

Chapter 3

RECORDS OF
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF ORWELL

Copy of
The
Records of the
Congregational Church of
Orwell, N.Y.
Organized March 13th 1858

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Wife of Dea J. H. Davis all of Orwell, N.Y.

That there may be preserved
Unto us & unto our children.

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EDITORIAL NOTE: ** - This “new book” mentioned has not been located.

Meeting
March 13th 1858
Organization of Cong. Ch.

Pursuant to previous notice the members of the Presbyterian Church of Orwell met at the church on Saturday afternoon, March 13th 1858, Rev Jacob R. Shipherd the stated supply of the Ch. Being Ex-Officio, in the chair.

The following preamble & resolutions were read & unanimously adopted & thus was organized the First Congregational Church of Orwell.

Act of Organization

While we do not regard anyone form of the organization indispensable to validity we do think one form preferable to another that is more scriptured & consequently more conducive to the peace & prosperity of the Ch. At large & to the rights & welfare of individuals; and believing that each Ch. Had perfect liberty to chose any form of organization it may prefer & to change one form for another as its convictions of duty may dictate. We, therefore, members of the Presbyterian Ch. In Orwell in Ch. Meeting assembled, full & timely notice of the meeting & its object having been given; following our settled convictions of right & the ruling preferences of our hearts do unanimously;

Resolve 1st that we hereby dissolve our connexion with the Presbyterian Church

Resolve 2nd that we hereby organize ourselves into a Congregational Church and Pledge ourselves to God & each other to conduct all our Ch. Affairs according to the rules & usages of strictly Congregational Churches.

Names of Primary Members

Males - 3 Acker, Cornelious
 Hollis, David
 Stowell, Elon

Females - 10 Acker, Ruth, wife of Cornelious
 Beadle, B. Maria, wife of Amos
 Beadle, Frances, widow of William
 Burket, Orpha, wife of Frederick (only person in original congrration July 10, 1819)
 Groat, Melinda, wife of William
 Hollis, Laura, wife of David
 Potter, Jane, wife of John
 Stowell, Abigail, wife of Elon
 Stowell, Selinda, wife Elijah
 Stowell, Temperance Ann, wife of Samuel D.

Election of Deacons Elon Stowell & David Hollis were appointed Deacons with unanimous agreement that they hold office till superseded, Jacob B. Shipherd was appointed permanent Clerk.

Hollis Ordained Mr Hollis having never before served as Deacon, was solemnly ordained by Rev. Fayette Shipherd

2 *Received Letters* Mrs harmony Baker, presenting a letter from the Cong-Ch. In Florence, Ohio & Mrs Mary Stowell from Cong-Ch. Pulaski were by unanimous consent propounded for admission to the Ch. By renewal of covenant.

2 *Dismisses* Cornelious Acker & Ruth his wife were dismissed, at their request, to the Congregational Church at Sand Bank.

The meeting was then closed with the Benediction, pronounced by Rev. Fayette Shipherd. Jacob R. Shipherd, Clerk

Sabbath March 14th 1855

Sacrament The Sacrement of the Lords Supper was celebrated, Rev J.R. Shipherd presiding & Deacons Stowell & Hollis officiating. Mrs Harmony Baker & Mrs Mary Stowell gave their assent to the confession of faith & entered into the covenant. J.R. Shipherd, Clerk

Sat. June 5th 1858

Preparatory Lecture - Preparatory service, the pastor officiating, Lecture from Mat, 3:2, after which the church being organized for business the following confession of faith & Ch. Conenant were read, due previous public notice of intended action having been given & unanimously adopted as:

The Confession of Faith And Covenant of the First Congregational Church of Orwell

Confession of Faith

1st God

We believe in the existence & infinite perfection of Jehovah the only living & true God; Father, Son & Holy Ghost, who has created all things for his own glory &, who governs them according to the eternal counsels of his own will.

2nd Bible

We believe that the scriptures of the Bible - Old & New testament, were given by inspiration of God, & are the only perfect rule of faith & practice.

3rd Free Agency

We believe that man is created without moral character; furnished with a free will, which may choose either to obey or disobey God.

4th Depravity Regeneration

We believe that all men from the beginning of their lives, do voluntarily disobey God's holy commandments; & untill regenerated by the Power of the Holy Ghost will continue to do so; & we therefore hold such regeneration to be a great essential condition of salvation

5th Jesus Christ and his Atonement

We believe that Jesus Christ is both God & man; that by his sufferings & death He has made atonement for the sins of the whole world; through the merits of which alone the pertinent may find pardon for sin, reconciliation to God.

6th The Law of Obedience

We believe that the Law of God requiring perfect holiness of heart & life is binding on all men; & that all who are willing to comply with its demands can, & therefore will do so.

7th Perseverance

We believe that those who are regenerated by the Holy Ghost will according to God's promise be kept, through faith unto eternal salvation.

8th Sabbath & Church Ordinances

We believe in the divine institution & perpetually of the Christian Sabbath; & the Christian Church with its ordinances, Baptism & the Lord's Supper

9th Immortality, Resurrection, Judgement, & Reward

We believe in immortality of the soul; resurrection of the dead; the future judgement, the endless misery of those who die imperfectly; in the everlasting glory of the righteous.

Do you thus believe?

Covenant

God

With humble reliance on divine grace, you do now, in the presence of the great searcher of all hearts before angels & men solemnly avouch the Lord Jehovah Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be your Redeemer, your sanctifier & your Eternal Portion, And you do cordially renounce all sin & consecrate yourself & all that you may have to his service forever,

Men

You promise to receive all the brethren of Christ as your brethren, his friends as your friends & his enemies as your enemies.

This Church & Christian Duties

You promise that you will walk in fellowship with this church endeavoring in all things to promote its peace & welfare; that you will faithfully obey & meekly receive the admonition & discipline which Christ has ordained; that you will duly observe the Lord's Supper; public family & private devotion; & the religious instruction and government of those under your care; that you

will reverence the Sabbath-day & keep it holy; attending regularly upon the public worship of God, & upon all the stated meetings of this church, unless prevented by higher duties.

You promise that you will abstain from unnecessary intercourse with the vicious, from foolish jesting & evil speaking; & from vain amusements & sinful conformity to the world; that you will live a life of Christ-like self denial & benevolence; & always lend the whole of your influence to promote every good cause, & to put an end to evil; to reclaim the vicious; to instruct the ignorant; to relieve the poor; to deliver the oppressed; to support the gospel ministry & to evangelize the world.

Query

Do you thus, and all this; covenant with God and this Church?

The church will rise, and the Pastor will say

Covenant reciprocated

We then, as a church do cordially receive you into our communion and fellowship. We promise by the grace of God to watch over you with tenderness and love, to aid you in fulfilling your covenant engagements & to help you forward in the way to heaven.

And we pray God that we may live together as bretheren; glory by Him in all our life upon earth; and finally unite in congs of praise in that upper and better sanctuary whence we shall go no more out forever - **AMEN**

Delegates to B. River Consociation asking admission

It was then unanimously voted that the Ch. Through its delegates, apply for admission into the Black River Consociation, and Deacons Stowell & Hollis were appointed to make this request at the next annual meeting of the body which is appointed to be holden at Rutland on Tuesday, 15th Inst [sic]

4 Candidates examined & propounded

Allen M. Campbell, Leander C. Prelar, Otis E. Stowell & Rhonda Ann Stowell presented themselves as candidates for admission to the church on profession of their faith. After a full & satisfactory examination, the church propounded them for admission on the morrow.

No other business being offered the meeting was closed with a few remarks & the Benediction by the Rev. Mr. Prelar. J.R. Shipherd, Clerk.

Sabbath, June 6th, 1858

Sacramental sermon in the morning & the Lords Supper in the afternoon, the pastor officiating - Ther persons named as examined & propounded yesterday made public profession of their faith & entered into covenant with the church, - The three whose names stand last were baptizied.

Memorable Day

The entire day was one of great solemnity & interest, Gods presence & power being undoubtedly manifest on the church take much courage from this timely & hopeful addition of four young people. The Lord guard his own flock! Jacob R. Shiperd, Clerk

Saturday, July 31st 1858

Preparatory Lecture - Preparatory Lecture at 2 P.M. after which the organized for business,

Clerk resigns - The clerk incumbent gave notice of intended resignation. Whereupon Leander C. Preslar was chosen to succeed him without limitation of time.

Comm to fill the pulpit - Allen M. Campbell, Leander C. Preslar & Otic E. Stowell were appointed * authorized to make such arrangements as should be within their ppower for the supply of the pulpit, which will be vacant after tomorrow.

Ebanizer Knight Propounded - The pastor presented the request of Ebenezer Knight for admission to this church upon profession of his faith, he being provedentialy [sci] prevented from being personly in attendance. Mr Knight was for many years a highly valued member of the Presb. Ch. At Sand Bank & continued so untill its disorganization, at this time he had already removed to Orwell, & failed to be notified of the meting at which the desbanding took place. He has not subsequently united elsewhere. After due consideration he was voted propounded.

4 others examined & profounded - John Lattimer & Sabrina his wife, Esther Platt & Delitha Burch presented themselves as candidates for admission to the Ch. On profession of faith. After satisfactory exam they were voted propounded. Closed with benediction. J.R. Shipherd Clerk.

Sabbath, Aug, 1st, 1858

Jacob B. Shipherd farwell - In the morning the Pastor stated that his term of engagement would expire with this day & though reluctant to do so, his own views of duty obliged him to decline the very kind & urgent invitation passed upon him to continue his labors. He therefore preached a farewell discourse from 2nd Cor, 13:11.

Lords Supper - In the afternoon the sacrement of the Lords Supper was celebrated, & the individuals examined & propounded yesterday entered into covenant with the church. Delitha Burch received the ordinance of Baptism.

The occasion was one of deep solemnity & christian joy. Jacob R. Shipherd, Clerk

Orwell Dec. 18th, 1858

Preparatory Lecture - Preparatory services at 3 ½ P.M., by Rev Mr. Chaney of Pulaski after which the Ch organized for business.

3 Examined & propounded - Henry Loomis & Susan his wife & Dr. Becker presented themselves as candidates for admission to the church on profession of their faith. After examination they were voted propounded. Leander C. Preslar, Clerk

Sabbath Dec. 19th, 1858

Sacrement - Preaching in forenoon by minister before mentioned. In the afternon the sacrement of the Lord's Supper was celebrated & that for two reasons:

1st - The minister could not conscientiously read our 3rd article of faith, ask candidates to subscribe thereto therefore begged to be excused.

2nd - There were evil reports concerning the Dr. & it was thought best to consider the matter & therefore by consent a meeting was appointed on the 31st for that purpose - Leander Preslar, Clerk.

Orwell Dec. 31st, 1858

Cong. Church met pursuant to agreement. B.B. Cutter chosen chairman opened by prayer by the chairman. Motion made and carried that the church reconsider the vote taken in regard to admitting memb. On account of the inclemency of the weather it was thought best to defer all business matters until our next meeting. Motion made & carried to that effect. Upon motion remainder of the afternoon was spent in religious exercises. Adjourned until Jan 15th, 2 o'clock P.M.. Closed with the Benediction by B.B. Culter. Leander C. Preslar, Clerk

Orwell Jan 15th, 1859

Cong. Church met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. B.B. Cutter opened the meeting by singing, reading the scrip. & prayer. He also acted as chairman. Upon motion the candidates & spectators were requested to withdraw. Motion made & carried that names of the candidates be considered seperately. On motion Henry Loomis was rec'd with a unanimous vore. On motion Susan his wife was rec'd with a unanimous vote. On motion Dr. Beckers name was also considered after some time spent in discussion the case was decided by one majority; 8 for & nine against.

On motion business touching the 3rd Art of Faith was defered until some future meeting. Adjourned with Benediction by B.B. Cutter. Leander C. Preslar, Clerk

Orwell March 2nd, 1859

Church met according to agreement. The purpose of the meeting was to settle difficulties arising by not receiving a candidate into the church, Dr. Becker. Rev. B.B. Cutter chairman. The plan proposed by him was to confess our faith one to another. This not being done satisfactorily to the minority they insisted on calling a mutual counsel from sister churches which was very readily assented to by the majority.

The churches to sit in such counsel were Sand Bank, Pulaski, Sandy Creek & Mannsville.

The committee chosen to send letters missive to the churches were Dea. Stowell & Hollis, on motion the next communion was deferred one week from its usual time. Adjourned with Benediction by B.B. Cutter, until March 11th, 1859. L.C. Presler, Clerk

Tuesday March 10th 1859

Ch. Met pursuant to adjournment. B.B. Cutter chosen chairman. On motion voted that members of the counsel present be accepted to sit as a counsel in the case.

Whereupon the counsel organized by the choice Rev. L.W. Chaney moderator.

On motion the Rev. B.B. Cutter was invited to sit as a corresponding member & on motion was also chosen. Counsel opened with prayer by moderator.

Dea. Hollis opened in behalf of the complaint & Dea Stowell in behalf of the Respondents.

Remarks by others on either side; as they thought proper interspersed with now & then one from the Dr. After some length of time spent in warm discussions & great anxiety the counsel retired for a decision. In which time the Ch. After doing some little business engaged in prayer that the decision of the counsel might be right.

On motion the communion season was deferred two weeks longer making three from its usual time.

I here insert verbatim the report of the Clerk Pro-tempore.

Orwell March 11th, 59

As Mutual Ecclesiastical counsel assembled in the meeting house was in this place; called by letters Missive (see file Po 1) from the Cong. Ch. In Orwell to give advice in regard to difficulties in the Ch. growing out of its disposal of an application for church membership.

Present from Ch. in Pulaski the Rev. L.W. Chaney, Pastor - Dea. Arron Fuller, delegate

Delegates not appearing from the other churches called & not a quorum being present the church in Orwell was called to order & made choice of Rev. B.B. Cutter, Moderator & a motion voted that the members of the counsel present be accepted as a counsel in the case.

Whereupon proceeded to organize by the choice of L.W. Chaney Moderator. On motion the Rev. B.B. Cutter was invited to sit as a corresponding member & on motion chosen Clerk.

Counsel opened with prayer by Mod. - Dea. David opened in behalf of the complaintants & Dea. Elon Stowell in behalf of Respondents.

Complaint

1st -The Ch. requested the candidates to leave the room while their cases were considered

Response - That this was the usual & proper course.

2nd - That the examination of Reports regarding Dr. Becker's conduct was improper.

Response - That the reports were matter of common fame in the community, and that in the statement of a member regarding what Dr. Becker told him; there might have been an immaterial discrepancy.

3rd - It was complained that a member was improperly urged to vote after the gs' [sic] had been decided & declared.

Response - That this was solicited in order to see if a full expedience could not be secured & the calling of a counsel obviated.

The case being closed the counsel retired.

After a short absence returned & made a verbal report of their result proposing to furnish it in writing of which the following is a copy. (Hereupon the Clerk insert the written report when rec'd) B.B. Cutter, Clerk Counsel

After a few well timed remarks by the Moderator the counsel was dissolved with benediction. L.W. Chaney Moderator B.B. Cutter, Clerk

On motion the church manifested their thankfulness by returning vote of thanks to the counsel for their kindness in endeavoring to settle our difficulty.

By a suggestion from Dea. Fuller, it was ascertained by Yeas & Nays whether the church would abide by the decision of the counsel or not. All present after being asked seperately said they would.

I here annex their names - Dea. Stowell & Hollis, Allen M. Campbell, Otis E. Stowell, leander C. Presler, John Lattimer & Abigail Stowell. Closed with the Benedication by Rev. L.W. Chaney, L.C. Presler Clerk.

Saturday March 26th 1859

Preparatory Lecture - The Church met pursuant to appointment at 2 O'Clock P.M. preparatory services by Rev. B.B. Cutter from Gal 3:26 - Jonye [sic] are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

3, 4, & 6 Articles Ammended - After which the Church organized for business. On motion the 3, 4 & 6 Art of the Confession of Faith were ammended for the temporary use of the Body. Closed with Benediction by Rev. B.B. Cutter. L.C. Prestor Clerk

Sabbath March 27th, 1859

Lord's Supper - Preaching in forenoon from Heb, 11:24,5,6. In afternoon celebration of Lord's Supper with remarks from Phil, 3:10. It was a very solemn & impressive & profitable season. Leander C. Prestar Clerk

Saturday June 4th 1859

Church Meeting - Ch. met according to agreement for devotional exercises. Opened with prayer by Rev. B.B. Cutter.

Memorable time - After some excellent remarks by Mr Cutter & others the meeting was closed with pray by Dea. Hollis & Benediction by Rev B.B. Cutter. L.C. Prestar, Clerk

Sat June 18th, 1859

Church met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with reading Hymn, Prayer & Scripture. After some remarks by Mr Cutter & others the Ch organized for business. Rev Mr Cutter Chairman.

A. Beman Exam & Propounded - Albert Beman presented himself to the Ch on profession of faith. After a full & satisfactory examination he was unanimously voted propounded.

Delegate to Consociation - On motion - Dea. Stowell was chosen Delegate to Black River Con. To be held at Burrs Mills on the 21 & 2 of this month June. Closed with Benediction. L.C. Prester, Clerk

Sat July 2nd 1859

Preparatory Services & Religious Conference - Preparatory lecture by Rev B.B. Cutter after which a few minutes were spent in religious conference by the church. After which Ch organized for business. On motion, A.E. Stowell the Articles of St. Lawrence Consociation procured and read by Mr Cutter were laid upon the table for consideration until next preparatory lecture. Closed with prayer by Rev B.B. Cutter. L.C. Prester, Clerk

Sabbath July 3rd, 1859

Preaching in forenoon from Rom 3:9 Ye are God, Building

Lord's Supper celebrated - In the afternoon the Lord's Supper celebrated.

Albert Beman Admitted - Albert Beman who was profounded some two weeks since made public profession of his faith & entered into covenant with the Church. The day was one of deep solemnity & christian joy and our prayer is that God will add from time to time to the Church such shall be saved. L.C. Prester, Clerk

Sat Aug 27th, 1859

Preparatory Lecture - Preparatory sermon by B.B. Cutter. Col. 2:10 An ye are complete in him. After appropriate remarks from others the church organized for business. Rev B.B. Cutter Chairman

On motion by clerk the business touching on Articles of Faith was again laid upon the table till the next preparatory meeting.

By request A.M. Campbell was released by acting as one of the commuttes [sic] in supply the pulpit in which capacity he acted so well his past.

On motion by Dea. Stowell the Society outside the Presbyterian Church before the organization of the Congregational was invited to hold same relation to the Cong. Ch. that it had to the Presbyterian Ch heretofore. Closed with benediction. L.C. Prester, Clerk

Sabbath Aug 28th, 1859

Preaching in forenoon by B.B. Cutter in the afternoon preaching & celebration of the Lord's Supper. L.C. Prester, Clerk

Orwell Saturday May 5th 1860

Preparatory Lecture - Preparatory lecture in the afternoon by Rev David Spear of Jeff. County. Present Dea. Stowell & Hollis and several other members.

Sabbath May 6th 1860

Lord's Supper - Sermon in forenoon by the Rev David Spear in afternoon celebrated the Lord's Supper. Leander C. Prester, Clerk

Oct 16th & 17th 1860

The Black River consociation held their semi-annual meeting at Orwell by request of Delegates from this Ch. Viz - Dea Elon Stowell & David Hollis. At their last annual champion June 1860. Much interest was manifested by the people & a general attendance during the meeting. J.H. Davis, Assistant Clerk

Dec 2nd 1860

Rev. L. Eli Bates was engaged to preach in the Orwell Union meeting house on every 4th Sabbath for 6 months. J.H. Davis Assistant Clerk

Saturday, March 23rd 1861

Preparatory Lecture - Preparatory lecture by Rev. L. Eli Bates after which church organized for business.

James L. Davis & Amelia his wife formerly of Mexico, Oswego Co, NY were unanimously received into the church by letters.

In view of the probable absence of the clerk for some length of time, James L. Davis was elected Vice Secretary.

Sabbath, March 24, 1861

Sermon in forenoon by L. Eli Bates from Isaiah 3:10 & 11 "Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him for he shall eat of the fruit of his doings. Wso unto the wicked it shall be ill with him for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

In the afternoon some very timely remarks on the 5th of Rom & sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered. Leander C. Preslar Clerk.

May 5th 1861

Rev L. Eli Bates engaged to preach every alternate Sabbath in the Orwell Union Church for one year. J. L. Davis Assistant Clerk

June 18th & 19th

Our Ch represented in consociation which met in Rodman by two delegates viz Dea. David Hollis & A.M. Campbell. J.L. Davis Assistant Clerk

July 27th, 1861

Sat, 2 O'Clock P.M. - Preparatory Lecture by Rev. L. Eli Bates. After which Mr Alvin Wakefield & Cynthia his wife were rec'd by letters from the Bellville Church.

March 8th 1862

Saturday Afternoon - Preparatory lecture by the Rev. J. R. Bradnock, Rev. L.E. Bates was present & assisted in the services after which the Rev. L.E. Bates presented a letter from the Methodist Episcopal Ch. of Orwell, N.Y. to Henry J. Stowell & Roselle his wife recommending to the fellowship of any other christian Ch. & at their request they were unanimously received.

March 9th 1862

Two sermons by Rev J.R. Bradnack from Sandy Creek after which the covenant was read & renewed by the whole Ch. Rev. Bates & Bradnack officiating. J.L. Davis Assistant Clerk.

June 10th 1863

Sabbath - Two sermons by Rev. L.W. Chaney of Pulaski after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered & at the close James & Davis & Alvin Wakefield were appointed delegates to attend the annual meeting of the Black River Consociation to be held at Woodville, Jeff. Co., N.Y. commencing on Tuesday June 16th, 1863.

Funeral Sermon - The above forenoon sermon was the funeral sermon of Milo Stowell & Nelson Stowell who died while in the Army at New Orleans Viz Milo March 7th 1863, Nelson April 26th 1863 (both sons of Samuel Stowell).

July 5th 1863

On Sunday July 5th 1863 The Cong. Ch assembled in session room of the Orwell Union meeting house to according to previous notice to take into consideration the propriety [sic] of asking for a letter from the Black River consociation & joining one about to be organized in Oswego County & the following resolutions were unanimously passed zix

Resolved 1st - That we request the Moderateor of the Black River Consociation to call a special meeting of that body at Pulaski on the 4th Tuesday of July inst.

Resolved 2nd - That we hereby authorized & direct the clerk to request for the church from the Black River Consociation a letter of dismissal & recommendation to the association about to be organized among Congregational Churches in Oswego Co. N.Y. James L. Davis Assistant Clerk, J.C. Presler being absent.

Special meeting of the Black River consociation met at Pulaski 28th July as above decided. James L. Davis attended as delegate from the Cong. Ch. at Orwell & presented the above resolution & request from Sandy Creek, Pulaski & Sand Bank Churches which was granted by unanimous vote. James L. Davis Assistant Clerk.

Sept 15th 1865

At a preparatory meeting of the Cong. Ch. in Orwell Union Ch. on Sept 15, 1865 according to previous notice the following delegates were chosen to attend the state association to be held at the City of Oswego on the 19th, 20th, & 21st days of Sept 1865 Viz James H. Davis & Allen Campbell delegates, Dea. David Hollis & Henry J. Stowell, Alternates.

Also that the church take into consideration the subject of appointing a new Deacon to act in place of Dea. Elon Stowell aged & infirm.

James H. Davis was appointed Clerk to act in place of L.C. Preslar dismissed. James H. Davis, Clerk.

Dec. 23rd 1866

Rev. Decker exchanged with Rev. Mr. Bayne of Sandy Creek. Stormy day few present. James H. Davis, Clerk.

July 21st 1867

Rev. J. Furbit accepted as invitation to preach to this Ch. a few Sabbaths with a view of continuing his labors in the church should think best to make him a call; or assist in obtaining another minister.

Sept 14th, 1867

Preparatory Lecture - Preparatory Lecture; Rev J. Furbit presiding at which time after the service Dea. Chauncey McKinney & his wife Sophia; Dwight McKinney & his wife Mary Ann were rec'd by letters from the Presbyterian Ch, Redfield. Also Mrs Nancy Bartlett (Mrs Hollis) by letter from Pulaski.

Vote unanimous Dea. Chauncey McKinney accepted an invitation to continue to act in his official capacity in this church.

Deacon Elected - A vote was taken to elect another person to act as Deacon, making three in all. Mr. James F. Davis was unanimously elected.

New Clerk Elected - Mr. Allen Campbell was unanimously elected to act as clerk in place of James H, Davis.

Sept 15th 1867

Sacrament J. Furbit presiding, Dea. McKinney & Hollis officiating. James H. Davis Clerk.

Oct 13th 1867

Rev John Furbit announced his acceptance of the call of the Cong, Church of Orwell to preach to them one year from July 21st 1867. Each alternate Sabbath. James H. Davis Clerk

Nov 10th, 1867

Deacons Installed & Ordained - On Sabbath after service Nov 10th 1867, Mr Chauncey McKinney was installed Dea. Over this church & James H. Davis ordained to same.

Jan 2nd 1868

Church Meeting held - Orwell June 2nd 1868, Thursday. A church meeting was held for Rev. J. Furbit presiding. The minutes of the church since July last was read, corrected & accepted.

The church covenant was read & the members present examined on the same, Dea. J.H. Davis cautioned against coming late to meeting & promising to do better.

By vote of Ch. a committee of Deas. Chauncey McKinney & Hollis was appointed to visit Sister Malinda Grout on account of her not being in attendance at the meeting of the church. A vote was then & carried to have each member visit & solicit the attendance of each inhabitant as far as possible to attend the Ch services.

After some practical remarks from the moderator the meeting was dismissed by the Benediction - To meet again on Friday next at 11 O'Clock A.M.

Jan 3rd 1868

Friday 11 O'Clock A.M. - Preaching by Rev. Mr. Diamond also in evening of same day.

Jan 4th

Saturday Jan 4th - preaching by Rev. J. Furbit

Jan 19th

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - The scarament of Lord's Supper was attended by Rev. J. Furbit presided. Dea McKinney & Hollis assisted.

March 30th 1868

Special Ch. Meeting held - At a church meeting held March 30th 1868 the Rev. J. Furbit presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted after which the church covenant was read. Dea. David Hollis reported to the Ch. the result of his visit to Sister Malinda Groat which was accepted & the committee was discharged from further action.

Dea. D. Hollis * H.J. Stowell were appointed a committee to visit Sister Selinda Stowel on account of delinquency in attendance on the Ch. meetings & to report at our next meeting. After some practical remarks from the moderator the meeting was closed by prayer by Rev. J. Furbit subject to call of moderator.

Apr 12th 1868

Delegates appointed Association Phoenix - At a meeting called for the purpose the following members were chosen delegates to attend association at Phoenix on Apr 14th & 15th 1868. Dea. James H. Davis & Allen Campbell with Dea. C. McKinney & H.J. Stowell alternates.

May 25th 1868

Preparatory service preaching by Rev. J. Furbit, Sacrament of Lord's Cupper

July 6th 1868

A church meeting held minutes of the Ch. record read & accpeted.

From July 6th 1868 till Sept. 12th 1869 the pulpit was unoccupied except occasionally during which time Dea James H. Davis read sermons on the Congregational Parts of the Sabbath (alternate)

July 12th 1869

2 Admitted - Clayton H. Davis was admitted into the church by profession, also Mrs. Mark Dale Potter was admitted into the Ch. be letter. At which time the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev James Douglas of Pulaski Church.

1869, Sept 12th

The Rev. James Douglas pastor of the Pulaski Church entered in arrangements by which to preach to the Church in Orwell for one year each alternate Sabbath.

1870, Sept 9th

Lord's Supper - The sacrament of the Lords Supper was celebrated the Rev James Dougless presided at which time the ordinacnes of Infant Baptism was administered to Ervinnie Rebecca, daughter of and James Otis Freelon, son of James H. and Amelia A. Davis.

Sept 12th

The Rev James Douglass agreed with the Church to continue his service as long as health would admit; which was until Feby 1872.

Feby, 1872

In Feby 1872 Rev Mr Crosby commenced his labor with us and continued labor til Spet 1st 1872 when we were left without preaching for a short time.

Mr Crosby remaining here & having no other place of labor he preached without being hired untill April 1874 at which time he was hired again for the term of one year till from that till Dec the church was without preaching. When arrangement was madewith Mr Greely to preach six months. His labors closed May14th 1876 at which time Sacrament of Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. James Douglas & also there were three admissions into the Ch. on profession. Mrs. Phebe Brown, Mrs. Flora Parker, Mrs. Ellen A. Davis

<rs Parker & Mrs Davis were Baptized. Mrs Brown had been a member of Baptist Ch.