

**CHAPTER 2**  
**RECORDS OF**  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY**  
**OF ORWELL**

*The following was taken directly from the original record book used to record the activities of the Presbyterian Society of Orwell. Exact transcription of this text was completed as faithfully as could be done considering the condition of the pages and poor quality of ink. All areas of text which are in question are so marked with a [\*].*

## CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH

You believe that there is one and but one God, who is the creator, preservor and governor all ~~things~~ and possesses every natural and moral perfection.

You believe that the holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect rule of faith and practice.

You believe that God exists in three persons. The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit and that these three are one in essence [\*] and equal in every divine perfection.

You believe that God has for his own glory fore ordained and governs all things in such manner as is consistent with mans peragency [\*] and the use of means so that the Sinfulness of actions is chargeable only to creatures and not to God who is holy in all his works

You believe that God created Adam perfectly holy and made him the representative of his posterity and that by his fall all his posterity are born sinful and are on account of their own sins justly liable to endless punishment.

You believe that the Lord Jesus is God and man and that by his death he hath made Atonement for the sin of the world So that through him the gracious offer of pardon and eternal life are made.

You believe that God has purposed to apply the Atonement to those who were from the beginning chosen to Salvation through Sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

You believe that the foundation of the elects Acceptance with God is Jesus Christ in whom they become interested by faith alone.

You believe that to exercise any gracious Affections a Sinner must be renewed by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit.

You believe that God has covenants to bring all the elect to his heavenly kingdom.

You believe that the church ought to recognize a credible profession of holy love of all they receive to their communion.

You believe that the ~~Sacaments~~ Sacraments Baptism and the Lords Supper are holy ordinances which Christ has appointed to be observed in his church.

You believe it is incumbent on all heads of families to maintain the morning and evening worship of the family to dedicate their children and households to God and to bring them up in the nature and admonition of the Lord.

You believe that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ who will then receive the righteous to endless happiness and sentence the wicked to endless punishment.

## **COVENANT**

You do now in the presence of the heart searching God and before Angels and men choose the Lord, Jehovah to be your God and portion The Lord Jesus Christ to be your Redeemer and Saviour. The Holy Spirit for your Teacher and Sanctifier.

You do wholly renounce the Service of Satan and you covenant to yield universal obedience to all divine requirements.

You do submit yourself to the government of Christ in his Church and to the regular administration of it in the Church.

You do Covenant to attend the worship and ordinances of the gospel in this Church as long as continues you in this place and you do promise to fulfill the obligations of these covenants as long as you live or until your relation to this particular Church shall be regularly dissolved.

Thus you promise

We now receive you into our communion and covenant to watch over you with all Christian tenderness treating you in love as a member of this body of Christ who is head over all things to his Church.

Amen.

## **THE PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY OF ORWELL**

*Orwell, July 10, 1819*

The Rev. Mepos [\*] Oliver Leavitt & David R. Dixon being present the First Presbyterian Church in their place was constituted committing Thirteen members and the above articles of Faith, and Covenant were adopted.

The following person presented certificates of church membership.

Jonas Thompson  
Lucy Thompson  
William Withington  
Nabby Withington  
Elizabeth Brooks  
Sally Thompson

The following expect letters

Nenian Aikin  
John Brooks  
Judah Wheelock

The following were received on examination.

Orpha [\*] Brait [\*] - Baptized  
Elizabeth Acker  
Isabella Allen  
Electa Brooks

After the solemnities were concluded Jonas Thompson was elected to the office of Deacon in the church - 1819.

Sometime in 1819 Jonas Thompson was solemnly put apart to the office of Deacon by the Rev. John Davenport.



*March 26, 1820*

Reverend Oliver Leavitt preached and administered the ordinance to the church.

Admitted Joseph Wheelock. By letter Judith Wheelock.



*Dec. 22, 1820*

Rev. David R. Dixon spent several days with us and administered the holy supper on the Lords Day.



*1821 June*

Voted a letter, to Joseph & Judith Wheelock.



*13 June 1821*

Mr John Dunlap preached with us.



*19 June 1821*

Mr Williams preached and administered the Holy ordinances of supper. Admitted William Withington, by letter Martha Withington.



*1823 July*

Rev. Mr. Williams preached and administered the supper of the Lord. Admitted on [illegible] Cornelius Acher.



*Aug 7 1823*

Ch. Meeting Voted To apply to be connected with the Presbytery of Oswego & that Deacon Jonas Thompson make the request. The request of the church being made & was granted by Presbytery.



*Aug 29*

Mr Dixon preached with us and administered the Lords Supper. Admitted - Israel Fisher was admitted as a member of the church.



*Sept 12*

The Rev. O. Ayer by order of the Presbytery preached with us and constituted a church Session. Elders Jonas Thompson and Wm. Withington were elected Elder & Deacon and Ninean Aikin was chosen Elder.



*1824 Feb. 26*

The session met at the school house at three O.C. P.M. according to appointment, opened by prayer. Wm. Williams, Mod. *Present* William Withington Ninean Aikin Elders *Absent* Jonas Thompson *Admitted* Sarah Pratt by letter. *Examined* Daniel Pratt was examined and his examination was sustained and he was admitted as a constituent member of the church. *Voted* To Jonas Thomson and Lucy Thomson his wife, Letters to the church in Brutus [\*]. Concluded with prayer. Wm Williams, Moderator

Thus for examination and approve by Presbytery at the meeting in New Haven June 21, 1825. D.R. Dixon, Mod.



*1825, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>*

The church met at the school house at 2 O'clock P.M. according to appointment. Opened by prayer, Oliver Ayer Moderator. *Admitted* Bostwick Squires by Letter. *Elders* Daniel Pratt and Bostwick Squires were elected as Elders to supply vacancys in the Session occasioned by the removal of Jonas Thomson and the bodily infirmities of Ninean Aikin. Concluded in prayer. Oliver Ayer Moderator



*Oct 9*

Rev. Mr. Ayer preached and ordained Daniel Pratt and Bostwick Squire to the office of ruling Elders and administered the Lord's Supper.



*Nov. 17 1825*

Session met according to previous notice at the North school-house 2 o'clock P.M. and was constituted by prayer. *Present* D.R. Dixon Mod. Wm. Withington Daniel Pratt Bostwick

Squires Elders. James B. Sanford and Sabrina Northrup presented letters of recommendation from the church in Camden and being examined in relation to their devotional and experimental organization [\*] with Christianity they were received. Mary Little stated before Session that she was a member of the Presbyterian church in Ireland that she took a letter of recommendation when she left that country about three years ago, but by some means the letter has been lost. She therefore together with Philomela [\*] wife of Doc. J.B. Sanford were examined in relation to their doctrinal and experimental knowledge of Christianity and their examination was sustained. Concluded by prayer. D.R. Dixon, Mod.



*Nov. 19, 1825*

Session met according to previous appointment at the school house in the evening and was constituted by prayer. *Present* D.R. Dixon, Mod. Wm. Withington D. Pratt B. Squires Elders. Asa Thompson & Lucas Withington presented before Session & were examined in relation to their doctrinal and experimental knowledge of Christianity and the examination was sustained. Concluded by prayer. D.R. Dixon, Mod.



*April 22, 1826*

Session met according to previous appointment at the school-house of Dis. No. 3 and was constituted by prayer. *Present* Oliver Ayer, Mod. Wm. Withington Bostwick Squires *Absent* Daniel Pratt Elders.

A complaint was brought on the ground of Common Laws against Elusta [\*] Brooks for falsifying the truth in stating certain things in conversation with Mrs Caroline Reynolds reputing Ninean Aikins which statement she afterwards denied to Mrs Thompson and others. Whereupon resolved that the said Elusta Brooks be served with a copy of the complaint together with the names of the witnesses and that all be asked to appear before Session at this house the 9<sup>th</sup> of May next 10 o'clock A.M. Concluded with prayer. Oliver Ayer, Mod.



*May 9, 1826*

Session met according to adjournment at school house of District No. 3 and was constituted by prayer. *Present* O. Ayer Mod. Wm. Withington B. Squires *Absent* D. Pratt. Some witnesses not being present the trial cant not be prosecuted. Whereupon resolved that this meeting be adjourned to Thursday 23 Lnst [\*] 1 oclock P.M. Concluded with prayer. Attest Wm. Withington Elder




*May 23, 1826*

Session met at school-house of District No. 3 according to adjournment and was constituted by prayer. *Present* D.R. Dixon, Mod. Wm. Withington B. Squires D. Pratt Elders.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read. Daniel Pratt assigned reasons for his absences ~~for~~ at those two meetings which were mentioned. The case of Elusta Brooks was taken up. The witnesses present were examined. Their testimony is left on file. Adjournment to meet

at the house of Asa Thompson tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer. D.R. Dixon Mod.

  
*May 24, 1825*

Session met at the house of Asa Thompson according to adjournment and was constituted by prayer. *Present* D.R. Dixon, Mod. B. Squires D. Pratt Elders. The minutes from the last meeting were read.

The case of Elusta Brooks was resumed and the remaining witnesses were examined. The accused had an opportunity to make her comments on the testimony and the amount of it was summed up by the moderator.

The Session then decided that the accused is guilty of the charge alleged against her and that she be solemnly admonished by the moderator. The admonition was administered. Concluded with prayer. D.R. Dixon, Mod.

The reasons of the above decision are the following.

1. The testimony of ~~Sally Thompson~~ Caroline Reynolds that the accused did state certain things to her in relation to Nenia Aikins against Mrs Thompson which was admitted by the accused.
2. The testimony of Mrs Thompson that the accused did in the interviews which she had with her deny her ever having said anything to the said Caroline Reynolds against Mrs Thompson.
3. The testimony of Mrs Fisher and some other witnesses confirming the testimony of Mrs Thompson. Attest D. R. Dixon, Mod.

Thus examined & approved by Presbytery. Attest H. Smith, Mod. Mexico June 20<sup>th</sup> 1826

  
*August 19<sup>th</sup> 1827*

Session met at school house in District No. 3 according to notice Opened by prayer. *Present* Oliver Ayer, Mod. Wm. Withington Daniel Pratt - Elders. *Admitted* Lucy Thompson by letter. *Voted* letters to James B. Sanford and Philomela his wife to the church in Richland. Concluded with prayer. Oliver Ayer, Mod.

Thus for examination and approved by Presbytery at the meeting in Florence Jun 2, 1828. Wm. Williams, Mod.

  
*1828 July 17*

Session met according to appointment at the school house in Dis. No. 3. *Present* Rev Oliver Ayer Mod. Wm. Withington Daniel Pratt Elders Opened with prayer. *Admitted* John and Cynthia French by eix [\*] also Jane Potter Do [\*] *Voted* letters to Bostwick Squires and Lucy Weed [\*]. Concluded by prayer. Attest - Wm. Withington Elder

Thus for examined and approved by Presbytery at their meeting in Mexico January 6<sup>th</sup> 1829. Pas Abell Mace [\*]



*Oct 11, 1829*

According to previous appointment Session met at the house of Wm. Withington and was opened by prayer. *Present* D.R. Dixon, Mod. Wm. Withington D. Pratt, Elders. Asa Thompson requested a letter of recommendation for himself and Sally his wife to the church in Watertown. And his request was granted. Closed with prayer. Attest D.R. Dixon, Mod.

Examined thus for & approved by Presbytery at their meeting at Camden Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1830. D. R. Dixon, Mod.



*1830, Nov. 15*

Session met according to appointment, at the center school-house and opened with prayer. *Present*, R. Robinson, Moderator, Wm. Withington, Daniel Pratt, Elders. Sabrena [\*] Northrup requested a dismissal from the church, and recommendation to the church in Camden.

As some stories have circulated here unfavorable to her Christian character, she was interrogated on that subject and she gave satisfaction. Therefore, resolved that her request be granted. Concluded with prayer. R. Robinson, Mod. Pro. Tem.



*1831, Nov. 23*

Session met at the Centre school house, opened with prayer. *Present* Rev. Samuel Livery - Moderator, William Withington Daniel Pratt Elders. Mrs Mary Little requested a certificate of her regular standing in this church, with a view of uniting with a church of the same order in Watertown, and her request was granted. Concluded with prayer. Samuel Livery - Mod. Pro. Tem.



*1832, June 2*

Church met at school house dis. No. 3 at 4 O'Clock P.M., opened with prayer. Rev. Samuel Livery Mod. Cornelious Acker was elected ruling elder and Lucas Withington was appointed Clerk.[sic] Israel Fisher requested a letter of recommendation to the church of Florence and his request was granted. Attest Lucas Withington Clerk



*June 3*

Rev. Samuel Livery preached & ordained Cornelious Acker as Elder and administered the ordinance of the Lord's supper. Attest Lucas Withington Clerk

Thus examined and approved by Presbytery at their meeting in Mexico-ville June 20<sup>th</sup> 1832. Samuel Livery - Moderator



*1832 Sept. 26*

Session met at school house in Dist. No. 3 according to appointment, opened with prayer. *Present* Rev. Ralph Robinson, Moderator Daniel Pratt & Cornelious Acker Elders.



There was laid before the Session the following complaint. To wit, Common report charges our brother William Withington with attempting some time a year ago last February to commit the unnatural crime of carnal connexion with a brute beast.

On examination it appeared that this report had never been circulated around till within a few weeks past, which assigns the reason for it not having been previously brought before this session for investigation. The Session were also informed that Wm. Withington has absconded to escape the penalty of civil law.

Under these circumstances it is the opinion of this session, that the usual method of sending a copy of the complaint & citation will be useless & that the honor of religion requires us to proceed immediately to investigate the above specified charge.

Silas Brownell was called as a witness & being qualified, says: I think it was a year ago last February I got up my team & drew some wood to the school house. I asked the teacher for the list of the school wood & he told me Wm. Withington has got it. I went up there & went into the house & inquired from Mrs Withington & they said he was in the barn. I went to the barn, & the stable door was partly open. I went into the stable & found Wm. Withington engaged in the crime of carnal connexion with a dumb brute. I stood there some minutes in perfect astonishment without uttering a word. After which I did my errand and went home.

John French, qualified says - the report came to me, a few weeks ago, that Wm. Withington had been guilty of the crime to which Mr. Brownell has above testified. I called on him & inquired into the truth of the report, he acknowledged that he was doing what he ought not to have done; that in the situation in which he was, one might think he was in a criminal act.

Cornelious Acker, qualified says, - when I heard the story for the bad conduct of Mm. Withington I went immediately to see him. I found him at home & told him I had come to tell him of the story I had heard about him, he said he wished everyone had done so; he said there not ought to have been an occasion for it. Then he was broken down to tears, & there was not for some minutes anything said, there if my recollection serves me, he said I have wounded the cause of religion, I have injured myself, & my fellow creatures around me. The conversation then turned on his situation, being exposed to the possibility of civil law. He said he knew not what to do, he wanted advice from every one that was able to give him any.

At another time I called & resumed a conversation on the subject in company with some other persons, when I understood him to acknowledge that it was his intention to commit the crime which Mr. Brownell says he caught him committing.

The testimony being through the session proceeded to make up their judgement in the case, when it was resolved that the charge is fully supported by the testimony & that there is very strong reason to think that Mr. Withington did actually commit the unnatural crime alleged against him, And in view of the aggravated & unnatural crime found in this case, & the fact, that the offender has absconded, it was resolved that the honor of religion requires decisive measures in the case, & the amputation of a rotten link.

Therefore resolved that our offending brother William Withington be ~~expel~~ excluded from the fellowship of the church. And may God have mercy on him, and bring him to repentance, & save him in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Concluded with prayer. Ralph Robinson, Mod. Attest Lucas Withington, Clerk

  
1832 October 23

Session met according to appointment at the school house in Dist. No. 3 constituted by prayer. *Present* Rev. Samuel Breezy [\*], Mod., Daniel Pratt \_ Cornelious Acker Elders. Abigail Withington, Rhoda Withington, Celinda Stoel & Laura Hollis presented before session & were examined in relation to their doctrinal and experimental knowledge of christianity and their examination was sustained. Eton Stoel presented a letter of recommendation from the church of in Willington and being experienced in relation to his doctrinal and experimental acquaintance with Christianity ~~they~~ he was received.

David Hollis stated that he was a member of the church in [blank] but ~~had not~~ coming away sooner than he expected he had not requested a letter from that church. He desired to be admitted into communion and fellowship with the church and being examined in relation to his doctrinal and experimental acquaintance with christianity he was received, on conditions that he should get a letter within one year.

Jane Stoel stated that she was a member of the church in Cambridge but had not requested a letter. She desired to be admitted into church fellowship, and being examined in relation to her doctrinal and experimental acquaintance with christianity she was received, on condition that she would get a letter within one year.

Concluded with prayer. Attest Lucas Withington, Clerk

  
1832, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Session met agreeable to appointment at the school house in Dist. No. 3, opened with prayer. *Present* Samuel Swezy, Mod. Daniel Pratt & Cornelius Acker Elders.

Samuel Stowell presented a letter of recommendation from the church in Willington, Connecticut and being examined in relation to his doctrinal and experimental acquaintance with christianity he was received.

Archibald Bryce, Jenett Bryce & Margaret Frazier stated that they were members of the Presbyterian church at Little Falls but had not received a letter in consequence of their coming away in haste. They requested to be admitted into church fellowship and being examined in relation to their doctrinal and experimental acquaintance with christianity they were received, on condition that they present their letters as soon as practible.

George O. Gilbert & Shedosa [\*] his wife stated that they were members of the church in Groton [\*], Connecticut, and requested to be admitted into church fellowship and being examined in relation to their doctrinal and experimental acquaintance with christianity they were received, on condition that they present their letters as soon as practible.

William H. Smith presented before session and being examined in relation to his doctrinal and experimental acquaintance with christianity he was received. Concluded with prayers. Attest Lucas Withington, Clerk

Thus far examined & approved in Presbrytory Sandy Creek, Jan 22, 1833. R.W. Condit, Mod.



*Sept. 14, 1833*

At the request of Mr Lucas Withington Vic. Rev. Samuel Swezy attended and gave lecture and caled a session which opened with prayer. Mr. Swezy Mod., Cornelious Acker Elder, Daniel Pratt Absent.

Four requested letters to other churches in Michigan, namely Nabby Withington, Lucas Withington, Rhoda Withington and Abigail Withington. Letters were given by a vote of the church. The session closed with prayer. Attest John French

Examined & approved Presbytory - Pulaski - Jan 24, 1834. R.M. Adsit, Mod.



*Feb 16, 1834*

John French chosen clerk.



*May 25, 1834*

The Rev. Dact Burge have sided and administered the Lord's Supper and appointed a church meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> to chose an elder.



*May 31 1834*

Met according to appointment and made choise of Elan Stoell. John French Clerk



*March 21 1835*

Church met according to appointment opened with prayer. Rev. R. Robinson moderator. Abraham Groat and Malinda Groat presented themselves ~~for a~~ and were examined as to there [sci] doctrinal and experimental acquaintance with chrischanity [\*] & there [\*] examination was approved. Concluded with prayer. John French Clerk

Abraham Groat received John French Clerk



*Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1836*

Malinda Groat received in full communion. John French Clerk



*Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1836*

Archibald Bryce, Jenet Bryce, Margaret Frazier dismissed by letter. John French Clerk



*Dec 1839*

Mrs B. Maria Beadle was received by letter from the 1 Presbyterian Church in Rome.

*Nov 1845*

List of members at this date:

Orpha Burket  
Elizabeth Acker (died May 9, 1848)  
Electa B. Cable  
Cornelious Acker  
Jane Potter  
Alinda Stowel  
David Hollis  
Jane Stowel  
Samuel Stowel (died Jan 22, 1850)  
William B. Smith (died Oct 7, 18??)  
Malinda Groat  
Elizabeth Miner  
Mrs B. Maria Beadle

Eton Stowel  
Laura Hollis  
Abigail Stowel  
David Ostrum  
James H. Davis  
Temperance A. Stowell  
Leovida Stowell  
Ruth Acker  
Morris Wright  
Frances Beadle



*Dec. 27, 1845*

The Sacrement of the lords Supper was administered by the Rev. J.B. Wilson



*1846, April 5*

The Sacrement of the Lords Supper was administered by the Rev. J. B. Wilson



*1846, April 6*

The male members of the church together with those male members of the congregation cooperating with them in sustaining the gospel were organized into a Society by the name of the Presbyterian Society of Orwell. Agreeable to the Statutes of the Statutes fo the State of New York.



*June 14*

Mrs B.M. Beadle with her husband presented their little household for Baptism. Their names are as follows: Amelia Content Jane Beattie Amos Grant Hannah Elizabeth



A copy of the records of the meeting at the formation of the society, Aptil 6, 1846.

At a meeting duly notified agreeable to the revised statute fo the State of New York, Vol 3, page 294, paragraph 3 on the 6 day of April 1846 at the meeting house in Orwell for the purpose of organizing a society to be called the Presbyterian Society of Orwell for the purpose of

permanently sustaining a preached gospel It was unanimously resolved that the society be organized by appointing a board of trustees.

Elders E. Stowell & O. Acker were appointed inspectors of the elction & the votes for trustees were taken when it was found that Msrs Amos Beadles & Aimil [\*] Olmsted & John McKindly were duly elected Mr Beadles term of service to expire in three years, Mr McKindleys in two years & Mr Olmsted in one year. Mr Olmsted was elected treasurer & Mr Alanson Story Clerk. The first Monday in April a 7 o'clock P.M. 1847 was appointed for the time of holding the first annual meeting. After which the meeting was adjourned.

Person recognized as members of the society at it's organization:

John Beadle	David Hollis
Elon Stowel	Samuel Stowell, Sen
Cornelious Acker	Brederic [*] Burkett
John McKindley	Elijah Stoel
William Smith	Thadious Murdoch
Amos Beadle	Samuel Stowell, Jun
Alanson Story	

Attest J.B. Wilson, Moderator



*Orwell March 6, 1847*

Preparatory lecture. After the lecture the session was convened. Opened with prayer.

*Present* Rev. J.B. Wilson the moderator & Elders Stowell & Acker. Mrs Abigail Stowell presented a letter from the Methodist Church at Willington Connecticut with a request to become connected with this church. After a satisfactory statement of her doctrinal views & her motives for seeking a connection with this church her request was granted. Closed with prayer.



*March 7*

Mrs Abigail Stowel in the presence of the congregation assented to the Article of faith & the covenant & was publicly recognized as a member of the church. After which the sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered to the church.

Attest J.B. Wilson



Thus for examined & approved in Presbytery at New Haven July 25, 1848. J.B. Wilson Moderator



*May 9, 1848*

Mrs Elizabeth Acker deceased this day. She was one of the original members of this church at its formation having been a member twenty eight years & ten months.



*June 23, 1848*

Mrs M.B. Beadler with her husband presented their infant son whose name is Nathaniel Gristams [\*] for Baptism.



*Oct 7, 1848*

William H. Smith deceased this day.



*October 28, 1848*

After preparatory lecture the session convened & was opened with prayer.

*Present* Rev. J.B. Wilson the Moderator & Elder Stowel. Mr David Ostrum presented himself with an application to be received into the church & was examined in experimental religion & doctrinal ideas & his examination was sustained & further action in his case was deferred for a further meeting of the session. Closed with prayer.



*October 29, 1848*

After the morning service The session were convened in the vestry & was opened with prayer.

*Present* the Moderator & Elders Stowell & Acker. After a full consultation upon the case of Mr Ostrum it was unanimously resolved that his request be granted & he be received to the communion of the church this afternoon. Closed with prayer.

After sermon Mr Ostrom was publicly admitted to the fellowship of the church by assenting to the articles of faith & the covenant.

Attest J.B. Wilson, Moderator



Thus for examined & approved Except the record made upon 36 page where a making of decision with but one Elder present.

Phoenix, Jany 25, 1849

John A. Hubbard, Mod.



*April 15, 1849*

The session convened at the call of the Moderator & was opened with prayer.

*Present* the Moderator & Elders Acker & Stowell. Mr. James Z.[\*] Davis presented himself as a candidate for admission to the church & was examined in doctrinal & experimental religion & the examination sustained. Closed with prayer.

In the afternoon of the Sabath he was publicly admitted to the fellowship of the church by giving his assent to the Articles of faith & the covenant.



September 1, 1849

After preparatory lecture agreeable to previous arrangement on the part of the session the attention of the church was called to the election of an additional elder & Mr James H. Davis was unanimously elected.

Sept 2, Mr Davis having signified his acceptance of the office to which he had been elected he was Solemly set apart according to the directory to the office of rukuing elder in this church.

Attest J.B. Wilson

Orwell Sept 30th 1849

Session met at the call of the call of the moderator and was opened by prayer.

Present Rev. J.B. Wilson the Moderator and Elders Stowell Acker and Davis. On motion, Resolved that Elder Acker be elected standing moderator and Elder Davis Clerk of the session. Closed with prayer. J.H. Davis, Clerk

June 6, 1850

Mrs Temperance Ann Stowell was removed into the Presbyterian Church of Orwell by letter<sup>1</sup> from the Congregational Church of Sandy Creek. J.H. Davis, Clerk

This certifies that Temperance Ann the wife of Abial Hibbard is a member of the Congregationalist church in this place (under the care of Oswego Presbytery) in good and regular standing and as such she is by her own request hereby recommended to the fellowship watch and care of the Presbyterian church in Orwell and when received by you her peculiar relation to us will be dissolved. By order of the church

Given at Sandy Creek Asa Carpenter Clerk  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1848


<sup>1</sup> This is a copy of the original letter which was found in the minute book. It appears to be fairly typical of the letters used to transfer membership from one church to another.

  
*August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851*

Mrs B, Maria Beadle with her husband presented there infant Son and daughter whose names were Lucious Henry & Lucy Henrietta for Baptism. R.A. Wheelock, Pastor. J.H. Davis Clerk

  
*October 12<sup>th</sup> 1851*

Mrs Cornelious Acker ~~and~~ Mrs Thomas Wright and Mrs Louis Stoel were received into the Church. Rev R. A. Wheelock Pastor, J.H. Davis, Clerk

  
*Feb 3, 1854*

At Sandy Creek Mr Allen Campbell his wife Emily and his child were Baptised at his house by the Rev. R. A. Wheelock

  
*1855*

The above closes the records of the Presbyterian Church of Orwell as officially kept; the clerk elect having removed to the Baptist Minister filling the pulpit (by temporary union with that society) The Ch having no communion or separate service during his stay & therefore no record kept. The church at that time (having original number 13 resident members 4-male 9-female.

The highest No. ever reached at any one time - - 29 and the lowest - - 13

  
*April 19<sup>th</sup> 1857*

J.K. Shipherd communed Labor with Ch; & closed labors Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1858. During his labors the Ch. Dissolved it connexion with Oswego Prespytery & all connexion with the Presbyterian Ch. & organized themselves into a Congregational Church & pledged themselves to God & each other to conduct all church affairs according to the rules and usages of strictly Congregational Churches.



Original Ch organized July 10<sup>th</sup> 1819 with 13 mem. (indicating Congregational Church)  
Organized March 13<sup>th</sup> 1858 with 13 members.



**A**

Acker, Cornelious .....	9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17
Acker, Elizabeth .....	4, 13, 15
Acker, O. ....	14
Acker, Ruth.....	13
Adsit, R.M. ....	11
Aiken, Nenian.....	3
Aikin, Ninean .....	5
Aikins, Ninean.....	6
Allen, Isabella.....	4
Archer, Cornelius.....	4
Ayer, O. ....	5, 7
Ayer, Oliver .....	5, 6, 8

**B**

Beadle, Amelia Content.....	13
Beadle, Amos .....	14
Beadle, Amos Grant .....	13
Beadle, B. M. ....	13
Beadle, B. Maria.....	12, 13, 17
Beadle, Frances.....	13
Beadle, Hannah Elizabeth.....	13
Beadle, Jane Beattie.....	13
Beadle, John .....	14
Beadle, Lucious Henry .....	17
Beadle, Lucy Henrietta .....	17
Beadle, Mrs. Amos .....	14
Beadler, M.B. ....	15
Brait, Orpha .....	4
Breezy, Samuel.....	10
Brooks, Electa.....	4
Brooks, Elizabeth.....	3
Brooks, Elusta.....	6, 7
Brooks, John .....	3
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