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HISTORICAL NOTICE
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN
NORTH COVENTRY, CONN.
WITH THE
ARTICLES OF FAITH, COVENANT,
AND
A CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS.

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HISTORICAL NOTICE.

PREVIOUS to 1736 the inhabitants of North Coventry were embraced in the Congregational church and society of South Coventry, and attended public worship with the people of that parish, near the present location of their meeting house. During three winters succeeding the above date, the town assisted the inhabitants of this section of it in maintaining public worship at the house of Mr. Noah Russ. The parish of North Coventry was incorporated October, 1740. The church was organized October 8, 1745, and Rev. Nathan Strong was ordained pastor of the church, October 9, 1745. Through the goodness of God to this people, his life was long continued, and his labors greatly blessed. This faithful servant of Christ departed this life November 7, 1795, in the 79th

year of his age, and in the fifty-first year of his ministry.

For two years previous to his death, Mr. Strong was unable to discharge the duties of his office, and Rev. Ichabod Lord Skinner was ordained colleague pastor October 23, 1794. Mr. Skinner continued the minister of this people about four years, and at his request, was honorably dismissed, October 10, 1798.

After the dismissal of Mr. Skinner, the church remained destitute of a pastor, for the space of two years and a half, and though the people were as sheep without a shepherd, they were united in the support of religious institutions, and in attendance on the public worship of God.

Rev. Ephraim T. Woodruff was ordained to the pastoral charge of this church and congregation April 8, 1801. At this time there were 101 members of the church, 38 males and 63 females. Mr. Woodruff labored here in the ministry, faithfully and successfully, sixteen years, and was at his request honorably dismissed October 21, 1817.

The present pastor, George A. Calhoun, commenced preaching the gospel to this people Nov-

ember 1, 1818, and was ordained March 10, 1819. At the period of Mr. Calhoun's ordination, the church consisted of 142 members, 41 males, and 101 females. The population of the parish then amounted to 840; males 307, and females 433. Of these 388 had been baptized.

There have been ten deacons in this church since its organization, exclusive of those who now hold this office. Their names follow:

Thomas Adams, Joseph Long, Phineas Strong, Ebenezer Kingsbury, Jesse Cook, Nathaniel Eells, Joseph Talcott, Jesse Cook, Arad Talcott and Selah Loomis.

This church and people have been repeatedly blessed with the special effusions of the Holy Spirit. In 1742 there was a revival of religion under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Meacham, of South Coventry, which extended over the town. In 1765 there was a revival of religion attending the labors of Mr. Strong. In 1781 there was another that brought to the church an addition of about fifty. Attending the labors of Mr. King, a licentiate, there was a revival of religion in 1800. During the ministry of Mr. Woodruff there were

two precious revivals of religion. One in 1809, and another in 1813—14. As fruits of each of these revivals, about fifty were added to the church. In 1819 a revival commenced which continued during a part of the year following, and brought an accession to the church of sixty-five. In 1822—23 the church was signally blessed, and received an increase of about seventy. In 1826 there was a gentle refreshing with a small accession to the church. In 1831 about thirty were hopefully converted, and professed their faith in Christ, and in 1832 about the same number.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We believe,

1. That there is but one God, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the Universe.

2. That there is a trinity of persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, who are in essence one, and equal in Divine attributes.

3. That the Scriptures of the old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and contain a perfect rule of faith and practice.

4. That God has made all things for his own glory; that from eternity he did foreknow, and foreordain whatsoever comes to pass; that his government extends to the most minute events, and that its administration is perfectly holy, just, and good.

5. That man was created perfect in holiness,

and that by transgression he fell from his original state of rectitude.

6. That as Adam was the covenanted head and representative of his posterity, his natural descendants commence their moral existence in a state of entire enmity to God.

7. That Jesus Christ by his sufferings and death has made such provision in the gospel, that whosoever is willing to comply with the terms of the gospel, may experience eternal life, and that no sinner will comply, unless made willing by the special regenerating influence of the Spirit of God.

8. That they only will participate the benefits of the sufferings and death of Christ who are chosen unto salvation through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

9. That the regenerated are justified by faith in Christ.

10. That the regenerated, according to divine promise, will persevere in holiness unto eternal life.

11. That they who give visible evidence of piety, and unite in covenant constitute a particular church.

12. That real holiness is a necessary qualification for Christian communion.

13. That believers and their households are proper subjects of baptism, and that sprinkling is a proper mode.

14. That Christ has established Elders, (or Bishops,) and Deacons, as standing officers in his church.

15. That Christ has instituted discipline in his church, and that every church has a right to discipline its own members.

16. That a due observance of the first day of the week as a holy Sabbath is binding on all men who live under the light of the gospel.

17. That there will be a resurrection of the bodies both of the just and of the unjust.

18. That there will be a general judgment.

19. And that the righteous will be received to endless happiness, and the wicked will be doomed to endless misery.

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COVENANT.

Sensible of our dependence upon God, and our infinite obligations to live to his glory, we do publicly in the presence of angels and men, covenant to be the Lord's. We do solemnly avouch Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to be our God, our Redeemer and Sanctifier. We freely give ourselves and all we have to him. We take the word of God for our rule of faith and practice. We solemnly engage, relying on the assistance of Divine grace to lead a life of piety. We promise to maintain closet devotion, morning and evening; to remember the sabbath day to keep it holy; to be punctual in attendance upon the public worship of God; to be present at the Lord's supper when administered; if heads of families, to maintain family prayer; to dedicate our households to God in Baptism, and endeavor to restrain them

from sinful amusements, and to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We also covenant, as members of a church, to watch over its members; to be tender of their characters, kindly to admonish, and receive admonition; to confess our faults, and to restore, in the spirit of meekness, offenders who give evidence of repentance. We agree to support the ministry of the gospel, and encourage in all places and in all proper ways, the preaching of the doctrines, and precepts of the bible.

Thus we solemnly promise to live, depending on God the Father for strength, Jesus Christ the Redeemer for grace to help, and the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier and Comforter, to guide us into truth.

May God be with us, and make us faithful unto death, and finally receive us, with all the redeemed to himself in glory. Amen.

CATALOGUE
OF THE
CHURCH IN NORTH COVENTRY,

PASTOR,
GEORGE A. CALHOUN.

DEACONS,
WILLARD HUTCHISON AND JOSEPH TALCOTT.

MEMBERS.

Alexander Abbot	Jerusha Badger
Betsey Abbot,	Abigail Badger
Luther D. Abbot	Joseph Badger
Mary Abbot	Mary Barnard
Aseneth Andrus	Joseph Barnard
Elizabeth L. Andrus	Rufus Barnard
Hannah Avery	Cyrus Baker
	Suzan M. Baker
Daniel W. Badger	Lucy Baker
Ruth Badger	Laura Bennet
Cornelia Badger	Emma Buel

George Bissel	Thomas G. Cook
Lois Bissel	Lucy Crocker
Polly Bissel	
Molly Brown	Abigail Dexter
Betsey Brown	Nathan Dexter
Sophronia S. Brown	Mary Dunham
Mary Brown	Henrietta Dunham
Lucy Brown	
Shubael Brewster	Ward Edgerton
Cynthia Brewster	Sophia Evans
Wealthy Brewster	
Caroline Brewster	Aseneth Fitch
Lucretia Brewster	Nabby French
Lucy Burdwin	Mary A. French
	Sarah Fuller
Betsey S. Calhoun	Emily Frink
Mary Carpenter	
Caroline Carpenter	Simon Gager
Mary Case	Anna Gager
Achah Chamberlain	Jasper Gilbert
Rufus B. Chamberlain	Elizabeth H. Gilbert
Martha Chamberlain	Deborah Gilbert
Laura Chamberlain	Edward Gilbert
Harriet Cheesebrough	Catharine F. Gilbert
Reuben A. Chapman	Clarrissa H. Goodwin
Caroline Chapman	
Azel Cook	Mary Hamlin
Maria Cook	Eliza Hall

Eliezer Hatch
 Abigail Hatch
 Jedediah Healy
 Abigail Healy
 Selah Hibbard
 Esther Hibbard
 Arrabilla Hibbard
 Jeduthan Hubbard
 Abigail Hubbard
 Cemintha Hunt
 Mary Hunt
 Eleazer Hunt
 Sybil Hunt
 Esther Hunt
 Hannah Hunt
 Trumble Hunt
 Lucius A. Hunt
 Dea. Willard Hutchinson
 Sophia Hutchison
 Eliza Hutchison
 Lyman Hyde
 Fidelia Hunt

Lydia Jones

Betsey Keach
 Sally Kingsbury
 Jabez Kingsbury

Chloe Kingsbury
 Hervey Kingsbury
 Polly Kingsbury
 Augustus Kingsbury
 Mary H. Kingsbury
 Erastus Kingsbury
 Phebe Kingsbury

Persis Lillie
 Duthan Lillie
 Sally Lillie
 Marcus Lillie
 Eunice Lillie
 Dan Loomis
 Sally Loomis
 Lucretia Loomis
 Zenas Loomis
 Amasa Loomis
 Pamela Loomis
 Medad Loomis
 Mary Loomis
 John Loomis
 Sophia Loomis
 Walter Loomis
 Diantha Loomis
 Samuel Loomis
 Irene Loomis
 Eleazer Loomis

Olive Loomis
 Aulenia Loomis
 Lucretia Loomis
 Francis Loomis
 Mary A. Loomis
 Zenas Loomis, jun.
 Nersa Loomis
 Esther Loomis
 Albamarl Loomis
 Sarah K. Loomis
 Baraba Leonard
 Fanny Lyman

Lora Maxwell

Anna Noble

Gad Page
 Abigail Page
 Silence Palmer
 Ebenezer Peck
 Mary Peck
 John Peck
 Phebe Peck
 Cynthia Peck
 Thankful Pinney
 Precilla Pomroy
 Eleazer Pomroy

Pruth Pomroy
 Triphena Porter
 Noah Porter
 Faith Porter
 Williams Porter
 Catharine B. Porter
 Francis Porter
 Marilla Porter
 Phebe Prior
 Eliela Prior
 Calista Prior
 Samuel E. Post
 Stephen Payne

Sally Ransom
 Joseph Rose
 Mille Rose
 Huldah Richardson
 Nathaniel Root
 Nathaniel Root, jun.
 Elijah H. Root
 Nancy Root
 Amelia Root
 Kingsbury Root
 Elizabeth T. Root

Mary Saxton
 James Stone

Levi Sweetland
Electa Sweetland
Julia Sweet

Rebecca Talcott
Dea. Joseph Talcott
Mercy Talcott
William Talcott
Mary Talcott
Lyman Talcott
Harriet H. Talcott
Erastus Talcott
Aurelia Talcott
Chester Talcott
Sarah Talcott
Joseph A. Talcott
Mary S. Talcott
Nathaniel Talcott
Aurelia Talcott

Mercy R. Talcott
Samuel L. Talcott
Abigail Talcott
Trumble Tracy
Dorcas Tracy
Temperance Tarbox
Isaac Turner
Lydia E. Turner
Anna Turner
Lydia Turner
Ephraim D. Thompson

Mary Wilson
Sarah Woodward
Wealthy Woodward
Rachel White
Roswel Wright
Abigail Wright



