, Isaac Buck, Samuel Churchel and Pelatiah Buck, a committee to seat our meeting house.

#### April 30, 1733.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held, upon the 30th day of April, 1733, voted and agreed as followeth ;

Voted and agreed, Captain John Camp, moderator for this meeting.

Also voted and agreed, Samuel Hunn, sen., and Joseph Hurlbut, sen., both of Newington, a committee to order the prudentials of the parsonage belonging to Newington parish, to sue or dispossess any person or persons that has, do, or shall enter on the said parsonage as trespassers, at the charge of the society.

#### December 17, 1733.

At a society (meeting) of the inhabitants of Newington parish, upon the 17th day of December, 1733, lawfully assembled and held, voted and agreed as followeth :

Voted and agreed, Joseph Benton, Dea. John Deming and Nathaniel Churchel, a committee for the year ensuing, with as much power as to the prudentials of our society, as the selectmen in the town.

Also voted and agreed, Josiah Killburn and Pelatiah Buck, collectors to gather our minister and society rates.

Voted and granted, To the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus for his salary, five pence half penny on the pound, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate.

Also voted, To raise a half penny on the pound on polls and all ratable estate, to be added to Mr. Backus' salary this year.

Also voted, To raise a rate of sixteen pounds on polls and all ratable estate for Mr. Backus' wood, and each man shall be allowed four shillings per load if he bring good loads. Samuel Hunn, Sen.; and Eliphalet Whitteley a Committee to inspect the loads. And our Society's committee for the year ensuing to appoint and warn suitable days for the carrying of Mr. Backus' wood, and whomsoever don't carry his proportion of wood on the said days appointed by the Committee, shall pay according to our vote January the 6th, 1725-6.

(26). Voted and granted, To the widow Sarah Whaples one pound, five shillings for sweeping our meeting house.

Also voted, Joseph Hurlbut, twelve shillings.

Also voted, To Samuel Hunn, Sen., and Joseph Hurlbut, Sen., the sum of four pounds, eleven shillings six pence.

Also voted, To Ebenezer Killburn and Joseph Benton for charges past sixteen shillings: all to be raised on polls and all other ratable estate.

March 20, 1734.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon the 20th day of March, 1733-4, voted and agreed as followeth:

Voted and agreed, Samuel Hunn, Sen., and Joseph Hurlbut, Sen., both of Newington, a Committee, to order the prudentials of the parsonage belonging to Newington parish, to defend said parsonage from any person or persons that has or shall illegally enter thereon, to sue or dispossess all such persons that shall enter thereon to cultivate or improve said land without liberty of our society, or of the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, at the charge of the society.

December 16, 1734.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon the 16th day of December, 1734, voted and agreed as followeth:

Also voted, Lt. Martin Kellogg moderator for this meeting.\*

Also voted, To adjourn this meeting from our meeting house to the dwelling house of Lt. Martin Kellogg, and there to hold our meeting.†

Also voted, Nathaniel Churchel, Samuel Hunn, Sen., and Ensign Richard Borman, a Committee for the year ensuing.

Also voted, William Androus, Collector for our minister's rate, also voted Ebenezer Killburn, Collector, to collect our society rate.

Also voted and granted, To the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, for his salary, one hundred pounds for this year, to be raised on polls and all other ratable estate.

Also voted, To raise eighteen pounds on polls and all other ratable estate, for Mr. Backus' wood: and each man shall be allowed 4s. per load, to be raised according to our vote and act, January the 6th, 1725-6, for the getting our minister's wood.

Also voted, one pound to the widow Sarah Whaples for sweeping the meeting house.

(27) Also voted, To finish the galleries in our meeting house, and lath and plaster the walls up to the plates and beams, and to glass the lower windows of our meeting house.

Also voted, To raise fifty pounds on polls and all ratable estate to defray the charge of finishing our meeting house, that is to say, twenty and five pounds to be raised on the present list of our society, and to be paid to our Committee for that work by the last of March next ensuing, and twenty and five pounds to be raised on the next list, for the year 1735, and to be paid by the last of December next ensuing.

Also voted, Lt. Martin Kellogg, Jonathan Whaples and Samuel Churchel, a Committee to finish our meeting house.

Also voted, Lt. Martin Kellogg and David Wright, a school committee for the year ensuing, also voted to keep a school two months at the northern part of our society, and four months in the middle of our society, and two months at the southern part of our society.

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\* He was appointed a Captain by the General Assembly at their October Session, 1735.

† This was probably the Williams house, which became his residence and in which he died Nov. 13, 1753, aged 68.

Also voted, Five pounds to the school if it be kept according to our votes.

Also voted, Ensign Richard Borman and Mr. Abraham Woring to inspect the loads carried to Mr. Backus, and to allow four shillings per load, if good loads, if not, according to their judgment, they shall allow each one for his load or loads.

#### December 15, 1735.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 15th day of December, 1735, voted and agreed as followeth :

Voted, Capt. Martin Kellogg, moderator for this meeting.

Also voted, Samuel Hunn, Sen., David Wright, and David Griswold, a Committee to order the prudentials of our society for the year ensuing.

Also voted, Gamaliel Borman, Collector to collect our minister's rate, also voted, Mr. Joseph Woodbridge, Collector to collect our society rate.

Also voted, Caleb Androus, and Pelatiah Buck, a Committee for the school, also voted, Charles Hurlbut, Collector for the school.

Also voted, That our Committee, viz : Capt. Martin Kellogg, Samuel Churchel, and Jonathan Whaples, shall have power to repair our meeting house, mend the roof, clapboarding, and underpinning.

(28) Also voted, That the overplus money in our last minister's rate, now in William Androus' hand, two pounds seventeen shillings, to be given to the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus.

Also voted and granted, To Mr. Simon Backus, one hundred and twenty pounds, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate for his salary this year.

Also voted, To raise eighteen pounds on polls and all ratable estate, according to our vote January the 6th, 1725-6. Each man to have four shillings per load if he carries good loads. Also voted, Samuel Hunn, Sen. and Mr. Eliphalet Whittelsey to inspect the loads carried on the day appointed by our Committee.

Also voted, To widow Sarah Whaples, one pound ten shillings : also voted, to Mr. Elisha Mix, one pound : all to be raised on polls and all other ratable estate.

#### December 20, 1736.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 20th day of December, 1736, voted and agreed as followeth :

Voted and agreed, Capt. Martin Kellogg, moderator for this meeting.

Also voted, Joseph Hurlbut, Sen., John Patterson, Sen. and Caleb Androus, a Committee to order the prudentials of our society for the year ensuing, with as much power as the select men in the town.

Also voted, Jabezeth Whittlesey, Jun., Collector to collect our minister's rate and society rate.

Also voted and granted, To the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, to raise a rate of sixpence on the pound on polls and all ratable estate, for his salary for this year.

Also voted, Joseph Hurlbut, Sen., Caleb Androus, and John Patterson, rate-makers for this year.

Also voted, To raise a rate of three farthings on the pound, on polls and all ratable estate to defray the charge already arisen in our meeting house, and for glass, and for mending the roof of our meeting house.

Voted, to raise eighteen pounds on polls and all ratable estate for Mr. Backus' wood, and each man shall have four shillings per load, to be raised according to our vote January the 6th, 1725-6.



Also voted, To seat our meeting house: also voted, Lt. Ephraim Deming Capt. Martin Kellogg and David Curtis, a Committee to seat our meeting house.

(29) Also voted, To Caleb Androus one pound ten shillings for sweeping our meeting house.

Voted, To Ephraim Whaples three shillings six pence.

Voted, To Charles Hurlbut three shillings six pence.

Voted, To Jonathan Whaples three shillings.

Also voted, to erect a new pound in the place where the pound, —.

Also voted, Pelatiah Buck, Charles Hurlbut, and Robert Wells, a Committee for the school.

Also voted and agreed, Dea. Jabezeth Whittelsey, Lt. Richard Borman, a Committee in behalf of our society, to act with the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus about that part of our parsonage that is not yet fenced, to let out said land to such person or persons as shall fence said land, as they shall think fit until the fence be paid for.

#### December 19, 1737.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 19th day of December, 1737, voted and agreed as followeth:

Also voted, Capt. Martin Kellogg moderator for this meeting.

Also voted, Lt. Ephraim Deming, James Francis and Ebenezer Smith, a Committee for the year ensuing, to order the prudentials of our society.

Also voted, That our Committee, Lt. Ephraim Deming, Mr. James Francis and Ebenezer Smith, (be) rate-makers for the year ensuing.

Also voted, Joseph Deming, Collector, to collect our minister and society rates.

Also voted and granted, one hundred and thirty pounds to be raised on polls and all ratable estate for the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus' salary for the year past.

Also voted, Jonathan Whaples, Joshua Androus, a Committee for the school, for the year ensuing.

Also voted and granted, Twenty-two pounds for Mr. Backus' wood, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, according to our act in the year 1726, and each man shall be allowed four shillings per load.

Also voted, That our Committee for the time being shall watch on (?) the loads or part of loads that are carried to Mr. Backus, and said Committee shall appoint three several days for carrying said wood, between this time and the (30) first of March next ensuing, and whosoever doth not carry his proportion of wood by the first of March, shall pay their wood rate in money, and to be collected by the Collector.

Also voted, Seven pounds ten shillings for the school.

Also voted and granted, To raise a rate of three farthings on the pound, on polls and all ratable estate, to defray our society charges.

#### December 18, 1738.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the 18th day of December, 1738, voted and agreed as followeth, viz:

Voted and agreed, Capt. Martin Kellogg, moderator for this meeting.

Also voted, Ebenezer Smith, Thomas Francis and Mr. Josiah Deming, a Committee for the year ensuing, to order the prudentials of our society.

Also voted, John Gillit, Collector, to collect our minister's rate and society rate.

Also voted, That our Committee, Ebenezer Smith, Thomas Francis, and Mr. Josiah Deming shall be ratemakers for the year ensuing.

Also voted, Mr. James Francis, Pelatiah Buck, and David Wright a school committee, and said David Wright a school collector.

Also voted and granted, One pound ten shillings to Caleb Androus for sweeping our meeting house.

Voted and granted, 4s. 6d. to Ephraim Deming, four shillings to Joseph Deming, for service done.

Also voted, To raise twenty pounds on polls and all ratable estate for Mr. Backus' wood, and each man to be allowed four shillings per load, and our Committee to act according as we voted December the 19th, 1737.

Also voted and granted, To the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, for his salary for the year past, ninety pounds, to be paid in grain at the price that grain went at on the first of March, that year that ninety pounds became due to him, said Backus, by our contract or covenant in his first settling with us.

Also voted, That the Rev. Mr. Backus, Mr. Josiah Deming, Ebenezer Smith and Thomas Francis, that they search and find out what the price of grain was on the first of March, the year above referred to.

(31) Also voted, To raise a half farthing on the pound on polls and all ratable estate to defray our society charges.

Also voted, To give or discharge the widow Beecraft (?) of her two last society rates.

Also voted and granted, To the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus 8s. 5d. already in his hands.

#### December 17, 1739.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish upon the seventeenth day of December, 1739, voted and agreed as followeth:

Capt. John Camp, moderator for this meeting.

Also voted, Thomas Francis, Caleb Androus and Josiah Killburn, a Committee for the year ensuing to order the prudentials of our society.

Also voted, Abraham Woring, Jun., Collector to collect our minister's rate and society rate.

Also voted and granted, To the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, for his salary for the year past, one hundred and forty pounds, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, to be paid in money or grain at the market price.

Also voted, That the fourteen loads of wood already carried to Mr. Backus, shall be allowed and paid, four shillings per load to them that carried it.

Also voted and granted, To our last committee, Josiah Deming, Thomas Francis, and Ebenezer Smith, three pounds, eight shillings, two pence.

Also voted, To raise two farthings on the pound on polls and all ratable estate, to pay charges past, and for repairing our meeting house, and for making two horse blocks; to be done by our grand Committee.

Also voted, James Francis, David Wright, and Joseph Benton, a school committee, also Joseph Benton, Collector, to collect our school money.

Also voted, To hold our school, some part of the time, at the north end of our society, at some convenient place.

Also voted, That for the future our annual meeting be held on the first Monday in December, beginning at ten of the clock in the morning.

#### December 1, 1740.

(32) At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the first day of December, 1740, voted and agreed as followeth, viz:

Voted and agreed, Dea. Jabezeth Whittelsey, moderator for this meeting.

Also voted, Mr. Joseph Woodbridge, Ensign John Patterson and

Abraham Woring, a Committee for to order the prudentials of our society for the year ensuing, and also rate-makers for the year ensuing.

Also voted, John Camp, Jun., Collector, for to collect our minister and society rate.

Also voted, granted, one hundred and fifty pounds, to be raised on polls and all other ratable estate for Mr. Simon Backus' salary for the year past.

Also voted, Twenty pounds to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, for Mr. Backus' wood, and each man shall have five shillings per load.

Also voted, That our Committee set each man his part or proportion of wood, and appoint suitable time or times for carrying said wood, every man neglecting or refusing shall pay the money. Also voted, That our Collector shall gather said money of such person or persons that neglect or refuse.

Also our Committee for the time being, shall inspect every man's load, and allow him five shillings for a good load, and so in proportion for a lesser quantity.

Also voted, To raise two farthings on the pound on polls and all ratable estate, to defray the charge of a school, as the law directs, and other society charge of the year past.

Also voted, Mr. James Francis, Ensign John Patterson, Joseph Benton, John Gillit and Samuel Churehel, a Committee for the school.

Also voted, To have a school kept in our society six months as the law directs, to be kept at the south end of our society, and in the middle, and at the north end, and at west side of our society: and each part to have their proportion of time and money.

Also voted, To erect a pound at or near Reuben Whaples' barn in our society.

(33) Also voted, Abraham Woring, Sen., Joseph Hurlbut, Sen., a Committee to erect a pound in said place. Also voted, Reuben Whaples pound keeper.

#### October 12, 1741.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish, lawfully assembled and held upon the twelfth day of October, 1741, voted and agreed as followeth:

Voted and agreed, Capt. Martin Kellogg, moderator for this meeting.

Also voted, Twenty-five loads of wood to be forthwith carried to the Rev. Mr. Backus, and the charge of said wood at five shillings per load to be defrayed by our society.

Also voted, Capt. Martin Kellogg, Lt. Ephraim Deming, Capt. John Camp, Josiah Killburn and John Gillit, a Committee to treat with the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, relating to his wood: either to get it by the cord or for some certain sum of money, as may be sufficient.

#### December 7, 1741.

At a society meeting of the inhabitants of Newington parish lawfully assembled and held upon the seventh of December, 1741, voted and agreed as followeth:

Voted and agreed, Joseph Hurlbut, moderator for this meeting.

Also voted, Lt. John Patterson, Mr. Joseph Hurlbut, Sen., and Zebulon Robbins, a Committee for the year ensuing, to order the prudentials of our society.

Also voted, Gideon Hunn, a Collector to gather our minister rate and society rate.

Also voted and granted, one hundred and sixty pounds, to be raised on polls and all ratable estate, for Mr. Backus' salary for the year past.

Also voted and granted, Twenty-four pounds to be raised on polls and all ratable estate for Mr. Backus' wood, and each man that carries wood to Mr. Backus, shall be allowed for a good load of wood, six shillings per load, and for lesser quantity in proportion, and our Committee for the time being, to inspect the loads, or part of loads so carried, and to allow in proportion of what we carry, and said Committee to appoint (a) suitable day for carrying said wood.

(34) Also voted and granted, To Ebenezer Killburn, one pound ten shillings.

Also voted and granted, Seven pounds twelve shillings to Capt. Martin Kellogg, for keeping school.

Also voted, Samuel Churchel, Joseph Benton, and Josiah Killburn, a Committee for the school \*

December 3, 1744.

(35) At a meeting of the inhabitants of the society of Newington, legally assembled and held on the 3d day of December, 1744.

At said meeting, Peletiah Buck, David Wright and William Smith were chosen a society's committee for the year ensuing.

At said meeting, Robert Wells was chosen clerk for this society and sworn.

At said meeting, Oliver Atwood was chosen collector for the (year) ensuing to collect the rates.

At said meeting, They agreed to give to the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus for his salary for the year past, one hundred and ninety pounds, old tenor.

At said meeting, It was agreed that the school should be divided into four parts for the year ensuing.

At said meeting, it was voted, That the west side people have a reasonable allowance in respect of the school for the time past.

At said meeting, They voted ten pounds for the school.

At said meeting, Lieut. John Paterson and Sergeant Ebben<sup>r</sup> Smith were chosen a committee to get the country money from Farmington.

At said meeting, it was voted, To Mr. Backus fifty pounds money, old tenor, for his fire-wood this present year; and any man hath liberty to pay his proportional part of said fifty pounds in green oak or walnut wood, corded up at Mr. Backus's door at or before the first day of February next, at 25 (?) shillings per cord.

At said meeting, Josiah Killburn, John Camp and Eliphelet Whittlesey be a school committee for the year ensuing.

At said meeting, voted, Thirty shillings for Sergt. Caleb Audrous for sweeping the meeting-house the year past.

At said meeting, voted, That James Francis have seven shillings for a load of wood.

At said meeting, voted, That the meeting should be dissolved.†

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During the reign of King George II over Great Britain, extending from 1727 to 1760, a general European war broke out relating to the succession to the throne of Austria, made vacant by the death of the Austrian emperor, Charles VI. The succession of the eldest daughter of Charles, Marie

\* All the preceding records are in the hand writing of Josiah Willard, Clerk of the Society, from its beginning to this time. For the next two years, 1742, and 1743, there are no records extant.

† There are no records for the years 1745 and 1746.

Theresa, had been guaranteed by a general treaty called the "Pragmatic Sanction;" yet on the death of the emperor, numerous competitors arose for different portions of his dominions. This involved Europe in the war of the "Austrian Succession," called, in relation to the operations in this country, "King George's War."

England and France were arrayed upon opposite sides, and so far as they were concerned, the war lasted from 1744 to 1748. The most important event of the war in America was the siege and capture, by the colonies, of Louisburg, a French fortress on the south-east side of the island of Cape Breton, separated from Nova Scotia by the narrow channel of Canseau. It was strongly fortified, and was justly regarded by France as the Gibraltar of her American possessions. The expedition against Louisburg was projected in the winter of 1744-5, in Boston, by Gov. William Shirley. He proposed the plan to the colonial legislature of Massachusetts, then in session in Boston, who had previously bound themselves to secrecy. After a good deal of opposition, it was resolved by the assembly, by one majority, to undertake the expedition. Despatches were at once sent to the neighboring colonies to join and assist the enterprise.

"Massachusetts and New Hampshire sent 3,250 land forces into the service, with what ships of force they had, and needful transports. Connecticut sent 500 land forces, in transports, with Capt. Prentis in the Defense, sloop, with 100 men for the sea service. Rhode Island sent Capt. Fones in the Tartar, with 90 men. Gov. Clinton sent 10 eighteen pounders from New York."\*

The Connecticut forces sailed from the Harbor of New London, and arrived at Canseau (or Canso) April 25th, 1745, where they united with the other forces. On April 29th, the fleet sailed for Cape Breton, and arrived the next day at Chapeaurouge Bay.† The enemy discovered the transports

\*1 Conn. Hist. Soc. Col., 149-50. See also, Trumbull's Hist. of Conn.

†"April 14, 1745. Sunday, about eleven of the clock, the Connecticut fleet, consisting of seven transports under the convoy of Connecticut and Rhode Island colony sloops, sailed from New London."—Rev. Adonijah Bidwell's Journal. (27 N. E. His. and Gen. Reg., 153. April, 1873.)

It appears that Mr. Bidwell, who went as chaplain to the fleet, heard Rev. Mr. Williams preach at Louisburg, June 21st, 1745, from John 20:31; Aug. 21st, from Ps. 8:4; and Sept. 15th, from Numb. 14:17.

from the town, which was the first intimation they had of the design against them. The forces were landed, and after a siege which lasted till June 17th, 1745, the city of Louisburg and the island of Cape Breton were surrendered to the New England forces. After the object of the expedition had thus been attained, the fort had to be garrisoned. Connecticut kept 350 men there till about May 24th, 1746, when they were relieved by government forces. It was held by England till, by the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, Oct. 18th, 1748, all conquests made by both parties were mutually restored, and Louisburg again went into the possession of the French. Great sickness and mortality prevailed among the troops in garrison during the winter following the capture of Louisburg.

Rev. Simon Backus was the chaplain to the Connecticut forces at that time. Rev. Elisha Williams had been appointed chaplain in March, 1745.\* He had probably resigned in August, 1745, as in that month the General Assembly passed a resolution desiring him to continue in that position. He did not, however, comply with their wishes, for in October, 1745, the Assembly passed the following resolution: "Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor, the Governor, with the council of war at Milford, be impowered, and they are hereby impowered to supply our forces in garrison at Louisburg with a chaplain if need be."

They appointed Mr. Backus, probably soon after. He went to Louisburg and there, after closing the eyes of many a son of Connecticut in death, he himself fell a victim to the prevailing sickness, and died March 15th, 1745-6.†

The parish of Newington was peculiarly unfortunate. It had given up its first pastor to serve the public benefit; now it had lost its second pastor while serving in a cause equally for the public good. Mr. Backus left a widow and a family of children, who had been dependent upon him for their support. In their straitened circumstances, they considered that they had a claim on the colony for relief. A claim which is generally recognized by all nations in granting pensions to

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\* In Feb., 1745, Capt. Martin Kellogg was appointed one of the captains "in the expedition against Cape Breton."—State Archives, *War*, IV, 164.

† 1 Conn. Hist. Soc. Col., p. 162.

the widows and orphans of those who have died in their country's service while "in the line of their duty."

Mrs. Backus presented the following petition to the General Assembly :

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, now convened and sitting in Hartford, in said Colony, this eighth day of May, Anno Domini, 1746 :

The memorial of Eunice Backus, of the parish of Newington, in the County of Hartford, humbly sheweth, That her late husband, the Rev. Mr. Backus, in compliance with public desire and order, was induced to leave his family and ministerial charge at Newington, and to repair to Louisburg, there to reside in quality of a chaplain to the troops from this Colony in garrison there: That not long after his arrival there, it pleased God so to dispose that he, in the general mortality, was carried to the place of silence: That what he carried and had, and left at Louisburg, to the amount of about £300, in clothing, money, etc., being on his decease shipped for transportation home, is since unquestionably lost, either in the seas or taken by the enemy: That over and above his annual salary, the small estate he left, or the utmost profit thereof, will go but a little way towards a subsistence for your poor memorialist and her seven (mostly) small children: That of her and family, chief comfort and, under God, principal dependence and support, in the prime and flower of his day for usefulness, she being so sorely bereaved, and that for the more public and common good: She thereupon humbly prays your Honors' kind and compassionate interposal in the premises in manner in any wise tending to her relief, and she, your Honors' poor, distressed memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, etc. Dated at Newington, this eighth day of May, Anno Domini, 1746.

EUNICE BACKUS.

The General Assembly were not deaf to her prayer. They passed the following resolution :

Upon the memorial of Mrs. Eunice Backus, respecting the decease of her husband, the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, residing at Louisburg in quality of chaplain, etc., and the distressed state of her family thereupon, etc., and praying relief:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorialist have granted to her for her and her family's present subsistence, to be paid out of the public treasury of this Colony, the sum of one hundred pounds, in old tenor bills. And that the further consideration of her said memorial be referred to the

session of the General Assembly at New Haven, to be holden in October next.

At the October session the Assembly made an additional appropriation for her benefit as follows :

Upon the memorial of Mrs. Eunice Backus, of the parish of Newington, representing the grievous circumstances of herself and family, which hath happened by occasion of the death of her husband, the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, who lately deceased, while in the service of this government at Louisburg, and particularly the loss of a considerable part of his estate, that happened thereby. And praying for relief, &c.

*Resolved by this Assembly*—That the memorialist shall receive out of the public treasury of this colony the sum of two hundred pounds, in bills of credit of the old tenor, over and above the hundred pounds granted to her by this Assembly in May last.

The expedition for the capture of Louisburg had been successful beyond all anticipations. Its conquest was reverently attributed by some to the special favor of an overruling Providence, while others looked upon its incidents as touched with the hues of romance and adventure. The acquisition was hailed with general joy in New England, saddened, it is true, by the remembrance of the brave and precious ones who came not back with their comrades, but had been "carried to the place of silence." Soldier and chaplain slept together. Mrs. Backus was not alone in her distress at that time. Her experience has often been paralleled before and since. The fathers, and husbands, and sons who march to the cannon's mouth and die nobly for their country are not the only heroes. The bereaved mothers, and wives, and daughters who, for long years after, struggle at home and in obscurity in the unequal battle against unpropitious circumstances, exhibit a heroism more enduring and a courage more severely tested. He who dies upon the battle field may feel in his heart that it is sweet to die for his country, but it is bitterness to his widow, who has his family of children to rear single-handed and alone. The death of the former is heralded abroad, and his memory is cherished by his grateful countrymen; the toils and trials of the other are unknown to fame, and only known to Him who knows all things, and who will at last bring all things into remembrance.



## THIRD PERIOD, 1747-1803.

The death of Rev. Simon Backus, at Cape Breton, on March 15, 1746, as already related, made it necessary for the parish to settle another minister. Rev. Joshua Belden began to preach May 10, 1747, if not earlier, and proved acceptable to the people. On June 15, 1747, the society voted to give him a call to settle as pastor over the parish, with a settlement of nine hundred pounds, and a salary of two hundred and fifty pounds, old tenor, a year.\* These sums were increased at a meeting held August 18, 1747, when it was agreed to make his settlement one thousand pounds, payable in three annual installments, and to add fifty-seven pounds to his yearly salary, payable in grain or its equivalent.

Mr. Belden accepted these terms, and was ordained November 11, 1747, and continued pastor till January 16, 1805, over fifty-seven years. The society felt that it would be a great burden for them to pay Mr. Belden his settlement, and as it had come upon them on account of the death of Mr. Backus in the public service, whom the society had given up at the call of the General Assembly, it was not doubted that the Assembly would "stretch forth a hand for their relief" upon a proper representation of the facts being made to them.

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\*These sums, apparently large, were really moderate. Currency at this time was greatly depreciated, and its value very uncertain and fluctuating. Current coin was worth eight shillings per ounce. It was by this standard that bills of credit were compared. In 1710 bills were at par. In 1721 it took twelve shillings in currency to buy an ounce of silver; in 1724 fifteen shillings, in 1732 eighteen shillings, in 1739 twenty-six shillings, in 1742 twenty-eight shillings, in 1744 thirty-two shillings. The bills of credit issued up to this time were all *old tenor*, but by "King George's War" the people were put to great expense, and in the depreciated condition of their bills they resorted to a new issue of currency, called *new tenor*. Connecticut emitted, in May, 1744, £4,000; in October, 1744, £15,000; in March, 1745, £20,000; in July, 1745, £20,000; in May, 1746, £20,000. These new issues had a disastrous effect. They damaged the old emissions, but did not sink so low as the latter, one shilling new tenor being equal to three shillings and sixpence old tenor. Accounts were, however, kept and payments made in old tenor. After this inflation the depreciation was about as follows: In 1745 it took thirty-five shillings in currency to buy an ounce of silver; in 1746, 7 and 8, thirty-seven to forty shillings; in 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, sixty shillings. The British Parliament appropriated in 1747 about £800,000 to reimburse the colonies for their expenses in the Louisburg expedition. Of this sum Connecticut received about £28,864. Connecticut used this money in redeeming her bills of credit, which was accomplished by 1756. She redeemed them at the market price, paying one ounce of silver for fifty-eight shillings and eight pence in paper, or at the rate of one shilling for eight shillings and ten pence. (These facts are taken from *Bronson's Conn. Currency*.)

Accordingly, at a meeting held September 7, 1747. Mr. Josiah Deming was appointed an agent to exhibit a memorial to the Assembly, "to request some consideration for the loss of our minister, who died in their service at Cape Breton some time past."

Mr. Deming presented the following memorial :

To the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, A. D. 1748.

The memorial of the inhabitants of the parish of Newington, by their agent, Josiah Deming, humbly sheweth—

That whereas our late reverend pastor, Mr. Simon Backus, was called by public authority to serve, as a chaplain, the forces of this Government employed at Louisburg for the defence thereof, and we, in obedience thereto, did consent to his undertaking so dangerous a service, entirely relying on the justice, honor, and goodness of the General Assembly, at whose call we understood our said pastor was willing to serve their forces, in which service he lost his life and we our minister, whereby a great burden is rolled upon us, that of the settlement of another minister, in which, through the good providence of God, we are happily agreed ; yet, being but a small and poor society, we find ourselves greatly burdened in our paying the settlement of our present minister, and believing this honorable assembly is really interested in our case, as we have resigned into their hands at their call so great a good, we cannot suffer ourselves to doubt of their stretching forth a hand to our relief, and since we understand the British Parliament has voted a reimbursement of the charges this colony has been at in reducing and keeping Louisburg, we are the more encouraged at this time to lay our case before this honorable assembly, and to beseech their compassion that they would afford us relief and help in the settlement of our present minister, and alleviate our burden in such manner as your honors shall see fit. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray. Dated at Hartford the 12th day of May, 1748.

JOSIAH DEMING, *Agent.*

The General Assembly did not disappoint the hopes of the society, but recognised their obligation to Newington by the following resolution :

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the parish of Newington, representing that the reverend Mr. Backus, their late minister, having been called by public authority to serve

as chaplain at Louisburg, after having been there some considerable time, died in said service, to their great and unhappy loss, and praying relief, &c.

*Resolved by this Assembly,* That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, in bills of credit of the old tenor, be paid and delivered to the memorialists, out of the public treasury of this colony.

This money the society appropriated to the payment in part of the first installment of Mr. Belden's settlement. This relief from the public treasury was, in a few years, more than counterbalanced by the permanent loss to the society of their Farmington neighbors, who had formerly been annexed to them in compensation for the loss of the Beckleys, as has been detailed.

In October, 1753, the parish of Kensington, being greatly divided in sentiment as to the propriety of continuing as one parish, or of being divided into several parishes, sent a memorial to the General Assembly requesting that a committee might be appointed by that body to hear all parties and determine what was best, and make report to the Assembly. This memorial was signed by John Hooker and Isaac Lee, as society agents.

The Assembly granted the prayer of the memorial, and appointed Jonathan Trumbull, Shubael Conant, and Jonathan Huntington a committee for the service mentioned, and if this committee should think it best that Kensington should be divided into several parishes, they were authorized to give notice to the adjacent parishes to appoint committees to appear and be heard before them, as to the propriety of adding any portion of the adjacent parishes to any of the proposed parishes in Kensington, and they were instructed to make report of their doings to the Assembly at that October session, or the one to be held in May, 1754. The committee attended to the duties of their appointment, and caused a society meeting to be called to meet at Kensington, Nov. 27, 1753, when 96 of the members of that parish were for continuing in one society, and 81 favored a division. For the two following days the committee viewed the society, and then adjourned to the 3d Tuesday of April, 1754, and gave

notice to the people of Newington, and first parish of Farmington, and first society in Middletown, and the parish of Meriden, to appear by their committees at said meeting in Kensington, "to show reasons, if they see cause, why there should not be some part of their adjoining parishes taken off from them to be added to the parish of Kensington, to accommodate the dividing the parish of Kensington into several parishes." All the parties met, except the parish of Meriden, and were fully heard on the day appointed. The committee judged it best and "most for the peace of the said parish of Kensington," that it should be divided into three distinct parishes, with some additions from other societies. They made report May 16, 1754, to the General Assembly, of their doings, and of the conclusion to which they had arrived, giving the boundaries of the three proposed societies. By these boundaries Newington was stripped of the addition formerly made to its territory by the annexation of a part of Farmington. The society, at a meeting held May 3, 1754, appointed Ebenezer Kilborn and Babil Seymour a committee to appear before the Assembly and remonstrate against the acceptance of this report of their committee, on the ground of the hardship it would be to Newington to lose so many of its inhabitants, "but nevertheless if they must be taken from us we beg the favor of the honorable Assembly that we may have an equivalency made us." The committee did not succeed in preventing the taking away of these inhabitants, and of the annexed territory, but they gained some "equivalency" therefor. A remonstrance was also presented to the Assembly May 9, 1754, by 56 persons in Kensington, and nine from that part of Farmington annexed to Newington, protesting against the acceptance of the committee's report, and professing their desire to continue in their present situation.

The General Assembly accepted the report, with material alterations, confirming to Kensington the Beckley quarter, in consideration of sixty pounds being paid Newington in three annual installments of twenty pounds each, lawful money,\*

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\*Probably pounds sterling, and not bills of credit. This money was called the "Kensington consideration."

and establishing the society of New Britain, including that part of Farmington formerly annexed to Newington, as appears by the following act:—

An Act limiting the bounds of the parish of Kensington, and for establishing one other Ecclesiastical Society in Farmington, in the County of Hartford.

*Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the bounds of the parish of Kensington, for the future, shall extend no farther north than to an east and west line drawn across the bridge called Beach Swamp Bridge, from Weathersfield town line to Southington parish line. Easterly by the ancient line of said Kensington, including those two pieces of land taken off from Weathersfield and Middletown, and from the southwest corner of the said Middletown part of said Kensington to run westerly until it comes into the middle of the highways, where they cross each other, between the houses of Elisha Cole and Stephen Cole, from thence westerly until it comes to the southwest corner of John Cole's home lot; from thence due west to said Southington Society line, thence northerly as that line runs, to the line first mentioned. And that the parish taxes arising, or that shall be levied on, the improved lands in said Kensington, shall be paid to said society only. And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that said parish of Kensington shall have full power, and full power and authority is hereby granted to said parish, at their legal meetings, to tax all such inhabitants as live south of said society, and within the ancient bounds of Kensington, equally with themselves for defraying the charge of preaching only, and that their collectors have full power to collect the same, until this Assembly shall order otherwise. And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said society of Kensington, exclusive of those inhabitants that live in the Weathersfield part, shall pay to the society of Newington the sum of twenty pounds, lawful money, on the first day of May, A. D. 1755, and twenty pounds more on the first day of May, A. D. 1756, and twenty pounds more on the first day of May, A. D. 1757. Each payment to be made with the lawful interest arising on such sum from the first day of June next. And said society of Kensington, exclusive of the said Weathersfield part, shall have full power, at their legal meetings, to tax themselves for the payment of the said sixty pounds and the interest thereof. And that the said society committee make a rate accordingly, and that the collector, chosen in said society,

shall have full power to collect the same as other society rates by law are collected, and pay the same to the society committee for the use aforesaid. And that the inhabitants living south of said parish of Kensington shall have free liberty to attend the public worship with the said society of Kensington till this Assembly shall order otherwise.

*And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That there shall be one other ecclesiastical society erected and made, and is hereby erected and made, within the bounds of the town of Farmington, bounded and described as followeth, viz.: South on the north bounds of Kensington parish, easterly on Weathersfield town line, as far north as the north side of Daniel Hart's lot, where his dwelling house now stands, and from thence to run west on the north side of said Hart's lot to the west end of that tier of lots; from thence to run southerly to the old Fulling mill, so called, on Pond river, and from thence southerly to the east side of a lot of land belonging to the heirs of Timothy Hart, late deceased, near Bare Hollow, and from thence due south until it meet with the north line of Southington parish; thence by said Southington line, as that runs, until it comes to Kensington north line, excluding Thomas Stanley, Daniel Hart and John Clark and their farms, on which they now dwell, lying within the bounds above described. And the same is hereby erected and made one distinct ecclesiastical society, and shall be known by the name of New Briton, with all the powers and privileges that other ecclesiastical societies by law have in this colony, and that all the improved lands in said society shall be rated in said society, excepting as before excepted.

By this act Newington was circumscribed within her original limits, as first chartered, on all sides except the south, and there she was permanently curtailed of the Beckleys. She was left with less territory than ever before in her history, and thus remained till she was incorporated a town in 1871, when she gained some addition to her limits on the east.

This particular territory of the Beckleys was incorporated as a school district in October, 1757. In October, 1772, the parish of Kensington was divided into two societies, an east and west society, the west society retaining the name of Kensington, and the east being called Worthington. This territory was included in Worthington. In May, 1785, the town of Berlin was incorporated, including the society of

Worthington, and of course this territory, where it has since remained.

During the long pastorate of Mr. Belden great changes took place, not only in the parish but in the colony. A few of these may be here mentioned. In the parish a new meeting-house was built in 1797, after a long controversy. The society was divided into three school districts in 1783, and new school houses were built. In May, 1795, the General Assembly passed an act appropriating the money arising from the sale of the western lands, amounting to \$1,200,000, by which act a *distinct capacity* was recognized in ecclesiastical societies as relative to the objects of schooling, and for the purpose of receiving and applying the avails of the school fund derived from the source above mentioned. And the ecclesiastical societies were denominated *school societies*, so far forth as schools were concerned. (Rev. Stat. of 1808, pp. 43-44.) So that school societies were, so to speak, carved out of ecclesiastical societies. This explains the reason why the subject of schools is not mentioned in our ecclesiastical society records after 1796. The Newington School Society probably was then organized, and went into operation.

In May, 1794, Enock Kelsey and others petitioned the General Assembly to annex to the society of Worthington a certain portion of the adjacent territory of Newington. That body granted the petition, and provided that this territory should be annexed to Worthington "for parochial purpose merely, and shall hereafter be holden and considered as part and parcel of said parish of Worthington." (1 Pri. Laws of Conn., 561.) By reason of this annexation this territory became, by force of laws afterwards passed, a portion of the Worthington *School* society. And as school societies were authorized by law to divide their territory into school districts, the school society of Worthington apportioned this territory into the northeast school district of that society, now the sixth and seventh school districts of Berlin.

This was the second time the parish of Newington parted with a slice of her territory for the benefit of her southern neighbors. For this second dismemberment Newington

received no compensation. Her resources had been seriously diminished in 1754; now they were still further crippled by the strong arm of the supreme power of the state.

There were during this period great national changes, which may be briefly mentioned.

The "French and Indian War" extended from 1754 to 1763, called in Europe the "seven years war." Although hostilities began in America in 1754, war was not declared between England and France till 1756. It was a struggle for dominion in this country. It resulted in the conquest of Canada by England. By the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, France surrendered to Great Britain all her possessions in America east of the Mississippi river. Spain also ceded her possessions in Florida. The colonies freely responded to the call of the mother country in this as in all former wars, sacrificing men and means in battle and campaign, till the contest was brought to a successful close. The war of the Revolution followed, in which the colonies for the first time turned their arms against the oppression of England, and achieved their independence. Connecticut furnished more than her full share of blood and treasure in these wars. Every town did its part in the common cause; every parish suffered, Newington sent officers as well as privates into the battalions of the commonwealth. Some of her sons never came back to tell the story of their deeds, but "died in the public service." Their names may not be emblazoned upon the historic page, but they are enshrined in the memories of their grateful descendants. Extracts from the records of the society during these years will give, in an official and reliable form, a picture of its history.

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#### EXTRACTS FROM SOCIETY RECORDS.—1747—1805.

At a meeting of the Society held June 15, 1747, it was voted—"To give Mr. Joshua Belding a call to be our minister," and to give him "Nine hundred pounds for a settlement to be paid in three years," and "Two hundred pounds, old tenor, money for his salary the three years whilst we are paying his settlement." "That Dea. John Deming, Capt. Josiah Willard, Peletiah Buck, be a Committee to treat with Mr. Joshua Belding about his salary and settlement."

At a meeting held July 6, 1747, it was voted—"To give Mr. Joshua Belding the use of the parsonage so long as he is our minister, and



preaches the Calvinistical Doctrine, as is generally, at this day, preached among the dissenters." Also—"To give Mr. Belding 8 cords of wood yearly whilst he is a single person . . . and sixteen cord of wood yearly after marriage," and "Two hundred and fifty pounds, old tenor, money, and the parsonage, for his salary after the settlement is paid."

At a meeting held August 10, 1747, it was voted—"That Mr. Joshua Belding, for his more convenient settling in the work of the ministry in said place, have 100 pounds more given him, in addition to the 900 pounds heretofore granted to said Belding as a settlement, all which being 1000 pounds to be paid within the term of three years from the time of said Beldings' ordination, viz: three hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings and 8 pence per annum till the whole be paid and that the value of the money be made good, equal to what that same is now in the present common currency." "That the parsonage, the use of which was heretofore granted to said Belding so long as he shall continue in the ministry in said place, be delivered unto him with the fence rectified for one crop. Also that the 200 pounds, before granted as a salary to be annually paid the first three years after said Beldings' ordination, be kept in its present value." "That after the expiration of the term of three years, in which the settlement aforesaid is to be paid, said Belding have given him the sum of fifty-seven pounds, to be paid in grain at the following rate, viz: Wheat at four shillings, Rye at two shillings and 8 pence, Indian Corn at two shillings, oats at one shilling and four pence the bushel, and in the following proportion, viz: a hundred bushels of wheat, a hundred and fifty of rye, a hundred and fifty of indian corn, and thirty of oats, or in the lieu of said quantities of each sort of grain above specified, that he have given him the equivalent therewith in bills of public credit, or in the general currency or medium of trade, that shall from time to time be used or improved as or in the lien of money in the Colony of Connecticut: which equivalent shall be annually judged of or estimated according to the general rate or market price of said kinds of grain in the month of August next preceding, and thus, including the 250 pounds before granted or the stated salary now resolved to be the stated salary, annually to be paid so long as he the said Belding shall continue in the ministry in said place."

At a meeting held September 7, 1747, it was voted, That Capt. Josiah Willard, Capt. Martin Kellogg and Dea. John Deming, be a "Committee to appoint a time with Mr. Belding for the examination and ordination of Mr. Belding, and likewise to appoint the fast and tavern keepers." "Voted that Mr. Josiah Deming be our agent, to represent this society at New Haven before the General Assembly to be held in October the 8th, 1747, to hinder those of Farmington annexed to us, going from us, &c." "Voted, That Mr. Josiah Deming represent this society by a memorial exhibited to the General Assembly abovesaid, to request some consideration for the loss of our minister, who died in their service at Cape Breton, some time past."

"Inasmuch as the society of Newington in our last meeting voted the month of August yearly to be the standard, that is to say, the market price of wheat, rye and indian corn and oats payable to Mr. Joshua Belding in our minister rate, in case of want of specie, &c., we, being now allowed by Mr. Belding herofore, we now say, that the month of June shall be the standard yearly for us to know how much we must pay to Mr. Belding per bushel for each kind of grain in our rates."

#### MR. JOSHUA BELDINGS' ANSWER TO THIS SOCIETY.

"To the Society of Newington in Weathersfield :

"Forasmuch as the infinitely wise God has been pleased to commit the invaluable treasure of preaching the Gospel to earthen vessels, (which is

a work worthy heavenly messengers,) that the excellency of the power might appear to be of God and not of man, and to promise his presence and assistance to his regular and faithful ministers, and has also ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, and forasmuch as you have given me an invitation to engage in this important and difficult work of the gospel ministry among you, and for my encouragement and support therein have made offers to me of a settlement and salary. I have taken the matter into serious consideration, and, (hoping for the divine aid and blessing, and your prayers and united good will in the arduous work,) do now signify my ready acceptance of your invitation and offers, and also I would signify that whereas the month fixed upon in your vote as a standard by which to judge of an equivalent to the grain proposed, appears upon consideration to be a time when grain generally bears the highest price, and may therefore be a ground of uneasiness to some. I am willing to recede from that, and pitch upon the month of June in lieu thereof, as a medium betwixt the extremes. I do hereby further signify that as it would have been more agreeable to me to have omitted making any explicit covenant of this nature, and to have rested with only the common obligation arising from the gospel, were it not for the common practice in these churches. So I would do nothing now that should render the gospel burdensome, and therefore, since a 1000£ may seem much to be offered as a settlement by such a society to some that are not so well acquainted with the inconstancy of our current medium, and so may occasion some dissatisfaction, although I make no doubt it would not, were the matter duly understood and weighed, yet, trusting to your good affection and generosity, that you will not hereafter see me want what may be sufficient to render my life comfortable to me and serviceable to you. I am willing to forego the 100£ last added, and leave it with you to act your pleasure about it, now desiring nothing may be done but with a ready mind, hoping for the blessing of God upon you and me in all our ways, and that we may be built up in peace and love through faith unto salvation.

“JOSHUA BELDING.”

An account of the society's debts, December, 1747, which is recorded in detail, contains this item: ‘Due to Mr. Joshua Belding, for preaching with us from the tenth day of May last until the 7th day of instant Dec., 1747, as our minister, £158 1s. 8d. This includes the wood and parsonage part which was voted, and also his board or billeting.’

The following agreement also appears on record: “Whereas the society of Newington have granted the sum of £1,000 to be given to me, the subscriber, as a settlement, in order for my more convenient settling among them in the work of the gospel ministry, I do hereby promise and engage, that if, by embracing or maintaining any erroneous or corrupt doctrines or tenets, or by changing my persuasion in matters of church order from what it appears to be at present, or by any unlawful practice, I shall at any time render myself, in the judgment of the Association to which I shall belong, unfit for to continue in the work of the ministry, then to return back to said society such a part of whatever sum or sums of said settlement I shall have received as shall be deemed by indifferent judges a proportional for that part of the time then to come, compared with the whole time from my ordination, I might be supposed to have served in the work of the ministry according to the ordinary course of life.

JOSHUA BELDING.”

At a society meeting, held December 5th, 1748, it was voted, “That the one hundred and fifty (pounds) money granted by the General Assembly to this society, which money is now in the hands of Mr. Josiah Deming, agent, shall be put into the society treasury, and the said money

shall be to pay part of the £333 6s. 8d. which is to be paid to the Rev. Mr. Joshua Belding."

"Voted, that Thomas Robbins procure a lock for the school house door, and be paid for it out of the society treasury;" "That the school be divided, to be kept three months, in the middle of the society, six weeks at the west side, and six weeks at the north end."

At a meeting held December 19th, 1748, "Voted, That whereas the town of Wethersfield have heretofore granted to us a parsonage of fifty acres of land for our use, etc., and other lands, on this consideration, we remise, release, and forever quit-claim to the first society in Wethersfield all our right and title we have, or ever had, in or to the parsonage in the above-said society, to their own use, benefit, and behoof, without any molestation from us or any under us, always provided, they will be so good to the society of Newington as to give them a piece of land to help them in settling of their minister."

At a meeting held April 3d, 1749, it was voted, "That Joshua Andrus and Eliphelet Whittlesey, Jun., be a committee to succeed Capt. Martin Kellogg and Dea. John Deming, in letting out and taking care of the society school money granted by the Assembly."

At a meeting held December 4th, 1749, it was voted, "That the school be kept part of the time near Serg't Thomas Francis, and part of the time near Mrs. Backus."

At a meeting held December 2d, 1751, it was "Voted, That the school shall be kept in this society six months the year ensuing, the school to be kept four months and a half in the school house and six weeks of the time in some place at the west side of the society." "Voted, Thirteen pounds ten shillings money for building and finishing a pound for the use of the society. That the pound shall be erected upon the north side of Lieut. Kilborn's shop, partly upon the commons and partly upon his own land. And likewise it was voted, that Lieut. Kilborn shall be a pound-keeper as long as he shall pay twenty shillings per year into the society treasury; and likewise takes but six pence per head for his fees of this society; and likewise takes but one penny per head for a sheep."

At a meeting held February 18th, 1754, "Voted and agreed, To send a committee to Kensington to answer the citation sent by the Assembly's committee respecting the taking from us our western neighbors. That Peletiah Buck, Josiah Kilborn, and Robert Welles be a committee to represent the matter before the Assembly's committee at Kensington. Voted, that we are very loth to have our neighbors in Farmington separated from us by reason of the smallness of the parish. But if it will be any ease for Kensington to have a few more added, we do agree rather to have that, provided our meeting house comes no further west than the front of the lots called the fifty acres lots, and that Messrs. Peletiah Buck, Josiah Kilborn, and Robert Welles represent this matter before the honorable court's committee on the third Tuesday of April next."

At a meeting held May 3d, 1754, "Voted, that we will appoint a committee to appear before the General Assembly at Hartford, in behalf of the society."

"Voted, That Messrs. Ebenezer Kilborn and Babil Seymour be a committee to appear before the honorable Assembly at Hartford to remonstrate against the report of the Assembly's committee respecting the taking away the inhabitants in Farmington that were annexed to the society of Newington; and for reasons which may be given, we shall look upon it a hardship if they be taken away from us, but nevertheless, if they must be taken from us, we beg the favor of the honorable Assembly that we may have an equivalency made us."

At a meeting held December 18th, 1754, "Voted, to appoint a committee to go to the General Assembly in the society's behalf. Dea. Josiah Willard and Lieut. Ebenezer Kilborn were appointed a committee or agents in behalf of the society, to go to the General Assembly next May to lay before the said honorable Assembly the case and circumstances of the society by reason of a great part of the inhabitants being set off from them by the Assembly last May, and there to endeavor, by petition or by a memorial, to have an addition to the society eastward, and to endeavor to have a just and reasonable equivalency for said inhabitants taken from us."

At a meeting held June 2d, 1755, "Dea. Josiah Willard and Lieut. Ebenezer Kilborn were appointed a committee in behalf of the society to apply themselves to the first society in Wethersfield, and there to endeavor to have an addition eastward to this society, and likewise the said committee are appointed to apply themselves to the General Assembly next May, if need be, to prosecute the same design."

At a meeting held July 7th, 1755, "Voted to let out the money upon interest that the General Assembly ordered the society of Kensington to pay to this society. Dea. Josiah Willard, Lieut. Ebenezer Kilborn, and Robert Welles were appointed a committee to let out the money till the first of June next.

At a meeting held August 17th, 1756, "Voted, that the money received and paid by the society of Kensington, June, 1756, be put in the society's treasury to defray the charge of the meeting house, the (amount) of the money received, £23 10s. 3d.

"Voted, That after the present year, the school in this society shall be kept in two parts, and the one part to be kept yearly as near the dwelling house of Daniel Willard southwardly as may be, the other near the dwelling house of the heirs of the Rev. Mr. Simon Backus, and that each of said schools shall be kept not less than three months annually by a school-master, and also that each of said schools shall have their equal part of the country money and loan money for that purpose, and that if any school house be built at said places, it shall be at the charge of particular persons and not at the charge of this society."

At a meeting held December 21st, 1756, "Voted to build two pews each side the broad alley in the meeting house." "Lieut. Ebenezer Kilborn and Martin Kellogg were appointed a committee to apply themselves in behalf of the society to the General Assembly in May next, and there to move to the said Assembly, by a memorial, for an addition to (of?) the lands adjoining eastward to said society."

At a meeting held December 1st, 1757, "Voted, That the school for the year ensuing be kept in two parts, and that the charge of said school be paid; to be kept and (at?) the north end at the new school house, near Sergt. Daniel Willard's, and the other near about Nathaniel Kirkum's."

At a meeting held December 4th, 1758, "Voted, That the burying place be fenced in (at) the society's charge." "That the school be kept at the north end of the society at the school house, and at the south end near about Nathaniel Kirkum's."

At a meeting held December 1st, 1760, "Voted, That the school be kept the year ensuing three months in the winter season, in two places, one at the school house near Daniel Willard's, and at the south end near the widow Robbins. And that the school be kept three months in the summer at three places, one at each end, and in near the middle of the society, by a school dame."

"Voted, That Mr. David Webster and Martin Kellogg be a committee in behalf of this society, in a matter of controversy between the society and Mr. David Smith of Hadley, relating to a legacy of eighty pounds by the last will and testament of Mrs. Mary Willard, deceased, bequeathed

to this society for encouraging of schooling or support of the poor in the same, and the said controversy to refer to arbitration with Mr. Smith according to their best judgment and discretion.”\*

At a meeting held February 15th, 1764, “Voted, That David Woolcott, Martin Kellogg, and Charles Churchel be a committee to seat the meeting house. That the committee in seating the meeting house, seat it by list, age, parentage, and usefulness.”

“Voted, to Charles Hurlbut and Jonathan Blin, for a house to keep the school in, 10s.”

At a meeting held December 2d, 1765, “Voted, That the seats be taken up in the meeting house, and pews be made in the body of the meeting house.” “That Lieut. Martin Kellogg be a committeeman to take the care of making the pews.”

At a meeting held on the last Monday in April, 1766, “Voted, That whatsoever part of Mr. Belding’s salary is not paid annually by the first of June, shall draw five per cent. interest from that time until paid.”

At a meeting held December 12th, 1770, “Voted, That Sergt. Daniel Willard, Dea. John Camp, and Sergt. Janna Deming be a committee to seat the meeting house. That men and their wives be seated together.”

“Voted, That the society move to the General Assembly, in order to obtain the legacy given to the society by Mary Willard, deceased, in her last will. That Captain Charles Churchel be appointed to assist in that affair.” “That the society be at the cost if it cannot be paid out of the estate.”

At a meeting held January 14th, 1771, “Voted, That two more school houses be built in this society, one near the south-west corner of Lieut. Martin Kellogg’s home lot, and the other near Francis Deming’s home lot, the school houses be built by subscription.”

At a meeting held April 6th, 1773, “Whereas this society covenanted with Mr. Joshua Belding, previous to his settlement in the ministry in this place, to give him, besides the use of the parsonage and sixteen cords of wood, fifty-seven pounds, to be paid in certain quantities of grain, as specified in said covenant on record, or the equivalence to said quantities of grain in money, according to the market price of grain in June, as his stated salary, annually to be paid him during his continuance in the ministry here; and whereas said covenant is so expressed as to admit of various constructions, and by experience the grain is found not to be an equal standard, which has occasioned frequent uneasiness and disquietude, to the disturbance of the peace and harmony in the society, and of wrongs being done: therefore, to remedy the same and prevent the like difficulty for the time to come, it is now agreed and voted, with the consent of Mr. Joshua Belding, that the following alteration be made in said covenant, viz.: that Mr. Belding have paid him annually for the future, during his continuance in the ministry with us, instead of grain or equivalence thereto, the sum of seventy pounds lawful money, for his yearly salary, together with the use of the parsonage and wood as before.”

“Voted, That Joseph Androus, Martin Kellogg, and Charles Churchel be a committee to consult in the affairs of the parsonage.”

[*Extract from the will of Mary Willard.*]

\*“Item. I bequeath eighty pounds lawful money, or value thereof, to be improved forever, that is, the yearly income of the same, for the encouragement of schooling in the society of Newington, or benefit of the poor, at the discretion of the Rev. Joshua Belding, Capt. Robert Wells, Deacon Joshua Andross, and their successors, as a committee for said purpose, to be chosen or appointed by the surviving two when one of them shall be removed by death, and so said committee to be continued.”

Executed May 17th, 1759.

Her estate inventoried, Aug. 26th, 1759, £429 7s. 13d.

At a meeting held May 24th, 1773, "Voted, Capt. Martin Kellogg (and) John Lusk be a committee in the affair of Worthington memorial."

At a meeting held on the first Monday of December, 1773, "Voted, To Josiah Willard, two pounds six shillings and six pence for a funeral cloth."

At a meeting held December 23d, 1773, "Voted, Twenty-two pounds nine shillings and two pence to defray the costs of obtaining the legacy that Mary Willard gave to the society."

"Voted, That two school houses be built in this society by the society's cost. That a committee be appointed to affix the places for the school houses. (That) William Welles, of Glassenbury, Capt. John Warner, of Stepney, and Selah Hart, of Kensington, be a committee to view the society and affix the places for the school houses. That Dea. John Camp, Capt. Martin Kellogg, and Capt. Charles Churchel be appointed to wait upon the said committee to show them the situation of the society. Capt. Martin Kellogg, John Lusk, and Capt. Charles Churchel were appointed a committee to go to the old society of Wethersfield, to ask to have the mountain tier of lots to be annexed to this society."

At a meeting held February 7th, 1774, "Voted, That a committee be appointed to build the school houses at the places where the committee affix them."

At a meeting held March 23d, 1774, "The question was put whether the parsonage lot of land belonging to said society be leased for the space of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as this society shall agree on. Capt. Martin Kellogg, Capt. Charles Churchel and Mr. John Lusk were appointed a committee to lease said parsonage lot of land for the said term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, to such person or persons as shall appear to take the same and give such security for the sum or sums it shall be leased for, with the interest arising thereon, as said committee shall agree; which security shall be either a bond with sureties to the acceptance of said committee, or a mortgage deed of lands of double the value of the sums to be secured, well executed and recorded, and free of all incumbrances whatsoever. That the said lands should be leased in several parcels or allotments, as said committee shall judge best for the benefit of said society. That the money for which the parsonage lot is or shall be leased, shall, by a committee by this society appointed, be let on interest to such persons as shall from time to time appear to take the same, and give security, according to the votes of said society, to the acceptance of said committee, for payment of the principal sums borrowed when required, and for the payment of the interest thereof annually: and that the whole of the interest, arising on the several respective sums so loaned or let on interest, shall be improved annually for and towards the payment of the salary of the minister of this society in Newington, and in case of any vacancy by death or otherwise, towards the payment of such as shall be called to preach on probation or otherwise, and to or for no other use or purpose whatsoever; and that the principal sum or sums aforesaid shall be and remain in the disposal of said society, to be improved as aforesaid forever, without diminution or decrease on any account whatsoever."

"Newington, April the 6th, 1774.

"These presents witness that I, Joshua Belding, for the consideration of seventeen pounds lawful money, to be annually, well, and truly paid to me by the society of Newington, by the first day of May in each succeeding year during the term of my continuing in the ministry in this place, have released and quitted, and do by these presents actually and fully release and quit to said society forever all my right, title or claim to the use and improvement of the parsonage land lying in this parish to their proper

use, improvement, and disposal, without hindrance or molestation from me or any by or under me, as witness my hand."

At a meeting held April 6th, 1774, "Voted, That in consideration of a release and quit-claim, given to this society by Mr. Joshua Belding, of the use and improvement of the parsonage land lying in this parish, which was granted to him, the said Mr. Joshua Belding, by this society at his first settling here, to hold during his continuance in the ministry in this place, that Mr. Joshua Belding have, in lieu of said parsonage, for the future, annually paid to him the sum of seventeen pounds lawful money, to be paid duly by the first day of May in each succeeding year, that is, the first payment to be made the first of May, 1775, and so on yearly so long as Mr. Joshua Belding shall continue in the ministry with us."

At a meeting held the fifth day of December, 1774, "Voted, Lemuel Whittlesey, Robert Wells, jr. and Unni Robbins, and Martin Kellogg, jr., to build the school houses at the places where the committee set the stakes."

At a meeting held December 8th, 1774, "Voted, That the north end of the society, down as far as the north side of Deacon Joshua Andrus' common lot, to be a school district."

"Voted, to build a school house, upon the society's cost, at the southwest corner of Mr. John Lusk's lot, near to Capt. Martin Kellogg's house."

"Voted. That what was voted in the last meeting respecting the building the school houses, be revoked and null."

"Voted, That the school (be kept) twelve months in this society, three months in the winter, in three places at the same time, at the north school house, and at the south school house, and in the middle of the society, and one month in each of said places in the fall of the year."

At a meeting held February 27th, 1775, "Voted, Capt. Martin Kellogg and Capt. Charles Churchel be a committee to examine and to take advice in the affair between Worthington and this society."

At a meeting held December 6th, 1779, "Josiah Willard chosen clerk of said society."\*

"Voted, To the Rev. Mr. Joshua Belden the sum of thirteen hundred pounds as his salary for his service the year past."

"Voted, The sum of two hundred forty-nine pounds four shillings and five pence for maintenance of the schools."

"Voted, To Mr. Abel Andrus the sum of thirty pounds for sweeping the meeting house."†

At a meeting held December 14th, 1779, "Voted, That the society committee shall warn a society meeting to consider about building a new meeting house or repairing the old one."‡

At a meeting held November 23d, 1780, "Voted, To give Mr. Belden the sum of fifty-four pounds ten shillings lawful money, or old Continental money, at the rate of forty for one, in addition to the thirteen hundred heretofore voted to him by this society for his salary for the service of the year 1779."

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\*Robert Welles was chosen clerk Dec. 3d, 1744, and the records are in his handwriting from that time to the record of this meeting, 39 years. The first clerk of the society, Josiah Willard, acted from 1716 to 1744, 28 years. The clerk chosen at this meeting is the third clerk of the society, and probably the son of the first, of the same name.

† These votes show the great depreciation of the currency at this time.

‡ The question of building a meeting house, and especially where it should be located, agitated the society for many years. It was not settled till May 22d, 1797, when it was located where it still stands. The votes in relation to the matter are so numerous that they must be omitted, except those which finally settled the question.

At a meeting held December 4th, 1780, "Voted, To give Mr. Belden, our minister, the sum of eighty-seven pounds lawful money for his salary for his service of the year past, to be paid in silver, or an equivalent in States' money or Continental currency or in produce."

At a meeting held March 5th, 1782, "Voted, That Capt. Churchill, Capt. Kellogg, Unni Robbins, James Blin, and Josiah Willard should be a committee to go and treat with Mr. Belden in respect of his salaries for the years 1777, 1778, 1779, and to make proposals to him according to the best of their discretion, and try to come to an agreement with him to pay him the interest of the parsonage money towards his salaries for said years or otherwise, as said committee shall think fit, and said committee shall transact the said affair with Mr. Belden as though it was their own case (excepting that they refer it to the society for ratification), and they are to make their report to the next adjourned meeting."\*

"Newington, April 2d, 1782.

"A committee being appointed by this society, at a meeting lately held in this place, to treat with me, the subscriber, and make proposals in order for a settlement of the deficiencies occasioned by the depreciation of Continental money, in the payment of my salary for the years 1777, 1778, and 1779, said committee after deliberately looking into the matter, computing what the society were in arrears, and attending to the peculiar, intricate, and perplexed circumstances of the affairs, proposed to give me £100 in addition to all I had received for said three years, which, having taken into consideration, although I look upon it far short of what is my due, and laying upon me (under my circumstances) more than my proportion of the extraordinary burdens of the times, yet, feeling tenderly affected towards the parish, and considering the heavy taxes occasioned by the war, the great difficulty many find to pay them, and with a view and desire to restore, if possible, and promote peace and harmony in the society, I have agreed, in compliance with the said proposal, to accept of a £100 lawful money, with the lawful interest from this day till paid, in lieu of all arrearages due for said three years, and accordingly do hereby, for myself and my heirs, etc., promise and engage, upon condition the society readily consent to and confirm said proposal and agreement, and also shall satisfy unto individuals who have paid their rates in full in all or either of said three years, then to relinquish all further demands for the service of said years, and also, upon my receiving said money agreed upon, do promise to give discharges in full to the society for those three years. As witness my hand,

JOSHUA BELDEN."

At a meeting held February 11th, 1783, "Voted, That they would build two school houses upon the society's cost."

"Voted, That the place for the North school house shall be near the north-west corner of the lot formerly owned by Eli Stoddard, and between the houses of William Andrus and Guinea, as shall appear by the committee most convenient, and the place for the South school house at the stake set by a former committee."

"Voted, That Elijah Welles, Jonathan Stoddard, John Graham, Unni Robbins, Levi Lusk, and Levi Churchill shall be a committee to build the said school houses."

"Voted, To raise four pence on the pound to defray the cost of building said school houses."

At a meeting held March 10th, 1783, "Voted, That the society should

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\*The committee came to an agreement with Mr. Belden, which they reported to the next adjourned meeting held April 2d, 1782, and which is substantially set forth in Mr. Belden's agreement which follows, and was satisfactory to the society and ratified.



be divided into three school districts by a committee now to be appointed for that purpose."

"Voted, That Col. Gad Stanley, Gen. Selah Hart, and John Robbins, Esq<sup>r</sup>, should be this committee."\*

"Voted, That the said committee should divide the society equally, taking the list, conveniency of travel, and all other matters into consideration."

"Voted, Capt. Kellogg, Capt. Mitchell, and Josiah Willard should be a committee to wait upon the aforesaid gentlemen."

At a meeting held April 14th, 1783, "Voted, To Capt. Kellogg and Capt. Mitchell three pounds one shilling and nine pence for defraying the cost and expenses of the school district committee."

"Voted, That we approve of the report and doings of the committee appointed to divide the society into three school districts."†

At a meeting held April 29th, 1783, "Voted, To build two school houses upon the society's cost, the North one in the most convenient place at or near the mouth of Guinea's lane, and the other in the most convenient place against a little piece of land granted by the town to Billy Blin."

"Voted, To build the school houses twenty-five feet long and twenty feet broad."

"Voted, To raise a rate of three pence upon the pound to defray the cost of building the aforesaid school houses."

"Voted, That the inhabitants may have liberty (if to the acceptance of the committee) to pay their respective rates in labor, timber, and materials for building said houses."

"Voted, That Capt. Jonathan Stoddard, Ebenezer Dickinson, and James Welles shall be a committee to build the North school house."

"Voted, That Capt. Mitchell, Francis Deming, and Unni Robbins shall be a committee to build the South school house."

At a meeting held May 3d, 1784, "Voted, To appropriate four pounds of the loan money, or other monies that may be had out of the society treasury, towards hiring a teacher to instruct the people in this parish in the art of singing."

At a meeting held December 6th, 1784, "Voted, To petition the town to purchase a piece of land belonging to Capt. Martin Kellogg, near the burying yard in this place, that the said land may be open for a green or highway, and that the society clerk and society committee be directed to prepare a petition or memorial in behalf of the society, and lay it before the next or some future town meeting."‡

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\* Non-residents.

† As early as in October, 1766, the General Assembly passed an act relating to schools, appropriating 20s. to every £1,000 of the list of the several towns and societies for the benefit of schools, in which it was provided, "That each town and society shall have full power and authority to divide themselves into proper and necessary districts for keeping their schools, and to alter and regulate the same from time to time as they shall have occasion: which districts so made shall draw their equal proportion of said monies, as well as all other public monies, for the support of schools belonging to such respective towns or societies, according to the list of each respective district therein."

Stat. of 1769, p. 330.

‡ The committee presented the following petition:

"To the inhabitants of the Town of Weathersfield, legally assembled by adjournment on Monday, the 3d day of January, 1785:

"The petition of the inhabitants of the Society of Newington, within said Town, humbly sheweth: That there is a certain piece of land containing about an acre, owned by Capt. Martin Kellogg, and lying in said society a few rods North of the meeting house, running out into the highway the whole length of

At a meeting held February 14th, 1785, "Voted, To apply to the town for the mountain tier to be annexed to this society, and to make application to the Assembly to have the same annexed to it. \*

"Voted, That Charles Churchill, Esq., and Capt. Martin Kellogg should be a committee to make the above said application."

At a meeting held March 20th, 1789, "Messrs. David Lowrey and Lemuel Whittlesey were appointed to take care of the excise money."

"Voted, That the interest arising upon, and is now due upon, the hard money part of the soldiers' notes, belonging to the excise money, be added to the principal."

At a meeting held June 1st, 1789, "Voted, That the committee who have the care of the indents for interest now belonging to this society, be directed to use their best discretion in regard to the disposing of said indents, as they shall judge shall be most for the advantage of said society."

"Whereas there was a legacy left by Mr. Jedediah Deming, in his last will, to the society of Newington for the purpose of procuring a library for public use in said society, and as the said society have never received any benefit therefrom, therefore voted, That Messrs. David Lowrey and Simon Welles be a committee to inquire into the same, and to take the most prudent and effectual measures to recover the benefits of said legacy for the use and improvement of said society, as soon as may be and as far as is agreeable to said will." †

said piece: and that when said piece is inclosed it greatly injures a beautiful and commodious green, and is a great inconvenience to said society, and an obstruction to the travel of the inhabitants of said society, and of strangers, who cannot pass that way without loss of travel, especially as it naturally leads them into a corner from whence they cannot pass without returning back or breaking through an inclosure set apart and improved for a piece of burying ground: by which the inhabitants of said society and the public must suffer. Your petitioners therefore pray that the said piece of land may be purchased of the said Capt. Kellogg with the money raised by the sale of land out of the highways in said town, and the said piece of land thrown out to the highway for the benefit of the public. That the matter of their petition may be attended to with candour and a view to the public good, so that relief may be granted.

"And your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, etc.

By order of said Society,

JOSIAH WILLARD, Society Clerk.

David Lowry,

James Welles,

Daniel Willard, jr.,

} Committee.

"Dated at Newington, this 31st day of December, 1784."

It does not appear that the town granted the prayer of the petition, but the land was "thrown out to the highway" about 1806 by its owners, and now probably belongs to the town.

\* Josiah Willard resigned his position as clerk of the society at a meeting held Dec. 19th, 1786, and Daniel Willard, jr., was appointed in his place.

† Extract from the will of Jedediah Deming, executed April 14th, 1787. His estate was inventoried May 22d, 1787.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto the society of Newington a legacy of the sum of sixty pounds, lawful silver money, accounting Spanish milled dollars at six shillings each, to be raised and paid out of my personal or movable estate, for the purpose of procuring only a sufficient quantity of good orthodox books of divinity, at the care and direction of the two standing officiating deacons for the time being in said society, and from time to time by them and their successors in said office, to be improved as opportunity and occasion may require for procuring a suitable quantity of books of the aforesaid description, of Calvinistical principles, for furnishing a suitable library for public use in said society, as far as the same may necessarily extend, forever: which legacy shall be paid by my executors

At a meeting held September 21st, 1789, "Upon a motion of Deacon Stoddard to resign the trust reposed in him by Mr. Jedediah Deming, late of Wethersfield, deceased, in his last will and testament, for applying a legacy given by said Deming to the society of Newington for procuring a public library for said society: Voted, That Messrs. David Lowrey, Roger Welles, John Goodrich, Simon Welles, and Daniel Willard, Jun., be appointed to assist the deacons in the discharge of the trust reposed in them by said will, in applying said legacy, procuring books, and forming a constitution for said library, and to assist them in any other matters that shall be thought necessary respecting said legacy, agreeable to said will, according to their best judgment and discretion, and to report from time to time, when called, their proceedings in the business aforesaid."\*

At a meeting held December 7th, 1789, "Messrs. Unni Robbins, Elizur Andrus, and Daniel Willard, Jun., were appointed to consider the petition of the south end of the society respecting a school district, and to report to the society."

At a meeting held December 22d, 1789, "Voted, That the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds be raised on the list of this society for defraying the cost of the school houses already built in this society and for building a school house at the southern part of the society, the said sum to be equally divided to said houses, and that the south end, extending to one third part of the list of 1788 as near as may be, be impowered to call a meeting and transact any matters respecting the building said house, and that the proprietors of the other houses be empowered to meet and make an average of the sums so voted to each house. (Carried, nineteen against twelve.)"

At a meeting held March 2d, 1790, "Voted, To empower the committee who have the care of the public monies belonging to this society in the loan office, both interest and principal, to dispose of the same according to their best discretion for the benefit of said society."

At a meeting held July 7th, 1791, "There was then laid before the meeting a written obligation, signed by Capt. Martin Kellogg, promising to give to the society ninety pounds in money to be laid out towards a frame for a meeting house in consideration that the society agree to erect and build said house on the west side of the old green and about five rods southward of the south-east corner of the burying yard, so as to enclose a stake set there by him."

"There was also an obligation in writing, signed by Lt. Lemuel Whittlesey, laid before said meeting, promising to give one hundred pounds towards building a meeting house for said society, provided said society shall proceed to build said house near where the first committee set a stake therefor."†

"A division was then called for, and there were for accepting Capt. Kellogg's proposal, 24, for Lt. Whittlesey's proposal, 14, majority of 10 for Capt. Kellogg's proposal."

"Messrs. David Lowrey and James Welles were then appointed to receive the said donation of Capt. Kellogg. Messrs. Roger Welles and

within one year after my decease, and provided the said sum of sixty pounds shall be more than sufficient for the purpose aforesaid, my will is that the surplusage shall be loaned and the annual interest applied and improved for the support of the school in the south district in said society of Newington, their heirs and successors forever."

\* This committee reported, September 14th, 1790, a constitution and regulations for a library, called "Charity Library."

† This was near the dwelling house of Luther Latimer.

Jonathan Stoddard were then appointed to apply to the court to establish the above vote for the acceptance of Capt. Kellogg's proposal."\*

At a meeting held March 13th, 1792, "Voted and agreed, That this society will apply to the honorable General Assembly in May next, to obtain, if may be, the place already agreed upon by this society at their meeting in July last, to be affixed and established for the purpose of building a new meeting house upon. 20 for the vote, 14 against it."

"Voted, That Messrs. David Lowrey and Roger Welles be and they are hereby appointed agents in behalf of this society to apply to the honorable General Assembly in May for the purpose expressed in the above vote. (19 for the vote, 14 against it.)"

At a meeting held October 8th 1792, "Voted, That this society will confine their petition, now pending in the honorable General Assembly, respecting a meeting house, to a committee to view the society, hear all parties, and determine where a meeting house shall be erected in said society."

At a meeting held October 23d, 1792, "Voted, That Col. Roger Welles be appointed to make provision for the committee from the Assembly. Charles Churchill, Esq., Col. Roger Welles, Martin Kellogg, and Capt. Robert Welles were appointed to wait on said committee expected from the Assembly, and show them the society. Daniel Willard, Jun., and David Lowrey were appointed by said meeting to make a statement to said committee."

At a meeting held December 31st, 1792, "Voted, That a committee be appointed to look into the state of the public law books and Kirby's reports belonging to this society, and report to the next meeting. Also, that Messrs. James Welles and David Lowrey be appointed for said purpose."

"Voted, That this meeting approve of the following report and resolve of the honorable General Assembly, laid before the meeting. And the numbers taken were 39 against 3.

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, Anno Dom., 1792.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the society of Newington, in the town of Wethersfield, and county of Hartford, by their agents, David Lowrey and Roger Welles, of said society, shewing to this Assembly that their old meeting house in said society is much decayed and unfit to repair, and that the attempts to erect a new one have hitherto proved ineffectual: praying for the appointment of a committee to view the various places in said society mentioned for the building a meeting house, and report what place is most convenient, as per petition on file. And this petition came to the General Assembly of this state, holden at Hartford in May last, and by continuance to this Assembly; when this Assembly appointed a committee to examine into the facts stated in said petition, which committee having viewed the various places mentioned as suitable to erect a meeting house, at this Assembly have reported that at a stake by the said committee set, about six rods south east from the public burying ground in said society, is the most proper place whereon to erect a meeting house in said society, which report hath been accepted by this Assembly, all which appears on file.

*Resolved by this Assembly,* That a meeting house may be erected at the said place reported by said committee, viz.: at a stake set about six rods south-east from the public burying ground in said society; and said society

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\* The county court, in January, 1792, decided in favor of the site near Luther Latimer's house. The society, at a meeting held Feb. 6th, 1792, disapproved of this judgment of the county court by a vote of 49 to 20.

are hereby authorized to erect a meeting house in said society at said place.

A true copy of record. Examined by George Wyllys, Secretary."

At a meeting held May 13th, 1793, "Voted, That this society will oppose the petition of certain memorialists who have petitioned the Hon. General Assembly, at their present session, to annex sundry persons belonging to this society, together with their estates, and also to annex a certain tract of land at the south end of this society, to the society of Worthington, relative to society and school charges."

"Voted, That Col. Roger Welles and Charles Churchill, Esq., be appointed agents in behalf of this society to oppose said petition."\*

At a meeting held May 20, 1793, "Voted, That Messrs. James Lusk and Martin Kellogg be employed to repair the fence around the burying yard, and that the expense be paid out of the rate-bill in the hand of Mr. Simon Wells."

At a meeting held March 31, 1794, "Voted, To General Roger Welles, three pounds ten shillings, which he paid to Chauncey Goodrich, for memorial for meeting house and attendance on the Court, Nov. 25, 1791, and January, 1792, and for petition to the Assembly in May, 1792."

At a meeting held April 14, 1795, "It was then voted, To raise three shillings on pound on the list of this society for the year 1794, one shilling of the same to be paid annually for the purpose of building a meeting house at the stake set by the Assembly's Committee. 13 for it; 11 against it.

"Voted, That Messrs. Unni Robbins, Elizur Andrus and Joshua Belden, jun., be a committee to procure materials and build a meeting house, agreeable to the above votes.

"Voted, "That Mr. Solomon Stoddard be appointed sheep master, to take care of the sheep in this society the coming summer."

At a meeting held April 27, 1795, "Voted, That General Roger Welles and Deacon James Welles be appointed to procure subscriptions to ease the burdens of the south-western people in this society, on condition that a meeting house be built at the stake set by the Assembly's Committee."

At a meeting held May 18, 1795, "Voted, To General Roger Welles, two pounds eight shillings, to enable him to settle with Mr. Wm. Mosely, and one pound ten, to enable him to settle with Mr. Thomas Y. Seymour, for services to the Assembly, on the petition of Theodore Beckley and others against this society, being in the whole £3, 18."†

\* The petition of Theodore Beckley and others, dated April 22d, 1793, prays that they, with their ratable estate, "may be annexed unto the said society of Worthington, in said Berlin, relative to society and schooling charges."

The society of Worthington, at a meeting held May 13th, 1793, voted that they were "cordially willing" the annexation of the petitioners to that society should be granted by the Assembly, and that they esteemed it "not only expedient, but just and reasonable that this union be made." The petition was granted by the lower house May 20th, 1794. In the upper house, it was granted so far as to annex a part of Stepney (now Rocky Hill) to Worthington. Afterwards, the upper house reconsidered their action and concurred with the lower house.

† General Roger Welles died May 27, 1795, in the 41st year of his age. He was a graduate of Yale College, Class of 1775. After his graduation he taught school in Wethersfield till the Revolutionary War broke out, when he entered the service and continued to the close of the war. He was captain of a company of picked men, under the command of Gen. Lafayette, at the siege of Yorktown, and his company, under his command, led the storming party on the redoubt taken by assault by the Americans. He was the second man in the fort, Col. Alex. Hamilton being the first. He was afterwards presented with a sword by

At a meeting held October 3, 1796, "Voted, To keep five months' school at each district in this society the year coming.

"Voted, Eight pounds to each school, to be raised on the list of this society.

"Voted, That half a cord of wood to a scholar be carried to the schools, and that those who carry the same be allowed at the same rate it shall be set to Mr. Belden.

"Voted, That Messrs. Martin Kellogg, Levi Wells and Jonathan Blinn be appointed a school committee for said schools, and that they collect the poll tax.

"Voted, That Capt. Levi Lusk draw the country money for the schools."\*

At a meeting held June 12, 1797, "Voted, That this Society will build a meeting house at the stake set by the Assembly's Committee, agreeable to a resolve of said Assembly. 22 for, 17 against."

At a meeting held August 7, 1797, "Voted, That the north-west corner of the meeting house be set at a stake now set on the green, and that the sills be ranged due north and south, east and west, with the porch or steeple at the east end."

At a meeting held August 28, 1797, "Voted, That this Society direct the present committee of superintendence for building a meeting house in this society proceed to erect and finish a meeting house at the stake set by the Assembly's Committee where the foundation now lies. 33 for, 21 against."

At a meeting held August 30, 1798, "Voted, To proceed to finish the lower part of the meeting house, now erecting, with the breastwork of the gallery, as soon as may be, lathing and plastering excepted."

At a meeting held September, 24, 1798, "Voted, That the Committee appointed to superintend the building a meeting house in this society, be directed to engage some suitable person to finish the same as they shall judge will be best for the society."

At a meeting held October 15, 1798, "Voted, To build pews in all the lower part of the meeting house instead of seats."

At a meeting held November 12, 1798, "Voted, To sell and dispose of the old meeting house in this society, and apply the avails of it towards defraying the charges of the new meeting house now building in said society, according to the discretion of a committee hereafter to be appointed for that purpose."

At a meeting held March 23, 1801, "Voted, That we will raise one cent on a dollar, for the purpose of painting the meeting house, on the list of 1800."

At a meeting held December 6, 1802, "Voted, That James Wells, jun., be a society clerk in the room of Daniel Willard who has resigned said office."

At a meeting held March 8, 1803, to take into consideration "Mr. Belden's proposals to the society."

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Gen. Lafayette. He married Jemima Kellogg, March 27, 1785, and settled in Newington. In May, 1788, he was appointed colonel of the Sixth Reg't of State Militia. In May, 1793, he was appointed brigadier-general of the Seventh Brigade of Militia. He was a member of the House of Representatives at the sessions held in May, October and December, 1790, May, 1791, May, 1792, May and October, 1793, May, 1794, and May, 1795, being a member when he died. In personal appearance he was tall and commanding, being over six feet high, and by his training and martial bearing was well fitted to be a general in reality as well as in name.

\* These are the last votes of the Society on the subject of schools. The school society was probably soon organized.

"Voted, To comply with Mr. Belden's first proposal."

"Voted, To appoint a committee to hire a candidate if there should be need."

At a meeting held December 5, 1803, "Voted, To pay the Rev. Joshua Belden the salary due to him to the present time, \$290, to be raised on the list of 1803."\*

"Voted, To raise \$200, on the list of 1803, for the purpose of supplying the pulpit the year ensuing, and that one half be collected and paid by the first day of March next, and the remainder by the last day of June next."

"Voted, That Col. Levi Lusk, Dea. James Wells, Dea. Daniel Willard and Mr. Abel Andrus be a committee to supply the pulpit the ensuing year, according to the best of their discretion."

At a meeting held November 19, 1804, "Voted, That this society will give Mr. Joab Brace a call to settle with us in the gospel ministry, (51 for O.)"

"Voted, That Col. Levi Lusk, Dea. James Wells, Dea. Daniel Willard, Mr. Abel Andrus, Mr. Martin Kellogg, Maj. Justus Francis, and Mr. David Lowrey, be a committee to confer with Mr. Brace on said subject, and to obtain his mind with respect to settling in this society, and make report to the next meeting."

At a meeting held December 3, 1804, "Voted that this society agree to the report made to this meeting by the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Joab Brace with respect to his settling in this society."

At a meeting held Dec. 17, 1804, "Voted, That this society agree to the proposals made by the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Joab Brace, and his agreement thereto be agreed to, and that the day appointed for his being ordained be on the third Wednesday of January next. (45 for, 2 against.)"

"Voted, That the society's committee be appointed, in concurrence with the committee to be appointed by the church, to grant letters missive and to transact all business relative to the ordination."

"Voted, That the aforesaid committee be appointed to seat the counsel and strangers that shall attend on the day of ordination, and that they confer with Mr. Brace on what day he wishes to have a fast, and make public proclamation on the Sabbath."†

At a meeting held January 7, 1805, "Voted, That Abel Andrus, David Lowrey, Martin Kellogg, Unni Robbins, jun., Simon Kilbourn, Lemuel Holmes, Widow Honor Blinn, and Widow Jemima Welles be appointed to keep houses of entertainment on the day of ordination."

At a meeting held February 11, 1805, "Voted, \$39.83 to Joshua Belden, Esq., for entertaining the counsel."

"Voted, Widow Jemima Welles \$25.50 for boarding Mr. Brace and keeping his horse."

*Mr. Joab Brace's Call from the Society.*

Newington, December 3d, 1804.

"Whereas Joab Brace, candidate, has been preaching for a length of time among us, and given universal satisfaction, we hereby give him a call to settle among us, in the work of the Gospel ministry; and for his encouragement in the same we engage with him on the following terms, viz: That we will give him a permanent salary of three hundred and

\* Mr. Belden did the actual service of the ministry during fifty-six years. Dr. Brace's Dis., 17.

† The fast was January 9, 1805, and the ordination January 16, 1805.

seventy dollars a year so long as he shall continue to officiate with us in the ministry of the gospel. Provided, however, that his salary shall not cease for any temporary interruption from any providential illness or inability. Also in addition to the above we will give him, for the four first years successively, one hundred dollars a year, out of the interest of the public moneys belonging to this society, for his present assistance. And, further, we will fetch and deliver to him yearly the wood he shall provide, not exceeding twenty loads a year, from a lot lying about two miles south-west of West Hartford meeting house.

Signed, in behalf of the society,

Abel Andrus, David Lowrey, Martin Kellogg, James Wells, Justus Francis, Levi Lusk, Daniel Willard, committee.

*Mr. Brace's answer to the Society.*

The people of this society having given me a regular call to settle among them in the work of the gospel ministry, and having proposed their engagement with me on the following terms, viz.: That they will give me a permanent salary of three hundred and seventy dollars a year so long as I shall continue to officiate with them in the ministry of the Gospel. Provided, however, that my salary shall not cease in case of any temporary interruption by any Providential illness or inability. That in addition to the above permanent salary, they will give me, for the four first years successively, one hundred dollars a year out of the interest of the public monies belonging to this society, for my present assistance. And further, that they will fetch and deliver to me yearly the fire wood which I shall provide, not exceeding twenty loads a year, from a lot lying about two miles south-west of West Hartford meeting house. And I, also, having turned my attention to this great and solemn subject, with mature deliberation, with much prayer to God, and with consultation of those friends whom I judged capable of advising. These are therefore to signify my acceptance of their proposals and agreement stated above, and my willingness to comply with their call, depending on divine aid, to be their minister in the Gospel of Christ, devoutly praying to Almighty God that by His sovereign grace I may be the humble instrument in His hands of awakening and converting sinners, and of building up saints in holiness and comfort, through faith unto salvation, and that this solemn connection may be for the everlasting peace and happiness both of this people and myself.

Newington, December 17th, A. D. 1804.

JOAB BRACE.

*Addition to Mr. Brace's answer.*

That there may be no objection in the minds of any person, I am content that the donation for the four first years should be paid on the following conditions, viz.: If I should be dismissed from this people at my own request, at the end of four years, that only half the four years donation be retained by me, if at the end of six years, three fourths of the four years donation be retained, and if I continue eight years that the whole be retained; but if I am dismissed at the people's request, no refunding shall be made.

Newington, December 17th, 1804.

J. BRACE.

Rev. Joshua Belden was born July 19, 1724. He was a graduate of Yale College in the class of 1743. He began to preach in Newington in May, 1747, and was ordained as pas-



tor Nov. 11, 1747, when he was twenty-three years of age. He actively discharged the duties of the pastoral office from that time till Nov. 1803, a period of fifty-six years, when the infirmities of age compelled him to relinquish them. The pulpit was then supplied by Rev. Aaron Cleveland, and perhaps others, till October 7, 1804, when Rev. Joab Brace began to preach. Mr. Brace was ordained January 16, 1805, entering this "solemn connection" at the same age as his immediate predecessor had done, when he was but twenty-three years old. He continued the pastor of the church till he also resigned, after a service of fifty years. He preached his last discourse as pastor, January 16, 1855. This discourse, which was of an historical character, was published by vote of the society. Dr. Brace died at Pittsfield, Mass., at the residence of Rev. John Todd, his son-in-law, April 20, 1861, aged 80.

The history of the society to the close of Mr. Belden's pastorate is virtually the history of Newington. For nearly the first century of its existence it was the only organization within its geographical limits. Even the church, during the time of Mr. Williams and Mr. Backus, has left no traces to show that it was in any sense separate from the society. Either no church records were then kept, or if kept they have been lost. The ecclesiastical society appointed the days for the ordination of the three first ministers and the days for fasting and prayer. No reference is made to any concurrent action on the part of the church.

The society voted September 12, 1722, "to keep Wednesday, the 3d day of October, next ensuing, as a fast, to implore divine assistance of God, in gathering a church of Christ here, and in the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Elisha Williams," yet Mr. Williams had already preached two years, the meeting house had been raised in April, 1716, and January 15, 1719, the society voted to call a minister, and appointed a committee to treat with Mr. Nathaniel Burnham. The meeting house was located by the Legislative Committee, "near Dea. Joseph Andrus' house," so that there was a deacon at that time, May 13, 1715. He was undoubtedly the first deacon, and the only one before the ordination of Mr. Williams;

whenever his name occurs he is uniformly given the title of Deacon. The second was Dea. John Deming, who is given the title for the first time in the record of the next meeting held after the ordination of Mr. Williams. He was probably appointed deacon at the first, when the church was organized. These two were the deacons during nearly the whole of the ministry of Mr. Williams. The name of Dea. Andrus appears for the last time in the record of the meeting held January 6, 1726. He was succeeded by Dea. Jabez Whittelsey, who first receives that title in the record of the meeting held April 15, 1726. Dea. Whittelsey continued to act till he removed from the place in 1745. He was probably succeeded by Dea. Josiah Willard, whose name next appears with that title in the records. Dea. Willard died March 10, 1757, and was succeeded by Dea. Joshua Andrus. Dea. John Deming died May 1, 1761, and was succeeded by Dea. John Camp, who was appointed July 2, 1761. Dea. John Camp was succeeded by Dea. Elisha Stoddard, who was chosen August 14, 1782. Dea. Joshua Andrus was succeeded by Dea. Charles Churchill who was chosen August 31, 1786. Dea. Elisha Stoddard was succeeded by Dea. James Wells, who was chosen August 5, 1790. Dea. Charles Churchill was succeeded by Dea. Daniel Willard, chosen Feb. 24, 1803. Dea. Wells and Dea. Willard were the two deacons of the church when Mr. Brace was ordained.

The first church records kept, separate from the society records, are those of Mr. Belden. These records are quite defective as to church votes and proceedings. All the records of cases of discipline were purposely destroyed by him. His record of Baptisms, Marriages, and those who owned the Half-way Covenant, appears to be complete. The others are more or less defective. These records are appended, and together with the society records, form the treasury to which we must go for accurate information during the period of Mr. Belden's ministry. Only a selection from the society records could be admitted within the compass of this work, the aim has been to present those votes which best illustrate the history of the parish. They show that the powers of the society in its early

days embraced many subjects now within other jurisdictions, such as schools, pounds and pound-keepers, the flocking of sheep, appointment of sheep-masters, the burying yard, &c. The minister's salary and the other society expenses were paid by "minister and society rates" or taxes which were assessed each year upon the list of all the inhabitants within the geographical limits of the parish. The Collector of these rates was armed with a warrant which authorized and required him, "in his Majesty's name," to collect the sums named in his rate bill, of the several persons therein named, and in default of payment, to distrain their goods and chattels, and for want of goods or chattels, to seize the bodies of the delinquents and them to commit to the common jail, there to remain till they paid and satisfied the sums assessed upon them, unless upon application to the County Court, their rates were abated. With this formidable power it is presumed the Collector was generally successful in raising the minister's salary and the society expenses. Rates were quite commonly paid in wheat, rye, or Indian corn, at standard prices, varied from year to year, and fixed by votes of the society, a medium of exchange more stable and certain oftentimes, than the fluctuating currency of the Colonies, especially when inflated in times of war or great necessities for money. The seats in church were not sold, neither were they free, but they were assigned by a committee duly appointed for that purpose, called "seaters," who, in seating the inhabitants, paid due regard to their list, age, parentage and usefulness. During the time of Mr. Williams and Mr. Backus, the male and female portions of the audience were separated, but afterwards men and their wives were permitted to worship together. When the second meeting house was built, the then modern invention of pews was substituted for seats, in the lower part of the house. In the first meeting house, though its walls were not lathed and plastered for some years, no artificial heat ever warmed the hearers in their devotions. Not till after Mr. Brace's settlement was this innovation made. The zeal of the worshipers more than supplied the want of luxuries. The long doctrinal sermons of the day enabled

them to become well grounded in the tenets of their religion, and better qualified to give reasons for the faith that was in them, than the worshipers of the present day, who, in more luxurious churches, listen to less exhaustive sermons. Cases of discipline were more common then than now, probably because the watch and care of the church over its members were more strict and constant, the church members fewer in number, and the church more accustomed, from the union of the church and State, to wield the arm of power than at present; then there was also one prolific source of evils, the sin of intemperance, far more common in the church than to-day. "The circumstances of the times in which they lived in the last century, tended to make our fathers and mothers rugged in body, and strong in mind and character. They were trained amid privations and necessities, contest succeeded contest with Indians, French, and lastly with the English. They had to grapple with nature itself, and turn the wild wilderness into the cultivated field, to build roads and bridges, meeting houses and school houses, causing endless disputes between conflicting interests. The first settlers had to fight against the adverse influences of a new climate, diseases laid them low, and death consigned them to the "place of silence." Educated in such a school they were taught, first, reliance on God, second, reliance on themselves, and they became valiant soldiers, whether battling for their spiritual or temporal interests. They laid the foundation of religion and education, broad and deep. They builded better than they knew. Let their descendants, while they reap the benefits of their toil, also cherish and honor their memory. "Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation."

THE FIRST RECORDS  
OF THE  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN NEWINGTON,

CONTAINING

Admissions to Communion, Baptisms, Those who  
Acknowledged the Baptismal Covenant,  
Church Votes and Proceedings,  
Marriages and Deaths,

*From November 11, 1747, to January 16, 1805,*

AS KEPT BY

REV. JOSHUA BELDEN, PASTOR.

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I.

ADMISSIONS TO COMMUNION.

Feb. 9, 1752. Stephen Deming and his wife were *admitted to full communion.*

April 26. Louis (Lois), the wife of Phinehas Andrus, being recommended from Stepney, was accepted to communion with this church. At the same time Abigail, the wife of John Frary, recommended from East Guilford, was accepted to communion.

June 28. Mary, the wife of Daniel Kilborn, recommended from Killingworth, was accepted to communion.

Nov. 26. Penelope, the wife of John Camp, was admitted to full communion.

April 1, 1753. David Goodrich was admitted to full communion.

At the same time Henry Kircum, with his wife, recommended from New Cambridge, were received again to communion.

- June 1, 1755. Prudence, the wife of Timothy Kilborn, and Happy Kilborn were admitted to full com.
- At the same time Mr. David Webster, with his wife, recommended from Glassenbury, were admitted to church privileges.
- Aug. 3. Peletiah Buck, jr., and his wife, were admitted to full communion.
- Dec. 4. Mercy Lamb was admitted to full communion.
- June 6, 1756. Jemima Lamb " "
- Jan. 16, 1757. Abigail, the wife of David Woolcut, recommended from Guilford, was accepted to church privileges.
- Dec. 3, 1758. Sarah, the wife of Thomas Francis, recommended from East Middletown, was accepted to church privileges.
- April 6, 1760. Sarah Wells, admitted to full communion.
- May 3, 1761. Mr. Simon Backus " "
- July 4, 1762. Thomas Francis " "
- March 6, 1763. Thomas Wright " "
- May 1. Henry Kircum, jun., " "
- July 3. Martha, the wife of Ensign Chas. Hurlbut, admitted to full communion.
- May 6, 1764. Caleb Andrus admitted to full communion.
- July 5, 1767. Mr. Zadock Hun " " "
- May 7, 1769. Eunice Woolcot " " "
- Sept. 3. Dorothy, the wife of Luther Latimer, received to communion.
- At the same time Hannah, wife of David Woolcut, jun., recommended from Windsor, was accepted to stated com.
- Nov. 5. Joseph Churchil and his wife were admitted to full communion.
- At the same time James Wells was admitted to communion.
- April 29, 1770. Martha Wells and Eunice Lusk admitted into communion.
- July 1. Elijah Wells and Mary Lusk were admitted to full communion.
- Nov. 1. Gamaliel Deming and Rebecca, his wife, Cloe Wells and Absalom Wells were admitted to communion.
- July 28, 1771. Ashbel Seymour was admitted to full communion.
- Jan. 6, 1772. Elias Francis and his wife were received to full communion.
- March 1. Capt. Charles Churchill and his wife received to full communion.
- At the same time Lucy Camp was admitted to full communion.
- Nov. 1. Jessie Churchill and Sarah, his wife, recommended from New Cambridge, admitted to communion.
- Dec. 13, 1772. Hannah Fairchild, admitted to communion and baptised.
- Jan. 3, 1773. Louis Latimer, received to full communion.
- April, 1774. Fitch Hurlbut and Jemima, his wife, received to communion.
- June 25. Mary, wife of Joseph Stoddord, and Dinah, wife of Enoch Stoddord, received into the church.

- March 5, 1775. Honor Belden, recommended from the first church in Norwich, was accepted to stated com.
- July 7, 1776. Hannah, wife of Martin Kellogg, jr., recommended from Caanan, received to stated communion.
- Sept. 1. Lydia Fox and Lydia Buck, admitted to communion.
- April 20, 1777. Robert Welles, jr., and Abigail, his wife, Mary Belden and Martha Belden were admitted to full communion.
- May 4. Elisha Stoddord and Hannah, wife of Jonathan Curtis, were received to communion.
- June 22. Daniel Willard, jun., renewed covenant and was received into full com.
- June 29. Lemuel Hurlbut and Tabitha, his wife, received to full communion.
- Feb. 15, 1778. William Richards renewed covenant and was received to full com.
- Aug. 9. Sarah, wife of Jedediah Mills was admitted to church communion.
- April 2, 1780. Levi Hurlbut and Martha, his wife, and Mercy, the wife of Saml. Churchill, were admitted to church com.
- May 7. Elizabeth, wife of Bernard Romans, admitted to church com.
- The same day Love, the wife of James Lusk, recommended from Suffield, received to communion.
- July 2. Jemima Kellogg, admitted to full com.
- “ 23. Amos Buck, and Abigail, his wife, admitted to church com.
- Oct. 29. Justus Francis, received to church com.
- Feb. 25, 1781. Thankfull Seymour, admitted to church com.
- May 6. Tabitha, wife of Elias Andrus received to communion, recommended from East Windsor.
- Oct. 14. Mable, wife of Amos Andrus Webster, recommended from Worthington Church, received to stated communion.
- May 4, 1783. Capt. Robert Welles, received to church com.
- Oct. 5. Elizabeth, wife of George Woolcutt, received to church com.
- Jan. 4, 1784. Anne Deming was admitted to church communion.
- Feb. 20, 1785. Ephraim Peterson and his wife, recommended from the church at Piermont, were admitted to church communion, and privately.
- May 1. Octavia and Rhoda Belden admitted to church communion.
- Sept. 4. Abel Andrus admitted to full communion.
- Feb. 19, 1786. Sarah, wife of Oswell Rockwell, admitted to church com.
- March 5. Abigail, wife of James Welles, recommended from Bristol, was received to stated com.
- At the same time, also, Elizabeth, wife of Simon Welles, recommended from East Guilford.
- June 25. Obediah Smith admitted to church com.
- 1781 or 1782. Dorothy, the wife of Elisha Stoddord, was admitted

- to full communion, but not being entered at the time the exact date is forgotten.
- March 4, 1787. Lois, wife of Justus Francis, recommended from N. Britain, admitted to stated communion.
- Sept. 2. Rhoda, wife of Abel Andrus, recommended from West Hartford, received to stated com.
- Sept. 16. Mary, wife of David Stoddord, admitted to church communion.
- Nov. 4. Isabel Cornwell, recommended from New Britain, received to communion.
- Nov. 1, 1789. Silas Churchill, admitted to church com.
- Jan. 24, 1790. Judith, wife of John Hurlbut, and Hannah, wife of Abijah Wright, admitted to church com.
- Nov. 7. Eleazar Merrill and his wife recommended from West Hartford, were received to com.
- Sept. 4, 1791. Elizabeth, wife of Roger Francis, recommended from New Britain, was received to stated com.
- Oct. 16. Lt. Sam'l Hurlbut was admitted to church com.
- Jan. 8, 1792. Waitstill Dickinson and his wife admitted to full com.
- At the same time Elizabeth, wife of Ephraim Deming, was admitted etc.
- Feb. 26. Simon Welles was admitted to church com.
- Aug. 26. Jerusha Seymour, admitted to full com.
- May 4, 1794. Rose, negro woman, recommended from Durham, admitted to church com.
- Sept. 6, 1795. Elizabeth, wife of Elias Seymour, Honor, wife of Ashbel Seymour, and Abigail Hubbard were admitted to full com.
- Oct. 25. Admitted to church communion, Martha Fox and Mary Atwood, the last baptized at the same time.
- July 3, 1796. Janna Deming and his wife, and Josiah Francis and his wife were received to full com.
- Nov. 6. Widow Mercy Griswold and Abigail, the wife of Josiah Griswold, recommended from West Hartford, were admitted to church com.
- May 7, 1797. Levi Welles and his wife and Alma Welles were received to full com.
- And Sarah, the wife of Lemuel Holmes admitted (on a letter received from Stepney).
- July 2. Honor, wife of Jonathau Blin, Lucy Welles and Lucy Gaylord were admitted to full communion.
- July 1, 1798. Eleazar Brown and Anne, his wife, recommended from the Church in New London, were received to com.
- July 14, 1799. Hannah Andrus and Clary Welles were admitted to full communion with the church.
- Also Eleazar Merrill and his wife received again, recommended from New Britain, where they have resided some time.
- Sept. 1. Erastus Seymour, admitted to com.
- Nov. 3. Mary Kellogg, 2d, admitted to com.



- March 2, 1800. Silva, wife of Michel Wright and Anne Camp were admitted to full com.
- Sept. 7. Levi Deming, Ashbel Seymour, jr., Mary Lowry and Jemima Kellogg were admitted to full com.
- Nov. 2. Prudence Merrill admitted to full communion.
- March 1, 1801. Joshua Belden, jur., and Dorothy, his wife, admitted to full communion.
- May 3. Francis Coslet was admitted to full com.
- Dec. 20. Oledine Andrus admitted to com. and baptized.
- Same time, Eunice Seymour received to church com.
- March 14, 1802. David Lowry and his wife received to com.
- April 17, 1803. Roger Hurlbut received to com.
- Oct. 30. Anne Andrus admitted to com. and baptized.
- Nov. 6. Lydia Andrus received to com.
- Nov. 4, 1804. Esther Latimer admitted to com.
- Dec. 23. Anne, the wife of Elizur Andrus, and Louis, wife of Fitch Andrus, were admitted to communion.
- Admissions, total, - - - - 169
- Feb. 17, 1805. Absalom Welles and Loranía, his wife, were received to church com.

January 16, 1805 :

Members, - - - - 51

## II.

### BAPTISMS.

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| Nov. 15, 1747. Elizabeth, d. of Josiah Kilborn.  | Mar. 6. Cloe, d. of Wm. Andrus. At same time, John, s. of John Lusk, and Daniel, son of Hezekiah Deming.          |
| Dec. 6th. Abigail, d. of Stephen Deming.   |   |
| Dec. 13. Abraham, s. of Elisha Warren.   | May 1. Hannah, d. of Samuel Hun, and Elias, son of Josiah Francis.  |
| Dec. 27. Bela, s. of Benj. Goodrich, and Elizur, s. of Benajah Andrus.                                   | May 29. Eunice, d. of David Woolcot.  |
| Jan. 24, 1747-8. Epaphras, s. of Thomas Stoddord.  | July 10. Eliphalet, s. of Eliphalet Whittlesey, jr., and Abigail, d. of Zebulon Robbins, per Mr. William Burnham. |
| Jan. 31. Ashbel, son of Beavil Seymore, Theodore, s. of Israel Bordman, and Rhoda, d. of Solomon Deming. | Nov. 2. Solomon, son of Amos Hurlbut.   |
| Feb. 14. Jeames, s. of William Wells, and Oliver, son of Jonathan Churchil.                              | Nov. 27, 1748. Timothy, son of Timothy Kilborn, and Patience,   |

- d. of Mary Barns, once Mary Woolcot.
- Dec. 4. Asa, s. of Solomon Deming.
- Dec. 18. Benjamin, s. of George Kilborn.
- Dec. 25. Hannah, d. of Daniel Willard, and Lucy, d. of Phineas Cole.
- Jan. 1, 1748-9. Honor, daugh. of Wid. Hannah Whaples.
- Jan. 12. Hannah, d. of Charles Churchil.
- Jan. 15. Sarah, d. of Sam'l Hun.
- Feb. 19. Elizabeth, d. of Joseph Hurlbut.
- Mar. 6. Jeames, s. of Thos. Stanley, jr., in the mother's right.
- April 2. Lucy, d. of John Camp.
- April 9. Abigail, dau. of Capt. Robert Wells, and Amos, s. of Samuel Buck, per Mr. James Lockwood.
- April 23. Anne, dau. of Martin Kellogg, jr.
- May 21. Josiah, son of Elijah Andrus, Benajah, son of Israel Bordman, and Aron, s. of Sam'l Richards, all per Mr. Daniel Russell.
- May 28. Esther, d. of Stedman Young.
- June 18, 1749. Thankfull, d. of Gideon Hun.
- July 9. Reuben, son of Judah Wright.
- Oct. 8. Sarah, d. of Robt. Woodruff.
- Oct. 29. Martha, d. of William Wells. At the same time, baptized, Elias, son of Josiah Wright, and Timothy, son of Timothy Goodrich.
- Dec. 3. Hannah, dau. of Elisha Warren.
- Jan. 17, 1749-50. Louis, dau. of Timothy Judd.
- Mar. 25, 1750. Rhoda, dau. of Benjamin Goodrich.
- April 22. Thankful, d. of Beavil Seymore.
- May 20. Silas, son of Benajah Andrus. At the same time, baptized, Eunice, dau. of John Lusk.
- June 24. Abel, s. of Josiah Hinsdil.
- July 8. Elizabeth, d. of Joseph Deming.
- Aug. 12. Lydia, d. of Thomas Stoddord.
- Aug. 19. David, s. of Eliphelet Whittlesey. At the same time, baptized, Martha, d. of Phineas Cole.
- Aug. 26. Elijah, son of Oliver Atwood. At the same time, baptized, Lemuel, s. of Amos Hurlbut.
- Nov. 11. Justus, son of Josiah Francis, per James Lockwood.
- Nov. 25. William, s. of Daniel Willard.
- Dec. 9. Rosannah Deming, d. of Stephen Deming.
- Dec. 16. William, son of Elijah Burnham.
- Dec. 23. Sarah, d. of Stephen Kellogg.
- Jan. 20, 1751. Martha, dau. of Joshua Belding. At the same time, baptized, Jonathan, s. of Ezra Balding.
- Feb. 3. Hannah, d. of Ephraim Blin.
- Mar. 3. Eliphalet, s. of Samuel Richards.
- Mar. 17. Hannah, d. of Thomas Robbins.
- Mar. 24. Seth, s. of Noah Stanley. At the same time, baptized, Elizur, s. of Janna Deming.
- Mar. 31. Ruth, d. of Jos. Andrus.
- April 10. John, son of Charles Hurlbut.
- April 14. Ruth, dau. of Robert Woodruff.
- Aug. 18. Elisha, s. of Ebenezer Smith, jr.

- Sept. 22. Asel, son of Judah Wright. At the same time, baptized, Mary, d. of John Peirce.
- Nov. 24. Ann, dau. of Zebulon Goodrich. At the same time, baptized, Kate, d. of Stephen Lee.
- Dec. 15. Mary, d. of Sam'l Hun.
- Dec. 29. Abigail, d. of Zebulon Stoddord.
- Jan. 5, 1752. Hannah, d. of Elisha Warren.
- Jan. 12. Justice, son of Josiah Wright.
- Jan. 26. Anne, d. of Joshua Belding. At the same time, baptized, Melicent, d. of Zebulon Goodrich.
- Feb. 2. Samuel, s. of Jno. Lusk.
- Feb. 16. William, s. of Joseph Hinsdil.
- Mar. 29. Robert, s. of William Lusk.
- April 5. Lot, s. of Thos. Stanley, jun.
- April 12. Elias, son of Janna Deming, per Mr. Dan'l Russell.
- May 3. Eunice, dau. of Gideon Hunn.
- May 10. Levi, s. of Oliver Atwood, Hannah, dau. of Amos Hurlbut, and Timothy, son of Timothy Kilborn.
- June 7. Levi, s. of Chas. Churchill.
- July 5. Nathaniel, s. of Stedman Youngs.
- July 12. Elizabeth, d. of Steph. Kellogg.
- July 26. Rosil, s. of Bevil Seymore.
- Aug. 2. Elijah, son of Gideon Griswould.
- Aug. 23. Joseph, s. of Joseph Hurlbut.
- September, N. S. begins.
- Oct. 7. Mary, dau. of Gamaliel Deming.
- Oct. 21. Elijah, s. of Elijah Andrus.
- Oct. 29. Hanna, d. of Ephraim Blin.
- Nov. 12. Keturah, d. of Phineas Andrus.
- Dec. 10. John, s. of Jno. Peirce, and Mary, d. of John Frary, upon his wife's right.
- Feb. 18, 1753. Elias, s. of Jos. Andrus.
- Mar. 4. Frances, d. of Ebenezer Smith, jun.
- April 8. Daniel, son of Daniel Willard. At the same time, baptized, Lucina, d. of Josiah Francis.
- April 29. John, son of Elijah Stoddord.
- May 20. Asaph, s. of Eliphelet Whittlesey.
- June 17. Appleton, s. of Capt. Robert Wells, per Mr. James Lockwood.
- Aug. 12. Abigail, d. of Joshua Belding.
- Sept. 21. Abigail, dau. of Caleb Webster.
- Sept. 23. Mary, dau. of Charles Churchil.
- Oct. 14. Martha, dau. of Elijah Kircum.
- Oct. 21. Louis, d. of Bevil Seymour.
- Oct. 28. Sylvia, dau. of Noah Stanley.
- Jan. 6, 1854. Daniel, s. of Janna Deming.
- Jan. 20. Samuel, s. of Zebulon Stoddord.
- Jan. 27. Sylvia, dau. of Stephen Deming. At the same time, baptized, Samuel, s. of Gideon Griswould.
- Mar. 3. Mary, d. of Mr. David Webster.
- Mar. 24. Hulda, dau. of Josiah Atwood, jr.

- April 21. Lydia, dau. of John Richards.
- May 5. Samuel, s. of Jonathan Whaples.
- June 23. Simon, son of William Wells, and Solomon, s. of Josiah Wright, per Mr. J. Lockwood.
- June 28. Mable, dau. of Darius Stevens, privately.
- Aug. 25. John, s. of Benjamin Goodrich.
- Sept. 29. Abigail, d. of Solomon Deming.
- Nov. 10. Rhoda, d. of Thomas Stoddord, Seth, s. of Timothy Kilborn, Rebecca, d. of Gama-liel Deming, and Rosil, son of Ephraim Blin.
- Dec. 22. Elijah, son of William Lusk.
- Jan. 26, 1755. Samuel, son of Israel Bordman.
- Feb. 2. Josiah, s. of Amos Hurlbut.
- Feb. 23. Eunice, dau. of Caleb Woolcott.
- Mar. 2. Solomon, son of Joel Jones, in the mother's right.
- Mar. 16. Eleanor, d. of Martin Kellogg.
- Mar. 30. Abigail, d. of Eben-  
ezur Smith, jr.
- April 20. John, s. of Oliver Atwood.
- May 4. Charles, son of Charles Churchil, and Chester, son of Stephen Kellogg.
- July 13. Elijah, son of Zebulon Goodrich.
- Aug. 31. Mary, dau. of Elijah Stoddord.
- Sept. 6. Seth, s. of David Lusk.
- Sept. 18. Dorothy, d. of Eliph-  
let Whittlesey. At the same  
time, baptized, Jonathan, s. of  
Nathaniel Kircum.
- Sept. 21. Rose, d. of Elijah An-  
drus, and Lydia, d. of Peletiah  
Buck, jr.
- Nov. 2. Thomas, son of Janna  
Deming.
- Nov. 13. William, s. of Samuel  
Richards.
- Dec. 7. James, son of Josiah  
Francis, and Sarah, d. of James  
Lusk.
- Dec. 14. Mary, dau. of Joshua  
Belding.
- Dec. 28. Elizur, s. of Jonathan  
Whaples.
- Jan. 9, 1756. George, s. of Jo-  
siah Atwood.
- Jan. 25. Sarah, dau. of Joseph  
Andrus.
- Feb. 22. Josiah, son of Josiah  
Kilborn.
- April 4. Eli, s. of Jos. Hurlbut.
- April 25. Joseph, s. of Jonathan  
Curtice, in the mother's right.
- July 18. Ruth, d. of Noah Stan-  
ley, and Elijah, son of John  
Richards.
- Aug. 1. Rhoda, d. of Capt. Rob-  
ert Wells.
- Sept. 19. Leonard, s. of Steph.  
Deming.
- Nov. 7. Sarah, dau. of Zebulon  
Stoddord.
- Nov. 21. Elizabeth, d. of Josiah  
Wright, and Isaac, son of Joel  
Jones, in the mother's right.
- Jan. 23, 1757. Silas, s. of Eph.  
Blin.
- Feb. 6. David, s. of Mr. David  
Webster, Asa, s. of Beli Blin,  
and Rhoda, d. of Mary Hurl-  
but.
- Mar. 20. David, s. of Benjamin  
Goodrich, and Louis, d. of Jas.  
Blin.
- April 3. Levi, s. of Wm. Lusk.
- April 10. Samuel, s. of Charles  
Churchil.
- May 22. Cloe, d. of Nathaniel  
Kircum.
- June 5. Lydia, d. of Dan'l Wil-  
lard.
- Aug. 1. Cloe, dau. of Peletiah  
Buck, jr.

- Aug. 14. Appleton, s. of Phinehas Andrus.
- Aug. 28. Happy, dau. of Louis Kilborn.
- Sept. 4. Jemima, d. of Martin Kellogg.
- Oct. 2. Sarah, d. of Joshua Bel-  
ding.
- Oct. 9. Rhoda, d. of Josiah At-  
wood, jr.
- Nov. 6. Sarah, dau. of Thomas  
Wright.
- Nov. 13. Asa, s. of Josiah Fran-  
cis.
- Jan. 1, 1758. Mable, d. of Elijah  
Stoddord.
- Jan. 15. Elisha, s. of Capt. Ele-  
phelet Whittlesey.
- Mar. 5. Anne, d. of Janna Dem-  
ing, and Sarah, d. of Gamaliel  
Deming.
- Mar. 26. Hannah, d. of Jonathan  
Curtis, in the mother's right.
- April 9. Stephen, s. of Stephen  
Kellogg, per Mr. Clark.
- June 18. Uli, s. of Jos. Hurlbut.
- Oct. 8. William, s. of Beli Blin.
- Oct. 22. Amos, s. of Amos Hurl-  
but.
- Dec. 31. Hannah, d. of Charles  
Churchil.
- Jan. 7, 1759. Abigail, d. of Jo-  
siah Wright, per Mr. Smalley.
- Feb. 10. Sarah, d. of Jonathan  
Blin, and Abijah, s. of Thomas  
Wright. 200
- Mar. 18. Samuel, son of Henry  
Kircum, jr.
- April 15. Samuel, s. of Samuel  
Buck.
- May 20. Elizabeth, d. of Wait-  
still Deming.
- June 3. Rebecca, dau. of Israel  
Bordman.
- July 8. Anne, d. of Joshua Bel-  
ding, the 2d of that name, and  
Sylvia, d. of Stephen Deming,  
his 2d of the same name.
- July 15. William, son of Joel  
Jones, in the mother's right.
- Aug. 19. Esther, d. of Zebulon  
Stoddord.
- Oct. 21. Miles, s. of Miles An-  
drus, in the mother's right.
- Nov. 11. Anne, dau. of Amos  
Hurlbut.
- Nov. 25. Sarah, dau. of William  
Andrus, and Simon, s. of Tim-  
othy Kilborn.
- Jan. 20, 1760. Anne, d. of Solo-  
mon Stoddord.
- Mar. 6. Titus, s. of Jos. Deming.
- April 13. Eunice, dau. of Janna  
Deming.
- May 11. Rhoda, dau. of Josiah  
Atwood, per Mr. Russell.
- May 18. James, s. of Jas. Blin.
- May 25. Simeon, son of Stephen  
Kellogg.
- July 6. Esther, dau. of Joseph  
Hurlbut.
- July 20. Nathaniel, s. of Elijah  
Kircum.
- Oct. 5. Elizabeth, d. of Elijah  
Stoddord, per Mr. Smally.
- Oct. 12. Roger, s. of Capt. Ele-  
phalet Whittlesey.
- Oct. 26. Allin, s. of Josiah Fran-  
cis, and Hannah, dau. of John  
Russel.
- Nov. 23. Sarah, Olive, and Ste-  
phen Churchil, grand children  
to Ensign Sam'l Churchil, and  
on his and his wife's account,  
and John, s. of Henry Kircum,  
jun.
- Dec. 28. Stephen, son of Amos  
Hurlbut.
- Jan. 25, 1761. Irene, d. of Miles  
Andrus.
- Feb. 15. Asa, s. of Thos. Wright.
- Mar. 1. Ephraim, s. of Waitstill  
Deming, and Jonathan, son of  
Bela Blin.
- April 5. Joseph, son of Justus  
Woolcutt.

- April 19. Miles, s. of Jonathan Curtis, in the mother's right.  
 May 3. Isaac, s. of Sam'l Buck.  
 July 19. Simeon, s. of Stephen Kellogg.  
 July 26. My seventh daughter, afterwards called Martha.  
 Sept. 27. Robert, s. of Robert Wells, jr.  
 Oct. 11. Hannah, d. of Ebenezer Dickinson.  
 Dec. 2. Privately, Orrin, son of Elijah Kircum, being like to die.  
 Jan. 3, 1762. Louis, d. of John Squires, in the mother's right.  
 Jan. 10. Hannah, dau. of Justus Woolcut, per Mr. Smalley.  
 Jan. 17. Ruth, d. of Amos Hurlbut.  
 Feb. 28. Martin, s. of Gamaliel Deming.  
 Mar. 28. Sarah, dau. of Martin Whittlesey.  
 April 18. Silvia, d. of William Andrus.  
 May 16. John, s. of Janna Deming.  
 May 23. Mehitable, d. of Miles Andrus.  
 Aug. 29. Jonathan, s. of Jonathan Wright.  
 Sept. 19. Anne, d. of Benjamin Andrus.  
 Oct. 3. Jonathan, s. of Jonathan Blin.  
 Dec. 12. Nancy, d. of Frances Deming.  
 Jan. 16, 1763. John, s. of Thos. Wright.  
 Jan. 30. Ruth, d. of Joseph Andrus, jr., per Mr. Smally.  
 Mar. 27. Elisha, s. of Jas. Blin, and Mary, d. of Wm. Wells, jr.  
 April 6. Fast Day. Ezekiel, s. of Waitstill Deming, and Rosil, s. of Hezekiah Francis.  
 April 24. Prudence, d. of Sam'l Woolcut.
- May 1. Roger, son of Josiah Francis.  
 June 12. Martin, son of Amos Hurlbut.  
 July 3. Elizabeth, d. of Elijah Stoddord, and Anne, d. of Jonathan Stoddord.  
 July 24. Phinehas, s. of Phinehas Andrus, and Justus, son of Justus Woolcutt.  
 Sept. 11. Leonard, s. of Stephen Deming.  
 Oct. 30. Octavia, dau. of Joshua Belding.  
 Dec. 25. Robert, son of Francis Deming.  
 Jan. 8, 1764. Abigail, dau. of Robert Wells, jr.  
 April 8. Seth, s. of Bela Blin.  
 April 22. Luther Latimer and Levi Steel.  
 May 20. John, s. of Sherman Bordman, Eunice, d. of Henry Kircum, and Lavinia, dau. of William Wells, jr.  
 May 27. Cinthia, d. of Stephen Kellogg.  
 June 3. Samuel Johnson, son of Samuel Andrus, in the mother's right.  
 July 1. Clorinda, dau. of Miles Andrus.  
 Aug. 5. Solomon, son of Capt. Charles Churchil.  
 Aug. 19. Mary, d. of Jonathan Wright, per Mr. Smalley.  
 Sept. 9. Pamela, d. of Joseph Andrus, jr., and Mehitable, d. of Elias Hurlbut.  
 Sept. 30. Nabby, d. of Timothy Kilborn.  
 Oct. 7. Hezekiah, s. of Hez. Atwood.  
 Oct. 21. Hosea, s. of Hez. Francis.  
 Jan. 13, 1765. Seabury, dau. of Justus Woolcutt.  
 Jan. 27. Loranía, d. of Benjamin Andrus.

- Feb. 27. Sylvester, s. of Gamaliel Deming.
- Mar. 17. Nathan Wright.
- Mar. 31. Uni, s. of James Blin.
- April 14. Phinehas, s. of Christopher Hurlbut, and Lydia, d. of Nathan Wright.
- April 28. Cloe, dau. of Janna Deming, and Barzillai, son of Mary Welles.
- May 12. Amos, s. of Abel Andrus.
- May 19. Frederick, s. of Waitstill Deming.
- June 23. Michael, s. of Thomas Wright.
- July 28. Seabury, d. of Jonathan Stoddord.
- Aug. 25. Hannah, d. of Lemuel Whittlesey. 300
- Oct. 20. Cinthia, d. of William Andrus.
- Dec. 1. Unni, s. of Unni Robbins.
- Jan. 19, 1766. Lucy, d. of Jonathan Blin.
- Mar. 2. Abigail, dau. of Henry Kircum.
- Mar. 16. Absolom, s. of Robert Wells, jr.
- Mar. 30. Barzillai, s. of Francis Deming.
- May 18. Hannah, dau. of Bela Blin.
- June 1. Rhoda, dau. of Joshua Belding.
- July 6. Rosetta, dau. of John Squires, in the mother's right.
- July 20. Christopher, s. of Christopher Hurlbut.
- Aug. 17. Elijah, son of Elijah Stoddord, Phebe, dau. of Miles Andrus, and Thomas and Selah, twin sons of Hez. Francis.
- Sept. 14. Elenor, dau. of Elias Hurlbut.
- Sept. 28. Phinehas, s. of Hez. Atwood, and Orrin, s. of Ebenezer Dickinson.
- Oct. 12. Ruth, dau. of Abel Andrus.
- Oct. 19. Timothy, son of Samuel Andrus.
- Nov. 2. Norman, son of Justus Woolcut.
- Dec. 7. Joseph, son of Joseph Andrus, jr.
- Feb. 1, 1767. Prudence, dau. of Unni Robbins.
- Feb. 22. Enos, s. of Wm. Welles, jun.
- Mar. 22. Lucretia, d. of Waitstill Deming.
- Mar. 29. Thankfull, d. of Benj. Andrus.
- April 19. Joseph, s. of Stephen Kellogg, per Mr. ———
- May 10. Honour, dau. of Janna Deming.
- July 26. Lucina, d. of Gamaliel Deming.
- Sept. 6. Jeny, dau. of Jonathan Stoddord, and Step., Lieut. Kellogg's Negro man.
- Sept. 20. Selah, s. of Dr. Sam'l Richards.
- Nov. 1. Sarah, dau. of Thomas Wright.
- Dec. 13. Roger, s. of Lemuel Whittlesey.
- Dec. 27. Roger, s. of Levi Hurlbut.
- Mar. 18, 1768. Gemaliel, son of Sherman Bordman, privately.
- Mar. 27. Sarah, twin d. of Sherman Bordman.
- April 3. My tenth child, Joshua.
- May 8. Jason, son of Miles Andrus.
- July 17. Simon, s. of Bela Blin.
- Aug. 14. Rosetta, dau. of John Squires, and Rosetta, his wife.
- Sept. 11. Gideon, son of Christopher Hurlbut, and Whitely Hun, s. Samuel Andrus.
- Oct. 2. John, s. of Elijah Stoddord.

- Feb. 19. Rhoda, d. of William Andrus.
- April 16. Silas, s. of Capt. Chas. Churchil, Sarah, dau. of Josiah Francis, and Jared, s. of Abel Andrus.
- May 7. Selah, son of Waitstill Deming.
- June 4. Hannah, dau. of Robert Welles, jr.
- June 29. —, dau. of Jemima Hun, privately.
- Aug. 20. Mary, d. of Margaret Kelly, alias Kilb—
- Sept. 10. Joseph, s. of Francis Deming.
- Oct. 1. Amanda, d. of Hezekiah Francis.
- Nov. 5. Uzziel, son of Luther Latimer, and Charles, son of Justus Woolcutt, in the mother's right.
- Mar. 11, 1770. Rhoda, dau. of Gamaliel Deming.
- Mar. 25. Dorothy, d. of Lemuel Whittlesey, and Frederick, s. of Asa Andrus, on the mother's account.
- April 15. Sarah, dau. of Henry Kircum, Benajah, s. of Miles Andrus, and Martha, dau. of Elias Hurlbut.
- April 29. Anne, d. of Mr. Jos. Camp.
- May 13. Hannah, d. of David Woolcut, jr. in the mother's right, and Gideon, s. of Eunice Lusk.
- July 29. Honor, d. of Jonathan Stoddord.
- Aug. 6. Gad, s. of Janna Deming.
- Oct. 21. Mary, dau. of Francis Deming.
- Oct. 28. Rhoda, d. of Sherman Bordman.
- Dec. 2. Roger, son of Justus Woolcut, in the mother's right.
- Dec. 5. An infant of Asa Andrus, privately, in the mother's right.
- Dec. 30. Martin, s. of Unni Robbins.
- Mar. 29, 1771. Thode, son of Samuel Andrus.
- May 19. William, s. of Christopher Hurlbut.
- May 26. Levi, son of Eli Stoddord, and John, s. of Jas. Camp.
- June 16. John, s. of Jno. Squires, in the mother's right.
- July 21. Elizabeth, d. of John Kelley, in the mother's right.
- July 28. Allin, son of Abel Andrus.
- Aug. 4. Ebenezur, s. of Ebenezur Dickinson.
- Sept. 22. Roger, s. of Waitstill Deming, and Jerusha, dau. of Elias Seymour.
- Oct. 27. Louis Latimer. Rec'd to full communion.
- Feb. 9, 1772. Samuel, s. of Bela Blin.
- Mar. 29. Esther, dau. of Luther Latimer.
- May 17. Lydia, dau. of David Woolcutt, jr., in the mother's right.
- May 24. Lydia, dau. of Thomas Wright.
- May 31. David, s. of Elias Seymour.
- June 28. Lemuel, s. of William Andrus, and Rachel, twin dau. of Elias Francis; his twin son, Elias, baptized privately June 24, died the 25th.
- July 5. Lemuel, son of Lemuel Whittlesey.
- July 26. Jonathan, s. of Jonathan Stoddord, per Mr. Clark.
- Aug. 9. Adonijah, son of Hezekiah Francis.
- Aug. 16. Samuel, son of John Graham, and Lucy, d. of David and Lucy Lowry.
- Sept. 6. Samuel, s. of Jas. Camp.



- Sept. 20. James, son of James Welles.
- Oct. 4. Levi, s. of Janna Deming.
- Nov. 1. Ithamer, son of Jesse Churchil, and Lucy, his wife.
- Nov. 22. Levi, s. of Levi Hurlbut. 400
- Dec. 13. Hannah Fairchild, received to full communion. At the same time, baptized, Roxilana, d. of Eli Stoddord.
- Jan. 31, 1773. Phebe, d. of Elias Hurlbut.
- April 11. Dorothy, d. of Gamaliel Deming.
- May 2. Pegg, d. of Step., Negro of Lieut. Kellogg.
- May 9. Anne, d. of Mr. Joseph Camp.
- June 13. Lyman, s. of Waitstill Deming, and Clara, d. of John Graham.
- June 20. Martin Blin, s. of Benajah Bordman.
- June 27. Elizabeth, d. of Levi Churchil.
- July 25. Jemima, d. of Samuel Andrus.
- Feb. 6, 1774. Hannah, dau. of Abel Andrus, and Elizabeth, d. of David Woolcutt, jr.
- Feb. 20. Hannah, d. of Martin Kellogg, jr.
- April 24. Nancy, dau. of Elias Seymour.
- June 12. Hannah, dau. of Hez. Francis.
- June 26. Mary, wife of Joseph Stoddord, and Dinah, wife of Enoch Stoddord, and received into the church, and Solomon, s. of Enoch Stoddord, in the mother's right.
- July 26. Elizur, son of Elizur Deming, privately, died the night after.
- Oct. 2. Lucy, d. of Jas. Welles.
- Oct. 23. Hannah, dau. of Bela Blin of Canaan.
- Nov. 6. Abigail, dau. of James Camp.
- Dec. 11. Seth Hun, s. of Elias Francis.
- Jan. 22, 1775. Seth, s. of Levi Hurlbut, per Mr. Marvin.
- April 16. Cloe, dau. of Asa Andrus, in the mother's right.
- April 30. Chauncey, s. of Lem'l Whittlesey, and Abigail, dau. of Uni Robbins.
- May 28. Chester, son of Elijah Welles.
- June 18. Absalom, son of Elias Hurlbut, and Elishaba, dau. of Enos Hun.
- June 25. Titus, s. of Miles Andrus, and Mary, dau. of John Graham.
- July 23. Joseph and Zebulon, sons of Joseph Stoddord, in the mother's right, per Mr. Perkins.
- July 30. Eleanor, d. of Mr. Jos. Camp.
- Aug. 13. Mary, d. of Eli Stoddord.
- Sept. 24. Olive, d. of Jonathan Stoddord.
- Dec. 3. Elizabeth, dau. of Elias Seymour.
- Jan. 7, 1776. David, s. of David Woolcutt, jun.
- Jan. 14. Lydia, dau. of Lemuel Churchil.
- April 22. D. of Luther Latimer, privately, being sick.
- June 30. Mary, dau. of Martin Kellogg, jr.
- Sept. 1. Cloe, d. of Lydia Buck.
- Sept. 28. Hannah, d. of Lemuel Hurlbut, at the point of death.
- Oct. 20. Nathaniel Cady, son of Jesse Churchill.
- Nov. 10. Son of Elias Francis, per Mr. Smalley.
- Feb. 16, 1777. Hezekiah, s. of Hez. Francis.
- April 6. Clary, d. of Jas. Welles.
- April 27. James, son of Elizur Deming, per Mr. Perkins.

- July 6. Cloe, d. of Elisha Stoddord.
- Aug. 3. Hannah, dau. of John Graham.
- Sept. 7. Abigail, d. of Jas. Blin, and Hannah, d. of Lem'l Hurlbut.
- Sept. 14. Sarah, dau. of Elijah Welles, and Moses, s. of James Camp.
- Nov. 2. Levi, s. of Levi Hurlbut.
- Dec. 28. Ashbel, son of Ashbel Seymour.
- Jan. 4, 1778. Chauncey, son of Lemuel Whittlesey.
- Feb. 22. Hezekiah, s. of Joshua Belding.
- May 18. Leonard Chester Hubbard, grandson of Steph. Deming, per Mr. Smalley.
- Aug. 2. Adonijah, son of Hez. Francis, and Sarah, d. of Jos. Camp.
- Sept. 13. Betsy and Sally, ds. of Jedediah Mills, and Sarah, his wife, in the mother's right, per Mr. Smalley.
- Dec. 6. Mary, dau. of David Lowry, and Austin, s. of James Welles.
- Jan. 17, 1779. Lemuel, son of Lemuel Hurlbut, and Noble, s. of Levi Churchil.
- April 4. Theode, s. of Elias Seymour.
- May 2. David, s. of Enos Hun, and Jemima, d. of Martin Kellogg, jr.
- May 23. Sarah, d. of John Graham.
- June 6. Nancy, d. of Jas. Blin.
- July 18. Erastus, son of Ashbel Seymour.
- Sept. 12. Jemima, dau. of Elias Hurlbut.
- Sept. 19. Orin, s. of Ebenezer Dickinson.
- Sept. 26. Mary, dau. of James Camp.
- Oct. 10. William, son of James Mitchell, in the mother's right, and Juliet, d. of Jedediah Mills, in the mother's right.
- Oct. 17. Asaph, son of Lemuel Whittlesey.
- Oct. 31. Enos, s. of Elias Deming, in the mother's right.
- Dec. 17. Chester, son of Samuel Churchil, privately, in the mother's right.
- Feb. 13, 1780. Elisha, son of Elisha Stoddord.
- Feb. 27. Samuel, s. of Benajah Bordman.
- May 28. Hubert, s. of Bernard Romans, in the mother's right.
- July 21. A child of Justus Francis, privately, on profession and promise of public covenant.
- Oct. 1. Alma, d. of Elijah Welles.
- Oct. 22. Mary and Persis, ds. of Joseph Stoddord, in the mother's right, and William, son of Lemuel Hurlbut, and Tabitha, his wife.
- Dec. 24. Appleton Andrus, s. of Justus Francis.
- Feb. 25, 1781. Dolle, dau. of Amous Buck.
- April 8. Beulah, child of James Welles.
- April 22. Lydia, d. of Samuel Prat, in the mother's right.
- May 6. Anne, d. of Elizur Deming.
- May 13. William, son of Elias Deming, in the mother's right.
- May 20. Lydia, d. of Abel Andrus, per Mr. Perkins.
- May 27. Rebecca, dau. of Enos Hun, and Eunice, dau. of Elias Seymour.
- June 17. Wealthy, dau. of John Graham.
- July 8. Joseph, s. of Jos. Camp, and Candace, d. of Jos. Stoddord, in the mother's right. 500
- Aug. 5. Barzillai, son of Levi Hurlbut.

- Aug. 26. Martin, son of Martin Kellogg, jr.
- Sept. 2. Stephen, son of James Mitchell, in the mother's right.
- Sept. 16. Abigail Belden, dau. of James Lusk, per Mr. Smalley, in the mother's right.
- Oct. 14. Amos Andrus, son of Amos Webster, in the mother's right.
- Oct. 28. Mercy, dau. of Lemuel Hurlbut.
- Nov. 20. Clarissa, dau. of Elias Andrus, privately, in the mother's right.
- April 14, 1782. Jedediah Welles, son of Jedediah Mills, in the mother's right.
- April 21. Asaph, s. of Lemuel Whittlesy, per Mr. Perkins.
- May 5. Trueman, s. of Hezekiah Francis.
- July 4. Elizabeth, dau. of Elizabeth, widow of James Camp.
- Sept. 22. Naomi, d. of William Andrus.
- Oct. 20. Bevil, son of Ashbel Seymour, and Abigail, his wife, and Elizur, s. of Elizur Deming.
- Nov. 24. Simeon, son of Elisha Stoddord.
- Jan. 19, 1783. Mary Anne, d. of Samuel Churchill, in the mother's right.
- April 6. A child of Amos Buck, privately, being sick.
- July 6. Lydia, dan. of Elijah Welles.
- July 27. Origen, son of James Welles.
- Aug. 31. Prudence, d. of Lem'l Hurlbut.
- Oct. 5. Samuel, son of Samuel Pratt, and Hannah, his wife, on her account.
- Oct. 26. George, William Nott, Elizabeth, and Sarah, children of Geo. Woolcut, in the mother's right.
- Nov. 2. Daniel, son of Amos Webster, in the mother's right.
- Jan. 10, 1784. An infant of Elias Hurlbut, privately, being like to die.
- Jan. 11. Rachel, dau. of Elias Seymour.
- Feb. 15. Daniel, son of Daniel Willard, jr.
- Feb. 22. Daniel, son of James Mitchel, per Mr. Fen, in the mother's right.
- March 28. Keturah Andrus, d. of Justus Francis.
- May 9. Larena, d. of Martin Kellogg, jr., in the mother's right.
- June 20. James, son of Joseph Camp, and Joseph, s. of Joseph Stoddord, in the mother's right.
- Oct. 17. Sylvester, son of Levi Hurlbut, and Leister-Chauncey, son of Enos Hun.
- Oct. 24. Polly, d. of Unni Robbins.
- Feb. 6, 1785. John Churchil and Rebecca Mekins, children of Benajah Bordman, bro't down from Arlington
- Feb. 20. Betty, d. of Ephraim Paterson.
- Feb. 27. Harriet, d. of Lemuel Hurlbut, and Harriet, dau. of Jedediah Mills, in the mother's right.
- April 3. John Atwood, son of Amos Buck.
- May 1. Olive, d. of Capt. Jonathan Stoddord.
- June 12. John, son of Samuel Churchill, in the mother's right.
- Aug. 21. Silvester, s. of James Lusk, in the mother's right, per Mr. Fenn.
- Nov. 6. Erastus, son of Amos Webster, in the mother's right.
- Jan. 29, 1786. Martha, dau. of Elias Deming, on the mother's account.
- Feb. 19. Joseph, son of Oswell Rockwell, in the mother's right.

- Mar. 5. Charles Belden, son of Levi Churchill.
- April 16. Elias, s. of Elias Seymour.
- May 21. Prudence, d. of Sam'l Pratt, on the mother's account, and Samuel, s. of Joseph Stoddord, in the mother's right.
- June 11. Samuel, s. of Lemuel Hurlbut, per Mr. Fen.
- July 2. Polly, Harry Blin, and Sarah, 3 children of Obadiah Smith.
- July 30. William, s. of James Welles.
- Aug. 13. Hannah, d. of Ephraim Paterson.
- Aug. 27. Nancy, dau. of Elizur Deming.
- Oct. 15. Allin, s. of Dea. Elisha Stoddord and Dorothy, his wife.
- Dec. 22. Mathew, s. of Ichabod Patterson, privately, being dangerously sick.
- Mar. 4, 1787. Asaph, s. of Daniel Willard, jr.
- Mar. 11. Octavia, twin dau. of Levi Churchill.
- May 20. Alma, d. of Jos. Camp, and Rachel, d. of Elijah Welles.
- Sept. 23. Charles, son of Levi Hurlbut, and at the same time, Thadeus, s., and Olive and Sally, ds., of David Stoddord, on the mother's account.
- Oct. 7. Hezekiah, son of Elias Seymour, and Chancy, son of Amos Buck, presented by the mother.
- Nov. 11. Archibald, s. of Simon Welles, in the mother's right.
- Dec. 9. Sarah, dau. of Lemuel Hurlbut.
- Dec. 30. Josiah Belden, son of Samuel Churchill, in the mother's right.
- Jan. 27, 1788. Martin, s. of Capt. Roger Welles, in the mother's right, and Daniel, s. of Ozwell Rockwell, in the mother's right.
- April 27. Rachel, dau. of Zadok Hindale, in the mother's right.
- May 8. Gaylord, son of James Welles.
- July 20. Lydia, dau. of David Stoddord, offered by the mother.
- Aug. 10. Lucy, d. of Elias Deming, in the mother's right.
- Sept. 21. Love, d. of Jas. Lusk, in the mother's right.
- Sept. 28. Leonard, son of Amos Webster, in the mother's right.
- Dec. 14. Ebenezer, son of Obediah Smith.
- April 5, 1789. Mary, d. of Col. Roger Welles, in the mother's right.
- May 3. Harvy, son of Justus Francis.
- Aug. 16. Martin, s. of Lemuel Hurlbut, per Mr. Marsh.
- Oct. 25. Martin, son of Ashbel Seymour, per Mr. Fenn.
- Dec. 18. An infant of Abijah Wright, privately, on the mother's engagement.
- Feb. 28, 1790. Fanny, dau. of Simon Welles, in the mother's right.
- May 9. Lucy, Mary, Billy and John, children of Jno. Hurlbut, in the mother's right, per Mr. Marsh.
- May 23. Alma, dau. of Oswell Rockwell, in the mother's right.
- June 6. Charlotte, Lucy, and Kate, ds. of Abijah Wright, on his wife's account.
- July 25. Lucy, dau. of Obediah Smith.
- Aug. 1. Lucy, d. of Jos. Camp.
- Sept. 26. Roger, s. of Col. Roger Welles, in the mother's right.
- Nov. 7. Allen, s. of John Hurlbut, in the mother's right.
- Nov. 21. Jedediah, s. of Elias Deming, per Mr. Marsh, in the mother's right.
- Jan. 16, 1791. Charles, son of Levi Hurlbut, and Anson, s. of

- Justus Francis, per Mr. Smalley.
- Feb. 6. Thankful, dau. of Elias Seymour.
- May 8. Prudence, d. of Martin Kellogg, jr.
- May 22. Charles, s. of Samuel Churchill.
- Nov. 24. Fanny, dau. of Simon Welles.
- Jan. 29, 1792. Ira, Hannah and Alva, child'n of Waitstill Dickinson.
- Feb. 5. Oliver, son of Ephraim Deming.
- Feb. 26. Honor, dau. of Ashbel Seymour, and Lydia, dau. of Amos Webster.
- June 10. Justus, son of Ozwell Rockwell.
- July 29. Anne and Cinthia, twin ds. of Elijah Welles.
- Aug. 26. Rhoda, dau. of Daniel Willard.
- Sept. 2. Sophronia, dau. of Dea. James Welles.
- Sept. 23. Jesse and Octavia, children of Widow Mary Stoddord.
- Sept. 30. Charles, son of Roger Francis.
- Nov. 15. Privately, Samuel and Mercy, twin children of Sam'l Churchill, one ill, not like to live.
- Feb. 3, 1793. Laura, d. of Eph. Deming.
- April 21. George Whitfield, s. of Simon Welles, per Mr. Smalley.
- May 12. Esther, dan. of David Stoddord.
- July 14. Charlotte, dau. of Col. Welles, per Mr. Fen.
- Aug. 11. Newman, s. of Justus Francis.
- Oct. 6. Chauncy, son of John Hurlbut.
- Mar. 9. Mable, d. of Amos A. Webster.
- June 1. Lecta, dau. of Martin Kellogg.
- Aug. 31. Lydia, dau. of Elias Deming.
- Sept. 21. Amzi, son of Roger Francis.
- Aug. 19, 1795. Jerusha, dau. of Ephraim Deming.
- Oct. 25. Mary Atwood, adult person.
- Nov. 15. Lucy and Susana, ds. of Roswell Fox.
- Jan. 11, 1796. Alfred, son of Justus Francis.
- Feb. 15. Sarah, dau. of Jemima Welles, relict of Gen. Roger Welles; posthumous child.
- May 22. Cloe, dau. of Amos A. Webster, and Mary, d. of Roswell Fox, presented by his wife.
- July 10. Charlotte, d. of Sam'l Churchill, and Robert, son of Ozwell Rockwell, per Mr. Fen.
- Nov. 13. Florella, d. of Josiah Griswold.
- May 7, 1797. Hiram, s. of John Hurlbut.
- May 7. Eleazur and Mary, s. and d. of Lem'l Holmes, privately, the mother, in whose right they were baptized, not able to present them publicly.
- June 4. Mary, dau. of Ephraim Deming.
- June 11. Lydia, Levi, and Horace, children of Levi Welles, and Hannah, his wife.
- July 30. Sally, Lucy, Erastus, and Polly, children of Jonathan Blin, in the mother's right, per Mr. Smalley.
- Nov. 4. Privately, Betsy, dau. of Roger Francis; died a few hours after.
- Mar. 4, 1798. Cyrus, son of Justus Francis.
- May 27. Hannah, dau. of Levi Welles, per Mr. Smalley.
- June 3. Hannah, d. of Samuel Churchill.
- Sept. 23. A child of Roswell Fox, per Mr. Perkins.

Nov. 29. Jonathan, s. of Jonathan Blin.	Oct. 11. Joseph, son of Dr. Jos. Linde, and Martha, his wife and my daughter, of Hartford.
May 19, 1799. Nathan, son of Oswell Rockwell.	Dec. 20. Oledine Andrus, rec'd into the church.
Oct. 6. Cyrus, son of Amos A. Webster.	Aug. 1, 1802. Thomas, son of Michael Wright.
Jan. 5, 1800. Silas, Caroline, Benjamin, Hannah, Sophia, and Mary, children of Levi Churchill. 600	Aug. 8. Sabra, dau. of Jonathan Blin.
Jan. 31. Mary, dau. of Michael Wright, privately, dangerously ill.	Aug. 22. Robert, son of Josiah Griswold.
Mar. 15. Laura, dau. of Justus Francis.	Feb. 27, 1803. Erastus, son of Justus Francis.
April 11. Salome, dau. of Lucy Gaylord.	July 31. Mary, Cinthia, and Samuel Smith, child'n of Roger Hurlbut.
June 8. Cinthia and Thomas, child'n of Michael Wright, and Silvia, his wife.	Dec. 10. Privately, the first child of Ashbel Seymour, jr., it being dangerously sick, per Mr. Cleaveland.
June 15. Fanny, d. of Josiah Griswold.	Nov. 25, 1804. Chaney, son of Jo-hua Belden, jr.
Mar. 1, 1801. Lemuel Whittlesy, son of Joshua Belden, jr., and Dorothy, his wife.	
June 28. Sarah, Rachel, Mary Goodrich, and Smith, children of Frances Coslet.	From Nov. 11, 1747, to Jan. 16, 1805 :
July 26. Lucy, dau. of Samuel Churchill.	Baptisms, . . . . . 622
	Admissions to Communion, 169
	Deaths, . . . . . 443
	Marriages, . . . . . 326

## III.

## BAPTISMAL COVENANT ACKNOWLEDGED.

- Nov. 22, 1747. Stephen Deming *owned the covenant.*  
 Dec. 6. Benijah Andrus " "  
 " 13. Elisha Warren, with his wife and Israel Bordman, owned the covenant.  
 Jan. 31, 1747-8. Solomon Deming, with his wife, owned the covenant.  
 Feb. 14. Josiah Francis, with his wife, and Jonathan Churchill, with his wife, and Lydia Francis, owned the covenant.  
 July 24. Sarah Kircum " "  
 Nov. 27. Mary, the wife of Moses Barnes, owned the covenant.  
 Dec. 18. Charles Churchill and widow Hannah Whaples owned the covenant.

- Feb. 7, 1750. Ann, the wife of Samuel Steel, owned the covenant.  
 " 7. Mary Smith and Mary Goodrich " "  
 Dec. 16. Stephen Kellogg and his wife " "  
 March 24, 1751. Anne, the wife of Janna Deming, owned the covenant.  
 April 14. Ebenezer Smith, jun., with his wife and Pelatiah Buck, owned the covenant.  
 May 26. Joseph Crowfoot owned the covenant at Kensington.  
 Sept. 22. John Peirce owned the covenant.  
 Feb. 2, 1752. Mary, the wife of John Peirce, owned the covenant.  
 Aug. 2. Gamaliel Deming and his wife " "  
 March 4, 1753. Elijah Stoddord and his wife " "  
 Oct. 14. Elijah Kircum " "  
 Jan. 27, 1754. Gideon Griswold " "  
 May 5. Jonathan Whaples and his wife " "  
 Sept. 15. Elias Hart and his wife owned the covenant at N. Britain.  
 May 18, 1755. Sarah Kellogg owned the covenant.  
 " 25. Jemima Lamb " "  
 July 6. Cloe Rylie " "  
 July 27. Elijah Smith and Jacob Brandigee owned the covenant at N. Britain.  
 At the same time and place, William Horton entered into covenant and was baptized.  
 Aug. 3. Nathaniel Kircum and Rosetta, his wife, owned the covenant.  
 Aug. 17. David Lusk and Prudence, his wife, owned the covenant.  
 Sept. 14. Appleton Burnham and his wife, and John Coleman and his wife, owned the covenant at Kensington.  
 Oct. 19. James Lusk and Sarah, his wife, owned the covenant.  
 Dec. 7. Josiah Kilborn and his wife " "  
 April 25, 1756. Sarah Welles " "  
 May 2. Lydia Deming " "  
 Jan. 30, 1757. Beli Blin and his wife, and Mary Hurlbut owned the covenant.  
 Feb. 13. James Blin and his wife owned the covenant.  
 April 10. Hannah Deming " "  
 July 24. Thomas Wright and his wife " "  
 Jan. 15, 1758. Josiah Willard " "  
 March 12. Elisha Stoddord " "  
 April 16. Mary Wells and Seabury Andrus owned the covenant.  
 " 23. Rebecca and Jemima Hun " "  
 May 14. Theode Seymour " "  
 " 21. Jonathan Wright and Jonathan Stoddord owned the covenant.  
 " 28. Sarah Deming and Mary Camp owned the covenant.  
 June 4. Ginea, negro, owned his baptismal covenant.  
 Dec. 24. Sarah the wife of Amos Hurlbut, Sarah, the wife of Jonathan Blin, and Mary Whaples owned the covenant.  
 Feb. 25, 1759. Henry Kircum, jr., and his wife owned the covenant.

- April 29. Waitstill Deming and his wife owned the covenant.  
 June 17. Silence Wright " "  
 July 15. Mary Seymour and Mercy Stoddord owned the covenant.  
 Aug. 12. Rebecca Stoddord " "  
 Oct. 21. Phebe, wife of Miles Andrus, " "  
 Dec. 9. John Russell and his wife " "  
 Jan. 20, 1760. Solomon Stoddord " "  
 April 6. Margaret Kilborn " "  
 May 25. Miles Andrus " "  
 Aug. 3. Robert Wells, jr., and his wife " "  
 March 29, 1761. Justus Woolcut and his wife " "  
 Feb. 28, 1762. Martin Whittlesy " "  
 July 18. Benjamin Andrus and his wife " "  
 Nov. 21. Francis Deming " "  
 Jan. 9, 1763. Joseph Andrus, jr., and Asenath (?) his wife owned  
 the covenant.  
 March 13. William Wells, jr, owned the covenant.  
 " 20. Hez. Francis and his wife " "  
 April 10. Samuel Woolcut and his wife " "  
 April 8, 1764. Sherman Bordman and his wife " "  
 " 22. Luther Latimer and Levi Steel entered into covenant and  
 were baptized.  
 June 3. Mary the wife of Sam'l Andrus, " "  
 Aug. 26. Hez. Atwood " "  
 Sept. 9. Elias Hurlbut and Patience, his wife " "  
 March 31, 1765. Christopher Hurlbut and Mary, his wife, owned  
 the covenant.  
 April 28. Mary Andrus, Elias Wells owned the covenant.  
 May 12. Abel Andrus and his wife " "  
 Aug. 25. Lemuel Whittlesy and his wife " "  
 Nov. 17. Unni Robbins and his wife " "  
 Sept. 28, 1766. Sam'l Andrus " "  
 Dec. 27, 1767. Levi Hurlbut and his wife " "  
 May 8, 1768. Levi Andrus " "  
 July 24. John Squire " "  
 Feb. 4, 1770. Cloe, wife of Asa Andrus " "  
 April 15. Mr. Joseph Camp and his wife " "  
 May 19, 1771. James Camp and his wife " "  
 Some time in the winter past Eli Stoddord and his wife owned the  
 covenant.  
 Sept. 8. Elias Seymour and his wife owned the covenant.  
 Oct. 27. Louis Latimer entered into covenant and was baptized.  
 April 12, 1772. Levi Churchill and his wife owned the covenant.  
 July 19. John Graham and his wife " "  
 At the same time David Lowry and his wife " "  
 March 21, 1773. Benajah Bordman and his wife " "  
 Jan. 9, 1774. Martin Kellogg, jr., " "  
 May 22. Elizur Deming and his wife " "  
 Feb. 5, 1775. Enos Hunn and his wife " "



## IV.

## CHURCH VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.\*

At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church in Newington, March 31, 1757 :

Whereas, through the prevalence of corruption and the abounding of iniquity in this evil day, many scandals are committed by such as are under the bond of the covenant and ought to be watched over by the church, too many of which, by the neglect of a proper brotherly dealing, according to the rules of God's word, pass without due notice being taken of them, *Therefore*, for the more effectual preventing or remedying such evils, and towards the revival of a more strict and regular discipline in this church, *it is agreed and voted by this church*, That Samuel Churchill, Peletiah Buck, and David Webster be added to the standing committee heretofore chosen, to advise with and assist the pastor in cases of difficulty which may arise, and particularly, to look into the propriety and regularity of any charge offered to be laid before the church, and prepare matters, if need be, for their hearing; and that the said committee be further desired and empowered to take notice of and deal with any members of the church who, by common report, are guilty of scandal,—when private brethren, who are knowing to the scandal, neglect their duty of attending the rules of the gospel,—and to endeavor to heal and remove public scandal, or if they see it necessary, to bring them to a regular public hearing before the church.

*Also voted*, That if any member of this church, who is knowing to any scandal committed by another member, and shall spread it abroad or make it public, without first taking the steps of dealing with an offending brother, prescribed Math. 18, 15, &c., shall be accounted an offender, and upon conviction thereof shall make gospel satisfaction, or otherwise be dealt with as in other cases of scandal.

At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church in Newington, July 2, 1761, the question was put,—Whether this church would now proceed to make choice of a deacon, to supply the place of Deacon John Deming, late deceased, Voted in the affirmative, Whereupon John Camp was chosen to the office of a deacon, and accepted it.

At the same meeting, Deacon John Camp was appointed one of the standing church committee.

At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church in Newington, October 29, 1761, The church proceeded to make choice of Joseph Andrus to be one of the standing church committee, in place of Mr. Josiah Deming, lately removed by death.

January 4, 1770, At a church meeting, &c., Voted, That William Welles, Joseph Hurlbut, and Dr. Samuel Richards be added to the standing church committee, to fill up the vacancies made by death or removal.

Sometime in the year 1775 :

At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church in Newington, On motion of the pastor, the brethren of this church manifested their opinion that the practice of this, and of many other churches in New Eng-

\* Six leaves of the records are cut out of the book as originally written, which is explained as follows :

“ N. B.—The leaves cut out in the preceding part, contained minutes of transactions, in way of discipline, of some disorderly members of the church, who are long since dead, and for obvious reasons, especially respecting their descendants, it was thought best (they) should be buried in oblivion till the day of the final account, when God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. Except the following votes of the church.”

laud, called the "half-way covenant," i. e., admitting persons to own the covenant and to have their children baptized, while yet they absented from the Lord's table, was unwarrantable, not authorised by any scriptural precept or example, and therefore consented and agreed that said practice should, for the future, be discontinued and laid aside in this church.

Attest, JOSHUA BELDEN, Pastor.

The above vote having been lost, yet being well remembered by the pastor, is now inserted among the church records.\*

J. BELDEN.

May 2, 1776. At a church meeting, &c.

*Voted*, This church taking into consideration the usual practice of persons owning the covenant and enjoying some privileges in the church, and afterwards renewing the covenant again when they would come into full communion with the church, and that this practice is misconstrued by some as if there were two covenants, one not so strict and solemn as the other. To prevent such mistakes.

*Voted*, That this church are of opinion, That the public renewing the covenant is not to be held a necessary service of full communion for those persons, who have once understandingly given their public and personal consent to the covenant, but that such persons, leading regular lives, if they desire it (and if their desire being publicly notified, no objection be made,) may be admitted without being required publicly to renew the covenant again. Although we look upon the public renewing the covenant when persons come into full communion, even for those who have owned the covenant before, as a thing lawful and proper in itself, and what may be advantageous and to edification and ordinarily expedient to be done, yet as the usual practice has been, it is liable to misconstruction, and may lead the ignorant and inattentive into mistakes, it is not to be esteemed absolutely necessary, but may be dispensed with, when declined on this account.

At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church in Newington, August 14, 1782:

The question being put whether this church will make choice of a deacon to supply the place of Dea. John Camp, late deceased, *Voted* in the affirmative, Whereupon Elisha Stoddord was chosen to the office of a deacon, and accepted.

At the same meeting Dea. Elisha Stoddord was appointed to be one of the standing church committee.

At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church in Newington, August 17, 1786, The question was put whether the church will proceed to choose a deacon to succeed Deacon Andrus, late deceased. *Voted* in the affirmative, but upon trial no choice was made, and several members being absent the meeting was adjourned to the 31st day of instant August.

August 31, 1786, The church met according to adjournment, and Charles Churchill, Esq., was chosen to the office of a deacon.

May 31, 1787, At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church in Newington, *Voted*, That the deacons of this church, for the time being, be appointed to receive and improve a legacy given to this church by the last will and testament of deacon John Deming for the lasting use and benefit of the church, agreeable to the design of said will.†

\* This vote is inserted in Dr. Brace's church records under date of March, 1806.

† Dea. John Deming, in his last will and testament, after giving a legacy to "Catherine, my beloved wife, during the time of her remaining my widow," makes one other legacy, as follows:

"Item. I give to my son, Jedediah Deming, all the remaining part of my

Also voted, 5s. out of the church treasury to Deacon Elisha Stoddord, for a box, to secure the vessels for the communion table in.

August 5, 1790. At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church, Capt. James Wells was chosen to the office of a deacon in the church (to succeed Deacon Stoddord) and accepted it.

Feb. 24, 1803. At a meeting of the pastor and brethren of the church, by adjournment from instant Feb. 17, Daniel Willard was chosen to the office of a deacon in this church, to succeed Deacon Churchill, late deceased, and accepted the office.

At a meeting of the church of Christ in Newington, December 19, 1804, the following vote was passed by the brethren of the church, viz :

Whereas the aged pastor of this church, through age and infirmities, being rendered unable to perform the public labors of the ministry, and has for some time desisted therefrom, desiring another pastor may be sought to supply his lack of service, accordingly, after trial, with his approbation and in concurrence with the voice of the society, we make choice of and do now call and invite Mr. Joab Brace to take the pastoral charge of this church and society, and settle in the gospel ministry with us. Unanimously voted in church meeting.

Test, JOSHUA BELDEN, Pastor.

At the same meeting, Voted, That the deacons James Wells and Daniel Willard, and Joshua Belden, jun., be a committee to act in concurrence with the committee appointed by the Society, in all matters that may be found necessary to effect the ordination of Mr. Joab Brace, among us in the ministry of the gospel.

Test, J. B.

*Mr. Joab Brace's answer to the Church.*

The church of Christ, in Newington, having invited me to the pastoral charge of the said church, this is, therefore, in reliance on Divine aid, to signify my acceptance of their invitation.

Newington, December 26th, 1804.

JOAB BRACE.

estate, both real and personal, that I have not already disposed of in this instrument, after my just debts are paid, with this only reserve, that in case he, the said Jedediah, die childless or without any heir begotten of his own body, then I will twenty pounds, lawful money, to the church of Christ, in Newington, to be improved for the lasting use and benefit of said church."

Executed March 31, 1761.

"N. B. That by the church of Christ, mentioned in the last legacy of the foregoing testament, is to be understood a church in the parish of Newington, in Wethersfield, regulated according to the Religious Constitution of the Colony of Connecticut, owned and established by the authority of the same. This explanation made before signing."

Dr. Brace, in his church records, has the following entry in relation to this legacy, "How the church fund was directed from 1761 to 1787, I do not find. (Probably it was not received till 1787. R. W.) The fund itself consisted of two ten-pound notes. The interest has not been quite sufficient to defray the expense of the communion table. In 1805 there was a contribution to supply the deficiency of several years. In 1814 there was a contribution for the same purpose. In 1818 there was a contribution. In 1819, January 1, Deacon Origen Wells began to furnish the table, and after 21 years called for a contribution to supply the deficiency, about \$10 in the whole 21 years. Sabbath, Jan. 5, 1840, the church contributed about \$16 to repay Dea. Wells, and to furnish an advance for several years. The whole fund is now in the hands of Dea. Origen Wells, \$66.66.6 for which Dea. Wells is accountable, and for which he pays the interest yearly. March 17, 1846." Dea. Wells resigned Nov. 29, 1849, on account of the loss of sight, when Jeremiah Seymour was chosen deacon in his place. This fund still remains in the hands of the deacons of the church.

## V.

## MARRIAGES.

- Nov. 19, 1747. *Was married* Charles Churchill and Lydia Belding.
- Dec. 3. At evening, Joseph Curtis and Mary Kilborn.
- March 10, 1748. At evening Phinehas Cole and Martha Hurlbut.
- April 28. Mr. Josiah Jones and Sarah Whittlesy.
- June 16. John Steel and Lydia Francis.
- Sept. 7. Joseph Clark and Sarah Curtis.
- The same evening, Moses Barnes and Mary Woolcott.
- Oct. 6. Jonathan Griswold and Experience Warren.
- May 4, 1749. Samuel Steel and Honor Deming.
- June 15. Timothy Andrus and Sarah Hurlbut.
- July 16. Thomas Clap and Eunice Wells.
- Nov. 14. Samuel Steel and Anne Francis.
- June 14, 1750. Janna Deming and Anne Kilborn.
- June 20. Mr. David Webster and Lydia Andrus.
- Sept. 12. Mr. — Lothrop and Cloe Backus.
- Oct. 18. Ebenezer Smith, jr., and Mehitable Buck.
- Nov. 26. John Frany and Abigail Stoddord.
- April 4, 1751. Capt. Sam'l Butler and Naomi Kilborn.
- April 18. John Peirce and Mary Patterson.
- June 13. William Lusk and Hannah Arnold.
- July 18. Gemaliel Deming and Rebecca Kellogg.
- Aug. 15. Timothy Kilborn and Prudence Deming.
- Oct. 10. Daniel Kilborn and Mary Cushing alias Steve—.
- Nov. 7. David Sage and Louis Harris.
- Nov. 20. Dan Bradly and Sarah Judd.
- Nov. 28. Edward Patterson and Elizabeth Hills.
- Dec. 5. Elisha Booth and Esther Hollister.
- April 9, 1752. Darius Stevens and Louis Whaples.
- Oct. 26. Timothy Mix and Elizabeth Headsdill.
- Nov. 9. David Williams and Anne Deming.
- Dec. 5. Elijah Stoddord and Mable Gillett.
- Jan. 11, 1753. John Kellogg and Union Stoddord.
- May 29. David Lusk and Prudence Hurlbut.
- Oct. 11. Jacob Brandigat and Abigail Dunnun.
- Oct. 17. Elias Hart and Hope Whaples.
- Dec. 30, 1754. James Lusk and Sarah Paterson.
- Feb. 12, 1755. David Dewey and Esther Dunnun.
- March 20. Job Hart and Eunice Beckley.
- March 27. At evening, Jonathan Curtis and wid. H. Whaples.
- April 20. At evening, Nathaniel Kircum and Rosetta Blin.
- July 21. At evening, Isaac Prat and Mary Beckly.
- Aug. 11, 1756. Mr. Josiah Deming and Experience Smith.
- Dec. 14. Elisha Baxter and Honor Woolcut.
- Dec. 16. Beli Blin and Hannah Hurlbut.

- Dec. 31. Thomas Wright and Esther Andrus.
- Feb. 4, 1757. Uriah Goodwin and Mable Francis.
- March 3. Amos Hurlbut and Sarah Hills.
- April 5. Elisha Wells and Lydia Deming.
- June 3. Noah Fuller and Ellis Brown.
- July 1. Solomon Stoddord and Ann Andrus.
- Oct. 13. Elizur Hollister and Mary Belding.
- Nov. 17. Peter Burnham and Hannah Deming.
- May 12, 1758. Ephraim Woolcut and Mary Kellogg.
- June 14. Thomas Francis and Sarah Smith.
- Sept. 1. Waitstill Deming and Hannah Lusk.
- Oct. 31. Henry Kircum, jr., and Eunice Butler.
- Nov. 17. Timothy Wadsworth and Happy Kilborn.
- Dec. 28. Jonathan Gillett and Elizabeth Steel.
- Jan. 4, 1759. Stephen De Wolf and Mary Whaples.
- March 15. William Andrus and wid. Louis Stephens.
- March 22. My brother Jonathan Belding and Sarah Belding.
- Aug. 31. Samuel Woolcutt and Sarah Bordman.
- Jan. 24, 1760. Robert Wells and Abigail Hurlbut.
- March 24. Justus Woolcutt and Rachel Bidwell.
- April 17. Jonathan Wright and Mary Wells.
- Aug. 18. Josiah Wright, jr., and Hope Hart.
- Aug. 28. Jonathan Stoddord and Seabury Andrus.
- Oct. 9. Quash, negro, and Tabitha Willoughby, negro.
- Oct. 30. Benjamin Andrus and Anne Churchil.
- Nov. 27. Martin Whittlesey and Sarah Deming.
- March 22, 1762. William Andrus, jr., and Silence Wright.
- May 20. Sam'l Woolcut, jr., and Prudence Robbins.
- July 13. Francis Deming and Mary Camp.
- Oct. 7. Hez. Francis and Deborah Blin.
- Nov. 25, 1762. William Wells, jr., and Rebecca Stoddord.
- April 28, 1763. Hez. Atwood and wid. Abigail Stoddord.
- June 15. Henry Kircum and Mary Hurlbut.
- Sept. 5. Nathan Wright and Lydia Wright.
- Jan. 25, 1764. Joseph Churchil and Elizabeth Andrus.
- April 4. Elias Hurlbut and Patience Blin.
- April 12. Levi Warner and Rosannah Woolcutt.
- May 23. Jabesh Ryly and Hannah Goodrich, of Stepney.
- July 26. Fitch Andrus and Mary Wells.
- Aug. 23. Phinehas Griswold and Louis Hurlbut.
- Oct. 23. John Tucker and Abigail Dickinson.
- Nov. 23. Giles Deming and Hannah Wright, of Stepney.
- Nov. 15. Leonard Whittlesey and Hannah Welles.
- Dec. 2. Abel Andrus and Eunice Stoddord.
- Feb. 14, 1765. Unni Robbins and Mary Kellogg.
- May 23. Amos Lee and Anne Camp.
- Dec. 12. David Deming and Dorcas Beckly, Kensington.
- March 10, 1766. Amos Hurlbut and Sarah Latimer.
- March 25. Simeon Wright and Anne Whaples.
- April 6. Nathaniel Coply and Mary Treat.

- Aug. 25. Ebenezer Goodrich and Abigail Collier.
- Dec. 18. Charles Morgan and Mehitable Seymour.
- April 6, 1767. Luther Latimer and Dorothy Smith.
- June 1. Levi Hurlbut and Martha Hurlbut.
- March 16, 1768. Asa Andrus and Cloe Andrus.
- March 24. Abel Fuller and Hannah Rhodes, W'd.\*
- April 21. John Graham and Hannah Hun.
- June 23. Joseph Stoddord and Mary Fuller.
- Nov. 24. Abraham Harris and Ruth Beckly, wid., Kensington.
- Dec. 5. Mr. Joseph Camp and Anne Kellogg.
- Jan. 9, 1769. Elias Seymour and Elizabeth Woolcutt.
- June 7. Enock Stoddord and Dinah Fuller.
- Nov. 2. — Sage and Patience Dickinson, of Kensington.
- Nov. 29. Jesse Churchill and Sarah Cady, wid., Stepney.
- Dec. 4. James Camp and Elizabeth Kilborn.
- Jan. 31, 1770. William Steel and Hannah Webster, Kensington.
- July 8. Eli Stoddord and Abigail Atwood.
- The same evening, Eli Tryon and Sybil Hurlbut.
- March 8. David Clark of B'n, and Louis Andrus, of Wethersfield.
- March 22. William Warner, jr., and Abigail Robbins.
- May 9. John Kelsey and Agnis Bowls, Kensington.
- Aug. 15. Judah Wright and Zuroiah Crowfoot, Kensington.
- Dec. 20. Levi Andrus and Cloe Welles.
- Jan. 17, 1771. David Welles and Eunice Clapp.  
Ebenezer Wyman and Sarah Brigden.  
And Edward Brown and Elizabeth Graham, alias Dillings.
- April 21. David Lowry and Lucy Cole.
- May 1. Elias Francis and Thankfull Hun.
- May 2. Lemuel Woodhouse and Cloe Woolcot.
- June 27. Ephraim Deming and Martha Deming.
- July 11. William Smith and Mary Welles, wid., at W'd.
- Oct. 30. Levi Churchill and Elizabeth Hurlbut.
- Nov. 14. Aron Deming and Lydia Stoddord, and James Wells and Lucy Wells.
- Jan. 30, 1772. Levi Wright and Abigail Woolcut, W'd.
- Feb. 6. Seth Bordman and Abigail Forsdich, W'd.
- April 16. Seth Wells and Judith Robbins, W'd.
- April 23. Timothy Lee and Lucy Camp.
- April 30. Ashbel Lee and Sarah Hun.
- May 21. Elisha Woodruff, of Farmington, and Anne Griswold, of Wethersfield.
- Oct. 1. Timothy Hubbard and Abigail Deming.
- Nov. 12. Elijah Welles and Sarah Balch of W'd.
- Nov. 19. Asa Talcot, of Glassenbury, and Hannah Stillman, of W'd.
- Jan. 18, 1773. Perez Swift and Hannah Fairchild.
- Feb. 4. Martin Kellogg, jr., and Hannah Robbins.
- April 14. Fitch Hurlbut and Jemima Hun.

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\* W'd, an abbreviation of Wethersfield.

- May 5. Deliverance Deming and Sarah Smith, of Wethersfield. The same evening, John Goodrich and Jerusha Deming, W'd.  
 May 6. Justus Francis and Keturah Andrus.  
 And Elizur Deming and Lucina Francis.  
 Oct. 7. Charles Bulkly and Eunice Wells, W'd.  
 Nov. 25. Epaphras Stoddord and Mary Wells, W'd.  
 Dec. 8. Elias Griswold and Rhoda Flowers, W'd.  
 Jan. 13, 1774. Elijah Welles and Sarah Kellogg.  
 Jan. 27. John Lusk and Elizabeth Kellogg.  
 Feb. 28. Enos Hun and Esther Smith.  
 May 11. Jonathan Beckly and Mary Webster, Worthington.  
 Aug. 24. Theode Bordman and Eunice Lusk, W'd.  
 Oct. 10. Gershom Woolcut and Rhoda Robbins.  
 Oct. 27. Joseph Steel and Olive Churchill.  
 Dec. 22. Benajah Bordman and Martha Churchill.  
 Jan. 5, 1775. Timothy Kilborn, jr., and Mary Deming.  
 Jan. 26. Thomas Stedman and Hannah Atkins, Mid.  
 June 1. Nathaniel Bradley and Dorothy Ashly, Worthington.  
 June 8. Elizur Hale and Hannah Welles, W'd.  
 June 28. Eleazur Aspinwall and Elizabeth Steel.  
 July 28. Charles Nott, jr., and Hannah Beckly, Worthington.  
 Oct. 12. James Lusk and my daughter Abigail Belden (162).  
 Nov. 1. Sam'l Whittimore and Rhoda Forsdick, W'd.  
 Jan. 11, 1776. Aron Porter and Louis Kelsey, Worthington.  
 March 28. Seth Gilbert and Lucy Kelsey, Worthington.  
 May 2. Lem'l Fuller and Eunice Welles.  
 June 6. Elisha Stoddord and Dorothy Willard.  
 Same evening, Jedediah Mills and Sarah Andrus.  
 July 11. Solomon Beckley and Cloe Kircum.  
 Oct. 1. John Goodrich and Abigail Price.  
 Oct. 24. Noah Woodruff and Lydia Fox.  
 Dec. 17. Isaac Bidwell, of Glas-tonbury and Rhoda Beckly of Worthington.  
 Feb. 13, 1777. Ashbel Seymour and Abigail Welles.  
 Feb. 20. Jedediah North and Abigail Andrus, Worthington.  
 April 14. Ambrose Fuller and Rhoda Williams, Worthington.  
 May 7. Butler Gilbert and Abigail Woodhouse, Wethersfield.  
 Same evening, John Warner, 3d, and Mary Ann Ayrault, Wethersfield.  
 May 29. John Benton and Esther Colby, Stepney.  
 May 30. Ebenezur Davis and Rachel Andrus, W'd.  
 June 2. Joseph North and Rhoda Blin.  
 June 5. William Combs and Lucy Webster, W'd.  
 June 9. Joseph Buel and Patience Nott, Worthington.  
 June 12. James Bidwell, Esq., Hartford, and Sarah Welles, W'd.  
 July 30. Ezekiel Smith and Ann Belden, Stepney.  
 Sept. 11. Joseph Churchill and Rhoda Goodrich.  
 Oct. 2. George Colafox, N. L'n, and Mary Robbins, W'd.  
 Same evening, Andrew Norton and Sarah Kelsey, Worthington.  
 Oct. 29. Jedediah Smith and Elizabeth Kellogg.

- Dec. 18. Enoch Kelsy, jr., and Keziah Gilbert, Worthington. Also Amos Webster and Mable Andrus, all of Worthington.
- Jan. 8, 1778. Robert Warner and Mary Clark, W'd.
- Jan. 12. John Hurlbut and Judith Homer.
- Feb. 2. Benajah Taylor and Mary Kircum.
- June 15. Jesse Churchil and Elizabeth Belden.
- June 18. Peter and Philis, negro servants of U. Robbins and L. Chester.
- July 16. Sam'l Churchill and Mercy Bordman.
- Sept. 24. Lem'l Prat and Hannah Woolcut.
- Oct. 13. John Ducass and Mary Whiting.
- Nov. 19. Joseph Beckly, of Canaan, and Elizabeth Bordman, of Stepney.
- Nov. 26. Elias Deming and Martha Welles.
- Dec. 15. Joseph Curtis and Rebecca Deming, W'd.
- Dec. 30. Amos Buck and Abigail Stoddord.
- Jan. 4, 1779. Levi Curtis and Rhoda Stoddord.
- Feb. 18. David Belden and Louis Woolcott, Stepney.
- April 14. Saul Alvert and Eleanor Kellogg.
- May 24. Moses Wright and Abigail Wright, W'd.
- June 3. Joseph Belden Weed and Susannah Woolcott, Stepney.
- Sept. 9. Elizur Goodrich and Louis Squire.
- Nov. 10. Daniel Foot, of Pittsfield, and Prudence Knowls, of W'd.
- Nov. 11. John Barnish, Hartford, and Louisa Nott, of Stepney.
- Nov. 18. Obediah Smith and Sarah Blin.
- April 6, 1780. Ashbel Belden and Lydia Beckly, W'd.
- Also Elijah Bordman and Nancy Deming.
- April 7. William Bebe and Elizabeth Dunston.
- May 11. David Stoddord and Mary Thompson.
- May 22. William Parbant and Lydia Butler.
- May 24. Capt. Nehemiah Merrill and Sarah Welles.
- May 25. James White and Mercy Linsly.
- May 25. Asa Welles and Martha Goodrich, W'd.
- June 1. Joseph King, Canadian, and Bathsheba Traylor, tramper.
- June 14. William Woolcutt and Rebecca Goodrich.
- Dec. 28. Joseph Curtis, jr., and Eunice Hun.
- Jan. 18, 1781. Levi Lusk and Happy Kilborn.
- Feb. 8. Thomas Clap and Huldah Bull, of W'd.
- March 21. Joseph Rowlandson and Sarah Latimer.
- April 19. Seth Kilborn and Louis Blin.
- Feb. 7, 1782. Abijah Flagg and Thankfull Seymour.
- April 30. James Blin, jr., and Irene Andrus, she on a sick bed.
- May 30. Ozias Willcox and Mary Lusk.
- July 31. James Hogan and F--- Minor.
- Nov. 3. James Prat and Ruth Andrus.
- Nov. 14. Daniel Warner and Cinthia Kellogg.
- Nov. 21. Leonard Belden and Anne Buck.
- Nov. 28. Timothy Hubbard and Mehitabe Beckly.
- Jan. 23, 1783. Phineas Andrus, jr., and Seebury Stoddord.



- April 24. Daniel Willard, jr., and Rhoda Welles.
- July 3. Justus Francis and Mary Belden, my daughter.
- Aug. 21. Francis Deming and Elizabeth Churchill.
- Nov. 13. Edward Howard and Anne Stoddord.
- July 1, 1784. Daniel Ayrault and Mary Balch, W'd.
- Sept. 1. Robert Welles, 3d, and Lucretia Russel; also Francis Coslet and Rachel Adkins.
- Sept. 23. Silas Sandford and Lucretia Deming.
- Jan. 6, 1785. Lemuel Holmes and Sarah Whaples.
- March 27. Capt. Roger Welles and Jemima Kellogg.
- April 10. Ichabod Paterson and Jemima Haiden.
- June 28. John Kirkum and Janet Stoddord.
- Oct. 26. Eli Hurlbut and Sarah Landers.
- Nov. 10. Absalom Welles and Lorrain Paterson.
- Dec. 12. Justus Woolcut and Rosetta Squier.
- Jan. 17, 1786. Robert Deming and Lucy Blin.
- April 20. Stephen Kellogg and Cinthia Andrus.
- April 27. Seth Kilborn and Hannah Churchill.
- Oct. 5. Charles Dix and Prudence Welles, W'd.
- Jan. 28, 1787. Zadock Hinsdale and Elizabeth Camp.
- April 12. Simon Kilborn and Eunice Kircum.
- Sept. 20. Charles Miller and Polly Weaver.
- Jan. 16, 1788. Edward Buttricks and Nabby Kilborn.
- May 11. Gideon Hubbard and Bathsheba Migat.
- June 2. Capt. Samuel Wyllis and Mary Ducass.
- June 26. Thomas Fox and Louis Seymour.
- Sept. 11. Ashbel Seymour and Honor Willard.
- Oct. 19. David Witterly and Ruth Andrus.
- Nov. 27. Ichabod Minor and Hannah Witterly.
- Jan. 25, 1789. Josiah Griswold and Abigail Welles.
- Feb. 17. Unni Blin and Holly Hunter.
- May 11. Sion Wentworth and Rebecca Bordman.
- Oct. 25. Jonathan Blin and Honor Stoddord.
- Jan. 21, 1790. Lemuel Gibs and Martha Hurlbut.
- Jan. 28. John Webster and Eunice Deming, Worthington.
- March 4. Aaron Hart and Sarah Francis.
- April 22. Barzillai Deming and Sophia Smith.
- Dec 9. Levi Welles and Hannah Welles.
- Dec. 19. Jason Buckley and Clarissa Dort.
- April 21, 1791. Francis Coslet and Sarah Smith.
- June 30. Christopher Bebe and Mercy Taylor.
- Sept. 15. Curtis Welles and Hannah Tryon, W'd.
- Oct. 2. Ebenezur Hart and Lucy Jerome, N. Bn.
- Nov. 22. Elisha Blin and Mary Rodes, W'd.
- Feb. 23, 1792. Prince Draper and Sibil Goodrich.
- May 3. John King and Sally Mervin, W'd.
- Nov. 4. Unni Robbins, jr., and Lucy Lowry.
- Dec. 30. Medad Gibs and Eleanor Hurlbut.
- Jan. 17, 1793. Seth Peck and Mary Deming.
- Feb. 24. Selah Deming and Sarah Jerome.

- May 22. Ozias Hurlbut and Eunice Deming.  
 Sept. 26. Jonathan Stoddord, jr., and Candace Peck.  
 March 2, 1794. Aziel Belden and Azubah Goodrich.  
 April 13. Asa Case? and Abigail Blin.  
 May 11. Isaac Buckinham and Lucy Belden, W'd.  
 June 12. Luther Paterson and Jemima Tryon.  
 Feb. 15, 1795. Michel Wright and Silva Goodrich; and the same time Seth Lowry? and Lydia Wright.  
 May 27. David Gilbert and Lucy Squire.  
 June 28. Timothy Stanly and Abigail Robbins.  
 October 23. Juba Stephenson and Jenne Stouton, negroes.  
 Dec. 27. Justus Cook and Mary Goodrich *alias* Webster.  
 Sept. 29, 1796. Timothy Stedman and Abigail Peck.  
 Nov. 29. Joseph Lynde and Martha Belden.  
 Nov. 30. James Welles, jr., and Eleanor Camp.  
 Jan. 9, 1797. Joshua Belden, jr., and Dorothy Whittlesey.  
 April 12. Mr. Joel Hutchins? and Elizabeth Goodrich.  
 May 13. Allin Francis and Esther Hotchkis.  
 Nov. 8. Oliver Richards and Lydia Andrus.  
 October 12. Mr. Silas Churchill and Rhoda Belden.  
 Feb. 14, 1798: Bethuel Lusk and Elizabeth Foster, of Meriden.  
 Oct. 7. Leonard Welles and Prudence Robbins.
- Oct. 19. Elisha Whaples and Nancy Blin.  
 Nov. 29. Samuel Whaples and Abigail Holmes.  
 Feb. 18, 1799. Leonard Hubbard and Elizabeth Churchill.  
 Sept. 29. Lemuel Holmes and Sylvia Andrus.  
 Jan. 30, 1800. Benjamin Hart jr., and Hannah Kellogg.  
 Sept. 30. Moses Kelsy and Hannah Andrus.  
 Jan. 8, 1801. Elizur Dudley and Anne Hurlbut.  
 Jan. 18. Daniel Lamb and Prudence Fox.  
 Aug. 20. Elias Dillingwood and Polly Richards, (Worthington.)  
 Nov. 26. Ralph Smith, Chatham, and Honor Deming, W'd.  
 March 4, 1802. Allin Webster, Hartford, and Polly Hurlbut, W'd.  
 June 1. Rev. Sam'l Mills, Saybrook, and wid. Caty Seymour, West Hartford.  
 Oct. 3. Ashbel Seymour, jr., and Mary Lowry.  
 Oct. 12. Noble Churchill and Olive Stoddard, both of W'd.  
 Nov. 25. Moses Camp and Cloe Stoddord.  
 Jan. 2, 1803. Enos Deming and Pruey Lusk.  
 March 24. Joseph Blin and Olive Stoddord.  
 Oct. 9. William Lowry and Rachel Seymour.  
 April 4, 1804. Benjamin Read and Bathsheba North.  
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 Feb. 24, 1807. Charles Belden Churchill and Elizabeth Hubbard, both of Weathersfield.

## VI.

## DEATHS.

Nov. 30, 1747. <i>Died</i> , Eunice, daughter of George Woolcot.	Same day, died Peter, in a fit.
Dec. 17. Widow Sarah Churchill.	June 4. The aged widow, Sarah Whaples, 84 yrs.
Sept. 2, 1748. Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah Wright.	June 24. Mr. Joseph Hurlbut.
Sept. 5. Amos Andrus.	July 10. Prudence, wife of Mr. Josiah Deming.
Sept. 15. Hannah Andrus.	Jan. 1, 1753. Mary, daughter of Samuel Hun.
Sept. —. Lydia, daughter of Josiah Jones.	Jan. 1. The aged Mrs. Hun.
Oct. 22. Reuben Whaples.	Sept. 22. Abigail, daughter of Caleb Webster.
Nov. 4. Solomon, son of Amos Hurlbut.	Sept. 27, 1753. Mary, infant daughter of Charles Churchil.
Jan. 2, 1748-9. Oliver, son of Jonathan Churchil.	Nov. 13, 1753. Capt. Martin Kellogg.
Jan. 14. Hannah, daughter of Charles Churchil.	Jan. 21, 1754. Mrs. Sarah Lamb.
Feb. 20. Timothy, son of Timothy Kilborn.	Feb. 3. Josiah Atwood, jr., his child.
April 19. Thankful, wife of Timothy Andrus.	May 8. Nicholas Deming.
Sept. 4. The wife of William Lusk.	May 19. Nathaniel North.
Oct. 8. Louis, daughter of Benjamin Goodrich.	May 24. Betty Churchil.
Dec. 2, 1750. Mr. James Patterson.	Sept. 4. Semiley (or Smiley), wife of Jacob Way.
April 5, 1751. Ruth, daughter of Joseph Andrus.	Sept. 12. Jacob Whaples.
April 12. Hannah, daughter of Elisha Warren.	Sept. 16. Thomas Robbins.
June 25. Sarah Goodrich.	Sept. 17. Gamaliel Bordman.
Sept. 17. Bela, son of Benjamin Goodrich.	Sept. 26. Mrs. Dorothy Kellogg.
Oct. Mary, daughter of John Peirce.	Oct. 3. The Wid. Ruth Deming.
Dec. 14. Sarah, daughter of William Andrus. Scault to death.	Dec. 14. Josiah Kilborn.
Feb. 8, 1752. Wife of Thomas Francis.	Jan. 10, 1755. David Churchil, son of David Churchil.
March 20, 1752. Mary, wife of Samuel Buck.	Feb. 24, 1755. John, son of Elijah Stoddord.
April 23, 1752. Hannah, daughter of Ephraim Blin.	May 15. Elizabeth Stoddord.
	Aug. 16. Wife of David Woolcott.
	Aug. 19. Ann, wife of Samuel Steel.
	Sept. 5. Violet, negro woman.
	Oct. 3. The aged Mr. Chester.
	Oct. 13. Wid. Sarah Whaples.
	Jan. 18, 1756. Dr. Joseph Andrus.

- Jan. 26. George, infant son of Josiah Atwood, jr.  
 Jan. 31. Curtis, son of Joshua Andrus.  
 March 12. Jonathan, infant child of Nathaniel Kircum.  
 March 13. Mrs. Mercy Lamb.  
 May 31. Jonathan Blin.  
 June 15. Enos, son of ———.  
 July 23. Benajah Andrus.  
 July 25. Hannah, wife of Amos Hurlbut.  
 Aug. 7. Lt. Richard Bordman. Sometime in May, I think, died Josiah, infant son of Amos Hurlbut.  
 Aug. 15. Nathaniel Stoddord.  
 Aug. 20. Mary, wife of William Wells.  
 Oct. 26. Rosel, son of Bevil Seymour.  
 Nov. 3. Elisha Andrus.  
 March 10, 1757. Dea. Josiah Willard.  
 Aug. 2. Samuel Hun.  
 Aug. 24. Pelatiah Buck, jr. 72.  
 Aug. 31. Jonathan Stoddord.  
 Sept. 13. Mr. Eliphalet Whittlesey.  
 Nov. 4. Wid. Sarah Stoddord, daughter of Josiah Atwood.  
 Jan. 17, 1758. Josiah Atwood.  
 March 22. The aged Mr. Whittlesey.  
 June 6. Silvia, daughter of Stephen Deming.  
 Aug. 14. Leonard, son of Stephen Deming.  
 Sept. 10. Irene, wife of William Andrus.  
 Sept. 16. — wife of Jedediah Atwood.  
 Sept. 23. My second daughter Anne.  
 Jan. 7, 1759. John Bordman.  
 Jan. 13. Amos, infant son of Amos Hurlbut.  
 May 31. Mary Willard.  
 June 2. Martha, wife of Henry Kircum.  
 June 17. Was buried an infant child of Josiah Atwood, unbaptised.  
 June 26. Nathaniel Kircum, being in the public service at Fort Edward.\*  
 June —. Samuel Wright, in the army.  
 Aug. 26. Lt. Ebenr. Kilborn.  
 Sept. 10. Cloe, daughter of the widow Buck, relict of Pelatiah Buck, jr.  
 Oct. 8. Joseph Kellogg.  
 Feb. 24, 1760. Anne, infant daughter of Amos Hurlbut.  
 May 23. The Wid. Sarah Andrus.  
 And same day buried a still-born child of Thomas Francis.  
 May 26. Simeon, infant son of Stephen Kellogg.  
 Oct. —. A child of Thomas Wright.  
 Nov. 7. Buried, a still-born child of Robert Wells, jr.  
 Nov. 27. Jacob Way.  
 Dec. 5. Nathaniel, infant son of Elijah Kircum.  
 Dec. 13. Thode Seymour, with the small-pox.  
 Feb. 20, 1761. Zebulon Stoddord buried.  
 Sarah, infant daughter of William Andrus.  
 And Bethsheba, daughter of Jedediah Atwood.  
 Who all died in one night.  
 March 24. Joel Jones.  
 April 9. Buried, an infant child

\* *Fort Edward* was on the site of the present village of Fort Edward, in Washington county, New York, on the east side of Hudson river, about 45 miles north from Albany. It was erected by the troops under the command of Gen. Lyman, in the summer of 1755, who were assembled at the "carrying-place" between Hudson River and Lake George, being the point where, in the expeditions against Canada, in the French war, the troops and stores were landed, and thence carried to Wood Creek, 12 miles, where they were again embarked.

- of Mr. David Webster, unbaptized.
- April 19. Lydia, wife of William Buck.
- (*Illegible.*)
- May 1. Dea. John Deming, 82 yrs.
- May 12. Hannah, child of —
- July 2. Child of Charles Churchill.
- July 27. My eldest daughter, Martha.
- Aug. 12. Mr. Josiah Deming, 73 years.
- Aug. 13. Was buried an infant child of Jonathan Stoddord, unbaptized.
- Dec. 21. Orrin, infant son of Elijah Kircum.
- July 24, 1762. Ruth, daughter of Amos Hurlbut.
- Dec. 29. Elizabeth, dau. of Elijah Stoddord.
- Jan. 10, 1763. Peter, negro.
- March 13. Cloe Willard.
- Aug. 29, 1764. Wid. Prudence Robbins.
- Oct. 3. Buried, still-born child of John Squires.
- Nov. 26. Wid. Grace Goodrich.
- May 30, 1765. Timothy Andrus.
- May, 1766. A child of Ebenr. Goodrich.
- July 1 or 2. A child of Billy Blin.
- Dec. 23. Buried, a still-born child of Lt. W——.
- April 25, 1767. Hannah, wife of Wm. Blin.
- April 29. The aged Mrs. Chittenton.
- June 20. Rosetta, daughter of John Squires.
- July 21. Ensign Samuel Churchill, of a—
- Aug. 24. Stephen Kellogg, suddenly, by a f—
- Sept. 24. Buried, still-born child of Ensign Da—
- Feb. 24, 1768. Infant child of Joel, negro.
- March 18. Gamaliel, infant son of Sherman Bordman.
- May 3. Loraniam, daugh. of Benjamin Andrus.
- May 21. Reuben, negro.  
Fuller, suddenly, at Capt. Churchill's.
- Nov. 22. Child of Ann Kellogg, immature birth.
- Dec. 24. Wid. Deming, relict of Dea. Jon. Deming.
- Dec. 28. Wid. Bordman, relict of R. Bordman.
- Feb. 26, 1769. Wid Camp, relict of Capt. Camp.
- July 1. Infant child of Jemima Hun.
- Oct. 1. Mercy Knowles.
- Jan. 4, 1770. Elijah Atwood.
- May 19. Dora, aged negro woman, about 90.
- June —. Infant child of Eli Tryon, unbaptized.
- Nov. 25. John, son of Sherman Bordman.
- Dec. 15. Infant child of Asa Andrus.
- April 23, 1771. Aged Eliz. Woolcot.
- Sept. 22. Aged Wid. Stoddord.
- Nov. 6. Wid. Hannah Deming, above 70.
- Feb. 22, 1772. The wife of Fitch Hurlbut, by a f—
- May 12. Infant child of Louis—
- Aug. 31. ———, the wife of Joseph —

## NOTE.

The original manuscript containing these church records is without covers, and about the size of a school writing-book. The paper coarse and unruled. The leaves worn and frayed. The writing very fine and very much crowded. The first and last leaves have evidently become detached, and are lost. As the "admissions to communion" stand first in the record the commencement of those

entries is gone, and as "deaths" stand at the close, these entries are lost after the date Aug. 31, 1772. It appears, by a memorandum on one of the leaves, that these records were delivered to Mr. Brace, October 16, 1812, about a year before Mr. Belden's death. They have probably remained at the parsonage ever since, till quite recently.

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## CHURCH COVENANT AND ARTICLES OF FAITH.

*(In the time of Mr. Belden.)*

*You believe,* That there is one only living and true God, the Almighty Maker and constant Preserver of Heaven and Earth, the rightful Supreme Lord over all. That in God there are three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who are the same in substance, equal in power and glory. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

*You believe,* That God made man, at first, in a holy and happy state; that all mankind, by their apostacy from and rebellion against God, have exposed themselves to his wrath and curse, have fallen into a state of sin and misery, and are utterly unable to deliver and save themselves; but that God, out of the infinite riches of his free grace, sent his only begotten son into the world, to be a Saviour, to die, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; and that He has graciously made a promise of pardon and eternal life, and all the saving benefits of the Redeemer's purchase to all that sincerely repent of their sins, believe in, heartily receive, and rest upon Christ for salvation, as He is offered in the Gospel, who, at the last great day being raised from the dead, shall be adjudged to eternal life, but all others to everlasting punishment.

And you do now, so far as in you lies, make choice of the living God for your God, your Sovereign Lord and portion forever; of God the father for your father, of Christ the Son of God for your Saviour and Redeemer, and of the Holy Ghost for your Sanctifier and Comforter, and of the Word of God for the rule of your belief and practice.\*

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\*July 21, 1819. At a special meeting of the church in Newington, at the house of the pastor. Opened with prayer. After mature consideration it was voted,—

And you do now openly and solemnly dedicate and give up yourself and yours to God, to be wholly and forever his, to be guided by his spirit, to be ruled by his laws, to be disposed of by his Providence, and to be eternally saved in the Gospel way; promising, by the assistance of the blessed Spirit, that you will live soberly, righteously, and Godly all the days of your life; and, as the ordinary way of God's conveying grace and the blessings of the Redemption to the souls of men, is in and by his word and ordinances, you will make it your care and study to walk by this rule, to attend upon God and draw near to him in all the ordinances of the Gospel and ways of His institution, herein joining yourself with this church so long as God, in his providence, shall give you opportunity, submitting yourself to the watch, discipline, and government of Christ, therein regularly administered, that so you may be edified and built up unto eternal life. Thus you profess and promise, giving your unfeigned assent and consent. †

We do then receive you into our Christian communion and fellowship, praying that both you and we may find grace to be faithful.

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That the practice of demanding confessions of sins committed previously to a person's proposing to join the church be discontinued, and that instead of particular confession of individual sins, there be a clause expressive of general repentance, introduced into the covenant of personal dedication to God, viz. :—" You do also make a solemn confession of all your past sins; you profess repentance before God, and promise amendment of life." (This clause is inserted at this point in the covenant, as copied into the pulpit Bible by Dr. Brace. There is no record of any action of the church making other changes during Dr. Brace's ministry.—R. W.)

† In the copy in the pulpit Bible these last six words are omitted; also some other verbal alterations and omissions appear, among which may be mentioned the omission of the clause added to the covenant in which the church recognize new members. This omission was supplied by vote of the church passed Feb. 28, 1857, as follows :—" Voted, That the following words be added to the covenant, by which the church will recognize new members—' We, the members of this church, do now receive you into our fellowship, promising, through Divine help, to observe towards you all the duties which the Gospel enjoins upon us as members of the one body of the Lord.' " This vote was passed at the suggestion of Dr. Brace's successor in the pastoral office, Rev. William P. Aiken.

## APPENDIX.

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### IMPORTANT DATES.

- Dec. 20, 1708. Town meeting. Committee appointed to consider the petition of the West inhabitants to be a distinct parish.
- Dec. 14, 1709. Town meeting. Power of committee continued.
- Dec. 18, 1710. Town meeting. West inhabitants authorized to hold meetings among themselves four months in a year, released from a third of the minister's rates.
- Dec. 24, 1712. Town meeting. Petition for a distinct parish granted by the town.
- May 14, 1713. Petition to the General Assembly to confirm the grant.
- May 15, 1713. Remonstrance of the Beckleys.
- May —, 1713. General Assembly grant the charter.
- April 4, 1715. Society meeting. Committee appointed "to endeavor an exchange" of territory.
- April 7, 1715. Farmington proprietors consent to the exchange.
- April 11, 1715. First Society of Farmington also consent.
- May —, 1715. Petition to the General Assembly to confirm the exchange.
- May 13, 1715. Beckleys execute a bond, which is lodged in the Secretary's office.
- May —, 1715. General Assembly appoint a committee "to go upon the place," consider the subject of an exchange, and report.
- Oct. —, 1715. Committee report in favor of the exchange.
- " " General Assembly accept the report and confirm the exchange, annexing the Beckley quarter to the Great Swamp Society, and the Stanley quarter to Newington.
- April 5, 1716. First Society meeting recorded, Josiah Willard chosen clerk.
- First meeting house raised that month.
- Dec. 15, 1718. West Society first called Newington in the record of this meeting.
- Jan. 15, 1719. Society vote to call a minister to preach till last of March, 1720.
- Committee appointed to treat with Mr. Nathaniel Burnham.
- April 6, 1720. Society appoint a committee to treat with Mr. Elisha Williams.



- Aug. 5, 1720. Society make choice of Rev. Elisha Williams as their minister.
- Dec. 21, 1720. Mr. Williams' settlement fixed at £170. Salary £50 a year.
- May 10, 1721. Society vote to petition the General Assembly for relief.
- May 25, " General Assembly grant relief, and name the Society Newington.
- Feb. 8, 1722. Society vote to build a pulpit, a deacon seat, and finish lower part of meeting house.
- Sept. 5, 1722. Society vote to put in windows above as well as below in meeting house.
- Oct. 3, 1722. Fast. Church organized, preliminary to ordination of Mr. Williams.
- Oct. 17, 1722. Rev. Elisha Williams ordained.
- Dec. 31, 1723. Drum to be purchased. First school committee appointed.
- May 22, 1724. The trustees of Yale College make conditional choice of Mr. Williams as rector.
- Oct. —, 1725. The trustees report to the Assembly their unanimous choice of Mr. Williams as rector, and ask aid for the parish, which is granted.
- May 4, 1726. Committees of the College and Society agree that Newington should receive £200 16s. for the removal of Mr. Williams to the College.
- May 12, 1726. Trustees petition Assembly for help again. Granted.
- May 25, 1726. Rev. Simon Backus called to preach on probation.
- June 1, 1726. Mr. Russel, jun., of Middletown, to be invited to preach on probation; if he decline, then Mr. Backus to be invited.
- Aug. 24, 1726. Rev. Simon Backus called to be the minister.
- Sept. 7, " He accepts the call. Settlement, £175. Salary, £70 to £90.
- Nov. 4, 1726. Trustees of Yale College pay the Society's committee £200 16s.
- Jan. 11, 1727. Fast, preliminary to ordination of Mr. Backus.
- Jan. 25, " Mr. Backus ordained.
- May 16, 1732. The Society petition the Assembly for relief for their minister. Not granted.
- Dec. 16, 1734. The society vote to finish the meeting house.
- Oct. —, 1745. The Governor and Council impowered to appoint a chaplain to the forces in garrison at Louisburg. Mr. Backus appointed afterwards.
- March 15, 1746. Mr. Backus dies at Louisburg, while at his post as chaplain.
- May 8, 1746. Mrs. Eunice Backus petitions the Assembly for relief for the loss of her husband in the public service. Granted.
- May 10, 1747. Rev. Joshua Belding began to preach for the society.
- June 15, 1747. Society vote to call him as their minister.
- Nov. —, 1747. Fast, a few days before Mr. Belding's ordination.
- Nov. 11, " Mr. Belding ordained.
- May 12, 1748. Josiah Deming, as agent of the society, petitions the Assembly for relief for the loss of their minister in the public service. £150 granted, in bills of credit.
- May —, 1754. The Stanley quarter annexed to the new society of New Britain, and Beckley quarter confirmed to Kensington for a consideration.

- Oct. —, 1757. Beckley quarter incorporated as a school district.  
 Oct. —, 1772. Worthington society organised, including Beckley quarter.  
 March 23, 1774. Society vote to lease the parsonage for 999 years.  
 April 6, 1774. Mr. Belding releases to the society his right to the parsonage.  
 March 10, 1783. Society vote to be divided into three school districts.  
 April 14, " Society approve of the division of districts reported by committee.  
 April 29, " Society vote to build two school houses at the north and south ends.  
 Dec. 6, 1784. Society vote to petition town to buy land of Capt. Kellogg, for a green.  
 May, 1794. Certain territory adjoining Worthington, annexed to that society "for parochial purpose merely."  
 Oct. 3, 1796. Last votes of the society on the subject of schools.  
 Aug. 28, 1797. Final vote to erect and finish a meeting house on the green.  
 Nov. —, 1803. Mr. Belden ceases from pastoral duties.  
 Oct. 7, 1804. Mr. Joab Brace begins to preach.  
 Nov. 19, 1804. Society vote to call him as their minister.  
 Dec. 3, 1804. Committee give him a formal call.  
 Dec. 17, " He accepts in a formal answer.  
 Jan. 9, 1805. Fast, preliminary to his ordination.  
 Jan. 16, 1805. He is ordained.

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### THE FIRST SETTLERS OF NEWINGTON.\*

Prior to the year 1700, an excellent tract of land lying west of the mountain, and known by the name of "Cowplain," was in the almost exclusive possession of the Indians. It was the residence of Sequin, the Sachem of the Wethersfield tribe, which at that time was numerous. The increase of population in the old town, and the consequent advance in the value of real estate, rendered removals necessary for a livelihood, and induced five men to commence the settlement of this part of the town. The names of three of these adventurous persons were Andrus, and the others Steel and Hun. The house of one of the Andruses stood a few rods south of the Congregational meeting house, that of Steel near the spot now occupied by the academy, and that of Hun in the north part of the parish. The house of Andrus was fortified and surrounded by a high wall, to guard against attacks of foreign Indians (those in the neighborhood being friendly disposed). To this fortress they, with their families, retired every night, and slept upon their arms. They were, however, never attacked by their savage enemies. The tract of land they settled being large and highly productive, they were soon joined by others, and in a few years grew into a considerable and prosperous settlement.

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\* These extracts are taken, by permission of Dr. Trumbull, from a manuscript history of Wethersfield, written by Hezekiah Belden, Esq., and deposited Nov. 8, 1855, (after his death,) in the rooms of the Historical Society, at Hartford. I was not aware of the existence of the manuscript till after the preceding pages were in press.  
 R. W.

## THE FIRST MINISTER OF NEWINGTON.

Mr. Williams was the son of the Rev. William Williams of Hatfield—brother of the Hon. Israel Williams and the Rev. Solomon Williams, D. D. His mother was the daughter of the Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton. He was educated at Harvard College, graduating in 1711. From this time until his settlement at Newington, it is probable he resided on his estate in Wethersfield. He married Eunice, daughter of Mr. Thomas Chester, February 23d, 1714, by whom he had six children, Eunice, Elisha, Samuel, William, Mary, and Anne,—two of whom only, Elisha and Mary, survived their father. \* \* \* \*

His administration of the government of Yale College is spoken of as highly creditable to himself, and beneficial to the institution. Prudent and energetic in government, "he suppressed the vice and disorder that had long prevailed—introduced many salutary and beneficial rules, and cultivated, among the graver studies that had before almost exclusively occupied the attention of the students, a taste for useful and polite literature." Among the distinguished graduates during his presidency, were President Wheelock, President Burr, Dr. Bellamy, Chief Justice Dyer, and Philip and William Livingston. It was in the same time that Bishop Berkley, pleased with the character of the College, and having ascertained by correspondence with Rector Williams, what was most necessary for its improvement, made several donations to it, among which were a thousand volumes of books, "the finest collection that ever came together, at one time, into America."

President Williams retained his office for thirteen years, when he resigned on account of ill health, with undiminished (luster?) and the "hearty thanks of the trustees for his good service." The office which he relinquished was one of high distinction, and gave him a station in society, above which, few in the country, not of royal appointment, were more elevated. \* \* \* \*

In 1745 we find him attending the chivalric expedition against Cape Breton, in the capacity of chaplain. The following year he was appointed a Lieut. Colonel in Col. Joseph Dwight's Regiment, raised for the proposed expedition against Canada. The pious and faithful pastor, the accomplished College President, the speaker of a popular assembly, the learned judge, the itinerant army chaplain, is hereafter known under his new designation of Colonel. At Louisburg his counsel was valued. "If you find any difficulty," writes Thomas Cushing to a friend having business there, "take advice of Col. Choate and Rector Williams." In his regiment, he was efficient and popular. When the Canadian expedition was abandoned, there was delay in the payment of the officers and men, and in December, 1749, Col. Williams for the purpose of procuring a settlement was sent to England and effected the object of his mission.

While in England he formed an acquaintance with a lady of superior accomplishments, Miss Scott, daughter of the Rev. Timothy Scott of Norwich, and sister of the Rev. Thomas Scott, the well-known writer of commentaries on the Bible, who married and accompanied him to America. In England he also became known to many persons of distinction. Dr. Doddridge, with whom he formed an intimate acquaintance, describes him as possessing "an ardent sense of religion, solid learning, consummate prudence, great candor and sweetness of temper, and a certain nobleness of soul, capable of conceiving and acting the greatest things without seeming to be conscious of having done them." After his return from England the remainder of his life was spent in the enjoyment of well earned repose at Wethersfield. He died July 24th, 1755, in the 61st year of his age. Mrs. Williams afterwards became the wife of the Hon. William Smith, historian of New York, and died in Wethersfield, June 13th, 1776.

It has been truly said that "so great a variety of honorable occupations successively discharged is rarely recorded," as in the case of Elisha Williams.

On a tablet inscribed to his memory is the following memorial of him :

"The Hon. Col. Elisha Williams shined in excellent gifts of nature, learning and grace. In benevolence universal. Firm in friendship; in conversation pleasant and instructive; in Religion sincere, unaffected, cheerful, truly humble, patient; fearless in the cause of God and truth; a pattern of conjugal and parental affection and humanity, a wise, great, and good man; 5 years he was an honor to the ministry in Newington, 13 years Yale College flourished under his pious, learned, faithful instruction and government, the glory of the College and ornament of his Country. He, after, filled and adorned several civil and military characters. Heaven claimed what was immortal that glad obeyed and dropped here the dust till Jesus comes. Obit, 24 July, 1755. *Ætatis* 61 mo."

#### THE SECOND MINISTER.

Mr. Backus graduated at Yale College in 1724. Oct 1, 1729, he married Eunice, daughter of Rev. Timothy Edwards of East Windsor, and sister of the first President Edwards, by whom he had seven children, Clorinda, Eunice, Elizabeth—married Daniel Bissell of East Windsor; Esther, married Benjamin Ely of West Springfield, Simon, married Rachel Mosley of East Haddam, and was settled in the ministry at Granby, Mass., and then at North M——, where he died a pauper, Jerusha, married Smith Bailey, Mary died unmarried as did the two eldest daughters.

#### THE THIRD MINISTER.

The Rev. Joshua Belden was the second son of Mr. Silas Belden, and born in Wethersfield, July 19, 1724. His mother Abigail was the daughter of Mr. Joshua Robbins of Wethersfield. He was educated at Yale College, graduating in 1743. He was a plain practical preacher of Evangelical truth and "shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God." A man scrupulously conscientious, of deep humility, and of devoted and ardent piety. He was married twice. First to Mrs. Anne Belden of Wethersfield, by whom he had ten children, nine daughters and one son. Four of the daughters died in early life, Abigail born Aug. 10, 1754, married Mr. James Lusk of Newington. Mary born Dec. 9, 1755, married Mr. Justus Francis of Newington. Anne, a mute, born July 7, 1759. Martha born July 24, 1761, married Doct. Joseph Lynde of Hartford. Octavia born Oct. 27, 1763, married Rev. Nathaniel Gaylord of Hartland. Rhoda born May 29, 1766, married Rev. Silas Churchill of New Lebanon, N. Y. Joshua born March 29, 1768, married Dorothy, daughter of Mr. Lemuel Whittlesey of Newington.

For his second wife, Mr. Belden on the 14th Nov., 1774, married Mrs. Honor Whiting, widow of Capt. Charles Whiting of Norwich, and daughter of Mr. Hezekiah Goodrich of Wethersfield, by whom he had one son, Hezekiah, born Feb. 17, 1778, married Harriet Halsted Lyon, daughter of Underhill Lyon, Esq., of Rye, N. Y. Of the numerous family of Mr. Belden, five only survived him, four of his youngest daughters, and his second son. He was a man of sorrows, but he bore them like a Christian, his faith was triumphant. On the death of his second wife, standing over her lifeless body and gazing in silent grief for a short time in her placid countenance, he exclaimed, raising his hands and eyes to heaven, "I am dumb—I open not my mouth, for the Lord hath done it," then kneeling with his weeping family around him he poured forth his soul in prayer for resignation and support, and in thanksgiving that the object of his affection had been so long spared to him, as the solace of his life, and of assured hope in her death.

## PART II.

## MODERN ANNALS OF NEWINGTON,

COMPRISING

RECORDS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY AND CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF NEWINGTON

IN THE

SECOND CENTURY OF THEIR EXISTENCE.

## FIRST PERIOD, 1805—1857.

Dr. Brace, in his published half-century discourse, has given the history of the parish during the time of his administration of the pastoral office. During the first century of its existence there was great turmoil, strife, and controversy, not only with its neighbors on the West and South, but intestine war within its own limited borders. Continual recourse was had to the General Assembly, to settle boundaries, to settle the locations of the two meeting-houses that were built and to assist the parish for the loss of the first and second ministers. The town also and the Courts were frequently applied to for help, and intervention. These vexed questions were happily all disposed of before the settlement of Dr. Bracc. During the time of his ministry peace reigned without and within unbroken save by a few cases of discipline. No petition was presented to the Legislature, and but one to the town, and no recourse was had to the courts. It is unnecessary to go over the ground covered by Dr. Bracc's discourse. His ministry was not only a time of peace, but it was also a time of great improvement in the material interests and welfare of the people. One of these improvements is alluded to by him as follows. "Fifty years ago there was no road from this place to Hartford, and the little intercourse with the city was carried on, either by going over the mountain to Wethers-

field, or by passing round through West Hartford." The present road to Hartford by the house of Charles K. Atwood, Esq., was laid out in 1807, its southern terminus being near the meeting-house, throwing open a space for a green north of the road running east to Wethersfield, while its western terminus was near the north school house, the two roads forming a junction near the house of Robert Francis, thence running towards Hartford, to and along the base of Cedar mountain.\*

Not only were great improvements made in the roads and bridges of Newington and vicinity, but in 1833 was incorpor-

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\*As this road is a main thoroughfare, and as it is important to preserve the ancient land marks, the decree of the court laying out the road is worthy of an insertion at this place. It is as follows:

"On the Petition of Joshua Belden and others praying for highways in Newington society in Wethersfield, leading to Hartford, by petition on file, dated February 28, 1807, the case was continued to this term, the committee in the case laid before the court their report in these words. "To the honorable County Court to be holden at Hartford, within and for the county of Hartford, on the second Tuesday of August, 1807. The subscribers appointed by your honors a Committee on the petition of Joshua Belden, Jr., Esq., and others, inhabitants of the parish of Newington in the town of Wethersfield, to view, and, if judged by said Committee expedient, lay out a highway from near the dwelling house of said Joshua Belden, Jr., to the south line of the town of Hartford, in such direction as would best accommodate the travel from said Newington to the city of Hartford, or to alter the present traveled roads in a manner most convenient to the public, and least injurious to private property, and report make to the then or some future session of said court, beg leave to report—That having given legal notice of the time, place, and purpose of our meeting we met at the house of deacon Wells in said Newington on the 25th day of June last and from thence proceeded to view the several roads leading from near the house of said Joshua Belden, Jr., Esq., mentioned in the bill in form appointing said Committee, with the intermediate ground from the west street in said Newington to the mountain; and upon a full view and hearing of those concerned your Committee were clearly of opinion that by altering and widening the present highway from near the house of said Belden and running by said deacon Wells's, and by laying a road from the junction of the road running easterly from the North school house in the west street in said Newington across the lands of Unni Robbins and Martin Kellogg in a Northeastward direction to the old road, and from thence widening the present road to the road running under the mountain to said Hartford would best accommodate the public travel from said Newington to Hartford, and be the least damage to private property. We therefore began at a stake and stones in the old road at the north line of Jemima Welles's land near the house of Joshua Belden, Jr., Esq., and ran northerly in said road 22 chains 57 links to the south line of Fitch Andrus's land, thence in said old road and widening the same on said Andrus, by a line from the southeast corner of his lot to a stake and stones near the brook 6 chains 35 links thence running in said old road 12 chains 10 links to Elijah Wells's land to a stake and stones in the fence east of old road, thence N. 7° E. 5 chains 37 links on said Wells's land, thence the same point 4 chains 97 links on Jemima Welles's land, thence in the old road 1 chain 56 links to a stake and stones, thence N. 1° E. 8 chains 10 links to Unni Robbins's land, thence the same point on said Robbins 10 chains 78 links, thence N. 53° E. 10 chains on said Robbins, thence running the same point on Martin Kellogg's land 34 chains 41 links to the old road, thence the same point 50 links across said road,

ated the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company who laid their iron track through Newington, bringing it within ten minutes of Hartford, afterwards the Hartford, Providence, and Fishkill Railroad gave another avenue to Hartford, so that no town in the County of Hartford, outside of the city,

thence in the old road opening the same two rods on the north side on Ezekiel Atwood's land 6 chains 50 links, thence in the old road opening the same two rods in width on Benjamin Water's land 7 chains 50 links to the turn of the road leading to Hartford, the old highway above described is opened to four rods in width, and that part of the road which we have laid on new ground is laid the same width, and the line above described is in the centre of said road. The Committee then proceeded to lay out a piece of a road to accommodate the travel passing from the north school house in the west street in said Newington, and began at a stake and stones at the east fence of the present traveled road running northwardly from deacon Wells's at a point making the line directly strait with the centre line of said road leading to said north school house, and from thence continued a strait line eastwardly on the lands of Unni Robbins about two chains and meeting the road above described.

And your honors' Committee beg leave further to report that in reviewing the road south of the point of departure above described between that and the meeting house they were of opinion that the public would be greatly accommodated by cutting off the east end of a lot of land belonging to the said Jemima Welles, and laying it open for a highway, which lot projects east so as to intersect the whole width of the road north and south of said lot, destroying the beauty of the situation and causing much extra travel, they therefore proceeded, submitting the question of its being within their commission to the honorable Court, to run a line beginning at a stake and stones in a line of the west fence of the road north of said lot, and from thence running S. 3° 30' E. 5 chains 69 links across said Jemima Welles's land, which line will strike the northwest corner of the meeting house, laying the whole land lying east of said line open for a public highway, taking from said lot one acre and 34 rods of land.

And the Committee have assessed the damages in favor of the proprietors of the land on which said road was laid or widened as follows, to wit,

To Wd. Jemima Welles for her land near the meeting house,	\$120.
To Fitch Andrus,	5.
To Elijah Wells,	30.
To Jemima Welles,	25.
To Unni Robbins,	110.
To Martin Kellogg,	278.
To Ezekiel Atwood,	20.
To Benjamin Waters,	8.
	\$596.

All which is submitted by your honors' most obedient servants, July 6th, 1807.

PLINY HILLYER,  
 SOLOMON COWLES, } Committee under oath.  
 SAMUEL PITKIN, }

The court accept said report of Committee whereupon it is considered by the court that the highways, as by said Committee laid out or widened, be and the same are established public highways, and that the same be opened by the 20th day of June next, and that said town of Wethersfield pay to the individuals the damages assessed to them by said Committee in said report by the 20th day of June next, and that the Petitioners recover of said town of Wethersfield, Cost taxed at 28 Dollars 13 cents.

Execution granted for said Cost August 22d, 1807."

The above is copied from the Records of the County Court, in the book of records from August, 1803 to December, 1809, in that part of the book containing

has greater facilities of access to the capital of the state; midway between the two great emporiums Boston and New York, an hour's ride to New Haven, it is an eligible location for speedy egress and ingress and for quiet residence.

There have been four public libraries in Newington, "The Newington Library," "The Charity Library," "The Social Library," and "The Young Men's Library."

1. The Newington Library is the most ancient, and is supposed to have been purchased by the Ecclesiastical Society in its early days. There was formerly a small tax levied on those who used the books.

2. The Charity Library was a gift to the Society from Jedediah Deming, as has already appeared. It consisted of religious works almost entirely. It was free to all. The books were usually exchanged on lecture days. Simon Wells was for many years the librarian. Some books of these two libraries still remain.

3. The Social Library was of much later date. It belonged to individuals, and was destroyed by fire with the house of the late Roger Welles in October, 1855.

4. The Young Men's Library was also the fruit of individual enterprise, instituted by the young men of the generation of Gen. Martin Kellogg and Capt. Daniel Willard. That library is supposed no longer to exist as a library. The books are probably dispersed or lost.

When Dr. Brace was settled there was in Connecticut a union of church and state. Every ecclesiastical society having territorial limits was considered to be, and was in fact, a municipal and public corporation. And every individual

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the record of the doings of the County Court for Hartford County at the August term, 1807, being a little past the middle of the book, there being no paging. It is quite probable that the green taken from Mrs. Jemima Welles' land was to make it conform to the green opened east of the Burying ground not long before. The following vote which appears to have been passed at a town meeting held December 26, 1798, apparently authorizes the opening this green.

"At this meeting the selectmen who were appointed in April last to view the ground near the meeting house in the society of Newington, Reported, that in their opinion it would be proper to lay out a highway four rods wide across the west end of Unni Robbins's lot adjoining the burying ground,—

*Voted*, that this meeting do accept the report.

*Voted*, that the selectmen be directed to view the road to Newington, and to straighten it by crossing the corners of certain lots, which they are hereby authorized to purchase of individuals and so open the road."



residing within the limits of any such society was considered by the law as much a member of it, as each resident of a town was deemed its inhabitant. When the State Constitution was adopted in 1818, it was ordained in that instrument that every person then belonging to any religious association should remain a member thereof until he should have separated therefrom by leaving a written notice thereof with the clerk of such society, after which time he should be no longer liable for any future expenses incurred by such society. Our ecclesiastical society was established with local limits more than a hundred years before the adoption of the state constitution, and was not by that instrument or by subsequent legislation divested of its local character. It still has its local limits the same as in the days of our fathers. Consequently all the residents of Newington, who have not formally separated themselves from the society, who were residents at the time of the adoption of the constitution in 1818, are now members of the society. The members of this class formerly constituted almost the entire body of the society, but time has thinned their ranks, a few only are left, and soon they too will have passed away forever. The society consists now almost wholly of those who have been voted in as members, whose previous voluntary assent thereto would be implied; and those also who have accepted office in the society, their assent would be implied, they treat themselves as members and so hold themselves out to the world; probably also those who vote and participate in the meetings of the society, their voluntary association would be implied. Memberships, being no longer coercive but voluntary, must be determined in the light of these principles.

The school society of Newington was organized as early as 1797; it was continued as an organization during the entire ministry of Dr. Brace, but did not long survive it: in July, 1856, the General Assembly passed an act abolishing school societies, and vesting their property in the towns.

As early as May, 1799, an act was passed providing—  
 “That each school society shall have full power to divide itself into proper and necessary districts, for keeping their schools.”

(Rev. Stat. 1808, p. 581; sec. 1.) Under this authority the school society of Newington, in 1835, passed a vote creating a new district, called the South East School District, as follows:

“*Voted*, That there be a new district formed from the present South district in Newington, to be called the Southeast district. The north line of said district to run an east and west course from the Southwest district, ten rods north of the house in which Reuben Whaples now lives; thence east to the Wethersfield line, and to include all the inhabitants living south of said north line, in Newington school society.”

This made the fourth school district in Newington, three having been previously created by authority of the ecclesiastical society, as already related.\*

In 1829 an association was formed by twenty-five of the prominent men of the society, called “the Newington Education Company,” for the purpose of building an academy for a

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\* When the school society was abolished in 1856, the record book disappeared. This is much to be regretted, as it contained valuable records which can not be replaced. The vote given in the text, however, was fortunately preserved, as also the following document establishing the lines between the societies of Newington and Worthington:

“We, the school society’s committee of Worthington and Newington, with the assistance of Loton Porter, County Surveyor, have run out and established the lines betwixt said societies in the following manner, to wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of David Kelsey’s farm, on town line betwixt Wethersfield and Berlin, near his dwelling-house, we ran a line on the north side of said Kelsey’s farm, north  $89\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  east, to a highway, where we found a stone placed in the ground betwixt Amon Richards and Oliver Richards, thence continuing the same course to the Hartford and New Haven turnpike, where we erected a stone monument betwixt Oliver Richards and Samuel Steele, thence continuing the same course (to) the highway leading from Newington, and erected a stone monument, marked on one side W. and on the other N.; thence southerly by the said last highway one hundred and forty-one rods to the Berlin corner.

JOSEPH SAVAGE, } *Committee for*  
HENRY BOOTH, } *Worthington Society.*  
WILLIS P. DAVIS, *Committee for Newington.*

DATED AT BERLIN,  
this 6th day of Nov., 1849.”

At a town meeting held Nov. 4, 1856, the north line of the district was established as follows:

“*Voted*, That the north line of the Southeast school district of Newington shall commence on the west, at the northwest corner of Amon Richards’ home farm, where it intersects with New Britain town line, and run easterly on the said Richard’s north line to a highway, thence in the same direction on the line of the said Amon and Oliver Richards to the present west line of said district, including all the property south of the above described line not included in other districts.”

school of a "higher order" than the district schools. The building was erected, and a school flourished there for a quarter of a century. It was the means of giving a higher education to many who would otherwise have finished their studies at the common schools. Nothing has since taken its place. The enterprise being a wholly private one, and the children of those who started the enterprise having been educated, the school was dropped, and the building has been suffered to go to decay.\*

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#### EXTRACTS FROM SOCIETY RECORDS.

At a meeting held Dec. 2, 1805, "Voted, That this society agree to have the burying ground fenced with stone that are at present there, with posts and two boards above nailed on the sides of the posts, with a gate upon the north side."

At a meeting held Feb. 3, 1806, "Voted, That no vote hereafter taken in the Ecclesiastical Society in Newington after sunset shall be considered as legal unless by a special vote to the contrary."

"Voted, That the society's committee be empowered to appoint a sexton yearly for this society."

At a meeting held Dec. 5, 1808, "Voted, To allow Mr. Brace \$100 out of the interest of the public money belonging to this society for one year only, in addition to his stated salary."

"Voted, To allow Mr. Brace \$24 in lieu of fetching his wood the ensuing year."

At a meeting held Dec. 29, 1808, "Voted, That this society appoint a special committee to confer with Mr. Brace on account of his salary."

"Voted, That Dea. James Wells, Col. Levi Lusk, Major Justus Francis,

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\*The Newington Education Company, at a meeting held January 6, 1829, adopted a constitution, beginning as follows: "We, the subscribers, believing that a school of a higher order will be beneficial to the youth of this place, do agree to associate ourselves into a company for the purpose of erecting a suitable building for this purpose." The sum of five dollars constituted a share, Martin Kellogg, Jeremiah Seymour, and Dositheus Hubbard were appointed a building committee. The annual meeting was held on the first Monday in September. The officers were a chairman, clerk, treasurer, collector, and three trustees. The duty of the trustees was to employ the teacher, and, with the chairman, to constitute a visiting committee. The first officers were, Gen. M. Kellogg, chairman; William Deming, clerk; Dositheus Hubbard, treasurer; Daniel Willard, Joseph Camp, and Roger Welles, trustees. The stockholders, with the amounts of money they subscribed, are as follows: Martin Kellogg, \$45; Mary Kellogg, \$10; Electa Whittlesey, \$10; Laura Whittlesey, \$5; Erastus Francis, \$10; Lathrop Richardson, \$5; Daniel Willard, \$22.75; Joseph Camp, \$15; Elisha Stoddard, \$5; Simeon Stoddard, \$5; Allen Stoddard, \$13; Jeremiah Seymour, \$25; Josiah W. Griswold, \$12; Roger Welles, \$22.75; Dositheus Hubbard, \$11; William Deming, \$13; Jedediah Deming, \$2.50; Elisha Whaples, Jr., \$11; Origin Wells, \$5; Catherine Wells, \$5; James Churchill, \$5; Ralph Wells, \$5; Charles Hubbard, \$5; David Hunn, \$5; Josiah Atwood, \$5.

The last meeting recorded was held in November, 1854.

Dea. Daniel Willard, Timothy Stanley, Hezekiah Belden, Esq., Asaph Whittlesey, Martin Kellogg, Jun., and Capt. Jonathan Stoddard, Jun., be appointed a committee for that purpose."

*To the Ecclesiastical Society in Newington :*

The committee appointed to confer with the Rev. Mr. Brace upon the subject of his request made to them at their last meeting, beg leave to report. That agreeably to their appointment they have waited upon the Rev. Mr. Brace and conferred with him upon the subject of his request that the society should join with him in the call of a Council to dissolve his relation as pastor over them. That your committee find upon enquiry that Mr. Brace has no other reason operating upon his mind in assigning this except the want of an adequate and decent support, and that he was fearful, (judging from the uneasiness expressed by some with the late vote adding a hundred dollars to his salary for the current year,) that if he should make known the sum which he should think a sufficient salary, although it might be voted, yet that it would cause so much dissatisfaction that it might tend to divide and lessen the Society, which, in its present undivided situation, is not large, that he thought it his duty rather to leave than by asking for an addition to his salary to be the cause of dividing the people.

Your committee further report, that they conferred with Mr. Brace respecting the sum which he should think an adequate and honorable compensation for his services, and which if granted as a permanent salary would be satisfactory, and that the sum named by him as such was five hundred dollars, and fifteen cords of wood. Your committee further report, that by an estimate made by them of the expense of maintaining a family in the decent and respectable manner in which a minister of the Gospel is entitled to live, the expense falls very little short of the sum proposed by Mr. Brace, and this without allowing anything for sickness in the family, or for incidental expenses for journeying or for the purchase of books. Your committee grant that this calculation is theory merely, and that a single fact is worth a thousand paper calculations, they therefore requested Mr. Brace to keep an accurate account of all his expenditures for the current year, to be exhibited to a committee appointed to examine it at the close of the year ; to this Mr. Brace cheerfully assented. Your committee report further, that Mr. Brace accepts the salary voted him for the current year, but expects if he continues your minister, that the salary above named of five hundred dollars and fifteen cords of wood yearly will be granted him as his permanent salary.

All which is submitted.

Levi Lusk, Justus Francis, Daniel Willard, Timothy Stanley, Jun., Martin Kellogg, Jun., Hezekiah Belden, Jonathan Stoddard, Jun., Asaph Whittlesey—Special Committee.

At a meeting held January 9, 1809, "Voted, That this society accept of the report of the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Brace on account of his salary."

"Voted, That the society's committee be appointed to receive the account of Mr. Brace's expenses for the current year, and make report to the next annual meeting."

"To the Prudential Committee of Newington, a parish of Wethersfield, Gentlemen.

You are hereby requested to warn, according to law, the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington to meet forthwith that they may choose one of these two alternatives, viz: either to render permanent the sum stated in the report of their special committee in the last society meeting, as the salary

of Joab Brace, or to comply with his request made sometime in December last to be dismissed from his pastoral relation to the church and people in said parish, and further to transact whatever business may be brought before the meeting.

Signed, JOAB BRACE, Pastor.

NEWINGTON, March 29th, 1809."

At a meeting held April 4, 1809, "Voted, That this society waive, for the present, the alternative contained in the report of their select committee, (but which may if necessary be taken up afterwards,) and attend to Mr. Brace's third proposal." "Voted, That this society give Mr. Joab Brace five hundred dollars a year as a permanent salary so long as he continues to officiate with us in the Ministry of the Gospel."

"WETHERSFIELD, April 12th, 1809.

"Whereas the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington did in their last meeting, by a very unanimous vote, make an offer to me of five hundred dollars as a permanent salary during my ministerial labors with them, and whereas divers individuals did very generously offer their assistance in the article of wood, these are therefore to show that withdrawing my motion for a dismission, I accept the offer and ratify the stipulation.

JOAB BRACE."

At a meeting held November 7, 1810, "Voted, To appoint a committee to draw a petition to present to the next town meeting for liberty to sell lands belonging to the highways in this society, to raise a fund, the annual interest of which shall be appropriated for the support of the ministry in this society."\* "Voted, That Levi Lusk, Hezekiah Belden, and Martin Kellogg, Jr., be a committee for said purpose."

At a meeting held December 3, 1810, "Voted, That the annual meeting of this society shall be held on the first Monday in November instead of the first Monday in December."

At a meeting held December 2, 1811, "Voted, That the trustees of the public moneys belonging to this society be directed to call in the same as soon as convenient, also to dispose of the money in the Loan Office of the United States, and to vest the whole in bank stock in the Hartford Bank."

At a meeting held November 20, 1815, "Voted, That the society do agree to paint the meeting house as far as has been painted before, and that Amos Andrus and Roger Welles be a committee to purchase oil, paints, &c., also engage some suitable person to do the work and superintend the painting, "Voted, That this society lay a tax of one cent on the dollar on the list of 1815, for the above purpose, also that the committee be directed to borrow a sum sufficient to complete the painting of the meeting house if the tax should be insufficient. "Voted, That in future when a society meeting is to be warned the Society Committee shall put notifications on the several school houses."

"Voted, That the Society's Committee be directed to purchase a pall for this society."

At a meeting held November 3, 1817, "Voted, That the trustee call in the amount of the notes he now holds against individuals by the first of March next, and deposit the same in the Phœnix Bank, also that he receive and deposit in the same bank the money to be received from the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut on account of the Appropriation act."

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\*At a town meeting held December 31, 1810, "The petition of the inhabitants of the society of Newington praying for a grant of the highways that may be sold in said society was read, and upon the question whether this meeting will do anything upon the petition, it passed in the negative."

At a meeting held November 1, 1819, "Voted, That this meeting take measures to sell the pews in the meeting house to pay the expenses of this society the year ensuing, provided a sum of four hundred dollars or more be raised from the sale of the pews, these sales to be valid, if not, to be null and void."

"Voted, That Levi Deming, Origen Wells, Gen. Martin Kellogg, Jr., Elisha Stoddard, Joseph Camp, Gen. Levi Lusk, and Uzziel Lattimer be a committee to obtain information and devise the best method of carrying into effect the above vote respecting the selling of the pews in the meeting house, &c., and report to the next meeting."

At a meeting held November 16, 1819, "Voted, That the report of the committee as amended be accepted."

#### "REPORT OF COMMITTEE,

*To the members of the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington.* Gentlemen.

The committee appointed to devise the most probable means of carrying into effect a vote of this meeting (society?) for a sale of the pews in the meeting house, for the purpose of raising funds for the support of the Gospel in this place respectfully report,

That after having attentively examined the subject, and having taken advantage of such information as they could obtain from other places where similar measures have been pursued for similar purposes, they at an adjourned meeting unanimously adopted the following resolutions.

(1) *Voted*, That the 23d day of November instant be recommended to be appointed for the commencement of the sales, at 9 o'clock A. M., and to be continued by adjournment if necessary until the business be completed, and that the pews be set up by pews and struck off to the highest bidder, and the person or persons who purchase them shall hold them for one year from the 1st day of December next.

(2) *Voted*, That every such person or persons who shall purchase a pew shall be required to execute his or their note payable to the society's treasurer or his order in 6 months from the first day of February next, with interest after nine months.

(3) *Voted*, That this Committee recommend to reserve the Northeast and Southeast corner pews and not offer them for sale, also a pew or share of a pew, such as the Rev. Mr. Brace shall choose for the accommodation of his family.

(4) *Voted*, That it be recommended to appoint an auctioneer and clerk to transact the business respecting the sales, that it shall be the duty of the auctioneer to expose the pews for sale, and when sold he shall inform the Clerk to whom they belong, and the price for which they are sold: that it shall be the duty of the Clerk to provide himself with a suitable number of blank notes which he shall fill up with the amount and require them to be signed by the purchaser.

(5) *Voted*, That it be recommended to offer two or three pews for sale in the south gallery, and also the high pew in the gallery, on the same terms as those on the lower floor.

Your committee would beg leave further to remark that it is a duty incumbent on every citizen to do something in support of the institutions of religion, that in addition to the weighty concerns of Eternity and the solemnities of an hereafter, the advantages resulting from these institutions are not trifling, for should they be suffered to fall, our respectability as a people would dwindle to insignificance and contempt, that by it the value of property is enhanced, that it contributes to order, peace, and good regulations in society, promotes cleanliness in our persons and apparel, points us to the paths of virtue and morality, restrains the licentious and

profane, adds weight to parental authority, recommends our youth to the passing stranger and the wayfaring man, and nerves the arm of government without which our persons and our families would be insecure.

Your committee further believe that the time has come when those who are determined to support the preaching of the Gospel, (whatever means are taken for the purpose,) must make greater exertions than they have hitherto been required to do, that the votes of your last meeting demonstrated the impracticability of raising funds sufficient by a tax; and that they know no other way so likely to succeed as that which you have adopted.

Your committee are aware that some of your most respectable and worthy citizens, fearful of the consequences of innovations, would have preferred the ancient mode of raising their necessary funds by a tax on property, yet, as all communities must be governed by a majority of such community, and when they reflect on the difficulties in the way of taxation, it is believed they will support the measures which the majority have adopted. There are others alike respectable, who conscientiously believe that coercive measures in matters of religion are not warranted by scriptural precepts, to such there is now an opportunity for the exercise of that liberality for which they are accountable to none but their conscience and their God.

With regard to the pews, there is undoubtedly a choice, fancy will prefer one seat to that of another, but the liberal contributor will be actuated by higher motives, he will doubtless reflect that the primary object is to support the everlasting gospel. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of your committee

LEVI LUSK, Chairman.

At a meeting held November 6, 1820, "Voted, That the clerk of this society be requested to make an estimate of the sum necessary to raise to complete the Rev. Joab Brace's salary, after deducting the amount arising from the sale of the pews the last year, and make report to this or a future meeting."

"Voted, That a committee be appointed to converse with Mr. Brace, and see if he will be willing to relinquish a part of his salary."

"Voted, That Amos Andrus be a committee to converse with Mr. Brace as above."

*"Communication from the Rev. Joab Brace.*

Moderator and Brethren.

Solicitude for your welfare and desire for the prosperity of the gospel of Christ in your salvation, induce me to do whatever I can for your relief and encouragement in maintaining the institutions of divine worship. I am in debt about twelve hundred dollars, and of course pay a heavy interest. I have already anticipated and expended about three-fifths of my salary for the year which is to end on the first of December next, and must therefore run into another year for the current expenses of the passing year. The expenses of my family have been every year much more than my salary, which I have supplied by other means. But my brethren and my beloved people, *I seek not yours, but you*, therefore, notwithstanding all these things, I will make a sacrifice for your accommodation. I know you are far from being a poor people, yet I consider the difficulties of the time, and I propose to make an abatement in your favor, and of my own accord I do hereby relinquish fifty dollars for one year, viz., the ecclesiastical year, to commence on the first Monday of December next, and accordingly do authorize you to record this communication as a testimony of such abatement of my salary for the said year. Imploring the blessing

of God upon your present meeting and upon all your best interests, and wishing that grace, mercy, and peace may ever abide with you, I subscribe myself,  
Yours with sincere affection,

J. BRACE.\*

NEWINGTON, November 23d, 1820.

At a meeting held February 19, 1821, "The will of Rosanna Deming being read, On motion, *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to converse with Mr. Hubbard, to see if any and what arrangements can be made concerning the will of Rosanna Deming, and report at the next meeting.† *Voted*, That Absalom Wells, Amos Andrus, and Joseph Camp be the committee according to the above vote."

At a meeting held February 26, 1821, "The committee appointed the last meeting reported that they had called on Mr. Hubbard to consult with him on the business of their appointment, but were unable to make any arrangement with him whatever."

At a meeting held April 23, 1821. "The following statement was made to the meeting by Gen. Lusk, and voted.

At a meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington, being legally warned and holden on the 23d day of April, 1821, for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of a donation purporting to be given partially or indirectly to said society by the last will and testament of Rosanna Deming, late of Wethersfield, deceased.

Having duly considered and examined into the case, we believe it is just and commendable,—that persons have an unquestionable right—to give and bequeath donations for charitable or public uses where it may be done legally and without injuring the lawful heirs, and none (more) laudable than that of encouraging and supporting the preached gospel in regular established societies, which we are zealous ever to support in a legal and christian manner, and shall ever be grateful to any who may be

\* This communication was presented to an adjourned society meeting held November 23, 1820.

† Rosanna Deming died January 27, 1821, aged 73; she by her last will and testament, bequeathed to Laura Dillings, her wearing apparel and household furniture, and a horse and three acres of land on the East side of the way, also—

"*Item*. Eight acres of land on the west side of the way, with the house and barn thereon, to be at her use during her life, then to revert to the use of the ministry, with the other land as hereinafter directed.

"*Item*. One acre of wood land in the Belden lot to be hers as in the last article.

"*Item*. One cow to be at her use and disposal.

"*Item*. I give and bequeath unto Rev. Joab Brace my other creatures and the farming materials, to be at his own proper use and disposal.

"*Item*. I give and bequeath unto the Ecclesiastical Society in Newington, all my other lands to remain as they are, the avails of them to be given to the Presbyterian or Congregational minister of said society as a perquisite, aside from his stipulated salary, forever."

Executed October 2, 1809.

"Inventory of the estate of Rosanna Deming, deceased, taken by the subscribers, March 7, 1821.

Amount of personal property, per Inventory, - - - -	\$170 82
House \$25. Barn \$100. 39 Acres, home lot, at \$38, \$1482, =	\$1,607.00
43 acres east side highway at \$28, 7 do. Belden Lot, \$50.—\$350 =	\$1,554.00
6 acres ledge lot at \$30, - - - -	\$180.00
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	\$3,511.82

MARTIN KELLOGG, JR., } Appraisers.  
ROGER WELLES, }



disposed to contribute to aid us in the important work; but finding in the present case now in question that there appears many embarrassments in accepting and supporting the donation alluded to, however pure the motive of the donor might be, we with regret are under the necessity of declining the acceptance of the donation, for the following reasons.

It is believed that through age and infirmity of body and mind she did not duly consider the natural obligation she was under to her nephew, the only heir by law, who has ever lent her all the possible aid and assistance in his power to render her life comfortable in her declining years,\* who is by said will wholly cut off from any share in the property which in justice would and ought to have descended to him as the only natural heir of his grandfather.

Under all these circumstances we are led to believe that it is for the interest of the society, and will most conduce to the harmony among the people in said society, to relinquish all claims by virtue of said will, so far as this society is concerned as a corporate body. Believing that by attempting to support a claim by virtue of said will we shall be embarrassed in many expensive and vexatious law-suits, which will tend to disunite the people in said society.

Therefore we consider that it is for the interest of the society, and strictly just to the heir in law, that we, as the society, should relinquish all claim, as, in the capacity of the society of Newington, we might claim by virtue of said will. And it is our wish that the property may be vested in the hands of the heir in law, and we will trust to his liberality to make such donation to said society as he may think proper for the support of the preaching of the gospel in said society, believing that he will so far carry the views and wishes of his deceased aunt into execution, as will satisfy the feelings of the people in said society, and will still remain a useful member in said society as he ever has been."

"Voted, That the foregoing vote be binding on the society, if Mr. Leonard C. Hubbard will give, or be obligated to pay to this society, the sum of 500 dollars." †

At a meeting held November 11, 1822, "Voted, That for the purpose of raising the sum of 400 dollars to defray the expenses of this society the year ensuing, a committee be appointed to receive subscriptions, and if the sums amount to 400 dollars the clerk shall request the subscribers to give their note to the treasurer, payable in six months from date and on interest after nine months. After the notes are executed, as many as wish to sit in one pew shall inform the clerk, who shall find the amount of their subscriptions, and the company whose subscription shall exceed that of any other shall have the first choice of the pews, and the next highest the second, and so on till all are supplied with seats.

In case two or more companies are equal in their subscriptions the choice shall belong to the one who shall raise his more than the other, or the choice may be determined by lot. The pews to be taken possession of and to be held one year from the first day of December next."

"Voted, That Roger Welles, Jedediah Deming, Josiah W. Griswold, Lester Luce, William Wells, Allen Stoddard, and Martin Robbins be a committee to receive subscriptions."

At a meeting held November 26, 1822, "The sum of 400 dollars having been raised by subscription, the members of this society proceeded to class themselves and choose their pews, according to the vote of a former meeting."

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\* The will was executed twelve years before her death, when she was about 60 years of age.

† Mr. Hubbard gave his note to the Society for \$500.

At a meeting held Nov. 10, 1824, "*Voted*, That Messrs. Amos Andrus, Daniel Willard and Lowrey Robbins be a committee to devise together upon the best method of raising the sum necessary to meet the expense<sup>s</sup> of this society the ensuing year, and report to the next meeting."

At a meeting held Nov. 18, 1824, "Report of a committee appointed the last meeting to devise some plan, &c., received and acted upon.

REPORT.

The committee appointed by the society to devise a plan to raise the sum of 375 dollars, to defray the expenses of the society the ensuing year, having investigated the subject according to the best of their abilities, and availed themselves of such information and advice as they have had opportunity to obtain, beg leave to submit the following report.

Although no plan has been suggested to your committee entirely free from objection, the following measures appear to them the best adapted to accomplish the desired object. Let the pews in the meeting house be sold at auction for one year, the highest bidder being entitled to a choice of pews, with one exception, viz., that when the purchaser has chosen his pew the auctioneer shall make known to the meeting which pew has been chosen, and shall proceed to offer said pew for sale to any person or company who will bid more, and if no person shall offer more for the pew, it shall belong to the person or company to whom it was struck off; and when two or more persons shall purchase the same pew they shall inform the clerk of the meeting of the names and the sum each individual is to pay for the pew. If a less sum than 375 dollars should be raised from the sale of the pews, your committee would recommend that the deficiency be made up by a tax on the property of such persons as are willing to be taxed for that purpose.

It is further recommended that a committee of three, that is, one in each district, be appointed to inquire of all the persons who are possessed of taxable property, whether they will or will not be taxed to make up said deficiency, then the committee shall proceed to find the amount bid for pews by those persons who did not consent to be taxed, which sum shall be deducted from the 375 dollars, and the remaining part shall be the sum to be raised by a tax on the property of those persons who give their consent to be taxed, and whatever sum any person has bid for his pew shall be applied towards the payment of his tax.

The above report is respectfully submitted,  
(Signed)

AMOS ANDRUS,  
DANIEL WILLARD,  
LOWREY ROBBINS.

"*Voted*, That Roger Welles, Allen Stoddard, and Jedediah Deming, be a committee to obtain the names of those who are willing to be taxed."

"*Voted*, That the pews in the meeting house be sold according to a report of a committee, on the 24th of instant Nov., at 1 o'clock P. M."

"*Voted*, That Gen. Martin Kellogg be auctioneer on the day of the sale of the pews."

At a meeting held April 3d, 1826, "*Voted*, That this society receive with gratitude the very generous donation lately made them by Mr. Amos Andrus, deceased, and comply with the requisitions of his will."\*

"*Voted*, That the society's committee be directed to borrow 400 dollars, and that they pay to Mrs. Lydia, the wife of Horace Goodwin, 300 dollars,

\* Amos Andrus died Feb. 21, 1826, he was treasurer of the society at the time, the vacancy was supplied at this meeting by the election of Roger Welles to that office, who was annually re-appointed till he resigned in 1845, when John M. Belden was appointed, who was continued till 1873.

and to Mrs. Hannah, the wife of Phineas Hurlbut, 100 dollars, and take receipts therefor as a legacy from Mr. Amos Andrus deceased."

"Voted, That Messrs. Levi Deming, Martin Kellogg, Jr., and Joseph Camp, be appointed to superintend the erecting a fence to enclose a piece of wood land lately given to this society by Mr. Amos Andrus deceased, and to see that it is kept in repair."\*

At a meeting held Nov. 6, 1827. Voted, That the society's committee with the agent be directed to devise some plan for the payment of the debts the society owes, and report at the next meeting."

At a meeting held Nov. 20, 1827. The committee presented the following report.

"The committee appointed by the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington to devise measures for the extinguishment of said society's debts beg leave to report. That they have examined the wood lot belonging to the society, to ascertain whether it would be policy to sell the wood to pay said debts, and they find that most of the wood is thrifty growing timber. There is about two acres at the east end of said lot that is rather on the decay, your committee would recommend to have sold as soon as it can be disposed of to advantage. There are a few trees about the woods that are growing worse, they think it best to sell, and the money applied to extinguish said debt. They would also recommend that all the avails of the land over one hundred dollars a year be applied for the same purpose, and that whenever the sale of wood and the extra avails of the land shall not amount to one hundred dollars, there be taken from the avails so much as shall enable the society to pay 100 dollars a year until they shall extinguish their debt."

"Voted, That the report of a committee appointed the last meeting to devise some plan for the extinguishment of the debts of this society be accepted."

"Voted, Mr. Uzziel Lattimer, with the agent, be appointed to dispose of the wood, according to the report of a committee in the best manner they can.

At a meeting held Nov. 4, 1828, "Voted, That the society's committee

*Extract from will of Amos Andrus.*

\*"Item 5th, I give and bequeath to the Ecclesiastical society of Newington in connection with the Congregational Church of the Calvinistic or orthodox sentiments, a farm situate in said town of Wethersfield, known by the name of the Wright lot, together with a piece of land containing about four acres situate at the east end of said Wright farm, the rent of which, if unsold, to be appropriated to the use and benefit of said society, either in building or repairing a place for the worship of God, or for the support of the gospel. And provided that three fourths of the members of said society shall be in favor of selling said property, the avails shall be added to the funds of said society, and the interest only be appropriated to the above said objects. And also I give and bequeath to said ecclesiastical society one piece of land situate in said town, known by the name of Vexation lot, containing about forty-two acres, partly wood land and partly clear, on the following conditions, to wit: that said society enclose the wood land within fifteen months from and after the day in which the society shall be put in possession of said lot, and ever keep it enclosed under the inspection of a committee appointed for that purpose. And that said society pay to my sister Lydia Goodwin three hundred dollars, and to my sister Hannah Hurlbut one hundred dollars. If the said society comply with the above mentioned conditions, the said lot is to be for their use with liberty to sell the clear land if three-fourths of said society judge best. If said society do not comply with said terms then the land will revert to my heirs according to law."

Executed Feb. 20, 1826. His estate was appraised March 8, 1826, at \$11,938.43.

be authorized to receive proposals from some persons for ringing the bell and to officiate as sexton the year ensuing."\*

At a meeting held Nov. 21, 1828, "Voted, That William Deming and Dositheus Hubbard be a committee to settle with Mr. Roger Welles, an agent appointed to purchase a bell, and apply the balance if there may be any to repairs and ringing the bell as they think best.†

"Voted, That the society's committee be directed to employ some suitable person to ring the bell the year ensuing at 12 o'clock and at 9, and on the Sabbath.

"Voted, That Col. Joseph Camp, Roger Welles, and Dea. Levi Deming, be a committee to view the Wright farm, so called, and receive proposals from any person, who would wish to buy said farm, and report at some future meeting."

At a meeting held Nov. 2, 1830, "Voted, That Col. Joseph Camp, Capt. Daniel Willard, and Dea. Levi Deming be a committee to confer with a committee of the school society of Newington, to make some arrangement about the division of the public moneys belonging to the two societies."

At a meeting held Nov. 16, 1830, "Voted, That a report of a committee on the public moneys be accepted."

#### "REPORT.

"The committee appointed by this society to confer with a similar committee of the school society for the purpose of investigating the situation of the funds belonging to the two societies, and to ascertain in what manner a division of said funds can be best effected, beg leave to report

"That they have carefully attended to the duties of their appointment, and find that the sources from which our Ecclesiastical and school funds are derived are as follows :

"1. *The parsonage money*, received from the sale of 50 acres of land granted by the town of Wethersfield to the society of Newington for the benefit of the Ecclesiastical society in said place. This part of the fund we find to be \$1,718.66.

"2. *The loan money*, derived from the sales of land in certain townships in the western part of the state, done by authority of the Legislature, and appropriated exclusively for the benefit of schools. This part of the fund we find to be \$279.23.

"3. *The excise money*, accruing from certain imposts or duties paid on the importation of goods, which was appropriated by the legislature for the support of schools. This part of the fund amounts to \$168.58.

"4. *The Kensington money*, This was paid by the town (society) of Kensington to the society of Newington, as a compensation for that portion of said society which was annexed to Kensington, and now belongs to the society of Worthington. This part of the fund amounts to \$195.40.

"5. After the termination of the late war with Great Britain, Connecticut received of the United States ——— dollars as a remuneration in part for expenses incurred by the State during the war, which sum the Legislature apportioned among the several religious societies in the State. Of this money the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington received \$70.33.

"6. The sum of \$500.00, which the Ecclesiastical society received for the relinquishment of its claim to the estate of Rosanna Deming, deceased.

"7. The bequest of the late Mr. Amos Andrus, deceased. As this property consists wholly of real estate, no estimation of its worth has been made by your committee.

\* This is the first mention of a church bell. See Dr. Brace's Dis., p. 42.

† The agent went to Albany for the bell and transported it from there to Newington with his own team. That was before the time of railroads.

"With regard to the several items which compose our funds, the inquiry next arises which of these belongs to the school society.

"Your committee are not yet satisfied that the school society has a legal claim to any except the Loan and the Excise moneys. No difficulty arises with regard to any except the Kensington money. Your committee cannot find any record or document which shows conclusively for what purpose it was to be applied. It was simply given to the society of Newington.

"Although your committee are unanimous in the opinion that the Ecclesiastical society has the best claim to the Kensington money, yet considering that there is some diversity of opinion on the subject, and also that our fathers usually applied a part of the interest of the Kensington money for the support of schools, your committee would beg leave to recommend that a vote be passed authorizing your trustee to transfer to the treasurer of the school society one half of the Kensington money,\* together with the Loan and Excise moneys, the whole amounting to \$545.51, to be paid in notes or cash as shall hereafter be determined.

"All which respectfully submitted,

LEVI DEMING,  
JOSEPH CAMP,  
DANIEL WILLARD, } Committee."

NEWINGTON, Nov. 16, 1830.

At a meeting held Nov. 30, 1830, "Voted, That a committee of three be appointed and directed to sell the farm owned by this society called the Wright farm, as soon as practicable, provided that a sum shall be offered which, in the opinion of the committee, shall be a fair price for it. Also that this committee be authorized to give, in the name of the society, to the purchaser a good and lawful deed of the same. (In the affirmative the votes were thirty-one, Neg. none.) Voted, that Gen. Martin Kellogg, Col. Joseph Camp, Dea. Levi Deming, be the committee for the object as above stated."

At a meeting held Nov. 4, 1834, "Voted, That Gen. M. Kellogg, Levi Deming, and Col. Joseph Camp, be a committee to give and receive deeds in exchange of some land to straighten the line on the society's lot. Also to sell the Clear lot, if an offer shall be made that they shall consider reasonable."

At a meeting held April 5, 1837, "Voted, That Messrs. Roger Welles, Jeremiah Seymour and Martin Robbins be a committee to draw a plan of such alterations as this society propose to have made to the meeting house and report at the next meeting."

At a meeting held April 12, 1837, "Voted, That the committee appointed

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\*This division of the Kensington money was certainly liberal to the school society. In 1715 when the original annexation of the Beckleys to the Great Swamp Society took place, the main consideration urged by them was their nearness to the meeting house in the Great Swamp Society where they attended worship and their distance from the Newington meeting house, the subject of schools was not mentioned and probably had no influence in the matter. In 1754, when the annexation was confirmed to Kensington society, apparently the same consideration governed. The people annexed were incorporated a school district by themselves in 1757, so that their school privileges were very little affected by their annexation. The Kensington money was paid for the loss to Newington society of the territory annexed to Kensington, this territory would have furnished a revenue to the Newington society by way of taxes, had it not been set off, these taxes were in 1754 almost wholly for the support of the ministry, and even in 1830 the cost of schools did not probably equal the cost of supporting the ministry.

the last meeting be directed to apply the sum of 800 dollars now raised by subscriptions, and whatever more may hereafter be raised, in making such alterations in the meeting house as they shall think expedient."

At a meeting held Nov. 7, 1837, "*Resolved*, That (this) meeting present their thanks to the Rev. Mr. Todd and wife for the prompt and lively interest they have manifested in fitting up and adorning our church, and also for their very liberal donations presented for said purpose.

"*Voted*, That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Rev. Joab Brace, our pastor, and his family, for the aid they have given and the interest manifested in repairing the church, and fitting it for the public worship of God." \*

At a meeting held Sept. 1, 1841, "*Voted*, To purchase a bell for the Ecclesiastical society of Newton of from 700 to 800 lbs.

"*Voted*, That a committee of two be directed to dispose of the old bell and to purchase a new one.

"*Voted*, That Roger Welles and Homer Camp be that committee."

At a meeting held Nov. 2, 1841, "*Voted*, That the society's committee be directed to set out trees about the meeting house for public convenience, according to their judgment, at the expense of the society."

At a meeting held Oct. 1, 1842, "*Voted*, That a committee be appointed to sell a part of the society's land, Roger Welles, Martin Robbins, Erastus Latimer, committee."

At a meeting held June 2, 1845, "*Voted*, That the society's committee be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, to be expended in painting, blinds, repairs, &c., on the meeting house of said society. *Voted*, That J. M. Belden, M. W. Stoddard, and Levi S. Deming be a special committee to carry the above vote into effect."

At a meeting held Nov. 21, 1845, "*Voted*, That Jeremiah Seymour, Martin Robbins, H. E. Stoddard, L. S. Deming, and Henry Luce be appointed a committee to view and stake out the ground in the vicinity of the Congregational Church where in their opinion it would be expedient to plant shade or ornamental trees, and to invite individuals of the society to select their spot, and plant and maintain a tree or trees on said spot. *Voted*, that the secretary be invited to take the names of those who will volunteer to set out trees.

#### *Volunteers.*

M. W. Stoddard, D. H. Willard, Erastus Latimer, E. Whaples, Jr., S. J. M. Kellogg, R. W. Kellogg, William Wells, Newman Huntly, William Kirkham, Martin Brown, Henry S. Kilbourn, L. S. Deming, Henry Luce.

At a meeting held November 5, 1851, "*Voted*, That Mr. Brace be invited to remain as pastor until he shall have completed the term of fifty years."

At a meeting held November 9, 1852, "*Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the enlargement of the church. That M. W. Stoddard, Levi S. Deming, and D. H. Willard be that committee.

At a meeting held November 16, 1852, "*Voted*, That the report of the committee on enlargement be accepted."

At a meeting held December 7, 1852, "*Voted*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the enlargement of the church, said committee to consist of one. That Dea. Jedediah Deming be that committee."

At a meeting held January 4, 1853, "*Voted*, That the special committee

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\*Among other changes the pews were altered into slips.

be directed to procure the opinions and estimates of some other architect. Dea. Jedediah Deming be that committee."

At a meeting held January 18, 1853, "Voted, That the committee report on or before the first Tuesday in March.

"Voted, That Homer Camp, Erastus Latimer, John M. Belden, and M. W. Stoddard be added to the committee."

At a meeting held February 15, 1853, "Report of committee on enlargement accepted.

"Voted, That a committee be appointed and instructed to obtain a side and front elevation, with a view of the steeple raised and improved, with estimates of costs.

"Voted, Edwin Wells and L. S. Deming be that committee."

At a meeting held February 23, 1853, "Voted, That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be raised by subscription. That Levi S. Deming be agent to obtain subscriptions. That subscriptions shall be paid on or before the first of October next. That the agent be authorized to take notes in payment of subscriptions, to be paid with interest on or before the first of June, 1856. That a committee of seven be appointed as a building committee. That Albert S. Hunn, J. Deming, jr., Charles K. Atwood, John M. Belden, Willis P. Davis, Daniel H. Willard, H. L. Kellogg be that committee."

At a meeting held March 14, 1853, "That a building committee be appointed and authorized to enlarge and improve the meeting house in accordance with a general plan presented, (called White's plan,) said plan to be subject to alterations and amendments, as to the committee shall appear best.

"Voted, That Levi S. Deming, Edwin Welles, and Albert S. Hunn be a building committee.

"Voted, That a resolution appointing a committee of seven as a building committee, at a former meeting, be rescinded."

At a meeting held December 13, 1853, "Voted, That the report of the building committee be accepted, and that the society assume the debt by them contracted.

"Voted, That this society present a vote of thanks to the building committee.

"Voted, That this society present to Mr. Eliphalet Richards, (and his subordinates,) building contractor on their meeting house, a vote of thanks for the acceptable manner in which he has fulfilled his contract."

At a meeting held November 7, 1854, "Whereas Rev. Joab Brace notified this society three years since of his readiness to discontinue his active duties as pastor with us, and at the request of the society, by a committee appointed for the purpose, agreed to continue as pastor for three years more, and this period having nearly expired, Therefore, Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr. Brace, and ascertain his views and wishes on the subject, and report to the next meeting.

"Voted, That Homer Camp, Charles K. Atwood, and Marcus W. Stoddard be that committee."

At a meeting held November 13, 1854, "Voted, That the report of the committee to confer with Rev. Mr. Brace be accepted, and that their report and his communication be recorded."

"Committee report that they met Mr. Brace at his house on the evening following their appointment, and after a very pleasant and somewhat lengthy interview, Mr. Brace, at our request, agreed to put his views in writing, which is herewith submitted."

*Communication from Mr. Brace.*

NEWINGTON, November 9, 1854.

To the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington.

Your committee called on me last evening to converse on the question of my resigning my pastoral services among you, and now, through that committee I have to say, (1.) I thank you for the respect shown to me herein, by you and by the committee. (2.) I was ordained January 16, 1805, as the minister of this people. In the year 1851, I offered to cease from my labors, if my people wished it, as that was the year of my three score and ten, otherwise I would go on and complete, if God would give me strength and grace, the half-century of my ordination. The society voted that a committee be appointed to signify to me their pleasure that I should continue my ministry during those three years. I rejoice that *having obtained help of God I continue to this time.* (3.) I now propose, with your approbation and concurrence, to resign, not to be formally dismissed, but to resign, all the active services of the pastor and minister, to the charge of my colleague, (as soon as he shall be settled,) at the close of the fifty years. (4.) I design, (if God be willing,) to preach my last pastoral sermon on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of January, 1855, at two of the clock, P. M.

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

J. BRACE.

To H. CAMP,  
M. W. STODDARD, }  
CH. K. ATWOOD, } Special Committee.

At a meeting held March 10, 1856, "Voted, That we concur with the church in extending a call to Mr. William P. Aiken to settle with us in the gospel ministry.

"Voted, That we will pay Mr. Aiken the annual salary of Nine Hundred Dollars.

"Voted, That Henry L. Kellogg, Albert S. Hunn, and John M. Belden be a committee to carry into effect the votes of this meeting.

"Voted, That the committee express to him the desire of this society that he come as soon as convenient to him."

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**TRADITIONS AND REMINISCENCES OF NEWINGTON,**

COMPILED

BY THE LATE CAPT. DANIEL WILLARD.\*

For quite a number of years, perhaps some thirty or forty years after the first settlers came to Wethersfield, in 1634, that part of the town lying west of Cedar Mountain, since called Newington, was a wilderness,

"Where nothing dwelt but beasts of prey,  
Or men as fierce and wild as they."

The Indians were somewhat numerous, many of them lived around a pond near the center of the place, where they had a little village of wigwams. From the pond they obtained an abundance of fish. Sequin was then Sachem, they were tributary to the Sachem at Middletown.

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\* Mr. Willard was contemporary with Dr. Brace, and lived to an advanced age. In the latter years of his life he gathered and compiled a mass of materials about "Newington, its family genealogies, with historical and biographical sketches, incidents, reminiscences, anecdotes, traditions, &c.," from which the following account has been condensed, retaining as far as possible his own language. The original manuscript is in the possession of his son, Daniel H. Willard. It contains genealogies of the families in Newington of great interest.



The people of Newington need not be ashamed of their early ancestors. Most of them were descendants of the pilgrim fathers of New England, and retain much of the "steady habits" of Connecticut. Some thirty years ago a Connecticut historian, speaking of Newington, says, "Its inhabitants (about 650 in number) are chiefly engaged in agriculture, and are distinguished for their general intelligence, and attachment to the institutions of morality and religion." At a very early period they built school houses, and provided teachers for their children. As soon as they were able they erected a house for public worship. Previous to that time they attended church at Wethersfield, they walked through the woods, the women carrying their infant children in their arms, and taking off their shoes and stockings to ford the streams, and the men carrying their loaded guns, for fear of the Indians. The early settlers of Newington were not more than two generations later than their Puritan fathers, who came to Hartford and Wethersfield about the year 1634, than whom a more worthy race of men cannot be found in Modern History.

The first settlers and their more immediate descendants were a strong, hardy, athletic race, capable of greater endurance of bodily toil than the more refined and better educated men of the present day. To reap, bind, and stack an acre of heavy, new-land wheat, was but a common day's work. The late Mr. Amos Andrus, who was born in 1765, said that he could well remember when the old men were not so tall in stature, but larger, heavier, more thick set and hardy, as he expressed it, than the men of later generations.

Our maternal ancestors were the fit companions of the brave pioneers and founders of a new settlement, most of them pious women, some of them "mothers in Israel," with strength equal to their day; see them, after the toils and hardships of the week, without servants, without the modern improvements in houses, fires, and culinary utensils, see them, on the morning of the Sabbath, take their infant children in their arms and walk through the forests to Wethersfield to attend public worship. I ought to have added, that until the last half century, most of the clothing both for summer and winter, was of their own manufacturing, except the *dress*ing of it by the clothiers. When *all* wore homespun, they were as proud of a new garment as many are now of the most costly fabrics.

I remember well when there was not a white house in the place, one was of a greenish color, a few were painted with Spanish brown, all the others of the natural wood color. Stoves were not known, many of the old fire places were wide and deep enough to seat a number of children on stools inside the jambs; few or none of the rooms were plastered, papered, or painted; women rode to church on side-saddles or pillions, except a few who owned a poor two-wheeled carriage, called a curricule, I know of only one one-horse wagon that was for the conveyance of people to church and other places.

The old meeting house was very much dilapidated. When a child I watched the swallows as they flew in and out, where some clapboards had fallen off near the ridge, chirping and twittering to their young in their nests under the ridge pole, while Mr. Belden was reading from the 84th Psalm—"Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts."

I do not blame our ancestors for not building a better house, they did all that they were able to do. I only blame those of later time for not building a good church *sooner* than they did. The people had to submit to the inconveniences and discomforts of the old house 80 years. The house was not finished inside except the pulpit, pews, galleries, and gallery stairs, which were at the northeast and southeast corners of the house.

Children were often seated on the stairs, in full view of their parents and the minister. The tithingmen had the oversight of those in the galleries. There was a very wide sounding-board over the pulpit, suspended in part by an iron rod running from the board to the side of the house. I was not the only child who was afraid that the rod would break or draw from its fastenings, and let the sounding board fall on the minister's head. I remember well the neighboring ministers who exchanged with Mr. Belden, previous to the year 1800. I remember well their venerable forms, their solemn deportment, their dignified step, as they passed through the middle aisle and up the pulpit stairs. Such men as Dr. Perkins of West Hartford, Dr. Smalley of New Britain, Mr. Washburn of Farmington, Mr. Hawley of Northampton, now Avon, Dr. Upton of Kensington, Mr. Fenn of Worthington, Mr. Robinson of Southington, Dr. Chapin of Rocky Hill, Dr. Marsh of Wethersfield, and once or twice Dr. Strong or Dr. Flint of Hartford. Dr. Flint was the best reader of Psalms and Hymns that I ever heard. Drs. Strong and Smalley were great theologians. These ministers were all faithful ambassadors of Christ. Like all other good men they had some failings and imperfections. They were not so free and sociable with the youth and children as the ministers of the present day. Most of us could never divest ourselves of the awe and reverence we felt, when in the presence of Mr. Belden. He continued to wear his three-cornered, wide-brimmed, cocked hat, and Dr. Marsh his great white wig, I think while they continued to preach. Their dress, address, and whole demeanor was calculated to inspire us with reverence, rather than win our love and affection. My father, who was one of the committee who engaged Mr. Brace to be our pastor, said to him, "I hope that my children will not stand in such fear of you as I have of Mr. Belden." "I hope not," said Mr. Brace, "I shall endeavor not to give them any occasion for it." The boys of former times took off their hats and made a low bow to a minister, whenever he passed by them in the street.

Many years before Sabbath schools were ever known, Mr. Belden, on certain Sabbaths in the summer season, would request all the children of the Congregation to stay and recite the Assembly's Catechism, after the adult portion of the assembly were dismissed.

The sermons were more formal, less concise, too much time spent in the introduction, in enumerating the different heads (quite too many of them sometimes,) or divisions of the discourse, all tending to make it too lengthy, especially in a cold day, in a cold house, with no means of warming it, but the few coals in the foot stoves, which the women carried to church with them.

The holy Sabbath is not so strictly kept by us as it was by our ancestors. Like the Puritan Fathers, they considered the Sabbath as beginning at sun down on Saturday evening; all worldly avocations and secular business, (except works of necessity or mercy,) were brought to a close as near as possible at that time; the evening, as well as the Sabbath day, except attendance at church, was spent in reading the Bible and other religious books, of which those in the Charity library formed an essential part. The children often recited the Assembly's catechism, the little children were taught to learn Dr. Watts' catechism and divine songs, &c. It was considered sacred time from the setting of the sun on Saturday eve. to the same hour on Sunday evening.

The means of information have been multiplied many fold. I recollect well when there were but few books except those contained in our three public libraries, of which we were in advance of most country places. There were then no *daily* newspapers, no weekly papers accessible to us but the *Courant* and *Mercury*, both of which were smaller than our daily papers now are. There were no reports of Bible, Missionary, Tract, and

Sabbath School Societies, &c., which were not then in existence, with the exception of the Connecticut Missionary Society, which employed a few laborers in the new settlements in the State of Vermont, Western New York, and later in New Connecticut, as it was then called. That society once a year, published a pamphlet containing an account of the labors of their missionaries, one copy only of which was sent to Newington for the whole society to read, on which Mr. Belden, with his characteristic precision, wrote, "This book belongs to the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington, to be circulated from neighbor to neighbor as speedily as may be." There was one magazine, viz. The Connecticut Evangelical Magazine, the articles of which were very ably written by such men as Dr. Strong, Dr. Smalley, Dr. Perkins and others.

It is well known that slavery once existed in Newington, though our young children will hardly realize that several of their forefathers owned negro slaves. But the servitude here was much milder than it is in the Gulf States, in Cuba, Brazil, or, as I should think among the serfs of Russia, who have lately been emancipated by the Emperor Alexander, 2d. It was more like that which existed in the family of Abraham, and the other Patriarchs of old. Our ancestors who owned them were humane, benevolent, and conscientious men, who taught them to read, especially the Bible, to go to church, and in some cases they were allowed almost as much liberty as members of their own families. A part of these slaves were emancipated by the voluntary acts of their masters, others by enactments of our State Legislature.

Deacon Josiah Willard, in his will, provided for the freedom of Guinea, whenever his old mistress died, which I should think was before he arrived at middle age. He was brought from the coast of Guinea in Africa and sold to Dea. Willard. Deacon John Camp bought a negro boy, named Pomp, said to have been brought from the West Indies. I was told that the Deacon paid pound for pound for him, that is, he paid twenty shillings in money for every pound that Pomp weighed. Pomp, after he obtained his freedom, married Zilpah, by whom he had eight children.

Mr. Gideon Hunn, I think, had a negro whose name was Toney; James Lusk had a negro named Peter; Unni Robbins, 1st, had one whose name was Benoni; Daniel Willard, 1st, had one named Brisco; he died when a boy; Rev. Mr. Belden had one whose name was Job; Lemuel Whittlesey had one named Dick; Capt. Martin Kellogg owned two negroes, Step and Katrine, he permitted Step to marry Katrine. Step had a little child named Pegg. I remember that on the Mitchell farm in the south part of the place, lived two aged negroes, called Tom and Frank. Towards the close of Tom's life, at his own request, the pastor, deacons, and several members of the church met at his house and with him partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Capt. Jonathan Stoddard had one who was called Jim.

The names of some of the physicians who have resided in Newington are: Dr. Andrus, a shrewd, observing man, who had a very retentive memory; Dr. Richards was one of our early physicians, he introduced the inoculation of the small pox in Newington; Dr. Joshua Belden was an excellent physician; Dr. Archibald Hall practiced medicine more or less many years; Dr. Wadsworth also during a much shorter period.

In 1776 the population of Newington was about 500. Many of its inhabitants have lived to a good old age. During the fifty years of Dr. Brace's ministry the number of deaths of persons between 70 and 80 years were 64; between the ages of 80 and 95 there were 36 persons; making in all 100 deaths of those 70 years old and upwards.

Newington has been blessed with several revivals of religion. The

greatest of them was that of 1821, under the solemn and pungent preaching of Rev. Dr. Nettleton. It is often spoken of as the *great* revival. There were fifty heads of families, viz. 25 husbands with their 25 wives, that were soon afterwards received into the church at one time, as the fruits of that revival. Several others of different ages united with the church, Widow Charity Tryon, then 70 years old, was one of them, she lived to the advanced age of 94½ years. This work of grace was previous to the era of Sabbath schools, since then, revivals have been greater in Dr. Brace's Bible class and in the Sabbath school than among other classes of people.

In 1831 there was a great revival, followed by another in 1844. These last two were the most powerful among the young people and children.

The Sabbath school has been well sustained ever since its commencement. It has proved to be an important auxiliary to the ministration of Divine truth. It has shared largely in the religious revivals. There has been a time when more than one-half of all belonging to or connected with the school were members of the church. The superintendents of the school have been Daniel Willard, superintendent the first 13 years, William Deming, assistant superintendent and secretary during the same time, Dea. Origen Wells, Dea. Jedidiah Deming, Levi S. Deming, Marcus W. Stoddard, Charles K. Atwood, and Joseph J. Francis.

After the revolution the schools in Newington progressed rapidly. By the year 1800, our schools were in a good state, and before 1830, the principal branches of a common school education, such as reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, grammar, and geography were as faithfully taught as they have been at any time. Our old people well remember the times when the two oldest classes of the several schools, at the close of the winter sessions, were assembled at the church for a public examination and exhibition.

Newington has not fallen short of other country places in its military character. At an early period a militia company was organized, I find by a diary kept by Daniel Willard, 1st, that in the year 1741, there was a draft made of one half of the company, viz. 1 ensign, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals, 1 drummer and 23 privates, in all 29 persons, which would make the company at that early date to consist of 58 persons.

I can name but a part of those who were Captains of the Company before the Revolutionary war and during its continuance. John Camp, Josiah Willard, Martin Kellogg, 2d, Martin Kellogg, 3d, Robert Wells, Sen., Robert Wells, Jun., Charles Churchhill, Jonathan Stoddard, Sen. Captains of the company after the Revolution, Levi Lusk, Absalom Wells, Robert Francis, Jonathan Stoddard, Jun., Martin Kellogg, 5th, James Deming, Joseph Camp. On the re-organization of the militia a Light Infantry Company was enlisted from the 1st and 2d societies, about two-thirds of them from Newington.

Captains of the Light Infantry Company who belonged to Newington: Joseph Camp, Simeon Stoddard, Daniel Willard, Erastus Latimer, Erastus Francis, Selden Deming, Daniel H. Willard, Albert S. Hunn.

The light infantry company for many years after its organization was considered superior to any company in the regiment.

Newington has furnished its full share of soldiers in the war of the Revolution. It has furnished more Generals and Field Officers, in proportion to its population, than any place with which I have been acquainted. Four Colonels, viz. Roger Welles, Levi Lusk, Martin Kellogg, and Joseph Camp, three of them, viz. Welles, Lusk, and Kellogg were afterwards Brigadier Generals, and two of them, Lusk and Kellogg were promoted to the Rank of Major Generals. Newington furnished many men in the Revolutionary war. Some of them lost their lives in that service. In the war of 1712-15, two small drafts were made from the company,

and stationed at Groton to defend New London and the frigate Macedonian and the sloop of war Hornet, from any attack that might be made from the British fleet on the coast. Gen. Levi Lusk commanded the militia and Lieut. Joseph Camp, (afterwards Col. Camp) had a command there.

## CHURCH RECORDS, 1803—1837.

### I.

#### ADMISSIONS TO COMMUNION.

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| Feb. 3, 1805. Admitted to Communion, Lucy, wife of Joab Brace, by letter from West Hartford.*  | Jan. 1, 1809. Josiah Willard and Rhoda his wife, per letter from Wethersfield. |
| Feb. 17. Absalom Welles and Lorrain his wife, having stood propounded the usual time, viz. 2 weeks, as also those which follow.          | March 5. Zerviah, wife of Reuben Whaples.                                      |
| March 3. Sally, the wife of Levi Deming.   | Oct. 29. Rosetta, the wife of John Squier.                                     |
| April 28. Luther Latimer.  | July 1, 1810. Harvey Francis, son of Justus Francis.                           |
| June 30. Elizabeth, the wife of Francis Deming.  | Aug. 19. Mary, the wife of Joseph Hulet.                                       |
| June 30. Lucretia, the wife of Solomon Churchill.  | Aug. 25, 1811. Wm. Kirkham.  |
| Oct. 13. Jennette, the wife of John Kirkham, Elizabeth, the wife of Leonard C. Hubbard, and Lydia Churchill, daughter of Levi Churchill. | Aug. 25. Lucy, the wife of Simon Stoddard.                                     |
| Oct. 27. Irene Andrus, (daughter of Elizur Andrus) and Mary Shepard.   | April 5, 1812. Candace, wife of Jno. Stoddard.                                 |
| Jan. 4, 1807. Lemuel Whittlesey, and Hannah, his wife.   | April 5. Mary Wells, daughter of Dea. Wells.                                   |
| March 1. Benjamin Hopkins, per letter from Kensington.   | April 26. Chloe Deming.  |
| March 1. John Phillips, per letter from Sangerfield, N. Y.   | May 27. Thomas, a black man.   |
| Nov. 6, 1808. Nancy Seymour, daughter of Elias Seymour.  | Aug. 23. Prudence Kellogg, daughter of M. Kellogg.                             |
|  | Nov. 1. Mary A. Churchill, daughter of Samuel Churchill.                       |
|  | Nov. 1. Julia Churchill, daughter of Solomon Churchill.                        |
|  | Nov. 1. Mercy Churchill, daughter of Samuel Churchill.                         |
|  | Nov. 1. Lucinda Sage of Middletown.  |
|  | May 2, 1813. Nancy, the wife of Elisha Whaples.                                |

\* "This may certify that Lucy, the wife of the Rev. Joab Brace, is a member in full communion of the church of Christ in West Hartford, and in good standing; and as such is hereby recommended to the enjoyment of all gospel ordinances in the church of Christ in Newington, and will be considered as dismissed from our watch and care when received by the said church.

NATHAN PERKINS, Pastor,  
In the name and behalf of the church."

West Hartford, Jan. 26, 1805.

- May 2. Abigail, the wife of Samuel Whaples.
- Feb. 27, 1814. Sarah, wife of Elisha Whaples, 2d.
- May 1. Origen Wells and Sarah his wife.
- March 5, 1815. Elizabeth, the wife of Leonard C. Hubbard, by letter from Leyden, N. Y.
- May 7. Mary, wife of Martin Kellogg, Jun.
- May 7. Sophronia, wife of Asaph Willard.
- May 7. Charlotte Welles.
- May 5, 1816. Widow Lucretia Wells, Lois, the wife of Levi Hurlburt, Sophia, the wife of William Kirkham.
- May 5. Electa Kellogg.
- “ Gennette Kirkham.
- “ Robert Rockwell.
- “ Hiram Stoddard.
- Jan. 1, 1818. Ruth Barnes, the wife of Martin Barnes, by letter from Bolton.
- Jan. 17, 1819. Elias Andrews.
- July 25. Henry Blannot.
- Sept. 19. Nancy, wife of Sylvester Hurlburt.
- Sept. 19. Abigail Kilbourn.
- Dec. 12. Sylvester Hurlburt.
- Aug. 20, 1820. Charlotte Churchill.
- Aug. 20. Elizabeth Kilbourn.
- May 6, 1821. Eunice Kilbourn.
- “ Jonathan Stoddard, Sen.
- “ Elisha Whaples, 1st.
- “ Elisha Whaples, 2d.
- “ Daniel Willard and Laura, his wife.
- “ William Deming and Sarah, his wife.
- “ Eunice Hubbard, wife of Dositheus Hubbard.
- “ Sarah Dow, wife of Samuel Dow.
- “ Nancy Drinkwater, wife of Thomas Drinkwater.
- “ Jedidiah Deming and Mary, his wife.
- May 6, 1821. Alma Camp.
- “ Horace Hopkins and Fanny, his wife.
- “ Abel Matson and Mabel, his wife.
- “ Giles Smith and Lydia Smith, his wife.
- “ Josiah W. Griswold and Mary Ann, his wife.
- “ Jeremiah Seymour and Emily, his wife.
- “ Anson Whaples and Sarah, his wife.
- “ William McCarty and Jerusha, his wife.
- “ Lester Luce and Sophia, his wife.
- “ Benjamin Hopkins and Harriet, his wife.
- “ Phebe Messenger.
- “ Roger Welles and Electa, his wife.
- “ Aaron Tryon.
- “ Zerah Preston.
- “ Elisha Whaples, 3d.
- “ Elisha Whaples, 4th.
- “ Erastus Kilbourn.
- “ John C. Dow.
- “ Sabra Stoddard.
- “ Sarah Dow.
- “ Huldah Sedgwick.
- “ Mary S. Brace.
- “ Martha Brace.
- July 1. Martha Graham.
- “ Huldah Squire.
- “ Thomas Drinkwater.
- “ Dositheus Hubbard.
- “ Rebekah Tryon.
- “ John Whaples.
- “ Henry Kilbourn.
- “ Joshua Belden.
- “ Mason Belden.
- “ Emeline Brown.
- Aug. 30. Ruth Francis, wife of Justus Francis, by letter from Simsbury.
- Sept. 2. Reuben Whaples.
- “ Archibald Hall and Harriet his wife.
- “ Chester Churchill.

- Sept. 2, 1821. Erastus Lattimer.  
 " Lucy Churchill.  
 " Jemima Churchill.  
 " Mary Steel.  
 Nov. 4. Elias Seymour.  
 Jan. 6, 1822. Beulah Stoddard,  
 wife of Elisha Stoddard.  
 " Catherine Wells, wife of  
 William Wells.  
 Sept. 1. Salome Deming, by let-  
 ter from Bristol.  
 July 6, 1823. Laura Whittlesey,  
 wife of Asaph Whittlesey.  
 May 7, 1826. Prudence, the wife  
 of Enos Deming.  
 " Mary Ann, the wife of Lot  
 Beckwith.  
 " Mary Cole.  
 " Seth Collins Brace.  
 " Alma, wife of John Fuller,  
 Jr., by letter from Burlington.  
 Jan. 7, 1827. Timothy Stanley.  
 " Anna Wells.  
 Mar. 4. Sarah, wife of Unni  
 Robbins, by letter from Ken-  
 sington.  
 " Elmina, wife of Erastus  
 Kilbourn, by letter from N.  
 Britain.  
 Nov. 4. Anna, wife of James  
 Blinn, letter fr. Wethersfield.  
 Mar. 2, 1828. Nancy, the wife of  
 Cyrus Francis, by letter from  
 N. Britain.  
 July 6. Electa Whittlesey, letter  
 from Stockbridge.  
 Nov. 2. Sally, the wife of Dea.  
 Levi Deming, by letter from  
 West Hartford.  
 Mar. 1, 1829. Fanny, wife of  
 Hiram Stoddard, by letter  
 from East Windsor.  
 May 3. Elisha Stoddard.  
 " Allen Stoddard.  
 " Dorothy Stoddard.  
 " Sarah Chapman.  
 " Eleanor Celia Wells.  
 " Caroline Deming.  
 " Rhoda Willard.  
 Sept. 6. Lucinda D. Hall.
- Sept. 6. Rhoda Brown.  
 " Charlotte Kirkham.  
 " Mary A. Wells.  
 " Maria Hubbard.  
 " Catherine Wells.  
 " Emily Hubbard.  
 May 2, 1830. Homer Camp, by  
 letter from New Preston.  
 May 1, 1831. Lucretia, wife of  
 Chester Churchill.  
 " Joab Brace, Jr.  
 " Samuel Brace.  
 Jan. 1, 1832. Augustus Wilson.  
 " Daniel H. Willard.  
 " Marcus W. Stoddard.  
 " Albert S. Hunn.  
 " William McCarter.  
 " Henry G. Tucker.  
 " William S. Deming.  
 " William F. Willard.  
 " Levi S. Deming.  
 " Charity Tryon.  
 " Harriet Rockwell.  
 " Electa Hazzard.  
 " Amanda A. Whaples.  
 " Sarah Abernethy.  
 " Sarah Deming.  
 " Elizabeth Willard.  
 " Martha McCarter.  
 " Lucinda Wells.  
 " Mary S. Stoddard.  
 " Mary Kellogg.  
 " Mary A. Griswold.  
 " Julia A. Stoddard.  
 Mar. 4. David Hunn.  
 " Lydia Smith, by letter from  
 Boonville.  
 " Charity P. Clark, by letter  
 from N. Hartford.  
 May 6. Lot Beckwith.  
 " Honor Stoddard.  
 " Hannah Hunter.  
 July 1. Delia Camp.  
 Mar. 2, 1834. Esther W., wife  
 of Elisha Blinn, letter from  
 Wethersfield.  
 May 4. Josiah Atwood.  
 Mar. 1, 1835. Henry G. Little.  
 " James B. Wells.  
 May 1, 1836. Emily W., wife of

- Lowrey Robbins, letter from Southington.
- Nov. 5, 1837. Mary Slater, by letter from West Hartford.
- “ Cornelia Deming.
- May 6, 1838. Uzziel Lattimer.
- “ Lucy Robbins.
- “ Unni Robbins.
- “ Amelia Andrus.
- “ Susanna Whaples.
- “ Hannah Kelsey.
- “ Seviah H. W. Lattimer.
- “ Minerva C. Rodgers.
- “ Eliza Wells.
- “ Sarah M. D. Willard.
- May 6, 1838. Mary Wells.
- “ Harriet Rockwell.
- July 1. Elisha Blinn.
- “ Edwin Welles.
- “ Jedidiah Deming, jun.
- “ Charles K. Atwood.
- “ Josiah E. Atwood.
- “ John M. Atwood.
- “ Martin K. Whittlesey.
- “ Heman A. Whittlesey.
- “ Dennis W. Dorman.
- “ Samuel J. M. Kellogg.
- “ Charles Kellogg.
- “ John W. Bruce.
- “ Sophronia Tucker.
- “ Mary Tucker.
- “ Emeline G. Kilbourn.
- “ Frances N. W. Griswold.
- “ Sarah C. Wells.
- “ Susan S. Wells.
- “ Lucy Wells.
- “ Frances G. Wells.
- “ Charlotte J. Welles.
- “ Julia Welles.
- “ Abigail Welles.
- “ Sarah M. Whaples.
- “ Julia Whaples.
- “ Eliza J. Davis.
- “ Julia Ann L. Davis,
- “ Mary Seymour.
- “ Harriet P. Atwood.
- “ Eliza Kilbourn.
- Nov. 4. Mary Blinn.
- “ Ann Gaylord.
- “ Julia Churchill.
- Jan. 13, 1839. Lucretia Churchill, from church, Augusta, Georgia, letter.
- “ Mary E. Belden, wife of J. M. Belden, from Glastonbury, letter.
- April 28. Maria Richards, wife of Eliphalet Richards, from Middletown, letter.
- Nov. 3. Maria H. Lamberton, wife of Stephen P. Lamberton, from Bloomfield, letter.
- Mar. 1, 1840. Abigail F. Kellogg, recommended by letter from Marshall, N. Y.
- Sept. 6. Solomon Churchill.
- Jan. 3, 1841. Sophronia Saunders, rec. by letter from 3d church, East Windsor.
- “ John Kilbourn, rec. by letter from Yale College.
- May 2. Henry L. Kellogg.
- “ Chauncey Deming.
- “ Elizabeth C. Kirkham.
- “ Abigail, wife of Robert Chapman, by letter from West Avon.
- July 4. Eunice C. Lattimer.
- “ Mary K. Atwood.
- Sept. 5. Jemima Simons, by letter from Bolton.
- Nov. 6, 1842. Philenia Wells, by letter from Westfield, Ms.
- Mar. 5, 1843. Caroline S. Deming, wife of Levi S. Deming, by letter from Madison.
- June 4. William Wells.
- “ James Blinn.
- “ James B. Blinn.
- “ Sophia L. Kirkham.
- “ John G. Stoddard.
- “ John S. Kirkham.
- “ George T. Davis.
- “ Walter Whaples.
- “ Carlos Huntley.
- “ Samuel N. Rockwell.
- “ Warren D. Whaples.
- “ Chester W. Carter.
- “ Andrew Jackson.
- “ Nancy A. Whaples.



- June 4. Abigail J. Kilbourn.  
 " Frances M. Judd.  
 " Julia Pierce.  
 " Charlotte Wells.  
 " Wyllis P. Davis.  
 " Henry S. Kilbourn.  
 " Marilla Hubbard.  
 " Hepzibah Deming.  
 " Aaron and Lucretia Davis.  
 " Henry and Martha Deming.  
 " Joseph Camp.  
 " Sarah Brown.  
 " Henry and Hannah M. Luce.  
 " Charles Stoddard.
- Nov. 2. Nancy Wells, by letter from Tolland.
- Jan. 4, 1844. Chloe S. Humphrey, letter fr. Vernon, 2d.  
 " Harvey Stearns, letter from Vernon, 2d.  
 " Ann S. Stearns, letter from Vernon.  
 " Amy Wood, let. fr. Vernon.  
 " Sarah Smith, " "
- May 5. Martha C. Fuller, letter from Franklin.
- Sept. 1. Margaret, wife of William Hubbard, letter fr. Westfield, Mass.
- Nov. 3. Abner Simons, let. from Worthington, 3d ch., Berlin.  
 " Cornelia Whittlesey.
- Mar. 2, 1845. Cornelia F. Deming, wife of Ch. Deming, let. fr. Hartford, 4th church.
- Sept. 7. Sophia, wife of Joseph Camp, letter fr. New Haven, Chapel st.
- July 5, 1846. Ely Gifford and wife, letter from Rockville.  
 " Charlotte Churchill, letter from Cheraco, S. C.
- July 4, 1847. Lucinda Gaylord, letter from West Hartford.
- Nov. 1, 1849. Edwin Gaylord and his wife Lucy Gaylord, from West Hartford.
- Nov. 4. Hugh Davies, let. from Liverpool, Eng., Thos. Raffles, D. D.
- Sept. 1, 1850. Sarah Theodosia Robbins, d. of Unni Robbins and Sarah.  
 " Electa Stanley Welles, d. of Roger and Electa Welles.
- Jan. 5, 1851. Lemuel W. Camp, s. of Homer Camp.
- July 6. Laura Kellogg Camp, d. of Homer Camp.  
 " Mary Robbins, d. of Unni Robbins.  
 " Emily Sophia Robbins, d. of Lowrey Robbins.
- May 2, 1852. Caroline A. Camp, d. of Homer and Delia Camp.  
 " Jane McElrath, letter from W. Hartford.
- July 4. Abigail Rockwell, d. of Robert and Harriet Rockwell.  
 " Harriet R. Dillings, wid. of Nelson D., d. of Rob. Rockwell.
- Jan. 2, 1853. Frances Maria Lamberton, d. of Stephen P. Lamberton.
- May 7, 1854. Frances S. W. Stoddard, w. of M. W. Stoddard, letter fr. Wethersfield.  
 " Sarah Wells Stoddard, wife of Rufus Stoddard, letter fr. Wethersfield.
- July 2. Percy Richards, d. of Francis Richards.
- Sept. 3. Mary Ann, wife of Geo. T. Davis, let. fr. Cromwell.
- Dec. 31. Caroline S. R. Stoddard, wife of John G. Stoddard, letter fr. Charlemont.
- Jan. 4, 1855. Adeline Lewis, wife of — Lewis, letter Waterbury.\*
- May 6. John McElrath and Jane his wife.
- June 28. Woodford Kilbourn.

\*The last entry in Dr. Brace's handwriting. Those that follow were admitted after he left.

Sept. 22. Mary Abilene Dow.	Nov. 4. Nancy Kilbourn.
Nov. 4. Samuel Chauncey Dix.	“ Sarah Thompson.
“ Henry Elbert Loveland.	“ Delia Richards.
“ Hiram Hudson Stoddard.	“ Mary Ann Richards.
“ Joseph Camp.	“ Eliza Kilbourn Richards.
“ Cyrus Francis.	“ Mary Ann Seymour.
“ Henry Martin Robbins.	“ Sarah Jane Rockwell
“ Mrs. Hopy Loveland.	Jan. 13, 1856. Daniel Dwight
“ Martha Urania Dow.	Willard.
“ Jane Margaret Finnegan.	“ Julia Norton Atwood.
“ Mary Jane Stoddard.	Mar. 2. Franklin Carroll Lattimer.
“ Lydia Francis Camp.	“ Thomas Russell Byrnes.
“ Mary Elisabeth Brown.	“ Mary K. Richards, wife of
“ Julia Maria Cady.	Oliver.
“ Valina Ann Francis.	July 6. Celinda Clarissa Wiers.
“ Emeline Elisabeth Kilbourn.	

## II.

## BAPTISMS.

- April 28, 1805. Joshua, s. of Fitch Andrus and Lois his wife.  
 May 5. Ralph, s. of Absalom Wells and Lorraine his wife.  
 Aug. 18. Julia, Nancy, Chester, and Cynthia, children of Solomon Churchill and Lucretia his wife.  
 Oct. 27. Irene Andrus and Mary Shepard, adults.  
 Jan. 5, 1806. John Butler, Jennette, and Lucy, children of John Kirkham and Jennette his wife.  
 “ Abigail Deming, d. of Leo. C. Hubbard and Elizabeth his wife.  
 May 18. Jemima, d. of Solomon Churchill and Lucretia his wife.  
 June 8. Mary Skinner, d. of Joab Brace and Lucy his wife.  
 June 15. Walter Wells, s. of Ashbel Seymour and Mary his wife.  
 Sept. 9. Cornelia Susanna Wesley, d. of Joseph Lynde and Martha his wife, per Mr. Belden.  
 Oct. 26. John Mason, s. of Joshua Belden, Jr., and Dorothea his wife.  
 “ Monerva, child of ——— Peck, at Kensington.  
 May 31, 1807. ——— s. of Levi Churchill.  
 Sept. 6. Rhoda, d. of Absalom Wells and Lorraine his wife.  
 Aug. 28, 1808. Mary, d. of Justus Francis and Lois his wife.  
 Mar. 26, 1809. Martha, d. of Joab Brace and Lucy his wife.  
 June 25. Hubertus, s. of John A. Phillips and Honor his wife.  
 Sept. 3. Thomas Foster, s. of Reuben Whaples and Zerviah his wife.  
 Sept. 17. Caroline, d. of Levi Deming and Sally his wife.  
 May 13, 1810. Calvin, William, Daniel, Reuben, and Abigail, children of Reuben Whaples and Zerviah his wife.  
 July 1. Joseph, s. of Levi Hurlburt and Lois his wife.  
 Oct. 21. Amelia, Harriet, Mary, and Hiram Hopkins, children of Joseph Hulet and Mary his wife.  
 Aug. 11, 1811. Seth Collins, s. of Joab Brace and Lucy his wife.

- Aug. 25. William Kirkham, adult.  
 " Lucy, the wife of Simeon Stoddard.  
 " Almira, d. of John A. Phillips and Honor his wife.  
 April 19, 1812. Sally Maria, d. of Levi Deming and Sally his wife.  
 May 10. Martha, d. of Levi Hurlburt and Lois his wife.  
 May 27. Thomas, a black man.  
 May 31. George, s. of Reuben Whaples and Zerviah his wife.  
 June 14. Hiram Edwards, Sabra, Nathan Fenn, Candace, Joseph,  
 and Abigail Honor, children of Jonathan Stoddard and Candace  
 his wife.  
 Aug. 23. Abigail, wife of David Hunn.  
 May 2, 1813. Abigail, wife of Samuel Whaples.  
 June 27. Newton, William, and Simeon, children of Simeon Stod-  
 dard and Lucy his wife, per Mr. Williams.  
 July 18. Enos Higley, Mary Ann, and Albert Smith, children of  
 David Hunn and Abigail his wife.  
 Sept. 12. Harriet, Sally, Fanny, Henry, Mary, and Laura, children  
 of Samuel Whaples and Abigail his wife.  
 Sept. 26. Elisha, Curtis, and James Blinn, children of Elisha Wha-  
 ples and Nancy his wife.  
 June 19, 1814. Marcus Willard, s. of Allen Stoddard and Mary his  
 wife.  
 July 10. Eliza, (adopted,) and Mary Anthony, children of Origen  
 Wells and Sarah his wife.  
 Aug. 7. Joab, s. of Joab Brace and Lucy his wife.  
 " Robert and Solomon Welles, children of Elisha Whaples and  
 Sarah his wife.  
 May 14, 1815. Lucinda, d. of Origen Wells and Sarah his wife.  
 July 2. Martin and Roger Welles, children of Martin Kellogg, jr.,  
 and Mary his wife.  
 Oct. 15. Abigail, d. of Samuel Whaples and Abigail his wife.  
 Feb. 18, 1816. Charlotte, d. of Asaph Willard and Sophronia his  
 wife.  
 May 5. Sophia, wife of William Kirkham.  
 " Henry Laurens, s. of Martin Kellogg, jr., and Mary his wife.  
 July 7. Mary Sophia, d. of Allen Stoddard and Mary his wife.  
 Nov. 17. Fidelia, d. of Simeon Stoddard and Lucy his wife.  
 May 25, 1817. Samuel, s. of Joab Brace and Lucy his wife.  
 June 22. Jane, d. of William Kirkham and Sophia his wife.  
 May 17, 1818. James Daniel, s. of Asaph Willard and Sophronia  
 his wife.  
 May 24. Levi Sage, s. of Levi Deming and Sally his wife.  
 Aug. 23. Sarah Sage, d. of Elisha Whaples and Sarah his wife.  
 Nov. 15. Sidney, s. of Allen Stoddard and Mary his wife.  
 July 25, 1819. Henry Blannot, adult.  
 Aug. 22. Mary, d. of Martin Kellogg, jr., and Mary his wife.  
 Sept. 5. Ruth Maria, d. of Martin Barns and Ruth his wife.  
 Sept. 19. Abigail Kilbourn, adult.  
 Oct. 17. Sarah Clarina, d. of Origen Welles and Sarah his wife.

- Oct. 17. Jane, d. of William Kirkham and Sophia his wife.
- Dec. 5. Lucy Ann Sophronia, d. of Asaph Willard and Sophronia his wife.
- June 18, 1820. Mary, Henry, Harriet, Edwin Washington, Fanny, and Nancy, children of Henry Blannot and Harriet his wife.
- Aug. 6. Harriet, d. of Robert Rockwell and Harriet his wife.
- Aug. 20. Sabra Kilbourn, adult.  
 " Elizabeth Kilbourn, adult.
- Sept. 24. Amanda, Emily, Nancy, Samuel Stanley, and Silvester, children of Silvester Hurlburt and Nancy his wife.
- Oct. 4. Julia Norton, d. of Martin Welles and Frances his wife.
- The following persons were adults:
- May 6, 1821. Elisha Whaples, 1st.  
 " Laura Willard, wife of Daniel Willard.  
 " Eunice Hubbard, wife of Dositheus Hubbard.  
 " Sarah Dow, wife of Samuel Dow.  
 " Nancy Drinkwater, wife of Thomas Drinkwater.  
 " Mary Deming, wife of Jedidiah Deming.  
 " Fanny Hopkins, wife of Horace Hopkins  
 " Giles Smith.  
 " Anson Whaples and Sarah his wife.
- May 6. William M'Carty.  
 " Sophia Luce, wife of Lester Luce.  
 " Harriet Hopkins, wife of Benjamin Hopkins.  
 " Electa, wife of Roger Welles.  
 " Aaron Tryon.  
 " Zerah Preston.  
 " Erastus Kilbourn.  
 " John Cheney Dow.  
 " Sarah Dow.  
 " Huldah Sedgwick.
- July 1. Thomas Drinkwater.  
 " Rebekah Tryon.  
 " Henry Kilbourn.
- Aug. 5. James, s. of William Kirkham and Sophia his wife.  
 " Charles Kellogg, s. of Josiah Atwood and Prudence his wife.
- Aug. 19. Sarah and William Smith, children of William Deming and Sarah his wife.  
 " Harriet Amanda, Nancy Maria, and Horace Kilbourn, children of Thomas Drinkwater and Nancy his wife.  
 " Cornelia, Mary Lusk, and Jedidiah, children of Jedidiah Deming and Mary his wife.  
 " Frances Norton, Edwin, and Charlotte Jemima, children of Roger Welles and Electa his wife.  
 " Delia, d. of Benjamin Hopkins and Harriet his wife.  
 " Henry, s. of Lester Luce and Sophia his wife.
- Aug. 26. Susan Sophia, d. of Origen Wells and Sarah his wife.
- Sept. 2. Reuben Whaples, Harriet Hall, Erastus Lattimer, adults.  
 " Rhoda, Daniel, Elizabeth, William Francis, children of Daniel Willard and Laura his wife.

- Sept. 2. William, Eunice Maria, Emily, Orrin, children of Dositheus Hubbard and Eunice his wife.  
 " Samuel Russell, s. of Giles Smith and Lydia his wife.  
 " Henry, Richard, Julia Ann, children of Aaron Tryon and Rebekah his wife.
- Sept. 30. Martha and William, children of William McCarty and Jerusha his wife.  
 " Mary Ann, and Angeline Belden, children of Josiah W. Griswold and Mary Ann his wife.
- Oct. 21. Franklin Blin, s. of Henry Blannot and Harriet his wife.
- Nov. 4. Samuel Mills, s. of Martin Kellogg, jr., and Mary his wife.
- Mar. 31, 1822. Albert Francis, s. of Aaron Tryon and Rebekah his wife.
- May 5. Samuel Talmage, Lucinda Deming, Robey Williams, Jonathan Barton, Royal Sereno, and Cornelia Hale, children of Archibald Hall and Harriet his wife.  
 " Henry Benjamin, George Botsford, and Horace Root, children of Horace Hopkins and Fanny his wife.  
 " Sarah Maria, and Walter, children of Anson Whaples and Sarah his wife.  
 " Elizabeth Emery, d. of Robert Rockwell and Harriet his wife.
- June 2. Abigail, Catherine, William, Frances Griswold, and John Gaylord, children of William Wells and Catherine his wife.
- July 7. George Grannis, s. of Giles Smith and Lydia his wife.
- Aug. 11. Chester Wells, s. of William McCarty and Jerusha his wife.
- Dec. 29. Rufus, s. of Allen Stoddard and Mary his wife.
- April 18, 1823. Joshua, s. of Sylvester Hurlbut and Nancy his wife.
- July 6. Elizabeth Cook, d. of William Kirkham and Sophia his wife.  
 " Julia, d. of Roger Welles and Electa his wife.  
 " Josiah Elbert, s. of Josiah Atwood and Prudence his wife.
- July 20. Henry James, s. of Henry Blannot and Harriet his wife.
- Aug. 17. Delia, Lemuel, Laura Kellogg, Hannah, children of Asaph Whittlesey and Laura his wife.
- May 23, 1824. Nathan Fenn, s. of Robert Rockwell and Harriet his wife.
- June 6. Lucy, d. of Origen Wells and Sarah his wife.  
 " Hapsebath, d. of Jedidiah Deming and Mary his wife.
- Aug. 29. John Whitman, s. of Joab Brace and Lucy his wife.  
 " Julia, d. of Anson Whaples and Sarah his wife.
- Oct. 24. Thomas Robbins, s. of Josiah Atwood and Prudence his wife.  
 " Emily Eliza, d. of wid. Lydia Parker of New York.
- Nov. 21. Edwin Boardman, s. of J. W. Griswold and Mary Anne his wife.
- June 12, 1825. Levi Sedgwick, s. of Horace Wells and Pamela his wife.
- Sept. 4. Rollin Peck, s. of Horace Hopkins and Fanny his wife.
- Sept. 18. Samuel Newton, s. of Robert Rockwell and Harriet his wife.

- Sept. 25. Martha Edwards, d. of Henry Blannot and Harriet his wife, per Mr. Robbins.
- Oct. 2. Charles, s. of Martin Kellogg, jr., and Mary his wife.  
 " Joseph Camp, s. of Edwin Gaylord and Lucy his wife.
- Oct. 23. Wyllis, s. of Benjamin Hopkins and Harriet his wife.
- May 7, 1826. Prudence Deming, Mary Ann Beckwith, Mary Cole, adults.  
 " Marilla, d. of Dositheus Hubbard and Eunice his wife.
- June 4. John Mitchelson, s. of Josiah Atwood and Prudence his wife.  
 " Abigail, d. of Roger and Electa Welles.
- Aug. 20. John Stoddard, s. of William and Sophia Kirkham.  
 " Joshua Chauncey, s. of Lester and Sophia Luce.
- Dec. 6. Abigail, d. of Josiah W. and Mary Ann Griswold.
- Jan. 7, 1827. Anna Wells, adult.
- Feb. 11. Samuel, s. of John C. and Laura Dow.
- Mar. 27. Hapsebath, d. of Jedidiah Deming.
- May 6. Mary Avaline, d. of Erastus and Salome Cunningham.
- May 27. Robert Raikes, s. of Robert and Harriet Rockwell.
- Aug. 19. Harriet Prudence, d. of Josiah and Prudence Atwood.
- Sep. 16. Harriet Eliza, d. of Henry and Huldah Kilbourn.
- Sep. 16. Mary Webb, d. of Erastus and Elmina Kilbourn.
- Oct. 7. Eunice Cordelia, d. of Erastus and Seviah Lattimer.
- May 18, 1828. John Gaylord, s. of Hiram E. and Fanny Stoddard.
- May 25. John Belden, s. of Josiah W. and Mary Ann Griswold.  
 " Lucy Lowrey, d. of Unni and Sarah Robbins.
- June 22. James Butler, s. of James and Anna Blinn.
- Aug. 10. Nancy Angeline, d. of Elisha and Amanda Whaples.
- Oct. 19. Julia, d. of Chester and Lucretia Churchill.
- Mar. 16, 1829. Horace, s. of Erastus and Elmina Kilbourn.
- May 3. Dorothy Stoddard, adult.  
 " Eleanor Celia Wells, adult.
- May 17. Sophia Leffingwell, d. of William and Sophia Kirkham.
- May 24. Henry Sedgwick, s. of Henry and Huldah Kilbourn.
- June 21. Sarah Welles, d. of Martin and Mary Kellogg.
- July 12. Roger, s. of Roger and Electa Welles.
- Sept. 13. Joseph, s. of Robert and Harriet Rockwell.
- Oct. 25. Lucy Lowrey, d. of Unni and Sarah Robbins.
- June 13, 1830. Mary Kellogg, d. of Josiah and Prudence Atwood.  
 " Heman Francis, s. of Hiram E. and Fanny Stoddard.
- June 20. Lemuel Whittlesey, s. of Homer and Delia Camp.  
 " Eunice, d. of Anson and Sarah Whaples.
- June 27. Jane Eliza, d. of Josiah W. and Mary Ann Griswold.
- July 19. Joseph, s. of Samuel and Rhoda Clark.
- Aug. 8. Jane Aurelia, d. of Erastus and Seviah Lattimer.
- Aug. 13. John Churchill, s. of John Dow.
- Sept. 5. Loretta, d. of Erastus and Elmina Kilbourn.
- May 1, 1831. Lucretia, wife of Chester Churchill.
- May 15. Abigail Jane, d. of Henry and Huldah Kilbourn.
- July 24. Sarah Jane, d. of Robert and Harriet Rockwell.

- Jan. 1, 1832. Augustus Wilson, Henry G. Tucker, Electa Hazzard,  
Amanda A. Whaples, Julia A. Stoddard, adults.
- May 6. Lot Beckwith, Hannah Hunter, adults.  
" William, s. of William and Sophia Kirkham.
- May 13. Delia Ann, d. of James and Anna Blinn.
- May 27. William Sherman, s. of William and Charity P. Clark.  
" Erastus, s. of Erastus and Elmina Kilbourn.
- June 10. Julia Norton, d. of Josiah and Prudence Atwood.  
" Laura Kellogg, d. of Homer and Delia Camp.
- July 15. Francis, s. of Chester and Lucretia Churchill.
- July 29. Mary Urania and Martha Eunice, ds. of Anson and Sarah  
Whaples.
- Oct. 7. Warren Day, s. of Elisha and Amanda Whaples.
- Nov. 4. Sarah Theodotia, d. of Unni and Sarah Robbins.
- Dec. 30. Samuel, s. of Henry and Huldah Kilbourn.
- June 23, 1833. Electa Stanley, d. of Roger and Electa Welles.
- May 4, 1834. Josiah Atwood, adult.
- June 8. Timothy Woodford, s. of Henry and Huldah Kilbourn.  
" Lemuel Franklin, s. of William and Charity P. Clark.
- June 15. Elisha Burrit, s. of Elisha and Esther Blinn.  
" Henry Edwin, s. of James and Anna Blinn.
- Aug. 3. Laura Churchill, d. of John C. and Martha Dow.
- Aug. 10. Abigail Whaples, d. of Robert and Harriet Rockwell.
- Sept. 21. Mary Jane, d. of Hiram E. and Fanny Stoddard.
- Nov. 2. Charles Clinton, s. of Erastus and Seviah Lattimer.
- Aug. 2, 1835. Chauncey Wright, s. of James and Anna Blinn.  
" Franklin, s. of Elisha and Esther Blinn.
- Sept. 27. John Wallace, s. of Anson and Sarah Whaples.  
" Timothy Woodford, s. of Henry Kilbourn.
- Oct. 11. Caroline Anna, d. of Homer and Delia Camp.
- Oct. 18. Mary, d. of Unni and Sarah Robbins.
- July 31, 1836. Martha Urania, d. of John C. and Martha Dow.
- Aug. 14. Agnes Whittlesey, d. of Joshua and Agnes Belden.
- Oct. 2. Elizabeth, d. of Rev. S. N., and Martha B. Shepard.
- Oct. 9. Sarah Denman, d. of Rev. John and Mary S. B. Todd.
- Aug. 27, 1837. Almira Day, d. of Henry and Emeline G. Kilbourn.  
" Chauncey Mason, s. of Erastus and Elmira Kilbourn.  
" Esther Amelia, d. of Elisha and Esther Blinn.
- Oct. 8. Mary, d. of Chester and Lucretia Churchill.
- Oct. 22. Hiram Hudson, s. of Hiram E. and Fanny Stoddard.
- Nov. 19. Emily Sophia, d. of Lowrey and Emily Robbins.
- May 6, 1838. Unni Robbins, Hannah Kelsey, Minerva C. Rodgers,  
and Mary Wells, adults.
- July 1. Elisha Blinn, Sophronia Tucker, Mary Tucker, Eliza Jane  
Davis, Julia Ann Lucretia Davis, Mary Seymour, adults.
- Sept. 9. Nancy, d. of Erastus and Elmina Kilbourn.
- Sept. 30. Mary Abilene, d. of John C. and Martha Dow.
- Oct. 21. Richard, s. of William and Sophia Kirkham.
- Nov. 4. Mary Blinn, adult.
- Nov. 11. Daniel Dwight, s. of Daniel H. and Maria S. D. Willard.

- Feb. 17, 1839. Emeline Elizabeth, d. of Henry and Emeline G. Kilbourn.
- Oct. 27. Fanny Eliza, d. of Hiram E. and Fanny F. Stoddard.  
 " Henry Martin, s. of Unni and Sarah D. Robbins.
- Feb. 1, 1840. Infant of Erastus and Elmina Kilbourn.
- Feb. 9. Mary Elizabeth, d. of John M. and Mary E. H. Belden.
- April 4. Ellen, d. of William and Sophia Kirkham.
- Sept. 20. Shubael Hart, s. of Elisha and Amanda A. Whaples.
- Feb. 11, 1841. Walter Lowrey, s. of Lowrey and Emily Robbins.
- Mar. 28. Samuel Hart, s. of Henry and Emeline G. Kilbourn.
- May 2. Chauncey Deming, adult.
- June 20. Charles Levi, s. of Daniel H. and Maria S. D. Willard.
- June 27. Mary, d. of Stephen and Sophronia Saunders.
- May 22, 1842. John Davis, s. of James and Eliza I. D. Griswold.
- May 31. Lucy Frances, d. of James and Anna Blinn.
- July 24. Mary Jane, d. of Elisha and Esther Blinn.
- Aug. 28. Henry Willis, s. of Willis P. and Mary T. Davis.
- Sept. 11. John Newton, s. of Erastus and Elmina Kilbourn.
- April 30, 1843. Sarah Adaline, d. of John F. and Mary A. W. Willard.
- June 4. Lucretia Davis, James Blinn, Henry and Martha Deming. Wyllis Philander Davis, Hannah Maria Luce, Charles Stoddard, Andrew Jackson, Julia Pierce, Carlos Huntley, George Thomas Davis, adults.
- July 16. Agnes Whittlesey, d. of John M. and Mary E. H. Belden.  
 " Burdett Eugene, s. of Daniel H. and Maria S. D. Willard.
- Aug. 20. Marcus Lent, s. of Henry and Emeline G. Kilbourn.
- Oct. 15. Julia Newell, d. of Lowrey and Emily Robbins.
- Nov. 19. George Scranton, s. of Levi S. and Caroline S. Deming.
- Nov. 10, 1844. Levi Welles, s. of Elisha and Esther Blinn.
- June 8, 1845. Joseph and Lydia Francis, children of Joseph Camp.
- July 20. Cornelia Hale, d. of John M. and Mary E. H. Belden.
- Mar. 15, 1846. Stephen Dwight, s. of Stephen P. and Maria H. Lamberton.
- April 27. Child of Rev. Mr. Keeler.
- July 19. Frances Arabella, d. of Lowrey and Emily Robbins.  
 " Newell Foote, s. of Chauncey Deming.
- Aug. 23. DeForest, s. of Daniel H. and Sarah M. D. Willard.  
 " Edward Levi, s. of Levi S. and Caroline S. Deming.
- Aug. 30. Eugene Franklin, s. of Willis P. and Mary T. Davis.
- Nov. 15. John Newel, s. of John C. and Martha Dow.
- July 4, 1847. Agnes Whittlesey, d. of John M. and Mary E. H. Belden.
- Oct. 3. John Franklin, s. of Stephen P. and Maria H. Lamberton.
- Oct. 10. Harriet Lavinia, d. of Elisha and Esther Blinn.  
 " William Albert, s. of William and Margaret T. Hubbard.
- Oct. 29, 1848. Mary Deming, d. of William and Cornelia Wells.
- Nov. 19. Mary Ellen, d. of Willis P. and Mary T. Davis.
- Dec. 17. Clarence Henry, s. of Samuel N. and Eliza H. Rockwell.



- Mar. 11, 1849. Henry Marius, s. of Henry and Hannah Maria Luce.
- April 1. Joshua, s. of John M. and Mary E. H. Belden.
- May 27. Jane Electa, d. of Heman A. and Eunice C. Whittlesey.
- July 22. David Lowrey, s. of Lowrey and Emily Robbins.
- July 29. Elbert Edwards and Ellen Eunice, children of Erastus and Elmina Kilbourn.
- Jan. 13, 1850. Thomas Wilson, s. of Hugh Davies and wife.
- Mar. 24. Edward Merton, s. of William F. and Frances G. Willard.
- Sept. 1. Catharine Griswold, d. of William and Cornelia Wells.
- Oct. 31. Lewis Stephen, s. of William and Margaret T. Hubbard.
- June 29, 1851. Martha Elizabeth, d. of Willis P. and Mary T. Davis.
- Dec. 14. William, s. of Hugh and Margaret Davies.
- Sept. 12, 1852. Caroline Elizabeth, d. of Levi S. and Caroline Deming.
- “ Abbot, s. of William F. and Frances G. Willard.
- “ William Gaylord, s. of William and Cornelia Wells.
- May 29, 1853. Ellen Amanda, d. of Jedidiah W. and Nancy A. Deming.
- June 5. Julia, d. of John M. and Mary E. H. Belden.
- June 5. John Wilson, s. of Hugh and Margaret Davies.
- Nov. 12. Laura Lewella, d. of John C. and Martha Dow.
- May 21, 1854. Mary, d. of John D. and Abigail W. Seymour.
- “ Fanny Augusta, d. of Edwin and Lucy L. R. Welles.
- June 18. Cornelia Lucretia, d. of Wyllis P. and Mary T. Davis.
- July 9. Frederick Wayland, s. of Elisha and Esther Blinn.
- Sept. 24. John Hammond, s. of Roger and Harriet Mills.
- Oct. 22. Cornelia Augusta, d. of William and Cornelia Wells.
- Dec. 31. Marcus Lewis, s. of Marcus W. and Frances S. Stoddard.\*
- Jan. 17, 1855. Elizabeth Caroline, d. of William Noah Turner and Jane McElrath.
- June 24. Rebecca Smalley, d. of Rev. J. S. and E. G. Whittlesey.
- “ Eunice Cornelia, d. of Heman A. and E. C. Whittlesey.
- “ Marshall Allen, s. of Rufus and S. W. Stoddard.
- “ Edward Laurens, s. of G. T. and M. A. Davis.
- Nov. 4. Samuel Chauncey Dix, Henry Elbert Loveland, Cyrus Francis, Jane Margaret Finnegan, Mary Elisabeth Brown, Julia Maria Cady, Valina Ann Francis, Delia Richards, Mary Ann Richards, Eliza Kilbourn Richards, adults.
- Mar. 2, 1856. Franklin Carroll Lattimer and Thomas Russell Byrnes, adults.
- May 11. Mary Elisabeth, Dwight Nelson, Ella Harriet, and Sarah Adaletta, children of the late Nelson Dillings and Harriet his wife.
- July 6. Celinda Clarissa Wiers, adult.
- Oct. 5. Roger Welles, s. of John D. and Abigail Seymour.

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\* The last entry by Dr. Brace.

## III.

## MARRIAGES.

- Jan. 20, 1805. Arthur Andrus, s. of Elizur Andrus, and Mary Ingraham, both of Wethersfield.
- April 15. Daniel Webster, s. of Amos A. Webster, and Anne Andrus, d of Elizur Andrus.
- April 22. Elisha Stoddard and Beulah Wells.
- May 9. Erastus Seymour and Clara Wells.
- May 12. Lyman Brown and Sarah Tryon.
- Sept. 5. Abel Penfield and Sally Richards.
- Sept. 12. Simeon Stoddard and Lucy Kellogg.
- Sept. 18. Asaph Whittlesey and Laura Kellogg.
- Nov. 18. Appleton Francis and Charlotte Webster.
- Jan. 21, 1806. Samuel S. Goodrich and Lina Kelsey.
- Feb. 16. John A. Phillips and Honor Blinn.
- Feb. 26. William Deming and Sally Smith.
- May 24. Gilbert Chapman and Sabra Winchell.
- June 8. Stephen Webster and Hannah Kilbourn.
- June 17. John Dow and Lucy Andrus.
- July 23. Elisha H. Street and Patty Latimer.
- Aug. 12. David Hunn and Abigail Higley.
- Aug. 17. Archibald Hall and Harriet Deming.
- Nov. 18. Lester Hunn and Caty Goodrich.
- April 28, 1807. Daniel Willard and Laura Francis.
- May 13. Jacob Bates, jr., and Mary Robbins.
- June 18. Joseph D. Kinyon and Sabra Howard.
- July 2. Thomas S. Curtis and Lois Blinn.
- Aug. 9. Charles Olcott and Sarah Churchill.
- Nov. 3. Amos A. Webster and Mary Rice.
- “ 12. Henry Fox and Zilpah Brown.
- Jan. 6, 1808. Epaphras Andrus and Abigail Wells.
- Mar. 29. Horace Goodwin and Lydia Andrews.
- June 23. Sylvester Hurlburt and Nancy Stanley of Berlin.
- “ “ John Pine and Harriet Wetherby of Rocky Hill.
- Aug. 30. Josiah Huntington and Rachel Hinsdale of West Hartford.
- Sept. 26. Martin Kellogg, jr., and Mary Welles.
- Oct. 24. Luman Woodruff and Laura Holmes.
- Jan. 4, 1809. Elizur Deming, jr., and Sally Goodrich.
- April 5. Thomas Clark and Alma Wells.
- June 5. James Phillips and Persis Hopkins.
- July 30. Levi Hurlburt and Lois Johnson.
- Aug. 20. Emmonds Rudge and Lucy Squire.
- Sept. 3. Barzillai Deming and Fanny Barns.
- “ 23. Abijah Porter and Betsey Wilcox of Worthington.
- “ 24. Benjamin Pettis and Anna Nott of Worthington.
- May 2, 1810. Henry Blannot and Harriet Blinn.
- “ 9. Chauncey North and Abigail Griswold.
- Oct. 15. Samuel T. Mills and Harriet M. Belden.
- “ 17. Thomas Drinkwater and Nancy Kilbourn.

- Nov. 13. Nathan W. Hale and Jemima Kellogg.  
 Jan. 24, 1811. Rice Carrington and Abigail Fox.  
 Mar. 5. Abel Matson of Glastonbury, and Mabel Holmes of Wethersfield.  
 May 12. William Wells and Catherine Griswold of Wethersfield.  
 June 23. George Coleman and Prudence May Warner of Wethersfield.  
 Sept. 9. John Churchill and Laura Wells of Wethersfield.  
 " " Elijah Howard of Greenfield, and Sarah Hurlburt of Wethersfield.  
 " 29. Ebenezer P. Owen and Sally Blinn of Wethersfield.  
 Nov. 28. Leonard Webster and Alma Rockwell of Wethersfield.  
 Jan. 12, 1812. Ebenezer Gillet of Lebanon, and Rocsey Rhodes of Wethersfield.  
 " 14. John Dodge of North Marlboro, and Lucy Langdon of Danbury.  
 Feb. 17. Wait Griswold and Elizabeth Blinn of Wethersfield.  
 " 27. William Dunham and Nancy Peck of Kensington.  
 Mar. 9. Warner Dunham of Berlin, and Mary Andrews of Wethersfield.  
 " 10. Amos Andrus and Mille Wells of Wethersfield.  
 May 26. Allen Stoddard and Mary Wells of Wethersfield.  
 June 3. Andrew Brown and Elizabeth Holmes of Wethersfield.  
 Sept. 10. William McCarter and Jerusha Fox of Wethersfield.  
 Oct. 27. Gideon Gates of Derby, and Lucy Blinn of Wethersfield.  
 Mar. 16, 1813. Edwin Gaylord of West Hartford, and Lucy Camp of Wethersfield.  
 Oct. 19. Benoni Hubbard of Windsor, and Abigail Francis of Wethersfield.  
 Jan. 24, 1814. Solomon Churchill and Chloe Deming of Wethersfield.  
 May 29. Jeremiah Colton of Long Meadow, and Lucy Lusk of Wethersfield.  
 Sept. 18. Anson Francis of Wethersfield, and Almira Owen of Ashford.  
 Oct. 19. Joshua Andrus of Wethersfield, and Prudence Camp of Hartford.  
 Jan. 17, 1815. Asaph Willard of East Windsor, and Sophronia Wells of Wethersfield.  
 " 29. Jedidiah Deming and Mary Lusk of Wethersfield.  
 Mar. 12. Oliver Talcott and Mary Blinn of Wethersfield.  
 " 23. Henry Fuller of Colchester, and Chloe Webster of Wethersfield.  
 April 16. Roger Welles and Electa Stanley of Wethersfield.  
 May 7. Abijah Hubbard of Middletown, and Hannah Brown of Wethersfield.  
 Oct. 19. George Wells of Wethersfield, and Prudence Deming of West Hartford.  
 Feb. 4, 1816. Oliver Wells and Abigail Warner of Wethersfield.

- Feb. 22. Horace Porter and Mabel Webster of Wethersfield.  
 " 29. Charles Stedman of Farmington, and Elizabeth Kellogg of Wethersfield.
- Mar. 17. Benjamin Hopkins and Harriet Lusk of Wethersfield.
- Sept. 16. William Ellis of Berlin, and Lydia Webster of Wethersfield.  
 " 29. Thompson Kasson of Broad-Alban, and Mary Warner of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 20. Grandison Barber of Windsor, and Laura Francis of Wethersfield.  
 " 27. James Churchill of Wethersfield, and Clarissa Steele of Berlin.
- Jan. 16, 1817. Hubbard Wescott and Nancy Hooper of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 25. Lester Luce of Tolland, and Sophia Lattimer of Wethersfield.
- June 7, 1818. Heman Whittlesey of Stockbridge, and Electa Kellogg of Wethersfield.
- Aug. 25. Alfred Francis and Nancy Deming of Wethersfield.
- Oct. 14. Jonathan Stoddard and Dorothy Brown of Wethersfield.  
 " " Anson Whaples and Sally Kilbourn of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 22. Abram Hills of Berlin, and Lydia Brown of Wethersfield.  
 " 26. Robert Rockwell and Harriet Whaples of Wethersfield.  
 " " Robert Booth of Berlin, and Sally Whaples of Wethersfield.
- Dec. 31. David Crocker and Nancy Warner of Wethersfield.
- Feb. 3, 1819. Chester Soper of Winchester, and Charlotte Welles of Wethersfield.
- Mar. 15. James Andrews of Burlington, and Lydia Wells of Wethersfield.
- June 10. Allen Judd of Berlin, and Harriet E. Johnson of Wethersfield.  
 " 10. Justus Griswold and Jennette Kirkham of Wethersfield.  
 " 13. Normon Beckley of Berlin, and Mary Evans of Wethersfield.
- Oct. 18. Josiah Atwood of Hartford, and Prudence Kellogg of Wethersfield.  
 " 27. Ralph Wells and Julia Roberts of Wethersfield.
- Feb. 16, 1820. Noadiah Bosworth of Westfield, and Anne Wells of Wethersfield.
- April 13. Hiram Goodrich and Susan Crocker of Wethersfield.  
 " 23. Noah Tryon of Berlin, and Lucinda Westcott of Wethersfield.
- Jan. 9, 1821. George Tucker and Sophronia Blinn of Wethersfield.  
 " 21. Beriah Green of Pawlet, Vt., and Maria Deming of Middlebury, Vt.
- Feb. 11. Jeremiah House of Glastenbury, and Fanny Blinn of Wethersfield.

- April 3. Seth Woodruff of Suffield, and Lois Hurlburt of Wethersfield.
- Sept. 13. William M'Clintick of Palmer, Mass., and Huldah Case of Wethersfield.
- Oct. 8. William Barns of Lee, and Sarah Holmes of Wethersfield.
- “ 25. Alanson Colton and Lucy Deming of Wethersfield.
- Dec. 20. Jason Stevens of Glastenbury, and Fanny Whaples of Wethersfield.
- May 9, 1822. Jeremiah Ward and Abigail Hurlburt of Wethersfield.
- June 23. Douglass Woodworth of New London, and Almira Warner of Wethersfield.
- Sept. 3. Benjamin Whaples of Wethersfield, and Climena Sanderson of Blandford.
- Nov. 21. Cyrus Webster and Cynthia Churchill of Wethersfield.
- June 23, 1823. Cyrus Francis and Sabara Blinn of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 27. William Blinn and Sally Blinn of Wethersfield.
- “ 25, 1824. Hiram Kilbourn and Mary Crocker of Wethersfield.
- Dec. 9. Erastus Lattimer of Wethersfield, and Seviah Webster of Worthington.
- April 3, 1825. Andrew Roulston and Eunice Skinner of Wethersfield.
- May 5. Lyman Booth and Keziah Andrews of Berlin.
- July 10. Joseph Mather of Berlin, and Hannah Sage of Wethersfield.
- “ 17. Erastus Francis and Bertha B. Stoddard of Wethersfield.
- “ 25. Edward Howard of Leyden, and Candace Stoddard of Wethersfield.
- Aug. 7. William H. Smith and Marcia North of Berlin.
- “ 16. Thomas Wells of Tolland, and Nancy Seymour of Wethersfield.
- “ 23. John C. Dow and Laura Churchill of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 24. Charles Clark and Elizabeth Beckley.
- Mar. 6, 1826. Michael Applebee of Middletown, and Abigail Whaples of Wethersfield.
- “ 7. Henry Kilbourn and Huldah Sedgwick of Wethersfield.
- Sept. 3. Stephen Hazzard of Berlin, and Electa Landers of Wethersfield.
- Mar. 11, 1827. Rev. John Todd of Groton, Mass., and Mary S. Brace of Wethersfield.
- “ 29. Amasa S. Fanning of Lebanon, and Lucinda Sage of Wethersfield.
- April 29. Lewis Goodrich of Wethersfield, and Violetia Case of Simsbury.
- May 16. Stephen Tando and Betsey Squires of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 1. Merit Baldwin of New Hartford, and Rhoda Wells of Wethersfield.
- “ 29. Philip Camp and Mary Green of Wethersfield.

- Feb. 26, 1828. James North sen., and Abi Frances of New Britain.
- April 9. James Blinn Whaples and Robey Williams Hall of Wethersfield.
- July 3. Dennis Sweet of Farmington, and Caroline Hart of Berlin.
- Aug. 18. Winthrop Cinnamon of Hartford, and Elizabeth Green of Wethersfield.
- “ 27. Samuel Dix and Elizabeth Kilbourn of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 19. Homer Camp of Washington, and Delia Whittlesey of Wethersfield.
- “ 27. Hervey Francis and Abigail Kilbourn of Wethersfield.
- Dec. 11. Chester Griswold and Nancy Blinn of Wethersfield.
- Feb. 1, 1829. Samuel T. Hall of Wethersfield, and Harriet Hart of Berlin.
- Mar. 2. Horatio Recor and Elizabeth Kilby of New Britain.
- April 13. Henry I. Braman of Newport, and Melinda M. Curtis of Wethersfield.
- Jan. 11, 1830. Solomon Wadsworth of East Hartford, and Sarah Dow of Wethersfield.
- “ 13. Heman Seymour of Hartford, and Eleanor C. Wells of Wethersfield.
- April 8. Absalom Wells and Mary Deming of Wethersfield.
- Oct. 7. Oliver Richards, jr., and Mary Kilbourn of Wethersfield.
- Dec. 29. Peter Ferrows of Westfield, and Caroline Fox of Wethersfield.
- Feb. 2, 1831. Thomas Lee of Berlin, and Laura Whittlesey of Wethersfield.
- Mar. 31. Orange C. Butler of Hartford, and Mary Francis of Wethersfield.
- May 8. Jason Porter of East Hartford, and Abigail Blin of Wethersfield.
- Oct. 27. William Dee and Lucy Green of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 2. Andrew Abernethy of New Hartford, and Sarah Beckley of Wethersfield.
- “ 23. James Hurlbut and Harriet Deming of Wethersfield.
- Dec. 7. Amon Judd of Berlin, and Julia A. Austin of Wethersfield.
- Feb. 12, 1832. Luther Dart and Mary Clapp of Wethersfield.
- April 20. Isaac Bosworth of Buffalo, and Martha A. Clark of Wethersfield.
- Aug. 28. Rev. Samuel N. Shepard of Madison, and Martha Brace.
- Oct. 7. John Kent, jr., and Sarah W. Hotchkiss of Berlin.
- “ 10. John C. Dow and Martha McCarter.
- Jan. 14, 1833. Jesse Collins and Elizabeth Amelia Jackson of Winchester.
- “ “ John Hanmer and Hannah B. Churchill of Wethersfield.
- “ 23. Joseph Camp and Lydia Francis of Wethersfield.
- April 3. Alvah Dillings and Sarah Griswold of Wethersfield.
- May 19. Levi North, jr., of Berlin, and Ann Taylor of Wethersfield.

- June 12. Chester Faxon of West Hartford, and Sarah Deming of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 6. Elisha Whaples of Wethersfield, and Susanna Thomas of Avon.
- Dec. 31. Lorin Cooley of Granville, Mass., and Laura Blinn of Berlin.
- April 2, 1834. William Hubbard of Wethersfield, and Martha Hurlbut of Berlin.
- May 21. Jedidiah Deming and Anna Wells of Wethersfield.
- July 10. Henry Whaples and Hannah Brown.
- Sept. 2. Sidney Curtiss of Auburn, N. Y., and Lucinda D. Hall of Wethersfield.
- “ 30. Stephen P. Lamberton of Simsbury, and Maria E. Hubbard.
- Jan. 13, 1835. Justus Griswold and Abigail H. Stoddard of Wethersfield.
- Nov. 26. Homer Curtis of Meriden, and Julia Ann Upson of Berlin.
- Jan. 17, 1836. Jarvis Doran of New York, and Selina Southworth of Berlin.
- Feb. 17. John F. Willard of Wethersfield, and Mary A. Wells.
- Mar. 17. Hezekiah Griswold, jr., and Frances N. Welles of Wethersfield.
- May 6. William Roberts and Sarah Ann Chapman of Wethersfield.
- July 10. Nelson Allen and Lucy Ann Brown of Berlin.
- Sept. 11. (At Chatham,) Horace Deming of Glastenbury, and Phebe Scofell of East Haddam, both residents of Chatham.
- Oct. 25. Norris Slater of Berlin, and Maria D. Hamlin of Farmington.
- Nov. 24. Jesse Holister of Glastenbury, and Lucy M. Rugg of Berlin.
- Dec. 19. Henry Deming of Wethersfield, and Martha Avery of Berlin.
- May 9, 1837. Daniel H. Willard and Sarah M. Deming of Wethersfield.
- Sept. 24. Erastus Deming and Laura Weeks of Wethersfield.
- Feb. 21, 1838. Milo Doty of Hartford, and Catherine Wells.
- Mar. 31. William B. Booth and Betsey Blinn of Berlin.
- May 12. Purmont P. Bradford of Haddam, and Nancy Blinn of Berlin.
- April 21, 1840. James B. Griswold and Eliza I. Davis.
- May 28. John L. Apgar of Newark, N. J., and Mary Sophia Stoddard.
- Oct. 6. Willis P. Davis and Mary Tucker.
- Dec. 2. Albert S. Hunn and Minerva C. Rogers.
- April 27, 1841. Joseph L. Shepard of Westfield, and Emily Hubbard.
- July 4. Leander Smith and Caroline Huntley of Ellington.

- Oct. 20. Nelson Dillings of Weathersfield, Vt., and Harriet Rockwell.
- Dec. 23. Baldwin Hart of Madison, and Charlotte J. Welles.  
 " 30. Urbin K. Sanford and Jane Hollow of Wethersfield.
- Jan. 2, 1842. Charles K. Stedman of Meriden, and Sarah C. Gaylord of Wethersfield.
- Mar. 29. William F. Willard and Frances G. Wells.
- May 10. Dumont Carey of Berlin, and Delia Hopkins.
- June 3. Jonathan T. Hart and Maria Woodruff of New Britain.
- Sept. 4. Daniel Whaples and Sophronia Gladding.
- Oct. 26. Robert O. Joyner of Egremont, Mass., and Sarah C. Wells.
- May 21, 1843. John N. Mather of New Britain, and Martha Morgan.
- June 21. Edward M. Knight and Ann M. Selden of West Hartford.  
 " 22. Daniel M. Wolcott of Wethersfield, N. Y., and Lucinda G. Wells.
- Aug. 22. Henry Olmsted of East Hartford, and Julia T. Welles.
- Jan. 16, 1844. Chauncey Deming and Cornelia Foot.
- May 8. William Dee and Harriet Smart.
- Nov. 16, 1845. Lowrey Goodrich of Berlin, and Sarah Maria Blinn.
- Jan. 1, 1846. William B. Booth of New Britain, and Maria A. Keach of Wethersfield.  
 " 18. Dunham E. Calkins and Maria A. Calkins.
- April 9. Martin Brown and Elizabeth C. Kirkham.
- Sept. 3. William Wells and Cornelia Deming.  
 " 9. Eli I. Smith of Tolland, and Mary Seymour.
- Nov. 18. Jedidiah Deming, jr., and Nancy A. Whaples.
- Jan. 6, 1847. John Topliff of Westfield, and Sophronia Saunders.  
 " 21. Heman A. Whittlesey and Eunice C. Lattimer.
- Mar. 17. Samuel N. Rockwell and Harriet E. Kilbourn.
- April 8. Reuben Beckley of Berlin, and Elizabeth Tucker.  
 " 20. Samuel K. Camp of Farmington, and Mary Kellogg.
- May 12. Ephraim Nelson of North Adams, and Roxana Tuttle of West Hartford.
- Aug. 19. Samuel Brace of Newington, and Sarah R. North of New Britain.
- Nov. 15, 1848. Horace Bidwell, jr., of Manchester, and Abigail I. Kilbourn.
- Mar. 21, 1849. William D. Wilcox of Rocky Hill, and Matilda Saunders.  
 " 25. Nelson Peters of Wilbraham, Mass., and Laura A. Camp.
- July 22, 1850. Francis Shaw of Union Village, N. Y., and Sarah E. Fairfield.
- Oct. 23. William B. Clark and Frances M. Culver.
- Nov. 17. Nelson Sperry of Newington, and Mary Griswold of Bloomfield.
- Jan. 5, 1851. Woodbridge Gilbert of New York City, and Mary Richards.
- July 3. Thomas W. Keach of Wethersfield, and Elizabeth H. Bidwell of Hartford.



- Sept. 17. William I. Thomas of Quincy, Mass., and Mary Williams.  
 Feb. 1, 1852. Otis Huntley of Newington, and Maria Welch of Jersey City.  
 “ 22. James Johnson of Albany, and Nancy Whaples.  
 May 3. Chester C. Webster and Marilla Richards.  
 “ 19. Geo. W. Catlin of Harwinton, and Marilla Hubbard.  
 “ “ Thomas B. Briggs of Mayfield, N. Y., and Elizabeth Wells.  
 “ 20. Jason Wright of Wethersfield, and Eliza Philips of Hartford.  
 Nov. 25. John D. Seymour and Abigail Welles.  
 Dec. 30. Erastus Francis and Cornelia Stoddard.  
 Jan. 16, 1853. Edwin Welles and Lucy L. Robbins.  
 Mar. 27. Ely Franklin and Cornelia Lantmon.  
 May 25. Jonathan B. Gillette of Meriden, and Lydia M. Brown.  
 Dec. 14. Charles Stoddard and Hapsebah Deming.  
 Jan. 1, 1854. John S. Watrous of East Haddam, and Harriet A. Hurlburt of Wethersfield.  
 “ 22. Edward Tando and Mary Ann Matthews.  
 Sept. 19. Samuel K. Camp of N. Y., and Sarah W. Kellogg.  
 Nov. 1. Paschal Withey of New Haven, and Lucy Wells.  
 Dec. 24. Benjamin Benstead and Eliza McNeil.  
 Mar. 14. Nelson P. Woodruff of North Carolina, and Sarah T. Robbins.

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## DEATHS OR FUNERALS.

- Nov. 23, 1804. Florella, child of Josiah Griswold, aged 8 years.  
 “ Hepzibah Weaver, aged 67.  
 “ Child of Dan ———.  
 “ Child of James Stedman, aged 3.  
 Dec. 22. Robert, child of Josiah Griswold, aged 2.  
 Mar. 14, 1805. Benajah Taylor, very suddenly, aged 75.  
 “ 20. Lydia Churchill, aged 80.  
 May 30. Lois, wife of Fitch Andrus, very suddenly, aged 43.  
 June 17. Olive Lattimer, very suddenly, aged 29.  
 “ 21. Enos Hunn, after long sickness, aged 61.  
 Aug. 18. Sarah Blinn, aged 79.  
 Jan. 4, 1806. David Russel, aged 80.  
 “ 7. Benjamin Atkins, aged 87.  
 Feb. 15. Infant child of Oswell Hunter, aged 5 weeks.  
 “ 25. Child of Olive Fox, aged 3.  
 April 10. Child of James Stedman, aged 6 weeks.  
 “ 21. Stephen Kellogg, aged 48.  
 May 8. Sarah Hurlburt, wife of Eli Hurlburt, aged 40.  
 June 24. Candace, wife of Jonathan Stoddard, aged 55.  
 Feb. 14, 1807. Infant child of Asaph Whittlesey.  
 “ 22. Hannah Willard, aged 58.  
 July 1. William N. Wolcott, aged 35.

- Dec. 18. Mary Goodrich, aged about 80.  
 Jan. 1, 1808. Child of Dan Camp, aged 8.  
 April 21. Asher Atwood, aged 77.  
 May 12. Abigail, wife of Josiah Griswold, aged 44.  
 " 18. Martha, wife of Levi Hurlburt, aged 63.  
 " 18. Benjamin Stoddard, aged 65.  
 June 6. Joshua Belden, jr., aged 40.  
 " 10. Oledine Andrus, at Long Meadow, aged 34.  
 " 24. Mary Taylor, aged 74.  
 Aug. 25. James Blinn, aged 78.  
 Sept. 16. Child of Enos Deming.  
 Jan. 18, 1809. John Squire, jr., aged 38.  
 Feb. 8. Child of John Squire, aged 2.  
 April 8. Silvy Deming, aged 51.  
 Dec. 22. Samuel Deming, aged 70.  
 Jan. 2, 1810. Sylvester Warner, s. of Elijah Warner, aged 3.  
 Mar. 4. Elisha Andrus, aged 50.  
 " 28. Mercy Westcott, wife of Samuel Westcott.  
 April 3. Hannah, wife of Lemuel Whittlesey, aged 68.  
 \* " 7. Ashbel Seymour, jr., aged 32. *our grandfather*  
 June 17. Unni Robbins, aged 68.  
 " 19. Benjamin Hopkins, aged 58.  
 Aug. 25. Two infants of Origen Wells.  
 Sept. 2. Olive, wife of Asa Fox, aged 50.  
 Oct. 11. Child of Daniel Willard, jr., aged 14 months.  
 Feb. 20, 1811. Infant of Thomas Deming.  
 Mar. 13. Capt. Jonathan Stoddard, aged 74.  
 April 12. Infant of Thomas Drinkwater.  
 " 16. Eli Andrews, aged 75.  
 " 17. Infant of Uzziel Latimer.  
 May 15. Abel Andrews, aged 76.  
 " 25. Elijah Wells, aged 67.  
 July 2. Elizabeth, wife of Abner Roberts, aged 29.  
 Nov. 21. Lucretia, wife of Solomon Churchill, aged 47.  
 " 26. Sarah Kellogg, widow of S. Kellogg, aged 41.  
 Dec. 10. Esther Wright, aged 79.  
 April 15, 1812. Joseph Camp, aged 68.  
 " 26. Joseph Churchill, aged 62.  
 July 3. Capt. Robert Wells, aged 72.  
 Aug. 23. Josiah Griswold, aged 52.  
 Jan. 30, 1813. Zilpah, wife of Pomp Green, aged 50.  
 Feb. 8. John Squire, aged 75.  
 Mar. 24. Pomp Freeman, aged about 60.  
 April 12. Anna Deming, aged 85.  
 July 20. Lois, wife of Justus Francis, aged 49.  
 " 23. Rev. Joshua Belden, aged 89.  
 Aug. 5. Martha, wife of Elias Deming, aged 63.  
 Sept. 2. Child of George Hale's, aged 14 months.  
 Nov. 11. Oswell Rockwell, aged 58.  
 Feb. 4, 1814. Mary, wife of Oliver Crocker, aged 47.

- Feb. 16. Prince Miranda, aged 47.  
 Mar. 21. Rebecca, wife of Sion Wentworth, aged 55.  
 April 27. Mulatto woman, aged 20, and child.  
 May 13. Elias Deming, aged 62.  
 June 21. Ezekiel Deming, aged 51.  
 " 27. Abigail Wells, widow of Capt. Robert Wells, aged 74.  
 Aug. 5. Thomas ———, black man, aged about 90.  
 Nov. 20. Martha, d. of Lemuel Henry, aged 2 years and 9 months.  
 Dec. 9. Rebekah Boardman, aged 91.  
 " 19. Robert Deming, aged 51.  
 " 25. Thomas Clark, aged 38.  
 Jan. 7, 1815. Robert Wells, s. of Capt. Robert W., aged 53.  
 Feb. 23. Dorothy Clark, aged about 80.  
 June 8. John Kirkham, aged 54.  
 Aug. 13. Martha, d. of Levi Hurlburt, aged 3½.  
 " 15. Tabitha, wife of Elias Andrus, aged 69.  
 Oct. 25. Nancy Hooper's child, aged 1.  
 " 26. Orra Deming's child, aged 2.  
 Nov. 8. Mehitabel, wife of Isaac Clark, aged 61.  
 Dec. 29. Twin infants of Ansel Fox and Prudence his wife.  
 Jan. 22, 1816. Mary Robbins, aged 73.  
 Mar. 27. Mary Atwood, aged 88.  
 Jan. 1, 1817. Infant of Jeremiah Seymour, aged 2 days.  
 " 16. Dea. Daniel Willard, aged 63.  
 Mar. 17. Levi Hurlburt, aged 74.  
 April 23. Elizabeth Smith, aged 88.  
 May 3. Eleanor, wife of James Wells, jr., aged 42.  
 June 6. Esther Hunn, aged 64.  
 Oct. 26. Laura Dillings, aged 16.  
 Nov. 15. Chauncey L. Hunn, s. of Lester C. Hunn, aged 9.  
 April 1, 1818. Josiah Willard, aged 78.  
 June 8. Jennette Kirkham, wife of John K., aged 51.  
 July 7. Unni Robbins, aged 52.  
 Aug. 6. Catherine ———, black woman, aged 80.  
 " 10. Lucius Caes, aged 20.  
 Oct. 20. Elisha Blinn, aged 55.  
 Dec. 7. Jane, d. of William Kirkham, aged about 2.  
 " 9. Lucina, wife of Elizur Deming, aged 65.  
 " 10. Lucretia, wife of Elijah Warner, aged 47.  
 " 23. Child of ———, tramps, aged 4 months.  
 Jan. 7, 1819. Elizabeth Whaples, aged 79.  
 April 15. Sidney, s. of Allen Stoddard, aged 7½ months.  
 June 15. Child of Giles Smith, aged 8 months.  
 " 25. Horace Kilbourn, aged 15.  
 " 27. A man—unknown.  
 July 10. Luther Lattimer, aged 75.  
 Aug. 4. Eliza, d. of Lester C. Hunn, aged 6.  
 Oct. 15. John Wright, aged 56.  
 \* Dec. 7. David Lowrey, aged 79½.

- Dec. 19. Francis Deming, aged 81.  
 Jan. 22, 1820. Harriet E. Judd, wife of Allen Judd, aged 20.  
 Mar. 12. Lois Blinn, widow of James Blinn, aged 78.  
 " 28. Infant of Lester Hum.  
 June 30. Nathan Rockwell, aged 21.  
 Oct. 6. Julia Norton, d. of Martin Welles and Frances his wife,  
 aged 1.  
 Dec. 26. Elisha Squire, aged 40.  
 Jan. 7, 1821. Rosanna Deming, aged 73.  
 " 7. Rev. R. Emery, aged 26.  
 Feb. 26. Child of Robert Wells.  
 Mar. 3. Twin infants of James Wells, jr., aged 2 months.  
 April 16. Silas Andrus, aged 75.  
 " 21. Lucy Deming, d. of widow R. Deming, aged 18.  
 May 4. Jerusha, wife of Thomas Deming, aged 48.  
 " 8. Samuel Whaples, aged 41.  
 Oct. 22. Chauncey Whittlesey, aged 44.  
 Nov. 6. Elisha Squire, aged 78.  
 Jan. 15, 1822. Sarah Roberts, aged 40.  
 " 19. Eunice Wolcott, aged 74.  
 Mar. 5. Chester Wells, aged 47.  
 May 20. Lucy, wife of Simeon Stoddard, aged 36.  
 June 22. Henry Blannot, jr., aged 10.  
 Aug. 22. David Goodrich, aged 66.  
 Sept. 16. Julia Churchill, aged 30.  
 " 19. Elizabeth Emery, d. of R. Rockwell, aged 13 months.  
 " 22. Maria, child of Thomas Curtis, aged 2½.  
 Oct. 4, 5. Twin children of Levi Hubbard, aged 2.  
 Nov. 25. Benjamin Hendrick, aged 25.  
 Dec. 20. Cynthia Wells, aged 30.  
 Feb. 2, 1823. Thomas S. Curtis, aged 37.  
 " 25. Prudence, d. of Enos Deming, and Prudence his wife,  
 aged 4.  
 April 18. Sion Wentworth, aged 69.  
 May 20. Henry Brown, aged 64.  
 July 22. Anne, wife of Joseph Churchill, aged 42.  
 Aug. 24. Lemuel Whittlesey, aged 83.  
 Sept. 4. Abigail, wife of Asahel Case, aged 40.  
 " 17. John Churchill, aged 38.  
 " 21. Frederick Deming, aged 57.  
 Mar. 1, 1824. Infant of Jedidiah Deming.  
 May 24. Asaph Whittlesey, aged 42.  
 July 5. Sabra, wife of Cyrus Francis, aged 22.  
 " 6. Hendric ———, an Indian, aged 70.  
 " 28. Hannah, wife of Benjamin Hart, aged 50.  
 Aug. 4. Elizabeth, wife of Leonard C. Hubbard, aged 51.  
 Sept. 16. Levi Lusk, aged 67.  
 Oct. 16. Jonathan Hubbard, aged 14.  
 " Martin Hooper, s. of Philip, aged 22.  
 Nov. 4. Abigail, wife of Dea. James Wells, aged 75.

- Nov. 20. Hapsebath, d. of Jedidiah Deming, aged 9 months.  
 Jan. 13, 1825. Infant of Roswell Hunter, aged 3 months.  
 " 13. Infant of Simeon Harrington, aged 7 months.  
 Mar. 4. William Wells, s. of Dea. James, aged 39.  
 " 21. Lydia Willard, aged 68.  
 " 25. Deacon James Wells, aged 77.  
 " 31. Jerusha Hartshorn, aged 78.  
 April 12. Lorrain, wife of Absalom Wells, aged 56.  
 " 30. John Fox, aged 24.  
 May 6. Gardiner, child of Simeon Harrington, aged 5.  
 " 8. Heman Francis, s. of Robert, aged 21.  
 " 19. Martha Graham, aged 70.  
 July 12. Harriet Churchill, d. of Samuel, aged 27.  
 Aug. 23. Child of Alanson Colton, aged 1.  
 Sept. 19. Lois Andrus, aged 95.  
 Oct. 28. Arta Stevens, wife of Ichabod S., aged 34.  
 " 29. Abigail Whaples, aged 47.  
 Nov. 1. Chauncey Lattimer, aged 22.  
 Dec. 8. Asahel Case, aged 49.  
 Feb. 2, 1826. Lucy Lowrey, aged 77.  
 " 21. Amos Andrus, aged 63.  
 April 11. Dorothy Stoddard, aged 84.  
 May 1. Henry, s. of George Tucker, aged 2.  
 " 6. Charles Corning, aged 47.  
 Joseph Francis, aged 26.  
 Aug. 21. Candace, wife of Jonathan Stoddard, aged 55.  
 " 27. Jonathan Stoddard, jr., aged 33.  
 Dec. 30. Abigail, infant of J. W. Griswold, aged 4 weeks.  
 Jan. 8, 1827. Rhoda Willard, aged 70.  
 " 9. Justus Francis, aged 76.  
 " 10. Amos A. Webster, aged 74.  
 Feb. 24. Rhoda Churchill, aged 76.  
 Mar. 18. Mary, wife of Jedidiah Deming, aged 37.  
 April 15. Elias Andrews, aged 74.  
 May 18. Infant of Ansel Fox, aged 6 months.  
 " 24. Sally, wife of Dea. Levi Deming, aged 47.  
 Sept. 29. Thomas Deming, aged 72.  
 Nov. 1. Orra Fuller, aged 20.  
 " 8. Mary Beckwith, aged 28.  
 " 10. Samuel, s. of John C. and Laura Dow, aged 1.  
 " 13. Hannah, wife of Martin Kellogg, aged 77.  
 " 22. Marietta, d. of Enos and Prudence Deming, aged 14.  
 " 29. Orin Hubbard, s. of D. and E. Hubbard, aged 9.  
 Dec. 5. Elizur Deming, aged 77.  
 May 1, 1828. Rhoda Willard, widow of Josiah Willard, aged 75.  
 June 8. Child of Alanson Colton, aged 4 months.  
 " 27. Jane Kirkham, d. of William and Sophia K., aged 9.  
 Aug. 19. Martin Kellogg, aged 82.  
 " 21. Justus Riley, aged 4, and Maria Clark, aged 2, children of William Blinn.

- Aug. 29. Lucy Lowrey, d. of Unni and Sarah Robbins, aged 1.  
 Sept. 5. Wait Griswold, aged 41.  
 " 17. Child of Lot and Mary Ann Beckwith, aged 1.  
 " 21. Child of Abigail Blinn, aged 2.  
 Oct. 6. Elias Seymour, aged 82.  
 Nov. 7. Alfred Deming, aged 24.  
 " 8. Ichabod Stevens, aged 44.  
 Dec. 8. Elizabeth Griswold, aged 37.  
 " 10. Whiting, s. of Orin and Sarah Chapman, aged 2.  
 " 24. Infant of Winthrop and Elizabeth Cinnamon.  
 Jan. 24, 1829. Hannah Goodrich, aged 68.  
 Feb. 10. Laura K. Whittlesey, d. of Asaph W., aged 13.  
 " 28. Joseph Churchill, aged 49.  
 April 17. Sylvia, wife of Lemuel Holmes, aged 67.  
 " 19. Jemima Welles, widow of Roger, aged 72.  
 May 2. Infant of Lot and Mary Ann Beckwith.  
 " 12. Sarah Wells, widow of Elijah, aged 78.  
 June 26. Lemuel Whittlesey, s. of Asaph, aged 18.  
 Oct. 27. Infant of Barzillai Deming, aged 7 hours.  
 Dec. 4. Elizur Andrews, aged 82.  
 " 6. Hannah Crocker, aged 78.  
 April 29, 1830. Lucy, wife of Uzziel Lattimer, aged 58.  
 " 27. Laura, wife of John C. Dow, aged 27.  
 July 9. Child of ——— Woodward, aged 2 weeks.  
 Aug. 28. Charles Mitchell, aged 19.  
 Sept. Infant of John C. Dow.  
 Feb. 25, 1831. Seth Boardman, aged 89.  
 April 8. Mary Kellogg, d. of Martin Kellogg, aged 56.  
 Aug. 15. Child of William Blinn, aged 6 months.  
 Sept. 10. James Barnaby, aged 76.  
 Nov. 25. Infant of Seth Kilbourn.  
 Dec. 3. Martha, wife of Seth Kilbourn, aged 30.  
 " 24. Mabel Webster, widow of Amos A. Webster, aged 77.  
 " 31. Elisha Stoddard, aged 52.  
 Jan. 13, 1832. Solomon Welles, aged 85.  
 Feb. 4. Elizabeth Seymour, widow of Elias, aged 85.  
 April 8. Eunice, d. of Anson and Sarah Whaples, aged 2.  
 " 20. Nancy Whaples, aged 53.  
 Dec. 30. Samuel, infant of Henry and Huldah Kilbourn.  
 Feb. 16, 1833. Child of Miles Peck, aged 1.  
 April 8. James Wells, aged 61.  
 Nov. 22. Hannah, wife of Ezekiel Atwood, aged 64.  
 Dec. 29. Lois Hurlbut Woodruff, aged 51.  
 Jan. 24, 1834. Mercy, wife of Samuel Churchill, aged 76.  
 " 24. Francis, s. of Chester and Lucretia Churchill, aged 2.  
 April 6. Kasson, s. of Leo C. and Nancy Hubbard, aged 2.  
 " 19. Martha, d. of Enos and Prudence Deming, aged 13.  
 May 6. Benjamin Hopkins, aged 41.  
 " 19. Samuel Wheelock, aged 35.  
 Aug. 10. Jane Amelia, d. of Erastus and Seviah Lattimer, aged 6.

- Sept. 4. James Wells, s. of James W., at West Hartford, aged 35.  
 " 6. Frederick Sage, aged 11.  
 " 29. Candace, d. of widow Candace Howard, aged 8.  
 Nov. 14. Timothy Woodford, s. of Henry and Huldah Kilbourn,  
 aged 10 months.  
 Dec. 10. Samuel Churchill, aged 78.  
 " 11. Heman F. Stoddard, s. of Hiram E. and Fanny Stoddard,  
 aged 5.  
 " 19. Manning Wells, aged 42.  
 " 23. Enos Deming, aged 55.  
 Jan. 1, 1835. James Hooper, aged 38.  
 Feb. 8. Child of Chauncey Hart, of Farmington, aged 15 months.  
 Mar. 8. Lydia Churchill Smith, aged 62.  
 " 24. Lester C. Hunn, aged 51.  
 April 10. Child of William Clark, aged 2.  
 May 18. Jason Porter, aged 26.  
 June 7. Simeon Stoddard, aged 53.  
 July 17. Huldah B. Kilbourn, wife of Henry, aged 29.  
 Sept. 3. George Seymour, deaf and dumb, aged 93.  
 Oct. 1. Isaac Bell, aged 51.  
 " 19. Eleazar Holmes, s. of Lemuel, aged 44.  
 " 19. Ruggles Austin, aged 13.  
 Feb. 16, 1836. Anna Andrus, wife of Elizur, aged 81.  
 Mar. 1. Sarah Camp, d. of Joseph, aged 58.  
 " 28. Beulah Stoddard, aged 55.  
 April 5. Lucy Wells, always blind, aged 61.  
 " 24. ——— Wilson, aged 61.  
 May 7. Caty, widow of Lester C. Hunn, aged 51.  
 July 10. Laura, wife of Daniel Willard, aged 53.  
 Feb. 9, 1837. Laura K. W. Lee, wife of Thomas Lee, aged 53.  
 April 25. Lydia F. wife of Joseph Camp, aged 31.  
 Sept. 12. Child of Mary Stowe, aged 3.  
 " 18. Child of William Jackman, aged 3.  
 Oct. 14. Child of Ralph Wells, aged 1.  
 " 21. Catherine, d. of Rebekah Stevens, aged 11.  
 Oct. 22. Julia, wife of Ralph Wells, aged 36.  
 Nov. 7. Chester Churchill, aged 39.  
 Mar. 7, 1838. Mary Atwood, aged 75.  
 July 10. John Grimshaw, suddenly, (heat 99°) aged 23.  
 Aug. 24. Sarah Jane, d. of Jesse and Lucy M. Hollister, aged 1.  
 " 29. Stanley W. Griswold, s. of Hezekiah, jr., and Frances N.  
 W. Griswold, aged 1.  
 Oct. 19. Ralph Wells, s. of Absalom, aged 39.  
 Nov. 3. Chloe, wife of Solomon Churchill, aged 74.  
 " 23. Thankful ———, a black woman, aged 91.  
 Dec. 5. Electa Whittlesey, widow of Heman Whittlesey, aged 45.  
 Feb. 5, 1839. Almira Day, d. of Henry and Emeline G. Kilbourn,  
 aged 2.  
 " 26. William Henry, s. of William and Martha Hubbard,  
 aged 2.

- April 30. James, s. of Stephen and Sophronia Saunders, aged 2.  
 June 17. Absalom Wells, aged 74.  
 Aug. 18. Infant of Jesse and Lucy M. Hollister.  
 " 29. Sarah Rockwell, widow of Oswell Rockwell, aged 77.  
 " 29. Child of John Crosslee, aged 1.  
 Sept. 7. Lemuel Holmes, aged 75.  
 " 13. William S. Deming, aged 25.  
 Oct. 19. John Mitchell, aged 60.  
 Nov. 5. Simon Kilbourn, aged 80.  
 Dec. 11. Elisheba Hunn, aged 66.  
 " 31. Elizabeth Deming, widow of Francis Deming, aged 85.  
 Jan. 11, 1840. Mary P. Smith, wife of Samuel Smith, aged 34.  
 Feb. 1. Infant of Erastus Kilbourn.  
 " 14. John Green, aged 62.  
 " 15. Unni Blinn, aged 75.  
 April 6. Ellen, d. of William and Sophia Kirkham, aged 6 months.  
 " 28. Jonathan Stoddard, aged 68.  
 May 29. Hepzibah Lusk, wife of Gen. Levi Lusk, aged 83.  
 Sept. 1. Abigail Forbes Kellogg, aged 62.  
 Oct. 30. Sarah Ann C. Roberts, wife of William Roberts, aged 23.  
 Feb. 2, 1841. Infant of Seth Purrington, aged 3 weeks.  
 July 2. Almira, d. of John L. Apgar, aged 6.  
 " 29. Mary Lusk Deming, d. of Jedidiah Deming, aged 23.  
 Jan. 2, 1842. Martha H. wife of William Hubbard, aged 26.  
 Mar. 18. Sarah Naomi Loveland, d. of James and Candace Loveland, aged 3.  
 " 23. Caroline Deming, d. of Dea. Levi Deming, aged 32.  
 April 6. Theodore Seymour, aged 64.  
 " 18. Eunice Seymour, deranged 30 years, aged 61.  
 May 3. Amelia Andrus, widow of Amos Andrus, aged 75.  
 " 9. Lucy Dee, wife of William Dee, aged 34.  
 " 10. Benajah Roberts, s. of Benajah Roberts, aged 3 weeks.  
 " 16. Serviah Whaples, wife of Reuben Whaples, aged 73.  
 " 23. William Henry Deming, s. of Henry and Martha Deming, aged 2.  
 June 2. Lucy Frances, d. of James and Anna Blinn, aged 2.  
 " 16. Solomon Churchill, aged 78.  
 " 16. Orin Chapman, aged 45.  
 July 27. Joseph Dee, s. of William Dee, aged 1.  
 Sept. 5. Martin, s. of Chester and Nancy Griswold, aged 2.  
 " 11. Julius Dee, s. of William Dee, aged 11.  
 Oct. 11. Elizabeth Atwood, aged 84.  
 Jan. 13, 1843. Octavia S., wife of Newman Francis, aged 34.  
 " 28. Martha Green, d. of Phillis, aged 24.  
 Dec. 1. Child of Joshua Dean, aged 3 months.  
 June 29, 1844. Cynthia Holmes, aged 44.  
 Aug. 21. Walter Lowrey, s. of Lowrey and Emily F. Robbins, aged 4.  
 " 23. Jemima Filley, aged 88.



- Oct. 7. Theresa Hibbard, d. of Isaac and Martha Bosworth, aged 1 year.
- Nov. 21. Philena S., wife of William Wells, aged 25.
- Mar. 20, 1845. Infant of Homer Camp, aged 2 days.
- April 3. Alma Camp, aged 58.
- “ 20. Nathaniel Hillhouse, aged 53.
- Sept. 20. Horace Whaples, aged 26.
- “ 22. Rev. E. Joab Brace, at Pittsfield, aged 31.
- Oct. 15. Agnes W., d. of John M. and M. E. H. Belden, aged 2½.
- Nov. 13. Allen Stoddard, aged 59.
- “ 18. Cornelia F., wife of Chauncey Deming, aged 26.
- “ 22. Dr. Chauncey Belden, aged 41.
- Dec. 12. William Deming, aged 63.
- Jan. 2, 1846. John Whitman Brace, aged 21½.
- Feb. 4. Joseph Huntley, s. of Newman and Caroline H., aged 2.
- Sept. 10. Dorothy Belden, aged 76.
- Dec. 3. Edward Brainerd, aged 5.
- Jan. 1, 1847. Dea. Levi Deming, aged 74.
- Feb. 28. Richard Smart, aged 75.
- April 3. Mary S. Smith, d. of Dea. Jeremiah Seymour, aged 22.
- May 12. Eunice Kilbourn, aged 83.
- July 7. Mary L., wife of Ashbel Seymour, aged 69.
- Dec. 11. Elizur Deming, aged 66.
- Feb. 18, 1848. Mary A. Churchill, aged 65.
- “ 23. Child of Seth Purrington, aged 3 months.
- “ 29. Alice, d. of Truman Wiers, aged 10 months.
- Mar. 14. Charles Clark, aged 47.
- “ 21. James Churchill, aged 66.
- “ 28. Stephen P. Lamberton, aged 36.
- April 24. Laura Wells, d. of Ralph, aged 22.
- May 19. Lucy Ann Gaylord, aged 31.
- Aug. 4. Fanny Eliza, d. of Hiram E. Stoddard, aged 9.
- Nov. 4. Lucy Mullen, aged 16.
- Dec. 30. Eliza G. Cinnamon, aged 46.
- Feb. 15, 1849. Uzziel Lattimer, aged 79½.
- Aug. 15. Chester Griswold, aged 48.
- Oct. 1. Charity Tryon, aged 94½.
- “ 30. Sarah M. Goodrich, d. of William Blinn, aged 20.
- Dec. 13. Robert R. Rockwell, aged 23.
- Jan. 31, 1850. Laura F., d. of William F. and Frances G. Willard, aged 6.
- April 20. Child of John L. Apgar, aged 6 months.
- May 5. Sarah Deming, wife of William, aged 66.
- “ 23. Phillis Green, widow of John Green, aged 72.
- June 30. Joseph Rockwell, s. of Robert Rockwell, aged 21.
- July 23. Nancy Francis, widow of Cyrus, aged 48.
- Aug. 30. Newel, s. of Reuben Osborn, aged 3.
- Nov. 7. Amanda, wife of Elisha Whaples, jr., aged 44.
- “ 30. Nelson Dillings, s. of Elias, aged 38.
- Jan. 29, 1851. Mary, wife of Otis Huntley, aged 45.

- Feb. 22. Nancy Wells, aged 77.  
 Mar. 31. Michael Gunning, aged 23.  
 May 28. Mary Blinn, widow of Elisha, aged 80.  
 July 17. Alice Augusta, d. of Elisha and Esther Blinn, aged 2.  
 Aug. 9. Joel Huntley, aged 64.  
 Sept. 21. John Cady, s. of Walter G. Cady, aged 5.  
 Oct. 2. Julia A. S. Cady, wife of Walter G. Cady, aged 32.  
 " 4. Levi Welles, s. of Elisha and Esther Blinn, aged 7.  
 " 30. Irene Andrus, aged 82.  
 Jan. 13, 1852. Lucy Robbins, aged 80.  
 Feb. 17. Joseph Camp, aged 71.  
 Mar. 9. Bertha B., wife of Erastus Francis, aged 44.  
 April 9. Harriet Hopkins, widow of Benjamin, aged 57.  
 May 7. Nancy, d. of widow Nancy Griswold, aged 22.  
 " 14. Mary K. Camp, wife of Samuel Camp, aged 33.  
 " 29. Child of John G. Wells, aged 1.  
 Sept. 5. Child of Hezekiah Griswold, aged 2.  
 " 17. Julia A. Hull, aged 16.  
 " 18. Lucy Deming, widow of Robert, aged 87.  
 Oct. 8. Harriet, wife of William Dee, aged 26.  
 Nov. 2. James B. Griswold, aged 36.  
 " 14. Oliver Pomeroy Bulkley, many years deranged, aged 65.  
 Feb. 3, 1853. Dositheus Hubbard, aged 66.  
 Mar. 20. Laura C. Dow, d. of John C. and Martha Dow, aged 19.  
 " 24. Mary Ann Cady, d. of Walter G. Cady, aged 2.  
 April 1. Marcus Lent, s. of Henry and Emeline Kilbourn, aged 10.  
 May 11. Anna Camp, aged 80.  
 Oct. 26. Reuben Whaples, blind, aged 86.  
 " 29. Ezekiel Atwood, aged 90.  
 Dec. 18. Abigail, wife of Linus Gilbert, d. of Unni Blinn, aged 48.  
 April 5, 1854. Elisha Whaples, jr., aged 53.  
 May 9. James H. Dix, s. of Roswell Dix, aged 11.  
 July 2. Eliza Wells, d. of Dea. Origen Wells, aged 44.  
 Aug. 23. Sarah Dow, wife of Samuel Dow, aged 76.  
 Sept. 18. Gennette, wife of Martin Whaples, aged 24.  
 Oct. 23. Lucinda Gaylord, aged 84.  
 Oct. 28. Daniel Whaples, aged 54.  
 Nov. 16. Child of George F. and Mary A. Davis, aged 1.  
 " 16. Child of Carlos and Frances M. Huntley, aged 2.  
 " 16. Lucy Collins Brace, wife of the Pastor, aged 72½.  
 " 24. Martha Carter Dow, wife of John C. Dow, aged 41.  
 Dec. 14. Esther Latimer, aged 83.\*  
 Feb. 13, 1855. Robert Francis, aged 92.  
 Mar. 1. Lydia Smith, wife of Giles Smith, aged 71.  
 " 4. Elizabeth Hollister, wife of Horace Kilbourn, aged 22.  
 " 10. Sally Deming, widow of Dea. Levi, aged 72.  
 " 14. Child of Dumont Carey, aged 1½.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Abilene Dow, d. of John C. and Martha Dow.  
 Jan. 25, 1856. David Hunn, aged 77.

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\* The last entry by Dr. Brace.

- May 29. Harriet R. Dillings, aged 36.  
 June 7. Fanny Deming, widow of Brazil, aged 68.  
 " 12. Child of Benjamin Benstead, aged 8 months.  
 " 29. Carlos Gottlieb Wagner, aged 36.  
 Aug. 30. Stephen Dwight Lamberton, aged 12.  
 Nov. 28. Maria Lamberton, aged 43.  
 April 20, 1861. Rev. Joab Brace, D. D., at Pittsfield, aged 90.

## V.

## CHURCH VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

Feb. 28, 1805. Church meeting after lecture, "*Voted*, a tax on the communicants to supply the deficiency of the fund given by Deacon Deming, for the support of the Communion table." Appointed David Lowrey and Levi Deming a committee to direct this business, also to purchase a record book for the church.

Attest,

J. BRACE, Col. Pastor.

Oct. 29, 1818. A special meeting of the church was held for the choice of two deacons, one in the place of the late deacon Willard, and the other in the room of deacon Wells, resigned. Levi Deming, 2d, and Origen Wells were chosen, and commended to God in prayer.

Attest,

J. BRACE, Pastor.

Jan. 4, 1830. The church resolved to appoint a committee to aid in the exercise of church discipline, and to renew the appointment annually, to consist of the two deacons, and three additional members. The two deacons were appointed by nomination, and the other three were chosen by ballot. The whole committee are Dea. Levi Deming, Dea. Origen Wells, Brother Josiah W. Griswold, Brother William Deming, and Brother Jedidiah Deming, to hold their office until the sacramental lecture preceding the first Sabbath in January, 1831. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Dec. 30, 1830. At the time of sacramental lecture, the same persons were re-appointed church committee.

Dec. 29, 1831. After lecture the church re-appointed the same persons committee for the year ensuing.

Jan. 3, 1833. At lecture, the same church committee was re-appointed.

Jan. 2, 1834. At lecture, the same church committee was re-appointed.

Jan. 1, 1835. At lecture, the same were re-appointed except J. W. Griswold.

Mar. 2, 1837. The church held a meeting after the sacramental lecture for receiving the communication of six members, (who had in a disorderly manner left the communion and ordinances of this church,) wishing to be dismissed, without naming any church to which they wish to go. . . . The church deferred these petitions for consideration on the next lecture day. In the meantime, the church committee were especially appointed to attend to these members, and report to the next meeting. The committee appointed were Dea. Deming, Dea. Wells, William Deming, Jedidiah Deming, and Josiah Atwood. The meeting was adjourned to the time of the next sacramental lecture.

May 4, 1837. The church held a meeting by adjournment, after the sacramental lecture, for receiving the report of the committee, when it appeared that they had with christian kindness and patience admonished the delinquent members, but without any effect in reclaiming them.

Whereupon, after mature deliberation, the church came unanimously to the following decision. "Voted, That whereas . . . have for a long time, contrary to their covenant engagements, separated themselves from the communion of this church, and have refused to listen to the admonitions of the church committee who were especially appointed to reclaim them, this church does by this act, (2 Thess. III, 6.) withdraw from them, and considers itself as discharged from the covenant obligation to watch over them."

Jan. 4, 1838. At lecture, Church Committee were appointed, viz: Dea. Levi Deming, Dea. Origen Wells, Br. William Deming, Br. Jedidiah Deming, Br. Josiah Atwood.

Jan. 28. Voted by the church unanimously, that the pleasure and the thanks of this church be expressed to Lucy L. Robbins and Mary L. Seymour for the mahogany table this day presented by those two sisters for the possession and use of this church in the sacramental communion.

Jan. 1, 1839. Voted by the church and people in general meeting to drop Dwight's edition of the Psalms, and adopt *Watts' entire*, with select hymns.

Jan. 3, 1839. Lecture. "Voted, That Wm. Deming, Lester Luce, and Jeremiah Seymour, with Dea. Deming and Dea. Wells, be the standing committee of the church for this year."

July 7, 1839. Church furniture this day presented and consecrated, viz: two flagons, six cups, four platters, and a baptizing bason, procured by a *ready subscription*, bought of Thomas Wiggins, of Philadelphia, (by whose favor, \$20. were deducted from the price,) to be the property of the church, (gathered Oct. 3, 1722, whose covenant is written in this book and in the Pulpit Bible,) to be used in the administration of the Lord's supper so long as the church shall choose. Whole cost of furniture and trunk \$119. J. BRACE, Pastor.

Dec. 31, 1840. The same church committee were appointed.

Dec. 30, 1841. The same were re-appointed as the committee of the church.

Dec. 29, 1842. Jan. 4, 1844. Jan. 2, 1845. The same were re-appointed committee of the church.

April 30, 1846. Joseph Camp was chosen by ballot committee in place of William Deming, deceased. The others re-appointed.

Dec. 31, 1846. The same re-appointed.

July 1, 1847. Jedidiah Deming was chosen deacon in the place of Dea. Levi Deming.

Dec. 30, 1847. Church Committee. Two deacons, Joseph Camp, Lester Luce, and Jeremiah Seymour.

Jan. 4, 1849. The same were re-appointed.

Nov. 29, 1849. Dea. Origen Wells, having served the church ever since 1818, resigned his work as deacon, on account of the loss of sight, and brother Jeremiah Seymour was chosen deacon in his place.

Jan. 3, 1850. Church Committee, two deacons, Joseph Camp, Lester Luce, Roger Welles.

Jan. 2, 1851, and Jan. 1, 1852. The same were re-appointed.

Dec. 30, 1852. Two deacons, (ex-officio) of the standing committee. Josiah Atwood chosen by ballot in the place of Joseph Camp, deceased, for the year ensuing. Roger Welles and Lester Luce re-appointed.

Dec. 29, 1853. Same Committee re-appointed. Widow Dorothy Stoddard re-admitted to the church.

Jan. 4, 1855. Dea. Deming, Dea. Seymour, Roger Welles, Josiah Atwood, and Lester Luce re-appointed church Committee. Dea. Deming's account reported, and a contribution directed for paying the account.\*

\*The last entry by Dr. Brace.

May 4, 1855. Charles K. Atwood was appointed Clerk.

Jan. 5, 1856. Deacons J. Deming and J. Seymour, and brethren Roger Welles, Josiah Atwood, and Erastus Latimer were appointed committee for the year.

Mar. 3, "Voted, That we make choice of and invite Mr. William P. Aikin to become colleague pastor with Rev. Dr. Brace.

"Voted, That Erastus Latimer be a committee to inform the society of our action and request their concurrence.

"Voted, That Charles K. Atwood, Marcus W. Stoddard, and Levi S. Deming be a committee of the church to inform Mr. Aikin of our call, and to take measures necessary to his settlement."

1857. Mr. Aikin having accepted the call, Friday, January 9, was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer. Public exercises in the afternoon were conducted by Rev. Samuel J. Andrews, assisted by Rev. Frederick Gridley.

CHARLES K. ATWOOD, Clerk of Church.

NOTE.—The records kept by Dr. Brace are written in a very plain hand, and are still in a very good state of preservation. They contain the church Covenant, Ordinations, Admissions to Communion, Baptisms, Confessions, Publishments, Marriages, Funerals or Deaths, Church Proceedings, Those dismissed and recommended to other churches, and the Delegates to Councils. A large portion of these records is omitted, and that portion printed has been abridged to some extent; as an instance of this abridgment may be mentioned the fact that Dr. Brace records not only the deaths of his people and their ages, but also the diseases which carried them off; the latter have been omitted. A single case of discipline has been given where certain persons were excluded for absenting themselves from the communion and ordinances of the church, in whose case the action of the church was the reverse of that taken recently by a distinguished church in Brooklyn. Only two other cases of discipline occur in Dr. Brace's ministry.

The resignation of Dr. Brace, January 16, 1855, closed a ministry of fifty years; and although he had passed the age of threescore years and ten, it could almost be said of him that "his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." The affection of his people towards him was certainly unabated. In his valedictory discourse he said: "The great body of this congregation can not look back to the time when I was not here. They have known no other minister." He was as a father to them all. Under these circumstances his withdrawal from his life work was, in the language of a brother minister, "a fitting close of a favored ministry. This termination of the pastoral office, and laying down the commission borne for more than half a century, while yet conscious of the possession of vigorous powers, and of the active confidence

and affection of a grateful people, was a delightful exhibition of the power of the gospel." He himself has left on record the following remarkable testimony of his devotion to his chosen work and people: "Now, my people, if you should rise up in a body here to-day, and propose this one question to me, viz: 'If we should all go back to our youth again, would you, with all your experience, come and be our minister again?' what would I say? If I were to go back and begin my life anew I would choose the Christian ministry for my work, and for the joy of my life, Lord Jesus accept me. 'Would I come and be the minister of Newington again?' *Yes, yes, my brethren, I think I can say that I would, and spend the half century with you.*" And his people would, in response, also have taken him anew to their hearts, as their minister for the half century over again. A portion of his work appears in the preceding records, but the whole will never be made manifest until the final books of account shall be opened at the holding of the Great Assizes. After his resignation he left the scene of his life-long labors, and took up his residence with his son-in-law, Rev. Dr. John Todd, at Pittsfield, Mass., where he ended his earthly pilgrimage in peace with all men and with his Maker, having length of days, and honor, and "riches incorruptible and that fadeth not away."

During the season following the resignation of Dr. Brace the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Jno. Whittlesey, of New Britain. A revival followed his preaching, which resulted in the addition to the church of about thirty persons. In December, 1855, a call was extended to Rev. David H. Thayer, then settled at Mount Carmel. Mr. Thayer declined. In March, 1856, Mr. William P. Aiken, then a tutor in Yale College, received a call, which he accepted with the understanding that his ordination should not take place until January, 1857. During the interval between his call and ordination the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Samuel J. Andrews, of Hartford.

#### SECOND PERIOD, 1857-1874.

Mr. Aiken was ordained Tuesday, January 15, 1857. The churches represented on the occasion were the following: Hartford 1st, Rev. Joel Hawes, D. D., Samuel Ward; Farm-

ington, Dea. Thomas Treadwell; West Hartford, Rev. M. N. Morris, Dea. Josiah W. Griswold; Berlin, Josiah Webster; Rocky Hill, Rev. L. B. Rockwood, Dea. Thomas D. Williams; Wethersfield, Rev. W. S. Colton, Dea. Galpin; Pittsfield 1st, John E. Todd; Hamden, Rev. David H. Thayer, Joshua Carpenter; church in Yale College, Rev. George P. Fisher, Rev. Theodore D. Woolsey, president of Yale College; Rev. Frederick Gridley, Rev. Samuel J. Andrews, Rev. Joab Brace, senior pastor of the church. Dr. Hawes was appointed moderator, and Rev. Mr. Colton scribe. The several parts of the public service were performed as follows: Invocation and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Mr. Morris; sermon, Rev. Pres. Woolsey; ordaining prayer, Rev. Dr. Brace; charge to the pastor, Rev. Royal Robbins; right hand of fellowship, Rev. Prof. Fisher; address to the people, Rev. S. J. Andrews; concluding prayer, Rev. D. H. Thayer; benediction by the pastor.

Rev. Mr. Aiken continued to discharge the duties of the pastoral office for ten years, most acceptably to his people, who with great reluctance yielded to his departure to another field of labor in the summer of 1867. He resigned, and a mutual council was called which severed the tie which had so happily bound pastor and people together. He became principal of the Lawrence Academy at Groton, Mass. He is at this time settled at Vergennes, Vt.

In February, 1868, Mr. Sanford S. Martyn received a call, which he accepted March 12, 1868, and was ordained April 29, 1868. He continued pastor two years, when he resigned to take charge of the church in New Hartford, where he is still settled.

On the second Sabbath in June, 1870, Rev. Robert G. Vermilye, then professor in the Hartford Theological Seminary, began to supply the pulpit. July 3d, 1870, on invitation of the Society's Committee, he became stated preacher, and so continued until November 2d, 1873, when he ceased his services on account of failing health. He is now living in Hartford. He continued to discharge his duties as professor while acting as preacher in Newington. This ends the catalogue of

worthy men who have for nearly a century and three-quarters proclaimed the glad tidings of salvation to hungry souls in Newington. Most of them have gone to their reward, but their influence has left its impress upon the character of the people, who are pre-eminently moral, intelligent, temperate, and industrious, and who from the first have been engaged almost wholly in the peaceful cultivation of the soil. Like the Acadian farmers, they have been—

“Men whose lives glided on like rivers that water the woodlands,  
Darkened by shadows of earth, but reflecting an image of heaven.

Living in a fruitful valley, formerly

“Distant, secluded, and still,

the description of the poet might be very truthfully applied to the homes of our fathers.

“There, in the midst of its farms, reposed the Acadian village,  
Strongly built were the houses, with frames of oak and of chestnut,  
There in the tranquil evenings of summer, when brightly the sunset  
Lighted the village street, and gilded the vanes on the chimneys,  
Matrons and maidens sat in snow white caps and in kirtles  
Scarlet, and blue, and green, with distaffs spinning the golden  
Flax for the gossiping looms, whose noisy shuttles within doors  
Mingled their sound with the whir of the wheels and the songs of the maidens.  
Then came the laborers home from the fields, and serenely the sun sank  
Down to his rest, and twilight prevailed,  
Columns of pale blue smoke like clouds of incense ascending,  
Rose from a hundred hearths, the homes of peace and contentment.  
Thus dwelt together in love these simple Acadian farmers—  
Dwelt in the love of God and of man.

Newington has an honored past. May her sons ever prove worthy descendants of those noble sires who originally obtained the liberty to be a distinct parish from the parent society, for the high purpose of “carrying on the worship of God amongst themselves.”

“Sweet Anburn! loveliest village of the plain,  
Where health and plenty cheered the laboring swain,  
Where smiling spring its earliest visit paid,  
And parting summer's lingering blooms delayed—  
Dear lovely bowers of innocence and ease,  
Seats of my youth, when every sport could please,  
How often have I loitered o'er thy green,  
Where humble happiness endeared each scene;  
How often have I paused on every charm—  
The sheltered cot, the cultivated farm,  
The never failing brook, the busy mill,  
The decent church that topped the neighboring hill.”



## EXTRACTS FROM SOCIETY RECORDS.

1857—1874.

## LEASE OF PARSONAGE TO REV. WM. P. AIKIN.

Know all men, That the Newington Ecclesiastical Society, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, have leased to Rev. William P. Aikin the house, barn, and land lately purchased by them for a parsonage,\* to occupy and use the same, with the appurtenances thereof, so long as he shall remain ministerially connected with said society; the said William P. Aikin paying therefor the yearly rent of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be deducted from his salary. And the said William P. Aikin agrees with said society, to keep the fences and buildings in good repair, and to paint such parts of the house and fences, as are now, or ought to be painted, so often as shall be necessary or proper; the society to provide timber for repairing the fences, and whenever it shall be necessary to renew the roof of any building, or replace any timber by reason of decay, the said society will do it at their own proper cost. This agreement is to be of force for one year, and then from year to year, unless annulled by the society at their next annual meeting, or at some other meeting called for the purpose.

WILLIAM P. AIKIN.

NEWINGTON, January 14, A. D. 1857.

It is not to be understood by the above agreement that I am to paint the fences now needing it until they have been once painted by the society.

W. P. A.

J. DEMING, JR.,

A. S. HUNN,

CHAS. K. ATWOOD,

} Society's Committee.

At a society meeting held April 19, 1858, "Voted, That the society committee be authorized to put a new roof on the parsonage house; that the society committee be authorized to remove the present front fence south of the parsonage, and build a slat fence, and to bring it out so as to correspond with the line in front of the house of Miss Prudence Hall."

At a society meeting held Nov. 2, 1858, "Voted, That Dea. Jeremiah Seymour, Erastus Latimer, and Charles K. Atwood be appointed to inquire as to the expediency of this society giving a bond or making a covenant with the occupant or owner of certain property formerly given by Roxanna Deming, to remain for the use of the Congregational minister of Newington."

At a society meeting held Nov. 16, 1858, The committee appointed to inquire concerning the property bequeathed by Roxanna Deming, reported adversely to any claim on the part of the minister or society of Newington, because said claim was relinquished years ago, and said report is on file.

"Voted, That the report of our committee appointed to inquire concerning the property bequeathed by Roxanna Deming be accepted."

At a society meeting held Nov. 1, 1859, "Voted, That all money received by the agents of this society shall be paid to the treasurer, and that the treasurer shall pay no money out without an order from the society's committee."

At a special society meeting held June 11, 1860, in consideration of the request of Rev. William P. Aikin that his connection with this people as junior pastor be dissolved, Resolved, That we believe the labors of the

\* This was the late residence of Rev. Dr. Brace, sold by him to Milo Doty, formerly of Hartford, of whom it was purchased by the society.

junior pastor of this people have been in a high degree acceptable and profitable to us, and we desire in this manner to testify to our confidence in his ability to continue to minister unto us to our edification and satisfaction; and we feel that the severing of the ties existing between the pastor and people will be highly detrimental to the spiritual and temporal welfare of this church and society. We, therefore, earnestly and affectionately invite him to withdraw the request in compliance with which this meeting was called.

At a society meeting held Nov. 3, 1863, "*Voted*, That the society's committee with the treasurer be authorized to obtain an iron safe for the society."

At a society meeting held March 9, 1864, "*Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire and report in regard to an organ or other instrument of music to be used in the church. H. L. Kellogg, Rufus Stoddard, Edwin Welles, committee."

At a society meeting held March 16, 1864, "*Voted*, That whereas Rev. William P. Aikin, our pastor, has expressed a desire to purchase the real estate known as the parsonage, and whereas it is our desire to encourage his labors, and efforts to procure for himself a permanent residence with us, therefore,

"*Voted*, That the society's committee be instructed to offer to him the above named property for the sum of \$2250."\*

At a special society meeting held Jan. 31, 1865, for the purpose of taking action upon a notice given to the society's committee by the president of the Phoenix Bank of Hartford that said Bank has voted to effect a new organization, as a national banking association under the national currency act, and that said society should surrender up its certificate of stock in said bank, and withdraw its stock from said bank at its par value, *Resolved*, That this society elects to continue to hold its shares of stock in the Phoenix Bank of Hartford, consisting of seven shares, as transferable stock; and to hold the same as stock of the proposed national banking association. The action of the society's committee in giving notice to such effect, to the said bank, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

At a special society meeting held March 1, 1865, "*Voted*, That we appropriate the sum of \$375, to increase the salary of our pastor, Rev. William P. Aikin, for the present year."

At a society meeting held Nov. 14, 1865, "*Voted*, That the society's committee be directed to employ a sexton, and stipulate with him in regard to digging graves and attending funerals.

"*Voted*, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be added to the salary of our pastor, Rev. W. P. Aikin, for the ensuing year.

Whereas Rufus Stoddard has expended for musical instruments the sum of \$27.85 more than he has received, *Voted*, That the above sum be paid to him from the treasury of the ecclesiastical society, if it is not raised for him in some other way, in three months from the present time."

At a society meeting held Nov. 6, 1866, "*Voted*, That the society accept the lot known as lot No. 11, in the new part of the old burying ground, donated by the Newington School Society for the use of the pastor of the Congregational Church." †

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\* Mr. Aikin did not purchase.

† The school societies of the State were abolished by public act in 1856. In 1862 the Newington School Society was re-established.

At the annual meeting of the voters of the Newington School Society held Oct. 15, 1866, "*Voted*, That this society hereby donate the north half of the Burial lot, No. 11, in the old ground, to the Ecclesiastical Society, as a parsonage lot, for the use of the pastor of the Congregational Church; and the treas-

At a society meeting held Dec. 4, 1866, "Voted, That the sum of three hundred dollars be added to the salary of William P. Aikin, for the year ensuing."

At a society meeting held July 13, 1867, "Voted, That from and after January 1st, 1868, the salary of our pastor, Rev. William P. Aikin, shall be thirteen hundred and fifty dollars a year and the parsonage."

At a special society meeting held July 20, 1867, "Voted, That the members of this society deeply regret the action of our pastor, Rev. William P. Aikin, in tendering his resignation of the pastoral office in this place; that the ties which have, for the last ten years, so happily bound pastor and people together are not willingly sundered on our part; but acquiescing in his decision that to change his field of labor would be more consistent with his sense of duty, and give him a wider opportunity to use his influence for good, we hereby accept his resignation, tendering him our heartfelt thanks for his faithfulness to us in the past, and assuring him that our benedictions will go with him into his new sphere of action."

"Voted, That the society's committee are hereby instructed to unite with the committee of the church, and with Mr. Aikin, in calling a council for his dismission.

"Voted, That the society's committee be authorized to act as agents for the society, to represent the society before the council.

"Voted, That Edwin Welles and H. A. Whittlesey be and they are hereby appointed a committee to communicate to Mr. Aikin the action of this meeting, and present to him a copy of the foregoing vote."

At a special society meeting held Feb. 10, 1868, to give a call, if deemed expedient, to the Rev. S. S. Martyn to become the settled pastor in the gospel ministry over the congregational church and people in this place, and to arrange terms of his settlement as such pastor.

urer is hereby authorized to issue the usual certificate, upon being notified that the Ecclesiastical Society have accepted the donation for the use specified."

In 1865, the school society purchased additional land for burial purposes adjoining the old burying ground on the west, and employed Mr. Scott of New Britain to lay out the ground into suitable lots, and make a plan, which was deposited with the clerk of the society for reference. Unoccupied lots in the old ground were also examined and numbered and assessed. At a meeting of the School Society held Dec. 18, 1865, "Voted, That the society's committee is hereby instructed to sell, subject to all rules and regulations which, from time to time, may be made by the society, only the exclusive right of burial in the lots offered for sale in the new burying ground, reserving to the society the title in fee simple to the lots, and the society hereby guarantee to all who shall become purchasers thereof and to their heirs and assigns forever, upon receipt of the purchase money for said lots sold, the exclusive right and title of burying their dead in said lots, and all other rights and privileges necessary to the full enjoyment of said right of burial."

"Voted, That the terms of sale be cash or approved notes on interest for three months."

At a meeting held Dec. 25, 1865, "Voted, That no person shall plant or retain on his lot on the new ground any tree, or set or retain around his lot any fence or hedge without the approbation of the society's committee." It was afterwards voted to sell lots in the new ground to members of the society only.

By the action of the legislature in 1872, the school society was again abolished, and its property vested in the town of Newington, which now therefore owns the burying ground, and holds it upon the same terms and subject to the same rules and regulations as did the school society.

The last meeting of the school society was held Sept. 28, 1871. In the fall of 1872, the town by vote authorized the town clerk to sell the lots in the burying ground, subject to the same conditions as before. It is believed most if not all of these conditions are enumerated above.

Whereas a communication has been received from the church, informing us that they have chosen Mr. S. S. Martyn for their pastor, and desire our concurrence. Therefore, *Voted*, That we concur with the church in the choice of Mr. Martyn, and direct the committee, to be appointed for the purpose, to request his acceptance of the offer.\*

At a special society meeting held April 22, 1870, "to take into consideration the resignation of Rev. S. S. Martyn." The moderator, as committee of the church, reported that the church had passed a vote to unite with the pastor and society in calling a council to take action upon Mr. Martyn's resignation, "*Voted*, That this society unite with our pastor and the church in calling a council to act upon his resignation. Roger Welles, Charles K. Atwood, and John M. Belden were then appointed a committee to represent the society before the council."

At a society meeting held Nov. 8, 1870, "*Voted*, That the society's committee be authorized to employ Rev. Dr. Vermilye to supply the pulpit for the ensuing year."

At a special society meeting held April 12, 1871, "to take into consideration the expediency of celebrating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the existence of Newington."

The clerk read by request a report of a committee of the "Farmers Club," recommending that a celebration be held on the 25th day of May next, as the 25th day of May, 1721, was the date of the passage by the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut of the resolution which gave the name of Newington to this parish.

"*Voted*, That Charles K. Atwood, Henry M. Robbins, Joshua Belden, and David L. Robbins be a committee to take into consideration the expediency of celebrating the 150th anniversary of Newington, and if deemed expedient by them, to make the necessary arrangements for such celebration."†

At a society meeting held Nov. 7, 1871. "Highly appreciating the past services of Rev. Dr. Vermilye, and desiring to enjoy them still further, it is *Voted*, That the society's committee be instructed to engage him for another year. Passed unanimously.

At a special society meeting held Feb. 24, 1873, "to take action upon the acceptance of the devise of Miss Prudence Hall of certain land with conditions attached."

"Whereas Prudence Hall, late of Newington, deceased, has, by her

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\* The society voted to give him \$1,200 a year in addition to the parsonage, which he accepted March 12, 1870. Previous to this time the pulpit had been supplied partly by Rev Mr. Winslow, then of Newington, also Rev. Mr. Riggs of West Hartford had held many meetings which resulted in a revival which was in progress at this time.

† A majority of the committee were of the opinion that the best mode of celebrating this anniversary, was to obtain another grant from the General Assembly making Newington a new town. It was accordingly done. The history of that transaction is too long for insertion here. It marks an epoch in the annals of Newington, which will be long remembered by those who participated in it. The statute book gives one result of the action that was taken, other results are unfolding and will continue to unfold so long as Newington stands firm on its foundations. Let us cherish the hope that these results will always prove conducive to the permanent prosperity and advancement of the place. The "Farmer's Club," is also one of the institutions of Newington which deserves more than a passing notice, social in its character, it has brought the people together for their mutual pleasure and improvement, in agricultural, literary, and saltatory pursuits. Its chronicles may be found written in the book of records kept by its clerk, which, being at once instructive and amusing, will repay perusal. Its meetings will ever remain green in the memories of those who attended them.

last will and testament, given and devised all her real estate unto this society, to be and remain to the use and benefit of this society and their successors forever, as and for parsonage property, for the maintenance of the ministry of the gospel in the Congregational church or society in said Newington, subject however to the condition that this society shall pay the expenses of her last sickness, her funeral expenses, the expenses of settling her estate, and shall erect a suitable monument to her memory, as appears by said will duly proved and approved by the Probate Court in and for the Hartford Probate District. Now, therefore,—

“*Voted*, That this society accepts said gift and devise of said real estate above mentioned for the purpose and upon the condition named in said will as aforesaid.

“*Voted*, That the society’s committee be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to draw an order or orders on the treasurer of this society in favor of the executor of said will for the payment of the expenses of the last sickness of said Prudence Hall, her funeral expenses. and the expenses of settling her estate, whenever bills for the same shall be duly presented to them by said executor, taking his receipt therefor, and that they cause a suitable monument to be erected to her memory at her grave, satisfactory to her said executor.

“*Voted*, That a true and attested copy of the above votes be furnished to said executor by the clerk, also a like copy together with a copy of the will be furnished to the town clerk to be recorded in the land records of the town.”\*

*Voted*, That John D. Seymour, Joshua Belden, Henry M. Robbins, and Samuel N. Rockwell be a committee to take into consideration the subject of heating and repairing the meeting house, and report to the next meeting.

At a meeting held March 3, 1873. *Voted*, That Mrs. Marcus Stoddard, Miss Mary Robbins, Miss Agnes W. Belden, and Mrs. Charles Stoddard be added to the committee of gentlemen appointed at the last meeting to estimate expenses and recommend alterations and improvements inside the church.

At a meeting held Aug. 11, 1873. *Voted*, That the special committee be authorized to make repairs on the inside of the church to the amount of three thousand dollars, to be raised by subscription in such manner as they think best, also such other repairs as future contributions may provide for.†

At a meeting held January 15, 1874. *Voted*, That the rent of all slips shall be due and payable on the first day of November, 1874.

\* *Extract from the will of Prudence Hall.*

“I give and devise all of my real estate unto the Ecclesiastical Society of Newington afore-said, to be and remain to the use and benefit of said society and their successors forever, as and for parsonage property, for the maintenance of the ministry of the gospel in the Congregational Church or society in said Newington, this devise is however subject to the condition that said Ecclesiastical Society shall pay the expenses of my last sickness, my funeral expenses, the expenses of settling my estate, and shall erect a suitable monument to my memory.”

After making certain bequests of personal property to other parties, the will provides as follows. “All the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal, I give and devise to said Ecclesiastical Society, to them and their successors forever.”

Executed October 22, 1870.

Exhibited in Court Feb. 3, 1873.

† The committee made extensive repairs, modernizing the whole interior, putting in new windows, and two furnaces instead of the old stoves, making the church look quite attractive.

*Voted*, That all persons who purchase slips and may choose to pay the rent thereof before it becomes due, shall be allowed a deduction on such rent of one per cent. for each full month between the time of payment and the first day of November.

At a society meeting held May 9, 1874. *Voted*, That we concur with the church in extending a call to Mr. Greenwood to settle with us in the gospel ministry.\*

At a society meeting held May 30, 1874, *Voted*, That the Clerk have permission to print, at his own expense, and for his own use, such of the society records as he may desire.

## CHURCH RECORDS, 1857—1874.

### I.

#### ADMISSIONS.

##### 1. *During the ministry of* REV. WM. P. AIKIN.

Mar. 1, 1857. Joseph Francis.	July 1. Eliza A., wife of Joseph Camp, letter from Windsor Locks.
“ Mary Ann Francis, his wife.	July 22. Jerusha, wife of Josiah E. Atwood, letter from New Britain.
“ Jane E., wife of Jacob Dix, letter from East Hartford.	Jan. 4, 1863. Rev. Frederick Gridley, letter from Yale College.
“ Nancy Francis.	“ Mrs. Mary Gridley, his wife, letter from East Lyme.
Mar. 21. Adeline, wife of Pratt Francis, letter from West Avon.	“ Martha Lois Butler.
April 12. Margaret Taylor, letter from Westfield, Mass.	May. Mrs. Charlotte Soper, letter from Poquonnock.
July 4. Electa Merrills.	Nov. 4. Henry Butler.
“ Lucy Addison, wife of Woodford Kilbourn.	“ Mary Elizabeth Belden.
“ Reuben Canfield Osborn.	Jan. 3, 1864. Agnes Whittlesey Belden.
“ Olive Osborn, his wife.	July 3. Mrs. Sarah C. W., wife of Robert Joyner, letter from Egremont, Mass.
“ John Deming Seymour.	May 7, 1865. Elias Merwin Steele.
“ Rufus Stoddard.	“ Ella Harriet Dillings.
“ Abby Coffin Aikin.	“ Sarah Louisa Wiers.
Nov. 4. George Scranton Deming.	“ Mrs. Maria Anna Bacon.
“ Julia Richards, letter from N. York.	“ Jane Electa Whittlesey.
May 12, 1859. Charles K. Atwood, letter from the church in Yale College.	“ Cornelia Hale Belden.
Aug. 21, 1860. Susan Curtis, wife of William P. Aikin, letter from Rutland, Vt.	“ Mary Cornelia Francis.
May, 1861. Mrs. — Luce, wife of Joshua C. Luce, letter from East Hartford.	July 2. Mary Ellen Davis.
	“ Elisha Burrit Blinn.

\*Mr. Greenwood declined. The society offered him a salary of \$1,000, and the use of the parsonage.

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| July 2. Harriet Lavinia Blinn.  | Stoddard, letter from Wethersfield, Ill.  |
| “ Mrs. Mary Jane Churchill.   | July. Mary, wife of Shubael Whaples, letter from Dayville, Conn.                    |
| “ Ellen Agnes Merrills.   | “ Edward L. Deming.   |
| “ Charles Levi Willard.   | “ Eliza J. Deming, his wife.  |
| “ Joshua Belden.  | April 14, 1867. Mrs. Martha, wife of Hudson N. Stoddard, letter from West Hartford, |
| “ Julia Arabella Robbins.   | May 5. Luella Dow.  |
| “ David Lowrey Robbins.   | July 12. Charlotte, wife of John S. Rowley, letter from Hartford.                   |
| “ Alexander McLean, letter from Bloomfield.                             |   |
| Dec. 31. Mrs. Anna, wife of Seth Purrinton, letter from Colerain, Mass. |   |
| Jan. 21, 1866. Mrs. Hephsebah   |   |

2. *After MR. AIKIN resigned.*

- Mar. 22, 1868. Mrs. E. E. W. Camp, wife of L. W. Camp, letter from Berlin, 2d.

3. *During the ministry of REV. SANDFORD S. MARTYN.*

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| May 3, 1868. Blinn Chester Griswold. | Sept. 6. Katie M. Deming, d. of Dea. Levi S. Deming.                                   |
| “ Mary Ann Griswold.                 | “ Mrs. Volitia C. Goodrich.  |
| “ Lucy Emiline Whaples.              | “ Elizabeth L. Joiner.   |
| “ Agnes Elizabeth Whaples.           | “ Abby Osborn.   |
| “ Sarah Hanmer Boardman.             | “ Lucy M. Robbins, d. of Mrs. Lowrey Robbins.  |
| “ Samuel Hart Kilbourn.              | “ John S. Rowley.  |
| “ Frances Louisa Camp.               | “ George H. Rowley and Edward R. Rowley, sons of J. S. R.                              |
| “ Henry William Blinn.               | “ Abby F. Richards.  |
| “ Roger Welles.                      | “ Mrs. Marilla R. Webster.   |
| “ Thomas Robbins Atwood.             | “ Mary Seymour, d. of John D. Seymour.   |
| “ John R. Bowen.                     | “ William G. Wells, Mary Wells, and Cornelia Augusta Wells, children of William Wells. |
| “ Isabella Bowen.                    | “ Edward Wetherell.  |
| “ James Reed.                        | “ George E. Whaples.   |
| “ Erastus Kilbourn, jr.              | Sept. 13. Mrs. Sarah E. Applebee, letter from M. E. Church in Bristol.                 |
| “ Sarah Adalette Dillings.           | Jan. 3, 1869. Ellis Jones.   |
| “ Clarence Henry Rockwell.           | “ Mrs. Martha Whaples, wife of Henry Whaples.  |
| “ Lewis Stephen Hubbard.             |  |
| “ Martha Elizabeth Davis.            |  |
| “ Ellen Amanda Deming.               |  |
| “ Julia Belden.                      |  |
| “ James Blinn Griswold.              |  |
| “ Lucy Lowrey Welles.                |  |
| “ Ellen Maria Francis.               |  |
| “ George Newton Downs.               |  |
| Sept. 6. Pratt Francis.              |  |
| “ Flora Francis.                     |  |

4. *During the preaching of* DR. R. G. VERMILYE.

July 2, 1871.	Fanny Augusta Welles.		“	Frances Harriet Kirkham.
“	Mary Robbins Welles.		“	Lillie Frances McLean.
“	Emily Welles Stoddard.		“	Heman Charles Whittlesey.

## II.

## BAPTISMS.

1. *During the ministry of* REV. WM. P. AIKIN.

- Mar. 1, 1857. Joseph J. Francis, and Mary Ann, his wife.  
 Mar. 29. Mary Dayton, d. of George and Mary Davis.  
 “ 29. Mary Robbins, d. of Edwin and Lucy L. Welles.  
 “ 29. Catharine Maria, d. of Levi S. and Caroline S. Deming.  
 April 26. Emily Welles, d. of Rufus and Sarah Stoddard.  
 May. Nancy Francis, adult.  
 July 19. Alice Cornelia, d. of Jedidiah and Nancy Deming.  
 “ 19. Heman Charles, s. of Heman and Eunice Whittlesey.  
 Feb. 7, 1858. Charles Jedidiah, s. of William and Cornelia Welles.  
 April 25. Alfred Osborn, s. of — Patchett.  
 May 30. Walter Baldwin, s. of John D. and Abby Seymour.  
 July 1. Alice Robbins, d. of Nelson and Sarah Woodruff.  
 “ 4. Abby Coffin Aikin, and John Deming Seymour, adults.  
 “ 4. Abigail Barber Osborn, and Charlotte Gillett Osborn, children of Reuben C. and Olive Osborn.  
 Nov. 7. Laura Louisa, d. of Benjamin Benstead.  
 “ 21. Charles Edwin, s. of Edwin and Lucy Welles.  
 June 19, 1859. Edwin Edgerton, s. of William P. and Susan C. Aikin.  
 Aug. 6. Henry Laurens, s. of Henry L. and Julia A. Kellogg.  
 Dec. 22. Georgeanna, d. of Heman A. and Eunice Whittlesey.  
 “ 25. Mary Maria, d. of — Patchett.  
 April 16, 1860. Fanny Lillie, d. of Benjamin and Eliza Benstead.  
 Sept. 23. William, s. of John D. and Abby Seymour.  
 “ 30. Welles, s. of Coleman E. and Electa S. Wheeler.  
 Jan. 2, 1861. Henry Holmes, s. of Henry and Fanny Lumm.  
 Feb. 10. Martin, s. of Roger and Mercy D. Welles.  
 July 21. Frances Harriet, d. of John S. and Harriet P. Kirkham.  
 “ 21. Kate Mary, d. of Josiah E. and Jerusha Atwood.  
 Aug. 18. Susan Curtis, d. of William P. and Susan C. Aikin.  
 Sept. 25. Frank Rufus, s. of Rufus and Sarah Stoddard.  
 Oct. 31. Eliza Webster, d. of Lemuel W. and Eliza Camp.  
 — 1862. A child of — Patchett.  
 May, 4. Mary Crowell, d. of Roger and Mercy D. Welles.  
 July 3. George Dayton, s. of George and Mary A. Davis.  
 Sept. 4. Thomas Atwood, s. of John S. and Harriet Kirkham.  
 “ 4. Julia Welles, d. of John D. and Abby Seymour.



- Nov. 26. Lillie, d. of Benjamin and Eliza Benstead.  
 — 1863. Martha Lois Butler, adult.  
 June 21. Mary Elizabeth, d. of Henry and Fanny Lumm.  
 “ 21. Roger Welles, s. of Roger and Mercy D. Welles.  
 Nov. 1. Henry Curtis Butler, adult.  
 Oct. 30, 1864. Alice Louisa, d. of William P. and Susan C. Aikin.  
 May 1865. Elias Merwin Steele, Sarah Louisa Wiers, Mary Cornelia Francis, and Maria Ann Bacon, adults.  
 June 4. George Sheldon, s. of Reuben C. and Olive Osborn.  
 “ 4. Sarah Aikin, d. of Roger and Mercy D. Welles.  
 Sept. 10. John Henry, s. of John S. and Harriet Kirkham.  
 April 1, 1866. Prudence Elizabeth and Levi Burritt, children of Burritt and Hannah Blinn.  
 “ 1. Mary Rebecca, d. of widow Mary Churchill.  
 June 28. George Wolcott, s. of John D. and Abby Seymour.  
 Aug. 5. William Pope, s. of William P. and Susan C. Aikin.  
 Nov. 1. Isabel Ellis, d. of Josiah Elbert and Jerusha Atwood.  
 “ 1. Mary Atwood, d. of John S. and Harriet Kirkham.  
 Jan. 4, 1867. Catharine and Laura, children of Lemuel W. and Eliza Camp.  
 Mar. 10. Edwin Stanley, s. of Roger and Mercy D. Welles.  
 May 5. Arthur Winthrop, s. of Dea. Rufus and Sarah Stoddard.  
 July 7. James Levi, s. of Edward and Eliza I. Deming.

2. *After MR. AIKIN left.*

- Jan. 4, 1868. Charles Levi, s. of Alex. D. and Mary J. McLean.

3. *During the ministry of REV. SANDFORD S. MARTYN.*

- May 3, 1868. James Blinn Griswold, adult.  
 “ 3. Ellen Maria Francis, “  
 “ 3. George Newton Downs, “  
 “ 3. Blinn Chester Griswold, “  
 “ 3. Mary Ann Griswold, “  
 “ 3. Agnes Elizabeth Whaples, “  
 “ 3. Sarah Hanmer Boardman, “  
 “ 3. Frances Louisa Camp, “  
 “ 3. Henry William Blinn, “  
 July 6. Daughter of Blinn C. Griswold, and Mary Ann, his wife.  
 Sept. 6. Pratt Francis, Flora Francis, and John S. Rowley, adults.  
 “ 6. George H. Rowley and Edward R. Rowley, sons of J. S. Rowley.  
 “ 6. Abby F. Richards, adult.  
 “ 6. Mrs. Marilla R. Webster.  
 “ 6. Edward Wetherell, *immersed*.  
 “ 6. George Whaples, “  
 Jan. 3, 1869. Ellis Jones.  
 “ 3. Martha, wife of Henry Whaples.  
 July 3. Elbert Webster, s. of Henry Whaples.

4. *During the preaching of* DR. R. G: VERMILYE.

- July 2, 1871. Lillie Frances McLean, on profession of faith.  
 Mar. 26. Lemuel Aikin, s. of Roger and Mercy D. Welles.  
 Child of Lemuel W. Camp.  
 July, 1873. Alice Mary, d. of Franklin C. Latimer.

5. *After* DR. VERMILYE *left.*

- July 5, 1874. Frank Clarence, s. of Clarence H. Rockwell.

## III.

## MARRIAGES.

1. *During the ministry of* REV. WILLIAM P. AIKIN.

- March 9, 1857. William W. Clark and Mary I. Stoddard.  
 " 22. John Deming and Mary Blake, both of Wethersfield.  
 " 25. Henry W. Blinn, of Wethersfield and Harriet Redfield,  
 of Killingsworth.  
 John E. Whittlesey, Morris, Ill., and Lydia F. Camp, of  
 Wethersfield.  
 May 5. Stephen B. Churchill and E. Amelia Blinn, both of  
 Wethersfield.  
 March 23, 1858. Samuel J. M. Kellogg and Harriet M. Rogers, of  
 New London.  
 April 13. Coleman E. Wheeler of Kansas City, Mo., and Electa  
 S. Welles of Wethersfield.  
 Edwin Williamson, of Broad Brook, N. Y., and Harriet  
 Storer of West Hartford.  
 May 3, 1859. Caleb J. Hanmer and Ellen M. Dix, both of  
 Wethersfield.  
 Nov. 23. Oliver Dart, Jr., of South Windsor, and Emily Gris-  
 wold.  
 Dec. 1. John S. Kirkham and Harriet P. Atwood, both of  
 Wethersfield.  
 March 13, 1860. John D. Griswold and Emeline Kilbourn.  
 Oct. 3. Albert N. Hathaway, Poquonnock, and Emma S. Rob-  
 bins.  
 Dec. 20. Edward M. Bailey and Harriet Treat (English).  
 April 10, 1861. Levi Churchill and Mary I. Blinn, both of Weth-  
 ersfield.  
 Aug. 21. Henry D. Evans, Avon, and Mary A. Richards, of Weth-  
 ersfield.  
 Sept. 13. Frederic Jenks, Hartford, and Julia A. Richards, of  
 Wethersfield.  
 " 30. Charles Parsons, New Britain, and Mary Rought, of  
 Wethersfield.  
 April 29, 1863. Walter F. Brown and Elizabeth Seymour, both of  
 Wethersfield.  
 June 18. Charles S. Francis and Ellen Boyington, both of Weth-  
 ersfield.

- Aug. 12. Abraham Halsey, Bridgehampton, L. I., and Elizabeth I. Stowe, of West Hartford.
- Aug. 18, 1864. Unni P. Blinn and Sarah Gilbert, both of Wethersfield.
- Oct. 25, 1865. Walter B. Dorman and Abby I. Rockwell.
- Feb. 6, 1866. Henry L. Kellogg and Laura K. Camp, both of Wethersfield.
- Feb. 6. Charles H. Dillings and Eliza K. Richards, both of Wethersfield.
- May 16. Alexander McLean and Wid. Mary I. Churchill, both of Wethersfield.
- May 18. Frederic C. Penfield and Mary E. Hale, both of New Britain.
- Oct. 3. Charles L. Willard and Julia Robbins.
- Dec. 5. Franklin C. Latimer and Mary N. Seymour.
- Jan. 4, 1867. George H. Grey and Sarah I. Whaples.
- April 18. John H. Boardman, New Britain, and Sarah Dix.

2. *During the Ministry of REV. S. S. MARTYN.*

- Aug. 8, 1868. Joseph Whaples and Miss Keyes, both of Newington.
- Oct. 21. George E. Gaylord, of Hadley, Mass., and Sarah L. Weir, of Newington.
- Dec. William Raynsford and Anna Smith, both of New Britain.
- " 31. George S. Deming and Jane E. Whittlesey.

3. *Marriages taken from Town Registrar of Newington.*

- July 27, 1871. Carmi Shurtliff, of Southwick, Mass., and Anne P. Hatch, of Newington.
- Dec. 25. William B. McKinney, of Richford, Vt., and Emma L. Joyner, of Newington.
- June 13, 1872. Thomas Tracy, of New Britain, and Sophia L. Kirkham, of Newington.
- Sept. 16. William N. Sprague and Sarah I. Newton, both of Rockville, Ct.
- March 4, 1873. Marshall L. Wright, of Rocky Hill, and Mary E. Davis, of Newington.
- Feb. 20. Moses S. Ralph, of Berlin, and Jane M. Deming, of Newington.
- May 27, 1874. John P. Ball, of Middletown, and Hattie C. Smith, of Northfield.

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IV.

DEATHS.

1. *During the ministry of REV. W. P. AIKIN.*

- March 19, 1857. Lucy Camp, wife of Edwin Gaylord, aged 67.
- June 20. Susanna, wife of Elisha Whaples, aged 80.

- July 9. Chislieu Churchill, aged 78.  
 Sept. 21. Herbert, son of George A. and Jane S. Dickson, aged 2.  
 Oct. 5. Elisha Whaples, aged 85.  
 " 13. David, son of Seth and Betsey Purrinton, aged 19.  
 Dec. 21. Betsey, wife of Seth Purrinton, aged 45.  
 Jan. 27, 1858. Mathew, son of Benj. and Eliza Benstead, aged 1.  
 March 6. William, son of Henry and Fanny Lum, aged 7.  
 April 29. Roger Welles, son of John D. and Abby Seymour,  
 aged 2.  
 Aug. 20. Emiline, wife of David Root, aged 54.  
 " 29. Erastus Francis, aged 56.  
 Sept. 22. Aaron Davis, aged 78.  
 Oct. 10. Eliza, widow of James B. Griswold, aged 37.  
 " 23. Frank, son of Newman and Caroline Huntley, aged 1.  
 " 29. Roswell Dix, aged 51.  
 Jan. 13, 1859. William Blinn, aged 61.  
 April. Martha Jane, daughter of William and Margaret Hub-  
 bard, aged 1.  
 July 2. John Deming, aged 35.  
 Oct. 14. Mary, daughter of Samuel Camp, aged 9.  
 Nov. 18. Roger Welles, Esq., aged 69.  
 " 27. Martha Urania, daughter of John C. Dow, aged 23.  
 Jan. 18, 1860. Bridget, wife of John Flaherty.  
 March 2. Eleanor, daughter of Newman and Caroline Huntley,  
 aged 5.  
 " 16. Thomas Francis, aged 32.  
 April 22. Levi, son of William Powers, aged 16.  
 " 26. Levi Adams, aged 37.  
 May 6. William Martin, son of William Powers, aged 7.  
 June. Riley, son of Wid. Electa Merrills, aged 10.  
 July. Wife of William M. Powers.  
 " 25. Rebecca Hunn, aged 78.  
 " 27. Warren B. Crane, aged 28.  
 Aug. 31. Flavel, son of Robert and Sarah Joyner, aged 7.  
 Sept. 18. Abigail, wife of Hervey Francis, aged 72.  
 " 25. Sarah Gaylord, wife of Dea. Origen Wells, aged 77.  
 " 29. Hart, son of John G. and Caroline Stoddard, aged 3  
 weeks.  
 Oct. 15. Mary Tobey, wife of Robert Francis, aged 64.  
 Dec. 25. Kate, daughter of John and Kate Ramsey, aged 1.  
 Jan. 2, 1861. Hervey Francis, aged 70.  
 " 3. Nathan Hale, aged 76.  
 " 6. Charles, son of William Hubbard, aged 20.  
 " 8. The aged widow of Oliver Richards, aged 87.  
 Feb. 6. Mary, daughter of the late Nelson and Harriet Dil-  
 lings, aged 18.  
 March 10. Celinda, daughter of ——— Wiers, aged 25.  
 " 15. Edward, son of Seth and Betsey Purrinton, aged 24.  
 July. The wife of Mr. Luther, aged 70.

- April 20. Died at Pittsfield, Mass., Rev. Joab Brace, D. D., senior pastor of the church in this place. He was born in the year 1781, graduated at Yale College in 1804, and was ordained colleague pastor with the Rev. Joshua Belden over the church of Christ in Newington, Jan. 14, 1805, and continued to discharge the active duties of the ministry for a period of fifty years, aged 80.
- Nov. 4. George T. Davis, aged 31.  
 " 18. Jane, wife of ——— Steele, aged 29.  
 " 22. Arden Whaples, aged 72.
- Dec. 6. Elizabeth Cogswell, aged 58.  
 " 15. Child of John and Margaret Corrigan, aged 2.  
 " 20. Zaccheus Brown, aged 80.  
 " 31. Chester Webster, aged 36.
- Jan. 22, 1862. Edwin Gaylord, aged 75.
- March 5. Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of Levi S. and Caroline Deming, aged 10.
- April 21. Henry Morris, only child of Henry and Hannah M. Luce, aged 17.
- May 4. Lillie, daughter of George and Ellen Tucker, aged 3½.  
 " 19. Mary Ann, wife of Joseph Francis, aged 28.
- Aug. 5. The aged Jerusha Seymour, she was the last surviving member of the church, admitted to its communion by Mr. Belden, aged 92½.
- " 19. Lowrey Robbins, aged 69.
- Oct. 13. Mrs. Hannah, wife of ——— Stone, aged 51.
- Dec. 16. Samuel Dow, aged 86.  
 " 23. Samuel Smith, found dead in a barn, aged 52.  
 " 26. Emma, daughter of Blinn Griswold.
- Feb. 23, 1863. Abigail, widow of David Hunn, aged 75.
- March 12. Mary, widow of John Deming, aged 23.  
 " 23. Laretta, daughter of Erastus Kilbourn, aged 33.
- April 21. Near Washington, D. C., Eugene, son of Daniel H. and Sarah M. Willand, and a private in Company B, 22d Reg. Conn. Vol., aged 20.
- July. Samuel Steele, son of Samuel Steele, aged 1.  
 " Child of Edward Bailey, aged 1.  
 " Child of Jared Starr, 3 months.
- Sept. 8. Josiah Atwood, Esq., aged 69.  
 " Two children of ——— O'Brien.
- Nov. 14. Mary Shepherd, aged 80.  
 Some time in August died an infant child of ——— Flaherty, and also one of O'Sullivan.
- Feb. 10, 1864. Julia, wife of Henry L. Kellogg, aged 45.  
 " 16. Charles, son of John and Mary Deming, aged 4.
- March 1. Priscilla, wife of Frank Richards, aged 54.  
 " 7. Infant of Irish parents, at R. Francis', aged 1 mo.
- April 7. Charlotte Churchill, aged 68.
- May 28. Silvester Warner, aged 50.
- Aug. 17. Dwight Dix, aged 18.
- Sept. 25. Charlotte Soper, aged 75.

- Feb. 28, 1865. Seth, son of Seth and Betsey Purrinton, aged 22.  
 April 24. Mary, wife of Gen. Martin Kellogg, aged 76.  
 " 24. Frank, son of Blinn Griswold, aged 1½.  
 May 3. Augusta, wife of Samuel Kilbourn, aged 22.  
 July 18. Augustine, son of Samuel and Augusta Kilbourn, aged  
 6 months.  
 " 20. Child of J. S. Rowley, aged 1.  
 " 23. Seth Purrinton, aged 59.  
 Sept. 6. Hiram London, aged 60.  
 Oct. 7. Sophronia Tucker, aged 67.  
 Nov. 27. Widow of Chislieu Churchill, aged 77.  
 Dec. 5. Marcus W. Stoddard, aged 51.  
 May 7, 1866. Mercy Churchill, aged 73.  
 " 8. Child of ——— Irwin, (Irish) aged 2 mo.  
 Aug. Child of John and Kate Ramsey, aged 1.  
 " Child of Henry Carter, aged 3 mo.  
 Oct. 16. Peter Burns, aged 62.  
 Nov. 30. Infant child of Jared Starr, aged 2 mo.  
 Dec. 13. Mary E. wife of Rev. Frederic Gridley, aged 66.  
 March 4, 1867. Emily, wife of Dea. Jeremiah Seymour, aged 79.  
 " 12. Ettie, daughter of Henry C. and Abby Cadwell, aged 2.  
 April 1. Dea. Jeremiah Seymour, aged 80.  
 " 1. Marshall, son of Rufus and Sarah Stoddard, aged 12.  
 May 24. Elliott W. Deming, son of Elizur Deming, aged 17.  
 Aug. 9. Luella, daughter of John C. Dow, aged 14.

2. *After Mr. AIKIN'S resignation.*

- March 20, 1868. Abner Simons, aged 83.  
 April 4. Mary, widow of Allen Stoddard, aged 78.  
 " 7. Daniel Willard, aged 84.

3. *During MR. MARTYN'S ministry.*

- May 4, 1868. Dea. Jedediah Deming, aged 77.  
 " 24. Prudence K., widow of Josiah Atwood, aged 77.  
 Oct. 6. William Kirkham, aged 80.  
 Sept. 13. Daughter of Lemuel W. Camp, aged 17 mo.  
 July 22. Freddie, son of John S. Rowiey, aged 10.  
 Nov. 23. Gen. Martin Kellogg, aged 87.  
 Dec. 23. Dea. Origen Wells, aged 85.  
 ——— 1869. ——— Chapman, aged 85.  
 Henry Whaples.  
 Aug. Mrs. Henry Blinn.  
 Dec. Capt. Gilbert, aged 70.  
 Jan. 1870. Amon Richards, aged 70.  
 " 30. Dea. Rufus Stoddard, aged 47.

4. *During the preaching of Dr. R. G. VERMILYE.*

- July 26, 1870. Sabbath, funeral of ———, child of Chas. L.  
 Willard.

- Sept. 8. Wednesday, funeral of the wife of Chas. Kellogg.  
 Nov. 5. Saturday, funeral of Sarah Aikin, daughter [of Roger Welles, aged 6.  
 Dec. 31. Carrie Osborn, daughter of R. C. Osborn, aged 14.  
 Jan. 16, 1872. Mary Kilbourn, wife of Oliver Richards, aged 66.  
 May 16. E. E. Camp, wife of Lemuel W. Camp.  
 Sept. 12. Milton, infant child of ——— Dix, aged 5 weeks.

5. *Deaths taken from the Town Registrar.*

- Oct. 9, 1871. Homer Camp, aged 74.  
 Jan. 16, 1872. Mary K. Richards, aged 65.  
 March 7. Lydia D. Francis, aged 77.  
 April 10. Elbert Blinn, son of Porter Blinn, aged 1½ mo.  
 May 14. Eliza E. W. Camp, wife of Lemuel W. Camp, aged 40.  
 Sept. 13. Milton Dix, son of Jacob Dix, aged 12 days.  
 Oct. 25. Electa E. Merrills, aged 45.  
 " 27. Frances M. D. McLean, aged 46.  
 Nov. 27. Flavel Weirs, aged 70.  
 Dec. 20. William L. Deming, son of Selden Deming, aged 23.  
 Jan. 7, 1873. George Lovely, aged 27.  
 " 31. Prudence Hall, aged 87.  
 Feb. 11. Harriet Adams, aged 53.  
 March 26. Grace Camp, dau. of L. W. Camp, aged 11 mo.  
 April 6. Katie A. Churchill, aged 26.  
 " 18. Henry Kilbourn, aged 73.  
 " 25. Mary Mulcahey, aged 3.  
 May 2. Lizzie Finnegan, aged 2.  
 June 15. Alice Camp, dau. of L. W. Camp, aged 3.  
 " 25. Samuel Richards, aged 73.  
 July 10. Willie Hoye, aged 2 mo.  
 " 28. Oliver Warner, aged 37.  
 Aug. 10. George Harlow, aged 3.  
 " 12. Edward Harlow, aged 4.  
 " 14. Truman Weirs, aged 57.  
 Aug. 27, 1873. Wyllys Hopkins, aged 47.  
 Sept. 5. John Sweeney, tramp, aged 35.  
 Oct. 3. Minnie McGrath, aged 3.  
 Nov. 30. Ralph Childs, aged 52.  
 Dec. 12. Babie Childs, aged 7 mo.  
 Jan. 23, 1874. William French, aged 2.  
 " 17. Mrs. Ellen Clayton, aged 57.  
 " 25. Mrs. Hudson H. Stoddard, aged 42.  
 Feb. 10. Mrs. Clarence H. Rockwell, aged 26.  
 April 2. Robert Rockwell, aged 78.  
 " 19. John Squires, aged 74.  
 May 21. Caroline A. Camp, aged 39.  
 July 4. Edmund A. G. Nash, aged 61.  
 July 14. Mrs. Susanna McLean, aged 86.

## V.

## CHURCH VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

Feb. 28, 1857. *Voted*, That letters recommending members of other churches to our care and fellowship, be twice read,—the first, two weeks before the vote be taken upon the question of their admission.

June 7, 1857. Brethren Roger Welles, Josiah Atwood, and Erastus Latimer were chosen by ballot church committee for the ensuing year. Levi S. Deming, Superintendent of Sabbath School.

Jan. 1, 1858. The church committee chosen last year were re-elected for another year. It was voted that the afternoon of the second Sabbath in each month be devoted to the catechetical instruction of the children.

Sept. 3, 1858. Brethren Chas. K. Atwood, Daniel H. Willard, and Rufus Stoddard were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of changing the book of hymns now in use, and report at the next lecture. Levi S. Deming and Homer Camp to report upon the propriety of preparing and publishing a catalogue of the members of the church.

Dec. 30, 1858. Committee on Hymn Book reported in favor of a change, and recommended the collection prepared by direction of the General Association of Connecticut. Adopted.

The committee on a catalogue reported in favor of preparing one, and the pastor to do it. Adopted.

Dec., 1859. Brethren Marcus W. Stoddard, Homer Camp, and Erastus Latimer were chosen church committee for the year ensuing.

June 10, 1860. The junior pastor of the church having resigned his pastoral care, a meeting of the church was held on this Monday evening to act upon his request.

Dea. Jedidiah Deming was chosen Moderator, John D. Seymour, Clerk. Prayer having been offered by the moderator, a resolution requesting each individual present to express his opinion was offered and adopted.

The following preamble and resolutions were then presented.

WHEREAS the Rev. William P. Aikin, the junior pastor of this church, has requested a dissolution of the pastoral relation which subsists between himself and this people—

*Resolved*, 1st, He has in our view acted the part of a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, as we hope and trust to the salvation of many souls, which shall be seals of his ministry and crowns of his rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus.

*Resolved*, 2d, That we believe he has labored to the highest satisfaction and acceptance of this people, which has manifested itself in the peace and harmony which has at all times prevailed.

*Resolved*, 3d, That we believe a dissolution of the relation which now subsists between us, would be disastrous to the prosperity of this church, and, we fear, would result in this people being scattered as sheep without a shepherd.

*Resolved*, 4th, That he be invited to reconsider and withdraw his request, pledging to him our cordial co-operation and support.

*Resolved*, 5th, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr. Aikin, and to present the foregoing resolutions. All of which were unanimously passed.

Erastus Latimer, Heman A. Whittlesey, and Marcus W. Stoddard were appointed said committee.

Attest,

JOHN D. SEYMOUR, Clerk.



Dec. 1860. The church committee of last year were re-elected.

Dec. 1861. M. W. Stoddard, Homer Camp, and Levi S. Deming were chosen church committee.

Oct. 19, 1862. A letter having been received inviting this church to meet in consociation,—the meetings having been long discontinued—the expediency of continuing a connection was discussed, and finally laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the church on lecture day.

Oct. 30, 1862. The subject discussed at the last meeting was again taken up. After due deliberation it was voted unanimously to withdraw from that body.

Jan. 1, 1863. Marcus W. Stoddard, Levi S. Deming, and Homer Camp were again chosen church committee for the coming year.

Sept. 7, 1863. Brother Charles K. Atwood having resigned the office of Superintendent, resolutions thanking him for the fidelity and ability with which he had discharged its duties were unanimously passed, and Joseph J. Francis was chosen to take his place, Heman A. Whittlesey, assistant, and George S. Deming, secretary.

Jan. 2, 1864. Levi S. Deming, Rufus Stoddard, and Erastus Latimer were chosen a committee of the church for the ensuing year.

Dec. 1865. Rufus Stoddard, Levi S. Deming, and Homer Camp were appointed church committee for the ensuing year.

Jan. 3, 1866. *Voted*, To take a collection for objects of Christian benevolence as often as once in two months, the cases to be presented to be left to the discretion of the pastor. Levi S. Deming, Rufus Stoddard, and Homer Camp were again chosen committee of the church.

Jan. 4, 1867. Levi S. Deming, Joseph J. Francis, and Homer Camp were appointed church committee for the coming year. Joseph J. Francis was chosen superintendent of the Sabbath School.

*Voted*, To take collections once in two months the ensuing year. The American Board, Home Missionary Society, Bible and Tract Societies, the other two objects to be designated by the pastor and church committee, the same persons may also bring other objects of benevolence before the church in the alternate months.

May 3, 1867. Brethren Rufus Stoddard and Levi S. Deming were this day chosen to serve the church in the office of deacon, the former to fill the place made vacant by the death of Dea. Jeremiah Seymour.

Nov. 1867. Charles K. Atwood appointed clerk.

Jan. 4, 1868. Joseph J. Francis, Homer Camp, and Jedidiah Deming were chosen church committee for the year. Joseph J. Francis superintendent of the Sabbath School.

Feb. 16, 1868. At a church meeting presided over by Rev. S. J. Andrews, *Voted*, That we invite Mr. Sandford S. Martyn to be our pastor.

*Voted*, That the society be informed of our action and requested to concur.

March 22, 1868. *Voted*, That Dea. Rufus Stoddard and Dea. Levi S. Deming be a committee to act with the committee of the society in procuring the settlement of Mr. Martyn.

Feb. 9 or 16, 1868. The following was presented to the church, and on motion of Dea. J. Deming, ordered on record. C. K. A.

*To the church of Christ in Newington.*

The undersigned respectfully represent, that though they have no vote in the church by reason of not being members thereof, they have a deep interest in the choice you shall make of a pastor. And though many of us are young in years, and all are young in the Christian life, we hope it will not be thought improper for us to say that, should your choice fall on Mr. S. S. Martyn, he would be not only acceptable to us, but the one we earnestly desire for our guide and teacher in spiritual things.

Roger Welles, James B. Griswold, S. H. Kilbourn, Olin L. Wetherell, Lewis S. Hubbard, Walter F. Brown, John O. Merrills, Josiah J. Russell, B. C. Griswold, Walter B. Dorman, J. H. Boardman, John Richards, N. Jacobs, John S. Rowley, Charles S. Francis, E. L. Wetherell, Alfred E. Boyington, Erastus Kilbourn, Jr., George N. Downs, James Reed, C. H. Rockwell, W. B. Wier, George E. Whaples, T. F. Wier, A. H. Crittenden, Pratt Francis, Thomas R. Atwood.

Mr. Martyn was ordained April 29th, 1868. The following persons were present.

First church in New Haven, Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D., pastor, Edward W. Bacon. First church in Pittsfield, Mass., Rev. John Todd, D. D., pastor, William B. Cooley. West Hartford, Rev. M. N. Morris, pastor, Dea. Josiah W. Griswold. Southington, Rev. E. C. Jones, pastor, Walter S. Merrills. Asylum Hill, Hartford, Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, pastor, R. P. Keep. First, New Britain, Charles Northend. New Britain, South, Rev. C. L. Goodell, pastor, Martin Brown. Berlin, Rev. L. H. Hallock, pastor, Leonard Hubbard. Wethersfield, Rev. A. C. Adams, pastor, Dea. George Stillman. Plantsville, Rev. W. R. Eastman, pastor, Henry D. Smith. Also, Rev. Samuel J. Andrews, Rev. C. B. McLean, Rev. Frederick Gridley, Rev. Seth C. Brace.

Rev. L. H. Hallock was chosen scribe, and Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon moderator.

The several parts of the service were assigned and performed as follows :

Invocation and reading of scripture, Rev. L. H. Hallock. Introductory prayer, Rev. A. C. Adams. Sermon, Rev. Dr. Todd. Ordaining prayer, Rev. E. C. Jones. Charge to pastor, Rev. Dr. Bacon. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. J. H. Twichell. Address to people, Rev. C. L. Goodell.

Mr. Martyn was ordained at this time by request of the church, that he might officiate as pastor at the next communion season, (first Sabbath in May,) when some desire to be received into the church by profession, he having informed the church and society that he could not be ready to perform the duties of a resident pastor, before June 1st. C. K. A.

Oct. 18, 1868. A circular having been received by the pastor from Revs. E. B. Hillard, E. C. Jones, and L. H. Hallock, as "committee of arrangements," inviting the church to be present by pastor and delegate at the Annual Convention of the Congregational Churches of the south part of Hartford, to be holden at Westfield the 20th and 21st instants, the aim of said meeting, as set forth by the circular mentioned and also in a letter from Mr. Hillard to the pastor, being "to realize a general conference of the churches in their full membership," and it also being the intention of the meeting, as set forth in Mr. Hillard's letter, to supersede the old name of "Hartford South Consociation," by that of "Conference," and this church being invited to union with this understanding: it was accordingly *Voted*, That the church unite with the churches thus assembled in forming said conference. Brother Roger Welles on motion being chosen delegate. (S. S. M.)

Dec. 31, 1868. *Voted*, at close of preparatory lecture, that Roger Welles act as Superintendent in place of Brother Joseph J. Francis, whose term expires and who has handed in his resignation. Church committee for year following also elected as follows: Brethren C. K. Atwood, John D. Seymour, Jedidiah Deming.

Dec. 30, 1869. *Voted*, at close of preparatory lecture, that the same church committee and superintendent appointed last year, serve this.

Feb. 6, 1870. Mr. Jedidiah Deming was appointed deacon in this church.

March 6, 1870. Mr. C. K. Atwood and Mr. H. A. Whittlesey were

appointed deacons in this church. The brethren named having accepted the office, the board of deacons now consists of Messrs. Jedidiah Deming, Charles K. Atwood, and Heman A. Whittlesey.

April 17, 1870. Sunday, Rev. S. S. Martyn read from the pulpit his letter of resignation as pastor to take effect April 29th.

At a meeting of the church held Friday, April 22, 1870. Dea. Charles K. Atwood called the meeting to order. After prayer and reading of Scripture, on motion, Roger Welles was appointed Clerk, *pro tem.*

The following resolution, after debate, was passed.

"Whereas, Rev. Sandford S. Martyn has tendered to this church the resignation of his pastorate without indicating to us the reasons therefor. And whereas, during his ministry he has satisfied the expectations with which we called him to the work, by a faithful performance of a pastor's varied duties.

*Therefore, Voted,* That we will unite with him in calling a council, but do not accept his resignation till further advised.

*Voted,* That the standing church committee be instructed to call the council.

*Voted,* That Charles K. Atwood be appointed a committee to inform the Ecclesiastical Society of the action of the church.

*Voted,* That Roger Welles be appointed a committee to represent the church before the council. The meeting then adjourned.

Attest, ROGER WELLES, Clerk, *pro tem.*"

The council was called and convened at the church, April 27, 1870, and after investigation voted to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Mr. Martyn and the church, from and after April 29th, 1870.

May 1, 1870. Sunday, At a meeting of the church, Dea. Jedediah Deming called the meeting to order.

Roger Welles was appointed Clerk of the church in the absence of a pastor. Dea. Charles K. Atwood offered the following resolution, which after some discussion was passed, to wit:

"The council to which was referred the resignation of our late pastor, Rev. Sandford S. Martyn, having advised the severance of his relation to us, we accept it, deeply regretting the loss we sustain in the removal of an able, faithful, and devoted minister, who had endeared himself to us by his sympathy, his kindness, and his evident interest in whatever pertained to our welfare."

*Voted,* That the monthly collections taken up at the communions be hereafter appropriated to the benefit of the Am. B. C. F. M.

*Voted,* That John S. Kirkham be appointed Treasurer of the church. The meeting then adjourned.

Attest, ROGER WELLES, Clerk of Church.

July 3, 1870. On invitation of the Society's Committee, the Rev. R. G. Vermilye, professor in the Hartford Theological Seminary, became stated preacher in this church, and officiated at the communion this day, having supplied the pulpit from the 2d Sabbath in June, he occupied the parsonage, and continued his services until the annual meeting of the society in November.

Sept. 13, 1870. The annual Sabbath School convention of the "union" of neighboring churches was held with this church to-day.

Nov. 1870. By request of the society's committee Prof. Vermilye continued to supply the pulpit, during the winter, residing in Hartford.

Dec. 31, 1870. The annual church meeting was held this day, at the close of the preparatory lecture, Mr. J. J. Francis, Mr. J. D. Seymour, and Mr. J. S. Kirkham, were chosen by ballot to constitute, in connection with the three deacons, the church committee for the ensuing year. Mr.

Roger Welles was re-elected as superintendent of the Sabbath School for the ensuing year.

The following is the report of the church for the year 1870, as presented to the registrar of the general conference, viz., members, males, 60, females, 112, total 172, of whom are absent, 22; deaths, 2, dismissals 5; total loss 7; number in Sabbath School 160; number of families 85; amount of contributions \$330.11.

May 1, 1871. Rev. R. G. Vermilye resumed his residence at the parsonage for six months, having continued to supply the pulpit during the past winter and spring.

Jan. 6, 1872. The annual church meeting was held this day, at the close of the preparatory lecture, Mr. J. J. Francis, Mr. J. D. Seymour, and Mr. J. S. Kirkham were chosen by ballot to constitute, in connection with the three deacons, the church committee for the ensuing year. Mr. Roger Welles was re-elected as superintendent of the Sabbath School for the ensuing year, and Mr. J. S. Kirkham was re-elected treasurer of the church funds.

The following is the report of the church for the year 1871, as presented to the Registrar of the General Conference, viz., members, males, 57; females, 121; total, 178; absent 22; no death; dismissals, 5; added by profession, 6; baptized, adult, 1; infants, 2; number in Sabbath School, 160; number of families, 85. Contributions \$600.

Jan. 4, 1873. The annual church meeting was held this day, at the close of the preparatory service, Mr. J. J. Francis, Mr. J. D. Seymour, and Mr. J. S. Kirkham, were chosen church committee, Mr. J. S. Kirkham was elected Superintendent of the Sabbath School for the ensuing year, Mr. Roger Welles having declined to serve any longer.

The following is the report of the church for the year 1872, as sent to the Registrar of the General Conference, members, males, 58; females, 113; total, 171; absent 22; no additions to the church during the year; 5 members died, and one was dismissed; number in Sabbath School, 162; number of families, 85. Contributions \$542.62.

The pulpit was supplied during the year 1873, until the annual meeting of the society in November, by the Rev. R. G. Vermilye, either in person or by substitute, and the parsonage was occupied by him for three months after the first of July, during the latter part of the period Dr. Vermilye's health failed, so that he was unable to preach, but furnished supplies at the request of the society's committee. In the summer of this year the society resolved to make extensive repairs and improvements in their church building, service was omitted the first two Sabbaths in September, and was then resumed in the new town hall, and continued there until the re-opening of the church.

Nov. 2, 1873. On the first Sabbath in November the usual communion service was held in the town hall, Dr. Vermilye officiated, and then ceased his services for the church and society.

May 3, 1874. At a meeting of the church held Sunday, May 3, 1874. *Voted*, That we hereby extend a call to Rev. William Greenwood to settle as pastor of this church and of the Ecclesiastical Society connected therewith.

*Voted*, That Roger Welles be appointed a committee to inform the Ecclesiastical Society of our action, and to invite their concurrence.

May 10, 1874. *Voted*, That Dea. Charles K. Atwood, Dea. Heman A. Whittlesey, and Joseph J. Francis be a committee to communicate to Rev. William Greenwood the action of this church in giving him a call to settle with us in the work of the ministry, and to invite his acceptance of the same.

R. WELLES. Clerk.

## APPENDIX.

## Volunteers from Newington in the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865.

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Date of Enlistment.	Remarks.
John Earnshaw,	Co. B., 1st Regiment, C. V.,	April 19, 1861	Honorably discharged, July 31, 1861.
H. Hudson Stoddard,	" I., 5th "	July 22, 1861	Discharged, disability, Dec. 5, 1862.
Jacob Bollerer,	" G., 6th "	Sept. 4, 1861	Discharged, Sept. 11, 1864; term expired.
Lewis W. Dunham,	" G., 6th "	Sept. 4, 1861	Transferred to Invalid Corps.
John Richards,	" C., 7th "	Sept. 6, 1861	Re-enlisted Vet., Dec. 22, '63; must. out, July 20, '65.
Nathan G. Barnum,	" A., 8th "	Sept. 25, 1861	Rejected, Nov. 2, 1861.
William Hubbard,	" B., 7th "	Sept. 7, 1861	Died, Oct. 8, 1862, Hilton Head, S. C.
Patrick McAloon,	" G., 9th "	Sept. 27, 1861	Died, Aug. 14, 1862, New Orleans, La.
Michael Halliman,	" G., 9th "	Nov. 25, 1861	Transferred Co. C.; disch. Oct. 29, 1864; term expired.
Elmore F. Jencks,	" D., 10th "	Oct. 1, 1861	Discharged, Oct. 7, 1864; term expired.
Frederick Richards,	" E., 10th "	Nov. 1, 1861	Discharged, Nov. 1, 1864; term expired.
Henry W. Davis,	" K., 11th "	Nov. 25, 1861	Killed, Sept. 17, 1862, Sharpsburg, Md.
Samuel Steel,	" K., 11th "	Dec. 11, 1861	Discharged, disability, April 14, 1862, Newbern, N. C.
George H. Whaples,	" K., 11th "	Dec. 13, 1861	Re-enlisted Vet., Dec. 14, '63; deserted, June 3, '64.
Edwin B. Tobey,	" H., 11th "	Nov. 20, 1861	Transferred Veteran Reserve Corps, March 31, 1864.
Henry Rising,	" D., 11th "	Nov. 12, 1861	Killed, Sept. 17, 1862, Sharpsburg.
George T. Dickson,	" C., 12th "	Nov. 20, 1861	Re-enlisted Vet., Jan. 1, '64; mustered out, Aug. 12, '65.
Abel Steele,	" I., 12th "	Jan. 27, 1862	Discharged, disability, April 5, 1862.
Newell Dow,	" A., 13th "	Dec. 31, 1861	" " June 1, 1862.
Patrick Reynolds,	" A., 13th "	Jan. 22, 1862	Deserted, Aug. 27, 1864.
Sylvester W. Steele,	" F., 14th "	July 18, 1862	Killed, Dec. 13, 1862, Fredericksburg, Va.
Austin N. Steele,	" F., 14th "	Aug. 7, 1862	Discharged, disability, Jan. 24, 1863.
Henry N. Whaples,	" K., 20th "	Aug. 15, 1862	Mustered out, June 13, 1865, Washington, D. C.

Robert W. Joiner,	Co. G., 20th	Aug. 15, 1862	Mustered out, June 13, 1865, Washington, D. C.
Samuel Richards,	" C., 7th	Feb. 15, 1864	Mustered out, July 20, 1865, Goldsboro, N. C.
Almon J. Hart,	" B., 21st	Aug. 18, 1862	" " June 16, 1865, Richmond, Va.
John D. Griswold,	" E., 22d	Aug. 21, 1862	" " " "
Edward Harker,	" E., 22d	Aug. 21, 1862	Honorably discharged, July 7, 1863.
Henry Lindon,	" E., 22d	Aug. 22, 1862	" " " "
Sergt. Charles L. Willard,	" B., 22d	July 27, 1862	Discharged, disability, Jan. 16, 1863.
Eugene B. Willard,	" B., 22d	Aug. 27, 1862	Honorably discharged, July 7, 1863.
Unni P. Blinn,	" E., 22d	Aug. 28, 1862	Died, April 21, 1863, Arlington, Va.
George N. Downes,	" B., 22d	Aug. 29, 1862	Honorably discharged, July 7, 1863.
James A. Smith,	" B., 22d	Aug. 30, 1862	" " " "
Daniel K. Bennett,	" B., 22d	Aug. 29, 1862	" " " "
Lafayette Gladding,	" B., 22d	Aug. 30, 1862	" " " "
George S. Deming,	" B., 22d	Aug. 30, 1862	" " " "
Gaylord Morgan,	" B., 22d	Aug. 30, 1862	" " " "
Joseph Whaples,	" B., 22d	Aug. 30, 1862	" " " "
Anthony Wright,	" B., 22d	Aug. 30, 1862	" " " "
John L. Osgood,	" D., 22d	Aug. 30, 1862	" " " "
Edward P. Joyner,	" D., 22d	Sept. 1, 1862	" " " "
William E. Quigley,	" E., 22d	Sept. 9, 1862	" " " "
Oliver L. Steele,	" A., 25th	Aug. 25, 1862	" " Aug. 26, 1863.
Edward Steele,	Heavy Artillery, Co. G., 1st,	June 1, 1863	Mustered out, Sept. 25, 1865, Washington, D. C.
Azariah Gladden,	" A., "	Jan. 5, 1864	Deserted, Aug. 2, 1865.
Joseph French,	" " "		Enlisted in the regular army.
George Gallagher,	" " "		" " "
William G. Huntley,	" " "		" " navy.

The following persons furnished substitutes: Charles K. Atwood, Jared Starr, John S. Kilbourn, Edgar Spaulding, Thomas Marksley, Reuben C. Osborn, Franklin C. Latimer, Henry M. Robbins.









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