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FIRST PRESBYT. CHURCH

SESSION RECORD

NO. 2

JULY 1 1831 TO

APRIL 20 1845

FIRST PRES. CHURCH

SESSION RECORD

NO. 2

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CONTINUES TO APRIL 20. 1845

(1)

Fort Wayne July 1st 1831

Pursuant to notice previously & publicly given by James White a regular ordained minister of the Presbytery of Columbus Ohio a number of persons members of the Presbyterian Church from different sections of the country, in regular standing, met for the purpose of being regularly organized into a Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was opened by singing reading the Scriptures & prayer by the Rev. James Chute.

The following persons presented their Certificates from other Churches and were received as members of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne.

Smallwood Noel
Nancy M. C. Noel &
Sally C. Vance
Nancy Barnett
Ann Briggs
John M. Antosh &
Ann Turner. u

2)

After receiving the certificates of the above mentioned persons they were formally recognized as the first Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne.

The members proceeded to the Election of two ruling elders, whereupon it was found that Mr Smallwood Noel and Mr John McIntosh were unanimously chosen.

1831

July 2^d After sermon by the Rev James Chute Mr Smallwood Noel & Mr John McIntosh who had been duly elected ruling elders the day previous were set apart for that office by Ordination. After the Ordination the Session were constituted with prayer by the Rev Mr Chute who was invited to act as Moderator of Session. Smallwood Noel was chosen Clerk of Session.

Rebecca Hackly was rec^d on certificate
{ Eliza Hood - Elizabeth Stinson }
{ Jane Clinger - James Barnett } on examination
adjourned closed with prayer

G. Noel. Clerk

1831 . After sermon the Sepion met and was
 Dec 3^d opened with prayer by the Rev James Chute
 when the following persons were received
 on certificate viz
 Martha H. Chute &
 Charlotte Ann Clappe
 Adjourned closed with prayer

1832 .
 March 3^d After sermon Sepion met and was
 opened with prayer by the Rev J^r Chute
 there being no business it was adjourned
 closed with prayer
 S. Noel. Clerk

June 2^d After sermon the Sepion met and was
 opened with prayer by the Rev J^r Chute
 when the following persons were received
 by certificate viz
 David Rankin
 Frances Rankin
 Elizabeth Rankin
 and Ruth Mcintosh on examination
 Adjourned till tomorrow morning nine o'clock

1832 June 2. Session met agreeably to adjournment
when Jane Clinger & Jun^r was received on
examination. and after sermon by the
Rev. James White the S. Noel clerk

Thus far examined and approved
by the Presbytery of Miami
Franklin Sept^r 20 1832

Jos. Stevenson Modr

Dec 1 After sermon by the Rev James White
Session met and was opened with prayer
when Nathan Ferrand was received on
examination. Adjⁿ closed with prayer
Samuel Noel clerk

1833

March 2 After sermon by the Rev. Wm White
session met opened with prayer when the
following was received by certificate
Leise S. Williams

Closed by prayer
S. Noel clerk.

1833

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June 1st After Sermon by the Rev^d James Chute
Session met. opened with prayer when
the following persons were received by
certificate To wit
Susan Williams
Mary Hatfield
closed with prayer
S. Noel clerk

Aug 11 After Sermon by the Rev^d Mr Corey
Session met opened with prayer by the
Rev^d Jas Chute when the following persons were rec^d
Marshall S. Mines D on examination
Elizabeth Wines by certificate
S. Noel clerk

Aug 18 Departed this life on this day Mrs
Martha H. Chute a Communicant in this Church
S. Noel clerk

Aug 31 After Sermon by the Rev^d James Chute
Session met opened by prayer by the Rev^d
Jas Chute when Mrs Eliza Hanna was received
on examination S. Noel clerk

(6) (note: the record of Sept 1, 1833, seems to have been omitted unintentionally when this was copied from the original record book. 13. 2. 2. 1833) Thus far examined and approved
Piqua Simeon H Crane

Dec 1 Session met constituted with prayer
present James White Moderator. P. Noel
John McIntosh Elders. Admitted
Mary G. Wilson by certificate
P. Noel clk

1834
Jan 30 At a meeting of the members of the
first presbyterian church called for
the purpose of electing two additional
Elders of said church. the meeting was
opened with prayer by the Moderator when
Depe S. Williams and Marshall S. Mines
were duly elected as Elders
closed with prayer
S. Noel clk

July 23 The Elders heretofore elected So Wit
Depe S. Williams & Marshall S. Mines after
sermon ordained and set apart as ruling
Elders of the first Presbyterian Church of M. Mine P. Noel clk

1834 Sepion met at the call of the moderator
Feb 26 present James Chute Moderator

John McIntosh } Elders
Marshall S. Mines }
Jesse S. Williams }

Absent G. Noel

Constituted with prayer

A report unfavorable to the Christian character of Mr James Barnett being in circulation viz "That he was guilty of Intemperance" The Sepion took up the subject and appointed John McIntosh, G. Noel, & M. S. Mine a committee to converse with him and report at the next meeting of Sepion.

They were also instructed to debar him from the privilege of the Church at the next Communion. Adjourned to meet again on the third Saturday of March next at 2 O'clock P.M. Closed with prayer
J. Chute Clerk pro Tem

8)
1834. Session met pursuant to adjournment
March 15. a quorum not being present adjourned
till 7th June next -

June 7 Session met pursuant to adjournment present
James Chate Moderator

M. S. Mines
Jesse S. Williams } Elders
S. Noel
John McIntosh }

when M. S. Mines from the committee
heretofore appointed reported. whereupon
Resolved that James Barnett be suspended
from communion with the church until
he gives satisfactory evidence of his
repentance and reformation by his daily
walk and conversation.

Resolved that the clerk furnish him with
a copy of the above resolution

Closed with prayer
S. Noel clk

(There is an omission here
[illegible])

1834
May 31

Session met. constituted by prayer. present
James Chute Moderator
M. S. Mines }
J. S. Williams } Elders
J. McIntosh }
S. Noel }

Admitted Alice & Barba on certificate
adjourned - closed with prayer
S. Noel clk

July 27 Departed this life Mrs Ann Turner a
communicant in this Church
S. Noel clk

Sept 2 Departed this life Mrs Ruth McIntosh
a communicant in this Church
S. Noel clk

" 30 Departed this life Mrs Francis Rankin
a comunicant in this Church
S. Noel clk

1835 Sepion met pursuant to previous notice
Jan 26 at the house of James Chute, present
James Chute Moderator.

Sepe Le Williams
M. G. Mines
G. Noel

members of
Sepion

opened with prayer.

The certificate of Thomas Perry was received and taken under advisement. Reports unfavourable to the Christian character of Mary Hatfield being in circulation a committee of two was appointed to converse with her touching those points - whereupon Sepe Le Williams and Marshall G. Mines were appointed that committee and to report at the next meeting of Sepion, there being no further business the Sepion adjourned.

Amalwood Noel clk.

1835
March 7

Sesim met at the house of James Chute
Present James Chute Moderator
Depe S. Williams
Marshall S. Mines } Elders
Smalwood Noel }

opened with prayer

The certificate of Thomas Perry, taken under advisement at the last sesion has been decided upon and he is admittted to communion with this church

The committee heretofore appointed to converse with Mary Hatfield relative to reports in circulation touching her Christian character now report.

That they are not fully satisfied with regard to the innocence of Mary Hatfield and recommend further investigation.

Whereupon session resolved that the committee inform her that she will be barred from the privileges of communion at the approaching season.

Depe S. Williams is excused from serving on the committee and Smalwood Noel

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1835 is appointed in his place. There being no
March 7 further business the Session adjourned
Smalwood Noel clk

Aug 3 At a called meeting of the Session of the
first Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne
on Monday the 3^d day of August 1835
present James White, Moderator
Depe^r J. Williams } John McIntosh } Elders
M. S. Mines } Smalwood Noel }
The Committee heretofore appointed to
report in the case of Mary Hatfield
now report. That before the committee had
^{no} an opportunity to visit her, they ascertained
she had left the country and had separ-
-ated from her husband, and from what
fell under their observation and from her
conduct generally, the Committee are fully
of the opinion that she is guilty of the
charge of "adultery": as since the visit and
advice of a former committee she has
absented herself from public worship

1835
 Aug 3 and from the testimony of her immediate neighbours and those most conversant with the family, has admitted constantly into her company both night & day Samuel W. Burnham the person with whom she was charged with keeping up a criminal intercourse and whom she was advised to avoid.

The report was accepted; Whereupon the Session being fully convinced of her guilt and regarding it as a very aggravated case Resolved that the said Mary Heatfield be excommunicated from the Church.

Ordered that the moderator give publicity to the decision of Synion. there being no further business before them the session adjourned
 Closed with prayer. G. Noel. clkr

Dec 28 Departed this life James Chute pastor of this church G. Noel. clkr.

15)

1836
April 2 Sepion met in the court house. present
Daniel Jones moderator
M. S. Mines }
John McIntosh } Elders
G. Noel }

Opened with prayer. admitted Martha Work
by Certificate. Closed with prayer
G. Noel clks.

Aug 14 Sepion met at the house of Gmalwood Noel
present Daniel Jones moderator
M. S. Mines }
John McIntosh } Elders
G. Noel }

Opened with prayer. Admitted
Hudson }
Hudson } on examination
Andrew Wakefield }
Sarah Wakefield } on Certificate
Adjourned. closed with prayer
Gmalwood Noel. clks.

(omission)

1836
Nov 14

Session met at the house of Amalwood Noel
present Daniel Jones, Moderator
M. S. Mines
G. Noel } Elders

Opened with prayer. Admitted
Miss Alida S. Hubble
Miss Susan M. Mann } by Certificate
Mrs Olive Mcintosh }

Adjourned, closed with prayer
G. Noel. clk

1837
July 4

Session met at the house of Amalwood Noel
present Daniel Jones moderator
M. S. Mines
Amalwood Noel } Elders

Opened with prayer, the being no business
the session closed G. Noel clk

Aug 6

Session met at the house of Amalwood Noel
present Daniel Jones, moderator
M. S. Mines
G. Noel } Elders

1837 Opened with prayer. Admitted
 Aug 6. Leysander C Jacoby }
 James Pringle } by Certificate
 Jane Pringle }
 Susan Stewart }
 Margaret Taylor } on Examination
 Emerine Hamilton }
 G. Noel clk

Nov 13 Sepion met in the first presbyterian
 Church. Present. A. B. Rankin moderator
 M. S. Mines
 John McIntosh } Elders
 G. Noel }
 Admitted } Calvin Steele }
 John M. Milt } by Certificate
 Mary M. Rankin }
 Lydia A. Miller }
 Avaline Johns }
 Griffilla Baker }

1838
 June 13 Session met in the Presbyterian Church
 present. A. G. Rankin moderator
 M. G. Mines, John Mcintosh, J. Noel. Elders
 opened with prayer, admitted by Certificate
 Andrew Dykes, Sarah Dykes
 Jane Hoggarth, Jane Humphrey
 Elizabeth Wood.
 on Examination Robert Dykes
 G. Noel clk

July 25 Session met in the presbyterian
 church. present. A. G. Rankin moderator
 M. G. Mines
 J. Mcintosh Elders
 G. Noel

Admitted by Certificate
 Robert Baird, Polly Baird,
 Honor Baird, Matilda Baird.
 G. Noel clk

Dismissed
 x Martha Gwinney Alida S. Hubble.
 Lydia A. Miller
 G. Noel clk

1838 Sepion met in the Presbyterian Church
March 4 present.

A. S. Rankin Moderator
John McIntosh }
M. S. Mines } Elders
G. Noel }

Admitted

David McQuisting }
Oliza Rogers } by Certificate
G. Noel clrk

" 25

Sepion met in the Presbyterian Church
present.

A. S. Rankin, Moderator
M. S. Mines }
J. McIntosh } Elders
G. Noel }

Admitted on examination

Myron F. Barber }
Jane Barber }
G. Noel clrk

Annual Report of the First Presby-
terian Church in Fort Wayne from
the 1st April 1837 to 1st April 1838.

Total in Communion 20 per cent Report 30	Communion card added on 2 nd Communion 6	Communion card added by certificate 20	Deaths +	Dismissed 3	Suspended	Total new and Communion 53	Adults Baptized 1	Infant Baptized 3	Total Baptisms 4	7 Phipps 52 52
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S. Noel clk

The Committee appointed to examine the Records
 of Fort Wayne. Report that they are or-
 derly & well kept. with the exception that
 the Book is too small the handwriting
 too confined & the lining effaces the beauty
 of the record.

This refers to the first book, not to this one, D.W.

Examined thus far & approved with the above exceptions.

Sogans, 1st April 4th 1838.

John Wright, Mod.

19)

1838 (Cornelia Crane). Admitted on examination
April 21 at a meeting of the session held in the

Presbyterian Church. Present

A. J. Rankin Mod.

M. P. Wines

J. M. Intosh } Elders

P. Noel

P. Noel clk

June 23 Session met in the Presbyterian Church

Present A. J. Rankin - Mod.

M. P. Wines

J. M. Intosh } Elders

P. Noel

Admitted by Reuben G. Stewart on examination

James A. Jacoby }
William A. Connelley } by certificate

P. Noel clk

Sept 3 Departed this life M^{rs} Mary W. C. Noel
a communicant in this church.

Mrs. W. C. Noel clk

1838

(20)

Dec. 27

Session met. Members Present A. J. Rankin
mod. M. S. Wines & P. Noel. It was resolved
to request the Church to make an addition of
two members to the session.

Some time was spent in considering a charge
of intemperance brought against John Whitlock
a ruling elder of the Church. P. Noel was ap-
pointed to visit and converse with him
upon that subject.

Adjourned to meet on the 30th inst.

P. Noel clk

30th

Session met pursuant to adjournment. Members
Present A. J. Rankin mod. M. S. Wines and
P. Noel. Admitted Catherine Lewis and
Aley Barber, on examination.

Merion F. Barber and Nathan Farrand
were elected ruling elders in this Church and
ordained to that office.

P. Noel clk

1839

Jan 5

Session met. members present. Members present
A. J. Rankin mod. M. S. Wines & P. Noel

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1839

Admitted Jacob P. Striper, Susan Striper
Ann Taylor, by certificate, Sarah Fairchild
on examination

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P. Soul clrk

July 20

Session met, Members present A. J. Rankin and
M. S. Wines, P. Soul. Miror F. Barber and
Nathan Ferrand, who had been elected accord-
to the request of session and ordained ruling
Elders took their seats as members of session
The Committee to visit Mr. McIntosh reports
he has not attended to the duty. The Clerk
was directed to write a statement of the
Charge, as brought, by common fame,
against Mr. McIntosh. The following was
reported.

John McIntosh a ruling elder of the
Presbyterian Church of Fort Way, is charged,
by common fame, with the crime of drinking
ardent spirits to excess.

The moderator states he had conversed with
Mr. McIntosh, in relation to the truth of the
Charge, and that he found him ready to

Confess his sin and penitence, whenever session would afford him an opportunity.

The moderator was directed to notify him that session would meet on the 27th inst. when that opportunity might be had.

Adjourned to meet on the 27th inst. one o'clock P.M.

S. A. Bell clk.

January 27th 1839 session met, according to adjournment. Members present. A. T. Rankin moder. M. S. Wines, M. F. Barber, N. Farrand, S. A. Bell. Opened with prayer. The moderator reported he had attended to the duty assigned him at the last meeting. Mr. McIntosh appeared before session, according to notification. Session heard his confession of his sin, and purposes of repentance. Session decided that it was necessary that his confession should be written and read before the public congregation. Mr. McIntosh was requested to furnish a written statement, to be submitted to them on the 3rd day of February next. Adjourned to meet on the 3rd day of February next at one o'clock P.M. S. A. Bell clk.

February 3^d 1839 session met according to adj-
ournment. Members present A. J. Rankin mod.
M. F. Barber, N. Farrand & P. Noel.

Opened with prayer. Admitted James
Humphrey, Elizabeth Frank & Mary
Fairfield, on examination.

Mr. W. Intosh did not appear, nor did he
furnish the written statement of his confession
required of him by session. The moderator
was appointed to confer with him, and
report to the next meeting of session.

Adjourned to meet on the 9th inst. 3 o'clock P.M.
Pine wood Ave. Chh.

February 9th 1839 Session met pursuant to
adjournment. Members present A. J. Rankin
mod. M. F. Barber, M. S. Wines, N. Farrand
& P. Noel. Opened with prayer.

The moderator reported he had attended to
the duty assigned him at the last meeting.

Mr. W. Intosh appeared before session.
After some conversation with him it was
deemed not necessary to have his confession.

read publickly. The following minutes was adopted.

Resolved, that in consequence of his confession of his sin, and purpose of new obedience Mr. McIntosh be continued in the Communion of the Church, and he is hereby Continued, and recommended to the fellowship and sympathy of the brethren.

Resolved, that the moderator read the above sentence from the pulpit next sabbath morning. Adjourn

Imalwood Socy Clk

22nd February 1839. William H. Connell was dismissed by order of the session

Imalwood Socy Clk

24th March 1839 Session met. Members present. A. J. Rankin mod. M. S. Wines J. McIntosh, M. F. Barber, N. Farr, and

The moderator reported that he had dismissed John M. Wilt. His report was approved.

M^{rs} Mary Sharp was received on certificate

Pusan Grigg on examination

A. J. Rankin Clk pro Tem

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See page
21 January 12th 1839 Session met. Members present A. T. Rankin mod: P. Noel - absent M. S. Wines. Session having been prevented ~~from~~ by W. McIntosh's absence from home, from adjudicating the charge against him. It was resolved to debar him from the Lord's table, until ^{the} case could be examined for doing this they considered themselves authorized by the discipline, chapter 4, section 18. Note. This minute, in transcribing the records, was omitted, and should have been inserted on page 21, before the meeting of session on the 20th January 1839.

Janalwood Noel - clk

17th March 1839 session met. Members present A. T. Rankin mod. M. S. Wines, M. F. Barber John McIntosh, N. Farrand & P. Noel. admitted on examination William Hyffer Janalwood Noel - clk.

20th March 1839 Season met, Members present. A. S. Rankin mod. U. S. Wines, J. W. Lott, M. F. Barber, N. F. Farrand & S. Auld. Nathan Ferrand was appointed to attend the next Synodery, and M. W. F. Barber his alternate.

Inglowood Soil Ck

Settles in Communion	53
add 9 th last year	
Communicants a stand on communion	10
Communicants added by certificates	6
Deaths	2
Dismissals	2
Dispersed	
Settles now in Communion	65
Deaths baptised	2
Infants baptised	11
Settles Baptisms	13
Members expelled & re-ord	

75³
+
Inglowood Soil Ck

June 16th 1839 session met members present
A. J. Rankin, mod, M. S. Wines, John W. Tuttle,
M. F. Barber, Nathaniel Farrand & Smalwood Soc.
Admitted on examination

Asa Jaylor. -
~~Samuel~~ ~~1770~~ ~~Stroper~~
Henry Stroper Jr
Lemuel Stroper Sincerely
Smalwood Soc, Clerk

June 23rd session met, at the call of the
moderator - members present A. J. Rankin mod.
M. S. Wines, M. F. Barber & S. Soc. Admitted on
certificate. Benjamin H. Tower & Catharine Tower
M. S. Wines was appointed to attend a
called meeting of Presbytery at Dayton on
the 11th July 1839. Smalwood Soc. Clerk

At a meeting of the sessio of the first Presy town
Church of Fort Wayne June 16th 1839 C. W. Jeffers
was appointed Chorister & N. Farrand & B. H. Tower
assistants. - They are earnestly requested to accept
the appointment, and hold meetings for improvement

in singing at such times and places as will be convenient for the people to attend. 23 June 1839

July 7th 1839 Session met - members present

A. S. Rankin mod.

W. L. Wain

John W. Tutosh

A. Ferrand

M. S. Barber

Smalwood Soc. - Opened with prayer by the moderator. Admitted on certificate

Eliza S. Miller on examination Mary Ann Gadsden & Eliza Clinger. Adjourned

Dismissed Mary C. Hunt & Leornice Corain.

Smalwood Soc. clk

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January 13th 1840 Session met
 Present A. J. Rankin mod. John
 Whitlock, Nathan Farrand & Miron F.
 Barber - Elders - Admitted on certificate
 Mary Baker & Electa Bayley - Examination
 Peter Simmons, Margaret Simmons & Elizabeth
 (Bair) Smalwood Mod Clk

28th March 1840 Session met. Present A. J. Rank mod
 M. S. Mims, L. Whitlock, M. S. Barber, N. Farrand
 & S. Hoel, Elders. Opened with prayer.
 Admitted on certificate Sophia Bale. Ex
 amination Mary Lane Lyle, Susan Hoop
 Doxanna Forster, Sam Hood & Ann J.
 Farrand. Closed with prayer.
 Smalwood Mod Clk

Session	65
Communion	
Admission	15
on certificate	6
ailed	1
donated	2
Expenses	
Total amount	83
Commission	
debt Bayley	4
Balance	
Total to previous	1
Commission & expenses	
Smalwood Mod Clk	

- 2nd April 1840 Session met. Present A. J. Rankin modr.
 N. Farrand, M. P. Wines, M. F. Barber & S. Noel
 Elders; Admitted, Caroline Jones, Luther and
 on examination Mary Simmons, ^{Walter} Ledney Timmons,
 John Brown, Abigail Oving, & Mary Gyles.
 Smealwood Noe Clk
- 13th April 1840 Session met. Present A. J. Rankin modr.
 N. Farrand, M. P. Wines, M. F. Barber & S. Noel,
 * (Elders) Admitted R. Linney &
 Augustine Forsy on examination
 Smealwood Noe Clk
- 30 April Session met. Present A. J. Rankin modr.
 N. Farrand, John W. Lusk & Smealwood Noe
 (Elders) Admitted Rachel Jacoby by letter
 Allen Hamilton on examination
 Smealwood Noe Clk
- May 30
 1840 Session met. Present A. J. Rankin, modr.
 N. Farrand, M. P. Wines, & Smealwood Noe
 (Elders) Admitted G. Wake and
 David Ball on examination
 Smealwood Noe Clk

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1840

Sept 8

Session met in the first Presbyterian Church - Present

A. J. Rankin Mod.

M. S. Wines

John W. Ingham

Nathan Farrand

M. F. Barber

J. Noel

Elders

Admitted on examination, Samuel Lewis, John E. Baker & Joseph W. Ingham on motion J. Noel & M. F. Barber were appointed a committee to converse with John A. Bower & Henry Snyder in relation to unchristian conduct.

J. Noel clerk

Dec 27

Session met in the first Presbyterian Church.

Present A. J. Rankin Mod.

M. S. Wines

John W. Ingham

Nathan Farrand

M. F. Barber

J. Noel

Elders

1840

32

John W. Intosh & Amalwood Noel are appointed a committee to converse with John E. Baker & Henry Truher in relation to unchristian conduct.

Adjourned until 29th inst.

Robert Clark

Dec 29

Session met pursuant to adjournment ^{opened with prayer} present

A. J. Rankin, mod.

M. S. Mines

M. J. Barber

S. Farrand

J. Noel

Calden

The committee to visit John C. Bower reported they had attended to that duty, and that said Bower confessed his guilt, and his purposes of new obedience, which report was accepted. The committee to visit John C. Baker reported they had attended to the business. The report was accepted.

John C. Baker appeared before session and stated that he waived his right to a regular citation, and was willing his case should be taken up immediately.

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1840 - deately, on his own confession - He then
confessed that he had been guilty of unchristian
conduct in getting drunk at three different
times and violating a pledge of total ab-
stinence made to the Session when he was receiv-
ed into the Church. Adjourned to meet
tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock.
S. Noel clerk

1840 Dec 30 Session met pursuant to adju-
rnment. Present the same members as
yesterday, Session then heard Mr Baker at
some length as to the causes which led him
into sin and to what was his present views
and feelings. Whereupon the following minute
was adopted and the Moderator directed to read
it from the pulpit in the presence of the
Congregation.

Resolved that John Baker be restored to
the communion of the Church on the grounds that
he appears penitent and pledges himself to total
abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, and
he is hereby restored and commended to the

1840- sympathies and prayers of the brotherhood.
 Dec 30. The clerk was ordered to issue a citation to Henry Stryker to appear before the Session on the 11th day of Jan'y 1841 in the Presbyterian meeting house at 11 o'clock A.M. to answer to the following. The following charges were then taken up. Henry Stryker is charged with unchristian conduct 1st violating the Sabbath. 2^d absenting himself from public worship.
 John McIntosh is charged by common fame with unchristian conduct - To wit. Drunkenness, Witnesses H. B. Taylor Margaret Taylor, Elizabeth Mines Mrs. Mines & Mary Rankin, Session adjourned to meet on the 11th Jan'y 1841 -
 S. Noel clerk

Jan'y 2

1841. ~~Session met upon the call of the Moderator~~
 1845.

Nov 20

Admitted on examination Alexander M. Sumner
 of Addison Merrill & John Cochran - By letters
 Roxey Sharp Elizabeth Evans & Maria Evans of
 S. Noel clerk

1841

Jan'y 11

Sepin met agreeable to adjournment. Present
 J. Noel, N. Farrand, Mr. Mines Clerks and
 W^g Munkin moderator. Henry Stryker
 appeared before Sepin according to citation.

He confessed he had been guilty of the
 crimes specified in the charge. he was then
 heard as to the present state of his mind and
 feelings in regard as to whether he was penitent
 Sepin did not see sufficient evidence of penitence
 but concluded there was so much as to induce
 them to suspend their decision for the present
 to enable him prayerfully to consider the whole
 matter and appear before them another time and
 state whether he sincerely repented of the sin.

Mr M^cEntosh did not appear. Michael
 stated he had made a mistake in the day
 and had attended the Saturday previous &
 was in bad health and that likely he would
 not be able to attend according to citation.

Resolved to meet the 23rd inst at one o'clock
 P. M. J. Noel was ordered to notify Mr
 M^cEntosh to that effect.

J. Noel cler

Jan^y 2^o
1841

Session met pursuant to adjournment
Present. A. J. Rankin mod.

U. S. Mines, Nathan Farrand, & Smalwood 1011
Opened with prayer.

W^r M. Intest appeared before session.
The Clerk is ordered to issue Citations for the
following witnesses, Lemus H. Leiby

U. S. Mines is appointed a committee to
visit Mary Fairfield, and converse with
her on the subject of dancing on the (date?)
day of November 1840

Session adjourned until the 1st Feb^y 1841
at 1 o'clock P.M.

Jan^y
24th

Smalwood 1011 clk
Session met at the call of the moderator

Present A. J. Rankin mod. U. S. Mines
N. Farrand, U. S. Barber & S. A. 1011
Ruins on examination Samuel A. Elds
& Frederick Krome.

Smalwood 1011 clk

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January 31st 1841.

Session met at the call of the moderator
 Present A. J. Rankin, mod.

M. J. Wines, A. Farrans, M. F. Barber, S. A. C.
 Ruined on examination - Stephen Sithens of
 Smalwood A. C. Ck.

July 1

Session met pursuant to adjournment
 Present A. J. Rankin mod. M. J. Wines
 A. Farrans, M. F. Barber, S. A. C. Opened
 with prayer.

W. McIntosh appeared, The witnesses did
 not attend. On motion of W. Wines the charge
 of drunkenness was called up. W. McIntosh
 plead "not guilty." The charge not proved.
 On motion of W. Wines the charge for a
 violation of the Sabbath, by visiting tippling
 houses on said day. To this charge W. McIntosh
 plead "guilty."

After consultation, in which W. McIntosh
 satisfied session of his penitence and purpose
 of new obedience. It was

Resolved, that he be continued in the

communion of the church, and he is hereby
continued and recommended to the fellowship,
and prayers of the brotherhood.

Close with prayer

Smalwood Socy Clk

Feb. 6

Session met at the call of the moderator
Present A. J. Rankin mod: M. S. Wines
N. Farrant, M. F. Barber S. Socy.

Admitted on examination, Luina Porter, Elvina
P. P. ^{& Matthew Gross} Lucy Fanning
Tisham. There being no further business session
adjourned. Smalwood Socy Clk

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Session met at the call of the moderator
Present A. J. Rankin. mod: M. S. Wines
N. Farrant, M. F. Barber.

Admitted on examination, William Stewart,
John Badgley & David Stephen. There being no
further business session closed.

Smalwood Socy Clk

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Feb. 14

Session met at the call of the moderator
Present A. J. Rankin mod. S. Dow
Admitted on examination Mary Brewer, Merv
Thom. There being no further business Session closed
Smalwood Secy Ck

Feb. 28

Session met at the call of the moderator
Present A. J. Rankin mod. M. S. Moore, S. Thom
S. W. H. cost S. Dow. Admitted on examination
Mary Cooper, on certificate Joseph
Wycoff and Matilda Wycoff
Smalwood Secy Ck

April 1st 1841																			
Total in Commission	89																		
Contributions added in examination	50																		
Dr Balance	0																		
Debit	0																		
Received	1																		
Dr Balance in Commission	116																		

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May 23

Session met in the first Presbyterian Church
 Present A. J. Rankin, modr. M. J. Wines
 M. J. Barber, S. Farrand & S. Noel Elders.
 John C. Baker, a member of this Church, is
 charged by common fame, with the sin of drunken-
 ness - The clerk is ordered to cite him before
 the session on the 2^d day of June 1841 at
 4 o'clock P.M.

Wines & Noel are appointed a committee
 to visit James Barnett - the session entertain-
 ing fears that he is about to forfeit his Christian
 character, by intemperance.

The clerk is ordered to cite Henry
 Stryker to appear on the same day - 3^d
 June 1841.

June 3^d 1841. 4 o'clock P.M.
 Session met pursuant to adjournment
 Present. A. J. Rankin Modr. M. J. Wines
 & S. Noel, Elders. The committee appointed
 to visit James Barnett not having
 performed that duty, further time is allowed
 The clerk failing to cite Henry Stryker

he is ordered to cite him to appear before
session on the 13th inst. at 4 o'clock P.M.

Session adjourned to meet on the 13th inst.
at 4 o'clock P.M.

Sept 12th 1841

J. Noil Clerk

Session met on call of the moderator
(not having met on 13th inst. last Pursuant
to adjournment.) Present A. J. Naudin modr.
M. S. Wines, M. F. Deamber, N. Farrant, J. Noil,
Elders. ~~James~~ Moved and carried that
session will proceed finally to dispose of the
cases at issue, of John V. Baker & Henry Stroger

Ordered that the Clerk cite said Baker
and Stroger to meet session at 2 o'clock
P.M. on Friday 17th inst. at this place.

The Committee to visit James Barnett being
called upon to report, stated they had
neglected to discharge that duty, and further
time was allowed them.

Adjourned to meet at this place 17th inst.
at 2 o'clock P.M.

J. Noil Clerk

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Sept. 17th 1841 Session met. No quorum being present
adjourned to 3 o'clock P.M.

Session met 3 o'clock P.M. Present
A. J. Rankin Modr. Farrand, Barber
Wines & Soil elders - Committee appointed
to visit James Barnett reported that that
duty had been attended to, and that said
Barnett acknowledge he had violated
his pledge of total abstinence, but excused
himself on the ground of ill health.
Consideration of report postponed.

The case of John E. Baker was then taken
up. Mr Baker present, who frankly ~~admitted~~
^{said} ~~that~~ with deep sorrow and humility,
that he was guilty as charged.

Session adjourned to meet at this place
this evening at 7 o'clock.

I. Soil clk

7 o'clock P.M.

Session met pursuant to adjournment
Members present as at adjournment - The
unfinished business taken up.

Moved that John E. Baker be suspended
 from the Communion of the Church & negated
 Mr. Baker then pledged total abstinence from
 all intoxicating drinks as a beverage and a medicine
 and the moderator was then directed publicly
 to admonish and rebuke Mr. Baker from
 the pulpit.

On motion the case of Henry Stricker was
 taken up.

On motion resolved that Henry Stricker be
 suspended, and he is hereby suspended from
 the Communion of the Church until he
 repents.

On motion ordered that the Committee
 confer further with James Barnett.

Adjourned to meet at the call of
 the moderator

Lucas Clark

Oct 3rd 1811 Session met at the call of the moderator - Pres A.S. Rankin. Mod. M.S. Wins, M.F. Barber & S. Stoe. elders

Admitted on examination -

John M. Sively Hugh Bay & Catharine Ligar

~~Adjourned~~

S. Stoe Clerk

~~Oct 17th Session met at the call of the moderator
Members Present A.S. Rankin mod.
M.F. Barber, M.S. Wins, M. Sarrand elders.
Ordered that the Clerk cite John M. Sively
and John V. Baker to appear before session
on the 30th inst. at 10 o'clock P.M. in the first
Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne to
answer to the charge of drunkenness.
Session adjourned until the 30th inst.
at 10 o'clock P.M. M.F. Barber ctk. Prot.~~

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Oct 17th 1841 Session met at the call of
the moderator. Members present

A. S. Rankin Mod. M. S. Menz, M. F. Barber
S. Noel - Elders. Opened with prayer.

John W. Intosh is charged, by common
fame with unchristian conduct.

1st with visiting tipping houses, and
2^d with being drunk on the last Saturday
evening of the Allen County Circuit Court.

John E. Baker is charged, by common
fame, with unchristian conduct. 1st with
having broken his pledge of total abstinence
from all intoxicating drinks - 2^d with
drunkenness.

The clerk was ordered to cite John W. Intosh
& John E. Baker to appear before session at
the Presbyterian ~~Church~~ meeting house on
the 24th inst. to answer to the above charges.

Adjourned.

S. Noel.

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Oct. 30 Session met agreeably to adjournment
members present: S. Noel Elder A. S. Rankin

moderator. John McIntosh appeared pursuant to citation and a copy of the charges against him with the names of the witnesses was put into his hand and he was cited to meet the Session on Friday the 5th day of Nov at 2 o'clock P.M. to have the adjudication. The clerk was ordered to cite the witnesses (Mr Baker did not appear and the clerk was ordered to cite him a second time to appear before Session on the 5th Nov next at 2 o'clock P.M. adjourned to the 5th Nov at 2 o'clock P.M. S. Noel Clk

Oct 31 The Session met at the call of the moderator members present A. T. Rankin moderator S. Noel Mrs Barber M. S. Menis N. Starnard Elders admitted upon certificates: Mrs Abida S. Taylor Mrs Mary C. Hubbell S. Noel Clk
Nov 5 Session met pursuant to adjournment. members present A. T. Rankin moderator S. Noel Elders
Mr McIntosh did not appear and

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Mr. Parker not having been notified
the Clerk was ordered to notify them
to meet the Session on the 13th inst at
2 o'clock P.M. on the Session would
proceed to determine their cases in their
absence. L. Noels Clerk

Nov 13 Session met. present A. S. Rankin Moderator
N. Farrand Elder John Parker and
John McElash (not appearing) Session adjourned
to meet the 20th inst at 2 o'clock P.M.

Nov 20 L. Noels Clerk

1841 Session met pursuant to adjournment.
present A. S. Rankin Moderator (M. P. Parle-
Mr. S. Mous, S. Koel & N. Farrand Elders
(Mr. Parker did not appear according to
citation.

It was resolved to take up his case and
the Session of their own knowledge knowing
that he was guilty of the crimes charged
against him Resolved that he and he
is hereby suspended from the Communion
of the Church until he repents. The
Moderator is ordered to publish this decision

from the pulpit.

(Mr Mcintosh appeared and his case having been taken up: by his consent (Mr Mines J. & Jacoby & N. Garrard were sworn -

(Mr Mines examined question by moderator and you acquainted with Mr (Mcintosh) as practice as regards the 1st charge.

Ans. I cannot now recollect of seeing him go into a grocery but once but I suppose Edward Scobee once seeing him go into S. Heddens. q. by (Mr Mcintosh have you seen one intoxicated within 18 months Ans. No not that I know of (Mr Mines said he had frequently seen him sitting & standing about Groceries. (Mr Garrard ex. q. by (Mod. do you know (Mr Mcintoshs habits (respecting) his frequenting (drinking) houses Ans. I have seen him near groceries frequently and have seen him several times in (Mr S. Heddens (Grocery I did not see him the last day of the Allen County Circuit Court as I recollect. q. by (Mr Mcintosh have you seen any improper conduct in the streets

And that depends upon what would be con-
 sidered improper. I consider it improper
 for an Elder of the Church to be frequently
 sitting near Groceries. Mr. Harland stated
 that Mr. McIntosh appeared in the street
 for the last year had been that of an intem-
 perate person. g. by (Mr. McIntosh) was it
 by the look of my face or my breath
 or by the action of my hands or feet that
 made you suppose me drunk. And partly
 by your countenance. I think this will give
 the idea as well as any words I can make
 use of "a general steeped appearance"

Mr. Jacoby Es. g. Moderator tell the
 Session what you know in regard to Mr.
 McIntosh habit of frequenting Groceries
 Ans. I have frequently seen him at Hedstrom
 and at the saloon and at Smith & Hutchinsons
 g. tell the Session how he appeared whether
 as a man doing business or as a lounge-
 r. Ans. I have seen him a few times at Hed-
 -strom when the room was filled with

intemperate and profane men. at one particu-
 lar time he was sitting by the stove with other
 persons about him (Mr Hedekin was standing) behind
 the counter and (I think) responded (Mr McIntosh had
 no business with him. q. had (Mr McIntosh business
 with the other man Ans. I saw nothing like it. I rec-
 -lect several times passing Hutcheson Grocery and saw
 Mr McIntosh sitting by the stove - q. did you see Mr
 McIntosh on the last day of the Allen Circuit Court.
 Ans. I saw him in the afternoon of that day q. tell
 when you saw him. Ans. I saw him sitting by the
 stove in Hutcheson Grocery and I think I saw
 him afterwards. q. will you tell the Session
 whether he was drunk or not. Ans. He was
 sitting by the stove partially bent over with his
 mouth open and looking at the stove. q. were the
 usual symptoms that attend drunkenness at
 that time apparent. Ans. They were I have seen
 much drunkenness and am acquainted with its
 symptoms q. do you believe to the best of your
 knowledge that Mr McIntosh was intoxicated
 on that occasion. Ans. I do. q. by Mr McIntosh

Mr Jacoby I understand you to say that you
 had frequently seen me at Mr Hedekins. Ans.
 I had seen you there probably fifty times. Q.
 do you know how much dealing I had
 with Mr Hedekins within the last two years
 Ans. I do not. - did you ever see me coming just
 of Hedekins drunk ~~and~~ staggering or quarrelling
 on the side walk Ans. I had never seen you
 fighting with any person but I had frequently
 seen you when I thought you was intoxicated
 Q. What was your reason for supposing me
 drunk. Ans. one reason is that your con-
 tenance & appearance was that of an intoxicated
 person. another reason is I had often seen you
 with intoxicated persons and another reason
 is I had sometimes come in contact with
 your breath and it had the smell of an
 intemperate person, Q. when had you come
 so near as to smell my breath. Ans. election
 day near the Court House and as many
 as two or three times in the store
 The above testimony was read to the omitted

by them approved.

Mr McIntosh withdrew from the Session in a very abrupt manner and contemptuous manner stating that he would make no defense. That he must go and look after his boy whom he had left at a grocery and go home. That if it was an offense to go to a grocery they would have another charge against him as he was going directly to sin. That they might just do with his case as they pleased.

The Session after consideration unanimously Resolved that the charges as specified against Mr McIntosh are sustained by the testimony. On motion unanimously Resolved that John McIntosh he and his are hereby suspended from the communion with the Church until repent. The Moderator is directed to publish the decision from the pulpit. Session adjourns.

L. Noel Clerk

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Dec 4 The Session met at the call of the
Moderator Members present A T Randin
Mod. S. Noel Mr J Barber Mrs S. (Mrs
N. Farrand Elders
admitted upon Certificate
From Merckon Lydes Merckon
The Session adjourned
S. Noel Clerk

Dec 26 The Session met at the call of the Moderator
members present. A. C. Randin Mod.
N. Farrand Mrs S. (Mrs Mr J Barber
S. Noel Elders,
admitted upon Certificate
James Edwards Mrs James Edwards
The Session adjourned
S. Noel Clerk

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March 8 Session met Members present

M. S. Wines, M. F. Barber & A. T. Rankin Mod.

The following was adopted after due Consideration, &

Whereas Sams^{W. Reuben} & Steward and John Badgley had left the country without taking desmission, it was resolved that their names be Stricken from the Register of the Church.

Also James Hudson and Mrs Hudson having connected themselves with another denomination it was resolved that their names be Stricken from the Register

The Session adjourned -

M. F. Barber Clk P. T.

March 14 Session met at the Call of the moderator
members present A. T. Rankin Mod.

J. Stone, M. S. Wines & M. Farrand Clk.

Dismissed M. F. Barber, Jane Barber
& Alley Barber.

J. Stone Clk

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Apr 24 Session met at the call of the moderator.
Members present. A. J. Rankin Modr.
M. S. Wines, N. Farrand & J. Stone Eldrs.
Opened with prayer by the modr.
Dismissed Mary A. Cadin.
Rcd on certificate Miss Margaret Edwards.
" on examination (Arnold Masters)
J. Stone Clk

Sept 6 Session met at the call of the moderator.
Members present A. J. Rankin Modr.
M. S. Wines, N. Farrand & J. Stone Eldrs.
Rcd on certificate.
Silas Root, Mary Root, William Paul
& Pamela Paul.
J. Stone Clk

" 14 Session met. Members present
A. J. Rankin Modr. M. S. Wines,
N. Farrand & J. Stone Eldrs.
M. S. Wines was appointed a delegate
to attend the stated meeting of Presbytery
on the 1st Thursday of Sept. next
Adjourned J. Stone Clk

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Oct. 8 Session met at the Call of the moderator.
Members present A. J. Rankin - mod.

Admitted ^{on examination} P. A. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
Beard, George Beard, John C. Swinney, [unclear]
Ann Morrison, W. Barton, Ann Barton,
[unclear] & Mary Barton, on Certificate
Sarah Ann Morrison & [unclear] Knapp
S. A. Clerk

Departed this life Marshall S. Minn
an Elder in this Church Oct 1842

S. A. Clerk

Nov. 12 Session met. present.
A. J. Rankin Mod. S. A. Clerk Elder
Opened with prayer

Admitted, on examination,
John Edsall, Mary D. Edsall &
Sarah C. Chute, on Certificate Jonathan
G. Fancher & Ann C. Fancher, Isaac L.
Williams, Susan C. Williams
S. A. Clerk

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Jan 29 Session met at the Call of the moderator
Members present. A. J. Rankin Mod.
S. Noel Elder

Opened with prayer.

Admitted on examination, Samine
Ridder, John Paul, Joseph W. Al-Maxon
Henry Ayres, Louis, Purvis, Matilda Curwin
S. Noel Elder

July 5 Session met at the Call of the moderator
Members present. A. J. Rankin mod.
S. Noel - Elder. Isaac L. Williams, who
was heretofore elected elder appeared
and took his seat.

Opened with prayer.

Admitted on examination Gander
Erikson, Samine, ~~Henry~~ ^{No 7} Samuel, Fairpie
Hobbes Paul

Feb 13th / 1843

Sesion met. Members present P. Hill
Lesse L. Williams A. J. Rankin Mod.

Matthew Grigg, presented the following
Charges against James Sawby; "I accuse
James H. Sawby with unchristian Conduct.

- 1st Over Charging goods. Witness. W. Townley
- 2^d With Keeping false books. Witnesses
Henry Sol, Henry Cooper, J. H. Golerick,
& Robert Brackbridge, Jun.

Matthew Grigg,
It was resolved to take up ^{and issue} the Charge
prepared by Matthew Grigg against Mr
Sawby. - Mr. Sawby having signified his
willingness to waive his right to ten days
notice, the Clerk was ordered to give him
a Copy of the Charges, with the names
of the witnesses, and the parties were
notified to appear before Sesion on
Wednesday the 15th inst. at 2 P.M.
Mr. Grigg was directed to have his

witnesses in attendance at that hour.

Alexander C. Lawby presented a written notification to session, in which he declared he had withdrawn from the first Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne. The consideration of this paper was postponed until after the above charges shall have been investigated — Adjourned to meet Wednesday 15th inst. at 2 P.M. * This paper was handed to the mod. 8th inst.

S. Store Clerk
 Wednesday 15th July 1843 - Session met,
 pursuant to adjournment. Members present
 S. Store, S. L. Williams & A. J. Rankin Mod.

The parties and witnesses being present, the charges were read to Mr. Lawby, and he pleads "not guilty."

J. H. Colver sworn

Deas. by W. Griggs.

What do you know of Mr. Lawby keeping false books?

Ans. That on the trial of the case of Lawby & Ferrand vs said Griggs, beforequire Lots, witness as the attorney of said Griggs

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ordered a subpoena duces tecum to issue for the books of said firm - that the said Griggs placed a Credit to be on said books of an amount paid of George W. Griggs for said Matthew, and on examining the books one overcharge was found in said books as follows: The bill rendered on the receipt of certain goods by more than two dollars than the bill charged on the books for said goods.

That the bill sued on as the foundation of the suit was evidently intended to collect more from the said Griggs, than the true account in said books against the said Griggs to the amount of about twenty dollars (\$20) and the said excess was so incorporated in said account as to bar the conclusion of its being the result of accident, but after the discovery was made Mr. Jacoby seemed mortified and sorry to me, either from the fact of the meditated wrong being discovered or from a feeling

of wounded honor, and said he had a reason for it, that it looked bad, and was bad, but that he did not intend to wrong Grigg by it, but to get what was due to him or them from some previous business or deal they had with Grigg.

Coop examined by accused. Do you know from said trial and examination that I keep false books? Ans. I do not, except the discrepancy referred to, which might only be the result of accident. That the books were produced, by Mr. Jacoby, at the instance of Mr. Cooper, that it was a matter of much contention to get the books, Grigg insisting and Jacoby objecting, that Mr. Jacoby's excuse for the discrepancy between the account and books was made after the testimony had closed and the accounts unshattered and compared.

D. W. Colerick

Henry Cooper sworn and saith that the account sued on in the trial between Mr. Jacoby & Grigg differed, but cannot say

how much. Question by prosecutor - Did this difference carry with it the evidence of design? Ans. Yes. But cannot say it was intended to wrong any person.

Ques. by answer, Did I not state that the design of the bill was to cover charges and interest which were in the books and not in the bill said on? Ans. Yes -

Henry Lot sworn on behalf of the prosecutor

Witness testified, that Mr. Joroby presented a bill of goods, as the foundation of the suit.

Mr. Grigg was not willing to settle by the bill. The bill was compared with the books, and proved to be considerably higher than the account on the book, but cannot say how much the settlement was made by the books and not by the bill - Ques. by Mr. Grigg. - Were these books such as a business man would keep?

Ans. - Books are generally kept in the same way. Ques. by same. - Do you say they were honest upright books? Ans. - As to the manner of keeping the books, I suppose

They were kept as other men would keep books. - Ques. by same. - Did the bill and the books correspond? Ans. No. Ques. by same. - What did you understand was the cause of the discrepancy between the bill and the books?

Ans. The reason assigned was that there were other Charges against Mr. Griggs, which could not be reached in any other way, and also to cover interest for two or three years. -

Ques. by same. - Do you consider the books true or false? Ans. I could see nothing false in the Journal and Ledger.

Ques. by same. - In what way was the excess of the bill put in? Ans. - On the different items in the bill the excess was added. - Ques. by same.

Do you remember any particular item? Ans.

Not any particular items, but there were a great many. Ques. by same. - Is it customary to collect interest in that way? Ans. - It is

not customary, neither is it law. - Ques. by same.

Do you recollect at what stage of the suit you were informed of the reason of this overcharging

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Ans. When the bill and books were compared. Jonas W. Townley Sworn. Will you state to session what you know concerning the price of certain articles of goods in an account against M^r. Grigg, said on, by M^r. Jacoby before Henry Lolo Esq. in respect is what you were called to testify. Ans. Some goods were shewn to me, and I fixed the price at what I thought was their worth; but goods vary according to the way in which merchants trade; there is no standard value to such articles. Ques. by sep. Do you recollect the price charged M^r. Grigg? Ans. A bill was shewn me in which was a shawl charged at five dollars, and I fixed the price at two dollars, but in some kinds of trade it would be worth a higher price. Ques. by same. Were there any other articles in the bill which you were called to fix the price of? Ans. Yes. A vest was shewn, and my impression is that I ~~fixed~~ assessed the vest at one dollar and a half, the pattern, and trimmings fifty Cents

Ques. by same. Do you recollect what the price was in the bill? Ans. I do not.

Ques. by accused. Did I acknowledge that the articles presented, by W^o Griggs, was the shawl charged in the bill? Ans. I think you, when I come to recollect, were present, but cannot say whether you admitted it to be the same or not.

Ques. by same. Did I admit that the vest shown you, was the vest charged in the bill? Ans. I cannot say.

Ques. by same. Who presented the bill to you? Ans. W^o Griggs. Ques. by same. Was that bill, the bill sent on before the Justice? Ans. the bill I saw was handed round at the time of the trial, and was in the hands of the lawyers, but cannot say where it came from.

Ques. by prosecutor. Do you recollect that the bill was a half sheet of paper divided in two columns of charges? Ans. that was the kind of bill presented to me.

Testimony on behalf of the prosecution closed.

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Alexander Jacoby sworn on behalf of the
 accused, saith; that he was present at the trial
 before Esq. Lobb - that at the time the shawl
 was examined by Mr Townley, & Ernst Jacoby
 was not in the room - that in the after part
 of the ^{same} day when the shawl and vest were shown
 to him, he said expressly that it had not been
 shown, and was not admitted that they were
 the shawl and vest charged in the bill or
 bought at Mr Ferrand's store. The black
 Merino shawl was sold by witness, and not
 by the accused - the price was offered there to
 by witness, while the accused was gone to New
 York, and the basis for fixing the price was
 the cost of the article, and not the real
 value - witness not being a very good judge
 of the real value of shawls particularly
 Merino. The accused had been served with
 a subpoena duces tecum and upon the
 instructions of witness, as counsel had been
 advised that he was not bound in law to
 adduce the books in evidence and was rightly

enjoined not to permit their examination, and this as a point of law, and not of policy in that suit, for witness did not know that there was a discrepancy between the bill and the book. This discrepancy was first acknowledged by accused before the books were examined, and accused stated that he had been advised, contrary to his own judgment, that he ought to swell the bill large enough to cover certain just and righteous demands against said Griggs which he said Griggs refused to allow, and which the accused said he had no means of proving according to law; and also in order to recover the amount justly owed by W^o Griggs in that suit, instead of bringing several suits, hoping thereby to save much controversy and hard feelings between them and W^o Griggs, and the accused offered to let the books, as they stood, be the basis of the judgment instead of the bill, if the Council would allow it. It appeared that the whole of the amount on the book did not vary in any very considerable degree from the amount claimed in the bill - only part of it accrued to the firm of "Lawry & Torrance"

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and part of it to St. Ferrand". Witness has had a good opportunity of judging of the manner of keeping books by the accused; accused having been for a long time, Clerk for witness, and witness believes accused keeps books honestly and justly, and as business men, in general, keep books. The books in question, were not the books of the accused, but of "St. Ferrand" and "Lawley & Ferrand".

Witness remembers that at the trial before St. Louis Esq. Mr. Griggs showed a bill purporting to have been given at the time an article or articles were purchased and which was less than the entry corresponding in date in the book - Witness is satisfied that such a discrepancy may exist without fraud or wrong on the part of the accused, as purchases often return in a few minutes and on large purchases, without producing the bill for enlargement, either from negligence or intention. Witness has known several such instances occur as he verily believes

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intentionally. He does not know that the bill
just mentioned or the entry in the Book was
made by accused. - Witness further said
that Mr Griggs had agreed to allow
interest on the amount he owed for some
two or three years, which the bill brought
in suit was also intended to cover as the
accused alleged. - The bill was also cut down
by a new Credit. Quer. by prosecutor. When did
Mr Griggs agree to allow interest as above stated
Ans. - In my office some time within two
months before the suit was brought.

Mr Griggs said he had agreed so at some
time before that time.

Robert Doyles sworn on behalf of the accused
Quer. by the accused. What do you know about
my keeping false books? Ans. I know not
that you kept false books. - Quer. by same. Had
you not a good opportunity to judge of my
way of keeping books? - Ans. - During the
three months I did business for you, that.

The evidence is closed.

After mature consideration the following
definitive sentence was adopted.

Matthew Grigg, professed a general charge
of unchristian Conduct, with two specifications
against James Lawby. - These specifications
are, 1st Recharging goods, and 2nd Keeping
false books. - The specifications, in the
judgment of session, are not sustained
by the testimony. But the evidence does
convict Mr. Lawby of unchristian con-
-duct in several particulars.

It appears clearly from the testimony, and
from Mr. Lawby's own admissions, that he
made out and rendered a false bill of goods
on which suit was brought against Matthew
Grigg. - 2nd For the purpose of recovering
interest on a book account of two or three
years standing, and for the purpose of reaching
other charges, which he here against Matthew
Grigg, and which he alleged could not be
recovered in any other way. He added an
excess to the original prices for which the goods

were sold and charged in the books, so as to cover said interest and other charges, with intent to collect them in said suit.

3rd The reason assigned by Mr. Sawby viz: That he could reach said charges in no other way, Session regards as an aggravation of his sin. However just said charges may be (and in respect to their justness or unjustness, Session give no judgment) the means resorted to, to collect them are in direct violation of the gospel of Christ, which enjoins honesty in all our dealings. Session believe the offense proved against Mr. Sawby to be so unjustifiable as to require the severity of censure, therefore

Resolved that James A. Sawby be excluded from the Communion of the Church, and he is hereby excluded until he give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

This sentence the moderator was directed to read in the Church on next Sabbath.

Close with prayer

J. Saw. Clk

From the foregoing sentence Mr. Sawby appealed.

J. Saw. Clk

The following is the paper presented to
Session by Lyander C. Jacoby:

"To the Session of the First Presbyterian Church
of Fort Wayne

Please to take notice that
I have withdrawn from my Connection with
the Church in which you are ruling elders,
and that from and after this day I shall
not hold myself subject to your government
and shall not ask your protection and support.

Fort Wayne

8th Feby. 1843

Very Respectfully

Lyander C. Jacoby

The Session Resolved that they do not
recognize his right to withdraw his Connection
from the Church, and cannot permit him
to do so.

Session adjourned. closed with
Prayer

J. Noel Clerk

Feb 26th 1843

Session met. Members present
A. T. Rankin, mod. J. L. Williams, S. A. C. C.
Admitted on examination, Henry Chamberlain
Katherine Chamberlain (du Davis)
Adjourned
S. A. C. C.

Session met. Members present, A. T.
Rankin mod. J. L. Williams, S. A. C. C.
Opened with prayer.
Admitted on examination Samuel
Hanna Elizabeth Forsythe.
Adjourned
S. A. C. C.

26 Session met. Members present, A. T. Rankin
mod. J. L. Williams, S. A. C. C.
Opened with prayer.
Admitted on examination William
Leason
Adjourned
S. A. C. C.

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Demised, Robt Baird, Polly Baird
 Matilda Baird, Sarah W Quistin,
 Eliza Rogers W Quistin, James Pringle
 Jan Pringle, Malvina Sithens, she
 having joined the Baptist Church.
 More Thorn, Abigail Living & Jane Hood
 S. Hall Ck

April 1st 1843

Notes on Communion	112
Wks - Dr Exam ⁿ	24
Dr Capt	11
Dr	8
Dismission	12
Dispenditure	1
Total now in Com	130
Small Exp ^{ts}	7
Exp ^{ts}	10

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Apr. 3

Session met pursuant to the request of James
 D. Jacoby, for the purpose of conferring with him
 in regard to what would be required, in order
 to his being restored to the Communion of
 the Church. Members present. A. F. Rauten
 mod. J. L. Williams, T. Noel.

Mr. Jacoby was informed that it would
 be necessary for him to give satisfactory
 evidence of sincere and ingenuous repentance.
 That this evidence must be such, as will
 satisfy the Church, against which he had
 sinned, and that he could only be accepted
 and pardoned, by God, in the exercise of
 Godly sorrow. - He was then heard at con-
 siderable length as to his feelings and views
 in which he informed session, that, he had
 been brought to see his sin, as he trusted
 in its true light; that he had mourned
 over it with sincere and heart felt grief,
 both before and ~~after~~ since his suspen-
 -sion; and that he wished to be restored
 to the Communion of the Church.

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Session then resolved to meet again
on tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, for further
consideration of the subject.

Tuesday evening, App. 4th 1843
Session met pursuant to adjournment
Members present. A. J. Rankin mod.
J. L. Williams, S. Auld.

Proceeded to the consideration of
Mr. Jacoby's case. After mature and careful
deliberation, the following minute was adop-
-ted. - Mr. Jacoby, in the judgment of
session, appears to be penitent, and they
hope he may have been accepted and
pardoned by the great head of the Church
who alone can tell what is in the hearts
of the Children of men; but such
was the position, which he sustained,
in the Church and the Sabbath
school, that they think the evidence
of his repentance should be so complete
and finished, as to satisfy, in some good
degree, the brotherhood, from whose

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Communion he has been excluded. This
can only be done by an humble, prayerful
and unostentatious conversation: therefore
they are of the opinion, that it would be premature,
and not for the edification of Mr. Sady or the
brethren, to restore him at this time to church
fellowship

Adjourned
I dole Clerk

Thus far examined and ap-
proved in Presbytery April
4th 1843
Fort Wayne Ia
A. L. Rankin
Moderator

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April 9th / 1843

Session met, at the call of the moderator
Members present, A. J. Rankin Modr.

Jesse L. Williams, P. Socy

Constituted with prayer

Admitted on examination, John C. Hile,
Laura Fullenfield, Mary R. Loomis

Session adjourned

J. Socy Clk

May 3 Dismissed, Samuel Riddle

J. Socy Clk

Sept 1 Session met at the call of the moderator
Members present, A. J. Rankin Modr.

J. L. Williams

Received on Certificate Mary C. J. Jefferson

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Sept 14 Dismissed J. P. Fancher & A. C. Fancher

J. Socy Clk

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August 24th 1843

At a meeting of the session of the first Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne held at the house of Jesse L. Williams members all being present, the following communication from the Rev. A. J. Rankin was received and read.

" Fort Wayne Ga August 24th 1843
To the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne.

Dear Brethren
as the time has arrived, at which the congregation usually make provision to obtain the stated means of grace, I take this method of informing them through you, that I decline coming before them for reappointment. My pecuniary and domestic concerns are in such a condition as to require immediate attention, and as I have the prospect of employment in another part in the great field of labour,

after mature Consideration, I have
Concluded, that the interest of this Church
as well as my own, would be promoted
by a separation.

I hope measures will be taken imme-
-diately to procure the administration
of the gospel among you. Any aid
which I can render you in this matter
shall be cheerfully given.

Accept Brethren, of my best wishes
both for yourselves and for the Church and
Congregation

Yours Respectfully

A. J. Rankin!!

Whereupon the following resolutions were
adopted.

1st Resolved that with gratitude to the
head of the Church, we would record his
goodness & mercy in advancing the interests of
our branch of Zion, during W. Rankin's
labours among us, our Church having
increased more than six fold in as

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many years, and up to the present time enjoying harmony, and having good prospects of further enlargement.

- 2 Resolved that Mr. Rankin will be followed wherever he goes, by our kindest wishes for his welfare and happiness, and by our most anxious prayers for his continued usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord.
- 3 Resolved that he be requested to cooperate with us in introducing to our congregation a suitable minister.
- 4 Resolved that, he be invited to continue his labours among us until it suits his convenience to remove, or another minister can be procured.
- 5 Resolved that, it be suggested to the trustees that proper means be immediately adopted to collect funds to remunerate him for any extra labors he may perform, and to meet the indebtedness of the Church for his past services.
- 6 Resolved that a copy of these resolutions

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be given to Mr. Rankin, and that the whole proceedings be read before the Congregation

L. Snow Clerk

1844

July 6th 1844

Session met. All the members present. Opened with prayer.

Read on Certificate. Mr & Mrs Geo. H. Robinson, Robert W. Townley & Eliza H. his wife & Frederic H. Tyler & Eliza W. his wife. Session closed with prayer

L. Snow Clerk

Feb 9

Session met. Members present. Luce L. Williams, John Cochran and Saml. Hanna

The Case of James A. Sawby, who had been suspended from the fellowship of the Church was taken up - Mr. Sawby being present; and after consideration, the following was adopted.

1844 Whereas W. Lacey has at this time, as well as at a former meeting, expressed to the session his sincere repentance for the sin for which he was suspended, and also his desire to be restored to the Communion of the Church. Therefore,

Resolved that the said James A. Lacey be restored to the Communion of the Church; and he is hereby restored, and recommended to the prayers of the brethren.

Feb. 12.

S. L. Williams Clerk pro. Tem.

Dismissed S. A. Lacey & Mary Wood

Apr. 5 session met. Members present.

Marshal - modr. S. L. Williams

F. Nail

} Elders

Read & opened with prayer

Read on Certificate. Samuel Biggs

Ellen Biggs & Maria Fory

F. Nail Clerk

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April 1st 1844

Transaction Commr	130
Addition on cash	10
Rec ^d on bonds	3
Disc	0
Remitted	4
Disbursed	0
Total mon ^y in Commr	139
Assets	
Liabilities	
Balance on hand	

1844

May 4 Dismissed Frederick H. Tyler & Eliz W. his wife, Susan W. Cullock, Alida L. Taylor, Sarah v Fairfield, & Maria Fory.

J. Noe. Clk

" 7 Dismissed Samuel Hurd

J. Noe. Clk

" 16 Dismissed Augustus D Wood

J. Noe Clk

July 13 Session met. Members present

W. C. Anderson Mod.

opened J. L. Williams, S. Emma, J. Noe Elders

with prayer Rec^d on certificate Sophia C. Noe

Hugh McKee

J. Noe Clk

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July 21. *Sisymbrium* *Samuel A. Gads.*

5 Nov Elk

Fort-Wagen Oct. 1844

Sept. met - all the members present, Rev. Wm. C. Anderson Mod. - Opened with prayer.

S. Auel was appointed to attend the fall meeting of the Logansport Presbytery to be held at Logansport, and Wm Paul his alternate

Saml. Hanna was appointed to attend the Yearly meeting of the Synod at South Bend and J. L. Williams, his alternate

Fort-Wagen Oct. 1844

Sept. met - All the members present, to wit
A. S. Dickson Moderator, S. Auel S. Hanna
John Cochran Wm Paul, James H. Rob-
-inson & J. L. Williams - Opened with prayer.

Admitted by Certificate Chauncy^W Bivins,
Abigail L. Bivins, Abigail Cochran
Miriam S. Williams, Sarah J. Williams, &
Julia E. Cook

Admitted on examination Wm^r Theresa
Benjamin

Nov. 15 / 1846

Dismissed Hugh W. Lee, Mrs. Mary
Hubbell and Miss Mary Barton

First-Way in Dec. 31. 1844

Some important transactions in relation to the Church, having been omitted in copying the record, it is ordered that the following historical events be entered.

In Sept. 1843 a meeting of the Church members was called by notice from the pulpit for the pulpit for the purpose of electing two additional Elders - the session then consisting of only two members - Saml. Hanna & John Cochran were chosen, and on the following Sabbath they were ordained and set apart to the office of Presiding Elders by Rev. W. Rankin.

Soon after the resignation of the Rev. A. J. Rankin on the 24th Aug. 1843, as pastor of the Church, a unanimous call was made by the congregation for the ministerial services of the Rev. John M. Stevenson pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Troy Ohio, which he declined to accept. About the middle of Aug. 1844

a call was made, unanimously by the
congregation for the Rev. H. S. Dickson
then pastor of the Presbyterian Church in
Bardston Ky. which was declined,

About the first of May 1844 the
congregation unanimously called the Rev. Mr.
C. Anderson late professor in Hanover College
which he did not accept, though he took
charge of the church and continued to
labour with great acceptance, as stated
safely until his health failed about the
15th Sept. In anticipation of this event
and at Mr. Andersons request, a meeting
of the congregation was called ~~about~~ ^{on} the
20th of Sept. to elect a pastor, when it
was unanimously resolved to renew the
call to Rev. H. S. Dickson, which call
was accepted by him, and the duties of
pastor extended upon ~~him~~ on the 23^d
Sept. 1844.

At the same meeting at which
Mr. Dickson was elected pastor, the members

of the Church proceeded to the election of
two additional Elders, in pursuance of
which given from the pulpit, when William
Paul and James H. Robinson were
chosen with much unanimity, and on
the following Sabbath, to wit, the 17th Sept,
they were ordained and set apart to
office of Nursing Elders by Rev. W. Anderson
after an appropriate discourse.

The above minute was read by J. S. Williams
after a conversation with members of Session
as to their recollection of the particulars stated -

The Session at a recent meeting adopted the
following, To wit; -

That ~~the~~ Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be
regularly administered on the first Sabbath
in January, April, July & October
of each Year -

That Members shall be received by Certificate
without a public profession of their Faith,
their names being announced from the Pulpit³⁰
as members received by the Session -

- Continued -

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Resolved, That in future, all persons accepted by the Session for membership to this Church on examination of their personal religion, shall make a Public profession of their Faith, on their reception into the Church at some Communion Season, in the presence of the whole congregation -

1845-

Jan 4 The Session met & opened with Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dickson, Moderator -

Received on Certificate No. See above below James Mc Carter from the 1st Pres Church at Kellogg Indiana -

Edige Rowala, from the Pres Church of Monroe, Michigan

Received on Examination for membership Mrs Frances P Randell
Mrs Henry P Ayres
Miss Catharine Stryker
Miss Maria M. Maken

Jan 5. 1845
These persons
were received
into the Church
on a public
profession of
their faith at
the celebration
of the Communion
of the same Sabbath

Received on Certificate Mrs James Mc Ormiston, wife of Doct. Ormiston
Mrs Clara L. Banks, wife of Doct. J. M. Banks

1845

Jan 30 Session met, present Rev Mr Dickson
M^r Paul, Cochrane, Williams & Robinson
(opened by Prayer) The following persons presented themselves for
admission to the Church, and after examination
were accepted for that purpose V^{iz} -

Oliver P Morgan, John Hough Es^r
M^{rs} Mary Ann Coleman -
Brother Abel who has acted as clerk of Session
whose duties as Post Master, prevents his
regular attendance on the meetings of Session,
not being present, and the prospect of frequent
meetings of Session; on motion

James H Robinson was appointed clerk of
Session - *Agreed -*

Feb 1

Session met, same members present as at the
last meeting - opened with Prayer by Rev Mr Dickson

Recap on Certificate V^{iz}
James Mc Watter, from the 1st Pres Church
of Millgrove Indiana
Eliza French, from the Pres Church of
Monroe Michigan -

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(Continued)

The following persons presented themselves for admission to the church, and after examination were accepted for that purpose Viz -

William Bowen, Henry Sharp
William Baker, Miss Virginia Lewis
Miss Eliza Root, Miss Margaret Forsyth
& Miss Barbary Lotz

A Certificate given to Mrs Elizabeth Wood by S. Noel clerk, without date, but supposed to have been given about six months since, was returned to the Session, she not having used it as contemplated - Destroyed -

Adjourned

Feb, 1

At the preparatory sermon for communion tomorrow, being an extra observance desired by some of the Session, the following named children were Baptized Viz

Stephen Cooper, Son of Dea Henry P Ayres
born June 5 - 1840 -

Anna Maria, Daughter of same, born
Feb, 7 - 1843 -

Feb. 2, The Lords Supper was celebrated this day being Sabbath, and the persons accepted for membership on the 30th of January & 1st of February were received into the Church on a public profession of their Faith, except John Hough Dr who was necessarily absent from the City —
 Oliver P Morgan, Eliza Root & Mary Ann Coleman were baptised —

Feb. 17 Mrs Jane C. Linger, a communicant of this Church Died this day —
 Funeral attended in the Church by Rev. A. S. Dickson —

Feb. 24 Session Met agreeably to notice from Pulpit
 Present Rev. A. S. Dickson - Hannah, Williams, Noel, Cochran & Robinson - Opened by Prayer
 The following persons presented themselves for admission to this Church at its next Communion were received for that purpose Viz -
 Mrs. Harriet, wife of James Story - Not Baptised
 - continued -

— Continued —

Miss Jane Rowan —
• Martha Erwin Not Baptized
" Eliza S Lewis Not B
" Cynthia ^{Ann} Beares Not B

Mrs Annam Foy formerly Miss Margaret
Ann Edwards a member of this church
desiring to join the Methodist Church and
applying for a certificate, the Session order
one given of good standing, without any
recommendation to that Church —

In pursuance of the above order the following
form of certificate was issued

Fort Wayne Feb 24. 1845

Mrs Annam Foy a member of the first Pres-
byterian Church of Fort Wayne Indiana, making
known to the Session, her desire to be con-
-ected with the Methodist Church in
this place; at her request, this is to
certify that she is a member of said
Church in good standing —

By order of the Session, James H. Robinson, Clerk

— Continued —

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Edmond Hinton (Not-Baptized) came before the Session for admission to the Church, whose case was deferred for the present -

Adjourned

Feb, 25 Session James M Painfulas to
2^d Pres Church Fort Wayne Ind.

Feb, 26 Session met at the Call of the Moderator -
Present, Rev^s H S Dickson - Noel, Williams,
Cochrane, Robinson - Opened with Prayer -
Received for admission to the church at the next
Communion; Mrs Elizabeth M, wife of }
Wade C Shroff, on Examination }
Not-Baptized - Adjourned -

March 3 Session met at the Call of the Moderator -
Present, Rev^s H S Dickson - Hannah, Cochrane
Williams & Robinson - Opened with Prayer -
Received, on Examination, for admission to this Church;
George Wilson - Horace Durie - Both Not-Baptized
James O Townley & Ellen wife of James P. Munson
both Baptized - Adjourned -

1845

March 9

Session Met at the request of the Moderator -
Present, Rev H S. Dickson - Williams, Cochran
P Robinson -

The subject of changing the regular Communion
Season from the 1st Sabbath in April to the
Third Sabbath in March, and every Third
Sabbath of the Third Month thereafter, having
been discussed at a previous meeting, was
adopted - Thus fixing the 3^d Sabbath
in March, June, September & December, as
the regular times for this observance - Adjourned

March 12

Session met at the call of the Moderator -
Present Rev H S Dickson - Williams, Cochran
P Robinson - Opened with Prayer -

The following persons were received on examination
for admission to this Church Viz -

Miss Martha Mc Hood -

Mrs Huldah Johnson - Not Baptized

Mr Richard Chute

- Samuel Mc Evans -

Session Adjourned

1845

March 15 Session Met at the call of the Moderator.
Present, Rev. H. S. SICKS, Hannah
Cochrane Williams & Robinson.
Opened with Prayer -
The following persons were received on
examination for admission to this Church.
Edmond Hinton, Not Baptized.
Tomlin M. Banks Not Baptized
Henry Lotz -
Miss Mary Ann Barnett -
Received on Certificate
Mrs Susan Wife of Edward Whitmore
from the Church in Rockhill Conn
- Approved -

March 16 Session Met, Present Rev. H. S. Sicks, Hannah
Williams, Noel, Cochrane & Robinson -
Recd on Examination for admission to
this church = Gabriel Laukart - ~~Baptized~~
in Catholic Church, but not being considered
valid by the pastor, ordered he be Baptized.

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March 16. This day the communion of the Church
was observed, and the persons accepted for
membership on the 24 Feb. 26 Feb. 3 March,
12th 15th & 16th March, were received into
the Church on a public profession (including
John Hough Sr, who was absent at
the last communion); Except the following
persons who did not appear viz -
Mrs Hulda Johnson -
Mr Edmond Hinton
Mr Tomlin Mc Parks

The following named persons were Baptized,
Mrs James Story, Mrs Wade G Shroff
Miss Eliza S Lewis, Miss Cynthia Ann Beard
Mr George Wilson Mr Horace Durie
& Mr Gabriel Laukait - 7 persons =

March 20 John Edsall, Died this day

April 2 Mary S - wife of Henry Cooper Died this day
- 3: Mary wife of John E Baker Died this day

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April Henry Lotz Dea this day

3 12 Pamela Wife of William Paul, Dea this day

Session met present Rev^d H. S. Dickson
Annex, William Cochran & Robinson.

Opened with Prayer -

Recd on ~~Certificates~~ to the Communion of this
Church - Rufus M. French, from the
Presb. Church in Brockport -

On the 12th of March 1845, Rev^d Mr. Dickson,
Baptist, Mary, infant daughter of Robert
& Mary Gage at his study room; they
having applied to him for that purpose on
a special visit from the County, near Mr.
Vermillion on the Canal - They are not members
of this Church -

20 Session met - Present Mod^r - William & Cochran

Sp^{er} and William Paul was appointed a delegate
to attend the next meeting of Presby & S. Noel his
alternate -

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