The image shows the front cover of an old book. The cover is decorated with a dense, repeating pattern of marbled paper. The pattern consists of numerous small, overlapping, semi-circular or wave-like shapes in shades of red, blue, and yellow/gold, set against a dark background. The book's spine is visible on the left side, appearing dark and worn. A small, rectangular white paper label is affixed to the center of the cover. The label has rounded corners and contains three lines of text in a simple, black, sans-serif font. The text on the label reads: "SHILOH PRIMITIVE", "BAPTIST CHURCH", and "1919-1930". There are some signs of age and wear on the cover, including some scuffing and loss of material at the corners and along the edges.

SHILOH PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH
1919-1930

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Adeline Brooks

Adeline Brooks

Living
List members August 1890

- 1 Sarah Britt Residence Fairfax Co Dead
 - 2 1 J. B. Borders died Mar. 22/1900 atya
 - 3 2 C. M. Johnson 2 " Stafford Co
 - 4 Julia Harris 3 died Oct 1892 aty Co
 - 5 3 Cynthia A. Purington " Covington Co
 - 6 Hannah Ashford dead Fairfax Co Dead 1891
 - 7 4 John Borders 5 " " "
 - 8 5 Rebecca Moore 6 " "
 - 9 6 Hannah Lychen 7 " "
 - 10 7 Jas. W. Davis died at prof faith Occoquan Prince Georges Co
 - 11 8 Sarah M. Taylor died at prof faith acc to bk Fairfax Co
 - 12 9 Bettie Bennett 10 " Washington D. C.
 - 13 Caroline Chinn Col. Head Prince Georges Co 1901
excluded Aug 11
 - 14 10 Albert O. Marcar By Profession faith
 - 15 11 Cornelia Sinclair³ By Baptism Sept 3/93
 - 16 12 Amanda O. Meare by profession faith 1/93
- E. S. McDaniel Received by letter of dismission
from the church at Wilson N. C. January 6. 1895
- Mrs. H. Francis and Eliza C. Francis by
letter of dismission from Bethlehem Church Prince Georges Co
was received into the church at apt. maps. 1895

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Alexander January 4th 1875

A tribute of esteem and Love to Elder Joseph L Purington from the Six Churches of which he was Pastor

Our God who is love and doeth all things well having given us a pastor according to his Heart, our beloved Brother Elder, Joseph L Purington. And having now removed him from us to the Church triumphant, we wish to bring in our Submission with reverence and love to his holy will, and give this feeble expression of our profound esteem and love for our lamented Pastor to his bereaved and Sorrowing family and brethren and to mingle our Sorrowing Sympathies with theirs therefore we the Churches of his Charge namely Alexandria Ebenezer Popper Broad Run Mt Zion Quantico and Bethlehem of Virginia, unitedly and unanimously and Reverently express our love and gratitude to God our Savior for his precious gift in having given us for the past five years this beloved and kind and tender Shepherd; therefore whom he greatly blesses us — — Brother Purington as a Christian Brother was humble sincere and Godly a Preacher he was sound, able and discriminating and as a pastor he was

faithful, devoted and loving man
and as our brother preacher and pastor
we hold him in the highest and dearest
esteem and love —

his labours of love were greatly blessed of
God to us both collectively and in-
dividually, and under his bishopric we
were greatly built up and comforted in
the faith of the Son of God.

But having fought a good fight —
finished his course, and kept the faith
this dear faithful man of God and
valiant Soldier of Christ has laid
his armor off — died at his post and
gone home to receive the crown of life
and now may the God of love comfort
the bereaved and sorrowing family —
Churches and brethren and may the
Lord send us for the more labours and
give us another true and faithful Pastor,

Adopted for record and publication by
the several Churches and officially signed
by these respective Churches!

Signed } W. E. Carter, Clerk, of Alexandria
John G. Chumblin " " Ebenezer
P. A. G. Smith " " Upper Broad Run
M. P. Lee " " Mt Zion & D. T. Arington
Wm M. Snow " " Inunticoy Clerk of Bethlehem

Flowerfield January 20th 1875

Brother Joseph I have just received your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the matter of the church. I have read it and find it very interesting and I am glad to hear that you are so much interested in the welfare of the church. I have no objection to your making such use of the matter as you see fit. I am, my dear brother, very truly yours,
Joseph I

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Joseph I

Alexandria Va Feb 24. 1875
 Church meet according to her regular
 appointment and ^{after} singing a hymn praise
 and prayer by Eld Wm M Smoot
 Preached from Revelations 21 Chap and
 Fourth Verse

After which Bro Smoot was appointed
 Mod- and the Church organized by
 inviting visiting Brethren to a seat with
 us and the usual invitation was given
 to every that wish to come before the time
 and unite with us there being now the
 Church than enquired for business.
 Where upon Bro Joseph Brookes moved to
 invite Bro Wm M Smoot to preach for
 us once a month and he readily consent
 to do so and by a unanimous vote it was
 adopted. No other business done before
 the Church that claimed attention come
~~before the church~~ and we adjourned until
 our next meeting in course

Elder Wm M Smoot Mod.

W E Carter Clerk

Alexandria Va^{va} Wednesday April 7, 1875
 Church met according to her Appointment and
 After singing a hymn Prais and prayer by Elder
 Wm^m M. Smart Preached from 1st Jer 54 Chap
 last Clause & the 84th Psalm and 14th Psal^m
 After which the Church organized by inviting
 Brethren & Sisters to a seat with us and
 the usual invitation given to any that
 wished to come before the Church and offer
 for membership there being none.
 Business was then called for and none come
 before the Church and we adjourned with
 Fellowship until our next meeting in
 course

Elder Wm. M. Smart, Mod
 W. E. Carter, Clerk

Alexandria Va. May 5th 1875

Church met according to her regularly
 Appoint ment, after Singing a hymn Prayers
 and Prey by Bro. Eli. Clark. He
 preached from 2nd Co - 29 verses of Matthew
 25th Chapter. The Church then organized
 by inviting visiting brethren to a seat
 with us, and the usual invitation
 Given to any that wished to come before
 the Church and unite with us, there being
 none to offer for membership
 Synister then called for none come before
 the Church and we adjourned with fellow
 ship untill our next meeting in course

Bro. Eli. Clark. Mod.
 W. E. Carter. Clerk

Alexandria Va July 7. 1875

Church met according to her appointment
 after praise and prayer Eld. Wm. M. Smoot
 preached from the 2^d Corinthians 11th Chap
 2+3+4th verses. After which the congregation
 was dismissed and the church called to
 order for business. When visiting Brethren
 and Sisters was invited to a seat within
 and the usual invitation extended to
 any who wished to talk to the church
 and offer for membership there being now
 business was then called for, whereupon
 Bro George. Seldman and Sister Seldman
 his wife called for letters of dismission to join
 the Oddman Church. They being granted
 Bro. Brothers was then appointed to
 write the corresponding letter to the corresponding
 meeting to be held in West Parkley Co
 commencing Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday
 in August 1875 Now other business come
 before the church and we adjourned with
 fellowship until our next meeting in
 course

Bro Wm M Smoot Mod
 W. E. Carter Church Clerk

Alexandria August 4. ^{Aug} 1875

Church met according to her regular
Appointment. After singing a Hymn Prayers
and Prayer by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot
He preached from Pauls Letter to the Romans
11th Chapter 33, 34, 7, 35 & verses.

After ^{the} door was opened and an invitation
Extended to any who wished to come -
before the Church and offer for membership
There being none, business was then
Called for Whereupon Bro. Brothers read
The corresponding letter that was prepared
by him to the Corresponding Meeting to be
held in West Ore Parish Co. Wednesday before
the third Sunday in August 1875 and
it was submitted to the Church and adopted
by a unanimous vote of the Church a letter
was then read from Ebenezer Church
The object of which was to ask the concurrence
of the several churches with them in the
Call of a Pastor to supply the vacancy
caused by the death of Eld. J. L. Perington
it was then submitted to the Church
and ^{they} not feeling moved to call a Pastor
at this time ^{would} like to take action with
them in the Call of a pastor now other
business came before the Church and we adj.
Journed until our next meeting on course

Elder Wm. M. Smoot, Mod.
W. E. Carter Church, Secy

Alexandria Wednesday August 24th 1876
 Church meet according to her regularly appointed
 After singing to him praise and Prayer by
 Eld. Wm. M. Smart. He then presented from
 Paul's letter to Romans 11th Chap^t, 33, 34, 35
 verses, after which the congregation was
 dismissed and the church called to
 order for business. When visiting brethren
 was invited to seat with us. and the door
 for admission was open, to them who
 wished to talk to church, none coming forward.
 The corresponding letter was then read that
 Bro. Broders had prepared for the cordis
 for a meeting to be held in Berkeley
 Co West Va commencing Wednesday before the
 third Sunday in August 1876 it was then
 submitted to the church and accepted by a
 unanimous vote of the church, a letter
 was then read from Ebenezer church
 the object which was to ask the concurrence
 of the several churches with them in a call
 of a pastor to supply the vacancy caused by
 the death of Eld. J. P. Parnham. it was
 then submitted to the church, and they
 not feeling moved at this time declined
 to take action with them in a call of a
 pastor. Now other business come before
 the church and we adjourned with
 fellowship until our next meeting in come
 Eld. Wm. Smart Moderator W. E. Carter, Clerk

Alexandria Wensday Evening Sept 9. ¹⁸⁷⁵
 Church met according to the regularly
 appointment. After praise and prayer
 by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot he preached from
 Isaiah 40th Chap. the 14. & verses.

After which the congregation was dismissed
 and the church organized by inviting
 visiting Brethren to a seat with us.
 and the usual invitation given to
 any who wish to come before the
 church and relate their experience
 none coming forward. Business
 was then called for, and there being
 none that claim of attention we adjourn
 with prayer until our next meeting
 in course —

Wm. M. Smoot Mod.

W. E. Carter, Church Clerk

Alexandria Vaⁿ Tuesday Decem 8th 1875

Church meet according to her regular
 Appointment. After singing a hymn of
 Prays and Prayer by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot
 he preached from Hebrews 9. Chap. 34+35
 verses. After which the congregation was
 dismissed, and the Church organized by
 inviting visiting Brethren and sisters to
 be seat with us. and the most invited
 given to any who wished to com before
 the Church ~~and~~ and relate their Experience
 there being none business was then call
 for and there being none that clamed
 attention we adjourned with fellow
 ship until our next meeting in course

Eld. Wm. M. Smoot, mod.
 W. E. Carter, Church clerk.

Alexandria Vaⁿ Jan. 8. 1876

Church meet according to her regularly
Appointment after singing a hymn Prayers
and Prayer by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot
he Preached from Solomon's 1st Chapter
third & fourth verses

After which the Church Organized by
inviting visiting Brethren and Sisters
by a Serat with us and the usual invitation
Given to any who wished to talk to
the Church. there being none the Church
Called for business and no one come
before the Church that I can get attention
Bro. Brodax arose and made some
very appropriate remarks in behalf of the
able discourse presented by our beloved
Pastor Eld. Wm. M. Smoot. We then
Adjourned with fellow ship until our
next meeting in course

Eld. Wm. M. Smoot. Mod.
Wm. E. Carter. Church Clerk

Wesleyan Church Wednesday Evening Feb. 9. 1890

Church met according to her regular appointment. After singing a hymn, Prayers by Eld Wm M Smart. He Preached from the 90 Psalm first and second verses. After which the Church Organized by inviting visiting Brethren and Sisters to a seat with us in Church meeting. And the usual invitation given to any who wish to come before the Church and relate their experience. None coming forward.

The Church then called for business and none come up that claimed attention. Bro Jos Brothers then arose and offered a few appropriate remarks in behalf of Sister Mary Gaines now deceased and presented a tablet of respect that he had prepared in memory of our departed Sister Mary Gaines. And moved that it be deposited on the Church Book where upon it was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Church. We then adjourned with fellowship until our next meeting in course.

Eld Wm M Smart, Pastor
Wm E Carter Church Clerk

A tribute to the memory of Sister
Mary E. Grimes who departed this life
Jan 31st 1876.

The Spirit and the Bride say Come,
and whosoever will let him take of
the water of life freely. Rev 22, Chap 19 ^{the 17th}
The subject of this
memento was a consistent member of
The Old School Baptist Church of Christ
at Alexandria Va and filled her place
well and faithfully whenever the little
flock was permitted to meet and talk of
the things pertaining to the Kingdom
of God. which service seemed to be so
much comfort to her when not providen-
-tially hindered.

Her Character was such
that none could gain say, ever readily
and forward to administer to the wants
of the Saint, and when among them
she always seemed comfortable to make
them comfortable.

The writer of this memento
was intimately acquainted with her
from his youth, and knew of her
journey from her former associates the
(Methodists) to those poor despised people
so much spoken against (Old School
Baptist) being present when she came

to the Church, and to tell what the
 Lord had done for her,
 witnessed her baptism, and the bright
 hand of fellowship given in behalf of the
 Church. But now she has gone to the
 Church triumphant.

I had the privilege of being with her in
 the last moments of her mortal existence.
 I extended her my hand. She said
 "The Lord has come at last" and in
 about two hours after the Spirit took its
 flight, and thus we were made to
 realize the truth of her precious words
 that the Lord come at last, and not
 only did he come - but he took her to
 his self. And as I looked upon the
 King of terror doing the work of death
 I could not say with my heart
 Stay thy cruel hand but felt rather
 to say, Come Lord Jesus come quickly.
 Oh how different the scene in the death
 of righteous and death of the ungodly.
 For in the first we feel the force and
 power of the blessed Scriptures of truth -
 saying the Spirit and the Bride say
 Come; while in the second we feel
 a gloom fearful realization of
 dying mortality, a doubtful prospect
 - views of gloom beyond the shores of
 time (Obee)

The testimony of one is the Lord come at last. The other in bitterness and anguish of soul fights the King of terror to the last.

Thus from time to time I have witnessed the death of several of the loved ones who were among us and in such moments there always seems to spring up this prayer in my heart Come Lord Jesus Come I beseech and best remember the bonds of the captive and set the prisoner free, and when I ask my soul why thou mortal creature, why long for a dropping off of mortality my soul replies: before this mortal veiled I see reserved and inheritance rich in glory which the natural man cannot see yet it is full in one to the new man viz Christ Jesus and he is made to remain in hope of the glory of God and therefore can say: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for death is swallowed up of victory and thus one sister has passed the river at the bidding of our Lord and while we as a branch of the Church will miss her at our solemn feasts: my desire to be reconciled in the truth that she is now drinking that living water

Whereof if any drink they no more thirst
 And although we should see her face
 No more, and of her seat is we cannot
 with us. A sweet remembrance of her
 lives in our hearts. Oh may we the
 mercies of Gods mercy, to gather
 with all she has left behind who
 feels the stroke, look well to that
 "Monument of Christian in-dwelling"
 "A man in the house of her God"

May we who now remain be so
 enabled to walk gently down the hill
 of life red-erring the time, and when
 called from time to eternity be
 enabled to say with joy, as our
 departed Sister The Lord has come at
 last

Done by Order of the Church
 at our regular Church Meeting
 Feb. 9. 1870

Eld. Wm. M. Smoot Mod

Wm. E. Carter, Church, Clk

Met on Wednesday evening April 5th 1876

Church met according to her regular
 Appointment. After Prais and Prayer by
 Eld. Wm. M. Smoot he read from
 Genesis 6th Chap and 8th and 8th
 Chap and 14th verses.

After which the Congregation was dismissed
 and the Organized by inviting visiting
 Brethren and Sisters to a seat with
 us and the usual invitation given to any
 who wished to come before the church
 and relate their Experience. There being
 none come forward. The Church then
 called for business ~~where~~ came up that
 claimed attention.
 We adjourned in fellowship until our
 next meeting in course.

Eld. Wm. M. Smoot, Mod
 W. E. Carter, Chur. Clerk

Alcy. V^{ll}. August. 9. 1876

Church met according to her regular appointment. After Praise and Prayer by Eld. Wm. M. Smart, he preached from the 2^d Tim. is 6.th Chap and 14 Verse. After which the Congregation was dismissed. In at the usual invitation given to any who wished to unite with Church there being none. Conference business was then called for where upon Bro. Joseph Brasler read the corresponding letter that he had prepared to the corresponding meeting to be held at North Zion Church. It ran down on Commencin Tuesday before the third Sunday in August 1876.

It was then submitted to the Church for approval and an anonymous address. The letter called for twenty eight living members since our last association 1875- none added to the Church none expelled none dismissed one dead. Now other business done before the Church and we adjourned in solemn shape until our next meeting in course.

Eld. Wm. M. Smart. Mod.
W. E. Carter, Church Clerk

Alex November 8. 1876

Our Church met according to her Regularly
 Appointment After Prais and Prayers
 by Eld Wm M Smoot from the Last
 Class of the 18th Chapter G. L. G.
 After which the congregation was dismissed
 and the Church called to order by inviting
 visiting brethren to a seat with us and
 the usual invitation given to any who
 wished to come before the Church and
 unite with us. There being none come
 for our business was then called for
 We are upon Bro James Grimes & Wife
 called for letters to join the Odd Fellows
 After considering the matter and they
 living near that Church they were granted
 by them. No other business done before
 the Church and we adjourned until
 our next meeting in course

Eld Wm M Smoot, mod

W. L. Carter, Church Clerk

Alexandria May 6 1877

Church meet according to her regular
 appointment - An act of Praise and Prayer
 by Eld Wm. M. Smoot he preached from
 a Chapter of Ephesians 15-16-17 verses
 After which the congregation was dismissed
 the Church was then called to gather
 and an invitation extended to any
 that wish to come before the Church and
 offer for membership there being now
 no other business to come before the Church
 that claimed attention. An adjournment
 was called for whereupon we adjourned
 in fellowship until our next meeting
 in course

Eld Wm. M. Smoot, Mod
 Wm. G. Carter Church Clerk

Wilmington August 6 - 1877

I have the great pleasure to be informed
 and after your kind letter by Mr
 Wm. M. Smith - Researcher from 1st
 something is in charge of our
 work. The den requires being
 dismissed the church was called
 to order and the same meeting
 taken place in my wife's presence to
 make with the church. The meeting
 there came forward
 during the time called for
 and on motion of Wm. M. Smith
 was so. The order was affirmed in
 write the constitution left to the
 satisfaction to be held with the old
 Report Book of Mr. George Gannon
 Local Program
 Mr. Wm. Smith come before the church
 and we agreed in fellowship -
 make our next meeting in 1877

Wm. M. Smith

Wm. M. Smith Church Clerk

Wilmington August 5 1877

When I meet a deacon he has a specimen
of the same sort given by the first
the present from the congregation - thus being
sent to the church, the congregation come together
the more invitation given to every that
within to come before the church and offer
for membership there being no
membership was then asked for admission
but for Boston next to the letter that he
has sent to the corresponding meeting it
being a paper on a subject the letter
called for twenty five living members
from the last session - 1876 none
left to join our sister church
leaving no 26 living members no other
members come before the church and
in answer while our next meeting
in answer

Let from the Society
No 2 Ladies Church Clerk

July 6th 1849

Preaching by Eld Mr M. Smoot, at room
 Sarcophagus Hall Text Corinithians
 after Preaching the Church called together
 and Bro Jos Broden appointed clerk
 for the present, on motion by Bro E. Grimes
 Bro Broden appointed to write the church
 letter to the corresponding meeting in August.
 When the church adjourned, and Eld Smoot
 administered the ordinance of the Lords supper
 to the members present, after singing a hymn
 we went out.
 Mr M. Smoot, mod
 J Broden clerk

At the next meeting following the letter
 written for the church to be sent to association
 was read and adopted, Mr M. Smoot mod
 J Broden clerk

Sunday January 24th 1880

Regular appointment for preaching
 Eld Mr M. Smart Preached from
 Romans 10th Chapter 23 + 24th verses
 After preaching, the Church was called
 together to consider, the action of the
 Council called by order of the General
 Churches to meet at Washington Dec 30. 1879
 whereupon Eld Mr M. Smart read the
 action of the Council, and on motion
 of Isaac Enoch Grimes, seconded by
 Bro J. W. Broders, the action of the Council
 was approved, by vote of the Church,
 and ordered to be recorded, in the Church
 book for reference. Mr M. Smart Mod
 J. W. Broders Cler

Copy of action of Council paper A.
 Recommendation for the recognition of
 Zion Church (col) Washington. D.C.
 We the Council convened in Washington
 D.C. Dec 30. 1879. upon the joint invitation
 of the Alexandria and Philop Churches, after
 careful and we hope prayerful investigation
 of and consultation upon the subject upon
 which our counsel is requested, and on
 examination of the certificates of the moral
 character of the members seeking recognition
 and their articles of faith and order,

we find as far as we are Capable of
 Judging, that their moral Character is
 Good. Their faith and order sound and
 Consistent, and we unanimously Conclude
 to recommend their recognition to our
 Churches, and to all orderly Old school
 Baptist everywhere, we desire to call the
 special ^{attention} of our churches to the fact, that
 it is agreed by the Council, and the Colored
 Members who have asked recognition
 that this recognition in no sense affects
 the social relations that have hitherto
 existed, and still exists between the white
 and Colored brethren, nor does it apply or
 is it in any sense binding upon the
 Church, of our order among the white
 brethren as to privileges of Colored
 members in their Churches, and for the
 harmony of all parties, such churches,
 have a right to adopt such order in
 regard to the Church privileges of their
 Colored members, as they deem proper
 and the Scriptures authorize.

Signed in behalf of the Council
 J. A. Chick Moderator
 Wm. M. Smith, clerk

Teste J. B. Dyer, Clerk of
 the Church, as above

At regular meeting in July 1880
 Brother Enock Gimes was appointed to write
 Church letter for the corresponding meeting
 with the Church at New Valley Loudoun Co
 Va which letter was prepared by Bro. W. M. Smith
 and adopted at the following meeting
 J. P. Proctor etc

Died September 3rd. 1880. Sister Mary Ferguson
 a very old Lady, a member of the church at
 Alexandria Va. She was in her 95 year of age
 had been bedridden for about seven years
 before her death. was baptised by Eld
 W. J. Purinton and received into the Fellowship
 of the Church. November 5th. 1865. she remained
 a firm believer in doctrine of salvation by grace
 until the hour of her departure, one by one
 are we called hence from this land of
 natural generation, to be transplanted into
 that Kingdom which knows no death. Where
 the weary traveler, ceases from all scuffling
 of the flesh, and the clog of mortality is
 swallowed up in immortality. and the old
 worn out saint, buds anew in immortal ground
 where they awake in the likeness of the son
 of God. and freed from all sin, can join
 the company of their beloved, having no spot
 or blemish to mar their peace, and with new
 tongues and hearts, will forever, sing praises
 unto him that redeemed them out of all tribulation

At Regular meeting of the church on the first Sunday in June. 5th 1881. Mrs Hannah Green wife J. J. Green and Mrs. Rebecca Moore wife of Mr G. Moore. Came before the church, and related their experience, expressing a desire to be united in church fellowship with the old school Baptists. Whereupon the church being satisfied that they were fit subjects for baptism, received them upon ^{their} relation of their experience, and was baptized by Eld Mr M. Smoot. The same day in the Potomac River. above the canal locks. And on the third Sunday following June 19th the hand of fellowship was also extended them. Welcoming them as members of the church in full fellowship.

The same day June 19th 1881. Bro John Borders. upon invitation of the church came before the church in regular session, and related his experience as a fellow traveler in the way of the Lord had instructed him, also his desire to become a visible member of the church his relations being satisfactory, he was received a candidate for baptism which was set for the third Sunday in July following. The day having arrived July 27th, he was duly baptized, also a colored Brother

of the Hepselas Church - at 9. am
in the morning - and after preaching at them
was received into church fellowship by
Eld Mr Wm Smart by extending the hands
of fellowship

The church then being called to order and visiting
brethren invited to a seat, the door of the
Church was opened, whereupon
Mrs Ann Weston came before the church
and related her love for the old baptist
by interpreter, she being very deaf,
the church being satisfied that she was
a subject of grace, received her a
Candidate for baptism, after which
Mrs. Emeline Davis also. came forward
and also related her experience, and she
was also received a Candidate for baptism
to be administered the first Sunday in
August, and on the same day duly
received by the hand of fellowship as
members of the church at aliponadin

At Regular Meeting - December 4th
 1887. after preaching, the church was
 called together for communion, and an
 invitation extended, whereupon Mrs.
 Bettie Bennett. came forward and
 related her experience to the church
 which relation being satisfactory she
 was received as a candidate for Baptism
 which was administered the following
 evening in the Potomac River, May God
 of his abounding grace & mercy strengthen
 the new candidate & sisters in all the
 ways appointed her here on earth, and
 at last receive her unto glory in an
 immortal state is our prayer in the
 name of Jesus.

J. W. Borders
 acting clerk

Albany N.Y. Sept. 29. 1889

At a Special meeting of the Old School Baptist Church at Albany, Eld. J. S. Badger was chosen, acting Moderator when the following preamble and resolution was adopted. —

Whereas. The abrupt action of Eld. Wm M. Smoot at the corresponding meeting of Y^r on the 16 day of August 1889. which meeting was held with the Quantic Church Pines Wm Co V^r, and was reported in the newspapers and witnessed by all present at said meeting. as follows that Eld. Wm M. Smoot and certain members of the Occoquan and Quantic Churches, who sanctioned said action did publicly withdraw from the ministers and messengers present at said meeting. thereby causing a breach of fellowship, that has hitherto existed for fifty years in the corresponding meeting of Y^r. Therefore resolved that we the church at Albany do earnestly Protest against the action of Eld. Wm M. Smoot as disorderly and revolutionary, and consider said act a good and justifiable reason for severing his connection with us as our pastor. and we further consider the action of

Eld Wm. M. Smoot and the members above
 mentioned if adhered to and persisted
 in, as sufficient grounds for the
 withdrawal of fellowship by the
 churches composing the corresponding
 meeting of 1889.

Done by order of the church at
 the meeting room on September 29. 1889

Eld J. A. Badger mod.
 J. S. Broders clerk

On February 16. 1890.

At a called meeting of the church Bro. James W. Davis, who declined to go with the Occoquan Church, in her withdrawal from the Old Baptists at the 1st Corresponding meeting in August 1890. of which church he was a member, and according to the understanding between the Pastors and messengers at said meeting, which was if members of those churches which ~~were~~ withdrew, desired to remain in the fellowship of the churches constituting the 1st Corresponding meeting, they could by a profession of faith, unite with the regular churches whereupon by his own request Jas W Davis came before the church at Alexandria Va and on profession of his faith was received into the membership of said church. Also, Sister Sarah M Taylor, who also was a member of the Occoquan Church, upon the profession of her faith was received into the church at Alex^a Va as a member of said church Eld A B Francis, extending the hand of fellowship on behalf of the church who by vote chosen A B Francis Mod J W Borders clerk

April 26, 1891

Pursuant to appointment for preaching by Eld A B Francis at the meeting room S. Fairfax St. after preaching, the church was called to order, for business - Bro Francis acting, Moderator. When Brother Albert Omare came before the church, asking a home with them upon profession of his faith. Whereupon the church by motion, opened her door, and Brother Omare gave a history of his experience from being called from nature's darkness, into the marvellous light of the Gospel of the Son of God, and his desire to unite with them in church fellowship. In the said Omare, formerly having been associated, and a member of the Occoquan church at oak Grove Va. before the withdrawal of Eld Wm W. Smart their Pastor, from the corresponding meeting of Va, ^{church} the being satisfied with Brother Omare's testimony, and according to previous arrangement agreed upon by the churches composing the corresponding meeting of Va. whereby members of the two churches in good standing before the withdrawal could on profession of their faith be received into the churches of the corresponding meeting of Va. or churches of the same faith and order by motion unanimously received Bro. Omare into their fellowship as a member of the church at Alexandria Va.

A B. Francis mod
J. Proden clerk

Continued.

April 26. 1891

at the same meeting heretofore mentioned after the reception of Brother Oman: a member of the church of alxth — Sister Cornelia Sinclair came before the church, and related her experience, how that she had been led from nature to Grace, and her desire to tell the story of a various life, and follow her Lord and Master in the Command of Obedience due by believers in him. The church hearing her experiences and being fully satisfied, that she was a proper subject for baptism, by motion received her as a Candidate for baptism, which time was set for the 4th Sunday in July 1891. on which day we met on the banks of the Potomac above the old Canal Locks and after prayer by Eld P. S. Gold of N.C. Eld A. B. Francis performed the rite of baptism for Sister Sinclair by immersing her in the water, according to the Command of Jesus; after which we retired to the meeting room and after preaching, Eld Francis extended to her in behalf of the church the hands of fellowship as a member of the church at alxth to enjoy with them their joys and sorrows, trusting that God of his astounding mercy will keep her through lifes meandering journey, a faithful member to the household of faith.

A. B. Francis Mod
J. Borders clerk.

Sept. 3rd 1893

by appointment Eld Francis preached
and after preaching. The church
was called to order Eld Francis moderator
when Sister Amanda Omeara presented
herself to the church, asking to be received
into the fellowship of the church. Sister
Omeara was formerly a member of the
Pleasant Church at Oak Grove ^{since the last} and was
Baptized by Elder Smoot, before that church
withdrew from the fellowship of
of the old school Baptist of the Corresponding
Meeting of ~~the~~ she not approving of the
course of that church withdrawing remained
in the fellowship of the old Baptists
and upon relation of her experience and
a desire to have a home with us, it was
moved and seconded that, she be received
into the fellowship of the church at
Alexandria Va. which ~~was~~ on vote, was
unanimously received, and the hand of
fellowship given unto her by Eld Francis
as member of the church at Alex^a.
after the receiving of Sister Omeara, the letter
prepared for the corresponding meeting
of ~~the~~ was read and approved and
concluded the congregation dismissed. God
moves in a mysterious way his wonders
to perform

A. B. Francis mod.
L. W. Anderson clerk

January 6th 1895

At regular appointment for meeting of the church at Alexandria Va after preaching by Elder A. B. Francis the church was called to order, and the letter of Dismissal was read of C. S. McDaniel from the Church at Wilson N. C. to a church of like faith and order. Whereupon by motion C. S. McDaniel was received into the fellowship of the Church at Alexandria Va by full vote of the church. A. B. Francis mod.
J. Proders Clerk

At regular meeting of the church at Alexandria Va May 5th 1895. after preaching by Eld A. B. Francis the church was called to order, and the letter of dismissal from the Bethlehem Church of Prince Georges Va of William H. Francis and Eliza C. Francis members of that church was read being members in good standing, and upon motion and vote of the Church at Alexandria Va, they were received into the full fellowship of the Church at Alexandria Va to share with them the gospel blessings of the followers of Jesus in church order. A. B. Francis mod
J. Proders Clerk

Col woman form waslytin
 Received by Confession faith

Adaline Brooks a Colored
 Woman came before the church
 at our regular meeting on
 October 3rd 1895, and by
 Confession of faith was duly
 received as a member of the
 Church at Alexandria she
 having previously been baptised
 by a minister of our faith and
 order in good standing with us
 Elder A B Francis extending the
 hand of fellowship thereby
 giving her a name with us
 as member of the church at
 Alexandria Va.

Joseph J. Borders
 Clerk

At our regular meeting
 Jan 2nd 1898. after preaching by
 our Pastor Elder A B Francis, the
 Church was called to order, by request
 to hear the Experience of Laurina Brent
 (Colored) who had formerly belonged to
 the Colored Church at Washington D. C.
 and who for disorder in the church
 had withdrawn from them, the Church
 after hearing her experience, which was
 satisfactory to them, received her into
 the membership of the Church at Alex^a
 Va. She desiring a home with them,
 the history of the Case of this woman
 was that some time back, she was
 received into the Colored Church at Washington
 of which Elder John Bell was Pastor
 and was baptised by him, the said John
 Bell at the time of her baptism was
 in fellowship with the Old School Baptists
 and recognized by them, after which he
 lost fellowship by disorder. the baptism
 being administered by him when in fellowship
 was considered valid, and she was received
 on experience, her moral character
 being vouched for by members present,
 after which the Church adjourned.

Candidate Laurina Brent
 of Washington D.C.

A B Francis Pastor
 J. Broden Clerk

At a called meeting of
 the Church ~~on~~ ^{at} 1899
 Eld Joshua J Rowe was invited
 to preach for the church on
 the 3rd Sunday in each month
 which call was by the unanimous
 vote of the church with the
 understanding subsequent
 arrangements would be made
 in church order, which was
 afterward accepted by Eld J. Rowe
 J. J. Broders
 acting Church Clerk

At a regular meeting of
 the Church Saturday Nov 18. 1899
 After singing a Prayer by Eld J. J.
 Rowe. The Minutes of the church
 was read and upon motion by Bro
 J. J. Broders Brother Hume Francis
 duly elected clerk of the church
 at Alexandria Va by unanimous
 vote of the church, J. J. Rowe mod

Adjourned to meet
 the Saturday before
 the 3rd Sunday in February 1900
 J. J. Broders acting clerk

Brother Hymie Francis
 being duly elected clerk of
 the church at Alexandria, I
 hereby turn over to him the
 Church Book trusting that
 God in his providence will
 aid him in the duties the Church
 has called him to as servant
 of the church

J. P. Borders
 Secy

Saturday February 17th 1900
 There was no meeting on account of
 the inclemency of the weather
 Wm. H. Francis C. C.

Saturday May 19th 1900
 This being our regular meeting
 day a fair of us were present
 but our pastor not being present
 There was no business transacted
 Wm. H. Francis C. C.

Saturday, Aug 18" 1902

The being our regular Church meeting day a few of us met and after

Prayer and Prayer proceeded to attend to the business of the Church

Brother John Borden was appointed to write the letter to the conference

meeting to be held with the both

when Church Wednesday Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday

in Oct. 1902 a full meeting of the church was called for the third

Sunday in Sept to consider the

at maturity of realizing a copy of resolutions from this church

of Washington D. C. in memory of Bro. Borden was received

and read and ordered to be recorded in our minutes

Memorial

Resolutions adopted by which

Old Abbot Baptist Church of Wash

ington D. C. in memory of a dear

brother who departed this life

March 22" 1902
When it has pleased
the Great Head of the Church to
remove by death our dear beloved
and highly esteemed brother -

Joseph Broder to that inheritance reserved for him and all Gods Children. Therefore be it

~~Resolved~~ Resolved that we the members of Shiloh old School Baptist Church of Washington W C in this way wish to convey to our brethren comprising the Alexandria Church of Alexandria Virginia our heartfelt sympathy for them in the loss they have sustained by the death of their deacon and brother Joseph Broders and we wish to acknowledge our thankfulness to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts for the blessings we have enjoyed through the many years we have had the company encouragement and advice of our departed brother

Truly a father in Israel has been gathered from among us; always with us in our meetings if possible; always ready to give good counsel or a word of encouragement; ready at all times to extol the name of Him whom his soul loved. It has been our privilege to hear him in our congregation

speak to the lower and stay of his
 position when he would often be
 was able to do, even with the
 most all the come with him, but he
 is give you from us, and we
 his legs, but not without help,
 and we feel assured he is now
 "When congregation near breaks"
 and a doctor has no end."
 of writing down a faithful mem-
 ber of the church, a loving pair;
 a Patriotic friend and minister
 in ministering to the comfort
 and wants of the brethren;
 we be invited to now indicate
 our mission to the world.
 Be it further
 Resolved that we in
 our own hearts of sympathy to his
 beloved Elizabeth and family
 and willingly help their father
 to entertain the brethren at their
 home.
 Be it further Resolved,
 that these resolutions be spread
 upon our church book and a copy
 be sent to each of the children of
 Brother Braden.
 Moved by order of the church at its

regular Church meeting, July 23rd -
1900.

J. J. Rowe (Moderator)
W. H. Francis Clerk.

Saturday Nov 17 1900
The Church met according to appoint-
ment but there only being a few
present and no business before
the Church, adjourned until
Feb. 16th 1901. J. J. Rowe Mod.
W. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday February 16th 1901
There was no meeting our Pastor
being absent W. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday May 18th 1901
The Church met according to appoint-
ment and after praise and
prayer proceeded to attend to the
business of the Church Brother
W. H. Francis was appointed to
wait on Brother Meera and
cite him to the Church at our
next regular meeting to show
cause if any he can why he
has absented himself from

the meetings of the Church for such a long period of time. There being no other business before the Church we adjourned until August 17th 1901.

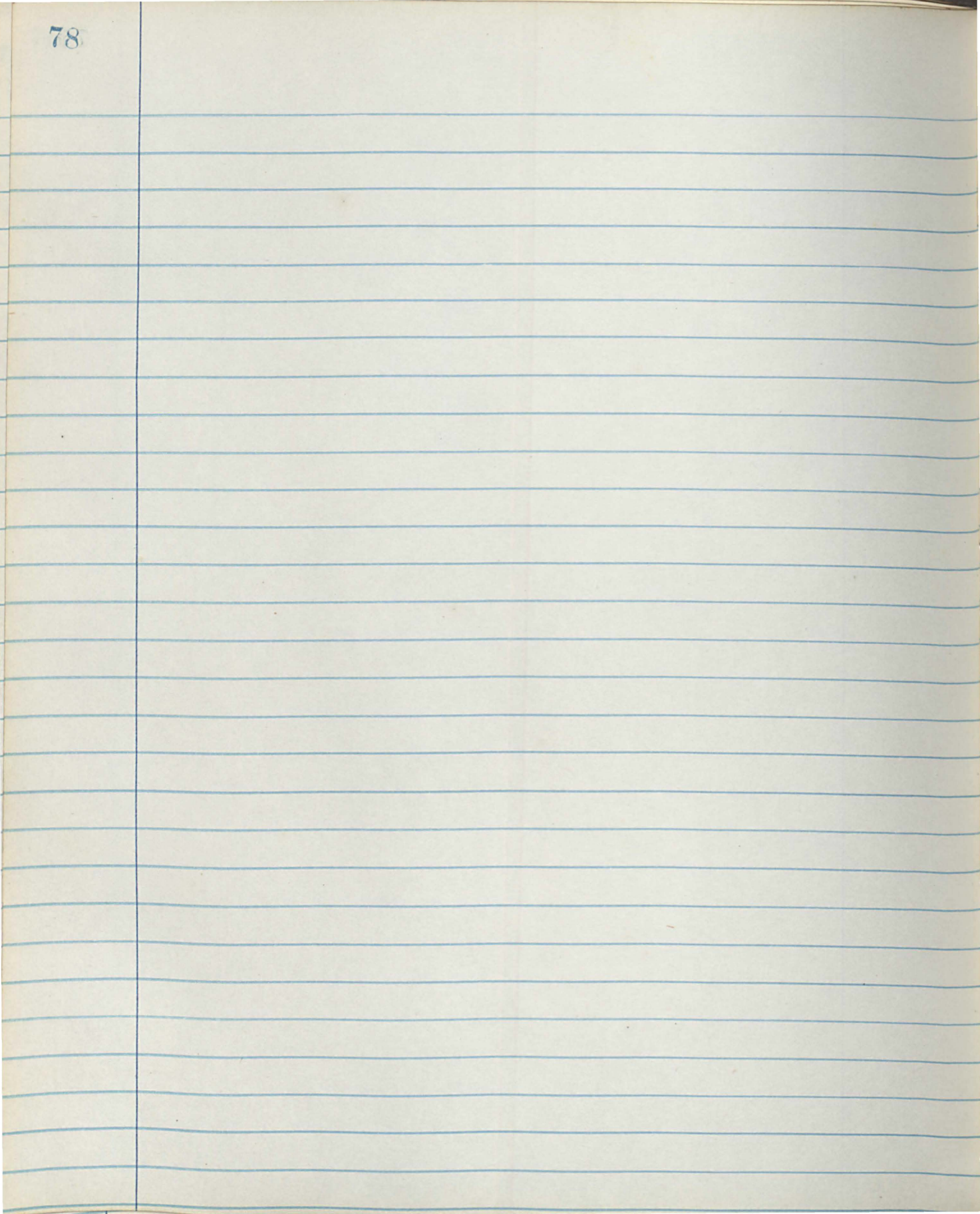
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Wm. H. Francis Clerk

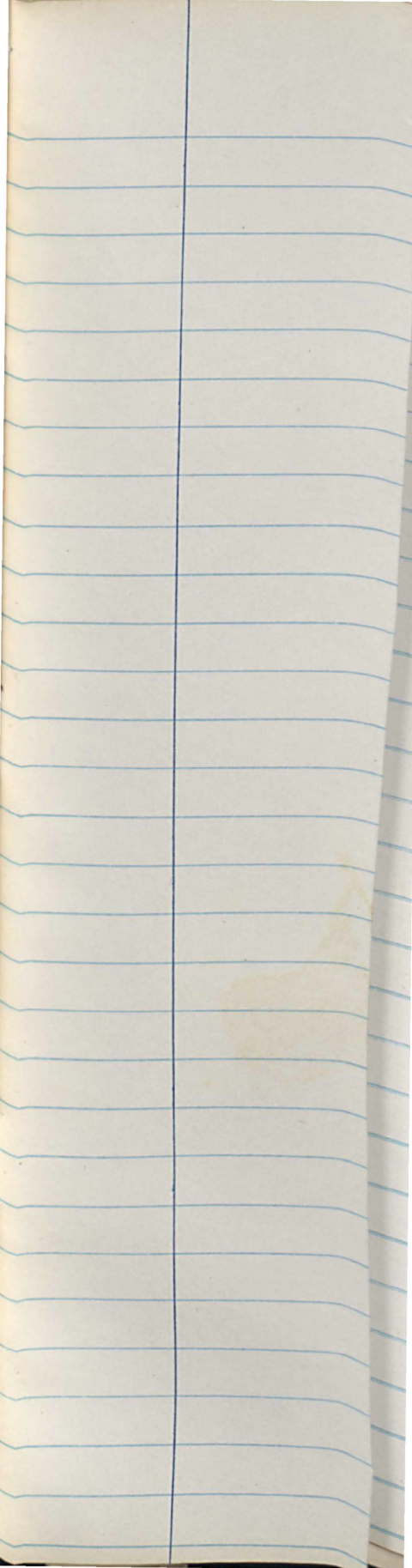
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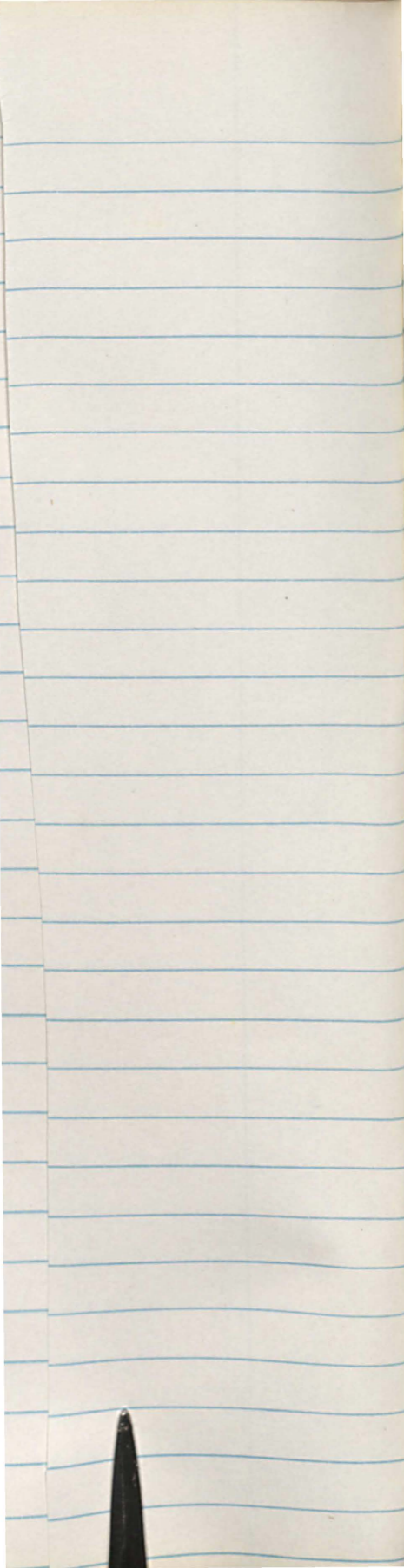
The Church met according to appointment and after praise and prayer proceeded to the business of the Church. Brother Wm. H. Francis who was appointed at our last meeting to visit Brother Albert Omeira and cite him to appear before the Church at this meeting to show cause if any he could why he has absented himself from the Church for so long a period of time, reported that he had done so, and as Brother Omeira failed to appear the Church proceeded to deal with him according to the rules of the Church and he was excluded from the communion and fellowship of the Church by a unanimous vote of the Church.

Brother E. H. Francis applied for letters of dismission for himself and Sister Eliza Francis which were granted, and as the church was hereby reduced to very few in number it was unanimously agreed that the church should dissolve and the Clerk was requested issue letters of dissolution to all the members granting them the privilege to unite with other churches of the same faith and order. Done by order of the church in church meeting this seventeenth day of August 1901

E. H. Francis Clerk







Names of members of the Church in
Alexandria Va known and reorganized
as the Old School or Primitive Baptist
after their reorganization in the year 1859

Names.

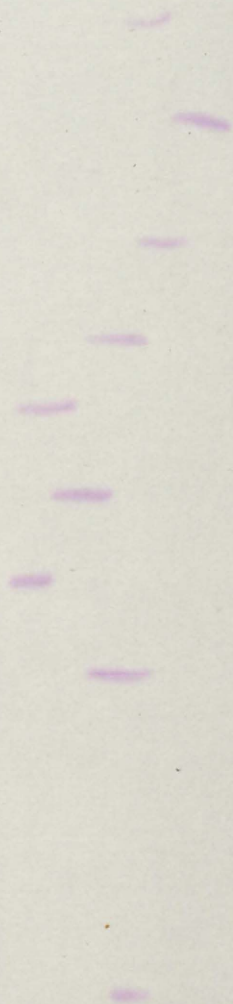
Remarks

Sister	Margaret Smith	1	Original members of church at Alexandria	Died June 24, 1864
"	Ann Johnson	2		" March 29, 1860
"	Ann Fisher	3		" August 1868
"	Sarcus Mankin	4		" December 30, 1869
"	Susan Davis	5		
"	Susan Tarlton	6		
Bro +	Joseph Grimes	7		" July 24, 1873
Sister	Sarah Britt	8		
"	Suscepta P. Ball	9		Died
"	Jane Arnold	10		" August 19, 1863
Bro.	Thos. Cole (Coles)	11		" July 1874
"	George Wilson Cole	12		Dead
Sister	Fanny Williams	13		Dead
Bro.	Samuel a Tinnell	14		Dead
"	Enoch Grimes	15		
Sister	Mary E. Grimes	16	Bapt. June 24/60	Dead
"	Mary Graham	17	Bapt. June 24/60	Dead
"	Leah Davis Cole	18		
"	Martha McLean	19	Bapt. Aug 12/60	Dead
Bro	Joseph Proders	20	Baptized Oct 14, 1860	
Sister	Elizabeth Jones Cole	21		Dead
Bro	Geo. Selectman	22	Bapt. July 17, 1864	Dead
"	James F Grimes	23	" "	
"	Margaret Grimes	24	" "	Dead

Names Continued

Sister	Caroline M. Johnson	25	Exp. Recd. and	
"	Jane Ann Grimes	26	Bap. Aug. 5. 1864	
"	Elizabeth Seletman	27		
"	Alfurne E. Broders	28		
"	Ann E. Arnold	29	Baptized July 23. 1865.	Dead
Bro	Robert Whiting	30		Dead
Sister	Mary Ferguson	31		Dead
"	Julia Harris	32	Exp. Baptized	
"	Rebecca Chessier	33	Nov. 5. 1865	
"	Emma Cozan	34		occ. for Dead
"	Eliza C. Hickerson	35	Bap. May 17. 1869	
"	Virginia McCuen	36	Bap. March 23. 1870	Oct 21 / 1874 Excluded
Old	Jos S. Purrinton	37	(by letter from Mitchell's spring	Dead
Sis.	Cynthia A. Purrinton	38	Swainsboro Ga. June 29. 1870	
"	Lyce Ann Fisher	39	Bap. Aug. 31. 1870	
"	Mary Spillman	40	" Oct. 30. 1870	
"	Emma Williams	41		
"	Mary Lyles	42	Bap. March 15. 1873	Dead
"	Hannah Ashford	43		
Bro	M. E. Caster	44		Dead
Sis.	Lucy Caster	45	Bap. Sunday	
"	Maggie Fisher	46	in June 1873	
"	Hannah Grehen	47	Baptized	
	Rebecca Moore	48	June 5. 1881	
	John Broders	49	Baptized	
	Ann Colton	50	third Sunday June 1881	
	Emeline Davis	51	first Sunday	
			in August. 1881	

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List August 4. 1889

- 1 Sarah Britt -
- 2 J. Broders -
- 3 Cordine Johnson
- 4 Julia Harris -
- 5 Rebecca Chessin -
- 6 Agatha Purvinton -
- 7 Hannah Ashford -
- 8 Caroline Davis eda -
- 9 Lucy Carter Lavin -
- 10 Hannah Graham
- 11 Rebecca Moore
- 12 John Broders
- 13 Emeline Davis -
- 14 Bettie Bennett

Members of the Alex^a Church living
August 1881. and holding their membership
at this date. and where they reside

- 1 Sarah Britt - near Centerville Va
- 2 = Susan Davis ~~near~~ Washington D.C.
- 2 3 = Susan Sartwell ~~near~~ do
- 4 Enoch Gimes dismissed Alex^a or removed to other
- 3 5 Caroline Davis ~~near~~ near Manassas Va
- 4 6 J. S. Broders Alex^a
- 5 7 + Caroline M. Johnson Stafford Springs Md. Va
- 8 = Alfama E. Broders Alex^a or ~~near~~
- 6 9 + Julia Harris at Poor's House with mine
- 7 10 + Rebecca Chessire near Markham Sta Va
- 8 11 + Cynthia A. Parington Covington Georgia
- 9 12 = Joyce Ann Fisher ~~near~~ Alex^a or ~~near~~
- 10 13 = Marry Spillman ~~near~~ Washington D.C. ~~near~~
- 11 14 = Emma Williams ~~near~~ near Frederick Md
- 12 15 + Hannah Ashford " Burkes Station Va
- 13 16 Lucy Carter Davis Washington D.C.
- 14 17 - Maggie Fisher Alexandria Va
- 15 18 Hannah Grechen } near Franconia Sta Va
- 16 19 Rebecca Moore } Fairfax Co
- 17 20 John Broders }
- 21 - Ann Colton ~~near~~ ~~near~~ dead
- 18 22 Emeline Davis } Alexandria Va
- 23 Bettie Bennett Bethesda Dec. 24, 1887 near 56.

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yours in hope,
G. L. Daniel

Alexandria, Va.
September 1-

The Church of Christ,
at Alexandria

Dear Brethren

The within letter
explains itself. I ask its
deposit with you and that
I may become a member of
your body.

It may be proper for me
to state that I was baptized
by brother R. B. Leachman,
some forty years ago, and
received into Shiloh Church at
Washington, D. C.

From that day to this
I have passed through many
dark scenes; but I have never

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In Memoriam

And dedicated by the Primitive Baptist Church at Alexandria Va. In the Memory of Elder Joseph L. Purrington, late pastor of this Church, who departed this mortal life on Thursday evening December 3rd 1874. about 2 o'clock p. m. Eld. Purrington was stricken with Paralysis, on the evening of Dec. 1874 between 9 and 10 o'clock, a few moments after he had dismissed the congregation, and gave the parting hand to the brethren & sisters, so severe was the stroke, that he could only be removed to an adjoining room in the East portion of the building, where he so often had preached. Medical aid was called in, and all done that kind friends could do, but all without avail, his sufferings lasted about 40 hours, when death with her cold hand rushed in silence and ended the labors, of a faithful and beloved Minister of the Gospel of the Son of God. The members and friends who witnessed the last moments of their beloved pastor, and looked upon him passing calmly through the valley of the shadow of death, could in sad grief bow ~~to~~ in submission to the will of our God. saying within their hearts, farewell faithful watchman Brother and your fellow, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord, and receive thy crown. Eld. Purrington, moved from Georgia to Alexandria in the Spring of the year 1869. he having received the united call of the several churches in Va. viz. Alex. Mt Zion Ebenezer Broad Run Bethlehem + Quantico; and making his residence at Alex. the location of which being easy of access to the several churches, he with sister Purrington

united their membership with us. by letters
from Holly Spring Church in Newton Co. Georgia
where their membership remained at the time of
his death. Eld. Parson was much esteemed and
beloved by all the churches of his care, the Lord
having greatly blessed his labours, and he having
Baptized into the fellowship of the churches, about
one hundred & twenty members during his ministry
~~pastorship~~ with them, health and brotherly
love abounded in all the churches, and his loss
so unexpected have cast a gloom over their households
of faith, in this vicinity.

" M E M O R I A L . "

Resolutions adopted by Shiloh O. S. Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., in memory of a dear brother, who departed this life, March 22, 1900.

Whereas, it has pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove by death our dearly beloved and highly esteemed brother, Joseph Brodus, to that inheritance reserved for him, and all God's children. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the members of Shiloh O. S. Baptist Church, of Washington, D. C., in this way, wish to convey to our brethren comprising the Alexandria Church, of Alexandria, Virginia, our heartfelt sympathy for them in the loss they have sustained by the death of their deacon and brother, Joseph Brodus, and we wish to acknowledge our thankfulness to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, for the blessings we have enjoyed through the many years we have had the company, encouragement and advice of our departed brother.

Truly, a father in Israel has been gathered from among us; always with us in our meetings if possible; always ready to give good counsel or a word of encouragement; ready at all times to extol the name of Him whom his soul loved. It has been our privilege to hear him in our congregation speak to the honor and glory of his Saviour, whom he would often tell us, was able to save, even unto the uttermost all who come unto Him, but he is now gone from us, and we mourn his loss, but not without hope, and we feel assured he is now "Where congregations ne'er break up, and Sabbaths have no end."

A worthy deacon; a faithful member of the Church; a loving parent; a valuable friend and untiring in ministering to the comforts and wants of the brethren. May we be enabled to bow in divine submission to the Lord's will. Be it further

Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved children, who so freely and willingly helped their father to entertain the brethren at their home. Be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon our Church Book and a copy be sent to each of the children of Brother Brodus.

Done by order of the Church at its regular Church Meeting, July 23, 1900.

..... J. J. Rowe Moderator.
..... W. E. Hazier Clerk.

" M E M O R I A L "

Resolutions adopted by Shiloh O. S. Baptist Church, Washing-

ton, D. C., in memory of a dear brother, who departed this life,

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Whereas, it has pleased the Great Head of the Church to re-
move by death our dearly beloved and highly esteemed brother, Joseph
Brooks, to that inheritance reserved for him, and all God's children.
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Done by order of the Church at its regular Church Meeting,

July 22, 1900.

Moderator.....

Clerk.....

While lying upon the sofa under nursing
my feet, I was thinking over your letter,
and the many thanks therein contained
unto the god of all grace, for his merciful
kindness unto you all your pilgrimage through
life, and the passage of scriptures recorded
in part of the last verses of the 7th chapter of
Mark. presented itself to my mind, It reads
thus; "He hath done all things well. he maketh
both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak -
The omniscience and omnipresence of God, is beyond
Mortal conception, we often wonder and ask the reason
why he doeth all things, after the Council of his
own will, and sometimes think we could or would
If we had our desires carried out, change event,
sometimes, as in the case of removal by death
of loved ones or casualties &c. ~~Last Sunday~~ ^{last Sunday} ~~for instance~~
Last Sunday in conversation with a brother, he
remarked, that the night before he was thinking of
the death of Eld Jos L Purington, and ^{the} Idea presented
itself, why the Lord, had not taken him. who
was but of little account, instead of Eld
Purington, which was of so much comfort
to the Church. - I answered him, and
told him. probably I would give him a
reason. which was a new one to me
as I never looked at, in that light before
and judging after the manner of men
was this. That Eld Purington was a

fit subject for death. a shock fully
ripe for the harvest, a faithful servant
meet for his masters house. but himself
and I. was very brushy yet not even fit
to die. the Idea even a new one to me, seemed
after consideration to meet the case, and the
brother remarked that he had been cut down
like a ripe straw. He hath done all things well
cried the people when he unstopped the deaf
ears of one on the shore of the sea of galilee-
he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb
to speak; and so it has been with us dear sister
we were deaf and dumb spiritually once.
and not only deaf + dumb, but lost and ruined
sinners, but we hope as he did the one in the
day mentioned in our text, as it reads-" and he
took him aside from the multitude, and put his
fingers into his ears, and he spit and touched his
tounge, and looking up to heaven, he sighed and said
unto him Ephphatha. that is Be opened. Oh cannot
you and I remember, when we were deaf + dumb
when he took us aside from the multitude
when we hope he put his fingers into our ears
or our ears was opened and the thunders
of sinners Law roared upon us, and our
tounge moved in supplication for mercy
but there was ^{not} an impediment in our
speech. just like that brought before us in
our subject, we could not talk

The Church at Alexandria Va To her
Sister Churches. in association, with the Church
at Mill Creek. Berkley Co. West Va

Sendeth Christian Love.

Very Dear Brethern & Sisters -

Through a merciful providence, and long suffering
God. we again have the privilege of sending you
our annual letter of correspondence, desiring, to meet
you in Christian fellowship, and gospel bonds; bearing
that love towards you, that so characterized our
Lord & master, while with the saints on earth -
we desire that your association may be a
pleasant one, that the spirit of peace and
the fellowship of the saints, may fully abound
during your meeting, that your ministers, may
be filled with the precious fulness of the
Gospel, and that grace, free grace to the
Chief of sinners may run, not hindered
aiding your association,

we a little church at this place still keep up
our visibility, ^{like} a little oasis in the great woods;
of the religion of our day, we have preaching
quite often by Brethern Wm M. Smart and
Arrest Chick, also visiting brethren.

preach for us passing our way. So that
we are providentially provided for with the
preached word; we also meet on different
occasions, and have prayer meeting, a privilege
of the saints, that was so pleasing to our dear
departed pastor, and one which he always deligh-
-ted to take part in, The Lord in his wisdom
hath taken away our undershepherd ~~since~~ ~~we~~
~~last met~~ ~~1920~~, and we together, with five other
Sister Churches feel deeply his loss, a faithful
servant of God, and beloved pastor have
been separated ^{from us} by death, since we last
wrote you, and the churches, mostly now
are dependent upon our dear Bro W. M. Smoot
and visiting brethren ^{for} Pastoral care. We desire
an interest in your prayers and all the
household of faith, we also desire that it
may be the will of our heavenly father, to
bless the proceedings of your association
while assembled together, with all the saints;
and that his grace may abound in every
heart. and his love crown your meeting
with Joy: ^{so} that each one, may be enabled to say
it a ~~pleasure~~ ^{pleasure} to be here.

Approved at regular Church meeting
August 24th 1878

We have now in Church fellowships
living members ²⁹ received ^{non-}
since last association ^{dismissed 2 by letter}
dis-missed by letters two. died one
present number 29
We send for printing minutes \$300
Messengers.

Abert April 5 1895

Church meet according
to her regular appointment
after Prayers and Praises
by Eld. Wm. M. D. Wood
The Prayers for
pence to Chap. us & me
& Church 142 pers
after which the
Church organized
by inserting visiting

to a seat with no
under the usual system
was given to any who
wished to come but he
fare the Church

Wm. E. Carter

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Wilson Co. N.C.

July 21/94

This is to certify that

C. S. McDaniel is a member
of our church and is in full
fellowship with us
and having applied for
a letter of dismission
the same was granted him
and when this letter is
handed in any other
church of the same faith
and order he is then
released from us
done by order of conference

Eld P. D. Caldwell Mod

J. W. Thom C. Clerk

Letter read and
received into the fellowship
-ship of the church at
Alexandria on Jan 6. 1895
A. B. Fancis mod
J. P. Bredes Clerk

This is to Certify,
that Brother Wm. H. Francis
and Sister Eliza C. Francis,
are members of Bethlehem
"Primitive - or Old School Bap-
tist Church" of Pr. Wm. Co. Va.,
and wish for a "Letter of dismissal"
for the purpose of uniting with a
Sister Church of the same faith and
Order, and in fellowship with us;
And when so united, and we are
notified of the same - then we
shall consider them dismissed
from us.

By Order of the said Bethlehem
Church, at her regular Church
Meeting, - this - 6th day of April,
A. D., 1895.

George W. Johnson - Clerk.

