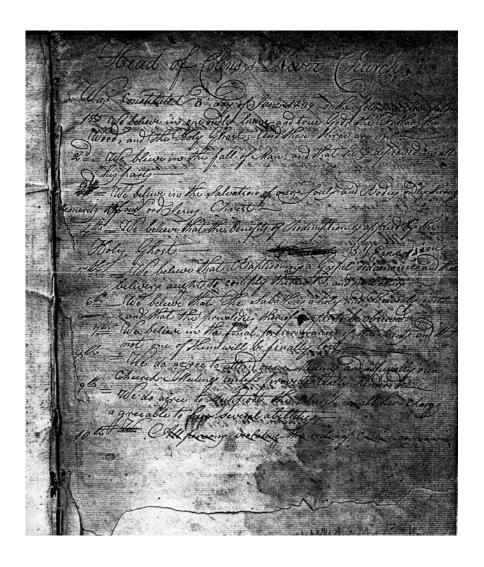
Head of Collins River Church

Minute Book Two

January 1819 to September 1871



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Foreword

The Head of Collins River Church was established on 3 June 1809 on Collins River near what is known as Wanamaker's Branch in Warren, now Grundy County, Tennessee. According to Margaret Brown Coppinger's notes, it was probably the first church to be organized in Warren County. The church building was rebuilt in 1819 on land given by Pastor Evan Lawler near the L. C. Scott residence. In August 1825 the settlement on Cumberland Mountain petitioned the Head of Collins River Church to appoint a church meeting in that location and their petition was granted. The first meeting was held near Sterling Savage's place on the mountain on the second Saturday in September 1825 and meetings were held concurrently in the valley and on the mountain for some time.

In 1858 the Head of Collins River Church was renamed Philadelphia Baptist Church and moved to a new building at its present location (1988) in the Mt. Olive community off Highway 56 in Grundy County. Brother Glenn Killian, a descendant of the founders of the church, conducts services there today (1988.)

Minutes of meetings for the first ten years are missing; however, Minute Book Two, which begins with a meeting on the first Saturday in January 1819, notes the date the Church was established. The last recorded minutes were for a meeting on the first Saturday in September 1871. Beginning in the mid- 1850s, meeting minutes were recorded inconsistently, without explanation, and many meetings passed into history without note. Gaps of significant lengths of time in the minutes are footnoted in the text.

Every effort has been made to transcribe the minutes exactly as they were written, preserving the original spelling, punctuation, etc. Illegible words are indicated by blank spaces in the text. Corrections and revisions to the 1988 transcription were made in February 2009.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to Brother Glenn Killian for allowing me access to this minute book and for generously giving his permission for the transcription of this record. I am grateful for his interest in preserving and in sharing the early history of our Warren and Grundy County, Tennessee ancestors.

Sandra Tate Hereford

Head of Collins River Church

Was established 3 day of June 1809 on the following principals:

- 1st We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, And these three are one...
- 2nd We believe in the fall of Man, and that he is depraved in all his parts...
- We believe in the Salvation of our Souls and Bodies only through of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4th We believe that the benefit of redemption is applied by the Holy Ghost.
- 5th We believe that Baptism by emersion is a Gospel ordinance and that believers ought to comply therewith and none others...
- 6th We believe that The Sabbath is a holy and heavenly institution and that the privileges thereof ought to be observed...
- 7th We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints and that not one of them will be finally lost..
- 8th We do agree to attend our Meetings and especially our Church Meetings unless providentially hindered...
- 9th We do agree to support the Church in all her charges agreeable to our several abilities..
- 10th (marked through)

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of Members.
- 2nd The Church took up the continued reference from July Meeting of the travail for a Deacon and after mature deliberations unanimously chose Brother Even Lawler to that office and his request to have til next Meeting to give his answer which was granted.
- 3rd Brothers Rogers and Groc report that they had in the name of the Church requested the brethren as required by the Church Brother Chaney came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church Brother Isham Dyks failing to attend. Brother John J. Walker appointed to request him to attend at next meeting.
- 4th Brother John Rogers refused to fill his seat and wishes to give his reasons at another time.
- 5th Sisters Martha and Abigale Thompson dismissed by letters.

The Church met on the fourth Saturday in Febr. 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd The Brother Deacon chosen last meeting gave his answer in the affirmative and the Church call a presbytery at next Church Meeting for his

ordination and sent to the sister Churches towit: Hickory Creek, Barren Fork and Collins River Churches for ministerial help.

- 3rd The Brother report that he requested Brother Dyks to attend at the Meeting who sent his excuse which was recd.
- 4th The Church agree to make choice of members to represent her in conference on the first Saturday in May at Rocky River Meeting House (towit) Jno. Walker, _____.
- 5th Brethren Rogers and Bond request to have until next meeting for Brother Rogers to answer.
- 6th Appointed Brother Lawler to purchase plank for the meeting house.
- 7th Brother and Sister Potts dismissed by letter.
- 8th The Church agree to put what money she has in the hands of individuals in to the hands of the Deacons.
- 9th Brethren John H. Groc and John J. Walker appointed to see to the laying off and procuring a deed for the land where the new meeting house now stands.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Agreeable to request the help came forward and formed a presbytery (towit) Brethren Jesse Dodson, Wm. Thompson, Nathan Hammonds and Jas. Walker and after examination ordained Brother Lawler.
- 3rd Brother Isham Dyks came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church.
- 4th Rogers and Bond request a committee to labor in the existing difficulty between them Wm. McGregor and James Cope sent.
- 5th The committee came in and report nothing done. The above referred to a call meeting on the fourth Saturday in this Inst.
- 6th Sister Sarah Wilson dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the fourth Saturday in March being a call meeting and after publick worship proceeds to business.

- 1st Brother Evan Lawler report that he has procured plank for the new meeting house and Brothers B. Wade, J. J. Walker appointed to receive the same.
- 2nd Brother Wade appointed to procure 6# of nails.
- 3rd Brothers John Rogers and Wm. Bond gave a relation to the Church that they were reconciled with each other and sorry that they had spoke harsh and unbecoming words which gave satisfaction to the Church.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Sister Saly Cagle dismissed by letter.
- 3rd The Church took into consideration the gifts of Brother Wm. Walker and after mature consideration says that she considers it to be profitable among us

and therefore licenses him to exercise it in any way the Lord may direct where ever his lot may be cast.

- The Brethren appointed to receive the plank report that they have received 406 feet for the use of the Church at 1\$25.
- 5th Brother Charles Crettenden appointed to contact and settle with Brother J. L. Walker for the above planks.
- 6th Brother Evan Lawler appointed to purchase a lock and put the same on Saturday.
- 7th Sister Alsea Jackson received by letter.
- 8th Sister Prudence Lockhart received by letter.
- 9th Sister Seala Jones received by letter.
- 10th Sister Temperance Bolen _____ her membership to the Church.
- 11th The Church agree to consult a General Rule respecting members leaving the bounds of the Church and not applying for dismissal and report at next meeting Sunday.
- 12th Sister Anne Roger received by letters.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May 1819 and after prayers proceeds to business.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Brother Cretenden reported that he had settled with Brother J. L. Walker for the plank.
- Brother E. Lawler report that agreeable to the directions of the Church he has furnished a lock and a Book for the use of the Church. Lock 1\$ Book 1\$.
- 4th Brother Lawler executed a deed for the Meeting house land.
- 5th Brother John J. Walker offered to make a Deed in behalf of the Church unto Jacob Runick for two acres of land where the old Meetinghouse stood.
- 6th The Church took up the reference respecting what was to be done with Members who leave or remove from the bounds of the Church without applying for a letter of Dismission.
- 7th Ansr If any member shall voluntarily remove from the Church without applying for a letter they shall be deemed in disorder and this Act to be entered with the rules of the government of the Church.
- 8th The Church agree to inspect the old Church Book at the next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June 1819 and after publick worship proceeds to business.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd The Old Book inspected and agreed to have the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum transferred and begin the new Book from the first Saturday in Janr. 1819 and have the old one kept.
- 3rd Brother and Sister Saml. and Sarah Miller excluded for leaving the Church without applying for a letter of Dismission.
- 4th Brother Ansil Hill excluded for leaving the Church without a letter of dismission.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Mary Masey recd by letter.

3rd The Church approbated the proceedings of the Conference.

4th A request from Collins River Church for help to labor in a matter of difficulty. The request granted and Bros. E. Lawler, Jno. Walker and John Rogers sent.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The Church requests the Brother Clerk to prepare a Situation letter and include in it that they approbate the proceedings of the convention held at Rocky River Meeting house the 4th Saturday in May 1819.

The Church appoint a call meeting for to look into a difficulty among them on the 2nd Saturday in this Inst. and appoints a commity of inquest.

1819

The Church met agreeable to appointment on 2nd Saturday in August and after prayer proceeds.

The commity of inquest report that they find Brother Jerry Walker chargeable in the way he expressed himself which gave just ground for a report to circulate by which the cause suffered.

2nd The Church agree that he be reproved.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Motion what shall be done with Brother Dyks for not coming forward to the Church and relating whether he has obtained satisfaction with Brother Walker or not. Answer – request him to attend next meeting and Brother John J. Walker appointed.

3^{rd'} The letter call for inspected and received.

4th How many members shall we send to the Association – Ansr. 2 Brothers James and Jno. Walker chosen.

5th One Dollar contributed for the purchase of their meals and other purposes if needed.

6th Petition for the next association.

7th Took up reference to inspect the platform of the Church and agree to institute a Tenth Article – (towit) All persons violating the Rules of Church

government shall be deemed in disorder and shall be dealt with as the Church may think proper.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and after etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Carline Nunley dismissed by letter.

3rd The Brother appointed to request Brother Dyks to attend reports that he has done so.

4th Brother Dyks came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in Novm. and after etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Molly Tankelse recd. Brother Jas. Chaney & Patsey his wife dismissed by letter.

1819

The Church met on the first Saturday in Decm. after etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

1820

The Church met on the first Saturday in Janr. and after etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

1820

The Church met on the first Saturday in Febr. and after etc.

1st Sister Jadwin excluded for her marage with a man having another wife living which she acknowledged.

2nd A door opened for the reception of members.

1820

The Church met on the first Saturday in March and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

Our next meeting to be a communion session and Church meeting to be on Friday. And the Clerk ordered to request the Sister Churches to visit us.

The Church met on the Friday before the fourth Saturday in April and after etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Anne Lawler received by letter.

3rd On motion the Church agree to meet on Sunday.

Sunday. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd A petition from Collins River for help for the ordination of a Deacon.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after, etc.

First a door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Ann Lawler Recd. by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June and etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after worship, etc.

First a door opened for the reception of members.

2nd What did Paul mean by his charge to Timothy – (against an Elder, etc.) 1st Timothy 5:15 – how shall we as a Church proceed in dealing with a Elder.

3rd And agreeable to act of the Assoc. call for help from the sister Churches (towit) Hickory Creek and Buck Springs and Brethren appointed, etc.

4th The Clerk ordered to prepare a letter to our next Assoc. for inspection at next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after, etc.

First a door opened for the reception of members

2nd Called for the response and with the help from the sister Churches took up the reference of last meeting.

3rd Decided, we believe that an Elder ought to be dealt with in all respects as a lay member.

Appointed Brethren Jas. Walker, Evan Lawler and John Walker to our next Assn.

4th The letter called for and recd.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Octbr. and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Novm. and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members

2nd A request from the Buck Springs Church for help in a matter of difficulty. The Church nominate Brethren John H. Groc, John Hunter, B. Write, J. Rogers & Chas. Crettenden.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Decm. and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Jas. Walker stated to the Church that no reconciliation had taken place between him and Brother Wm. Mitchell and that the acknowledgement made by him was such that he could not _____ and after due deliberation the Church say that she has nothing against Brother Jas. Walker.

1821

The Church did not meet in Janr. on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Febr. 1821 – and after prayer proceeded to business.

1st A door opened for the reception of members (Brother William Thompson and Jno. Walker Church moderators.)

2nd The Buck Springs Church met at the Head of Collins River meetinghouse agreeable to appointment to set with this Church on account of a difficulty between a member of that Church and one of this, who was cordially received.

3rd Brother John L. Walker distress call for against Brother Mitchell – which was took up as matter of greavance.

4th After much alteration the same was settled – by the acknowledgement of Brother Mitchell.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March and after, etc.

First – A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Hiram Phillips received by Exprn.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April and after, etc. a door opened for the reception of members. Brother Bartlet Wade Decd.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after, etc. a door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Patsey Lawler recd by Expn.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Pheba Lankford recd. by letter,

3rd Sister Prudence Dugan recd. by Exprn.

The Church met on Friday before the first Saturday in August etc. after etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The Clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection.

3rd Three members chosen to bear the letter (towit) Brethren J. L. Walker, Evan Lawler, and Jno. Walker

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after prayer proceeded to business.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Bond came forward and made some acknowledgements. The Church lay it over til next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Took up the reference concerning Brother Bond the same held over til next Meeting. Brother Rogers sited to attend next meeting and Brethren John Rogers, Nathan Bond and John J. Walker appointed and to report at next meeting.

1822

The Church met the first Saturday in November and, etc.

1st Took up the reference of last meeting – Brother Bond gave satisfaction and took his seat.

2nd Took up the 2nd reference and the question being taken. Brother Rogers Jack is excluded for immoral conduct.

3rd A door opened for the reception of members.

4th Sister Sarah Wilson received by letter.

5th Brother James Henderson received by letter.

6th Brother Levy Lawler and Elizabeth his wife Brother Hiram Phillips and Sister Patsey Lawler dismissed by letters.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

1823

The Church met on the first Saturday in Janr. and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Febr. and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Took up the distress between Sister Sarah Wilson and Bro. Rogers for her apostatizing a falsehood which he could prove by gospel testimony and after some allocution referred it til next meeting. Sister Sarah Walker and Brother John J. Walker to request Sister Wilson to attend.

3rd Brother Jno. Walker exhibited a charge against Bro. Wm. Bond for a neglect of duty with respect of his not talking with Sister Wilson – as he had expressed a distress with.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Took up the reference of last meeting between Brother Rogers and Sister Wilson and after some laboring taken the business referred to a call meeting to be held at Brother J. Walker's on Wednesday the 16th inst.

3rd Brother Wm. Bond complied with the charges (requests) supposed to be with respect to this reference of last meeting – the original left.

1823

The Church met on Wednesday (agreeable to reference) 16th of April at the house of Jno. Walker and after, etc.

1st Took up the said reference and after some alteration the Church say Brother Rogers has supported his charges and that Sister Sarah Wilson is excluded.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Received a letter from Brother Wm. Bond and the Church appoints Brother Rogers to request him to come to next Church meeting.

3rd Sister Polly Price excluded for voluntarily removing out of the bounds of the Church and not applying for a letter and Brother John H. Groc for the same default. The Church orders the clerk to write to Sister Gross on that subject.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Aley Bost – Restored.

3rd Brother Bonds letter to last meeting wishing to be dismissed from us and there the same being thought to exhibit a charge against individuals of the Church and being requested to come to this meeting which he refused to do – for which causes he is excluded.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the Friday before the first Saturday in August and after publick worship proceeds to business.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting and that we send three messengers to the Assoc. (towit) Brothers Evan Lawler, James and Jno.Walker.

3rd Sister Mary Bolin recd by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Septm., etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on Sunday morning after the first Saturday in September agreeable to agreement.

1st The letter to the Association called for, read and received.

2nd Recd a letter from John H. and Sister Drucilla Groc his wife requesting letters of dismission – and after deliberation thereon the clerk ordered to write to Mr. Groc informing him of his stand with us.

3rd Sister Groc dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother James Burns received by exprn. The Church adjourned til Sunday and then met in order and after the Ordinance of Baptism, Brother James Burns is dismissed in order on his request being about to remove out of the bounds of the Church.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

1st Door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

First – door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Caly Moffit received by letter.

1824

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1824.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother William Argo received by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Evan Lawler exhibited a charge against the Church for the act of the Church in the exclusion of Sister Sarah Wilson. his reasons is that the charge against her was put in through prejudice and malice – that the testimony was illegal and after some allocution and deliberation the Church approbates her former act and charges him and agrees to work with him til next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc.

Took up the reference of last meeting and after some allocution Brother Lawler acknowledged that that part of the charge as stated on record which states that the charge against Sister Wilson for which she was excluded was thrown in through prejudice and arbitration, that it was not what he meant – as respecting Brother Rogers and further states that he was convinced he was wrong. The Church then took up the remaining part of the charge or distress and after considerable labors both Brothers came together in prayer.

2nd Brother Lawler requested that he might be released from office of deacon at present on account of his own feeling, not that he has aught against the Church or any member therein. Which request was granted.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Polly Forester received by exprn.

Took up a charge against Brother James Herndon – immoral conduct – (towit) for going to the bed of a married woman in the night with a carnal intention – and after deliberation referred to next meeting.

4th The Clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting for the Association.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The Church agreed to write to a Church in the State of Georgia in behalf of Sister Taylor in respect of a letter of dismission.

3rd Took up the reference respecting Brother James Herndon – decision referred til next meeting.

The letter to the Association called for, read and approved. Brethren J. L. Walker, Evan Lawler and Jno. Walker chosen to bear it.

The Church met on the fourth Saturday in October, and after etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Took up the reference of last meeting and on deliberation referred it to next meeting.

3rd Sister Nancy Lawler dismissed by letter.

4th Brother William Argo dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Took up the reference of last meeting and after some allocution and deliberation, Brother James Herndon is excommunicated for going to the bed of a married woman with a carnal intention and failing to give sufficient satisfaction to the Church.

3rd Sister Ann Lawler dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December and after, etc.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Sister Selah Cagle dismissed by letter.
- Received a request from Collins River Church to appoint members to set with members appointed by them to inquire into a matter of difficulty which subsists between Brothers Jesse Harris of that Church and John Rogers of this and try to settle same. The request exceeded to and members chose and by consent of the contending parties Brethren James Cope and William Stroud was chosen to sit with them being of Hickory Creek Church. The committee after examining the parties and duly considering the premises say that Brother J. Rogers shall pay Brother J. Harris the sum of \$103.00 on or before the 25th of this January in cash. Also \$200 in horses at trading rates, and \$100 in cash on or before 25th December 1825 and \$200.00 in horses at like rates on or before the 15th October 1825 in the discharge of his contract with said Harris. To which award Brother Rogers agreed, but Brother Harris was not satisfied.

1825

The Church met on the first Saturday in February 1825.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Selah Cagle returned her letter dated December 1824.

Sister Abigale Thompson dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April 1825.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother James Burns received by letter.

Motioned and seconded – whether this Church considers herself authorized to do business from the opening of her doors on Saturday til the close of the meeting and only on Saturday. The Church say she is in order to do business during the hours of the meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

A petition from Hickory Creek Church for ministerial help for the purpose of ordination – also from Macedonia Church, Sequache Valley, for Brother Jeremiah Walker to take the pastorate of that Church – to which petitions the Church say ya.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

A petition from Macedonia Church requesting the ordination of Brother Jeremiah Walker to the work of the ministry, etc. and after deliberation the same is referred til next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Polly Dunaway recd by Exprn.

Brother Matthew Hunter recd by letter.

Took up the petition referenced at last meeting and after deliberation had thereon, voted it out on account of its illegality.

Received a petition from the settlement on the Cumberland Mountain for the appointment of a Church meeting in that section. The same granted with authority to appoint another or continue them from time to time if thought profitable by the Church. The first to be held near Sterling Savage's on the 2nd Saturday in September. A letter ordered to be prepared.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Esther Smith received by exprn.

The letter called for read and received, and the messengers chosen (towit) James Walker, Evan Lawler and John Rogers. The Church say no minutes presented this year.

Brother Hudlow Forester recd by Exprn.

The Church met according to appointment on the Mountain and after prayer proceeds to business.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Received Brother Thos. Turner, James Dunaway, Vachel Lankford and James Brewer Recd by Experance.

3rd Sister Lucenda Brewer Recd by Experance.

4th The Church agrees to hold another meeting here on the second Saturday in October November.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Frances Levan received by exprn.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Frances Ambros received by exprn.

The Church met on the second Saturday in November, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sarah Lankford received by Exprn.

3rd Meeting continued here the 2^{nd'} Saturday in December.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Nancy Taylor recd by Exprn. letter.

The Church met on the 2nd Saturday in December, et.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Appointed another meeting here the 2nd Saturday in January.

1826

The Church met January first Saturday, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother John Bond received by expn.

The Church met the 2nd Saturday in January, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother William Dunaway received by letter.

Meeting continued in course here.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Elizabeth Wright received by letter.

3rd Sister Mary Brewer received by letter.

The Church met on the Cumberland Mountain on the second Saturday in February and after prayer proceeded to, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Another meeting on the 2nd Saturday in March.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March and, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Our next meeting appointed a union meeting.

The Church met on the Mountain on the second Saturday in March.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday or Friday and Saturday in April and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Polly Bond received by exprn.

The brethren appointed by Association met and preached to a well ordered congregation (and it is hoped) had a good effect on those hearing.

The Church met on the mountain on the 2nd in April and after, etc. A door opened, etc.

2nd Brother Charles Kagle and Levina, his wife, received by letter and Brother Henry Kagle received by letter. Brother Jacob and Magale Kagle received by letter. This meeting as before.

Sister Pheba Lankford dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the Mountain on the second Saturday in May.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Sister Sally Lewis received by letter.
- 3rd Sister Patsy Savage received by exprn.
- 4th Sister Polly Brant received by exprn.
- 5th Another meeting appointed here.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after, etc.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Brother Elijah and Peggy Walker received by exprn.
- The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association and Brethren Saml and Jeremiah Walker and Evan Lawler chosen to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after, etc.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Sister Lucinda Hill received by exprn.
- 3rd The letter called for, read and received.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and after, etc.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Brother James Burns dismissed by letter.
- 3rd Brother William Lester, Jesse Brewer, Sister Mary and Lucinda Brewer dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

- 1st A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2nd Brother Jehu T. Lawler and Patsey, his wife, recd by letter.

The Church met the first Saturday in January 1827.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Susannah Wilson received by exprn.

3rd Sister Abigale Thompson received by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April and, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother John Lakey was received by letter on Sunday evening.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after, etc.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Whereas reports has circulated that Brother James Walker has taken an unjust advantage of Mr. Abraham Jones by turning a trade debt into cash, the Church having duly examined and considered the proceedings from the first of them til this time say that he was justifiable in what he did. Brother James stated that there was a time and only one which happened about twelve months before the transaction alluded to took place – that he believed it might have been better if he had been a little more explicit in a conversation with Mr. Jones as the cause nor the feelings of the brethren would not have been injured.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Fanny Laky recd by exprn.

3rd Received a letter from Brother John Lakey requesting his excommunication – the same was held over til next meeting and brother James Walker appointed to request him to attend.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Called for the reference the brother reported that he complied with the request of the Church. The Church recd. charges as explained in said letter and after examination say that brother John Lakey is excluded for drunkenness. The clerk to prepare a letter and brethren James and Jeremiah Walker and John Rogers to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The letter called for read and received.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother John P. Veel dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

A door opened for reception of members.

Sister Levena Taylor and Marevale Walker recd by exprn.

Sister Susannah Barnes dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Esther Smith and Brother Henry Cagle dismissed by letter.

1828

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1828.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Edmond Kersey and wife recd by letter.

3rd Brethren James Williams and Sister Caly Dunaway dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection and brethren James

Walker, and Evan Lawler to bear it.

September meeting – a door opened – 2nd The letter called for read and received.

The church met on the first Saturday in October, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother James Burns and wife received by letter.

1829

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Wright dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The time of meeting on the Mountain altered from the 2nd to the 3rd Saturday in each month.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc.

Door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Sarah Cagle recd by exprn. at the meeting on the Mountain.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association

2nd The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association and appoint brethren James and Jon. Walker and John Rogers to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter to the Association called for, read and approved.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother James Burns and wife recd. by letter.

 1829^{1}

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Wright dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc.
A door opened for the reception of members.
The times of holding meeting on the Mountain changed from the second Saturday to the third in each month.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association. Brethren James and Jno. Walker to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc. First a door opened for the reception of members. The letter called for read and approved.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

¹ Minutes of 1829 meetings were rewritten with some changes in the original Minute Book. Ed.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Edmond Kersey and wife was received by letter of recommendation from the Buck Spring at our meeting on the Mountain.

1830

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

- 2nd Recd. a petitionary letter from Big Cove Church in favor of Samuel Miller and wife who had belonged to this Church.
- 3rd Brother Miller gave the Church satisfaction and he and wife was restored and by request dismissed in order by letter.
- 4th Recd a request from the Buck Spring Church for help in a matter of difficulty.
- 5th Nominated four members (towit) Brethren James Burns, John Rogers, Jeremiah Walker, and Isham Dyks.
- 6th The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the Association for inspection at next meeting.
- 7th Select by ballot Brethren James and Wm. Walker and John Rogers towit.

Sept The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter to the Association called for read and approved.

Sister Levan exhibited a charge against Brother Jeremiah Walker (towit) – First that he should have told some persons that he saw a certain black mare hitched to a peach tree near her house and he then on his own profession by his barn – and others that he was standing by her stable and when sworn stated that he was standing between the fence and the stable.

2nd Charge was that he when standing between the fence and stable saw a wagon coming between her house and where James Levan now lives which she thinks impossible. Also that he saw the black mare at the same time and place standing above her dwelling house hitched.

Brother Jeremiah Walker denies the above charges in part.

The Church appoints a call Church meeting on Tuesday next.

Brother Rogers to request Sister A. Bost to attend.

The Church met agreeable to adjournment on Tuesday and after deliberations adjourn til Thursday next.

The Church met on Thursday according to adjournment.

Took up the charges of Sister Levan as evidenced on Saturday last.

First – chose a committee to arrange the charges (towit) Brethren John Rogers and John Allen – who say take the charges up as they stand on record – to which the Church proceded. And after the witnesses being examined (in the presence of the parties) and after alteration and deliberation – some members professing not to be ready to take a general question pray some time of deliberation to assess their reasons. The Church agree to wait next meeting in cove.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Calls for the reference of last meeting – took up the fore charge as stated in record and agreed that the evidence as taken down by the clerk be read and examined (and when comited by the several witnesses) was received.

A general question being taken the Church seem not to be at awareness.

A call meeting on Tuesday next appointed to labor for reconciliation.

Brethren appointed to site absent members.

The Church met on Tuesday agreeable to adjournment.

Took (a record of the situation being obtained) – took up the first charge and after allocution and deliberation the question being taken – (had Sister Levan just cause of grief) from the evidence on both sides to bring in said (first charge) or seat.

Answered she had not.

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The Church proceeded to hear evidence in the second charge. The evidence called and objected to (be heard) – on which the Church got in to confusion and so adjourn til meeting in course.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

The record of last meeting called for and read.

The Church labor for a reconciliation and come to business.

The Church request Brethren J. Burns to request Sister Nancy Argo to attend at our next meeting and in case she can't attend to send her reasons in writing and call on Brother William Stiles to assist in taking it.

Next Church meeting to begin on the Friday before the first Saturday in December.

The Church met on the Friday before the first Saturday in December and after prayer proceeded to business.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Burns stated that he with Brother Stiles called on Sister Argo who said she would be at our next meeting. Meeting to begin tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

The Church proceeded to take the relation of Sisters Mary and Nancy Argo – which was ordered to be taken down by the Clerk.

A motion being made and seconded – the Church agree to leave the present difficulty to a committee of members called from other Churches and their decision to be the act of this Church.

Call for help from the sister Churches (towit) Hickory Creek, Buck Springs, Rocky River, and Concord churches.

The clerk ordered to prepare preliminary letters – to attend us on Friday before the first Saturday in January next. Brethren John Rogers to Hickory Creek, James Walker to Buck Springs, Isham Dyks to Rocky River, James Burns to Concord.

1831

The Church met on Friday before the first Saturday in January 1831, etc. The Brethren appointed to bear preliminary letters to the sister Churches read their report – only two members of the members appointed from the sister Churches met who seemed to be timed to engage in a business (of that importance alone), therefore it is referred til tomorrow.

The Church met on Saturday the first day of January 1831 agreeable to adjournment of yesterday.

Took up the reference.

The brethren from the sister Churches met towit: James Walker from Concord, Wm. Stiles and John Allen from Buck Springs Churches who formed themselves into a committee to which (committee) the Church gave up the contending parties with their cases.

On Sunday Jan. the 2nd 1831 on the morning after public worship the Church being called together the committee of yesterday brought in the following reports. We think Sister Levan was wrong in her charge about the wagon – and her examination through S. Turney also saying he upheld. We think Brother Jeremiah Walker's statements about where he stood when he saw the mare was wrong. Agreeable to the best evidence we have. Signed: Wm. Stiles

James Walker John Allen

The above report being read was received without an objection and the Clerk ordered to make a minute of the same. Therefore we say Brother Jeremiah Walker and Sister Levan is no more of us.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Edmond Kersey and wife dismissed by letter at the Meeting on the Mountain third Saturday.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother and Sister Mark and Jane Hale received by letter.

The clerk requested to bring the Church books to next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc.

Church call for the reference of last meeting on which the clerk presented the Church book.

Then proceeded to read the Articles of Faith and Rules of Government which were all approved (by act of the Church).

Whereas Sister Sarah Walker has declared a nonfellowship with us in her act of joining another Church not of our order, therefore we say she is not of us.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

That the Church send to the next association and how many delegates – answered by three which was chosen towit: Brethren James Walker, Mark Hale, and James Burns. The Clerk to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting.

September first Saturday the Church met, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members. The letter called for and read and approved.

October first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

November first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Moffet dismissed in order.

December first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

1832

January first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

February first Saturday the Church met, etc.
A door opened for the reception of members.
Brother Amos Hale presented a letter of recommendation for him and his wife.
The letter was received and he took his seat with us and Sister Judith Hale not being able to attend the Church await her recovery.

March first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

April first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

May first Saturday the Church met, etc.
A door opened for the reception of members.
Sister Judith Hale came forward and was received as per letter.
Brother Wm. Bond gave satisfaction to the Church and Brethren and was restored.
Next Church meeting to be on Friday before the first Saturday in June.

June Friday before the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members.

July first Saturday the Church met. E. A. Walker A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Harriet Moffet received by exprn.

August first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting and Brethren James Walker, Amos Hail and Harlow Forester bear it.

The Church took into consideration the record of January meeting 1831 and after duly considering the same agreed to add by interjection these words. Therefore we say Brother Jeremiah Walker and Sister Levan is no more of us – in the place where the report of the committee was received.

September first Saturday Church met.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Isaac Sims recd by exprn.

The clerk presented the letter for inspection the same recd.

October first Saturday met, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

November first Saturday the Church met. A door opened for the reception of members. Brethren Amos Hale, Judith his wife, dismissed by letter. Sister Pheba Lankford dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday of December. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Neomi Bond recd by exprn. Sister Sarah Lankford dismissed by letter.

1833

The Church met on the first Saturday in Jan. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Neomi Bond dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church agareed to represent herself in the association.

The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for the inspection.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter to the association called for read and received.

October first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Bowlen, wife of Noble Bowlen, is dead.

November first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother James Fitch Patrick received by exprn.

The Church met on the first Saturday of December. A door opened for the reception of members.

1834

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met the first Saturday in March.

A door opened for the reception of members.

As it appears to us that Sister Frankey Fares had joined herself to a people not in fellowship with us whereby declaring a nonfellowship with us, therefore we say she is no more of us.

Brother Vascheal Lankford by his request is dismissed as a member in good order.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Prudence Lockhart having declared a nonfellowship with us by joining a people not in fellowship with us and we say she is no more of us.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Elijah Walker received by experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Elizabeth Morison received by experance.

The Church agree to represent herself by sending two members (towit) Jas.

Walker and Isaac Sims.

The clerk to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Rachel Rogers received by experance.

Sister Sarah Wilson received by experance.

The Church petition for the next association.

The letter called for read and received.

The Church met on Saturday the first in October and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Sanders Dyks received by experance.

Sunday morning: Sister Rebeckah Walker dead.

November first Saturday the church met and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Pegga Walker have joined a people not in fellowship with us and thereby dismissed for nonfellowship.

The Church met the first Saturday in December and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

1835

The Church met the first Saturday in January.

February first Saturday, etc.

Brother James Burns and wife dismissed by letter.

March first Saturday, etc.

April first Saturday, etc.

May first Saturday the Church met and after, etc.
A door opened for the reception of members.
Sunday morning the Church met by request and a door opened. Brother Joseph Teague and Sarah his wife received by letters.
Sister Sarah Northct received by experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Stoks received by experance.

Brother Charles Cagle, Sr. and Susanah, his wife, dismissed by letter.

The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the association for inspection.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter called for and read received and Brethren J. L. Walker, John Rogers, and Mark Hale chosen to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met December first Saturday, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

1836

The Church met January first Saturday, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

February the first Saturday the Church met, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Hudlow Forrester dismissed by letter.

April first Saturday the Church met on the first Saturday. A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Janath Bond recd by Exprn. Sister Taylor recd by letters.

May first Saturday the Church met, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Received a letter from Brother Isaac Sims and agreed to wait for him to come to next meeting.

Brethren John Rogers and James Walker appointed site Sims and Joseph Teague and wife to attend them.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother John Rogers and James Walker appointed to request Joseph Teague to attend next meeting.

The Church on the first Saturday in July and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Took up the case of Brother J. Teague a second time and Brother Rogers states he had informed him of the request of the Church and he has not come forth. He is excluded for not obeying the Church.

Brother Rogers to request Brother Isaac Sims to attend next meeting.

Agreed to send three members to the Association. Brethren James Walker, J.

Rogers and Mark Hale. The clerk to prepare a letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Took up the case of Brother Isaac Sims and after some deliberation says he is excluded for drunkenness and immoral behavior to which he confessed.

The letter called for read and received.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and after prayer.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Patsey Hill received by experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December and after, etc.

1837

The Church met first Saturday in January and after, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February and after, etc.

Brother J. M. Wood by request acted as moderator.

Sister Patsy Hill dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Joseph M. Wood and Sister Sarah his wife recd by letter.

Sister Levina Taylor dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after prayer proceeded to business.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother John Lowrey recd by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church voted to represent herself in the next association and the clerk ordered to prepare a letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter called for and approved. Brethren James Walker, Mark Hail and William Bond to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Joseph S. Wood and Sister Sarah his wife dismissed by letter. Sister Neomi Bond dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1838 and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February 1838. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March.
A door opened for the reception of members.
Agreed that May meeting should be a communion session.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Sarah Walker received by letter.

May first Saturday the Church met and after prayer proceeded to business. A door opened for the reception of members. On Sunday after divine service the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Elvira Ann Walker received by Experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Neomi Bond dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The clerk appointed to prepare a letter to the association for inspection at next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter cald for and approved. James Walker, Mark Hale and John Lowrey chosen to bear it.

Sister Neel deceased.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October. A door opened for the reception of members. The Church met on the first Saturday in November. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December.

1839

The Church met on the first Saturday in January.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Mark Hale and Sister Jane his wife dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Neomi Bond recd by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturdays in June and July.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after consulting the brethren present agreed to represent herself in the next association and request the clerk to prepare a letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Sept., etc.
A door opened for the reception of members.
The letter called for read and received. Brethren James Walker, John Walker and Sanders Dyks chosen to bear it.

The Church met the first Saturday in Oct., etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Rebeccah Cartwright recd by Experance.

The Church met on the first Saturday in Nov. The Church met on the first Saturday in Dec. A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Hudlow Forester dismissed by letter.

1840

The Church met on the first Saturday in Janur.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Lucndy Hill wife of John A. Hill having removed from us by request by letter is dismissed in order.

Brother John Lowrey by request is dismissed in order.

The Church met etc. and continued her meetings in March and April². Sister Nancy Lebo dismissed in order first Saturday in April –

Continued til August. A letter directed to be prepared and our brethren bearers James Walker, Thos. Turner, Isham Dyks and if they fail, William Bond.

The Church met the first Saturday in September and etc.

The letter called for and recd.

Sister Martha T. Bond deceased August 11th eight o'clock in the afternoon having been a member in society upward of 30 years and aged about 68 years.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December.

Note in right margin: By mistake there was a notation the record to be transcribed. Sanders Dykes is no more of us for living with a woman who has a husband living tho she is removed from him.

1841

The Church met the first Saturday in January 1841. A door opened for the reception of members.

The Church met the first day in February, etc.
A door opened for the reception of members.
Sister Nancy Lebow and Sister Phebe Lankford received by letter.
The Church meetings continued without business til –

The Church met the first Saturday in May, etc. A door opened for the reception of members. Sister Sarah Wilson received by letter.

The Church met the first Saturday in June and after, etc. Sister Solemy Hammers received by letter.

The Church met the first Saturday in July, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

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² No Mintues for February 1840 recorded.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December. A door opened, etc.

1842

The Church met on the first Saturday in January. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June³. A door opened, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in July.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Prudence Dugan dismissed by letter.

Sister Esther, a servant of Adrean Northcut, experience.

Sister Nancy Lebo, Sarah Northcut and Naomy Bond appointed to request Sister P. Hammons to attend at next Church meeting.

The Church met the first Saturday in August and after, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The sisters appointed to request Sister Hammons to attend stated that they had done so and her answer was that she would come agreeable to request but did not attend. They agreed to wait til next meeting and let her know it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after, etc. A door opened for the reception of members.

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³ No Minutes recorded for May 1842.

Sister Nancy Lebow dismissed by letter.

The letter to the association called for read and received.

Brethren James Walker, Thos. Turner and Isham Dyks chosen to bear it.

The Church met the first Saturday in October and etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Hammons for disobeying the Church by its request and her stating that she had an intention of joining another Church that is not in fellowship with us – we say she is not one of us.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November and after prayer proceeded to business.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Lebow dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December, etc.

1843

The Church met on the first Saturday in January, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February, etc.

The Church met March, etc.

April, etc.

May, etc.

June, etc.

July first Saturday the Church met.
A door opened for the reception of members.

Sister Nancy Lebow received by letter.

The Church met the first Saturday in August.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the association for inspection.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Whitfield Wilson Bond received by experance.

The letter to the Association called for read and received.

Brethren Isham Dyks, Thomas Turner and Elijah Walker bear the letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October, etc.

No business having bin done from that til the first of Saturday in August 1844 – I think it not necessary to make any record in the Book of the days other than that the Church meetings were regularly held. (several illegilble words)

1844

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after prayer, etc.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The clerk ordered to prepare a letter to the association for inspection at next meeting.

The church met on the first Saturday in September and after prayer proceeded to business.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The letter called for read and received and Brethren Elijah Walker, Isham Dykes, and Whitfield W. Bond chosen to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October.

A door opened for the reception of members.

1845

No business having transacted til this time nor any alteration having taken place in the records only that Sister Rebeckah Cartwrite is dead – for which reason the record of the meetings is omitted until now.

August first Saturday 1845

At which time the clerk is ordered to prepare a letter to the next association to be held at this place for inspection at next meeting.

Brethren Isham Dykes, Elijah Walker and Whitfield Bond chosen to bear it.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after prayer by the moderator proceeded to business.

A door opened for the reception of members.

Brother Ballarden G. Wilson recd by experance.

No business causing any alteration being done the record stands thus – October – November – December.

1846

January first Saturday the Church met and proceeded to business (as usual). The same method is continued til August meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after prayer proceeded to business.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The clerk ordered to prepare a letter for inspection and brethren appointed to bear it to next association at Rocky River. Towit Isham Dykes, Elijah Walker.

September Meeting

The letter called for read and approved.

No business arising til October meeting at which Sister Neomi Bond was dismissed by letter.

1847

The Church met on the first Saturday in September.

The letter called for read and received.

The messengers as named in the minutes.

And no business arising we have omitted filling up the record as nothing but the record of the day would appear, etc.

1848

The Church met on the first Saturday in August, etc.

The clerk requested to prepare a letter for the association.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September, etc.

The letter called for read and received and messengers to bear it towit Isham Dyks, Thomas Turner and Elijah Walker.

On the next day (Sunday) Sister Ivella Bolin was recd by experance and baptised the same day.

1849

The Church met the first Sunday in March and after prayer proceeded to, etc. Elzeth Cartwright recd by letter.

Franz Rolins recd by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after prayer proceeded to, etc. Mary and Nancy Rollens received by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September 1849 and after prayer proceeded to business.

First the letter to the association called for and read. The same being approved. Sister Ivetta Bolin dismissed by letter.

Luther

The Church met on the first Saturday in November and after prayer proceeded to business.

Recd Sister Selia Moffet by Exprn.

2nd Sister Nancy Leboe dismissed by letter.

Nothing taking place since November til the year 1850.

1850

July first Saturday – the Church met and after prayer proceeded to business. First a door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Brother Isaac Sims came forward to the Church and made his recitation so he is restored to his privileges in sd Church. 1850.

August first Saturday the Church met and after prayer proceed to business. Agreed to prepare a letter for the association.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September.

The letter caled for and approved.

Brother Isac Sims dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and after prayer proceeded to business.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in December.

1851

The Church met on the first Saturday in January 1851.

The Church met on the first Saturday in February 1851, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in March 1851, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in April 1851, etc.

After prayer proceeded to business.

First a door opened for the reception of members.

2nd Sister Jane Fitchpatrick excluded from us for joining another people not in fellowship with us and thereby declared in nonfellowship with us.

Luther

The Church met on the first Saturday in May and after prayer, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in June, etc.

The Church met Saturday in July, etc.

The Church met on the first Saturday in August and after prayer proceded to business.

First Sister Prudence Dugan having been dismissed from this Church and the Church being satisfied that her letter being brought in order have therefore the clerk is directed to write her a letter of dismissal.

2nd Ballard G. Wilson dismissed by letter.

3rd The clerk directed to prepare a letter to the association.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after prayer proceeded to business.

1st A door opened for the reception of members.

2nd The letter to the association called for received and approved and bearers approved (towit) Isham Dyks, Thos. Turner, Elijah Walker.

3rd Sister Clio Cartright dismissed by letter.

The Church met on the first Saturday in October and after prayer proceeded to business.

Brother James Levan received by experence.

2nd Sister Sarah Wilson has in contemplation of removing from this quarter by request a letter is granted as requested and created for her.

1852

Nothing having taken place since the above til the first Saturday in August 1852.

The Church met on that day and after prayer proceeded to business.

A door opened for the reception of members.

The Clerk requested to prepare a letter for inspection at next meeting.

The Church met on the first Saturday in September and after prayer proceeded to business.

Nancy Lebo received by letter.

1853

The Church met on the first Saturday in November in 1853 and after worship set in conference.

- 1 A door opened for the reception of members.
- 2 Brother James Levan and Sister Marget Levan called for a letter of dismission and it is granted.

1854

The Church met the first Saturday in June 1854 and after worship set in conference.

- 1 Opened a door for the reception of members. Received none.
- 2 Took up the case of appointing a clerk and agreed to lay it over til next meeting.

The Church met the first Saturday in July 1854 and after worship set in conference as usual. Took up the case of appointing a clerk and appointed Brother Elijah Walker their Church clerk.

The Church met the first Saturday in August 1854 and after worship set in conference.

- 1 Opened a door for the reception of members.
- 2 Appointed the clerk to prepare a letter for the next association to be inspected at the next meeting and agreed.

The Church met the 1st Saturday in September and after divine service door opened for the reception of members.

The letter approved. Chose Thomas Turner, Isham Dyks, E. T. Hale bearers.

1855

The Church met the first Saturday in May 1855 and after divine service opened a door for members.

2 By request granted Sister Polly Forester dismissed by letter.

The Church met the first Saturday in June 1855 and after divine services opened a door for members.

The Church met the first Saturday in September 1855 and after prayer proceeded to business.

First received a letter for the association. Elijah Walker, Thomas Turner to bear it.

The Church met the first Saturday in October and after divine services opened a door for member and recd Nancy G. Gordon by experience and dismissed.

The Church met the first Saturday in November and after divine service opened a door for the reception of members and adjourned.

Elijah Walker Ch Clk

1858⁴

The Church met the 2 day of Sept 1858 and after worship agreed to move the Church meetings to Grundy County to J. J. Walkers.

Opened a door for the reception of members.

⁴ No record of meetings from November 1855 to September 1858. Ed.

Agreed to send a letter to the association and appointed Thomas Turner to bear it.

The Church agreed to meet the first Saturday in October and following Saturday in November.

The Church met and after worship proceed.

1859

The Church met the first Saturday in January and after worship proceed to open a door for the reception of members.

The Church met the first Saturday in May and after divine services opened a door for the reception of members.

Members received Brother Silas Lankford by Experence and adjorned.

The Church met the first Saturday in August and after prayer proceed to open a door for members.

2 Directed the clerk to write a letter to the association.

The Church met the first Saturday in September and after divine services proceed to open a door for members.

2 Recevd the letter for the association and appointed Thomas Turner and Elijah Walker to bear it and then adjurned.

The Church met on the first Saturday in November 1859 and after divine services proceds.

First opened a door for the reception of members.

2 Transcribed the Articles of Faith of the Church by the unanimous voices of the Church and ajornd. Elijah Walker Ch Clerk

The Church met the first Saturday in April and after divine services proceed to business.

- 1 Opened a door for members received none.
- 2 Dismissed Nancy Jonson by letter and ajornd.

Elijah Walker Clk

1860

The Church met on the first Saturday in May 1860 and after divine service proceeded to business.

1st Opened the door for the reception of members – none received.

2nd Dismissed Celia Moffitt by letter. Then adjourned.

G. P. Moffitt Clerk Protem

The Church met the first Saturday in June 18__ and after divine services proceeded to business.

Opened the door for the reception of members.

Second – Dismissed by letter Temperance Bouldin and Nancy J. Jordan. Adjourned.

Thomas Turner, Protem Clerk

1865⁵

The Church met the first of September 1865 and after divine services proceeded. Opened a door for members. Then received the letter to the association and appointed the bearers towit Thomas Turner, Silas Lankford and Elijah Walker to bear this letter. Adjourned.

Elijah Walker, Ch. Clk.

The Church met the first Saturday in November and after worship proceeded to business.

First opened a door for members. Came forward Nancy Jones and was received by experance.

- Took up the case of Sisters Moffet and Temperance Bolen, N. J. Jordan and Nancy Jonson.
- 3 Brother Turner and Sister Amy Savage was appointed to go and requested them to meet come to our next meeting to answer certain interrogatory and assured by promise. This ordain and assignd by order of the Church.

Elijah Walker, Ch. Clk.

The Church meet the first Saturday in December and tuck up the reference of last meeting as to some time spent in debating. The question was put whether Sulpher Springs was of the same faith and order or not.

1871⁶

The Church met the first Saturday in September 1871 and after prayer proceeds to business.

First – opened a door to reciv members.

- 2 Recevd a letter for the association and chose bearers Silas Lankford and Eliiah Walker to bear it.
- 3 Agreed to request T. Denton with helpers to form with helpers a Presbatre and at the Association and ordane Siles Lankford a Minister of the Gospell and ajurnd.

End of Transcript

⁵ No minutes recorded between June 1860 and September 1865. Ed.

⁶ No minutes recorded between December 1865 and September 1871. Ed.

The following affidavit is written on the last page of the journal.

State of Tennessee Grundy County Beersheba Springs

September 15 1874

This day personally appeared before me, Elijah Walker, acting Justice of Peace for said county Mrs. Virginia Banks and Thomas Freeland and made the following statement on oath in form of law: That her house (Mrs. Virginia Banks) was broken open and these articles feloniously taken but were afterward received and delivered by Francis Roddy, Dept. Sheriff, the following articles towit: six (6) large silver spoons, six (6) silver forks, one (1) large silver pot, six (6) silver plated knives, also one pair of fine heavy blankets with blue stripes.

Virginia Banks Thomas Freeland

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and date above mentioned.

The above mentioned property sworn to and delivered to Mrs. Virginia Banks.

This note is attached to the outside front cover of the Book.

Filed as Exhibit No. 1 to John L. Tate deposition in case of John L. Tate, et al. vs. Virgil Hill in the Chancery Court at Altamont. November 2, 1885

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