

THE CAMDEN (FIRST) BAPTIST CHURCH

Camden, South Carolina

MINUTES OF CHURCH CONFERENCES
1810-1838

Transcribed and annotated by Joan Inabinet in preparation for the writing of His People: A History of the Camden (First) Baptist Church (1985). The original minute book is being stored at Furman University in the South Carolina Baptist Historical Collection. Microfilm copies of this minute book and other early church records are available at Furman, the South Caroliniana Library, and the Camden Archives. This typescript is being donated to the Camden Archives by Joan Inabinet.

The transcribed minutes are all from the first minute book volume, in the order of entry as found, with this exception: for convenience membership rolls have been placed at the beginning. Originally the list of white members followed the covenant which was placed at the front of the book; the list of Negro members was placed at the back of the book. His People devotes much attention to individual early members.

EXPLANATIONS FOR USING LIST OF NAMES OF MEMBERS

The formal listing of white members begins on the same page on which the Covenant ends. Including that page, the listing covers six pages in the mss. From page to page, columnar headings remain approximately the same except that beginning on the 5th page a column was added for "Restored" status. In transcribing, I have maintained on all columns of my pages the abbreviations used on the first mss. page of membership and have consistently omitted the "Restored" column since it was so rarely used. (Any information given has been noted on the list, however.) If information over-running a column might affect interpretation, I have indicated its original position as closely as possible with the typing.

ABBREVIATION KEY: When bap.--When baptized

Rec^d by L.--Received by Letter

Dis.--Dismissed

Ex.--Excommunicated, Expelled, Excluded
(The terms are used at different times in the records)

Do--Ditto (same as above)

Membership lists for white members and for black members (the latter list was kept at the end of the minute book) both contain many "X" marks, but I believe them to be not uniformly signature marks but rather indications of later clerical accounting. Therefore, in transcribing, I have omitted all such random markings. When names were struck out, I included the name and a notation [struck out].

All comments in square brackets are my interpolations.

The number beside each entry of the name of a member has been added by me for convenience of reference and does not appear in any form on the original mss. There are 163 entries, but perhaps some half-dozen or so persons are named more than once. (For example, there are three John Smiths who may or may not be the same person, plus one John Smith Jun.)

The notes which follow utilize for easy reference the number beside a member's name and cross reference other entries which may indicate the same member.

Members' Names	When bap.	Rec ^d by L.	Dis	Ex	Dead
[1] Joseph B. Cook N. D. M.			Dismst	—	1833
[2] Richard Stratford			Dismst		dead 1814
[3] W ^m Cook					1827
[4] Thomas Green [Green rewritten in another hand]			dis		
[5] Benjamin Blackman			dis		
[6] John Campbell [struck out]				Ex [1815?]	
[7] Catharine Shrock					
[8] Barbara Stratford			Dismst		
[9] Jemima Jackson			Dis		
[10] Rachel Green			dis		
[11] Samuel Nettles			dis ¹⁸¹¹		
[12] Mary Cook (Wife of W ^m)					Dead
[13] Samuel Cook (Son of W ^m)					Dead
[14] Keziah Thornton					Dead
[15] W ^m Brasington [struck out]				Ex July 4(181	
[16] Ann brasington		Dismt			
[17] Eleanor S. Cook (wife of J.B Cook)					dead
[18] Mary Campbell			1823		
[19] Phebe Nettles		1811	dis	\$	ded
[20] Solomon Bradley		Received L	1824		
[21] Margaret Bradley		Do	do		
[22] Mary Wilson		Do	Dist		
[23] John Miers		1812 by letter	1824		
[24] Mary Spradley		Do			dead
[25] [Jesse?] Knightin		Do	Dist	1815	
[26] M ^{rs} Knightin [Jessays?] wife		Do	Do		
[27] C[a?]hren Roades [struck out]	20th of October 1812			Ex. Dec. 4th 1814	

	When bap.	Rec ^d by L.	Dis	Ex	Dead
[28] Jonathen Mickle	5 of July	1812	dismist	4th June 1814	
[29] Barbery Roberson	Do Do		Dism		
[30] M ^{rs} Catharn Eccles Jonathans wife	9th August				1830
[31] M ^{rs} Bradley	20 Sepr			Ex	
[32] Elisha Bell	9th August	1812 -	1823		
[33] Samuel Shiver	6th June,	1813			
[34] Rachel Shiver	Do - Do	Do			
[35] R ^{evd} Jesse Pope		Octr 2	1813 Dism		dead
[36] Samuel Willson	10th October 1813		Dis 1816		
[37] Priscilla Barrett[Barnett?]		March 1814 by letter	Dism		
[38] Royal Brewer		June the 4, 1814	1824		
[39] and his wife Jane			1824		
[40] Mathias Collins	June 5 th 1814		Dism		
[41] Michael Chrestman	Do..		Do		
[42] W ^m Brazington restored	Dec 4th 1815			Ex.	
[43] John Smith & his wife [& his wife struck out]		Recrd	1815		wife 7th Sept 1820
[44]					
[45] Elizabeth Powel		Recrd	Dism		
[46] M ^{rs} Wolf		Do	Disms		
[47] M ^{rs} Milliscent Sowell		Do	1818 Dis 1818		
[48] John Smith [struck out]	Augst 1819		1824		
[49] Sam ^l Smith	1819		1831		
[50] Shubel Blanding 1819 April		1819 by letter	1832		
[51] Sarah [serru] Childres 1821 by letter [all line struck out]		by letter [struck out]			
[52] Nancy Scott 1820		by letter	Dist. 1827		
[53] Sarah Childers } alias Love 1821		by letter			
[54] Fanny Agear 1822	Baptised Feby 1				
		See new Book [in pencil]			

	when bap.	Rec ^d by L.	Dis.	Ex.	Dead
[55] Lewis F Braker & his	July 6	by letter	1828		
[56] wife Martha Braker					
[57] John Barranete _____ 1822 July 6		by letter	1824		
[58] Makely Barnet his wife _____ July 6		by letter	do.		
[59] Marthew Colins _____ 1822 July 6		by letter	[struck out]		1824 Dea.
[60] Hennery Blalock _____ July 6	Baptised		1823 4 Jan 4		
[61] Martha Huston _____ Oct 5	Baptised				183
[62] Nancy Locard _____ " "	Bapt ^d		1824		
[63] Franky Mash [March?] [Mack?] _____	Baptised		do		
[64] [Lilly? Sally?] Bradely [struck out] " "	Baptised				
[65] Zelphy Baker _____			1824		
[66] Jane Lile _____ " "		by let	1824		
[67] John Campbell Restored _____			1823		
[68] Larry Barnet _____ Oct 5	Baptised		1824		
[69] Ann Colins _____ " "	Baptised		1825		
[70] Margaret Megee _____ Nov 30		by Letter	Jan 15 24		
[71] Sam ¹ Bradley _____	1823 Jan 6		1824		
[72] Horace Stratton _____		5 April 1823	1823 June 14		
[73] Martin M ^c Call _____	June 2				1823
[74] Nancy Gaskey _____	do		1824 [struck out]		
[75] Canzay Marsh _____	do		1824		
[76] Joshua Davis _____	Oct. 1823		1824		
[77] Richard Dixon _____	do		1824		
[78] Eliza Brewer _____	do		1824		
[79] Susanna Summerlin _____	Dec ^r		1824		
[80] Susanna Scarborough _____	Dec ^r		1825		
[81] John Blither _____	Dec ^r		1824		
[82] Henry Blalock _____		1824 January	1826		
[83] Mary A. Blanding _____	1825 January		1832		

	When bap.	Rec ^d by L.	Dis.	Ex.	Dead
[84] John Hewson	do				1826
[85] John Smith		1825	1827		
[86] Margaret Smith		1825	1827		
[87] Elisabeth Warren	1826 Dec. 24			1833	
[88] Mrs Sarah Childers	Dec. 24		1833		
[89] John D. Averill		1826 Dec. 26	1830		
[90] Robert Missildine		1827	1829		
[91] Louisa C. Averill	1827		1830		
[92] Jane Thomas		1827			Dead
[93] Martha Childers	1827		1832		
[94] Martha Breaker 2 ^d	1828		1828		
[95] Ann Kent		1829			1833
[96] Joseph Smith	1829		1830		
[97] Jacob Wheeler	1829		1834		
[98] Figuses Brasington	1830		1832		
[99] Willis Childers	1830		1836		
[100] Elsy Parker	1830		1867		
[101] Washington Davis	1830		1832		
[102] James M ^c Eachern	1830		1834		
[103] William Moffet	1830		1835		
[104] James Brasington	1830			1838	
[105] Elisha Martin	1831		1835		
[106] Caroline M. M ^c Donald	1831		1832		
[107] John Smith Jun	1831		1834		
[108] David M ^c Eachern	1831		1833		
[109] Tillman Cook	1831				
[110] Ann Kent		1831			1833
[111] John Barnes		1832	1832		

	When bap.	Rec ^d by L.	Dis.	Ex.	Dead
* [112] W ^m Nettles [also listed as "Restored" in 1832]		1832			1833
[113] Martha Warren	1832		1836		
[114] Mathew Lyon	1832		1832		
[115] Charles Shiver	1832		1838		
[116] W ^m Elkins	do		1833		
[117] W ^m Gerald	do				
[118] James Martin	do		1835		
[119] Sarah Donaldson	do			1834	
[120] Elizabeth Hughson	do				
[121] William Shiver	[struck out?] do		1835		
[122] Alex. Calhoun	do		1834		
[123] Abram Childers	do			1833	
[124] Mrs ____ King [struck out] Jones [in pencil]		1832	1835		
[125] Margaret Dean	1832				1856
[126] Daniel Polk	do			1832	dead
[127] Eliza Collins		1832	1834		
[128] p ____ Polk	1832			1835	
[129] Mary Ann Jones	do		1833		
[130] Sarah Roberts	do		1836		
[131] Mary Howell	do			1832	
[132] Sarah Hamilton	do			1833	
[133] Catharine Webb	do		1833		
[134] Mrs Sarah Roberts	do				
[135] James Roberts	do				
[136] M ^{rs} ____ Brown	1832				
[137] William E Hughson	1832				
[138] William Paine	1832		1832		

* Pencil note by William Nettles [112]: "from Ch in Revolution
which was broken up - 90 yrs old"
In "Red Letter" col., the pencil comment: "Ch Broke up"

	When bap.	Rec ^d by L.	Dis.	Ex.	Dead
[139] Bryant Gause		1832	1834		
[140] Gause		1832	1834		
[141] Mary A. Hughson	1833				
[142] Ann Shivr	1833				1833
[143] Mary Shiver	1833				
[144] Bashaba Jones	1833		1833		
[145] Marsha Ballard	1833				
[146] Margaret Dean	1833				
[147] Thomas W Pegues	1833		1836		
[148] Martha M ^c Crauy	1833		1833		
[149] Robinson	1833		1834		
[150] James H. De Votie		1833	1834		
[151] James Vickers		1833		1834	
[152] M ^{rs} Vickers		1833			
[153] James Shivers	1833				1834
[154] Martha Hamilton	1833			1835	
[155] Mary B. Boykin		1833			1833
[156] Eleanor Hamilton		1833	1835		
[157] Nancy Howel	1833				
[158] Sarah Love		1834			
[159] Eliza Gerald	1834				
[160] Elizabeth Villepigue	1834	1836	1835	1838	
[161] Eliza Dean	1834				
[162] C. M. Breaker		1837			
[163] E. G. Robinson		1837			

EXPLANATIONS FOR USING LIST OF NAMES OF NEGRO MEMBERS

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Apparently at the end of 1828, someone saw the need to update the original list of Negro members which included numerous strike-outs and variant spellings. Thus the name Celia (number 77) begins a list which transfers and updates information about Negroes who were then (c. 1829) still members. The name Phill (number 126) is the last of the names recopied. The list continues with members accepted in 1829.

The cross-reference key on the following page indicates Negro members who appear to be the same. Change of ownership, church status, variant names can be noted. Omissions indicate members who were deceased or who had been dismissed or excluded by 1829.

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Cross-Reference Key: Negro Members
 Appearing To Be
 The Same

2, 77	Colia/Celia
3, 78	Binah/Sabinah
4, 79	Jumper
5, 80	Davy
7, 81	Anthony
11, 82	Sealy
12, 83	Lottay/Lotty
15, 84	Monday
17, 85	Rose
21, 86	Toney
23, 87	Juday/Juda
24, 88	Philis/Phillis
26, 89	Rose
27, 90	Heny/Henry
28, 91	Rody/Rhoda
29, 92	Linder/Linda
30, 93	Big Sal
31, 94	Littl Sal/Little Sal
33, 95	Anthony
34, 96	Liddy/Lydia
35, 97	Flory/Flora
37, 98	Patience Scott
38, 99	Joe
40, 100	Stawse
43, 101	Eve/Eve Bordeaux

Cross-Ref. Key, cont.

44, 102	Philis/Phillis
45, 103	Anny/Ann
46, 104	Tilla
49, 105	Mary
52, 106	Gilbert
55, 107	Lucy
56, 108	Harry
36, 57, 109	Jesse Scott
58, 110	Cesar/Caesar
59, 111	Nancy
60, 112	Charlotte
62, 113	Dicy
63, 114, ¹⁰	Harry
64, 115	Fenex/Fenix
65, 116	Priscilla
66, 117	Judah/Juda
67, 118	Old Rose
68, 119	Anna
70, 120	Sylvia
71, 121	Hagar
72, 122	Mary
73, 123	Winna/Ninna
74, 124	Letta
75, 125	Sye
76, 126	Phill
42, 150	Moses
127, 164	Anna

NEGROES.

Names	To whom belonging	when Bapt.	Rev'd letter	Dis	Restored	Ex	Dead
[1] Frank	Benj ⁿ Perkins Esq ^r						1822
[2] Colia	Jno. Middleton's Est.						
[3] Binah	M ^r Rich ^d Huntley						
[4] Jumper	Judge Brevard						
[5] Davy	Tho ^s Whitacu Esqr						
[6] Charity	do.		October	Dis 1819			
[7] Anthony	Wiley Vaughan Esqr						
[8] Sally [crossed out]	D ^r Alexander	Sold & went away	[with "struck out"]	1813	[this info not in regular columns]		
[9] Hester [crossed out]	Rev ^d J. B. Cook out, "Dism ^t " inserted]						
[10] Harry [crossed out]	Robert Mickle		R by L			Ex 1814	
[11] Sealy [crossed out]	W ^m Nixon out, 1828 inserted]	5th July 1812 [1812 appears between Sealy and Lottay]					1828
[12] Lottay	Docter Cox	5th July					
[13] Bellar [crossed out]	Wiley Vaughn Esq ^r					Ex	1812
[14] Dye or Dynah [crossed out]	R. L. Champion	6 Sept ^r				Ex	1815
[15] Monday	W ^m Cook	4 October 1810					
[16] Darkis Conaney	baptisd at Swift Creek	in 1810					1826
[17] Rose	B Byham [Junior struck out] 1813	July 4th					
[18] Will	Peter Rays 1813	July 4th		Dis 1819			
[19] Bellar [struck out]	Wiley Vaughn Esq ^r	Restored by the Church			Janry 1	1814 Ex	1815?
[20] Tom [struck out]	W ^m Parker	1814 March 27		June [?]		Exc	18[?]

Names	To whom belonging	When Bapt.	Recd Letter	Dis	Restored	Ex	Dead
Anchram's Toney [struck out]							
[21] Toney	Mr. Anchram	June 3rd 1815					
[22] Abram	Free		Recd				
[23] Juday	B ^l Boykins Est.		1818				
[24] Philis	Do Do Do		1818				
[25] Molly	Do do do		22 July 1820				1825 dead
[26] [Susy struck out]	Rose do do do		22 July	1829			
[27] Heny	do do do	1820 July 23					
[28] Rody	do do do	Novbr 1820		1829			
[29] Linder	do do do	Do	Do	1829			
[30] Big Sal	do do do	Janry 1821					
[31] Littl Sal	do do do	Do		1829			
[32] Steven	do do do	Do		1828			
[33] Anthony	do do do	Do		1829			
[34] Liddy	M ^{rs} Mecneare	1821 Janry					
[35] Flory	Francis Cook	Do					
[36] Jessie Scot							
[37] and wife	free Blacks	Nov 30 1821	by Letter			1824	
[38] Joe [illegible word]	M ^{rs} Boykan	Do				1829	
[39] Green	M ^{rs} Boykan	Do				1828	
[40] Stawse	M ^{rs} Boykan	Do					
[41] Brutish	John Carter [Do Do struck out]	6 April 1822		1823		1824	
[42] Moses	Do Do [B Boykin written over the Do]	Do				1827	

Names	To whom belonging	When Bapt.	Rev'd Letter	Dis	Restored	Ex	Dea
[43] Eve	Free woman		by Letter				
[44] Philis	Duncan M ^C Cra	1822 August 5	by Letter				
[45] Anny	Duncan M ^C Cra	1822 August	by Letter				
[46] Tilla	Duncan M ^C Cra	Bapt Agust 6					
[47]	M ^r Lee	Agust					
[48] Fenix	Hiram M ^C Adams	1823 June 1				Jan ^y 1825	
[49] Mary	Estate B Boykin	do		1829		1829 [struck out]	
[50] Violet	Solomon Bradley	1823 June 3		1824			
[51] S[?]	do	do		do			
[52] Gilbert	Alex ^r Matheson	Oct 1823				Ex	
[53] Will	William Love	do					182
[54] Monday	Mrs Ray	do		1824			
[55] Lucy	Wm M ^C Willie	1825 Jan. 1					
[56] Harry [struck out]	Estate Rob ^t Dow		1825 June				1825 Eappe betw
[57] Jesse Scott	Free Man				Restored May		
[58] Cesar	Ben Perkins	1826 Dec ^r 26					
[59] Nancy	" "	Dec ^r 24					
[60] Charlotte	Joseph Kershaw	1827					
* [61] [name completely struck out]		1827 [struck out]					
[62] Dicy	S G Cope	1827		1828			
[63] Harry	Robert Mickle				Restored 1827		
[64] Fenex	H. M ^C Adams				Restored		
[65] Priscilla	Estate of Vaughan						
[66] Judah	Mrs Rea						
[67] Old Rose	B Bineham						
[68] Anna	do.						

* [61] appears to be the same as [71] although only a few letters are discernible

Names	To whom belonging	When Bapt.	Rev'd Letter	Dis	Restored	Ex	Dead
[69] Rose	Rev. Ro Bascom	1827	_____	1827	_____	_____	_____
[70] Sylvia	D A Brevard	1827	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
[71] Hagar	William Daniel	1827	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
[72] Mary	Estate D. M ^C Ra	_____	1827	_____	_____	_____	_____
[73] Winna	do do	1827	_____	_____	_____	_____	1828
[74] Letta	do do	1828	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
[75] Sye	Estate Boykin	1828	_____	1829	_____	_____	_____
[76] Phill	Estate D. M ^C Ra	_____	1828	_____	_____	_____	_____
[77] Celia	John Middletons Est.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	1828
[78] Sabinah	Rich ^d Hunley	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	1834
[79] Jumper	Brevard	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	1834
[80] Davy	John Whitaker	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
[81] Anthony	Estate W Vaughan	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	1836
[82] Sealy	Wm Nixon Sen.	1812	_____	_____	_____	_____	1825
[83] Lotty	Dr Cox	1812	_____	_____	_____	_____	1828
[84] Monday	Francis Cook	1810	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
[85] Rose	B. Boykin Estate	1813	_____	1829	_____	_____	_____
[86] Toney	Wm Ancrum	1815	_____	_____	_____	_____	1830 ⁶⁷
[87] Juda	Estate B Boykin	1818	_____	_____	_____	_____	1829
[88] Phillis	do	1818	_____	_____	_____	_____	1825
[89] Rose	do	_____	1820	1829	_____	_____	_____
[90] Henry	do	1820	_____	1829	_____	_____	_____
[91] Rhoda	do	1820	_____	1829	_____	_____	_____
[92] Linda	do	1820	_____	1829	_____	_____	_____
[93] Big Sal	do	1821	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
[94] Little Sal	do	1821	_____	1829	_____	_____	_____
[95] Anthony	do	1821	_____	1829	_____	_____	_____

* This entry begins what is apparently a recopied and revised listing.

Names	To whom belonging	When Bapt	Rev'd Letter	Dis	Restored	Ex	Dead
[125] Sye	Estate B Boykin	1828		1829			
[126] Phill	" D M ^c Ra		1828				dead
[127] Anna [struck out]	Mrs. E. [S.?] Clarkson	1829				1832	
[128] [Kary struck out] Diana	A Free Woman		1829	dis ^d			
[129] Minda	Mrs. C. S. Clarkson		1829				1829
[130] Davy	Estate B. Boykin			1829			
[131] Limbric	do do			1829			
[132] Fortima	Ben. Bineham	1829		1830			
[133] Jenny	Dr A. Brevard	1829					
[134] Andrew	Estate D. M ^c Ra	1829				exp ^d	
[135] Dicy	Wm G Cox		1830	1830			
[136] Lydia	Free Woman	1830		dis ^d			
[137] Martha	James Martin		1830				
[138] Fanny	H. R. Cook	1830					
[139] Joe	John Carter	1831				183[6?]	
[140] Caty	Tho ^s Salmond	1831					
[141] Salina	Col W Nixon	1831		dis ^d			
[142] Quasho			1831	"			
[143] Dorcas	David Schrock	1831					
[144] Charlotte	Wm B. Parker		1831				dead
[145] Tom	B. T. Elmore	1832		1835			
[146] Cherry	Alex ^r Young	1832				1834	
[147] Paul	Col. Elmore	1832		1835			
[148] Nancy	John Whitaker	do				[ditto marks?]	
[149] Susan	Dr McCaa	1832				1832	
[150] Moses	Mrs Boykin	[scratched out]			1832		

* This entry ends the revised listing of names copied by clerk from earlier list of Negro members.

Names	To whom belonging	When Bapt.	Recd Letter	Dis	Restored	Ex	Dead
[151] Anna	Mrs. Vaughan	1832		1835			
[152] Caty	Brevard	1832					
[153] Betsey	W. W. Lang	1832					
[154] Vilet	M ^r Cook		1832	dis ^d			
[155] Rasimus	Doc ^r Brevard	1833					
[156] Pink	John Workman	1833					1838
[157] Dina	" "	"				1833	
[158] Bridget	Heny R. Cook	"				1837	
[159] Tena	" " "	"		dis ^d			
[160] Mary	W ^m Anderson	"					
[161] Mary	James Dunlap	"					
[162] Hannah	Doc ^r Brevard	"					
[163] Jim	Est ^{te} Alexander	"					
[164] Anna	M ^{rs} E. S. Clarkson				1833		
[165] Deu	Mary Kershaw	1834		1835	183[6?] [date smeared]		
[166] Anthony	C. J. Shannon	"					
[167] [Kit?]	A. E. Doby	"					
[168] Lucy	A Brevard	"					
[169] Sarah	John M ^c Ca	"					
[170] Binah	James Martin	"		1835			
[171] Sally Hunter	Est ^t D. M ^c Ra	"					
[172] Monday	M ^{rs} Ray		1832	1834			
[173] Sally	Tho ^s Lang	"					
[174] Betesey	a Free Woman	"				1834	
[175] Flora	Francis Allen	"					
[176] Lucy	Tho ^s Lang						
[177] Rose	" "						

Names	To whom Belonging	When Bapt.	Rev'd letter	Dis	Restored	Ex	Dead
[178] Will	Mrs. Ray		1832	1834			
[179] Binah	Estate M ^c Ra	1835					
[180] Mary	Col Chesnut		1836				

[Following: two pages too light to read on microfilm--appear to be names of slaves, perhaps notes]

THE CAMDEN BAPTIST
CHURCH BOOK
Commencing August 26th A. D. 1810

THE SOLEMN COVENANT
of the
BAPTIST CHURCH, IN CAMDEN,
S.C.

Whereas it is the incumbent Duty of those who are favored with the dispensation of the Gospel, to embrace God's Covenant, acknowledge his government, profess his name, and unite together in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel:--We, whose names are here unto annexed, do now, as in the presence of the Great Eternal God, who knows the secrets of all hearts, and in the presence of Angels and Men, acknowledge ourselves under the most solemn obligations to be the Lord's; and we do solemnly covenant and agree:--

1st That we will take the only living and true God; One God in Three Persons; The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to be our God.--

2nd We unreservedly and solemnly give up ourselves, and all we possess, to Almighty God; to be ordered, directed, and disposed of by him, according to the Council of his holy Will.--And this we do, in an humble dependence on the Grace of the Holy Spirit to aid and support us in these sacred engagements; hoping for acceptance and Salvation, thro' the merit and mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

← 3^d We take the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, to be our rule of faith and practice, in the Great Concerns of religion, and for a directory in the general affairs of life; and particularly for transacting the affairs of the church.--

4th We promise to maintain communion and fellowship with each other, in the public worship of God, according to the various Ordinances of the Gospel; "Not forsaking the assembling ourselves together, as the manner of some is," but embracing all regular and convenient seasons for this purpose, as the Providence of God shall permit: And that we will exercise Christian forbearance and love, one toward another; praying for, and sympathizing with each other, in the various circumstances of life, and using every laudable endeavor to provoke to love and good works.--

5th We promise, individually, to pay a respectful regard to the advice and admonitions of the Church, and to be subject to its discipline, as directed by the word of God and as conducted in the Spirit of the Gospel.--

6th We promise to contribute, in a reasonable manner, according to our ability, for the support of public worship, and the relief of the poor in the Church; and to use our influence, to forward and promote, the Interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world.

That we will be careful to conduct ourselves with uprightness [sic] and integrity, and in a peaceful and friendly manner, toward mankind in general, and towards serious Christians, of all descriptions in particular;--That we will pay a conscientious regard to Civil Government, and give it our support, as an Ordinance of God.--

And this Covenant we make, with the free and full consent of our Souls, hoping thro' rich, free and boundless Grace, we shall therein be accepted of God, unto eternal life, thro Jesus Christ our Lord: To whom be glory and majesty, power and Domion [sic], everlasting--

AMEN.

RECORDS of the TRANSACTIONS
of the BAPTIST CHURCH in CAMDEN
S. Carolina

September 22^d 1810--This day the Church convened for Business--Present,
Joseph B. Cook N. D. M. William Cook,--Richard Stratford--John
Campbell,--Thomas Green,--Benjⁿ. Blackman and several Sisters.--

1st. Commenced business with singing an Hymn, Exhortation and Prayer,
by Brother J. B. Cook.--

2^d. Read, approved, adopted and signed the Covenant presented by
Brother J. B. Cook.--

3^d. Agreed, that our Church Meetings, in future, shall be holden on
the Saturday before the second Sabbath in every month.--

4th Also, agreed to hold our quarterly meetings on the second
Sabbath in November, February, May and August, in every year following;
The Saturday preceding to be employed in attending to a Sermon
preparatory to the Administration of the Ordinance of the Gospel;
in hearing the Experience of Candidates for Baptism, should there be
any, and such other Duties as the church may think proper to be
engaged in.--

5th Agreed to petition for admission into the Charleston Baptist
Association. Requested Brother, Rev^d. Jos. B. Cook, to draw up the
Petition and, when drawn up, to present it to the Church for their
adoption & signature.--

Agreeably to the foregoing resolve of the Church Rev^d. Bro^r. Cook drew
up the following Petition, which, being read before the Church, was
accepted & signed,

Viz.

The Baptist Church, in Camden, S. C. to the Charleston Baptist
Association, to be holden at the Ebenezer Church, Jeffries Creek,

The Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day in Nov^r 1810.

Send Christian Salutation

Beloved Brethren/

Having taken rank among the Churches of Jesus Christ, by being regularly constituted on the 20th August last, by our beloved Brethren, Rev.^d Mess.^{rs} John M. Roberts, Davis Collins, William B. Johnson & J. B. Cook; --We beg leave to present this our Petition, praying for admission into your respectable body. -- The Brethren, who assisted at our Constitution, will inform you, if required, respecting our Faith and Order.--At the time of our Constitution we were in number.--Since then one of our Brethren has been dismissed, he being about to remove to the Western Country. Another, the Son of our venerable Deacon, Bro William Cook, has, we have abundant reason to believe, exchanged the Church militant fo[r] the Church triumphant in Heaven.--He was a Young Man of great promise both in the Church and in Society generally.--

Our present Number is

We have delegated our dear Brethren, J. B. Cook--William Cook & Richard Stratford, to represent us, should we be received, in your venerable body. Praying the Great Head of the Church to bless all your endeavors to promote the Interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom,

We remain,

D^r. Brethren,

Yours in Gospel [Bono?]

Signed in behalf
of the Church

W.^m Cook--Deacon

Tho.^s Green

Sam.^l Nettles

October 13th 1810--There was no Church meeting this day, Rev.^d Bro.^r Cook being absent at the quarterly meeting of the Baptist Church in Columbia, S. C. & the rest of the Brethren being also absent.--

Nov.^r 10th 1810. This being the return of our Quarterly Meeting, Rev.^d Brother Cook delivered a Discourse, preparatory to the Solemnities of the Season, from John "Ye are my Friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." The Brethren having neglected to attend the meeting, for business, nothing was transacted.--

Sunday morning--Nov.^r 11th 1810--Bro.^r W. B. Johnson, from Columbia, preached from Isa:40 Chapter & 1.st Verse--"Comfort ye, Comfort ye, my People, saith your God."--

In the afternoon the Lord's Supper was administered, by Bro.^r Cook, to a few Communicants.

In the Evening Brother Johnson lectured.--

January 12th 1811 The Church convened for business. Present, Rev.^d Bro.^r Cook--W.^m Cook, Deacon, Thomas Green--John Campbell--Sam.^l Nettles, Brother Howel, from the Church at Flat Rock--and several Sisters.--
1.st Rev.^d Bro.^r Cook commenced with Prayer.--

2.nd Brother Brazington presented a letter of dismission, from the Church at the High Hills of Santee, for himself and wife, requesting to be rec^d by us: But, as some of the Members, both in this and the Church at Flat Rock, had expressed some dissatisfaction with some recent conduct of Brazington: Therefore, resolved that Bro.^r Brazington be requested to return his letter of dismission to the

High Hills Church, in order than an inquiry be made respecting his conduct, and obtain a new letter from his Church expressive of their fellowship with him; upon the reception of which Letter we agree to receive him.--Sister Brazington was cordially received.--

3^d In order that the Black Members should be kept under proper Discipline, appointed old Frank to examine them, occasionally, and to exhort and pray with and for them.--

Dismissed with Prayer.--

April 13th 1811--The Church convened for business--Present, W^m Cook and Richard Stratford, Deacons, Thomas Green & 4 Sisters.--

1st Commenced with prayer.--

2nd Agreed to deal with a Member who shall neglect to attend three Church Meetings, successively, without a proper excuse.--

3^d The Brethren & Sisters are requested not to attend the preaching of William Brazington until he obtains fellowship with the members of the Flat Rock Church, with the High Hills Church and our own.--

4th Brother Green requested a letter of dismissal for himself & Sister Green, to join the Church at the Congaree; which he obtained.

May 11th 1811--The Church met this Day.--Present 10 Members.--The only business, this day transacted, was to set apart the 8th June next, as a day of fasting & prayer, to seek direction of the Lord with respect to a Pastor, to go in & out before us.--Bro^r Nettles prayed & dismissed

The 8th of June being devoted to prayer & fasting, the Church thought proper to refer all business, which might have come before them, at this meeting to the next Saturday.--

Saturday 15th June, met according to adjournment--Commenced with prayer and proceeded to the transaction of business.--

1.st Agreed, hereafter[~~struck out~~], to have a Communion Season on the 5.th Sabbath, in the present month:--The Exercises of the Season to commence the day before.--Upon this occasion also agreed to have a Charity Sermon preached, and to attend to the dedication of children.--

July 20th 1811--Met according to appointment for the purpose of transacting the business of the Church.--Rev.^d Davis Collins being present, preached a Sermon, after which proceeded to business.--

1.st Agreed to hold our Church Meetings, in future, the Saturday before the 3.^d Sabbath in every Month

2.^d Rec.^d by Letter of Dismission from the Flat Rock Church, Harry belonging to Rob.^t Mickle.

Aug.^t 17.th 1811--Convened for business.--

Present Rev.^d Davis Collins & several Members. At this meeting rec.^d by Letter of Dismission, from the Swift Creek Church, the following Members, viz, Solomon Bradley, Margaret Bradley, Mary Wilson, John Miers & Mary Spradley.--

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1811 Saterday Septembr 14th the Church m.^t Re.^t Davis Collins & a few members viz 12 in number present after Prayer [two words illegible] Recvd by letter one member [pheyby?] Nettels Brother Sm^l Nettels & his wife Dismist by letters by Consent of the Church

October 19 the Church met Rv^{nt} Davis Collens & 15 members after prayer a Dore wass opend for Exprens M^{rs} Roads offerd & wass Recvd & Baptisd Sunday at 10 a Clock

November 17th the Church met Brother Myers Exorted 6 members present Each a greed to talk to the members to give them [illegible-- two words?] for time to Com Dismst with prayer by W C

January 1812 18th The Church met Rv.^t Davis Collins met with all members after lectring & prayer Recvd 2 members Jesse Knighten & his wife Knighten by letters from Swift Creek Church Dismist Rv.^t Joseph B Cook by letter & a Negro woman of his Hester by Name

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February 15 and 16th The Church convined according to appointment Brother Jno. Miers confessed that he had been overtaken by Intoxication and appearing to be penitent the Church forgave upon his promising never to drink any more Spirituous Liquors. Brother Collins present. Our communion posponed till 28th March

March 28th Church convined according to appointment. Brother Jn.^o Miers manifested forgive.ess of the Lord for his intoxication and the Church cordially approbated his declaration Brother Jn.^o Campbell was examined for the guilt of Intoxication upon confession of his faith to the church received him with Satisfaction

April 18th 1812 The Church convened for business Several Brethren absent. Agreed to have the Church doors opened every Sabbath at

11 O'Clock and requested that as many as can, should attend at that hour: also that two of the Sisters talk to Sister Brazington on the subject of her neglecting to attend our meetings

May 16th 1812. The Church met this day--Present, Brethren Rich^d Stratford. Jn^o Miers, J[?] Knighten, W^m Cook, Mary Cook. commenced with prayer by Bro^r John Miers.

Agreed to [the?] all the members to attend the next Church Meeting; to be held on the 20th June next.

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July 4th 1812. The Church partly met but got divided. Some went to the lower Church. The Rev^d Charles Ingrum preached sundy and opened a door for Experiences received 4 persons--Jonathen Mickell Barbary Robinson Sealy a negro woman belonging to W^m Nixon Lotay belonging to Doc Cox which was Babtized then adminestred the Sacrament in the afternoon dismis^t till the 1st Sundy in August by Ingrum

August 1st 1812. The Church met M^r Ingrum Prayed the members agreed to hold our Church meeting the first Saturday in October, January & April and so on until further Alteration Mr. Ingrum to meet us the first Lords day every month. Dismis^t

August 9th 1812. Rev^d C. Ingrum appointed a meeting a Door opened for experiences M^{rs} Eccles offered and was recieved & Babtized at 2 O'Clock

Appointed a Meeting the 5th of September met accordingly on that day Brother Ingram Preached at Sanders Creek Several members from Bro. Ingrams Church present A Door opened for Experiences and for a trial with W.^m Brasington on fellowship W.^m Brasington gave full satisfaction to both Churches and was recieved. also Elisha Bell offered recieved and Babtized at Camden on Sunday Also a Negroe belonging to M.^r Champion offered received and was Baptized the next day at Camden Brother Brazington preached

January 2nd 1813. The Church convened this day took in Consideration the case of M.^r Vaughan negroe woman Bellar after Examination and proofs of adultery against her the Church unitedly agreed to cut her off by excumunication opened a Door for experiences a Black woman offered and was received belonging to B. Bineham by the name of Roze. Rev.^d C. Ingram present Communed on Sunday the 3rd and Dismis.^t

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June the 6th 1813. The Church met C Ingram & Jesse Pope present opened a door for experiences. Samuel Shiver and his wife Rachel offered and received & was Babtized in the evening Dismis.^t at the Water

1813 July the 3rd & 4th The Church having heard that it was reported that Brother W.^m Brazington was a frequent visitor of some bad House in Camden, Calls him before the Church to answer to the report, met according to appointment, our Brethren rev.^d Ingram, Knighten & Jesse Pope and S. Smith being present with us we proceeded to as follows,

he said that it was true for he had been there above a hundred times, but said that it was to drive his apprentices away. The Church told him he must be suspended untill his conduct could prove the purity of his Motives in going there, and he refusing to submit to the censure of the Church declaring that prejudice was the cause of their dealing with him and wishing to leave it, was allowed till next day to submit to the decision of the Church which he refused to do and was excommunicated on Sunday opened a Door for experiences rec.^d and Babtized two black persons after communion in the evening by the Rev.^d C Ingram dismis.^t at the water

October 2^d 1813. This being the return of our quaterly meeting, the Church convened for business. After a sermon was delivered by our rev. brother Jessie Pope from Hebrews "Let brotherly love continue," the church proceeded to transact the business. As brother Ingrem was absent in consequences of his having to attend the bethel Association, Resolved to postpone our communion season untill the 2^d Sabbath in this Month: the exercises of the season to commence the day before.

Received brother Jesse Pope by letter of dismissal from the church at the High Hills of Santee.

Appointed rev. brother Jesse Pope to write the letter to the Association; & him & brother Jonathan Mickle to represent us in that body

Accusations were made by brother Knighton against brother John Mires to the following effect viz. That he, Miers, at a certain time, joined in a combat with his sons and ordered them to fight, kill their opponents, & struck one of them because he would not fight and

that when brother Knigh[to]n went with other brethren to talk with him about it & about other misconduct of his sons, he, Miers had said, that brother Knighton was a liar, rogue & hypocrite. The Church took these things into consideration, & recievend no satisfaction from him, Miers, but ~~percieving~~ the same spirit malice & anmity, agreed to try him under censure till he should give satisfaction

Brother Jesse Knighton was accused of intoxication, under the influence of which he had acted improperly: but acknowledging his his[~~struck out~~] fault, the Church admonished him, & advised him to form a resolution to drink no more spirituous liquors in public company, to which he agreed to the satisfaction of the Church.

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January 1st. 1814. This being the return of our quarterly meeting the Church convened Took in Consideration the Case of John Myers as being under a Censure of which he gave satisfaction & was restored by the Church--Also [took in Co ~~struck out~~] Bellar(belonging to Willie Vaughan) which was excommunicated has returned and gave satisfaction of her repentance and has the priveledge of the Church again--

--The Church agreed to Ordain Jesse Pope as a Minister of the Gospel, accordingly a meeting was appointed on the 15th & 16th Inst: Rev.^{ds} John M Roberts C Ingrum George Pope Davis Collins & M.^r Good was present, accordingly he (Jesse Pope) was Ordained & Qualified for a Minister to preach and execute a Ministers office in any part of his Country.

1814 February 6 agreed for the future [to?] hold our Communion Sesons on the first Sabath in March June September & December

Saturday 5 March 1814 This being the return of our quarterly meeting the church convened and proceeded to buisness as follows After sermon preached by Revd Jn Good a door was opened to receive experiences but none made application. One, (Prislla Barrette) was received by letter. Sister Bradley applied for a letter of dismission which was granted. The church appointed Bro. Cook and Bell to cite Sister Jackson and Bro. Campbell and his wife to attend our next church meeting and give account for their nonattendance of church meetings. Bro. Pope proposed to the church to form a missionary society, but none was formed. Dismissed by Payer--

Sabbath, March 6th 1814. Church convened Revd. Jⁿ Good delivered a sermon after which the Lord's supper was administered by Rev[d] Bro. Js. Pope, Adjourned till 3 Oclock P. M. Met in the evening according to adjournment Revd & Bro Js. Pope Pronounced a sermon which closed our quarterly meeting--

Saturday June 4.th 1814. Church convened to transact the buisness of our quarterly meeting and proceeded as follows. After a Sermon was delivered by Rev.^d J. M. Roberts the church waited to hear experiences but none made application, Bro. Brewer and his wife were received by letter. Bro Cook Said he had requested Br Campbell [and his wife struck out] and sister Jackson to attend this meeting [present struck out] he was reappointed to summon them to attend our next church meeting. Rev. & Bro. Js. Pope informed the Church that Sister Bradly who made application for a letter of dismission did not want the letter at present and he had not written it as appointed by the Church. The church appointed Sister Thornton and

sister Barrett to visit Sister Roads to know the reason of her nonattendance at our last and the present Church meeting together with several meetin of preaching. The church [appointed struck out] Set a part Bro. E. Bell to assist Bro. Cook in the office of a Deacon and requested Bro. Cook to inform him of the churc's appointment. On the Sabbath two persons Mathias Collins and Michael Chrestman were received by experience and after preaching by Rev.^d J. M. Roberts and the administration of the Lord's supper by Rev.^d Roberts and Ingram were baptized.

September 3th 1814, This being the return of our quarterly meeting the Church meet and after a sermon pronounced by Rev.^d Js. Pope, proceeded to buisness as follows.

Br. Campbell Came and gave satisfaction for his nonattendance of Church meetings.

--Br. Bell accepted as requested by the Church the office of Deacon and the Church appointed our next quarterly meeting for the ordination him and Br. Cook--

--The Church requested Sister Roads to give them Satisfaction for her nonattendance on Church meetings and for making a practice of Selling bread on the Sabbath -- and she refusing to do it [and struck out] she was Sensured till our next quarterly meeting.--

--Sister Bradley attended and gave the Church Satisfaction for her non attendance--

--Appointed Rev.^d Js. Pope to write a letter to the Association and him with Bro. Bell and in Case of failure Br. Cook to represent them in that honorable body.

This being the return of our quarterly meeting December 4th 1814--
The church meet, and after Sermon delivered by Rev & Bro' Pope
proceeded to transact buisness opened a way for experiences none
was received.

--Wm Brazington was restored

--Catherine Roads was excommunicated

--Resolved That the declaration of the excommunication of a member
be immediately after the voice of the Church is taken to exclude [a
member struck out] the Same and not on the Sabbath or at any
meeting after that day.--

The Church having been creditably informed that Bro. John Campbell
had drank to excess Sunday times appointed Bro. E Bell to cite
him to attend our next Church meeting.

--Agreed that a church meeting Be for the future held between every
quarterly meeting, (viz) the Second Saturday in January, [in March, &
struck out] April, July and October --

--Agreed to give Bro Brewer and his wife letters of dismissal to
join the Piedmont Church--

--Bro Cook informed us that he had purchased two Cups for the
communion table--

The Church met according to appointment the 2nd Saturday in Jan. 18[15]
and proceeded to buisness, as follows, Appointed Bro. Bell to request
Bro J. Campbell to attend our next Church meeting and gives
Satisfaction for intoxication--

--Harry belonging to Robert Mickle was excommunicated--

Saturday March 4th 1815. The Church met and proceeded, after Sermon Delivered by Rev.^d Joseph Nighton, to transact the following buisness. Put Bro. J. Campbell under Censure for repetedly being intoxicated-- --Bro. J. Mires acknowledged he had taken [too struck out] more Spiritous liquor than he ought though he had not been So drunk as to act amiss for which the Church admonished and forgave him--

Saturday April 8th 1815 The Church met according to appointment and Sermon delivered by Rev.^d & Bro. Pope proceeded to the following business, vis,

Took into consideration the case of Bro J. Campbell and he being absent laid it over till our ne[x]t meeting

--Bro. WM. Brasington was restored to the use of his gift.

Saturday June 3rd. 1815. Thiz being the return of our quarterly meeting, the Church convened after Sermon deliverd by Rev.^d J. M. Roberts proceeded to buisness viz. Inquired for experiences, and recivied one Reved a free Black man a member of Church in Virginia. Took into consideration the case of Bro. J. Campell for intoxication and defered it till our next meeting. The High Hills Church transfered by the Hands of the Rev.^d J. M. Roberts, the Title of the Baptist meeting House in Camden to the incoporated Baptist Church in Camden.

Sept. 2nd 1815.

This being the return of our quarterly meeting the Church met and after Sermon procounced by our Pastor proceeded to transact the following buisness. Viz: Excommunicated Bellah belonging to Wiley Vaughan Esq. for Adultery--

Excommunicated Dye belonging to Do. for putting away her husband and taking another and for fighting on the plantation.

--Excommunicated John Campbell for repeatedly being intoxicated--

--Suspended Bro. Wm. Brazington for reports dishonoring to the Church of God--

The Church met Saturday 14th Oct^r 1815 and proceeded to business as follows. Agreed that the Collection made should be equally divide between the Education and Missionary Funds.

--Appointed our Brethren Rev.^d Jesse Pope and Wm. Cook to represent us in the Association.

--Agreed that one Dollar be Sent for the Minutes--

Saturday December 2nd 1815

The Church met it being the return of our quarterly meeting and after Service Delivered by Rev.^d Bro Pope proceeded to Buisness, but none came before the Church--

Saturday January 13th 1816.

The Church met and after lecture by Rev.^d Bro. Pope Proceeded to buisness but none of importance came before the Church--

Saturday March 2nd 1816

The Church met it being the return of quarterly meeting and transacted the following buisness.

--Brother John Myres acknowled his fault and repentance for having been intoxicated. The Church admonished and forgave him--

--Conversed on the propriety of uniformity either in kneeling or standing in public worship. Decided that every one should have liberty of conscience in either standing or kneeling--

Saturday April [15?] 1816

The Church met according to appointment and transacted the following buisness. Called the Case of Sister Bradley and laid it over till our next Church meeting.

--Called the Case of Tom a Negro and refered it to our Next Church meet.

--Resolved that our Church Covenant be read at every quarterly meeting and Resolved that a Church meeting be held every Sabbath after our regular Church meeting on Saturday for the benefit of the black members

Saturday [?] June 1816

This being the return of our quarterly meeting, the Church met and after Sermon by our pastor, transacted the following buisness.

The Church having Sensured Tom a Negro belonging to Mrs. Parker, for non attendance to religious worship cited him to attend Church and give Satisfaction, but he did not and was excommunicated for neglecting to here the Church--

The Church took into Consideration the Case of Sister Bradley and postponed it till our ne[x]t Church meeting--

July 13th 1816

The Church Met according to appointment and proceeding to buisness as follows.

--Took into Consideration the Case of Sister Bradley, and She not being present and those members most acquainted with her conduct laid it over till our next Church Meeting

--The Church agreed to Sell one half of the Lot of Camden on which their Meeting house Stands in Camden to Bro. Wm Cook for the Consideration of Two hundred and fifty Dollars in part pay of what the Church owes him--

31 August 1816

This being the return of our quarterly meeting the Church met and after Sermon proceeded to buisness as follows

--Received of the Baptist Church in Camden two hundred and fifty Dollars in part pay of what the Church aforesaid [owe me|struck out] are indebted to me. 31 August 1816--W^m. Cook [his signature]

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Saturday [too light to read] 1816

Excommunicated Mrs. Bradley for [] neglecting to [hear] the Church.

The Church has declared a nonfellowship with free Abram Journeykin for who had been received as a transient member into our Church.

Sunday 1st September 1816

The Church appointed Bro Bell to [cite?] a Negro fellow belonging to Mr. Burrel Boykin Esq^r to attend our next Church meeting--

--Appointed Bro. Cook to cite Anthony belonging to Wilie Vaughan Esq^r to attend our next Church meeting

--Appointed Sister Schrock to cite Cialy belonging to Mr. Nixon Esq^r to attend our next Church meeting.

Saturday 12 October 1816--

A few of the members met and postponed business till Sabbath
27 October 1816.

Sabbath [27 struck out] Oct.^r 27th 1816

Met according to appointment and transacted the following buisness,
viz. Postponed the Cases of Anthony and Limbrick to our next
Church meeting--

~~Appoi~~ Appointed Brother Pope to write a Correspondence Letter to
the Association and him with Bro Smith our Delegates to the
Association--

Saturday Nov^r 23rd 1816--

Church meeing opened and after Sermon Delivered by our Rev^d Brother
White proceeded to buisness as follows.

--Brother Cook brought forward Brother Popes expenses in attending
our Association and the Church agreed to discharge them.

--Brother Pope gave reasons why he had thro the Curse of this year
been absent on several Sabaths from the Church and Satisfaction
for the Same

--Sabbath morning Opened Church meeing for the black but very few of
them being present postponed buisness till our next Church meeting--

Saturday [11?] January 1817

Church meeting opened and proceeded as follows.

1st Postponed the Case of Limbrick till our Communion meeting and
appointed Brother E. Bell to request him to attend

2nd Appointed Br.^o Cook to request Anthony to attend tomorrow at our
Church meeting for our black member after Preaching

--Agreed to hold Church meeting for the black members after
 Preaching instead of before it in the morning on Sabbath after
 our regular Church meetings on Saturday

--Agreed to Give Monday \$3 for [

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Sabbath. Held Church meeting our black members and anthony was
 restored to fellowship--

Saturday March 1st 1817--

This being the return of our quarterly meeting, the Church met and
 proceeded after lecture by our Pastor to business as follows.
 1st opened a door for the reception of experiences and one offered,
 but was not recieved.

--Received upon a good recommendation [to struck out] to fellowship
 Sister Wolf till she shall have an opportunity to obtain a
 letter from the Church to which she belonged.

--On Sabbath morning received by letter Sister Elizabeth Powel.

[Sauter struck out] Saturday October 11--1817

this Day acording to Appointment the Church met and Comeced Buizeness--
 Appointed Brother Pope to Write to the [asosiat struck out] Accositation
 and agreed to Send Brother Popp and Brother Cook as Delicats to
 Represent the Church

Decmb^r 6th quar[litton] Meeting Meet a few members No minnerster
 Cook payed nothing partickle Dun Smith prayed & Dismist

March 1 1818 This being the Return of our quatly meeting after preaching of Rv^t Js Pope Proceaded to inquir in to the Church found all well Except a grate [declintin?] Prechd Commund & dismist

1818 June 6th This being the Return of our quart[torn] after Sermon by Revn^t Pope proceaded [torn] Buisness a Dore opend to receive members 3 or 4 offered by not Recvd for the want of Letters Preht on the Saboth Commund & Dismist

April 25 1819 Agreeable to an apointment the Church met R^{vnt} D Roberts present Preachd oppend a Dore for membership one Recvd M^r Blanding by Letter Agread for parrents of our order to Bring thare Children & offer them to god and name then in publick at any adge M^r Roberts preacht on the Saborth Commund & Dismist--all well

30 Oct. Church met. This being the Union meeting; were present Rev. J. M. Roberts , J. B. Cook--McRary, Rooker, & others. Appointed Brethren W^m Cook & John Smith as delegates to the association. & Rev. J. M. Roberts to write the letter. Voted to invite the association to sit in this place next year

31 Oct. Sermon by Brother Rooker Sacrament administered by Brother J. B. Cook--
Rec^d by collection \$20.50 in aid to the missionary & education funds

[torn]anuary 1820

Church met at the Masonic Hall Adjourned till the Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Feb^{ry} next for want of a sufficient number to do business.

26 February Church met according to adjournment opened by prayer
& Proceeded to business--

1st Appointed Frank, belonging to Mr. B. Perkins & in his absence
Monday belonging to Brother Cook to admonish, meet & Pray with &
try to reconcile little disputes between the black member of our
church

2^d Appointed Brother S. Blanding to act as Church Clerk.

3^d Postponed our communion Season till our next quarterly Ch. meeting

4th Appointed Brethren Cook & Smith as a committee to invite Rev
J. M. Roberts to administer the words of life to this people,
every 4th Sunday in each month the present year

Adjourned by Prayer--

22 April 1820

Church met at the Lodge--was present Rev. J. M. Roberts & others
Services by Brother Roberts--After Sermon doors were opened those who
wished to declare what the Lord had done for their souls--none
came forward. for certain reasons the communion Season was
posponed till the 4 Sunday in July--Closed by prayer-- Adjourned.

22^d July Church convened at quarterly Meeting--wer present Rev.
J. M. Roberts & others--After Sermon the Church proceeded to business--
Molly and Rose were rec^d by letter & Henry on confession of Faith to
be baptised in the morning at 9 o'clock all belonging to the estate
of Burwell Boykin.

Adjourned by Prayer

23^d Henry Baptised at 9 o'clock. After an impressive discourse of
Brother Roberts, the Lords Supper was administered in a Solemn &
impressive manner

Adjourned

21 Oct. 1820

Church met at quarterly meeting were present Rev J. M Roberts & others Opened by prayer--No sermon being preached the church proceeded to business

Appointed brethren Cook & Smith as a committee to examine the negroes who are candidates for Baptism & to inquire into the standing of Harry belonging to Mr Robt Mickle who wishes to be restored to fellowship--

Called brother John Myers to labour for a charge of intoxication--having made inquiries, found that he had not made any use of Spirits since the last spring & appearing to possess a spirit of penitence wastered to fellowship--Appointed W.^m Cook, John Smith, Ja.^s K Douglass, Ja.^s Brown & Jn.^o M^cEwen as a comttee of arrangements for the association--

Appointed W.^m Cook & John Smith as delegates and S. Blanding to write the letter to the association

Adjourned by Prayer

Nov 26th

Church met at for business Opened a door for Candidates. Four Negroes came & related their experiences & were received by Baptism Rhoda & Linda belonging to the estate of Boykin. Lydia belonging to Mrs McNear & Flora belonging to Mr Francis Cook

Jan^y 27th 1821

Church met at quarterly meeting were present Rev. Ja.^s M. Roberts and others. Comenced by prayer

Bib Sall & Little Sall, Stephen & Anthony belonging to the Estate of B Boykin related their experiences, were received & Baptised. After

the Services the Lords Supper was administered.

Limbrick belonging to the Estate of B. Boykin came forward with a recommendation from Sam^l Boykin but was put off till the next meeting.

July 6--1822

Church met at quartely meeting

when present Rev^d Charles Engrim Received by Letter Lewes F. Braker and his wiff Martha Braker John Barnot and Makely Barnot his wiff and Mathew Collins--took to Concideration the Propriety of Changing the Church metting from once a Quarter to once a month to Be Desided at out Next metting--agreed that the Church Should Choise another Deacon at their next metting--on account of the infermity and old Eage of Brother Cook and on Sabbeath Communion and two was Received and Baptised Hennery Blelock Tilla Belonging to D. Mc Raa

Camden Oc.^t 5--1822 Rev.^d C.^h Ingrem Church met at quartely metting [illegible] and opened a Doer of Experience Reseive by Letter Jane Lile Restored Brother John Campbell to Feloship Agreed that our Church metting should be held on th Sauterday before the first Sabboath in every month appointed Brother John Barnet Deacon Appoint Brother John Smith and Brother F. Braker to write the Acoossiation Letter and Bretheren Barnote F. Braker and John Smith Delicates to the Asociation--Appointed Brother F. Braker to [wirite?] a Lishense for Brother John Smith to preach the Gospel to the Wrorld at Large Received by Baptisam Ann Colins and Jon Barnet--Appointed that the Church Shoud meet this Day two week to mak Preperations for the Assosiation--Appointed Next Tusday to Receive Express[rin] at Brother Marsh--Receive Martha Huston Nancy Locard Franky Marsh Lilly Bradely and Baptised by Brother Engrem

Nov.^b 30 Church Meet 1822

Present Brother Bell B. Cook Blanden Shiver and John Smith
Preceded to busseness appointed Bretheren Cook Blanden and Smith a
Comete to examin a Suposed Disorder of a Black member Name Darkis and
Report at our Next metting--agreed to Selicit Brother Engrem to
attend us as our pasture Next year and to give him a Call Next
metting--Receive by Letter Margaret Smith the wife of John Smith--

January 4th 1823

Church convened at regular quarterly Meeting to do business--were
present Rev [] Ingram Wm Cook John Barnet, Shubel Blanding &
others. After a sermon from Brother Ingram opportunity was given for
Candidates to come forward & relate experience When Samuel Bradley
came forward gave satisfaction to the church & was baptised The
committee appointed to inquire into a reputed disturbance occasioned
by the conduct of Darkis Conway towards some of the black members
reported that they "had seen the parties together & that full
fellowship exists between them & that the unfavourable reports
were found to be false--Charges were preferred again at Brother John
Campbel for intoxication and Brother Bell appointed to cite him to
appear at the next church Meeting By request of Brother Henry
Blalock a letter of dismission & recommendation was granted
Brother Ingram was invited to come & spend a fourth his time with
us in his ministerial labours who has engaged to attend every every
forth Sabbath in the month & attend the Church meetings on the
Saturdays previous. [Adjourned struck out]
Brutus belonging John Carter was put under censure for whipping &
leaving his wife till a reconciliation takes place between them
& them with the Church.

Februaru [1?] 1823

At a monthly meeting of the church were present Rev. Charles Ingram
Wm Cook, L. F. Breaker, E Bell & others.

Took up the case of Brother Campbell and agreed to hold him
under Suspension untill he shall prove his conduct by a well
ordered life & steady habits & refrain from the too free use of
Spirits. Agreed to invite Brother Joseph B. Cook to preach with
us half of the time for the ensuing Year

Adjourned

April 5th 1823. Church convened, at regular quarterly Meeting
for business

1st Opened by prayer & a short discourse from Brother Horace Stratton
who has been exercising his gifts in Kentucky & Alabama--

2^d Brother Stratton laid a letter of recommendation & dismission
from the Baptist Church at Enon, Alabama before the Church to be
received, by us who was cordially recieved into fellowship & invited
to preach with us when we Brother Cook & Ingram are not present

3^d Brother Barnet asked the privilege of meeting the country members
and exhort & pray with them when they could not attend meeting in
Camden which was agreed to

Dismissed by prayer by Brother Ingram

May 31 1823

At a Monthly meeting of the church were present. Rev. Chas.
Ingram Horace Stratton, L F. Breaker & others

After a short discourse from Brother Stratton the church
proceeded to business

Brother John Campbel after confessing the truth of the charges against him showed penitence & begged the forgiveness of the church & was restored to fellowship.

Brutus belonging to John Carter did not attend, but Brothers Barnet & Collins informed the church he had not reformed, but had continued to abuse his wife & been abuse to the overseer & ran away for a few days.

Brother Collins was appointed to cite him to the next meeting or the church would excommunicate him

Brother Horace Stratton being about to leave Camden requested a letter of recommendation & dismissal & a licence to preach the Gospel wherever in Providence his lot might be cast which unanimously agreed to June 1st Phenix belonging to Hiram McAdams and Mary belonging to the Estate of Burwell Boykin relate their experience & were baptised & received into the church

3^d June At a meeting of a number of the members of the church at the Marshes, Maxter M^CCall, Nancy Gaskey and Canzay Marsh, and two black people Violet & [Sue? Sine?] came forward related the exercises of their minds & were baptised by brother Ingram.

July 5th 1823

At a regular Meeting of the church, were present Rev Cha.^s Ingram, Cook, Barney Shiver, Collins, S. Smith, Campbel, & Braker Brethren Lewis Cook, Baskins, Marsh & Coates were invited to a Seat with us

The case of Brutus was taken up & as he exhibited signs of repentence the Church postponed any further proceeding untill the next meeting.

Brother & Sister Campbel applied for a letter of dismissal & recommendation to unite with the Flat Rock Church which was agreed to.

The meeting closed in peace & harmony

Oct 4th 1823

At a regular meeting of the Church were present Rev. Cha.^S Ingram, Wm Cook, Jn.^O Barney, E. Bell, Sam.^l Shiver Royal Brewer, ___Bradley, Myers & J. Smith--Gilbert belonging to Alex^r Matheson, a member of the Methodist Church & formerly a baptist, was received into the church

The case of Martin M^CCall was taken up & [it?] appearing that he had been guilty of drunkenness & blasphemy he was excommunicated

Brothers Barnet, Cook & Brewer as delegates to the Association and brother Shubel Blanding to write the letter Appointed Brother J. B. Cook to preach a charity sermon on Sabbath next to raise a collection for the Missionary & Education funds of the association

Brother Elisha Bell applied for a letter of dismissal from the church which was agreed to

Brethren Brewer, Barney, & Shiver were appointed a committee to wait on brother Collins & brother Sam.^l Smith to settle the difficulties existing between them

Oct 5 Baptised Gilbert belonging to Alex^r Matheson, Will belonging to Wm Love and Monday belonging to Mrs Ray--

Joshya Davis, Richard Dixon & Elizabeth Brewer were baptised at a meeting held by Brother Ingram at Brother Marshes

December 1823

At a monthly Meeting held at the new meeting house near Popler Branch Susanna Summerlin, Susanna Scarborough & John Blither were baptised by Rev. Cha.^S Ingram & admitted as members of the church-- Brutus the servant of Jn.^O Carters being about to remove from this place rec^d a letter of dismissal & recommendation

3^d of June 1824

Church convened at regular quarterly meeting.

Present. Rev C. Ingram J. Smith, Brewer, S, Blanding, Shiver Myers Bradley & others

After worship proceeded to business

The committee appointed to wait on Brother M. Collins & S. Smith reported that the differences had been settled between them & that they are in fellowship with each other

Brothers Blanding & Cook informed that they had cited Brother Jesse Scott & his wife three times to attend church meetings to answer to some serious charges resting against them, who have never attended, & have for a long time forsaken the church, [and struck out] On enquiry it appeared that he abused his wife & family & had forsaken them for another woman, when it was agreed unanimously that he be expelled from the church

Patience his wife was suspended and brothers W. Cook Breaker & Blanding were appointed a committee to investigate the charges & cite her to appear at the next regular Meeting

Darkis Conway was suspended from communion & Brothers Cook Breaker & S Blanding being appointed a committee to inquire into

the difficulties between her & some of the black Members & cite her to attend the next regular Meeting

Brother John Barnet stated that Brutus belonging to John Carter after getting his letter of dismission heed entirely forsaken his wife & wished to take up with other women & in one instance had used some coersive measures to gain his base designs on a black sister of this Church & other unchristian conduct when it was Unanimously resolved that he be excommunicated from this Church & that the clerk be ordered to write a letter to the church in Pendleton that he may not be received on the recommendation of the letter in his possession

Brother John Smith & Margaret his wife requested a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Flat Rock Church which was granted

Closed in peace and harmony

31st. January 1824

At a monthly meeting of the church were present

Rev. Chas Ingram, William Cook.

Jn^o Barnet, L. F. Breaker, B Brewer S Blanding & Sam^l Shiver

After a short discourse from Brother Jn^o Barney the church proceeded to business Patience Scott who was suspended at the last meeting was not notified to appear at this meeting as she was absent from Camden Darkis Conway appeared but as the committee could find no grounds of dissatisfaction among the black members, was restored to fellowship Brother Henry Blalock presented a letter of recommendation & dismission from Reedy Prong Church Johnson County N. C. & was received into fellowship

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Brother John Barnet after having exercised his gifts among us and satisfying that his soul was drawn out towards the ministry was licenced to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to dying sinners--

The following letter was rec^d & laid before the church for consideration viz [copy follows]

To the Baptist Church of Christ in Camden

The Undersigned submit

the following petition

Dearly Beloved Brothren

Being placed at a great

distance from you, a distance of from 5 to 15 miles from your usual place of worship & from the low circumstances of some of our members it is not possible for some & inconvenient for others to attend worship with you in Camden & by uniting our selves together, we can keep up a regular worship among our selves where we can have an equal privilege we have seriously deliberated among ourselves & believe it our duty to become constituted a separate & independent church

We now humbly beg your indulgence to grant us a dismissal, that we may be constituted an independent church at Poplar Branch--As this a destitute part of Zion we hope & firmly believe that our Separation will be attended with the blessing of God and the good of many souls--Should this our petition be granted, your attendance & assistance are solicited on the first Sabbath and Saturday in March next when we hope to be organized

Our hearts are & ever will be with you, and your prosperity will ever be cheering to our Souls

That you may be built up in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ & the every blessing of God rest upon you is the most [fervant] prayer of your brethren in Gospel Bonds

Jan ^y 16, 1824	Frances Marsh
Royal Brewer	Canzay Marsh
John Myers	Nancy Lockhart
Sam ^l Bradley	Susannah Summerlin
Solomon Bradley	Jane Brewer
Richard Dixon	Eliza Brewer
Joshua Davis	Mary Brewer
John Blither	Margaret Bradley
John Barnet	Nancy Gaskey
Christian Miller	Monday & Violet, the servants of
Zilphy Davis	Solomon Bradley & Monday the
Makaly Barnet	Property of Mrs Ray
Jane Barnet	

After due considertaion it was agreed that the above members be dismissed & a letter furnished

Closed in peace & harmony--

April 3^d 1824

Church convened at Quarterly Meeting.

present Rev C Ingram Wm Cook, L. F. Breaker and S. Blanding.

Visiting brethren were invited & accordingly took a Seat with us

Patience Scott appeared & ageable to citation, when it appeared that she had left her family on one occasion, got intoxicated & made free use of profane language & had forsaken the church for more than

a year, and as she showed signes of repretence for her transgressions it was agreed to postpone the subject till the next regular meeting As by the dismissal of brother Barney from this church one of the offices of deacon was left vacant Brother L F Breaker was nominated & duly elected

Sister Jane Lysle requested a letter of dismissal & recommendation to the Baptist church in Winsborough which was granted

July 31st 1824

At a monthly Meeting of the Church were present Brothers Chas. Ingram Wm Cook Wm Nettles & L. F. Breaker Visiting brethren invited to attend

The case of Patience Scott was taken up & agreed to postpone her case till the next regular meeting, also appointed Brothers Cook & Breaker to converse with her & cite her to our next meeting. Meeting closed in peace & harmony.

At a meeting of the Church Sept. 2^d 1824 Brothers present Rev C Ingram, Wm. Cook & L F. Breaker. Visiting brethren invited to a Seat with us.

Tom belonging to Isum Powel, an excommunicated member came forward made acknowledgements & was restored Brother Breaker appointed to write him a letter of dismissal to unite with the Colonels Creek Church

Patience Scott came forward, made acknowledgements, showed penitence & was restored to fellowship

Fenix belonging to H. M^CAdams is Suspended from communion on account

of reports that he is in the habit of intoxication. Appointed Brother Cook to cite him to our next regular Meeting Brothers Wm Cook, Sam.¹ Shiver & Sam.¹ Smith were appointed as delegates to the Association to be held at Society Hill & Brother Shubel Blanding to write the letter

Closed in peace & harmony

Letter Written 25 October when the members stand as follows
Baptised (3) Rec by Let (1) Dest (27) Expelled (2) Dead (2)
Total (52)

Church convened at Monthly Meeting on 4th Dec^r 1824

Present, Brothers Rec Chas Ingram L F Breaker Sam.¹ Smith Sam.¹ Shiver & S Blanding

After Worship proceeded to business Brother Cook being absent Fenex's case was put off the the next Church meeting Brother Breaker suggested to the church that a man by the name of Paine, who had preached here by the consent of an individual brother & against the wish of others had left an appointment to preach in this Church on his return, that said Paine calls him self a Pilgrim & belongs to no established church & has no regular credentials when it was unanimously Resolved that we could not recognise him as a regular preacher of the Gospel & consequently could not admit him in to our church to hold forth his doctrines

Closed in peace & harmony.

THE CAMDEN (FIRST) BAPTIST CHURCH

Camden, South Carolina

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by Joan Inabinet

Baptised 3 Letter 3 Restored 1 Dis^t 2 Ex. 1 Dead 1. Total 55

Not a word has been recorded the past year since the books left me so that our numbers are the sam excep the death of Brother Hughson
October 30 182[6] Total 54

At a special Meeting of the church Nov 26 1826

Present S. Blanding Sam^l Shiver & others

A letter was rec^d from Brother Henry Blalock requesting a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Baptist Church at Elliot State of Mississippi which was granted Noted that the church invite Rec Robert Misseldine to preach for us half of the time during the coming year

Dec^r 17 Special church meeting. present Rev Robert Missildine. Sam^l Shiver S. Blanding Jno Smith & others

Mrs Elisabeth Warren re[l]ated the exercises of her mind and was accepted. Baptism to be on Sabbath morning next

Dec^r 23 Special Church Meeting present Rev Rob^t Misseldine Jn^o Smith L F Breaker S. Blanding & others. Mrs Childers and Caesar & Nancy belonging to B Perkins and gave satisfactory evidence that they were the subjects of grace

Dec^r 24 The Church met at the water side when Mrs Elisabeth Warren and Mrs Childers and Cesar & Nancy were Baptised and rec^d in to the full fellowship of the Church at which time Brother John D Averill

was rec^d by letter from the Columbia Church

Feb. 11th 1827

Church remained after meeting for the Brother Robert Misseldine in compliance with the call of the Church presented a letter of dismission & recommendation from the Colonel's Creek Church which was rec^d and at the same time assumed the pastoral charge of this church

Charges of unchristian conduct were bro't against Brother Jesse Scot and his wife & Harry belonging to the Estate of Rob^t Dow Brothers Averill & J Smith were appointed a committee to wait on them & report at the next church meeting

March 11th 1827

Special Church Meeting for the transaction of business.

Present Brothers Misseldine Smith Shiver & Averill

Brother John Smith and Margaret Smith his wife intending to remove from Camden requested letters of dismission & recommendation which were granted

March 25

Church for business were present Rev. Rb^t Misseldine. J. D. Averill Sam^l Shiver S Blanding & others. Mrs Louisa C Averill, Charlotte belonging to Joseph Kershaw, Dicy belonging to Sam^l G Cox and Hagar belonging to Wm. Daniel related their exercises to the satisfaction of the church and were rec^d into fellowship when they shall have been baptised.

Harry belonging to Robert Mickle was restored to the church & rec^d into fellowship

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Jesse Scott & wife are still under censure

Moses belonging to the Estate of B Boykin was suspended till the charges of theft are fully investigated

Sister Jane Thomas presented a letter from Flint Hill Church and was rec^d in to the Church--

Hagar was not baptised as she did not bring a permit from her master--

April 7 1827

Church Convened at regular quarterly meeting. Present Rev. R Missildin Breaker Shiver Averill Blanding and Several Sisters-- Jesse Scot & wife having gone to town their case was deferred to next meeting

Moses belonging to Estate of B Boykin was not present but the brethren having made very diligent inquiry find the theft satisfactorily proved & that has dived other circumstances which were proved--he was excommunicated

Fenix belonging to H M^CAdams after making satisfactory acknowledgements & proved a good & orderly walk was restored to the church

It having been represented that Brother Wm. Nettles has been in the habits of taking too much spirits & other disorderly walk it was resolved that he be reported to his own Church in proper form

In consequence of Brother Wm Cook's low state of health the office of deacon falls on one individual the church went into ballot and duly elected Brother Shubel Blanding

Church closed in peace & love

April 8th 1827

Church convened for business this day when it was unanimously agreed that our communion Seasons be held every month instead of quarterly as before

April 22

Church convened for business, present Rev R Misseldine Jn^o D Averill, Shiver Blanding & Several Sisters

Green & Stephen belonging to the Estate of B Boykin were laid under censure for disorderly conduct & notified to be here today but were providentially prevented

Jesse Scott came forward and made confession[of some inserted] of his faults & prayed the forgiveness of the Church, but was left undecided Patience Scott appeared in answer to the censure of the church & said she had no disposition to meet with the black members & gave as a reason that Gilbert took up the time in preaching by order of Monday & accused Gilbert of being the means of keeping her two daughters from the church--After investigation the Church were Satisfied of her entire disorder & that peace & harmony existed in their meetings

May 12th 1827

Church convened at monthly meeting

Present L. F. Breaker & Blanding and Several Sisters

Rose belonging to & living Rev R Bascom, and Sylvia belonging to Dr Alfred Brevard were received on the profession of thier & to be baptised in the morning--

August 11th 1827

Church convened at monthly Meeting present Rev. R. Missildine S.
Shiver J D. Averill S Blanding & others

Sister Nancy Scott requested a letter of dismissal & recommendation
from this to the Baptist Church in Augusta Geo. which was granted.

Nancy belonging to Estate Dunkn M^CRa came forward and was received
on relation of experience having been a member of a church some
years ago in Virginia

Jesse Scotts case came forward and was aggravated by quarrels & profane
language & still is found to equivocate & is hard in his feeling to the
whole church He is borne with one other month that he may have time to
reflect & repent & return--

September 22 1827

Church convened at Special Meeting present Elder R Misseldine S. Shiver.
J. D. Averill S Blanding & others

Martha Childers came forward and after having satisfied the church of
her christian experience was admitted to Baptism

Hagar belonging to Mr Wm Daniel brought satisfactory recommendation
from master and was baptised

October 20

Church convened at special meeting Present Elder R Misseldine, [?]
Shiver J. D. Averill S. Blanding & others.

*Winna belonging to Duncan McRa's Estate related her experience & was
received after she shall be baptised

Jesse Scott & wife had their case put off till regular church meeting
Elder R Misseldine & Brothrs S Blanding & Sam^l Shiver were appointed

delegates to the association and Brother Blanding to write the letter

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*Winna was not baptised not getting permit from her Master

Our minutes return Bap. 12. Rec. Letter 4. Restored 1. Dismissed 4.

Ex Com 1. Dead. 2. Error in the record 5.-- Total 69--Whites 21.

Blacks. 48.

Money for Missions. 6

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Church Meeting Nov 10th 1827

Present. R Misseldine L. F. Breaker S. Shiver Sisters, Schrock Aguir
Warren & others

Read minutes of last meeting

Scott not being in town his business is postponed

Winna having obtained a permit is ordered to be baptised tomorrow

Resolved to request the Clerk to inter on the books a copy of
the letter to the Association

Resolved that the Clerk be requested to write to Petersburg
Va. respecting Mary

Query? Why no minutes from May to Aug^t

Query? Has the clerk written for a letter for Phill belonging to
D. M^cRa

Resolved that all the minutes be read in future at the close of
every church meeting.

Resolved that in case of the absence of the deacons. the pastor
request another member to officiate

Resolved that the 5th Lords day be appointed for the ordination
of Deacons & that Bro. Misseldine be requested to invite Brothers

Hartwell Ma[d?]ary Cook & Bowers

Resolved that the Clerk be requested to report if there is any
& what record of a church fund

[Copy of Letter smudged out]

Voted to grant a letter of dismission to Rose belonging to Mr. S.
Smith a Cha[sⁿ-?] by her request

1827 Copy of Letter to Association

The B. Church of Christ at Camden to the Charleston B. Association
Bretheren

Hitherto our letter have been little more than complaints of
coldness & the hiding of Gods face from his people But it is our joy
to day that though we have not had a great outpouring of the Spirit
among us, yet, we have felt concerned for the prosperity of Zion,
the conversion of sinners and have been able to keep up our little
social meetings & feel a spirit of prayer & that the Lord has met us
& blessed us in them; and as the brightest evidence, he has enabled us
to rejoice over some souls who have been brought from Sin into the
liberty of the glorious Gospel of peace--The work appears to have
been the thorough work of God Silent yet powerful. During last
winter Brother R Missildine accepted the pastoral Charge of our
church & supplies us half of the time under who ministrations we trust
we have been blessed. We are all in fellowship & love & at peace
with one another

From Some difficulties that have come to our knowledge we have been
led to Submit the following queries

1st Is there any & what authority in the New testament for forming
branches to the church of Christ

2^d When persons are found ready to submit to the ordinance of Baptism & too remote to attend any Church, is it not the duty of Such persons & of any Minister who may officiate in the neighborhood to endeavour to form a new & independent Church
In your next circular letter we would suggest the propriety of defining how far it is christian duty of involve themselves in debt for themselves or for others--

Church Meeting 8th Dec^r

Present Elder R Misseldine, Breaker Shiver Averill & S Blanding and Sisters Warren Schock Blanding Brasington Thomas
Jesse Scott being out of town & his wife not present their case postponed.

There was no record from May till Aug.^t because there was no business of importance transacted, but it agreed to be the mark of an orderly church whose books show their regular meetings

Mary's & Phills cases have been attended to--

The Clerk reports no record of the means of raising a fund for the Church

Brother Misseldine did not call in a Presbitery as Brother Blanding had not become reconciled to his appointment of Deacon, feeling that he could not defend the doctrine of Close Communion whereupon it was Agreed that the Subject of mixed or free communion is worthy of our inquiry--

Agreed that tomorrow evening be appointed for the investigation of the Subject & that the Brethren & Sisters be requested to attend at that time

December 1827

Church convened on the ninth who were present Brethren R. Misseldine S Blanding Averill Breaker & Shiver & the Sisters genrially After prayer Bro explained the business of the evening and when he had done, the question was put to every member individually, whether they conscientiously believed the practice of the church in excluding poedobaptists from the table of the Lord was consistent with the principles established by the word of God. And it was answered in the affirmative by every member except Bro & Sister Blanding & Sister Eccles. When it was resolved that the brethren make it a matter of earnest prayer that their minds may be enlightened & their doubts removed

December 12th 1827

At a special Church Meeting were present Elder R Misseldine S. Blanding & J D Averill. Having heard that our Brother L. F. Breaker has been excluded from the communion table at Wateree Creek Church some time since & no information having been given us by that church, it is agreed that they be requested by letter to give us the facts which led to the exclusion that it may be bro't before this church in due form

January 12th 1828

Church convened for business at regular meeting.

Present. Elder R Misseldine S. Shiver Shubel Blanding, Sister Brasington & sever black members

Patience Scott came forward & made such acknowledgements as satisfied the church & was again restored to fellowship

Jesse Scott has not returned from Charleston & his case is postponed
 A letter of dismission for Mary belonging to M^CRa was rec^d from
 Petersburg Va. & she was rec^d a member with us--this letter is
 recorded below for its very interesting character. [NO COPY!]
 In answer to our letter of the 12th Dec.^r a letter was laid before
 us from the Wateree Creek Church which gives us no information as
 to the cause of Brother Breakers exclusion but requesting a delegation
 to meet them or see Bro. Jn.^O Mickle who will give us information on
 the subject. Ordered that the clerk write & request light on the
 subject, what are the charges & state them or that brother Mickle
 be requested to attend as early as convenient at our church, as it
 is not possible for us to send a delegation.
 Agreed that Monday shall have not less than \$5 nor more than 10
 dollars for acting as sexton to the Church
 Gree[n] belonging to Estate of B Boykin was excluded for not hearing
 the church & repeatedly stealing from his owners.

Feb. 9 1828

Church met at regular meeting

Present, Elder R Misseldine S Shiver S. Blanding & Several Sisters
 Jesse Scott made such confession of his faults & gave such signs of
 penitence as were satisfactory & he was restored to fellowship--
 Church meeting closed

March 8th

Church convened at rgular Meeting

Sye belonging to Estate B. Boykin & Letta belonging to Estate of D. M^CRa
 were rec^d to baptism on profession of faith

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Brother L. F. Breaker & Sister Martha Breaker his wife contemplating a removal from this place requested letter of dismission to some other which were most cordially granted

A letter was rec^d in reply to ours from the Wateree Creek Church in which they do not in compliance with our repeated request furnish us with an item of facts relative to Brother Breaker but slanderously blacken his character and also a private letter from Brother Jonathan Mickle the purport of which was such as to lead us to believe that the charges were founded in malice and we felt it our duty to give the above letters of dismission

Resolved that another letter be written in reply to the Wateree Church & endeavour to convince them of their error in the course they have pursued & endeavour to bring about a reconciliation

Members Present Elder R Misseldine S. Shiver L. F. Breaker J. D. Averill S. Blanding. Sisters Breaker, [Blanding ~~struck out~~], Schrock, Warren, Childers, Thomas,

From all circumstances it was thought prudent to record a copy of the letter to Brother Breaker

Copy

The Baptist church of Christ at Camden S. C. to whom it may concern Send christian love

Beloved Brethren

In the orderings of providence our beloved

brother L. F. Breaker & Sister Martha Breaker his wife are called to take up their connection with this church & remove to a distant part of the country--With many tears & with we are required to give them our parting blessing-- Our beloved brother & Sister Breaker have

for several years been members of our church and in full fellowship & good standing--We have rejoiced & taken sweet counsel together and in Sympathy have shared each others burdens & sorrows. We most cordially & affectionately recommend them to the fellowship, confidence & love of our sister churches wherever in providence their lot may be cast and when united to a church of the same faith & order will be dismissed from us

Done by open church meeting this 8 day of March 1828 & signed by thir order

R Misseldine, Pastor

S. Blanding, Deacon

J. D Averill

Sam^l Shiver

The unanimous voice was taken and expresses individually in cordial approbation of the above letter

March 26

Church convened at Special meeting present Elder R Misseldine S Blanding J. D. Averill L F Breaker & Sisters Averill Hughson & Breaker

Martha Breaker related her experience which [being struck out] was satisfactory to the brethren & she was rec^d by Baptism into the Church after which she was dismissed

March 30th

Church called together after Sermon

Stephen belonging to Estate of B. Boykin applied for a letter of dismission to the Swift Creek Church which was granted

1828

May

Regular Church Meeting in May not being attended the church convened the next day after Service, when a charge of intemperance was brought against Limbrick belonging to Boykin, by Brother Bowers through bro Blanding. he was ordered to attend the next church meeting by some of the brethren from that place

June

Special Meeting 4th Sabbath in June present Bro. Misseldine, Shiver Averill Blanding & Sisters Schrock, Warren, Childers, Brasington, O'Giar, Thomas & Eccles

Agreed that it is expedient at our next regular meeting to elect a deacon

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That at that thime the expediency of giving Gilbert a license to preach be considered

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That it be decided whether Brother Misseldine shall go on the distric mission or not

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That Bro. Shiver be appointed to examine into the character of a Mrs Peggy Bowe[rs? n?] who has expressed a wish to become a member of this church

Limbric was sick & could not attend

Gave a travelling letter to Bro. Averill as he is going to the north--

1828

July

Church met at regular meeting. Bro.^S Missildine, Shiver, Averil & Blanding & Several Sisters

Bro. Estes a Baptist preacher from Virginia was present & invited to seat with & to assist our deliberations

Brother Jn^O D. Averill was elected 2^d deacon which he accepted Gilbert was put off till next regular meeting & Bro.^S Blanding & Shiver appointed a committee to investigate any charge that may rest against him--

After deliberate reflection it was believed that the leadings of Providence were plain & that it was the duty of the church to release Bro. M & that it is his his duty to go again on the mission Limbrick was present but as it was getting late and had to return they left before the church rose

Agreed to meet on Sabbath evening next to deliberate on the propriety of authorising Bro. Averill to engage a minister during his absence to come & settle among us

July 20

Church met agreeable apointment

Present S. Blanding J. D. Averill & Sisters Eccles Brasington & Averill & several Blacks

Agreed to authorise Brother Averill to get a baptist Minister, a single man, whom he may believe calculated to build up the church in this place

1828

August

Church convened at regular meeting

present Rev. R. Missildine, Shiver, Blanding Sisters Hughson, Warren, Averill, Shiver, Brasington, Eccles, Thomas, Blanding & OGear

The committee appointed to investigate some charges against Gilbert reported favourably & ful satisfied that all the discord in his family arise from his wife & that some mischievous persons are wickedly engaged in prejudicing her against him but that he bears it like a christian & maintains regular family worship in his family

September

Church Convened at regular Meeting. Present Bro. R Smissildine, J.D. Averill S. Shiver & Several Sisters

Phill belonging to the Estate of D. M^CRa was rec^d by letter from [blank left] Church N. C.

Brother S. Blanding was appointed to write the letter to the association & have it ready to present to the next regular meeting

1828 October

Church Convened at regular Meeting

Present Bro.^S Averill Blanding & Shiver & Sisters Shiver Brasington Thomas, Scrock, O'Gear Blanding & Childers

Read & approved the letter preared for the association--

Agreed to request the appointment of the next association at this place.

Appointed Brothers R Misseldine, J. D. Averill & S. Blanding Delegates to the Association

Sister Mary Bradley of the Antioch Church complained that Bro. Sam^l Smith is indebted to him & that he refuses to pay it agreable to right & propriety. Wherefupon Bro Blanding was requested to cite him to our next meeting.

No.^S reported to Association

Bapt--	By Letter	Dismissed	--Ex	Rest--	Dead	Total
4.	2.	5.	1.	0.	1.	68.

Whites	19.	Coloured	49-	--
			<u>19</u>	
			68	

Money for Minutes 1.50

Missions 6.00

\$ 7.50

November

Church met at regular meeting

Present Bro. Misseldine & Blanding & Sisters Schrock, Brasington,
Warren, Thomas

Brothers Blanding & Shiver were appointed to meet Bro. S. Smith &
Sister Bradley & request a committee from the Antioch Church &
endeavour to settle the difficulty

Bro Misseldine Saw one of the executors of the Estate of Dr. Furman who
said that the lot of Land in Camden [in Camden inserted] was not given to
us in the will, & that the heirs would not be disposed to give it to us
Celia belonging to Mrs. Vaughan is reported to be living in a
disorderly manner having left one husband & taken up with another man
without having been married to either--

Bro. Misseldine & Averill are a committee to wait on him & labour
with her--

1828 Dec^r

At regular Church meeting were present

Brothers Shiver, Averill, Smith, & Blanding & Several Sisters.

Dicy belonging to Mr. S. G. Cox being about to remove from this place
a letter of dismissal & recommendation was given him

Brother James C. Furman having been recommended to us a suitable young man

in the ministry, it was agreed to write him to come & preach with us, that if we may engage him to supply us regularly should the church be pleased with his gifts--

Winna belonging to Estate of M^CRa died this month

Sister Sarah Love rec.^d a letter of dismission which has not been recorded

1829 January

Church convened at regular Meeting

Present Elder R. Missildeine Shiver, Averill, Blanding & Sisters Brasington, Warren, Ogier, Blanding, Thomas & Schrock

Anna belonging to Mrs. E. S. Clarkson related her christian experience which was satisfactory she was received--

An account of distressing intelligence from the Estate of Boykin, that several professors of Religion among whom was a member of our church, Joe, he was notified to be here by one of the bretheren-- Brother Joe came up & acknowledged that he was called up at 12 oclock at night by a servant of the quarter to help him kill hogs, that he went & assisted him in killing 4 or 5 large Kentucky hogs which he shared as compensation & that he had no suspicion of any thing out of the [w]ay for his friend told him that he had bought them with his own money--

Under existing circumstances the church felt it a duty to make a proper example of Joe & he was excommunicated

Limbric was restored to the full fellowship of the church

Brother Misseldine after finding that the church agreable to his request in July, had obtained a regular preached gospel, expressed his pleasure in Rev. Furman & requested that the tie that binds us as

pastor & people be dissolved which he believed to be his duty and at the same time expressing the warmth of his love to us, offered most affectionately to aid us in any way he was able--upon which the church consented that Brother Misseldine be released from his pastoral charge

1829 March

Church convened at regular meeting

Present Brothers Misseldine, Averill, & Blanding and Sisters Blanding & Thomas, with Several coloured brothers & Sisters--Brother Furman Sat with us

Charges of a black character having been made against brother Jesse Scott which he denies in the most positive terms, it was agreed that Brothers Blanding & Shiver be a committee to make a thorough examination & report as soon as convenient

April

Church convened at regular Meeting

Present Bro. Misseldine, Averill, Blanding & Sisters, Brasington, Childers & Ogear

The committee appointed at the last church meeting report that they have not had the opportunity to fully investigate the first charges against Bro. Scott but that additional charges of an immoral character had come to their knowledge which after repeated solicitations he has neglected to answer before us, but keeps intirely away not only from church but all other meetings for worship

Under these circumstances the church felt it their duty to excommunicate him--

The brethren felt grieved that our Sister Patience Scotts habitually neglects the ordinances of Christ, & required of her an explanation. She observed that she had been Sick & unable from unavoidable circumstances, but that she took pleasure in meeting with the saints & would be more regular in her attendance for the future

A Letter of dismission was presented from the Congaree church by Mary a free woman who saes her right name is Diana & was received into membership

May 1829

Church convened at regular meeting

Present Bro. R. Misseldine, Shiver, Averill Blanding and a number of Sisters

Rec^d Sister Ann Kent as a member by Letter from Flint Hill Baptist Church

Rec^d Minda belonging to Mrs Clarkson by letter from the Congaree Baptist Church

From letter rec^d from brother Breaker it seems that he is placed in a large village dstitut of religion or any means of grace and that brother B. has begin a prayer meeting & Sabbath School & is called on to attend funerals on which the people appear to give attendance-- Being satisfied that he has gifts to be improved & which should be improved in his present Situation the church feel it their duty to extend to him a special license that his labours may be regular & in gospel order, and bro. Missildine was appointed make out his licence

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June 1829 Church convened by nothing transpired requiring record]

June 1829

Church convened at regular meeting

Present Bro. R Missildine Shiver Aberill & Blanding & Several Sisters

A letter was rec^d from the Wateree Creek which retracted in some measure their offensive language on former occasions & appear to wish a reconciliation & offer a delegation, but it is thought best not require one & Bro. Misseldine was appointed to write a letter & endeavour to conciliate the difficulties as far as may

July

Church convened on 3^d Sabbath after service to receive any members that might desire to unite with us. present Bro. Averill, Shiver, Blanding & Several Sisters. Bro Furman took a seat with us. Joseph Smith related the exercises of his mind & experience of grace and was unanimously received to be baptised next sabbath

The Friday, Saturday & Sabbath following were occupied by Brothers Cook, Hartwell & Furman-- On Sabbath morning Bro Smith was baptised & the Lord's Supper administered

August 1829

Church convened after Service on the 4th Sabbath for special business Present. Bro Shiver, Smith, Blanding & several Sisters. Rev. P. P. Bowen being present was invited to sit with us & conduct the meeting

Complaint was brought against Gilbert, belonging to Estate of Daniels, that he lives in great disorder with his wife in which he has conducted unlike a christian & has neglected to hear the brethren who have laboured with him.

Bro. Averill & Blanding were appointed a comittee to investigate the case more fully & report as soon as convenient he first having been laid under the censure of the church

September

Church held special meeting on first sabbath to take into consideration Gilbert's conduct

The committee report that after fully investigating all the evidence they find Gilbert indulging in a most unjustifiable Jealousy of his wife, of who they hear an excellent character given both by her owners & neighbors that he has exposed her & given her a bad name abroad He justifies himself in every thing & has been guilty of frightful falsehoods in his defense. The church am of the opinion unanimously that he should be separated from us as the only means to reclaim him from his sins & bring him to repentence & he is therefore expelled--

September

Church convened at regular meeting present J. D. Averill Sam¹ Shiver, Jos. Smith & S. Blanding. as also Bro. James Furman who set in counsel with us

Arrangements were made for sending our delegates to the Association viz-- Rev R Misseldine & Bro Blanding were appointed as delegates & Bro. Furman to write the letter

Rose, Henry, Rose, Rhoda, Linda, Little Sally, Anthony, Joe, Samris, Mary, Sye, Davy, Limbric beloning to the estate of B Boykin were dismissed by letter to the Swift Creek Church

October

Church convened on 3^d Sabbath and received Fortima belonging to Ben Bineham who with Jenny beloning to Dr A Brevard--Andrew belonging to the Estate of D. M^cRa & Mr. Jacob Wheeler were baptised the last having been recieved last month.

Statement of returns to association

Baptised 6- Rec^d Letter 3. Dismissed 13- Ex 3 Dead 2

Whites 21

59--

Blacks 38

Money Sent at \$14.56

January 1830

At a special meeting of the Church on the 25th Fortima belonging to B. Bineham was dimissed to the church in Charleston

February

At the regular meeting Rev Brother Malary & Hartwell were present but there so few members out that no business was trasacted, owing to the inclimency of the weather

March

At a special meeting of the church on the 7th a letter of dismission was granted to Brother Joseph Smith

Dicy, beloning to Wm G. Cox, was was received on a letter of dismission from Sugar Creek, Church York District

At a special meeting of the church on the 14th a Letter of dismission was given to Sister Ann Kent who expects move to Alabama

March 1830

At a special meeting of the church on 28th a letter of dismission was given to Brother John D. Averill & Sister Louisa C. Avirell they being

called to remove to Ohio. Our parting was truly painful after the long & tender union we have enjoyed--

April 4th 1830

Church covend after Sermon A letter of dismission was given to Rev. Robert Misseldine

April 24th & 25

The church held a special meeting to hear experience of candidates who wished to unite with the Church when Figures Brasington Willis Childers & Lydia a free woman of colour were were received & baptised after which the Lords Supper was administered by Bro. Hartwell who attended to aid Bro Furman. This to us has been truly a blessed season to our souls. Our little vine had been cut down till it seemed that we were to be destroyed, but blessed be God he has heard prayer & blessed us with a refreshing from his presence & caused us to rejoice in his salvation

Sister Catharine Eccles died on Sept

October 1830

Church convened at regular monthly meeting

Appointed Bro. S. Blanding & F Brasinton delegates to the Association to be held at Antioch Church - Orangeburg Dist. & S Blanding to write the letter

Report of the church as follows

3 Baptised	1 Rec by Letter.	6 Dismissd'	1 Dead	Total
			Whites 18	
			Blks 38	56

November 20th 1830

Church convened at special Meeting for receiving candidates for baptism When Mrs Elsy Parker wife of H. Parker, Mr Washington Davis, James M^CEachern William Moffett & James Brasington came forward experience satisfactory to the church & were rec^d. Martha belonging to Ja^S. Martin was received into fellowship by letter from Swift Creek Church.

Church postponed further business till tomorrow evening

Nov. 21st

Church convened agreeable to appointment. And after enquires among the members it appeared to the simultaneous feeling & sentiment of all present that God was among us & that from the edification derived from Bro. F. Brasington on various exercise among us that further trial be made & that he be requested on Thursday evening next to give his views & sentiments from a text of scripture having been satisfied with the exercise of his word on the subject

Nov. 27th

Church convened at special meeting at which Elders Hartwell & Childs were present

Fanny beloning to H. R. Cook came forward & was rec^d for baptism--

Resolved that Bro. Blanding be ordained to the office of Deacon tomorrow having been proved,

Resolved that we feel it our duty to extend to Bro. F. Brasington a licence to preach the Gospel wheresoever he goeth

Haga belonging to Estate of Wm David was dismissed by letter

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to the flat Rock Church

Nov 28th This morning the candidates received were baptised & received into fellowship & the Lords supper administered
Bro. S. Blanding was solemnly set apart for the office of Deacon by prayer & the imposition of hands by bro Hartwell

December 11th 1830

Church convened specially & a letter of dismission given to Dicy belonging to S. G. Cox

February 1831

Church convened at Special Meeting on the 19th when John Smith Jun. came forward and was rec.^d as a candidate for baptism. Also Joe belonging to Col John Carter

Feb 26.

Church convened at special meeting to receive candidates for baptism when the following came forward & were accepted. Miss Caroline Margaret M^CDonald Mrs Elisa Martin & Salina belonging to Col Wm Nixon and Davis M^CEachern

March

Church convened on special meeting. agreeable to appointment for two days meeting assisted by Elders Hartwell Bowen & Cook.

Mary belonging to Estate D. M^CRa was laid under the censure of the church for living with a man who has another wife & who is a church member. Caty belonging to Tho.^S Salmond came forward and was rec.^d as a candidate for Baptism

Mrs Martin Miss M^CDonald Jno Smith & Joe Salina & Caty baptised by Br Hartwell

April 1831

Church convened on Second Sabbath at Special meeting. Bro. Blanding who was appointed to the investigation of the matter in regard to Mary's conduct [charge first written, struck out, conduct substituted] whose intercourse had been of so foul that it was deemed important, in the present state of the church, to expell her from our body

June 1831

Church convened at special meeting for the purpose of receiving members when Dorcas belonging to David Schrock came forward & was received on her experience--Charlotte belonging to Wm B. Parker was received by lette[r]

Tillman Cook was received on profession of faith

Quasho belonging to [blank left] was rec^d by letter from Flat Rock Church

November 11th

Church convened for special business

Brethren F. Brasington S. Blanding & T. Cook were appointed delegates to the association. & Bro Blanding to write the letter

Repor to association as follows

Bap-15-Rec by L. 3-	Dis ^t . 2	Exd. 1--	Whites 28
			Coloured <u>43</u>
			Total 71

December 1831

Church convened at Special meeting

Sister Ann Kent who had rec^d a letter of dismission to remove west returned & was rec^d again unto union with us

Fenix belonging to Mr M^CAdams is dead.

February 1832

Church convened at regular meeting A letter from Brother J. Barnes was read in reply to a letter which had been informally sent by many of the members of the church in which he complies with that request to preach for us the insuing year which fully meets the approbation of this church

Church convened on the 14th for special business when Cherry belonging to Alexd^r Young and Thomas beloning to B. T. Elmore were received on the profession of their faith

Complaint was made that Andrew belonging to Estate of D. M^CRa had been intemperate & would not hear the brethren & on being called up exhibited much anger to the informer at the same time partially acknowledging the fact alleged. When it was judged expedient to place him under censure & request Bro. Shiver to labour with him & report at next regular meeting.

February 1832

Church convened at regular monthly meeting

Bro Washington Davis applied for a letter of dismission as he expects to leave the stat which was granted

Rev. John Barnes was received by letter from the Baptist Church at Newberry

Mr William Nettles, who had been a member of a Baptist Church before the Revolution (during which the church was broken up) was rec^d on the profession of faith & restored again to the fellowship of the Saints, aged 90 years

Church convened After preaching on 20th to receive candidates. When Miss Martha Warren came forward & was accepted

March 10th 1832

Church convened this evening to receive candidates when Mr. Matthew Lyon came forward and relating what the church deemed a work of grace upon his heart, was accepted for Baptism--

Sabbath Evening 11th. --The church convened after preaching this afternoon-- Susan a colored woman Belonging to D^r. Macaw came and related her experience of God's dealing with her heart and express^d her hopes of Salvation thro a crucified Redeemer was received for Baptism.

Sabbath Morning 18th March 1832----Those who had been Rec.^d viz Miss M. Warren--M^r. M. Lyon--& Susan belong to D^r. M^cCaa were immersed--and after service the right hand of fellowship was extended towards--

May 1832

At an extra meeting of the church on Sabbath afternoon 6th--The minister was authorized and requested to give Sister Martha Childers a letter of dismission--which has been done--

At an extra meeting of the church on Tuesday Evening Mat the 8th--
 A door was open^d for experience when Charles Shiver, W^m Gerald &
 William Elkins [with struck out] and Ben a col.^d man belonging to
 M^r Ruffin were rec.^d for Baptism--

At an extra meeting of the church on Thursday Eveng the 10th A door
 was open^d for the admission of members by experience when M^r. James
 Marti --Misses Sarah Donaldson & Elizabeth Hughson were rec.^d for
 Baptism.

At a Regular meeting of this Church of Saturday night 12^d--A door
 was open^d for the admission of members by experience when William
 Shiver--Alex.^{dr} Calhoun. Abraham Childers and Nancy a colour^d- woman
 belonging to M^r John Whitaker came forward & were rec.^d for Baptism.--
 Anna a female member belonging to Mr. Clarkson having to the knowledge
 of several members been guilty of very irreligious conduct was
 excommunicated--

On Sabbath morning the ordinance of Baptism was administer^d.- to
 Charles Shiver, W^m Elkins, James Martin, Sarah Donaldson, Elizabeth
 Hughson--W^m Shiver Alex^r Calhoun, Abram Childers & Ben Belonging to
 M^r. Ruffin. Nancy not being prepared in time her Baptism was delayed
 to antoher time--

Sister King a member of the Sumterville church was rec.^d into
 the membership of this church.

The Supper of the Lord was then attended to--The Great Master of this
 feast & Head of the church is we hope "being in the midst of us"--
 Monday belonging to [JW?] Ray was rec^d- by letter from the Antioch church--

Church met on Sunday in May, and Mrs. Margaret Deane was received to membership on profession of her faith

June, 1832

At an appointed meeting of the church on Thursday evening 21th Daniel Polk was received by the church to membership on a profession of his faith and relating what was deemed a work of Grace on his heart.

9th Church convened at regular meeting. Paul, belonging to Col. Elmore, was received on profession of faith, for baptism. Resolved: that the Church meet on the following Saturday for the purpose of electing a deacon and Clerk; and that it be made a subject of special prayer.

16th Church convened according to appointment. It being determined to elect two deacons, Brother S. Shiver and Tilman Cook, were nominated and unanimously accepted. Brother Lyon was chosen Clerk. Resolved that our Regular Meeting be held hereafter on the Saturday before the first Sunday in the month.

Report of the bad conduct of Susan, belonging to Dr. M^CCaa, having been made to the Church, Brother Gerald was appointed to make inquiry concerning it, an report at next meeting.

24th Sabbath. Brothern S. Shiver and Tilman Cook were ordained Deacons by Brother Barns. Br. Barns having announced to the Church his conviction of his duty, and consequent intention to devote himself to the Service of God as an evangelist, and that he necessarily could no longer remain Pastor of this Church, and having requested an expression of the voice

of the Church concerning it, it was finally agreed that the Church give him a letter signifying their acquiescence in his determination--Resolved also that a letter be given to Brother Blanding on account of temporary absence.

30th Saturday evening. The letter of Sister Eliza Collins was presented and received. Dismission from the Church at Antioch. Mrs. [blank] Polk, Misses Mary Ann Jones and Sarah Roberts were received on profession of faith.

July 1st.--1832. Baptism was administered to Mrs. Margaret Deane, Daniel Polk and wife, Misses Mary Ann Jones and Sarah Roberts. Miss Mary Howell was received for baptism. [then?] Nancy, belonging to John Whitaker was baptised.

Mary Howell was baptised on the evening of the 1st July. Sarah Hamilton was also received and baptised on the profession of her faith.

July 15. The Church [engaged struck out] convened for the purpose of engaging in the solemnities of a prayer meeting, and attending to such matters as should come before them; when, after some time spent in devotional exercises, the deacons being present, it was moved and seconded, that the Clerk be authorized to write to Brother James Furman, and request him to accept the unanimous invitation to him to perform the pastoral functions of this body: adopted unanimously. The Clerk is also directed to inform Brother Furman, as well as he may be able, of the sentiments of the Church in regard to this subject.

Moses, belonging to Mrs. Boykin, was received and restored to full fellowship

July 22, The Church met in the morning, and spent an hour in prayer, and in the afternoon, the Church having again come together to receive members, Mrs. Catharine Webb, Mrs. [Cath^r ?] Roberts, and Anna, belonging to Mrs. Vaughan, were received for baptism on profession of their faith.

July 29. In Church meeting, Brother J. Furman present, Mrs. Lydia Parish was received for baptism on profession of her faith--

Aug. 4. At the regular meeting of the Church, Br. Adams present as moderator Br. S. Shiver [told?] the members of the Church who were dissatisfied, could have their objections removed. Br. Lyon moved to reconsider the vote admitting Mrs. Parish to membership which was agreed to. The question was their first on re-admitting the candidate to membership and decided in the negative. A door of experience being opened, James Roberts came forward, and was received to baptism on profession of his faith.--The case of John Mackey who also came forward, was postponed to next meeting of the Church.

Resolved, That a special Church meeting be held on Saturday evening, 11th inst.

Adjourned--

August 11. The Church convened by special resolution, Br Hanley present as Moderator. In accordance with Brother Gerald's report, Susan, belonging to Dr M^CCaa was excommunicated. A letter of temporary absence was granted to Brother Tilman Cook. Adjourned--

Sunday, Aug. 12. Mrs. Catherine Webb, James Roberts and wife, Paul belonging Col. Elmore, and Annna, belonging to Mrs. Vaugh[an] were baptised by Brother J. Hartwell.

Sunday, aug. 19, At a called meeting of the Church, Brother DeVottee present, it was resolved that Brethren S. Shiver, Gerald and Wheeler [~~struck out~~ compose the dele] represent the Baptist Church in the committee appointed by the several churches to consult with the town council concerning the appointment of a [fast ~~struck out~~] day of fasting and prayer in reference to the pestilence which is ravaging our country--

Thursday evening Aug. 23. On motion, Resolved that privilege be granted to A. R. Ruffin to cut a ditch on the premises of the Baptist Church, for the purpose of draining--

Saturday Sept 1st 1832 At the regular Church meeting Brother Adams Moerator, Brother Lyon having Resigned his appointment of Clerk, Brother Gerald was appointed, to the office. A Letter of dismissal was grated to Brother Lyon. Brothren Wheeler, W. Shiver and Gerald were appointed to make enquiries concerning the Cost of repairing the meeting house, and building an additional Gallery in front--of the pulpit. A letter from Brother J. T. Copeland was read requesting authority to ordain Brother William F. Brasington to the Ministry. and by request a letter of dismissal was granted

Sunday 2 September. The case of M^{rs} ___ Howell came before the Church for admission to Membership was postponed till the next regular Church Meeting, her relation not being Satisfactory.

Black Girl [blank] was postponed for the same cause to the same time.
Black Boy [blank] Received to baptism on profession of his faith

Thursday 13 September Brother Barnes made application for a letter of dismissal for himself and wife. The church not being willing to grant him a letter untill he should come before the church and make satisfactory certain charges that are against him, directed the Clerk to inform Brother Barnes of the fact, and notify him to appear before the church as soon as convenient.

Sunday 16 Sept 1832 Brother Barnes appeared before the church, and made satisfactory the charges against him. A Letter of dismissal was granted to himself and wife,

Sep 20th The application made by W. F. Brasington some time since was not properly understood by the church, he did not wish a letter of dismissal which the church give him. But wished the church to ordain him, or authorise some sister church to do it of the same faith and order. he therefore returned the letter of dismissal to the church

Sep 27. 1832 At an Extra Church meeting the Clerk was ordered to write a note to Brother Hartwell requesting him to attend the first sunday in next month for the ordination of Brother W. F. Brasington to the ministry, Brother W. Shiver was appointed to Cite Samuel Smith to trial to shew cause why he being a member of this Church and has not attended for a considerable time.

Also Brother Jacob Wheeler & Bro' James Brasington was appointed to Cite Poly Hawell to trial to answer to charges against her,

Oct 6. 1832 At a regular Church Meeting Brother Adams was appointed moderator, The committee appointed to ascertain the cost of repairing the

church, and building an additional gallery was not ready to report
 Brother W Shiver cited Samuel Smith to trial who attended Ten Oclock
 in the forenoon It was then ordered that Brother Jacob Wheeler cite
 him to attend,

Sister Poly Howell appeared before the Church and did not make
 satisfactory the charges against her. She was therefore Excommunicated
 according to appointment--there was a door opened for admission to
 membership.

Mr. Pa[ne?'] was Rec'd to baptism on profession of his faith, a negro
 girl belonging to W. W. Lang (Betsey) was Rec'd to baptism on profession
 of her faith,

Also a negro girl belonging to D^r. Brevard (Katy) was received to
 baptism on profession of her faith,

It was then moved and seconded that Brethren Cook, Childres, &
 brasington & Blanding act as delegates to the association & Brother
 Gerald write the letter. A licence to preach was granted to Bro' Willis
 Childers, There was a motion made and unanimously adopted that there be
 a collection taken up for the benefit of the coloured man (Mandy) that
 attends to the church, and hereafter he recieve Ten Dollars annually
 for his services, Brother William Shiver was appointed to buy candels
 and oil for the church with the funds of the same

Saturday & Sunday 19th & 20th October Brethren Hartwell & Devotee preached
 for us, There was a door opened for experience W. E. Hughson & Mrs ____
 Brown was Recd to Baptism on Saturday & Baptised on Sunday

Thursday 1st Nov. The letter was read and Received by the Church, The
 report to the association as follows,

Bap' 32 Rec by Let 3 Dis 2 Exc 3 = W24. Blks 8 = 32

The whole number of members belonging	Whites	52
to the church	Blks	47
		<hr/>
	Total	<u>99</u>

Amount Sent to the association

	Minutes	\$ 1.50
The member appointed	Education	1.12 1/2
to the General Comm	Domestic Missions	1.12 1/2
ittee Bro' S Blanding	Foreign Missions	2.00
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		<u>5.75</u>

Bro S. S. Burdet-being present-was appointed Moderator. After the business was concluded we adjourned in Peace & harmony.

November 3rd 1832

Church convened at a Regular Meeting Present Bro. S Shiver & hughson and a number of other Brethre & Sisters; Bro" Hughson Moderator, the church proceeded to business. Bro" J. Wheeler who was appointed to cite Saml Smith to attend did so, but-he did not-attend, It was then ordered that - he be laid under censure, and bro" S. Shiver cite him to attend next church meeting. A Negro - girl Vilet- was Rec'd By letter from the baptist - church at antioch, Brother Daniel Polk accidentally got Drunk he came before and acknowledged it - and said he was very sorry for it- and hoped as it was the first transgression the Brethren and Sisters would forgive him, he was Rec'd into full fellowship.

A Letter of Dismission was granted to Bro" W^m Pane,

A letter was Rec'd from Bro" S. Blanding of Columbia requesting a letter of Dismission as he intends making collumbia his place of residence, It was unanimously granted,

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It was then ordered that the Clerk address a letter to Brother Nichols requesting him to take the Pastoral care of the church, The business was Closed by Bro" jacob Wheeler with a prayer, adjourned in Peace and harmony.

Camden Dec.^r 1St 1832

The Church convened at the usual hour Brother Goss being appointed moderator the Church proceed to business, after an invitation to any who felt disposed to attatch themselves to this church. Elizabeth Robinson & Martha M^CCrauy came foward and was Rec[eived] to Baptism on Confession of their faith

Brother Shiver Reported that he had Cited Brother S. Smith to attend, & he being present made a Satisfactory excuse, the Censure which he had been Laid under was Raised & he was Rec.^d in full fellowship after which a letter of dismissal was unanimously granted him--Various charges was Brought froward against Brother Polk Such as intoxication [+Co?] & he was excommunicated -- A Letter of dismissal was Requested By Sister S. Blanding of Columbia which was granted -- the Clerk was then directed to address a letter to Bro Blanding Relieving him of the Responsibilty of the Board of the Preachers & price of the horse--Brother Hughson & Gerald were appointed to Select a proper person to act as Sexton of this Church Bro Goss prayed & the Church adjourned in peace & Harmony.

W E Hughson

Clerk

Brother & Sister Gause was unanimously Rec^d by letter into this Church

Camden January [4?]th 1833

A Special Meeting was called for the Reception of any who wished to become members of this church, M^r Tho^s W. Pegues came foward and after giving Evidence of a change of heart was Rec^d for baptism

W E H

Clerk

Camden Feb^y 2nd 1833

This being the Regular Meeting the following business was transacted, Brother De Votie was appointed Moderator, A Resolution was then Brought foward to the following effect, that evey [male struck out and white written in] member of this church Should Contribute 12 1/2 cents monthly & every [female? struck out and Blk written in] member 6 1/2 Cents montly Collection to be taken the first Sabbath in every month which was unanimously adopted--Br Shiver & Hughson were then appointed to wait on Sister Hamilton & ascertain if Certain Reports which are in Circulation are true & if So to Come foward and Show Cause why she may not be expelled--Brother James H. Devotie was unanimously Rec^d into this church by letter from the church in Savannah

Brother Shiver Moved that Brother De Votie be called to ordination which was readily acceded to--It was then Ordered by the Church that a letter be Written to Professors Hartwell & Furman Requesting them to Come up as Soon as practicable and ordain Bro De Votie

The business [of the meeting struck out] being accomplished the meeting was closed by prayer

W^m E. Hughson / Clerk

Camden Feb^y 10th 1833

A Special was called for the Reception of any who wish^d to attach themselves to this Church, A Negroe Girl Bridget belonging to M^r. H R. Cook Came four^d and was Rec^d

W E. H Clerk

Camden March 2nd 1833

The Church Convened at the Usual hour, Brother James H De Votie having been appointed moderator, & the proceedings of the last meeting Read the following business was transacted--Brother & Sister Vicker applied for membership & after presenting a letter of dismission from the Bethel Church in which they were Recommended to our Christian Regards, were unanimously Received--The committee appointed to[wait?] on Miss Hamilton were called on to make thier Report they Stated that the Reports which were in Circulation as Near as they Could ascertain were true after which She was laid under the Censure of the Church untill the next meeting, in the mean time Brother & Sister Roberts & Brother & Sister Paine were appointed a Committee to wait on her if an opportunity Should offer; It was then decided that Brothern Cook & Bowen Should be invited to assist in the ordination of Bro J H De Votie--The am^t which the Church was to pay for the keeping of Bro De Votie's Horse Should be applied to the Church Debt--A Motion was then made that no business Should be transacted except at the Regular Church meeting which was decided in the affirmative--

There being no other business before the church a door was opened for the Reception of any who felt disposed to attach themselves to it, M^r Workman's woman Pink & also M^r. W^m. Andersons woman Mary came fow^d & was Rec^d.--The meeting was then closed by Prayer

W^m. E. Hughson

Camden April [6?] th 1833

The Church Convened at the usual hour, & Prayer being offered by Brother James H. DeVotie after which he was appointed Moderator; Brother & Sister Roberts were then appointed to Wait on Miss Hamilton and Report as Soon as practicable Brother W.^m Shiver Resigned his office, & Brother John Smith was appointed in his Stead, their being no other business the meeting was closed by Prayer

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

At a Special Meeting Called for the purpose of giving any who felt [an opportunity struck out] a desire of Joining this Church an opportunity to do So the following persons were Rec.^d Jim belonging to the estate of Alexander, Dina, belonging to W. J. Workman Tena belonging to M.^r H. R. Cook, Mary belonging to M.^r Jas^s Dunlap, & Hanna belonging to Doc.^r Brevard

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden May 4 th 1833

The Church Convened at the usual hour & the prayer being offered by Bro Devotie after which he was appointed moderator; Bro & Sis Roberts Reported Relative to Miss Hamilton in which they stated that they believed [her struck out] to be guilty of the Reports which were in Circulation. A Motion was made to excommunicate her which was carr[ied] by a unanimous Vote, of which the clerk was directed to inform her by letter, Sister Martha McCrauy having moved away desired a letter of dismissal which was granted. There being no other business except that it was Resolved that the ordinance of Baptism

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be administered once a month after which the meeting was closed
by prayer

W.^m E. Hughson

Camden July 1st 1833

The Church Convened at the Usual hour & prayer being Made By
Brother DeVotie was appointed Moderator; after which a door was
opened for the Reception of any who felt a desire to attach themselves
to this Church The following persons Came foward and was Received
M^r James Shivers Miss Martha Hamilton & Jesse belonging to M^r H. R.
Cook--Bro Abram Childers Case was brought foward and after mature
deliberation and finding that his conduct had not been that of a
Christian he was unanimously excommunicated, the Clerk was ordered to
[inform him of the Same struck out] address a letter to M^r Childers
informing him of the Same--it was then unanimously Resolved than an
effort Be Made to build a new church Brethern DeVotie Murrel &
Hughson were appointed agents to procure the means of So doing.
Brethern Martin Hughson were appointed a Committee to Select a
lot Suitable for it, No other business appearing the meeting
adjourned by prayer

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

N. D. M^r Murrel having attached himself to the Methodist
Episcopal Church the Committee thought it expedient to dismiss
him from that office

Camden July[6?]th 1833

The Church met at the usual hour & prayer being made by brother Gause
Bro DeVotie was appointed Moderator, it was moved and Seconded that
Brethern Cook Nelson & Jackson members of a Sister Church Should be

invited to take a Seat with us which was Carried; The Committee appointed to Select a lot for the purpose of building a new Church on, Requested more time for the purpose which was granted--Bro Vickers having Committed an offence Came before the Church acknowledged his fault & was Rec^d into full fellowship--the clerk was directed to address a letter to Brother W.^m Moffat Requesting him to Recall the Letter of dismissal given to M^{rs}. Webb & foward immediately on-- Brethern Joe & Monday were appointed to Cite [Jumper? Jennifer?] to attend the Next Church Meeting--No other business appearing the church adjourned

W^m E Hughson Clk

Camden July 30th 1833

At a Special Meeting Called for the purpose of appointing a Committee to attend to the building of a New Church the following Gentlemen were appointed James Martin Aaon Burr Samuel Shiver Sen^r & W.^m E Hughson--On Motion it was Resolved

That the Building be Commenced When the Sum of \$2500 Should be Subscribed & that the Said Subscription Shall be payable one half on the first of March next & the Remainder when the building Shall be erected

W^m E. Hughson
Clk

Camden August 4th 1833

The Church met at the usual hour & the proceeding of the preceeding meeting Read the church after prayer Commenced to business, it was moved that all business in future Should be advanced by the Clerk & after Some discussion was Carried it was therefore ordered that it Should be the duty of every member of this body to make known to the

Clerk all business which Should Come to thier Knowledge--The Committee appointed to Select a lot for the New Church Reported that they had Selected & purchased the Second lot above Decalb Street on the West Side of Broad Street for the Sum of \$150-- Bro [Junifer?] being Cited to attend this meeting to answer Some charges brought against him, appeared & after a full investigation into the matter he was Suspended for the term of one month

Bro Martin Requested permission to withdraw from the Committee which was [accept struck out] gratted--it was determined that all members being absent from the church three months Should be cited to attend & that those who have been absent for that time Should Requested to Show Cause why Such has been the Case--M^r. Burr was Called on for his Report; he Reported that he had Called on the Citizens of Camden & that he had procured by Subscription \$[blank], after which the Church gave him a unanimous Vote of thanks for his persevering efforts in behalf of this body--Bre Joe & Monday were appointed a Committee to Cite Dina belonging to W. J. Workman to attend the next Meeting, No other business appearing the Church adjourned

W^m. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Sept 5th 1833

The Church Convened at the usual hour and prayer being made by Brother Gause and Bro Hughson being appointed moderator the church proceeded to business

Brethren Shiver, DeVotie, Wheeler and Gause appointed delegates to the association; Dina belonging to M^r Workman having been Cited before the church to answer to Sundry transgressions and not giving a Satisfactory account of herself was laid under the Sencure of the church for one month--Sisters Boykin & Hamilton were Rec^d into this church by letter--Sister B & M Jones applied for letters of dismissal which was granted; Bro Hughson appointed to write the association letter --Brethren Shiver & Martin appointed a Committee to wait on Cherry belonging to M^r A Young and Report at the next meeting--Bro W.^m Shiver applied and Rec^d a letter of Recommendation to our Sister Church in Columbia, No other business appearing the church adjourned

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Sep^r 21St 1833

The Church met at the usual hour & prayer by Bro. Roberts and he being appointed moderator the object for which this extra meeting was called [for struck out] was brought forward Viz= It having been reported to the Deacons that Bro Gause was found intoxicated, they called on the Witnesses three in number who Related the Same before the church and after considerable debate & [Per?] Bro Gause Partially acknowledging the Same & promising never to taste another drop except as Medicine it was deemed expedient to Censure him for two weeks in order to give him an opportunity to make a more explicit acknowledgement--after which the meeting adjourned

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Oc.^r 6th 1833

This being the Regular time for business the meeting was opened by Bro Hughson in prayer and Bro Roberts appointed mod. the following business was transacted= M.^r Workmans Dina's Case was Called again, and other agravated Crimes appearing against her She was excommunicated, Brethern Shiver & Martin. was called on the Report Relative to M.^{rs} Young's Cherry but not being Ready another month was granted them= Bro Gause Case was again brought foward and after a debate of three hours, during which time we fear there was Some ill feeling exhibited, but at the close we humbly trust it was Settled in peace and harmony after his promising to make an apology to the members of this Church on Thursday night next for any Remark which he Should have made injurious to their feelings--Bro [Jumpers?] Case Continued No other business appearing the Church adjourned at 3/4 past 11 OClock

W.^m E Hughson

Camden Oc.^r 20. 1833

In order to Make arrangements for the association this Extra meeting was Called, at which time there was a Collection taken up for the Same which Resulted as follows

Am. ^t Sent for fore:gn mission	\$2.50
" " " Home "	1.75
" " " Education fund	.25
" " " Minutes	.50
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Whole amount	\$5
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after which the letter written By the Clerk to the association was accepted--Bro Daniel M^cEachern applied and Rec^d a letter of dismission

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

W^m E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Nov^r 2nd 1833

This being the Regular time for business the Meeting was opened by prayer, the first business in order was the case of Bro [Junifer] which after examination the Censure which was laid on him in August last was R^aised, and he was Rec^d into full fellowship again, Bro Shiver & Martin was Called on to Report Relative to M^r Youngs Cherry but both being absent it was necessarily posponed untill next meeting, No other business appearing the meeting adjourned in peace & Harmony

W^m E Hughson

Clerk

Camden Dec^r 7th 1833

The Church met at the usual hour and the Meeting being opened with prayer by Bro Roberts, & Bro Childers being appointed moderator the following business was transacted--

The Case of M^r Youngs Cherry was taken up and after Some discussion it was decided that She was living in disorder, and Brethren Roberts, Monday & Joe were appointed to inform her that She was living Contrary to the Laws laid down for Our Government by Our Lord & Saviour;

Sister Elizabeth Warren having left this Church and attached herself to the Methodist Church it was moved Seconded, & Unanimously Carried that She be excommunicated, the clerk was then Ordered to address a letter to the Said Church informing them of the Same

Andrew appointed Sexton for the Sum of \$12 annually

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Bro Childers applied for a letter of dismissal for his mother, which was granted; Bro Roberts appointed to Supply the Church with Oil & Candles, No Other business appearing the Meeting adjourned in peace & Harmony

W^m. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Dec.^r 28th 1833

In order to make arrangements for preacing during the ensuing year this extra meeting was Called, previous the business a door was opened for the Reception of any who felt disposed to attach themselves to this church after which Miss Nancy Howel Came foward; & after giving a Satisfactory evidence of a Change of heart She Received as a Candidate to Baptism

No other Came foward & Bro DeVotie Retired, & Bro Wheeler was appointed moderator, it was then Moved, Seconded and unanimously Carred that Bro DeVotie be Called to Supply us during the year 1834.-- No other business the Church adjourned with prayer By Bro Gause

W^m. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Jan^y 4..1834

Church met at the usual hour prayer By Bro Brasington Bro Pegues appointed modrator, a Col.^d Woman was charged with the Crime of Marying a Second time while her first husband was living Bro De Votie quoted Scripture Showing the extent of the Sin and having Cited to attend and having left the meetings of the ChurchShe was excommunicated

Bro Monday appointed to inform her of the Same

Bro De Votie accepted the Call of the Church upon Conditions

that he Should be permitted to leave at any time provided he has given 1 months notice prayer by Bro Vickers, meeting adjourned

W. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Feb^y 1st 1834

The meeting opened with prayer by Bro Roberts, Bro De Votie appointed moderator, after which a door was opened for the Reception of members, Est^{te} D M^CRa's Woman Sally Came fow^d and was Rec^d--M^r. Witherspoon's Woman Mary handed in a Certificate Stating She was a member in full fellowship in N^O. C^a. She was Rec^d to the priviledges of this Church--Brethren Martin, Roberts Pegues & Shiver appointed to Convece with Andrew--Bro D M^CEachern Called for & Rec^d a letter of dismission from this Church after which the Meeting adjourned

W. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden March 1. 1834

Church met as usual, Bro Gause prayer & was appointed moderator Letters of Dismission were granted to Bro Gause & Wife Brethren Smith & Sister Collins, Brethren Shiver Joe & Monday appointed to Cite the Black members to attend at the Next Church Meeting, No other business appearing the Church adjourned

W. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden April 5th 1834

The Church Convened at the usual hour & prayer being offered by Bro De Votie and he being appointed moderator the Church Commenced the

Regular business by appointing Brethren DeVotie & Roberts a Committee to Converse with Brethren Vickers & Gerald, they being Considered Out of their duty--Sisters Brasington & Burr appointed to wait on M^{rs}. [McKain? McNair?] No other business the meeting adjourned

W. E. Hughson

Clk

Camden April 22nd & 23rd=1834

At a Meeting of Our Col.^d Brethern and friends, thier was a door opened for experience Brethren De Votie, Shiver & Brasington being present, the following persons Came foward was Rec.^d & Baptised; Ben belonging to Miss Mary Kershaw, Anthony belonging to C. J. Shannon, Kit beloning to Doc.^r A Brevard, Sarah belonging to Doc.^r J. M^cCau, Binah belonging to James Martin, after which the Meeting adjourned

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden April 29th. 1834

At a Similar Meeting to the above, the Same Brethren being present a Door was opened for any who felt disposed to attach themselves to this Church When Titus belonging to Col. M^cWillie, & Flora, Belong to M^r F. Allen was Rec.^d Sally belonging to Tho.^s Lang came foward but Some objection being Made She was put off untill the Next Meeting

W.^m E. Hughson

Camden May 3rd 1834

This being the Regular time for business the Meeting Was opened by prayer & Bro De Votie being poointed moderator, the following business was transacted, Viz, a door being opened for the Reception of[illegible]

who felt disposed to attach themselves to this Church. Sally belonging to Tho.^S Lang Came foward and was Rec.^d--Some Reports disreputable to the character of Bro James Vickers as a follower of Christ having been in circulation it became Necessary that the Church Should Know from him if Said Reports Were Correct he was allowed to Select a Committee for that purpose when he Chose Brethren Shiver, Pegues, Hughson & Roberts;

Sister Sarah Love Was Received into this Church by letter--M.^{rs} Sarah M^CKain having left this Church, & Joined the Presbyterians were according to Our deception Excommunicated, Sister Robinson & Bro A Calhoun applied for letters of dismissal were unanimously granted them. No Other business appearing the meeding adjourned

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden May 31st 1834

The Meeting meet at the usual hour & being opened by prayer By Bro Shiver & Bro De Votie being appointed moderator, the Case of Bro Vikcers Was brought up and after hearing the Report of the Committee which was appointed to investigate the Matter & finding by Said Report that he Was in the Continual practice of indulgence to freely in the use of ardent Spirits, it was mov & Carried that he excommunicated which was Carried--at a previous Meeting a door Was opened for the Reception of Members when the following Came fow^d M.^{rs} Elizabeth Villipigue, Sally belonging to Tho.^S Lang, Rose & Lucy belonging to Tho.^S Lang & Betsy a free Woman Were Received, No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

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Camden June 1834

The Church Met at the usual time and after pray the meeting was Cal.^d to Order but there being no business appearing a motion was made to adjourn

W. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden July 5. 1834

This being the Rgular time for our Meetings it was open^d by Bro DeVotie in prayer & he was appointed moderator Bro James M^cEachern applied for & Recived a letter of dismission--

An invitation Rec.^d from the Flat Rock Church to Keep the 4th of August as a day of fast was Read and on ballot was accepted--
No other business this meeting adjourned

W. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Aug.^t 2. 1834

The Church met and after prayer by Bro Mason he was appointed moderator

A door was oppened for the Reception of any who felt disposed to attach themselves to this church, When 2 Col^d persons belonging to W.^m Adamson and Related their experience after which Same was Rec.^d as a Candidate to baptism

No other business the Meeting adjourned

W.^m E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Oc.^t 4. 1834

The meeting was opened this evening with Prayer by Bro Hughson

and a moderator appointed--a Collection was then taken up which was as follows

Am ^t Sent to purchase minutes	\$1.25
-----for domestic missions	.75
----- Foreign -----	3.50
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	\$5.50

The association Letter was then Read and the Report as follows

Baptised 20=Rec^d by letter 1=Dismissed 14+

Excommunicated 4=Died 6=the whole Numbers

of Members at this time-- Whites 43

Blacks 67

Total

 110

It was moved Seconded & Carried that Bro Hard be invited to lay the Corner Stone of Our New Church--Brother applied for and Rec^d a letter of Dismission--Will & Monday belonging to Jo^s. Goodman also Rec^d letters of Dismission, No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

W. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden Dec.^r 6. 1834

Church met and after prayer Bro Shiver was appointed moderator & the following letters of Dismission were granted Brethren J. H. DeVotie, W.^m Moffatt & Tom & Paul belonging to Col. Elmore Sisters Hamilton & Anna belonging to John C. Vaughan Esq.^r after which the meeting adjourned

W. E. Hughson

Clerk

Camden April 4, 1835

Church Met at the usual hour and after Prayer W.^m E Hughson was

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appointed Moderator a Door was opened for the Reception of Members
when Binah belonging to Est^{te} D. M^cRa Came forw^d and was Rec.^d--
The following Persons Rec.^d letters of dismission, Sister Jones Bro
& Sister Martin, Ben beloning to Mary Kershaw & Binah to James
Martin--Martha Hamilton having been guilty of unchristian like
conduct was excommunicated--M^r. M^cKain Sent in a Bill of 75^{Cts}
against the Church which was order^d to be paid--Meeting adjourned

W. E H Clerk

Camden May 1835

Church met and after Prayer was Call^d to again but no business
appearing the meeting adjourned W. E. H Clerk

Camden June 6, 1835

No Business

W. E. H Clerk

Camden July 4, 1835

Church Met prayer by W. E. Hughson Bro Pegues appointed moderator after
which the following Resolution was br^t fow^d--"Resolved, that the
Building Committee be impowrd to dispose of the old Church as they
may deem proper No other business the meeting adjourned

W E Hughson

Clerk

Camden, Aug. 1, 1835

No Business.

Camden Sept 5, 1835

The Church met but there appearing No Business adjourned

Camden Octr 18, 1835

This day the Rev. N. Graham paid us a visit, and Baptised Binah belonging to the Estate of MRa.

Camden Octr 31, 1835

The Old Church having been dispised of and delivered to the purchasers met at the House of Brother Roberts. On motion, delegates were appointed to the Association, and a collection ordered to be made. Brethren Roberts & Brasington were requested and consented to serve as delegates.--The sum collected & forwarded by the Clerk to the association ammounted to three dollars & fifty cents (\$3.50)-- A Letter of dismission was requested for Sister Martha Warren and granted--No other business appearing the meeting adjourned--

Camden November 26, 1835

Met this evening at Brother Roberts after prayer, brother J. L. Brasington was appointed Moderator

A letter of dismission which had previously given to Mrs. Villepigue was returned to the Church, which was ordered to lie on the table

Mrs. Penelope Polk was tried, and condemned, for violation of the Laws of God, and the rules of the Church, and on motion, was excommunicated and the Clerk ordered to give her notice of the Same, which order has been complied with

TWPegues requested a letter of dismission for himself and wife, which was ordered to be given

The Clerk then resigned, and the appointment of his successor deferred until a future meeting.--

The meeting then adjourned.

Th. W Pegues

Clerk

Camden May 30th 1836

The Church Met and was open.^d with Prayer by Bro. Hughson & he was appointed moderator, The Committee appointed to Cite Joe & Briget to attend a Church meeting to answer to a charge made against them for violating one of the laws of God at a former meeting Reported that they had done So but neither of them being in attendance the Same Committee were Orderd to Cite them a Second time--Brethren Shiver Brasington & Hughson appointed to Call on Sister [Brown?] and endeavour to bring about a Reconsiliation between her & Bro Roberts & family--Bo W.^m J Gerald was elected Clerk to fill the Vacancy occasioned by Bro Pegues Resignation

[Ad.^r ?] W E Hughson [illegible]

Camden July 4, 1836

The Church met at the usual hour, Bro Graham was call.^d on to open the meeting and act as moderator, The Committee Reported a Second time that they had Cited Joe & Briget to attend this evening but in Consequence of Brigets health She Could not do So. Joe's Case was brought up and after Consdierable discussion it was moved, Seconded & Carried unanimously that he be expelled--Bro Hughson & Roberts appointed to Cite Briget to attend at the next meeting if her health would permit--The Committee appointed to have a Conference with Sister [Brown?] & Bro Roberts & family Reported that the had brought about a Reconciliation

The Meeting then adjourned

W. E. Hughson

Clerk Pro Tem

Camden 6th July 1836

The church met at the usual hour Bro Hughson opened the meeting and

Bro Brasington was appointed moderator Briget's case still remains unsettled in consiquence of her non attendance.

Bro Childers, By bro Hughson, requested a letter of dismission to Join a church where he now resides at the wake forest institution, granted here being no further business before the church adjourned

W. J. Gerald

Clerk

Camden 29th Oct 1836

The church met at the usual hour Brother Brasington was appointed moderator and the church proceeded to business on motion of Bro Jas Roberts W. W. Hughson and Ja.^s L Brasington be appointed delegates to the association, Carried, a collection was taken up and resulted as follows

For Foreign Mission	3.00
Home. Do	2.--
Minutes	1.50
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	6.50

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

W. J. Gerald

Clerk

Camden 3rd December 1836

The church met at the usual hour Brother hughson was appointed moderator and opened the meeting with singing and prayer, on motion of Bro" Shiver Bridgets Case was again Brot forward & Brethren Brasington & Gerald was appointed to cite Bridget to attend at the

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Next Church Meeting,

Seeing the Coldness which prevails in our church on Motion of Bro Shiver it was unanimously adopted that an Sabbath 11th Dec next be set apart as a day of fasting and humiliation of prayer to almighty god to revive us work in this place & also if it seemith right to bestow upon us a pastor after his own Choice,

Bro. James Roberts not being present on motion of Brother Shiver it was thought he should be spoken to in relation to his neglect of duty, the moderator appointed Bro Shiver for that purpose, no other business appearing

the church adjourned

W. J. Gerald

Clerk

Camden 4th March 1837

The Church met at the usual hour Prayer by Brother Hughson--
Brother Brasington moderator Brother Brasington & Roberts reported on Bridgets Case & in Consequence of her Pentience the Case was Posponed on Month Brother Shiver Shiver & Hughson appointed to talk with her. Bro Hughson reported Brother Gerald as Present & he gave a Satisfactory excuse Moved & Seconded that the Church Defray Brother [Ginsleys?] expences During his Stay with us Mary Belonging to the^e State of M.^cRa applied to be restore again to membership Postponed to the next meeting no other Business appearing the Church Adjourned

James L Brasington

Clerk

Camden May 6th 1837

The Church met at the usual Hour of worship after Prayer By Brother

Hughson Brother A D Jones appointed moderator the Committee. Appointed on Bridgets Case reported Satisfaction in a measure Monday came forward and Stated that her walk was far from Being a Christian walk which after a Considerable Debate it was moved and Seconded that She Be Suspended for an month and Monday Be appointed to Converse with her as often as Possible and report at our next Meeting no other Business appearing The Church Adjourned

James L Brasington

Clerk

Camden August 5th 1837

The Church met at the usual Hour of Worship Brother Hughson opened By Prayer when on motion he was Chosen moderator Bridgets Case could not Be acted upon on account of the absence of Monday Moved and Seconded that Br Gerald Be Suspended for one Month for non attendance To our Church Meetings Br Shiver Roberts & Hughson appointed a Committee To Talk with Him on the Subject and advise Better attendance in future on motion of one of the Brethern Brothers Hughson & Robinson be appointed to Cite every member attached to this Church to attend our next regular meeting there appearing no other Business the Church adjourned

James L Brasington

Clerk

Camden September 2nd 1837

Church met at the usual hour Prayer by Br Hughson when he was appointed moderator Bridgets case coming on and the committee not Being Present the Case was Posponed when a new Committee to talk with her and report to the Church Brethren Robinson & Gerald Appointed to Cite M[a?o?n?]day to attend and give answer for neglect of Duty and a Committee to to talk with Bridget Brother,, C[?], Mr,, Breaker,, Rec^d a unanimous Call from the Church and on tuesday 5th accepted there Being no other Business the Church adjourned Brother Hughson moderator

James L Brasington

Clerk

Camden Sept 29th 1837--

The Church mett at the usual hour of worship Prayer By Brother Hughson when Brother Brasington was appointed moderator Bridgets Case was overlooked from nonattendance of the Committee named and Seconded that a Committee Be appointed to Cite Sister Villepige to attend and give excuse for nonattendance to Church meeting Shiver Roberts & Hughson the committee Shiver Robinson & Brasington Delegates to association Br Hughson Delegate General Committee it was moved that the association Be Invited to Hold its next meeting with us when a Collection was taken up and resulted as follows

Foreign	\$2.00
Home	2.00
Minutes	1.00
General Committee	5.50
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	\$10.50

No other Business appearing the Church adjourned

James L Brasington

Clerk

Camden December 1837

The Church Convened at the usual hour of worship Brother Breaker opened By Prayer when Brother Hughson was appointed moderator Bridgets Case Being up again and She not Being Present to answer to charges alleged against he She was unanimously excluded--The Committee to Cite Sister Villipigue to appear reported her Present when Being Called on She gave the Church Satisfaction for her neglect to its Priviledges Brother Breaker handed in his letter for Membership when he was Cordially received Br E.G. Robinson handed in a Letter for membership also unanimously rec^d. The Building Committee reported That they Stood Liable for the Sum of \$892.61. and To Meet this have \$106.52- as Available on the Subscription List which Leaves a Balance of 785.99 Deficient the Comm Suggested the Propriety of making a Collection for the Purpose of Paying the Interest on the Bank note after Some Considerable reasoning By the Brethren it was Dismissed for further Consideration Br Hughson Presented Bills aganist the Church for Board of Preachers when on Motion it was agreed the Male Members Bear an equal Part in the Payment of these Bills on motion of one of the Brethren it was agreed that we Meet on Tomorrow morning at Sunrise To unite in asking the Blessing of a Supreme God to rest on us and revive his work among us the Being no further Business the motion the Church adjourned

James L Brasington

Clerk

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The Report of The Building Committee as read Before the Church
on Saturday Before 1st Sunday in December--

The undersigned having in the year of 1835 Been requested to
act as a Committee for the Erection of a new Baptist Church in
the town of Camden Submit this as their Second report to the
Society

The whole amount rec^d for Subscription Sales of lumber & e remaining
on hand after its erection and two houses and the lot

	\$3042.34
Borowed from bank one 31 Jany 1838	\$ 729.00
Advanced by W. E. Hughson	\$ 142.16
Do. By A. Burr	\$ 21.45
	<u>\$3935.00</u>

Paid out as for Recipts [illegible]
interest at Bank to Interest to
first Decer. 1837.--

The Committee therefore Stand liable for \$892.61 & to mee this they
have \$106.62 as available on the subscription list leving a ballanse
of \$785.99- Deficient-

Respectfully submitted

A. Burr

W. E. Hughson

Committee

S. Shiver Senr

Jany 6th 1838

Church met at the usual hour of woship Prayer By Br R. Hughson
E. G. Robinson moderater their being no business card over from our
last meeting Brother Roberts was calld on to make satisfaction to the

church as regards Certain injurious reports to the cause of
Christian Religion he satisfied the church on the subject
Broth. Gerald was caled on to answer certain charges of missdemen[or]
he reported satisfaction to the church--Broth. Brasington was caled
up on the charge of intoxication he gave ample satisfaction to the
church and was reccived in full connection in the church no other
business the Church adjorned--

Jas. L. Brasington
Clerk

Camden March 3 1838

The Church Convened at the usual hour of worship when the meeting
was opened with Prayer By B.^r Breaker after which he was unanimously
Called to the Chair as a Permanent moderator there Being no Business
Laid over from our Last Meeting the Building Committee reported as
follows

Since our Last repoint the Committee for Building have

received on the Subscription List	----	25.00
Paid on Note at Bank	---	78.90
----- for South fence	--	17.34
		<hr/> 96.24

Leaving as advanced By A Burr
Seventy one Dollars 24 cents
Camden March 3, 1838
for The Committee
A Burr

Moved and Seconded than an extra Meeting Be Called for the Purpose
of taking measures for the Settling of the Instalment Due By the Church
to the Bank the Church then granted Br C. J. Shiver a letter of
Dismission accepted into membership By Letter from the flat rock

Church Limas and Pussy also for Baptism too Coloured friends
Belonging to the estate of Alfred Brevard By relating the Saving
Power of God to their Souls nothing mor Church adjourned

James L Brasington Clerk

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Camden Baptist Church

In account with T.,W.,Pegues

1850

To amount paid for Candles

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On hand	3.25	In hands of Bro. Blanding	
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		To Sister [?]	1.00
May rec ^d	1.50	For Table	62 1/2

Balance in hands of Clerk 1 st July 1832	\$1.25
July 1 Collected	1.25
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