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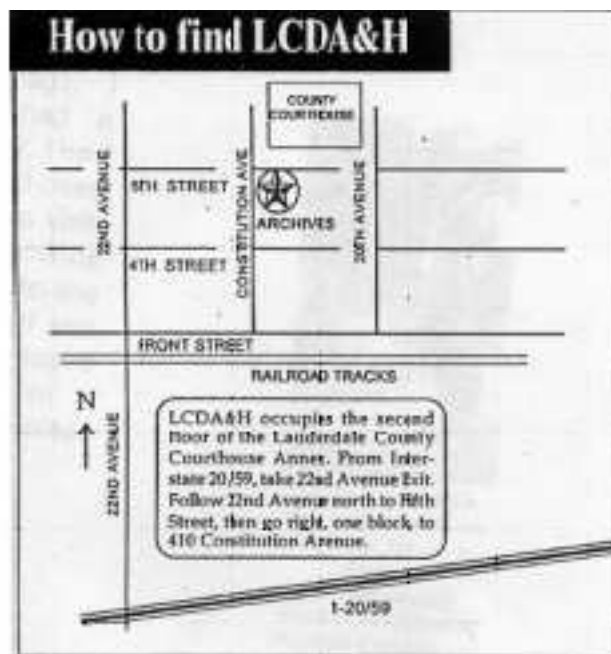
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PHILLIPS MILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Wilkes County, Georgia
A SHORT HISTORY

The Phillips' Mill Church was constituted by Silas Mercer on June 10, 1785, with sixteen members. She is noted for the following facts:

1. For having reared up and baptised and ordained a number of distinguished ministers, among them the beloved Jesse Mercer, Linton Barrett and M. J. Bruce, the present moderator of the Association. Bro. Bruce was ordained on March 9, 1902. The ordaining Presbytery consisted of B. M. Calloway, T. S. Calloway, J. C. Bell and A. A. Fluker.

Jesse Mercer made a relation of his Christian experience here in this church on July 7, 1787 and was received as a candidate for baptism. He was baptised by his father, Silas Mercer, (probably on the following day) being then in his eighteenth year.

2. The church is noted for having sent out hives, large and working, by which other churches were established. Among them the church in Washington, Georgia. She has changed her former location which was about four miles further south, purchasing the present site from a Presbyterian church, and erecting thereon, a more substantial building. The present building was erected in 1906. This church has entertained the Association five times, - in 1796, 1827, 1848, 1888, and 1937. For the first ninety-five years of her existance 442 members were received by letter, 892 dismissed by letter, 192 were excommunicated and 66 were restored. From 1785 to 1945, 556 people have been received into the church for baptism.

During the 161 years of her history, this church has had thirteen pastors as listed below:

Silas Mercer, 1785 - 1796, 11 years
Jesse Mercer, 1796 - 1833, 37 years
B. M. Sanders, 1833 - 1834, 1 year
W. H. Stokes, 1834 - 1843, 9 years
B. R. Thornton, 1843 - 1855, 12 years
J. R. Young, 1855 - 1893, 38 years
W. R. Cox, 1894 - 1896, 2 years
J. S. Calloway, 1897 - 1907, 10 years
George C. Steed, 1908 - 1917, 9 years

C. H. Turner, 1918 - 1 year
W. W. Chandler, 1919 - 1 year
George C. Steed, 1920 - 1922, 2 years
L. M. Leverett, 1923 - 1925, 2 years
Marshall Nelms, 1925 - 1928, 3 years
George C. Steed, 1928 - 1946, 18 Years (.29 years)

Phillips Mill Church is one of the oldest churches in the state and fortunately its minutes have been preserved from the beginning.

On the first church list of members there are many notable names. Among them the Mercers, Chivers, Davis, etc. The Thomas Chivers that appears on this list is either the Wilkes County poet or his uncle, Thomas Holley Chivers. They both had the same name. Thomas Holley Chivers, the poet, was born in Wilkes County, Georgia, near Washington, at Digby Manor on October 18, 1809.

Samuel Davis' name also appears on the list. He was the father of Jefferson Davis and his home was not far from the church. The Mercers, Silas and Jesse, came from Halifax County, North Carolina about 1767.

Phillips Mill Church was originally built on Little River near Quaker Springs, but was moved to the present cite about 1840. It took its name from a Revolutionary War soldier who built a mill on Kettle Creek. Its first name was "The church at Phillips' Mill" but the congregation bought out Salem Church from the Presbyterians and then called the body "Phillips' Church. Silas Mercer was the founder of the church and served as its pastor for eleven years. He was followed by Jesse Mercer, his son, who served as pastor for thirty-seven years. Phillips Mill is the parent church of the Washington, Georgia church.

PHILLIPS' MILL CHURCH

May, the 7th Day, 1785

We, Silas Mercer, Meshack Turner, George Lea, William Parker and others who formerly been baptised with a baptism of faith, and who had come from different parts and settled on Little River near Phillips' Mill, inconvenient to any other constituted body of our order, met at George Lea's in order to consider what would be best for us to do, and in. conference concluded that it would be best for us to be constituted in order to keep up a godly Gospel discipline for God's glory and our happiness.

Accordingly, we sent for our beloved brethren, Sanders Walker and Peter Smith, who met with us at George Lea's on June 10, 1785 and examined into our standing, and finding us orderly and well-recommended by letter, they received use Namely, Silas Mercer, Meshack Turner, William Parker, George Lea, Owen Fluker, Jesse Tolbert, Dorcus Mercer, Rebekah Turner, Elizabeth Parker, Lucy Lea, Elizabeth Moncrief, Sarah Fluker, Florannah Wingfield, Anne Wingfield, Nancy Glass, and Mary Leverette into this fellowship, and declared us to be a church according to Gospel order in the name of the Lord Jesus, and to voluntarily and jointly separate ourselves from the world, and jointly give ourselves to the Lord who bath promised to receive such and to be their God.

Holding ourselves henceforth to be His and no longer our own, we also voluntarily and mutually receive one another in the Lord, meaning hereby to become one body jointly to exist and jointly to act by the bond and rules of the Gospel, each esteeming himself henceforth as a member of a spititual body, accountable to it and subject to its control, and otherwise separable therefrom than by consent first had or unreasonably refused. And, as we believe the Word of God to be the only rule of our faith and practice, we do voluntarily and jointly engage the Lord, enabling us to keep up a godly discipline and to deal faithfully and tenderly with those, if any, who shall depart from the faith which was once delivered to the saints, either in principle or practice, which faith we think includes the following sublime and important doctrines;

that is to say, the Being of a God, a Trinity of persons in the Godhead, the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, the corruption of human nature and the impotency of fallen man to do that which is spiritually good, the everlasting love of God to His people, the coven-any of grace, the doctrine of election, particular redemption, justification by the righteousness of Christ imparted, pardon of sins through His blood, regeneration and sanctification by influences and operation of the Holy Spirit, the final perseverance of the saints in grace, the doctrine of believers baptism and that, by immersion, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, the general judgment, the eternity of happiness of saints in Heaven, and torment of sinners in hell.

Finally, we agree, the Lord enabling us to do all things whatsoever He hath commanded us, particularly to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow the Lord, not forsaking the assembling ourselves together, but to attend our conferences and meet to worship God as often as we conveniently can, to watch over one another in love, to know, honor, maintain, and obey those who shall have rule over us in the Lord, as far as we shall see it to be our duty in the Word of the Lord, that we may be blameless in the sight of God and all men, that we may live as brethren and submit to one another as it is fit in the Lord.

This is the covenant which we now enter into in the fear of the Lord. In testimony and ratification whereof we have each of us signed our name hereto, and may the Lord help us to perform the same.

George Mercer	George Lea	Robert Harper
Meshack Turner	Owen Fluker	Nancy Osburn
William Parker	Jesse Talbert	Joseph Moran
Dorcus Mercer	Zachariah Glass	Tael Mercer
Rebekah Turner	Rachel Shipley	William Osburn
Elizabeth Parker	Mary Harper	Elizabeth Moncrief
Lucy Lea	Nancy Ragans	
Elizabeth Moncrief	Rebecca Craft	
Florannah Wingfield	Mary Fluker	
Anna Wingfield	Sytha Hammond	
Sarah Fluker	Frances Atkins(on)	
Nancy Glass	Susanna Tolbert	
Mary Leverett	Franky Day	
Maxey Moncrief	Elizabeth Crafford	
Rowland Williams	Sarah Pope	
Robert Day	Lucy Champion	
Jacob Mercer	Pheby Foster	
Hart Champion	Temperence Mercer	

John Mulkey	Tabitha Evans	Samuel Whitney
Annie Mercer	Samuel Whatley	Lydia Craft
Thomas Mercer	Ann Stone	James Hammond
Rhoda Lea	James Mercer	Annie Lea Dean
William Evans	Isbel Davis	Walton Harris
Stacy Robertson	Jonathan Ragan	Frances Gafford
Charles Dean, Jr.	Rhoda Mercer	John Robertson
Anne Gillum	Stephen Gafford	Peggy Rice
Josiah Moncrief	Mary Bays	Asa Atkins
Mary Bullock	Robert McGinty	Hannah Digby
Charles Dean, Sr.	Deborah McGinty	Nehemiah Edge
John Leverett	Thomas Robertson	John West
William Foster	William Digby	James Turner
Jesse Mercer	John Lawson	Thomas Chivers
Nathaniel Dean	William Walker	William Fletcher
William Blanks	Charles Mattox	John Dean
Othniel Weaver	Samuel Pope	John Eward
Simon Burney	Benjamin Thompson	Samuel Davis
Mehalah Moran	Adam Torrance	Frances Dean
Robert Bowen	Mariah Blanks	Richmond Terrell
Anne Hendrick	David Allen	
Bridget Juskins (Jenkins?)		Susannah Robertson
Elizabeth Wilson	Jane Robertson	
Rebecca Harris	Delpha Robertson	
Mary Pinkston (e)	Martha Hankins	
Bridget Mulky (Mulkey)	Ann Ragan	
Sary Mercer	Ann Golson (Gholson)	
Hannah B? (Bassop?)	Jesse Crenshaw	
Elizabeth Dean	John Meadow	
Mary Phillips	John Bankston (e)	
Abbey Pollard	John Perry	
Frances Robertson	William Robertson	
Rachel Mattox	Edward Butler	
Sarah Glass	Joseph Kitchen (Catchings)	
Jane Chivers	Benjamin Ozburn	
Sarah Weaver	Dr. Jacob Shorter	
Mary Smith	John Graham	
Elizabeth Mulkey	Jacob Early	
Jeremiah Chivers	Absolum Ramey	

Sabary Chivers
Elizabeth Autry
Hannah Cohron (Cochron)
Martha Kitchens
Davis Welborn
Jane Vardaman
Charles Webb
Elizabeth Butler
Reuben Bennett
Bernard Rhodes

Jane Runnels
Elizabeth Mattox
Jane McGinty
Selah Terrell
Presus Crenshaw
Joseph Bays
Ann Robertson
Moses Robertson
Rebekah McGinty
William Perkins

Frances Jordan
Phebe Hubbard
Mary Edwards
Susannah Anderson
Thomas Wingfield
Elizabeth Bennett
Isiah Autry
Elizabeth Gathright
Samuel Rhodes

Black Brethren

Grant's Adam
Pinkstone's Jean
Grant's Charles
Dean's Mary
Dermott's Lidda
Ragan's Bob
Sexton's Tony
Turner's Sam
Crafford's Annie
Meshack Turner's negro woman
Terrell's Grace
Terrell's Mat
Terrell's Patrick
Terrell's Fortune
Terrell's Abby
Terrell's Patty
Terrell's Sarah
Terrell's Cuzzy
Terrell's negro boy
Stokes' Aggy
Gholson's Sam

Gafford's Winny
Grant's Phillip
Pinkstone's Rachel
Cook's June
Dean's Winny
Dermott's, Betty
Turner's James
Zachariah Glass' negro woman
Chivers' Cissy
Wm. Terrell's Boy
Finley's Jude
Finley's George
Grant's Jude
Thompson's Jane
Heard's Aggy
Nelson's Sal
Cook's John
Phillips' Sam
Crutchfield's James

Grant's Ann
Pinkstone's Jack
Cook's Stephen
Dean's Monday
Dermott's Matt
Ragan's Betty
Wingfield's Silvy
Crafford's Nelly
Burney's Ephram

NOTE: The above list of members seems to include members received for some time after the organization of Phillips' Mill Church as will be shown in the minutes of conferences which follow.

(J.F)

Met in conference July 9, 1785. Received by experience Maxey Moncrief.

Met in conference Aug. 13, 1785. Received by letters, slave brothers, Rachel Shipley, Mary Harper, Rolling (Rowland) Williams, and Grant's Adam.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1785. Received by experience Nancy Ragan, Robert Day, and Jacob Mercer. Received by letter, Rebeccah Craft and Robert Harper..

Met in Conference Oct. 8, 1785. Received by experience Hart Champion, Joseph Moran, Frances Atkinson, Grant's. Ann and Gafford's Winny. Received by letter Mary Fluker and Sytha Dermott.

Met in Conference Nov.. 13, 1785. Received by experience Susannah Tolbert and Frances Day.

Met in Conference Jan. 8, 1786. Received by letter John Mulkey and William Ozborn.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1786. Received by experience Elizabeth Crafford, Samuel Whitney, Sarah Pope, Samuel Whatley, and Crafford's Annie, Willy Dean's Monday.

Met in conference March 11, 1786. Received by experience Grant's Phillip.

Met in conference April 11, 1786. Received by experience Pheby Foster. Received by letter Lucy Champion, Thomas Mercer and Annie Mercer.

Met in conference May 13, 1786. Received by letter Lyddy Crabb.

Met in conference June 10, 1786. Received by experience, James Hammond.

Met in conference July 6, 1786. Received by experience Anne Stone, Elizabeth Wilson, Temperance Mercer, Glass' woman.

Met in conference Aug. 11, 1786. Received by letter James Mercer, Nancy Ozborn, and Jacob Mercer. Adjourned till next day, met again and received by experience William Evans, Tabitha Evans, and Pinkston's Tom. Received by letter Elizabeth Moncrief, Walton Harris, Rebecca Harris, Mary Pinkston, Bridget Mulkey and Sarah Mercer.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1786. Received by letter Jonathan Ragan.

Met in conference Nov. 11, 1886. Received by experience, Hannah Bassop and Elizabeth Dean.

Met in conference Dec. 9, 1786.. Received by experience Rhoda Lea, Annie Lea and Cook's Stephen.

Met in conference Jan. 13, 1787. Received by experience Charles Dean, Jr., John Robertson, Isbell Davis., and Pinkston's Jack. Received by voucher Stacy Robertson..

Met in conference Feb. 9, 1787. Chose Thomas Mercer and Meshack Turner for ruling elders.. George Lea and Meshack Turner for deacons. Their examinations. and ordination postponed till next meeting. Received by letter Zachariah Glass. on Feb. 10th, received by experience Frances Gafford, Stephen Gafford and Dean's Mary. Received by letter Rhoda Mercer, Ann Gillum, Peggy Rice, Josiah Moncrief, and Dermott's. Lyddy.

Met in conference March 9, 1787. Received by experience Asa Atkins, Mary Bays, Mary Bullock, and Cook's June.

Met in conference April 7, 1787. Received by experience Robert McGinty, Charles Dean, Sr. and Nehemiah Edge. Chose Silas Mercer, Thomas Mercer, Meshack Turner and George Lea to attend our next association meeting to be held at Powell's Creek.

Met in conference May 11, 1787, Received by experience William Foster, Deborah McGinty, and Hannah Digby. Received by letter and voucher, Thomas Robertson and Mahalah Moran. Brother Meshack Turner ordained deacon and ruling elder. Brother George Lea ordained deacon.

Met in conference May 12, 1787. Received by experience James Turner, Franny Dean, Moriah Blanks, John Lawson, Jane Turner, Ragan's Bob and Betty. Charles Mattox and John Dean.

Met in conference June 9, 1787. Received by experience John Edwards, Nathaniel Dean, Benjamin Thompson, John West and Saxton's Tony. Received by voucher, John Everett. Net on Sunday, June 10 and received by experience William Digby, Turner's James and Wingfield's Silvy.

Met in conference July 7, 1787; Received by experience Jesse Mercer and Dean's Winny. Received by letter and voucher, Thomas Chivers and William Walker.

Met in conference Aug. 10, 1787. Received by experience Annie Hendrick, Susannah Robertson, Jane Robertson. William Fletcher, William Blanks, Delpha Lawson, Martha Hankins, Mary Phillips, and received by letter, Bridget Jenkins, Anne Ragan and Ann Gholson. Chose Robert McGinty as ruling elder.

Met in conference Sept. 6, 1787, Received by experience Abey Pollard, Franky Robertson, Othneil Weaver, Samuel Pope, Rachel Mattox, and Sarah Glass. Dismissed by letter Robert Day and his wife, Franny, and Rebecca Craft. Chose Silas Mercer, Meshack Turner, Robert Harper and Robert McGinty to attend the next association meeting to be holden at Greenwood. Received by letter Simon Burney. Chose Charles Dean, George Lea, Robert McGinty and John Leverett as trustees to get the meeting house floored and seated.

Met again Sept. 9, 1787. Received by voucher, Jane Chivers and Sarah Weaver.

Met in conference Oct. 13, 1787. Received by experience, Samuel Davis, Mary Smith, and Elizabeth Mulkey, Turner's Sam and Chivers' Boy.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1787. Received by experience Jemima Chivers, Sabery Chivers, Hannah Cohron, Burney's Benjamin and Turner's negro woman. Settled a difference between Bro. Samuel Pope and Bro. William Digby.

Met in conference Dec. 7, 1787. No business appearing.

Met in conference Jan. 12, 1788. Received by experience Grant's Jack, Burney's Ephram, and Terrell's Grace.

Met in conference Feb. 9, 1788. Received by experience, Adam Torrance, Robert Bowen and Terrell's Matt.

Met in conference Mar. 8, 1788. Settled a difference between Bro. Stephen Gafford and Bro. Samuel Davis. Robert McGinty gave satisfaction for some bad conduct which he had been overtaken in since last conference.

Met in conference April 11, 1788. Received Susannah Edwards by experience.

Met in conference May 9, 1788. Received Richmond Terrell and his wife, Selah, who had been baptised by Bro. Thomas Mercer as an experience of grace. Received by experience Robert Allen.

QUERY: What shall be done with our members who neglect to attend our conferences?

ANSWER: First, admonish them soundly, reprove them and finally, deal with them as disorderly members.

Met in conference May 10, 1788. Received by experience David Welborn and Terrell's Patrick. Received by letter Jane Runnels and Dermott's Betty.

Met in conference June 7, 1788. Received by experience Thomas Wingfield and Joseph Bays. Ordered by the church that Bro. William Digby and his wife, Hannah Digby have letters of dismissal. Met again on Sunday, June 8th. Received by experience Charles Webb, Grant's Charles, Richmond Terrell's Charles and Fortune, and Terrell's Alec.

Met in conference July 12, 1788. Received by letter Frances Jordan, Jacob Autrey, Elizabeth Autrey and William Terrell's Lucy. Received by experience Moses Robertson and Elizabeth Mattox.

Met in conference Aug. 8, 1788. Received by letter Reuben Bennett and Toby Hubbard. Received by experience Jesse Crenshaw, John Maddox, John Bankston, John Perry, William Robertson, Finley's Jude, Grant's Jude, and Thompson's Jane. Agreed by the church that no member should absent himself without leave of the moderator in time of conference.

Met in conference Sept. 13, 1788. Received by experience Jane McGinty, Edward Butler, Heard's Aggy, and Finley's George, Nelson's Sal and Dermott's Matt.

Met in conference Oct. 11, 1788. Received by experience Joseph Catchings, Martha Catchings, Benjamin Ozburn, John Cook. Ordered that Samuel Whitney be excommunicated for lying. Ordered that Isbell Davis, Nathaniel Edge, Elizabeth Crafford, and Grant's Sam have letters of dismissal. David Allen, also.

Met in conference Nov. 7, 1788. Received by experience Susannah Anderson, Presus Crenshaw and Phillip's Sam. Received by letter Jane Vardaman and Elizabeth Bennett.

Dec. 9, 1788. No conference. Jan. 10, 1789. No conference.

Met in conference Feb. 6, 1789. Chose Bros. William Perkins, Jonathan Ragan, and John Robertson for deacons. Restored Burney's Ephram. Dismissed by letter William Fletcher.

March 7, 1789. Did the business of the day.

April 10, 1789. Did the business of the day.

Met in conference May 8, 1789. Ordered that Sister Peggy Rice be no longer in our fellowship. A complaint against Zachariah Glass was brought so that we cannot commune again with him till fellowship is gained. Sister Mary Bays dead. Received by experience Anne Robertson and Terrell's Patty.

Met in conference June 13, 1789. Received by experience Pinkston's Rachel, Stokes' Aggy, Terrell's Boy. Received by letter Jacob Shorter.

Met in conference July 12, 1789. Received by experience Elizabeth Butler, Crutchfield's James and Terrell's Cuzzy.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1789. Ordained William Parker and John Robertson as deacons. Dismissed Bro. Charles, Webb by letter. Excommunicated Zachariah Glass. Censored Tony for plot conversation with two of his black brethren; likewise Grant's Phillip for leaving his wife. Dismissed by letter William Walker. Received by experience John Grimes, Jacob Early, Solomon Jourdan and Jackson's Samuel.

Met in conference Sept. 12, 1789. Agreed to hear Bro. Jesse Mercer's call to the ministry next conference. Delegates to the Association, Silas Mercer, Thomas Mercer, Jesse Mercer and Stephen Gafford. Received by experience, Elizabeth Gathright.

Met in conference, Oct. 10, 1789. Received by experience Absolum Raney.

Met in conference Nov. 6, 1789. Dismissed by letter, Othaniel Weaver and his wife, Sarah Weaver, and Anne Stone. Agreed to not commune with any person who does not believe in the final perseverance of saints in Grace. Sat. Nov. 7th. Bros Sanders Walker and James Hutson met according to appointment and proceeded to examine into the call and qualifications of Bro. Jesse Mercer, and being satisfied with him he was set apart by imposition of hands to the great work of the ministry.

Met in conference Dec. 12, 1789. Dismissed by letter Bro. Benjamin Thompson. Received a charge from Bro. Stephen Gafford against Lester Pinkston.

Met in conference Jan. 9, 1790. Dismissed by letter Rachel Mattox, Floranna Wingfield and Cook's Stephen. Received by experience Rebekah McGinty.

Met in conference Feb. 12, 1790. Cited Sister Pinkston to attend our next conference. Rhoda Lea, now Miles, made acknowledgment that she had been guilty of transgression and gave the conference satisfaction that she had repented.

Met in conference Mar. 9, 1790. Carried over the case of Sister Pinkston until next meeting. Met Mar.10, 1790. The charge against Sister Mary Pinkston carried over until next meeting for further witness. Sister Hannah Cohron charged with being pregnant. Brother Stephen Gafford is appointed to cite her to attend our next conference. Met Mar. 11, 1790. Received by experience Terrell's Sary. Sister Sytha Hammond, deceased.

Met in conference April 17, 1790. Brother Edward Butler was appointed to act as clerk for this church.

Met in conference May 7, 1790. The case of Sister Hannah Cohron was taken up and she is no longer in our fellowship. The following delegates were chosen to represent us in the Association; Bren. Silas Mercer, Thomas Wingfield, Jesse Mercer, and Edward Butler. Sister Mary Pinkston gave full satisfaction and therefore in full fellowship. The following queries are desired to be laid upon the next Association meeting;

QUERY 1: Shall we associate with those ministers who hold that a real believer may lose his Christianity and finally fall from grace or their churches which hold them in communion?

QUERY 2: What shall we do with a negro man who is in our church and has cohabited with a woman whom called his wife but now has left her and pleads hope of a right to do so for that she has a husband, now living, whom her master forced from her?

Ordered that conference be held at this place the fourth Sabbath in this monty in order to examine into the disputes of the negroes. Received by letter Sarah Williams. Ordered that Bro. Silas Mercer provide a church letter to send to the Association. A charge by Jacob Mercer against Anna Wingfield for saying that she married William Hurley since she had given satisfaction to the church, ordered therefore that Bro. William Parker cite her to attend our next conference. Edward Butler, Clerk.

Met in conference May 8, 1790. Received by letter Nancy Jones. According to appointment Bro. Silas Mercer brought forward a letter which was read and approved by the church in which he says "Received since our last Association by experience 2, received by letter 2, dismissed by letter 7, excommunicated 1, deceased 1, so that our number at present is only 107.

Met in conference 25 May, 1790. Received by experience

a negro woman named Edy, belonging to Robert Terrell, a negro woman named Aggy belonging to Jacob Early, and a negro woman named Cate belonging to John Dermott. Burney's Benjamin gave satisfaction and was restored to fellowship again.

Met in conference June 12, 1790. Brother Silas Mercer being absent, Brother Jesse Mercer was chosen moderator. Stephen Gafford applying to this church to know if it is agreeable for him to continue to preach the Gospel, which was unanimously agreed to and he has the free license of this church to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Met again on Sunday, June 13, and received by experience Dermott's Betty and Foster's Esther.

Met in conference July 10, 1790. Received by letter James Bowen's Gabriel. A charge against Anna Wingfield from last conference is continued until next conference. A charge against John Mulkey by Joseph Moran for saying he could prove a man in our company, of lies and that he would give his sorrel horse if it was not done. Ordered therefore, that Bro. Robert McGinty cite him to attend next conference to give satisfaction for the same. Sunday, July 11. Met and received by experience John Wingfield's Cup it.

Met in conference Aug. 6, 1790. The charge against Anna Wingfield is continued until next conference. A charge against Bridget Mulkey by Brother Robert McGinty for using vain words, such as frequently swearing, and for being with a man by the name of Wheelright who was of the devil. Referred until next conference a charge against John Mulkey by Bro. Robert McGinty ± r insisting that he could prove by another witness that what a certain witness has said on oath was false and he is calling in another witness to come forward, for he would tell the truth. Referred to next conference. Bro Meshack Turner and Bro. Robertson are appointed to go and talk with Mr. Vance for taking plank out of the meeting house without leave and to know what he means to do about it. A charge against Benjamin Ozborn by Bro. Lea for his saying he was drunk and speaking very ridiculously. Ordered therefore that Bro. Josiah Moncrief cite him to attend our next conference.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1790. This day Samuel Whitney, who was formerly excommunicated by this church, produced a certificate signed by John Thomas Henry, Henry Joseph Thomas, James Bowen, John Briggs, John Blocker, and Alexander Bowen, minister members of the Church of Christ

at Little Stephens' Creek at Red Bank in South Carolina, setting forth that he had given full satisfaction to that church and was accordingly restored to full fellowship. Dismissed by letter Bro. Thomas Mercer and Sister Temperance Mercer. and Bro. Samuel Walker. Received by letter John Walker. Received by experience Timothy Holtzclaw and Rhoda Holtzclaw. Dismissed by letter Bro. Hart Champion and Sister Lucy Champion, his wife.

Met in conference Sept. 11, 1790. Received by letter Benjamin Phillips. Received by experience Thomas Robertson. The charge against Anna Wingfield continued from May conference, was this day taken up when it appeared by Joel Mercer, William Parker and Joseph Moran, witnesses, that the said Anna Wingfield has said that she thought herself the lawful wife of William Hurley and if the said Hurley was married to another woman, she would do all she could to disturb their peace by putting his child or himself in bad with them. She is therefore excommunicated. A charge against Bridget Mulkey, continued from our last conference, was this day considered when another charge was brought against her by Bro. McGinty, which she acknowledged and which was also proved by Bro. Whatley, that the said Bridget Mulkey asked if they thought it would be any more harm to kill Wheelright than that dog - she thought not for that dog had done her no harm. For which she was excommunicated. A charge against Betsy Mulkey by Bro. McGinty continued from last conference, though not entered, was this day considered when it appeared by Sister Robertson that she admitted to her that she was "a going to get married." Also appeared by Bro. Robertson that she gave him to understand that she was married. When the said Betsy Mulkey appeared very penitent and acknowledged herself in error of which she had been convicted, and had reason to believe the Lord had put away her sin, and she was restored to full fellowship.

A charge against John Mulkey, continued from August conference, was this day taken up when the said Mulkey appeared very penitent and we have reason to believe that the Lord has put away his sin. He is therefore restored to full fellowship again. The following query was this day brought in conference: Is it right for a Christian under our present persuasion of civil and religious affairs, to enter into an oath of secrecy, unananimously agreed to be wrong? Appointed Edward Butler to prepare a church letter to send to the next Association. A charge against Burney's Ben by Bro. Gafford for going to bed to a negro woman belonging to Bro. Gafford. Ben, being

present when charged, behaved so out of character by saying that Brother Gafford was a fool and entangled himself In his talk, for which he was excommunicated.

Met in conference Dec., 11, 1790. The Brethren John Roberts and Silas Mercer appointed to cite those persons that we have supposed to have joined the "Combined Society" to appear at our next conference. The publishing of the excommunication of Burney's Ben. postponed until next meeting. A charge against William Blanks by John Robertson, for some reports such as swearing, the Brethren Robertson, and Lawson appointed to cite him to next conference.

Met in conference Jan. 8, 1791. Received by experience, Elizabeth Moncrief. The business referring to the brethren who have joined the "Combined Society" referred to next conference. Burney's Ben's excommunication published. The charge against William Blanks continued from last conference, referred to the next Saturday before the second Sunday. Met in February as appointed, to examine into the qualifications of Bro. Stephen Gafford respecting his call to the ministry. Bro. Robertson appointed to cite Reuben Bennett to attend our next conference.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1791. Sarah Moncrief received by experience. John Evans received by experience. Charles Dean, having given full satisfaction to the church for having joined the "Combined Society", is restored to full fellowship. The business respecting those who have joined the "Combined Society" deferred until tomorrow evening. The charge against William Blanks continued from last conference, together with his neglecting to hear the church when requested to do so by Bro. Lawson, is referred to next conference, and also that Bro. John Lawson and Bro. William Robertson be appointed to cite Bro. Edwards to attend to make the charges good against Bro. Blanks.

It being reported that James Turner had been guilty of profane swearing, it is ordered that Bro. Charles Dean cite him to attend at our next conference. Also that he inquire into the reports and who heard them and cite them likewise to attend. Josiah Moncrief, having accused him-self of having made hard speeches against Asa Watkins, who he thinks had injured him, it was ordered that Brethren Robert McGinty, Samuel Whatley and Meshack Turner talk with them together and endeavor to settle their disputes and find out who is to blame and report the same at next conference.

Ordered that Robert McGinty, John Leverett and Edward Butler to treat with know-how, how cheap they can get a workman to joint and lay the meeting house floor, make seats with backs, and a pulpit, and to make doors and window shutters to the same.

Saturday, Feb. 12. An objection has arisen against Bro. Thomas Robertson receiving a letter of dismissal from some reports of misconduct until such reports be cleared up. A charge brought forward by Sister Betsy Mulkey against Bro. Jacob and Sister Tael Mercer for contradicting her when about to speak the truth. Burney's Ephram having acted contrary to the principles of religion, we think it necessary to look into it and that Jacob Mercer cite him to attend our next conference. Asa Watkins having given satisfaction to the church respecting his joining the "Combined Society", restored to full fellowship. The business respecting those members who have joined the "Combined Society" referred to next conference.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1791. Received by letter Alexander Harper and Susanna Jones received by experience. Brother William Blanks, for taking God's name in vain and neglecting to hear the church, is excommunicated. A charge against Bro. James Turner, laid over to next conference and appointed Josiah Moncrief to cite him to attend our next conference. Bro. Asa Atkins is supposed to have done wrong to Bro. Moncrief and is under censure until satisfaction be made. Bro. Reuben Bennett, having given satisfaction for joining the "Combined Society", is received into fellowship. Ordered that a conference be held at this place the Friday before second Sunday in April.

Met in conference April 8, 1791. Mehalah Moran, formerly Mehalah Green, was received as a transient member some-time ago, this day brought forward a letter from Bro. Sargent's church at Reed's Creek and is received, and Athas Russell is received as a transient member until she obtains a letter from the church she belonged to. Bro. James Turner, according to appointment, came forward and gave satisfaction to the church and is restored to full fellowship. Josiah Moncrief, coming forward agreeable to an order, was also accused by Sister Atkins of accusing her, in conference, of not telling the truth, appeared to be of a hard spirit and still remains under censure. A charge against Jacob and Tael Mercer by Betsy Mulkey, entered the 7th of February, being filed the next day, though not entered, is now ordered to be entered. Burney's Ephram to be cited to attend our next conference by Bro. Jacob Mercer. Nathaniel Dean, who formerly joined the "Combined Society", having given satisfaction, is restored to fellowship. Bridget Mulkey, formerly excommunicated, gave satisfaction and is received again into fellowship.

Met in conference April 9, 1791. Received by letter, Mary Phillips. Received as a transient member James Thomas Hammond until he can get a letter. Let the meeting house work to John Raney. Bro. Charles Dean, having joined the "Combined Society", gave satisfaction upon which he was restored to full fellowship.

Called Bro. Thomas Mercer to supply the place of Bro. Jesse Mercer until he comes from the Norther'd. Dismissed by letter, Thomas Robertson, Moses Robertson, and Ann Robertson.

Met in Conference May 6, 1791. The case of Burney's Ephram being taken up, he was found guilty of taking leather out of Bro. Peter Terrell's tanning vat, or received it of Terrell's George, and denying it when charged, contradicting himself, for which he was excommunicated. A charge against John Mulkey by Bro. Jacob Mercer for confessing he had been wrestling and fighting, ordered therefore that Bro. Jacob Mercer and Bro. Samuel Whatley cite him to attend our next conference. Bro. Harper, Bro. Parker and Bro. McGinty are appointed to talk with Bro. Crenshaw and Bro. Digby respecting certain reports, and report to the next conference. A charge against Bro. James Turner by Joseph Woodall, a member of Whatley's Mill church, for suing him in common law, ordered therefore, that Bro. Parker cite him to attend our next conference.

Met in conference May 7, 1791. Ordered that Bro. John Robertson give Asa Watkins notice to come and season the planks which he promised, and if he refuses, to give the workmen word that they must do it and we will pay them. Bro. Josiah Moncrief came forward and gave full satisfaction for his misconduct, and was restored to full fellowship. Sunday, May 8. Received by experience Micajah Williams' Dinah.

Met in conference June 8, 1791. The case of John Mulkey being taken up, and he not attending, the church proceeded to excommunicate him. Asa Atkins is excommunicated for the charge entered at March conference.

Appointed Bren. Robert Harper, William Parker, and William McGinty again, to talk with Bro. Jesse Crenshaw and Bro. William Digby and report to next conference. The case of Bro. James Turner was taken up and laid over till next conference, and ordered that Bro. James Robertson give him and as many brethren from Whatley's Mill church as they choose, to attend our next conference. Reports saying that Joseph Bays has been guilty of getting drunk, profane swearing, and offering to fight a duel, it is ordered that Bro. James Turner cite him to attend our next conference, and with Bro. John Walker, inquire into said reports and report to next conference.

Met in conference July 9, 1791. The charge against James Turner by Joseph Woodall from the May conference, was taken up and Bro. Turner was thought a little in the

in the wrong and that he ought to be reprov'd, and it was therefore, done. Joseph Bays, not attending after being cited by Bro. Walker and Bro. Turner, and confessing the charge, the church proceeded to excommunicate him. Dismissed by letter, Adam Torrance.

Bro. Jesse Crenshaw deceased since our last meeting.

Met in conference Aug. 12, 1791. The paper being found sealed to the pulpit setting forth that Joseph Moran had been guilty of certain indecentness, with instructions to apply to Charles Dean about it, ordered that Bro. Charles Dean, Sr. and Nathaniel Dean, be appointed to talk with said Moran and make such inquiries as they may think fit, and report the same at the next conference. Dismissed by letter, Bro. Samuel Davis. A charge against Bro. Joseph Moran by Absolum Raney for saying that Bro. Robert McGinty had said one thing and swore to another. Ordered that Bro. Charles Dean, Sr. and Nathaniel Dean inquire into the same and cite Bro. Moran to attend our next conference. Signed: Edward Butler, Church Clerk.

Met in conference, Aug., 13, 1791. Susannah Evans received by voucher. Received by experience, Sarah Mosely and Hannah Walker.

Met in conference, Sept. 10, 1791. Dismissed by letter Sam']. Davis' negro woman. Bro. George Lea, having sometime ago given satisfaction to some of the brethren, respecting his joining the "Combined Society" which was received as satisfaction to the church. Dismissed by letter George Lea and Lucy Lea, and Rhoda Miles. Appointed the Brethren Charles Dean, Sr., Nathaniel Dean, and Joseph Moncrief to cite Joseph Moran to attend our next conference to answer the charge against him. Gabriel, a man of color belonging to James Bowen, having taken a white woman from her friends in an unlawful way, is excommunicated. Received by experience, Elizabeth Wingfield.

The northwest side of the meeting house, except the two front seats, is assigned for the use of the black brethren. The last Sunday in the month before each quarterly meeting is appointed for a conference to be held in this place for the black brethren. Thomas Wingfield and Edward Butler to prepare a church letter against the next conference.

Met in conference Oct. 8, 1791. A letter prepared by Edward Butler and Thomas Wingfield was heard and agreed to, in which we say "Received since our last Association by experience, 7; by letter, 5; restored 1; dismissed 9; excommunicated 7; deceased 11, so that our number at present is 188.

The brethren Stephen Gafford, Thomas Wingfield and John Robertson appointed as. delegates. to represent us at Association. A charge against Joseph Moran by Bro. Raney, brought forward and laid over until next conference. Dismissed by letter Sister Molly, and Bro. Pinkston's Rachel.

The charge against Joseph Moran respecting certain indecency, appears to be wrong and got over.

Met in conference Nov. 170 1791. Received by experience Annie Mercer. The charge against Joseph Moran taken up and he gave such acknowledgement as was, received by the church.

Met in conference Dec. 9, 1791. Robert Harper? being accused of drunkenness and swearing for which he is excommunicated.

Met in conference Jan 7, 1792. Received by letter David Cooper. Josiah Moncrief and, Maxey Moncrief appointed to cite James Turner to attend at next conference to clear up his character concerning some reports that have gone out against him. Dismissed by letter, Robert McGinty and Deborah McGinty, his wife.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1792. Josiah Moncrief, having given satisfaction respecting a report of drinking too much and wanting to fight, came forward reports are groundless. Benjamin Talbert having given satisfaction respecting reports of his drinking too much, is restored. The Saturday before the second Sunday in March is appointed for the conference to choose two ruling elders out of the members of this church. Bro. Rowland Williams is appointed to cite John White to attend next conference. Bro. Charles Dean, Sr. to cite John Dean to attend the next conference. Joseph Moran, having acknowledged that he whipped a man for finding a hat and hand kerchief, and denying it. It appears by the opinion of the church that the said Moran has acted arbitrary and deserves the censure of this church, which matter will be taken up next conference.

Saturday, Feb. 11. Received by experience, Sister Wall and Susanna Wall. The case of James Turner referred to next conference and Bro. Meshack Turner appointed to cite him to attend. Bro. Jacob Mercer and Bro. Parker are appointed to cite Charles Dean to attend next conference? to answer the reports of his being in liquor. The business respecting the dispute between Bro. Stephen Gafford and Mr. David Ellington, respecting the payment of a certain bond being taken up, was referred to next conference and that Bro. Edward Butler be appointed to invite the said Ellington to attend the said conference which is to be opened at 10:00 o'clock.

Met in conference March 10, 1792. The case respecting James Hammond referred to next conference. James. Turner came forward agreeable to order and on examination it appeared that the report was groundless. Charles pean came forward according to order at last conference, but the case was referred to next conference. The case between Stephen Gafford and David Ellington being taken up and debated on both sides, it was referred to be determined at the conference to be held at Ebenezer on next Friday and that Jacob Mercer, William Parker, Meshack! Turner, Samuel Whatley, John Robertson, and Silas Mercer be appointed as helps to attend said conference. Jacob Mercer and Samuel Whatley were chosen ruling elders in this church and that next conference be appointed to inquire whether there are any objections against them being ordained, and if they have any objections against accepting the office.

The case of John Wyatt referred to next conference. The case of John Dean referred to next conference. Dismissed by letter David Williams Wellborn.

Met in conference April 7, 1792. Laid over the business that was referred to be done today, until the second Friday in May. The complaint by Bro. Edward Gresham from Whatley's Mill Church against Bro. John Dean for not paying a just debt, was taken up and Bro. Mercer and Bro. Moncrief were appointed to cite Bro. Dean to next conference to answer the above complaint. A charge by Thomas Wingfield by a report against John Dermott's Matt for stealing was referred to next conference.

Met in confernce May 11, 1792. Sister Atha Russell formerly joined this church verbally and has produced a letter by which she is restored to full fellowship. Received by letter, Sister Minny Mathes (Matthews). Bro. Edwards amd Bro. Fluker are appointed to request Bro. John Wyatt and Bro. Bankston to come to our next conference to give a reson for not coming to conference. Dismissed by letter, Bro. Soloman Jordan and Fanny, his wife. Bro. Joseph Moran came forward and made such acknowledgment as was required and he is therefore in full fellowship. The case of Charles Dean laid over until next conference. A charge against Bro. Robert Boyd by Bro. John Robertson for lying and ordered Bro. Robertson and Bro. Bennett cite him to attend next conference.

Met again in conference May 12, 1792. Brother Jacob Mercer and Brother Samuel Whatley ordained and set apart as elders for this church. John Dermott's. Matt is laid under censure of the church for theft. An order that was

on the 13th of August, 1791 that the last Sunday in every month before the quarterly meeting, should be a day of conference, is now made null and void.

Met in conference June 9, 1792. The brethren John Wyatt and John Bankston, having attended agreeable to a former order, gave such excuses for their former non-attendance as was thought reasonable, Bro. John Bankston being removed, and desiring a letter of dismission which was granted. The charge against John Dean by Edward Gresham for not paying a just debt brought forward from the April conference, was referred to next conference. John Dean came forward and made such acknowledgements respecting his joining the Combined Society as was thought sufficient. The case of Charles Dean, Jr. laid over until next conference, and Charles Dean, Sr. to cite him to attend.

James Hammond came forward and made such acknowledgments for having joined the Combined Society, as was thought sufficient and is therefore in full fellowship. The charge against Robert Boyd laid over at last conference; also another charge laid on by Bro. Robertson for taking up a stray horse and trading him away without complying with the law in such cases made and provided, ordered that it be laid over until next conference and that John Bankston have the favor of John Clement and James Hammond to apply to Thomas Juber and Bro. Bennett to buy the favor of Daniel Duncan to attend the next conference to give some light on the subject. Dismissed by letter, David Cooper, Jacob Autrey and his wife, Elizabeth Autrey.

Met in conference July 7, 1792. John Dermott's Matt, laid under censure in May, came forward and made such acknowledgments as was required by the church was restored to full fellowship. The case of John Dean and Edward Gresham taken up and laid over until next conference. The case of Robert Boyd being taken up, it appeared to the church that he was guilty of falsifying his word and he is therefore under the censure of the church until he shall give satisfaction by a Gospel repentance. The charge against Josiah Moncrief and Sister Crenshaw by Jacob Mercer, for getting angry and using ill language, laid over until next conference in order that Bro. Walker cite Sister Crenshaw to attend. Ordered that Robert Parker be appointed to cite Robert Harper to attend next conference to answer to the accusation laid on against him. The case of Charles Dean, Jr., taken up and laid over until next conference and ordered that Joseph Moran be appointed to cite him to attend or the business will come forward in his absence. Simon Burney died since last conference.

A petition by Brother Silas Mercer to this church to know whether it will be agreeable for him to give an account of the history of this church in order to compile a history of the Baptists. Ordered that Monday next be appointed as a day of prayer and fasting to Almighty God to humble our-selves before Him under a time of His judgment on our guilty land and pray a revival of religion take place among us.

Met in conference Aug.10, 1792. The case of Charles Dean, Jr. and Edward Gresham taken up and settled. The case of Joseph Moncrief and Sister Crenshaw taken up and referred to next conference. Ordered that Bro. Osborn cite Bro. Tolbert and Maxey Moncrief to attend. Also that Bro. Parker cite Sister Crenshaw to attend or the business will be taken up in her absence. Also that Bro. Silas Mercer cite Edward Gresham to attend. The case of Bro. Harper referred to next conference. The case of Charles Dean, Jr. for dancing, drinking too much and refusing to hear the church, the said Dean is laid under the censure of this church until he shall give satisfaction by a Gospel repentence.

Received by letter, William Digby. Hannah Digby produced a letter of dismissal from the Hookes Church, but some of the brethren being agrieved with said Digby for some reports of her being in liquor since she has been in the neighborhood, it is ordered that Jacob Mercer and Sanuel Whatley request Daniel Parker and his wife cite Sister Russell to attend our next conference. Also to make such inquiries as they may think proper. Dismissed by letter William Foster and Pheby, his wife.

Aug. 12, 1792. Received by letter, William Crawford. Received by experience, Matthew Regan's Cupit. Linda Crabb died since our last conference.

Met in conference Sept. 8, 1792. The business of Hannah Digby taken up and laid over until next conference. The charge against Joseph Moncrief laid in at July conference, still stands until he returns with acknowledgment.

Met in conference Oct. 4, 1792. The case of Stephen Gafford being taken up and after some debate, was referred until next conference. Appointed Bro. Silas. Mercer and Bro. Edward Butler to prepare a church letter against next conference.

Met in conference Oct. 13, 1792. The case of Hannah Digby laid over until next conference and Bro. Whatley and Bro. Jacob Mercer to cite Sister Russell to attend.

The charge against Josiah Moncrief continued from July conference being taken up and considered, ordered that the said Moncrief be condemned as under the censure of the church until such time as he shall give evidence of a Gospel repentance. The case of Sister Crenshaw being taken up, it was ordered that she be laid under the censure of the church until she gives satisfaction by a Gospel repentance. Robert Harper who was excommunicated in conference, came forward and gave such satisfaction by Gospel repentance as was required, and he is therefore in full fellowship again. The case of Bro. Gafford being taken up and considered, it was ordered that he be laid under the censure of the church for publicly exposing the brethren without dealing with them in a Gospel way and flatly contradicting himself.

The letter prepared by Bro. Mercer was read and approved, in which we say; received since our last association by experience, three, by letter, five excommunicated ten, restored two, dismissed by letter, thirteen, dead two, so that our number at present is one hundred, seventy-six. Chose Brethren Silas Mercer, Stephen Mercer, and John Robertson to represent us in association. The charge against John Dean by Bro. Edward Butler for getting angry and wanting to strip and fight was taken up and ordered that William Parker cite him to attend the next conference and that Edward Butler cite Bro. Jesse Mercer and Bro. Richmond Terrell to attend as witnesses.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1792. The charge laid on at August conference against Hannah Digby, a member of the Pisgah church being taken up, she was found guilty of drinking too much liquor. Appointed Bro. Silas Mercer to inform said church what has been made apparent to us. The case of Bro. Dean being taken up, he appeared and gave such satisfaction as was thought sufficient and he is therefore, in full fellowship again.

Agreed by a majority of this conference that the clerk obtain a list of all the male members belonging to this church and deliver it yearly to the deacons, and if any of them should fail or refuse to pay up something for the support of the Gospel, the said deacons shall return them to the church to be dealt with as disorderly members and to be excommunicated for the same without they show good cause why they do not comply with the Word of the Lord. Ordered that no member be dismissed by this church that have subscribed to the deacon's book without paying for such subscription or showing good reasons why they do not.

Met in conference Dec. 8, 1792. Received by letter James Willis and Nancy Willis. A petition from Greenwood Church by Bro. Chandler, their clerk, begging the advice of this church respecting the minority of aggrieved members at Ebenezer Church should they apply for fellowship or membership in any other church. Ordered that Brethren Mercer, John Robertson, Samuel Whatley and Thomas Wingfield

be appointed by this church to act in conjunction with some members of the Greenwood church to meet at Ebenezer conference the Saturday before 3rd Sunday in January next, to request a Bill of Faith of the church at Ebenezer against the minority, or excommunicated members. Also endeavor, with the blessing of Almighty God, to bring about a happy reconciliation of said church.

Met in conference Jan. 10, 1793. Ordered that Bro. Jacob Mercer and Bro. William Parker be appointed to cite Robert Harper to attend at this place the Friday of our next conference to reply to certain reports which have been made public about him.

Met in conference Feb. 8, 1793. Bro. Harper came forward and acknowledged the above reports to be true and requested the brethren to work with him to see his fruit of repentance, which was granted. Dismissed by letter? Rolland Williams. At friend Gaffords request for help to be called from the sister churches, it was ordered that we request the churches at Fishing Creek, Whatley's Mill, Greenwood, and Hutson's Fork to send some of their members to attend at this place the Monday before the second Sunday in March. Dismissed by letter Sarah Glass and Elizabeth Wilson.

Met in conference Mar. 7, 1793. Agreeable to request and appointment, helps from Fishing Creek, Whatley's Mill, Greenwood and Hutson's Fork Churches? together with our brother elders and Bro. Jephtha Vining was present and was chosen moderator. The charges against friend Gafford were taken up first. T'was brought to the hearing whether the church had dealt hardly with him in their censure against him, viz; for publicly accusing his brethren without dealing with them in a Gospel way, meaning what he publicly said at Ebenezer, particularly against Thomas, Mercer. The answer was "No!". Friend Gafford made acknowledgements to the satisfaction of the whole church. The censure for his flatly contradicting himself, was put to the folks whether in their opinion the church had dealt hardly with him. They cleared the church. Friend Gafford made such concessions as to afford satisfaction and is received in full fellowship.

Met in conference Mar. 9, 1793. Ordered that Bro. Jacob Mercer cite Bro. Nathaniel Dean to attend our next conference to give his reasons for not attending our conferences.

Met in conference April 13, 1793. Received by letter? Rodolphus Brown from Clark's Station. Agreeable to citation,

Nathaniel Dean came forward and gave satisfaction to this church. Asa Atkins, who was laid under censure Mar. 12, 1791 and excommunicated June 11, following, came forward and wished the business to be reconsidered, and after the case between him and Joseph Moncrief concerning their dispute about a piece of land was fully known, it was the opinion of the church that by misunderstanding, the church was wrong in excommunicating the said Atkins, and the ex-communication is now taken off and he is restored to full fellowship. Dismissed by letter, Stephen and Fanny Gafford, Joseph and Martha Catchings, Jesse and Sister Wall.

Met in conference May 10, 1793. Jacob and Jesse Mercer appointed to cite Sister Dorcus Mercer and Sister Bridget Mulky, and to request John Mulky and Polly Mulky to attend the Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in June next to inform this conference respecting certain charges against Betsy Mulky (now Cokron) by Jacob Mercer. The following query was received to be debated immediately; 1st. Whether washing of feet be an institution as instructed by Christ and that the practice thereof is binding on His church. Answered in the affirmative. 2nd. if washing of feet be a duty, who has the right to have their feet washed? Answer: Those only who have been regularly attending and are standing in full fellowship. 3rd. Who are to wash the disciples feet - whether the minister or the brethren in general? The answer referred to next conference.

Jacob Early lodged a report against Jacob Shorter of being guilty of falsehood and deception. Ordered that Bro. Jacob Early and Bro. Grimes cite Dr. Shorter to attend the next conference and to request Mrs. Maulk (or Waulk?) and Sister Darden, to attend as witnesses.

Met in conference June 8, 1793. Appointed Bros. Parker and Talbert to talk with and examine John and Polly Mulky about Betsy Cokran carrying a bag of clothes said to be the property of Polly Mulky, and to report to the next conference. The case of Jacob Shorter referred to the next conference. The 4th Sunday in this month is. appointed for a conference to be held at this place in order to settle a dispute between Grant's Adam and Terrell's Patrick. The third part of the query about washing of feet, referred from last conference, is still referred to next conference. David Cooper came forward and gave up his letter of dismissal given him in June and desiring another, which is. granted. Also he has the approbation of this church to examine his gift, either in doctrine, exhortation or prayer.

Met in conference July 13, 1793. The business of Betsy Cohron being taken up and considered, it appeared nothing against her worthy of censure. She is therefore considered as standing in full fellowship with the church. The business of Jacob Shorter, as entered at the May conference, being taken up and considered, ordered that the said Shorter be considered as being under the censure of this church for being guilty of falsehood and deception, and that Bro. Benjamin Phillips and Bro. Grimes cite said Shorter to attend at next conference to show cause, if any, why his excommunication be not published. Bros. Wingfield and Robertson appointed from the conference in order to settle a dispute between Grant's Adam and Terrell's Patrick, report that the same was settled. The third part of the query respecting washing of feet, referred to next conference.

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1793. Bro. Parker informed the church respecting report of difference between Bro. James Turner and Bro. John Dean. Request that Charles Dean, Jr., and Maxie Moncrief be appointed to cite them to attend tomorrow, to clear up the matter and give satisfaction if they be guilty. Peggy Rice gave satisfaction to this church and is restored to full fellowship again. The third part of the query respecting washing of feet referred from last conference as to who are to wash the disciples' feet, whether the minister only or the members in general, referred the decision to next association.

Met in conference Aug. 10, 1793. Jacob Shorter, not appearing and not being certain that he was cited by Bro. Grimes, we have thought proper to cite Dr. Shorter by Bro. Phillips to our next conference to show cause why his excommunication be not published. The report of James Terrell and John Dean laid over until next conference. Bro. William Parker is appointed to cite John Dean to our next conference. Bro. John Robertson is appointed to request Williamson Boyd, Louis Stark, and Stephen Morrow. Bro. Maxie Moncrief is appointed to cite Bro. Walker and request Iaac Langdon to attend our next conference as witnesses.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1793. The business of Jacob Shorter being taken up and considered, the church being informed that Sister Shorter was unwell and not able to attend, ordered that it be referred to next conference. The business of James Turner and John Dean being taken up and considered, requested to try to see if they can settle it themselves. Appointed Silas Mercer and Edward Butler to prepare a church letter against next conference.

A charge against James Turner by John Burt, a member of Powell's Creek Church, for spreading reports against him without dealing with him in a Gospel way, referred to next conference.

Met in conference Oct. 12, 1793. Dismissed by letter, Nancy Terrell and Elizabeth Edge. Published the excommunication of Jacob Shorter for falsehood and deception. Ordered that Bro. Robertson furnish the church association with One dollar (\$1.00) for the purpose of printing the minutes. Chose our brethren Silas Mercer, Jesse Mercer, and John Robertson to represent us in association. The return of the members in fellowship, to the association, included two that we received today, is 170.

Met in conference Nov. 8, 1793. Rodolphus Brown, a member of this church, departed this life Nov. 3, 1793.

Met in conference Dec. 7, 1793. Dismissed by letter, Nathaniel Dean and Annie Dean, his wife.

Met in conference, Jan 17, 1794. Abraham Rainey is appointed to cite Mary Bullock (now Gholson) to attend our next conference to discuss a report of being pregnant before marriage. Appointed Silas Mercer to cite Benjamine Talbert to attend our next conference to answer for his conduct one evening at John Burney's.

Met in conference Feb. 7, 1794. Benjamin Talbert is laid under the censure of this church for getting drunk, attempting to fight and drawing a knife supposed to do mischief with. James Turner came forward and gave such satisfaction for all accusations past as was required. He is therefore received into full fellowship. Jacob Early and Meshack Turner deceased. John Dean came forward and gave such satisfaction as was required. He is therefore in full fellowship. A charge against Joseph Moran by Jacob Mercer, for running his mare in a race and attempting to fight, ordered therefore, that Bro. Parker cite said Moran to attend our next conference to answer the above report. Dismissed by letter, Timothy Holtzclaw and Rhoda Holtzclaw, his wife.

Met in conference, Mar. 9, 1794. Mary Gholson? formerly Bullock, is laid under censure of this church for being pregnant before marriage. Referred the business of Joseph Moran until next conference.

Met in conference April 12, 1794. The case of Joseph Moran taken up and considered. The report, as stated at last conference, appeared to be facts. Bro. Parker is appointed to cite him to attend next conference on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in May next to show cause, if any,

why his excommunication be not published. Appointed Bro. Rainey and Sister Elizabeth Bennett to cite Mary Gholson to appear at next conference to show cause, if any, why her excommunication be not published. Dismissed by letter James Thompson's Keziah.

In compliance with a petition from Greenwood church, appointed our brethren Silas Mercer, Thomas Wingfield and James Willis to help them in their difficulties.

Met in conference May 9, 1794. Excommunicated Joseph Moran for past neglecting to hear the church when being cited to answer the following charges: viz, 1st. For running his mare in a race on Sunday. 2nd. For stripping to fight. 3rd. For threatening to beat Griffin Morris' Jepht. Mary Gholson, formerly Bullock, attended agreeable to citation and made such acknowledgement as was required. She is therefore in full fellowship.

Query: Is it lawful for Christians to go to and attend on public meetings of dancing and other vane amusements? Answer: No'.

Met in conference June 7, 1794. Robert Harper came forward and gave such satisfaction as was required. He is therefore in full fellowship again.

Met in conference July 12, 1794. Ordered that the deacons make out a list of the male members of this church which have not contributed to the support of the Gospel and that said deacons apply to such brethren as they think proper to assist them in giving such delinquents, notice to comply with a former order of this church and deal with them as they may think proper. Ordered that Charles Dean, Sr. cite John Dean, Jacob Moran cite Asa Atkins, and William Digby and John Edwards cite James Hammond?. Jr.? and Edward Butler cite Thomas Chivers to attend next conference to show cause, if any, why they do not attend our conferences. Ordered that the deacons and elders bargain with some person to keep the meeting house clean and in repair.

Met in conference Aug. 8, 1794. The brethren Chivers, Digby and Hammond attended, agreeable to citation and gave satisfaction. The other brethren, John Dean and Asa Atkins, did not attend and is referred to next conference. I.t being reported that Bro. Reuben Bennett, belonging to this church, had foresworn himself. Ordered that Bro. Lawson and Bro. John Evans cite him to attend at next conference in order to give the church satisfaction.

Received by experience Elizabeth Smith and Thomas Finley. Dismissed by letter Susannah Anderson, Winny Mathews Elizabeth Gathright and John Meadows.

Met in conference Sept. 13, 1794. John Dean came forward and gave satisfaction for his not attending conferences. Asa Atkins, not appearing, referred to next conference and Bro. Silas Mercer and Bro. Samuel Whatley appointed to admonish said Atkins, and report the same. Reuben Bennett attended and gave satisfaction. Bowen's Gabriel came forward and gave satisfaction to this church of his repentance and is restored again to fellowship. Chose the brethren Silas Mercer, Jesse Mercer and Thomas Wingfield to prepare a church letter against next conference. Ordered that Bro. Robinson send \$1.00 of the church's money to pay for printing the minutes of the next association. (Signed) Edward Butler, Clerk.

Met in conference Oct. 11, 1794, Bros. Silas Mercer and Thomas Wingfield and Samuel Whatley reported. Asa Watkins came forward and gave satisfaction to this church. Bro. Silas Mercer and Bro. Thomas Wingfield brought forward a church letter which was received and agreed to. Our members now in fellowship is 161. The persons appointed to let the keeping of the meeting house, report that the same was done and the price if \$5.00 and that Bro. Robertson pay the same out of the church's money when collected. Bro, Jacob Mercer and Samuel Whatley are appointed to talk with old brother Dean and his wife about parting and cite them to attend the next conference. Ordered that Jacob Mercer and Samuel Whatley be appointed to cite John Dean to attend our-next conference to answer for his conduct at John Raney's., Ordered that Bro. Thomas Wingfield and William Parker cite James Turner to attend our next conference in order to answer the report of his stripping at the election.

Met in conference Nov. 7, 1794. Mary Smith died since our last association. It being reported that John Bankston who formerly was a member of this church and got a letter of dismissal to join Hutson's Fork Church, has been guilty of fighting and other bad conduct and he has not joined that church, therefore we think it our duty to cite him to attend our next conference to answer said reports. The brethren Silas and Jesse Mercer are appointed to cite him accordingly . The business of old brother Dean and his wife, referred to next conference. The case of Bro. John Dean referred to next conference. Bro. James. Turner came forward to confess that he was intoxicated and desired the

church to work with him. Referred to next conference. Appointed Bro. John Robertson to talk with and cite Foster's Esther to attend next conference to answer the report of her supporting dancing at her house, and she is cited to attend our next conference. Bro. Silas Mercer and Bro. Asa Atkins appointed to cite Bro. Benjamin Talbert to attend our next conference to show cause, if any, why his excommunication be not published. Appointed the brethren William Parker and Maxey Moncrief to cite Bro. John Dean to attend next conference to answer some reports respecting old sister Dean wanting to swear the case against him and also to cite him about his conduct at John Raney's, as entered above.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1794. Ordered that the business of Bro. John Bankston be referred to the next conference and that the church at Hutson's Fork be required to send us such evidence as well as the accusation they have against him, and that Bro. John Robertson be appointed to cite said Bankston. The business of old brother Dean and his wife referred to next conference. John Dean, not attending agreeable to citation, the brethren Maxey Moncrief, Asa Atkins, Leverett and John Lawson are appointed to make inquiries about the above report; also, another report respecting his drinking too much, and providing such evidence as they think proper and report to next conference. Bro. James Turner came forward and gave such evidence of repentance as was required, he therefore, is in full fellowship. The business of Foster's Esther was referred to next conference. The business of Benjamin Talbert referred to next conference. Bro. Jacob Mercer came forward and accused himself of heresy and gave such acknowledgement as was required. Appointed Bro. John Grimes and Bro. Edward Butler to cite Bowen's Gabriel and to get leave of his master to attend the next conference and likewise, to get such proof as is against him.

Met in conference Jan. 10, 1795. The business of John Bankston being taken up, ordered that said Bankston be laid under the censure of this church for fighting, using swear words and getting drunk, and that Bro. Robertson and Bro. Jesse Mercer demand his letter of dismissal and to give him notice to come forward and show cause, if any he has, why his excommunication be not published. The business of old brother Dean and his wife, referred to next conference and that Bro. James Turner and Bro. William Parker be added to those already appointed to inquire and invite such persons to attend as were present when reportedly offering to fight a duel. The business of Foster's Esther referred to next conference. Benjamin Talbert referred to next conference. Bowen's Gabriel referred to next conference.

Met in conference Feb. 6, 1795. Benjamin Talbert came forward and gave such satisfaction as was thought sufficient. He is therefore in full fellowship again. Excommunicated John Dean from this church for getting angry, cursing and swearing, and offering to fight a duel at the house of John Raney. The business of Bowen's Gabriel referred to our next conference in April next, and Bro. Silas Mercer, John Graham and John Robertson are appointed to inquire into the matter of evidence that they may think proper. Dismissed by letter, John Walker and his wife. Referred the case of Foster's Esther to the next conference.

Met in conference Mar. 7, 1795. Foster's Esther came forward and gave such satisfaction that the church thought sufficient. She is therefore, in full fellowship. The following charges being proved to the satisfaction of the church against Elizabeth Dean, Viz: for profane swearing, drinking too much, sending her husband's property away without his leave and for leaving him without a cause. Ordered that she is under the censure of the church and that Atkins, Crawford, and Butler cite her to the next conference to show cause why her excommunication not be published. Dismissed by letter, Jesse Mercer and his wife, Sabary. Nothing appearing against old brother Dean worthy of censure and he continues in full fellowship.

Met in conference April 13, 1795. Dismissed by letter. Sister Nancy Glass, and a negro woman belonging to Elizabeth Glass. Appointed the brethren Robertson and Butler to inquire about the conduct of Gabriel and report the same to next conference. Dismissed by letter, Maxey Moncrief and his wife, Elizabeth. Bro. Wingfield's Silvy being pregnant and denying it when she knew it, ordered that she be under the censure of the church and that Mrs. Wingfield give her notice to attend the next conference to show cause, if any, why her excommunication be not published.

Met in conference May 9, 1795. Received by letter, Randle Lott. John Bankston, failing to attend after being cited, is now excommunicated. The business of Bowen's Gabriel referred to next conference. Bro. Wingfield's Silvy referred to next conference.

Met in conference June 15, 1795. Bro. Wingfield's Silvy came forward. We agreed to work with her a while longer. The business of Bowen's Gabriel was brought up and considered. Ordered that he be restored again to fellowship as nothing has been proved worthy of censure.

It being reported that Bro. Reuben Bennett has. been engaged in wrongly using ill-language and other behavior unbecoming a Christian, ordered that Bros. Lawson and Evans cite him to attend the next conference to answer the above report.

Met in conference July 11, 1795. Received by letter Nathaniel Dean. Referred the business of Bro. Wingfield's. Silvy to next conference. The business, of Bro. Reuben Bennett referred to next conference and that Bro. John Robertson, Leverett and Raney be appointed to talk with Bro. Bennett and Sister Gholson to endeavor to reconcile the parties and report the same. Sister Peggy Rice, having removed, desires a letter of dismissal which was granted. Bro. Jesse Mercer, having demanded of John Bankston his letter of dismissal, in consequence of his not joining another church, and his conduct being such that he was laid under the censure of this church, which letter of dismissal was given up to Bro. Jesse Mercer and is now in the hands of Bro. Silas Mercer.

It being reported that Jane McGinty, a member of this church, has been pregnant and delivered a child, ordered that she be laid under the censure of this church and that Bro. Silas Mercer cite her to attend as soon as possible to show cause why her excommunication be not published.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1795. The business of Bro. Wingfield's Silvy referred to next conference. Bros. Robertson and Leverett report their talk with Bro. Bennett and Sister Gholson and that both are reconciled, and Bro Bennett is restored again to full fellowship. Sister Athes Russell departed this life since last association.

The business of Jane McGinty continued. Cook's. June and Sam, belonging to Zach Phillips, George belonging to Finley, desired letters of dismissal which were granted. A negro woman named Aggy, belonging to Isaac Stark is. laid under the censure of this church for taking another husband while the first is living, ordered the the brethren make incuiiry and report to the next conference. It being re-ported that Bro. Robert Harper has. been intoxicated and made use of foul language, ordered Bro. Osborn to give him notice to attend our next conference.

Met again Aug. 8, 1795. OOrdered that Bro. Silas Mercer and John Robertson inquire and find out, and talk with the following members and desire them to attend the next conference: William Evans, Walton Harris, and his wife, John Wyatt, and John Raney, and that Bro. John Parker cite Bro., William Digby to attend and show cause why he does not attend our conferences.

Met in conference Sept. 12, 1795. Appointed Bro. Silas Mercer and Bro. Thomas Wingfield to prepare the church letter against next conference.

Met in conference Oct. 11, 1795. A letter prepared by the brethren as appointed, was heard and received, in which we say we have received since our last association, by experience 1, by letter 1, dismissed by letter 12, excommunicated 6, by death 2, so that our present members is 144. Chose our brethren Silas Mercer and Jesse Mercer as delegates to the association. The brethren William Digby and William Evans came forward and gave satisfaction for their not attending conferences, and Sister Sarah Williams, now Scurlock, came forward and acknowledged that she was disorderly during the time of her absence, and was restored.

Met in conference Nov. 6, 1795. Bro. Wingfield's Silvy came forward and gave such satisfaction as was required and she is therefore, in full fellowship. Bro Jesse Talbert and his wife, Susannah desired letters of dismissal which was granted. A charge against Bro. Reuben Bennett for profane swearing last Saturday, ordered that Bro. John Robertson cite him to attend the next conference, and Bro. John Grimes and Edward Butler request Bro. Holtzclaw to attend as a witness. It being reported that Bennett's Matt, a negro woman belonging to Richmond Terrell, Mrs. Dermott's Cate, and some of the negroes belonging to Peter Terrell (deceased) have behaved out of character, especialit Grace, who it is said, swore and made use of bad language at Black's. Ordered therefore, that Richmond Terrell, Thomas Wingfield, Thomas Chivers and Jacob Mercer, inquire into the said report and report to next conference.

The business of Bro. Harper being taken up, he was laid under the censure of this church for getting drunk and swearing. Appointed Bro. Parker to cite old friend Harper to come forward and show cause, if any he has, why his excommunication be not published. (Sgnd: E. Butler)

Met in conference Dec. 12, 1795. Received by experience, Sister Mary Mathis (Mathews). A charge against Bro. Reuben Bennett by Thomas Williamson, a member of Hutson's Fork church, for cussing and using bad language at Washington, laid over until next conference. The business of Matt, Cate and Grace, laid over until next conference. Excommunicated Sam McGinty.

Met in conference Jan. 9, 1796. Bro. Bennett laid under the censure of this church for a charge laid inat Nov. conference by Bro. Williams against Bro. Bennett, but upon examination was found to be false and given up by Bro. Williams. The business of Matt, Cate and Grace laid over until next conference. Dismissed by letter, Sister Ann Gholson.

Met in conference Feb. 12, 1796. Excommunicated Robert Harper and Stokes' Aggy. Dismissed by letter, Randle Lott. In compliance with a petition from South Fork Creek Church, we chose our brethren Silas Mercer, John Robertson and Jacob Mercer to attend on the Monday after the 1st Sunday in March at the church in Buffalow to settle a disppte between the two churches afore mentioned.

Met in conference 12 Mar., 1796. No minutes.

Met in conference April 9, 1796. Peter Terrell's Grace is laid under the censure of this church for getting angry and behavior out of character at John Black's. Ordered that Bro. Chivers apply to her master and give Grace notice to attend the Saturday before our next conference to show why her excommunication be not published.

Met in conference May 6, 1796. Mahalah Moran dismissed by letter.

Met in conference June 11, 1796. Terrell's Grace came forward and gave satisfaction to this church and is restored to full fellowship.

Met in conference July 9, 1796. A charge laid against Susannah Henage, formerly Jones, by Bro. Leverett, is, a report for swearing.

Met in conference Aug 12, 1796. Our brother and pastor, Silas Mercer, having departed this life since our last conference, chose Bro. Robertson as moderator. Bro. Edwards and John Evans are appointed to cite Reuben Bennett to attend next conference to show cause, if any, why his excommunication be not published. Appointed Bro. Leverett to inquire of the neighbors of Sister Hinage respecting her conduct and report to the next conference. Ordered that the next conference begin at 10:00 o'clock in order to choose a pastor.

Met in conference Aug. 13, 1796. In compliance with a petition from Powell's Creek Church, appointed B.ren. Jacob Mercer, Samuel Whatley and John Robertson and John

Wingfield to attend this conference the 3rd Wednesday in September.

Met in conference Sept. 10, 1796. Agreeable to appointment the church proceeded to choose a pastor. By ballot, Bro. Jesse Mercer was unanimously chosen and who took his seat accordingly. Received by letter, Bro. Jesse Mercer and his wife, Sabary. Laid the business of Bro. Bennett over. Bro. Leverett having reported what he had heard from and about Sister Hinage, she appeared to be clear of the charges as entered in July and is therefore restored to full fellowship. dismissed by letter, Bro. Richmond Terrell, his wife, Cealy and negro woman, Fontane. Appointed Bro. Wingfield and Bro. Butler to prepare a church letter against next conference.

Met in conference Oct. 8, 1796. Laid the case of Bro. Bennett over. Dismissed by letter Richmond Terrell's Liny. A charge against Bro. James Turner as reported by Jacob Mercer for shooting at his negro and saying he aimed to kill him. Appointed Bro. Parker to cite him to attend at next conference. Ordered that Bro. John Robertson have a certificate from this church certifying his approbation to his exercising his gift in preaching. Dismissed by letter Fanny Glass and Glass's Phillip, who came forward this day and gave up their letter and desired to join again, which was granted. A letter prepared by Bro. Edward Butler and Bro. Thomas. Wingfield was heard and amended and agreed to in which we say that we have received, since our last association, by experience, none, by letter 5, restored 2, dismissed by letter, 9, by death 1, excommunicated 5, so that our number at present is 136 in fellowship.

Met in conference Nov. 11, 1796. The business of Bro. Bennett laid over and ordered that Br,o. Edwards tell him the church is wanting to see him. The business of Bro. James Turner was taken up and Bro. Parker reported that he acknowledged that he shot at his negro, for which he is laid under the censure of this church. and ordered that Bro. Parker cite him to attend the next conference. Bro. John Robertson's certificate was read and delivered to him, giving him the approbation of this church to preach the Gospel. The charge against Bro. William Digby who was reported for getting intoxicated in Washington last summer, ordered that Bro. Jacob Mercer cite him to next conference to answer the same.

Met in conference Nov. 12, 1796. Received by letter ?Chivers. Bro. Digby came forward and made some acknowledgements but not satisfactory, and is therefore laid over until next conference.

Met in conference Dec. 10, 1796. Bro. Bennett came forward and made such acknowledgement as was required and is therefore in full fellowship. Excommunicated James Turner for the charge laid against him last October. Laid the case of Bro. Digby over until next conference and ordered Bro. Harper to cite him.

Met in conference Jan. 7, 1797. The business of Bro. Digby laid over until next conference.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1797. The business of Bro. Digby being taken up and he not being present, it was laid over and appointed Bro. Jacob Mercer to cite him to next conference.

Met in conference Mar. 11, 1797, Received by letter Samuel Depree, Marthy Moncrief and Louis. Legett. The business of Bro. Digby continued and Bro. Jacob Mercer and Bro. Harper to cite him. Dismissed by letter, Sister Sarah Mercer. A charge against Bro. Reuben Bennett by John Robertson for suffering fiddling and dancing in his home, ordered that Bro. Thomas Robinson cite him to attend next conference.

Met in conference April 8, 1797. Bro. Bennett attended according to citation, and after some talk, the case was laid over. The case of Bro. Digby was continued until the Saturday after next conference. Dermott's Cate deceased since our last association. Wingfield's Cupit deceased since our last association.

Met in conference May 12, 1797. Bro. Thomas Walker and Hannah, his wife, who obtained letter of dismission the 6th of June, 1796, today brought them back and was received again into fellowship of this church. Ordered that the church furnish us a list of all the members in fellowship and lay it before the next conference.

Received by experience, Prudence Foster. Appointed the brethren William Leverett, John Robertson, James Willis and Edward Butler, or a majority of them, to examine and report what repairs are necessary to be done to the meeting house, and also, the expense they suffer while attending to the same.

Met in conference June 9, 1797. Received by experience Frank Lundsford. The business of Bro. Bennett being taken up and considered, ordered that he should be excommunicated unless he shall give satisfaction. Excommunicated Mrs. Hannah Digby for getting intoxicated and neglecting to hear the church. Dismissed by letter Nancy Glass and Glass's Phillip.

In compliance with a petition from Ebenezer Church, we chose our brethren James Willis, Jacob Mercer, Samuel Whatley, Thomas Chivers and Edward Butler as helps. The brethren appointed to examine the meeting house reported as follows; that the house wanted considerable repairs. supposed to be about \$30.00 worth. Ordered that the brethren John Leverett, John Robertson and Edward Butler get some persons to do the above work and try to raise the money by subscription to pay for the same.

Met in conference July 8, 1797, Thursday, two weeks the 22nd inst. is appointed to meet and repair the meeting house. Bro. Robert McGinty from the Mount Pella (Montpelier) Church informed this conference that James McGinty who was formerly a member of this church and excommunicated for certain crimes committed among them, had of late given full satisfaction to the aggrieved members of said church, whereupon this church agreed to give up this matter to said church and their satisfaction should be ours. Dismissed by letter. Received by letter Aliss Portwood.

Met in conference Aug. 11, 1797. Elizabeth Parker, Elizabeth Moncrief, Thomas Wingfield, and Regan's Betty, all deceased. Dismissed by letter, Nathaniel Dean.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1797. Josiah Moncrief gave full satisfaction to this church as is required and is restored to fellowship again. Dismissed by letter, Susannah Williamson, formerly Chillers. Appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer and Edward Butler to prepare a church. letter against the next conference.

Met in conference Oct. 7, 1797. Received by experience Elizabeth Johnson and Kimmie Foster. A charge against Wingfield's Libby for having a child unlawfully.

Met in conference Nov. 10, 1797. Excommunicated Wingfield's Libby for the above charge. Dismissed by letter Louis Legett and Leviney Legett.

Met in conference Jan 13, 1798. A charge by Bro.

John Robertson against Thomas Jones (James). Appointed Bro. Lawson to inquire into said reports and report to the next conference.

Met in conference Feb. 9, 1798. The case of Turner's Samuel being brought up, it appeared to be sufficient grounds to believe that he had taken another wife in addition to the one he already had, for which he was excommunicated. Dismissed by letter, Thomas Edwards and his wife, Susannah. Deceased: Nancy Wall.

Met in conference April 7, 1798. Sister Sarah Mercer, who received a letter of dismissal on March 11 last, brought the same back and is continued in this church. Dismissed by letter Sister Elizabeth Cohron. Excommunicated Grant's Charles for leaving his wife and taking another woman. Sarah Glass, wife of William Glass. dismissed by letter. Rachel Shipley, Mariah Blanks, John Wyatt, Sarah Mosely, Annie Hendricks, Martha Covington, Jane Clements, (formerly Robertson) John Perry, Sarah Williams, having for several years been absent and re-moved without letters, are dismissed.

Met in conference May 11, 1798. Several reports. having been in consideration against Grant's Anna, and the failure to attend when cited, ordered that Bro. Jacob Mercer cite her to attend at next conference to answer said reports. Dismissed by letter, Thomas Findlay. Bro. John Lawson and Evans appointed to cite Sister Elizabeth. Bennett and Tom Billingslea to attend next conference on May 12, 1798. Received by experience, Temple Taylor.

Met in conference June 9, 1798. Examined Grant's. Anna for attempting to steal Sampson's. fodder and getting angry.

Met in conference July 7, 1798. Nothing appearing, adjourned.

Met in conference Aug. 11, 1798. Received by experience, Joseph Johnson. Sarah Mosley came forward and gave satisfaction and is restored. Also she was dismissed by letter. Ordered that the following Rules of Decorum be adopted for conference meetings:

1st: As. we believe it to be the duty of all male members to attend monthly conference meetings, and the females as often as they can, therefore, if any

brother shall fail to attend he shall come to the next conference and tell the reason for his failure. Shall he neglect to come and give the church his excuse he is then to be admonished by the church, and if he still persists, he shall be reprov'd and cited to the church's satisfaction as a transgression.

2nd: When sitting in conference, no member shall absent himself without leave of the moderator.

3rd: When a brother speaks, he shall arise from his seat and shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject, and if any brother shall interrupt another he shall be reprov'd immediately by the moderator.

4th: The church covenant shall be read at the conference before every yearly meeting.

5th: That these rules be read before every) uarterly meeting to the end that none may pretend ignorance of the matter.

Met in conference Sept. 8, 1798. Bro. William Parker, a deacon of this church, complained of some inconveniences which were in his way as to a discharge of his. duty and requested another to be chosen, whereupon the church proceded to choose another which choice fell on Bro. Jacob Mercer who was set apart to the office by, ,gayer and imposition of hands. Appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer and Bro. Edward Butler to prepare a church letter against next meeting of the conference.

Met in conference Oct. 13, 179,8. Appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer and John Robertson, and in case they should be unable to attend, Bro. Jacob Mercer and Edward Butler were chosen to attend in their place. A letter prepared by Edward Butler to send to the association, was read and received, in which we say: received since our last conference by experience, 2, received by letter 1, excommunicated 14, dismissed by letter 9, and deceased 1, so that our present membership is 115 in fellowship. Appointed the brethren John Robertson and Edward Butler and Jacob Mercer to talk with Bro. Walker and Bro. Mosely to know if one of them will undertake the pastoral care of this church for the year, 1799 in the absence of Bro. Jesse Mercer, and report to the next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1798. Josiah Moncrief, for getting intoxicated and using ill words? is laid under the censure of this church and Bro. Parker is appointed

to cite him to attend at next conference to show cause, if any he has, why his excommunication be not published. Willianson's Sager received by fellowship, he being baptised by Bro. Jesse Mercer a few months past within the limits of this church and in the presence of the brethren.

Met in conference Dec. 8, 1798. Josiah Moncrief, failing to attend is, for defaults as mentioned, excommunicated.

(NO MINUTES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1799)

Met in conference, March 8, 1799. Dismissed by letter Brethren Daniel Dupree and William Ozborn. Bro. Asa Atkins, deceased since our last association. Bro. Jesse Mercer, having a mind to travel to the northward, desires a letter of credit, setting forth that he is a member of this church and has, for some time past, been our pastor and has conducted himself as a faithful member of Jesus' church not only to the satisfaction of this church but the sister churches within the state, which is granted.

Met in conference April 13, 1799. Chose Bro. John Robertson as moderator.

Met in conference May 10, 1799. Bro. Mosley attended agreeable to the request of this church and undertook the pastoral care in the absence of Bro. Jesse Mercer, and took his seat as moderator. He agreed to set on foot a subscription in order to build a new meeting house of the same size as the old one, only higher, covered with heart pine and to be put on the top of the hill above the old one, and that the clerk prepare a subscription payable the 1st day of January, next and if on closing the subscription it should be found not sufficient to build on, then the money to be applied toward repairing the old one. The brethren Butler, John Robertson and Jacob Mercer are appointed to take charge of the subscriptions and forward them.

Dismissed by letter James Hammond.

Met in conference June 8, 1799. appointed the brethren Jacob Mercer and Samuel Whatley to apply to Fishing Creek Church to know if they have any objection against or are willing for the black brethren in the adjoining churches, to form themselves into a separate body and to be constituted as such.

Met in conference July 13, 1799., Received by experience William Evans' Dolly. Frances Atkins. is laid under the censure of this church. for getting into, xicated. Foster's Esther is laid under the censure of this church for harboring of runaways and receiving stolen goods from them. Ordered Bro. Foster and Jacob Mercer cite them to attend our next conference to show cause why their ex-communication be not published. Appointed the 1st Sunday in August next as a day of fasting and prayer and humiliation, on the subject of calling Bro. John Bankston to the work of the ministry Bro. Samuel Whatley has the approbation of this church to use his gift in preaching the Gospel.

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1799. Chose Bro. John Robertson as moderator. The business of Franky Atkins continued until next conference. Foster's Esther continued until next conference.

Met in conference Sept. 7, 1799. Franky Atkins, failing to attend, was excommunicated. Appointed Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in this month as the day set apart for the ordination of Bro. John Robertson, and that the brethren endeavor to invite Bros. Walker, Matthews and Heflin to attend as helpers on that day. Foster's, Esther came forward and gave satisfaction and is restored again to fellowship. Bros. Robertson and Whatley are appointed as delegates. to association. Appointed Bro. Robertson and Butler to prepare a church letter to association against next conference.

Archibald Simpson, John Robertson, John Leverett, Joseph Johnson and Edward Butler appointed to adopt a plan and bring in a bill to the next conference, of the expense for building a meeting house. The plan adopted at the May conference not being consented to.

Met in conference Oct. 12, 1799. Bro. John Robertson forwarded a letter, agreeable to appointment, which was received, with a small amendment.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1799. Bro. John Robertson was called forward and examined and set apart and ordained to the work of the ministry by the importation of hands by Bro. Walker and Bro. Mosely.

Met in conference Dec. 7, 1799. Chose Bro. James Walker moderator. At the request of Fishing Creek Church, Bro. Jesse Mercer, John Robertson and Samuel Whatley were chosen to meet with them and help settle a dispute between said church and Ebenezer church. Dismissed by letter Dean's

Monday and his wife, Molly.

(NO MINUTES FOR JANUARY, 1800)

Met in conference Feb. 7, 1800. Resolved that the 1st Sunday in May next and afterwards, quarterly, be holden as a day of conference to keep order among the black brethren. Bros. Butler, Robertson, Leverett, Mercer and Samuel Whatley are appointed as commissioners to let the meeting house, according to a former order, and make collections. Dismissed by letter John Graham and Tom Turner.

No March conference.

Met in conference April 12, 1800. Appointed Bro. John Robertson to cite James Hammond to attend the next conference to show cause why he has not joined a church agreeable to his letter.

Met in conference May 9, 1800. Dismissed Sister Jackson by letter.

Met in conference June 7, 1800. Received by experience Abba Stark. Received by letter Edward Graham and Elizabeth, his wife.

Met in conference Aug. 8, 1800. Dismissed by letter Crutchfield's James. Ordered that John Robertson write to Absolum Raney and cite him to come forward and show cause why he does not apply for a letter to join some other church. Ordered that Bro. Jesse Mercer inquire of Thomas Finley who has not joined another church. Ordered that Bro. Robertson again cite James Hammond to attend, agreeable to a former order. Ordered that Bro. Jesse Mercer cite William Crawford to come forward and answer for a non-attendance.

Met in conference Sept. 13, 1800. Appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer to prepare a letter against next conference to send to association. Appointed Bros. Jesse Mercer and Jacob Mercer as delegates to association.

Met in conference Oct. 11, 1800. A letter prepared by Bro. Jesse Mercer was read and approved in which we say that since our last association we have received 4 by letter, 1 by experience, dismissed by letter 6, so that our members at present are 110. Appointed Bro. Jacob Mercer to cite Benjamin Talbert to the next conference to answer for his absences and behavior.

Met in conference Nov. 6, 1800. Dismissed by letter William Evans.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1800. Absolum Rainey came forward and gave the church satisfaction for his non-attendance and desired a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Dismissed by letter Nancy Jones. Mrs. John Rainey requested the church to make an order for Samuel Wingfield to deliver him a bond which he gave for his performance of work to be done on the meeting house, which was granted.

Met in conference Mar. 7, 1801. Appointed Bro. John Robertson to cite Bro. James Willis and Bro. Leverett to cite Sisters Elizabeth Bennett and Abby Pollard to attend the next conference.

Met in conference April 11, 1801. Dismissed by letter James Willis.

Met in conference May 8, 1801. The business of Sister Elizabeth Bennett laid over until next conference and Bro. Lawson to cite her to attend. Dismissed by letter William Parker and Mary, his wife. Appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer to cite Sister Frances Dean to come and see us. Ordered that the meeting house east and west, with a pulpit on the north side.

Met in conference June 10, 1801. Appointed Bro. Jacob Mercer to inform Mr. John Raney that they wish him to attend at next conference with his papers. to make a final settlement about repairing the meeting house some years ago.

Met in conference June 14, 1801. Dismissed by letter Jeremiah Lindsay. Dismissed Benjamin Talbert by letter when he shall give satisfaction to Grass Hill Church, Jackson County. Ordered that the church appoint to let the meeting house so as to make sale of the old one in such way as they think best.

Met in conference July 12, 1801. Received by experience Steward's Tom.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1801. Our pastor being absent, chose Bro. Robertson as moderatos. Appointed Bros. Robertson and Mercer to prepare a letter to send to the association.

Aug. 13, 1801. Sister Bennett came forward and gave satisfaction for her non-attendance. Dismissed by letter, William Crawford.

Met in conference Sept. 12, 1801. A letter prepared by Bros. Robertson and Mercer was read and received, in which we say that since our last conference we have received 2 by letter, 2 by experience, and dismissed 9 by letter, so that our number at present is 105 in fellowship. Chose the brethren Robertson and Mercer as messengers to the association.

Met in conference Nov. 6, 1801. Dismissed by letter Pinkston's Jerry. Agreed to discontinue the Friday conferences indefinitely. Met Nov 7. Received Sisters ? McFarley and Elizabeth Hammock who were baptised sometime past on an experience of grace, by ?. Met Nov. 8. Received by experience, Pat belonging to Holladay.

Met in conference Dec. 11, 1801. Received by experience Sarah Adamson.

Met in conference Jan. 9, 1802. Received by experience Patsy Moncrief and Winright Lawson. Dismissed by letter Bro. Jacob Mercer, Tael, his wife, and Rebecca, his daughter.

Met in conference Feb. 12, 1802. Restored Josiah Moncrief. Received by experience John Shelby, and his wife Hannah Shelby who had been baptised before at Bro. Walkers. Motion made that we choose another deacon in this church. Referred to next conference.

Met in conference Mar. 13, 1802. Received by letter Benjamin Hill and Sarah Harper. Restored Sister Wingfield's Silvey. Received by voucher Malone's David. Agreed to choose another deacon at next conference., Agreed to call on Mr. John Mercer to act as clerk.

Met in conference April 10, 1802. Received by experience Rachel Lawson, Peggy Robertson and Susannah Robertson. Made choice of Bro. Samuel Whatley as deacon and the Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May next appointed to ordain him to that purpose. Timothy Bays dead.

Met in conference May 8, 1802. Received by experience Harris' Judith, Nancy Haley and Susannah Morris. Set apart Bro. Samuel Whatley, Deacon.

Met in conference June 12, 1802. Received by experience Hubbard Foster and Hardy Goring, and Elizabeth Evans.

Met in conference, July 10, 1802. Received by

experience Polly Pollard. Dismissed by letter, John Walker, his wife and Hardy Goring.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1802. Received by experience Mary Boone, Joel Leverett, Joseph Pollard, Betsy Perry and Herman Mercer. Restored James Turner. Dismissed by letter Hardy Goring and Hammack. Dismissed by letter James Turner. Appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer to prepare a church letter against next conference.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1802, Restored Benjamin Osburn. Received by experience Polly Bagley, Nancy Ozburn, William Leverett, Fanny Leverett, William Arne, Nancy Tucker, Nancy Scoggins, Uriah Taylor, Thomas Stark, Leverett's Samuel and Foster's Peter. The business of the association laid over until next conference, the Tuesday before 2nd Sunday in October.

Met in conference Oct. 5, 1802. Received by experience Right Scoggins, William Johnson, Prudence Tucker, Peter Bennett, Dermott's Tyner and William-Pleasant. Chose Bros. John Robertson and Jesse Mercer to represent us in association.

Met Oct. 6, 1802. Received by letter Jacob Cain. Bro. Mercer brought forward a letter which was read and received in which we say that we have received since our last conference by letter 7, by restoration 4, dismissed by letter 10, deceased 1. Our membership at present 143.

Met in conference Nov. 1802. Received by experience Frances Pleasant, Patsy Leverett, Rachel Leverett, Turner's. Penelope, White's Joseph and Thomas Evans. Grant's Nancy was restored.

Met in conference Dec. 11, 1802. Received by experience Bragg's Dick, Miles Duncan and Hendricks' Peter.

Met in conference Jan. 8, 1803. Sister Betsy Holland who had been baptised before, was restored and dismissed by letter. Dismissed by letter Joel Leverett, Peggy Martin Tabitha Evans, Martha Moncrief and Town's Anny.

Met in conference Feb. 12, 1803. Received by experience Caty Green, Peggy Tucker and Grant's Frank. Received by letter Betsy Mercer. Bro. Leverett reported that Joe, the property of White, had been charged with and acknowledged to hurting LLundry Small's Arbutus and to being one out of the boundaries of this church.. He is. no more in. fellow-ship with us. Bro. Whatley from the conference held the 4th Sunday last month, reported that Hines.' Aaron was, received

by experience, but upon it being reported that he had another wife, it was thought best to defer his baptism until further proof can be had.

Met in conference March 12, 1803. Received by experience Sidney Brown, Patsy Turner, Betsy Barnett, Bobby Robertson, Catherine Johnson. The case of Bowles.' being taken up, it appeared that he was forced from his other wife. It was ordered therefore, that he should be baptised. As the clerk of this church is much afflicted and was unable to attend, it was judged proper to appoint an assistant, and Bro. Graham was chosen accordingly. Dismissed by letter Joseph Pollard and his wife.

Met in conference April 9, 1803. Received by experience Micajah Bennett and William Barnett (Bennett?) Agreeable to a request from Williams' Creek Church, appointed Bros. Robertson and Graham to attend their next conference to settle a dispute between them and Bro. Heflin.

Met in conference May 7, 1803. Benjamin Powell, John Turner, Daniel Tucker, Sally Evans, John Wilson, and Polly Lewis were received by experience. Bro. Whatley from the conference held last Sunday, reported that Smith's. George was received by experience. Also that Dermott's Matt was restored upon satisfactory acknowledgments. Hurd's Aggy was excommunicated for telling his son he was a liar and wishing a person he was in hell and other things of that nature. A charge against Regan's Cupit for improper conduct, therefore ordered that Bro. George and Bro. Mingo cite him to the next conference. By request of Bro. Robertson, the church agreed to appoint another deacon, but referred the same until next conference, in his place. (Signed) Jesse Mercer, Clerk

Met in conference June 11, 1803. Received by experience Charley Ray's Fallan and Burns' Sarah. Referred the choice of deacon until next conference. Ordered that there be collection made at next conference for the black brethren in Augusta. E. Graham, Clerk.

Met in conference July 9, 1803. Received by experience Peter Prince, Reuben Bennett, Nathaniel Harris., Susannah Harris, William Tucker, Williamson's. Susannah, and Lany Tucker. Chose Bros. John Turner and Winright Lawson as deacons of this church. A charge against Bro. Ozburn by Bro. Foster, laid over. The case of Bro. Taylor was laid over. Received by experience Lolla Poyner on July 10, 1803.

Met in conference Aug. 12, 1803. The report from the brethren from the conference of the black brethren, received by experience Leverett's Tom, Simpson's George, Grant's Jobal, Smith's Rachel, Daniels' Rob and Langdon's Lemon. The case of Bros. Foster and Ozburn being taken up, ordered that Bro. Whatley, Bro. Harper, and Bro. Graham talk with the brethren and report the same to next conference. The case of Bro. Taylor being taken up, the Bren. Leverett and Grisham were sent out to settle the same but reported that they could not get satisfaction. The case was then laid over until next conference. Some unfavorable reports being in circulation against Norris' Silvey, ordered that Bro. Whatley inquire into said report and report the same to next conference. The business of the meeting house being taken up, appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer to bring forward a subscription to accomplish the same. Restored Regan's Cupit. Received Hendrick's Junior and John Lewis. Dismissed by letter, Nancy Haley, Polly Dowdle and Rebecca Leverett.

Met in conference Sept. 10, 1803. Received by experience Grant's Winny, Terrell's Hannah, Elizabeth. Tucker, William Jones and Selah, his wife, Jesse Foster and Walter Perry. Bro. Whatley reported that Sister Silvy was guilty of the charges and she is no more among us. as a member. Settled the case of Bro. Ozburn and Bro. Foster. Chose the brethren Mercer, Robertson and Whatley to attend the next association. Received a letter from Trail Creek Church stating that Jane Clements (who was excommunicated from us) was living in their boundary and conducted herself as a Christian and desired to join their church. She is therefore dismissed to them to do as they please with her.

Sept. 11. Bro. Mercer brought forward a letter to the association which was read and received in which we say that since our last conference 59 have been received by letter, 1 dismissed by letter, 1 by excommunication, 2 restored and 5 dead. Our members in fellowship number 190. It appears that since our last association Sisters. Wiingfield, Portwood, Chivers, Pollard. and Turner's Joe have died.

Met in conference Oct. 17 1803. Received by experience John McGinty, Nancy Price, Dermott's. Bartlett and Evan Price. Bro. Whatley reported that the case of Bros. Ozburn and Foster is dismissed.

Met in conference Nov. 12, 1803. Received by experience James Burns. Referred the ordination of the deacons until next conference. Reports saying that Bro. Taylor has been

in liquor. Ordered therefore that Bro. Pleasant cite him to attend our next conference.

Met in conference Dec. 10, 1803. Ordained Bros. John Turner and Winright Lawson as deacons. Referred the case of Bro. Taylor referred to next conference. Dismissed by letter, Sister McFarley.

Met in conference Jan 7, 1804. Appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer and Bro. John Robertson to contract with John Lindsey for the land whereon our meeting house stands. Received by experience John Langdon's Reas.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1804. At the conference held for the black brethren, received Billingslea's Lyda (Linda). Dismissed Right Scoggins and his wife, Nancy, Nancy Terrell and Rachel Evans. Bros. Mercer and Robertson reported that they had talked with John Lindsay as ordered and he says that we shall not be interrupted. Appointed next meeting for the ordination of Bro. Poyner. Received by letter Bro. Jacob Travis.

Met in conference Mar. 9, 1804. Referred Bro. Poyner's ordination until tomorrow and chose. Bros. Matthews, Rhodes and Bledsoe as possibilities for his examination. Mar. 10. Ordained Bro. Poyner according to appointment.

Met in conference April 7, 1804. Received by experience Frances Billingslea's Rachel. E. Graham, Clerk.

Met in conference May 12, 1804. Bro. Henson from the conference of the black brethren, held last Sunday, informed us that Micajah Bennett's Betty was received by experience. Appointed Bro. James Burns to cite Gabriel to attend the next conference. Chaffin's Timothy, the husband of Hurley's Becky the oldest, which case is settled. Chaffin's Cinthy gave up her husband and Hurley's Becky which had the oldest right. The case is settled. Bro. Moncrief appointed to cite Bro. Ozburn to attend next conference to answer reports of using bad language. Appointed Bro. Harper to cite Sister Moncrief to next conference for bad conduct. Dismissed by letter William Barnett (Bennett?).

Met in conference June 9, 1804. Laid over the case of Bro. Ozburn and appointed Bro. Harper to cite him to next conference. Bro. Gabriel came forward and gave satisfaction. Sister Moncrief came forward and gave satisfaction for her conduct.

Met in conference July 7, 1804. Received by experience Joseph Cohron. Received by letter Thomas Paxton and

and Mary Travis. Laid case of Bro. Ozburn over. Appointed Bros. Leverett, Pollard, Turner and Grisham to take notice of the conduct of the negroes in general at this place and reprove them, and inform their masters of their conduct.

Met in conference Aug. 10, 1804. Excommunicated Bro. Ozburn.

Dented Bro. Kelly a letter of dismissal because he has moved to lands contrary to the laws of this state. Met Aug. 11, 1804. Received Benjamin Sauls by experience. Sister Cr ? reported that there were reports in circulation unfavorable to Bro. Perry, and his being present, agreed to answer them next conference.

Met in conference Sept. 8, 1804. Bro. Perry came forward and gave satisfaction. Appointed Bro. Whatley and Bro. Paxton to cite Sister Ozburn to our next conference. The letter to the association was read and received in which we say that we have received since our last conference by experience 11, by letter 3, dismissed 6, restored 1, excommunicated 3 and 1 dead. Members in fellowship, 195. Chose Bro. Jesse Mercer, Bro. Peter Poyner, Bro. John Robertson and Bro. Jacob Turner as messengers to our next association.

Met in conference Nov. 10, 1804. Received by experience Samuel Wingfield's Daniel and by letter, Burns' Selah.

Met in conference Dec. 8, 1804. The case of Sister Ozburn carried over until next conference. Bro. Moncrief came forward and owned that he had been guilty of very great crimes in falling out with Sister Ozburn, for which he is excommunicated. Dismissed by letter, William Johnson.

Met in conference Jan 12, 1805. The matter of Sister Ozburn laid over until next conference. Dismissed by letter John McGinty (McKinny?) Appointed Bros. Tarver and Paxton to talk with Bro. Johnson and report to next conference. Dismissed by letter Bessie Barnett (Bennett?).

Met in conference Feb. 9, 1805. Received by letter Nancy West. Laid the case of Sister Ozburn over and appointed Bro. Paxton to cite her to attend next conference. Agreeable to order, Bro. Paxton and Bro. Taryer made their report of Bro. Johnson, which is laid over until next conference and Bro. Whatley to cite him. Dismissed by letter Benjamin Phillips and his wife, Mary. Ordered that Bro. Kimmie Foster have \$3.00 payment for keeping the meeting house in order. Dismissed by letter

Alexander Harper and his wife.

Met in conference Mar 9, 1805. The case of Bro. Foster and Sister Ozburn. The charge: 1st. That she is disorderly and will not abide by the truth and the brethren reported that they find Sister Ozburn greatly contradictory. She is therefore, not in our fellowship. The case of Bro. Johnson being taken up, Bro. Whatley reported that he requested that it should be laid over, which was done accordingly. Dismissed by letter, Ann Gillum.

Met in conference Apr. 13, 1805. Bro. Johnson came forward and gave satisfaction to the church. Appointed Bro. M. Bennett to cite Bro. Phillip J. Stark to attend our next conference. Appointed Bro. James to cite Bro. William Case to next conference. Dismissed by letter Broo Herman Mercer and his wife, Elizabeth. Received by letter, Rhoda Miller.

Met in conference May 11, 1805. The case of Bro. Aaron against Bros. Case and Stark, laid over until next conference. Bro. Whatley from the conference of the black brethren, reported that the Widow Heard (Hurd) Aggy came forward and gave satisfaction for past conduct.

Met in conference June 8, 1805. The case between John Aaron and Bros. Case and Stark was settled and dismissed. Dismissed by letter Bro. William Arne.

Met in conference July 13, 1805. Received by letter Jimmy Wilkerson.

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1805. (No minutes)

Met in conference Sept. 7, 1805. It being reported that Bro. Thomas Paxton has behaved out of character to his wife. Appointed Bro. Whatley to cite him to next conference. Chose Bro. Mercer Bro. Robertson, and Bro. Whatley to attend our next association. It being reported that P. J. Stark has been drinking and struck a man, appointed Bros. M. Bennett and J. Evans to cite him to next conference. Appointed Bros. Mercer and Grisham to write a letter to the association.

Met in conference Oct. 10, 1805. Excommunicated Thomas Paxton for the charges entered before. Excommunicated Phillip J. Stark for the charges. entered and neglecting to hear the church. The letter prepared by the Bros. Mercer and Grisham was read and received, in which

we say that since our last conference? we have received by experience 1, by letter, 8, restored 1? dismissed by letter 12, excommunicated 4, so that our number at present is 184.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1805. Appointed Bro. Foster and Bro. Whatley to examine the conduct of Green's Frank and report to next conference.

Met in conference Dec. 7, 1805. Examined Green's Frank for leaving his wife, running away and neglecting conferences. Dismissed by letter Rebecca Leverett, Jesse Foster and his wife, Peggy.

Met in conference Jan. 11, 1806. Dismissed by letter Bro. John Evans and his wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Thomas. Also William Pleasant and his wife, Fanny. Dismissed by letter the Widow Heard's. Aaron.

Met in conference Feb. 8, 1806. Appointed Bro. Grisham to cite Steward's Tom to attend at next conference. Dismissed by letter Daniel Tucker and his wife, Prudence and sister, Peggy. Appointed Bros. Poyner, Whatley and Tarver to attend at Ebenezer church as helps, by their request the Friday before the 1st Sunday in March, next. Reports have been circulating that Bro. Evan Price has been guilty of acting not in the line of Christian conduct, therefore appointed Bro. Grisham to talk with him and cite him to attend next conference.

Met in conference Mar. 8, 1806. Received by letter Joel Leverett and his wife Martha, and William Johnson by return of a letter. Dismissed by letter Benjamin File. The case of Steward's Tom was taken up and he gave satisfaction. Laid the case of Bro. Price over until next conference.

Met in conference April 12, 1806. Received by letter Right Scoggins and his wife, Nancy. Dismissed by letter Polly Lewis, now Wommack. Examined Evan Price for conduct with Mrs. Billinglea's Min, by forfeiting his word and honor.

Met in conference May 10, 1806. The subject of a general meeting is to be considered at next conference. QUERY: Is it consistent with Christian conduct that a brother or sister should suffer their children? under their jurisdiction, to go to a dancing school or aid them in the like; ANSWER; We think it is not: Ordered that Sisters Mary and Frances Robertson cite Sisters, Evans and Bagley to attend next conference. Ordered that Bros. Whatley and Chivers talk with Grant's Jack and cite him to attend next conference.

Received by letter, Sister Clara, a woman of color.

Met in conference June 7, 1806. The matter of the general meeting taken up and agreed that the delegates from this church to the association confer with the delegates of this district. The sisters Evans and Bagley came forward and confessed that they had done wrong and were forgiven. Appointed Bros. Whatley and Cain to cite Grant's Jack to next conference.

Met in conference July 19, 1806. The case of Grant's Jack. Bro. Cain to cite him to next conference. Dismissed by letter John Kelly and his wife, Hannah. It being reported that Bro. Frank Lunsford has been drinking to excess, ordered that Bro. Winright, Bro. Lawson and Bro. Joel Leverett cite him to next conference.

Met in conference Aug 8, 1806. Bro. Mercer absent. Bro Lawson chosen moderator. Referred the case of Bro. Frank Lunsford until next conference.. Dismissed by letter William Tucker and his wife.

Met in conference Sept. 13, 1806. Excommunicated Frank Lunsford for drinking. Appointed Bro. Whatley and Bro. Cain to cite Grant's Jack and inquire what they can about him. Ordered that Bros. Harris, Powell and Butler cite Gabriel, a man of color, to attend next conference to show cause why he does not attend conferences. Also, respecting his order. Ordered that a negro woman named Selah belonging to July (Julie) Burns, now Truman, having a child of the wrong color and said to come before she had a husband, who received a letter of dismissal some time ago, be excommunicated and her letter be recalled, and Bro. James Burns to apply for the same. Chose Bros. Mercer, Robertson and Lawson as delegates to association. A letter prepared by Bro. Mercer to the association, was read and received in which we say that we have received since our last conference by letter 6, restored 1, dismissed by letter 18, excommunicated 3. Our members at present in fellowship is 170. Nominated Edward Grisham, Jacob Cain, and Edward Butler as trustees for this Phillips Mill Church, Wilkes County, Ga.

Oct. 11, 1806. Bro. Mercer being absent, Bro. Whatley was chosen moderator. Grant's Jack attended, according to order and gave satisfaction. Gabriel also attended and gave satisfaction and promises to attend conferences more punctually. Bros. M. Bennett, John Leverett, John Turner, and Shepherd Foster are appointed to settle a dispute between Sister Price and Bro. John Lawson and report to next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 8, 1806. Sister Peggy Martin received by letter. The brethren appointed at last meeting to settle a dispute between Sister Price and Bro. John Lawson reported that they had done this, but this endeavor was to no avail. After considerable conversation to the parties, the case was left to a committee of brethren, Mercer, Tarver and Whatley who are to report to next conference. Bro. Robertson reported that Grant's Jack was found to be guilty of pitching dollars on the Sabbath and other corresponding evils. Bro. Cain to cite him to next conference. Joel P. Leverett, Church Clerk.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1806. Sister Rhoda Miller, now Evans, on request, was dismissed by letter. Bro. Mercer from the committee appointed last meeting to labor with Sister Price and Bro. John Lawson, reported that he had labored with them but to no purpose. The case being perplexing, was still referred. The case of Grant's Jack laid over until next meeting.

Met in conference Jan 10, 1807. Received by letter Sister Nancy Dearing and Julia Truman. The case of Sister Price and Bro. Lawson was taken up. Brother Reuben Bennett, Jr. chosen clerk of this church. Ordered by the church that Sister Elizabeth Tucker have a letter of dismissal. The case of Sister Price and Bro. Lawson brought forward and the charge was thought groundless. Ordered that the deacons purchase a good bound book to keep the record of this church.

Met in conference Feb. 7, 1807. Bro. Mercer being absent Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. No business appearing, we adjourned.

Met in conference April 11, 1807. In absence of our pastor, Bro. John Robertson chosen moderator. Bro. James, Burns brought forward a letter which he was ordered to bring that was granted to a black woman belonging to Mrs. Truman. Ordered that Bro. Turner buy a lock for the meeting house. Bro. Foster and old Bro. Leverett appointed to keep the key and sweep the house.

Met in conference May 9, 1807. Ordered by the church that Bro. Kimmie Foster and his wife, Prudence, have letters of dismissal. Bro. Jesse Mercer, his wife and mother requested letters of dismissal, which was granted. Ordered by the church that the subject respecting choosing a pastor for this church should be taken up next conference. Our formerly called brother, William Johnson leaving away without applying for a letter, also in disorder, is no longer in our fellowship.

Met in conference June 12, 1807, Sister Nancy West applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference July 12, 1807. Ordered by the church that Bro. William Leverett have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1807. Bro. Mercer being absent, Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. Ordered that there be a collection made at next meeting to pay Bro. Mercer for building the pulpit. Ordered that Bro. Reuben Bennett prepare a letter by next conference to send to the association. Ordered that Bro. William S. Foster keep the house. A charge brought by Bro. Foster against his servant, Peter, a man of color, for lying. Bro. Foster is appointed to cite him to attend next conference. Received by experience, Elizabeth Langdon. The letter prepared by Bro. Bennett to send to the association was received and approved, in which we say that since our last association we have received by experience 1, by letter 3, dismissed by letter, 10, excommunicated 1. 4 dead so that our number at present is 159. The brethren Whatley, Poyner, and John Robertson were chosen to represent us at the association. According to order, there was \$9.75 collected for building the pulpit.

Met in conference Nov. 7, 1807. The charge against Foster's Peter was taken up and he confessed that he was, guilty of telling a lie willfully and the matter was laid over until next conference. A charge confessed by Langdon's Lemon on himself, Hendricks, Peter and Junior of stealing and concealing sugar from Captain Hendricks. Bro. John Turner requested to cite them to next conference. Reported that Bro. Benjamin Hill, since he got a letter from us, has kept the letter and has been acting refractory. Bro. John Robertson requested to cite him to attend, our next conference. Collected \$1.50 for the pulpit.

Met in conference Dec. 19, 1807. The case of Benjamin Hill taken up and laid over until next conference. Ordered that Bro. James Burns have a letter of dismissal. The matter of Foster's Peter taken up and he, having left his wife and taking another, he is therefore no longer in our fellowship. The matter of Lemon, Peter and Junior laid over until next conference. Received \$2.50 for the pulpit.

Met in conference Feb. 17, 1808. The case of Benjamin Hill taken up and he not attending, the church proceeded to excommunicate him, and ordered that Bro. John Robertson recall his letter. A charge against Bro. Joseph Johnson by Bro. Jones, ordered that Bro. Whatley cite him to attend our next conference. Received \$0.50 for pulpit.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1808. Josiah Moncrief, who was formerly excommunicated from this church, came forward and made such acknowledgments as was required and he is therefore in full fellowship. The case of Bro. Johnson being taken up and he not attending, Bro. Mattox was appointed to cite him to attend our next conference. According to petition from Ebenezer Church, we have chosen our Bros. Whatley and Tarver to seat with them.

Met in conference April 9, 1808. Received by letter Joseph Pollard and his wife. The case of Bro. Johnson being taken up and he not attending, was laid over. Ex-communicated Gabriel, a man of color, for acting out of line for a Christian when talked to by a brother and sister and for differences between him and his wife. A report against Daniels' Ned, a man of color for keeping another woman. Bro. Foster appointed to cite him to attend our next conference.

Met in conference May 7, 1808. Excommunicated Joseph G. Johnson, a member of this church heretofore, for drinking to excess and refusing to hear the church. The case of Daniels' Ned laid over until next conference.

Met in conference June 11, 1808. Sister Fannie Robertson, who joined the church as a transient member, came forward with a letter and was received into full fellowship. The case of Daniels' Ned was taken up and after some debate it was laid over until next conference. and the brethren John Robertson and Foster to talk to the family and try to find out what they can and report to next conference. In compliance with a petition from Ebenezer church, we chose Bren. John Robertson, Tarver and E. Grisham to sit with them in conference the Friday before the 4th Sunday in July.

Gabriel, a man of color who was excommunicated at April conference, came forward and pled for another hearing, which was granted. Ordered that Bro. Whatley cite the opposite party to next conference, prepared for trial. Moved and seconded that the church reconsider the Rules of Decorum which was laid over until next conference.

Met in conference July 9, 1808. The case of Daniel's Ned was taken up and he being found guilty, was excommunicated. The case of Gabriel was taken up and was laid over until next conference, and Bro. Chivers was appointed to cite the opposite party.

Met in conference Aug. 12, 1808. Francis Tunstill, a man of color came forward and gave satisfaction to the church and was received into fellowship again.

The Rules of Decorum were taken up, reconsidered and adopted. Bro. Reuben Bennett dismissed by letter, and Bro. Peter Bennett chosen clerk in his place.

Met in conference Aug. 13, 1808. Received by experience Stephen Evans' James and William Evans' Aaron. Also, received by letter a black woman by the name of Sillar.

Met in conference Sept. 10. 1808. Received by experience Phillips' Junior, Stark's Nancy and Hendricks' Tillar. Silvey, formerly belonging to Thomas Wingfield, Sr., came forward and gave satisfaction and was received. Received by experience Jenny Moore. The case of Gabriel was. taken up and Gabriel, Squire and Winny are considered under the suspension of this church until further satisfaction be given. Bros. Whatley, Chivers, and Gain were appointed to represent us to the association.

Met in conference Nov. 12, 1808. The church ordered that Sister Liddy Brown have a letter of dismission. Gabriel, a man of color came forward and save satisfaction and was received. William Dermott's Squire came forward and gave satisfaction and was received.

Met in conference Dec. 10, 1808. Ordered that Bro. Peter Bennett have a letter of dismission. Bro. Joel Leverett chosen clerk. Ordered that Bro. Foster cite Sister Elizabeth Bennett to our next conference to show cause why she does not come to our conferences.

Met in conference Jan 7, 1809. The case of Sister Bennett taken up and she being present, gave satisfaction and is in full fellowship. Ordered that Bro. Peter Powner, William Jones and their wives, have letters of dismission.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1809. Our pastor being absent, chose Bro. John Robertson, moderator. Bro. Peter Bennett came forward and returned his letter and was. received again into fellowship. By request of our clerk, Bro. Peter Bennett was chosen as assistant clerk.

Met in conference Mar, 11, 1809, Bro. John Lewis being absent from us 2 meetings in succession, requested Bro. Perry to give him notice to attend our next conference to give his reasons for non-attendance. Also Miles Duncan acting as above described, requested Bro. Edward Grisham to cite him to next conference. Ordered that there be a collection made at the next conference for Bro. Mercer for building the pulpit.

Met in conference April 8, 1809. Received by experience Sissley, a negro woman belonging to Mary Wingfield.

`Bro. John Lewis came forward and gave satisfaction for his non-attendance. Also Bro. Miles Duncan came forward and gave satisfaction. Received \$1.00 for the pulpit.

Met in conference June 10, 1809. In the absence of our pastor, Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. Ann Lowel (Sowel) formerly Wingfield, came forward and gave satisfaction and was restored to fellowship again. A report against Bro. Squire, belonging to William Dermott, of parting a man and his wife, and also for keeping said woman unlawfully, ordered that Bro. Jack Cain (Kain) cite him to our next conference and also to recuest some of the members of Ebenezer church to attend as witnesses.

Met in conference July 8, 1809. The case of black brother Squire laid over until next conference.

Met in conference Aug. 11, 1809. Received by experience Henry B. Gibson and Sarah, his wife. The case of Squire taken up and laid over. Appointed Bro. Chivers and Bro. Cain to go to Ebenezer Church. and inquire of that church respecting the matter and invite some of the members of that church to come to our conference. Dismissed by letter Sister Sarah Adamson.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1809. Received by experience Henry Garland, Patience Granger, and Nancy Foster. The black brother Squire came forward and was excommunicated for the charges. We chose the brethren Edward Grisham, John Robertson and Jacob Tarver to represent us at the association. A letter prepared by Bro. Mercer was read and approved in which we say that since our last association we have baptised 7, none received by letter, 14 dismissed by letter, none excommunicated, none restored and 1 dead, so that our number at present is 152. Sent \$2.50 to pay for printing the minutes.

Met in conference Oct. 7, 1809. Received by experience William Sanders. Benjamin Ozburn, formerly ex-communicated, came forward and gave satisfaction and was restored to fellowship again.

Met in conference Nov. 11, 1809. Received by experience William Evans and his wife, Elizabeth, Sarah Norris (Morris) John Grant, Ben, belonging to Thomas Norris, Jacob Tarver, Jr. and Nancy Cohron. Ordered that Sister Peggy Martin, now Turner, have a letter of dismissal. (Signed) Joel P. Leverett, Clark.

Met in conference Dec. 9, 1809. Received by experience Sally Simmons, Polly Smith, John Rice, Deneter Smith, Nancy Buckley, and dismissed by letter John Grant.

A charge against Betty, a woman of color belonging to Micajah Bennett, who is pregnant with a base-gotten child, said to be by another woman's husband, she is no more in our fellowship Bro. Edward Butler deceased.

Met in conference Jan 13, 1810. Received by experience Frances Simmons and William Robertson, Jr. Received by letter Lewis Miller. Ordered that Cloe, a black woman belonging to William Flournay, have a letter of dismissal. Ordered that Charles, a man of color belonging to William Pollard, have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1810. Received by experience, Athra Cruse. Dismissed by letter Fanny Leverett. Ordered that a letter be wrote to Sister Rebecca Leverett by Bro. Joel P. Leverett on the subject following; she having obtained a letter from this church sometime back and not having joined any other church, admonishing her to her duty.

Met in conference April 7, 1810. Received by experience David Hubert, Nancy Hefter and Elizabeth Chivers.

Met in conference May 12, 1810. Departed this life May 11, 1810 Bro. Thomas Chivers. Received by experience Jellar, a black woman belonging to the widow Butler, Rachel, a black woman belonging to Bernard Kane (Cain). Uriah Taylor who was formerly a member of this church but now excommunicated, came forward and gave satisfaction and is now restored. Ordered that Sister Elizabeth Chivers have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference June 9, 1810. Our pastor being absent, Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. The report against Sissy, a black woman, was taken up and she was found guilty of concealing stolen property and telling a lie. She is laid under the censure of this church until next conference. A report against Francis Tunstill for drinking to excess, which was laid over until next conference and sent a request by different brethren for Mr. John Bevil, Joshua Mercer, William Duncan and Bro. Herman Mercer to attend our next conference as witnesses.

Met in conference July 7, 1810. Received ? Lawson by experience. The case of Sissy was taken up and she was excommunicated and is out of our fellowship. The case of Francis Tunstill, a man of color, was brought forward and he was excommunicated for drinking too much and for absences from his family and all his concerns. William Sanders is dismissed from this church and is

not in our fellowship for making his ? and not discharging his just debts.

Met in conference Aug 11, 1810. No business on hand, adjourned.

Met in conference Sept. 8, 1810. Received by experience George, a man of color belonging to Aaron Lesham(?) Took up the business of the association and appointed the brethren John Robertson, Samuel Whatley, Jacob Tarver as messengers. Ordered Bro. Jesse Mercer to write a letter for the association. Received by experience Solomon Perkins.

Met in conference Oct. 3, 1810, The letter to the association read and approved. Ordered that Bro. David Hubert have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Nov. 10. 1810. Our pastor being absent, Bro. Poyner was chosen moderator. No business appearing, we adjourned. Frances Simmons deceased.

Met in conference Dec. 8, 1810. Received by experience George Smith. Ordered that Sister Bridget Mulkey have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Jan. 12, 1811. Received by letter a woman named Lucy, belonging to George Smith. Ordered that Sister Sarah Norris have a letter of dismissal. Nancy Ozburn, who was formerly a member of this church and excommunicated, came forward, made confession and was restored to fellowship.

Met in conference Mar 7, 1811. Received by experience, Rebecca Turner.

Met in conference April 13, 1811. Our pastor being absent, Bro. John Robertson was chosen as moderator. Received by experience John Sanders. Ordered that Right Scoggins, his wife Nancy and Sister Julia Truman have letters of dismissal. Ordered that Bro. Joel P. Leverett have \$3.00 per year for keeping the meeting house in order.

Met in conference June 6, 1811. Received by experience Elizabeth Miller. The brethren, Edward Grisham and George Smith re-appointed to superintend the running of the land lines on which our meeting house stands. Also Bro. Smith to search the clerk's records to find out the original trustees of this church. Also Bro. George Smith appointed trustee in the place of Bro. Edward Butler, deceased.

Met in conference July 13, 1811,., The brethren who have been chosen to superintend the business of the land, are still further requested to superintend that business.

Met in conference August 8, 1811, Bro. Peter Bennett came forward and moved to the church that he wished to continue no longer in it and then refused an investigation of the matter before the church and was accordingly excommunicated. Bro. Clerk to write a letter to the association. Joel P. Leverett, Clerk.

Met in conference Sept. 7, 1811. Received by experience Sarah, a woman of color, Judy, a black woman belonging to James. Robertson. Received by voucher Elizabeth Cunningham. Bro. Josiah Moncrief came forward and told of some unfavorable circumstances and the church thought proper to lay it over until next conference. The letter prepared by the church was read and received in which we say that since our last association we have received by experience 17, received by letter 4, excommunicated 4, restored 2, deceased 2 and dismissed 12 by letter so that our number at present is 172. Chose our brethren George Smith and William Evans, and John Robertson as messengers to the association.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1811. Received by experience Ruth Sanders. Bro. Moncrief came forward and made satisfaction for the above charge.

Met in conference Dec. 7, 1811. Ordered that Resa, a black woman who formerly belonged to Mrs. Langdon, and Jane Vardiman have letters of dismissal.

Met in conference Jan 11, 1812. Received by letter John McGinty and Charles Rice. By request of the church at Williams Creek, we chose three of our brethren to attend on Friday next as helps in a matter of difficulty, as follows: John Robertson, John Turner and George Smith.

Met in conference Feb. 8, 1812. Received by letter Nancy Hammock and Burnett's Green.

Met in conference Mar. 7, 1812. Ordered that Sister Ann Stark and her negro woman have letters of dismissal.

Met in conference, April 11, 1812. Received by letter Sister Ali Kerr and Bro. ? Mercer.

Met in conference May 9, 1812. In the absence of our pastor, Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. Bro. George Smith laid in a matter of grief against Bro. Louis Miller for contradicting him on his oath and denying a contract between them. Laid over until next conference.

By request of Mary Gholson who has been some time absent and by a recommendation, ordered a letter of dismissal. Bro. Leverett received \$3.00 for keeping the house. Bro. Gibson to keep the house for one year and receive \$3.00 for so doing.

June 13, 1812. No business.

Met in conference July 12, 1812. Adjourned as no business appeared.

Met in conference Aug.7, 1812. Our Pastor being absent, Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. A re-port laid in the church by Bro. Leverett against Phillis, a black woman belonging to John Lea for leaving her husband and taking up with another man, ordered Bro. Leverett to cite her to next conference.

Met in conference Sept. 12, 1812. The report against the black woman, Phillis, the property of Mr. Lea, was authenticated and she was excommunicated. A grievance laid in the church by Sister Eliza Smith against Bro. Uriah Taylor for not complying with a certain contract, laid over until next conference. Ordered a letter to be prepared to send to the association, by our pastor to be handed by him to one of our messengers viz. John Robertson, George Smith and Edward Grisham, in which we say that we have received by experience, 1, received by letter 7, dismissed by letter 4, excommunicated 1, restored none, so that our number at present is 175. Send \$2.50 to defray the expense of printing the minutes.

Met in conference Nov. 7, 1812. Received by experience Patsy Brown. The case of Bro. Uriah Taylor and Sister Eliza Smith was taken up and a committee to settle the difficulty was chosen. After some time spent in hearing the parties, the committee came forward and reported that they found no cause for dealing with the accused party, therefore the case was dismissed by the reproof of the moderator. Ordered that Bro. Uriah Taylor and his wife Nancy, have letters of dismissal.

Met in conference Dec. 11, 1812. Our pastor being absent, chose Bro. Samuel Whatley as moderator. Bro. Charles Kerr requested a letter of dismissal which was. granted. Also Ailey (Ali) Kerr dismissed by letter.

Met in conference Jan 9, 1813, Received by letter,

Polly Robertson. Received a letter from Savannah stating to this church that Frances Dunston, who was formerly excommunicated from this church, was living among them and appeared to walk uprightly and expressed a desire to join their church. Agreed by this church to void the charges for which she was excommunicated and let them act discretionarily. Bro. Josiah Moncrief came forward and accused himself of being intoxicated and acting improperly for which the church forgave him. Bro. Benjamin Ozburn was cited by Bro. Henry Garland for not attending conferences.

Feb. 8, 1813. Received by letter Bridget Mulkey. Ordered by the church that Sister Frances Robertson and her negro woman, Jude have letters of dismissal. The case of Bro. Ozburn for absences was taken up. He being present tendered satisfaction to the church and was forgiven. A charge laid in by Bro. William S. Foster against James, a man of color belonging to Stephen Evans for co-habiting with another woman besides his wife, ordered that Bro. William Evans cite him to next conference. Also, a charge against Aaron, belonging to Bro. Ben Evans for drinking to excess and swearing, and he being present, is excommunicated. Deceased since our last conference Squire, a black brother belonging to Mrs. Dermott. Bro. Walter Perry came forward and acknowledged that he had drunk to excess and was forgiven. Bro. Joel Leverett made acknowledgment for drinking to excess and was also forgiven.

Met in conference Mar. 13, 1813. The business of Mr. Evans' James referred from last meeting for co-habiting with a woman other than his wife, was taken up and he is no longer in our fellowship. Bro. Josiah Moncrief came forward and made mention of some unfavorable reports against him and acknowledged a part, for which reasons the church appointed the brethren Jacob Tarver, Edward Grisham and John Turner to inquire into the matter and report to the next conference. Bro. Joseph Pollard came forward and acknowledged that he had drunk too much of spirits and that he was sorry that he had wounded the cause of God and hurt the feelings of his brethren. He was forgiven.

Met in conference April 10, 1813. Received by letter Jane Hale. The case of Bro. Josiah Moncrief referred from last conference, being taken up, the brethren appointed to inquire into the matter reported that they understood from the persons concerned, that he was guilty of a number of atrocious crimes which could not so well be understood, subsequently therefore, agreed to exonerate

the old brother from that charge and leave it between God and his own soul, but in the case of selling a horse that was not his own and rather concealing the contract, it was thought proper by the church to be laid over until next conference. Ordered by the church that Bro. Solomon Perkins have a letter of dismissal from this church.

Met in conference May 8, 1813. The business of Bro. Moncrief for selling a horse and bridle that was, not his own and endeavoring to conceal the thing by deviating from the plain fact, he came forward and acknowledged a number of things which he had done wrong and upon the acknowledgment he is therefore continued in fellowship and forgiven by the church. The church paid Bro. Gibson \$3.00 for keeping the house.

Met in conference June 12, 1813. Our pastor being absent Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. A charge against George, a servant of Aaron Liphon, for running away, drinking to excess and telling lies, laid in by Bro. Lawson, Bro. Liphon asked to cite him to next conference. Motion by Bro. Whatley that there be a list of all the black members belonging to this church to be transmitted to the deacons of the church. The motion was revised by the moderator that he have a list also, of the white members to be had before the church in order to find out those who were not in proper standing, if any, and bring them to order.

Met in conference July 10, 1813. Received by experience Milbry McGinty. The case of George, servant of Bro. Aaron Liphon, referred from last conference, being taken up and he being present, the church, from the relation he gave, proceeded to suspend him from full fellowship until satisfaction be given.

Met in conference Aug. 6, 1813. Received by experience Benjamin Tarver. Bro. George Smith came forward and presented to the church a decree of the court for the heirs of Mr. John Lindsey to make title to the land on which our meeting house stands. Moved that the trustees choose some persons, not of our body, to meet on the land with the trustees to confer with the heirs of Mr. Lindsey to stipulate the price of the land to receive title to the same, who will ascertain the quantity of land, and we will come prepared to defray the cost of same on Saturday August 7th. Received by experience Sarah Row and Lucy Fluker.

Met in conference Sept. 11, 1813. In the absence of our pastor, Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. The business of the land on which our meeting house stands, postponed on account of the absence of the acting administrator. Deceased since our last association, Elizabeth Hadaway and Dermott's Betty. A letter prepared by the clerk was received and approved, and chose our brethren John Robertson, Edward Grisham and George Smith to represent us in association. Sent \$2.50 to defray the expense of minutes. In our letter we say that we have received by experience 5, by letter 13, dismissed by letter 7, excommunicated 3, restored none, dead 3, and our number at the present is 170.

Met in conference Nov. 13, 1813. Ordered by the church that Sister Patsy Brown, Bro. John Lewis, Sister Polly Bagley and Bro. Jacob Tarver, Jr. have letters of dismissal. Received by letter Bro. Burrell Glaze.

Met in conference Dec. 11, 1813. Ordered that Bro. Burrell Glaze have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1814. Received by certificate Sister Margaret Pope who was baptised by Bro. Jesse Mercer at Mr. Daniel Terrell's. on the 13th Sept. The business of Bro. Moncrief and Ozburn taken up. The committee reported both in disorder in their conception in their then present situation, being found possessed of hard spirits and using flat contradictions one with the other. These things still existing between them, moved in the presence of the church and they are therefore excommunicated from the church.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1814. In the absence of our pastor, Bro. John Robertson was chosen moderator. Received by letter, Patsy, servant of William Pollard. Report by our trustees that they have received title to the land on which our meeting house stands, for which they gave \$15.00 which was made up by the church. The church, into consideration of some of our sisters for not attending our meetings, ordered that Bro. Nathaniel Harris cite Sister Sarah Taylor to attend our next conference to show the reasons for her absence, Bro. John Wilson to cite Sister Elizabeth Bennett, Bro. to cite Sister Russell, Bro. Walter Perry to cite Sister Elizabeth Cohron, Bro. Jacob Tarver to cite Sister Polly Moore, Bro. Nathaniel Harris came forward and . acknowledged that he had drunk too much spirits and was forgiven by admonition of the moderator.

Met in conference April 9, 1814, The business of the sisters referred from last conference, taken up in

order of their names. Sister Sarah Taylor not being present, laid over until next conference. Bro. George Smith to cite her. Sister Elizabeth Bennett not being present, laid over. Sister Russell being present was excused on account of her occupation by an admonition. Sister Cohron not being present, nor Bro. Walter Perry who was to cite her, laid over until next conference. Sister Polly Moore not being present, Bro. Perry to cite her to next conference. Moved by the church that there be a roll of all the living members belonging to our church to be examined quarterly. Ordered by the church that Bros. Turner, Henry B. Gibson, and Jacob Tarver be appointed to endeavor to settle a difficulty between Sister Nancy Ozburn and old friend Moncrief.

Ordered by the church that Bro. Henry Garland and his wife, Bro. Winright Lawson and his wife, and William Robertson and his wife, have letters of dismissal.

Met in conference May 7, 1814. Received by letter Aaron Lipham. Reported that Sister Taylor was sick, and Sister ? not being present, agreed to wait until next meeting.

Met in conference July 9, 1814. Our pastor being absent, chose Bro. John Robertson as moderator. Received by experience James, servant of the widow Rogers. Ordered by the church that Sister Jenny Moore have letter of dismissal. The case of Sister Taylor taken up and she not being present, agreed to wait until next meeting. Also the two other sisters, Bennett and Cohron, laid over. William Hawkins, who had been a member of the Baptist church in Virginia but excommunicated, came forward and made satisfaction to the church so far as to gain a certificate to the church from which he was excommunicated.

Met in conference Aug. 12, 1814, Received by experience Mary Garland. Sister Taylor came forward and was excused with an admonition from the moderator. Sister Bennett's case referred until tomorrow, she not being present and Sister Cohron not being present, referred until tomorrow. The certificate obtained by Mr. William Hawkins last conference, was returned by Mr. Garland, stating that Mr. Hawkins went off in disorder. Ordered the clerk to prepare a letter to send to the association by next conference. Ordered that conference sit again tomorrow. Aug. 13, 1814. The case of Sister Bennett was taken up. She not being present, was excommunicated. Sister Cohron, being present, gave satisfaction and was excused. Ordered that Bro. Whatley have \$3.00 for the keeping of the key, and ordered that the deacons take charge of the meeting house or employ some person at the stated price. Deceased Sister Susannah Slayton.

Sept. 10, 1814. In the absence of our pastor, Bro. J. Robertson was chosen moderator. Dismissed by letter Sister Eliza Cunningham. The letter prepared by the clerk was read and approved, in which we say that since our last conference we received by experience 3, received by letter 3, dismissed by letter, 10, excommunicated 4 and 3 dead, restored 1, and a number have been carried away by their masters, so that our number has been reduced to 130. Chose Bro. John Robertson and Bro. George Smith to represent us at association. Sent \$2.50 to pay for printing minutes.

Met in conference Oct. 8, 1814. Received by experience Elizabeth Perkins.

Met in conference Nov. 12, 1814, and adjourned on account of the first class of the militia being present on their march. Met in conference Dec. 10, 1814. In the absence of our pastor, Bro. John Robertson took his seat as moderator.

Met in conference Jan 7, 1815. Bro. John McGinty being absent for several meetings, requested that Bro. (Liphan) (Lisham) ?, invite him to next conference. Ordered by the church that Sinthy, servant of Mrs. Thomas, (or Isom) Chafin have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1815. Dismissed by letter, - Patience Crenshaw (now Patience Barrow). Bro. McGinty, still absent is liable to be terminated out of the church if he does not appear to show cause why he does not attend.

Met in conference Mar. 11, 1815. Dismissed by letter, Sister Martha Douglas and Bro. Charles Kerr. The case of Bro. McGinty taken up and he being present, gave satisfaction for his absence and requested letters of dismissal for himself and his wife, which was granted. Complaint laid in the church by Sister Nancy Ozburn against Bro. Josiah Moncrief and he not being present, ordered by the church that Bro. Henry Garland cite him to attend our next conference to answer to the charges.

Met in conference April 8, 1815, Bro. Samuel Rhodes took his seat as moderator in place of Bro. Mercer. The case of Bro. Moncrief referred from last conference, the charges laid in by the sisters are as follows; that the brother accused her of being a witch and bewitching his grand-daughter, and threatened her life if she did not take off the spell from the granddaughter and abused her in other different ways. He being present and the case being perplexing, the church proceeded to excommunicate Bro.

Moncrief and appointed Bros. Turner, Robertson and Tarver to settle the difficulty between Sister Sarah Parker and Sister Nancy Ozburn, and to inquire into some confession made by Sister Ozburn supposed not to be the account of what was said, and to report to the next conference.

Met in conference May 13, 1815. Received by letter, Patsy Brown. The committee appointed to settle the difficulty between the Sisters Nancy Ozburn and Sarah Parker, reported that they had conferred with them and settled the dispute. They, therefore, remain in full fellowship. Moved by Bro. John Robertson that there be an addition made to our meeting house, VIZ 12 by 24 foot gallery at the south side of the house. The church agreed to the measure and proceeded to choose Bro. William Robertson to draw a draft and present it to the next conference, stating what the cost amount will probably be.

Met in conference June 10, 1815. The bill drawn up by Bro. Robertson presented to the church for an addition to the meeting house and he proceeded to try to make up the amount of money by subscription against next meeting.

(No conference meeting minutes for the month of July,)

Met in conference August 11, 1815. In absence of our pastor, Bro. John Robertson, moderator. Bro. Henry Garland came forward and acknowledged that he had drunk too much spirits and the church forgave him. A report against Bro. Moriah (?) Mercer of behaving disorderly or of improper conduct by the wounding of the feelings of the church, proceeded to appoint Bros. Winright Lawson and Adam Lawson to go and see Bro. Mercer and labor with him and cite him to attend next conference and report to the same. The business of building an addition to the meeting house referred from the June conference, taken up and the church agreed to keep open the subscription until next conference, and then proceed to pass an order respecting letting the work.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1815, The case of Bro. Moriah Mercer was taken up and he being present, proceeded to relate to the church the report which, was in circulation against him, VIZ, that he stole money from Mr. Hezekiah Ellington, which charge he denied. That of drinking too much he confessed he was guilty of and on that word gave the church satisfaction and the church thought proper to continue him in fellowship. The business of letting out the work on the meeting house, was placed in the hands of Bren. William Evans, John Turner, Henry B. Gibson and George Smith to be let by private contract as trustees of

of the church. Chose Bros. Jacob Tarver and John Robertson to represent us in association. The letter prepared by the clerk was read and approved, in which we say that we have received by experience 1, by letter 3, dismissed by letter 4, excommunicated 1, restored none, and 1 dead. our number at present is 129.

(No minutes for the month of October, 1815.)

Met in conference Nov. 11, 1815. In the absence of our pastor, chose Bro. John Robertson, moderator. Bro. Moriah Mercer requested a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference Dec. 9, 1815. In the absence of our pastor Bro. John Robertson chosen moderator. Received a letter from Sister Sarah Williamson requesting a letter of dismissal which was granted.

Met in conference Jan. 13, 1816. Ordered that Bro. Charles Kerr, and Bro. Adam Lawson and his wife, Susannah, have letters of dismissal.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1816. Bro. John Rice, by the request of Bro. Nathaniel Harris, laid in a charge against him for drinking to excess. Ordered that the church appoint Bro. George Smith to cite him to next conference. Bro. Henry Garland came to the church and confessed he had drank to excess and the church forgave him. Bro. Gabriel, a man of color, requested a letter of dismissal which was granted.

Met in conference March 9, 1816. Bro. Benjamin Tarver, Clerk. Bro. Burrell Glaze having been absent for some time, ordered by the church that Bro. Joel P. Leverett cite him, either in person or by letter, to attend as soon as practical.

(No minutes found for the month of April, 1816.)

Met in conference May 11, 1816. The case of Bro. Buren Glaze referred from last conference remains until next conference and Bro. Leverett to cite him. Ordered by the church that Syntha, servant of Mr. Isom (Thom.) Chafin, have letter of dismissal. Sister Patsy Moore, having joined another denomination of Christians, it was thought proper to cite her to next conference. Bro. Benjamin Tarver to cite her. Ordered and agreed that the deacons employ some person to keep the key and to keep the meeting house in order and that the keeper receive \$3.00 for his service.

Met in conference June 8, 1816. The case of Bro. Glaze continued until next conference. The case of Sister Patsy Moore being taken up and she being present, from the report of Bro. Tarver, she declared a non-fellowship with our doctrines held by this church, and refused to hear the church, she was therefore excluded from fellowship.

Met in conference July 13, 1816, The case of Bro. Glaze taken up and he still being absent, is excommunicated for his neglect in not attending to his religious duties and other misconduct. Ordered by the church that Sister Sarah Lewis have a letter of dismissal. An address to this church by the commission for foreign missions, requesting an answer for associational superintendants, was agreed by the church.

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1816. Received by experience Marquise Johnson. The church proceeded to attend to the business of the association, VIZ appoint Bro. Joel P. Leverett to prepare a letter to send to the association and present it at next conference. Sister Sarah Parker, deceased. Received by letter Anthony and Monday, servants of Major Perry.

Met in conference Sept. 7, 1816. Bro. Adron Lipham came forward to the church and stated that a very unpleasant circumstance had taken place between him and his wife. The church proceeded to appoint the brethren John Robertson, William Evans, George Smith, Samuel Whatley and John Turner to have an interview with them before our next conference and report to the same. The letter prepared by the church was read and with some alterations, was received, in which we say that since our last association we have received by experience 2, by letter 3, dismissed by letter 8, none restored, excommunicated 1, dead 1, so that our number at present is 121. Chose our brethren John Robertson and Samuel Whatley to represent us in association.

Met in conference Oct. 10, 1816. The case of Bro. Lipham referred from last conference, committee proceeded to report what they could gather from the interview they had with the parties, which are as follows; that Bro. Lipham (Lipsham?) had been guilty of an evil and other connected evils, for which he was referred to next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1816. The case of Bro. Lipsham taken up and he being present, made such confession as gave satisfaction to the church and was restored to fellowship again. Whereas our deacons who are about to

remove from the church shall receive their papers, and the church will proceed to the choice of deacons at our next conference. Ordered by the church that Sister Mary Reave have a letter of dismission.

Met in conference Dec. 10, 1816. Bro John Robertson moderator. Received by experience Chay, servant of Mr. Samuel Rice. Proceeded to the choice of deacons, which was Bro. George Smith and Bro. John Sanders, who are to be examined and ordained at next conference.

Met in conference Jan. 11, 1817. Received by letter Winny, servant of James Lea. The ordination of deacons referred from last conference, VIZ George Smith and John Sanders were examined and ordained to the office of deacon. Moved that an alteration be made in paying money into the hands of the deacons to defray the expense of the church, which was referred to next conference.

Met in conference Feb, 1817. Received by letter Bro. Joel Chivers and his wife, Elizabeth. The case of paying money into the hands of the deacons for the support of the table, referred from last conference, the church agreed to pay annually after the August meeting next. Ordered by the church that Bro. John Turner and his wife, and daughter, Rebecca have letters of dismission.

Met in conference March, 1817. In Bro. Mercer's absence chose Bro. as moderator. Received by letter Sister Mary Matthews. As Bro. Mercer has recently started a journey to the north, the church proceeded to choose a preacher to supply in his place until his. return. Bro. John Robertson was their choice. Bro. Miles Duncan and Bro. Louis Miller absent.

Met in conference April 11, 1817, Bro. Jacob Tarver moderator. Bro. Miles Duncan being absent for two meetings, ordered by the church that Bro. Joel P. Leverett cite him to attend next conference. Bro. Louis Miller being absent for several meetings, ordered that Bro. Charles Mattox cite him to next conference. Bro. Lipsham being absent for two meetings, ordered that Bro. Smith cite him to next conference. Ordered that Sister Patsy Douglas have letter of dismission.

Met in conference May 10, 1817. Bros. Duncan, Lipsham and Miller were excused for their absences. Josiah Moncrief who was formerly excommunicated came forward and gave satisfaction to the church and was restored to fellowship. Agreed to employ London, a free man of color, to put blocks to the doors and a gutter to the spring, by leave of his guardian. Bro. George Smith and Bro. John Sanders to contract for the same.

Met in conference June 7, 1817. The time of keeping of the key and meeting house has now expired and the church employed him at \$15.00 for the present year. Bro. Joseph Pollard came forward to the church and acknowledged he had drank too much spirits to the wounding of his own feelings as well as the feelings of others, and desired the church to forgive him.

Met in conference July 12, 1817. The church took into consideration the recommendation of the association to appoint a day of humiliation and prayer to God for a revival of His work, and for a continuation of His blessing to us. Therefore, the church set apart the Thursday before the first Sunday in August next as a day of humiliation and prayer.

Met in conference Aug. 18, 1817. Ordered by the church. that Bro Jacob Kain (Cain) and his wife have letters of dismissal. Sister Jane Hale having been absent from us for sometime, ordered that Bro. Samuel Whatley cite her to attend next conference. Requested Bros. Benjamin Tarver and Chivers write a letter to send to the association to be read at next conference. Bro. Joseph Pollard absent. Bro. Sam Ray appointed Bro. William Evans, Henry B. Gibson and Joel Chivers trustees for the church to act with Bro. George Smith in the place of Bro. Edward Gresham, deceased, and Bro. Jacob Kain, removed. Through neglect this is done by Joel P. Leverett.

Met in conference Sept. 10, 1817. The. case of Jane Hale for non-attendance at our conferences taken up and she being present, her reasons for her non-attendance, which was affliction of body and the church thought it proper to excuse her on that ground. Ordered by the church that the clerk give a certificate to William Evans. and Bro. Joel Chivers as trustees of Phillips' Mill Church in the place of Bro. Edward Gresham, deceased and Bro. Jacob Cain (Kain). removed, and assign them in behalf of the same. The letter prepared by Bro. Benjamin Tarver was read and received with a small amendment, in which we say that since the last association we have received by experience 1, by letter 4, 1 restored, dismissed by letter 13, excommunicated none, 2 dead, so that our membership at present in full fellowship is 111, and we chose the brethren John Robertson and Samuel Whatley to bear the letter and represent us at the association.

Met in conference Nov. 8, 1817. Bro. Joseph Pollard came before the church and made acknowledgment that he had been led away by passions so as to take of his great cost in the defense of his father to the hurt of his own feelings and that of his brethren. The church thought proper to bear with him.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1817. Bro. John Robertson applied for a letter of dismissal from this church for himself and his wife which was granted. Sister Catharine Green departed this life since our last association.

Met in conference Feb. 7, 1818. Received by letter John Shackelford. Bro. John Leverett departed this life since our last association.

Met March 7, 1818. No business appearing, we adjourned until next conference.

Met in conference April 11, 1818. Our pastor being absent, we chose Bro. Samuel Whatley moderator. Received by letter Cintha, servant of Isom Chafin. Bro. Joel Chivers departed this life since our last association.

Met in conference May 9, 1818. The church proceeded to the choice of a trustee for Phillips' Mill Church and Bro. Henry B. Gibson was chosen in the place of Bro. Joel Chivers, deceased. Bro. Miles Duncan, having been absent from this church for some time, the church thought proper to cite him to the next conference to show cause for his absence. Bro. John Sanders to cite him.

Met in conference June 13, 1818. The case of Bro. Miles Duncan, referred from last conference, taken up in order and Bro. Sanders reported his citation and also brought a few lines from him stating the circumstances of confinement and his desire to be with us in the church. The church thought proper to wait with him until the end of the present year when further arrangements can be made, notwithstanding the brother can't attend our conferences as often as possible between this and that time Bro. Aaron Lipham (Lipham) deceased.

Met in conference July 11, 1818. In absence of our pastor we chose Bro. Jacob Tarver, moderator. Ordered by the church that Rachel, servant to Mr. Moore, have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1818. Received by letter Fanny, servant of Richard Long. Ordered that the church clerk prepare a letter to send to association against next conference. Bro. Marquis D. Johnson applied to this church for a letter of recommendation to carry with him to Tennessee, so that he come under the warchcare of some church of our own order, which was granted.

Met in conference Sept. 12, 1818. Appointed Bro.

George Smith and Bro. Jacob Tarver to represent us in the association. Sent \$3.00 to defray the expense of printing minutes. The letter prepared by the clerk was read and approved in which we say that we have received by experience, none, by letter, 3, dismissed by letter 3, restored none, dead 3, so that our members at present is 108. Bro. Joseph Pollard being absent for two meetings, ordered Bro. John Wilson to cite him to attend next conference. Sister Elizabeth Perry died since last association.

Met in conference Oct. 10, 1818. Our pastor being absent, we chose Bro. Samuel Whatley moderator. Bro. Joseph Pollard came forward according to citation and gave satisfaction for his absences. Bro. Nathaniel Harris being absent for two meetings, church ordered that Bro. B. Powe cite him to attend the next conference. Celia, servant of Mr. Spearman, applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted.

Met in conference Nov. 7, 1818. The case of Bro. Nathaniel Harris taken up for non-attendance and he being present, was excused. Bro. John Sanders applied for a letter of dismissal for himself and his wife, which was granted.

Met in conference Dec. 12, 1818. Sister Elizabeth Smith applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. The church also gave Sister Mary Matthews a letter of dismissal. Bro. Marquis D. Johnson, who we certicied from this church to go to Tennessee, has returned from that country with the certificate, together with another certificate certifying his orderly conduct so he was therefore received again into fellowship.

Met in conference Jan 9, 1819. No business appearing the conference adjourned.

Met in conference Feb. 13, 1819. Bro. William S. Foster elected to the office of deacon in place of Bro. Sanders who has removed. His ordination postponed until next conference in April next.

Met in conference Mar. 13, 1819. In absence of our pastor, Bro. Samuel Whatley chosen moderator. No business.

Met in conference April 10, 1819. Received by letter Sister Betsy Jolly. The ordinationrof Bro. William S. Foster to the office of deacon referred from Feb. conference, was taken up and after examination, was ordained to this office.

Met in conference May 8, 1819. No special business appearing, adjourned the conference in course.

Met in conference June 12, 1819. In absence of our pastor Bro. Samuel Whatley was chosen moderator. Bro. Louis Miller having been absent for two meetings, ordered that Bro. Benjamin Tarver cite him to the next conference.

Met in conference July 10, 1819. The case of Bro. Louis Harris being taken up and he being present, gave satisfaction to the church for his absences. Received by letter James Rice.

Met in conference Aug. 8, 1819. Bro. Samuel Whatley chosen moderator. Received by experience Caleb Simmons. Bro. Nathaniel Harris, being absent for two meetings, Bro. George Smith ordered to cite him to attend our next conference. The time of our house keeper being out, the church agreed that we give him \$7.00 to keep it until Christmas. Ordered that Bro. Joel P. Leverett and Bro. Benjamin Tarver prepare a letter against the next conference to send to the association. Sister Betsy Jolly dismissed by letter.

Met in conference Sept. 11, 1819. The case of Bro. Nathaniel Harris for absence and he not being present, was laid over until next conference. The letter prepared by the brethren was read and received, in which we say that we have received by experience 2, by letter 1, restored none, dismissed by letter 6, excommunicated none, and dead 1, so that our number at present is 101. The church proceeded to the choice of delegates to represent us in the association which was Benjamin Tarver and Joel P. Leverett. Ordered by the church that \$3.00 be sent to defray the expense of printing the minutes. Bro. Owen Fluker dead since our last association.

Met in conference Oct. 9, 1819. Bro. Nathaniel Harris made known the cause of his absence for which he was cited, and gave the church satisfaction. Bro. William S. Foster laid in a charge against Winny, a servant of James Lea, dismissed for improper conduct, and Bro. John Rice to cite her to next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 13, 1819. The case of Winny was taken up and a committee was appointed to inquire into the case and report to next conference, which was William S. Foster, Samuel Whatley, John Lawson, John Rice and Joel P. Leverett.

Met in conference Dec. 11, 1819. The case of Winny, servant of James Lea, referred from last conference, the committee appointed to inquire into the matter, reported that they found her guilty of the sin of adultery together with connected evils, cohabiting with a man who she claimed for her husband and then turning him off and her former husband living. She is therefore, excommunicated from the church. Bro. Nathaniel Harris came forward and confessed that he had drunk too much spirits at different times, and he was sorry for it and thought he would, in the future, try to be more guarded and the church thought proper to wait further with him. Moved by Bro., Henry B. Gibson that a committee be appointed to inquire into the case of Bro. William Evans and report to the conference. Bro. George Smith, William S. Foster, Joel, T. Leverett and Samuel Whatley to be the committee. Ordered that Daisy, a servant of the estate of Mr. A. Malone, have a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Jan. 8, 1820. In the absence of our pastor, Bro. Samuel Whatley chosen moderator. The committee reported the case of Bro. William Evans as follows: He made acknowledgment to having drunk too much spirits at some of the times and once to have taken off his coat in order to fight, but merely in self-defense. The church received the report and he is continued in fellowship.

Met in conference Feb. 12, 1820 and Mar. 11, 1820 and adjourned.

Met in conference April 8, 1820. Bro. George Smith chosen moderator. Bro. William Evans came forward and stated that he had met with certain difficulties which had involved him into such a labyrinth that he knows not how to extricate himself therefrom. The church thought proper to send Joel P. Leverett, George Smith, William S. Foster, William Robertson and Joseph Pollard to labor with Bro. Evans and bring it before the next conference.

Met in conference May 18, 1820. Bro. James Matthews chosen moderator. Received by experience Huldah Simmons., Jincy Culberhouse, Jan Foster. The case of Bro. Evans referred from last conference, the report of the committee is as follows; Bro. Evans acknowledged that he had drunk too much and was then involved in many difficulties, but he acknowledged that he was, from some existing cause he had no fellowship with her. Sister Pope objected to his restoration until he should give her satisfaction. Bro Josiah Moncrief came forward and confessed that he had been overtaken by drink, greatly to his grief. The brethren thought proper to bear with the old brother's infirmity and get along with him.

Met in conference June 10, 1820. Received by letter Sister Mary Pollard. The case of Bro. William Evans taken up from last conference as to the objections of Sister Pope to his restoration, ordered that Bro. Samuel Whatley, George Smith, Benjamin Tarver go and endeavor to get the parties together and bring about restoration, if possible, and report to next conference.

Met in conference July 8, 1820. Received by letter, Sister Polly Lawson. Received by experience Elijah Smith, who resides in Alabama and gave him a letter of dismissal. The case of Bro. William Evans and Sister Pope, as referred from last conference, it appears from the report of the commission that Sister Pope did not understand the matter for which the church was dealing with him and consequently gave her objection to his restoration, The church proceeded to restore Bro. Evans to fellowship.

Met in conference Aug. 11, 1820. Received by letter James, servant of Mr. Robert Porter. Ordered by the church that Bro. Joes T. Leverett prepare a letter to send to the association against next conference.

Sat. Aug. 12, 1820. Met again in conference. Samuel Whatley, Moderator. Moved and agreed to set apart the first Sunday in next month for fasting and prayer to Almighty God that he would direct our choice in a pastor as our Bro. Jesse Mercer, having declined that office. Bro. William Evans came before the church and told the church that from existing circumstances he was removing his membership from the church and the church declares him no more of this body.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1820. Bro. S. Whatley, moderator. James Shaclelford came before the church. and through Bro. Clark, acknowledged that he had fallen into difficulties so as to be assaulted and through that, led out to defend himself, even to blows. He is truly sorry for it. Therefore the church. forgave him. The letter prepared by Bro. Leverett was read and approved to send to the association. Bros. Benjamin Tarver, Joel P. Leverett are our messengers and William S. Foster in case one of them is unable to go. Agreed to send \$3.00. to pay for the printing of the minutes, and the state of our church is as follows: Received by experience 3, by letter 3, dismissed by letter 1, excommunicated 1, restored 1, and 5 dead so that our members at present number 100. According to resolution of last conference, the church proceeded to the choice of pastor and after taking a vote we find a unanimous vote of every individual member of this church, both male and female of the congregation present. Ordered by the church that the clerk prepare a

letter in behalf and in the name of the church and that Bro. George Smith and Bro. Henry B. Gibson have the letter and request Bro. Mercer to transmit some communication there through that channel or otherwise, at our November meeting personally.

Met in conference Nov. 11, 1820. Bro. Rice not attending three meetings, Bro. Harris to cite him to next conference. Received by experience Cuzza, a woman of color and also by experience, Louis Foster.

Met in conference Dec. 9, 1820. Bro. Samuel Whatley, moderator. Bro. James Rice came forward and gave the church satisfaction for his absences. Bro. William Robertson was appointed trustee for the church.

Met in conference Jan. 13, 1821. Thomas. Paxton, who was formerly a member of this church., applied for restoration. Ordered by the church, that the record be brought on next conference and his case attended to. Bro. Jesse Mercer has this day taken the pastoral care of this church.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1821. Sister Nancy Dearing applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted. The case of Thomas Paxton referred from last conference was taken up and the church thought proper to postpone the case until some communication can be had with Mrs. Paxton relative to the satisfaction given her by said Paxton as respects their life together again, as they are now separated. Sister Pheby Hubbard (Herbert, Hubert) applied through Bro. Mercer for a letter of dismissal which was granted. Ordered that the church forward a letter to Mrs. Paxton requesting an answer upon the subject as soon as possible.

Met in conference Mar. 10, 1821. Bro. James Rice, having been absent for two meetings, ordered that Bro. Benj. Powell cite him to next conference.

Met in conference April 7, 1821. Received by letter Sister Susannah Wheeler. The case of Bro. James Rice taken up and he not being present the case was laid over until next conference.

Met in conference May 12, 1821, Received by letter Sister Sarah Smith. The case of Bro. Rice was taken up and he not being present, the church thought it proper to postpone the case until next conference and Bro. Benjamin Powell and Bro. Joseph Pollard to notify him of such order.

Met in conference June 9, 1821. Bro. Sanuel Whatley moderator. The case of Bro. James Rice taken up and he being present and appearing to have no fellowship with himself, ordered that at the hands of the church, dismissal, which was done by excommunication from this body for his own objections for not having fellowship with himself on account of his bad conduct in life and not giving the church satisfaction on that ground. The church ordered that the brethren George Smith, Henry B. Gibson and William Robertson, trustees of the church, employ a man to repair the roof of the meeting house against next conference, if practicable and pay the same out of contingent funds. Ordered that the deacons pay Bro. Robertson for our bookcase.

Met in conference July 7, 1821. Bro. George Smith. moderator. The case of Bro. Thomas Paxton taken up relative to the satisfaction as it respects being separated from his wife, and Mr. Paxton, according to the direction of the church, went to see Mrs. Paxton together with Bro. James Armstrong in order to consult her mond relative to the satisfaction given her by said Paxton. She acknowledged he had made suitable confession for his sin to her as a husband. He is therefore restored to the fellowship of the church.

Met in conference Aug. 10, 1821. Bro. Jacob Tarver moderator. Ordered by the church that Bro. Joel-P Leverett prepare a letter to send to the association against next conference and Present the same to the church.

Met in conference Sept. 8, 1821. The letter prepared by Bro. Leverett read and received in which we say that we have received by experience 2, by letter 2, dismissed by letter 2, excommunicated 1, restored 1, so that our number at present is 102. Appointed Bro. Benj. Tarver, Joel P. Leverett, and in case of failure, Bro. George Smith to represent us in association. Ordered that \$3.50 be sent to pay for minutes. Ordered by the church that Penny, servant of Sister Lewis, have a letter of dismissal. Moved by Brother Jacob Tarver that Bro. Samuel Whatley be ordained to the work of the ministry. The church ordered that the clerk write to the brethren Malakiah Reeves, Guy Smith and Elisha Battle requesting them to attend on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in November ext at Phillips' Mill as a presbytery for that purpose.

Met in conference Oct. 13, 1821. Bro. Jacob Tarver, moderator. A case of misunderstanding between Bro. J.P.

Leverett and Bro. John Lawson laid in the church by said Leverett against Bro. Lawson and the charges to be entered and the case to be taken up at our next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 10, 1821. The case of Bro., Lawson and Bro. Leverett taken up and entered accordingly. 1st charge; Bro. Lawson trading an unsound bruit (brute) and giving an incorrect statement of the time of the brute's (slave) complaint. 2nd charge; That after having heard some certain reports about the bruit and not wishing a ? bargain, the said Lawson refused to comply and stated that if he had taken the bruit somebody elsh would have. Accordingly the two brethren Leverett and Lawson appointed next Thursday to meet at the meeting house and refer the case to brethren Jacob Tarver, Henry B. Gibson, William S. Foster, John Shackelford and George Smith and they are to report to next conference.

Met in conference Dec. 8, 1821. The case of Bros. Lawson and Leverett, postponed the report of the commission until next conference. Bro. Nathaniel Harris and Bro. Louis Miller to be cited to next conference for absence. Bro. John Rice to cite him, and Bro. Louis Foster to cite Bro. Miller. Jemima Wilkerson dead since our last meeting.

Met in conference Jan. 12, 1822. The case of Bro. Lawson and Bro. Leverett as reported by the committee stated that they did not conceive that Bro. Lawson intended to defraud Bro. Leverett, but not withstanding, he should pay Bro. Leverett one-half of the price of the bruit which was said to be \$40.00 and the brethren agreed and the case was settled. Bro. Joseph Pollard and his wife have letters of dismissal. The case of Bro. Nathaniel Harris taken up for his absences and dismissed. Bro. Miller excused for his absences. The church took up the charge of deacons in the place of Bro. Samuel Whatley to be attended to next conference. Ordered that Bro. John Shackelford be cited to attend next conference for his absence.

Met in conference Feb. 9, 1822. Received by experience Hercules, servant of Nicholas Lesrestre. The church pro ceded to the choice of a deacon and chose Bro. Caleb Simmons. He accepted the appointment and his examination to be attended to and he ordained at our next conference. Bro. Shackelford came forward and gave satisfaction for his absences by stating that some reports had gotten out that he had drunk too much and that he had given some occas ion for the reports, but denied the fact of his being intoxicated and the church. was satisfied with his. declaration.

Met in conference March 9, 1822. The examination and ordination of Bro. Caleb Simmons attended to as referred from last conference. He was, therefore, set apart to the office of deacon. Ordered by the church that Bro. Miles Duncan have a letter of dismissal. The church entered into a resolve to set apart the first Monday evening in each month as time of praying for the general spread of the Gospel and for the blessings of God on missionary efforts in concert.

Met in conference April 13, 1822. Ordered that the annual collection for missionary purposes in future be made at this place in the month of May annually and the church collection for contingent purposes in the May conference. Bro. Walter Perry deceased since last association.

Met in conference May 11, 1822. Received by letter Celia Leverett. Tom, servant of Amos Stewart, came forward and was received to fellowship again on a confession of his sin and receiving a pardon for his backsliding. By a petition from the County Line Church, through a letter recuesting the aid of Bro. Whatley on the last Saturday in June to assist in the ordination of a deacon, and it was therefore, granted.

Met in conference June 8, 1822. Received a letter from Morgan County by the hand of Bro. Crowley, stating that Sister Martha Douglas had lost or mislaid a letter of dismissal which she obtained from this church to join another and requested that we send a recommendation to said church. The church granted her another if it could be found on record. An unfavorable report reached our ears that the church at Williamson Creek having in some degree declared a disunion with the association, the church thought proper to appoint three of our body to visit them on their next conference which will be on Saturday next and inquire into the case and report to the next conference. Also the church ordered the clerk to prepare a letter to send to Williamson's Creek by the following brethren; Joel P. Leverett, Samuel Whatley, William S. Foster.

Met in conference July 13, 1822. In the absence of our pastor Bro. L. Compier, moderator. The case of Williamson's Creek Church reported by William S. Foster as follows: Referred giving their answer until their next conference at which time Bro. Caleb Simmons, William S. Foster, and Joel P. Leverett are appointed to labor with them to bring about a proper Christian union for fellowship. Some unfavorable reports are in circulation about Daniel, a servant of Mrs. Wingfield, one of our members as having been charged with theft and having an affray with Major

Terrell's servants upon the occasion of said theft. Ordered by the church that the first Sabbath in next month be set apart as a day of conference to hear the case and that Bro. Benjamin Tarver cite him by the leave of his mistress to attend with all the evidence that can be offered.

Met in conference Aug 4, 1822. Called conference to hear the case of Daniel, but he not being present, the case postponed until regular conference.

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1822. The case of William's Creek Church reported by the brethren that they deny having declared a disunion with the Georgia Association, yet granted us a copy of their Articles, which we, as a church, believe to be degrading to the spirit of the Gospel and Christian union. The church thought it proper to send the same brethren, VIZ Poster, Leverett, Simmons and Whatley, to attend their conference to be held on Friday before the fourth Sunday in this month and report; The letter prepared to send to the association including in our letter from this church also, the word of the death of our old brother, Jacob Tarver, one of our old standing ministers. The above letter to be prepared by the clerk against next conference. Also to insert the wish of our church to have the next association at this place.

Met in conference Sept. 7, 1822. Received a letter from the hand of Bro. Perkins stating the contacting of a servant of the heirs of Miles Crenshaw by the name of William, who desires fellowship with us and states that he has been sold and forced from Virginia without a letter. The case referred to next conference. Bros. Joel P. Leverett, William S. Foster and in case of failure, Bro. Benjamin Tarver, to represent us in the association. The letter prepared by the clerk, read and received with an addition of the wish of the church and congregation to have the next association at this place. Ordered that \$3.00 be sent to defray the expense of printing minutes.

The case of Bro. Daniel, servant of Mrs. Wingfield, referred from the conference held on Aug. 4, 1822, and referred from last regular conference, taken up with the charges entered before found illegal, but other reports being circulated that said Daniel had been accustomed to drink too much, for which he gave satisfaction and the church restored him again to fellowship by the reproof of the moderator, and that he no longer exercise a public gift until such times as the church appoint a time to examine his gift and at the same time, Sam, servant of Bro. John Leverett be heard and examined respecting his gift and call.

Met in conference Oct, 12, 1822. Bro. Samuel Whatley, moderator. Received by experience Susan, a servant of Mr. John Johns. Dismissed by letter Bro. Louis Foster and his wife. Bro. Miller absent for two meetings. Ordered that Bro. Whatley cite him to next conference. Also, Bro. John Shackelford absent two meetings and church ordered that he be cited to next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 10, 1822. The absences of the two brethren, Louis Miller and John Shackelford was. attended to and they excused as being necessarily absent. Attended to examining the gift and calls of the two black brethren Sam and Daniel and appointed the fifth Sunday in next month. Ordered by the church that Bro. John Shackelford have a letter of dismissal at our conference in course.

Although inclement weather prevented holding our conference on Sun. Dec 8, 1822, at a called conference ordered by the church that Bro. Marquis Johnson have a letter of dismissal, and Sister Susannah Wheeler have a letter of dismiss--sal also. The called conference on the fifth Sunday in December to hear and examine the gifts and calls of two of our black brethren, VIZ Leverett's Sam and Wingfield's Daniel, to the work of the ministry, they are therefore authorized to be and have the approbation of this church to exercise their gifts in the bounds. of this church by order of the church. (Signed) Joel Leverett, Clerk.

THIS ENDS THE FIRST BOOK OF THE MINUTES OF PHILLIPS' MILL BAPTIST CHURCH, WILKES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA.

PHILLIPS' MILL BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES BOOK TWO RULES OF DECORUM

1st. Every male member attend every conference , slated or occasional.

2nd. When in conference proceed as follows; 1. in the absence of the pastor, choose a moderator. 2. open the doors of the church for the acceptance of members. 3. call for the references on the church book with oldest the first in order and then, lastly, attend to new business, if any, in order.

3rd. Every member intending to speak shall arise from his seat, address the moderator and shall not be interupted, except he depart from the subject or use improper language, in either of which case it shall be the duty of the moderator to call to order, but any brother may have the opinion of the church in that case, if he choose.

4th. No member shall speak more than thrice on the same subject without leave of the conference, and no motion to claim the attention of the moderator except it be seconded.

5th. No brother shall go out until conference be adjourned without leave of the moderator, nor shall any of the members hold any private discourse in time of business.

6th. Every member shall be notified before the conference adjourns except some brother present can assign a sufficient cause for his absence.

7th. Those who were absent at the preceeding conference, if any, shall be called on for their report which shall be adjudged by the conference.

8th. If any member shall fail to attend two meetings in succession, he shall be called on by the church to attend the next conference and if he does not attend he shall be considered as under the censure of the church until the next conference, after when he shall be excluded from membership if sufficient cause be not shown by himself or some other brother to the contrary.

9th. That all members. indiscriminately attend our quarterly meetings, especially the communion in which conference the rules of decorum shall be read together with the church covenant.

10th. It shall be the duty of the deacons to notice those who shall not either take their seats at the tally and to list before the next conference a list of these who sit off or were mixing with the multitude in the yard, or who did not attend, of far as recollection will serve them, and they shall be called on, if present, to show cause for neglect in so doing, of which the conference shall judge. If not present, they shall be cited for the same, or failure to proceed with as provided in case of non-attendance at the common conference.

Met in conference Jan. 11, 1823. Ordered by the church that Esther, servant of Bro. D. Johnston and also Bro. Samuel Roe and his wife have letters of dismissal. A case reported by Bro. Joel Leverett against Bro. Nathaniel Harris for betting his horse and racing at Mr. Thomas Daniel's, ordered that Bro. George Smith cite him to next conference.

Met in conference Feb. 17, 1823. The case of Bro. Harris referred from last conference, laid over by his re-quest communicated by Bro. Mercer, until next conference. Moved and seconded that the church consider whether they will concur with circular letter in our minutes in providing for the support of our pastor, and also to attend to the case of Bro. Samuel Whatley in his affliction and inquire into his requisites and afford such relief as may be necessary.

Met in conference Mar. 8, 1823. Bro. Samuel Whatley, moderator. Received by experience, Thomas Roe.

Met in conference April 12, 1823. The case of concurring with the circular letter about providing for our pastor, referred from last conference, was dispensed with as not being applicable to our case as some rule has been adopted relative to that case.

Met in conference May 10. 1823. Received by experience, Frances Butler.

(No minutes found for June, 1823.)

Met in conference July 12, 1823. Received by experience Frances Lipsham. Also, Ann, servant of Bro. Chivers., and Ann, servant of Charles Pettis. Bro. John Roe came before the church and acknowledged that at sundry times he had drunk to excess to the wounding of his own soul and the cause of God, and the feelings of his brethren, and craved the forgiveness of the church. The church thought proper to bear with him. Moved by Bro. Samuel Whatley that Bro. Joel P. Leverett have liberty to exercise his gift publicly in whatever way he may think his duty in the bounds of the church and the sister churches shall meet in approbation of the church unanimously. The case of Bro. Nathaniel Harris, as referred from last conference taken up and he being absent but a report by Bro. William S. Foster of some satisfactory acknowledgments having been made, the sundry of the brethren of the church thought it proper to lay over the case until next conference, and the clerk to write him a letter on the subject and requesting him to attend at next conference or as soon after as he possibly can. The case concerning the

last circular letter in providing for our pastor, laid over until next conference. The case of inquiring into Bro. Whatley's situation, done away by Bro. Whatley him-self. Bro. Leverett applied for a letter of dismissal for Cynthia- servant of Isom Chaf in, which was granted.

Met in conference Aug. 8, 1823. The answer to the request of County Line Church brothers for helps, we appointed the following brethren Rice, Samuel Whatley, Henry B. Gibson, George Smith, William S. Foster and Benjamin Tarver, and Bro. Simmons to write the letter to the association. Received by experience Larnton, servant of Daniel Lea. Bro. George Smith applied for a letter of dismissal for Sister Suzannah Harris, which was granted. Thomas Paxton, one. of our members., having separated from his wife and gone off from us without a letter of dismissal and in disorder, we therefore publish his excommunication and he is no longer in our fellowship. By the request of the black brethren, the church granted them liberty to have meetings in the meeting house on the fourth Sunday in each month and that the deacons superintend the same and see that they contribute something for the keeping of the house in order.

Met in conference Sept. 13, 182,3. Bro. George Smith moderator. Received by experience Sarah Kent and Lucinda servant of Mrs. Hester Simpson. The letter prepared by the brethren S hmons and Tarver, received and approved in which we say that since our last association we have received by experience, 8, dismissed by letter 9, excommunicated 1, restored none and dead 4. Bros. William S. Foster and Benjamin Tarver to represent us in the next association, and in case of failure, Bro. G. B. Simmons. The church sent \$3.00 to pay for printing minutes. Ordered by the church that Bros. William S. Foster, Benjamin Tarver and G. B. Simmons go and talk with William Robertson for his non-attendance at our conferences. Also Bro. George Smith and Benjamin Powell to go and see Sister Sarah Taylor and cite them both to our next conference. Received since our last association Sister Bridget Mulkey, Martha Leverett and Mary Tarver.

Met in conference Oct. 11, 1823. Received by experience Winny, servant of R. F. Long, dismissed by letter Susannah, servant formerly of Pleasant Wilkerson, now the property of Charles Pettis (Pettit).

Met in conference Nov. 8, 1823. The case of Bro. Wm. Robertson laid over until next conference and the same brethren to cite him to attend. The case of Sister Sarah Taylor also laid over until next spring until the opening of the weather. The case of Bro. Nathaniel Harris, standing

since last fall, Bro. Harris brought a certificate from Bro. James Williams setting forth his walk corresponding with that of a Christian and the church got over the difficulty and granted him and his wife letters of dismissal. A report against Bro. Daniel, servant of Mrs. Wingfield, having been concerned with the killing of a hog. Moved that the deacons go and examine into the necessities of our old sister and brother Moncrief and report to the next conference.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1823. Received by letter Sister Amelia Mattox. The case of Bro. William Robertson taken up and he being present, gave satisfaction for his non-attendance at conference, but acknowledged that he had, at sundry times, drank too much spirits for which he was sorry that he had brought a reproach on the cause that he had embarked on, but from difficulty existing in his mind, the church appointed Bros. George Smith. Joel P. Leverett, Samuel Whatley and William S. Foster to wait on him and report to the next conference. The case of Bro. Daniel, servant of Mrs. Wingfield, came forward and confessed that he had wounded a hog but it was an accident so the case was laid over until next conference. Bro. Benjamin Tarver craved a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference Jan. 10, 1824. The case of Bro. William Robertson not reported at this time and in the consequence of his absence and from other circumstances existing with himself. The case of Bro. Daniel laid over until next conference. Received a letter, from Bro. Jack Lumkin, setting forth that a certain Sister Sarah Williams, who says she was formerly a member of this church and now living in the bounds of the church at Shiloh, and wishes to obtain a letter of dismissal, the church thought it proper to write to the church at Shiloh to exercise their discretion in the case of her reception into fellowship as we have no objection and know nothing of her standing from her long absence from us. Ordered that the church write a letter to that effect to the church at Shiloh. Ordered by the church that Bro. Valentine Brown and his wife, Patsy, have letters of dismissal.

Met in conference Feb. 7, 1824. Received by letter, Sister Betty Hatley, Moses Hamrick and his wife, Susan. Dismissed by letter, Sister Jincy Culberhouse. The case of Bro. William Robertson, referred from December conference, reported by the committee that Bro. Robertson gave satisfaction to them, by suitable acknowledgment of his errors and professing satisfaction himself for some of the difficulties that existed in his own mind, so is still continued with us. The case of Bro. Daniel, and he being present, the case was laid over until next conference

on account of the absence of Bro. Thomas Roe who was principally knowing of the case, and that Bro. Daniel go and see him against the next conference. Bro. Joel P. Leverett appointed "singing: clerk.

Met in conference Mar. 13, 1824. The case of Daniel referred from last conference, and he being present, Bro. Thomas Roe, professing to be satisfied with Bro. Daniel's acknowledgment, the church thought proper to get along with him upon his acknowledgment and be a reproof of the moderator.

Met in conference May 8, 1824. Received by experience, Luvinia Wilkerson. Dismissed by letter Ann, servant of Charles Petit. Sunday, May 8, 1824. Received by letter, Lester, servant of Mrs. James Tarver.

Met in conference June 13, 1824. Received by experience, Elizabeth Terrell. Received a letter from the church at Fishing Creek stating a re Guest that we should send them some helps to theii assistance. We agreed to send the following brethren on Wednesday before the first Sabbath, in July next, VIZ. George Smith, Samuel Whatley, and Joel P. Leverett, to aid the church in their distress. Received by experience, Thomas Green, Sr.

Met in conference July 10, 1824. Bro. Samuel Whatley chosen moderator. Received by experience, Ralph, servant of the estate of Joel Chivers.. Bro. Moses Hamrick and his wife, Susan, having joined this church by a letter which had another person included in it and we having knowledge that they went and joined the church at Fishing Creek on the same letter, the church thought proper to appoint Bros. George Smith;and Joel P. Leverett to invite Bro. Hamrick to come up to our next meeting and give us an understanding of the case and claim a re-dismission.

Met in conference Aug. 6, 1824. Bro. Samuel Whatley modera- tor. The case of Bro. Hamrick as referred from last conference, Bro. George Smith reported that the brother wished to come from this conference, but if he did not he wished the church to wait until such time as he could get an opportunity. The church thought proper to wait on him by his r@cest. Bro. William Robertson came forward stating that he had long been laboring under some diffi- culties and finally had concluded that of the two evils he would choose the least and was therefore determined to leave the church without giving any satisfaction or reasons for his thus acting. The church can see herself placed in such a labyrinth that from the expressions of the brother, the whole church might be

implicated, and for failing to give the church any satisfaction and denying to explain himself, the church felt it had sufficient grounds for his excommunication, which was done and he is therefore, no more in our fellowship. The church ordered the clerk to prepare a letter to send to the association and present it to the church at next conference for reading and approval. Sister Nancy (Pireter, Porter, Pinter) having been absent a long time and not letting us know anything about her, appointed Bro. Miller to cite her to next conference. Also, Bro. T. Green to cite Sister Sarah Taylor to show cause for their long absences. Received by experience, Bob and Lindsey, servants of Mr. John Gibson.

Met in conference Sept. 11, 1824. Bro. Samuel Whatley moderator. The letter prepared by the clerk, read and received in which we say that since our last association we have received by experience, 7, by letter 5, dismissed by letter, 9, excommunicated 1, restored none, and dead 4, so that our number is 99, and we have sent \$4.00 to pay for printing minutes. Also, \$27.00 to the clerk for missionary purposes, and we have chosen Bros. William S. Foster and Joel P. Leverett as our representatives, and in case of failure, Bro. Caleb Simmons. The case of the two sisters, Sister Sarah Taylor and Sister Nancy Pinter, were excused on account of the bad weather and the same brethren, Louis Miller and Thomas Green to cite them to next conference, or as soon thereafter as pollible. Bro. Josiah Moncrief, deceased.

Met in conference Oct. 9, 1824. Bro. Samuel Whatley, moderator. Received by experience, Jesse, servant of Bro. Caleb Simmons. Sister Nancy Pinter came forward and gave satisfaction for her non-attendance at conferences.

Met in conference Nov. 13, 1824. Bro. Samuel Whatley, moderator. Received by experience, Festus, servant of Dr. F. T. Hay, and Patsy Combs. Bro. John Rice came forward to the church and acknowledged that he had drunk too much spirits of liquor at sundry times to the wounding of his own feelings and the cause of God, and his brethren and the church thought proper to bear with him.

(No minutes for December)

Met in conference Jan. 8, 1825, Bro. Jesse Mercer, our pastor communicated to us as a church that from various causes he could serve us no longer (as a pastor) than the present year and recommended for us to adopt some measure in the course of this^o year to obtain another pastor.

Met in conference Feb. 13, 1825. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. The church at this place, taking into consideration the choice of a pastor to serve us the next year, set apart Friday before our next meeting as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for divine direction in the choice of a man to exercise the pastoral care over us for the next year. Bro. Ralph, servant of the estate of Joel Chivers, being charged with acting improperly, Sister _____ to cite him to the next conference by leave of his master.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1825. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. The case of Bro. Ralph taken up and he being present the case was opened and it appearing that the brother had left his wife, which he acknowledged, and as reported, taken another, which he denied. The church appointed Bro. Samuel Whatley and Bro. George Simmons to inquire into the case and report to next conference. The choosing of another pastor to serve us the ensuing year, was taken up and agreed by the church that Friday before the second Sabbath in August be the time of entering into the choice, and the church asked to unanimously attend.

Met in conference April 9, 1825. Bro. James Armstrong, moderator. The case of Bro. Ralph taken up, the brethren reported that he was guilty of leaving his wife, but not guilty of taking another, but they understood from good authority that he was determined never to live with her again. The church thought proper to exclude him and he is therefore, no more in our fellowship. Sister Elizabeth Perkins applied through Bro. Joel P. Leverett, for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Appointed Bro. Thomas Green as trustee for this church in the place of Bro. William Evans.

Met in conference May 8, 1825. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received a letter of correspondence from our sister church at Bethel, Wilkes County., Ga., by the hands of Bro. Cordial T. Wellborn, Bro. "Cheloms" having failed, asking for a concordance with them and corresponding with them by letter and messengers, whereupon Bro. William S. Foster and Bro. Joel P. Leverett asked by the church to attend their next quarterly conference, which will be on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in this month. Also, the church thought proper to correspond with sundry other churches, VIZ Bro. Samuel Whatley, and Bro. C. Mattox to Ebenezer, George Smith and Thomas Green to Sardis, William S. Foster and Joel P. Leverett to County Line, and William S. Foster and Thomas Green to Bethesda.

Met in conference June 11, 1825. Bro. G. Haygood, d. moderator. The church agreed to confer with the church at Williams' Creek by letter and messenger, whereupon Bro. Samuel Whatley and Bro. Caleb Simmons volunteered their services to go and visit that church and bear our letter of correspondance. No other business appearing, the conference adjourned.

Met in conference July 16, 1825. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received a letter of correspondance from the church at Williams' Creek by the hand of Bro. Thomas Smith, their messenger. Appointed Bro. Samuel Whatley and Bro. William S. Foster and Thomas Green to attend the general meeting at Union on the fifth Sabbath of the next month. The church prepared an order for the deacons to employ a workman to put a door to the side of the pulpit so as to make a place of deposit for the property of the church, such as books.

Met in conference Aug. 12, 1825. Bro. S. Whatley, moderator. Received letters of correspondance from Sardis, Bethesda, County Line and Ebenezer by the hand of their messengers, D. Morgan, J. Hood and L. W. Cooper, H. Mercer and J. Holmes who were cordially received and invited to meet with us and we held the correspondance kept up and have therefore continued our delegation to the church at Sardis, and the clerk is ordered to write another one in lieu of the one that failed, and we ordered Bro. Simmons and Thomas Roe to attend Bethel on the fourth Sunday in rhia month. Bro. Joel P. Leverett and Bro. William S. Foster to Bethesda on next Friday. The church proceeded to the choice of a pastor to serve them the next year. Bro. James Armstrong was unanimously chosen. Bros. Samuel Whatley and George Smith to wait on Bro. Armstrong and bear a letter from the church and obtaining an answer, or a visit from him at our next meeting. The church proceeded to make arrangements for the association and appointed Bros. William S. Foster, Thomas Green, and in case of failure, Joel P. Leverett to represent us at association, and also ordered the clerk to write a letter, with the aid of Bro. Foster against the next meeting, and appropriated \$4.00 to send for printing the minutes. Bro. Louis Miller absent for two meetings, and Bro. Caleb Simmons to cite him to next conference.

Met again August 13. Received by experience, Zack and Paraline, servants of Daniel Owen, and Frank and Sally, servants of Mrs. William Jones, and Sally the servant of James Johnson. Whereas it is made known by Bro. Dick that

unfavorable reports are in circulation against Bro. Daniel, servant of Mrs. L. Wingfield, with a woman who is not his wife. The church appoints Bro. Thomas Roe to cite him to our next conference to answer these reports. Also Bro. Caleb Simmons to look into the case and have a report ready for his hearing.

Met in conference Sept. 10, 1825. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience, Nancy Ellington. The letter prepared by the clerk and Bro. Foster was read and adopted. The case of Bro. Louis Miller taken up and he being present, gave satisfaction for his absences. The case of Bro. Daniel as stated in the minutes of our last conference, was referred to a committee, Bro. Samuel Whatley, Thomas Green and William S. Foster to examine into the case and report to the church, which report is as follows: after some examination with the subject, he acknowledged himself guilty of the before recited charges which was strong evidence of guilt, and he is, therefore excluded from the church. The church again entered into the choice of another pastor to serve them in the next year and on counting the votes, we found that Bro. B. Me Sanders had a uniform vote and Bro. Jesse Mercer unanimously chosen when he returns, should the Lord pre-serve him and bring him back. The case of the choice of pastor, which fell on Bro. Armstrong and he being present, answers our call, but stating to us after a due deliberation on the subject, he could not, consistent with his present views, serve us.

No conference in October on account of association.

Met in conference Nov. 12, 1825. Bro. E. Perryman, moderator. Received some letters from Sardis by Bros. D. Parrington and J. Henderson, from County Line by Bro. James Hammond, from Bethel by Bro. A. Gresham and Bro. B. Chapman, from Bethesda by Bro. A. Anderson. A letter received from Bro. B. M. Sanders in answer to our address to him by this church in relation to his being called to this church as its pastor for the next year, in which he signified that it would be utterly inconvenient for him to undertake to serve the church as its pastor, where-upon the church agreed to call Bro. E. Battle to take the pastoral care of the church for the next year and directed the clerk to address a letter to Bro. Battle and bear the same to him.

Met in conference Dec. 10, 1825. Received by letter Bro. Dick, servant of Sister Winifred Matthews. Dismissed

by letter, three sisters, servants of R. H. Long, namely Winny, Patsy and Fannie. Sister Elizabeth Perkins applied for a letter some months ago and has had the letter. The letter came to hand and she therefore wishes to continue her membership with us, which was granted according to order last conference. Calling Bro. E. Battle to the pastoral care for the next year, the clerk pursuant to a letter in answer to the one addressed to him by the church and after some deliberation upon the subject and by the letter, find that Bro. Battles would not be able to visit us before our February meeting, and so opened a reconsideration of the letter addressed to this church by Bro. Sanders in answer to our call to him to serve us as pastor for the next year. The church, thinking that they had, in some degree, misunderstood Bro. Sanders' letter, have therefore continued the call to him and directed the clerk to prepare a letter by tomorrow, addressed to Bro. Sanders, informing him of our continuation of the call to him for the next year and requesting his personal attendance at our next meeting, or an answer in writing.

Met in conference, Jan. 7, 1826. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. According to the request of the church, Bro. Sanders attended and gave us a personal interview, and after some deliberation on the subject he requested the church to give him until tomorrow morning to give us an answer and furthermore agreed to attend us at our next meeting, whether he gives us an answer or not.

Met according to adjournment Jan 8, 1826, and after Divine service, Bro. Sanders consented to accept our call to serve us as a supply for the next year, or less time if a supply can be had sooner.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1826. Received a letter from Williams' Creek church by Bro. Thomas Smith and Bro. J. Darden, Sr. Also a letter from County Line by their messengers, Bro. Slayton and E. Jackson, from Sardis by Bro. S. Boen (Bowen). A query proposed by Bro. Samuel Whatley, VIZ: How far shall the liberty of visiting brethren extend in the matters of discipline when abroad? Answer: So far as to the decision of any subject and any aid can be had or afforded, but not entitled to a vote in any matter of dealing, except when the church calls for help for any sister church, and then they are considered as one body.

Bro. Samuel Whatley and Bro. S. Roe to go to Williams' Creek, William S. Foster and Thomas Green to County Line, George Smith and Caleb Simmons to Sardis and also Bethesda, Samuel Whatley and John Rice to Bethel, and Joel P. Leverett and Charles Mattox to Ebenezer. Bro.

Joel P. Leverett petitioned the church for liberty of absence at some time and that Bro. Thomas Green be appointed Assistant Clerk in his absence, which was granted. On Sunday, agreed to and ordered by the church that our next meeting at this place be on the first Saturday and Sunday in next month in order to meet Bro. Mercer's opportunities on Sunday. Granted Bro. Louis Miller a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Mar. 4, 1826. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. The letter of dismissal obtained from this church by Bro. Louis Miller on Sunday of our last meeting, read to the church by Bro. Simmons which letter is ordered to be kept by the church until Bro. Miller comes forward and makes some satisfaction for some complaints of having left his business in an unsettled state after having promised to settle before he moved.

The church entered into a resolution that no white male member shall have a letter of dismissal from the church in the future only on a regular conference day, except in case of emergency, and no dismissal shall be granted until all arrears are settled off. Ordered by the church that Malinda, formerly a servant of Mr. John Gibson, have a letter of dismissal. Sister Anna Robertson dismissed by letter. Daniel, servant of Mrs. Wingfield, came forward for restoration to the fellowship of the church again. The church thought proper to appoint the second Sunday in the month to attend to his case. To which time the church stands adjourned.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1826, according to the adjournment. Bro. Samuel Whatley, moderator. The case of Daniel, servant of Mrs. L. Wingfield, was brought forward and he being present and after some deliberation and hearing his acknowledgements for his crime, the church thought proper to wait his restoration until the church could ?????????? (unreadable text) character with a conversat ion.

Met in conference Apr. 8, 1826, Bro. B. M. Sanders, moderator. Received by letter Sister Mary Inge. The case of Bro. Daniel as referred from our last conference on the first Sunday, no satisfactory account having been given of his l i f e and conduct, the church thought proper to let the case rest as minuted.

Met in conference May 13, 1826, Bro. B. M. Sanders, moderator. Received letter of correspondance from our sister churches, VIZ. from Sardis by Bro. Reuban Stracer, from County Line by Bro. Valentine Brown, From Bethel by Bro. William Gunn and John Rhodes from Bethesda

Bro. Harmon Mercer, but no letter, from Williams' Creek by Bro. Thomas Smith but no letter. The case of Bro. Daniel as referred from April conference was still continued for further information upon the subject. The case of Sister Anna Robertson having applied for a letter of dismissal and on order having been granted and some objection having been made at our April conference, it was therefore ordered that Sister Robertson, having acknowledged that she, with all her burdens, was willing to receive a letter in fellowship, so it was therefore, ordered that she have a letter from this church by the clerk. Dick, a servant of Henry Sanford, applied for a letter of dismissal, but from his long absence it was thought proper that the church write to his brethren and master John West, both of Greensboro to ascertain his manner of life since his absence from us.

Met in conference June 10, 1826. Bro. B. M. Sanders, moderator. According to a recommendation from our last association, appointed three brethren to attend the general meeting at Bethel, VIZ. Joel P. Leverett, Samuel Whatley and William S. Foster, to be held on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in July, next.

Met in conference July 8, 1826. Bro. B. M. Sanders, moderator. The case of Daniel, servant of Mrs. L. Wingfield, (now deceased) came forward and after giving further details of his great departure from the pathway of duty and the church, and the church not having heard anything to the contrary of his acknowledgements, thought proper to restore him to fellowship again as a private member.

Minutes for Aug., Sept., and Oct., lost.

Met in conference Nov. 11, 1826. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. The case of Bro. Thomas Green taken up and the brethren from County Line attended at our request, VIZ. D. Owen, Zack Slaten, James Hammett, William Hammett, Jacob Lanceford (or Lunsford) and John Dickens. After some discussion, opened the first charge, VIZ. of saying before the committee that one of his negroes would not have made such a mistake as to shear sheep that was not his own (as entered before) to which charge he acknowledged he had done wrong in so doing, and to the second charge, of saying he did not believe he ever said certain things, proved by two of County Line members, VIZ. James Hammett and Zachariah Slaten, he acknowledged that he had done wrong in making such statements, provided he ever made them but said that he had no-recollection of them, but the

brethren from County Line, not being satisfied with his acknowledgements, the case was postponed until our next conference and the brethren objecting, was to leave their objections with the church.

Bro. Jesse Mercer agreed to take the pastoral care of the church again, but informally asked that he not commence his labors until January.

Met in conference Dec. 9. 1826. Bro. B. M. Sanders, moderator. The case of Bro. Green again taken up and no objections being deposited with. the clerk, the church received his acknowledgment and he is therefore continued in full fellowship. Bro. Thomas Roe applied for a letter ;of dismissal, which was granted. Dick, a colored brother, servant of Mr. Henry Sanford, applied to th is church for a letter of dismissal, which was not granted until such informat ion could be obtained respecting his life and confersation, which has now been obtained and the clerk ordered to give him a letter.

Met in conference Jan. 13, 1827. Bro Jesse Mercer, moderator. Bro. Louis Miller, who obtained a letter of dismissal from us a year ago, but owing to some business being unsettled of a pecuniary nature with one of the brethren, the letter was withheld. The brother still making application, the church opted for settling that matter and granted him a letter.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1827. Bro. S. Sanders., moderator. Received corresponding members from sister churches as follows; from Sardis Bros. Reuben Stracer and Henderson, from County Line Bro. B. Holmes, from Bethel Bros. H. McOrnie and Smith, from Williams Creek, Bro. Smith, from Ebenezer Bro. J. Holmes. Received by letter Bro. Jesse Mercer. Biro. Simmons., having stated to the conference that the difficulties were settled between him and Bro. Louis Miller, the church granted a letter of dismissal to Bro. Miller . At the request of Bro. Jesse Mercer, who has moved his residence to Washington, Georgia, and on motion, it was resolved that a branch of this church be established at that place.

Met in conference Mar. 10, 1827. Agreeable to a resolution prepared at our last conference, establishing an arm of the church at Washington, Bro. Jesse Mercer reported that the branch has been formed at Washington, with Bros. Jesse Mercer. M. Pope, Francis Butler and

George Smith of this church, and Bros. James Armstrong and James Carter of Fishing Creek Church, were present.

Sisters-Penelope Terrell and Leann Russell (or Randall) were received by letter John Jesse, Ozburn Stone, Orson Spencer, and Julia, servant of Mr. Andrew Shepherd, were received by experience of grace, and on Sunday morning, were baptized. Bro. Jesse Mercer, and Sister Elizabeth Mercer, formerly Elizabeth Terrell, applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference April 7, 1827. Bro. B. M. Sanders, moderator. Received by letter Bro. David Ellington. Thomas Green, Clerk.

Met in conference May 12, 1827. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received corresponding members from sister churches, VIZ: From Sardis, John Cofer ?(Coker) and Samuel Bowen; from County Line, Valentine Brown; from Williams Creek, Jethro Darden and Thomas Smith, and chose our members to correspond with sister churches, VIZ: to Sardis, William S. Foster and Thomas Green; to County Line, William S. Foster and George Smith; to Bethesda, William S. Foster and Thomas Green; to Williams Creek, Thomas Roe and Caleb Simmons; to Bethel., Caleb Simmons and David Ellington; to Ebenezer, C. Mattox and John Rice.

Met in conference June 9, 1827. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. On motion it was ordered that the church invite Bro. Jonathan Davis to attend us in the absence of Bro. Jesse Mercer. Bro. George Smith was appointed to bear that message. On motion it was agreed that the church invite Bro. Jonathan Davis to attend at this place on the 3rd day of July, agreeable to the request of the Georgia Association as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, and the 4th day of July as a day of thanksgiving, and Bro. George Smith to bear that message.

Met in conference July 7, 1827. Bro. Jonathan Davis, moderator. Received by experience, James, servant of Daniel Owens and Remus, servant of Charles Mattox. Appointed the brethren William S. Foster, Caleb Simmons and Thomas Green to attend the general meeting on the fifth Sabbath of this month at County Line, and then adjourned until morning. Met again according to adjournment and received by experience, Letty, servant of Daniel Owens.

Met in conference Aug;- 10, 1827, Bro. Jonathan Davis, moderator. Received corresponding members from sister

churches, VIZ. from County Line Bro. Robert Dawson, from Bethel Bros. H. Mercer and Gresham; from Sardis Bro. John Tolbert. Appointed Bro. Jesse Mercer, Bro. Caleb Simmons, and in case of failure, Bro. William S. Foster to attend our association, to be held at this place on Friday before the second Sunday in October, next, and appropriated \$3.00 to pay for minutes. Bro. William S. Foster and Bro. Thomas Green to prepare a letter and lay it before the next conference. Adjourned until to-morrow morning. Met again according to adjournment. Received by experience servant of Mrs. Hayes, and Richard Anderson, Arthur, servant of Mrs. Francis Billingsley, Anthony, servant of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and James Dermott.

Met in conference Sept. 17, 1827, Agreeable to appointment from our last meeting, Bro. Jonathan Dadris, moderator. Received by experience Willie, servant of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, and Jenny, servant of the estate of J. Ellington. Also Charlotte Foster, Joseph S. Foster, Patsy Hackney, James H. Hackney, Elizabeth Ogletree, Polly Whitlock, Silas Mercer and Francis Albert.

The letter prepared for the association by the brethren Thomas Green and William S. Foster was read and received.

Met in conference Oct. , 1827. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderators. Bro. Jesse Mercer reported at conference at Washington on Saturday, May 26, on the branch of the church at Phillips' Mill. Received by experience Andrew Riddle, Cordelia Chalton, Eliza Dyre (Dyer) and Sister Elizabeth Dyre (Dyer) by letter and dismissed Bro. Orson Spencer (Spence) by letter. Test. Jesse Mercer, Pastor. Met in conference Oct. 13, 1827. Bro. Jonathan Davis, moderator. Received by conference Louisa Black and Martha Devant.

Met in conference Nov. 10, 1827. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience Chany, servant of John Billingsley. Received corresponding members from sister churches, VIZ. From Sardis Bro. Samuel Bowen; from County Line Bro. Robert Dawson. Appointed the following brethren as corresponding members to sister churches, VIZ: Thomas Green and William S. Foster to County Line; Joseph S. Foster and James T. Hacknew to Sardis; Caleb Simmons and Thomas Roe to Williams Creek; Silas Mercer and Richard Anderson to Bethel; Thomas Green and William S. Foster to Bethesda, and Silas Mercer to Ebenezer.

MALE MEMBERS NOW IN THE CHURCH

(No date was shown on these membership lists but sometime after January, 1810.)

John Robertson	Samuel Whatley
Owen Fluker	Walter Ray
John Leverett	Jacob Kain (Cain)
John Lawson	
Josiah Moncrief	
William Robertson	
Edward Gresham	
George Smith	
John Wilson	
John Turner	
Micajah Bennett	
Jacob Tarver, Sr.	
Winright Lawson	
Adam Lawson	
William S. Foster	
William Robertson, Jr.	
Benjamin Powell	
Nathaniel Harris	
John Rice	
Samuel Roe	
John Sanders	
Miles Duncan	
Joseph Pollard	
Jacob Tarver, Jr.	
John Lewis	
Joel P. Leverett	
M. Moriah Mercer	
Henry Garland	
Benjamin Ozborn	
Charles Mattox	
Henry B. Gipson	
Burrell Green	
John McGinty	
William Evans	
Benjamin Tarver	
Burrell Glaze	
Caleb Simmons	
James Rice	
Elijah Smith	
John Shackelford	
Marquis D. Johnson	

WHITE FEMALE MEMBERS

(After January, 1810)

Stacy Robertson	Elizabeth Butler
Mary Leverett	Delpha Lawson
Ann Robertson	Rachel Lawson
Susannah Foster	Sarah Taylor
Elizabeth Bennett	Nancy Lea
Patsy Leverett	Polly Robertson
Susannah Lawson	Polly Bagley
Martha Leverett	Ruth Sanders
Mary Roane	Sarah Gibson
Elizabeth Moncrief	Annie Leverett
Elizabeth Johnson	Caty C ? ial
Sarah Lewis	Elizabeth Miller
Caty (Katy) Catherine Green	
Margaret Pope	Jemima Wilkerson
Nancy Ozborn	Sally Simmons
Bridget Mulkey	Patsy Turner
Rebecca Turner	Jane Hale
Elizabeth Cunningham	Patience Crenshaw
Elizabeth Gresham	Susannah Harris
Elizabeth Langdon	Mary Tarver
Elizabeth Cain (Kain)	Athre Cruise
Susannah Russell	Elizabeth Smith
Peneter Smith	
Nancy Hammack	
Elizabeth Evans	
Patsy Brown	
Polly Chafin	
Nancy Dearing	
Elizabeth Perry	
Jenny Moore	
Patsy Moore	
Sarah Parker	
Elizabeth Edge	
Susannah Slaton	
Huldah Simmons	
Jane Foster	
Jincy Culberson	
Stacy Lawson	
Mary Pollard	
Polly Pollard	

BLACK MEMBERS

July 10, 1810
Gabriel Todd (Free)
Leverett's Sam
Simpson's George
Smith's Daisy
Butler's Jillar
Lisham's George
Moton's Sarah
Moore's Judy
Spearman's Sillar
Malone's Davey
Lewis' Becky
Wingfield's Daniel
Chafin's Syntha
Bennett's Abey
Stuart's Tom
Chiver's Lucy
Wilkerson's Elijah

Met in conference Dec. 7, 1827. Bro. Jonathon Davis moderator. Benjamin Hill, who was formerly a member of this church and obtained a letter of dismissal some years ago, came forward and acknowledged that he had never joined any church, but has lived in disorder and made satisfactory acknowledgements which was received by the church and ordered that we give him a certificate to join the church to which he is disposed. Received by experience Mary McAvoy.

Application being made to this church on behalf of a servant of Thomas Stack of Greene County by the said Stack and Christ's Church at Shiloh, for a letter of dismissal, which was laidover for consideration until March meeting. The branch of the church at Washington, petitioned this church for liberty to form a constitution and become a separate church, which was granted. They are Jesse Mercer, Ozborn Stone, John Jesse, Andrew Riddle, (Ruddle) Leann Ruddle, Margarett Pope, Elizabeth Dyre, Cordelia Chalton, Eliza Dyre and Julia, servant of Mr. Andrew Shepherd.

Met in conference Jan 17, 1828. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience Polly Ogletree. The case of Aggy, servant of Thomas Stack (Stock), was taken up and after some debate it was agreed that a letter be sent to our sister church at Shiloh, stating the standing of Aggy. Bro. Thomas Roe and Bro. Silas Mercer absent. It was agreed by this church that its members meet on the fourth Sabbath in each month and read the Gospel and hold prayer meetings.

Met in conference Feb. 9, 1828. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Bro. Silas Mercer gave satisfaction for his absence at our last meeting, and Bro. Thomas Roe is still absent. Received our corresponding brethren from sister churches, VIZ; from Sardis, R. Stracer, J. T. Irwin and John Chany; from County Line, B. Holmes and E. Jackson; from Bethesda, A. Adkinson; from Ebenezer, J. Holmes and John Phillips; from Bethel, Meadows and Gresham.

Appointed members to visit sister churches as follows; Bros. T. Green to Sardis; William S. Foster and John Rice to Bethesda; James T. Hackney and James S. Foster to Bethel, and Richard Anderson, Caleb Simmons and C. Mattox to Ebenezer.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1828. Received by letter from the arms of the church at Clark's Station at Friendship, Rebecca Norman.

Met in conference March 8, 1828. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience, Sarah, servant of Daniel Owen, Sister Celia Leverett applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted. The reference concerning Bro. Thomas Roe who was absent at our last meeting, was called for, and he was still absent.

On motion of Bro. William S. Foster to extend the bounds of our meeting house lot, which was agreed to by the church and therefore agreed that the deacons of this church be a committee to make that purchase, if possible and report to our next conference.

Met in conference March 12, 1828. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience William T. Fluker. Received by letter, Henry B. Lee. Bro. Thomas Roe applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Bro. David Ellington was absent at our last meeting and is still absent. Bro. Richard Anderson to cite him to our next conference.

The committee VIZ; Bro. George Smith, William S. Foster and Caleb Simmons reported that they have contracted with Mr. John Lee for four and two-tenths acres of land at \$9.50 per acre, having such boundaries and markers as will appear by a plat of the same. The committee still to transact the business of the meeting house lot.

Agreeable to a request by letter from the church at Shiloh, Greene County, for a letter of dismissal for Aggy servant of Thomas Stock, it was agreed to leave the case to the brethren of Shiloh to receive her into their fellowship or not, and ordered that a letter be written in that way.

Met in conference May 10, 1828. Bro. David Ellington applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted. Bro. Joel P. Leverett and Sister Mary Whitlock granted letters of dismissal.

Received corresponding brethren from sister churches, VIZ; Bros. Asberry and Adkinson from Bethesda; J. Thompson from Ebenezer; A. Edmonds and William Hammett from County Line. A. Gresham and H. Mercer from Bethel. Appointed the following brethren from this church to correspond with the sister churches; to Bethesda Bro.

Henry B. Lee and James T. Hackney; to Bethel Caleb Simmons; to Ebenezer Caleb Simmons and C. Mattox; to County Line William S. Foster and Thomas T. Fluker. Bro. James Devant appointed trustee for the church and ordered that the clerk give him a certificate to that affect. Bro. Thomas Green being in a state of affliction, he, as our present clerk, asked that another be appointed in his place, which was laid over until our next meeting. A proposition by Bro. Jesse Mercer to change the time of holding the meetings at this place from the second Sunday to the first Sunday in the month, which was left to his own discretion exclusively to suit his own convenience.

met in conference June 7, 1828. Bro. Jonathan Davis, moderator. Received by experience, Jesse Simmons. Also, Joseph P. Johnson came forward and made acknowledgements to the church and was restored to fellowship. Also, received by experience Elizabeth Lawson, Elizabeth J. Smith., and Eliza Christopher. Agreeable to a reference from our last meeting by a request of Bro. Thomas Green, who was our former clerk, that another be appointed in his place, same was taken up and Bro. Joseph S. Foster was appointed. (Signed) Joseph S. Foster, Clerk.

Met in conference June 27, 1828. Bro. J. Holmes, moderator. Through omission of appointing members to correspond with the general meeting, we now appoint the brethren William S. Foster and James T. Hackney our messengers to attend the meeting. Ordered that the clerk prepare the letter and Bro. Henry B. Lee to assist him.

Met in conference July 14, 1828. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience Nancy Barker, Samuel Simmons, Peter, servant of A. Norris, Libby, servant of Isaac Fluker, Clark, servant of the estate of Thomas Wingfield, Davis servant of F. Fiolin, and Frances Bennett.

Moved and seconded that the "Cluster" be the principle book used in this church and therefore, that there be a house built at the water for the convenience of the female subjects of baptism, and appointed George Smith, James Durant and William S. Foster to attend to it.

Met in conference July 14, 1828. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience Isaac Fluker, and adjourned until next conference.

Met in conference Aug. 8, 1828. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience Joseph Tucker and John H. Campbell. It having been reported that Sister Mary Chafin has left the church and joined her-self to another denomination, we

therefore appoint Bro. William S. Foster to see her and invite her to come and see us. at next conference. Received corresponding brethren from Bethesda, R. Asberry; from County Line, Robert Dawson, and appointed corresponding members from this church to sister churches, William S, Foster and William T. Fluker to County Line; James T. Hackney and James Devant to Bethesda, and ordered the clerk to prepare the letter to the association, leaving the blanks to be filled in at next meeting.

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1828. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience Elizabeth Flukey. Peter, a servant of William S. Foster, came forward for restoration, which was laid over until next conference and re-requested Bro. Foster to examine into the case and report to next conference. Received a letter and messengers from Ebenezer and in return, appointed the brethren Silas Mercer and John H., Campbell to correspond with them.

Met in conference Sept. 13, 1828. Jesse Mercer, Moderator. Received by experience Edmond Raney and Phebe Raney. The case of Peter, servant of William S. Foster, referred from last conference, continued until next conference. Cindy, servant of A. Norris, having acted disorderly as has been reported by Bro. Peter, we appointed Bros. Caleb Simmons and R. Sanders to inquire into the case and report to next conference. Bro. S. Fluker, having previously drunk too much spirits, came to the church and gave satisfaction. On motion, it was agreed to have a collection on tomorrow for the purpose of guiding young ministers in education. The case of Sister Chafin was taken up and after examination, we find that she voluntarily left the church and joined the Methodist church, and without debate, we excommunicated her. Chose the brethren William S. Foster and James Devant as delegates to the association and adjourned until morning.

Met again according to adjournment and received by experience William Barker and John Owen. Also received by letter, Charity and James Devant. Adjourned until first Saturday in October, next.

Met according to adjournment, Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience, Daniel, also Jinny, servant of Bro. J. Smith. The case of Peter taken up and he gave satisfaction and was restored to fellowship. Jim, a former servant of Stephen Evans now servant of Chinott Pettit, came forward for restoration, which was laid over until next conference. The case of Cinthy (Cindy) was taken up and we found her guilty of turning off her husband and taking another. She is, therefore, no more in our fellowship.

Peter, servant of A. Norris, and a member of this church, requested leave to exercise his gift by way of prayer and exhortation, which was granted. The association letter was read and adopted.

Met in conference Nov. 8, 1828. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience, Hester, a servant of Elizabeth Evans, Eady, servant of George Smith, Bob, servant of Thomas Fluker, Patience, servant of Thomas Fluker. The case of Jim, now a servant of Chinott Pettit, was taken up and he gave satisfaction to the church and was restored to fellowship. Zack, Caroline, Sarah and Jenny, servants of Daniel Owen, applied for letters of dismissal which was granted. Received corresponding members from Bethesda, Bros. Ben Calloway and R. T. Dickinson.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1829. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience Gilbert, servant of Mr. Joel Terrell, Hannah, servant of Joel Terrell also received by experience. Bro. William Barker and his wife, Sister Barker applied for letters of dismissal which was granted, and Bro. Edmond Raney for himself and Sister Phebe Raney, which was granted.

Met in conference Jan 10, 1829. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. The case of Winny, continued. On motion, the fourth Sunday in the month quarterly, is to be appointed for the purpose of holding conference for the black members. Bro. William S. Foster applied for a letter of dismissal for Sister Elizabeth Lawson, which was granted. Also a letter of dismissal was granted to Bro. John Owen. Bros. Richard Anderson, J. Campbell and Silas Mercer, absent.

Met in conference Jan. 25, 1829. Bro. J. Holmes, moderator. The case of Winny, servant of the widow of James Lee Deese, was taken up and after examination, find that she cannot give satisfaction, therefore she was not restored. Inquired into the state of the black members and find that Daniel, servant of Dr. Fiolin, charged by Bro. Sam with speaking in public after he has been silenced by the church, and after examination, find him guilty of the charge and on motion, it was referred to the next slated conference.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1829. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by letter Bro. William Hackney and his servant, Dafney. Also, received by letter Bro. John Drake and his wife. The case of Bro. Daniel referred from last conference was taken up and after investigation, it was thought proper that the moderator reprove and admonish him, and he to remain silent except for prayer. Resolved by the church that two deacons be appointed at our next meeting.

Met in conference Feb. 21, 1829. Bro. J. Holmes, Mod. Received by experience, Renia, servant of J. Fluker. Inquired into the state of the black members and find them of peace among themselves.

Met in conference Mar. 7, 1829. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by letter Sister Frances Belcher. Elected Bro. James Devant and Bro. Richard Anderson to fill the office of deacons and resolve that they be ordained at our next conference.

Met in conference Apr. 11, 1829. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience, Edmond and Eliza, servants of George Smith. Agreeable to a resolution passed last conference, proceeded to examine and ordain the brethren James Devant and Richard Anderson to the office of deacon.

Met in conference May 8, 1829. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received corresponding members from sister churches as follows; Bro. John Lunceford from County Line; Bro. J. Phillips from Ebenezer; Bros. T. R. Asbury, J. W. Battle and M. Riddle (Biddle) from Bethesda.

Chany, a servant of J. Billingslea, having acted disorderly and charged with stealing, the church ordered Bro. Henry B. Lee to cite him to our next quarterly conference to be held on the Sabbath. Appointed Bros. William S. Foster, as corresponding brother to Bethesda; Henry B. Lee and JQseph S. Foster to County Line; Bro. J. Campbell to Ebenezer; Bro. Richard Anderson, James Tucker and Henry B. Lee to Bethel at Crawfordsville.

Met in conference June 6, 1829. Jesse Mercer, Mod. No business appeared and the conference adjourned.

Met in conference July 11, 1829. Jesse Mercer, Mod. On motion John Rice, Richardson Anderson, James Devant and William S. Foster appointed to a committee to examine the meeting house to see what repairs are required and to have the work done. Being requested by the sister church at Crawfordsville for aid in a case of difficulty existing among themselves, we granted their request and send them Caleb Simmons, Richard Anderson, and William S. Foster to aid them. Bro. Silas Mercer absent.

Met in conference July 27, 1829. Bro. J. Holmes, Mod. The case of Sister Chany was taken up and after some de-bate, the case was laid over until our monthly conference and appointed the brethren John Rice, Caleb Simmons, and William S. Foster to examine into the case and report to the next conference.

Bros. Peter and Dick, two black brothers requested that they be heard to see whether they should exercise their gifts in doctrine, and on motion, appointed the fourth Sabbath in next month to hear them.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1829. Our pastor being absent, Bro. William S. Foster, moderator. Received corresponding brethren as follows: Bro. Formby from County Line, and adjourned until tomorrow.

Met according to adjournment and received by experience, James, servant of James Devant, Moriah Pettis, and Jack, servant of John T. Daniel. The case of Sister Chany taken up as referred from last conference and continued until next conference. Appointed Bro. Henry B. Lee, together with the clerk, to prepare a letter to send to the association, and appointed Bros. James Devant and William S. Foster to represent us in the association.

Met in conference Sept. 8, 1829. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by letter Jane Hammack. Dismissed by letter Sister Norman through Bro. James Armstrong. Agreeable to reference with regard to Sister Chany, servant of Mr. J. Billingslea, the committee reported her guilty of the charge laid in against her, of theft. She is therefore, excluded from our fellowship. The letter prepared by the brethren was read and adopted in which we say \$3.00 for minutes and \$16.58 for missionary purposes. Bro. Thomas Green applied for a copy of a letter which the church held, which was granted.

Bro. William S. Foster and Sister Susannah Foster, deceased on October 6 and October 8, 1829.

Met in conference Oct. 25, 1829. Bro. J. Holmes, Mod. Took into consideration the black brethren that was heard to exercise their gifts in doctrine, and it was thought by the church only to liberate them to sing and pray in public. Bro. Joseph S. Foster to notify them of this decision.

Met in conference Nov. 7, 1829. Bro. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by letter Bro. John Hawkins. On motion of Bro. James Devant that the church shall meet on Friday before our next meeting as a day of fasting and prayer for certain calamities which have befallen the church. Bro. Drake absent.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1829. Jesse Mercer, Mod. On motion of Bro. James Devant to appoint two deacons amongst the brethren, the church agreed that the deacons select one or more of the black brethren and present

him, or them, to the next conference for examination and ordination as the church may think proper. Absentees are Bro. J. Campbell, Silas. Mercer and John Hawkins. Sister Mary Lawson applied for a letter through Bro. Joseph S. Foster, which was granted.

Met in conference Jan. 10. 1830. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. The brethren J. Campbell, John Hawkins and Silas Mercer excused for absences. The deacons report that they have selected the brethren Sam, a servant of Sister F. Belcher, and Peter, a servant of A. Norris for deacons among the black brethren. In the case of difficulty between Sister Frances, Belcher and Bro. Henry B. Lee, whereas the sister made the charge which seems to be a mistake or a misunderstanding between them in the payment of some money in which the Bro. Sam was accused, the case was taken up and after some investigation, it was agreed that the church should appoint some brethren to see them. Appointed was Bro. Caleb Simmons, James Devant, Richard Anderson and J. F. Hackney to attend them and report to the next conference.

Sam, servant of Henry B. Lee, selected to serve as a deacon, laid over until some discussion be made in the case. A difficulty between Sister Frances Belcher and Bro. Henry B. Lee in which Bro. Sam is concerned, it is therefore, continued until next conference.

Bro. William T. Fluker applied through Bro. Joseph S. Foster for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Bro. John Drake, absent. Also dismissed by letter, Sister Frances Lisham.

Met in conference Feb. 13, 1830. Bro. B. M. Sanders, moderator. Received by letter George, servant of Mrs. Frances Gafford. The committee reported the case between Henry B. Lee and Sister Frances Belcher, settled. Bro. John Drake still absent. Resolved that this church shall do all it can for the support of the Columbian Stair (?) and Christian Index.

Bro. Thomas Green applied for a letter of dismissal. The church held and disagreed that he should have the use of it and then read said letter to the church again. (Signed) Joseph S. Foster, Clerk.

Met in conference Mar. 6, 1830. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Opened the doors of the church for reception of members. Agreed that the two black brethren who were chosen for deacons, be examined on Sunday morning of the

conference in April. Appointed Henry B. Lee as assistant clerk. Absentees are Bro. John Drake, Bro. Silas Mercer, Bro. Richard Anderson and Bro. John Hawkins. After some investigation, it was agreed that the church appoint some of the brethren to see them. Appointed Caleb Simmons, James Devant and J. F. Hackney to attend them and report to next conference. Bro. Sam, servant of Henry B. Lee, deceased. Reconsidering the appointment of the black brethren referred until some decision be made in the case. Sister Elizabeth Christopher and Bro. Tom, servant formerly of William T. Fluker, applied through Bro. Joseph S. Foster for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

(NO MINUTES FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE OR JULY.)

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1830. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Opened the doors for admission of members. Took up the case of Sister Chany as referred from fourth Sabbath conference and the brethren reported that they found nothing in her conduct contrary to her acknowledgements and she was therefore restored to the fellowship of the church. Agreeable to a report from the church at Crawfordsville by the committee, they state that Sister Nancy Pointer (Jointer?) has been guilty of keeping a house of ill-fame as was plainly proven in open court, together with other bad conduct, the church took up the case and after due consideration of the report, consider her no longer in our fellowship. It was ordered by the church that the clerk prepare a letter to send to the association and present it at next conference. The church thought proper to have a correct list of all the members, and appointed the clerk together with Bro. James Devant and Richard Anderson to make out a list. Bro. J. P. Campbell censored for his absences.

Met in conference Sept. 11, 1830. In the absence of our pastor, chose Bro. Wycht Jackson, moderator. Opened the doors for reception of new members. The letter prepared by the church was read and received. The list of the members was made out and presented to the church according to order. Ordered by the church that the clerk prepare a letter to send to Sister Sarah Taylor and request an answer for her non-attendance and for going off without a letter.

There having been some reports against Sister Letty, servant of Mr. Holland, the church appointed Bro. Richard Anderson and Bro. Henry B. Lee to inquire into the case and report to next conference. Appointed Bros. James Devant and Richard Anderson to represent us in association, and Bro. Caleb Simmons in case of failure, and sent

\$2.50 for the minutes. Absent J. Hawkins. Recommends Bro. William Tucker to be a beneficiary.

Met in conference Oct. 24, 1830. Bro. J. Holmes, Mod. Bro. James T. Hackbury reported to the church that Sister Dafney, servant of Bro. William Hackney, has been guilty of very improper conduct and the church took up the case and find her guilty of co-habiting with different men and taking one or two husbands, or more, together with other scandalous conduct. She is therefore, no longer in fellow-ship with this church.

Met in conference Nov. 13, 1830. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Opened the doors for the reception of new members. Sister Nancy, former servant of John Johns, was granted a letter of dismissal. Also dismissed by letter Bro. David Ellington and Bro. Henry B. Lee. Received a letter from Ebenezer church stating that Bro. John Drake presented his letter that he received from our church to them, and in consequence of his having spoken reproachfully of Dr. J. Pope's character, they could not receive him and referred him back to our church. The case was taken up and after some debate, it was thought proper to require Bro. John Drake to come and give the church satisfaction. The church to write a letter to that effect. H. B. Lee, Ck.

Met in conference Dec. 11, 1830. It was agreed to send two of our members to labor with the church at Ebenezer. Bro, J. F. Hackney and Bro. James Devant to try to get them to take the case of Bro. John Drake in hand and act upon it as they may think proper. Sister Sally, servant of David Simmons, and Sister Nancy Lyles, and Bro. Henry B. Gibson applied for letters of dismissal which was granted. Bro. Caleb Simmons to write to Sister to attend. Bro. Silas Mercer, absent.

Met in conference Jan. 8, 1831 Jesse Mercer, Mod. Bro. James Devant and Bro. James F. Hackbury reported that the church at Ebenezer agreed to take the case of Bro. John Drake and act upon it as he has lived within their bounds for sometime back. Bro. Silas Mercer excused for absences. Sister Letty, servant of Mr. Hollard, applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Absentees, Bro. William T. Fluker, J. Fluker and William Hackney.

By request by a letter sent from Bethel Church, Butts County, we the church at Phillips' Mill, agree to send iro. James Devant to examine into the case of a black sister named Nancy, formerly the servant of Coleman Pendleton, now the serV nt of Samuel Jones, She is thought to be in order so that she may obtain a letter from the Bethel church.

Met in conference Feb. 12, 1831. Bro. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Bro. William T. Fluker appointed as assistant clerk. The brethren who are appointed to examine into the case of black sister Nancy, formerly the servant of Mr. Pendleton, now the servant of Samuel Jones, reports that her present master has very favorable opinion of her, and it is therefore ordered that the church's answer to the letter from our sister church, Bethel, Butts County, request a letter of dismission for sister Nancy.

Bro. Frank, servant of Archibald Jones, applied for a letter dismission, which was granted. Bros. William T. Fluker, William Hackney, and T. Fluker excused for absences.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1831. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by letter the following members, VIZ; Joseph P. Hackney, Polly Hackney, his, wife, and Permelia Barker. Also Abram, servant of Stephen Barnaby. Sister Sarah Taylor applied for a letter of dismission, which was granted.

Met in conference April 9, 1831. Bro. P. Asbury, moderator. Received by the hand of Bro. J. Terrell from Bro. Gibson \$16.00 for a donation to the church to be applied to any use the church may think proper. It is therefore, ordered that \$13.62 of the same be paid for the last purchase of land made by the church for enlarging our church boundary.

Met in conference May 7, 1831. Bro. R. Fleming, Mod. Received by letter Sister Jane, a servant of Mr. S. Montgomery, Bro. Henry Brooks. Primos., servant of the estate of Bro. C. Mattox, having gone off without leave of his master and is a runaway. It is therefore ordered that Bro. Caleb Simmons cite him to the next conference.

Met in conference June 11, 1831. Jesse Mercer, Mod. The case of Primos as referred from last conference, was taken up and he not having been heard of:and is still a runaway, is therefore excluded from the church. Received a parcel of tracts as a donation to the church from Bro. Jesse Mercer.

Met in conference Jul. 1831. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Appointed Bro. James Devant, Henry Brooks and Joseph S. Foster as corresponding members to the general meeting

at Bethesda and also requested the next general meeting to be at this place. Absent Bro. William Hackney.

Met in conference July 24, 1831. Bro. R. Asbury, Mod. Received by letter Moriah, a black sister, servant of John Wingfield. Bro. Daniel, servant of Dr. Fiolin, applied to the church for leave to exercise his gift in exhortation, which was not granted. Bro. Tick, servant of Mrs. Matthews, applied for leave to exercise his gift in exhortation and he is therefore, permitted to close meetings if called on by a brother, by singing, or a prayer.

Met in conference Aug. 5, 1831. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Bro. William Hackney excused for absence. Examined the list of the names of the members and found it correct so far as can be ascertained. Bro. George Smith reported that some years ago his servant, Lucy, a member of this church, acted very improperly and was taken off and sold. She is therefore excluded. It was agreed that the moderator nominate our delegates to represent us in the next association, which are as follows: James Devant, Richardson Anderson, and in case of failure, Joseph S. Foster, and the clerk to prepare a letter and leave the necessary blanks. to be filled in at our next conference. Bro. John Hawkins, and Bro. Silas Mercer, absent.

Met in conference Sept. 11, 1831. Bro. R. Fleming, moderator. Received by experience, Rebecca Tucker. Also Sabrina Simmons, George W. Clark, Kitty Terrell, Fleet Fallin, Elizabeth Northren, and Benjamin Rice. Also, received by letter Sarah, servant of Shaderick Pinkston from Fishing Creek. The letter prepared by the clerk is to stand over for some alterations until the fourth Sabbath in September. The brethren J. Hawkins and Silas Mercer excused for absence. Bro. Silas Mercer applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference Sept. 17, 1831. Bro. P. Thornton, moderator. Received by experience Jenny, servant of Cornelius Cohran. Also Hagen, servant of Bro. Richard Anderson. Received by experience David Terrell, William Bowen, William Mattox, Charles Inge, John E. Clark, Virginia Flint, and Ann Smith.

Met in conference Oct. 3, 1831. Jesse Mercer, moderator. Received by experience Frances Fiolin and Edward Terrell. James Rice who was a member of this church, made satisfaction and was restored to fellowship again. Received by letter, Bro. James Davis. The letter prepared by the clerk received and approved. Received by

letter, Sister Moriah, servant of Mr. John Finley.

Met in conference Nov. 12, 1831. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience Phebe Inge, and Frances Wilkerson. Bro. Bartlett, a man of color applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted but through neglect was omitted, so it is therefore, ordered that the clerk prepare a letter recommending him to the Athens church, according to our knowledge of him as a Christian.

Met in conference Dec. 3, 1831. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience Julia Wilkinson, Mary and Michael, servants of Sister Elizabeth Smith, Sister Cinthy, servant of Mr. E. Black, Charlotte, servant of Mrs. Guess. Bro. Silas Mercer, having been dismissed but never received his letter, is therefore continued as a member of this'.church by his own request. Sister Chany, servant of W. J. Billingslea, applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted.

Met in conference Jan 7, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Opened the doors of admission and received Bradford M. Kent, Mary Ann Kent, and Jesse Clark, and dismissed by letter Sister Ann Smith, now Riddle (or Riddell?). Bro. Silas Mercer excused for absence. Dismissed by letter, Sister Jane, servant of Simpson Montgomery.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Opened the doors of admission and received by letter Marcus (Marquise) D. Johnson. Absentees, F. Fallin, Silas Mercer, Benjamin Rice, Jesse Clark and John E. Clark. Received by letter Sister Mary Clark and Bro. Charles Charim.

Met in conference Mar. 9, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod.

The brethren excused for absence last meeting. Sister Kitty Terrell, now Kitty ? , dismissed by letter. Met again Mar. 24. Opened the doors for admissions and received by experience Adam, servant of Jacob Johnston, received by letter James Jeffries and Katharine Jeffries. Bro. George Clark excused for absence. A case of difficulty between Bro. Henry Barker and Bro. John L. Hawkins appealed to the church, and the church thought proper to appoint the deacons and Bro. James Jeffries to have an interview with them and report to the next conference. Moved by Bro. Henry Brooks that sundry brethren be re-requested to attend from Bethesda to attend our next conference on the above case. It is therefore ordered that Bro. Brooks request them to attend.

Met in conference May 12, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod* Opened the doors for admission of members and received by letter, Renah, servant of Bro. Jesse Clark. The committee reported that the case of difficulty between Bro. Brooks and their brother Hawkins referred from last conference, after examination they find Bro. Hawkins guilty of the charges, VIZ; charged Bro. Hawkins of signifying that Bro. Brooks, Bro. William Battle and Bro. Dickinson would swear anything for Bro. Adkinson to gain \$5.00. Also charged that Bro. Hawkins said that Bro. Adkinson had gotten his living by telling lies and that he believed that Bro. Adkinson would swear to a lie for \$1.00 and gave him the lie repeatedly. Also charged that Bro. Hawkins said that Bro. Brooks let him have a yoke of steers and yoked them wrong because he did not want him to have them. Also charged that Bro. Hawkins said that Bro. Atkinson would swear anything that was convenient to save \$5.00 which must have alluded to Bro. Battle and ickinson. The committee reported that they found Bro. Hawkins guilty of the above charges and the church thought it proper to exclude him from fellowship. He is therefore excommunicated.

Ordered that henceforth, the roll be called of the names of both black and white at their respective conferences. Sister Elizabeth Chivers applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference June 9, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Bro. Charles Crimm applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference July 7, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod. A letter handed in, relative to the case of Sister Patsy Combs and Sister Marthy Rice, by presenting them to be in want of assistance from the church for a support. The church thought to appoint Bros. Jacob Hackney and James Devant to go and see the sisters and to report their necessities.

Jesse Mercer, Richardson Anderson and James Devant appointed to draw up a subscription for the purpose of raising funds to support a literary and theological school in the County of Greene, for the purpose of educating young ministers. Appointed the brethren Francis Wilkinson J. Brooks and James Devant to attend the general meeting at New Hope on the fourth Sabbath.

Met in conference July 21, 1832. R V. Asbury, Mod. Received by letter, Judy, former servant of Robert Chivers, now servant of

? . Absent Simpson's Jim, and Simmons'

Jesse.

Met in conference Aug. 10, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by letter Sister Mary Hackney and Sister Ann Mercer. The brethren James Devant and James T. Hackney reported they visited Sister Rice and Sister Combs, and found them in need of some assistance for their support. It is therefore, ordered that the deacons draw up a subscription for that purpose. The case of Bro. Thomas Green, standing over for some time for acting incautious. so far as to violate the Sabbath in catching and punishing stock (slaves?), which was taken up and after some investigation of the matters, it was moved and seconded that the moderator give Bro. Green a solemn admonition and that he be restored to the fellowship of this church.

It appearing to the church that Bro. John E. Clark has gone off and left his father's house, being a minor, and taking property of his father without leave, contrary to the command of God, we therefore exclude him from the fellowship of the church. Ordered the clerk to prepare a letter to send to the association.

Met in conference Oct. 6, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Opened the door of admissions and received by experience Casandra Butler. Received a letter from a sister church at Myrtle Springs in Wilkinson County, stating that a woman by the name of Atha Coker, formerly Atha Crews, within bounds of their church, about twenty years ago, left our church without a letter and joined the Methodist Society, but has been dissatisfied ever since, therefore, a petition by that church for a letter of dismissal. It is therefore, referred to next conference. Absent, bro Silas Mercer, Joseph P. Hackney and Charles Inge.

Met in conference Nov. 10, 1832. Jesse Mercer, Mod. According to a letter from our sister church at Myrtle Springs respecting a woman by the name of Atha Coker having gone away from us without a letter and joining the Methodist Society, and through them to us, acknowledges her wrong in so doing, she is therefore, restored to the fellowship of the church and at the request of Myrtle Springs church on her part, granted her a letter of dismissal and have ordered the clerk to write a letter and forward the same to that church. Also, dismissed by letter Sister Sarah Coker. Bro. John P. Campbell absent.

Met in conference Jan 12, 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Bro. John Campbell excused for absence. James Davis applied through Bro. Brooks for a letter of dismissal, but having gone off contrary to the wishes of ? , the

case is referred to next conference. Received by letter Sister Cintha, servant of Mr. E. Black. Absent, Bro. Charles Inge.

Met in conference Jan 27, 1833. Bro. R. V. Asbury, Mod. The black brethren, Wingfield's Jesse, Pettis' James, Fiolin's Davy all excused for absences.

Met in conference Feb. 9, 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience Sophia Bowman. Received by letter Dorothy Jeffries. Received by experience Nancy Keffries and Katharine Jeffries. The case of Bro. James. Davis continued until next conference and if they can find where he is, to write him a few lines on the subject for further information. Dismissed by letter, Frances Albert. Absent Thomas Green and Silas Mercer.

Met in conference Mar. 9, 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience Violet, servant of Rebecca Norris.

Met in conference April 10, 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience, Frances Mattox and received by letter Samuel C. Billingslea, David S. Watts and John Brooker (Brooks) Brethren James and Benjamin Rice excused for absence. The case of Bro. James Davis continued. Bros. C. Inge and Silas Mercer, absent. Received by experience Lucy Whatley and granted a letter of dismission to Sister Mary McAvoy.

Met in conference 3-meld 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by letter Eliza Turner and Jane, former servant of James C. Daniel. Agreed to meet on the fourth of July and spend the day in some way that may be profitable if the Lord wills. Bro. Charles Inge and Silas Mercer excused for absences.

Met in conference July 13, 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Open the door of admission. The brethren J. P. Hackney and John Brooker (Brooks) excused for absences. The case of Bro. James Davis was taken up and he having absconded from the settlement and they, having taken all the pains they could to hear from him and failed, the church pro ceded to exclude him. He is, therefore, no more in the fellowship of this church.

It appearing to the church that Bro. John P. Campbell' is charged with making false representations or untruths to the brethren George W. Clark and Daniel Terrell, there-fore ordered that Bros. Joel Terrell, Jesse Simmons, Joseph Tucker, Francis Wilkerson and William Mattox be appointed

as a committee to meet the brethren and inquire into the business and report to next conference. Agreed to postpone our next communion on account of the general meeting, until the next regular time.

Met in conference July 28, 1833. Bro. R. V. Asbury, Mod. Opened the door of admission and received by letter Harry, servant of Z. Addams, formerly a servant of Robt. Chivers. The church at Fishing Creek forwarded a certificate signifying his good standing as was recommended by the church when he requested to be under their watchcare. Agreed to postpone all references until September conferences. Those absent are Fiolin's Davy, Truitt's Peter, Terrell's Gilbert, Smith's Edmond, and Burley's Abram. The brethren Richard Anderson and Joseph S. Foster appointed to attend the general meeting at Phillips' Mill in August.

Met in conference Sept. 7, 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience Lucy, servant of Mrs. Rebecca Norris and also, Heard's Anny. Took up the case of Bro. John Campbell and found him guilty of false representation and non-truths, which Bro. Francis Wilkinson affirms to be true, so it was moved that he be excommunicated, which was done. Referred the sentence of excommunication to the first Sabbath in October. Appointed the brethren James Devant and Richard Anderson our delegates to the association, and in case of failure, Joseph F. Hackney. The church clerk to prepare a letter to send to the association. Dismissed by letter Bro. David Terrell.

Met in conference Oct. 5, 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience, Mary Booker. The case of Bro. John Campbell postponed until next conference. The letter prepared by the clerk read and received. The total number of our members is 131.

Met in conference Oct. 27, 1833. R. V. Asbury, Mod. Truitt's Peter, Smith's Edmond, and Burley's Abram ex-communicated for absences. Fiolin's Davy is still absent. There being a mistake in the blacks with regard to their conference and that the moderator give them a small admonition at their next conference for neglect.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1833. In the absence of our pastor, chose Bro. James Devant moderator. The case of Bro. John Campbell taken up and the sentence of excommunication passed, he is therefore no more in the fellowship of this church. Absent, William T. Fluker, T. Fluker, Samuel Simmons, Henry Brooker, James Rice, Charles Inge and James Jeffries.

Met in conference Dec. 7, 1833. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Dismissed by letter Bro. Silas Mercer and his wife, Sister Ann Mercer. The brethren absent at last conference, excused. Appointed the Saturday before the fourth Sabbath as a day of fasting and prayer. It appearing to the church that Bro. James Rice coolly and deliberately has taken to drink ardent spirits to excess and is persisting in it, the church thought it proper to exclude him and he is therefore, no longer in our fellowship. Bro. Charles Inge is absent.

Met in conference Jan. 11, 1834. Our pastor being absent, chose Bro. William H. Stokes as moderator. Received by letter Bro. Joseph J. Pollard and Samuel Saxon. The case of Bro. Inge referred to next conference.

Met in conference Jan. 26, 1834. Jesse Mercer, Mod. The moderator admonished the black brethren for their absence and neglect. Absent Petit's Jim, Terrell's Gilbert.

Met in conference Feb 8, 1834. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Bro. Charles Inge applied for a letter of dismission for himself and Sister Inge, which was granted. Bro. Henry Brooker (Brooks) having shot a runaway belonging to B. T. Green, laid it before the church himself and the case is referred to next conference. Absent, Joseph S. Foster and John Brooker.

Met in conference Mar. 15, 1834. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Opened the doors for admission of new members and received by letter James Martin and Talitha Martin. Also, Primos, a servant of Sister Mattox, came forward and gave the church satisfaction and was restored to fellowship. The case of Bro. Henry Brooker is referred to next conference. Bros. Joseph S. Foster and John Brooker excused for absence. Bro. John Brooker came to the church and stated that he had fallen into bad company so far as going to a gaming house and betting. He confessed his fault and the church forgave him. Granted a letter of dismission to Sister F. Fiolen and Burley's Abram. On motion it was agreed to have our meetings monthly on the first Sabbath in each month.

Met in conference April 20, 1834. Bro. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the doors of admission and received by experience Phillis, servant of Dr. Shepherd. Took up the case of Bro. Henry Brooks (Brooker) and agreed to strike it from the minutes. Dismissed by letter Smith's Michael. Absent, Smith's Edmund.

Met in conference May 3, 1834. Bro. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter Joseph Taylor and Hannah Taylor. Bro. Benjamin Rice excused for absence. Absent Bros. James Jeffries, William T. Fluker, and John Brooker. Benjamin Rice, Joseph S. Foster and James F. Hackney to cite Bro. Brooker to the next conference to answer for his several absences.

No meeting in June on account of high water.

Met in conference July 5, 1834. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by experience Daniel, servant of Arden Evans, Mary, servant of Frances Gafford. The brethren James Jeffries and William T. Fluker excused for absence. Brethren appointed to cite Bro. John Brooker report that he stated that he had been guilty of gambling and he would not likely ever attend at Phillips' Mill church any more. The church considers him no more in our fellowship.

The church agreed to a protracted meeting to commence on Friday before the first Sabbath in August to be continued as circumstances may require. Dismissed by letter, Bro. Marquis D. Johnston. Appointed the brethren Richard Anderson, James Devant, James T. Hackney, and William Mattox in case of failure, to attend the general meeting at Beard's, Oglethorpe County to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath of the present month.

Met in conference July 20, 1834. William H. Stokes, moderator. Bro. George Clark stated that he had drunk too much spirits, for which he is extremely sorry. He is excused. Absent, Pettit's Jim, Bluker's Bob, and Terrell's Gilbert.

Met in conference Aug. 4, 1834. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Agreed that the deacons and Bro. Mercer arrange the preaching during the protracted meeting.

Met in conference Sept. 6, 1834. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience Mary Smith and Moriah, servant of Bro. Joseph Taylor. Also received by letter Benjamin Hardin and Elizabeth Hardin. Appointed James Devant and Richardson Anderson to represent us in association and the clerk to write the letter and send \$2.50 for the minutes. The church received a letter from a Bro. Hood in Marion County, stating that there was a black sister in the bounds of a church he attends at Muscogee, by the name of Jinny Who, when in our church was the servant of Thomas Wingate and was taken off without a letter and

and desires one through the said Bro. Hood. The clerk, having examined and found no such name but thinks its owing to disarrangements which have taken place in the minutes, and as it is recollected by some of the brethren that she was a member of this church and as far as can be ascertained in full fellowship, it is therefore ordered that the clerk prepare a letter recommending her to them, according to their knowledge of her as a Christian.

Met in conference Oct. 4, 1834. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by experience Nancy Baker, and Billy, servant of Thomas Bowen. Bro. George Clark excused for absence. The letter prepared by the clerk was read and received in which we say that since our last association, received by experience 7, by letter 6, dismissed by letter 6, excommunicated 2, restored 1, dead 2, so that our number is 136.

Met in conference Oct. 19, 1834. William H. Stokes, Mod Ben Fluker's Bob, and Pettit's (Poteet's) Jim excused for absence. Terrell's Gilbert still absent and it is there-fore ordered that Bro. Daniel, servant of Dr. Fiolin, cite him to next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 4, 1834. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Received by letter, Sister Amelia Smith. The church chose Bro. William H. Stokes as. their pastor to fill the place of Bro. Jesse Mercer who resigned, to commence the year 1835 and appointed the brethren James Devant, Richard Anderson and Joseph S. Foster as a committee to visit with him and inform him of that choice. Granted letters, of dismission to Joseph Taylor and Sister Hannah Taylor, and Moriah, their servant.

Met in conference Dec. 6, 1834. William H. Stokes, Mod. Opened the doors for admissions. The committee appointed to wait on Bro. Stokes, reports that he will accept our call and he is therefore, considered the pastor of our church beginning the year of 1835. Granted letters, of dismission to Bro. J. J. Pollard, William Bowen and Sister Sophia Bowen. Also George W. Clark, Benjamin Rice and B. Hardin. Dismissed George and Mary, servants of Sister Mary Gafford, by letter.

Bro. William H. Stokes chosen pastor and commenced Jan. 1, 1835.

Met in conference Jan 4, 1835. William H. Stokes, Mod. Received Bro. Marquis D. Johnston by the return of his letter. Also, received by experience Cinthy, servant of Daniel Lea. The brethren absent at our last conference,

still absent and referred to next conference. It was agreed by the church that Bro. Sam, servant of Sister Frances Belcher, shall have a ritten license to attend the church at Bethesda by request of the same, when he shall have complied with the law on that subject. Granted letters of dismission to Sister Mary Smith and Phillis, servant of Dr. Shepherd. Absent, Bro. James Devant, James Jeffries, Fleet Fallin and James Martin.

Met in conference Feb. 13, 1835. William H. Stokes, moderator. It is agreed that the rules of decorum be read to black brethren at their regular conference. The case of Bro. Gilbert referred to next conference.

Met in conference Feb. 28, 1835. William H. Stokes, Dismissed by letter, Bro. Joseph P. Hackney. Sister Polly ? deceased.

Met in conference April 4, 1835. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter Sister Maryan Darden and Joseph J. Pollard. Dismissed by letter Jane, servant of James Devant, and G. W. Clark.

Met in conference May 2, 1835. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter Sophia Saxton and Enoch Lawrence, and received by experience, Sophia, a servant of Arden Evans. Some reports have gone out with regard to Sister Mary Ann Kent having been charged with leaving her father's house and remaining some time and has been guilty of unchristian conduct, and it is there-fore ordered that the brethren James Devant, Richard Anderson and John Mattox be a committee to inquire into the case and report to next conference. Dismissed by letter Bro. Jesse Clark and his servant, Rena. Appointed Bros. Richard Anderson and William Mattox as trustees for the church, with Bro. James Devant.

Met in conference June 6, 1835. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter, Betty, servant of Daniel Lea. The case of Sister Mary Ann Kent was taken up and the committee reported her guilty of visiting a house of ill-fame, contrary to her father's commands, together with other very indecorous conduct such as making false representations and for the same she is excommunicated. Brother Joseph Fluker charged with intoxication and laid over until next conference. The changing of our stat-ed meeting also referred to next conference.

Met in conference July 4, 1835. Wulliam H. Stokes, modera-
tor. The case of Bro. J. Fluker referred from last conference was
taken up for having drunk to excess and was forgiven on the prom-
ise to drink no more spirits. It was agreed to change our regu-
lar conference to the Saturday before the third Sabbath in each
month. Absent, Bro. B. B. Harden.

Met in conference July 18, 1835. William H. Stokes, modera-
tor. Received by letter Nancy Crenshaw and Nancy Smith. Excused
B. B. Hardin for absence. Agreed to observe the Friday before next
meeting as a day of fasting and prayer for a revival of religion
in the church.

Met in conference Aug. 2, 1835. Received by letter, Silvy,
servant of Chinott Poteet (Pettitl, Booker's Fanny and Daniel
Lea's David, and received by experience Arden E. George. Bro.
Terrell's Gilbert cited to attend next conference for absence some
months past and still absent.

Met in conference Aug. 14, 1835. William H. Stokes, modera-
tor. The case of Bro. Gilbert referred to next conference. Absent
Bro. Benjamin Rice and J. J. Pollard. Received by experience
Martha Watts and Sarah Billingslea. On Aug. 19, received by expe-
rience Nancy Lee and Py ente Jackson. On the 20th, received by
experience Louise F. Edwards and Sarah Jones. On the 21st,
received by experience Frances J. Tucker, Sealy Fallin, Mary
Northern, Moriah Smith, and William B. Jones.

Met in conference Sept. 19, 1835. William H. Stokes, moder-
ator. Chose James Devant and Richard Anderson our delegates to the
association and in case of failure, Francis Wilkinson. Bro. James
P. Hackney to prepare a letter to send to the association, and
\$2.50 for the minutes and \$31.43 and 3/4 for missions. Dismissed
by letter Samuel Billingslea, Sister Billingslea and Sister Black.

Met in conference Oct. 15, 1835. William H. Stokes, modera-
tor. Received by experience Williamson Fluker. Being reported to
the church that Bro. George W. Clark, who obtained a letter from
this church, has not joined any other church and has been guilty
of unchristianlike con-duct, it was therefore, ordered that Bro.
James Devant go and see him and notify him to attend our next con-
ference. Absent, J. J. Pollard and James Martin.

Met in conference Nov. 1, 1835. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod.

Deceased, Simpson's George. Absent Wingfield's Jesse and Lea's Daniel.

Met in conference Nov. 14, 1835. William H. Stokes, moderator. The case of Bro. George W. Clark referred to next conference and Bro. Jones to cite him to attend. The church took up the case of Ralph, servant of Bro. Joel Chivers and restored him to fellowship. Dismissed by letter Bro. James Martin and his wife, and Sister Elizabeth Jeffries.

Met in conference Dec. 19, 1835. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received Bro. Samuel Billingslea by the return of his letter. The case of Bro. George W. Clark continued. Dismissed by letter, Bro. Samuel Sexton and Sister Mary Sexton. Absent, Bro. Pyente Jackson and Bro. F. Fallin. (Signed) Joseph S. Foster, Clerk.

Met in conference Jan. 15, 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the door and received by experience, Fanny, servant of Benjamin Wallace. The case of Bro. George W. Clark continued. Dismissed by letter Bro. Joseph S. Foster and Sister Charlotte Foster, his wife. Absent, Bro. J. J. Pollard. William T. Fluker to cite Pyente E. Jackson to attend next conference.

Met in conference Feb. 7, 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the door for admission of members and received by experience, Souzy, servant of Clinott Peteet, (Pettit). Absent Daniel's Willis, Dr. Fichlin's Davy, Terrell's Gilbert, Simpson's Jim, and Fichlin's Daniel.

Met in conference Feb. 19, 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the door for admission of members and received by letter, Bro. George S. Smith. Received by experience Delacy, servant of Charles W. Gresham, and by letter Bro. Howell Harrison, Newton Cowper, Bro. Jonathan Davis, Bro. Bradford T. Parker. Dismissed by letter Sister Lavenia Billingslea and Bro. Marquis D. Johnston. Took up the case of George W. Clark and excluded him. His not one of us. Appointed Bro. Richard Anderson to write to Bro. James Jeffries, relative to unfavorable reports made against him. The case of Bro. Pyente Jackson was taken up and postponed until next conference.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the doors to receive new members and received by letter, Nathaniel D. Reinald,s. Took up the case of Pyente P. Jackson and excluded him from member-ship. Bro. Richard Anderson laid in a charge against

Bro. Peter, servant of Mrs. Norris for purchasing corn that he believed to be stolen and for making assertions entirely false. Bro. Richard Anderson was appointed to cite him to the next conference.

Met in conference April 15, 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the doors to receive new members but had no applicants. Bro. Peter appeared and made full acknowledgement to the charges as they stand on record and then desired to be continued in membership. It was denied and he was excluded. Took up the case of Bro. Jeffries and agreed to continue it until further information can be obtained. Absent, Bro. James Devant and Bradford T. Parker.

Met in conference May 14, 1836. Bro. John West, moderator. Opened the doors of the church to receive new members and received Sister Taletha Martin on return of the letter granted to her and Bros. James Martin on Nov. 12, 1835. Also received Bro. James Martin through said letter, but he is absent. Bro. Richard Anderson informed the church that Sister Taletha Martin has been making reports unfavorable to Sister Mary Northern. Appointed a committee of Richard Anderson, William Mattox, Joseph Tucker to see Sister Martin and examine into said reports and make them known at our next conference. Bro. James Martin charged with going off and leaving his family in a distressed situation. Took up the case of Bro. James Jeffries and agreed to continue it until next conference. Letters of dismissal granted to Bro. James Devant and his wife, Bro. George Smith and his wife. Bro. Devant delivered to the church, papers, and Bro. Richard Anderson appointed to take it over until further arrangements are made. Bro. Devant and Bradford T. Parker were excused for absence.

Met in conference June 18, 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the doors to receive new members and received Harriett, a servant of Chinott Peteat (Pettitt). The committee reported on the case of Sister Taletha Martin that she has remained in the same mind toward Sister Mary Northern (Northam), and that she receive an admonition by our pastor. Took up the case of Bro. James Martin and excluded him for having absconded, we know not where, and leaving his family in a distressed situation. Took up the case of Bro. James Jeffries and excluded him.

Appointed the brethren Henry Brooker and William T. Fluker, and in case of failure, Williamson Fluker, as our delegates to the general meeting held at Antioch. Agreed that the money taken by collection on tomorrow, which has usually been applied to missionary purposes, be applied to

at this time, exclusively to the printing of the Burman Bible. Elected officers to fill vacancies occasioned by the removal of Bro. James Devant and Joseph S. Foster, VIZ. to the office of deacon, Bros. Francis Wilkerson and Joseph Tucker, and Bro. William Mattox as church clerk.

Met in conference July 16, 1836. Bro. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the doors and received by experience, Milly, a servant of Daniel Lea. A letter of dismissal was granted to Sister Katharine Jeffries, now Katharine Hackney. Absent, Bro. J. J. Pollard and Bro. Benjamin Hardin, Bro. Howell Harrison and David, former servant of Dr. Fiskin (Fiolin - Ficklin?)

Met in conference Aug. 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the doors of admission and received by letter Sister Charity Milner. Bro. Peter, servant of Nathaniel Harris, restored. The following committee appointed to wait upon Sister Taletha Martin, was Newton Cooper, James T. Hackney, William B. Jones, Benjamin Hardin and Fleet Fallin. Resolved that we raise our best endeavor to raise our present collection for the printing of the Burman Bible, to \$100.00. Absent Bros. J. J. Pollard, Jonathan Davis, and B. T. Parker. Bro. Samuel Simmons, deceased.

Met in conference Sept. 7, 1836. William H. Stokes., moderator. Open the door of admissions. The case of Sister Taletha Martin was taken up and laid over until our next conference. The brethren chosen to attend the association are Richard Anderson, James T. Hackney and Bro. Joseph Tucker in case of failure. Bro. Mattox to write the letter. Absent Bro. J. J. Pollard. Appointed Bros. Henry Brooker and Williamson Fluker to cite Bro. Jonathan Davis to next conference.

Met in conference Oct. 15, 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. The doors of admission were opened. The case of Sister Taletha Martin was taken up and committee re-ported as follows: that Sister Martin remains irreconciled to Sister Northam and that she accuses Bro. Tucker of writing a letter which was addressed to this church, over the signature of Polly Northam. The above case continued. The brethren J. J. Pollard and Jonhthan Davis L-excused for absence. Bro. Pollard applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted. Set aside Friday before the third Sabbath in next month as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer in reference to the sore judgments that have been placed upon us as a church. Sister Julia Wilkerson, dead.

Met in conference Nov. 20, 1836. Opened the doors of the church for the reception of members, none applied. The case of Sister Taletha Martin was taken up and continued until next conference. Sister Sally Simmons applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference Dec. 2, 1836. William H. Stokes, moderator. The letter prepared by Bro. Mattox was read and received. Agreed to send \$2.50 for printing the minutes. Made up the \$100.00 for printing the Burman Bible, and \$8.00 for missions.

Met in conference Deco 18, 1836, William H. Stokes, moderator. Dismissed by letter Bro. Louis A. Edwards and Sister Louise Black, Jane Hammack, Patsy Combs and David Terrell. Sister Mary Ogletree, deceased.

Met in conference Feb. 18, 1837. William H. Stokes, moderator. No applications for admission. Brother Stokes being called to the pastoral care of Bethel Church at Crawfordsville, places this church under the necessity of discontinuing his extra meetings. Bro. Jesse Simmons applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Absent Jonathan Davis and Branden Parker.

Met in conference Mar. 18, 1837. William H. Stokes, moderator. Excused Bro. Davis for absence. Appointed Bro. Richard Anderson to cite Bro. Parker to attend our next conference to answer for his absence.

Met in April, 1837. William H. Stokes, Moderator. Took up the case of Bro. Parker and appointed Bro. Richard Anderson and Joseph Tucker to cite him to the next conference in reference to his long absences. The case of Sister Taletha Martin was taken up and the church was unanimously disapproving of her course of conduct, VIZ. evil speaking of Sister Northam, and feel unwilling to bear with it longer, without the necessary acknowledgements, therefore appointed the brethren Henry Brooker and Williamson Fluker to see her and inform her of the mind of the church and also to attend our next conference.

Appointed Bro. Henry Brooker and Bro. Williamson Fluker as our corresponding members to the general meeting at Shiloh. Addams' George, dead.

Met in conference May 20, 1837. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter, Sister Lucy Ann Truitt. Excused Bro. Parker for absence. Took up the case of Sister Parker and it was moved that she be excused, when she stated that she was satisfied with the Brethren Richard Anderson and Joseph Tucker. The case was then

referred on continuance until next conference so that the brethren and she might have an interview. Absent, Bro. Benjamin Rice.

Met in conference June 17, 1837. Bro. James Mercer, moderator. The brethren Richard Anderson and Joseph Tucker, reported that they gave Sister Martin satisfaction. Received a letter from Sister Martin stating that she is willing to forgive all and to get along with all, and if the church would forgive her, she wished them to grant her a letter of dismissal, and also desiring their prayers, and after examining into the case to some extent, it appeared that Sister Martin had never made any acknowledgement for the sin of evil speaking of Sister Northam, therefore appointed Bro. Mattox to cite her to attend next conference.

Met in conference July 15, 1837. William H. Stokes, moderator. Bro. Samuel Saxon (Sexton) placed himself under the watch-care of this church until he can have an opportunity to obtain a letter of dismissal from the church in Alabama where his membership is. Cohron's Jinny, dead. Took up the case of Sister Taletha Martin and her acknowledgements being received, she was acquitted. She applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Bros. Jonathan Davis and Bradford T. Parker, absent.

Met in conference Aug. 18, 1837. William H. Stokes, moderator. Chose delegates to represent us in the next association as follows: Bros. Richard Anderson and James T. Hackney, with Bro. Francis Wilkinson in case of failure, and Bro. William Mattox to write the letter. Absent Bros. Benjamin Rice, Bradford T. Parker and Jonathan Davis.

Met in conference Sept. 16, 1837. William H. Stokes, moderator. Appointed Francis Wilkinson and Richard Anderson to see Billy, servant of Thomas Bowen with regard to some unfavorable reports of him and to cite him to attend our next conference. Sister Amelia Barker applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Met again on Sunday, Sept. 17. Received by letter Nancy, the property of Robert Chivers from Ebenezer. Bro. Joel H. Terrell, deceased.

Met in conference Oct. 14, 1837. Jesse Mercer, Mod. Took up the case of black Bro. Billy, and appointed Bro. Joseph Tucker to make some further inquiry for our next conference. Absent Benjamin T. Parker and Nathaniel Reinalds.

Met in conference Nov. 18, 1837. Richardson Anderson,

Moderator. The case of Bro. Billy continued. Bro. Reinolds excused for absence. Appointed Bros. Francis Wilkinson and William Mattox to cite Bro. Benjamin Parker to attend next conference. Bro. Henry Brooker applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted. Absent Benjamin Rice and Bradford Parker.

Met in conference Dec. 16, 1837. William H. Stokes, moderator. The case of Bro. Billy continued. Bro. Bradford Parker excused for absence. Bro. Francis Wilkinson and his wife and Sister Moriah Pettis, and Bro. William Mattox and his wife, dismissed by letter. Absent, Benjimen Hardin, Nathaniel Reinolds and Benjamin Rice.

Met in conference Jan 10, 1838. William H. Stokes, moderator. Bro. William Mattox returned his letter of dismissal; also Sister Elizabeth Jeffries. Received by letter Joseph Elliott from the church at Crawfordsville. The case of Billy, servant of Thomas Bowen, dismissed. Bros. Wm. T. Fluker, Benj. Rice, Bradford Parker and Nathaniel Reinolds, absent.

Met in conference Mar. 17, 1838. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter William Cox from the church at Sardis. Bro. Benjamin Rice applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted. Bros. Rice, Reinolds and Fluker, excused for absences. Bro. Nathaniel Reinolds applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Received a letter from the church at Beaver Dam, by the Bros. J. J. Pollard and George Smith, desiring a change in our regular meeting. Bro. Fleet Fallin to cite Bro. Bradford T. Parker to attend our next conference.

Met in conference Apr. 14, 1838. William H. Stokes, moderator. Bro. Bradford Parker attended, and rendered his excuse for absences, which was received. Agreed to change the time of our regular meeting from the third to the second Sabbath in each month.

Met in conference May 12, 1838. Bro. Richard Asbury, moderator. No business so adjourned until next conference.

Met in conference June 9, 1838. William H. Stokes, moderator. Agreed to take up the annual collection for missionary and educational purposes at the August meeting.

Met in conference July, 7, 1838. William H. Stokes,

Moderator. Took up the case of Louis A. Edwards' long absence and other disorderly conduct and appointed Bro. Joseph Tucker and William Mattox a committee to cite him to our next conference. Sister Nancy Baker and Sister Katharine Jeffries, applied for a letter of dismission, which was granted. Absent, Bro. James T. Hackney.

Met in conference Aug. 10, 1838. Received by letter Bro. William M. Acre and Sister Mary Acre, his wife. Took up the case of Louis A. Edwards and after mature reflection, thought best to exclude him on the grounds of long absence and a course of conduct generally at variance with the Gospel. Bro. James T. Hackney excused for absence. Met again Aug. 11. Appointed Bros. James T. Hackney, William Mattox and Samuel C. Billingsley in case of failure, as delegates to the next Georgia association to be held at Williams' Creek. Agreed to send \$2.50 for the printing of the minutes and \$42.20 for missionary and educational purposes.

Met in conference Aug. 16, 1838. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the doors of admission and received by experience, America. Orange Flynt and William Brown. Also received by experience Elizabeth Brown, Lucy Causby, and Baldwin Fluker. Wednesday, Aug. 29. Received by experience William J. Bennett and Louisa Milner. On Thursday Aug. 30, received by experience, David Causby, on Friday, received Lucy Billingslea. On Sept. 1, received by experience Atha Causby, David Cohron, Angelina Woodall. John P. Campbell came forward and made acknowledgement of his offenses and was again restored to full fellowship of the church.

Met in conference Friday, Sept. 7, 1838. W. M. Stokes, moderator. Received by experience Mary Stokes, Martha Cooper, Cincinattus Johnson, Henry Saxon, Willis Whatley. Saturday, Sept. 8, received Jubal Fluker, Jackson Henry, Joel Anderson, Florinda Wallace, Ann Milner, Martha Smith, Edmund, servant of James Devant and Leaven, servant of S. C. Ellington. On Sunday Sept. 9, received James Smith, and Frances Beillingslea. Monday, Sept. 10., received Elizabeth Smith, Thomas F. Combs, Jonathan Smith, Katharine Wallace. Cinthy, servant of Mrs. Norris, formerly a member, came forward and requested restoration. Appointed Bros. Richard Anderson, Joseph Tucker and Nathaniel Cooper to examine into her case and report to next conference. Peter Bennett who was a member of this church many years ago, came forward and expressed a desire to be

restored at some future day, as soon as the church could admit him upon Gospel principles. Appointed Bros. Richard Anderson, William Mattox, James T. Hackney, Joseph Tucker and Newton Cooper a committee to wait upon him. Sister Mary A. Darden dead, Sept. 20, 1838.

Met in conference Oct. 3, 1838. William H. Stokes, moderator. Opened the doors of admission and received by experience, Bela Simmons, Atha Combs, and John Billingslea. Took up the case of Peter Bennett and the committee was discharged by his own request. Opened the doors also on Oct. 4, and received by experience Sarah Hester Mattox. Since our last association meeting we have baptised 35, received by letter 5, dismissed 8, excommunicated 1, restored 1, and 4 dead. Our total is now 134.

Met in conference Nov. 10, 1838. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by experience Daniel, Sam, and Dolly, servants of Mr. Samuel Jones. Sister Elizabeth Smith and her daughters, Amelia, Moriah, and Margarett applied for letters of dismissal which were granted. Sister Nancy Lea also dismissed by letter.

Met in conference Dec. 8, 1838. William H. Stokes, moderator. Dismissed by letter Williamson Fluker, Joseph Tucker and his wife, Rebecca. Agreed to choose two of our brothers to satisfy the vacancy occasioned by the removal of the brethren Joseph Tucker and Williamson Fluker.

Met in conference Jan 12, 1839. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by experience, Becky and Dorcus, servants of Samuel Jones. Received by letter Sister Lurana Perkins. Dismissed by letter Jackson Henry, William Cox, and Gilbert, servant of Dr. Terrell, formerly servant of J. H. Terrell. Bros James T. Hackney, Newton Cooper and William Mattox to be set apart as deacons at our next regular meeting.

Met in conference Feb. 9, 1839. William H. Stokes, moderator. Had a lengthy and appropriate address by Bro. Huckins, the regularly appointed agent of the Home Missionary Society, who resides in Maine, upon the subject after which we gave \$100.00.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1839. The brethren chosen at last conference, were accordingly ordained to the office of deacon by our pastor the Rev. William H. Stokes.

Met in conference March 9, 1839. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter, Bro. Absolum Perkins and dismissed by letter, Bro. Joseph Elliott. Received an

report of Harriett, servant of Glinott poteet. Appointed a committee to examine into it.

Met in conference April 13, 1839. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter, Sister Reetha Saxon. Received the report of the committee in the case of Harriett and excluded her for a general course of bad unchristian conduct. Bro. Bradford T. Parker applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Also, Grant's Isobel received letter of dismissal. Received unfavorable report of Fanny, servant of Major Wallace. Appointed a committee to cite her to our next conference to learn the true state of her conduct.

Met in conference May 11, 1839. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter Bro. Alexander Calabaugh and his wife, Mary Calabaugh. Received by experience, Daniel, servant of Samuel Jones. The report of Bro. James T. Hackney in the case of Fanny was received, and she was excluded for bad unchristian conduct. Milly, servant of Daniel Lea under the censure of the church for her conduct.

Met in conference June 9, 1839. William H. Stokes, moderator. Received by letter, John Phillips and his wife, Nancy. The case of Milly continued. Appointed messengers to the general meeting, to wit: William T. Fluker, Jubal Fluker and Baldwin Fluker.

Met in conference July 13, 1839. William H. Stokes, moderator. The case of Milly continued, and then adjourned.

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1839. William H. Stokes, moderator. Took up the case of Milly and excluded her for a series of bad, unchristian conduct. Elected Richard Anderson and William Mattox, delegates . to the Georgia Association. James T. Hackney and Newton Cooper their alternates. Agreed to send \$3.00 for minutes. The clerk to write the letter.

Met in conference Sept. 8, 1839. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by letter Sister Sarah Cohron. The letter pre-pared by the clerk was read and received. Agreed to appropriate the amount of the collection this year, exclusively to foreign missions, and took up for that purpose \$52.85.

Met in conference Oct. 4, 1839. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Excluded Bradford T. Parker from membership for an irregular course of conduct and refusing to hear the church. Agreed to enter into a sort of reparation of our meeting house. The brethren RichaniAnderson, James T. Hackney,

Newton Cooper, Samuel T. Billingslea and William Mattox are appointed a committee of repairs for that purpose. Anna, former servant of Phillip Huckaby, dismissed by letter.

Met in conference Nov. 9, 1839. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by experience Nancy, servant of Simpson Hays. Received by letter Sister Sarah Slaten. Dismissed by letter Bro. John P. Campbell and his wife, Eliza. A charge entered against Bro. Willis Whatley for drunkenness, the Brethren Richard Anderson, Newton Cooper and William Mattox are appointed a committee to labor with him and cite him to attend next conference.

Met in conference Jan. 11, 1840. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Took up the case of Willis Whatley and excluded him for drunkenness. Dismissed by letter Sister Saba Rice and Sister Mary Stokes.

Met in conference Feb. 8, 1840. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by letter Bro. Martin Woodall and his wife, Sister Frances A. Woodall. Dismissed by letter Samuel C. Billingslea and Sister C. A. Butler. Received correspondance from the church at Crawfordsville by Bro. Archibald Gresham. Agreed to endeavor to engage the services of Bro. Wilson to preach for us on the fourth Sabbath, in each month this year. Appointed the deacons as a committee to wait upon him if the brother accepts the call.

Met in conference Mar. 7, 1840. Bro. James Peck, Mod. No business appearing, adjourned until next conference.

Met in conference April 11, 1840. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by experience Amy and Kendall, servants of Samuel Jones, and Hannah, servant of James Devant. Dismissed by letter, Sister Lurana Perkins. Appointed Bros. Richard Anderson and Martin Woodall corresponding members to the church at Crawfordsville.

Met in conference June 12, 1840. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Appointed Bro. Mattox as a committee to cite Bro. Henry Saxon to next conference and admonish him for his irregular attendance at monthly conferences.

Met in conference July 11, 1840. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Appointed the brethren Cincinattus Johnson and Joel C. Anderson messengers to the general meeting to be held at Greensboro.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1840. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Agreed to recognize Sister Elizabeth Hardin as under the watchcare of this church until she has an opportunity to get her letter from the church at Crawfordsville. Received correspondance from the church at Crawfordsville by her member brother, Rhodes. Elected the brethren Newton Cooper and William Mattox as delegates to the association. Bro. Bela Simmons in case of failure. The clerk to prepare the letter.

Met in conference Sept. 12, 1840. The letter prepared by the clerk received and adopted. Agreed to send \$3.00 for the minutes. Pkotracted the meeting and on Wednesday Sept. 16, opened the doors for reception of new members and received by experience, Nancy Davis, Jane Combs, Jane Hittson and Elbert Smith. Also received John Cohron.

Met in conference Oct. 1, 1840. Received by experience Martha Hackney, Eliza J. Gohron, Mary Ann Hackney, Martha rerkins, James Saxon, James Cohran, Priscilla Milner, Frances A. D. McKnight, Nancy Hardy, Ceally Anna Wallace. In consequence of the gracious visitation that the church has recently experienced, the clerk was instructed to remodel the letter that has been prepared for the association, which was accordingly, done and the amendment received.

Met in conference Nov. 8, Wm H. Stokes, Moderator. Received by experience Frances E. Mattox, Joseph Campbell, and Roseanna, servant of Samuel Jones. Dismissed by letter Sister Elizabeth Jeffries.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1840. Win. H. Stokes, mod. Dismissed by letter Sister Frances A. D. McKnight.

Met in conference Jan. 9, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by letter, Sister Eliza Hardy. Dismissed by letter, Bro. Jonathan Davis and his wife, Sister Nancy Davis. Took up the subject of supplying the church with the service of a minister at the extra meeting and agreed to postpone it until next conference.

Met in conference Feb. 13, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Took up the subject of engaging the services of a minister at the extra meeting. On motion, Bro. Stokes was requested to endeavor to obtain Bro. Sturgis or Bro. Jenks. Bro. Bela Simmons applied for a letter of dismission which was granted. Received and read a letter from Bro. William N. Acree, requesting the church to erase his name from the church book. On motion the brethren Richard

Anderson and William Mattox were appointed a committee to labor with him and cite him to attend our next conference.

Met in conference April 10, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by letter, Bro. Samuel C. Billingslea, Reuben C. McGinty and William H. Stokes. The case of William N. Acree continued until next conference in course.

Met in conference May 8, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received corresponding members from our sister church, Bethel at Crawfordsville, VIZ. Archibald Gresham, and James Gaugen. Took up the case of Bro. William N. Acree and continued it. Archillas and Hester, his wife, formerly servants of Chinott Poteet, dismissed by letter. Sister Lurana Perkins, received a letter of dismissal saome months ago and did not join any other church and her letter being mislaid or lost, the church agreed to receive her as if, she had returned said letter. Resolved that the 14th day of this month be observed as a day of fasting, prayer and humiliation in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Tyler, the President of the United States in reference to the state of the Republic, and that Bro. Jenks be requested to deliver a discourse at this place upon that occasion.

Met in conference June 12, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. The case of Bro. William N. Acree continued. Bro. James T. Hackney Charged Davy, servant of Mr. Daniel Lee, Esq., of being guilty of the sin of adultery and on motion, Bro. Hackney to cite him to attend our next conference. Proceeded to the nomination of messengers to the general meeting in the 3rd District, which was as follows: Wm. H. Stokes, Baldwin Fluker, and Jubal Fluker. Resolved that we observe the second Saturday in July next as a day of fasting, prayer and humiliation in accordndnce with the recommendation of the Georgia Baptist Convention with special reference to a revival of the church of Christ and the prosperity and advancement of Sabbath Schools.

Met in conference July 10, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. The case of Bro. Acree continued on account of his absence. Davy, servant of Daniel Lee, came forward and acknowledged a charge of being guilty of adultery, and expressed him-self as feeling great sorrow for having transgressed and begged the forgiveness of the church, but in consequence of the heinous nature of his sin, the church thought it best to suspend his case for the present time, it being necessary to have further evidence of the sincerity of his repentence.

Bro. Richard Anderson charges Peter, servant of William Moore, with living in a disorderly manner and of being guilty of adultery. Bro. Anderson was requested to cite him to attend the next conference. In consequence of unfavorable reports of a Christian character of Bro. Samuel servant of Sister Belcher, the following brethren were appointed a committee to investigate: Richard Anderson, James T. Hackney and William Mattox. Resolved to resume the quarterly conference for the convenience of the colored brethren, which will take place on the fourth Sabbath in each month in the extra meeting immediately proceeding communion.

Met in conference July 25, 1841. Bro. Jenks, Mod. Dismissed by letter, Jesse, servant of Mr. Garland Wingfield, James, former servant of William Simpson, Nancy, servant of Archibald Hays.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1841. Wm. H.. Stokes, Mod.

Received by letter Sister Rebecca Farmer. Took up the case of Bro. Sam and agreed to let it remain without the committee until next conference. Took up the case of Peter and received the report of the committee and having before us satisfactory evidence of his being guilty of the sin of adultery, he was excluded. Proceeded to the election of delegates to the next Georgia Baptist Assn. and chose Bro. William H. Stokes, William Mattox and Richard Anderson in case of failure of either. The clerk to write the letter. On motion, agreed to send delegates to the Sunday School Convention to be held at Bethesda, Greene County, as follows: William H. Stokes, Richard Anderson, Samuel C. Billingsiea, James T. Hackney, William T. Fluker and William Mattox., The clerk to write the letter.

Met in conference Sept. 11, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by experience Mary Flynt, and Joe, servant of Major B. Wallace. William N. Acree came forward and proposed to withdraw a request which he made of this church some months ago, which was granted. The case of Bro. Sam was continued.

Took into consideration the death of our venerable father and brother, Jesse Mercer, and resolved that Bro. William H. Stokes, our pastor, be requested to preach a funeral service at this place as soon as his convenience will permit, to be dedicated to the memory of him whose departure, we as a church and congregation feel to be a very serious bereavement.

Met in conference Sept. 18, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by experience, Martha Campbell.

Met in conference Nov. 13, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by experience, Sarah, servant of Thomas Wallace.

Met in conference Oct. 8, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by experience Frances Saxon and John P. Hackney.

Met in conference Dec. 11, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. The case of Sam continued until next conference. Bro. William Brown stated to the church that very unfavorable reports about Edmond, former servant of Bro. George Smith. Bro. William Brown was requested, in behalf of the church, to cite him to attend the next conference. Sister Dorothea Wallace, Bro. William Brown and his wife, and Cincinattus Johnson are dismissed by letter.

Met in conference Jan 8, 1842. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Took up the case of Edmond and continued it by appointing the Brethren James T. Hackney and Benjamin Hardin as a committee of investigation and report to the next conference. On motion Bro. Richard Anderson and Bro. James T. Hackney and William Mattox are appointed as a committee of repairs whose business it shall be to examine the meeting house and make their report to the next conference what may be necessary to be done to it and at what probable cost.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1842. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by letter Bro. Seaborn Moore and his wife, Sister Elizabeth Moore. Took up the case of Edmond and received the report of the committee as follows: that they did not find evidence to sustain the charge, therefore the case was dismissed. Received the report of the committee of repairs and resolved to re-cover the meeting house, and that it be let to the lowest bidder this day and month and that Bros. Hackney, Anderson and Mattox take up a subscription from the church and congregation for that purpose. Appointed Bros. W. H. Stokes and Richard Anderson as delegates to the Sunday School Convention, and Bro. James T. Hackney in case of failure.

Met in conference April 9, 1842. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Let the recovering of our meeting house to the lowest bidder in accordance with the resolution passed last conference on the following terms: the contractor him-self, to find the materials and to cover it well with heart pine shingles and put tin over the gutters, for which we agreed to pay by the 10th day of November next.

Mr. Simpson Fourche, Esq., being the lowest bidder, is therefore the contractor for the sum of \$100.00.

Met in conference May 7, 1842. Richard Anderson, Mod. Received by letter Bro. Jackson Henry. Appointed Bros. William H. Stokes and James T. Hackney delegates to the general Meeting of the 3rd Districk to be held with this church on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in May, next. Bro. Richard Anderson in case of failure.

Met in conference June 11, 1842. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by letter, Bro. January Martin.

Met in conference July 9, 1842. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Davy, servant of Mr. Daniel Lea, Esq., who has been under the censure of the church for some months, came forward and made application to the church to be restored. Bro. Seaborn Moore objected by laying an account against him of a charge of dishonesty, so the following brethren were appointed a committee of investigation: Seaborn Moore, Samuel C. Billingslea, Jonathan Smith, David Cousby and James T. Hacknew. Dismissed by letter Bro. Baldwin Fluker and Sister Lurana Perkins.

Met in conference Aug. 12, 1841. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Took up the case of Davy and received the report of the committee of investigation which was unfavorable, therefore it was thought best to exclude him, which was done. He is no longer in fellowship for a general course of dishonesty. Elected Bros. William H. Stokes and James T. Hackney as delegates to the association and Richard Anderson in case of failure. Sent \$2.50 for minutes. Bro. Jubal Fluker, deceased.

Met in conference Sept. 10, 1842. Received by experience Grenimer, servant of Daniel, Lea. Read the church letter to the association prepared by the clerk, which was received. Granted a letter of dismissal to Sister Lucy Ann Truitt. Harriett, former servant of Chinott Poteet, now servant of Francis Wingfield, came forward and desired restoration, and upon the recommendation of her master and her own acknowledgment, she is accordingly restored and also received application for a letter of dismissal. Also a letter of dismissal was granted to Jim, formerly a servant of. Dr. Chinott Poteet, now servant of Mr. Creel.

Met in conference Feb. 11, 1842. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Granted a letter of dismissal to Bro. Joseph Campbell and Sister Martha Campbell. Bro. James T. Hackney reports that Bro. William J. Bennett has gone off and left behind him charges which are unfavorable to his character as a Christian. Bro. James T. Hackney to make special inquiry into his case and report to next conference.

Met in conference Mar. 12, 1843. Our pastor being absent, Radford Gunn was chosen moderator. No. business.

Met in conference April 8, 1843. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Took up the case of William J. Bennett and received the report of Bro. James T. Hackney, which was entirely unfavorable and he was therefore excluded for his un Christian conduct, namely drunkenness and dishonesty. Received by experience Aaron, servant of Mrs. Dorothy Randolph.

Met in conference May 13, 1843. Our pastor being absent, Joel P. Leverett was chosen moderator. Opened the doors of admission and received by letter, Sister Melissa Chivers and Bro. Samuel Saxon. Bro. Henry Saxon made application for a letter of dismissal for Bro. James Saxon, which was granted. Paid Mr. Simpson Fourche the residue for covering the meeting house.

Met in conference June 10, 1843. Thomas Beck, Mod. No business appearing, adjourned.

Met in conference July 8, 1843. Our pastor being absent, Richard Anderson chosen moderator. Granted Sister Ann Milner a letter of dismissal. Appointed Seaborn Moore and John Cohron our delegates to the general meeting to be held at Antioch Church in Oglethrope County Friday before the fifth Sabbath in this month.

Met in conference Aug. 11, 1843. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Invited visiting brethren to seat with us. Also corresponding brethren David S. Anderson and William Rhodes presented themselves as correspondants from Bethel at Crawfordsville. Took up the case of William N. Acree who was charged with having gone off without having made satisfactory arrangements for settling his debts and for neglecting his church duties, for which he was excluded. Appointed the following correspondants: to Bethel, Crawfordsville Richard Anderson and Newton Cooper; to Bethesda James T. Hackney and Samuel C. Billingslea. Proceeded to the election of delegates to the Georgia Association, which resulted in the choice of William H. Stokes, William Mattox and in case of failure, James T. Hackney. Bro. Mattox to write the letter. Received by experience, Samson, servant of Mrs. Dorothy Randolph.

Met in conference Aug. 30, 1843. Wm. H. Stokes, Mod. Received by experience James Guest and his wife, Dorothy Guest, and Malinda Jarrett.

Met in conference Sept. 9, 1843. In the absence of

the pastor, Thomas Beck chosen moderator. Received by experience Jacob Johnson, Les, servant of Sister Cohran and Stephen, servant of Mr. Arden Evans. The letter prepared by the clerk was read and received. Sent \$2.50 for minutes. Received by experience Cornelia, servant of Mrs. Dorothy Randolph and John, servant of Mr. Francis Billingslea.

Met in conference Oct. 14, 1843. In the absence of the pastor, Thomas Beck was chosen moderator. Received by experience, Johnson T. Jarrett and Scott and Jenny, servants of Mrs. Dorothy Randolph. It was stated before the conference that Bro. John Billingslea's conduct was generally bad and unchristianlike, therefore, a committee was appointed to labor with him and cite him to our next conference. Bro. Henry Saxon and his wife, Sister Peretha Saxon, was dismissed by letter.

Met in conference Nov. 12, 1843. Pastor absent and Bro. William Cox was chosen moderator. Received by experience Jordan, servant of Mrs. Grant. Took up the case of John Billingslea and he being absent, received the re-port of the committee and after much deliberation, it was thought best to exclude him for a general course of unchristian conduct, therefore he is not of us. Received and read a letter from William N. Acree requesting restoration. Bro. Martin objected until a difficulty that existed between them could be adjusted. Therefore it was agreed that Bro. Samuel Billingslea and Martin Woodall visit him in relation to that matter. Bro. James T. Hackney reports unfavorable reports of Amy, servant of Samuel Jones for resisting her mistress, therefore appointed a committee of Bros. Hackney and Saxon to investigate and cite her to attend the next conference. Appointed the following correspondants; Richard Anderson, James T. Hackney and Samuel Billingslea to Bethel at Crawfordsville, Joel P. Leverett and Sam Woodall, to Bethesda.

Met in conference Dec. 13, 1843. James T. Hackney, Mod. Took up the case of Amy and the committee reported that she remains stubborn and gave no indication of satisfaction, therefore she is excluded from membership. Proceeded to the election of pastor to serve the church for the next year, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. V. T. Thornton by a unanimous vote from all the members present. Ordered the clerk to address him a note containing the facts of said choice. Sister Mary Flynt now Mary Darwin, dismissed by letter. Dec. 14, 1843. Brother V. R. Thornton being present, informed the church and congregation that he accepted the above call as pastor. Received and read a letter from the church Palmyra, Lee County, in behalf of James Jeffries who was an excluded member of this church, requesting his restoration and stating that

they were satisfied with his acknowledgements and reformation, all of which are satisfactory to this church. He was therefore, restored and dismissed by letter according to a request made in said letter. Changed the time of our monthly meeting from the second to the third Sabbath in each month, so long as circumstances may make it necessary.

Met in conference Jan. 20, 1844. Bro. V. R. Thornton, Moderator. Received by experience Moses, servant of Mrs. Norris. Dismissed by letter, Exy, former servant of old brother George Smith. Also dismissed by letter Bro. James Guest and his wife, Sister Dorothy Guest and our former pastor, William H. Stokes. Brother Stokes introduced the "Colfredier Syster" on the benefits that might arise from the establishing of a book depository in August in accordance with a resolution entered into by the Georgia Association, and it was resolved that William Mattox and James F. Hackney take up a subscription to aid in the cause.

Took up the case of William Acree and he being absent, Bro. Daniel Thompson turned in his acknowledgements, which were received and he was therefore, restored to membership and dismissed by letter. Appointed correspondants to Bethel, Crawfordsville, Richard Anderson and Newton Cooper. Agreed to resume monthly conferences again for the benefit of the black members.

Met in conference April 14, 1844. V. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by experience, Ben, Mary Ann and Gilbert, servants of ?, and received by letter, Mary, servant of Alexander Pope.

Met in conference Apr. 20, 1844. James F. Hackney, Mod. Received by letter, Benjamin Ozborn and his wife, Sister Martha Ozborn and also, Bro. Marquis D. Johnston. Sunday, servant of Mrs. Norris, came forward and made application for restoration, whose Acknowledgments were satisfactory and he was therefore, restored. Sister Nancy Jeffries, Sister Mary Acree, Simpson's Jack, and Cunningham's Daniel were dismissed by letter.

Met in conference May 18, 1844. V. R. Thornton, Mod. Received the following correspondants from Bethel Church, Crawfordsville: R. S. Anderson. Received by letter, William Peary (or Peavy). Appointed the following brethren correspondants to Crawfordsville: James T. Hackney and G. Richard Anderson. Dismissed by letter, Betty, servant of Spain Colby, formerly servant of Thomas Bowen.

Met in conference June 4, 1844. James T. Hackney, Mod. Received by experience Ralph, servant of Dr. Ficklin, and received by letter Richard and Harry, servants of Alexander Pope from the church at Washington.

Met in conference July 20, 1844. V. R. Thornton, Mod. Took up the case of Bro. January Martin, under consideration for a long absence and neglect of his church duties, and ordered the church clerk to address him a note requesting his immediate attendance to give reason for his default. Appointed the following brethren as our messengers to the general meeting to be held with the church at Baird on Friday before the fourth Sabbath, inst: William T. Fluker, Johnson T. Jarrett and John Cohron, alternate.

Met in conference Aug. 11, 1844. James T. Hackney, Mod. Ben, servant of Dr. Ficklin is charged with disobedience of his overseer and avoiding the service to his master by running away, the following brethren were appointed a committee of investigation and report to the next conference: John Phillips, Jacob Johnson and James Cohron. Cuzzy, servant of Mrs. J. Farmer is charged with living in adultery and the same committee shown above to also examine into this case and report to next conference. Joe, servant of Maj. Wallace is charged with living in adultery. The following committee of investigation to investigate and report to next conference: James T. Hackney, S. Saxon and S. A. Hackney.

Invited visiting brethren to seat with us and called for correspondence received from Bethel by Bro. G. Overton. The case of Bro. January Martin was continued. Proceeded to the election of delegates to the association as follows: James T. Hackney, William Mattox, Richard Anderson, and Samuel Billingslea, alternate. The following correspondents, James T. Hackney, Samuel Billingslea and James Cohron to Bethel. Resolved that the amount raised for mission purposes be appropriated exclusively for domestic missions. Received by experience, Amanda, servant of Wm. Mattox.

Met in conference Sept. 14, 1844. Richard Anderson, Mod. The case of Bro. January Martin continued.

Met in conference Oct. 19, 1844. Richard Anderson, Mod. The case of Bro. Martin brought up and carried over according to a request from him made by a letter addressed to the church, until the end of the year at which time he promised to return and try to give satisfaction. Received by experience, Jack and Lucy, servants of Dr. Ficklin. Harriett, servant of James T. Hackney, and Sarah, servant of Dr. Ficklin, received by letter. Peter, servant of

Mrs. William Moore came forward and made application for restoration and appointed a committee to examine into his character and standing and report to the next regular conference. Took up the case of Ben and heard the re-port of the committee who stated that his master was satisfied and a note from the overseer indicated he was also satisfied. The case was, therefore, dismissed. Took up the case of Joe and received the report of the committee which stated that he acknowledged that he was guilty of the charge and expressed himself as having deeply repented and promising to change his course of conduct. Took up the case of Cuzzy and referred it to next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 10, 1844. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Resolved that Bro. Thornton serve this church as pastor so long as both parties are satisfied. Bro. Marquis D. Johnston dismissed by letter. Took up the case of Cuzzy as referred from last conference and received the report of the committee stating that the charge was sustained and she, being present, came forward and made satisfactory acknowledgments, and was forgiven.

Met in conference Dec. 14, 1844. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by experience Ann Portwood and William Anderson. Aggy, servant of Thomas Stokes, formerly servant of Mrs. Hester Simpson, and Ellington's Jenny, dismissed by letter.

Agreed to resume the extra Sabbath meeting and Rev. Thornton to preach for us. Dismissed by letter William Mattox and his wife, Sister Frances Mattox, and Bro. Joel L. C. Anderson and his wife, Sister Frances C. Anderson.

Met in conference Jan. 5, 1845. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Dismissed by letter Bro. James Cohron and his wife, Sister Hannah Cohron, and Sister Mary Guest, formerly Hackney.

Met in conference Apr. 19, 1845. B. R. Thornton, Mod. The letter granted to James Cohron was recalled, and Bro. Samuel Hackney to write to him. Granted a letter of dismissal to Les, seravant of James S. Cohron. Returned to the first Sunday conferences.

Met in conference May 17, 1845. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Open the doors of reception for members and received by letter Cincinnatus Johnson. Took up the case of W. B. Moore's Peter which was continued. Took up the case of

Took up the case of Bro. Ozborn and continued it. Took up the case of Edmond, servant of Mr. Sanford, who was charged with drunkenness and adultery. He denied the charges but was found guilty of both and was excluded. Gilbert, the property of Dr. Ficklin stands charged-with running away and stealing. Daniel, property of Dr. Ficklin charged with lying. Mrs. Dorothy Randolph's Aaron charged with resisting his overseer.

Met in conference June 1, 1845. James T. Hackney, Mod. Took up the case of Peter which was continued. Took up the case of Gilbert who was excluded. Took up the case of Daniel which was continued until next conference. Took up the case of Aaron who., making satisfactory acknowledgments, was forgiven.

Met in conference June 14, 1845. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by letter Sister Rebecca Towns. Took up the case of Bro. Benjamin Ozborn, which was continued. Appointed delegates for the general meeting, as follows: William Fletcher, James Hackney and Richard Anderson. Our brother Isaac Fluker, deceased. Leverett's. Sam applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference July 19, 1845. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Took up the case of Peter, servant of William S. Foster, and dismissed it. Took up the case of B.ro. Benjamin Ozborn and wife, and appointed the Brethren James T. Hackney., and Richard Anderson to investigate the case and report to the next conference. Took up the case of Ficklin's Daniel who, giving satisfactory acknowledgments, was forgiven.

Met in conference Aug. 15, 1845. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received Bros. David L. Anderson, John Chapman and Evans, correspondants from Bethel at Crawfordsville. Took up the case of Benjamin Ozborn and his wife. The committee reported a won't of Christian fellowship with them. Bros. Hackney and Richard Anderson to write to them. Elected James T. Hackney and Richard Anderson delegates to the Georgia Association meeting, and Newton Cooper, alternate. Appointed Richard Anderson, Newton Cooper and Thornton T. Garrett correspondants to Bethel, Crawfordsville.

Met in conference Sept. 20, 1845. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Opened the door for the reception of members and received by experience John L. Taylor, by letter James Cary (_Cory) Marion Cary, Newton Cary and Sister Nancy Cary. Continued the case of Bro. Benjamin Ozborn and his wife. Read the letter prepared by the clerk and adopted it. Collected

\$13.00 for the Indian Mission and sent \$2.50 for the minutes. Our membership now numbers \$140.

Met in conference Oct. 18, 1845. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Took up the case of Bro. Benjamin Ozborn and his wife, and continued it until next conference.

Met in conference Nov. 15, 1845. Bro. Jethro Darden, moderator. Granted a letter of dismissal to Bro. Francis Billingslea and his wife, Sarah W. Billingslea, Samuel C. Billingslea and Miss Eliza H. Turner. Appointed Brethren Cincinnatus Johnson, John Cohron and William Anderson correspondants to Crawfordsville.

Met in conference Dec. 21, 1845. Bro. Richard Anderson, moderator. Sister Rebecca Turner applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference Jan. 10, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by experience, Margaret Hackney. Simetary, the property of James Harris, applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted. The case of Bro. Ozborn and wife was continued. Bro. James B. Guest elected by the church as church clerk.

Met in conference Feb. 7, 1846. Richard Anderson, Mod. Opened the doors for reception of members and received by letter Bro. Joseph B. Ivey, and Sister Lurana Perkins. Continued the case of Bro. Benjamin Ozborn and his wife, and adjourned.

Met in conference Mar. 7, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Took up the case of Bro. Ozborn and wife, and continued it. Willis, property of William Daniel, applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

Met in conference April 11, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Opened the doors of admission and received by experience, Candis, property of Sister Amelia Jones. Took up the case of Benjamin Ozborn and wife, and Bro. James T. Hackney reports that the difficulty was unbecoming language and unchristianlike conduct, for which conduct he could not be fellowshiped and was therefore, excluded. Bro. Johnson T. Garrett was appointed chorister and Bro. Newton Cooper to assist him. Bro. Sebron (Seaborn) Moore and his wife, Sister Elizabeth Moore applied for a letter of dismissal through Bro. David Cosby, which was granted.

Met in conference May 9, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Opened the door of admissions, but no applicants. Appointed correspondants to Bethel at Crawfordsville as follows:

Martin Woodall, John Cohron, and Joseph Campbell: to Bethesda, Richard Anderson, James T. Hackney, Martin Woodall and James B. Guest. Received by letter Anna, servant of Kanchin King.

Met in conference June 14, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Opened the door of admission, and received by letter, Tom, a free man of color. Granted a letter of dismissal for Patience, the property of Williamson Fluker, formerly be-longing to Isaac Fluker.

Met in conference July 11, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Opened the door of reception and received by experience, Mary, servant of Rebecca Norris, and Martha, servant of John W. O'Neil. Appointed Johnson T. Garrett (Jarrett), James B. Guest and James T. Hackney to the general meeting at Bethesda.

Met in conference Aug. 7, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received from the Crawfordsville church as correspondants, S. S. Anders and Ace Rhodes, who were invited to seat with us. Elected delegates to the next Georgia Assn. meeting at the church at Powelton, Hancock County as follows: James T. Hackney, Richard Anderson and Joseph Campbell and James B. Garrett their alternates. It was ordered that the public collection be taken, particularly for the Indian mission. Received by experience, Solomon and Leander, servants of Mrs. Rebecca Norris, Martha Poteet, and Mrs. Elizabeth Moore.

Sept. 12, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Jacob Portwood received by experience. Granted a letter of dismissal to Sister Frances Bishop.

Oct. 3, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Peter, servant of W. B. Moore was restored upon acknowledgments formerly made to the church. Received by letter Sister Nancy A. Cary (Cory).

Met in conference Nov. 7, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by letter Sister Delilah Portwood. Also, received by experience Jacob, servant of Francis Billingslea. Granted letter of dismissal to Bro. Richard Anderson and his wife, Sister Huldah Anderson, and Bro. William C. Anderson.

Met in conference Dec. 12, 1846. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by letter Bro. Leonidas G. Evans. Bro. Joseph Campbell arose, after seeing there was no other business and reported that there was a difficulty between him and the brethren James Cary and Newton Cary, and stated that

he had tried to settle it with them, therefore it was his duty to lay it before the church. The church therefore, appointed Bro. James T. Hackney, Newton Cooper and Fleet Fallin to see the brethren James and Newton Cary and re-port to next conference. Granted a letter of dismissal to Sister Jane Rent. Sister Rebecca Turner who received a letter from this church about twelve months ago, since has joined the Methodist church. Ficklin's Ralph, who was once a member of this church, is now excluded for drunkenness and violently beating his wife' upon the testimony of his master.

Met in conference Jan. 9, 1847. James T. Hackney, Mod. The difficulty between Bro. Joseph Campbell and James and Newton Cary, was settled. Bro. David Cohron made application for letters of dismissal for himself and his mother Sister Sarah Cohron, and Bro. John Cohron, and also Solomon, servant formerly of Mrs. Norris. Also granted letters of dismissal for Bro. J. B. Guest and his wife, Sister Dorothy Guest.

Met in conference April, 1847. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by letter, Bro. Samuel and his wife, Mary. Brother John Moore and his wife's letter was returned. Received by letter Bro. Absolum Perkins and wife, Lurana Perkins. Received by experience Leroy, George, Caty, Melinda and Harriett, all servants of A. Pope. Also received by experience Lucinda, servant of Sanders Saxon, and Vince, servant of Sister Billingslea.

Met in conference May 8, 1847. James T. Anderson, Mod. Received as correspondanding brethren Bro. J. J. Anderson and John Evans from the Crawfordsville church. Appointed James T. Hackney and Newton Cooper to Crawfordsville.

Our much beloved brother, Fleet Fallin, departed this life April, 1847.

Met in conference June 19, 1847. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received James Guest and wife, Dorothy Guest, and the re-turn of their letter. Received by experience Pompey, the property of Major B. Wallace. Appointed J. T. Hackney, J. T. Garrett and Martin Woodall as delegates to the general meeting at Smyrna.

Met in conference July 10, 1847. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by experience George, Tom, Pleasant, Rachel, Ann, Frances, Sadie and Harriett, all the property of A. Pope and received by letter, Billy, also the property of A. Pope. Received by letter Nancy, servant of .Mrs. O'Neil.

Met in conference Aug. 6, 1847. Our beloved sister, Amelia Jones departed this life July, 1847.

Received by experience Hilva, servant of Major B. Wallace, and Kizzia, servant of Dr. Wallace. Received by letter Ezekiel, servant of Thomas O'Neal. Dave, servant of Heard, applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. James F. Hackney and J. Y. Garrett was chosen as delegates to the association meeting to be held at Grove Church, Columbus County, Georgia and Joseph Campbell in case of failure. (Signed) Joseph Campbell, Ck.

Met in conference Sept. 5, 1847. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by experience, John Hardin. The letter prepared by the clerk read and received.

Met in conference Oct. 5, 1847. Received by experience Virginia Evans. Granted a letter of dismissal to Sister Martha Harris, formerly Martha Poteet. The church has learned that J. T. Hackney and John F. Garrett could not attend the association, so the church appointed Newton Cooper and James Smith as delegates.

Met in conference Nov. 13, 1847. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Joseph Campbell applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Took up the case of Bro. January Martin who applied for restoration. After giving the church satisfaction, he was restored to the church and granted a letter of dismissal.

Met in conference Dec. 11, 1847. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Granted letter of dismissal to Bro. L. G. Evans and his wife, and Bro. J. S. Taylor and his wife.

Met in conference Jan 1, 1848. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Elected J. B. Guest church clerk. Bro. William Peavy, deceased. Granted letter of dismissal to Martha, servant of John O'Neil. Upon a confession and acknowledgment on the part of Major Wallace's Joe, the church forgave him. Major B. Wallace's Fannie, also restored. Our monthly meeting to be held on the first Sunday instead of the second Sunday.

Met in conference Feb. 5, 1848. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by letter, Austin, property of G. W. Garrett, and dismissed by letter Angelina Woodall. Bro. D. Causley and Bro. J. B. Guest appointed to wait upon Bro. William Cox and invite him, on the part of the church, to preach for us on the third Sabbath in every month, which he agreed to do.

Met in conference Mar. 4, 1848. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by experience Kim, servant of Mrs. Norris. Appointed J. B. Guest and Cincinnatus Johnson to the general meeting to be held at Phillips' Mill, on Friday before the fifth Lord's Day in April. Appointed the Brethren James T. Hackney, Benjamin Hardin, John Phillips, Jonathan Smith, David, Causby, James Saxon and James Guest to meet Friday before the fourth Sabbath, inst. to suggest such repairs and alterations as they may think proper to the meeting house.

Met in conference April 1, 1848. Minutes faded and unreadable.

Met in conference May 6, 1848, Received by letter, John S. Parrish and his wife, Mary Parrish. There was no decisive action taken on the meeting house, either for repairs or removing to Salem.

Met in conference June 3, 1848. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Bro. Benjamin Hardin reports that he and Bro. T. F. Combs,, went forward and purchased the meeting house and land whereupon it stands in Wilkes County, for \$350.00. The report was adopted, moved and seconded and voted by a majority that we assume the payment of said sum of money for the land and meeting house, and moved and seconded and voted that we hold our next meeting at that place and hence forward it shall be called the "Phillips' Mill Church" in place of "Salem" (Presbyterian Church). Appointed Bros. Hardin and Combs as trustees to act with Bro. James T. Hackney. Granted a letter of dismissal to Bro. Marion Cary (Cory).

Met in conference July 1, 1844. Phillips' Mill Church met according to appointment, at Salem for the first time. Bro. B. R. Thornton preached from First Corinthians and Second Chronicles 2:5.

George, the property of Arden Evans was charged with leaving left his wife and taking up with another woman, for which he was excluded. Roseanna and Candis, servants of Dr. Shehan, formerly the property of Samuel Jones, was charged with disobedience to their owners, adultery and running away, and they are therefore, excluded. Granted letter of dismissal to Bro. V. T. Garrett and his wife, Sister Malinda Garrett. Bro. Benjamin Hardin suggests that there be shutters made and put to the windows. The church agreed to have it done. A committee of Bros. James Smith, Benj. Hardin and James T. Hackney appointed to see a workman and have it done, forthwith.

Met in conference Sept. 2, 1848. Received by letter Albert E. Cox and his wife, Martha .A. Cox.

Met in conference Sept. 30, 1848. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Called the roll and adjourned.

Met in conference Dec. 2, 1848. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by experience James Cooper. Granted letters of dismissal to the following brethren and sisters: Alexander Calabrough and his wife, Mary Calabrough, John Phillips and his wife, Nancy Phillips, Absolum Perkins and his wife, Martha Perkins, Jacob Johnson, Cincinnatus Johnson, Joel Portwood, Delilah Portwood, Elizabeth Billingslea, Ezekiel and his wife, the property of Elizabeth and Thomas Evans. Appointed Benjamin Hardin to collect the money and make the first payment on the new meeting house.

Met in conference Jan. 6, 1849. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Bro. Benjamin Hardin made the first payment on the meeting house, \$175.00. Bro. Benjamin Hardin and James T. Hackney were instructed by the church to make some disposition of the land where where our old meeting house stood, and re-port to the next conference or as soon as. they can.

Met in conference Mar. 31, 1849. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by letter Bro. Oliver F. Battle and his wife, Sister Martha Battle. The balance due for the making of the blinds, which was \$10.00, was laid over to next conference. The committee of the trustees report that the land where our old meeting house stood, was sold and it was moved. Seconded and voted that the amount for which it sold, should be applied to the painting of the meeting house. Granted a letter of dismissal to Sister Virginia Sheehan. Bro. A. E. Cox was excluded by the church for leaving his family without a known cause.

Met in conference May 5, 1849. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Bro. John Asbury came forward, looked at the meeting house and proposed to paint it and give it three coats of paint, blinds.: and doors to be painted green, for \$90.00. The church employed him and he was to be finished as soon as possible. Granted Peter, property of W. B. Moore, license to reprove and pray once a month, with the black brethren.

Met in conference June 30, 1849. Bro. Thomas Morgan, moderator. Received by letter Bro. Asa Rhodes. The meeting house was painted according to contract. It was received and the committee paid to John Asbury \$90.00. Appointed Bros. Oliver F. Battle and James T. Hackney as delegates to the general meeting at Bairds', and Benjamin Hardin in case of failure.

Granted a letter of dismissal to Sister Martha Flynt, and also to Aaron, Samson, Jim, Scott, Mattie, Cornelia, and Jenny, all the property of Mrs. Dorothy Randolph.

Met in conference Aug. 5, 1849. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Gilbert, servant of James Devant, made application for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Aaron, the property of Mrs. Randolph and Leroy, the property of A. Pope, are excluded from the church for connecting them-selves to the Methodist church. Elected the following brethren, namely James T. Hackney, Oliver F. Battle, as delegates to the association and Jonathan Smith, alternate. Held an election for deacon and elected Bro. Oliver F. Battle as deacon.

Met in conference Sept. 2, 1849. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Ordained Bro. Oliver L. (or F.) Battle as deacon of the church. Lewis, the property of A. Pope, has liberty to appoint his meetings at this place in the school house, under the protection of the same white brethren. The committee reported that the painting of the meeting house to be finished and paid for.

Met in conference Oct. 6, 1849. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Read the letter to the association, adopted it and called the roll, read the minutes and adjourned.

Met in conference Nov. 3, 1849. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Elected delegates to the convention to be held at Washington, Wilkes County as follows: Oliver L. Battle, James T. Hackney, on Friday before the Third Sabbath, to make arrangements for, and appoint a suitable minister to preach to the colored people of this associational district.

Met in conference, Jan 12, 1850. R. Thornton, Mod. Agreed to hold our meetings on the second Saturday and Sunday, this year.

Met in conference Feb. 10, 1850. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Jack, the property of C. M. Irvin received by letter. Also received by letter J. J. Wallace and Sister Martha Flynt. Appointed a committee, Oliver Battle, James Hackney and Bro. Combs, to report to the next conference the best method of enclosing the church lot.

Met in conference Mar. 9, 1850. B. R. Thornton, Mod. The committee reports that ditching wants to be the best mode for enclosing the meeting house lot, and the church thinks best to defer it until the crops are laid by.

Bro. Hardin stated to the church that he had paid up the note for the meeting house and lot, and returned the note receipts for the repairs of the house, with a subscription list which was satisfactory to the church. Moved and seconded the letter from Bro. Ball on the state of the churches on foreign missions. Sister Sophronia Moore was excluded from the church for unchristianlike conduct. Also excluded Harriett, property of A. Pope, and Ralph, property of Thomas Chivers, all for adultery and unchristianlike conduct. Granted letter of dismissal to Bro. John Hardin. Released Bro. J. B. Guest from the clerkship of the church at his request, and elected Bro. Oliver L. Battle as clerk.

Met in conference Apr. 15, 1850. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Received by letter, Sister Mary Little. Having heard from Bro. Guest that Sister Priscilla Milner has joined herself to no other church by the letter of dismissal, since letter was granted to her by this church, and that she neglected to re-join us, but we accepted this letter and received her again.

Met in conference May 11, 1850. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Invited visiting brethren to seat with us. Sister Melissa Chivers granted letter of dismissal.

Met in conference June 8, 1850. B. R. Thornton, Mod. Invited visiting brethren to seat with us. Received by letter from the church at Washington, Sister Martha Poteet and Sister Deidre Lockett by letter from Bethel church at Crawfordsville. Received a letter from Mr. Andrew Huberg applying for a letter of dismissal for Liza, formerly the property of George Smith, and on motion, granted the letter. On motion, excluded Joe, property of Major Wallace for theft. Also, Ann, the property of A. Pope, for unchristian conduct. On application, granted letter of dismissal to Charlie, property of James Devant.

On motion, appointed a committee to have a partition made in the benches in front of the pulpit, and also to have constructed, a place suitable for holding the sacramental vessels. The committee is composed of James T. Hackney, Benjamin Hardin and Oliver L. Battle.

Met in conference Aug. 9, 1850. B. T. Thornton, Mod. Invited several visiting brethren to seat with us. The work done on the benches and in making a chest by Bro. James Guest and charges of \$6.00 was received and the bill paid. Paid by subscription \$72.00 for sacramental vessels and received them and two gallons of wine.

Heard from Bro. Benjamin Hardin a report of a diff i-. culty between himself and Richard W. Poteet. On motion, resolved the report to the satisfaction of the church. Elected delegates to the association to be held at Washington - James T. Hackney, Oliver L. Battle, and Bro. William Fluker as alternate. Instructed the clerk to write the letter to the association. Appropriated \$1.50 for minutes. Bro. Benjamin Hardin returned a letter of dismissal which had been applied for and granted to his son, Bro. John Hardin, and it was received making him again a member with us.

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**PHILLIPS' MILL CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1872**

Male Members

John R. Gorring	Daniel Cosby	George W. Pope
Samuel E. Daniel	E. A. Meadows	N. G. Rice
W. W. Rhodes	Samuel Dorsey	W. W. Hopkins
S. E. Smith	Thomas E. Smith	E. G. Cox
W. D. Wallace	A. C. Daniels	H. T. Slaton
W. F. Fluker	Elbert Saggus	John W. Swain
R. M. Saggus	Linton Dorsey	Joseph Smith
James Ray	Thomas Glass	S. A. Daniel
J. G. Daniel	Benjamin Hardin	J. W. Jackson
Moses Darden	S. J. (or E. J.) Rathbone	
Zachariah Agee	W. T. Pittman	Obeah Saggus
James P. Combs	J. G. Weaver	W. J. Pope
John Raley	John Lawson	John T. Lawson
George Guess	R. J. Peek (or Peck)	Terrell
Holley J. Portwood	Bowman Stephens	W. T. Lindsey
James Hendricks	William D. Turner	James R. Asbury
Jesse Asbury	J. R. Kirklin	
T. P. Chafin	D. A. Pittman	
W. T. Chapman		
B. R. Reese		
J. T. Lyle		
R. T. Jones		
R. Ray		
J. Adcock		
W. D. Stewart		
E. M. Stewart		
R. T. Portwood		
John Maxwell		
Phillip S. Hyman		
George Taylor		
J. M. Fluker		
H. Allen Pope		
T. L. Bently		
John G. Meadows		
T. T. Porter		
G. F. Pittman		
W. E. Wall		
David S. Cosby		
Robert ?		
Jesse ?		
John T. Peek (Peck)		
John M. Marsden		

Female Members 1872

Ellen Wallace	Julia Cosby	M. E. Bowden
E. J. Smith	Alatha Darden	Nannie Darden Smith
Sally Hardin	Agee E. A. Rathbone	
Mary A. Hughley	N. D. Evans	Martha Hackney Allen
Melvina Saggus	Amanda Pittman	E. Jackson
R. J. Young	C. J. Slaton	Mary Hardin
Eliza Campbell	Mary A. Cox Mathis	
M. J. Pope	M. G. Raley	Fannie Lyle
Martha Swann (Swain)	Martha A. Lindsey	Martha Pollard
Frances Hendricks	Sally Sherrer	Mrs. Hester Hampton
Nancy Portwood	Sarah T. Asbury	Mrs. T. P. Chafin
Mrs. Edwards	Mrs. C. Jones	Sister Ellington
Mrs. Portwood	Sister ? Beckford	Mrs. A. Pollard
Mrs. Robinson	Frances Portwood	Emma Portwood
Nancy A. Jones	Mary G. Swann (Swain?)	
Mrs. John Maxwell	Mrs. Emma Pippen	Geneva C. Wall
Augusta A. Porter	Eunice A. Young	Lula C. Meadows
Caroline Fluker	Elizabeth G. Hardin	
Sarah A. Stephens	Alatha Combs	Mary J. Nash
Lucinda Welborn	Frances E. Wallace	
Elizabeth Meadows	Martha Dorsey	Julia Swain
Eliza E. Smith	Frances E. Rhodes	Mary J. Meadows
Mary A. Hackney	Adelia Smith	Mary E. Daniel
Mary J. Lyle	Sarah A. Hampton	Martha Pope
Lucy J. Dorsey	Emaline Hampton	Sally E. Marsden
Elizabeth Carter, nee Lunsford		
Aletha Wall	Sarah Hendricks	Mary Swain
Mary A. Garrett	Sarah A. Saggus	Deborah Hopkins
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Martha Evans	Susan Smith	Margaret Rice
Nancy Cox		
Susan Matlock		
Fannie E. Gilland (or Dillard)		
Catherine Hackney Perkins		
M. A. Smith		
Mary E. Lyles Saggus		
Henrietta Smith		
Frances Evans		
Nancy Evans F		
Iorinda Armour		
Martha Bowles		
Fannie Bowles		
Emmaline Hackney		

Mary H. Haynes
Lucy B. Wallace
M. A. Pittman
Theodosia Darddn
Sally Dermott
Ellen Hendricks
Ida Pinkston
Emma Daniel
Lizzie Wallace
Mrs. Mildred Peek (or Peck)
Mrs. Mary E. Tyler
Augusta M. Porter
Sally Porter
Emily Holmes
Mattie C. Holmes
Rebecca Dunn
Frances E. Hackney
Martha O. Guess
Judah A. Ghann

1885 Male Members

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Wade H. Griffin	Henry T. Slaton	W. David West
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Arthur West	Alex Daniel	Patrick O. Darden
William A. Garrard	Benjamin Lunsford	George W. Guest
William K. Johnson	Jesse Asbury	Ezelle Johnson
James R. Asbury	Clyde M. Smith	William E. Wall
John Marchman	James S. Cosby	Wilkes A. Wall
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George C. Moss	T. O. Wallace	William H. Chafin
William E. Dorsey	J. Edmond Guest	Robert W. Meadows
J. William Saggus	Samuel Rhodes	Jesse West
George W. Lunsford	Noel M. Humphrey	Samuel Reese
Willie Sherrer	Henry E. Wall	Benjamin B. Ray
W. Webster Lunsford		
B. Walter Ray	Newton W. Wallace	Benjamin F. Marchman
Willie Raney	Edward H. Sherrer	Walter G. Smith
Joseph W. Sanders	A. Bowman Stephens	
William Thomas McAvoy		
Mercer J. Bruce		
Joseph Frederick Guest		
Marion F. Hackney		
John L. Ray		
John F. Sherrer		
Homer J. Lunsford		
W. Oscar Lunsford		
William R. Smith		
J. H. Smith		
James O. Guest		
J. L. Thomas West		
Benjamin F. West		
Claude McAvoy		
Charles V. Asbury		
Burwell G. Smith		
Walter B. Smith		
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