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CONFESSIOⁿ OF FAITH

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FORM OF COVENANT

OF THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

IN

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH.

I. WE believe there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and that these are in essence one, and in all divine attributes equal.

Deut. 6: 4. Isa. 16: 5, 18. 1 John 5: 7. Matt. 28: 19. 2 Cor. 13: 14. John 1: 1—3. Isa. 9: 6. Rom. 9: 5. Acts 5: 3, 4.

II. We believe that the Scriptures of the old and new Testaments were written by inspiration of God, and constitute a perfect rule of faith and practice.

2 Tim. 3: 16. 2 Pet. 1: 21. Isa. 8: 20. Acts 17: 11. John 5: 39. Rev. 22: 18, 19.

III. We believe that God created all things for his own pleasure and glory; and that his knowledge and purposes extend to all events, however great, however small.

Isa. 43: 6, 7. Rom. 11: 36. Acts 15: 18. Dan. 4: 35. Matt. 10: 29, 30. Acts 15: 18. Heb. 4: 13. 1 John 3: 20. Ps. 147: 5. Acts 11: 23. Eph. 1: 11. Isa. 46: 10. Job 23: 13. 2 Tim. 1: 9.

IV. We believe that our first parents were made in the image of God, holy and upright; that by disobedience they lost this image, and involved both themselves and their posterity in the ruins of the Fall.

Gen. 1: 26, 27, 31. Eccl. 7: 29. Col. 3: 10. Gen. 2: 17. 3: 3, 6. Rom. 5: 12. Eph. 2: 3. Job 14: 4. Ps. 14: 1—3.

V. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, by his sufferings and death, made an Atonement for sin, so that salvation is freely offered to all on condition of faith and repentance.

Isa. 53: 4—6. 1 John 2: 1, 2. Heb. 9: 11—14. 2: 9. 1 Tim. 2: 5, 6. John 1: 29. 7: 37. Matt. 11: 28. Rev. 22: 17. Acts 20: 21. 2: 38. 16: 31. Luke 13: 3. Mark 16: 16.

VI. We believe that without regeneration by the spirit of God, and holiness of heart and life, no one can enjoy the divine favor either in this world or that which is to come.

John 3: 3. 1: 13. Gal. 6: 15. Tit. 3: 5. 1 Pet. 1: 23. Heb. 12: 14. Matt. 5: 8. 7: 21. Eph. 5: 5.

VII. We believe that all who are truly regenerated, being kept from final apostacy, will be preserved by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

Phil. 1: 6. 1 Pet. 1: 5. Rom. 5: 10. 8: 1, 35—39. John 4: 14. 6: 37. Col. 3: 3.

VIII. We believe in a general Resurrection; and also in a final judgment, when all the human family must stand before the Son of Man, and receive a sentence of just and righteous retribution—the wicked going away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

John 5: 28, 29. Dan. 12: 2. Matt. 20: 29—33. 1 Cor. 15: 51—53. Rev. 20: 12. Eccl. 11: 9. 12: 14. Acts 17: 31. Matt. 25: 31—46. 2 Pet. 3: 7. Jude 6, 14, 15. Rom. 2: 5, 6. Rev. 22: 11, 12.



COVENANT.

You do now in this public manner, in the presence of the dread majesty of heaven and earth, and before angels and men, solemnly covenant to take the great Jehovah to be your Lord and supreme Good; God the Father to be your Father and Sovereign, God the Son to be your Redeemer and Savior, and God the Holy Ghost to be your Sanctifier, Comforter and Guide—promising by the aid of divine grace to deny all ungodliness, to maintain a strict watch over your heart and life, to walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless, and by a life of prayer and

constant piety so to let your light shine, that others seeing your good works may be led to glorify your Father who is in heaven.

You do also cordially join yourself to this church as a visible church of Christ, putting yourself under its special watch and care, and solemnly promising to submit to its discipline, to attend with it upon public worship and the ordinances of divine appointment, to seek its peace and purity, and to treat all its members with that christian love and tenderness which is becoming the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus.

Thus in the strength of your Lord and Savior you solemnly covenant and promise.

We, then, the members of this church, do affectionately receive you to our fellowship and communion, and declare you entitled to all its privileges and ordinances ;—at the same time promising, on our part, to treat you with christian affection, to watch over you as becometh saints, and to pray that the great Head of the church will enable you to keep with fidelity the solemn covenant into which you have now entered.

And now, beloved in the Lord, let it be deeply impressed on your minds, that you have entered into solemn engagements from which you can never escape. Wherever you are, wherever you go, these covenant vows will rest upon you. They will follow you to your dying hour ; they will follow you to the bar of God ; they will abide upon you throughout eternity. You can never *undo*, what you have now done. You stand unalterably pledged to be the Lord's ; and he will hold you to your promise.

Henceforth the eyes of the world will be upon you ; and as you demean yourselves, so religion will be honored or disgraced. If you walk worthy of your profession, you will be to us a credit and

comfort; but if otherwise, an occasion of grief and reproach.

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, though we thus speak, and things which accompany salvation. May the Lord guide and preserve you till death, and finally permit you and us to unite with the church of the first born in the kingdom of heaven.

APPENDIX.

Names of the Pastors of this Church, WITH THE TIME OF THEIR SETTLEMENT AND REMOVAL.

The Rev. ABEL STILES was ordained in July 1737; removed with a part of the church to North Woodstock about 1766; died July 25, 1783, aged 74 years.

The Rev. JOSHUA JOHNSON was ordained as colleague with Mr. Stiles Dec. 27, 1780; dismissed Sept. 28, 1790.

The Rev. WILLIAM GRAVES was ordained Aug. 31, 1791; died Aug. 26, 1813, aged 48 years.

The Rev. SAMUEL BACKUS was ordained Jan. 19, 1815; dismissed June 3, 1830.

The Rev. ORSON COWLES was ordained April 25, 1832; dismissed Sept. 4, 1837.

The Rev. THOMAS BOUTELLE, the present pastor, was ordained Dec. 6, 1837.

Names of the Members of this Church, Jan. 1840.

William May.
Leonard Holmes.
Alfred Walker.
Chester May.
Perley Lyon.
Chester Chaffee.
John Paine.
Rensaleer Coomes.
William Child.
Charles Child.
William Chamberlin.

Reuben Gould.
Erastus Child.
James Paine.
Abiel May.
Chester Lyon.
Holden R. Green.
Silas May.
James Whitney.
Nathan Morse.
Horace Walker.
Isaac Corbin.

Erastus Walker.	Freeman Loverin.
William Paine. <i>San John</i>	Nathan Hardy.
Solomon F. Tracy.	Abel Child.
Amos C. Smith. <i>San John</i>	Micah Whitney.
Ezra Dean.	Napoleon B. Prouty.
Lester Amidon.	Pliny C. Whitney.
George A. Paine. <i>San John</i>	Samuel H. Davenport.
Perley Sanger.	Chandler R. Briggs.
Bentley Hibbord. <i>San John</i>	Peter Chaffee. <i>San John</i>
Erastus Henry.	Nelson Bennett. <i>San John</i>
James Lamson.	Lewis Sanger.
Elias Mason.	Reuben S. Brackett.
Granville Wood	Peter W. Rickard.
Samuel Gould.	Abel Morse.
Asa Witter.	George Morse.
William Walker.	Frederic Elliott.
John Fowler.	Nathaniel Briggs.
Leonard M. Dean.	Elizabeth Child.
John Child.	Sally May.
Ithamer Coomes.	Sarah Holmes.
Joseph F. Perry.	Caroline Chaffee.
Thomas May.	Sarah May.
Nathan Morse, 2d.	Mehetabel Walker.
Elias Child.	Hannah May.
Jason Perry.	Lucy Paine.
Frederic Lee.	Ann Green.
Stephen Harrington.	Hannah Coomes.
Elhanan W. Lee.	Sophia Child.
Perley Chandler.	Betsey Chamberlin.
Elisha Lyon.	Almira Child.
Abiel Smith.	Abigail Child.
Anson Barrett.	Beriah Gould.
Hubbard Abbott.	Rhoda M. Child.
William A. Chamberlin.	Sarah S. Wright.
William R. Gould.	Nabby May.
Judah C. Lyon. <i>San John</i>	Sally Lamson.
Eliphalet L. May.	Hannah D. Amidon.
Seth Clapp.	Mehetabel Lyon.
Isaac Hibbard, 2d.	Eunice Walker.
Asa Lyon.	Mary Child.
Leonard Corbin.	Mercy Lyon.
Samuel M. Child.	Cerinda Gilmore.
Rawson Joy. <i>San John</i>	Huldah Waters.
Darius Bacon.	Diantha Whitney.
Erastus Henry Jr.	Bethiah Jones.
Theophilus B. Chandler.	Nancy Haskell.
Palmer Chamberlin.	Bethiah Bacon.
William H. Church.	Alice M. Child.
Augustus A. Green.	Louisa Whittemore.
Lyman Hawks.	Anna Handy.

Sally May.
 Elizabeth Child, 2d.
 X Mehetabel Lyon, 2d.
 Eliza Henry.
 Mary E. Hibbard.
 Rebecca D. Sanger.
 X Betsey Child.
 Rebecca Morse.
 X Hannah Frissell.
 Mary Chandler.
 Olive Hair.
 X Pamela G. Coomes.
 Emily Smith.
 Mercy Blackmar.
 X Martha Waters.
 Adelia G. Copeland.
 Nabby Scott.
 Silva Chamberlin.
 Diadama Sanger.
 X Hannah Coomes, 2d.
 Lucy W. Green.
 X Susanna Morse.
 Olive Gould.
 Susan Walker.
 X Lucy Sanger.
 Phebe Paddock.
 Abigail A. Paddock.
 X Priscilla Lyon.
 X Eliza Mason.
 Eliza Witter.
 X Mary Fowler.
 Joanna Coomes.
 Sophronia Child.
 X Lucy Lee.
 Charlotte Harrington.
 X Lucy Chandler.
 Abigail Paine.
 Pamela Dean.
 Dorothy Lilley.
 Mary M. Child.
 Nancy S. Paine.
 Susan Bowen.
 Annette M. May.
 Eliza Ann Walker.
 Antonette King.
 X Remember Morse.
 Sally Child.
 Abigail E. Child.
 Polly S. Coomes.
 Sophia Woodward.

Louisa Dean.
 Caroline Carter.
 Lucy Brown.
 Silvia A. Smith.
 X Clarrisa Lyon.
 Hannah G. Lee.
 Lucretia M. Dean.
 X Caroline Hewett.
 X Phebe A. Green.
 Hannah Chandler.
 Sabra Ann Lyon.
 Lucretia Dean.
 Lucretia Vinton.
 Eunice Ann Cowles.
 Phebe P. Paine. *wife James*
 Lucy Goodell.
 Henrietta Child.
 Anna Abbott.
 Hannah A. Dean.
 Hannah H. May.
 Harriett May.
 Mary Ann Lyon.
 Rebecca Loverin.
 Caroline Chaffee, 2d.
 Lydia May.
 Caroline C. Child.
 Elizabeth Paine.
 Elizabeth May.
 Elvira Frissell.
 Maria Crowd.
 Abigail Thurber.
 Ruth May. *wife Thomas*
 Dolly Prouty.
 Mary E. Boutelle.
 Mary C. Davenport.
 Elizabeth W. Jones.
 Chloe Briggs.
 Harriet Chaffee.
 Lucy Ann Upham.
 Nancy May.
 Mary Helen Fowler.
 Lucy B. Mason.
 Juliett Haskell.
 Elizabeth Haskell.
 Mary Jane Kilton.
 Ellen Paine. *deat John Es*
 Elizabeth L. Henry.
 Delotia Bosworth.
 Rhoda Ann Coomes.
 X Catharine Briggs.

Feb. 22, 1778. Alpha Child & wife
 Nov. 15 " Steven Buckman & wife
 Dec. 20, " Rebecca Child
 Aug 15 1779. Rachel wife of Parker Bacon.
 Oct 3, " Lyman Lyon & wife
 Dec 26 " Charles Child & wife
 July 9 1780. Wid. Abigail Carpenter
 Oct 8, " Edward Learned & wife
 Nov 26 " Theophilus Chandler & wife
 July 29, 1781. Timothy Hyde & wife
 Silas May & wife
 Elias Child & wife
 Aug 19, 1781 Peleg Corbin
 Abel Child & wife
 Sept 30 " Sarah wife of Rev. Joshua Johnson.
 Apr 28 1782. Davis Carpenter & wife

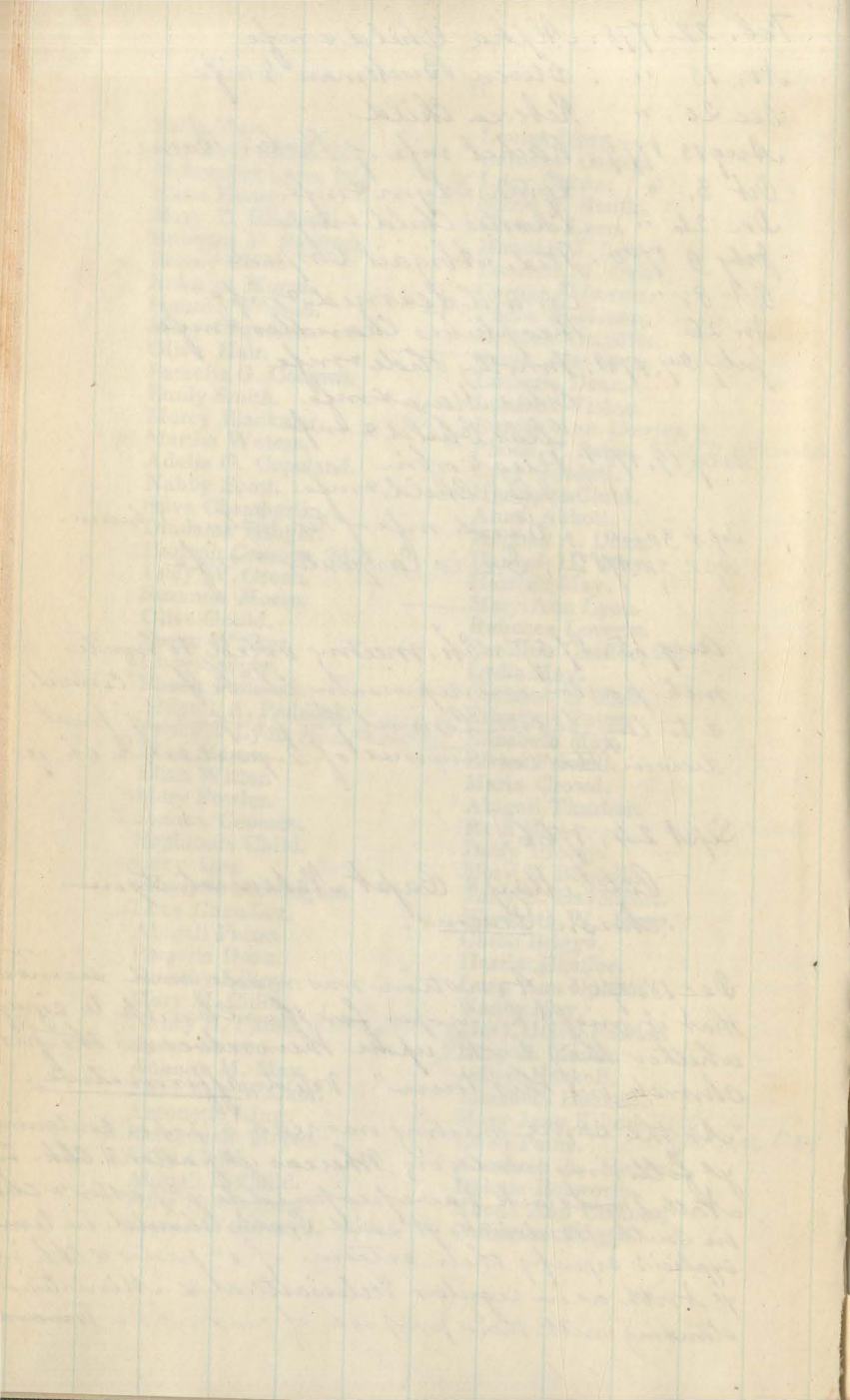
Aug 15, 1757. Ch. meeting voted to unite
 with pastor in representing Ch. before Council,
 & to lay before Council for purpose of final
 decision the controversies of 2 parties in Ch. etc.

Sept 24, 1766.

Caleb May & Capt Nehemiah Lyon
 chosen Deacons.

Dec 18, 1766. "A motion was made and seconded
 that it might be proper for this Church to signify
 whether they look upon themselves as the first
 church in this town" Voted affirmative.

"At the same meeting was read a paper containing
 the following words, viz. Whereas ye pastor & Chh. in
 North Woodstock have proposed to ye pastor & Chh.
 in South Woodstock, yt said South should in terms
 explicit signify their esteem of sd pastor & Chh. in
 ye North as in regular Ecclesiastical & Ministerial
 standing with their purpose of conducting towards



them as such, engaging thereupon to do the same
towards ye pastor & Chh. in 2^d South. And whereas
2^d South Chh. & pastor have proposed yt the Chh
& pastor in 1st North should extend and exercise
their charity and fellowship towards ye 2^d South
Chh & pastor, engaging that this should put an
end to all differences subsisting between them
by mutual forgiveness of all offences, and a
Christian deportment for the future, which two
proposals upon the review of them seemed to
be nearly the same, and as the proposals have
been formally recognized & voted in ye Chh. who
made them, it appears to us yt there is by each
respective votes virtually an act of forgiveness
& oblivion mutually already passed between
sdlchs.

As a ratification of which, we the Pastor &
Brethren of the North Chh renewed by vote to
overlook & forgive all that has been offensive
to us in the South Chh, engaging for the future
to conduct towards them as becomes a Chh. in
Christian fellowship." voted & accepted affirm-
ly Chh.

Nov. 1780. Rev. Joshua Johnson's acceptance
of a call was rec^d & accepted by the church,
& on Dec. 27. Mr J. was ordained colleague
pastor with Rev. W. Stiles. Members of the
Ch. in full communion at this time numb-
ered 76.

Nov 13. 1782

Elisha Child. Esq. chosen Deacon.

June 23 } Chloa Cady
1783 } & communicated.

Sept 2. David Bishop & wife owned or renewed Cert.
Dec. 2. Hannah Holmes. adm. full. comm.
Apl. 7.

1734.

Apl. 7. Rachel Holmes. adm. full comm. from Ch.
at Worcester
June 2. Ann Hammond, widow - Samuel Chamberlain
& wife. fm Ch. at Newton.
Oct 13. Letter of dismission granted to Bethiah Parker
to Church at Willington. Ct.
Nov 17. Edmund Chamberlain & Sarah, his wife. adm.
to full comm.

After Mr Throop's death, in , several
gentlemen were consulted as to supplying
his pulpit, among others Mr Hovey, and
Mr. Saml. Whittelsey, both of whom declined.
"At a Church meeting upon the 28th day of
March 1736/7, seasonably named for the sup-
plying the pulpit" - - - Several gentlemen
were Discourst of at this meeting to be ap-
ply to to preach in way of probation, viz: Mr.
Stiles, Mr Swift, Haven & Bronson.

After Debating and some methods used to know
the minds of the brethren, It was voted unanim-
ously that the Comtee make application to Mr
Stiles of New Haven to preach with us in way of
Probation for the space of one month at Least."
etc.

Mr Stiles' Letter of Acceptance.

To the Church of Christ in Woodstock
Dearly beloved in our Lord Jesus

I have maturely Considered your Invitations & Regular Call to settle with you in the work of the Gospel ministry; and have addressed God the fountain of wisdom, for light and Direction in the affair, and have taken other means, yt God has allowed me in order to understand my Duty in this Important affair; and having Concluded that it is the will of God, I Should Comply with your Call, I do now with Dependence on Christ the King of this Church, for needed assistance, hereby signify to you my acceptance thereof. not Doubting but that as you have by your votes signified your Disposition to do for my Support as you did for your last Rev^d Pastor, so you will Continue to do for me as there shall be need - and I earnestly ask your constant and fervent prayers for me yt I may be enabled to act toward you, as becomes a Minister of the Gospel, to y^e honor of God, and our mutual Comfort, and Edification - I am yr affectionate Brother & Serv^t. in Christ Jesus

Abel Stiles

Woodstock June ye 22, 1737

To y^e Comtee of y^e Church of Woodstock who are appointed to Receive my answer to the late Call of sd Church and Thers to y^e work of y^e ministry there -

Brethren Beloved in our Lord -

As to my principles relating to Church governments, I shall honestly endeavor to take y^e Bible

for my infallible rule, and shall endeavor to
make use of all other helps which God in his
providence shall favour me with, in order to
my acting in y^e affair agreeable to y^e word of
God which is my only infallible rule - I shall
endeavor not to usurp any power and author-
ity, which Christ has not invested his ministers
with - and as far shall I be from endeavoring
to deprive the Church of one lot or Tith of their
rights - I shall endeavor practically to remember
y^t a minister should not Lord it over God's her-
itage but should be an example to his flock -
but since I conclude y^t Churches in this province
which agree in the Essentials of Church govern-
ments may yet differ in some modes and circum-
stances of small importance, I would add, y^t I
shall be far from being disposed to make alter-
ations of any innocent modes though differing
from some other Churches in this province.

I am y^r Brother & Serv^t. In Christ

Abel Stiles.

Woodstock June^{re} 22. 1737.

Confessions, etc

Nathan Anisworth and wife. William Chapman &
wife.

Oct. 16. '37. Thomas Gould. (drunkenness)

Jan'y 8. 1737/38. Merer. (a negro)

Enos Bartholomew & wife.

Nov. 12. 1738. Abigail Child.

May 13. 1739. Matthew Murray & Elisabeth his wife.

Sept 2. 1739. James Chaffee & Beniah " "

Jan'y 20. 1739/40 Thomas Gould (drunkenness)

June 1. 1740. Zechariah Richardson.

Ebenezer Chapman.

June 29. 1740. Andrew Dunke & wife
 Sept 7. 1740. Mary, wid of Peter, Morse.
 " 28 " Rachel Squire.
 Jan 25. 1740/1. Benjⁿ Child & wife.

Admissions

Feb. 9. 1734/5. Frances, wife of Amos Throop, } adm. full. comm.
 Mary, " " Jos^t. Marcy, } from Church
 Rebecca, " " Ebr^r. Lyck } in Bristol.
 Sam^l. Hemmings & wife, adm. full. comm.
 Apr 6. 1735. David Green. adm. full. comm. fm Ch. 1st in
 Windham.
 " 20 " Bemsell Peters & wife Hannah, consecrated &
 renewed Bap. Cert. May 11. 1735
 May 18 " Stephen Chapman & wife Zeriah, annu bap. Cert.
 June 1. " Peter Aspinwall & wife, renewed bap. Cert.
 Daniel Child } adm. full. comm.
 Grace " }
 Aug 17. Jno Payson & wife Zeriah renewed bap Cert.

Church Votes

Feb. 15. 1737/8. "At a ch. meeting - 37 members being
 present - voted y^t each member of this Church
 shall pay 3 shillings per annum for y^e support
 of y^e Lord's Table - and that none shall give any
 money for that purpose but is is legally current
 or payable - and that all those members y^t shall
 neglect to pay y^e whole proportion within a year
 shall have their names publicly returned to y^e
 whole Church by y^e Deacons - and in order to its being
 known what every member pays, voted that what
 money any member shall put into the Contribution
 Box, shall be put in a paper with y^e Persons name,
 and y^e Quantity of money contributed - and y^t whatever
 money shall be put into Box without being papered as
 above^d - it shall not be esteemed the Quota or Prop
 ortion of any member.

' The same day voted yt all persons not baptized in yr my
oney who not being guilty of any scandalous sin, shall
be admitted to baptism if they desire it, on yr making a pub
profession yt they believe the Gospel. "

" The same day voted yt all persons who have been baptiz
in this Church, in yr infancy, when they come to adult yea
shall be esteemed proper subjects of Church Discipline, and
shall be dealt with as such by the Church.

July 12, 1735. Isaac Johnson & James Triggell. called
before ch. to answer for absenting themselves
from the communion.

August. 1738. James Lillie. similar.

Apr. 1739 - Long case relative to David Wallis.

Oct. 16, 1741. David Holmes } chosen Deacons.
Daniel Lyon }

Nathan Aspinwall } Dona. Peak.

Eliza^d. Chandler } Daniel Paim.

Thos Ormsbee } Henry Bowen.

Eliphalet Carpenter } John Foates.

Daniel Child } Eben^r. Bacon

John May, jr } of Dudley.

Bro. Edw^d Morris } Joseph Briggs.

" Beny. Roth

Zech. Richardson

Peter Perrin

Joseph Bacon

Rich^d. Klyn

Names mentioned in Ch.
acts - etc. etc.

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A Catalogue of Communicants.

May 4, 1740. John Bishop & wife

Eben^r. Smith, jr

Isaiah Tiffany, jr.

Elisabeth Morris.

Elisabeth Smith.

June 18 " - David Holmes, jr

July 6 " - { Samuel Briggs
Jonathan Sanger & wife
Wife of John Chamberlain

July 27. Elisabeth, wife of John Carpenter.
 Sept. 7. Mary, wid. of Peter Morse.
 Zeruiah, dau. of Joseph Lyon
 " 28 - John May, jr.
 Nov. 2 - Susanna, wife of Eben^r. Beebe
 Dec. 28. John Newell
 John Allton
 Ezra Perrin
 Eben^r. Phillips, jr.
 Elizath. dau. of Eben^r. Child.

1740/1

Feb. 22. Benj. Child, jr. & wife
 or Mch^l. Nath^l. Sanger, jr
 Mary Allen^a by a letter from Mr Mosely
 Pastor of a Chh in Wingham
 Village called Canada.
 May 3. Jonaⁿ. Bngbee
 Joshua May
 Daniel Mascraft
 Hannah Gould
 Sybille Holmes
 Thankful Mascraft
 Dorothy Lyon
 Zeruiah Child
 June 28. - Pincent Cotes
 Amos Richardson
 Susannah, dau. of Eben^r. Child
 July 5. John Sanger.

1742

Jan 2. Ephraim Manning & wife.
 Mary, dau. of Jno Holmes.
 Apr 11. Nehemiah Lyon & wife
 July 4. Caleb May. Hannah wife of Joshua May
 Grace Morris
 Sept 5. Deborah, wife of Abner Harris
 Caleb Lyon & Marg^t his wife for 1st Ch. in Rehobot

1743

- Jan 2^d. Henry Child & wife
 Feb 27. John Wiley & wife fm Ch. in Thompson.
 Mch 6. Phebe Holmes
 Dorothy Child & Sarah C. dau. of John.
 Mary Ellingwood fm 1st Ch in Beverly.
 Apr 16. Mary Allard, wife of Peter, fm Ch. in
 Hookline.
 June 26. Kuff negro servant of Dea. Dan^l. Lyon.
 August 28. Leah, wife of Donnell Pain
 October 2. Althea Stiles (wife Rev. Abel) by letter fm
 Duxbury.
 Thankful Mearcraft, fm Medfield Ch.
 Joanna Ellingwood fm New North Ch.
 of Boston.
 Oct. 30. Beriah, wife James Chaffe

1744.

- Jan 5. Stephen May
 Dinah Johnson
 Mch. 11. Lydia, wife of Zech. Richardson. jr. by
 letter fm Mr Mosely.
 Dorcas Wiley, fm Ch. in Thompson.
 Apr 29. Tabitha Skinner }
 William " } fm Ch. in Malden
 May 6. Abigail Holmes " " " Pomfret.
 " 27. Elizath Payson " " " Middleboro
 July 1. Labeg Lyn & wife
 Edward Bugbee & wife
 John Hutches & wife
 Anna, wife Thos Bacon. jr
 Abigail, " " Ellingwood.
 Anne, dau. Abraham Perrin.
 " 8. Nath^l. Mills fm Ch. in Barrington.
 Aug 5. Elisabeth, wife of Isaac Williams fm 2^d Ch. in
 Pomfret.
 Sept 30. Benoni Barret & wife fm Ch. in Pomfret.

Oct. 28. Sarah, wife of John Brack, fm 2^d Ch. v
Redding.

Nov. 11. Abigail, wife of Thos. Holmes fm 1st Ch.
Dedham.

Dec. 30. Mercy Southwick

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Feb 28. Richard Cavenpat fm Ch in Bridgman

Apr 28. Jonⁿ. Gould,
Mary Child,

Patience "

May 5. Return, wife of Wm Powers.

July 5. David Bishop & wife fm Ch. Sturbridge

" 7. Abraham Skinner, " " Chelsea.

Sept 22. Patience, wife Benj. Child, fm Ch. Roxbury

Nov 3. Sam^l. Chandler & wife

Mid. Mehitable Peck

Huldah, wife of Peter Perrin fm Ch. in
Rehoboth.

Dec. 29. Eunice, dau. of Edward Morris.

1746.

Jan 5. Patience, wife of Philip Bacon fm 1st Ch.
Roxbury.

Apr 6. Sarah, wife Nath^l. Mills.

June 8. James Bugbee & wife

Sept 28. Abigail wife of Benj. Bugbee

Eliz. Chandler, dau. of Joshua

Nov 30. Anna, dau. of Sam^l. Child.

1747

Oct 11. Mid. Jemima (of Edward, Jr) Morris

Nov 8. Samuel Chaffee & Susannah his wife.

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Nov 6. Sarah, wife of Eben^r. Philips, Jr.

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1749

Jan'y 1. Jacob Mascraft & wife
 Priscilla } daus. of John Morse
 Sarah }

1750.

June 10. Samuel Hawlet, jr. } fm. Ch. Topsfield
 Martha " }
 Mary " }
 Josiah Brewer & wife Hannah fm Ch. in
 Weston.

Aug. 5. Sarah, wife Rich^d Plyn

Sept. 9. Sarah, wife Daniel Ainsworth

Dec. 16 Sarah, wife Mr Hoar fm Ch. Taunton

1751.

May 26. John Tarritor & wife Sarah, fm Ch. in
 Shrewsbury.

Oct. 6. Elisha Child & Alice his wife

Nov. 3. Elisth. wife of Caleb May fm 2^d Ch. in
 Roxbury

" 10 - Abigail, wife of Moses Barret, fm Ch. in
 Oxford.

1752

Mich 1. Joshua & wife Hannah Whitney, fm Ch. in
 Uxbridge

May 10. Esther, wife of Joseph Scarborough, fm 1st Ch.
 in Pomfret.

Nov 19 Matthew Bowen & wife

1753.

Jan'y 28. Sarah, wife of John Trisell, jr.

Mich 11. Walter Boardman & wife fm 1st Ch. in
 Pomfret.

Sept 30. Beny. Lyon (S. of Caleb) & wife

Oct. 20. Prudence, wife of Amos Allard

Dec 23. Joseph Pennington & wife Lydia.

1754.

Feb. 3. John Ranson frn Ch. in Uxbridge

Feb. 17. Thos. May & wife Lucy

Apr 28. Eliphalet Carpenter, Jr. frn Ch. in Dudley

June — Conf. of Eunice Roth.

Nov 17. Wm Lyon & wife.

Confessions & Restorations

Oct 3. Timothy Kide & wife Dorothy

1742.

Jan 16. } Wm Pover
1843 }

Apr 1. Dorothy Carpenter 1744.

Apr 22. Zech. Richardson

Apr 29. Joseph Bacon

Oct 14. John Brock & Sarah his wife

Feb. 3. David Craft & wife 1745.

" 17. John Camp & wife

May 12. Mary Hoerner

July 6. Elizth Chandler

" 27

1746

" 27. Susannah Carter

1747

May 31. Samuel Morris

Dec 6. Richard Plym & wife Sarah

Oct 16. Stephen Harriman & wife 1748

Jan 15. 1748/9 Priscilla Mase

Isaac Johnson. Jr & Mary his wife

Nov 5. 1749. De

1750

June 17. Daniel Amisworth & wife Sarah

Dec 23. Nath^l. Child

Hannah McManis (now Hannah Stone)

1751

Aug 25. James Trisell.

1752

June 21. David Bishop
 Aug 9. Nehemiah May Jr
 Anna "
 Sept 17. John Lyon
 Mary Abbot
 Sarah "

1753

July 15. Joseph Manning
 Ruth
 Oct. 28. Benj. Skinner
 Eliza "

Dea. John May, mentioned.

Church Meeting Nov 17, 1749.

The meeting considered the case of those who had lately joined the Anabaptists - Ebenezer Chapman & wife, and Eliz. Chandler had joined this sect, at least so far as to renounce their inf. bap. & to be rebaptized by plunging. Joseph Briggs also refused at first to pay ^{tax} for money.

Catalogue of those who
have owned the
Covenant.

Dec. 23, 1750. Nathl. Child.
 June 23, 1751. Martha wife of Chas. Lebrit.
 July 14, 1751. Mary " " Wm Thompson.
 Nov 10, 1751. Benj. Bartholomew & wife
 Nov 5, 1752. Nehemiah May, Jr & Anna his wife
 " 19 " John Lyon & wife
 Aug 19, 1753. Joseph Manning & wife
 Nov 26, 1753. Sarah Smith, conf^d belief in Christ
 & was bap on death bed
 Feb 10, 1754. Elisabeth wife Elijah Lyon
 Dec 17, 1754. Uriah Johnson & Lucy wife
 Apr 21, 1754. Abigail Corbin & wife Abigail
 Sept 1, 1754. William Chandler
 Sept 29, 1754. Moses Child & wife
 Dec 20, 1757. Wm Nelson & wife Mary

Aug 13, 1758. Stephen Tucker & Lois his wife
 Apr 8, 1759. John Carpenter jr & Mercy "
 Mch 16, 1760. Daniel Bugbee & wife
 Jan 3, 1762. Peninnah Chaffee
 July 25 " . Abijah Tucker, & Lucy his wife
 Nov 28, " . Joseph Narramore & wife
 Aug 26, 1764. Wm Chapman jr & wife
 Feb 28, 1765 Jonathan Lovett
 Dec 7, 1766 Amos Parine & wife
 Feb 24, 1767 Sarah Towne
 Mch 27, 1768 Sarah Reynolds
 Apr 10, 1768. Benj. Chubb.
 Oct 9, 1768. Thos Halbrook & wife
 Nov 13, " Wife of Joshua Walker
 May 13, 1770. Job Halbrook & wife
 Oct 18, 1772. Joseph May & wife
 Dec 3, 1775 Anna, wid. of Pennel May
 Sept 8, 1776 wife of Doctor Gleason
 Sept 29, 1776. " . Nehemiah Child
 Oct 18, 1778 Sarah Sumner
 July 18, 1779. John May & wife
 Oct 24, 1779. Sarah Sheffield
 Oct 31, 1779 Sarah wife Wm Morris
 Jan 7, 1787. Joseph Carpenter, or 18. professed
 his faith in Christ, & was, on sick bed.

Mch 11. Elias Carpenter
 Willard "

May 27 Asena Allard,
 Mary "
 Persis "

In 1751, a slight breeze seems to have sprang up between the people and their pastor, & a meeting was held July 2, 1751 "to enquire into & consider y^e grounds, & causes why y^e Sacrament

ye Lord's Supper had been so long omitted by this Ch.
"The Pastor distinctly laid before the Ch. the particular
grounds & reasons;" &c. . . . "Among other things the
Pastor put this question to ~~the~~ Brethren, viz. whether
they thought this Ch. were now in a proper Condi-
tion for the administration of the Lord's Supper
to which no answer was made."

At a subsequent meeting, Aug^t. 20, 1751.

"whereas some difficulty has arisen and contin-
ued from some expressions in a letter from the
Society to their Pastor, dated Feb. 11, ~~last~~, in order to
see if the Ch. were of y^e same opinion with
what was contained in s^d letter, this Question was
put, viz. whether it be y^e opinion of this Chh, that
their Pastor has so great regard to his own secular
interests, and so little regard to their spiritual
interests y^t could he be secured of firewood he
would be very indifferent whether his public
ministry were attended or not? pass^d by y^e Neg-
ative, and with regard to what y^e Pastor has
offered to excuse his omitting to mention y^e
Sacrament &c. and y^t without Consulting y^e Church,
their opinion was signified by passing y^e follow-
ing vote, viz. Tho' we apprehend it would have
been prudent had y^e pastor consulted the Ch.
as what we judge we have a right to expect
from him, yet we don't suppose the omission
or indiscretion so great as to break Communion,
or to prevent the administration of ~~the~~ Lord's
Supper, as soon as it can be convenient."

Jan'y 22, 1752. Wm Nelson & wife (memb. of Ch. in Boston)
allowed "to have occasional Communion with
us for the present." He is expected to resume his
letters.

to which no answer was made."

Jan'y 22, 1752

Josiah Brewer } Chosen Deacons.
Wm Child }

Jan'y 23, 1754. Nathl. Child chosen Chorister

In 1733, trouble - 22 aggrieved brethren -

2 Eccl. Council, ~~had~~ feeling against Mr
Stiles. an appeal in 1756. to Legislature
for a new Council of Ministers & chhs -
granted & accepted by Ch.

Council requested by Ch. to draft new Cort.
or to make alterations in present one.

"At a Chh. meeting Decemb^r 27, 1757. To consider
and give their opinion with respect to the pas-
tor's resignation of his office. &c. After prayer to God
and serious deliberation upon the affair. The
Brethren^y unanimously vote came into ye follow-
ing resolve, viz: We are abundantly satisfied, (and
as we think upon good reason which we are rea-
dy to give when properly requested) that it will
not be for our peace and edification for the
Rev^d Mr Stiles our pastor to be dismissed but
of the contrary tendency: for this and many other
reasons, we can by no means consent that he
should resign his pastoral office among us."

Teste Abel Stiles
pastor

N.B. The Resolve above was in answer to a Questⁿ
ion then put to the Brethren, by the pastor, in these
words, viz, are you so far satisfied it will be for
your peace and edification for me to resign my
pastoral relation, as that you are willing to join

with me in calling a Council for y^t purpose."

Confessions

- Dec. 16, 1753. Moses Child & wife Mary.
Jan 6, 1754. Elijah Lyon.
" 20 " Lemmy, serv^t of John Payson.
Feb. 3. " Uriah Johnson & Lucy his wife
Abigail Bacon
Mch 23, 1755 Esther Hammond
Aug 29, 1756. Joseph Griggs, excommunicated
but afterwards (1838) restored.
Dec 12, 1756 Ephraim & wife Mary Manning.
Feb. 20, 1757. William & wife Mary Nelson
Mch 6, 1757. " Manning
Sept 25 1757. Esther, wife of Simeon Bacon
Oct. 23, 1757. John Carpenter Jr
Mary "
Dec 4, 1757. Stephen & Lois Tucker
Mch 5, 1758. Darius & Mary Bugbee
Apr 6, 1760 Eleanor Hubbard
" 13 " Bethiah Denning
Oct 22, 1760. Jos. Chaffee & Rhoda C.
May 10, 1761. Abijah & Lucy Tucker
Aug 2, 1761. Lemmie Chaffee
Sept 6, 1761 Anna Child
" 27 " Huldah Wright
Nov 18, " Elisha & Martha Goodale
Dec 13 " Ephraim & Tabitha Carpenter
June 6, 1762 Molly Shafter.

Communicants.

1755. Mch 16. Ezra May & wife
Apr 6, Benj (s. of Dea. Lyon) & wife
May 18. Melitah wife Caleb May
Mary " Jonathan Gould
Aug 3. Eben Child, Jr & wife
1756. Mch 1. John Sanger fr^m Ch. in Union
July 25. Jonathan Child & wife Dinah
1757. Apr 24. Ephraim Manning & " Mary.

- Aug 7. Joseph Manning & wife
 Jan 6. 1760. Dorothy wife of Henry Child
 June 29. " Sarah " " Jabez Corbin, Jr
 Aug 3 " Sarah " " Josiah Chaffee.
 1761. Feb 15. Ephraim Hild, Jr
 July 12. Joseph Peak, Jr & wife
 1762 Feb. 7. Anna Child
 May 30. Alethea Stiles, Jr
 Aug 29. Saml Chandler & wife
 Dec 26. ^{Mary} Silas King & Melitable his wife
 Mary Shafter
 1763. Apr 10. Samuel Corbin & wife
 Aug 14. Ruth wife of Danl Child for Ch. in Sutton.
 1764 July 1. Leah Pain.
 1765. June 23. Peter Child & wife
 1766 Apr 6. Asa Child & wife
 Aug 3. Increase " " "
 Dec 21. Thos. Chapman & wife
 1767. Sept 6. Eunice wife of Seth Chandler
 1768. Feb 14. Henry Brown & wife
 Apr 3. Abigail Waters.
 1769. July 2. Jonathan Bacon & wife.
 1770. Aug 5. Regia wife of John Bacon
 Sept 9. Chloe wife of Luther Cady
 1771. June 16. Henry Pratt & his wife
 dead dism?
 1772. May 17. Levisa Lyon
 June 28. Amasa Carpenter & wife
 Oct. 24. Amasa Child & wife
 " 18. Asahel Clark & wife
 Dec 20. Eliakim May & wife Martha
 1773. Jan 17. Daniel Lyon & wife. dec^d June 20. 1820
 Apr 25. Asa Lyon & wife. A professor — 47
 May 9. Phineas Walker & wife.
 Oct 17. Esther wife of Benj. Stoddard.
 1774. Aug 14. Ebenezer Davison
 1777 Apr 20. Wm. Martha Lyon.

Rev. Amos Thrope, ord. Pastor, May 24, 1727.
 John Johnson, ord. Deacons, Nov 14, 1731.
 Edmund Chamberlain
 June 20, 1727. Bery. Bugbee owned Covenant & had child, bap.
 Edward & } " " " " "
 wife Katherine }
 " 3 " Jas. Trisel adm. full Communion
 " " " John & Sarah } " " "
 Morse }
 Sept 4. John & Abigail Perrin } " " "
 June 12. Samuel Lillie, Timothy Manning & Susannah his wife adm. frn Ch. in Suttm, Mass
 " 13. Moses Barrett " " " " Chelmsford."
 David Wallace " " " " Stafford
 Sep 8. Edmund Chamberlain, chosen Deacon.
 " 10. Jonathan Peak & John Child adm. full. Comm.
 Oct 15. Nehemiah May & wife Mehitable }
 Abigail, wife of John Trisel } " " "
 Elizabeth wife of James Hosmer }
 Nov 19. Nathaniel Sanger, & Dorcas his wife. }
 " Child & Dorothy " " }
 Daniel Lyon & Priscilla " " } adm. full. communion
 Ephraim Child }
 John May & his wife. }
 Samuel Child & Kegia " " }
 Feb 14. Mary Denning }
 1727-8 Ebenezer Child & wife Elizabeth }
 Benjamin " }
 Elizabeth " of Joshua Chandler. } adm. full. comm
 Benjamin Bugbee & wife Elizabeth }
 Mary, wife of John Brock }
 Prudence, " " Jos. Belknap }

1827 Congregational - do
 Sept. Zech. Richardson
 Feb. Eliz. Morris
 1727/8
 May. Mehitable Morris.
 1728
 Nov John. Scarborough, Jr.
 1728
 1729 John & Martha Cobb
 Nov
 1731 Hannah Holmes
 Oct

May 5. Isaac Johnson & wife Abigail } adm. full. comm. "somm. total 35"
 1728 Abigail, wife of Samuel Pain
 July 23 Joshua Chandler, Samuel Mascraft, Wm. Chandler. adm. Aug 4. 1728.
 1728 Smith Johnson, Jr. & Experience his wife, } owned Covenant.
 Samuel Bugbee, Jr. & Susannah " " }

Aug 18. Mehitable Morris " "

Sept 15. Elisabeth Morris & Sarah, wife of Joseph Wright. adm. full. comm.

Jan 12th. Marcer [Maria] servant of Wm Chandler, adm. full. comm.

1728-9 " 19. Jacob Child " " "

Feb 7. 23. Joseph Briggs & wife } " " "
 Martha, wife of Dr. Davis
 Mary Bacon }

March 9. Jacob Child's wife. " " "

" 30. Elisabeth Chamberlain. " " "

April 6. Experience, wife Dr. Mary " " "

" 20. Hannah, wid. of Benj. Morris, dec'd " " "

May 25. Abigail, wife of Jos. Child " " "

" Christopher Peak & wife, owned Cort. " " "

Aug 24. Lydia, dau. of Wm. Morse " " "

July 27. Elisabeth Bridge " " "

Aug 31. Bap^d. Margaret dau. of Samuel Lillie " " "

Nov 16 Wives of Joseph Lyon & Thomas Ullinwood } " " "
 Bap^d Jacob, s. of Jacob Child
 James Corbin Jr. & wife owned Cort. }

March 22. 1730. William Lyon Chosen Bro Deacon.

April 26. Patience wife of Natham Carpenter } adm. full. comm.
 Mehitable " " Philip Newel.
 " " " Jacob Lyon. }

July 5. Hannah " " Joseph Chaffee from Ch. in Barrington.

Aug 23. Jonathan Leake, Jr & wife Mehitable } owned or renewed their Cort.
 Anna, wife of Thomas Child }

Jan 24. 1730/ Abigail " " Natham Pain " " "

Bethiah " " Mehemiah Parker, was voted a Ch. memb. Bap, & adm. full comm.

Feb 28. Mary Bugbee. owned Cort. " " "

Oct 10. 1731 Hannah Holmes. owned Cort.

3 " Ebenezer Chaffee & his son Ebenezer Bap.
 Mary Ansmoth. adm. full. comm.

Jan 23. 1731/2 Math Jacobs, his mother & wife rec'd for Ch. in Bristol

Feb 6. John Scarborough. adm. full. comm.

Mch. 5. 1731/2. Rejiah Mascraft. adm. full. Comm.

"The same day were restored to the Chhs Charity Joseph & Mary Bacon. fr
after their confessions were read. . . . & she was then received into
the Chhs Communion here, being dismissed and recommended by the 1st
Church in Billingsley, as one who had some time since been admitted
by the special ordinances."

Apr 23. 1732. Eben. Bacon & wife Jane, inhabitants of Dudley. } adm. full Comm.
Emmina wife of Benj. Corbin.
Math^r. Johnson. owned Cert.

June 25. 1732. Thos. Fox & wife " "

Eben. Corbin & wife " "

July 11. 1732. Abigail Carpenter adm. full. comm. fr Ch. in West part Barnstable.

Aug. 20. 1732. Rejia, wife Joseph Morse. " "

Sep. 3. 1732. Hannah, " Sam^l. Davis. " "

Oct 22. 1732. Manassah Horsmer & wife " "

Isabella Davis. owned. Cert.

Dec 31. Melitabie Morris. adm. full. Comm.

Jan'y 7. 1732 $\frac{1}{3}$. Susana Pettiss. by letter fr 3^d Ch. in Norwich, Ct. adm. full. comm.

" 21. " after conf. Hannah McManis. rec^d into fellowship & charity, fr 3^d Ch. Salem where
she had been bap.

Feb 4 " Jonathan Souger, renewed his bap^t. Cert.

" 18 " Henry Lyon & Elith. his wife " " "

Mch 4 " Hannah wife of Philip Newel of Dudley. adm. full. comm.

" 18 " Wm & Marg^t Mc Michel. after conf. rec^d into charity & watch of ch. - from
Ch. of Clough, Ireland. Apr 15. They renewed bap^t. Cert.

June 1st 1733 Mary Mascraft. adm. full. comm.

July 29. " Ino. Chaffee. fr. owned Cert & bap.

Melitabie wife of above, adm. full. Comm.

Aug 5. " Emmina Chafoter. adm. full com. from Ch. in Barrington

" 26. " Thos. Chandler & wife. owned Cert.

David Bishop & wife. renewed Cert.