

## RECORDS OF THE BAPTIZED CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN VESPER.

Commencing with brief introductory remarks showing the origin of the cause of Christ in this place and the cause leading to the present organization.

Up to 1815 there had been no religious meetings established nor church organized in Tully. In June of that year Eld. Enos Smith from Massachusetts came into the place and labored a voluntary missionary in Tully and Spafford about four weeks. When about to leave he expressed deep anxiety that religious meetings should be established, he finally obtained the assent of Br. Uriel Smith & wife & Br. Riba Parmer, the former member of the Baptist Church in Truxton, the latter in Marcellus, who trusting in God, engaged to establish meetings for the worship of God on the first day of the week, commencing the next Sabbath at the house of Br. Smith, trusting in the promises and Grace of God, to enable them to fulfill their engagement and hereafter maintain the public worship of God in the place, there being then no other professing faith in Christ known in the place to join them.

They accordingly met the next Sabbath at the house of Br. Smith, much (much) to the joy of their \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord Jesus by his spirit was with them to bless and they were strengthened and encouraged for the Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of the people around, so that the third Sabbath the house was filled at an early hour, and the Holy Spirit's influence was richly felt. Some were \_\_\_\_\_ in the heart conviction for sin rested upon them, and soon after a number were hopefully converted to God. Eld. Alfred Bennett of Homer being applied too, came and preached and baptized a number of times during the fall and winter following. The Good Lord still continued to bless the \_\_\_\_\_ instrumentality at the beginning, until their numbers increased to the five males & nine females, who covenanted together to maintain the worship of God and His ordinances as a church if they can be fellowshipped as such by the Sister Churches around. Having taken the preliminary steps, adopted their articles of faith and covenant, sent letters of invitation to the following churches. (to wit) Homer, Truxton, Fabius and Pompey, to meet at the house of Br. U. Smith's the 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 1816. Agreeable to appointment the church or conference met at the place afore said, having previously chosen Br. U. Smith to represent them to the council. The churches sent to were represented as follows: Homer, Eld. Alfred Bennett, Dea. Thomas Collier, Brethren Salsbury & Green - Truxton, Eld. T. Purrington, Brethren Uriah Smith, John Bautwell - Pompey & Fabius Dea. White Osborn, & Calvin Peck, Br. R. Chase. Organized by choice of Eld. Alfred Bennett, moderator & R. Chase, Clerk. The result, fellowship was given to them as a Sister Church of Christ.. The Lord still blessed so that their chords were lengthened, converts were multiplied and their territory extended over the whole town.

In 1824 they agreed on a local contract at the center of the Town and built a meeting house, where they continued to worship until Dec. 1847 when it became a subject of prayerful deliberation with regard to the locality of the meeting house, the village east increasing in population, and Vesper west a little growing village where the church first originated & the sparseness of the population at the center and also the intermediate space between the two villages, it was thought by some, it would be for the interest of the Redeemers Kingdom to vacate the present location and remove the meeting house to the village east, and establish another permanent local center at Vesper west. After mature and prayerful deliberation at a church meeting, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1847 it was resolved the meeting house might be removed to the village east and that when so removed, the Parsonage, so called, be sold or disposed of and the avails thereof be appropriated to the building of a Baptist meeting house at Vesper.

About this time the Lord seemed to move upon the hearts of the people, and they said, let us arise and build. Accordingly meetings were held and a religious society was organized to be known and distinguished as the Baptist Religious Society of Vesper. A site fixed and agreed upon and proper measures entered into for to build a meeting house the coming season. Accordingly the work went on, and the house went up, and was in a forward way of being finished. Thereupon after having several informal meetings for prayer and consultation with regard to raising a new standard and organizing a separate and independent Baptist Church of Christ at Vesper, to be publicly recognized at the dedication of their new meeting house, were of unanimous opinion that it would be for the Glory of God and the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom, and that His providence and grace had clearly pointed to this result. Whereupon the Baptist Church in Tully was consulted with, and leave asked for a number of Brethren and Sisters to be dismissed for this object. Whereupon at a church meeting of the Baptist Church in Tully, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1848, it was unanimously resolved that Letters of Dismission and Commendation be given to the following Brethren & Sisters for the special purpose with our fellowship to form themselves into a separate church at Vesper.

MALES

Uriel Smith  
 Josiah Daniels  
 David Williams  
 E. V. P. French  
 Harry Rowland  
 John Strails Jr.  
 Caleb King  
 Elijah B. Daniels  
 Samuel Stone  
 Steward B. Palmer  
 Peter Henderson  
 Allen Parmer

No. 12 males

FEMALES

Cibbil Smith (died)  
 Elinor Daniels (died)  
 Polly Williams (died)  
 Loisa D. French (died)  
 Maria Rowland (died)  
 Nancy Darrow  
 Emeline Darrow  
 Luniah Rowland (died ?)  
 Betsy L. Parmer  
 Cornelia S. Parmer  
 Sally Henderson  
 Sarah M. King  
 Clarisa Smith

No. 13 females = 25 Total

At a meeting of the Brethren & Sisters of Vesper, being duly notified for the express purpose of organizing themselves and becoming a Baptized Church of Christ in Vesper, held at the house of Dea. Josiah Daniels, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1848. Meeting opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer.

1. Resolved that Br. Uriel Smith serve as Chairman.
2. Resolved the Br. Allen Parmer serve as Clerk.  
 Eld. Alfred Bennett being present was invited to take a seat and act and council with us in our deliberations. Accepted.
3. Resolved that we form ourselves into a religious body to be known as the Baptist Church of Christ in Vesper if it is thought proper by a council from sister churches to fellowship us as such .
4. Resolved that we adopt the Articles of Faith and Covenant as published by the Onondaga Baptist Association as our Articles of Faith & Covenant.
5. Resolved that the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1849, be the day for opening and dedicating our new meeting house for the worship and service of God.
6. Resolved that we invite Eld. Alfred Bennett to preach the dedication sermon.
7. Resolved that we send for the following churches to sit with us in council at 2 o'clock P.M. on the same day of the dedication and if thought proper to give us fellowship as a sister church. (Viz.) Fabius, Spafford, Marcellus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Onondage and Tully.
8. Resolved that Brethren Uriel Smith, Allen Parmer & Josiah Daniels be a committee to represent us to the council on that day.
9. Resolved that Br. J. Daniels receive the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the church if tendered.
10. Resolved that the clerk be authorized and required to write letters of invitation to the above named churches.

1849

Jan. 18, 1849

The new meeting house opened at 19 o'clock A.M. Eld. Alfred Bennett preached the dedication sermon. 2 o'clock P.M. council convened. Prayer by Eld. W. G. Dye - Organized by choosing Eld. N. Camp moderator and Elder A. R. Parmer clerk. The churches invited were then called upon, of which the following were represented. (viz.) Fabius, Eld. W. G. Dye, Dea. F. Clark & John Clough. Spafford, Eld. Benjamin Andrews, Eld. A. Boughton, Dea. Aaron Van Antwerp, Br. Silas Randel, W. G. Parmer & A. M. Rounday. 2<sup>nd</sup> Onondaga, Eld. B. Capron, Eld. G. T. Gardner, Dea. S. Kinyon, L. Gardner, S. Bedel, James Rowe Jr. & A. Cummings. Tully, Eld. N. Camp, Dea J. Out, Br. S. S. Carpenter, W. T. Tallman, O. D. Parmer & D. Vail. Delegates of the Brethren & Sisters of Vesper, Dea. U. Smith, Dea. J. Daniels, and Br. A. Parmer.

Persuant to invitation the following Brethren took their seats with the council. (Viz.) Eld. Alfred Bennett, Eld. Asa Colwell, Eld. A. R. Parmer, Br. R. R. Hoxie & A. P. Clerk.

The doings of the Brethren & Sisters of Vesper & vicinity were presented by Dea. U. Smith,

relative to forming a separate church organization & heard an inquiry was made respecting their design in leaving the church in Tully; their Articles of Faith and Covenant, their numbers etc. Whereupon the council being satisfied unanimously resolved to give them fellowship as a Baptist Church of Christ in Vesper, which was done on the following day at 10 o'clock A. M. as follows. -- Order of exercises:

At 10 o'clock A.M. Jan. 19, 1849.

Sermon by Eld. W. G. Dye from Romans 12:9.

Eld N. Camp gave the hand of fellowship.

Eld. Alfred Bennett addressed the newly recognized church after which the council adjourned

Sine die

A.R.P. clerk

Nelson Camp, moderator

The above is a transcript of the records as received from the hands of the clerk of council.

## RECORD OF NAMES

### MALES

Uriel Smith  
 Josiah Daniels  
 David Williams (died Jun. 27, 1851)  
 E. V. P. French  
 Harry Rowland  
 John Strail Jr.  
 Caleb King  
 Elijah B. Daniels  
 Samuel Stone  
 Steward B. Parmer (dis.let.)  
 Peter Henderson  
 Allen Parmer  
 No. Males (12)  
 No. at the origin of the church (25)

Joel Hiscock ) (Dis. Jul. 13, 1850)  
 Alva Wiand ) (all by Lt.)  
 Eld. Thomas Brown (Lt)  
 James Smith (Lt)  
 Almon Carr (Lt)  
 Alfred J. Smith (Lt)  
 Elisha Darrow (Bapt.)  
 Asa Ransom (Bapt.) (Ex. Jul.20,1850)  
 Lorenzo Beach (Bapt.)  
 Alfred B. Daniels (Bapt.)  
 Aaron VanAntwerp (Lt)  
 A. R. Parmer (by Let)

### FEMALES

Cibbel Smith (died Jan. 3, 1851)  
 Elinor Daniels  
 Polly Williams (dismissed Aug. 28, 1853)  
 Louisa D. French  
 Maria Rowland  
 Nancy Darrow  
 Emeline Darrow  
 Luriah Rowland (died Dec. 31, 1849)  
 Betsy L. Parmer  
 Cornelia S. Parmer (dis. Aug. 10, 1854?)  
 Sally Henderson  
 Sarah M. King  
 Clarissa Smith  
 No. Females (13)

Anna Hiscock ) (Dis. Jul. 13, 1850)  
 Parley Wiand ) (all by Lt.)  
 Harriet Sparks (Lt)  
 Nancy Wiand (Lt)  
 Jane Ingison (Lt)  
 Laurancy Brown (Lt)  
 Mary Ann Brown (Lt)  
 Julia Ann Adams (Lt)  
 Abigail Van Patten (ex. Dismissed)  
 Polly Clerk (Lt) (dropped)  
 Catherin Smith (Lt)  
 Betsy Smith (Lt)  
 Abigail Stone (Lt)  
 Lemina Darrow (exp)  
 Luentia Smith (Lt) Dis. Jul. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1850  
 Avantha Carr (Lt)  
 Emeline Hubbard (Lt)  
 Hannah Haynes (Lt)  
 Eliza Parmer (ex)  
 Emily S. Smith (Bapt.)  
 Mary Aylsworth (Lt)  
 Delight Beach (Bapt.)  
 Harriet Beach (Bapt.)  
 Sally Stone (Bapt.)  
 Laura Daniels (by exp.)  
 Welthy Ann Bishop (Bapt.)

Delatice Vanentwerp (Lt)  
Marietta Rowland (Exp.)  
Elizabeth J. Parmer (Let) (Dis.let)  
Lydia Tickner (Bapt.)  
Keziah Bordwell (Let)  
Laville M. Darrow (Bapt.)  
Cornelia Gillman (Let)  
Lucy Smith (Let)  
Laura Beach (Bapt.) (Dis.Let)

Jan. 21, 1849 Sabbath

At the close of service motion by Br. U. Smith, Resolved there be a meeting of the church in the session room the 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock P.M. to attend to and do the business necessary for the further regulation, order and future labor of the church.

Jan. 26, 1849

Church met agreeable to appointment. Opened by prayer by Br. E. V. P. French.

1. Resolved that Elder N. Camp be invited to take part in our deliberations and serve the church as chairman of this meeting. Accepted.
  2. Resolved that Br. U. Smith serve as clerk, the ensuing year, and that he be instructed to purchase a suitable book, in which to keep the records.
  3. Resolved that Josiah Daniels serve as treasurer.
  4. Resolved that David Williams serve as sexton.
  5. Resolved that we make choice of two Brethren to serve as Deacons.
  6. Resolved that Brethren Urial Smith & Josiah Daniels serve as Deacons.
  7. Resolved that our covenant (covenant) meeting be held the Saturday preceeding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath in each and every month and that our communion seasons or the time for administering (administering) the Lords Supper be the Sabbath following every other month beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath in February next.
  8. Resolved that we take up a contribution the first Sabbath in each and every month to defray the necessary expenses of the house such as cleaning, furnishing fuel, light, etc.
  9. Resolved that we create a fund by contribution to be put in the hands of the Deacons for to defray the expenses of the Lords Table, and the relief of the poor, and it be the duty of every male member to contribute at least 12 ½ and the females 6 cents per year for this object.
  10. Resolved that our Articles of Faith and Covenant be read at the opening of each covenant meeting after prayer.
  11. Resolved that our next annual meeting be held the first Tuesday in Feb., 1850 at 1 o'clock P.M. at the meeting house.
- Agreed to that time and place. Prayer by the chairman.  
Surely we could all say God has been our helper. In Him will we trust.

Feb. 10, 1849 Saturday

Covenant meeting agreeable to appointment attended. Opened by prayer, after which the Articles of Faith and Covenant was read by Deacon U. Smith. Then a period season of conference and mutual interchange of feeling was enjoyed, and the way seemed clear to go forward to the ordinance of the Supper. We could cheerfully sing with the poet, "Oh, for an overcoming faith" to speed us on the way. Closed by prayer. 23 present.

Feb. 11, 1849 Sunday

Elder Thomas Brown preached and administered the Lords Supper. The burst of feeling seemed (seemed) to be breathed forth, "Why was I made to hear thy voice and enter while there room. Present 26 and some visiting Br. & Sisters.

Mar. 11, 1849 Saturday

Monthly covenant meeting attended. After the usual time occupied in Brethren & Sisters expressing their feelings, love and harmony prevailing. Took up the subject of giving Elder Thomas Brown

a call to be our Pasture (Pastor). After deliberation and consultation, he having labored with us, and supplied of our desk for a time.

1. Resolved unanimously, to give him a call, provided means can be obtained for his support. Received Sister Abigail Stone by letter LaFayette church dated Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1846.

2. Resolved that the Deacons be requested to fill up a subscription now out by giving it a full circulation, and if found sufficient, enter into a contract with him and secure his labors as a Pastor. Present 26.

After which the following Brethren and sisters were received by letter from Tully Church, Joel Hiscock & Anna his wife. Letter dated Jan. 20, 1849. Also Alva Wiand & Parly his wife, Nancy Wiand, Jane Ingison, Harriet Sparks, letter dated Tully Jan. 27, 1849. Closed as usual by prayer.

April 7, 1849

Covenant meeting attended, after the usual service the following by letter. Elder Thomas Brown & Laurancy Brown his wife, Mariann Brown & Julia Ann Adams by letter from Marcellus church dated March 24, 1849. Also Polly Clerk from Tully church dated Mar. 17, 1849. Also Abigail Van Patten upon experience. Closed by prayer.

April 8, 1849

After sermon, received James Smith, Catharine Smith, and Betsy Smith by letter from Tully church, after which the Lords Supper was administered. With our hearts we could say, Blessed Jesus what delicious fare, how sweet thy entertainments and never did Angels taste above, redeeming grace and dying love.

May 12, 1849

Monthly meeting at the church, agreeable to appointment. Called to order by Elder T. Brown. Prayer by Br. H. Rowland. Covenant read by Eld. T. Brown and instruction given, after which Brethren and Sisters related the exercises of their minds. The Holy Spirit seemed to shed down his divine influence, and a heavenly union was happily enjoyed. Sister Lemira Darrow then presented herself as a candidate for membership with us, and gave a relation of her Christian experience, her present feelings and resolutions. Where upon it was unanimously resolved that she be received into fellowship, as a member with us. She having been previously Baptized. Eld. Brown then gave her the hand of fellowship with Christian admonition and council

Then after some consultation resolved that a committee be appointed to ask for and secure our just claim and right to the parsonage house and lot at Tully Center as set forth in certain resolutions passed by the Baptist Church & Society at Tully.

Resolved said committee consist of three, (Viz) Deacons Josiah Daniels, and U. Smith & Br. E. V. P. French. Closed by prayer. (16)

June 9, 1849

Church met in covenant meeting. Opened by prayer by Eld. T. Brown. After reading the covenant by Eld. Brown, the Brethren and Sisters expressed their religious feelings exercercises of mind renew covenant, and travil (travel) forward in the ordinances of Christs house. Present 20. Then called on the committee appointed to engage Eld. T. Brown as our Pastor. Whereupon the committee reported their engagement with Eld. T. Brown to labor as Pastor of the church for one year commencing the first day of March last. Report in writing reference had to that in the hands of the clerk. Report accepted and adopted. Closed by prayer.

June 10, 1849 Sabbath

After sermon and the usual service of the day, the church took their seats around the Lords Table. A solemn and interesting time all could adopt the language of the poet and say. Far from my thoughts vain world be gone. Let my religious hours alone. Feign would my eyes my Savior see. I wait a visit Lord from Thee.

Prayed by God the visit was enjoyed. Present 27

July 7, 1849 Saturday

Monthly covenant meeting of the church. Opened by prayer and reading the covenants and an interchange of feelings and views of Brethren & Sisters. A happy state of feeling manifest so that at the close we could unite and sing. From whence doth this union arise.

Sister Eliza Parmer received upon experience having before been baptized.

Closed by prayer. Present 20

August 11, 1849

Covenant meeting attended as usual. Eld. Brown present, taking the load of the exercises of the meeting as he always has been faithful to do since he became our Pastor. The way was clear to go forward to the ordinance of the Supper. Sister Lucretia Smith was received by letter from Spafford church dated June 9, 1849.

Closed by prayer. Present 23.

August 12, 1849 Sabbath

After preaching and the usual religious services the church went forward to the communion supper. It was a solemn (solemn) and interesting time in view of the symbols (symbols) of the Death and Sufferings of Christ. We could say, Come Saints and drop a tear or two. Here love and grief beyond degree. For him who groaned beneath your load. The Lord of Glory dies for men. A thousand drops of richest blood. Jesus the dead revives again.

Present 32.

Sept. 8, 1849

According to appointment church met in covenant meeting. A good season, love and harmony prevailing. At the close of the usual services, after some consultation it was:

Resolved that we represent ourselves by letter and delegates to the Onondaga Baptist Association, for the purpose of becoming a member of that body. Resolved that Eld. T. Brown & Deacons, U. Smith, J. Daniels, Br. P. Henderson & J. Hiscock be our delegates. Present 21.

Sept. 16, 1849 Sabbath

After sermon Almon Carr & Avantha his wife & Emeline Hubbard were received into fellowship as members of the church by letter from Tully church, dated Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 1849.

Oct. 13, 1849 Saturday

Covenant meeting of the church. Attended with good feelings, enjoying the unity of the spirit. Believing Christ at their helm, the way clear to go forward. The meeting conducted as usual. Present 18

Oct. 14, 1849 Sabbath

Went forward to the communion supper. Present 29.

Nov. 10, 1849 Saturday

Monthly covenant meeting attended by the church. Nothing special to be noted. Present 15.

Dec. 8, 1849 Saturday

Covenant meeting. After the Brethren & Sisters spoke their minds Susan Henderson related her Christian experience, offering herself as a candidate for the ordinance of Baptism and a member of the church after which resolved that she be received as a candidate for the ordinance of Baptism and when Baptized, a member with us. Present 30.

Dec. 9, 1849 Sunday

After sermon Sister Hannah Haynes was received by letter from LaFayette church, dated June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1846. Present 33.

The supper was administered with deep interest of feeling. Many if not all could sing with the

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Eat O' my friends the Savior cries

The finest was made for you,  
For you I groaned and bled and died,  
And rose and triumphed too.

My heart grows warm with Holy fire,  
And kindles with intern desire.  
Come my dear Jesus from above,  
And feed my soul with heavenly love.

1850

Jan. 12, 1850 Saturday

Monthly covenant meeting attended. Opened as usual. Present 17. A happy state of feelings in the minds of the Brethren & Sisters present. Closed by prayer.

And now dear Brethren as the first year of our visibility as a Church of Christ closes up, and a new year about to commence, it is proper to look back and review the past mercies, and speak of the goodness of God. When we commenced a year ago, we could say with the prophet of old, "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small," but God seemed (seemed) to speak so clearly by His providence, we could not mistake, saying "Arise and build" raise the standard of the cross in Vesper, we obeyed the divine injunction, trusting in God as our leader; We felt our weakness, and inability to carry forward so great a work, as to raise the blood stained banner of the cross in Vesper, and defend the glory of His Great Name. Our resources small, our members 25, But God who is rich in mercy said, "Fear not little flock for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." We took courage and launched forth and blessed be His great and Holy name. He has reached forth his arm of mercy and sustained us.. The eye of the compassionate Jesus was upon us and seemed to say to his servant Eld. Thomas Brown, "Go feed my sheep at Vesper". The bowels of a Saviors love moved his heart, he obeyed and came, and at our request commenced his labors and became our Pastor the first of March last. His labors have been blessed, the church have been edified and built up under his ministry. He has faithfully preached the Word, warning sinners day and night with tears. There has been a gradual increase of numbers, by letter and experience, until we now number 48, and one received as a candidate for the ordinance of Baptism and membership, and one with his letter ready to join, which when performed will double our number; not withstanding we are under the painful necessity of the recording the death of our beloved Sister Muriah Rowland, who was called suddenly from the church militant to the church triumphant, her seat is empty in this house forever. Her exhortations and prayers we shall hear no more on earth, but the apostle admonishes us, not to mourn as those who have no hope, for all they who sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him, therefore comfort one another with these words.

We have to say the Lord has blessed us with the unity of the spirit, so that we have had no labors to attend to but those of love. We have been enabled to sustain an interesting Bible class and Sabbath School. The latter through the summer. The weekly prayer meeting has been sustained by a few who have mourned and wept, and wrestled in prayer for a blessing of Divine grace to be poured fourth. The monthly concert prayer meeting has been observed with deep feeling and anxiety for the spread of the gospel, and the salvation of souls, and the Lord has graciously heard, and His Holy spirit is poured forth in our midst. Prodigals are returning, backsliders reclaimed and sinners being pricked in their hearts, and saying men and brethren what shall we do to be saved, and some we trust have had their feet taken out of the horrible pit and miry clay, and placed upon the rock Lord Jesus, with the new song put in their mouths, saying Glory to God, for He hath spoke peace and pardon to my sole.

The semi-annual meeting of the Onondaga Baptist Association sat with us on the 29<sup>th</sup>, result a very precious season. Elder Bates of Canton has remained laboring with our Pastor in a protracted effort, for the promotion for the Glory of God, and the salvation of souls in this place, and the blessing of Him rests upon their their united labors connected with the church for God is in Christ, reconciling sinners to Himself, through the instrumentality of the preached Word, and the prayer and exhortations of His people.

Now dear Brethren, in conclusion we should say with one of old, what hath God wrought, surely we have reason to bow before Him in love, and gratitude, for His great love wherewith He hath loved us, in washing us and cleansing us from our sins, and using us as instruments in His hands, for the promotion of His glory. Let us keep near the cross, stript for the race, harnessed for the battle, humbly imploring His blessings to be continued, and His protecting arm be as a wall of fire round about us, and the glory in the

midst of us, that we might soon witness such an outpouring of His Holy Spirit, that Lions gates shall be thronged with willing converts, filling His earthly courts with songs of praise, and the year to come tell more for the Glory of God, in the rich displays of His grace, producing more and deeper piety in the church and the salvation of souls than the year past.

Respectfully submitted by letter Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1850, U. Smith, church clerk.

Feb. 5, 1850

Annual church meeting convened at the Baptist meeting house in Vesper pursuant to adjournment. Eld. T. Brown was present as chairman. Prayer by Dea. U. Smith

1. The clerk was called upon to read the records of the past year, whereupon the clerk proceeded to read the records, connected with the historical introductory remarks with the closing summary address.

2. Resolved unanimously that the records as read, connected with the introductory remarks and closing summary address be adopted and approved.

3. Resolved that Dea. U. Smith serve as clerk the ensuing year.

4. Resolved that our treasurers report be suspended until our monthly meeting in March.

5. Resolved that Deacons circulate a subscription to raise funds to support our Pastor for the ensuing year.

6. Resolved that this meeting stand adjourned until the first Tuesday of February next at 1 o'clock P.M. at this place. Closed by Prayer by the chairman.

Feb. 9, 1850 Saturday

Church met in covenant meeting. Prayer by Dea. U. Smith.

Articles of Faith and Covenant read by our Pastor, after which the Brethren and Sisters expressed their feelings and exorcise of mind. A very happy state of feeling manifested with deep anxiety for the salvation of souls. Opportunity was then given for others to speak in the cause of the Blessed Redeemer. Alfred J. Smith was then received by letter from the Tully church dated Dec. 31, 1848. The following persons then related their Christian experience, desiring to be baptized and added to the church (to wit) Elisha Darrow, Emily S. Smith & Asa Ransom. Received unanimously one by one, they be received to the ordinance of baptism and when baptized in fellowship with us as members. A number more present spoke of the joys of their souls. Closed with prayer by the Pastor. Present 25.

Surely we could sing:

Earth here engrossed to (too) long  
Tis time I lift mine eyes,  
Upward Dear Father to thy throne,  
And to my native skies.

There the Blessed Man my Savior sits,  
The God how bright He shined  
And scatters infinite delight,  
On all the happy minds.

Feb. 10, 1850

Sabbath. After the A.M. service retired to the water, and then our Pastor baptized Elisha Darrow, Asa Ransom & Emily S. Smith, in the presence of a large and attentive congregation. During the service the church sang "How happy are they who their Savior obey". We then came back to the meeting house, and the congregation seated and meeting commenced. A sudden alarm was given that Br. Allen Parmer's house was on fire. There was a rush at the doors, when shocking to behold volums (volumes) of smoke was issuing from the house and through the roof. Many sleighs at hand were loaded with men eager for the rescue, being drove with the greatest speed it being a little over ½ of a mile. With \_\_\_\_\_ of labor the house was saved, by the blessing of God, although considerably damaged. Such was the excitement and necessary scattering of the congregation that the Pastor with advice of his Brethren, dismissed the remaining part of the assembly and postponed the ordinance of the supper until next Sabbath. The providence of God in this instance was verry (very) striking. It reminds us of that great day when the heavens shall be rolled together

as a scroll and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. May we all be prepared for that great day.

During the week the church continued their protracted effort by holding meetings evenings and part of the time afternoons. Eld. Bates continued with us to labor and preach with our Pastor, and the Lord continued to bless. A number hopefully converted to God, and others saying prayers for us.

Feb. 16, 1850 Saturday

Sister Mary Aylsworth was received by letter from Fabius church dated Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1850.

Feb. 17, 1850 Sabbath

Prayer meeting 9 ½ (9:30) A.M. 10 ½ (10:30) Eld. Bates preached a short \_\_\_\_\_ then prayer meeting after that Eld. Brown our Pastor preached, after which the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered. Agreeable to the pattern given they sang a hymn and went out. Having appointed to continue the protracted effort by holding meetings during the week.

Feb. 23, 1850 Saturday

The following were received upon experience for the ordinance of baptism and church membership when baptized.

Lorenzo Beach - Delight Beach - Harriet Beach - Sally Stone - N. B. Harriet Beach was received by experience Sabbath before sermon.

During intermission at noon the above named were immersed by our Pastor in the presence of a large concourse of people. Love constrains us all to follow Jesus to His grave.

Mar. 2, 1850 Saturday

Saturday P.M. church conference held at the meeting house, at the close of which Laura Daniels was received into fellowship as a member of the church upon the relation of her Christian experience having been previously baptized. Also Alfred B. Daniels, Wealthy Ann Bishop and Francis Carr were received with experience as candidates for baptism and church membership when baptized.

Mar. 3, 1850 Sabbath

Alfred B. Daniels and Wealthy Ann bishop were baptized by our Pastor and added to the church.

Mar. 9, 1850 Saturday

Monthly meeting of the church. A very interesting season. Union and the love of God abounding. Dea. Aaron Van Antwerp & Delatice, his wife, were received as members of the church upon letters from Spafford church dated Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. 1850.

Apr. 13, 1850 Saturday

Covenant meeting attended as usual. A good state of feeling manifested. The solemn providence of God in the death of Sister Laura King of Tully was feelingly noticed, so sudden an awful being thrown from her waggon (wagon) and very much bruised and mangled causing her death. Our Pastor being requested to preach the funeral sermon tomorrow. Therefore our meeting was adjourned until next Saturday and the ordinance of the Supper until next Sabbath one week. Present 32

Apr. 20, 1850 Saturday

Met agreeable to adjournment. A verry comfortable time. After speaking their minds, Marietta Rowland was received upon experience as member of the church having previously been baptized.

Apr. 21, 1850 Sabbath

Church went forward to communion. Present 43

May 11, 1850

Monthly meeting attended as usual. A comfortable time, nothing material worthy of record. About 30 present.

Jun. 8, 1850 Saturday

Church met in covenant meeting. A verry good season. The next day went forward to the communion table.

Jul. 7, 1850 Sabbath

Resolved , Sister Lucretia Smith have a letter of dismission & recommendation.

Jul. 13, 1850 Saturday

Monthly meeting, attended. As usual a good degree of union in the body yet some trials. Two Brothers had backslidden, once confession accepted and the Br. forgiven. Br. Ira Ransom not satisfactory. Thought best to give time for labor and further investigation - therefore - Resolved we hold a special church meeting the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, for to examine into and decide on Br. Ira Ransoms at the request of Br. Joel Hiscock & wife, having removed to Syracuse; resolved they have letters of commendation & dismission. Adjourned by prayer.

Jul. 20, 1850

Special church meeting. Opened by prayer. Took up the case of Br. Ira Ransom, and after examination, and prayerful deliberation with the light of evidence before them, unanimously came to the following result; resolved that we have come to the end of labor with Brother A. C. Ransom and do now withdraw the hand, and exclude him from our fellowship, no more to be covented as a member with us, for the following reasons, s. s. For making to (too) free use of ardent spirits, frequenting a reported house of ill fame & breaking the peace, for which he had been tried by the civil authorities, convicted and imprisoned in the county jail for 30 days and for telling falsehoods. Closed by prayer.

Aug. 10, 1850 Saturday

Covenant meeting of the church. The unity of the spirit was enjoyed and the way prepared to go forward. Nothing very special. The next day Sabbath, went forward to the ordinance of the Supper.

Sep. 7, 1850 Saturday

Church met as usual at her monthly meeting. After the usual exercises of prayer and conference, it was resolved to send a letter and a delegation to represent us to the Onondaga Association.. The following Brethren were chosen delegates: to wit. Elder T. Brown, Dea. J. Daniels, Dea. U. Smith, Brother A. Parmer, Brother H. Rowland, Brother E. Darrow.

Statistics for the first Associational year.

Added by Baptism	9
Added by letter	8
Added by experience	3
Dismissed	4
Excl.	1
Died	
Present number	59

Then resolved there be a committee of three to prepare a resolution on the subject of temperance and present to the church at a future meeting. Appointed by the chair: E.V.P. French, A. Parmer, E. Darrow. U. Smith. The clerk presented a letter to Association. Read and approved, closed by prayer.

Oct. 12, 1850 Saturday

Covenant meeting attended as usual. Nothing special to record.

Oct. 13, 1850 Sabbath

Went forward to the ordinance of the Lords Supper.

Nov. 9, 1850 Saturday

Monthly covenant meeting attended.

Dec. 7, 1850

Covenant meeting preparatory to communion. Attended, union still prevails, we could say, with

the psalmist “Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.”

Dec. 8, 1850 Sabbath

Elder Brown being called away to attend a funeral, Eld. Gardner came and presented and broke bread to the church.

1851

Jan. 11, 1851

Monthly meeting attended as usual. A solemn gloom seemed to rest down upon the church in that we have to record the death of Sister Cibbil Smith who died on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our beloved Sister had left the church militant and we believe through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ has joined the church triumphant, the gloom was somewhat removed by the Holy Spirit. Influence being felt to comfort and console. May the Lord sanctify and still bless His people. Closed by prayer as usual.

Feb. 4, 1851

Annual church meeting held at the meeting house 1 o'clock p.m. agreeable to adjournment.

1. Opened by prayer by our Pastor Eld. T. Brown.
2. Called for the reading of the records of the past year. Accepted and adopted. Also for the reading of a summary & condensed report prepared by the clerk. Accepted and adopted and ordered to be placed on the record as follows. To wit.

Report:

Dear Brethren:

As another year of our visibility has closed up, and a new commences, it is proper to review the past, and call to mind the goodness of God, in His rich mercy towards us, in that we have been kept in the unity of the spirit & bond of peace.

The year past commenced with us, with glorious prospects. The Lord was a pouring out of His spirit, souls were being converted, while saints rejoiced, sinners trembled, and the Lord added to the church a number of such as we expect will finally walk with Him in white. We have also been blessed with the labors of our beloved Pastor Eld. T. Brown, by whose ministry the gospel has been faithfully preached and the ordinances administered. But God in infinite wisdom has permitted the Angel of Death to strike the fatal blow. A Mother in Israel is fallen. Sister Cibbil Smith is gone. She met in this house with the church militant for the last time the last Sabbath in Nov., and the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Jan. 1851 her happy spirit took its flight to join the church triumphant. Her seat is empty, her prayers and exhortations ended in this house forever. Oh! that God will pour the consolations of the gospel into the wounded heart of our bereaved Brother & family & sanctify this solemn providence to us all.

We have reason to bless God, not withstanding this sore bereavement, He has blessed us in general with health in our families and increased our numbers, having added to us 9 by baptism, 6 by letter & 1 by exp, so that not withstanding we have dismissed 4 by letter, ex. 1, died 1, we have increased 10. You will learn from the treasurers report with regard to our financial concerns. We would say also that our Sabbath school conducted by A. Parmer through the summer, became very interesting. Also the Bible class by our Pastor, and the weekly prayer meetings and monthly concert, has been sustained by a few Brethren & Sisters, who have got down at the foot of the cross and so up to the mercy seat, and have come back singing: When I go to heavens store,

Asking for a little more,  
Jesus gives a double share,  
Calling me a gleaner there.  
Then I go rejoicing home.  
From the banquet of perfume,  
Gleaning many on the road,  
Dropping from the word of God.

Finally dear Brethren, let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, endeavoring to \_\_\_\_\_ the time, by keeping the unity of the spirit, each one esteeming others better than themselves, always ready to discharge our dutys, both public & private, with fidelity, praying always for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to add to our faith, virtue, and to virtue, knowledge, so that when we have done laboring here, an abundant entrance may be administered unto us, into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and

Saviour Jesus Christ.

T. Brown - Pastor  
U. Smith - Clerk

3. Resolved: To elect a clerk for the ensuing year. After balloting it was declared that Br. U. Smith was unanimously elected, except his own vote.
4. Treasurers report called, read, accepted and adopted. Balance in his hands \$1.31.
5. Resolved: J. Daniels serve as treasurer the ensuing year.
6. Resolved: We are satisfied with the labors of our Pastor for the past year and that we make effort to secure his labors as Pastor for the ensuing year.
7. Resolved: That our Deacons circulate subscription to raise funds to support our Pastor the ensuing year.  
Statistics as follows: to wit. Bapt. 7 - By letter 6 - f Exp. 1 - Dismissed 1 - Ex. 1 - Died 1 - Final number 58
8. Resolved: This meeting be adjourned until 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. Feb. 1852, 1 o'clock p.m. at the meeting house.  
Prayer by Br. E. V. P. French

Feb. 8, 1851 Saturday

Covenant meeting. Attendance usual. Present 24 membersd.

Feb. 9, 1851 Sabbath

Eld. W. G. Dye present in exchange with our Pastor, preached and administered ordinance of the supper. Present 36. Rec'd also Sister Elizabeth J. Parmer by letter from the Baptist church in Sterling, dated Oct. 20, 1850. We could sing. "Shout Ye Little Flock."

Mar. 8, 1851 Saturday

Covenant monthly meeting of the church, attended as usual. Nothing of note to record.

Apr. 12, 1851

Church met in covenant meeting, a very comfortable season. After the church had expressed their feeling, Eld. Brown proposed to the church to seek for another Pastor. Thought it was his duty soon to close his labors as Pastor, that it would be best for the church. After deliberation a committee of three was chosen to visit Eld. Brown and retain him as our Pastor another year if practicable, to wit.

Voted that Br. U. Smith who is about to take a long journey to the west, have a letter of commendation as a traveling letter & that Eld. Brown prepare it for him in behalf of the church.

Apr. 13, 1851 Sabbath

Lord's Supper administered. Present 42. J. Daniels, P. Henderson & H. Rowland said committee.

May 10, 1851

Monthly meeting attended as usual. Nothing of note to record.

Jun. 7 & 8, 1851

Covenant meeting and communion observed by the church. The church being absent on a journey at the two last meetings of the church.

Jul. 11, 1851

Monthly meeting of the church. The Lord presence was enjoyed by the Holy Spirits influence being felt. It was a good time. The Lord be praised.

Aug. 9, 1851

Covenant meeting attended. Brotherly love seemed to abound.

Aug. 10, 1851 Sabbath

The ordinance of the supper was observed by the church. Surely we could sing in the language of the poet. "Joy to the World the Lord is come, Let earth receive her king." Br. S. B. Parmer & wife.

Dismissed by letter.

Sep. 13, 1851 Saturday

Monthly meeting. Attend as usual at which it was resolved that we represent ourselves to the Onondaga Baptist Association by letter, which was prepared and read by the clerk and approved by the church, and the following Brethren were elected to represent us at said Association. To wit. Eld. T. Brown, J. Daniels, A. Parmer, E.V.P. French & U. Smith

Oct. 11, 12, 1851

Covenant meeting and communion. Attended as usual.

Nov. 8, 1851

Monthly meeting attended by the church.

Dec. 13, 1851

Covenant meeting attended. After the usual exercises were accomplished, Eld. A. R. Parmer & wife presented letters of commendation and dismissal from the Baptist church in Sterling, dated July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1851, and were received as members of this church, and Lydia Tickner related her christian ordinance and was received as a candidate for the ordinance of Baptism, and a number of the church were baptized. Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> was baptized and added to the church, and the right hand of fellowship given by our Pastor, and the Lords Supper administered. A good time, the Lord was with and blessed us.

1852

Jan 10, 1852

Monthly meeting attended as usual. Recapitulation of the statistics of the past year ending Feb. 3, 1852. Added: Bap. 1, Let. 3, Dism. 2, Died 1, Present No. 59.

Feb. 3, 1852

Annual church meeting.

1. Resolved: Br. J. Daniels serve as chairman. Prayer by Eld. T. Brown.
2. Resolved: Records of the last year read and approved.
3. Resolved: That Br. U. Smith serve as clerk the ensuing year.
4. Resolved: Heard and accepted the treasurers report leaving on hand \$ 44.
5. Resolved: That J. Daniels be treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. Resolved: That we are satisfied with the labor of our Pastor Eld. T. Brown and that we make an effort to raise funds and secure his labors for the ensuing year.
7. Resolved: That the Brethren E. Darrow & A. Parmer be a committee to circulate subscription to raise funds for the support of Eld. T. Brown, with the power to call on any Br. Of the church to assist in circulating subscription as the may deem expedient.
8. Resolved: We elect another Br. To serve as Deacon.
9. Resolved: That Br. Aaron VanAntwerp serve as Deacon.
10. Adjourned untill 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Feb. next, 1853, 1 o'clock P.M. meeting house.

Feb. 8, 1852 Saturday

Covenant meeting attended. At the close of the exercise Sister Keziah Bordwell was received into fellowship upon a letter of commendation from the first Baptist Church of Christ in Chicopee, Mass. Dated, May 2, 1852. Present 26.

Mar. 13, 1852 Saturday

Monthly meeting as usual.

Apr. 10, 1852 Saturday

Covenant meeting. A good time. 30 present. After Br. & Sisters had spoken, Laville Darrow told her christian experience and offered herself as a candidate, and was received as a candidate for the ordinance of baptism & membership. Special church meeting 14<sup>th</sup> inst, 4 o'clock P.M.

Apr. 14, 1852 Sabbath

After sermon, L. Darrow was baptized & Cornelia Gillman rec'd. by letter and the ordinance of the Supper attended. A rich report. About 35 present.

Apr. 21, 1852

Church met agreeable to previous appointment for the purpose of ascertaining the amount on subscription necessary to retain Eld. T. Brown as Pastor the present year. U. Smith chosen moderator. Prayer by Br. VanAntwerp.

After examining the subscription a deficiency of \$23.00 was found, whereupon the following Brethren unitedly agreed, after obtaining what more they could upon subscription, to share equally in raising of the remainder of the \$23.00. Viz. A. Parmer, E.V.P. French, P. Henderson, U. Smith, A. VanAntwerp, J. Strail, J. Daniel, H. Rowland, J.P. Smith, C. King, A.R. Parmer, J. Smith, S. Stone, A. Daniels.

Resolved: A. R. Parmer be a committee to wait on Eld. Brown and inform him of the result of this meeting..

Adjourn. Sine die. Prayer by Br. A. R. Parmer.

May 8, 1852

Monthly meeting attended as usual. Nothing particular to record. Clerk was absent.

Jun. 12, 1852

Covenant meeting. A good time with union of hearts. After the usual exercises of Brethren & Sisters speaking, Sister Lucy Smith was received as a member of the church. Letter of commendation from the Baptist Church, Sennett, Dated May 8, 1852. Also Laura Beech received upon experience as a candidate for the ordinance of baptism, and membership when baptized.

Jun. 13, 1852 Sabbath

After the service we repaired to the water where the ordinance of Baptism was attended, and with \_\_\_ Lucy Smith received the hand of fellowship and the ordinance of the Lords Supper observed. Present 42.

Jul. 10, 1852

Covenant meeting attended as usual. A good meeting, the Lord be praised.

Aug. 7, 1852

Covenant meeting attended as usual, and the ordinance of the Supper on Sabbath the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sep. 11, 1852

Monthly meeting as usual. At the close the following was \_\_\_\_\_. That we represent ourselves to the Onondaga Association, by letter and the following Brethren to represent us in that body, to wit. Eld. Thomas Brown & A. R. Ransom and Dea. J. Daniels & U. Smith. Added by Bap. 3, by let. 5, present No. 66.

Oct. 9, 1852

Covenant meeting and communion next day. Nothing special to record.

Oct. 24, 1852 Sabbath

At the request of Sister Abigail VanPatten resolved she have a letter of commendation and dismission.

Nov. 13, 1852

Monthly attended as usual, union prevailed. Gods name be praised.

Dec. 11, 1852

Covenant meeting and communion next day. A very good time. Br. & Sis. could sing.  
When I can read my title clear,  
To mansions in the skies,  
I bid farewell to every \_\_\_\_\_  
And wipe my weeping eyes.

1853

Jan. 8, 1853

Monthly meeting as usual.

Feb. 1, 1853

As our annual year closes to day our alterations the past year are as follows: Added by baptism 3, by letter 5, Dismissed 1, Present No. 65

Feb. 1, 1853

Annual church meeting Tuesday 1 o'clock P.M. Opened by reading the scriptures by Br. U. Smith & prayer by Br. C. King.

1. Resolved: That Br. U. Smith be chairman.
  2. Resolved: Heard the records of the past year read. Accepted and approved.
  3. Resolved: Unanimously that Br. U. Smith serve as our secretary for the ensuing year.
  4. Resolved: Heard the treasurers report, as follows. \$44 in treasury at the commencement of the year. Paid out for table expense \$88. Balance against the treasury \$44. Accepted and adopted
  5. Resolved: That Br. J. Daniels serve as treasurer for the ensuing year.
  6. Resolved: Whereas our Pastor Eld. T. Brown had verbally tendered his resignation as Pastor at the close of the year, 1<sup>st</sup> of March next, Brethren took up the subject and after consultation and prayerful deliberation, it was unanimously referred to the Deacons of the church to confer and advise with Eld. Brown with regard to his remaining as Pastor, or seeking for & making inquiry after some other one, to supply his place if vacated.
  7. Resolved: Adjourned until the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Feb. 1854, 1 o'clock P.M. at the meeting house.
- Prayer by Br. French.

Feb. 12, 1853

Monthly meeting of the church. Harmony in the church. Nothing of note to record.

Feb. 12, 1853

Covenant meeting. A good union in the church, the way clear to go forward.

Feb. 13, 1853 Sabbath

Went forward to communion.

Feb. 28, 1853

At 6 o'clock P.M. church met agreeable to previous notice. Opened by prayer by Br. A. R. Parmer.

1. Voted Br. A. R. Parmer be chairman. Object of the meeting being to consult and take measures in electing and obtaining & \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the place of Elder Brown resignation. Committee called and appointed to the annual meeting. To wit. The Dea. report accepted.. The (they) had consulted with Eld. Brown & Eld. A. R. Parmer, his health not sufficient. Eld. Brown thought it would be better for the church to have a change in the Pastor, but did not wholly decline to remain as Pastor. After mutual consultation it was resolved to adjourn until 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 6 o'clock P.M. after requesting the former Brethren appointed to invite Eld. Brown to supply us next Sabbath. Closed by prayer.

Mar. 8, 1853

Met agreeable to adjournment. Br. A. R. Parmer in the chair.

1. Had a season of prayer. Them took up the subject laid over on the subject of Pastor. After much (much) consultation and deliberation in consequence of Eld. Barown preaching his farewell sermon

and publicly announcing his labors as Pastor of the church had closed, it was finally resolved unanimously that we cordially invite Eld. Brown to remain with us as Pastor of the church provided means can be raised satisfactory for his support.

2. That the deacons with Eld. A. R. Parmer be a committee to extend and bear this our invitation to Eld. Brown, in behalf of the church and obtain his answer if in the affirmative, his conditions and amount for support and report to the church at the monthly meeting next Saturday. Adjourned, sine die. Prayer by Br. French.

Mar. 12, 1853 Saturday

Monthly meeting as usual. After the church had spoken their minds, the committee appointed at the last meeting to bear our invitation to Eld. Brown, to remain as our Pastor, were called upon to report. They report they had given the invitation. He said he must take time to consider upon it before he could give an answer in the affirmative. He being present said the church had better look for another Pastor, for he still thought as he had for a year it would be better for the church to get a change. Where upon resolved that the same committee remain and be authorized to inquire after and obtain a Pastor as soon as they can, who shall be acceptable to the church. Closed by prayer. Present 25.

1853

The regular meetings of the church with the ordinances have been attended up to the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 1853. Nothing to record.

Aug. 25, 1853 Sabbath

After sermon, by request of Sister Polly Williams, voted she have a letter of dismissal and recommendation.

Sep. 10, 1853

Monthly meeting attended by the church as usual. After Br. & Sisters had spoke their minds, it was resolved that we represent ourselves by letter and delegation to the Onon. Baptist Association meeting with Tully church 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> inst. and that our Pastor and Deacon be our delegates, and at the request of our church Br. E. V. P. French prepare the letter to be inspected by the church on Sabbath one week. Closed by prayer. Letter prepared and accepted to be sent Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Covenant meeting attended and communion as usual.

Nov. 12, 1853

Monthly meeting of the church. After speaking their minds as usual, Br. Samuel Stone was spoken of and upon inquiry it was found he had neglected his travel for a long time and had moved away with his family without giving the church notice. It was therefore moved and seconded the following:

Resolved, that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Br. Stone for neglect of his duties in the church and disorderly walk.

Dec. 10, 1853

Covenant meeting as usual. After the usual service, at the request of Sister Laura Black, voted she have a letter of commendation and dismissal.

Dec. 11, 1853 Sabbath

Eld. Camp preached Br. Ackers funeral sermon and broke bread to the church.

1854

Jan. 7, 1854 Saturday

Monthly meeting of the church. Attended as usual. Nothing particular to record. Dismissed 2, Excluded 1, Dropped 1, present No. 6.

Feb. 7, 1854

Annual church meeting, Tuesday 1 o'clock P.M.. Prayer by Br. A. VanAntwerp.

Resolved: That A. VanAntwerp be chairman, heard the records of the past year read, adopted and approved.

Resolved: That Allen Palmer serve as clerk the ensuing year. Heard the report of the treasurer as follows: received the past year \$2.10, paid out 1.94 leaving .76 in the hands of the treasurer.

Resolved: That Br. J. Daniels serve as treasurer the ensuing year.

Resolved: That we invite Elder Thomas Brown to continue as pastor with us another year if we can raise his support.

Resolved: That A. Palmer and E. V. P. French be a committee to confer with Elder Brown and see if he will consent to be our pastor another year.

Resolved: That we adjourn the annual meeting till the first Tuesday in Fe. 1855 at 1 o'clock P.M. at this place.

Closed by prayer by Elder A. R. Palmer. Allen Palmer clerk.

Feb. 11, 1854

Covenant meeting as usual.

Mar. 11, 1854

Covenant. After the usual exercises of speaking, the committee that was appointed at a previous meeting, to ascertain whether Elder Brown would continue our Pastor another year, made the following report.

They visited Elder Brown and he declines being Pastor another year. A. Palmer & E. V. P. French committee.

Resolved that U. Smith, E. V. P. French and A. Palmer be a committee to visit Tully Church and see if their Pastor Elder LaGrange can be obtained to supply us a part of the time during the year.

Apr. 8, 1854

Covenant meeting as usual. Voted to give Sister Mary A. Brown a letter of dismissal & commendation.

At Covenant meeting in July it was voted to give Sister Cornelia Doud a letter of dismissal and commendation.

Sep. 9, 1854

Monthly meeting. Report of Deacons W. Smith and A. VanAntwerp, who was previously appointed to invite Br. Galpin to preach, have discharged that duty and he will preach Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Committee discharged.

Resolved that we represent ourselves in the Onondaga Association by letter and delegates.

Sep. 16, 1854

Lord's Day. Elder Galpin preached. At intermission Brethren met in the vestry and voted to invite him to become our Pastor if sufficient means could be raised for his support. A. Van Antwerp & E. V. P. French and A. Palmer were appointed a committee to circulate subscriptions and also to confer with him.

Oct. 7, 1854

Covenant meeting. Said committee made the following report. Had circulated subscriptions for Elder Galpin and obtained on the same \$202.50. He being present concluded to come for that amount and wood for the year and be moved

1855

Feb. 6, 1855

At the annual meeting of the church, Elder Galpin chosen chairman. Resolved that we adjourn untill the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. At 2 o'clock P.M. at this place. A. Palmer, Clerk

Feb. 10, 1855

Covenant meeting as usual.

Feb. 11, 1855

Sunday, communion. Voted to give Sister Lydia Tichner a letter of dismissal and commendation.

Feb. 14, 1855

Met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. A. R. Palmer. Prayer by Brother E. V. P. French (chosen chairman)

Resolved that Allen Palmer serve as clerk the ensuing year. After which the treasurers report was read and adopted viz. 16 cents on hand last year. Received the present year 25 cents. Paid out 58 cents leaving a balance of .17cents against the church after which several brothers contributed for the year 1855.

Resolved that we adjourn till the first Tuesday in Feb. 1856 2 o'clock P.M.

Mar. 10, 1855

Covenant meeting as usual. Resolved that we receive by letter Elder Almon Galpin, his wife Clarissa and Mary their daughter.

Apr. 7, 1855

Covenant meeting as usual. Voted to Brother E. V. P. French and wife and Mary Allworth (Aylsworth) letters of dismissal and commendation.

May 27, 1855

Lord's Day. After services Sister Prisalla R. Chapin was received to the fellowship of the church by letter.

Jul. 8, 1855

Lord's Day. After the usual service Sister Rhoda A. Fountain was received to the fellowship of the church by letter.

Aug. 11, 1855

Covenant meeting. Chancey Carr was received as a candidate for baptism.

Aug. 12, 1855

Chancey Carr baptized and Sister Nancy Tebins rec'd. into the church by letter.

Sep. 8, 1855

Saturday. Covenant meeting. Resolved that we represent ourselves in the Onondaga Baptist Association by letter and delegates.

Resolved that Rev's. Galpin, A. R. Palmer, Dea. W. Smith, Peter Henderson & A. Palmer be our delegates.

Resolved that A. R. Palmer, Peter Henderson, W. Smith & A. Palmer be a committee to confer with Rev. A. Galpin to see if he will continue our Pastor another year. Sept. 8 Present number of members 63.

Dec. 14, 1855

Lord's Day. After communion it was voted to hold a protracted meeting and invite Elder Walter G. Dye to our assistance.

Alterations for the past year are as follows: Baptized 1, Dismissed 4, added by letter 6, Died 2, (J. Daniels and C. Smith) Present number 62

1856

Feb. 5, 1856

At the annual meeting of the church held Feb. 5, 1856, Rev. Almon Galpin chairman.

Resolved that Allen Palmer serve as clerk for the ensuing year.. Proceedings of the year read and approved by the church.

The treasurers report was then read and approved viz. Rec'd. during the year \$1.73. Paid out .92 leaving a balance on hand of .81.

The committee previously appointed to engage with Elder Galpin reported in part viz. They

circulated subscription and obtained thereon \$195.00. Elder Galpin being present remarked he thought he could not engage for a year short of \$200.00.

Resolved that the annual meeting stand adjourned till the first Tuesday in Feb. next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Mar. 8, 1856

Covenant meeting. After the usual exercises of speaking, it was resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Wealthy Ann Bishop and Emeline Hubbard for neglect of travel with the church.

The committee previously appointed to engage with Elder Galpin further reported that they had on subscription \$197. Elder Galpin being presented consented to become our Pastor for that amount.

Jul. 12, 1856

Monthly meeting as usual. After speaking Elder Galpin offered to the church his resignation as Pastor to take effect Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, but few being present no action was taken.

Jul. 13, 1856

Lord's Day. The Brethren met in the vestry to consult in regard to Elder Galpin's resignation and resolved to call a meeting of the church 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

Jul. 17, 1856

Met according to the call and resolved to appoint a committee of four to confer with Elder Galpin & also with other \_\_\_\_\_ Brethren with a view to obtain a Pastor.

Aug. 31, 1856

Lord's Day. Elder A. Galpin closed his labors with the church as Pastor after which it was resolved that we represent ourselves in the Onondaga Baptist Association by letter & delegates. Rev. \_\_\_ Brown, A. R. Palmer & U. Smith were appointed delegates.

Oct. 11, 1856

Covenant meeting. After the usual exercises of speaking Brother Uriel Smith requested letters of dismissal for Elder Galpin, wife and daughter having been requested by Elder Galpin to do so when it was Resolved that we give Elder Galpin a letter of dismissal & commendation and in as much as his wife and daughter have not traveled with the church since they united.

Resolved that Brethren Uriel Smith & Allen Palmer be a committee to visit those Sisters and ascertain the cause of neglect of travel.

Oct. 26, 1856

Sabbath evening. Preaching by Elder Wm. Jones, after which the Brethren & Sisters tarried and heard the report of a committee previously appointed to procure a minister which was as follows: They had consulted with Elder Jones. He thought he must have \$300 per year and wood found and a donation. It was then resolved that we engage him as our pastor for the year if we can raise the means.

Subsequent to this the committee circulated a subscription and obtained thereon \$237 and then addressed a letter to Elder Jones, stating the fact and further stating that they thought that they should not be able to obtain over \$260.

Dec. 13, 1856

Covenant meeting. 22 Members present. After speaking Rev. William and his wife Harriet A. Jones were rec'd. to the fellowship of the church by letter, after which the committee previously appointed to visit Sister Galpin and daughter made the following report viz. That they had visited them and Sister Galpin's excuse for not traveling with the church was she felt unworthy. Her daughter did not make any satisfactory excuse. Resolved that the report be received.

Resolved that we delay acting upon the report till some future time.

1857

Feb. 3, 1857

Alterations are as follows:

Excluded	2
Added by letter	2
Dismissed	<u>1</u>
Present Number	61

Annual meeting of the church. Rev. William Jones pastor in the chair.

Resolved that Allen Palmer serve as clerk for the year.

Doings of the church for the past year was then read and approved, after which the treasurers report was read and adopted. Viz: Received during the past year .04, paid out nothing leaving on hand .85.

Resolved that Uriel Smith serve as treasurer the ensuing year.

Resolved that the annual meeting be adjourned till the first Tuesday in Feb. next at one o'clock P.M.

Sept. 1857

Monthly meeting in Sept.

Resolved that we engage Elder Jones to be our pastor another year if sufficient means can be procured for his support.

Resolved that Allen Palmer and A. B. Daniels be a committee to circulate subscription and engage Elder Jones if the means are sufficient according to the preceeding resolution.

Nov. 1857

At a meeting in Nov. the above committee made the following report. s.s.

They had circulated a subscription for Elder Jones and obtained thereon \$240, with a prospect of increasing it to \$250 and they had conferred with Elder Jones and he had consented to be our pastor for one year for the sum of \$250, donation and firewood. The report adopted.

1858

Jan. 9, 1858

Resolved that we give letters of dismission and commendation to Brother A. R. Palmer & wife.

Feb. 2, 1858

At the annual meeting of the church held Feb. 2, 1858 Rev. William Jones in the chair.

Resolved that Allen Palmer serve as clerk during the year, after which the doings of the church the past year was read & approved.

Treasurers report read and adopted ss received nothing, paid out nothing. On hand .85

Resolved that Uriel Smith serve as treasurer the ensuing year.

Resolved that we adjourn till the first Tuesday in Feb. next at 6 o'clock P.M.

March

At a covenant meeting in March Resolved that Brns. Brown & H. Rowland be a committee to visit Sister Clarissa Smith.

Apr. 10, 1858

At the covenant meeting April 10, Elder Wm. Jones offered his resignation as pastor which was accepted on the following Sabbath.

Apr. 25, 1858

Rev. William Jones closed his labors with the church as pastor when it was Resolved to give him and his wife letters of dismission.

Sep. 11, 1858

Saturday. Monthly church meeting.

Resolved that we represent ourselves in the Onondaga Baptist Association by letter and delegates.

Resolved that T. Brown, U. Smith, A. VanAntwerp and Peter Henderson be our delegates.

Resolved that A. Palmer be a committee to confer with the church at Tully, whether they will unite

with us in having but one pastor.

Our alterations since the sitting of the last Association, are as follows:

Dismissed	4
Present Number	55

Oct. 9, 1858

At a monthly meeting Oct. 9, Polly Williams was received to the fellowshp of the church by letter.

Nov. 7, 1858

Lord's Day. Resolved that we give Sister Rhoda A. Fountain a letter of dismissal and commendation,.

Dec. 12, 1858

Lord's Day. Sister C. S. Brooks was received to the fellowship of the church by letter.

1859

Feb. 1, 1859

At the annual meeting of the church held February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1859 Uriel Smith chosen chairman and Allen Palmer clerk.

1. Doings of the past year read and approved.
2. Treasurers report presented \$\$ paid out .69  
Leaving a balance on hand of .16
3. W. Smith chosen treasurer for the year.

The following is a list of names of present members:

Aaron VanAntwerp	Alfred Daniels
Nancy VanAntwerp	Leaura Daniels (died)
Alvey Wiard	Harry Rowland
Parley Wiard	Mary Ann Rowland
Pisalla Chapin	Betsey Stone
Bardwell	Hannah Haynes (dism.)
Clarissa Smith	Uriel Smith
Harriet Sparks	Lucy Smith
Sarah King	Elijah Daniels (ex.)
Polly Williams	Elisha Darrow
Nancy Darrow	Emeline Darrow
Lemura Searll	Loville Fuller (dismissed)
Marietta Burt	Peter Henderson
Thomas Brown	Sally Henderson (died)
Lurancy Brown	John Strail
Eleanor Daniels	Emeline Hubbard
Alfred G. Smith	Allen Palmer
Betsey Smith	Eliza A. Palmer
Caleb King	Jane Ingersoll
Nancy Bettys	Lorenzo Beach (died)
Harriett Beach	Delight Beach
Chancey Carr	Cornelia Brooks
Almon Carr	
Arathusa Carr	

Resolved that we adjourn til the first Tuesday in February next at 6 o'clock P.M.

Allen Parlmer - clerk

Jun. 11, 1859

At a covenant meeting Sister Malirna C. Chapman was rec'd. to the fellowship of the church by letter. Also Franklin C. Chapin related his experience & was rec'd. on his being baptized.

At a meeting of the church in May, Sister Brown was rec'd. on her christian experience.

1860

Feb. 11, 1860

Covenant meeting of the church on which Luther K. Burt, Nancy Carr, Anna Brown, Ann Mary Beach & Jane Darrow related their christian experience & were received to the fellowship of the church when baptized.

Feb. 12, 1860

Luther K. Burt, Nancy Carr, Anna Brown & Ann Mary Beach were baptized and Jane Brown was received by letter from the church in Fabius.

Feb. 23, 1860

Annual meeting. Thomas Brown was chosen chairman. Allen Palmer chosen clerk.

Doings of the church the past year read & approved.

W. Smith treasurer made the following report.

On hand last year	.16
Paid out during the year	<u>.54</u>
Balance due from the church.	-.34

.75 was then raised by members present.

Resolved that Clarissa Smith be excluded from the fellowship of the church for neglect of travel & for expressing in our presence her preference for another denomination diverse from ours.

Resolved that Harriet Sparks be and is hereby excluded from our fellowship for neglecting to travel with us.

Resolved that Chancey Carr be a committee to visit Sister Emeline Hubbard to ascertain the cause of her long absence from us.

Resolved that we make an effort to secure Elder B. Morley as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Resolved that A. B. Daniels & C. Carr be a committee to carry out the above resolution.

Resolved that we adjourn to the first Tuesday in February next at 6 o'clock P.M.

Allen Palmer, clerk

Mar. 11, 1860

Covenant meeting. Josiah R. Daniels & Vastia his wife were rec'd. as members of the church on their being baptized.

Resolved that B. Mearly, E. Darrow & A. Palmer be a committee to visit Brother E. G. Daniels.

Mar. 24, 1860

Saturday. At a meeting of the church Merton Beach was received as a member on being baptized.

Apr. 7, 1860

At covenant meeting held April 7, the following resolution was presented and adopted. SS

Resolved that in view of the advanced age with its attendant information of our senior Deacon and the distance of the residence of his colleague, therefore:

Resolved that we at our next church meeting choose one or two of our Brethren to bear a part in the burdens and responsibility of the deacons office.

Apr. 8, 1860

Sunday. J. R. Daniels & Vastia his wife, Jane Darrow and Merton Beach were baptized.

May 13, 1860

Covenant meeting. It was voted to dismiss E. J. Daniels agreeable to his request having changed his views on the subject of communion.

Resolved that Alfred B. Daniels & Elisha Darrow be elected to the deacons office.

Aug. 11, 1860

Covenant meeting. Resolved that Sister Loville Fuller have a letter of dismissal & recommendation.

1861

Jan. 11, 1861

Covenant meeting. The following resolution was passed.  
Resolved that we engage Elder B. Morley for our pastor for another year if means can be procured for his support.

Resolved that the Deacons of the church be a committee to carry into effect the above resolution.

Feb. 25, 1861

Annual meeting of the church held February 24, 1861. Alfred G. Smith chosen chairman. Allen Palmer clerk. The treasurer reported that he had paid out during the past year .50 and had received nothing, had on hand at the last annual meeting .41, leaving a claim against the church of .09. A collection was then taken amounting to .65.

Resolved that Uriel Smith serve as treasurer for the ensuing year.

Resolved that we adjourn till the first Tuesday in February next at 1 o'clock P.M.

Allen Palmer, clerk

Apr. 13, 1861

Covenant meeting. It was resolved that Sister Anna Hiscock be received as a member of this church by letter.

Oct. 12, 1861

Covenant meeting. Resolved that Sister Clarissa Smith be restored to the fellowship of the church.  
Resolved that Sister Melvina Chapman be dismissed from the church with liberty to unite elsewhere.

1862

Jan. 11, 1862

At a covenant meeting of the church, Resolved that we are united in the labors of Elder Morley our present Pastor, and that Brethren A. B. Daniels, A. G. Smith & Allen Palmer be a committee to circulate a subscription and if means can be procured to engage him another year.

Feb. 4, 1862

At the annual meeting of the church held Feb. 4, 1862 Elisha Darrow chosen chairman, Allen Palmer clerk.

The minutes of the last year read & approved.

The treasurers report heard & adopted.. Ss Received that last year .95 paid out .84 balance on hand .11. Uriel Smith chosen treasurer.

Resolved that every Brother of the church be requested to pay .10 a year to the treasury for the support of the table and every Sister .05.

Resolved that we adjourn till the second Tuesday in Feb. next at 6 o'clock P.M.

Allen Palmer, clerk

Aug. 24, 1862

Sunday. Resolved that we represent ourselves in the Onondaga Baptist Association by delegates.

Resolved that our Pastor & Deacons be our delegates.

1863

Feb. 7, 1863

At covenant meeting the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that we are united in our present Pastor, Elder Morley and that we invite him to continue our Pastor another year & that Allen Palmer, Elisha Darrow & A. B. Daniels be a committee to engage him if the means can be raised for his compensation.

Feb. 11, 1863

At the annual meeting of the church held Feb. 11, 1863 Elisha Darrow chosen chairman, Allen Palmer Clerk.

The treasurers report was read and adopted. S.s.

Balance on hand last year	.11
Rec'd. during the year	.48
Paid out	.51
Balance on hand	.09

A. B. Daniels chosen treasurer.

Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Clarissa Smith, she having united with another of different order.

Resolved that we adjourn to the second Tuesday of Feb. 1864 at 6 o'clock P.M. at this place.

Allen Palmer, Clerk

Dec. 12, 1863

At covenant meeting Saturday Dec. 12, 1863 a letter of dismissal was voted to Sister Hannah Haynes.

1864

Feb. 13, 1864

At covenant meeting held Feb. 13, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that we are well united in the labors of Elder Morley our present Pastor & as the year of his engagement with us is nearly closed be it further resolved that Brethren A. G. Smith, Harry Rowland & A. B. Daniels be a committee to confer with him and ascertain whether his services can be secured for another year & also to circulate a subscription for that object & if means can be obtained to engage him for another year.

Mar. 20, 1864

Sabbath evening meeting.

Resolved that Sister Anna Brown have a letter of dismissal & commendation.

Apr. 9, 1864

At covenant meeting David Rowland was received a member of the church on being baptized and was baptized the next day.

May 8, 1864

Resolved that Sister Electa Brown have a letter of dismissal.

Sep. 10, 1864

Resolved that Sister Jane Brown have a letter of dismissal.

1865

Feb. 19, 1865

Church voted a letter of dismissal to Sister Nancy Bettys.

May 13, 1865

Church meeting voted a letter of dismissal to Amanda M. Chapman.

June 1865

At a covenant meeting in June 1866 Mary Hoyt was received into the church on being baptized.

Jul. 8, 1865

At covenant meeting July 8, 1866, Sister Clarissa Smith was restored to the fellowship of the church.

1866

Feb. 11, 1866

At Sabbath meeting on Feb. 11, it was resolved to receive Mary Goodell as a member by letter from Freetown.

Mar. 10, 1866

Covenant meeting.

Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Delighta Beach for neglecting the church.

Apr. 21, 1866

Covenant meeting. Elmins G. Rowland, Eliza Smith, Elida Burt, Frankie Burt and Martha Carr were received to membership of the church on being baptized & were baptized on Sunday following.

May 5, 1866

At covenant meeting Burrett L. Crumb and Ann Eliza his wife and Lovina VanCamp were rec'd. into the church on being baptised and were baptized on Sunday following.

Aug. 11, 1866

At covenant meeting it was resolved to give Sister Lurancy Brown a letter of dismission and commendation.

Nov. 4, 1866

Sabbath. Resolved that Franklin Chapin and his wife have letters of dismission and commendation.

Dec. 8, 1866

Saturday covenant meeting. David C. Fountain and Hellen Wallace were received into the church and baptized next day.

Dec. 23, 1866

Sabbath. Elder \_\_\_\_\_ agent for education at Hamilton. Collection \$16.00

1867

Mar. 9, 1867

At covenant meeting Brother R. H. Ketchum was received to membership on his experience and it was further Resolved that Brother R. H. Ketchum in our view is called of God to the work of the Ministry and that he have full liberty to improve his talent in publishing the Gospel of Christ to a lost world.

Resolved that the clerk be authorized to write to the following churches requesting to them to send their Pastors & one or more of its members to sit in council to consider the propriety of ordaining R. H. Ketchum to the work of the ministry: Elbridge, Camillus, Marcellus, Onondaga, Fabius, Homer, Truxton, Tully, Rev. A. R. Palmer, Rev. B. Morley

Resolved that Deacons U. Smith, A. B. Daniel and Aaron VanAntwerp sit with the council on the part of this church.

Mar. 27, 1867

The council met and ordained R. H. Ketchum.

Apr. 13, 1867

Covenant meeting. Olive Pierce was received to membership of the church on her experience and Alice Steadman and Adelia Pierce were received when baptized.

Resolved that Harry Rowland, A. G. Smith, A. B. Daniels and A. Palmer be a committee to engage a Pastor for the coming year.

Apr. 14, 1867

Sunday. Alice Steadman was baptized.

May 11, 1867

Covenant meeting. Celestia E. and Orlene Bardwell were received by letter.

Jun. 9, 1867

Adelia Pierce was baptized and became a member.

Dec. 1867

Voted David C. Fountain a letter of dismission.

1868

Jan. 1868 First Sabbath

Took a collection for state convention \$4.53

Jan. 29, 1868

Took a collection for Freedmen \$9.50

May 24, 1868

Sabbath. Letter of dismission were voted to Jane Searll & Lamira Searll

1869

May 29, 1869

Brother & Sister Elisha Darrow dismissed by letter.

1870

April 1870

Luther Burt died.

May 25, 1870

Sister Eleanor Daniels died.

Jul. 20, 1870

Dea. Uriel Smith died.

Aug. 9, 1870

Covenant meeting. Voted Sister Lucy Smith a letter of dismission and A. G. Smith serve as church clerk. Our statistics are as follows:

Dismissed by letter	three
Died	three
Present number	forty two

Oct. 8, 1870

Covenant meeting. Elder Brown present. Sunday communion.

Nov. 20, 1870

Henry Ingersol was baptized and voted to receive him into the church.

1871

May 13, 1871

Monthly meeting attended as usual. 8 in number present.

Aug. 10, 1871

Covenant meeting attended as usual. 14 in number present. Elder Brown present.

Aug. 19, 1871

Mrs. Burt died.

Sept. 9, 1871

Monthly meeting as usual. Elder Brown present. No. present 13?.

1872

Jan. 13, 1872

Saturday. Not any meeting.

Names of Males

1. Alva Wiand
2. Almon Carr
3. Aaron VanAntwerp
4. John Strail
5. Alfred B. Daniels
6. Josiah Daniels
7. Alfred J. Smith
8. Burnet L. Crumb
9. David C. Fountain
10. David A. Rowland (erased)
11. Henry Ingersol (erased)
12. Norton Beach (erased)
13. Franklin Burt (erased)

Names of Females

1. Cordelia VanAntwerp
2. Parley Wiand
3. Nancy VanAntwerp
4. Besey Smith (erased)
5. Lovenia Van Camp (erased)
6. Vostia Daniels
7. Emily S. Smith
8. Eliza Palmer
9. Ann Eliza Cruiah ?
10. Emma J. Rowland
11. Keziah Bardwell
12. Harriett Beach
13. Mary Ann Rowland
14. Sarah M. King
15. Nancy Darrow
16. Betsey Stone
17. Eliza S. Barber
18. Elida Burt
19. Martha Carr
20. Celesta Bardwell
21. Orlie Bardwell
22. Adelia Pierce
23. Olive Pierce
24. Alice Rowland
25. Hellen Wallace
26. Mrs. Jane Ingersol
27. Mary Hoyt
28. Mrs. Jerusha French
29. Mary Fitzgerald
30. Mary Goodell
31. Mrs. A. B. Daniels
32. Mrs. Nancy Morgan

Jun. 9, 1872

At covenant meeting it was resolved to give Sister Betsey Stone a letter of dismissal and recommendation at her request.

Aug. 10, 1872

At covenant meeting Cordelia VanAntwerp was received into the church on being Baptised.

Oct. 5, 1872

On Lord's Day it was resolved that we engage the services of Elder J. W. Hammond as Pastor if sufficient means can be procured for his support.

Resolved that A. B. Daniels and D. Rowland be a committee to confer with Elder Hammond and engage his services.

Dec. 7, 1872

Covenant meeting was attended. Elder Hammond present. The attention of the Brethren was called to the present membership of this church for the purpose of withdrawing the hand of fellowship from those who do not walk with the church. After some remarks by the Brethren present, resolved that we adjourn until our next regular monthly meeting.

1873

Jan 11, 1873

Brethren met in monthly meeting. Present number 5. Prayer by deacon VanAntwerp. Resolved that we adjourn from taking action in regard to withdrawing the hand of fellowship from certain members of this church until our next regular monthly meeting.

Aug. 17, 1873

At covenant meeting Sarah VanAntwerp was received in the church on being baptized.

Sep. 7, 1873

Rev. J. W. Hammond closed his labors with us. Engaged the services of Elder Camp.

Oct. 11, 1873

At covenant meeting a letter of dismission was granted to David C. Fountain.

Oct. 12, 1873

Mary Jane Daniels was received by letter and given the right hand of fellowship.

Oct. 19, 1873

Celesta Carpenter was granted a letter of dismission.

Dec. 13, 1873

At covenant meeting resolved that Alfred J. Smith be elected to the Deacon's office.

1874

Apr. 17, 1874

At covenant meeting letters of dismission and recommendation were granted to Burrett L. Crumb and Eliz his wife at their request.

1875

Jun. 19, 1875

At covenant meeting letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Mrs. Harriett Beach at her request.

Apr. 12, 1875

Mrs. Nancy Morgan was received by experience and given the right hand of fellowship.

1878

Apr. 13, 1878

Covenant meeting held, 13 present. Br. Charles Barber offered himself to the church after relating his experience. It was resolved that we receive him into the church after being baptized.

Resolved that we secure the services of Br. A. R. Palmer as Pastor if the means can be raised to secure him.

Resolved that a committee consisting of Br. A. O. Smith, A. Van Antwerp & A. B. Daniels confer with Br. Palmer which they did & he agrees to serve the church as pastor for \$3 per Sabbath and his expenses in coming & returning when not able to come with his own conveyance.

Apr. 14, 1878

Br. Barber baptized & given the right hand of fellowship. Members in attendance 17. Br. A. R. Palmer commenced his labors with us to day.

Resolved that we send as delegates to Apulia Br. A. B. Daniels & David Rowland to organise a church by request.

May 1878

Br. Frank Hodge baptized & given the right hand of fellowship.

Jul. 13, 1878

Monthly meeting. Br. A. R. Palmer with us. Sister Kellogg requested to unite with the church. Sister Emily Smith moved that she be received on her experience & seconded by Br. A. B. Daniels. 7 being present.

Aug. 10, 1878

Covenant meeting. Few in attendance.

Aug. 11, 1878

Sunday. Sister Kellogg received as member & given the right hand of fellowship by Br. A. R. Palmer.

Sep. 8, 1878

Monthly meeting but 2 members present.

Oct. 12, 1878

Covenant meeting. Br. & Sister A. R. Palmer untied with the church by letter.

1879

Apr. 12, 1879

Covenant meeting. Resolved that Mrs. Jay Morgan & Emery Smith be received as members after being baptized. Present 22.

Apr. 13, 1879

Sunday. Communion. Resolved that Jay Morgan be received as a member after being baptized. Emery Smith, Jay Morgan & wife were baptized & given the right hand of fellowship by Br. Palmer. Present at communion 23.

Jun. 8, 1879

Covenant meeting. Present 18.

Jun. 9, 1879

Communion. Present 20.

Oct. 12, 1879

Covenant meeting. 18 present.

Dec. 14, 1879

Covenant meeting attended.

1881

Aug. 13, 1881

Covenant meeting as usual. No. present 14.

Resolved that we represent ourselves in the Onondaga Baptist Association by letter & delegates.

Aug. 14, 1881

Communion services. Sister A. O. Smith and Louise Miles were baptized and given the right hand

of fellowship by Br. Palmer. Present at communion 22.

Dec. 10, 1881

Met in covenant meeting. The pastor present. After the usual opening services and reading the covenant. A precious season was enjoyed. Each person present taking part in speaking.

At the close of the covenant meeting exercise a business meeting was held and it was deemed best on account of the funeral service to be held tomorrow to defer the communion to a future time.

The matter of public reports hurtful to the reputation of members of the church and damaging to the influence of Christianity was spoken of and on motion. Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to make inquiries as to the nature and foundation of such reports, and report the result to a meeting to be held in the near future.

Resolved that Br. A. VanAntwerp, A. B. Daniels & Frank Hodge be such committee.

Resolved that when this meeting adjourn it be until next Saturday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock P.M. in this place to hear such report & transact such other business as comes before the meeting. The matter of caring for the meeting house ringing bell was discussed and action deferred to the meeting next Saturday.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by the pastor.

Dec. 17, 1881

At an adjourned meeting Dec. 17, 1881 members present:

Br. Palmer	Sisters: A. Smith
Br. A. Smith	“ D. Rowland
Br. D. Rowland	“ C. Barber
Br. C. Barber	“ S. Miles
Br. F. Hodge	
Br. E. Smith	
Br. A. B. Daniels	

After singing reading of the scriptures & prayer by Elder Palmer. The minutes of the preceding meeting were called for and read by the clerk and were approved there being no objections.

After a few remarks by Br. Palmer the report of the committee appointed the week previous was called for and each one of said committees spoke upon the resolution referring to certain reports that were being circulated against some members of the church which could not be traced back to any particular person or persons. The report was then accepted and adopted. After which remarks were made by several & the committee were discharged.

1882

Sep. 9, 1882

At covenant meeting Sister Nancy Morgan's name dropped from church book. Dismissed by letter, Sister A. B. Daniels by her request.

1883

Sep. 17, 1883

According to the request of the Baptist church of East Navarino the following delegates were sent to assist in the ordination of Br. P. A. Tinkham.

Viz.: our Pastor A. R. Palmer, Dea. A. Smith, Dea. A. VanAntwerp, Br. Frank Hodge.

1884

Aug. 9, 1884

At covenant meeting resolved that the church grant to Sister Sarah D. Galusha a letter of dismission & recommendation at her request.

1885

Jul. 21, 1885

Sister Vashti Daniels died.

Sept. 13, 1885

Elder E. B. Morris commenced his labor as pastor of this church.

1886

Feb. 10, 1886

At the annual meeting of the church A. J. Smith chosen chairman and D. A. Rowland clerk. At the conclusion of which the meeting adjourned till the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in Feb. 1887.

Apr. 10, 1886

At covenant meeting nine were present.

1887

July 21, 1887

Sister Mary Goodell died.

Aug. 8, 1887

Sister Martha Carr dismissed at her own request.

1888

Feb. 26, 1888

Rev. A. R. Palmer and Elizabeth his wife granted letters of dismission to join the Fourth Baptist Church of Syracuse.

Sep. 1888

Dea. Aaron VanAntwerp died.

1889

Feb. 1, 1889

Brother Davis Rowland died.

Jun. 1, 1889

Rev. A. R. Palmer preached at the Baptist church in Vesper. A goodly number present and a very profitable meeting.

Jun. 12, 1889

Vesper. Wednesday. The Baptist church held a meeting for business this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Bro. A. J. Smith moderator. Sister Eliz. Rowland clerk pro tem.

After singing and reading the scriptures prayer was offered by Dea. A. J. Smith.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Sister E. J. Rowland was chosen clerk of the church to fill vacancy occasioned by the death of Br. David A. Rowland.

On motion resolved that regular services be continued at this place each Sabbath to be 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as circumstances seem to require and that we have preaching as often as a supply can be obtained.

On motion resolved that the Baptist church of Christ in Vesper secure the benefits of incorporation according to the provisions of an act passed May 15<sup>th</sup> 1876 as amended by the addition of Dec. 8, in 1879.

On motion resolved that a meeting be held at the place of public worship of said church on Tuesday evening June 25 at half past seven o'clock, to elect three qualified voters as a board of Trustees for said church.

On motion resolved that the clerk of this church be requested to prepare a notice of the meeting for such election said which to set forth the object & time & place of such meeting, also to state who will be legal voters in such elections.

On motion resolved that such notice be read from the pulpit, by the person conducting the service on each of the two Sundays immediately preceding such election.

On motion resolved that the corporation herein before provided for, be known by the title and name of the Vesper Baptist Church.

Meeting then adjourned to June 21, 1889. E. J. Rowland clerk.

Jun. 16, 1889

Services were held in the Vesper Baptist Church this day at 10:30 in forenoon, by Rev. S. S. Powell, also the following notice was read by him.

NOTICE:

A meeting for the election of a board of Trustees for the Vesper Baptist Church under and by authority of the Act securing to Baptist Churches the benefits of incorporation, passed May 15<sup>th</sup> 1878, will be held in the \_\_\_\_\_ room of the said Vesper Baptist Church (this place) on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June instant, at half past seven o'clock in evening.

The persons qualified to vote at said election of trustees are, the members of said Vesper Baptist Church of full age, and every person of full age who shall for one year preceding such election have been a paying pew holder or seat holder in the place of worship of said Vesper Baptist Church (this place) or shall have been during said year a yearly paying subscriber for the support of said Vesper Baptist Church. Only such persons as are qualified to vote at said election are eligible to the office of Trustee. Dated at Vesper the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1889.

E. J. Rowland, church clerk.

Jun. 23, 1889

Services were held in the Vesper Baptist Church this morning at 10:30, conducted by Rev. J. S. Blanden, at which service the notice for the meeting for the election of a Board of Trustees was read by him.

Services were also conducted by Eld. J. S. Blanden at 8:30 evening. A very good meeting.

Jun. 25, 1889

Pursuant to adjournment of June 12, 1889, a meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church was held for the purpose of electing a Board of Trustees under and by authority of the act securing to Baptist Churches the benefits of incorporation, passed May 15, 1876, Dea. Alfred J. Smith chosen chairman and Emma J. Rowland Sec. For the evening.

After the reading of scriptures and prayer by Dea. A. J. Smith, the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

After reading the notice of meeting stating its object and purpose, a motion was carried that we elect three members according to law as a Board of Trustees. A ballot was taken electing Bro. Josiah R. Daniels, Bro. Frank Hodge and Dea. Alfred J. Smith. The trustees thus elected then drew lots for their terms of service. Brother Josiah Daniels drew for one year. Bro. Frank Hodge drew for three years, and Dea. Alfred J. Smith for two years.

Motion was carried that E. J. Rowland serve as Sec. For one year. By a unanimous vote Bro. Frank Hodge was elected as treasurer for the ensuing year motion carried that the chairman and Sec. be authorized to finish up this business according to law. Motion carried that this meeting adjourn for one week.

E. J. Rowlands, Sec.

Jun. 27, 1889

The proceedings of the incorporation of the Vesper Baptist Church were recorded at the County Clerks office the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1889. DeForest Settle - Deputy County Clerk

Jun. 30, 1889

Dr. Heman H. Sanford of Syracuse conducted service at the Baptist Church in Vesper at 10:30 in the forenoon and also at 7:30 in the evening of the same day, there being a goodly members present at each service. Over 50 being present in the evening.

Jul. 2, 1889

Pursuant to adjournment a meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church was held this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dea. A. J. Smith chairman. After prayer, minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The report of chairman and sec. of previous meeting was made in regard to the recording of the proceedings of incorporation. The same being put upon record in County Clerks office June 27.

A suggestion offered and accepted that the clerk make a record of the meeting held each Sabbath.  
Resolved that we elect one trustee at each annual meeting for a term of three years.

Resolved that the annual meeting here after be held the first Tuesday in July at 7:30 o'clock in the evening of each succeeding year. Meeting then adjourned till the first Tuesday in July 1890 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.  
E. J. Rowland, clerk

Jul. 7, 1889

Dr. H. H. Sanford conducted services at the Vesper Baptist Church today at 10:30 A. M. & 7:30 P.M. There being a good attendance at each service

Jul. 19, 1889

Dr. H. H. Sanford conducted service at the Vesper Baptist Church morning and evening. A good attendance.

Jul. 21, 1889

Miss Clara D. Sanford, dau. Of H. H. Sanford conducted service this A.M., reading a sermon from Matt. 8:19. Evening services were conducted by Miss Sanfrod. A goodly number being present.

Jul. 28, 1889

Mr. Gillespie, a graduate from Mr. Spurgeons training school, conducted service this A. M. and evening.

Aug. 4, 1889

Services were conducted by Mr. Gillespie this am and evening, collections were taken after each service to defray the expenses of the church.

Aug. 11, 1889

Mr. Gillespie conducted the services this a m and evening, very acceptably.

Aug. 18, 1889

Dr. H. H. Sanford conducted the services this A.M. & evening.

Aug. 1889

Notice has been received that C. E. Barber has united with the Baptist Church at Stoney Fork, Pa. In 1888, by experience, hence his name is dropped from our books. We report only 16 members this year to the association, eleven of whom are residents.

Aug. 24, 1889

Rev. A. R. Palmer preached today at 10:30 a m.

Sep. 1, 1889

Mr. Gillespie conducted service today, morning and evening.

Sep. 8, 1889

Mr. Gillespie conducted service at 10:30 a m and at 7 p m, closing with a testimony meeting. A very good service.

Sep. 15, 1889

Rev. L. R. Reynolds conducted service this morning and evening in Vesper Baptist Church.

1890

Jun. 10, 1890

Rev. N. Wolcott, pastor of Tully Baptist Church preached at 7:30 p.m. to a good congregation.

Jul. 1, 1890

At the annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church, held July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1890, prayer was offered by Dea. A. J. Smith & Dea. A. J. Smith was called to the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Br. J. R. Daniels elected as trustee for three years. Bro. Frank Hodge treasurer 1 year, Mrs. E. J. Rowland clerk one year. Motion carried that here after our annual meeting be the first Tuesday in June.

Resolved that some measurers be adopted to prevent the playing of ball on the church green.  
Meeting then adjourned till the first Tuesday in June 1891. E. J. Rowland church clerk

Oct. 31, 1890

A church meeting was held at 2:30. Called by Rev. N. W. Wolcott, now holding services of meetings here. The church has been reviewed and sinners converted. Meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Davis. Eld. Wolcott read from Exodus 3 chapter. Then Mrs. Davis spoke a few minutes from it. Then Eld. Wolcott followed by a few remarks to the church on consecration. Then prayer was offered by Elder Wolcott and singing of "Just As I Am". Then Eld. Wolcott read from Matthew 3:13, Romans 6:4,5, Collossians 2:12, Ephesians 4:5 and made some remarks there from. Then the members each present made a confession of remissness of duty and consecrated themselves a new to Christ; the opportunity was given to any present to speak. Several confessed Christ as their Savior and asked to be admitted as members of the church after being baptized. They were Sisters: Mrs. Wiand, Lottie Daniels, Pearl E. Rowland and Brother Miner Rowland.

Then the subject of electing two deacons was brought up and laid over for further consideration.

A new organ is here on trial, it was decided to take a vote of those who had subscribed for it, if it was satisfactory in every way. At the evening meeting a unanimous vote was given to keep it. A committee of three was appointed to look after the fires and care for the church. Chairman Br. J. R. Daniels, Bro. Frank Hodge, A. J. Smith. E. J. Rowland, church clerk

Nov. 7, 1890

For convenience the regular covenant meeting of the church was held at which meeting Nettie Witherell and Frank Witherell gave their experience and asked to become members of the church, after being baptized. They were received.

Nov. 9, 1890

On Sunday following November 9, the following named persons were baptized and admitted into the church. Sister Ann Wiand, Lottie Daniels, Nettie Witherell, Pearl Rowland, Miner Rowland, and Frank Witherell.

In the evening a Christian Endeavor meeting was held. Then a short service at which time Sister Marie Witherell was admitted as a member in her experience, she having been baptized some years before. Then followed the observance of the Lord's Supper. E. J. Rowland, church clerk

Oct. 13, 1890

Prayer meeting conducted by Dea. A. J. Smith. Over 30 were present.

Oct. 16, 1890

Sunday evening Christian Endeavors Society met. Meeting conducted by the President, Bro. Frank Hodge.

1891

Jun. 2, 1891

At the annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church, held June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1891, prayer was offered by Dea. A. J. Smith. Chairman Dea A. J. smith. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mrs. E. J. Rowland elected church clerk 1 year. Alfred J. Smith elected trustee for three years. Frank Hodge treasurer. Meeting adjourned till first Tuesday in June 1892. E. J. Rowland, church clerk.

Jun. 8, 1891

After prayer meeting a covenant meeting was held at which Mrs. Josie Moon related her experience and asked to become a member of the church after being baptized.

Jun. 14, 1891

Eld. Wolcott preached afternoon and evening. The Sacrament was observed and the right hand of fellowship was given to Sister Josie Moon, she having been baptized at Green Lake June 7, 1891.

Jun. 21, 1891

Sister Nancy VanAntwerp and her daughter Cordelia were granted letters of dismissal at their request, and united with the Delaware St. Baptist Church of Syracuse. July, 1.

1892

Jun. 21, 1892

At the annual meeting of Vesper Baptist Church, Dea. A. J. Smith chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. E. J. Rowland was elected church clerk for one year. Bro. Frank Hodge elected trustee for 3 years. Lottie Daniels elected treasurer for 1 year.

Appointed a committee to look at the church to see what are the needed repairs on the church roof. Some discussion was held in regard to the care of the church. E. J. Rowland, clerk

Aug. 1892

Sister Eliza S. Barber is granted a letter of dismissal to unite with the Cortland Baptist Church of Cortland, NY.

Oct. 1892

Brother Emery F. Smith is given a letter of dismissal from the Vesper Baptist Church to unite with the Baptist Church of Hinton, West Virginia. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> notice is received of his uniting with that church Jan. 28, 1893

Oct. 9, 1892

Rev. J. H. McGahen commenced preaching at Baptist on Sabbath evenings. Mr. J. R. Edwards spent his vacation here during the holidays and preached or conducted the service two Sabbaths & attended the weekly prayer meeting.

1893

Jun. 6, 1893

The annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church opened with prayer offered by Deacon A. J. Smith. Chairman, Dea. A. J. Smith.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Mr. J. R. Daniels elected trustee for three years, Mrs. A. J. Smith elected church clerk for one year. Miss Lottie Daniels elected treasurer for one year. Minutes read and approved.

Meeting adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in June 1894. Mrs. A. J. Smith, church clerk pro tem.

1894

Dec. 1, 1894

On Sunday evening Dec. 1, 1894 Brother Frank Wellington was received into membership with the church, by letter from the Jordon Baptist Church.

Mar. 28 Mr. J. R. Edwards from Hamilton spent his vacation at A. J. Smith's preaching each evening for one week. Returned to Hamilton April 3<sup>rd</sup> (on Tuesday) on Saturday following (April 7<sup>th</sup>) Mr. Cornell and wife, Evangelists came and held meetings each evening for one week. Cottage prayer meeting were held each Tuesday evening until July.

Jun. 24, 1894

After preaching services, conducted by Eld. McGahen at 3 P.M. Willie Strong and Jacob Keiser were baptized.

Jul. 1, 1894

The following Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 8 o'clock P.M. services conducted by the Pastor, Elder McGahen,

Jacob Keiser was given the right hand of fellowship, after which, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed.

Jul. 3, 1894

Tuesday evening. The annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church was opened with prayer by Dea. A. J. Smith. Dea. A. J. Smith acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Sister E. J. Rowland elected church clerk for one year and Lottie Daniels elected treasurer for one year. Brother Frank Hodge elected trustee for three years. Trustees now are: Jr. Daniels, 2 years, & Dea. A. J. Smith 1 year.

Meeting adjourned to meet Saturday evening July 19, 1894 to arrange for the needed repairs in church. E. J. Rowlands, church clerk.

Jul. 1894

After service in evening William H. Strong was given the right hand of fellowship.

Sep. 29, 1894

The church has been newly papered wall & ceiling and new chimneys laid.

Oct. 4, 1894

In a short sermon by Eld. J. A. McGahen and covenant meeting at which time Mrs. Jeanette Carr related her christian experience and asked to become a member of the church after baptism. Her request was accepted. The service closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Oct. 21, 1894

Services at 2 P.M.. Preaching by Rev. J. H. McGahen after which Mrs. Jeanette Carr was baptized. The day was beautiful and the service impressive. The right hand of fellowship was given to Mrs. Carr soon after.

1895

Mar. 20, 1895

At the donation held at S. A. Carr a church meeting was called in Mrs. Carr room when Mrs. Wm. Strong was voted upon and rec. as a candidate for baptism, after which she was to be a member of the Baptist Church.

Mar. 24, 1895

Mrs. Nellie Strong was baptized in the church in Tully with five others. The Sunday following, Mar. 31, she received the right hand of fellowship and became a member of the Vesper Baptist Church.

Jun. 4, 1895

At the annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church, Bro. A. J. Smith was chosen chairman. E. J. Rowland church clerk, 1 year, A. J. Smith trustee 3 years. The other trustees now are Frank Hodge 2 years, J. R. Daniels 1 year. Lottie Daniels treasurer. A. J. Smith to take the collection.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in June 1896. E. J. Rowland, church clerk

1896

Apr. 1896

Our church being newly carpeted and seats made movable with new doors, was opened for service on April 28. R. H. Gillespie, E. Richmond & J. H. McGahen present. A two days meeting was held. Eld. Johnson being present the last evening. His services were engaged as pastor. He preached each morning and evening from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May until the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. when he began his labors with Apulia church preaching there in the morning & here in the evening.

Jun. 2, 1896

At the regular annual meeting C. E. Barber acted as chairman. Sec. Report read and adopted.. E. J. Rowland chosen church clerk 1 year. J. R. Daniels trustee 3 years. A. J. Smith 2 years, Frank

Hodge 1 year. Lottie Daniels treasurer. C. E. Barber Sexton.  
Nov. 3, 1896

Bro. Johnson commenced a series of meetings. Bro. E. Richmond spent the week here in helping. Nov. 16, T. J. Wheeler the cornetist and singing revivalist came and remained until the 25 of Nov. We raised \$2.65 to defray his traveling expenses and gave him his board. Two have been converted, two have been reclaimed.

Brother Johnson closed his labors with us the last Sabbath in Dec. A social held at the church on Tuesday evening following. We raised 20 dollars to pay Br. Johnson on his salary.

The church was supplied through Jan. by Eld Dewitt.

1897

Feb. 1, 1897

Mr. H. Dewitt engaged to preach for us one year for 150 dollars and what aid could be had from the state convention.

Mar. 19, 1897

Sister Pearl Rowland Strong was taken from us in her youth and usefulness, aged 19 years.

May 2, 1897

William H. Sherman was baptized and received the right hand of fellowship. June 6, his wife has been received as a candidate for baptism.

Childrens Day services were held June 13 in the evening. The collection to be sent to the missions of the publication society. Amount 9.15.

Jun. 15, 1897

The annual meeting was opened by prayer by our Pastor M. H. Dewitt acting as chairman of meeting. Minutes of last meeting read and approved, also the minutes of church work read.

E. J. Rowland elected as church clerk. Frank Hodge elected trustee for three years. Dea. Smith term expires next year. Charles Barber appointed as Sexton. Motion supported that Bro. Wm. Sherman be treasurer. Dea. Smith to take the collection.

Motion carried that meeting stand adjourned for one year.

Oct. 1897

M. H. Dewitt closed his labors here the last Sunday in this month, he feeling that his health would not permit him to preach here and at Apulia during the winter.

Nov. 1897

J. F. Behrens, pastor of the Tully Baptist Church has been engaged to preach for us a year for two dollars a Sunday and what aid the State Convention will give him. Commenced his labors here the first Sunday in this month.

1898

Feb. 16, 1898

Mrs. William H. Sherman was baptized in the church in Tully by our pastor, Rev. J. F. Behrens

Jun. 7, 1898

The annual meeting was opened by prayer by Dea. A. F. Smith. William H. Sherman acting as chairman of the meeting. C. E. Barber clerk for the evening. Minutes read also record of church work read. Mrs. A. J. Smith elected church clerk for one year. Deacon A. J. Smith elected trustee for three years. Charles Barber elected sexton. William Sherman elected treasurer. Dea. A. J. Smith to take collection. Meeting adjourned.

Nov. 13, 1898

Mrs. Mary Daniels was given the right hand of fellowship, uniting by letter from Sempronius Baptist Church, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed.

1899

Jan. 8, 1899

Mrs. William H. Sherman was given the right hand of fellowship.

Jun. 6, 1899

The Baptist Church in Vesper held its annual meeting at 7:30 o'clock this evening. A. J. Smith acting as chairman. After a chapter having been read from the Bible, prayer was offered by chairman. E. J. Rowland was clerk for the evening. Minutes of the last meeting was read, also record of the church work was read.

Bro. J. R. Daniels was elected trustee for three years. Bro. W. H. Sherman as treasurer for one year. Mrs. A. J. Smith clerk for one year. Charles Barber elected sexton. Minutes read and approved. Meeting then adjourned to meet the first Tuesday evening in June 1900.

Jun. 12, 1900

The annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church was opened by prayer offered by Deacon A. F. Smith also a chapter was read from the Bible. A. J. Smith acted as chairman for the evening. Brother William H. Sherman was elected trustee for three years. Mrs. A. J. Smith elected church clerk for one year. Lottie Daniels treasurer.

After a lengthy discussion in regard to sexton, it was decided to leave the matter for an after consideration. Minutes of the meeting read and approved. Motion carried that meeting stand adjourned untill first Tuesday evening in June 1901

Sep. 16, 1900

Our pastor presented his resignation from the church to take effect the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, he having received a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Harrison, NJ, and accepted it, as it opened to him a much larger field of usefulness.

Nov. 1, 1900

Rev. W. H. Barrett commenced his labors with us as pastor of the Baptist Church, is to receive for services \$100 and what aid can be had from the State Convention.

1901

May 26, 1901

A letter was given Mrs. Etta Brown to unite with the First Baptist Church Cortland, NY.

Jun. 4, 1901

Was held the annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church. Opened by reading the scripture also prayer offered by Deacon A. J. Smith. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved, also the record of the church work read. Deacon A. J. Smith elected trustee, Mrs. A. J. Smith church clerk, Lottie Daniels treasurer.

Jul. 21, 1901

After preaching, services conducted by our pastor Mr. Barrett. Miss Hattie Hodge and Miss Lena Strail were baptized and the next Sunday were welcomed into the church with the right hand of fellowship.

Aug. 1901

In August C. E. Barber was received by letter given by the First Baptist Church of Stony York, Pa..

Sep. 1901

In September Mr. Barrett left us to resume evangelistic work, being employed by the State Convention.

Oct. 6, 1901

Rev. D. D. Harmon commenced his labors here as pastor, being engaged for the sum of \$75.00

from the church and \$75.00 from the State Convention.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE VESPER BAPTIST CHURCH AT THE PRESENT TIME. SEPTEMBER FIRST NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ONE. (Sep. 1, 1901)

Deacon A. J. Smith	Mrs. A. J. Smith
Frank Hodge	Mrs. E. J. Rowland
W. H. Sherman	Mrs. Sullivan Carr
J. R. Daniels	Miss Lottie Daniels
Willie Strong	Mrs. Nettie Barber
Frank Witherel	Mrs. E. Daniels
Charles E. Barber	Mrs. Nell Strong
	Mrs. Alice Newman
	Mrs. W. H. Sherman
	Mrs. R. Witherel
	Miss Hattie Hodge
	Miss Leena Strail

1902

Jun. 17, 1902

At the annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church held this evening commencing at eight o'clock, A. J. Smith was chairman, opening the meeting by reading a chapter from the bible and offering prayer.

W. H. Sherman was chosen chairman for the evening. Minutes of the last meeting read, also record of church work was read.

J. R. Daniels elected trustee for three years. Mrs. A. J. Smith church clerk and Br. Sherman treasurer for the year.

Meeting adjourned to meet the first Tuesday evening in June nineteen hundred three.

1902

Feb. 11, 1903

Josiah R. Daniels died.

Apr. 1, 1903

Our pastor left us to accept a call from a Baptist Church in Moravia.

1904

Jun. 7, 1904

The annual meeting of the Vesper Baptist Church was opened by C. E. Barber reading a chapter from the Bible, after which prayer was offered by W. H. Sherman, after which W. H. Sherman was chosen chairman.

The following officers were elected for the coming year. C. E. Barber was elected trustee for one year to fill vacancy in place of J. R. Daniels. W. H. Sherman was elected trustee for two years. Frank Hodge was elected trustee for three years. Mrs. W. H. Sherman was elected treasurer. Harriet E. Hodge was appointed clerk and C. E. Barber sexton. After which the meeting was adjourned until the first of June 1905.

1915

Oct. 17 & 24, 1915

A notice was read from the pulpit of the Vesper Baptist Church Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1915, calling a meeting to convene in the evening of Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> to consider the question of uniting the membership with the First Baptist Church of Tully, also to vote the property to the same.

Meeting convened and adjourned till Saturday night Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at the home of Frank Hodge at which time the church gathered, all trustees being present.

Meeting called to order by the pastor Rev. B. R. Smith. A motion was made by Frank Hodge and seconded by Mr. Wm. Sherman that the present membership of the Vesper Baptist Church unite and

become a part of the First Baptist Church of Tully, NY. And that the property both real and personal be transferred to said church. This motion was unanimously carried. Motion was then made that we adjourn till the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November.

Deacon Alfred J. Smith died.

Mrs. Mary Daniels died March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1913

Mrs. Jannette Carr died May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1915