

Fredonia Presbyterian Church  
Record Book (1810-1827)  
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March 28<sup>th</sup> Married by the Rev. T. **Spencer**(?) Asa **French** to Miss Tanee(?) **Spencer**

April 4<sup>th</sup>(?) Lords Supper administered by the Rev. T. **Spencer**

August 18<sup>th</sup> Lords Supper administered by T. **Spencer**. Baptized Orry(?) Daughter of Timothy and Lydia **Golden**(?).

March 6, **1814** Lords Supper administered by Rev. T. **Spencer**. Baptized Grangre Lyman son of Isaac and Ruth **Barns**(?).

July 24<sup>th</sup> Lords Supper Administered by the Rev. T. **Spencer**. Baptized John and Stephen **Barnes** sons of Theoner(?) and Maria **Strong**. Maria **Strong** admitted to full Communion.

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>(?) Lords Supper administered by Rev. Matthew **Taylor**. Baptised Elisha **Skinner**, Solomon **Lovejoy** and Prudence **Lovejoy** adults Elisha son of Elisha and Sally **Skinner**, Horatio(?) Pliny(?) son and Elvira Daughter of Isaac and Prudence **Lovejoy**. Benjamin **Lovejoy** and Abigail, his wife, Isaac **Lovejoy** and Prudence his wife, Solomon **Lovejoy** and Rien(?) his wife. Elisha **Skinner** and Sally **Seymour** admitted to full communion with this Church.

Nove. 29<sup>th</sup> Rosehannah(?) Daughter and John Edwin Annis(?) and Solomon sons of Solomon and Ren(?) **Lovejoy**, Benjamin **Lovejoy** son to Benjamin **Styles** and Nancy **Lovejoy** Baptised by the Rev. T. **Spencer**.

Feb. 10, **1815** Lords Supper Administered by the Rev. T. **Spencer**.

August 6<sup>th</sup> Lords Supper Administered by the Rev. Amos **Clark**.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Lords Supper Administered by the Rev. T. **Spencer**

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Baptised Prudence Daughter of Isaac A. and Prudence **Lovejoy**.

April 1<sup>st</sup> **1816** Lords Supper Administered by the Rev. T. **Spencer**. Baptised Thomas son of Timothy and Lydia **Golden**.

June 30<sup>th</sup> Lords Supper Administered by the Samuel **Swezy**(?). Baptized Daniel William son of Adam and Tabitha **Wait** & John **Barker**, Solomon **Hinckly** and his wife admitted to this Church

Oct 27 Baptised Alexander **Smith** son of John and Fanny **Barker**.

Decem 8 Lords Supper administered by the Rev. Samuel **Swezy** Baptized Mary **Rood** and Polly **Lovejoy** adults William Michael Julius and Sarah Daughter of Abijah and Polly **Lovejoy** Thomas **Sidny** Albert Faren **Durham** George sons Thomas and Ruth **Kapple** and Chloe Daughter, Warner **Barnes**(?) son of Thomas(?) and Pamelah(?). Baptized Sidny Lock, Roe. Barnes and Jerry sons of Standish and Mary **Rood**. Joseph **Plumb** admitted a member of this Church by letter.

January 30(?) **1817** Church meeting held at the house of Oliver **Barnes**. Voted that this Church Change their form of Church Government from Congregational to Presbyterian and act with the Presbytery.

March 10<sup>th</sup> At a meeting of the Church held at the house of Mr. **Seymore** the following officers were chosen

Isaac **Barnes**

Israel **Loomis** Deacons

Isaac A. **Lovejoy**

Joseph **Plumb**

Oliver **Barnes** Elders

Voted that I. A. **Lovejoy** procure at the expense of the Church a book(?) suitable for the records and that the sum of twenty dollars be raised to purchase furniture for the communion table.

April 4<sup>th</sup> Session met according to appointment. meeting opened with prayer. Joseph **Plumb** appointed Clerk of the Session. Susanna **Swezy**(?) Wife of Rev. S. **Swezy** admitted to the Church by letter. Adjourned to meet again on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. Closed by prayer

April 14<sup>th</sup> Met agreeable to adjournment. Opened by prayer. Voted that the Confession of Herman **Goodwin** be received by this Church the [sic] he be recommended to the Congregational Church in this Town that the conditions upon which he is recommended be made known to the Congregation Sabbath after next Mrs. **Barker**'s letter from the Church in Paris received. Closed by Prayer.

June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sacrament administered by Rev. S. **Swezy**

June 25<sup>th</sup> At a meeting of the Session Deac I. **Barnes** appointed delegate to attend the meeting of the Presbytery the ensuing week at Buffalo with Rev. S. **Swezy**

August 1<sup>st</sup> Session met according to appointment opened by prayer. Mark **Stacy** received a member of this Church by letter from the Church in Madison. Voted that it be adopted as a rule of this Church that a year only be given to members removing from other Churches to procure letters.

August 3d Sacrament of the Lords supper administered by Rev. S. **Swezy**. Baptised Nathaniel son of Isaac and Ruth **Barns** also Charles Darwin son of Elisha and Sally **Skinner**

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Session met according to adjournment opened by Prayer. When the following complaint was laid before the Session. Whereas it has it has [sic] been repeatedly represented that Brother Jeremiah **Rood** has been guilty of the sin of intemperance use of spirituous liquor on two instances namely at the raising of Mr. **Thompsons** Barn in July **1816** and also while employed in drawing grain for Mr. **Risly** in August last and whereas the first step according the divine rule has been taken and appearing to entirely insensible of having given occasion for such reports and manifesting a willingness to meet his accuser before the Session the 8<sup>th</sup> inst I do now submit the matter to the investigation of the Session. Pomfret Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> **1817** Israel **Loomis**

Names of the Witnesses

Mark **Stacy**

Thomas **Kapple**

Benjamin **Lovejoy**

Otis **Maynard**

Elijah **Risley**

Noah **Ermira**(?)

Solomon **Lovejoy**

Oliver **Barnes**

The charges being read to the offending member with names of the witnesses the Session adjourned to meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the present month closed with prayer.

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> **1817** Session met agreeable to adjournment opened with prayer. When the Session proceeded to the trial of Brother **Rood**. Mark **Stacy** being sworn testifies that he was present at the raising of Mr. **Thompsons** Barn at which time he thinks Mr. **Rood** had two[sic] freely of ardent Spirits that he did go strait the left [sic] the place before the rest of the company that he noticed him particularly. Benjamin **Lovejoy** being sworn testifies that he was present at the raising of Mr. **Thompsons** barn that he thought Mr. **Rood** had drank too much liquor that he conversed with him the next day respecting it. Mr. **Rood** did not appear to be sensible of being out of the way but said if that was the case he was sorry for it. Thomas **Kapple** being sworn testifies that he was present at the raising of the abovementioned barn that he judged from his being unusually talkative mixing vain conversation with religious topics and some other circumstances that Mr. **Rood** had drank too much. adjourned to the 28<sup>th</sup> 1 o'clock P.M. closed by prayer

Oct. 28, **1817** Session met according to adjournment opened by Prayer. Solomon **Lovejoy** having sworn Testifies that he was present at Mr. **Risleys** with Jeramiah **Rood** when he was drawing grain took dinner with him and that Mr. **Rood** asked a blessing at the Table and by his conversation he thought he had drank more spirits than was for his good, and also at other times he had noticed his drinking too much. Otis **Maynard** being sworn Testifies that he was at Mr. **Risleys** with Mr. **Rood** drawing grain and that he thought by his countenance and conversation that he had made too free use of spirits which appeared further evident by his unnatural actions and furthermore that he had seen him at another time when he thought he had drank too much. Concluded by Prayer

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> **1817** Session met according to appointment opened by prayer. After mature deliberation on the case of Mr. **Rood** were unanimous in the opinion that the Charges have been supported against him and in consideration of his intire [sic] insensibility with respect to his fault

in consequence of which he is unprepared to make the confession which the nature of the case requires thenceforward that the Moderator admonish him and if not reclaimed by this mean[s] the matter be laid before Presbytery. Closed by Prayer.

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Sacrament administered by Rev. S. **Swezy**. Baptised Harriet Daughter of Abijah and Polly **Lowery**(?)

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Session met agreeable to notice. opened by prayer. When the following complaint was presented. Whereas I have reason to believe by frequent reports and otherwise that Brother Asa **French** has in several instances during the summer and fall past been guilty of unchristian conduct to the great scandal(?) of the cause of religion and whereas I have under a sense of duty as I humbly trust made an attempt to bring him to a sense of duty by taking the first and second steps according to the direction of our blessed Lord Math 18<sup>th</sup> 15.16 and obtaining no satisfactory evidence of repentance I do now submit the mater[sic] to the investigation of the Session and present this my complaint against him as stated in the three following charges to wit  
1<sup>st</sup> an intemperate use of ardent spirits  
2<sup>nd</sup> an attempt to secure in a clandestine manner a deed of a certain building lot in the Village of Fredonia which was in the possession of James **Mullett**, Esq.  
3d Absenting himself from publick[sic] worship on the Sabbath and at other seasons –  
Pomfret, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> **1817** Isaac **Barnes**

Names of the witnesses

Henry **Abel**

Asa **Seymour**

Richard **Williams**

Mabel **How**

Thomas **Abel**

Adjourned to the 26 of the present month at 1 P.M. concluded by prayer

Decem 26 Session met according to adjournment opened by Prayer. no business done Closed by Prayer. adjourned to the 31<sup>st</sup> at 1 P.M.

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Session met according to adjournment opened by Prayer. When Brother Asa **French** appeared before them acknowledged his fault and made his confession to the satisfaction of the Session. Closed by Prayer

January 29 **1818**

A Letter of admonition having been sent Brother **Rood** according to the decision of the Session and he manifesting no satisfactory evidence of repentance the decision of the session renders it necessary that the matter be laid before Presbytery. Israel **Loomis** Clerk

Tus[sic] far the records have been examined by Presbytery and approved except the last articles which appear to want the proper signature. Miles(?) **Squire**(?) Moderator

August 13<sup>th</sup> **1818** opened by Prayer. Brother Asa **French** according to previous appointment and his own voluntary agreement came before the Session When he was required to answer to the

following charges founded on repeated reports of the truth of which this Session are measurably satisfied

Charges

1<sup>st</sup> For the sin of intemperance of which we have reason to believe he has been guilty at different times since his confession of Decem 31<sup>st</sup> **1817**.

2<sup>nd</sup> neglect to attend Public Worship.

the Charges acknowledged to be true. Voted that a public confession be required and read in his presence. Concluded by Prayer

Joseph **Plumb**, Clerk

Dec 22d Session met agreeable to appointment opened by Prayer. Voted that a Letter of admonition be written to Asa **French** and if it should not have the desired effect that the matter be laid before Presbytery at their next session.

Isaac A. **Lovejoy** appointed delegate to attend the next Session of the Presbytery at Buffalo and Joseph **Plumb** substitute. A Letter of admonition having been written to Asa **French** according to the vote of the Session and not having the desired effect the matter is now submitted to Presbytery for their advise[sic]. by Presbytery voted that these records be approved except the want of the signature of the Clerk to the several minutes of the Church and that they be signed by the moderator. Buffalo Feb 10 **1819** Calvin **Colten** mod

May 27, **1819** Session met according to appointment opened with prayer. Voted that Asa **French** be excommunicated from this Church provided the same be sanctioned by Presbytery. Isaac A. **Lovejoy** appointed delegate to attend the next Presbytery at Lewiston on the first Tuesday in July next. Oliver **Barns** appointed substitute. Harvey **Durkee** Persia **Durkee** his wife Parthena(?) **Lyman**, Mrs. Julia **Johnson** and Miss **Atkins** were admitted to the Church by letter. Joseph **Plumb** Clerk

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Session met agreeable to appointment opened with prayer. Voted that Asa **French** be excommunicated from this Church agreeable to the advice of the Presbytery. Joseph **Plumb**, Clerk

Henrietta **Sage** admitted to the Church by Letter.

Decem 22d The Church met agreeable to notice. Opened with prayer and proceeded to the choice of two Elders. When Harvey **Durkee** and Solomon **Hinkly** were Elected and Harvey **Durkee** was also chosen Deacon and was appointed moderator for one year. Concluded by Prayer.

March 12 **1820** Sacrament administered by Rev. John **Spencer**

July 29<sup>th</sup> Sacrament administered by Rev. John **Spencer**. Miss Abigail T. **Gilbert** received to the Church. Joseph **Plumb** Clerk

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Sacrament administered by the Rev. Mr. **Camp**(?) and the following persons admitted to the Church by letter

Amos **Lee**

Eri(?) **Allen**(?)

Sally **Allen**

Clarence(?) **Durkee**

Abigail Mariah Daughter of Abijah and Polly **Lovejoy** Baptised. Joseph **Plumb** Clerk

July 14<sup>th</sup> **1821** Daniel L. **Andrews** dismiss by Letter. Joseph **Plumb**, Clerk

July 1<sup>st</sup> Sacrament administered by Rev. John **Spencer**. Baptised a child of Joseph and Deborah **Plumb** also three Children of Eri and Sally **Allen**. Joseph **Plumb**, Clerk

Sabbath August 5<sup>th</sup> Sacrament administered by Rev. Mr. **Phelps**. Baptised a child of Isaac and Prudence **Lovejoy** a child of Daniel and Irene **Bartholomew** a child of Fenner(?) **Ward**(?) a child of Thomas and Ruth **Kapple**, a child of Elisha and Hanna **Shepard**. Joseph **Plumb** Clerk

Oct. Rev. Mr. **Phelps** preached a lecture and baptized two children of Henry and Marilla **Howard**.

December 10<sup>th</sup> Sacrament administered by Rev. Mr. **Phelps**. Huldah **Jones** wife of Carlton **Jones**, Elisha **Shepard** and Hannah his wife and Hiram **Couch** were admitted to the Church by letter. Ralph **Plumb** and Parthena his wife, Sarah **Williams** wife of Ezra **Williams**, Sally **Day** Wife of Benjamin **Day**, Sophia **Bail** were admitted on examination. Mrs. **Day** and Mrs. **Plumb** were Baptised also a child of Ralph and Parthena **Plumb**. Joseph **Plumb** Clerk

January 5<sup>th</sup> **1822** Mark **Stacy** dismissed by vote of Session. Joseph **Plumb** Clerk

February 1<sup>st</sup> at a meeting of the Church Elisha **Shepard** appointed one of the Elders of this Church. Deac. Harvey **Durkee** appointed delegate to attend the meeting of the Presbytery on the first Tuesday of the present month. Joseph **Plumb** Clerk

Mrs. Huldah **Jones** wife of Carlton **Jones** died April 6, **1822**.

Sabbath April 14. Sacrament administered by Rev. Noah **Smith**. Mrs. Abigail **Wentworth** received to the Church by letter. Elisha **Shepard** Clerk

Joseph **Plumb** dismissed from the Church by vote of the Session. E. **Shepard** Clerk

August 17 at a meeting of the Session Harvey **Durkee** appointed delegate to attend the siting of the Presbytery at west Aurora on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Sept. next. E. **Shepard** Clerk

The committee appointed to examine these records reported that there was some instances of neglect in not having the minutes signed by the Clerk that they recorded Baptisms and deaths as the doings of the Church. And that with these exceptions they be signed by the moderator. Thus far approved by Presbytery with the above exceptions. Mile P. **Squire** Moderator  
West Aurora Sept 11<sup>th</sup> **1822**

Sabbath Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sacrament administered by Rev. Samuel **Leonard**.

Elias **Gilbert** and Wife

Sarah **Lowel**

Nancy **Lynde**  
Polly Ann **Brigham**  
Lucy **Garnsey** received to this church by letter  
Charlotte **Marsh**  
Waity **Marsh**  
Caroline E. **Harrison** by profession.  
E. **Shepard** Clerk

Sabbath December 15

Sacrament administered by the Rev. Mile P. **Squire**. A child of Deac. I. A. **Lovejoy** Baptised.

Dunkirk December 16<sup>th</sup> **1822**.

Session met agreeable to previous appointment at the house of Wm. A. **Lynd**(?) – opened with prayer by the Rev. Miles P. **Squire** who was invited to act as moderator of the meeting. Mrs. Sarah A. **Williams** a sister in this church presented a complaint against Nancy **Lynd** – also a member of this church containing the following charges viz.

1 Mrs. **Lynd** has sinned(?) over(?) saying she did not believe there was a Christian in Dunkirk – and that she was almost sorry that she had made a profession of religion. Witnesses Mrs.

**Langdon**, Mrs. **Bond** and Doctor **Williams** to one part. This was in Oct'r **1822**.

2d Mrs. **Lynd** has denied that she ever(?) said Mrs. **Brigham** crowded upon her. Mrs. Van **Sanford**, Esther **Good**(?), Mr. **Brigham**, Mrs. **Brigham**, Dr. **Williams**, Mrs. **Williams** witnesses

3d and that she denied denying it – Part of the same witnesses – This was in October & November **1822**

4<sup>th</sup> That she had denied saying that Mrs. **Van Sanford** would go down to Deacon **Dodd** and ask his pardon. Fanny **Loomis**, Mrs. **Fink**, Doctor **Williams** witnesses. This was in October and Nov'r **1822**.

5<sup>th</sup> Mrs. **Lynde** denied that she ever denied saying that Mrs. **Van Sanford** had said what is mentioned in the fourth charge. Witnesses Mrs. **Loomis**, Fanny **Loomis**, Deacon **Loomis**. This was Nov'r 25 **1822**. Mrs. **Williams** stated that she had taken the previous steps with Mrs. **Lynd** as the gospel requires.

A copy of the charges and names of the witnesses having been given to the Defendant the parties consented now to come to trial –

The proof of the first charged –

Mrs. Abigail **Langdon** being sworn testifieth that the defendant told me she did not believe there was a Christian in Dunkirk and that there was such work here she was almost sorry she had made a profession of religion. Afterwards she called on me and asked me what she had said - referring to what I have just testified – whether she did not say they did not act like Christians here – I said no but that she did not believe there was a Christian here. She then said she did not say so but that they did not live like Christians or the like.

Question by defendant – Did I not ask you whether you could not be mistaken about my saying I did not believe so I said no but that if she would then say she did not mean no I would give it up.

Abigail **Langdon**

Mrs. Annet **Bond** being sworn testifieth that in conversation with Mrs. **Lynde** she said she did not think there was a Christian in Dunkirk and that she felt almost ashamed she had named the name of Christ & professed. She afterwards called on witness and asked witness if she ever told her that she did not think there was a Christian in Dunkirk; Witness told her that she the

Defendant had told her so – Mrs. **Lynde** then said witness was to blame for saying so – as she the defendant had never(?) made such a statement. She then told witness to consider on it for she never had told her so. Annet **Bond**

Doct'r Ezra **Williams** being sworn testifieth that in conversation with Defendant he remarked to her that she had said she did not believe there was a Christian in Dunkirk. She replied that she had never said so - and that Mrs. **Bond** had told(?) her(?) the Defendant that she Mrs. **Bond** did not believe there was a Christian in Dunkirk and then reported that she the Defendant had told her - Mrs. **Bond** – so and further added how nice(?) it is to be treated so – and that the conversation which she the Defendant had with Mrs. **Bond** was inconsistent with her the defendant having said so. Ezra **Williams**

2d Charge – Esther **Good**(?) being sworn testifieth that in conversation with Defendant about four years ago Defendant told her she the Defendant thought Mrs. **Brigham** and Mrs. **Hiton**(?) imposed upon her. Esther **Good**

Mr. Joel(?) **Brigham** having been sworn testifieth that the Defendant in conversation with him said she did not mean to have it considered, that she Mrs. **Brigham** crowded upon her.

Question by Defendant, did not Doct'r E. **Williams** state to you that Mrs. **Lynde** had become troublesome in the neighborhood and that he was determined to put a stop to it? Answer – He did or to that purport. Joel **Brigham**

Doct'r **Williams** testifieth that Mrs. **Lynde** in conversation with him avowed(?) that she said Mrs. **Brigham** crowded upon her or to that purport. Ezra **Williams**

3d charge – No Testimony

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Charges – Fanny **Loomis** being sworn testifieth that the defendant told her that Mrs. **Van Sanford** had told Defendant that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** was reconciled to Valeria **Dodd** – and that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** justified her Valeria **Dodd** for treating her Mrs. **Van Sanford** as she did, considering the provocation she Mrs. **Dodd** had, and that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** would go and ask Deacon **Dodds** pardon – Defendant afterwards said to witness that she the Defendant had not said Mrs. **Van Sanford** told her the Defendant that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** was reconciled to Valeria **Dodd** but that she the Defendant told witness that Mrs. **Van Sanford** told Mrs. **Guernsey** that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** was more reconciled to Valeria **Dodd** than she had been.

Question of Defendant – Did Mrs. **Lynde** tell you that Mrs. **Van Sanford** told her that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** would get right on to her little Pony and go down and ask Deacon **Dodds** pardon? Answer – She did. Fanny **Loomis**

Doct'r **Williams** testifieth that the Defendant in conversation with him, and Fanny **Loomis** did deny that she had said what Fanny **Loomis** has said she did – But answered that she had said what Mrs. **Van Sanford** had told her Defendant – that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** was more reconciled to Valeria **Dodd** than she had been. Ezra **Williams**

Mrs. Hannah **Loomis** being sworn testifieth that Defendant told in the presence of witness that she Defendant had never denied saying that Mrs. **Van Sanford** had told her the Defendant that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** was reconciled to Valeria **Dodd** and that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** would see her parents and ask their forgiveness – To this Fanny **Loomis** also testifies.

On the part of the defendant the following witnesses were called

Mrs. Wm. A. **Lynde** being sworn testifieth that in reply to the question of Doct'r **Williams** – in the conversation with him – did you not Mrs. **Lynde** say that you did not believe there was a Christian in Dunkirk – and that you was ashamed of your profession – she the Defendant answered no – but one would not think there was a Christian in Dunkirk – and she was almost



sorry she had made a profession of religion and if she had not made a profession she thought she should not at this time.

Question by the Defendant – Did you in the above mentioned conversation with Doct'r **Williams** hear the Defendant say that Mrs. **Bond** had said she did not believe there was a Christian in Dunkirk – Answer – I did not. Wm A. **Lynde**

Deacon A. **Dodd** being sworn was questioned by the Moderator – Did you hear Mrs. **Lynde** deny in conversation with Fanny **Loomis** & Doctor **Williams** that she had said Mrs. **Van Sanford** had got reconciled to Valeria **Dodd** and that she would see her parents and ask their forgiveness? Answered – No I did not. But she avowed(?) she did say so.

Question by the same – Did you hear Defendant say that she did not say that Mrs. **Van Sanford** told her that she Mrs. **Van Sanford** would get on to her pony and go down and see Deacon **Dodd** but that she expected that came by way of Mrs. **Garnsey**? Answer I did.

Question by complainant – Was you so situated that you could hear all the conversation between defendant and Fanny **Loomis**? Answer – I do not think I could hear all – but was very anxious to hear all I could. Ebenezer **Dodd**

Mrs. Lucy **Garnsey** being sworn was questioned by Moderator – Have you had any conversation with Defendant respecting what Mrs. **Van Sanford** told you about her Mrs. **Van Sanfords** being reconciled to Valeria **Dodd**? Answer – I have.

What was the substance of that conversation? I told her Mrs. **Lynde** what Mrs. **Van Sanford** told me. Viz. that she had seen Mrs. **Lynde** and was perfectly reconciled to her. She now wished to see her parents – Deacon **Dodd** & his wife – being sensible that their feelings must have been injured – and that she was determined to see them and that if no other opportunity presented she should make a journey down there on purpose. She said when she considered the provocation which Valeria **Dodd** had she did not know that she would blame her one bit.

Question by Defendant: What is your opinion of Mrs. **Lynde**'s character as a woman of truth and piety? Answer – I have ever found her a woman of truth and piety so far as facts have come within my knowledge.

Question of Moderator Have you been intimately acquainted with Mrs. **Lynde**. Answer – I have. Lucy **Garnsey**

Mrs. Sally **Day** being sworn was questioned by Defendant – What is your personal knowledge of Mrs. **Lynde**'s character as a Christian? Answer – As far as I have seen she has conducted herself as a Christian. Sally **Day**

Mrs. Ruth **Barns** sworn – Questioned by the Defendant – Have you been previously acquainted with Mrs. **Lynde** for some time back? Answer – I have ever since the next summer they came into this country. What is your opinion of Mrs. **Lynde** as a woman of truth & piety? Answer – I have always viewed her as a woman of truth and piety. Question by complainant – Have you ever lived near enough to her to know her particular walk and conversation among her neighbours? Answer – I have never heard more than Fredonia and know not what her particular walk might be – but have never heard her talk against her neighbors – She has spoken of this difficulty with gossip. Ruth **Barns**

Mrs. Love **Bosworth** sworn – Question by Moderator – Have you lived in Mrs. **Lynde**'s family? Answer – I have. How long have you lived in this family? Answer More or less of the time for a year. From your personal knowledge of Mrs. **Lynde** what are your feelings with respect to her as a woman of truth & piety? Answer I never doubted her word in the least and have always considered her as a woman of truth and piety. Question by complainant – How long since you lived in this family? Answer About three years. How far have you lived from her since? Ans. As

far as Fredonia. Had any difficulties existed in this place at that time? Ans – no. Question by defendant – Did you reside in the family at the time Mrs. **Brigham** came to make her this visit? Alluded to above(?) – Ans – I did but was absent that week. I heard the visit spoken of by Mrs. **Lynde** but never heard her speak disrespectfully of Mrs. **Brigham**. Love D. **Bosworth** Doct'r Samuel **Snow** sworn Question by Moderator – Have you been intimately acquainted in Mrs. **Lynde**'s family? Ans – Considerably acquainted. Have you ever known any thing prejudicial to her character as a woman of truth & piety? Ans – I have not. Question by Defendant – From what you have known of my family have you ever thought I endangered them by telling untruths or that it was not my endeavor to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Samuel **Snow**  
Session closed with prayer and adjourned until sunrise tomorrow morning. Elisha **Sheppard** Clerk

December 17. Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Moderator, and proceeded to business. After the evidence was all gone through with and the parties had submitted their subjects and retired the session reviewed the evidence and took the subject into deliberate and prayerful consideration. Whereupon resolved unanimously that the charges are not supported – that there is not evidence that Mrs. **Lynde** has been guilty of willful falsehood in any respect alledged. Session however cannot exculpate Mrs. **Lynde** from blame inasmuch as it does appear that although she has had provocation she has been imprudent – has engaged in contradictory conversation – has been too confident in saying what she did say and what she did not say at times previous and has manifested in some instances a wrong spirit for which she ought to be humbled before God. Miles P. **Squire** Moderator  
Elisha **Sheppard** Clerk

January 3, **1823** Session met according to appointment and appointed Elisha **Sheppard** Delegate to Presbytery at Buffalo on the last Tuesday in January and also appointed Isaac A. **Lovejoy** Substitute.  
Elisha **Sheppard** Clerk

Sabbath May 25

Sacrament administered by the Rev'd Samuel **Leonard** – Simon **Abel** & Hester his wife, Abiram **Durkee**, Parma **Lyman**, Roswell **Harrison** were admitted to this communion of the church by letter.

E. **Sheppard** Clerk

July 22, **1823**

Session met agreeable to appointment at the house of Elisha **Sheppard**. Appointed Elisha **Sheppard** Delegate to the next meeting of Presbytery in the village of Fredonia the 2d Tuesday of Sept next & Deacon Isaac A. **Lovejoy** as his Substitute. E. **Sheppard** Clerk

Thus far examined and approved with the exception that the book is incompetent to keep the Church Records on and recommend that the church procure a better. Miles P. **Squire** Moderator  
Fredonia Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> **1823**

Sept 26, **1823**

Church met agreeable to appointment opened with prayer. Appointed Samuel **Marsh** Elder of this church. E. **Sheppard** Clerk

Oct. 11 **1823**

Session met agreeable to appointment at the Meeting House. Opened with prayer. The son of D. S.(?) **Skinner** was taken into consideration. Voted in consequence of rumours circulated to the discredit of D. S. **Skinner's** Christian character – that he be requested to meet the Session at the meeting house on Tuesday of next week at 2 o'clock P.M. Closed with prayer. E. **Sheppard** Clerk

Oct'r 21. **1823** The adjourned meeting was not attended by a sufficient number of the session to do business. E. **Sheppard** Clerk

Nov'r 14, **1823**

Session met agreeable to appointment at the house of Elisha **Sheppard**. Opened with prayer. Mr. **Skinner** being present made a full confession of his fault and agreed to make a public acknowledgement before the Church & congregation with which the Session was satisfied. Appointed Elisha **Sheppard** to attend the next meeting of Presbytery & Deacon H. **Durkee** his substitute. E. **Sheppard** Clerk

Sabbath Jany 4, **1824**

Sacrament administered by the Rev'd Wm. **Page**. Daniel **Burton** & wife, Zeriah **Drake**, Sarah **Bail**, Susannah(?) **Todd**, Nelson **Randall** & Leman **Hill** were admitted to the Church by letter. Luther **Lyman**, Harriet **Lyman** & Sally **Gale**(?) on examination. E. **Sheppard** Clerk

[crossed out]: June 28 **1824**

July 25, **1824**

Sacrament administered by Rev'd Wm. **Page**. Mr. **Barber** & Mrs. George **Hinkly** admitted to the church on examination. E. **Sheppard** Clk

Oct'r 3d Sacrament administered by Rev'd Wm. **Page**

Jan 9(?) **1825** Deacon H. **Durkee** appointed by the session a delegate to the next Presbytery at Mayville. Elisha **Shepard** Clerk

Sabbath Jany 2

Sacrament administered by the Rev'd Wm **Page**. Uriah **Wentworth** admitted to the church on examination – Mrs. Francis **Page** by letter – together with Theodotia **Hinkly** & Miss Ann **Hale**. E. **Sheppard** Clerk

March 24, **1825**

Session met agreeable to appointment. Mr. Anson **Hutchinson** admitted to the church by letter. A charge was presented to the session against Mrs. Clorena **Coats** wife of Henry **Coats** for a breach of the Sabbath. Session voted to take up this charge and appointed one of their members to visit sister **Coats** and report to the Session hereafter. Adjourned to Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>.

E. **Sheppard** Clerk

March 31.

Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Resumed the consideration of the charge against sister **Coats**. After listening to the report of the members appointed to visit her and mature deliberation voted to address to her a letter of admonition. Closed with prayer.

E. **Sheppard** Clerk

April 3d Sacrament administered by the Rev'd Wm **Page**.

April 7 Session met agreeable to appointment. Opened with prayer. A charge was presented by Thomas **Kaple**[sic] against Elias **Gilbert** for intemperance. Having appointed a member of session to see him – and he Elias **Gilbert** having acknowledged justice of this charge to this member voted that he be required to make an acknowledgement to the Session and that this acknowledgement come before the congregation. D. S. **Skinner** having neglected to make his acknowledgment according to agreement and having, after being allowed a season of probation continued his same course of intemperance, according to public fame(?). Voted to send him a citation to appear before session on Friday of next week. Session adjourned to Friday of next week.

E. **Sheppard** Clerk

April 15. Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. D. S. **Skinner** not appearing – no business transacted. Adjourned to Tuesday of next week.

E. **Sheppard** Clerk

April 19. Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Mr. **Gilbert** being present consented to comply with the requirements of Session respecting making his acknowledgment. Voted that Moderator be requested to write D. S. **Skinner** a letter of admonition stating to him the necessity of making an immediate acknowledgment to the church for the sins of which he confesses himself guilty. Session adjourned. Closed with prayer.

E. **Sheppard** Clerk

June 16, **1825** Session met agreeable to appointment at the meeting house. Opened with prayer. Mr. **Lovejoy** who was appointed by the Session to see Mr. **Gilbert** respecting his neglect of making his acknowledgment reported he had seen Mr. **Gilbert** who agreed to read his acknowledgement on the 12 of June **1825**. Voted as Mr. **Gilbert** has not appeared and has twice neglected his engagement that he be suspended from church privileges for three months from the first Sabbath in July – unless he should make a satisfactory confession before that time should expire. In consequence of information laid before the Session, voted that Mr. **Wentworth** be cited to appear before the Session in one week from to day at 2 o'clock P.M. at this place to answer to certain charges alleged against him. Mr. Fenner **Ward** having been accused by public fame(?) of going to a ball and manifesting a very unchristian spirit and having acknowledged the truth of the accusation to a member of the Session who was appointed to converse with him upon the subject. Voted that he be requested to make a public confession of his fault before the church & congregation on the first Sabbath in July. Closed with prayer. Mr. & Mrs. **White** were admitted to the church by letter.

Elisha **Shepard** Clerk

June 23, **1825** Session met agreeable to appointment at the Meeting house at 2 o'clock PM. Opened with prayer. Mr. **Wentworth** being present the subject respecting him was taken up and partly investigated [a note here says "see page 66-72"] Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday next week at 2 o'clock PM at this place. Closed with prayer.

Elisha **Shepard** Clerk

June 28, **1825** Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Session resumed the examination of the case of Mr. **Wentworth** he being present. The charges alledged[sic] against him were –

1 – Public fame(?) says you quarreled with Dr. **Crosby** near the first of June – when you used profane language and manifested an improper spirit

2 Public fame says that you shortly afterwards had a quarrel with Mr. **Caple**(?) when you again manifested a spirit very unbecoming the Christian character and very injurious to the reputation of the church with which you stand connected.

Mr. **Wentworth** manifested willingness to reply to these charges immediately.

As to the first charge he states that the little boy living with Dr. **Crosby** came into his shop and that he Mr. **Wentworth** told this boy in reference to some difficulties existing between the children of Dr. **Crosby** and his child which had also made some impression upon the minds of the other members of the two families and led to some unpleasant speeches – that from the oldest to the youngest of Dr. **Crosby's** family were iniquitous with the exception of Dr. **Crosby** himself. This boy then it seems went immediately home and told the family of Dr. **Crosby** that Mr. **Wentworth** had just said they were all liars from the oldest to the youngest. Dr. **Crosby** then came to Mr. **Wentworth's** shop in a great passion – abused Mr. **Wentworth**. would not listen to Mr. **Wentworth's** repeated requests to be calm – but continued shaking his fists in Mr. **Wentworth's** face and calling him hard names. Mr. **Wentworth** after having required Dr. **Crosby** to leave his shop in vain stooped down for the purpose of taking a hoop shaving and whipping it around Dr. **Crosby's** legs until he should leave the shop and **Crosby** supposing him Mr. **Wentworth** to be getting a hoop pole for the purpose of beating him Dr. **Crosby** struck & kicked him & pushed him over in a very dangerous situation and fell upon him and struck him again. Which in this situation Mr. **Wentworth** struck Dr. **Crosby** once when he came to a determination to strike him no more – Mr. **Wentworth** then released himself from Dr. **Crosby** – arose – and told Dr. **Crosby** he Mr. **Wentworth** should not strike him the Dr. again and if the Dr. wished to strike him to strike on. Dr. **Crosby** then became pacified and soon settled the difficulty so that the two families are now living on terms of friendship. Mr. **Wentworth** during this affair once or twice called Dr. **Crosby** a damned rascal or something to nearly the same amount.

As to the second charge Mr. **Wentworth** admits that shortly after the difficulty with Mr. **Crosby** he understood Mr. **Caple** was about to bring a charge against him Mr. **Wentworth** founded on this difficulty. Mr. **Wentworth** thought as the difficulty was amicably adjusted between him and Dr. **Crosby** and as Mr. **Caple** was not connected with the church that he Mr. **Caple** was interfering where he had no concern. Which under the influence of these feeling and **Caple** came to Mr. **Pages** house where Mr. **Wentworth** & others were at work – Mr. **Wentworth** asked Mr. **Caple** rather abruptly whether he Mr. **Caple** was going to bring the charge of which we have been speaking against him Mr. **Wentworth** before the session – Mr. **Caple** replied, he was – Mr.

**Wentworth** called him **Mr. Caple** a little dirty puppy **Mr. Caple** then told **Mr. Wentworth** that he was a drunkard and a thief and would any time forfeit his work for a dollar – and repeated the charge – **Mr. Wentworth** told **Mr. Caple** to go out of the house and not hinder the workman by his talk. **Mr. Caple** refused to comply on the ground that the house was not **Mr. Wentworths**. **Mr. Wentworth** insisted upon **Mr. Caples** leaving the house – as the house was then under his care – **Mr. Caple** continued to refuse – **Mr. Wentworth** told **Mr. Caple** not to continue his abusive language. **Mr. Caple** did not desist. But called him hard names. **Mr. Wentworth** then pushed **Mr. Caple** into the entry where **Mr. Caple** took a board and attempted to strike **Mr. Wentworth**. **Mr. Wentworth** told **Mr. Caple** not to strike and came near him **Mr. Caple**. **Mr. Caple** then laid his hand upon **Mr. Wentworths** shoulder when **Mr. Wentworth** shoved **Mr. Caple** out of the front door and cuffed his ear for tearing **Mr. Wentworths** shirt.

Having listened to **Mr. Wentworths** statements and thinking it unnecessary to call any witnesses Session went into a deliberation of the affair. After serious thought and considerable conversation Session voted that according to **Mr. Wentworths** own statement they think both charges should be sustained and are hereby sustained and moreover that **Mr. Wentworth** be required to make a public acknowledgment of his fault before the church & congregation. In the affair with **Dr. Crosby** Session think **Mr. Wentworth** manifested an improper spirit in making to the boy the statement he did – in making preparations to whip **Mr. Crosby** with the hoop shaving – and above all in using profane language. If **Paul(?)** had done either he would in the hour of seriousness been not only willing but anxious to make an acknowledgement and manifest a grief as open as the crime(?) was public. As to the swearing they think there is no doubt and can be no excuse – no matter what may have been the provocation.

In the affair with **Mr. Caple** Session think **Mr. Wentworth** manifested an unchristian spirit – inasmuch as he should feel offended with **Mr. Caple** for designing to bring a charge against him which **Mr. Wentworth** should have brought himself. **Mr. Wentworth** should rather have felt humble and deserving of censure – and have been willing to be brought before Session. Session likewise thinks **Mr. Wentworth** manifested an improper spirit in this affair with **Mr. Caple** inasmuch as he should accost **Mr. Caple** so abruptly and call him a little dirty puppy – inasmuch as he turned **Mr. Caple** forcibly from the house – and inasmuch as he struck **Mr. Caple**. Session do not by any [sic] justify the conduct of either **Mr. Crosby** or **Mr. Caple** in their affairs. They stand however before another tribunal – where a due estimation formed of the whole transaction. **Dr. Skinner** having received Judgment call from the Session to read his confession or give a sufficient reason why he will not and having neglected them all and Session having voted his excommunication now voted to postpone it for four weeks from the first Sabbath in July – in hopes that **Dr. Skinner** would previous to that time discharge his duty. Closed with prayer.  
**Elisha Shepard** Clerk

Sabbath July 3 1825

Sacrament administered by the Rev'd **Wm Page** – **Thomas W. Stephens** having been examined by Session for admission to the church and having stood propounded the usual time of a fortnight and no exceptions being taken to him was admitted to the Church and was baptized together with a child of **Mr. Abijah Young**.

July 28 1825

Session met agreeable to previous notice. Opened with prayer. Took into consideration the case of **Mr. Ward** – **Mr. Ward** having once acknowledged his fault and engaged to make his

confession and failing in his engagement Voted that he be admonished by letter for not making his acknowledgement and be required to do it immediately. At the request of Mr. **Wentworth** resumed the consideration of his case. After some deliberation voted to take a recess of an hour and  $\frac{1}{4}$  After recess session took up the case of Mr. **Wentworth**, and voted after some further consultation to adjourn the meeting until next week on Thursday at 3 o'clock P.M. closed with prayer.

August 4, **1825**

Session met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. H.(?) A. **Lovejoy** was appointed clerk pro tem. Three of the session being absent adjourned until Thursday one fortnight hence at 3 o'clock P.M. at the house of Mr. **Page** I. A. **Lovejoy** Clerk

June 23 **1825** See Pag

Session voted that the Moderator be requested to call a meeting of the church for the purpose of appointing two additional Elders. Mr. **Barns** being incapacitated and Mr. **Loomis** being sick Elisha **Shepard**

August 18 **1825**

Session met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. I. A. **Lovejoy** chosen Clerk pro tem. Mr. **White** being absent deferred for a few moments the business of Mr. **Wentworth**. Mr. **Ward** still continuing to neglect his engagement respecting his confession voted that he be cited to appear before Session in one week from Saturday next in this place at 3 o'clock P.M. Mr. **Lovejoy** was appointed Delegate to Presbytery meeting in Edi(?) the 2d Tuesday of Sept'r next. Mr. **Marsh** his substitute. Mr. **White** & **Sheppard** being absent session entered into a further consideration of the case of Mr. **Wentworth** according to his request – Voted at length that they can perceive no reason why their formal vote respecting his case should be altered. Voted to adjourn until one week from Saturday next at three o'clock P.M. I. A. **Lovejoy** Clerk

August **1825**

Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Mr. **Ward** appearing, requested leave of the Session to read his confession only before the church. He manifested a willingness to make a confession but thought it would be sufficient to read it before the church at one of its meetings. He acknowledged that he had been to a ball or dance where spirituous liquor was freely used and engaged in the dance and had previously drunk too freely himself. Mr. **White** and **Lovejoy** & **Sheppard** being absent voted that the session adjourn until Thursday of next week at 3 o'clock to meet in this place – when the case of Mr. **Ward** may be considered. Harvey **Durkee** was appointed clerk pro tem.  
Harvey **Durkee** Clerk pro tem

Miss Nancy **Barns** admitted to the church by certificate.

List & account of the various individuals who ever belonged to this church

Benjamin **Barns** Died **1826**

Israel **Loomis** Died **1825**

Isaac **Barns**

Samuel **Marsh**

Norman **Goodwin** Dismissed **1817**  
Asa **French** Excommunicated **1819**  
Mark **Stacy**  
Phoebe **Risly** Died **1825**  
Hannah **Loomis**  
Jane **French** Died **1813**  
Lucina **Goodwin** Dismissed **1817**  
Persis **Chadwic**  
Abigail **Rood** Dismissed **1825**  
Jemima **Barns** Died **1827**  
Ruth **Barns**  
Lydia **Goldin**  
Timothy **Goldin**  
Jeremiah **Rood**  
Thomas **Strong** **1814**  
Mains **Strong** **1814**  
Mrs. **Wait**  
Benjamin **Lovejoy** **1814**  
Abigail **Lovejoy** **1814**  
Isaac **Lovejoy** **1814**  
Prudence **Lovejoy** **1814**  
Solomon **Lovejoy** **1814**  
P. **Lovejoy** **1814**  
Elisha **Skinner** **1814** Excommunicated **1826**  
Sally **Seymour** **1814** now Mrs. **Marsh**  
John **Barker** **1815**  
Solomon **Hinkly** **1815**  
Mrs. Mary **Hinkly** **1815**  
Joseph **Plumb** **1815** Dismissed **1822**  
Clover(?) **Barns**  
Mrs. Ruth **Kaple** Died **1827**  
Fenner **Ward**  
Susannah **Sweezy**  
Mrs. **Barker**  
Miss **Barns** now Mrs. **Howard** Died **1827**  
Harvey **Durkee** **1819**  
Persis **Durkee** **1819**  
Parthena **Lyman** **1819**  
Julia **Johnson** **1819**  
Miss **Atkins** **1819** now Mrs. **Hubbard**  
Henrietta **Sage** **1819**  
Abigail T. **Gilbert** **1820**  
Amos **Lee** **182**  
Eric **Allen** **1820** Died **1826**  
Sally **Allen** **1820** Dismissed **1827**  
Clorena **Durkee** **1820** now Mrs. **Coats**



Daniel **Andrews** Dismissed by letter **1820**  
Irena **Bartholomew**  
Elisha **Sheppard 1821**  
Hannah **Sheppard 1821**  
Huldah **Jones 1821** Died **1822**  
Hiram **Couch 1821** Dismissed by letter **1825**  
Ralph **Plumb 1821**  
Parthena **Plumb 1821**  
Sarah **Williams 1821**  
Sally **Day**  
Sophia **Bail 1821**  
Abigail **Wentworth 1822** Died **1827**  
Elias **Gilbert 1822**  
Mrs. **Gilbert 1822**  
Sarah **Lowell 1822**  
Nancy **Lynde 1822** Dismissed  
Mrs. **Lowel 1822**  
Polly Ann **Brigham 1822**  
Lucy **Garnsey 1822**  
Charlotte **Marsh 1822**  
Waity **Marsh 1822**  
Caroline E. **Harrison 1822**  
Simon **Abel 1823**  
Hester **Abel 1823**  
Abiram **Durkee 1823**  
Parma **Lyman 1823**  
Roswell **Harrison 1823**  
Daniel **Buxton 1823** Dismissed **1824**  
Mrs. **Buxton 1823** Dismissed **1824**  
Zeria **Drake 1823**  
Sarah **Bail 1823**  
Susannah **Todd 1823**  
Nelson **Randal 1823** Dismissed **1824**  
Lemon(?) **Hill 1823** Dismissed **1825** by letter  
Luther **Lyman 1823**  
Harriet **Lyman 1823**  
Sally **Yale** now Mrs. **Risly 1823**  
Mr. **Barlow 1824**  
Mrs. George **Hinkly 1824**  
Uriah **Wentworth 1825**  
Mrs. Frances S. **Page 1825** Dismissed **1826**  
Theodotia **Hinkly 1825**  
Miss Ann **Hale 1825** Dismissed by letter **1826**  
Mr. Alvin **Hutchinson 1825**  
Mr. **White 1825**  
Mrs. **White 1825**

Thomas W. **Stephens 1825**

Mrs. Abijah **Young 1825**

Miss Nancy **Barns 1825**

Miss Mariah **Drake 1824**

Mrs. **Lake (?)**

100 in all – 77 now in communion

There are now living within the limits of this society the following individuals who stand connected with the Presbyterian Church in other places

A young lady living with Elder **Tucker** Miss **Rich**

Mrs. **Wilson** “

Mrs. **Skinner** “

Mrs. **Root** “

Mrs. **Bennet**

Mrs. **Johnson**

Mr. **Johnson**

Mr. **Cook**

Mr. **Housenton(?)**

Mrs. **Housenton(?)**

Mr. **Spaulding**

Mrs. **Spaulding**

Mr. **Hutchinson** “

Mrs. **Hutchinson** “

Calvin **Huchinson** “

Mrs. **Langdon**

Mrs. **Hacket**

Mrs. **Winchester**

Mr. **Lewis** “

Mr. **Crosbie(?)**

Mrs. **Irishwoman**

Miss **Whitman(?)** now living with Mr. **Durkee**

[written to the side of the list]: There are now connected with the church eighty two individuals  
53 females and 29 males.

[also written to the side of the list, below the previous]: There are also 23 other individuals  
within the limits of this society who stand connected with our(?) churches in other places 14  
women & 9 men. Sept'r 1<sup>st</sup> **1825**

A continuation of the list of the members of the Church

females 53

males 29

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Dr. Samuel **Snow**

Mrs. Love **Snow**

Mrs. **Cole**

Mrs. **Hubbard**

Mrs. Polly **Lovejoy**

Mrs. **Lewis**  
Hulda **Crosbe**(?)  
Walker **Lewis**  
Mrs. Nancy **Willson**  
Mrs. **Skinner**  
Mrs. **Root**  
Mrs. Harriet **Whitcomb**  
Mr. Philip **Wells**  
Mrs. Rebecca **Barlow**  
Mr. **Hutchinson**  
Mrs. **Hutchinson**  
Calvin **Hutchinson**  
Mrs. Ann **Todd**

Baptisms within the year **1825**

Mary **Lyman Stephens**

**Coats**

**Lovejoy**

**Marsh**

**Hubbard**

**Hinkley**

Mary **Young**

**Lyman**

**Durkee**

**Sage**

Uriah **Wentworth**

Thomas **Stephens**

Oct'r 9 Nancy Marilla **Howard**

9 Harriet Eliza **Bowman Howard**

9 Edwin **Lovejoy**

Sept'r 1<sup>st</sup> **1825**

Session met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Mr. **Sheppard** being absent Mr. **White** was chosen scribe. After deliberating upon the request of Mr. **Wood** to require of him a confession before the church only – Voted that Session can perceive no reason why this request should be granted or why their vote respecting him recorded on page 65 should be altered. Session thinks the confession should be as public as the crime. Mr. **Lovejoy** was appointed Delegate to Synod and Mr. **Marsh** his substitute. As the rumour is circulated that Dr. **Skinner** while writing his late confession drank excessively in a public house on the Lords day of spirituous liquors – to his own discredit – and the grief of the church – and as other reports are circulated tending to contradict the statements he made in his letter to the Rev'd Mr. **Page** – written the sabbath previous to his making his confession therefore voted that a committee consisting of Mr. **White** & **Harrison** be appointed to inquire into the truth of these reports. Whereas Mr. **Kaple** has circulated reports respecting Mr. Harvey **Durkee** impeaching his veracity and his character as a christian and as these reports are believed by many and are frequently made the subject of conversation by men out of the church to the injury of Mr.

**Durkees** reputation and the reputation of the church – therefore voted that this case be attended to upon the ground of public fame(?) Voted that the Session adjourn to Wednesday of next week at 1 o'clock P. M. to meet in this place when the case of Mr. **Durkee** can be further considered and the report of the committee appointed to examine the truth of the rumours respecting Dr. **Skinner** can be heard. Understanding that Mr. **Wentworth** has never yet been informed officially of the vote of session respecting him recorded on page 75 and understanding that he continues dissatisfied with the proceedings of session in his case. Voted that Mr. **White** be appointed to converse with him endeavoring to make him sensible of the propriety of the proceedings of Session relating to his difficulties and also to influence him to comply cheerfully with the requisition of Session. Closed with prayer.

N. B. –This last vote was taken previous to the motion of adjournment although recorded afterwards.

Wm. C. **White**

Sept'r 7 1825

Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer Mr. **Sheppard** being absent I. A. **Lovejoy** was chosen scribe. The committee appointed to inquire into the reports that are circulated to the discredit of Dr. **Skinner** Reported that the found it was rumoured and believed that Dr. **Skinner** had frequently while writing his confession and frequently afterwards drank too freely of spirituous liquors. Whereupon resolved that Dr. **Skinner** be cited to appear before Session in three weeks from tomorrow at one o'clock P. M. in this place when certain charges will be exhibited against him. After deliberating upon the case of Deacon **Durkee** voted that a committee of three be appointed to visit him and Mr. **Caple** for the purpose of adjusting their difficulties if possible consisting of Messrs **Lovejoy, White & Marsh**. Mr. **White** the committee appointed to notify Mr. **Wentworth** respecting the vote of Session concerning him reported that he gave Mr. **Wentworth** the notification. Adjourned until three weeks from tomorrow at 1 o'clock P. M. in this place. Closed with prayer.

Isaac A. **Lovejoy**

Thus far examined & approved with the three following exceptions viz. in many instances no place is mentioned for the meeting of Session the names of the Elders present are not mentioned not closed with prayer.

Attest I. **Oakes** Moderator

Sept'r 29 1825

Session met agreeable to adjournment at the Academy. Opened with prayer. Present Rev'd William **Page** Moderator. Elders **Durkee, Lovejoy, Harrison, Marsh** and **White**. Absent Elder Elisha **Sheppard S. Clark**  
W. C. **White** was chosen clerk pro tem. Having ascertained that no citation has been served upon Dr. **Skinner** agreeable to the vote of Session at their last meeting – Resolved that Dr. **Skinner** be cited to appear before Session at their next meeting. The committee appointed to adjust the difficulty between Dea. **Durkee** & Mr. **Kaple** wished to defer their report until the next meeting of Session which wish was granted. Resolved as Fenner **Ward** continues after repeated solicitations of the Session and repeated promises of his own to make a public acknowledgement of the sin of which he confesses himself guilty – therefore resolved that he be excommunicated from this church – provided the same be sanctioned by Presbytery. Minutes of the Session were

read and approved. Resolved to adjourn two weeks from this day to meet at one o clock P.M. at the house of the Rev'd W. **Page** Closed with prayer.

W. C. **White** Clerk Pro tem

Oct'r Sacrament administered by Rev'd W. **Page**

Oct'r 7, **1825**

Session met agreeable to the request of Moderator. Opened with prayer. Present Rev'd W. **Page** Moderator. Elders **Sheppard, Durkee, Marsh, White, Harrison & Lovejoy**. Whereas Elias **Gilbert** has not made any satisfactory acknowledgement of the sin of which he confesses himself guilty and as the period for which he was suspended from the privileges of the church is expired therefore resolved that he be suspended for three months more and that Mr. **Marsh & Sheppard** be appointed as a committee to visit him and express to him the sentiments of Session respecting his neglect. Whereas Mr. **Wentworth** still neglects to make any satisfactory acknowledgement of his fault therefore resolved that he be suspended from the privileges of the church for three months. Resolved that Session adjourn. Closed with prayer.

E. **Sheppard** Stated Clerk

Oct'r 13, **1825**

Session met agreeable to adjournment at the house of the Rev'd Wm. **Page**. Opened with prayer. Roll was called. Present Rev'd Wm. **Page** Moderator Elders **White & Marsh**. Absent Elders **Durkee, Lovejoy, Harrison** and **Sheppard**. W. C. **White** was chosen clerk pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read. The committee appointed to attend to the settlement between Dea **Durkee** & Mr. **Kapple** exhibited their report in writing – which was as follows – “Your committee attended to the business of their appointment and succeeded in bringing about a happy settlement between the two families – Your committee is of opinion that Dea **Durkee** is censurable for saying to Mr. **Kapple** that Mr. **Moore** told him that you (Mr. **Kapple**) said you have me in jail in four weeks when at the same time he Dea **Durkee** knew Mr. **Kapple** did not say any such thing and also for shutting up a pig of Mr. **Kapples** in a hollow stump and for letting it remain there when knowing of the circumstances although it was done by his son. and also for exercising an unchristian spirit during the difficulty between the two families.

Committee W. C. **White** & Samuel **Marsh**. There being no other members of the session present but the said committee & the Moderator the consideration of this report was deferred. It being ascertained that Dr. **Skinner** has been cited to appear before Session this day according to the vote recorded on page 88 and he not appearing therefore resolved that he be cited to appear before session at its next meeting. Resolved that it be a standing rule of this Session to hold its meetings at the house of the Rev'd Wm. **Page**. Minutes were read & approved. Session adjourned to meet at this place in two weeks at one o clock P. M. Closed with prayer.

W. C. **White** Clerk pro tem

Oct'r 27, **1825**

Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Roll was called. Present Elders **White, Marsh, Lovejoy, Durkee, Harrison & Sheppard**. Moderator William **Page**. The excuses offered by the members who were absent at the last meeting of Session were not sustained with the exception of that offered by Deacon **Lovejoy**. Minutes of the last meeting were read. The report of the Committee who were appointed to adjust the difficulties existing

between Deacon **Durkee** & Mr. **Kapple** was read and accepted. As it appears from this report that the Committee consider Deacon **Durkee** answerable in certain particulars therefore resolved that Deacon **Durkee** be requested to state before Session whether he acknowledges himself guilty of those particulars for which the committee censures him and also at public forum(?) makes other reports to the injury of his reputation whether he be guilty of other faults. Resolved to have a recess of one hour and one half until the public services of the afternoon be concluded. Half past three

Session was called to order by the Moderator and all the members being present proceeded to business. In conformity with the resolution stated above Deacon **Durkee** was inquired of whether he ever told Mr. **Kapple** that Mr. **Moor** had told him Mr. **Durkee** that he Mr. **Kapple** had said he Mr. **Kapple** would have him Deacon **Durkee** in jail in four weeks when he Deacon **Durkee** knew that Mr. **Kapple** had said no such thing. Deacon **Durkee** answered to this inquiry that he once told Mr. **Kapple** that Mr. **Moor** had told him Deacon **Durkee** that Mr. **Kapple** would have him the Deacon in jail in four weeks after Mr. **Moor** had made this statement to Deacon **Durkee** and then informed him that it was untrue. Deacon **Durkee** states that Mr. **Moor** told him that Mr. **Kapple** said he Mr. **Kapple** would have the Deacon in jail in four weeks and that Mr. **Moor** afterwards told Deacon **Durkee** that Mr. **Kapple** had made no such statement and that after this he Deacon **Durkee** told Mr. **Kapple** that Mr. **Moor** had said that he Mr. **Kapple** had reported that he Mr. **Kapple** would have Deacon **Durkee** in jail in four weeks. The inquiry was then made of Deacon **Durkee** whether he shut Mr. **Kapples** pig in the stump, and whether he suffered it to remain there after knowing of the circumstance. Deacon **Durkee** answers that he did not shut the pig in the stump and that when he learned the pig was there he ordered his son to release it though he thinks it would have been just to have confined any pig that did as much mischief as this had done and whose owner refused to confine it. The inquiry was likewise made of Mr. **Durkee** whether he was conscious of manifesting an unchristian spirit during the difficulties between him & Mr. **Kapple**, which he freely acknowledged and deeply deplored. He was asked moreover whether there were other faults in his character which he would mention before Session. He stated that he had often made engagements which he neglected to fulfill that he had long lamented this trait in his character and did hope that with the blessing of God it would no longer appear. Session understanding that reports are circulated to the injury of Deacon **Durkees** reputation and to the dishonor of religion therefore resolved that a committee of two be appointed to inquire into these reports and bring them in the shape of charges against Deacon **Durkee** at the next meeting of Session. Mr. **Harrison** & Mr. **Sheppard** were appointed this committee. It being learned that two citations have been served upon Doct'r **Skinner** requesting him to appear before Session neither of which he has obeyed and it being learned that in the last citation he was apprised of the rule contained in the 13 article of Chap IV of the Book of Discipline therefore resolved that Session proceed to trial in this case. W. C. **White** was appointed to manage his defence and E. **Sheppard** and W. **Harrison** as a committee to make out the charges the case to be prosecuted at the next meeting of Session. Mrs. Deborah **Skinner** & her two daughters Mrs. Sally **Root** and Mrs. Nancy **Willson** presented letters of good standing and recommendation from other churches and were received by vote of the Session into this church. Minutes of the Session were read & approved. Resolved that Session adjourn to meet in this place at one o'clock P M in one fortnight from this afternoon. Closed with prayer. Elisha **Sheppard** S. Clerk

Nov'r 10, 1825

Session met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Members being all present the minutes of the last meeting were read. The committee appointed as to the case of Deacon **Durkee** made report as follows – Your committee having attended to the business for which they were appointed do make this following report – After having attended as they believe faithfully to the subject and made all the inquiries which they feel themselves authorized to make they find nothing against Deacon **Durkees** christian character which in their opinion ought to be brought in the shape of charges grounded upon public fame before this Session with the following exceptions which exception your committee would bring in the shape of charges against him according to the vote of Session

Ist Public fame says of Deacon **Durkee** you are guilty of neglecting to fulfill your ordinary engagements without any sufficient cause

II That you stated things to Mr. **Kapple** which however true in fact yet which were wickedly designed to mislead his mind and to awaken in his bosom very unpleasant sensations. The statement is that you told him Mr. **Kapple** for a truth which you pretended to believe and on which account you pretended to feel greatly injured a story which Mr. **Moor** had related to you for truth & which he afterward assured you was entirely unfounded and which you therefore did not and could not credit.

III That you have been guilty of exercising unchristian feelings and manifesting an unchristian spirit towards Mr. **Kapple** in the late difficulties between you & him. This report was accepted.  
**E. Sheppard, R. Harrison**

Deacon **Durkee** was called upon to answer to the charges exhibited by this committee against him. He acknowledged with readiness and apparent penitence their justice. Whereupon Session Resolved that Deacon **Durkee** be admonished before the Session of the impropriety & evils of his conduct and be exhorted to guard with vigilance against similar wanderings in future and that notwithstanding those wanderings, Deacon **Durkee** hereafter remain in full communion with the church and confidence of the Session. The admonition & exhortation mentioned above was administered by Moderator. Charges were then exhibited by the committee appointed for this session against Dr. **Skinner**, as follows.

I Public fame says that while engaged in writing your late confession which was on the sabbath you resorted to the tavern and drank spirituous liquor to excess. Witnesses to this charge are Mr. **D. Harmon** & Mr. **E. Haskins**

II Public fame also says that since making your confession in public you have frequently been guilty of intemperance insomuch that your neighbors and the public consider you entirely unreformed. Witnesses Mr. **Haskins**, Judge **Grey(?)**, Joseph **Kenyon** & Samuel **Haven**.

Dr. **Skinner** being absent and Mr. **White** his counsel consenting – therefore resolved that the trial of Dr. **Skinner** be postponed one fortnight. Minutes of the Session were read & approved. Adjourned until two weeks from this day to meet at the House of the Rev. **W. Page** at one o'clock P. M. Closed with prayer. **E. Sheppard** Clerk

Nov'r 24, 1825

Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Members present Rev. **W. Page**, Isaac **Lovejoy**, **W. C. White**, **H. Durkee**, **R. Harrison** & **S. Marsh** Absent **E. Sheppard**. Stated clerk being absent **W. C. White** was chosen clerk pro tem it being thanksgiving day and Mr. **White** the counselor of Dr. **Skinner** consenting voted to adjourn until one fortnight from this day to meet in Session Room at one o'clock PM Minutes not being prepared were not read. Closed with Prayer. **W. C. White** Clerk pro tem

Sabbath Dec'r 4<sup>th</sup> 1825

Elias **Gilbert** approved and made humble acknowledgement of the sin of intemperance before the church and congregation, in the following terms-

Impressed with the conviction that I have seriously offended God and injured the cause of religion by using spirituous liquor on various occasion to excess and feeling it my duty to counteract the evil I have caused as far as my ability extends I now would make full and humble acknowledgement of my offence before God & this congregation and sincerely do I solicit the forgiveness of each. I am sensible that this acknowledgement will contribute very little in deed to counteract the evil occasioned by my departures, unless it come from a heart penitent and broken in view of its wanderings and unless the acknowledgement be followed by an amended life. Devoutly therefore do I pray that God will assist me by his grace to feel and to reform and that my brethren in the church will hereafter assist me by their prayers and christian watchfulness to withstand the great temptation. I would make this confession not as a matter of form and dire necessity but as a thing of duty and of choice however unpleasant and painful may be my present sensations. Private feeling must be sacrificed when the favor(?) of God and the welfare of his church are in question.

Fredonia Dec'r 4, 1825

Elias **Gilbert**

Dec'r 8, 1825

Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present Rev'd W. **Page**, Elders **Marsh**, **H. Durkee**, **Lovejoy**. Absent Elders **Sheppard**, **Harrison** & **White**. I. A. **Lovejoy** was chosen Clerk pro tem. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Elders **White**, **Sheppard** & **Harrison** appeared & took their seats. Their excuses for late attendance were not accepted. The witnesses in the case of Dr. **Skinner** not appearing according to notice given them and Session judging that Dr. **Skinner** could receive no injury from again postponing the trial therefore with consent of his council – the Dr. not appearing resolved that the trial of Dr. **Skinner** be again postponed until one week from this afternoon. Resolved that the confession made by Elias **Gilbert** & recorded on pages 103 & 104 be accepted and that the term of his suspension now come to a close. Resolved that Session adjourn until one week from this day to meet in Session Room at 1 o'clock PM Closed with prayer.

E. **Sheppard** Stated Clerk

Dec'r 15, 1825

Session met agreeable to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present Rev'd W. **Page**. Elders **Marsh**, **Harrison** & **Durkee**. R. **Harrison** was chosen clerk pro tem the stated clerk being absent. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Mr. **White** appeared & took his seat. His excuse for late attendance was accepted. The Witnesses in the case of Dr. **Skinner** appearing were sworn and testified as follows.

Mr. E. **Haskins** being sworn testifies that on the Sabbath previous to Dr. **Skinner's** making his late confession in public he the Dr. came to his Mr. **Haskins** house which is a tavern and called for pen ink paper and room that the witness inquired of Dr. **Skinner** what he wanted this pen ink paper & room for and in some way ascertained that the Dr. designed to write a confession which was to be read before the church & congregation in Fredonia. Witness also testifies that Dr. **Skinner** drank spirituous liquor at his house on that day to excess he thinks five time. Witness



also testifies that since Dr. **Skinner** made his confession he has been guilty of intemperance insomuch that witness consider the Dr unreformed. Witness testifies further that he has often conversed with the neighbours of Dr. **Skinner** upon the subject and thinks he can safely say that in the public estimation Dr. **Skinner** is unreformed. All of which was read to witness and by him approved. Mr. **White** the Dr council the Dr himself being absent inquired of witness as follows – Question How far do you live from Dr. **Skinner**? Answer Between a quarter and a half a mile. Question Does Dr. **Skinner** ride much as a physician? Answer He would do considerable business provided people could depend on him. Question Does Dr. **Skinner** visit your tavern less frequently than before he made his confession Answer Immediately after making his confession the Dr did not visit my house so frequently as formerly. I do not perceive however but that his calls are not near as frequent as ever. Question Does he call for liquor as often as formerly Answer I think he does. Question Does he carry any to his house. Answer Not more than is necessary. All of which answers were separately read to witness and by him separately approved. Questioned by Mr. **Durkee** as follows. Question How long was Dr. **Skinner** at your house on the Sabbath previous to his making his confession in public Answer I may not be able to tell within an hour but should think from about eight in the morning until nearly one. Read to witness & by him approved. Questioned by Mr. **Harrison** How much do you think the Dr drank on this Sabbath Answer I should think a gill at a time. Read to witness & by him approved. Mr. D. **Harmon** being sworn testifies that on the day Dr. **Skinner** made his confession he came to his tavern called for pen ink & room that while getting the pen & ink the Dr entered the bar took down the rum bottle and drank full a gill. Witness also testifies that he saw the Dr in liquor night before last at the tavern of Mr. **Haskins**. Read to witness & by him approved. Questioned by Drs Council Was there no one with the Dr who drank a part of the gill mentioned above Answer No He drank it all himself. Read to witness & by him approved. Mr. Samuel **Haven** being sworn testifies that since the first of Nov'r he saw Dr. **Skinner** more disguised with liquor he thinks than he ever saw him before. Witness also testifies that in the public estimation so far as he understands it the Dr is unreformed. Read to witness & approved. The other witnesses whose names stand connected with the charges against Dr. **Skinner** not appearing were not sworn. Rev. W. **Page** being sworn testifies that Dr. **Skinner** told him in excuse for not making his confession when Session required it that on the sabbath previous to the one when the confession was made the Dr went to the house of Mr. **Haskins** to write the confession, and endeavored for some time to effect the object but was so agitated and distressed as to be entirely unable to succeed. Witness also testifies that Dr. **Skinner** told him on the sabbath when the confession was made in excuse for the shortness and defects of the confession that he the Dr had written in the village since he come from home at the house as witness afterwards understood of Mr. **Harmon**. Read to witness and approved. No further testimony being offered in support of the charges against Dr. **Skinner** Defendants council was called upon for his defense. No witness however appearing on the part of the Defendant and the Defendants council being willing to submit the whole matter to Session as it stood the Session dwelt upon the testimony before them and after mature deliberation as is hoped Resolved unanimously that both charges in the estimation of Session are fully supported. Whereupon Session made the following resolution – Whereas it doth appear from his own confession that Dr. Elisha **Skinner** a member in this church has for many months used spirituous liquor to excess and as it doth appear from good & accredited sources that although the said Dr has been for nearly 18 months repeatedly warned and admonished of his fault by the Session of this church [crossed out: and been labored with time and again with a levity and forbearance bordering upon excess] and been

exhorted and intreated and warned to reform putting off from time to time the censure he deserved with a levity and forbearance bordering upon excess and as it doth now appear from the testimony we have just heard that at the very time when Dr. **Skinner** urged onward by the repeated solicitations and warnings of Session was writing the confession he was to read in public as a token of his repentance he resorted to a tavern, on the sabbath day, & committed the same crimes(?) for which he was then preparing his confession and as it doth likewise appear that since making his confession he has continued to use spirituous liquor to excess insomuch his neighbours consider him entirely unreformed and as it doth likewise appear that although the Dr has lately been twice cited to appear before Session and been admonished according to the rules of our Directory that unless he did appear and answer to the charges to be exhibited against him Session would proceed as if he were present appointing him a council and showing him all appropriate fairness and kindness although the Dr has been so cited and admonished yet he has utterly disregarded the one and the other thereby manifesting the utmost contempt of the authority of the church with which he stands connected – therefore resolved that Dr. Elisha **Skinner** for the purpose of reclaiming him and of delivering the church from the scandal of his offences and of inspiring all with fear by the example of his punishment – be excommunicated from tis church. Minutes were read & approved. Resolved that Session adjourn sine die. Closed with prayer. R. **Harrison**, Clerk pro tem

Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1826

Sacrament was administered by the Rev'd Wm. **Page**

Fredonia Jan 12, 1826

Session met agreeable to appointment at Session Room. Opened with prayer. Roll was called. Present Rev'd W. **Page**. Elders **Harrison, Marsh, White & Durkee**. Absent Elders **Sheppard & Lovejoy**. W. C. **White** was chosen clerk pro tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read. I. A. **Lovejoy** appeared & took his seat. His excuse for late attendance was accepted. His excuse for being absent at the last meeting of Session was not accepted. E. **Sheppard** appeared and took his seat. His excuse for late attendance was accepted. Having ascertained that Mr. **Wentworth** has not been officially informed of of [sic] his late suspension from the privileges of the church therefore resolved that he be suspended from the privileges of the church until he make satisfaction. Resolved that Elisha **Sheppard** be delegate to Presbytery at its next meeting in Westfield & that W. C. **White** be his substitute. Minutes were read & approved. Resolved that session adjourn sine die. Closed with prayer. W. C. **White** Clerk pro tem

A copy of Doct **Skinner's** excommunication was read before this Church and congregation on Sabbath last January 15, 1826 E. **Shepard** Clerk

Fredonia Feb'y 13, 1826

Session met agreeable to appointment at Session Room. Opened with prayer. Roll was called. Present Rev W. **Page** Elders **White, Durkee & Harrison**. Absent Elders **Sheppard, Marsh** and **Lovejoy**. W. C. **White** was chosen clerk pro tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read. E. **Sheppard** appeared and his excuse for late attendance being accepted took – The case of Fenner **Ward** being laid before Pres and that body refusing to give any opinion upon the subject or to sanction the excommunication of Mr. **Ward** Resolved that Fenner **Ward** be suspended from the privileges of the church until he make satisfaction. Mr. Walker **Lewis** being dangerously ill and

wishing to join the church and to partake of the Lords supper before he leaves the world. Therefore resolved that Session meet at the house of Mr. **Lewis** on Wednesday of this week at 1 o'clock P M for the purpose of examining him as to his religious character and of receiving him into the church and of administering to him the Lords Supper if it shall then be judged expedient. Minutes were read & approved Resolved that Session adjourn to meet on Wednesday of this week at 1 o'clock P M at the house of Walker **Lewis**. Closed with prayer.  
W. C. **White** Clerk pro tem

Feb'y 15, 1826

Session met agreeable to adjournment at the house of Walker **Lewis**. Opened with prayer. Present Rev. W. **Page**, Elders **White, Harrison, Marsh, Durkee & Lovejoy**. Absent Elisha **Sheppard**. W. C. **White** was chosen clerk pro tem. Mr. **Lewis** having expressed a wish to join the church resolved that Session proceed to his examination. Having examined Mr. **Lewis** and being satisfied with his evidences of regeneration and of his soundness in the faith – resolved that Mr. Walker **Lewis** be admitted into the church upon giving his assent to the Articles of faith and to the church covenant and that the sacrament of the Lords Supper be administered to him at his request. After divine service Mr. **Lewis** gave his assent to the Articles of faith and to the church covenant and was therefore admitted into the church according to the vote of Session and the sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered to Mr. **Lewis** and the church members present. After the communion service Session being called to order the minutes were read & approved. Closed with prayer. W. C. **White** Clk pro tem

April 2, 1826

Sacrament administered by the Revd Wm **Page**. Mr. Enoch **Hutchinson** and Elizabeth his wife and Calvin his son were admitted by certificate into the church.

June 31, 1826

Session met according to appointment at the Academy. Opened with prayer. Roll called – Present Rev W. **Page**, Elders **White, Marsh, Harrison, Durkee & Lovejoy**. Absent E. **Sheppard**. W. C. **White** chosen scribe pro tem. Received into the church upon certificate Mrs. Harriet **Whitcomb** and Mr. Philip **Wells**. Mrs. Rebecca **Barlow** wishing to be examined for admission into the church, but bein[g] unable at present to endure the fatigues of examination in consequence of bodily weakness Resolved to meet tomorrow at four o'clock at the house of Mr. Harvey **Durkee** for the purpose of examine her agreeable to her request. Minutes were read and approved. Closed with prayer.  
W. C. **White** scribe pro tem

July 1, 1826

Session met according to adjournment at the house of Dea **Durkee**. Opened with prayer. Roll called. Present Rev'd W. **Page** Moderator, Elders **Marsh, Lovejoy, Durkee & White**. Absent Elders **Sheppard & Harrison**. W. C. **White** was chosen scribe pro tem. Proceeded to examine Mrs. **Barlow** according to her request. Having closed the examination session went by themselves and after some conversation Resolved that Mrs. Rebecca **Barlow** stand propounded for admission into the church on the morning of the next Sabbath and that she be received in the evening of the same day – provided no objections are made – See note. Minutes were read and approved. Closed with prayer.

W. C. **White** scribe pro tem

July 2, 1826

Mrs. Rebecca **Barlow** was admitted into the church according to the vote of the Session upon giving her assent to the articles of faith and to the church covenant. She was also baptised[sic].  
W. **Page** Moderator

Note – Mrs. **Barlow** being very unwell, the time during which she stood propounded was much shorter than we think suitable on ordinary occasions. This vote therefore must not be taken as a precedent. W. **Page**

August 1, 1826

Session met according to appointment. Opened with prayer. Roll was called. Present Rev. W. **Page** Moderator. Elders **White & Harrison**. Absent Elders **Marsh, Lovejoy, Sheppard & Durkee**. W. C. **White** was chosen scribe pro tem. Resolved that I. A. **Lovejoy** be delegate to attend the meeting of Pres in this place on Thursday next. A letter of recommendation being presented by Mrs. Ann **Todd** from the Church of West Springfield Mass dated June 4, 1826 Resolved that Mrs. Ann **Todd** be received and is hereby received as a member in good standing into this church. Understanding that Mr. & Mrs. **Hoysington** who have resided in this vicinity more than a year and have seldom [crossed out: if ever] attended upon the ordinances of Gods house and seem to be straying from the fold of Christ being as we learn members of a Presbyterian Church in Gaines N Y therefore resolved that I. A. **Lovejoy & H. Durkee** be a committee to visit Mr. & Mrs. **Hoysington** for the purpose of learning why they absent themselves from the ordinances of Gods house presenting no letter of recommendation from the church to which they belong and standing so far aloof from their Christian brethren. Whereas Mr. & Mrs. **Spaulding** have often represented to the members of this church & session that they were as they supposed members in good standing in the ch of Brutus N Y where they left the place and have repeatedly sent for letters of recommendation from that church but have as yet received no answer – they know not why – therefore resolved that the Rev W. **Page** address a letter to the Pastor of that church requesting of him the reasons if any there be why the church in Brutus withhold from Mr. & Mrs. **Spaulding** letters of recommendation to the church in this place. Minutes were read. Resolved to adjourn. Closed with prayer. W. C. **White** scribe pro tem

August 10, 1826

Session met agreeable to appointment. Opened with prayer. Roll was called. Present Elders **White, Harrison and Durkee**. The Rev. W. **Page** being present was invited to sit as moderator. and W. C. **White** scribe pro tem. Mrs. Frances **Page** being about to leave the place and requesting a letter of recommendation to another church where the Providence of God may lead her Whereupon resolved that her request be granted.

[The following crossed out: A letter from the Rev. S. C. **Aiken** of Utica being read containing the following interrogations which he wishes to be administered to Mrs. Frances **Page**, according to the provision of the Directory – See Chap 6 – on witnesses – Page 406 Utica Edition.

Whereupon resolved that the interrogation be administered agreeable to this request. The interrogations are as follows

1 Did you or did you not about 5 years ago or when ride in a sleigh or cutter in company with Abijah **Thomas** of Utica from Whitesburo[sic] to Lenox –

2 Was his conduct towards you on that journey in any measure improper or indecent?]

3 Did you, at any time, during that journey, in consequence of his improper conduct, contemplate quitting him and seeking a refuge or escape from him in some house on the road –

4 Did you after your arrival at Lenox refuse to be in the company of Mr. **Thomas** in consequence of his [aforesaid] ill treatment or for any other and for what cause –

5 Did you refuse to return home from Lenox with Mr. **Thomas**, and if so, for what reason –

6 Did Mr. **Thomas**, at any time, and how many times during the journey aforesaid, put, or attempt to put, his arm around your neck; and press you to his body – and kiss, or attempt to kiss you – or put or attempt to put his hand into your bosom –

7 Did Mr. **Thomas** exhibit indecent improper or lascivious actions during the said journey – and if so what were they?

8 Did or did not Mr. **Thomas** at any time on the aforesaid journey make use of any improper indecent or lascivious expressions. If so declare them

9 Do you know of any other circumstances, matter or thing which occurred on the aforesaid journey or relating thereunto – tending to fix upon Mr. **Thomas** a charge of licentious talking or jesting or lascivious conduct and conversation – if so declare such matter in full –

Mrs. **Page** being duly sworn testified as follows –

1. To the first interrogatory she answered “I should think it was 5 years last winter that I rode in a cutter with Mr. **Thomas** from Whitesburo to Lenox” Read to witness and by her approved.

2. To the second interrogatory she answered “I thought his conduct was improper” Read to witness and by her approved.

3. To the third interrogatory Mrs. **Page** replied “Yes, If I had acquaintance on the road I certainly should have left him.” Read to witness and by her approved.

4. To the fourth interrogatory Mrs. **Page** replied – “I stated to my sister Mary in Lenox that I disliked exceedingly to be in the presence of Deacon **Thomas** on account of what I esteemed unbecoming conduct in him during our ride from Whitesburo to Lenox” Read to witness and by her approved.

5 To the fifth interrogatory Mrs. **Page** replied – “Deacon **Thomas** asked me to return with him – But I refused for two reasons – First I did not expect to return so soon as Dea **Thomas** did for I had not completed my visit Second I was very much offended with his treatment of me” Read to witness and by her approved.

6 To the sixth interrogatory Mrs. **Page** replied “No!” Read to witness & by her approved.

7 To the seventh interrogating Mrs. **Page** replied – “Deacon **Thomas** took my hands and put them against my remonstrances into his bosom, saying he had promised my mother to keep me warm. I took them out of his bosom however and turned my back upon him and so afterwards rode” Read to witness and by her approved.

8 To the eighth interrogatory Mrs. **Page** replied “I do not recollect of any” Read to witness and by her approved.

To the ninth interrogatory Mrs. **Page** replied “I do not recollect of any thing – His manner however I thought was very unbecoming being very light & trifling insomuch I never afterwards could respect him.” Read to witness and approved.

Minutes were read and approved. Resolved that session adjourn sine die. Closed with prayer.

W. C. **White** Scribe

August 15, 1826

Session met according to appointment. Opened with prayer. The Rev. W. **Page** being present was invited to sit as Moderator & H. **Durkee** was chosen Scribe pro tem. Present Elders **White, Harrison, Durkee & Lovejoy**. I. A. **Lovejoy** was appointed council for Dea **Thomas** to put such questions as he chose to Mrs. **Page** respecting her answers to the interrogatories administered to her at the last meeting of session on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. Mrs. **Page** being called before Session was interrogated by I. A. **Lovejoy** as follows –

Ques 1<sup>st</sup> Had you any design of returning with Dea **Thomas** when you left Whitesburo?

Answered – “When I left Whitesburo my mother told me I might or might not return with the Dea as I chose. Before I reached Lenox however I came to the conclusion that I would not return with him.” Read to witness and by her approved.

Ques 2d Do you remember whether Deacon **Thomas** designed to return through Lenox

Answered “I think he went to Canistote that evening – Whether he was expecting to return to Lenox I do not know” Read to witness and by her approved

Ques 3 How old was you at that time

Answered “I think thirteen” Read to witness & by her approved

Question 4 Did the Deacon converse with you any upon the subject of religion during your ride with him

Answer “I do not recollect that he did” Read to witness & approved

Council for Defendant being satisfied and Session wishing to put no other questions to Mrs. **Page** the examination was closed.

Resolved as the Rev. W. **Page** has been permitted to resign his pastoral office over the ch & con in this place and is about removing elsewhere that Elder Henry **Durkee** be appointed for the present – the standing Moderator of Session. Minutes were read and approved. Resolved that Session adjourn sine die. Closed with prayer. H. **Durkee** Scribe

January 22d 1827

Session met according to appointment. Opened with prayer. Roll was called. Present Harvey **Durkee** Moderator. Present Elders **White, Marsh & Lovejoy**. Absent **Harrison & Shepard**. W. C. **White** was chosen clerk protem. Resolved that Harvey **Durkee** be appointed delegate to attend the next meeting of Presbytery & I. A. **Lovejoy** his substitute. Minutes were read & approved. Resolved that Session adjourn without date. Closed with prayer.

W. C. **White** Clerk protem

February 7<sup>th</sup> 1827

Session met agreeable to previous notice. Rev'd J. W. M. **Master** was requested to sit as Moderator. Opened with prayer. Isaac A. **Lovejoy** was chosen clerk P. T. Members present Harvey **Durkey**, Sam'l **Marsh**, Roswell **Harrison**. Absent W. C. **White** & E. **Shepherd**. The Minutes of last meeting were read. Mr. **Harrison** was excused for non attendance last meeting. Mrs. **Weles** [**Wells**?] presented a letter from ch at Montague dated Aug 4, 1826. Signed Aron **Gates** & was recd as a member of this Church. Mrs. Elmira **Baker** presented a letter from ch at Auburn dated Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1826 Signed S. **Lansing** & was also received as a member. W. C. **White** was excused for late attendance. Closed with Prayer.

I. A. **Lovejoy**

February 16<sup>th</sup> 1827 Friday Evening

Session met agreeable to notice. J. W. M. **Master** Moderator. Opened with prayer. Members present E. **Shepherd**, S. **Clark**, Harvey **Durkey**, Sam'l **Marsh**, W. C. **White**, E. **Harrison**, I. A. **Lovejoy**. Minutes of last meeting not at hand. The following persons presented letters of dismissal from other churches & were received as members of this church. Viz Clement **Lamon**, J. C. **Lamon** & wife Maria from L. R. Ch Brooms. John **Spalding** & wife Anna 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church Brutus. Lucinda **Winchester** ch Scheneatiles. John **Baker** 1<sup>st</sup> ch at Auburn. Eli **Gilbert** on confession faith. Closed with prayer.

March 30<sup>th</sup> **1827**

Session met agreeable to notice. H. **Durkee** Moderator. Opened with prayer. Edward **Deming** presented a letter from the Congregational Church in Boonville & was received on the same as a member of this Church. H. **Durkee** Moderator W. C. **White** Clerk Pro tem Closed with prayer

May 11<sup>th</sup> **1827**

Session met agreeable to notice at the house of J. **McMahan**'s the Rev Mr. **Adams** was invited to sit as Moderator. Opened with prayer. J. A. **Lovejoy** was chosen clerk protem. Mr. Isaac **Leech**, Mrs. **Ford** & Mrs. **Skinner** was [sic] examined for admission & approved. Mr. **Leech** & Mrs. **Skinner** were received on the following Sabbath. Closed by prayer. J. A. **Lovejoy** Clerk pro tem.

Alanson **Bail** & Frances E. **Sharp** were received into this Church on certificate May the 1<sup>st</sup>(?) **1827**.

August 8<sup>th</sup> **1827<sup>th</sup>**

Session met agreeable to public notice. Opened with prayer. Present J. W. **McMaster** as Moderator. Elders **Durkey**, **Marsh** and **Harrison**. Absent **White**, **Shepherd** & **Lovejoy**. Bernice **Taylor** presented a certificate from Congregational Ch at Montague dated April 30<sup>th</sup> **1827**. Recd to com'n of this ch. Mrs. Ann **McMaster** from 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Ch N York Recd to commun of this ch. Closed with prayer.

Augt 15<sup>th</sup> **1827**

Session met agreeable to prev notice. Opened with prayer. Rev'd J. W. **McMaster** invited to sit as Mod. Present Elders **Harrison** & **Durkee**. Absent!! **Shepherd**, **White**, **Marsh** and **Lovejoy**. Oliver **Taylor** Wife & his Sister were recd to communion of this ch on certificates from ch at Montague Dated April 30<sup>th</sup> **1827**. Widdow Elisabeth **Dibble** & daughter Elisa were recd on certificates from congregational ch of Boonville dated Nov 26<sup>th</sup> **1826**. Messrs **Lovejoy** & **Marsh** presented their excuses for non attendance last meeting wch were sustained. Closed with prayer.

August 24<sup>th</sup> **1827**

Session met agreeable to notice. J. W. **McMaster** Moderator. Present all the members. Opened with prayer. Mrs. Mary **Robbins** was recd on a letter from the Congregational ch at Smithfield to the commune of this ch. Mr. Saml **Marsh** was chosen delegate to Presbytery of Sept 4 **1827**. Closed with prayer

Thus far examined and approved with the following exceptions first that the examination of witness in cases of discipline had better be kept on papers on file than in the church book. #2<sup>nd</sup> that all meeting of the session be signed by the Clerk. Thus far approved by Presbytery September 7<sup>th</sup> 1827 Springville Elihu **Mason** Mod

January 7<sup>th</sup> 1826

Elders

Roswell **Harrison** x

Samuel **Marsh** x

William C. **White** xx

Elisha **Sheppard** xxxxxxx

Harvey **Durkee** x

Isaac A. **Lovejoy** xxx

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The Session should transact business in the following order

1 Open with prayer

2 Call the roll

3 Read the minutes of the last meeting

4 Attend to the business of the meeting

5 Read the minutes

6 Close with prayer.

The Clerk of the Session should keep his minutes in the following order

1 Session met agreeable to &c and was opened with prayer

2 The Roll was called and Elders \_\_ were absent & Elders \_\_ were present

3 Minutes of the last meeting were read

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 Minutes of the present meeting were read & approved

6 Closed with prayer

Attest \_\_\_ Clerk