

OCCOQUAN CHURCH - Smoot

*Occoquan Church
of Primitive Baptist
Prince Wm Co Va*

July 9th 1869
1st John L. - 7 Verse

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The Church Book of
the Occoquan Church of Primitive Baptist,
Prince Wm. Co., Virginia,
affectionately presented in token of love by bro.
Wm. H. Smoot.

"Let all things be done decently and in
order." 1st Cor. 14th Chap., 40th ver.

On the 30th day of Aug., 1868, the Occoquan
Church of Primitive Baptist, Prince Wm. Co., Va.,
which had existed as a Baptist church about
90 years,* was dissolved and united with
Quantico Church of the same county.

At the time of the dissolution of this church
the following members united with the Quantico
Church: Brethren James Arnold, James Davis,
Thos. Posey, John R. Arrington, D. T. Arrington,
sisters Sophia Arrington, Elizabeth Lynn, Margaret
Posey, (Colored) Benjamin and Celia; the name
of sister Susan Harrison was overlooked at the time,
but was sent in afterward and she also became
a member of Quantico Church. As early as
1870 the subject of the reconstitution of the Occo-
quan Church was talked of by brethren living in
the neighborhood of their former place of meeting,
but no definite action was taken until the spring
of 1874. During this time several persons had been
baptized in that neighborhood and a meetinghouse
built upon the lot of ground where the former
meeting house stood before its destruction during
the recent war. On the 30th day of April, 1874
the subject of the reconstitution of the Occoquan
* The church was constituted in 1774

Church was laid before the church at Quantic by bro. James Davis a member and deacon of the Occoquan Church at the time of its dissolution, and on the 2^d day of July 1874 the Quantic Church granted the request of the brethren desiring the reorganization of the Occoquan Church agreeing that letters should be given to them for that purpose whenever called for.

In compliance with this decision on the 3rd day of Sept. 1874 a petition requesting letters for that purpose was laid before the Quantic Church by the following brethren: James Davis, Thos. Posey, Wm. M. Snoot, Charles Delany, Thos. J. Simpson, sisters Ann Posey, Maria Curtis, Ann Snoot, Mary Fairfax, Elizabeth Foster, Sophia Arrington, Susan J. Davis, Mary Moor, Margaret Posey, and Mary F. L. Holland. The church granted the request of the petitioners instructing her clerk to give them letters of dismission and also to any other member or members of Quantic Church who desired to join in the movement with them. On the 28th day of Oct. 1874 the brethren who had been dismissed met at their meeting-house and decided to call a council to meet with them on the 11th of Nov. for the purpose of considering the subject of constituting them into a church. In response to this call a council met at the meeting house of the brethren named above, Wed. Nov. 11th, which council consisted of the following named brethren.

From the Quantic Church, brethren A. B. Wood, J. W. Chapman, Wm. M. Snoot, James Barbee, Geo.

Pearson, Mr. Barter, L. A. Lynn. From Bethle-
hem Church, Brethren Mr. L. Branner, F. A. Weedon,
H. C. Steers, D. T. Arrington, J. R. Kernes, C. H. A. Weedon.

From the Alexandria Church, Eld. J. L. Puring-
ton, brethren E. Grimes, Geo. Selemon, J. F. Grimes.

Although bro. Mr. M. Smoot was included in the
number of those who were granted letters yet in-
asmuch as Eld. J. L. Purington was the only preach-
ing brother present upon the council it was thought
best for bro. Smoot to defer taking a letter until
after the constitution of the Church in order
that he might assist in its constitution conse-
quently his name appears as a member of
the Council from Quantico Church. In ad-
dition to the members mentioned in the petition
bro. Mr. A. B. Smith and sisters Catharine Reed and
Janie Lynn obtained letters which made seven-
teen members, all dismissed from Quantico Church
for the purpose of entering into the recon-
stitution of the Occogan Church. Of these sev-
enteen members, four were members of the Oc-
cogan Church at the time of its dissolution, viz,
brethren Davis, Posey, sisters Sophia Arrington and
Margarette Posey; the remaining thirteen were
baptized since the dissolution of that Church.
And of the eleven Occogan members who joined
Quantics Church four had died, viz, brethren Ar-
nold, John R. Arrington, sister Susan Harrison,
and the colored brother Benjamin.

The following proceedings of the above men-
tioned Council were published in the 22^d no. of
the 42^d vol. of the "Signs of the Times", dated Nov.

15th, 1874. We copy it as a part of the present record:

By request of the brethren through that section of country, who had previously been dismissed from Quantic Church for that purpose, a council was held Wed., Nov. 11th, in accordance with a previous appointment, at the Baptist meeting-house, about eight miles from Occoquan in Prince Wm. Co., Va., for the purpose of considering the subject of the reconstitution of the Occoquan Church. The Council was composed of the following brethren:

From Quantic Church; Deacons A. B. Weedon, J. W. Chapman, Eld. W. M. Smoot and other brethren. From Bethlehem Church: deacons W. L. Branner, F. A. Weedon, H. C. Steers and other brethren. From Alexandria Church: Eld. J. L. Purington, Deacon E. Grimes, and other brethren. The council after prayer by bro. Smoot, was organized by appointing Eld. J. L. Purington, Moderator, and Eld. W. M. Smoot, clerk.

The letters of the constituent members were called for whereupon seventeen letters of dismission from Quantic Church were laid before the Council by five brethren and twelve sisters. A summary of the faith held by the brethren, together with articles concerning the walk of the Church, were laid before the Council, which being satisfactory to them, and realizing the necessity of such constitution, the Council unanimously proceeded to recognize

them as a Baptist Church of our faith and order, and, through the Moderator, extended to them the right hand of fellowship as a regular constituted Church, to be known by the name of the Occoquan Church of Primitive Baptist, Prince Wm. Co., Va. The Church thus organized then proceeded to select brother J. J. Simpson Clerk, pro. tem.; bro. James Davis, Deacon, and extended a call to brother Wm. M. Smoot to take the pastoral care of the Church, which call was accepted by him.

The meeting was closed by a discourse delivered by Eld. J. L. Purington, from Acts 2. 42: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers." The proceeding throughout were solemn, and impressive, and interesting, and the meeting was cheering and comforting to the brethren.

J. L. Purington, Mod.

Wm. M. Smoot, Clerk.

Summary of Faith and other Articles.

The following is a summary of the faith held by the Brethren, and articles concerning the walk of the Church, mentioned in the foregoing report, which were laid before the Council and unanimously approved by them.

1st. Name.

This Church shall be designated and known by the name of the Occoquan Church of Primitive Baptist, Prince Wm. Co., Va.

2^d. Qualification of her members.

We admit to membership by baptism performed through our action, or the action of some sister church of our faith and order, those who give evidence of having been brought experimentally to realize the pardoning love and tender mercy of our God manifested unto them in the forgiveness of their sins through a crucified and risen Redeemer.

3^d. Rule of Walk.

We believe that the Scriptures contain a perfect rule for the walk of the Church of Christ, nor can we, without disobedience to our God, leave undone aught that is therein required, or do more than is there^{ed.} required.

4th. Ordinances of the Church.

We believe in the ordinances of Baptism, and the Lords Supper; that Baptism is enjoined upon believers in Christ only, and that immersion is the only scriptural method; that the Lords Supper is an ordinance enjoined upon baptized believers, who have thus become members of the visible Church, and who are in gospel order, to be observed by them in church relationship in commemoration of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

5th. Works of Anti Christ.

We unhesitatingly denounce as things for which we have neither use nor fellowship the unfruitful works of darkness around us such as Sunday Schools, Theological Seminaries, and

6th. Secret Organizations

We can not receive into our fellowship any

person who is a member of any secret or oath-bound organization. We have nothing to say for or against such institutions among men in nature, but we believe that every person among such organizations who has been brought experimentally to know the truth, and who seeks membership in the visible church of our God, should first leave such connections, and thus be separated from all men-made institutions, whether religious or otherwise: for "Israel shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations." Num 23:9.

7th. Summary of our Faith.

Of the doctrine or faith held by this church the following is a summary:

We believe in the existence of one living, supreme, and eternal God, and that there is but one. He is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent; the creator and upholder of all things, and disposer of all events.

2. All the books contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by his Holy Spirit, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2^d. Timothy, 3:16.

3. We believe in the revelation that our God has given of himself as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. "These three are one." 1st. John, 5:7.

4. The total depravity and just condemnation in Adam of all men.

5. That our God has separated unto himself from the fallen sons and daughters of Adam a people who shall shew forth his praise.

They were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, but are manifested in time as the sons and daughters of Adam.

6. The Atonement and Redemption are for this people, the elect of God only. To them the gospel is good news of glad tidings, it does not make a people for God, but it feeds a people who are already his.

7. The preservation through time and the eternal happiness of each and every one of this people.

8. The Absolute predestination of all things.

9. The general resurrection of the dead and the final judgment.

The original copy of the above summary and articles together with the letters of dismission of the constituent members are placed among the records of this church marked: "Papers A."

10th The Eternal, Vital Unity of Christ and his church

11th That in the New Birth the nature of the Adamic sinner is not changed but held in subjection by the sovereign reign of grace, and that it is in the resurrection from the dead that this corruptible puts on incorruption; and this mortal, immortality,

The following is a list of the members of the Occoquan Church from its reconstitution on Wed. Nov. 11th, 1874, to the present. The first seventeen were the constituent members at the time of its reconstitution.

1. James Davis, bap. by Eld. W. Jacobs, ^{died}
2. Thos. Posey, by Eld. Lloyd Kidwell, ^{died}
3. Thos. J. Simpson, bap. by Eld. J. L. Purington, Sept. 14, 1871.
4. Wm. A. B. Smith, bap. by Eld. J. L. Purington, Nov. 4, 1870.
5. Charles M. Dulaney, " " Oct. 4, 1870.
6. Sophia Arrington, bap. by Eld. Benj. Cornwall, June 9th, 1851.
7. Elizabeth Foster, bap. by Eld. R. C. Leachman, ^{died} Sept. 29, 1867.
8. Ann Smoot, " ^{died} " Aug. 31, 1868.
9. Margarette Posey, bap. by " "
10. Mary F. L. Holland, " by " Aug. 31, 1868.
11. Maria Curtis, bap. by Eld. J. L. Purington, June 18, 1869.
12. Susan J. Davis, " " Sept. 14, 1871.
13. Catharine Reed, " " July 4, 1873.
14. Mary Fairfax, " " May 3, 1872.
15. Ann Posey, " " Oct. 4, 1870.
16. Mary Moor, " " July 4, 1873.
17. Janie E. Lynn, " " Oct. 30, 1874.
18. Sarah F. Davis, bap. by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot, Nov. 22, 1874.
- by *1. Wm. B. Carter, bap. by Eld. R. C. Leachman, Aug. 31, 1868.
- *2. Catharine Carter, " " Sept. 29, 1867.
- (* These two were admitted by letter Jan. 23, 1875.)
- *1. Sophia Carter, bap. by Eld. J. L. Purington, Aug. 3, 1870.
- *2. Sarah Fairfax, bap. by, " Apr. 3, 1874.
- (* The two were admitted by letter Feb. 27, 1875.)
- and Maria Carter, bap. by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot, May 9, 1875.
- Janie Mayfield, " " " "

(Over)

^{died} *^{died} Elizabeth Smith, bap. by Eld. J. L. Purington, Feb. 3rd, 1871.
 (* sister Smith was received by letter May 8th, 1875.)

* 1 Mr. M. Smoot, bap. by Eld. J. L. Purington, Oct. 4th, 1870.

* 2 Geo. Selezman, ^{died} bap. by Eld. W. J. Purington, July 17th, 1864

* 3 Elizabeth Selezman, ^{died} " " " " Aug. 5th, 1864

(* These three were received by letter July 10th, 1875)

Martha Jackson, ^{died} Col'd, bap. by Eld. K. 1st Dec June

(sister J. was a member of this church before its dissolution, but her name was not sent to Quant. with the other members, consequently she was rec. upon a con. of faith (July 10th, 1875))

^{died} Sarah Brammell, bap. by Eld. Smoot, Aug. 9th, 1875.

Mary E. Whalon, " "

Mary E. Davis, " "

Cordelia Sinkson, " "

Sept. 12th, 75.

Calab. Stone, " "

Nov. 14th, 75.

^{died} Mary K. Davis, ^{died} " "

Amanda J. Meyhugh " "

Margarette A. Mills ^{died} " "

Susan Davis, " "

Virginia Payne, " "

Ann Elizabeth Garner, " "

Feb. 13th, 1876

Mary Ellen Cheser, " "

Harriet Garner ^{died} " "

June 11th 1876

* James F. Grimes, bap. by Mr. J. Purington, July 17th, 74.

Fane Ann Grimes, " " " " Aug. 5th, 1864.

(* Bro. & Sister Grimes were received Feb. 10th, 1872, by letter from the church in Alex.)

^{died} Willowby Bowls (colored) bap. by John Bell June 1873 rec'd May 1874

Charles Pearson (colored) " " " " July 1874 rec'd May 1874

Wm Selezman bap. by Wm M Smoot Sept 14th 1879

Sister S. A. Lemurch " " " " " " Oct. 12th 1879

- Lafayette Maddox bap by Eld Smoot April 11th 1880
- Sarah Jane Pearson (colored) rec. on "Con. of Faith," June 21st, 1880; was baptized by Jno. Bell,
- 44 Harriet T Maddox bap by Elder Wm M Smoot Oct 10th 1880
- 45 Levenia Mills " " " " " " " "
- 46 Caroline Pearson " " " " " " " " Nov 13th 1880
- 47 Mrs. M. Davis was baptized by, " " " " Dec 30th 1880
- 48 Julia Arington " " " " " " May 15th 1881
- 49 Sarahula H. Tarcner " " " " " " " " 1881
- 50 August ^{on is} Mayfield " " " " " " " " 1881
- 51 Mary Milstead " " " " " " June 11th 1881
- 52 J. L. Wright " " " " " " " " 1881
- 53 Margaret R. Wright " " " " " " " " 1881
- 54 Catherine A Omeare " " " " " " October 9th 1881
- 55 Elizabeth Jane Posey " " " " " " " " "
- 56 Hanna Williams " " " " " " November 13th 1881
- Albert Omeare " " " " " " December 10th 1881
- William Hamilton ^{June 10th 1882} rec'd on Con of faith bap by Jno Bell
- Miss Lucy Leadman baptized by Bro Smoot July 9th 1882
- Mrs Virginia Thompson " " " " " " " "
- 57 Miss Alcinda Smoot " " " " " " " "
- " Louisa Mayhugh " " " " " " December 10th "
- Mrs Elizabeth A Milstead " " " " " " April 8th 1883
- Mrs E. Taylor, baptized by " " " " May 12th, "
- Enoch Grimes, ^{rec'd by letter} bap. by Eld. Wm. J. Partridge,
- bro Eminus rec'd by letter from Alex^a Church May 13 1883
- Mary Allen baptised by bro Smoot Nov 11th 1883
- ^{arrived} Gertrude Curtis " " " " " " Dec 9th 1883
- Mrs Vienna Davis " " " " " " Jan 16th 1884
- ^{living} Miss M. Emma, E. Hornum " " " " " " 13th 1884
- Mrs Nancy Richards " " " " " " May 11th 1884
- ^{64 mon} Mrs Gorgiana Mayhugh " " " " " " August 14th 84
- ^{64 months living} August 10th 1884

Mrs Caroline V. Harrison, bap by bro Smoot Oct 5th 1884
 Mrs Sarah Francis Swan bap by bro Smoot April 12th 1885
 Mrs Lucy Bell bap by bro Smoot July 12 1885
 Mr James Clark " " " " 29th 1885
 Mrs Theda V Garmr " " " " October 11th 85
 Mrs Annie Phametta Davis " " " " " "

James Posey " " March 24 1886

Nov 12 - 1887

Sister Sarah O. Winnett, rec. by letter from Maple
 Creek church, Washington Co., Penn.
 Oscar Moore, received on confession
 of faith from Frazier Pan, Fairfax Co.,
 Va., March 8th, 1891, and baptized by Dea. W.
 M. Smoot,

1905.

Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, bap. by Dea. W. M. Smoot, June 11
 Mrs. Emma J. Hampton, bap. by Dea. W. M. Smoot, June 10, 1921.

Deaths. 1875.

Elizabeth Foster died Jan. 11th of paralysis in the 74th year of her age.

Maria Carter died June 6th, in the 60th year of her age.

1878

Harriet Garner died April 10th in the 72nd year of her age she was born November 13th 1806

1879

Deacon George Seelman died January 4th 1879 in the 71st year of his age. he was born February 16th 1808. he was a deacon in the Occoquan Church

Deacon James Davis died January 16th 1879 in the 73rd year of his age, he was born
he was also a deacon in the Occoquan Church
also

His wife sister Mary R Davis who died January 19th 1879 in the 70th year of her age

Elizabeth Smith died July 21st 1879 in the
year of her age

1880

Thos. Posey died Friday Sept. 24th, 1880, aged 60y^{ears}.
He was a deacon in the Occoquan Church.

1881

Elizabeth Seelman died October 5th 1881
aged in the 77th year of her age

1882

Sarah Brammell died May 1882 aged years

Deaths, 1883

Bro. Wm. A. B. Smith died Aug. 9th, 1883.

1884

Bro. Willowby Bowles died Oct 4th 1884

1886

Sister Margarette A Mills died April 7th 1886

Sister Ann Smoot died May 27th 1886

1887

Sister Alscinda Smoot died the night of July 2nd

1888

Sister Mary Fairfax died in Nov.

1890

Bro. Orris Maxfield, June 18th, 1890

1892

Enoch Grimes Nov. 18th

1898

Lucy Ledmon Jan 8th 1898

Elizabeth Posey Jan 24 1898

1899

Amanda J. Meyhugh, March 1st, 1899.

1901

Louisa Meyhugh, Feb. 28, 1901.

1902

Leah Stone died February 1902.

Sarah J. Pearson died June 9, 1911.

Mrs. Susan J. Davis died Feb. 22, 1915.
Mrs. Mary C. Chesire March 18, 1915 -
Lillian F. Davis died October 19, 1916
Georganna Mayhugh died May 4, 1917.
Mary Moore died Feb. 11, 1919
Elizabeth Marshall

Dismissed by letter

1892 Enoch Grimes (but before the constitution of the church he died, see page 156)
James Clark, Jamie A. Lynn, Mary C. Allen,
Annie C. Garner, D. F. Tavenner,

Oscar More dismissed to join the church
at Frying Pan Spring.

Marrriages of Members.

Sister Sarah Fairfax to Mr. Geo. M. Taylor,
Dec. 20th, 1877, by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot.

Brother W. A. B. Smith to Miss Louisa Sullivan
Oct 12th 1879 by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot.

Nov. 23rd, 1887, in Washington D.C., by
Eld. Wm. M. Smoot N. B. Leavoe and
Bertrude Leavoe, Sister Curtis being ^{of the ch.} a member.

Exclusions

Thos. G. Simpson; for particulars see entries of May 13th, and May 23rd 1877
1889

Jas. M. Davis; for particulars see entries of ~~May~~ ^{March} 14th, 1889, page 126, also of Oct. 5th, 1889 on page 131, and Oct. 16th, 1889, page 133

Caroline V. Harrison; for particulars see entry of Oct. 16th, page 133, also entry of Nov. 2^d, page 134 for the year 1889.

Sister Emma Davis; for particulars see entries Nov. 9th and Dec. 5th, 1889 on pages 135 and 136

1890

Bertrude Clarvoe, Apr. 12th, See page 138

James F. Grimes and Mr. Seelman for particulars see page 139. They were excluded from the Church May 3rd.

Virginia Payne, Oct. 2^d, See page 143

1891

Albert Omeare and Nancy Richards, excluded March 8th, 1891 for particulars see page 146.

Emma Horner, see page 149

Exclusions continued
Lafayette Maddox and wife for
particulars see page 163.

John and Margarette Wright
see page 185

Margarette Posey, See page 185
Thedo V. Garner " " 195-196
Sallie Fennick See entries June 7 & 14, 1918

A record of the proceedings in the meetings of the Occogan Church after it was reconstituted commencing with the first meeting held the Saturday preceding the 4th Sund. in Nov. 1874.
1874.

Sat. Nov. 21st. After preaching by bro. Smoot from Isaiah. 3^d chap, 10th verse, the church was called together for business. Brethren from sister churches being present a cordial invitation was extended to them to sit with us in council during the present meeting. A door was opened for the reception of members whereupon Mrs. Sarah F. Davis came before the church related a satisfactory evidence of a work of grace and was received for baptism. A couple of chairs was presented to the church for the meeting-house by sisters Smoot, Lynn, and Fisher, also a bench by Mr. W. H. Smoot: for which presents the church returned their thanks. The subject of fixing the time for the regular meetings of the church was brought before the church and it was arranged that commencing with Feb. the regular meetings of the church be held the 2^d Sunday in each month and Sat. preceeding.

No additional business being brought forward the Church adjourned the meeting, having arranged to meet again, Providence permitting, the 4th S. in Dec. and Sat. preceeding. Sund. Nov. 22^d. The sister received yesterday was baptized this morning, and after preaching the church and visiting brethren present partook of the Lord's supper.

Clerk, pro. tem.

Dec. 26th, After preaching from Math. 23rd Chap. & 10th ver. the church met for business. Several visiting brethren were present and took seats with us in Council. An opening was made for the reception of members but no person came forward. The record concerning the reconstitution of this church written in the commencement of this book, was read and approved by the Church.

A Bible and Hymn Book was presented to the Church through the exertions of Miss Lizzie Shick of Washington, D.C. for which the Church returned a vote of thanks. Six benches having been made for the meetinghouse according to a previous order of the brethren, and a bal. of six dollars being due upon them, a collection was taken up and the bill paid. The death of Eld. G. L. Purington, who died of paralysis, Dec. 3rd at 2 P.M., was announced by the Moderator, and in order to allow him the privilege of attending the meeting of the Clergy Church in Gordan Co. Va. The 2^d S. in Feb. (a church under the pastoral care of Eld. P. at the time of his death) it was concluded to postpone our meeting in Feb. until March. Nothing further having been brought forward for action, the meeting was adjourned, the Church having arranged to meet again, Providence permitting the 4th S. in Jan., and Sat. preceeding.

Clerk, per. Com.,

1875-

Sat. Jan. 23rd, After preaching by bro. Smoot from Math. 11th Chap. & 29th verses, the Church came together for business. The usual invitation was

extended to members of sister churches to sit with us in Council. A door was opened for the reception of members, whereupon bro. W. B. Carter, and sister Catharine Carter, his wife, presented letters of dismission from Quantico Church, and were received in our fellowship as members of this church. A Tribute of love to the memory of Eld. Joseph L. Purington was laid before the Church by the moderator, which tribute was adopted by them, and ordered to be placed upon the record of this church, presented to the family of the deceased, and a copy of it forwarded for publication in the "Signs of the Times." No other business being brought forward for action the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk, pro tem.

The following is the Tribute referred to in the above entry:

A Tribute of Love to the memory of Eld. Joseph L. Purington, from the Occogan Church of Primitive Baptist, Prince Wm. Co., Virginia.

As it hath pleased God, our heavenly father, in his dark and inscrutable providence, to remove by death from our midst, and from his earthly labors, our beloved brother, Elder Joseph L. Purington, we deem it our duty to unite in a tribute of love to his memory, and of sympathy with his bereaved family. We were attached to our departed brother as a faithful expounder of the Word of our God, and one who had regard for the order of the house of the Lord, but we feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain; and we trust that our God may sanc-

tify his death to our good, and to his glory.

May we bow with awe and reverence before the power of the immutable God whose way is in the whirlwind, and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. While realizing our own loss in the death of Elder Pirbrighton, we also deeply sympathize with the Churches over which the Holy Ghost had made him a overseer. We trust and believe that the great head of the church, and shepherd of the sheep, will continue to be mindful of them, for they in common with all the ransomed of the Lord, and redeemed of God, are graven upon the palms of his hands and can not be forgotten by him. May he lead them in green pastures and beside the still waters, that they may partake of the rich consolations which cluster in his precious promises abiding upon his people forevermore. To the mourning family we offer our sincere sympathy; may the all-sufficient presence of Israel's God be with them, and may he abundantly bless them with the riches of his grace, and with his temporal blessings to the measure of his own eternal purpose toward them. And unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen." Resolved that a copy of this Tribute be presented to the family of the deceased, ~~and~~ that it be entered upon the record of this

Church, and forwarded to the "Signs" for publication. Done by order of the Church at her regular meeting Sat. Jan. 23^d, 1875.

pro. tem.

Sat. Feb. 27th. The church came together, after preaching, for business. The usual invitation was extended for the reception of members whereupon sisters Sophia Barber and Sarah Fairfax presented letters of dismission from Quanticos church, and were received in our fellowship as members of this church.

The subject of arranging the times for the communion seasons of the Church was brought before the Church, and after some consultation, the church unanimously resolved, that, by divine permission, they would commune three times a year; viz, in the months of May, September, and December. The subject of appointing Trustees for the meeting house was laid before the church but action upon it postponed unto some future meeting. The Church adjourned to the time of the next regular meeting, Sat. before the 2^d S. in April.

pro. tem.

P.S. It was the action of the church at their meeting Dec. 26th, 1874. to postpone their Feb. meeting but circumstances led them to postpone their meeting in March instead of Feb.

C. p. tem.

Apr. 10th. The church after preaching from Malachi 3rd Chap. 7 16th & 17th verses came together

for business. The reference from the last meeting concerning the appointment of trustees for our meeting-house was brought up and the church appointed brethren Thos. Posey, Mr. A. B. Smith, and Thos. J. Simpson, the "Board of Trustees", with the understanding that at the next regular meeting of the church the duties of the "Board" should be defined by the church.

The Moderator laid before the Church for her consideration the propriety of setting apart another one of the brethren of this church to serve as deacon with the suggestion that it be acted upon at some future meeting of the church when the church became prepared so to act.

Nothing additional being brought forward for action the meeting was adjourned.

pro. tem.

Sat., May 8th.

After preaching from Phillipians 2^d Chap. 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th verses the church came together for business. A door was opened for the reception of members whereupon Maria Carter and Jane Mayfield came forward ^{each} related a satisfactory experience, and were received for baptism.

Elizabeth Smith presented a letter of dismission from Quanticos Church, and was received in our fellowship, a member of this church.

The Moderator laid before the church the following summary of the duties of the "Board of Trustees", which was adopted by the Church for the guidance and instruction of said "Board."

1st. That a "Board of Trustees" for the meeting-house

and lot of this church be appointed by the church consisting of three brethren members of this church. (2) That said "Board" shall have complete and entire control of the meetinghouse and lot of this church in the following respects: 1st To finish the work on the house from its present condition to completion. 2. To repair or improve said house when thought advisable. 3. To prepare the house for the meetings of the church in the way of having it opened closed and cleansed. 4. To keep in order, and, when thought advisable by them, enclose the lot upon which the house stands. 5. They shall keep in their possession for the church all the books and papers pertaining to the house.

(3) In performing their duties under the forgoing summary the "Board" can consult with the church when they deem it advisable, and when requested by the church so to do.

(4). The "Board" shall have power to meet from time to time in order to carry out the provisions of forgoing summary, to elect a Moderator and Clerk, and they shall also keep a regular act. of each meeting entered in a book kept for that purpose. (5). The church of course reserves the right to alter or amend the forgoing summary of the duties of the "Board of Trustees", or to revoke the order by which the "Board" is constituted, if thought at any time advisable by them so to do, and to fill all vacancies in the Board caused by death or otherwise.

(6). Under the forgoing regulations, brethren

Mr. A. B. Smith, Thos. Posey, and Thos. J. Simpson are appointed the members of the "Board of Trustees."

The following request was then adopted by the Church. The "Board of Trustees" are requested, Providence permitting, to report at the next regular meeting of the Church or as soon thereafter as practicable their plan for finishing the meeting-house, and enclosing the lot upon which the house stands or a portion of it, and when in their judgment such work had best be done. The Church, thereafter adjourned the meeting. C. pro. tem.

Sunday May 9th. The two sisters received yesterday were baptized this morning, and the Church after preaching partook of the Emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our "Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." There were visiting brethren present.

Sat. June 12th.

This is the day appointed for the meeting of the Church but the weather being inclement there were not many brethren present consequently we had no church meeting. Preaching from the 46th Psalm. pro. tem.

Sat. July 10th.

After preaching from Isa. 40th Chap. & first eight verses the Church met for business. A door was opened for the reception of members whereupon brother W. M. Smoot, Geo. Seckman & wife presented letters of dismission; bro. Smoot from Quantico, and bro. Seckman & wife from Alex. and were received.

into our membership upon them. Martha Jackson, a colored woman, who was a member of this church at the time of its dissolution and in union to Quantico Church, came forward and was received back again in our fellowship upon a confession of her faith in the atoning blood of Christ. The unfinished business from our last meeting in connection with the request therein recorded made by the Church to the "B. of Trustees" of the meeting-house, came up, but the Board stated that they were not yet prepared to make a report. Bro. Smoot was appointed to write the letter from this church to the "Corresponding Meeting" of Va. appointed to be held next month with the Mill Creek ^{Church}, Berkeley Co. W. Va., applying for admission as one of the churches composing said meeting. No other business having been brought forward the meeting was adjourned. pro. tem.

Sat., Aug. 7th

After preaching the church came together for business. The Moderator laid before the church the death of sister Maria Carter, who was baptized May 9th, and who departed this life June 6th.

A door was opened for the reception of members whereupon Mrs. Sarah Brammell, Ellen Whalin, and Ellen Davis came forward related, each one, a satisfactory experience of a work of grace, and were unanimously received for baptism.

The letter from this church to the "Virginia Corresponding Meeting" was read and adopted.

The "Board of Trustees" reported upon the request of the Church made May 8th advising that certain work should be done upon the meeting house, which report was received, the Church agreeing upon the plan suggested by the "Board." The Church set apart the first one, or two seats on the left of the door for the use of the colored people when they visit our meetings. The Church also requested the Board of Trustees to report to the Church in regard to the selection of a place for performing the ordinance of baptism. Bro. W. M. Smoot was appointed the messenger from this Church to bear the letter mentioned before to the "Virginia Corresponding Meeting" containing the application of this Church for admission into the Correspondence of said "Meeting." The baptism of the three sisters received today was appointed for tomorrow. Adjourned in order.

C. pro. tem.

Sunday, Aug. 9th The three sisters received yesterday were baptised this morning in the presence of an attentive congregation.

C. p. t.

... Sat. Sept. 11th, 1875.

After preaching from Jeremiah 32^d Chap. 38th, 39th, 40th verses, the Church came together for business. Upon the usual invitation Mrs Cordelia Simpson came forward related her experience, and was received for baptism. The "B. of Trustees" reported that they had fixed a place for baptism near the meeting-house,

but the recent rains had washed a portion of the embankment away. Bro. Smoot reported that in accordance with the instructions of this church he had presented the letter from this church to the 'Corresponding Meeting' desiring admission into their Correspondence, which request had been granted, and the church recognized in correspondence. Nothing additional having been brought forward for action the meeting was adjourned C.p. term

Sept. 12th The sister received yesterday was baptized this morning, and the church and visiting brethren present after preaching partook of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord. C.p. term

Monday Oct. 4th

In consequence of the expected absence of Bro. Smoot next Sat. & Sunday (the regular meeting days of the church) there is no appointment for preaching on those days but meeting to day instead, and after preaching the church came together for business. A door was opened for the reception of members whereupon Mrs. Susan Davis came forward related a satisfactory experience and was received for baptism the baptism to be attended to by divine permission the 2^d S. in Nov. Some remarks were made in connection with a place for performing the ordinance of baptism, the completion of our meeting-house, and the selection of a deacon after which the meeting was adjourned. C.p. term

Sat. Nov. 13th, 1875.

After preaching the church came together for business. A door was opened for the reception of members whereupon Amanda J. May, Hugh, Caliph Stone, Mary K. Davis, Margarette A. Mills, and Virginia Payne came forward related satisfactory evidence of a work of grace in the experience of each and were received for baptism. The subject of the selection of a deacon was brought up, and bro. Geo. Selesman was selected in order to be proved in accordance with the instructions of Paul to Timothy. 1st Tim. 3rd chap. 10th ver. "And let these also first be proved; then let them rise the office of a deacon, being found blameless." A baptismal gown was presented to the church by sister Mary Davis (one of the members received for baptism today) which gift was received with thanks by the church. No other business having been brought forward the meeting was adjourned.

Nov. 14th The candidates ^{and the one received Oct 4th Cp. tem.} received yesterday were baptized this morning in the presence of a large and attentive congregation. Cp. tem.

Sat. Dec. 11th, 1875.

After preaching the church came together for business. A door was opened for the reception of members but no person came forward. The Moderator laid before the church or rather suggested to the church, in as much as he expected to be absent the 2^d S. in Jan. ^{the propriety of} meeting Wed. before the 4th S. in Jan. instead. The church

adopted the suggestion by voting that when they adjourn, they adjourn to meet by divine permission on Wed. before the 4th S. in Jan. The church announced by vote their readiness for communion to-morrow, Providence permitting: as this is their regular communion season. [See meeting of Feb. 27th, 1875]. Nothing additional was brought forward for action, and the meeting was adjourned.
C. J. W. Ten.

Sunday, Dec. 12th. The church after preaching came together for communion, and partook of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and Saviour.

1876

Wed. Jan. 19th, 1876.

The church came together after preaching, but no business having been brought before them, after remaining together a short time adjourned to meet by divine permission at the time of their regular meeting Sat. before the 2^d S. in Feb.
C. J. W. Ten.

Sat. Feb. 12th, 1876.

The church, after preaching, came together for business. A door was opened for the reception of members whereupon Mrs. Ann E. Garner, and Mrs. Mary E. Cheser, came forward related a satisfactory experience of a work of grace and were unanimously received for baptism. The Moderator informed the church of the probability of his absence from them at the time of their regular meeting in March with the sug-

gestion for a meeting by divine permission
Friday before the 1st Sund. in March instead.

The church adopted the suggestion by voting
that when they adjourn, they adjourn to meet,
by divine permission, at that time. No other
business having been brought forward for ac-
tion the church, after listening to some remarks
by brethren Davis & Smoot upon the unanim-
ity and love manifested among the brethren,
with which we trust the Lord hath blessed
us, adjourned C. for. ten

Sunday Feb. 13th The two sisters received yesterday
were baptised this morning after which we
had preaching.

Friday March 3rd after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from the
1 John 3 chapter 13 and part of the 14 verses Proceeded to
Business and no Business came before the church adjourned
T. J. Simpson b b

Saturday April 8th after Preaching by Brother Smoot
from Isaiah Fifty first chap and first three verses

Proceeded to Business and no Business came before the church adjourned
Saturday May 13th Thos J Simpson b b

After Preaching by Bro Smoot from
Zechariah Ninete chap 12 13 and 14th verses
The church came to gether for Business
And no business came before the church And
Adjourned

Sunday May 14 After Preaching the church
came to gether for communion and partook
of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood
of our Lord and Saviour T. J. Simpson b b

th
 Saturday June 10th After Preaching by Bro Smoot
 from Ruth 2. Chap and 3. verse of The Church
 Came to gether for Business whereupon Mrs
 Harriet Garner came forward and related
 a satisfactory experience of a work of grace
 And was unanimously Received for baptism
 Sunday June 11th The Sister received yesterday were
 Baptised this morning. After which we had ^{an}

T. J. Simpson 66

Saturday July 8th After Preaching by Bro Smoot The
 Church came to gether for the transaction of
 Business the usual invitation was extended
 But no person came forward The Subject of
 completing the meeting house came up by
 Reference from last meeting and a majority of
 The members voting in favor of building an addi-
 tion it was settled as a church act in accordance
 with the decision of the church at the last
 meeting that the addition should be built and
 the Trustees having desired that the church should
 appoint brethren to take charge of the work
 Bro Smith was appointed to oversee the same
 and brethren James Davis Geo Seligman and
 Thomas Posey were appointed to collect money
 to defray the expence of said work in the under-
 standing that they should appoint one of their
 number as treasurer to receive and pay out the money
 used in this work Bro Smoot was appointed
 to write the letter from this church to the correspo-
 nding meeting Eld Smoot announced to the church
 the probability of his absence from them in Sept
 ember which is there regular communion fore-

Season and the church in order that he might
 Be present with them a good providence
 permitting to hold their Communion the 2nd
 Sunday in Aug instead of September
 T. J. Simpson & Co

Saturday Aug 12th
 After preaching by Elder Wm M Smoot
 from Hebrews 13th Chap, 1st Verse, the church
 came together for business. The usual invitation
 was extended, but no person came forward.
 The letter written by Bro. Smoot to the Corres-
 ponding Meeting was read and adopted,
 then Dollars raised for minutes, and Brethren
 Davis, Smoot, Selcman, & Stone, Appointed
 as Messengers, together with any other of
 our brethren who might by Divine permission
 be present at the Meeting. The relationship
 existing between Elder Smoot and the church
 was brought up for Consideration the church
 manifesting a desire that it should be
 now full than a mere invitation to preach for
 them, at the same time desiring to relieve
 and satisfy his mind in the matter, Elder
 Smoot repeated his former statement, that
 in his opinion he did not possess all, if indeed
 any of the marks which the word of God
 requires in a bishop or pastor, and that the
 Lord had not as yet in his opinion
 laid that work entirely upon him; but he
 believed and hoped that the Lord had a work for

him to do in our midst, and desired to labour in the accomplishment of that work as the Lord might open up. After some discussion upon the subject brother Harris stated that in as much as assuming the name of a pastoral relation with a church seemed to trouble the mind of Bro Smoot, he would move, that a call be extended to bro. Smoot to take the care of the Church as the Lord might lay it upon him, and give him wisdom and ability so to do, without saying any thing about a pastoral relation. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted, and bro. Smoot responded in the affirmative to the call under the explanation that had been made upon the subject. The Moderator in order to have a clear understanding in regard to the work upon the meeting house asked the Church whether she designed that the brethren who were appointed at our last meeting to build an addition to said house, should also go on to plaster the house and have charge of the whole work to its completion. The Church replied that she did so design, and that the brethren who had been appointed should go on with their work, by divine permission in adding to, plastering, and completing all the work that remained to be done as the Lord might prosper their way, no other business having been brought forward, the Church adjourned the meeting.

J. J. Simpson
C. C.

September 9th

After preaching by brother E. V. White, The Church came together for the transaction of business, and no person came forward and no other business.

I. J. Simpson
C. C.

Saturday October 7th

After preaching by bro. Smoot The Church came together for the transaction of business and no person came forward, and no other business came before the Church, adjourned.

I. J. Simpson
C. C.

Saturday November 11th

After preaching by brother Smoot The Church came together for the transaction of business, no business came forward, the Church adjourned to meet, by divine permission on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in November.

At a called meeting of the Church held at their meeting house Nov 23rd, the Church after praise and prayer came together, The Moderator in some remarks laid before the Church from the word of God, some thing pertaining to the order and walk of the Church, in which the Church Unanimously sustained him and after some remarks by other brethren, the Church adjourned.

After having enjoyed a pleasant and we trust
a profitable interview together
J. J. Simpson
C.C.

Saturday December 9th

After Preaching by Bro. Smoot The Church
came together for the transaction of business,
and no business came forward —

Sunday December 10th

After Preaching The Church came together
for to commune and partook of the Emblems
of the broken body & shed blood of our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ —
J. J. Simpson
C.C.

A conclusion of business for the year 1876
" " " "

Saturday, January 13th 1877

After Preaching by Bro. Smoot The Church
came together for the transaction of business,
and no business before the Church
J. J. Simpson
C.C.

February 10th

After Preaching by Bro. Smoot the Church came together for the transaction of business. Bro. James F. Grimes & wife, presented letters of Dismissal from Alexandria, and was received into our membership, by the same, no other business before the Church - adjourned -

J. J. Simpson
C.C.

Saturday March 10th

After preaching by Bro. Smoot the Church came together for the transaction of business, and no person came forward, and no other business, adjourned -

J. J. Simpson
C.C.

April 7th.

After preaching the Church came together for business. The usual invitation was extended to members of sister churches to a seat with us in Council, and the door opened for the reception of members but no person came forward. The subject of raising the money to pay off the small debt due for the recent work done upon our meeting-house was brought before the Church and after some discussion the Church agreed to endeavor, by divine permission, to collect what they conveniently could among themselves.

and friends during the coming month in the hope that with what the Collectors might raise we might by our next meeting pay the debt. Having understood that the book containing the deed for the ground upon which our house ~~stood~~ has been built was destroyed or removed from the Court House during the war, a committee consisting of brethren Davis, Smith, and Simpson were appointed to look into this matter and endeavor, if required, to secure another deed. Nothing further having been brought forward for action the church adjourned the meeting.

C. postman

May 13th, 1878.

The church, after preaching, came together for business. The collection referred to at the last meeting was taken up and \$20.87 collected for paying off the debt now due for the recent work upon the meeting-house. Bro. Smith from the committee appointed at the last meeting to endeavor, by divine permission, to procure a deed for the ground upon which our meeting house stands reported that he had visited Brentsville last Court but had been advised to attend there on some other besides Court day, as the County Clerk would have more time to attend to the matter. Bro. Smoot announced that he expected by divine permission, to be absent from the

regular meeting of this church in June but that bro. White had promised, Providence permitting, to be with the congregation at that time, and suggested that the Sat. meeting be appointed for even instead of the morn. as this might suit bro. White better, who might not come to Wood. Station until Sat. morn., the moderator also suggested that the Sat. meeting for July be appointed for the eve. as he might not return from the North before Sat. morn. before the 2^d Sund. in July. The church adopted the suggestions, and appointed the Sat. meetings for June & July to be held, Providence permitting at 2 P.M. Brethren James Davis and Geo. Selesman laid before the church a charge against bro. Thos. J. Simpson, charging him with irregularity in settling his account of the money which he had collected for the recent work upon our meeting-house, and that when they had requested him to satisfy their mind upon this subject he had failed to do so, and also for his unchristian deportment in the matter. The church agreed to meet, by divine permission, on Wed. before the 4th Sund. in this month at 10½ A.M. to investigate this subject, and as bro. Simpson was not present to day we appointed a committee consisting of brethren Thos. Posey, Wm. A. B. Smith, and Calvin Stone to wait upon him and notify him

of the charge, of the act of the church, and to request his attendance at said meeting to answer the charge brought against him. It was further agreed that the church earnestly request the attendance of her members at the meeting appointed for the investigation of this charge, unless they were providentially hindered from attending; and further that the member or members who could not attend this meeting should send in the reason for their non attendance at the said meeting and that the church should consider whether or not in their judgment such member or members were justified in remaining away from the meeting for such cause or causes. The 2^d Sund. in May is one of the regular communion seasons of the church but because of the charge laid before us against bro. Simpson it was thought best to postpone the communion, by divine permission, to some future time. As the clerk pro. tem was absent bro. Smoot was appointed to make a record of this meeting.

Wm. M. Smoot C. pro. tem.

Sunday May 14th. \$ 4.78 more was collected to day for the debt upon our meeting-house, and this amt. amt. that collected yesterday was paid to bro. Smith.

May 23rd 1877

The church met by divine permission by appointment of its previous meeting. After the singing of an hymn, and prayer by Elder W. M. Smoot, the church proceeded to elect a clerk pro tem, and bro J. H. Erimes was unanimously elected.

All the Members were present except the following who had good and reasonable excuses for their absence,

Sisters Mary, F. L. Holland, Sallie, F. Davis, Sofa Carter Elizabeth Selcman, Virginia Payne, Martha Jackson Harriet Garnir and bro W^m F. Carter.

A cordial invitation was extended to Members of sister churches to sit with us in council during the present Meeting,

The report of the Committee consisting of bro Thos Posey, W. A. B. Smith, and Caleb Stone requesting bro J. J. Simpson to attend this meeting to answer a charge laid in against him, by brothers Jas Davis and Geo Selcman was made. They reported that he said, that he, "would not come unless he changed his mind" he also told bro Gulay on the day of said meeting that he "would not come".

Then bro Smoot made some remarks to the point, and was very particular to caution the members to be carefull and go by the word of God alone, as a charge against a brother was a very serious thing, and he trusted that the Lord would be their guide and support in this meeting as well as the time to come.

The brethren spoke very freely on the subject for

some time, and expressed their views on the charge according to doctrine of the word, and they all spoke in one accord.

Here the church took a nap for 10 minutes.

After refresh the first business was the refusal of bro J J Simpson to answer the summons of the church, which a lone, is a very serious charge, as the summons of the church of God to one of its members and his refusal to appear before its tribunal, is one of the gravest insults that can be heaped upon the church.

Several of the brethren spoke in regards to the divine commandments on this summons.

Then a motion was made to withdraw its fellowship from bro J J Simpson. The above motion being second was adopted by the church.

By a vote of the church the clerk bro Tom was requested to serve a notice to bro J J Simpson of its actions, and the notice being approved is recorded as follows.

Whereas a charge having been laid in against bro J J Simpson, by bro's Jas Davis and Geo Selesman at the May Meeting of the church, a committee consisting of brethren Thos Posey, W A B Smith, and Leab Stone were appointed to wait upon bro J J Simpson and request his ^{attendance} at a called meeting of the church to be held by divine permission at our meeting house, Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in May (23rd 1877) to answer said charge. and further at said meeting the committee reported that they had waited upon bro Simpson, and that he had refused to obey the summons

of the church,

Whereupon after considerable conversation the church withdrew fellowship from bro J. J. Simpson for refusing to obey the summons of the church in accordance with 2nd Thess 3rd chap. 6 verse, and that the acting clerk of the present meeting notify bro Simpson of this act of the church,

Done by order of the church at the called meeting held on Wednesday May 23rd 1877

J. F. Grimes C. C. Protum,

A suggestion made by bro Smoot to grant the use of our meeting house to the singing school provided, they take good care of it, was adopted. There being no other business the church adjourned to Saturday preceding the 2nd Sunday in June 1877

J. F. Grimes C. C. Protum

Saturday June 9th 1877

After preaching by bro White the church was called to order for business. The usual invitation was extended, but no persons came forward. There being no other business at present the church adjourned to its regular meeting in July

J. F. Grimes C. C. Protum

Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in July 1877
 After preaching by Elder Smoot from Luke 2nd chap
 8th to 14th vs inclusion, the church was called to order,
 the usual invitation to visiting brethren was
 extended, Bro Grimes was again appointed clerk & then
 the minutes of last meeting was read ^{and} adopted.
 Bro Smith from committee on deed of our lot
 reported that he could not find any trace of
 old deed, that was lost during the late war.
 The committee was requested to have a deed
 prepared and recorded.

Bro Grimes was appointed to write the letter
 from this church to the corresponding meeting
 of Virginia to be held with the Ebenezzer church
 in Loudoun Co Va in August 1877.

The subject of changing the time of holding
 the annual session of the corresponding meeting
 was laid before the church and after some discussion
 the church unanimously agree that in their judg-
 -ment it was best not to change the time.

Bro Smoot laid before the church the subject
 of inviting the corresponding meeting here next
 August 1878. He spoke at some length in favor
 of it, the brethren all spoke or ^{thru} expressed their views
 in favor of the meeting to be held ~~held~~ next year.
 whereas a motion being second it was unanim-
 -ly agreed to ^{invite} call the corresponding meeting here next
 August.

There being no other business the church
 adjourned to our next regular meeting in August 1877
 J. F. Grimes C. C. Potvin

Saturday August 11th 1877

After preaching from Matthew 11 chap. 3 last verses by Elder Smoot, the church was called to order for business. The usual invitation was extended to and, whom God might send to talk with us but He did not ~~send~~ to any one at that time. The minutes of last meeting was read and adopted, as well also, as the letter to the corresponding Meeting. Bro's Smoot & G. Selcman was appointed messengers with any of our brethren who might be present. The sum of (\$3.) three dollars for printing minutes, with request for 60 copies.

As Bro Smoot does not expect to be here next month, it was adopted to commune tomorrow. 2nd Sunday in August instead of its regular time in September.

As Brother Smoot does not expect to be here on our next regular meeting, he made an appointment, as he thought that he could secure some brother to preach for us at that time. May the God of Jacob be with him in his journey, and return him to this little band of pilgrims is the prayer of all its members.

There being no other business, the church adjourned in order to its next regular meeting

J. F. Grimes, C. C. Proctor

Saturday September 8th 1877

After preaching by Elder Wm Smoot from Luke 8^c. 113 to 118th Verse inclusive. The church was called to order. the usual invitation to visiting brethren was extended to sit with us in council, as also an invitation for any one to come forward and talk with us. but our Heavenly Master did not open the hearts of any one to come before the church.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting was read and approved.

Bro Smith laid before the church the subject of having a well dug for the use of the church. the brethren spoke at some length, and it was thought best to leave it over for further consideration.

Bro Smoot laid before the church the propriety of saving money for a collection to partly defray the expenses of the corresponding meeting to be held with us in August 1878.

He also laid before the church the propriety of a clerk and thought it best to wait a while longer. the brethren thought that now was as good time as any. and your humble clerk Postum did not feel worthy nor fit for so high a position, but by a unanimous vote of the church he was elected their clerk. I trust that the Lord will make me able + profitable to fill the trust.

*The petition of the members of Quanticos church to said church for dismission, for the purpose of constituting the Occoquan church, as well as a copy of the letter of admission to the va corresponding meeting was ordered to be filed with other church papers. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

*Should read: "a copy of."

J. L. Grimes C. Clerk

Sat., Oct. 13th, 1877.

After preaching from the 89th Psalm, 15th & 16th verses, the church came together for business. The usual invitation ^{was extended} to members of sister churches to a seat with us in council. In the absence of the clerk of the church Bro. Smoot was appointed Clerk pro tem. of the present meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved with the insertion of the phrase, "A copy of," in the clause beginning with: "The petition".

The church, after some discussion upon the subject, appointed her male members to attend, by divine permission, to whatever business might come before them in connection with the next session of the "V. A. Co. Mt." appointed to be held, Providence permitting, with this church. No other business having been brought forward for action the meeting was adjourned.

Wm. M. Smoot ^{Clerk} pro tem.

Saturday November 10th 1877

After preaching from the 2nd chap of Acts
#4 vs to end of chapter, the church came
together for business. The usual invitation
was extended to members of sister churches
to sit with us in council. also an invitation
was extended to any to come forward and relate how
the Lord has led them, but none came forward.

The committee appointed in July 8th 1876 to
attend to the repairs to the church, reported
that the work was finished and the debt paid,
and asked to be discharged from further duties,
which was granted by a unanimous vote.

whereupon a resolution of thanks by bro Smoot
to the above committee was adopted, which is
as follows. viz. On the 8th day of July 1876
in regular church meeting we appointed a com-
mittee consisting of brethren James Davis, Geo
Seleman, Thos Posey and Wm A B Smith to take
charge of the recent work upon our meeting
house, and as the committee have this day
reported that the work has been finished and
paid for, we deem it our duty to unite in this
expression of our appreciation of their labors,
and of the able and efficient manner in which
they have conducted the work to its completion,
Done by order of the church and adopted in regular
church meeting this 10th day of Nov 1877

There being no other business brought forward
the meeting adjourned

J. F. Grimes. C. Clerk

Saturday Dec 8th 1877

After preaching from the 4th chap of 1st John 7th to 12th verses inclusive the church came together for business. The usual invitation was extended to members of sister churches to sit with us in council.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. There being no business before the church, the church adjourned in order to its next regular meeting in January.

J. F. Grimes, C. Clerk

1878.

Sat. Jan. 12th.

After preaching from Philipians 1st Chap. from 3rd to 7th verses inclusive the church came together for business. After the customary invitation to members of sister churches to a seat with us in Council, and in the absence of the Clerk, Bro. Snoot was appointed to enter the present meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved. There being no other business, after remaining together a short ^{time} in listening to some appropriate remarks in love and fellowship from brethren the meeting was adjourned.

Wm. M. Snoot, C. pro tem.

Sat. Feb. 9th, 1878.

After preaching from Math. 28th chap. last three verses The church convened for business. In the absence of the clerk Bro. W. M. Smoot was appointed to record the present meeting. As usual the opportunity was given to any who might be present with the desire of becoming connected with us by baptism or in any other way consistent with our order in receiving members, but no person came forward. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. There was no business brought before the church for action, and after some appropriate remarks by brethren the meeting was adjourned.

Wm. M. Smoot, C. pro tem.

Saturday March 9th 1878

After preaching from Act's 16th Chap - 31 - 32 + 33 the church came to order for business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. The usual invitation was extended to any who might feel a desire to come forward and relate their experience. but no one came forward, as well as to members of sister churches to a seat with us in Council.

After some very appropriate remarks by our Bro Smoot and others, and as there was no business to be attended to. the church adjourned in order

J. B. Grimes Church Clerk

Saturday April 13th 1878

After preaching from James 2nd chap 14th to 21st.
 * The usual invitation ^{was extended} to members of sister churches to a seat with us in Council, also to any one to come forward and relate the dealings of the ^{Lord} with them, bro Smoot spoke very affectionately to such if any, but none came forward. Bro Smoot laid before the church the propriety of having a well dug which was discussed by the brethren at some length, finally it was decided to see if the money could be raised by subscription. Brethren Selcman & Grimes was appointed to secure Lumber for the use of the church to be used by them in August during the Association.

Brother Smith & Carter was appointed to attend to the white Washing. Clearing the church. Moving the Pulpit to its original place in the West End of the house and otherwise renovating the building. There being no other
 * { The church came together for business } other business the church adjourned
 J. F. Grimes & Clerk

Saturday May 11th 1878

After preaching from Zach^{ary} 13th & 2nd last. When the church came together for business. The usual invitation to visiting brethren was extended to a seat with us in council, also to any who wished to come before the church, but there being none present. It was decided to take a collection on the 3rd Sunday in this month for sundry purposes. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes & Clerk

3rd Sunday in May. The collection amounted to \$9¹⁶/₁₀₀ of which \$2³⁰/₁₀₀ was paid for repairs to pulpit and the balance \$6⁸⁶/₁₀₀ turned over to Bro Selcman

J. F. Grimes & Clerk

Saturday May June 8th 1878

After preaching by Bro White the church came together for business. There being no business the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes & Clerk

Saturday July 13th 1878

After preaching from 1st Peter 2nd Chap 1st to 6th verse the church came together for business. The minutes of the church meeting in May was read and approved. Brethren of Sister Churches was invited to a seat in council with us, also to any to come before the church and relate the dealings of the Lord but none came forward.

Bro Smoot spoke a few minutes to the edification of the members. after which it was adopted to appoint a committee consisting of brethren Carter Smith, Selcman, Posey & Davis to select a place, and to have erected, a stand for the use of the 2nd Corresponding Meeting.

Bro Grimes was appointed to write the corresponding letter. A Committee was appointed consisting of brethren Selcman, Davis and Posey to decide the best way to dispose of the privilege of having stands for refreshments, (and it was adopted to let all who wished, have a stand.) *not adopted*

The collection for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the association amounted to Twenty three dollars (\$23⁰⁰/₁₀₀) out of which was paid for sawing lumber, white washing and board while painting Seventeen 89⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, leaving a balance in the hands of Bro Selcman of 5¹¹/₁₀₀ dollars. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes & Clerk

Saturday Aug 10th 1878

After preaching from Romans 8^c 26 & 27th the church came together for business. brethren of sister churches was invited to a seat with us in council, and invitation was extended to any to come forward, but none came. The minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted, except the words marked thus (x x) relating to stands. The letter to the W^m Congreg^l Meeting was read and adopted. The meeting for September was appointed to be held the 1st Sunday & Saturday preceding instead of the 2nd. It was also adopted to hold a social ^{meeting} on the 4th Sunday in September, there being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. L. Grimes Church Clerk

Saturday August 31st 1878

After preaching from Isaiah 66th chap 1st to 4th vers. the church came together for business. Members of sister church was invited to a seat in council with us. The minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. L. Grimes

There was no church meeting
in October

J. L. Grimes & Clerk

Saturday Nov 9th 1878

After preaching by Bro Smoot from Luke 14th chap 16th to 24th the church came together for business. Brethren of sister churches was invited to a seat with us in Council; an invitation was extended to any person to come forward and relate the dealings of the Lord with them but he did not ^{sent} reveal him self to any one.

The minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted

The committee appointed at our July Meeting to attend to the management of the Association was discharged

By request of Bro J Simpson a motion was made and seconded to relieve him of the office of trustee which was unanimously carried and Bro Caleb Stone was appointed in his place as trustee

There was paid Six dollars for ^{hauling} water during the association and 36cts for nails which ~~which~~ left left a deficit of one dollar and twenty five cents which was collected from the brethren, the record shows that there is no balance in the Treasurer. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. L. Harris Church Clerk

December 7th Saturday 1878

After preaching by bro Smoot the church came together for business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat ^{with us} in council. An invitation was extended to any to come forward, but none came. The church talked together for a while on unimportant business.

There being no business the church adjourned in order

J. L. Smith & Co

Sat., Jan. 11th, 1879.

The church, after preaching from Rom. 13th chap. 11th & 14th verses, came together for business. The usual invitation was extended but no person came forward. The minutes of the previous ^{meeting} were read and approved. In the absence of the clerk, bro. Wm. Mc. Smoot was appointed to make a record of the present meeting. In the opening of the meeting the Moderator made some remarks upon the death of bro. Seecman, and, after the usual routine of business, presented the following "Tribute of Love" to his memory which was unanimously adopted. In the absence of other business the Church adjourned the meeting.

Wm. Mc. Smoot, C. pro tem.

The following is the "Tribute" referred to in the previous entry:

A "Tribute of Love" to the memory of bro. Geo. Selesman, and an expression of sympathy with his bereaved family.

In the providence of God our heavenly father, he hath seen fit to remove by death from our number, bro. Geo. Selesman, one of the deacons of this church. We deem it our duty to unite in this expression of love in memory of our departed brother, and of sincere sympathy with his bereaved family. With much sorrow we have heard of the death of our dear brother, and we desire to bow in humble awe and adoration before him whose power is eternal and omnipotent, whose wisdom is infinite, and who ever doeth all things well. May he as far as is embraced in his holy and righteous will, lead the bereaved family to the fount of every blessing and of all comfort, and lead us in the way of wisdom to the bright glory of a world without end. Done by order of the Church, and adopted in regular meeting Sat., Jan., 11th, 1879.

Wm. M. Smoot, C. pro. tem.

Saturday Feb'y 8th 1879

After preaching from 1st Timothy 3rd c 8 to 15 vrs inclusive the church came together for business. The visiting brethren of sister churches was cordially invited to a seat in council with us. The usual invitation was extended to any one to come forward but none came.

The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved.

Tribute of love in memory of bro Jas Davis & Wife was read and unanimously adopted, which is recorded after the regular church business of this date. Bro Smoot spoke very beautifully about the mode of selecting a deacon, and the church unanimously agreed to postpone till their next regular meeting the choice of a deacon so that the members could consult one with another on so important a question.

A motion was made and adopted to have a fence put around the Graves and a portion of the church lot and the following was appointed a committee to collect funds and attend to the work, brethren

Grimes, Smith, Stone and W^r Padman Silcman, B M Davis and J C Davis. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes Sec. Clerk

The following is the "Tribute" referred to in the above entry.

In the Providence of God our heavenly father we are called to mourn the loss by death of Deacon James Davis and aged father in Israel and a highly esteemed member of this church, also Sister Mary R Davis, his wife, who was held in high esteem amongst us. We desire

to bow in deep sorrow and in solemn awe and adoration before the throne of Him whose judgments are unsearchable, and whose ways are past finding out; to unite in this tribute of love in memory of the deceased, and expression of sincere sympathy with the bereaved family called upon within a few days to mourn the loss by death of an aged father and mother who were united in life and not parted in death. May the God of all comfort sustain them and bless them, as far as is embraced in his holy and righteous will. We know that he doeth all things well.

Done by order of the church and adopted
in regular church meeting Feb 8th 1879
J. F. Grimes & Co

Saturday March 8th 1879

After preaching from Mark 10: 25th to 35th vs inclusive the church came together for business. The usual invitation to any one to come forward and relate the dealings of the Lord with them, but none came forward. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. This being the time appointed at our last meeting to chose a deacon, and bro Thos Posey ^{name} being presented to the church to fill that office. There fore a motion being ^{made} that bro Thos Posey be chosen ^{as deacon} of this church, and on being seconded was unanimously carried. By request of bro Smoot it was adopted to hold our next regular meeting on the 3rd Sunday and Saturday preceeding providence permitting. Also a meeting of the brethren & friends on the 5th Sunday which was adopted. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes, Church Clerk

Sat., April 19th, 1879.

The church met, after preaching by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot from the 2^d chap. of Acts from the 41st verse to the end of the chapter. The usual invitation was extended but no person came forward. In the absence of the Clerk bro. Caleb Stone was appointed to make an entry of the present meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. At our meeting held April 24, 1872 a committee was appointed to secure, if possible, another deed for the lot of ground upon which our meeting-house stands, as the book containing the first deed was destroyed or in some way removed from the County records during the war. After the death of bro. David bro. Smith is the only remaining member of that committee in standing with the church, consequently at this meeting the subject was brought up and another committee appointed consisting of bro. Wm. A. Smith, Mr. Wm. Seccaman and Mr. Edward Nelson, to attend to that matter. In the absence of other business the church adjourned the meeting.

Caleb S Stone C. Pro. tem.

Saturday May 10th 1877

After preaching by Elder Sawin from 26^c Isaiah and 1st cor the church came together for business.

And invitation to Members of sister ^{Churches} was issued to a seat in Council with us. Also an invitation to any one to come before the church, but none at this time came. The Minutes of our last meeting was read & approved. And the general business coming before the church a resolution was presented to withdraw fellowship from Elder John Bell which reads as follows.

Whereas Elder John Bell and Elder among the colored brethren who has previously been held in esteem and fellowship among us, has fallen into disorder which renders it necessary to withdraw fellowship from him, and our sister churches Shiloh in Washington and Bethlehem in this county, having withdrawn fellowship, we deem it our duty also in accordance with what we believe to be gospel order to withdraw fellowship from the said Elder John Bell.

And a motion being made and second the above resolution was unanimously adopted,

and it appearing that there was two ^{colored} brethren from one of John Bell's churches who wished to be amongst us, therefore they were invited to come before the church.

Bro Willoughy Bowls came forward and was unanimously received as a member of this church on profession of his faith. he was baptised by Elder John Bell in June 1873.

Also Bro Charles Pearson who was received in like manner he was baptised by the same in July 1874.

There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Saturday July 12th 1879

After preaching by Bro Smoot from Genesis 28th 10 to 15th verse the church came together for business. Members of sister churches present was invited to a ^{seat} in Council with us, also to an invitation to any one to come forward and relate the dealings of the Lord, but none made their appearance before us. This being the time in course to prepare our church letter to the Va Corresponding Meeting and a motion ~~being~~^{was} carried, to the effect that Bro Grimes be requested to prepare the above letter there being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J F Grimes Sec Clerk

Aug 9th 1879

After preaching from Isaiah 55th Chap 8th to 11th verses inclusive by Bro Smoot the church came together for business. The usual invitation was extended to any one to come before the church but none came. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in Council with us. The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved. The letter to the Va Corresponding Meeting was read and adopted. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

L S Stone Clerk Pro tem

In the absence of the regular clerk Bro Stone was requested to record the minutes.

L S Stone

Saturday Sept 13th 1879

After preaching from 1st Kings 9th chap 9 to 18th vs. the church came together for business. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us. An invitation was extended to any one to come before the church and relate the dealings of the Lord and Mr. Selesman came before the church and gave his experience and was unanimously received for baptism and by request of the church it was adopted for him to be baptised Sunday Sept 14th at Lower Davis Ford. There being no other business the church adjourned in order. Bro Selesman was baptised as above ^{mentioned} J. F. Grimes Ch. Clerk

Saturday Oct 11th 1879

After preaching from 2nd Corinthians 6th chap from 14th vs to end of chap. the church came together for business. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us. An invitation was extended to any person to come before the church when Mrs S. F. Fenwick of Fairfax Co came forward and related her experience and by a unanimous choice, was identified with us, there being no reference ^{before} the church, and by motion the church adjourned in order.

Baptism was appointed for tomorrow at 9.30 o'clock at same place. The Minutes of our last Meeting was approved Sister Fenwick was baptised as above stated and right hand of fellowship given

J. F. Grimes Ch. Clerk

Saturday November 8th 1879

After preaching by our beloved Elder, Elder Smoot from Isaiah 64th Chap. 1th to 8th verse, the church came together for business. Members of Sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved, and an invitation was extended to any one to come forward and relate how the Lord has led them, but there was none to come.

A joint resolution from Alex^s and Washington churches requesting Occoquan church to send messengers to Alex^s and confer with messengers from Sister Churches in regards to the standing of members who have withdrawn from Beulah colored church of Washington and Geo Grimes, Solomon, and any other Brothers who may be present to act as messengers at said meeting. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. L. Grimes b. Clerk

Saturday Dec 13th 1879

After preaching from Philippians 3rd chap. 12th 13th 14th verse, the church came together for business. Members of Sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us, an invitation was extended to any one to come before the church by confession of their faith or otherwise, but it pleased the Lord that none should come at this time. There being no business from our last meeting the church adjourned in order

James F. Grimes b. Clerk

The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved

J. F. Grimes, b. Clerk

End of year of 1879

January 10th 1880 Saturday

After preaching by Bro Smeot from Ruth 1st chap 16 & 17th vs
 the church came together for business. ^{members of} Sisters of ^{church} was
 invited to a seat in council with us. an invitation was
 extended, but none came before the church. The minutes
 of our last meeting was read and approved. By
 unanimous consent brethren Selcman & Psey was appointed
 a committee to designate the place where the dead may
 be buried, and to grant to Members and others, to select
 the place for their families to be buried.

The recommendation of the council convened in Washington
 DC Dec 30th 1879 in regards to the standing of Zion Col church
 was unanimously agreed to which reads as follows.

We, the council convened in Washington DC Dec 30th 1879
 upon the joint invitation of the Alex^a and Shiloh churches
 after careful, and we hope prayerful investigation of, and
 consultation upon the subjects upon which our council is
 requested, and an examination of the certificates of the
 Moral character of the Members seeking recognition and
 their articles of Faith and order, we find, insofar as we are
 capable of judging, that their Moral character is good,
 their faith and order sound and consistent and we unan-
 imously conclude to recommend their recognition to
 our churches, and to all orderly Old School Baptist any-
 where. 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 relation
 that have hitherto existed and still exist between
 the white and colored brethren, nor does it apply
 or is it in any sense binding upon the churches
 of our order among the white brethren as to privi-

- eyes 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

F. A. Chick Moderator

Wm M Smoot Clerk.

There being no other business The church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes Clerk

Saturday July 7th 1880

After preaching by Bro Smoot from Matthew 10: 34 to 39 was the church came together for business. After some very appropriate remarks by Bro Smoot upon the ^{full} attendance of members, then members of sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us, an invitation was extended to any to come before the church and relate the work of the Lord with them. we feel that there is some now waiting to come, but the God of Jacob will bring them out in due time. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. The Committee appointed the 8th day of July 1879 to make collections to have the fence around the Meeting house finished, reported that the work was finished and every cent of it paid for, and they now ask to be discharged which was unanimously done, and a vote of thanks was tendered to them (the committee) for their faithful performance. The meeting for March was changed to the 1st Sunday and then to come back to the 2nd Sunday as usual. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes Clerk

Saturday March 12th 1880

After preaching by Bro Smoot from Lev^e 12nd 1, 2, 3rd the church came together for business. Members of Sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us. Bro Smoot once more gave an invitation to such as the Lord has seen pleasure in giving an experience. We humbly believe that there is some amongs us from their walk and conversation, but they prefer to be lashed a while longer with the two edged sword before they obey their Lord and Master. The minutes of our previous Meeting was read and adopted or approved. Our Meeting was quite fully attended and was a sweet communion for those that was present. There being no business the church adjourned in order.

N.B. Sunday being a rainy day there was very few in attendance but Bro Smoot spoke with his usual firmness.
J. F. Grimes Church Clerk

Saturday April 10th 1880

After preaching from Acts 8. chap and first eight verses by Bro Smoot the church came together for business. Indeed I felt that our God was present with us, and the beautiful way that Bro Smoot explained how Saul was brought to see the way that he was led, "whereas I was once blind now I see" was the words of the blind man that Christ caused to see. And when Bro Smoot gave an invitation to any one to come before the Church and relate how the Lord had led them, ~~John~~ Laffertyth Maddox came forward and related a very beautiful and christian experience and when the vote was taken for his reception as a candidate for baptism it was a

unanimous one. The minute of our last meeting was read and approved. By unanimous consent the communion season for May was changed to the June meeting, there being no other business the church adjourned in order. I will say that bro Wm. B. Carter was present and we was very glad to see him and he said that it was a great pleasure to him to come amongst us once more.

J. F. Grimes Church Clerk

Bro Meadley was baptized Sunday Morning at 9.30 o'clock at Davis's ford and after preaching right hand of fellowship was given to him.

J. F. Grimes C. C.

Saturday May 8th 1880

There being no preaching caused by the sickness of bro White consequently there was no church meeting.

J. F. Grimes C. C.

Saturday June 21st 1880

After preaching by Bro Smoot from Mathew 10^o 3rd Lat verses the church came together for business. Members of sister churches ~~were~~ invited to a seat in council with us; an invitation was extended to any one to come forward as the door was now open when sister Sarah Jam, (Pierson) came forward and was rec^d on profession of her faith in her Lord and Master. Sister Pierson was baptized by John Bell before he was we withdrew fellowship from him. The Minute of our last meeting (in April) was read and adopted. There being no business before the church, the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes C. C.

July
Sat. Aug. 10th, 1880.

After preaching by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot the church conversed for business. In the absence of the clerk Bro. Wm. Seckman was appointed to make an entry of the present meeting. The usual invitation ^{was extended} to members of sister churches to sit with us in council, and the door opened for the reception of members but no persons came forward. Bro. James H. Grimes was appointed to write the letter to the "Va. Con. Meet." These ^{minutes of the} ~~minutes~~ previous meeting were read and approved. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned. William Seckman C. pro. tem.

Saturday Aug 7th 1880

After preaching by Eld. Newbanks of Georgia from Matt 5th Chap 4th vis. the church came together for business. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us. The door being open for those that felt a desire to come before the church, but none came. The Minutes of our last meeting was read and approved also the letter to the Va. Consp^a Meeting was read and approved. The amt raised for the Minutes was \$3⁷⁵/₁₀₀ dollars. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Lewis C. C.

Saturday, Sept. 11th, 1880.

After preaching from the 22nd Psalm 12th 13th 14th 15th verses the church came together for business.
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In the absence of the Clerk bro. Mr. Selberman was appointed to make an entry of the present meeting. After the usual invitation to members of sister churches to a seat with us in Council, the door of the church was opened for the reception of members but no person came forward. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. Owing to the serious illness of bro Tho. Posey the only deacon in the Church the communion was postponed until the Oct. meeting, when we hope to commune, if the Lord will. There being no other business before us for action the Church adjourned the meeting

C. pro tem

October 9th 1880

after preaching from Malachi 3 chap 8 to 12th meeting the church came together for business and after some remarks from Bro Snook and invitation was extended to any to come before the church. When Mrs Harriet & Madox and Mrs Levinia Mills came forward and related a sound Gospel experience and were received unanamously for baptism. A Tribute of Love was adopted on the death of our dear Brother Thos Posey which reads as follows

A Tribute of Love

It having been the good pleasure of our heavenly Father to remove from his earthly labors Deacon Thos Posey a member and deacon of this church, we recognize it as a sad duty to record an expression of love to his memory

and sympathy with his bereaved family. Our dear brother had endeared himself to us by his walk and conversation. The Lord's great mercy and goodness were manifested in his life. The theme of salvation was the subject of his conversation. Upon it he loved to dwell; and to follow Jesus in his holy commandments was the greatest desire of his mind. We feel assured that he is now at rest in the everlasting presence of the Saviour of sinners. With him the eternal Morning has at last arrived, and the sorrows, trials, conflicts, and sins of earth are forever banished by the glorious light of the never ending day.

May the bereaved family find refuge at the Father's throne, and to the measure of his purpose, May he enable them to lean upon ~~their~~ his strong arm, and this affliction be blessed to the good of all that mourn. Done by order of the church and adopted at its regular Meeting Saturday Oct 9th 1880

Sister Maddox was baptized as Jas. L. Grimes & Clerk appointed and right hand of fellowship given

Saturday Nov 13th 1880

After preaching from Hebrews 12 chap 5 first verse the church came together for business and indeed Bro Smoot spoke very beautiful to the church and to those that the Lord has led to follow him and when he invited any one to come before the church and relate the way that the Lord has brought them, when Mrs Caroline Pearson came forward and related a very clear and bright experience and was unanimously received as a candidate for baptism and the following day (Sunday) was appointed for her

baptism there being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes, Clerk
Sister Pearson was baptised at the regular place on Sunday and the right hand of fellowship given.

J. F. Grimes, Clerk
Saturday December 11th 1880

After preaching from 3rd chap 1st to 8^{verse} of Exodus by Bro Smoot the church came together for business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted.

Bro Smoot gave an invitation to any to come before the church, when J. W. Davis came before the church and related a very clear experience of the way our God has brought him these many years and he was received unanimously for baptism. The ordinance of baptism was postponed until the Thursday after the 4th Sunday at the Village of Occogan and it was adopted to postpone the communion season until the 2nd Sunday (the 9th) of January 1881, there being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes, Clerk
Bro. Davis was baptized as above appointment and it being very cold, the thermometer standing ^{at that time} at 70 deg below zero, or 42 degrees below freezing point, the ice was about 8 inches thick, which was cut out of the way by kind friends, it was supposed to be the coldest ^{day} for 50 years.

J. F. Grimes, Clerk
Saturday ~~January~~ 21st ~~1880~~
The End of the year 1880

1881

January 8th 1881

After preaching from Matthew 25th Chap and 4th verse the church came together for business. An invitation was extended to any one to come before the church but no one came. The Minutes of our last meeting was read and approved, there being no other business the church adjourned in order
J. F. Grimes Clerk

February 12th 1881

In consequence of the death of Bro Broder's daughter Mrs Moore, there was no church meeting on the 2nd Saturday as Bro Wm M. Smoot was called to attend the funeral of the above lady, there was preaching on Sunday.
J. F. Grimes Clerk

Saturday Janu March 13th 1881

After preaching from Galatians 3rd Chap just 3rd verse the church came together for business. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in Council with us, the usual invitation was given but no one came before the church. The Minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted. There being no other business the church adjourned in order
J. F. Grimes Clerk

Saturday April 9th 1881

After preaching from Mathew 18th chap first six verses the church came together for business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved, and invitation was extended to any to come before the church, when Mrs Julia Arrington Miss ~~F. L.~~ ^{back} Tamm and August Mayfield came forward and ^{back} related a very satisfactory evidence of a work of grace and they were received for Baptism. The May meeting was changed to the (3rd) Third Sunday & Saturday preceding in that month because bro Somost will be absent at our regular meeting the 2nd Saturday. The baptism was postponed untill the 3rd Sunday in May. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes Clerk

Saturday May 14th 1881

After preaching by Elder Savin from Titus 2 chap. 11. 12. 13th verse the church came together for business. Members of sisters churches was invited to a seat in council with us. There was a full of the members present except a few, and some visiting brethren which made it very pleasant and certainly a very sweet meeting, and your humble clerk for one felt that the Lord showed the power of his gentle hand in dealing with his dear children so tenderly, and when an invitation was extended to any to before the church and relate the dealings of the Lord with them. There was two who felt that God called them to come at this time. They were Mrs Mary Milstead and W. J.

Wright and related a very beautiful evidence of the work of grace and they were unanimously received as candidates for baptism. there was being no special time appointed for the ordinance to be administered. Bro Smoot spoke very beautifully to the church and then said if there was no other business a motion to adjourn was in order which was unanimously done.

J. L. Collins, C. B.
 Sunday Morning at nine o'clock Sisters Larimer Harrington and Bro Mayfield were baptised by Bro Smoot at the usual place. The communion was postponed until the 3rd Sunday in June.

J. L. Collins, C. B.

Saturday June 11th 1881

After preaching from 43rd Psalm and last three verses by Bro Smoot the church came together for business. Members of sister's churches of good standing was invited to a seat in council with us. An invitation was extended to any one to come before the church but it seems that there was no one who felt that ^{the} spirit of the ^{Lord} would say, "come".

The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved.

Bro Stone made an acknowledgement to the church concerning a matter of disorder in which he was recently involved, and the church unanamously and heartily accepted his acknowledgement. It was adopted that the church should take a vote at its next regular meeting in July for a deacon and that each member should vote by ballot for the brother they think will come up to the requirements that is laid down in 1st Timothy 3rd chapter 8th to 13th verse inclusive. it is to be hoped that each member will be present

and cast their vote as the Lord may direct.

Bro Smoot took this opportunity to talk to the church about their duties, and tried to ^{impr}ess upon their minds that they should refrain from talking about the brethren and meeting places that a christian ought not to go. Indeed I felt that he was in the true spirit and the admonition ought to be taken home with us and think of it before we do an act unless we have a thus saith the Lord for it.

There being no other business the church adjourned in order

Sunday 12th June. Before the ordinance of baptism of Bro Wright and Sister Milstead was performed, Mrs^{man} R Wright the wife of bro J T Wright came before the church gathered at the house of Mrs Manda Davis and gave a clear christian work of grace and was rec^d for baptism, then the church retired to the water and sister Mary Milstead, bro J T Wright and sister M. R. Wright were baptized in the fellowship of our church, and after preaching the right hand of fellowship was extended to them. Also the communion was administered which was postponed in May to our regular meeting in June
J. L. Grooms, C. Clerk

Saturday July 9th 1881

after preaching by Bro Smoot from the 11th Chapter of Matthew and 2nd to 6th verses inclusive. The church came to gather for business. Brother Gaimis being absent on account of sickness Jas. W. Davis was appointed to act in his place. The Door of the Church was opened and invitation given to any that felt that God had been precious to their Soul to come before the Church. but there was none come forward. The Minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted. A Ballot was taken for Deacons and as the Brethren

did not write on anyone it was postponed until the future.
 The Ballot was taken in such a quiet and peaceful way:
 one could but feel that it was good to be there. To see Brethren
 vote one for another with the assurance that he was more
 willing to fill the office than himself. Bro. Grimes was appointed to
 write the letter to the V. Co. Meeting. James W. Davis

Saturday, Aug. 13th, 1881.

After preaching from the 23rd Psalm, 26th verse the
 church was called together for business. In the
 absence of the clerk Bro. Wm. Selesman was appointed
 to make an entry of the present meeting. An op-
 portunity was given to any one desirous of be-
 coming connected with us in a gospel way,
 but no person came forward for that object.
 The minute of the previous meeting was read and
 with a slight amendment was approved. The
 letter to the V. Co. Met. was read and adopted.
 In the absence of other business the church ad-
 journed the meeting. William Selesman Clerk for the time.

Saturday Sept 10th 1881

After preaching from Genesis 28th 14 & 15th verse by
 Bro. Sondot, the church came together for business.
 Members of Sister's churches was invited to a seat
 in council with us. The usual invitation was
 extended to any who felt drawn by the word of God
 to come before the church when Miss Hanna Williams
 came before the church and related the dealing
 of the Lord with her, it was agreed to postpone
 her case untill our next regular meeting although we believe
 her experience was a sound Gospel one. There being no other

business the church adjourned in order
 J. F. Grimes C. Clerk
 The minutes of our last meeting was read and
 approved. J. F. Grimes C. C.

Saturday October 8th 1881

After preaching by bro Smoot from 1st John 3rd chap 18 verse
 the church came together for business. Members of
 sister churches was invited to a seat in council with
 us. The door of the church being opened, and a cordial
 invitation given to any to come before it. when Mrs
 Catharine A Omeare came forward and talked very
 beautiful to the church then she was unanimously
 received for baptism to take place the following day
 (Sunday 9th) one of our sisters requested bro Smoot to say
 that she was very sorry that she spoke so hastily at
 our last meeting in regards to Miss Hanna Williams.
 The church on due deliberation thought best to postpone
 her (Miss H Williams) case to our next meeting, it being
 done with the kindest ^{est} feeling toward her, and
 with her consent, there being no other business
 the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Sister Catharine A Omeare was baptised as above
 appointed and received in full fellowship after
 preaching Sunday Oct 9th 1881

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Elizabeth Jane Posey came before the church at Mrs Omeare
 Davis' house and was received for baptism and was baptised
 by bro Smoot at the same time with sister Omeare
 Oct 9th 1881

J. F. Grimes C. C.

Saturday November 12th 1881

After preaching from Matthew 3rd Chap + first 6 verses the church came together for business. The Minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. Then bro Smoot gave an invitation to any one to come before the church and relate their experience if they were so directed by our God but none put in their appearance. Then bro Smoot requested Miss Hanna Williams to again relate to the church how she was led by our Saviour + Master. And by unanimous consent she was received for baptism, and we do believe that the spirit of the Lord was manifested in our work.

By unanimous consent bro J. W. Davis was elected as Trustee of the Occoquan church in place of bro Thos Posey deceased. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. L. Harris Clerk

Sister Williams was baptized at the usual place and the right hand of fellowship extended

November 13th 1881

J. L. Harris Clerk

Saturday December 10th 1881

After preaching from Romans 6th Chap 5th verse by bro Smoot the church came together for business. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us.

An invitation was extended to any one to come before the church and relate to the church the way the God of Jacob has led them, or other-wise if consistent with the order of our church. When Mr Albert Omeare came forward and related a christian experience and was unanimously received as a candidate for baptism. The board of Trustees made their annual report and their

Accounts were found correct with a ballance of (\$7.15) Eighty seven cents in their favor. It was adopted to vote for a deacon at our next meeting in January and we do hope that each member will vote with a unity and an eye single to God.

It was also adopted to hold our February Meeting in the Village of Occoquan on the Third Sunday and Saturday preceding instead of the 2nd Sunday and Saturday, and in the Month of February there will not be any regular meeting at this place. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes, C. Clerk
 Sunday 11th Dec After preaching the church came together for communion, and as bro Oman was baptised this morning the right hand of fellowship was extended to him by bro Smoot in behalf of the church
 J. F. Grimes Church Clerk

The End of the Year 1881

We lost one Member by Death.

and received ten on their experience and baptism
 Since January 1st 1881 to Dec 31st 1881

Thirty three of our number was baptised by bro Smoot

Saturday January 7th 1882

After preaching from 1st Samuel 3rd Chap. 7th to 10th verse. inclusion by bro Smoot. the usual invitation was extended but no one came forward. The minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted. The vote for Deacon ^{was} being taken and there being no choice it was postponed until the following day (Sunday) provided there was sufficient members. But there not being a goodly number of members present it was postponed until the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in February in the Village of Occoquan. There being no other business the church adjourned in order
J. F. Grimes Clerk

Occoquan Saturday Feb 18th 1882

after preaching by Bro Smoot from 1 John 3rd c. 13 and part 14th the Church came together for business Bro Grimes being absent the undersigned was appointed to act in his place at this meeting. The door of the Church was opened and an invitation given to anyone that felt it their duty to come before the Church but none come forward a ballot was taken for Deacon in which Bro Mayfield was chosen Deacon. The minutes of our last meeting was ^{read} and approved there being no other business the Church adjourned in order
James W. Davis

1882

Saturday March 11

The Church came to gather after preaching by Bro. W. A. Smith in the absence of the clerk. Bro. W. A. Smith was appointed to make an entry of the present meeting. There was no business however before the Church for action and after remaining together a short time the meeting adjourned.
W. A. B. Smith clerk for term

Saturday Apr 8th 1882

After preaching by Bro. Smith from 10th to 10th verses the Church came to gather for business. Bro. Gaines being absent the undersigned was appointed to act in his place at this meeting. The usual invitation was extended but no one came forward. The minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted. A communication was received from Zion Church of Washington D.C. inviting this Church to participate in a Council appointed to be held, by divine permission, in Washington April 26th 1882 to consider the propriety of, and should they deem proper, to proceed to ordain Bro. M. S. Reid a member and licentiate of, said Church to the work of the gospel ministry. The Church responded to the invitation by appointing Eld. W. M. Smith, Brother Albert O'Neal, W. A. Smith with any other white male members of the Church who might be present to act as our messengers. as there was no other business the Church adjourned.

James W. Davis clerk for term

Saturday June 10th 1882

After preaching from Isaiah 50: 10 & 11 by bro Smoot. the church came together for business. Members of Sister's church was invited to a seat in council with us, an invitation was extended to any one to come before the church when William Hamilton came forward and was received ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ confession of his faith he was baptized by bro Bell before said Bell was excluded from the fellowship of the church. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes 64

Saturday July 8th 1882

After preaching from 1st Timothy 1st Chap 15th verse by bro Smoot. the church came together for business. An invitation was extended to any one to come before the church when Miss Lucy Leadman, Mrs Virginia Thompson & Miss Alcinda Smoot, came before the church and told the dealings of the ^{Lord} with them, which was very satisfactory to the church, when each one was received unanimously for baptism, which was administered the following day (Sunday July 9th) by bro Smoot. Bro Davis was appointed to write the letter to the Corresponding Meeting. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

Jas. F. Grimes Clerk

Sunday July 9th the three sisters with right hand of fellowship was extended

Saturday August 12th 1882

After preaching by bro Smoot from 2nd Cor 1st C 11th 12th vns the church came together for business. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us. An invitation was extended to any person to come before the church but none came at this time although we believe that there is quite a number outside of the fold who is waiting God's time to be manifested amongst us. The letter to the corresponding meeting was read and adopted and the amt sent for the minutes was \$4 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀

Bro ^{Wm} Carter applied for letters of dismissal for himself, wife and daughter Sophia for the purpose of joining W^t Zion Church which by consent of the church was granted.

There will not be any meeting in September untill the eve of the 4th Sunday & Monday following. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

Jas. F. Grimes Clerk

Saturday Oct 7th 1882

After preaching from Romans 8^{ch} 32nd vns by bro Smoot the church came together for business. The minutes of the August meeting was read & adopted. An invitation was extended to any one to come before the church, but none came at this time. A letter was rec^d from bro Crouch and by consent of the church the clerk was requested to answer it. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

Jas. F. Grimes Clerk

Monday Aug. 28th There was a church meeting after preaching this morn. As bro Smoot expects to be absent in Sept. this meeting was held instead. In the absence of the clerk bro Smith was appointed to enter the minutes of the meeting. There was no business transacted. This entry should have been made before the Oct. meeting but not.

Clerk pro. tem.

Saturday Nov 4th 1882

After preaching from Hebrew 12^c 1st verse by bro Smoot the church came together for business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. The usual invitation was given. The meeting for January was changed to the 3rd Sunday and Saturday preceding to be held in the village of Occoquan by consent of the church. After which the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes C. C.

Saturday Dec 9th 1882

After preaching from 49th chap Isaiah 14. 15. 16 verses by bro Smoot the church came together for business. Bro Smoot talked very beautifully to the church and to those convened with them. And when the door of the church was opened, Miss Louisa Mayhugh came forward and related a sound Gospel experience, and was unanimously received for baptism to be administered by bro Smoot (Sunday 10th day of December). The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. The subject of building a meeting house in the Village of Occoquan for the exclusive use of the primitive baptist church was laid before the church and she gave her hearty consent. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes C. C.

Sister Mayhugh was baptised at the appointed time and right hand of fellowship given by bro Smoot, after which the church communed together.

J. F. Grimes

End of year 1882

Saturday January 20th 1883

After preaching by bro Smoot from Isaiah 40 ch 4 last verses the church came together for business. Members of Sister Church was invited to a seat in Council with us. Upon inquiring by bro Smoot he found there was no business to be attended to so the church adjourned in order.

Jas F. Grimes Clerk

January 26th 1883

After preaching by bro Smoot from 1st Timothy 1st to 15th verse the church came together for business. The clerk being absent the undersigned was appointed to act for this meeting and as there was no business before the church adjourned in order.

James W Davis

Feb. 10th, 1883.

Eld. White and Eld. Smoot having arranged an exchange for this month, Eld. White filled the apt. much to the comfort of the brethren. After preaching the church came together for business but there was no business demanding their attention.

Orrie Maxwell

March 10th, 1883.

After preaching the church came together for business. In the absence of the clerk bro Davis was appointed to enter the present meeting. The minutes of the meeting of Jan. 26th, which had not been previously read, also of the last meeting were read and approved. Brethren Orrie Maxwell, James W. Davis and Mr. Geo. Clark were appointed Trustees of the proposed new meeting house to be erected, by

divine permission, in the village of Decozuan.
 In the absence of other business the meeting was
 adjourned. Ovis McFieel Clerk pro. Tem.

April 7th 1883

After preaching from Romans 7th chap 23rd to 24th verse the
 church came together for business. Members of sister churches
 was invited to a seat in council with us. An invitation was
 extended to any one to come before the church, when Mrs. Eliza
 -beth A. Milstead came forward and was received for baptism
 to take place tomorrow (8th inst). There being some money in bro J^r W
 Davis' hands ^{belonging to the church} it was decided that a part of it should go towards
 the meeting house to be built near the village of Decozuan.
 There being no other business the church adjourned in order
 I L Grooms Ck

May 12th, 1883.

After preaching from Genesis 28th chap. com-
 mencing with the 16th verse the church came to-
 gether for business. In the absence of the clerk
 Mr. Lafayette Maddox was appointed to make a min-
 ute of the present meeting. The door was opened
 for the reception of members and Mrs. E. Taylor
 came forward, related a satisfactory experience
 and was received for baptism. The minute of
 the previous meeting was read and with an
 amendment was adopted. The Trustees in ac-
 cordance with a request of the church made
 last meeting reported that they had examined
 the lot of ground bought for the erection of a
 meeting house in Decozuan, and recommended
 the sale of a small piece of it adjoining Chas. D.

man and to him for the sum of \$10., and that there should be no further sales made, at least, for the present. The Church adopted the suggestion of the B. of Trustees and requested them to make the sale to Dolman referred to. A letter was received from Bro. J. F. Grimes and read to the church in which he requested the church to relieve him from acting as clerk because of his feelings of unworthiness for the position. The Church, after consideration, unanimously concluded that it was best for Bro. Grimes to continue in that position, that he made a good clerk and feelings of unworthiness were evidences of worth and merit in Jesus. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned. Lafayette H. Madder C. pro. tem

May 13,

Sister Taylor was baptized this morning. Bro. Crook Grimes also put in his letter from the ~~the~~ church in Alexandria, and he was recognized in the position of Deacon which position he occupied in Alexandria; after which the church and visiting brethren partook of the emblems in the solemn service of communion. The weather was pleasant, and a good sized and attentive congregation was present. I. M.

June 9th 1883

After preaching by bro Smoot the church came together for business, there being no business to transact, the church adjourned in order

J. F. Linnis Sec

July 7th 1883

In the absence of the clerk bro Wm. Selcman was appointed to enter the present meeting. The text used this morning is recorded in the 4th chap. of Rom. 7th 18th verse. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Bro. Smoot was appointed to write the letter from this church to the Corresponding Meeting, appointed to be held, by divine permission, with the Mill Creek church next month, after which the church adjourned the meeting.

William Selcman C. pro tem.

August 8th 1883

After preaching from Accts J.C. 2nd to 6th vers by bro Smoot the church came together for business. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us. The door of the ^{church} was opened but no one came forward bro Smoot spoke very beautiful about the death of bro Wm A. B. Smith. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved also the letter to the Corresponding was read and approved. There was no business when the church adjourned the amt for the minutes ~~was~~ \$4.50

J. F. Linnis

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September 1st 1883

After preaching by bro Smoot from 18th chap closing
 clause of 15th verse of Luke the church came together
 for business. Members of sister church's was invited
 to a seat in council with us. The door of the church
 was opened but no one came forward. The minutes
 of our last meeting was read & approved. Our regular
 meeting for October was changed from the 2nd to the 1st
 Sunday ~~for~~ by request of bro Smoot. The meeting house
 of the Occoquan Church at Bacon Race will hereafter
 be known as Oak Grove to designate it from the
 meeting house now being built at Occoquan
 There being no other business the church adjourns in order
 Jas. F. Grimes C. Clerk

October 6th 1883

After preaching by bro Smoot from 5th Chap Ballad
 12th verse the church came together for business. The door
 of the church was opened for the reception of any
 one who may be led by the God of Jacob to come
 forward but there was none at this time. The minutes
 of our last meeting was read and approved. There
 being no business to transact the church adjourns
 in order

J. F. Grimes C. C.

November 10th 1883

After preaching from Matthew 11c. 28, 29, + 30th vers by Elder J. N. Badger the church came together for business. Members of sister churches was invited to a seat in Council with us. An invitation was extended to any one to come forward and tell the way that they had been led by their Saviour, when Mrs Mary Allen talked to the church in such a gospel way and was so clear in the doctrine of Salvation by grace that she was unanimously received for baptism. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. The appointment of a trustee to fill the place of bro W. A. B. Smith ^{decd} was postponed till our next meeting. Our meeting was pleasant and we have no doubt that the presence of the Lord was amongst us, at least such was the case with your humble clerk. There being no other business, the church adjourned in order.

J. F. Grimes & Co

Sister Allen was Baptised Sunday morning by appointment and right hand of fellowship given by our dear pastor Bro W. M. Smoot

J. F. Grimes & Co

Saturday Dec 8th 1883

After preaching by Brother Smoot from the words recorded 1st John 3-14 we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the Brethren. The Church came together for business the clerk being absent. The undersigned was appointed to act in his place at this meeting the Door of the Church was opened and an invitation given to anyone that wished to be connected with us to come forward when Miss Anna E. Curtis came forward and was unanimously received for Baptism. It was appointed for the Baptism next morning at half past nine, as there was no other business the Church adjourned in Order.

James W. Davis c.c. p.t.

Sunday Dec 9

The Ordinance of Baptism was administered this morning and after Preaching the right hand of fellowship was extended to Sister Curtis and then the sacred Ordinance of Communion was administered.

J. W. D. c.c. p.t.

Saturday January 12th 1884

After preaching from 90th Psalm last four verses by Bro Smoot the Church came together for business.

The usual invitation was extended to any to come before the church if they were so directed by the Lord, when Mrs Emma Davis came forward and for cleanness and the revealing of the truth as shown to her by her Heavenly Master was unsurpassed. Also Miss Mary, Emma E. Hornor who was also directed there by the Lord and both gave such evidence

of the work of grace that they were received as candidates for baptism, which was appointed to take place on Sunday the 13th. Truly it was a very refreshing season to all that was here. There will not be any meeting at this place until the 3rd Sunday + Saturday before in March. The appointment of a trustee to fill the place of bro A. B. Smith dec^d was postponed till the March meeting. No other business came before us and we adjourned in order
Jas. F. Grimes C. C.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the two sisters above mentioned on Sunday 13th J. F. G.

Saturday March 15th 1884

After preaching by bro Smoot from Exo^d 24th two last were the church came together for business. The door of the church was opened for any one to come forward, but no one came. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. The appointment of a trustee was postponed to the April meeting by request of bro Smoot. There being no other business, the church adjourned in order
J. F. Grimes, C. C. Clerk

Saturday April 12th 1884

After preaching by bro Smoot from Song of Solomon 2nd chap 10. 11. 12. + 13 vers the church came together for business. an invitation was given but no one came before the church. Minutes of last meeting was read and adopted. The adoption of rules and regulation for the government of trustees was approved which reads as follows
"Regulations regarding the Board of Trustees of Meeting houses of Occogrian Prim. Bapt Ch.
(over)

1st The regulation adopted by the church May 8th, 1875 for the guidance and instruction of the Board of Trustees of the meeting house of the church at Oak Grove, with all subsequent regulations, adopted by the church, together with the appointment of Trustees for said house, are hereby repealed in accordance with the right of the church as expressed in the 3rd Article of that Summary.

2^d The meeting house in the village of Occoquan with the one at Oak Grove are thence under the control of one Board of Trustees who shall hold the property in trust for the church under such regulations as the church may choose to adopt for their guidance and instruction.

3rd The church of course controls the right to alter or repeal any specification in this summary, to add to the number of Trustees, or to recall their appointment, and appoint others as she may consider for the best.

4th Under these regulations the church confirms her act of March 10th, 1883, and appoints brethren Orris Maxfield, Jas. W. Davis, and Mr. Jno. W. Clark a Board of Trustees for the meeting house at Oak Grove, Va. Wm Co, Va., and the one in the village of Occoquan, Va.

Regulations for the guidance of the Board adopted Apr. 12th, 1884 under the 2^d Article of the ^{Summary} above.

1st The Board shall meet regularly once in six months, and keep a regular act. of its proceedings.

recorded by the clerk in a book kept for that purpose. 2^d. Any member of the Board can call the Board together when he deems a special meeting necessary for the transaction of business. 3rd. All business must be done in a meeting of the entire board, but the Trustees have no right to make any disposition of any property belonging to the Church only as authorized by the Church. 4th. The duties of the Board as comprised in the present Summary shall be, first to provide for opening and attending to the meeting-houses at the regular meetings of the Church, 2^d. To attend to any repairs that may be needed in the way of keeping the houses and lots in good order. 4th. To take charge of all monies appropriated by the Church for this purpose and report yearly to the Ch. the disposition made of the same. No further business was transacted and the meeting of the Church was adjourned.

Saturday May 10th 1884

after preaching by Bro Smoot from 66 chapters of Isaiah and 13th verse The Church came together for business. the Clerk being absent I was appointed to act in his place at this meeting. The Door of the Church was opened and the usual invitation was given to any one that wished to be connected with us to come forward. when Mrs Nancy Richards came forward and was unanimously received for Baptism. it was appointed for the Baptism next morning at half past nine the minutes of our last meeting was read and adopted as there was no other business the Church adjourned

J. W. Davis. Sec. p. t

Sunday May 11th 1884

The Ordinance of Baptism was administered this morning and after preaching the Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to Sister Richards. and then the sacred Ordinance of Communion was partaken of
J. H. D.

Saturday May 31st 84

After preaching by bro Smoot the church came together for business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. There being no business the church adjourned in order
J. L. Crines Sec

Saturday July 12th 1884

After preaching by bro Smoot from Isa 47 & 15 & 16th vs the church came together for business. bro Smoot was requested to write the letter to the Va Conns meeting. The minutes of May 31st was read and approved. after which the church adjourned
J. L. Crines Sec

Saturday August 9th 1884

After preaching by bro Thomas of Missouri from 1st John 3rd chap & 3rd vs the church came together for business. Members of Sister churches was cordially invited to a seat in council with us. An invitation was given to any who felt that they were drawn by the power of our God when Mrs Georgianna Mayhugh came forward and related a sound Gospel experience and the church was so well satisfied that she was received unanimously for Baptism. The letter to the Va Con meeting was read

and approved, and by consent of the church our September meeting was appointed to meet as follows Saturday at Oak Grove, and on Sunday at our new Building in the Village of Occoquan. The church also gave her consent for the new building to have what surplus benches that is not now in use for this building temporarily. There being no other business the church adjourned after adopting the minutes of our last meeting.

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Sister Mayhugh was baptized at the appointed time and right hand of fellowship given by bro Smoot on behalf of the church

J. F. Gr. C. C.

October 4th Sept 13th 1884

After preaching by bro Smoot from the first clause of the last verse of the 40th psalm the church came together for business. The next regular meeting was appointed to be on the first Saturday and Sunday in October and the Communion was postponed until that time, there being no other business the church adjourned in order.

October 4th 84

After preaching by bro Smoot from Isaiah 60 c 11, 12, 13 v. the church came together for business. Members of sister's churches was invited to a seat in council with us. An invitation was given to any one to come before the church and tell how they have been brought thus far. When Mrs Caroline Harrison came before us and related a very satisfactory christian experience and was unanimously

received for baptism to take place Tomorrow
(Sunday) Morning at the usual place & time.
Minutes of our August and September meetings
was read and approved. A Meeting was appointed
to be held at Oak Grove on Thursday the 23rd
of this month to last all day. There being no
other business the church adjourned in order

J. L. Grimes

Sister Harrison was baptised at the appointed
time and right hand of fellowship given during
our communion

J. L. Grimes

Oak Grove Nov. 9th 1884

The Church came together after preaching
by Eld. Shroot from Habakkuk 3rd Chap
1st seven verses. The usual invitation
was extended but no person came forward.
The minutes of the previous meeting was
read and approved. The church
concluded that it was well to open
a baptizing place nearer the meeting house
than where we baptize at present. Use either
place ~~place~~ for baptizing as the candidate
might prefer and circumstances justify
nothing further being brought up. The
meeting was adjourned. - Ernoch Grimes
Clerk pro tem

Oak Grove Saturday Dec 13th 1884

After preaching by bro Francis from 16th chap of Mark 15 and 16 vrs the church came together for business the clerk being absent the undersigned was appointed to act in his place. The door of the church being opened but no one came forward. The last minutes was read and approved, our next meeting was appointed to be held with the church at the meeting house in Occoguan Wednesday before the first Sunday in January. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

Occoguan Dec 31st 1884

After preaching from the 5th vrs 26th Psalm by bro Smoot the church came together for business. The door of the church being opened for any one to come before it and tell the way that the Lord had led them, but none came forward. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved.

By unanimous consent of the church the important Bible position upon the unity of Christ and his church from of old from everlasting, and the doctrine of the New Birth having been attacked and such attacks having been continued with the most ^{malignant} bitterness we deem it our duty to assert our position upon these important principles of eternal Truth. We therefore append to the Articles comprising a Summary of our Faith on page 7 and 8, numbered 10th and 11th. There being no other business the church adjourned in order

L F Grimes Clerk

1885-

Oak Grove, Feb. 7th, 1885-

In the absence of the clerk Mr. Orie Maxfield was appointed to enter this meeting. Mrs. Sarah F. Swan came before the church but it was thought best to postpone final action in regard to receiving her until next meeting. After a pleasant intercourse of a short time the meeting was adjourned.

Orie Maxfield Clerk pro tem.

Saturday March 8th 1885-

After preaching by Elder Gould of North Carolina from Romans 14th chap 7 to 12th verse the church came together for business. Bro Smoot called the meeting to order and when the door of the church was opened Mrs. Sarah F. Francis Swan came forward and talked to the church (having been postponed from the February meeting) and was received for baptism. By request of Bro Smoot the baptism was postponed to the April meeting. There being no other business except the reading of the ^{minutes of the} December 1st meeting which was approved, then the church adjourned.

J. C. Grimes S. Clerk

Saturday April 11th 1885-

After preaching Bro Smoot called the church to order and requested any one to come before the church who felt drawn by the power of Him who reigns, but none felt so drawn. The minutes of the two previous meetings was read & approved. After some very pleasant talk by Bro Smoot, J. C. Grimes said that he had heard some talk that he had said about Bro E. Grimes and he was very sorry for what had been

Said, Then bro E. Grimes said that the above application was satisfactory to him. bro Smoot then spoke for some time about things concerning the church which was very pleasantly received by the members. Bro E. Grimes then offered his resignation as deacon of the church, but it was not received. There being some misunderstanding about Article 3rd of the regulation of the Trustees when it was changed to read as follows, all business must be done in a meeting of the board, any two members of which (that is a majority of the members) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but the Trustees have no right to make any disposition of any property belonging to the church only as authorized by the church. A small lot of land belonging to the Occoquan meeting house having been rented to Mr. Smoot, and Mr. Tavenner the church confirmed the action of the Board of Trustees in renting said land. There being no other business the church adjourned the meeting.

J. F. Grimes Secy

Sund., Apr. 12th: Sister Swan was baptized this morn.
 The Grove Apr 28th 1885. After preaching the Church came together for business. In the absence of the Clerk bro. Erich Grimes was appointed to enter the present meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The Church arranged to convene to day instead of 2nd Sund. in May. In the absence of other business the ^{meeting} adjourned. after

~~The~~ preaching the Church came
together in the solemn service of
of Communion. E. Grimes. C. pro tem

Saturday July 11th 1885.

After preaching from Isaiah 66^c last clause
the church came together for business. When
the door of the church was opened Mrs
Lucy Bell came forward and related a
very satisfactory experience, and was received
for baptism also Mr James Clark who
was also received for baptism.

The minutes of our last meeting was
read and approved. The time to call
the Association was at hand when after
some talk about the time of year, it was
decided to call it at the usual time in
August. Bro E Grimes was appointed to
write the letter to the Association. There being
no other business the church adjourned in
order

J E Grimes & Clark
Sister Bell was baptised on Sunday morning
at 9.30 o'clock and bro Clark on Wednesday
before the 1st Sunday in August at 9.45 o'clock
J E Grimes & C

Saturday Aug. 8 In the
 absence of the clerk, ^{Bro Enock} ^{Grimes} ^{pro tem}
 appointed to make a minute
 of the present meeting. The
 Sept meeting was appointed
 to be held by divine permission,
 Saturday Oct. Oak Grove, and
 Sunday in the village of
 Occogan. The Communion was
 postponed from Sept to October
 Enock Grimes
 Clerk pro tem

Saturday September 12th 85
 After preaching from Luke 18^c last clause of 13th verse
 the church came to gather for business, an invitation
 was extended to any one to come to the church
 when Mrs Theda V Garner & Mrs Annie Davis came
 forward and both gave a clear evidence of the
 dealings of the Lord with them, and ^{both} was received
 by the church for baptism, to take place on the
 morning of the 11th of October. The minutes of the
 July and August meetings was read and approved
 There being no other business the church adjourned
 in order.
 J. A. Grimes Clerk

Saturday October 10th 85
 After preaching by Bro Smoot from 1st Timoth. 1st
 Chap 15 verse. The church came together for business
 The usual invitation was extended but no one
 came forward. The minutes of our last meeting
 was read and approved. By request of Bro Smoot

The time of holding our Meeting for November was changed to the 1st Sunday, & Saturday before there being no other business the Church adjourned
 J L Grimes & Clerk
 Sunday Morning Sisters Garner & Davis was Baptized
 is per previous appointment

Sat Oct 31st

The Meeting was held to day instead of the regular time in November. In the absence of the clerk bro E Grimes was appointed to enter the present Meeting. No business being brought forward for action the church adjourned to the regular time in December

Enoch Grimes & Protem

December 12th 85-

Preaching by Bro Smoot from 2 last Verses of Micah, which was very good. The usual invitation was extended but there was none who was led to or by God to come forward. The minutes of the October meeting was read and approved. It was ordered to have church meeting on the 3rd Saturday in the Village, as well as the usual 2nd Saturday meeting, ^{in January 1886} there being no business to transact, the church adjourned in order

Jas F Grimes. & Clerk

1886

Sat, Jan. 9th

In the absence of the Clerk Mr. Oscar Maxfield was appointed to enter the present meeting. The weather was cold after a heavy snow storm of last night. No business was brought up for action.

Oscar Maxfield Clerk for term.

Sat Jan 13th 1886

After preaching from Rom 8^c 14 to 2.10 pm, in the Village of Ocoquan, the church was called to order for business. Bro. Selcman, J. L. Grimes and Mr. John Clark was appointed a committee to examine the act of the new meeting house. There being no other business the church adjourned and by request of Bro. Smoot the male members were invited at his home after tea.

J. L. Grimes C. C.

NB All the Male Members were appointed to attend to the arrangements for the Association to be held with the Ocoquan church.

J. L. Grimes C. C.

After preaching from 1st Peter 5^c 10 verse the church was called to order. The minutes of the two previous meetings was read and approved. There being no other business in order.

J. L. Grimes C. C.

Saturday Febry 13th 1886

Saturday March 13th 1886

After Preaching by Elder ^{Smoot} ~~Sawyer~~ from 2nd Chronicles 18th 9 to 13th Vers the church was called to order for business. Bro Caleb Stone came before the church and acknowledged that he on Christmas day 1885 went with some friends ^{Went} to their homes and partook of too much liquor, and for said offence he acknowledge that he had done wrong, and was very sorry for it and asked forgiveness of the church, which was unanimously agreed to. By consent of the church, a church meeting was ordered to be held with the church in the Village of Occoquan on Wednesday (the 24th) after the 3rd Sunday. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved, there being no other business the church adjourned in order. Elder Selir Sawyer preached for Jas. F. Grimes C. Clerk us on the following Sunday

Occoquan March 24th 1886

Bro Smoot preached in the Village Meeting house from 118 Psalm, 18th 19. 20th Vers, and when he got through he called the church together for business. The door of the church being opened, James Posey came forward and talked very beautiful, and to the point, to the church and was unanimously received for Baptism to take place at 3 O'clock same day. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. No other business on hand the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

April 10th 1886

Elder Furr preached Sat & Sunday but did not call any church meeting.

J. L. Grimes Secy

Sat, May 1886.

After preaching by br. Smith the church came together for business. In the absence of the Clerk br. Erich Grimes was appointed to make an entry of the present meeting. There being no business before the church after remaining together a short time the meeting was adjourned.

Erich Grimes C. pro tem.

Saturday June 12th 1886

After preaching by bro Smoot from Exodus 3rd chap from 2nd to 7th verses the minutes of the March meeting was read and approved. There was no business of importance and the church adjourned in order.

J. L. Grimes Secy

Saturday July 23rd 1886

After preaching by bro Smoot from Malachi 3rd Chap 2nd verse the church was called to order. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. A collection was taken for the purpose of paying for the use of the lumber which was ample for the purpose. J. L. Grimes was appointed to write the letter to the Association. also ordered that no one be allowed to erect a stand near the meeting only by order of the superintendent also ordered that bro Maxfield contract with Mr. Olla Davis to get drinking water for all that may come for

the sum of five dollars. Ordered that the meeting house and fence be white washed before the Association. It was also agreed that the male members + friends meet on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday to clean off the ground and fix the seats and stand. There being no other business the church adjourned in order.

J. L. Grimes C. C.

August 7th 1886

After preaching by Bro Smoot from Hebrew 11th c - & vrn the church was called together for Business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. Mr Mathew Brouch was appointed Superintendent at the Association to be held with us on August 11, 12, 13, 1886. The letter to the Va Corresponding Meeting was read and approved. It was further agreed to have our communion in October at our regular Meeting, in the absence of business the church adjourned.

J. L. Grimes Ch. Clerk

October 9th 86

Bro Smoot preached from the 24th and last clause of 27th ^{verse} ^{verses} ~~chap.~~. The church was called together for business. The door of the church was opened to any one who felt drawn to come before it. The minutes of our August meeting was read and adopted as our act. It was ordered that a church meeting be held with the church in the Village on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in November. In the absence of other business the church adjourned.

J. L. Grimes C. Clerk

Occoquan November 12th 1886

After preaching from 1st Thimothy 1^e 15 verse the church came together for business. The minutes of our October meeting was read and approved. There was no business and the church adjourned in order.

Jas J. Grimes C. Clerk

November 13th 86

After Preaching from Mat 10^e 39^v by bro Smoot the church came together for business. The minutes of our May meeting also the Occoquan ^{meeting} Nov 12 was read and approved. There was nothing special before the church and the church adjⁿ in order.

J. J. Grimes C. Clerk

December 11th 86

Bro Smoot preached from 11th Acts 12th, 13th, 14th verse after which the church was called together for business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved, and the meeting for January was changed from the 2nd to the 1st Sunday and Saturday before, also the meeting for February was changed from Oak Grove to the Village in the ~~the~~ Occoquan. bro Smoot requested that the members would turn out in full force.

This being the last meeting of the year 1886 and our communion season, I believe that the presence of the Lord was with us. There was no other business and the church adjⁿ.

J. J. Grimes C. Clerk

End of year 1886

January 1st 1887

After preaching by bro Smoot from 4th 10th & first letter to Timothy the church came to gather for business. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. there was no business to note and the church adjourned in order.

Jas F. Grimes, C. C.

Ocequan Feb 12th 1887

After preaching by bro Smoot from Isaiah 43: 2 was, the church was called to order. bro Smoot requested that a church meeting be held, Friday before the 2nd Sunday in March at which time he would preach in the Village meeting house. There was no business before the church and the church adjourned in order.

Jas F. Grimes, C. Clerk

Ocequan March 11th 1887

After preaching by bro Smoot from Matthew 7th 13th & 14th verses the Church was called together for business. Members of Sister churches was invited to a seat in council with us. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the new meeting has reported that every item as far as they could see, was correct and there was nothing due on the building and the committee was discharged. There was no other business and the church adjourned in order.

Jas F. Grimes C. Clerk

~~May~~ March 12th 1887

After preaching by bro Smoot from Proverbs 31 Chap 10th 15th Verse the church came together for business, Members of Sisters churches was invited to a seat in council with us. The door of the church was opened but none came forward. Reports having been circulated of a serious difficulty existing between Sisters Garner & Richards, the inquiry was made of these two sisters in reference to the truth of such reports, after some investigation the church advised Sister Garner to take one or two brethren with her and wait upon sister Richards in reference to the matter, and report the matter to the church at their next meeting. after talking over the welfare of the church by bro Smoot who give us some sound truths as what we ought to do. the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes C. C.

May 7th 87

Bro Smoot preached from Philippians 3rd c 12, 13, 14th Verse after which the church was called to order, Members of Sisters churches was invited to a seat in council with us. The minutes of our March meeting was read and adopted, The matter between Sisters Garner and Richards was postponed untill the Tuesday after the 5th Sunday ^{in May}, also by unanimous consent the communion season was postponed untill the 3rd Sunday in June, at which time our regular meeting was postponed to be held. No other meeting came before the church and the church adjourned in order

J. F. Grimes C. C.

Tues. May 31st, 1887.

At a meeting held to day by appointment of last meeting to consider the reference from said meeting, sister Garner stated that she had in accordance with the advice of the church at their March meeting in company with brethren Maxfield and Posey had an interview with sister Richards and that the difficulty between them was satisfactorily settled. Sister Richards agreed with this statement, and both sister made some acknowledgements to the church whereupon upon motion of br. Maxfield seconded by br. Posey the matter was dropped from further consideration. In the absence of the clerk br. Enoch Brimes was appointed to make an entry of this meeting. After a pleasant and satisfactory meeting the church adjourned.
 G. L. Brimes Clerk Boston.

Sat., June 1st, 1887.

In the absence of the clerk, and, after preaching by br. Innot, br. Orie Maxfield was appointed Clerk pro tem. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Br. Innot was appointed to write the letter to the Va. An. Meeting for the coming session. Br. Stone was appointed and br. Kearns of Bethlehem ch. requested to serve as a committee to have in charge the erection of a meeting house for Old School Baptist use in Fairfax Co., Va. In the absence of further business the meeting was adjourned.
 Orie Maxfield C. pro tem.

Sat. July 9th, 1887.

In the absence of the Clerk Wm. Ours, Mansfield was appointed to enter the present meeting. There was no business of importance before the church other than the app^t of a church meeting to be held, if the God will, in Occoquan Sat. before the 5th Sund. in July. Bro. Smoot preached to day, and also Sund. the 10th. & attentive congregations.

Wm. Mansfield Clerk for term.

Sat. July 30th, 1887.

After preaching by Wm. Smoot the church came together for business. In the absence of the Clerk Wm. Ours, Mansfield was appointed to enter the present meeting, which was held by appointment of last meeting in Occoquan, Va. There was no business before the church. After remaining together a short time the church adjourned the meeting.

E. L. Grimes Clerk for term.

Saturday Aug 13th 1887

Bro Smoot preached from 18th Verse 30th Chap Isaiah, after which the church was called together. The letter to the Va. Con. Meeting was read and approved. The minutes of the three previous meetings was read and approved with the following amendment "a yearly meeting was appointed to be held ^{to begin} on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday and continue three days, first day at oak Grove, and the two last days at the Village of Occoquan. It was decided not to have our building used for a singing school, after which the church adjourned the meeting. E. L. Grimes, Clerk

Sat., Nov. 12th, 1887.

After preaching by br. Smoot the church came together for business. In the absence of the clerk br. Orr Maxfield was appointed to enter the present meeting.

A communication was received from certain colored brethren, who had been dismissed from their church of Washington, D.C. for that purpose, requesting this church to unite with Bethlehem, Quantico, Alexandria, Hephzibah and Zion, to take into consideration the propriety of, and if they deemed proper, to proceed to recognize them as a church. The meeting was called for their place of meeting (Antioch near Centerville, Fairfax Co., Va.) Tues. after the 1st Sund. in Dec. 10. A.M.

The church appointed brethren Maxfield, Grimes, and Omea ^{and Smoot} to attend the meeting.

Sister Sarah E. Winnett presented a letter from Maple Creek church, Washington Co., Pa., and was received into our membership. It was agreed to hold our communion tomorrow instead of Dec.

In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

Orr Maxfield, Secy.

Sat., Dec. 10th, 1887.

The weather was very unpleasant and but few persons were out. The church was called together for business but no business was transacted. In the absence of the clerk it was understood that the Moderator should make a minute of the present meeting.

Wm. M. Smoot, Moderator.

1888

Bacon Race January 7th 88

After preaching by bro Smoot from Judge 6th 13 to 16 verse the church was called together for business. The minutes of August, November and December meetings were read and approved. It was resolved to hold a church meeting in the village of Occoquan on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in January. in the absence of other business the church adjourned the meeting

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Occoquan January 15th 1888

After preaching by bro Smoot from John 3rd Chap 7 verse the church was called together for business. The last minutes was read and adopted. Fifty cents from the church fund was appropriated to the Occoquan meeting house. In the absence of other business the church adjourned

James H. Davenport

Bacon Race February 11th 88

After preaching by bro Smoot the church was called together for business. There was no business to be transacted and the church adjourned

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

March 10th, 1888.

After preaching by W. Smoot the church came together for business. There being no business to be attended to, after remaining together a short time the meeting was adjourned. The text on Sat. was 23rd chap. of Job., first ten verses, on Sunday 19th of Math. & 28th verse.

Wm. M. ^{will} Church clerk

Sat., May 12th, 1888.

The church, after preaching by W. Smoot from

May 12th 1888

After preaching by Bro Smoot from Genesis 31 Chapter and from the 5 to 11th verses the church came to gathering for business the usual invitation was given to any that wished to be connected with us. but none came forward. The minutes of the three previous meetings was read and approved: as there was no other business the Church adjourned
James H. Davis C. L. p. r.

Bacon Road Saturday June 10th 88

After preaching by Bro Smoot from Romans 7^c. 21 to 24 Vers. The church came together for business. The minutes of the previous meeting was read & approved. In the absence of any business the church adjourned the meeting
J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Ocozacoan Village June 16th 1888

Bro Smoot preached from Mathew 5th c 3rd v^{er} after which the church was called to order our last minute was read and approved. there was no business, and the church adjourned the meeting.

J. F. Grimes

Bacon Race July 7th 1888

Bro Smoot preached from the 133rd Psalm, after which the church was called together for business. The minutes of our last meeting was approved. Bro Smoot was appointed to write the letter to the Va corresponding meeting. after which the church adjourned the meeting, on Sunday bro Smoot preached from 14th Clp 6th Mathew

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Bacon Race Aug 11th 1888

Bro Smoot preached from 2nd & 5th of Malachi after which the church was called together for business. the minutes of the July meeting was read and approved. The letter to the Va corresponding meeting was read and approved. The trustees for the meeting house lot in Fairfax county near Buttes cross roads was not appointed it was decided to have them appointed at the meeting on Monday after the 3rd Sunday. There was \$3.25 for the minutes, in the absence of other business the church adjourned the meeting.

J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Monday Aug. 19th, 1888~~Monday Aug. 1888.~~

After preaching by ~~Ced. Shaw~~ ^{Prof. Wm.} and the calling of the church together, ~~bro.~~ brethren Maxfield and Dulaney with Mr. Jm. Meyhugh of Fairfax Co., were appointed trustees for the meeting house at Sanglers Cross Roads, Fairfax Co., Va.
E. Grimes Clerk Pro Tem

October 13th Bacon Race

After preaching by bro Smoot from Lamentation of Jeremiah 2nd Ch. 13, 14, 15 & the church came together for business but being worn on horse the church adjourned, after approving of the ~~last~~ ^{our} Minutes of August Meeting
J. F. Grimes C. Clerk

Bacon Race November 10th 1888

After preaching from 4th Chap of Exodus 10 to 12th vrs the church was called together for business, in the absence of other business the church adjourned the Meeting
James Posey Clerk Pro Tem

Nov. 27th, 1888.

The church came together in a called meeting appointed at our Nov. meeting in reference to some unfriendly feeling existing between sisters Fenwick and ~~Mr. Grimes~~ ^{Mr. Grimes} ~~was read and adopted~~ ^{was read and adopted} Sister Meyhugh acknowledged that she had said ~~too~~ ^{too} much about sister Fenwick and asked her pardon, and the forgiveness of the church. Sister Fenwick also stated

that she had said too much about
the matter and acted improperly to-
ward sister Mayhugh and made a
suitable acknowledgement to the church,
after which the church adjourned the
meeting.

Sat

Dec 15th Bacon Place

After Preaching By Bro Smoot from
2d Chronicles 9th v 1 and on the 9th v The Church Came
to Gether for buisness The Minutes of
the Meeting of congrst 19th was Read and
approved and also the minute of Nov 27th 1888
was Read and approved. Reference was
made towards Sister Fairfax's Death
Ordered by the Church James Posey Clerk

End of Year 1888

1889

Bacon Race Saturday January 12th 1889

Bro Smoot preached from Habakkuk, 2nd c. 3rd & 3rd v, after which the church was called to order. The minute of our last meeting was read and adopted,

Bro Maxfield was appointed sexton, and to furnish the wood for one year from this date at five (\$5) dollars per annum. There being no other business the church adjourned the meeting.

J. F. Grimes Clerk

Occoquan Jan 19th 1889

After preaching by Bro Smoot from 2nd c. - Joel 11-15 the church was called to gather. The minutes of the meeting on Jan 12th was read and approved. There was no business to be transacted, after which the church adjourned the meeting.

J. F. Grimes Clerk

Bacon Race Sat Feb 9th 1889

After preaching by bro Smoot from 1st John 4: 7-19 the church was called to order. The minute of Jan 19th was read and approved after which the church adjourned the meeting.

J. F. Grimes Clerk

Bacon Race Sat March 9th 89

Bro Smoot preached from 2nd Timothy 1st Chap 8-9 10th v. after which the church was called together for business. The minutes of our previous meeting was read and approved. *By unanimous consent of the church one ~~third~~ ^{to be getting} (13) of the ~~church~~ ^{land} lot in

Ocoquan was rented to Townsend Snyder for the term of one year. Said Snyder to clean and grub the land for its use for said term.

The attention of the church having been called to reports in circulation among brethren in reference to bro James W Davis' imprudence in talking in a wild, reckless manner about church affairs in public places in a manner calculated to wound the feelings of brethren and bring a reproach upon the cause that we love, the church unanimously appointed a meeting to be held by divine permission next Thursday (March 14th) at 11. A.M. to investigate such reports or charges, and brethren Ovis Mayfield James Clarke and Enoch Grimes were appointed to notify bro Davis to be present at this meeting after which the church adjourned the meeting & should read, rented for three J F Grimes, C. Clerk. years and one third to be cleared each year for the years reserving the cleared land around and about the meeting house for the use of the church

March 14th 1888

The meeting was called to order and after some opening remarks by bro snook, the minutes of the meeting of March 9th and of this meeting was read and approved. The action of this meeting will be found on next page

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J F Grimes Church clerk

March 14th 1889

The meeting was open with prayer by bro Smoot. and bro Enoch Grimes prefend^d a charge against bro James W Davis in reference to bro Davis wild reckless manner of talking about church affairs in worldly places, and among worldly people, sustaining his charge by the testimony of brethren.

Bro Davis replied at some length, but at first failed to satisfy the church. The church unanmously voted that the charge was sustained, ~~but~~ after some additional remarks by bro Davis in which he acknowledge that he had done wrong, and desired that the Lord would help him to walk hereafter with the church, asking counsel of God and endeavoring as he might be so enabled to cease talking with worldly people about church affairs, and endeavor to do nothing calculated to irritate the feelings of members or to mar the peace of the church. The church dismissed the case

J. F. Grimes Church Clerk

Saturday April 13 89

after preaching by bro Smoot from Song of Solomon 12d. chap an last clause of the 12 runs the church came together for business members of Sister Church of our order was invited to seat in Council with In the absence of the Clerk bro James Posey was appointed to make on Entry of the present meeting the Communion Season was appointed for the June instead of the May meeting after Remaining together for a short time the church adjourned the meeting

Clerk. J. W. Tom
James Posey

Sat June 9th

after preaching by bro Smoot the Church came together for business. The usual invitation was extended to members of Sister Churches to a seat with us in Council and the door opened for Reception of members. But no one came forward in the absence of the Clerk Bro Posey was appointed to Record the minutes of the present meeting the attention of the Church was called to the action of the Juniata ass. at the last Session in recognizing the validity of the Baptism of the Clark party and the Church unanimously voted to call the attention of the Con. meet. to this course of the Juniata as in our letter to the Con. meet in Cong. West Brother Smoot was appointed to write the letter to the Corresponding Brethren. In the absence of the business the meeting was adjourned. Clerk fin. ten James Posey

Sat July 20th 89

after preaching by bro. Smoot from psalms & Chap and 1. and 2. d. verse the Church came together for business members of Sister Churches of our order was invited to seat in Council. In the absence of the Clerk Bro. Posey ^{was} appointed to make an Entry of the present meeting and door was opened for the Reception of members but none came forward. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved the Church agreed that Bro Smoot contribute a part of the money he has in hand to pay the balance owing on the fence in O'Garrys around the meeting house. James Posey Clerk per tem

Sat., Aug. 10th, 1889

The church met, after preaching by Rev. L. Davis of Ohio from Rev. 21st ch. and 16 verse. The usual invitation was extended to members of sister churches to a seat with us in Council, and the door opened for the reception of members but no person came forward. The Moderator laid before the church the course of the Del. Riv. and Chemung Associations in ~~recognizing~~ ~~the validity~~ ~~of a disordered body~~ ~~of members~~ ~~who~~ ~~claim~~ ~~to be~~ ~~Baptist~~ ~~called~~ opening a correspondence with the Mt. Pleasant Association of Ky. in other words with a body claiming to be the Mt. Pleasant, but who are really Means Baptist in affiliating with them, which is called Mt. Pleasant Ass. has never been recognized by any orderly Old School Baptist Ass. in the West. As the Del. Riv. and Chemung correspond with us, the church instructed Mr. Smock to insert in our letter a statement of the course of these two Associations and request the Con. Meeting to call the attention of the Del. Riv. and Chemung Associations to the character of the so called Mt. Pleasant Association with whom they are corresponding. As we have reason to fear that the Con. Meet. will not pay any attention to our request in this case ^{or in the order} or in the Juniata Ass. as stated in our minute of June 9th, our messengers are instructed, if they in case no attention is paid to our solemn

protest against these disorders, to withdraw
 from the ~~Cor. Meeting~~ ^{Cor. Meeting}, if in their judgment
 they deem this a prudent step. ~~The letter~~
~~to the Association~~ ^{was then read and ap-}
^{proved.} ~~In the absence of other business~~
~~the meeting was~~ Our Messengers are
 also instructed, if they deem it proper
 so to do, in the case of their withdrawal
 from the Cor. Meeting, and in case the
 Quantic Church should also withdraw,
 to invite the Quantic Church to meet with
 us in our Meeting house at Oak Grove
 at any time deemed proper by the Quan-
 tic Church in consultation with the mes-
 sengers from this Church, for the pur-
 pose of organizing an associational meet-
 ing or a meeting of Correspondence for the
 purpose of ~~securing~~ ^{continuing} to our churches a
 correspondence among the orderly Baptist
 of the U. S.

James Pusey Po

Monday, Aug. 19th, 1889

The church was called together in a special
 meeting in their meeting house today for
 the purpose of considering the extra ordina-
 ry proceedings at the recent session of the
 Va. Cor. Meeting, and to hear the report of
 our messengers to the same. Our messen-
 gers unanimously report to us the fol-
 lowing facts, that they had attended the Va.
 Cor. Meeting held at Quantic, Pa. U. M. Co., &c.,
 and in obedience to the instruction of their

church had called the attention of the
 Co. Meeting to the disorders in her cor-
 respondence, but that the Corresponding
 Meeting had paid no attention whatev-
 er to the matter, not even allowing a
 fair and proper discussion of the
 subject. That they had seen no disposi-
 tion on the part of the Co. Meet. to right
 the disorders in her correspondence, but
 that it was clearly seen that the Co.
 Meet. of Va. was drifting from her for-
 mer order, that she was associating in
 a religious sense with the Means Baptist
 of the West, and Clark Baptist of the East,
 identifying herself with a body of people
 that this Church has no religious con-
 nection with. Our messengers report to us
 that under these circumstances, they deemed
 it their duty to withdraw from the Va.
 Co. Meeting, and as the Quantic Church
 had also withdrawn they had invited them
 to meet with us to day in a council for
 the purpose of considering the propriety
 of organizing an Annual Meeting for
 Correspondence, in order that our corres-
 pondence among the orderly Baptists of the
 U. S. might be continued, and in accord-
 ance with the instructions given to them by
 the church at her last meeting. Many of
 our members were present at the last ses-
 sion of the Va. Co. Meeting, and were eye-wit-
 nesses to the disorder prevalent in that Co.

separation. The church therefore confirmed the action of her messengers, and by vote dissolved all further relations with the V. C. Meeting because of the disorder of said Corresponding Meeting. After which the following messengers were appointed to meet with the messengers from the Sum-
 ties church in our meeting house this morning, in a council, for the purpose of considering the propriety of, and, if they deemed proper, to proceed in the organization of a meeting, or what is more commonly called an Association, that we may continue our correspondence among the orderly Baptist in the U. S., viz Geo. Wm. M. Smoot, brethren Orvis Maxfield, Enoch Grimes, James Clark, and James Posey. In the absence of the Clerk bro. James Posey was appointed to enter the present Meeting.

James Posey Clerk pro tem.

Oak Grove, Oct. 5th, 1889.

The church met according to appointment, after preaching by bro. Geo. S. Weaver of the Lebanon Association of Indiana. As the Clerk of the church, bro. James F. Grimes, has an engagement in Washington, D.C. that may prevent his attending our Sat. meetings for some time, bro. James Posey was appointed to act as Clerk during his absence. The doors

was opened for the reception of members but no person came forward. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. Bro. Crook Grimes preferred a charge against Mr. James W. Davis of misrepresentation and deception. The church appointed Mr. James Clark, James Posey, and Orrin Maxfield a committee to wait upon Mr. Davis, and summon him to come before the church at a called meeting to be held, by divine permission, in our meeting house at Oak Grove, Oct. 16th, to answer the charge preferred against him. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

James Posey Church Clerk,
Oct.

Oceoguan, Va., 13th

After preaching by Mr. Smoot in our meeting house in the village this morning there was a called meeting of the church. Sister Emma Horner who resides in Philadelphia, being here on a visit, and not expecting to be able to remain until after another church meeting, and being desirous of a letter from this church to join the Salem Church of Philadelphia, came before the church expressing full fellowship for the doctrine we hold, and all the members of the church, and made an application for a letter. The

church, upon motion and second, decided to take the matter under advisement; as the present turbulent condition of affairs among the churches of the East renders it important to know something of the standing of a church before we dismiss one of our members to join it.

James P. Poiry Church Clerk, 9

Oak Grove, Va., Oct. 16th, 1889.

The church came together in accordance with her previous appointment, after singing a hymn, speaking in prayer, and reading some verses of scripture. The minutes of the meeting of Oct. 5th and 13th were read and approved. The committee appointed to notify Mr. James Davis of the charge preferred against him at the meeting of Oct. 5th reported that they had waited upon him; but that he refused to attend the meeting. Upon motion and second he was excluded from the fellowship of the church, by the unanimous vote of the church. The church by its unanimous vote displaced him from his position as one of the trustees of our meeting houses, and postponed the consideration of the appointment of one in his place until they had opportunity to convene together upon the subject.

The attention of the church was called to the course of sister E. V. Harrison who, since the Association, has been acting in a

disorderly and unbecoming manner in misrepresenting brethren and talking over the country. She has also failed to attend the meetings of the Church for several years, never having been prompt in her attendance thereupon.

A committee was appointed to wait upon her to notify her that a charge ^{been} preferred against her for tattling and negligence in attending to the meetings of the Church, and summon her to appear before the Church at a called meeting to be held, by divine permission, in the village of Occoguan, Sat. before the 1st Sund. in Nov. at 3 P. M. to answer to this charge.

Brethren Orie Maxfield and James Posey were appointed a committee for this purpose.

James Posey Church Clerk.

Occoguan, Va. Nov. 2^d, 1889

The Church met, after praise and prayer by Ged. Smoot, and with the reading of a chapter in the Scriptures. In the absence of the Clerk W. Crook Grime was appointed to enter the present meeting. The minute of the previous meeting (Oct. 16th) was read and approved. The committee appointed to summon sister Harrison to come before the Church to answer the charge of tat.

ling and negligence in attending the meetings of the Church reported that they had waited upon her, and summoned her to attend this meeting in accordance with the action of the church at her last meeting, but that she had refused to attend.

The church by a unanimous vote excluded her from our fellowship for refusing to obey her summons. After enjoying a pleasant interview together for a short time, the church adjourned the meeting.

Clerk for time.

Oak Grove, Va., Nov. 9th, 1889.

The church came together for business after preaching by Mr. Smart from some verses in the 18th chapter of Job. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The attention of the church was called to some reports affecting the moral character of sisters Emma Davis and Hannah Williams, and a meeting was appointed to be held in our meeting house at Oak Grove Thurs. before the 29th Dec. in Dec. at 10 a. m. for the purpose of investigating the matter, and a committee consisting of Luther Davis Mayfield and James Posey was appointed to notify the two sisters to be present. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

Church Clerk.

Dec. 5thOak Grove, Va, 8th, 1889

The church met according to appt. The meeting was opened in the usual form by praise and prayer. The committee appointed to wait upon the two sisters reported that they had performed their duty. Sister Hannah Williams appeared before the church in obedience to the summons of the church, but Sister Emma Davis failed to appear. Upon motion and second sister Davis was excluded from the fellowship of the church for ~~refusing~~^{failing} to obey the summons of the church.

After a consideration of the case of sister Williams it was postponed until next Sat. After consideration of the matter, the church refused to grant the application of sister Horner for a letter, made at Occoquan, Oct. 13th, because of the disorderly correspondence of the Salem ch. to which sister Horner desired to join. ^{church chd.}

Oak Grove, Va, Dec. 7th, 89.

After preaching by Ged. Smoot the church came together for business.

The usual invitation was extended but no person came forward. The case of sister Williams came up by reference from last meeting, and was postponed to be brought up at the option of the church at any future meeting. The church appointed a committee consisting of brethren Mr. M. Smoot, Oris Maxfield, Enoch Grimes, James Posey, and James Clark, a committee

to report to the church a statement for publication in reference to the position of the church in the present division among professed Old School Baptist in the U. S., and to unite with the Quanticos ch., if that church should desire to, in a joint statement in vindication of their course in withdrawing from the Va. Co. Meeting, and organizing the Va. Annual Meeting of Old School Baptist.

Bro. James Clark was appointed trustee in the place of James Davis who was excluded from the fellowship of the church, and removed from his position as trustee, Oct. 16th, 1889. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned,
James Posey Church Clerk.

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Oak Grove, Va, March 8th, 1890

After preaching by Eld. Snoot from 1st Thes. 1st chap. & 1st verse the church came together for business. The usual invitation ^{was} extended to members of sister churches of our faith and order to a seat with us in Council, and the door opened for the reception of members but no person came forward. The committee appointed at the Dec. meeting submitted a written report which was unanimously adopted and the Committee was continued to supervise the publication of the same in pamphlets.

farm. Mr. Galliker of Mt. Jim, and Wm. H. Francis of Bethlehem were present, and the former offered a letter which he said was from the churches of the D^e. Co. Meeting to the Occoquan Church. The Church decided that, as we had dropped those churches for disorder, and as they held in their fellowship members excluded from us, it would not be in order for us to have any further communication with them unless they should return to their former order. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

James Posley Church Clerk
Oak Grove, D^e, April 12th, 1890.

The church came together after preaching for business. The usual invitation was extended but no person came forward. The attention of the church was called to the case of Mr. Selesman and James F. Grimes, members of this church, whose prolonged absence from the meetings of the church with the opportunities which each have to attend the meetings of the church, demands some action upon our part. The case also of Mr. Selesman whose railing accusations against the church and individual members in public places has come to the notice of our members in several ways. A committee consisting of Luther James Clark and James Percy were appointed to summon

these two members to come before the church at a meeting appointed to be held by divine permission in Occoquan, Va. Sat. before the 1st Sund. in May 31, A. M., bro. Selesman to answer the charge of railing against the church and negligence in attending our meetings, and bro. Limer to answer the charge of negligence in attending meeting, and lack of interest in the Cause of Truth. Evidence having been presented to the church that Gertrude Blarve of Washington, D.C. had united with a professed Old School Baptist church in Wash. D.C. and Sallie Taylor of Accotink, Va. has united with an organization of the same character in Alex., Va., and that these professed churches of Christ both in Wash. & Alexandria have departed from their former order among those whom we have recently dropped for disorder, a few motion and second, therefore, Mrs. Blarve, and Taylor were unanimously excluded from the fellowship of this church. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk for ten

Occoquan, Va., May 3rd, 1890

The church came together after preaching by Bro. Smoot. The usual invitation was extended to members of sister churches to a seat with us in Council, and ^{the} ~~an~~

door opened for the reception of members. The minutes of the March and April meetings were read and approved. The committee appointed by the church at their last meeting to wait upon brethren Selosman and Grimes reported that they had performed their duty but neither of these members were present. Upon motion they were both excluded from the fellowship of the church for refusing to obey her summons. The church after carefully and we hope prayerfully considering the subject decided, ~~by a large majority~~ ^{by a large majority} to hold ~~their~~ the Annual ^{meeting} if the Lord will at our meeting house in the village instead of in a grove. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

James Posey Clerk.

Oak Grove Sat., May 10th, 1890

The church after preaching by Ed. Wallingford of Ky. came together for business. Members of sister churches of our faith and order were invited to sit in Council with us, and the door opened for the reception of members. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Ed. Wallingford called the attention of the church to the sentiment prevailing in Ky. & Ohio and Indiana among

our people in reference to the publishing of a paper devoted exclusively to the cause of the Anti Means, Old School, Predestinarian or Bible Baptist, as all the professed Old School Baptist papers had closed their columns against the Truth, at least, that there were none who seemed willing to openly and fearlessly advocate it. We do not feel that the publishing of a medium of correspondence is a church act, but see no impropriety in the statement that we share the feeling entertained by our western brethren upon the subject.

James Posey Ch. Clerk.

Oak Grove, Va., June 7th, 1890.

The Church came together for business after preaching by Rev. Smoot, and the usual invitation was extended. The church appointed Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in July to consider the case of sister Hannah Williams which case was postponed Dec. 7th, 1889, to be brought up at some future meeting. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

James Posey Ch. Clerk.

Occoquan, Va., July 6th, 1890

The Church came together for business after preaching by Rev. Smoot. In the absence of the Clerk, Mr. James Clark was appointed to make an entry of the present meeting. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved. In the absence of further business the meeting was adjourned. James Clark Clerk No. Ten.

Oak Grove, Va., July 8th, 1890.

The church came together after praise and prayer for business. The case of sister Williams was called up and after some remarks by the brethren was dismissed from further consideration, after which the church appointed a communion season, by divine permission, next Sunday instead of Sept. The meeting was then adjourned.

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Va. July 12 1890

after Preaching by br Smoot from 1 Kings 17 Ch 17 The 24 v inclusive the Church came together for business members of Sister Church was invited to seats in Council with us and the door opened for the Reception of members the minutes of the last meeting was read and approved the church appointed Bro. Smoot to write the church letter to the annual meeting of Va. after which the church adjourned in order

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove, Va., Aug. 9th

The church came together for business after preaching by br. Smoot. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The letter to the Annual Meeting was read and adopted. The act of the church of May 3rd, 1890 in locating the site for the Annual

Meeting at the Meeting house in Oc-
 Coquan, Va. was reconsidered and a
 committee consisting of brethren Smoot,
 Clark, Grimes and Posey was appointed
 in whose hands the whole matter was
 given, also in reference to allowing
 stands for the sale of different ar-
 ticles at this meeting. The case
 of sister Payne was brought to the at-
 tention of the Church, and a com-
 mittee consisting of brethren Posey
 and Clark were appointed to sum-
 mon her to come before the Church
 at her next meeting to answer the
 charge of negligence in attending
 the meetings of the Church and in-
 difference to the cause of Truth.
 The church appointed a meeting
 to be held, by divine permission, at
 Oak Grove, Thurs. before the 1st. Sund.
 in Oct., after which the meeting
 was adjourned.

James Posey Church Clerk,

Oak Grove, Va., Oct. 2^d 1890

The church came together, after preach-
 ing by Bro. Smoot, for business. The min-
 utes of the previous meeting was read
 and approved. The committee who were
 appointed to wait upon sister Payne in-
 formed the church that they had done
 so, but she failed to appear in answer

to our summons. Your motion and second she was unanimously excluded from the fellowship of the church. The church appointed a communion season to be held, if the Lord will, in Occoquan next Sunday after preaching. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
James Posey ch. clerk.

Oak Grove, Va. Oct.

The church came together after preaching by Mr. Smoot, for the transaction of church business. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. In the absence of any business the meeting was adjourned.
James Posey ch. clerk.

Oak Grove, Va. Nov.

The church after preaching by Mr. Smoot came together for business. There was no business, however, brought forward and the meeting was adjourned.
James Posey ch. clerk.

Oak Grove, Va., Dec. 1890.

The church came together after preaching by Mr. Smoot for the transaction of business. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved. In the absence of any other business the meeting was adjourned.
James Posey ch. clerk

Oak Grove rec Jan 10th 91
 The church came together after Preaching
 by Eld Smoot for business, members of
 Sister Church was invited to Seats with
 us in Council The minutes of ~~our~~ last
 meeting was Read and approved in the
 absence of business The meeting was adjourn^d
 James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove, Va. Feb. 7th 1891.
 The church came together after preach-
 ing by bro. Smoot. The usual invita-
 tion was extended, but no person came
 forward. The attention of the church
 was called to the fact that no infor-
 mation had been received by the church
 for several years from bro. Albert
 O'neal, Sister Nancy Richards, and
 Mary V. Hall (formerly Thompson), the
 clerk was instructed to communicate
 with these members, and notify them
 to appear before the church at our
 March meeting to answer the charge
 of negligence in attending their du-
 ties in the church.
 James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove, Va., March 8th, 1891.

The Church came together after preaching by bro. Smoot. The usual invitation was extended to members of sister churches to sit with us in Council. The door was opened for the reception of members whereupon Oscar Moore, a ^{former} member of Frying Pan Church in Fairfax Co., Va., came before the Church, and informed us that he had left that church on account of its disorder in affiliating with the Clark or Means Baptist, and desired a home with us. The Church, after listening to a relation of his experience, his views or belief in reference to the doctrine and order of the gospel, received him unanimously into our membership.

The clerk reported that he had notified the three members, brother O. Meier, and sisters Hall and Richard, and that sister Hall had written a letter to the Church which he presented, stating that she was unable to attend ^{this meeting} on account of having no way to come and having a young child, which she could not leave at home, ~~but~~ expressing her fellowship and love for the Church, and desire to remain with them if they (the Church) considered it proper. The Church

after hearing her letter read, continued her case until next meeting, but excluded. Albert O'neal and Mrs. Nancy Richards, for refusing to obey the summons of the Church. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

Oak Grove Va April 11th 1891

The Church came together after preaching by Bro. Smoot from First Timothy 1st Ch. 15th verse. The usual invitation was extended to Sister Church to sit in Council with us - ^{in person}

The door was opened for the reception of members. No one responded.

In the case of Sister Hall referred from our last meeting, Bro Smoot informed the Church that he had been to see her and that she gave him a very good reason why she had not answered the summons of the Church, to wit, having a young child together with bad roads and inclement weather prevented her coming to the Church. At the request of Bro Smoot Bro Moore informed Sister Hall of the action of the Church in her case - by continuing it till the next meeting of the Church. - The Church unanimously dismissed Sister Hall's case and Bro Moore was requested to inform her of the fact. In the absence of the regular clerk Bro Moore was appointed to act as clerk - No further business. The meeting was adjourned. Oscar Moore
clerk for Tim

Oceoguan, Va. May 2^d, 1891
 The church came together for business
 after preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Song of Solomon 2^d Chap. 11th, 12th
 verses. The minute of the March
 meeting was read and approved.
 In the absence of any business after
 remaining together for a short time
 the church adjourned the meeting.
 James Posey Ch Clerk

Oak Grove Va. Sat May 9th 1891
 after Preaching by Bro Smoot
 from Job 28th 4th verse inclusive the Church
 came together for Bus the ^{usual} invitation was
^{given} for the Reception of members ^{but} none ^{came} for
 the minutes of the last two meetings
 was read and approved By a vote of the
 Church there was a Church meeting
 appointed to be held in Washington D.C.
 at Sister Bells the 3 Sunday in June
 to arrange for the association in the absence
 of other Business the meeting was adjourned
 James Posey Ch Clerk

oakgrove Sat. June 13.91
 after Preaching By Brother Smoot from
 Matthew 6 Ch 27 28 ver. The church
 came for business members of our faith
 and order was invited to seats with
 us in Council ~~at~~ ^{*the attention of the church} ~~the case of sister~~ ^{was referred}
~~Against~~ Sister Emma Horner for
 disorder where upon By a unanimous
 vote she was Excluded from the
 fellowship of the Church

Brother Oscar Moore was appointed
 to write the Church letter to the
 annual Meeting which is appointed
 to Be held in Washing D.C.
 By a vote of the Church ~~the~~ ^{the} Next
 Session of the annual meeting was
~~appointed~~ ^{expected} to Be held with the
 Oakgrove Church to Commence
 on Wed. Before the 3d. Sunday
 in August 18.92

after which the Church adjourned

In order James Posey Ch. Clerk

* Miss Horner lives in Philadelphia
 and having failed to get a letter of dis-
 mission from us to join them, she united
 with them, thus ~~placing~~ identifying
 herself with Baptist who have a dis-
 orderly correspondence, and for whom
 we have no fellowship.

Oak Grove Va. July 11th 1891

The Church met at this place to day pursuant to adjournment. Preaching by Bro. Smith from the 2nd Ch. 1st Peter and 1st to 5th verse inclusive -

After preaching the Church was called to order for any business that might come before them -

Minutes Members of other Churches, same faith and order were invited to sit in Council with us.

The usual invitation was extended by the Elder to any who had a desire to come before the Church. Two one responded -

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved after some explanation in the case of Sister Emma Worms -

No further business before the Church the meeting adjourned till day in course -

In the absence of the Church Clerk Bro. Oscar Moore was appointed in his stead.

James. Gosser

Ch. clerk

Oak Grove, Va., Aug. 12th, 1891.

The church came together after preaching by Elder R. M. Thomas of Mo. The usual invitation was extended to members of sister churches to sit with us in Council. The church letter written by Bro. Moore was read and adopted. The church invited the Annual Meeting to hold its next session with us to begin, if the Lord will, Wed. before

the 3rd Sunday in August and continue the two following days.

Brethren Oscar Moore, James Posey, Church Grimes, Lafayette Maddox, W. M. Smoot, were appointed messengers to the Vth Annual Meeting to be held, if the Lord will, in Washington, D. C. next week. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned, after granting a letter of dismission to Mr. Moore to join Brynning Park Church. Church Clerk.

There was no meeting held during the month of Sept.

Ch. Clerk.

Oak Grove, Vth Oct. 10th, 1891.

The Church came together after preaching by Mr. Smoot. In the absence of any business of importance the meeting was adjourned.

James Posey Ch. Clerk.

Oak Grove, Vth Nov. 14th.

The ~~meeting~~ Church came together after preaching by Mr. Smoot, and the usual invitation to members of sister Churches was extended. The church prohibited the playing of base ball upon their grounds hereafter. In the absence of further business the church adjourned the meeting.

James Posey Ch. Clerk.

Oak Grove Va. Decr 1891
 after Preaching By Bro Smoot from
 Exodus the 3 ch. th 10 vs inclusive
 the Church came to gether for Buissness
 the usual Invotation was Extended to
 Members of Sister Churches to Seats withins
 In council the door of the Church was open
 for the Reception of members but no one
 come and after Remaining to gether
 Some time the meeting was adjourned

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Va. Jan. 9th 1892
 after Preaching Bro Smoot from Genesis the
 1 Ch 3 and 4 ver: the Church came together
 for Buissness the door of the Church
 was opened for the Reception of members
 But no one come the Church appointed
 a church meeting to be held in the
 meeting ^{house} at Occoquan on Sat before the
 1 Sunday in feb after whitch the Church
 adjourned the meeting James Posey ch clerk

Occoquan Sat., Feb. 6th, 1892
 The Church came together after
 preaching by Elder Mr. M. Smoot,
 and in the absence of the Clerk
 Mr. James Clark was appointed to
 enter the present meeting. There
 being no business before the meeting
 after remaining together a short time
 the meeting was adjourned. J. Clark, Clerk

Oak Grove Nov Feb 13th 92

after Preaching By Bro- Smart from Judges the
 6 Chap 11 to 16th inclusive the Church came together
 for Business the usual invocation was extended
 to members of our faith and order to Seats within
 In Council the door of the Church was opened for
 the Reception of members But no one came forward
 the Minutes of the two last meetings was Read and
 adopted the Church appointed Mr. Wilson Davis
 to attend to the getting of wood and making the
 fires and keeping the house in good order and
 as goes to Pay him five dollars for the same
 after Remaining together a short time the meeting was
 adjourned in order James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. March 12th 92

after Preaching By Bro- Smart from Job the 38 Ch.
 4 to 7th inclusive the Church came together
 for Business the door of the Church was
 opened for the Reception ^{of members} but no one came forward
 and there being no Business on hand after
 Remaining together a short time the Church
 adjourned the meeting In order James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat Apr 8th 92

after Preaching By Bro Smart from Zechariah
 the 14 Ch 20 and 21st ver the Church came together
^{for} Business members of Sister Churches was invited to Seats
 with us in council the door of the Church was
 opened for the Reception of members But no one
 came forward and there being no Business on hand
 the meeting was adjourned Snoder Jas. Posey
 Ch. Clerk

Oakgrove Sat. May 7th/92

after Preaching By Bro. Smoot from Genesis
19 Ch. 29 vs. the Church ^{come together} for Business
the usual invocation was Extended for the
Reception of members but no one come forward
the minutes of the two last meetings was
Read and adopted the Church appointed Bro.
Smoot James Posey and Mr. Wilson Davis
as a committee to see to the Land and find out
the correct line and the Established Corners
whitch has Ben decided to the Oakgrove Church
Some time Past after some appropriate remarks
the Church adjourned the meeting in order
James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oakgrove Sat. July 9th/92

after Preaching By Bro. Smoot from Deuteronomy
the 24 Ch. Last 4 vs. the Church come together
for Business members of Sister Church was
Invited to Seats with us in council the
Door of the Church was opened for the Reception
of members but no one come forward
the Church appointed James Posey to
Write the Church letter to the annual
meeting the august meeting was appointed
for the 1st Sund instead of the 2nd Su
In the absence of other business the church
adjourned the meeting in order
James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oakgrove Sat. Aug 6/92
 after Preaching by bro Smoot
 from Leviticus 10 Ch. 12, 13 and 14 the
 Church come together for Buiness members
 of Sister Church was invited to Seats within
 In Council the door of the Church was opened
 for the Reception of members but no one come forward
 the Church letter to the annual meeting was Read
 and adopted a committee consisting of bro Smoot
 James Posey and Mr. Wilson Davis was appointed
 to take Charge and See to the location of the
 Stand and all other matters Pertaining to the
 association after Remaining to gether a short
 time the meeting was adjourned In order
 James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oakgrove Sat. Sep 3/92
 after Preaching By Bro. Smoot from Galatians
 6 Ch. 17 the Church come together for Buiness
 members of Sister Church was invited to Seats
 with in council the door of the church was opened
 for the Reception of members but no one come
 forward the Church appointed a committee
 consisting of Bro's Smoot James Clank and
 James Posey to take Charge and See to the
 Openenim of a Cemetery at the meeting house
 In the Town of Occoquan after Reading the
 Minutes of the last meeting the Church
 adjourned the meeting untill Sunday
 they come together for Communion after
 whitch they adjourned in order
 James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oakgrove Sat. Oct. 7/92

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
Genesis the ch. 20. the Church came together
for Business members of Sister Church
was invited to Seats with us in council
the door of the Church was opened for the
Reception members but no one came forward
the minute of the last meeting was Read
and adopted and there being no business
on hand the meeting was adjourned
In order James Passey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove, Va. Sat., Nov. 12th 92.

The church came together after
preaching by brother Smoot. The
usual invitation was extended to
members of sister churches to a
seat with us in council and
the door of the church opened for
the reception of members. The
minute of the last meeting was
read and approved. A petition
was presented from brethren Crook
Grimes, James Clark and sisters
Jamie E. Lynn, Mary E. Allen, An-
nie E. Garner and D. F. Tavenner re-
questing letters of dismission from
us for the purpose of calling a coun-
cil with reference to the organiza-
tion of a church of our order in Oc-
cogan, Va. The request was granted
and the letters ordered to be prepared,

and Elder Smoot, brethren Posey and
 Inlany were appointed as our mes-
 sengers to this Council. In the absence
 of other business the meeting
 was adjourned. James Posey ch Clerk

Oak grove Sat. Dec 10th 1892
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Genesis 37 Ch. 3rd the Church come together
 for Business members of Sister Church
 was invited^{to} Seats with us & Council
 the door of the Church was opened for
 the Reception of members but no one
 come forward the minutes of the last
 meeting was Read and adopted and having
 no Business on hand the meeting was
 adjourned untill Sun. the Church
 come together for Communion after
 the Solemn Service the meeting
 closed James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak grove Sat Jan^y 7 1893
 after Preaching By Bro Smoot from
 1 Peter^{Ch} 5th the Church come together
 for Business the door of the Church
 was opened for the Reception of
 members but no one come forward
 and they being no business on hand
 the ^{meeting} was adjourned In order
 James Posey Ch Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Feb 11th 93
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Isaiah the 4th ch. and the last ver. the Church
 Come together for Business the door of the
 Church was opened for the Reception of
 members but no one come forward
 and no business on hand the Church
 meeting was adjourned in order
 James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat March 11th 93
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Luke 12 Ch. 32 ver. the Church Come together
 for Business the door of the Church
 was opened for the Reception members
 But no one come forward the minutes
 of the last three meetings was Read
 and adopted and having no business
 on hand the meeting was adjourned
 In order James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. April 8th 1893
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Jeremiah 31 Ch 14 and 15 ver the Church come
 together for Business the usual invitation
 was extended to members of Sister Churches
 to a seat with us in Council and the
 door opened for the Reception of members
 But no one come forward William
 Hamilton Colored applied for a letter of
 dismission from us to join the Antioch
 Church Fairfax Co. Va and his request

was granted and In the absence of
other business the meeting was adjourned
In order James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oakgrove Sat May 13th 93
after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
the Songs of Solomon 2 Ch. 8, 9, 10. vs. inclusive
the Church come together for Business members
of Sister Church was invited to Seats with
no incouncil the door of the Church was opened
for the Reception of members but no one
come forward the minutes of the last
2 meetings was Read and adopted and
having no Business on hand the meeting
was adjourned untill Sunday after
Preaching the Church come together with
visiting members for ~~the~~ Solomn Survis
of Communion after which the meeting
was adjourned In order
James Posey Ch. Clerk

~~Oakgrove Sat July 15th 93~~
~~after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from Kings~~
~~4 Ch. 33, 34, 35 vs. the Church come together for~~
~~Business members of Sister church was invited~~
~~to Seats with no incouncil the door of the church~~
~~was opened for the Reception members but no~~
~~one come forward the minutes of our last~~
~~meeting was Read and adopted~~
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Oak Grove Sat July 8 1893.

After Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
2 Kings 4 Ch 33 34 35 to the Church. Come
to gether for Business members of Sister Church
was invited to Seats within in Council. The
door of the Church was opened for the Reception
of members but no one come forward
The minint of the Previous meeting was
Read and approved Bro Posey was appointed
to write the Church letter to the Virginia
annual meeting the name of the meeting
Place in Fairfax CO. Recently bought for
the Erection of a house was changed from
Saynters Cross Roads to Mt. Pleasant
In the absents other Business the meeting
was adjourned in order

Gas. Posey Church Clerk

Oak Grove Sat Aug. 12 /93

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
1 Peter 1 Ch. 5 to the Church come to gether
for Business members of Sister Church was
Invited to Sit within in Council the
door of the Church was opened for the
Reception of members but no one come forward
The minint of the Last meeting was
Read and approved and having no
Business on hand the meeting was
Adjourned in order

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Oct. 7/93

after preaching by Bro. Smoot

from Leviticus the 14 ch the last was the church
 come to gether for business members of Sister
 Church was invited Sit with us in council
 the door of the church was opened for the reception
 of members but no one come forward the minutes
 of the previous meeting was read and approved
 a committee having been appointed to see
 Sister Hall and Summons her to appear
 before the church at this Oct. meeting to
 answer to the charge of negligent in attending
 meeting the committee reported the case to the
 church and Sister Hall failed to obey the
 summons and was unanimously excluded
 from the fellowship of the church after some
 appropriate remarks the church adjourned untill

Sunday after Preaching the messengers
 with visiting Brethren from Sister Church
 come together for the Solemn Service
 of communion after the service the meeting
 was adjourned In order

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Nov. 11th 1893

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from

Psalms 77 Ch and 13 or the church come
 together for business member of Sister
 Church was invited to Seats with us in
 council the door of the church was opened for
 the Reception of members but no one come forward
 and having no business on hand the meeting was
 adjourned In order James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat Dec⁹ 1893
 after Preaching by Bro Smoot
 from isaiah 50 ch 17 vi The church come
 together for business members of Sister
 Church was invited to Seats within
 in council the door of the church was opened
 for the Reception members but no one
 come forward and having no business
 on hand the meeting was adjourned untill
 Sunday the church come together for the
 solemn Service of Communion after
 which the meeting was adjourned in order
 James Posey Ch. Cl

Oak Grove Sat Jan. 13/94
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot the church
 come to gether for her usual mode of
 Business the door of the church was opened
 for the Reception of members but no one come
 forward the attention of the church was called
 to the case of Bro. and Sister Maddox whose
 unbecoming course and negligence in
 attending meeting required some notice
 on the Part of the church the church
 appointed a meeting to be held if the
 Lord will in their meeting house
 Thursday before the 2d. Sunday in
 Feb. 1894 to consider the charges
 against them and instructed the Clerk
 to notify them to be Present after
 some appropriate Remarks the meeting
 was adjourned in order James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove, Feb. 8th 1894.

The Church came together in a special meeting according to the appointment made Jan. 13th. Brother and Sister Maddy were not present, and they were excluded for refusing to obey the summons of the Church. After remaining together a short time the meeting was adjourned. James Posey Ch. Clerk.

Feb. 10th 1894.

The church came together according to appointment, after preaching by Elder Smoot. The usual invitation was extended to members of sister churches, and the door opened for the reception of members. In the absence of any business the meeting was adjourned. James Posey Ch. Clerk.

Oak Grove Sat. March 10th 94

after Preaching by Bro Smoot from 2 Kings 4 ch. first 7 v. the Church come together for Business, members of Sister Church was invited to Seats with us in council the minutes of the last meeting was Read and adopted after some appropriate Remarks the meeting was adjourned in order James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Apr. 8th 1894
 after Preaching By Bro. Smoot
 from Psalms 48 ch. and last 3 v's. the church
 come together for business members of Sister
 Church was invited to Seats with us in council
 the door of the church was opened for the
 Reception of members but no one came forward
 and having no Business on hand the meeting
 was adjourned In order untill Friday
 April the 20 by appointment to meet on
 that day to consider Some Things affecting
 the fellowship of members
 James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove, Frid. April 20th 1894.
 The church met in a special meet-
 ing, and after praise and prayer
 proceeded to business. The minute
 of the previous meeting was read
 and approved. Sister O'neal's case
 was brought up and the church
 having satisfactory evidence of
 her departure from the faith and
 order of the gospel unanimously
 excluded her from our fellow-
 ship. The church appointed ^{each} Thru.
 before the 5th Sunday for a meeting
 of the church for the transaction of
 business that might come before us
 relating to the peace and welfare of
 the church.

JAMES POSEY Church Clerk

Oak grove - Sat. May 12th /94
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Habakkuk the 2 ch. and first 4 vs. the
 church come together for business
 members of Sister church was invited
 to Seats with us in council the door of the
 church was opened for the Reception of
 members but no one come forward the
 minutes of the last meeting was Read
 and adopted and having ~~no~~ business on
 hand the meeting was adjourned. In
 order untill Sunday after Preaching the
 church come together with visiting
 Bre. and Sisters for the Sollem Service
 of Communion after which the meeting
 was adjourned In order
 James Posey Church Clerk

Oak grove Sat July 7th /94
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Mattheu the 1 Ch. and 1 vs. the church
 come together for Business members
 of Sister church was invited to Seats
 with in council the door of the church
 was opened for the Reception of members
 But no one come forward the minutes
 of the last meeting was Read and adopted.
 Bro Posey was appointed to write
 the church letter to the va. annual
 meeting and in the absence of other
 Business the meeting was adjourned
 In order James Posey Ch Clerk

Oak Grove ~~Thurs~~ July 26/94

The Church met according to appointment for the transaction of Business after Prais and Prayer by Brother Smoot and some appropriate Remarks the question was asked if there was any Business to come before the church and there ^{was} none the meeting was adjourned In order

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Sat. Aug. 11/94th

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from Genesis 48 ch. 14 to 20 vs inclusive the church come together for business members of Sister Church was invited to Seats with us in council the door of the church was opened for the Reception members but no one come forward to church letter was Read and adopted ~~the Sep. 1st meeting was~~ appointed for the 1st first Sun. instead of the 2^d. and that is the Communion Season of the Church and In the absence of other Business the meeting was adjourned In order

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Sat Sep. 1st 18/94

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from Isaiah 43^{ch.} 3 to the 7 vs inclusive the church come together for Business members of Sister Church was invited to Seats with us in council the door of the church was opened for the Reception members but none come forward the

minuted the last meeting was read and adopted and having no business on hand the meeting was adjourned in order untill Sunday the church with visiting members from the several churches of our faith and order come together for the solemn service of communion after which the meeting was adjourned in order
James Posey ch. clerk

Oak Grove Sat Oct. 13th /94

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from Isaiah 45 ch. 15th v. the church come together for business members of sister church was invited to seats with us in council the door of the church was opened for the Reception of members but no one come forward and our next meeting is the Communion Season of the church that Being the dec. meeting they will ^{Be} meeting in november Owing to Bro. Smoot's absens from home and having no business on hand the meeting was adjourned in order
James Posey ch. clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Dec. 8 /94

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from 2 Chronicles 4 ch. 2, 3, 4, 22 Inclusive the church come together for business members of sister church was invited to seats with us in council the door of the church was opened for the Reception of members but no one come forward the minuit of the last

meeting was Read and adopted and having
no Business on hand the meeting was
adjourned in order

James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Thurs. December 27/94
the Church met according to appointment
made for the transaction of business Should
there be any and after Prais and Prayer
By Eld. Smoot and Reading of the 84 Psalm
the moderator ast the question if there
was any Business to come before the
Church and being none after some
appropriate Remarks the meeting was
adjourned in order

James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Jan. 12th 1895
after Preaching by Bro Smoot from
Colossians 2 Ch. and 3 vs. the Church came
together for business members of Sister
Church was invited to Seats with us in count^{at}
the door of the Church was opened for the
Reception of members but no one come
forward the minutes of the last meeting
was Read and adopted and having
no Business on hand after some appropriate
Remarks the meeting was adjourned
In order

James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove, Va, Feb 9th, 1895.

Ben Smoot was called to attend the funeral of Willie Allen today at Occoquan Va. A fearful storm prevailed having commenced last Thursday blockading the roads with snow in drifts in some instances ten to fifteen feet high, the wind blowing at fearful height Thursday, Friday and today.

Sunday Feb. 10th 95.

The wind storm still prevails blowing the snow in every direction, a small congregation gathered at the meeting house having come through snow drifts. Sister Phannetta Davis was the only member of the church and the only lady present at the meeting.
Mr. M. Smoot, Moderator.

Oak Grove Sat March 9. 18th 95

after Preaching by Bro Smoot from Genesis the 39 ch. the church come together for Business members of Sister church was invited to seats with us in council the door of the church was opened for the Reception of members But no one come forward Sister Lucy Bell Requested a letter of dismissal from us for the Purpose of joining Lelah church her Request was granted and She was Regularly dismissed from us after Reading of the minutes and its adoption of the last meeting the church adjourned in order
James Posey ch. Clerk

oak Grove Sat ¹¹ 13/95
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Solomon's Song 4 ch. 4 ver. the church come
 together for business members of Sister church
 was invited to seats with us in council
 the door of the church was opened for the
 Reception of members but no one come forward
 the minuit of the last meeting was read
 and adopted and having no Business before
 the church the meeting was adjourned
 In order

James Posey Ch. Clerk

oak Grove Sat. May 11th 1895
 after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Ezekiel 17 Chap 3 and 4 ver. the
 church come together for Business members
 of Sister churches was invited to seats with
 us in council the door of the church was
 opened for the Reception of members but
 no one come forward the minuit of the
 last meeting ^{was} read and adopted
 and having no Business on hand the
 meeting was adjourned in order
 untill Sun. after Preaching the church
 come together with visiting members
 from Sister church for the Sabbath
 Service of communion after which the
 meeting closed in order

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Thurs. June 27th 95
 the church met according to appointment
 made for the transaction of Business Should there
 be any and after Praise Prayer and Reading a
 chapter in the Bible the door of the church
 was opened for the transaction Business
 But having no Business on hand after some
 appropriate Remarks the meeting was adjourned
 In order James Posey ch. clerk

Oak Grove Sat. July 13th 95
 after Preaching by Bro. Smart from
 Ephesians 2 ch. 4 We the church come
 together for Business members of Sisters church
 was invited Seats ^{with} in council the door
 of Church was opened for the Reception of
 Members But no one come forward

Bro. James Posey was appointed to write the
 church Letter to the W. A. Annual meeting
 the church appointed the cong. meeting for
 the 1st Sun. inst of the 2nd after Reading the
 Previous minute and its adoption the church
 adjourned in order

James Posey ch. clerk

cong.

Oak Grove Sat. th 31st 95

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Philippians 2 ch. 14 v. The Church come together
 for Business members of Sister Church was
 invited to sit with us in council the door
 of the church was opened for the Reception
 of members ~~that were~~
 James J. Grimes who was Excluded from the
 church May th 3 1890 came before the
 church and after making Proper
 Acknowledgements was Restored in the fellow
 ship of the Church after Reading of the minutes
 the church meeting was adjourned In
 order Jas. Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Oct. 13th /95-

after Preaching By Bro. Smoot from
 Ephesians The church come
 together for Business members of Sister
 Church was invited Seats with us in
 Council The door of the church was opened
 for the Reception of members but no
 one come forward the minutes of the
 last meeting was Read and adopted
 after which the meeting was adjourned
 In order

James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Nov. 9th /95-

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
 Ezekiel 3 ch. 13 v. The Church come
 together for Business members of Sister

Church was invited to Seats with
us in council the door of the Church was
opened for the Reception of members but no
one come forward and having no Business
on hand after some appropriate Remarks
the meeting was adjourned in order
James Posey ch. clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Dec. 7th 1895

after Preaching
By Bro. Simcot from Isaiah 65 ch. 9. 10.
the church conv. Together for Business
members of Sister Church was invited
to Seats with us in council the door of
the church was opened for the Reception
of members but no one come forward
the minutes of the last meeting was read
and adopted and having no Business on
hand after some appropriate Remarks the meeting
was adjourned in order until Sunday
after Preaching the church come together
with visiting members for the solemn
Service of communion after which
the meeting ^{was} adjourned
James Posey ch. clerk

Oak Grove Thur. Dec. 26th 1895 made
the church met according to a Pointmen.
for the transaction of Business Should there
be any and having no Business on hand after
Praise and Prayer and Reading of a chapter
the meeting was adjourned in order Jos. Posey ch. C.

Oak Grove Sat. Jan. 11th 1896.

after Preaching by Bro Smoot from Daniel 2 ch. 29^{ver} the church come together for Business members of Sister Churchs was Invited to Seats with us in Council the door of the Church was opened for the Reception of members But no one come forward and having no Business on hand after Some appropriate Remarks the meeting was adjourned In order James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Feb. 8th 96

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from Romans 8 ch. 6^{ver} the church come together for Business members of Sister Churchs was invited to Seats with us in Council the door of the Church was opened for the Reception of members But no one come forward the minutes of the last meeting was Read and adopted and having no Business on hand after Some appropriate Remarks the meeting was adjourned in order James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. March 7th 96

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from Malachi 3 ch. 10-11^{ver} the church come together for Business members of Sister Churchs was invited to Seats with us in Council the door of the church was opened for the Reception members but no one come forward and having no Business on hand the meeting was adjourned in order James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sun. March 22/96

The church was called together for the purpose of taking a vote whether or not they should meet on their Regular meeting day Thurs. 26 the vote was taken and the meeting was dispensed of and after some appropriate Remarks the meeting was adjourned in order
James Posey ch. clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Apr. 11/96

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from Romans 8 Ch. 10. 10 the church came together for Business members of Sister churches was invited to Seats with us in council the door of the church was opened for the Reception of members But no one came forward the communion of the church was appointed for the 1 Sun. at 10 ocl instead 2 Sun. and having no other Business the meeting was adjourned In order James Posey ch. clerk

Oak Grove Sat. May the 9. 1896

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from Romans 4 Ch. 10. 11 the church came together for Business members of Sister churches was invited to Seats with us in council the door of the church was opened for the Reception of members But no one came forward the minutes of the last meeting was Read and adopted and having no Business on hand the meeting was adjourned in order
James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. July 11th 1896

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
Malachi the 3 ch. 17th v. the church come together
for Business members of sister church was in-
vited to Seats with us in council the door of the
church was opened for the Reception members
But no one come forward Sister Maria
Curtis Requested a letter of dismission from us
for the Purpose of joining the Bulah church
her Request was granted and she was dismissed
from us the church letter was Read and
adopted Bro. J. J. Grimes made the church
a Present of a communion Service for which
we feel thankful to Bro. Grimes for his kindness
after the adoption of the last minute and
Some appropriate Remarks the meeting was
adjourned in order

James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Oct. 10th

after Preaching by Bro. Smoot from
2 Chronicles 13 ch. the church come together
for Business members of sister church was
invited to Seats with us in council
the door of the church was opened for the
Reception of members but no one come
forward the church agreed to discontinue
of Preaching on Sat. at 5th 10th the meeting
meeting in stead for this winter and
after Reading the last minute and its
adoption the meeting was adjourned in order
James Posey Ch. Clerk

Oak Grove Sat. Nov. 12th 1896

the church come together
for Business after Prais and Prayer By
Bro. Smoot he Read Proverbs the 3rd ch.
and ^{made} some very Beautiful Remarks
In Regard to the travil of the church
and having no Buisness on hand the
minuit of the last meeting was Read and
adopted after which the meeting was
adjourned In order
James Posey ch. Clerk

Oak Grove, Sat. Dec 12, 96.

The church came together for the trans-
action of Church business. The minute of
the previous meeting was read and ap-
proved. The following letter from Bro. Posey
was received and read before the church.

"Token, Va, Dec. 12th, 1896.

"To the Occogan Church of Primitive Baptists.
Dear Brethren, - I am involved in
a trouble that is as yet in an undeveloped
state, and I feel that it would be best for
me to be dropped from your membership,
at least, for the present until I can pre-
sent the case in a clearer light than I
now can, at which time I desire to come be-
fore you for a consideration of the case.

"And, dear brethren, I feel that the
order of the gospel demands this of me. I
want to tell you that I have the very same
love for you all that I had when you re-

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ceived me in your fellowship, and would rather die than have the church of the living God in disorder on my part, for I can assure you, dear brethren, that the truth of the gospel is preached no where ~~else~~ save among your order of Baptist.

Yours truly, James Posey.

The church took the matter under advisement, and, after some consideration, felt it to be her duty, ^{at least, for the present} to comply with the request contained in this letter, and drop W. Posey from our membership. The subject of church members taking out or having taken out a life insurance policy was taken up, and the church unanimously decided that, in their judgment, this was gross disorder. The ~~appointed~~ church appointed the 4th Sunday in Dec. 11 A.M. for a communion service, if the Lord will, and adopted the order of the Benlah church in authorizing the Moderator to sign the minutes of the meeting in the absence of ~~the~~ a clerk, Mr. N. Smoot, Mod.

Sat. Jan 9th 1897

The church came together after praise and prayer. An invitation ^{was extended} to members of sister churches to a seat in council with us. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The ~~minutes~~ meeting for Feb. was changed from the 2nd Sunday & Sat. before to Thurs.

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before the 2^d Sunday to allow Eld. Smoot
 opportunity for a western visit. It was agreed
 also that Elder S. should have the plank be-
 longing to the Church used for seats & at bus-
 iness meetings measured and use it if desired,
 furnishing the same amt. to the Association
 to be held with this Church, if the Lord will,
 in Aug. 1898. After remaining together a
 short time in pleasant gospel communion
 the meeting was adjourned.

Wm. M. Smoot Mod.

Thurs., Feb. 1897.

The Church came together after
 preaching by Elder Smoot for the trans-
 action of Church business. A number
 of members of sister churches were present,
 and they were invited to seats in council
 with us. But there was no business brought
 forward for action and after remaining
 together a short time the meeting was
 adjourned.

Wm. M. Smoot Mod.

Sat., April 1897.

The Church came together for the trans-
 action of Church business after praise and
 prayer. The minutes of the previous meet-
 ing was read and approved. The May meet-
 ing was appointed for Thurs. before the 1st
 Sunday in May instead of Sat. before the 2^d Sunday.
 In the absence of other business the meeting was
 adjourned.

Wm. M. Smoot Mod.

Thurs. ~~May~~ ^{April} 29th, 1897.

The Church came together for the transaction of church business. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. No business was brought up for action, and after remaining together a short time the meeting was adjourned.
W. W. Smith, Mod.

Thurs. June 3rd 1897.

The Church came together for the transaction of church business, but no business was brought up for consideration, and after remaining pleasantly together a short time the meeting was adjourned.
W. W. Smith, Mod.

Thurs. July 1st ~~2nd~~

The Church met according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The church appointed their Sept. meeting for the 1st Sunday instead of the 2nd in that month. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
W. W. Smith, Mod.

Thurs. July 29th, 1897.

The Church came together after some introductory remarks by the moderator. The minutes of the previous

meeting was read and approved. The church unanimously extended an invitation to the Annual Meeting to meet with us, if the Lord will, in Aug 1898, and adopted a letter to be sent to the present session to be held, if the Lord will, in Washington D.C. After pleasantly remaining together a short time the meeting was adjourned. Wm M. Moot Mod.

Oak Grove, Thurs. Sept. 30

The church came together for business after some introductory remarks by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In the absence of any other business the meeting was adjourned. Wm M. Moot Mod.

Thurs. Nov. 4th, 1897.

The church came together after some introductory remarks by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In the absence of any business the meeting was adjourned.

Wm M. Moot, Mod.

Nov. 14 Col. to day 4.29 I paid Mr. D. 5.00 leaving the church due one meaty Oak Grove, Ind. 23-45 Davis
Col. on white-washing 75- I paid Mrs. Dugan 1.50 leaving the church due one 75- on that 146
due one on all. Sick Davis (Sally) paid me 25.00
at Mr. Clark's funeral (over)

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Oak Grove, Va. Dec. 2^d, 1897

The Church came together after some introductory remarks by the moderator. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The Church appointed the 3^d Sunday in January, by divine permission, for a communion season. After a very pleasant interview ~~the meeting~~ was adjourned.
 W. M. Smoot, Mod.

Thurs. Dec. 30th, 1897.

The Church came together according to appointment. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. In the absence of any other business the meeting was adjourned.
 W. M. Smoot, Mod.

~~Thurs. Feb~~

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Thurs. Feb. 3^d, 1898.

The Church met according to appt. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The Church dispensed with the meeting for March, and arranged to meet again, if the Lord will, Thurs. before the 1st Sunday in April 1898. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
 W. M. Smoot, Mod.

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Thurs. March 31

The Church met according to appt.
The minute of the previous meeting was
read and approved. In the absence of
other business the meeting was adjourned.
Wm M. Smith Mod.

Thurs. April 28th 1898

The Church met according to appt.
The minute of the previous meeting was
read and approved. The regular meeting
for Thurs. before the 1st of Sunday in June was
postponed until, by divine permission, the
before 1st of Sunday in July. In the absence of
any other business the meeting was adjourned.
Wm M. Smith Mod.

Thurs. June 30th 98.

The Church met according to ap-
pointment. The minute of the previous
meeting was read and approved. In
the absence of any special business the
meeting was adjourned. Wm M. Smith,
Mod.

Thurs. Aug. 4th 98.

The Church came together for the
transaction of church business after praise
and prayer by the moderator. The letter to the
Annual Meeting was read and approved,
and letters from and to the appointed
messengers. In the absence of other busi-
ness the meeting was adjourned.
Wm M. Smith Mod.

1898

Thurs. Sept. 29, 1898

The church came together for the transaction of church business, after praise and prayer; some introductory remarks were also made. No business was brought forward for action except the settlement of the associational accounts. After a pleasant and interesting ~~meeting~~ session the meeting was adjourned. Wm. Smart Mod.

Oak Grove, Va, Nov. 3rd 1898

The church came together for the transaction of church business, and for a church meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The Dec. meeting (the 2nd Sunday) was postponed, and a communion season appointed, by divine permission, for the 1st Sunday in Dec. 11 A. M. After a pleasant and interesting meeting it was adjourned. Wm. Smart Mod.

Thurs. Dec. 1st 1898

The church came together for business after some introductory remarks by the Moderator. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. After remaining together ~~for~~ in a pleasant, and, we trust, profitable session the meeting was adjourned. Wm. Smart Mod.

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Thurs. May 4th 1899

The Church came together for business after praise and prayer. A number of visiting members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The June meeting was postponed until Thurs. before the 1st Sunday in July. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
W. M. Smith Mod.

Thurs. June 29

The Church came together for business after praise and prayer by the Moderator, a number of visiting members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. No business being brought forward the meeting was adjourned.
W. M. Smith Mod.

Thurs. Aug. 3rd 1899

The Church met according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. A letter to the Annual Meeting at Frying Pan in Aug. ~~next~~ was read and adopted. The Church invited the Association or Annual Meeting to meet with us at our meeting place at Mt. Pleasant in Fairfax Co., Va. at the usual time in Aug. 1900, also appointed an all day meeting

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To be held, if the Lord will, Monday after the
3rd Sunday in Aug. 1899. Adjourned to meet,
Providence permitting, Thurs. before the 1st
Sunday in Oct. 1899.

M. M. Smoot, Mod.

Sat. Aug. 28th, 1899.

The church met according to
appt. The minute of the previous
meeting was read and approved.

In the absence of any business
the meeting was adjourned.

M. M. Smoot, Mod.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 1899.

The church met according to appoint-
ment. The minute of the previous meeting
was read, and approved. In the absence of any
further business the meeting was adjourned.

M. M. Smoot, Mod.

Thurs. Nov. 30, 1899.

The church came together after
some introductory remarks. The min-
ute of the previous meeting was read
and approved. There being no business
for our consideration, after remaining
together for a short time the meeting was
adjourned.

M. M. Smoot,

Mod.

1900

Thurs., Jan. 4th, 1900.

The Church met agreeable to appointment a number of visiting members being present. The meeting was opened by praise and prayer.

The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The Church appointed the 3rd Sunday in Jan., of the Lent week, for a communion season. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Smith, Mod.

Jan. 21st 1900

The Church and visiting brethren came together in a very pleasant and precious communion season today.

W. M. Smith, Mod.

Thurs. Feb. 1, 1900.

The Church came together after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The church arranged to dispense with the March meeting, by Divine permission.

In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Smith Mod.

Thursday, March 28, 1900.

The church came together after praise and prayer by the Moderator.

The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The church arranged to allow no further liberty for opening new lots for burying in our cemetery to families who have not received permission to bury without special permission from the church. And if the church should not be convenient to call together when such permission is desired, the preacher serving the church, its clerk or deacon could act for ~~us~~ us. (Wm. Smock Mod.)

Thursday, May 3, 1900

The church came together after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read, and approved. The next meeting was appointed to be held, if the Lord will, on Thurs before the 1st Sunday in July 1900 omitting the June meeting.

(Wm. Smock, Mod.)

Thurs., June 28, 1900

The church came together after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. A letter to the Annual Meeting at Mt. Pleasant was read and

adopted. The Church arranged to hold her next meeting, if the Lord will, on Thurs. before the 2^d Sunday in Oct. at 2.30 P.M. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
 W. M. Smuck,
 Mod.

Thurs. Oct. 4, 1900.

The Church met according to appointment. The meeting was opened by praise and prayer. The minute of the last meeting was read and adopted. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
 W. M. Smuck Mod.

Thurs. Nov. 1, 1900.

The Church met according to appointment, after praise and prayer. The weather was inclement but a goodly number of members and visitors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The 1st Sunday in Dec. was appointed for a Communion season, by divine permission, and the next Church meeting arranged for Thurs. before the 1st Sunday in Jan. 1901, if the Lord will.
 W. M. Smuck
 Moderator.

1901

Jan. 3. The church came together after praise and prayer by the Moderator. Several visiting members were present. A pleasant, social gathering of saints met in a New Year greeting of love and fellowship. The Feb. meeting was postponed until the following month.
Mrs. M. M. M. Mod.

Thurs. Feb. 28, 1901

The church met according to appointment. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The church appointed Nelson Davis as to continue or section at \$5.00 pr. year. The next regular church meeting was arranged for Thurs. before the 1st Sunday in May 1901, at 2 P. M.
Mrs. M. M. M. Mod.

Thursday, May 2nd 1901.

The church met according to appointment. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The church agreed to postpone their June meeting, and ~~meet~~ meet again, if the Lord will, on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in July at 2 P. M.
Mrs. M. M. M. Mod.

Thursday, July 4, 1901.

The church came together for the transaction of church business after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. No business was brought forward for action, and the meeting was adjourned. Wm. M. Smith, Mod.

Thurs. Aug. 1, 1901.

The church came together for business, after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read, and approved. The church letter to the Association was read and adopted, and \$3.00 raised for minutes.

In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

Wm. M. Smith, Mod.

P.S. James Posey, Wilson Davis, R. M. Davis, and Philip Wheshin were appointed a committee to superintend building a new fence around our meeting house.

W. M. S.

Thurs. Oct. 3, 1901

The church met according to appointment. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The next meeting was arranged by divine permission for Thurs. before the 1st Sunday in

January at 2. p.m. In the absence
of other business the meeting was adjourned.
Wm. Smith Mod.

1902

Thursday, Jan. 2, 1902

The church met according to
appointment, a good sized gathering
of members and visiting members being
present. The minutes of the previous
meeting were read and approved.

The church arranged for the committee
appointed at the last August meet-
ing to superintend any repairs needed
on our house. The next church meeting
was appointed, by divine permission, to
meet Thursday before the 1st Sunday
in April at 2. p.m. In the absence
of other business the meeting was ad-
journed.
Wm. Smith Mod.

Thursday, April 3rd, 1902.

The church came together after praise
and prayer. The minutes of the previous
meeting were read and approved. Oley
Davis was appointed in the place of his
father (deceased) ~~on~~ ^{on} the committee to su-
perintend the work on the house and fence.
Our next meeting was appointed for
Thursday before the 1st Sunday in July at 2. p.m.
if the Lord will. In the absence of other
business the meeting was adjourned.
Wm. Smith Mod.

Thursday, July 3, 1902.

The Church came together for business after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. A letter to the Annual Meeting was read and adopted. The next Church meeting was appointed to be held, if the Lord will, ~~then~~ Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October at 2 p.m. In the absence of other business the meeting ^{adjourned} Unanimous Mnd.

Thursday, Oct 27, 1902.

The Church met according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

A number of visiting members were present, and we enjoyed a refreshing season. Unanimous Mnd.

Thursday, Oct 30, 1902.

The church came together for the transaction of business, after praise and prayer. Our next meeting was arranged, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 7th Sunday in January, 1903. After a short and we hope profitable interview, the meeting was adjourned.

Unanimous, Mnd.

1903

Jan. 1. The church met according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Our next church meeting was arranged for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in ~~February~~ ^{April}. This is a communion season, if the Lord will, for the 3rd Sunday in February, 11 am.
 Wm. M. Smith Mod.

April 2, 1903.

The church came together after praise & ~~April~~ prayer, a number of visiting members being present.

The attention of the church was called to reports in circulation in reference to sister Garner's attending worldly gatherings and parties, thus acting in a manner unbecoming a member of the church. The church summoned her to attend our next meeting in order to explain her action. The next meeting was appointed for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in June at 2. p.m. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
 Wm. M. Smith Mod.

Thursday, June 4, 1903,

The Church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Sister Theodos V. Garner having refused to obey the summons of the Church, as ordered in the last entry, was excluded from our fellowship, for refusing to obey the summons of the Church. Our next meeting was appointed to be held, if the Lord will, Thursday before the 1st Sunday in August 2 p.m. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
W. M. Smith, Mod.

Thurs., July 30, 1903.

The Church came together for business after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The Church letter to the Annual Meeting was read and adopted. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday, so far as possible. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
W. M. Smith, Mod.

Thursday, October 29, 1903.

The Church came together after praise and prayer by the Moderator. ~~A number of visiting members were present~~ A full attendance of members were present, and several visiting members also. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. & The attention of the church was called to a new-fangled secret order of mushroom growth, that has lately, ^{springing} up in America, masquerading under the guise of Labor-union, and bound together by a solemn oath, whose principles instead of fostering the right of honest toil, would deprive every man the right to labour, only as such tyrannical organization, might dictate. By a hearty and unanimous vote the church decided that all such organizations come under the head of secret orders, against which we have declared non-fellowship in Article 6th (page 6), ~~of our order~~ in our declaration of Principles.

Sister Georganna Meyhugh was granted a letter of dismission to enter into the organization of a church of our order in Washington, D.C. In the absence of further business the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Smart,
Mod.

Thursday, November 19, 1903.

At a called meeting of the church held today in our meeting house at Oak Grove, Va., the minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. Brother James F. Grimes and his wife sister Jane Ann Grimes were dismissed by letter to enter into the organization of a church in Washington, D.C. A message was received from the members desiring to enter into this organization, requesting us to send messengers to sit with them in the Council, and Deacon C. M. Smock was appointed as our messenger to said Council, to meet by divine permission, in Washington, D.C. the 5th Sunday, in November at 10 A.M. Our next church meeting was appointed, if the Lord will on ~~Sat~~ Thursday before the 1st Sunday in February, 1904.

Wm. M. Smock,

(Moderator)

Thursday, Feb. 4, 1904

The church came together after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. Our next meeting was appointed, by divine permission, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in April at 2 p.m. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

Wm. M. Smock, (Mod.)

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Oak Grove, March 31, 1904

The church came together after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The weather was inclement, but a goodly number of members were present. The next church meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in July.

U. M. Smuk, Mod.

Oak Grove, June 30, 1904.

The church came together after praise and prayer by the Moderator. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. In the absence of any business before us for action the meeting was adjourned.

U. M. Smuk, Mod.

Oak Grove, Aug. 4, 1904.

The church and visiting brethren came together after praise and prayer. A letter to the Va. Annual Meeting was adopted, and Oeder U. M. Smuk appointed as messenger. Elijah Davis, R. M. Davis, and Philip Leshkine were appointed a committee to oversee the putting of a roof on our meeting house. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Oct.

U. M. Smuk, Mod.

Thursday, Sept. 29, 1904.

The Church came together after praise and prayer by the Moderator.

The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. Our next meeting was appointed, if Providence permits, for ~~the~~ 10 a.m. instead of 2 p.m. on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in January.

U.M. Smith, Moderator.

Thursday, Nov 3, 1904.

The Church came together for business after praise & prayer by the Moderator. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The statement regarding the Stand Contributions and Associational expenses was read and approved. Our next meeting was appointed for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in December at 10 a.m. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

U.M. Smith, Mod.

Thurs, Dec. 3, 1904

The Church met according to appointment after praise and prayer.

The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in March at 10.30 a.m.

U.M. Smith, Mod.

Thursday May 2, 1905-

The Church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. An arrangement was made for a collection the 2d Sunday in May for putting the roof on the house. Our next Church meeting was arranged for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in June at 10.30 am. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.
Wm. M. Small Mod.

Thursday, June 1st, 1905:

The Church came together after praise and prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Mr. Elvah Marshall came before the Church relating a very satisfactory experience and was unanimously received for baptism to be administered, if the Lord will, the 2d Sunday in June. No other business having been brought up the meeting was adjourned.
W. M. Small Mod.

Thursday, Aug 3, 1905.

The Church came together for business after praise and prayer. A goodly number of members were present. The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. A letter to the Annual Meeting at Fryingpan (this year) was read and adopted, and Decker Wm. Small appointed as our messenger \$3.25 being collected for supplies. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday the 1st Sunday in October.
Wm. M. Small Mod.

Thursday, Oct. 28, 1905.

The Church came together after praise and prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. After a pleasant intercourse together the Church adjourned arranging the time of the next meeting, if the Lord will, Thursday before the 1st Sunday in February, 1906, at 2 p.m.

W. M. Smith

Mod.

Thursday Feb. 1, 1906

The Church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The next church meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in May at 2 p.m. After remaining together in a most enjoyable and pleasant intercourse the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Smith Mod.

Thursday, May 3, 1906.

The Church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. An arrangement was made, if the Lord will, for a communion the 2d Sunday in May. Our next church meeting was appointed for the Thursday before the 1st Sunday in August at 2 p.m. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Smith Mod.

Thursday, Aug 2, 1906.

The Church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. A Church letter to the Annual Meeting was read and adopted, and Oeder W. M. Smoot appointed to bear it to the Association. Our next meeting was appointed to be held if the Lord will, Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October at 10 A.M. After which the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Smoot
Mod.

Thursday, Oct 4, 1906.

The Church ^{met}, Oeder Smoot was unable to be present on account of sickness. After remaining together a short time, we arranged for our next meeting, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November at 2 p.m.

W. M. Smoot, Mod.

Thursday, Nov 1, 1906.

The Church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The next Church meeting was arranged for Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in December at 2 p.m., and the 2d. Sunday in November arranged for a communion season. After which the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Smoot Mod.

Thursday, Nov. 29 1906.

The Church came together according to appointment after prayer and praise. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Our next church meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Feb. at 10 a.m. After which the meeting was adjourned.

Wm. Smith Pres.

1907

Thursday, Jan 31, 1907.

The Church met to day according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The account of Henry B. Fairbank ^{in praise} was presented and filed. The Church appointed our next meeting for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in July at 10 a.m. also an all day's meeting at the time of our monthly meeting the 2d Sunday in May. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Smith, Pres.

Sunday April 14, '1907

There was a called meeting of the church today. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. A letter was laid before the church from the Antioch Church, Fairfax County, Va, requesting a representation from this church to a Council called for ~~Thursday~~ and Friday before the 2d Sunday in June to consider the propriety of, and, if deemed proper to proceed with the organizational divination of Luther William Hamilton to the full work of the Gospel ministry. Our next meeting was arranged for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in July at 2 p.m. W. M. Smith, Mod.

Thursday, July 4, '07.

The church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. A letter to the Annual Meeting was read and adopted. Our next meeting was appointed for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in ~~September~~ ^{February} at 2 p.m., after which the meeting was adjourned. W. M. Smith Mod.

Thursday, Nov. 28, 1907

The church met according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned, after appointing our next regular church meeting for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in March ^{12:30} Wm Smith, Mod.

1908

Thursday Feb 27, 1908

The church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. The all day's meeting was appointed for the 2d Sunday in May to begin, if the Lord will, at 10 A.M. Our next church meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in May at 10 A.M. after which the meeting was adjourned. Wm. Smith, Mod.

Thursday May 30, 1908

The church came together after praise & prayer by the Moderator. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The church arranged to omit their July meeting in order to accommodate the request of Quantics Church, who desired to meet on that day, it being the 50th Anniversary of the Constitution of that church. We arranged for a communion the Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in July at 10 a. m. The church granted to the Fryingham Church & her right & interest in the lot at St. Pleasant and ordered that such right should be conveyed to be deeded to the church at Fryingham through her trustees. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in ~~September~~ at 2 p. m. Wm. Smart, Mod.

Thursday, July 16, 1908

The church met according to appointment. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. A Letter to the Annual Meeting was adopted. The church at the close of the meeting observed the solemn service of communion. Our next church meeting was appointed for Thurs. before the 1st Sunday, 50th. at 2 p. m. Wm. Smart, Mod.

1908

Thursday Oct. 1, 1908

The church met according to appointment after praise & prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and our next meeting arranged for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in December at 2 p.m. A number of visiting members from sister churches were present, and we enjoyed a very pleasant meeting.

W. M. Mout, Mod.

Thursday, Dec 3, 1908.

The church came together for business after praise and prayer by the Moderator. A goodly number of members were present, and a very precious meeting was experienced. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in April at 2 p.m.

W. M. Mout, Mod.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1909.

The Church met according to appointment after preaching by Dea W. M. Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. An arrangement was made for communion to-morrow. As this meeting commemorates the 135th Anniversary of the organization of the Church, appropriate reading from the Church records were made after which a recess was arranged to-morrow 10 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 19

The Church met after praise & prayer. The letter to the Virginia Annual Meeting was adopted and Dea W. M. Smith and L. H. Potter appointed as messengers. Some remarks were made by brethren present after which the Church and visiting members came together in communion. The next meeting was appointed for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November at 2 p.m.

L. H. Potter Secy.
for the

1909.

Thursday, Nov. 4, '09. The Church met after praise and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Our next meeting was arranged for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in March at 2 p.m. In the absence of further business the meeting was adjourned.
W. M. Smith, Mod.

1910

The entries in the Church Book are of the Church meetings only. The regular monthly meetings of the Church on the 2d. Sundays are kept up both winter & summer.

Thursday, March 3, 1910.

The Church met according to appointment. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. A letter of dismission to Sister Eglar Taylor of Washington, D.C., to join the Church in that city was granted. Our next Church meeting was arranged for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in June at 2. p.m.

W. M. Smoot,
Mod.

Thurs. June 2, 1910

The Church came together after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read, and approved. L. H. Potter, Geo. Pierson, and W. S. Smoot were appointed trustees for any property belonging to the Church. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1910.

W. M. Smoot,
Moderator.

Thurs., Aug. 4, 1910.

The church came together after praise & prayer by the Moderator. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The letter to the Vth Annual Meeting to hold its session this year with us was read and adopted, and Oeder Wmsmut appointed our messenger to the same. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October at 2 p.m. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned. Wmsmut, Mod.

Thursday, Sept. 29, 1910.

The church came together after praise & prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. Our next regular meeting was appointed for Thursday before the 2d. Sunday in January 1911^{at 2 p.m.} In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

W. M. Wmsmut, Mod.

1911

Thursday, January 5, 1911.

The church came together after praise & prayer, and the minute of the previous meeting was read & approved. No business was brought up for attention. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in April at 2 pm.
Wm. Smith. Mod.

Thursday, ~~January 12~~ March 30, 1911

The church came together after praise and prayer. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. The associational account was presented to the church and found to be satisfactory. Our next meeting was appointed, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in July at 10 am.
Wm. Smith. Mod.

Thursday June 29, 1911.

The church met according to appointment. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved. A letter to the Annual Meeting was adopted. Our next meeting was appointed for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October at 2 pm.
Wm. Smith. Mod.

Thursday, Sept. 28, 1911

The church came together after praise and prayer. The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. A motion was made and carried to send out subscriptions for the erecting of a ^{Sixty} meeting house and fencing in our lot. Our next meeting was arranged, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in March at 10 am.

Wm Smith
Mod.

1912

Thursday Feb. 29, 1912

The church came together after praise and prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Our next meeting was arranged, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in July at 10 am. An all day's meeting was appointed for the 2d Sunday in May, and a collection to be taken up for Sixty house and fence.

Wm Smith

Thursday July 4, 1912

Mod.

The church came together according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. A letter to the Va. An. Meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Fairfax Co, Va., was read and approved.

1913

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and \$3.00 contributed for minutes. Arrangements were made for the purchase if possible of a small amount of land adjoining our lot to straighten our line.

Our next meeting was arranged, if the Lord will, for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in ^{October} November at 10 A.M. In the absence of further business the meeting was adjourned.
Wm. Smith, Mod.

Thurs. Oct. 3, 1912.

The church came together after praise & prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. Our next meeting was appointed for Thursday before the 1st Sunday in August at 10 A.M. After remaining together a short time the meeting was adjourned.
Wm. Smith
Mod.

Thursday, July 31.

The church met according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved, it letter to the Annual Meeting at Quantico was read and adopted. An all day's meeting was arranged, if the Lord will, for the 2nd Sunday in October. Elder Smith was appointed to bear the letter to the Annual Meeting. After a pleasant inter course the church adjourned the meeting.
Wm. Smith
Mod.

July 12; 1914.

The church met according to appointment. The letter to Va. An. Mt. at Salem, West Va. was read and adopted and Elder Unson Smith was appointed as our messenger. As other business the meeting was adjourned.

Wm Smith

Mod.

July 1915

The church came together after preaching adopting a letter to the Va. Annual Meeting and appointing Elder Wm Smith messenger.

Wm Smith

Mod.

Oct. 8, 1916

The church came together after preaching adopting a letter to the Va. An. Meeting held this year in Lynchburg. We decided that before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. also inviting the next session to be held if the Lord will with us at the usual time in Aug. 1917. Elder W. W. Unson was appointed messenger to the coming session and also appointed to prepare and record our minutes a tribute of love to the memory of sister Sallie Davis.

Wm Smith

Mod.

Set. Nov. 11, 1916

The church met according to appointment. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. An arrangement was made to paint the outside of the meeting house and prepare new shutters, and also to confirm if the Lord will tomorrow.

Wm Smith

Mod.

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good things

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on a piece of brown paper with vertical red lines. The text appears to be a list or a series of notes, possibly related to the "four 5 verses" mentioned above.]

Independant Hill, Va. Jan. 30, 1894

Dear Brother Maddox, — For
some time reports ~~have been in~~
of your drinking to an excess
have been in circulation. These
reports come from such sources
that it appears to be the duty
of the church to notice them.
At our last meeting therefore
I was instructed to request
your attendance at a special
meeting of the church to be held,
if the Lord will, in their meeting
house at Oak Grove on Thurs-
day before the 2d Sunday in
February next to answer the
charge of negligence in at-
tending meeting and con-
duct ~~and~~ ^{becoming} a member.

I am sorry to have to perform
this sad duty, and I desire
to assure you that we would
all be glad could you satisfac-
torily meet these charges, and if
you really desire a seat among us
we would be glad to have you come
(over)

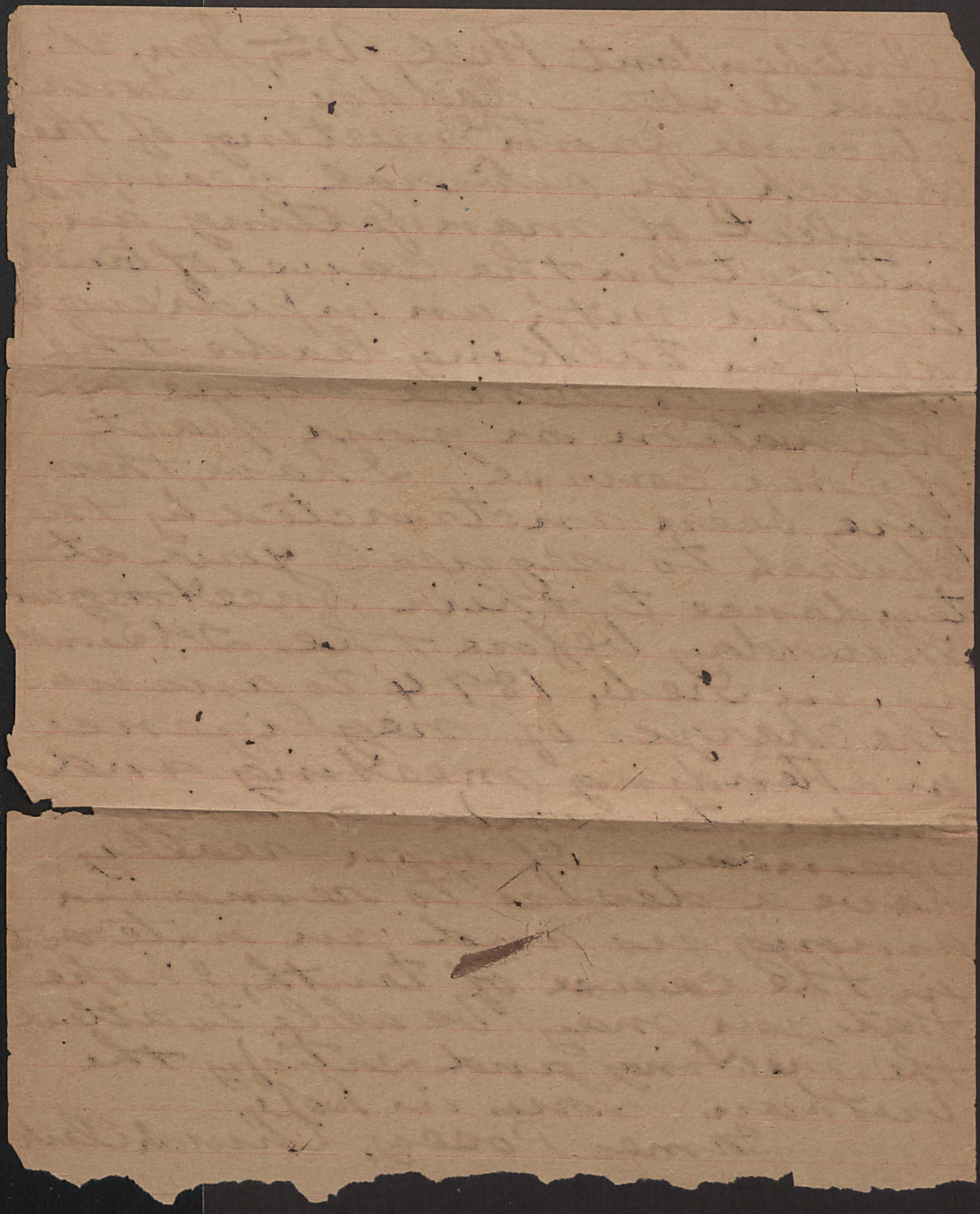
to this meeting and explain the
matter to us.

Yours in hope of life eternal,
James Posey Church
Clerk.

Independant Hill, Vt., Jan. 30th

Dear Sister Maddox, — Your
absence from ^{the} meeting of the
church for several years, and
neglect of manifesting an
interest in the cause of truth
together with an injudicious-
ness in talking leads the
church to desire some ex-
planation on your part
of your course. I have, there-
fore, been instructed by the
church to request your at-
tendance to their meeting on
Thursday before the 2^d Sund-
ay in Feb., 1894 to answer
the charges of negligence
in attending meeting and
conduct unbecoming a
member. If you really
have a desire to remain
among us and an interest
in the cause of truth, I hope
that you may be able to attend
the meeting and satisfy the
brethren. Love in hope,

James Posey, Church Clerk



Saturday, April 8th, 1893,

The church came together for business after preaching by Oeder Smoot.

The usual invitation was extended to members of sister churches, to a seat with us in Council, and the door opened for the reception of members, but no one came forward. ~~Brother~~ William Hamilton (colored) applied for a letter of dismission from us to join the Antioch Church, Fairfax Co., Va., and his request was granted. In the absence of other business the meeting was adjourned.

Wednesday, April 19, 1854.
I have been thinking much lately
of the future of our country.
I feel that we are in a critical
position, and that the result
of the coming year will determine
whether we are to remain a united
people, or whether we are to be
divided into two nations.
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position, and that the result
of the coming year will determine
whether we are to remain a united
people, or whether we are to be
divided into two nations.

(Continued) I feel that we are in a critical
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In the collection to day (Dec. 9) for N. Davis
 there was collected fish 3.19
 handed to me afterward

I paid him

37
 3.56
 1.44
 \$5.00

~~Sisk-Davis~~ 2.50
 C. R. C. 2.50
 Sisk-Davis 2.50
 Sisk-Melchior 2.50
 " Grimes 1.00
 Senae one 2.00
 " 1.50
 Harris Reed ~~2.50~~ 2.50
 16.00

Brother Smart.

Besides everything else, you
will find so many mistakes in printing
from for I feel that I am very rusty in
such things.

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Hebrew 12 Chap. four 5 verses

