

BEARDS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Rules of Decorum

We the Baptist Church of Christ
at Beards Creek have adopted the following rules.

1. To assemble ourselves together the Saturday before the first Lords day in every month to confer on the business of the Lords House.
2. Conference to be opened by prayer and closed by singing or prayer.
3. Any person desiring to speak to rise from their seat and address the moderator and to be duly heard and not interrupted only by the moderator except he depart from the subject and no contempt to be cast on his weakness.
4. We are not to receive any report against any member from the world nor to bring any accusation into Church without using the rules laid down in the 18 Chapt. Matthews Gospel, 15,16, 17 verses.
5. No member to be talking or whispering in time while anyone is up and making their speech.
6. No member to leave their seat in times of conference without leave from the moderator.
7. The clerk to keep a strict account of all the business transacted in conference and record the same in the Church book.
8. The Church has it in her power to amend to alter to add or diminish at any time on her own noted conference days so she acts according to the word of God.

1804

Beards Creek Church being orderly constituted by the Revs, John Goldwire, John Stanfield, Isham Peacock and David Hennessy, orderly Baptist ministers on the 29th of December, 1804 which was carried into effect by a sermon, ably defended by the Revd John Goldwire on the 13th second Cor. and part of the 5th. Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith.

Then was Jacob Dees and Moses Westberry ordained as Deacons after which the Lords Supper was administered and Bro. Hennessy called as the pastor of said church. The answer was, when obtained, as long as they could agree.

Mar 15, 1805

Conference opened in order, Brother Nathan Smart chosen moderator and also as clerk and found nothing to do.

May 18, 1805

Conference opened by preaching. Brother Jacob Dees chosen as moderator, Isham Peacock as clerk and in order, immediately dismissed. Resolved that a letter be wrote to Bro. and Sister Abbett respecting their NR in religion and Moses Westberry chosen to prepare a letter for the same.

June 15, 1805

Conference in order and nothing to do.

Aug 1805

Conference opened by preaching, nothing to do.

December 1805

Conference opened in order. Resolved that Brother Moses Westberry keep the church book. Resolved that Brother Westberry give Giles Ellis a friendly talk for disorder in him.

January 18, 1806

Conference opened in order. Brother Jacob Dees laid under dealing for certain accusations by him charged to Brother Hennesy until satisfaction is given. Brother Smart moved that Brother Hennesy be given satisfaction in point of the females voting in church government in all cases except that of delegates. [Was decided March 15 as above.]

February 1806

Conference opened in order. Brother Jacob Dees delt with for certain accusations against the ministers being admonished and ordered to further trial on March 15th and when brought to trial refuses to make acknowledgment and deemed by the church to be excommunicated and Brother Isham Peacock to effect the same by preaching a discourse. Also recd report against Bro. Giles Ellis who appeared and gave full satisfaction to the church.

April 19, 1806

Conference opened in order. Motion made for the appointment of Deacons in the rooms of Jacob Dees refered until next meeting. Brother Nathan Smart duly appointed as Deacon in the place of the above Dees, also that there be a church fund in this church and Brother Moses Westberry appointed cashier.

July 19, 1806

Conference opened in order. Brother Nathan Smart duly elected Deacon and appointed next communion on the third Sabbath in November next.

October 17, 1806

Sister Sarah Smith agrieved with Brother Tulles, laid over for further investigation.

November 15, 1806

The dispute of Sister Sarah Smith provided that Brother Tulles take the mare back and pay to Sister Smith the sum of 33\$ by the 15th May next.

January 1807

Brother Jeremiah Slade appointed as clerk in the roome of Brother Moses Westberry and on the same day conference opened in order and the crime against Brother Tulles for violating authority was refered for him to call counsel to try the same.

February 14th, 1807

Conference opened in order. Resolved that the Saturday before Communion meeting be the time for the contribution of a church fund.

March 14, 1807

Conference opened in order. The case of Brother Tulles and Sister Smith dismissed by reason of Brother Tulles forcing of Sister Smith to go to the civil law to seek right of property and Brother Tulles remains under the dealing of the church for disorder until the suit between the parties at variance shall be determined.

April 1807

Conference opened in order. Sister Tulles laid in her grievance against Sister Smith.

June 20, 1807

Conference opened in order. Sister Smith confessed she was sorry for what she said the last conference and was pardoned. Ordered by the church that Brother Tulles be excommunicated on Saturday before the third Sunday in July next and that Brother Garnett preach the

excommunication sermon and if he fails, Brother Hennesy. Resolved Brother Jerimiah Slade acquaint Brother Garnett with the nature of Brother Tulles crime. Also resolved that Jerimiah Slade purchase a book to enter church rules in.

July 18, 1807

Conference opened in order. Resolved that Brother Moses Westberry and Elija Hobbs and Jerimiah Slade seek into the affair brought before the church between Sister Tulles and Sister Ellis and compare the two copies of their oaths together and see where they contradict and reconcile them if possible and report to next conference of the same.

Resolved that Brothers John Dyess and Nathan Smart go as delegates to the association. Resolved that a petition be inserted in the letter to the association for the dismissal of Beards Creek Church to join the Savannah association. Sister Tulles agrieved with Sister Smith about a report against Sister Tulles called Sister in to trade for the mare which was denied. Laid over for next conference.

August 15, 1807

Conference opened in order. Bro. Slade moved that we continue the same association which was seconded by M.C. Leigh and Moses Westberry. Laid over until next conference. Resolved that Brother slade purchase a quire of paper and also that said Slade be cashier. Resolved that Pheiby Tulles be excommunicated immediately, which was done on the 16th of August, performed for Brother Hennesy.

September 19, 1807

Conference opened in order. Resolved that we continue in the Hepzibah association. Moved that Brother Westberry and Brother Lane give satisfaction to the church for their joining the Masonic Lodge---They both confess they were sorry for what they had done and begged pardon of the church, which was granted.

October 7, 1807

Conference opened in order. All things in order, nothing to do.

November 14, 1807

Conference opened in order. All things in order.

December 19, 1807

Conference opened in order. Brother Smart moved that when anything has been once decided on in conference that it shall be deemed a crime for a member to be rehersing the matter over as though they were dissatisfied. Laid over.

A. D. 1808

January, no conference.

February 20, 1808

Conference opened in order. Brother Smarts move of December 19th, 1807 was taken under consideration and passed into a statue in this church.

March 19, 1808

Conference opened in order, nothing to do. Received Jane Carter into fellowship the same day.

April 16, 1808

Conference opened in order. Brother Whiddon moved that the conduct of our black brother, Miner, should be taken into consideration. It was seconded and Brother Whiddon was appointed to cite said Miner to our next meeting. Brother Smart moved that if a male member neglects to

attend conference meeting that he shall give satisfactory excuse for his absence or be liable for rebuke. It met approbation of the church and was passed into a statute in this church.

Jerimiah Slade, Clerk

A List of Names

John Leigh	Pheneby Dees
Bryant Lane	Sarah Smith
William Whiddon	Nancy Smart
Elijah Hobbs	Ann Leigh
Adam Smith	Chloe Knight
John Bowen	Obediance Vass
Nathan Smart	Florence Vince
Abram Roberts	Pheneby Tulles
Giles Ellis	Elizabeth Ellis
Thomas Ellis	Mary Baxter
Thomas Griffin	Lucy Griffin
Theophilos Baxter	Elizabeth Osteen
Tapley Tulles	Lucy Dyess
Minor, a Negro	Mary Abbott
John Dyess	Fanny Abbott
Jeremiah Slade	Peggy, a Negro
Charles Flowers	Obediance Stanley
James Clarke	Mary Davis
William Smith	Eliz. Westberry

Males-----Subscribed to Covenat-----Females

John Dees	Mary Dees
John Taylor	Eliz. Addison
Thomas Dyess	Luvicy Cameron
Nathan Hodges	Beneter Smith
Mark Addison	Mary Hodges
Edmond Langford	Cynthia Caniday
David Hennessey	
John Tillman	
John M. McLelland	
John DeLoach	
Aaron Daniel	
Aaron Baxley	
Jeremiah McDaniel	

May 14, 1808

Brother Miner appeared agreeable to citation and the charge of leaving of his wife or companion and taking of another woman was laid to him which he confessed was the case. Brother John Dyess moved that the trial should be put off until next conference which was agreed upon. Resolved in this conference that male members by turns find wine for the communion table or furnish the Deacons with money for that purpose.

June 18th 1808

Conference opened in order, a door of experience was open by Brother Charles Flowers was received into this church. Resolvcd that Miner a Negro man formerly belonged to this church be excommunicated. Brother Smart reported that Sister Baxter had declared unfellowship with Sister Griffin. Resolved that Brother Nathan Smart, John Dyess, J. Slade, Moses Westberry and Byrant Lane compose a committy to try to reconcile the parties if possible and make a report of their proceedings at the

next conference. June 19, received Beedy Stanley and Mary Davis by letter.

July, No Conference Held

August 20th 1808

Conference opened in order, the committy reported that they had used their exertions to bring forward a reconciliation between the parties at variance but found it impracticle so they restored Sister Griffin and suspended Sister Baxter and Brother Baxter as he did likewise unfellowship Sister Griffin. Tbe church thought fit to set both parties aside until next conference. Brethren Nathan Smart and Moses Westberry chose as messengers to the association. Brother Whiddon moved that the meeting house should be repaired. Laid over untill next conference.

September 17, 1808

Conference opened in order. Sister Griffin came forward and confessed before the church that she was truly sorry for what she had said against Sister Baxters family, but Sister Baxter and her husband would not forgive her agreeable to gospel directions, so sister Griffin was restored to fellowship, and others remain under suspension. Brother Whiddons move on August 20th for the repairing of the meeting house brought forward again, laid over until next conference.

October 19, 1808

Conference opened in order. Resolved that eight dollars be paid to John Brown and Francis Williams if they cover the meeting house agreeable to bargain.

November 19, 1808

Conference opened as usual. Nothing worthy of notice done.

December 17, 1808

Conference opened in order. The meeting house presented as done agreeable to contract, but it was not done. It was refered to arbitration and 6 dollars was allowed and paid to the undertakers Viz, John Brown and Francis Williams.
2nd- The matter further inquired into between sister Griffen and brother and sister Baxter, and they all three were set aside until a reconciliation be made by the parties.

January 14, 1809

No Conference.

February 18, 1809

Conference opened as usual. Nothing worthy of notice done.

March 17, 1809

Conference opened in order. Resolved that a yearly meeting be appointed to commence on the Friday before the third Sunday in November next at the Beards Creek meeting House.

April 15, No Conference.

May 20, 1809

Conference opened in order. Resolved that the trial betwixt Brother Baxter and wife and Sister Griffin be laid over until the Friday before the third Sunday in June next. Resolved that a letter be sent from this church to Brother Stanford and Brother Goldwire requesting their attendance in order to ordain Brother Westberry on Tuesday or Wednesday

after the third Sunday in July next. Resolved that a petition be sent from this church to the executor of the Estate of Mr. Lambert craving a small pension for the support of Brother Hennessey. Resolved that Brother Smart or Slade go with our petition and make a report of the answer.

June 15, 1809

Conference opened in order. Resolved that Sister Lucy Griffen be restored to fellowship and that Theophilus Baxter and Mary his wife be excommunicated.

July

No Conference. But on the 19th of this month, Brethren John Stanford and John Goldwire came according to the request of the church, and after hearing and examining Brother Moses Westberry, they together with Brother Hennessey proceeded to his Ordination on the 19th of this month.

August 19, 1809

Conference opened in order. Resolved that Brother Westberrys Credentials be recorded at the next conference. On the 20th of August Brother Jacob Dees was restored to fellowship into this church again. Resolved the Brethren Thomas Griffen and Jeremiah Slade go as messengers this year to the association. From the 20th of August to the 17th of February 1810, was little or nothing transacted in the church, and no records have been kept during this time.

February 17, 1810

Conference opened in order. Received a few lines from Brother William Whiddon which laid in an accusation against Brother Hobbs for swapping horses on the Lords day and for giting drunk. Brother Hobbs confessed his faults and the church forgave him.

2nd The church appointed Brother Ellis and Brother Smith to request Brother Dees to attend our next conference in order to examine into affairs that lay rather neglected.

March 17, 1810

Conference opened in order. Brother Dees came forward and was examined accordingly and was found to retain his old notions, the church on motion laid the matter over until next conference.

April 14, 1810

Conference opened in order. The case of Brother Dees taken under consideration and finally concluded his restoration to church fellowship on the 20th of August 1809 was not legally done on account of his refusing to give a more general satisfaction to the church at large, and the party first agrieved by his hard speeches and accusations, so the church passed a resolve that Jacob Dees should stand until a further reconciliation just as he did when first excommunicated. Resolved that the clerk prepare letters of dismissal from this church [as the mother church] to a number of members living in the vicinity of Jones Creek Meeting house, in order to become a constituted body there, should a constitution take place there. Also dismissed Obedience Stanley and Mary Davis by letter. Done in conference April 14, 1810.

J. Slade, clerk

May 19, 1810

Conference opened in order. A request was made by Mr. Baxter and wife for such a letter the church can freely assign, laid over until next conference.

June 16, 1810

Conference opened in order. Mr. Baxters request taken under consideration and laid over for next conference. A petition from Brother Hobbs for a letter of dismission, after a small debate was laid over to next conference.

July 14, 1810

Conference opened in order. Mr. Baxters request taken under consideration. Resolved that a short statement of the dealings of the church with Mr. Baxter and wife be drawn up by the clerk and presented to the church at our next conference, also that the clerk prepare a letter for Brother Hobbs and present to the church at our next conference, and likewise a letter of dismission for Brother Westberry, agreeable to his request.

August 18, 1810

Conference opened in order. The clerk presented the letters, was read and approved. Resolved that Brother Peacock be considered as a member of this church and delegated to the association, likewise Brother William Smith and in case of failure of either of these, Brother Ellis. On Sunday, was received and baptised, the following persons, to wit; Edmund Langford, Mary Dees and Beneter Smith.

September 15, 1810

Conference opened in order. Resolved that the clerk prepare letters of dismission for brother and sister Langford and Dees. Received for experience brother John Taylor, on next day baptised him.

October 20, 1810

Conference opened in order, nothing particular done.

November 16, 1810

Yearly Conference opened in order. a petition was laid in for dismission by a number of members of this church for to become a constituted body at the Sarepta Meeting house on the Ohoopie River. Resolved that Brethren Isham Peacock, John Dyess, J. Slade together with Brother Moses Westberry compose a presbytery and constitution, constitute them as a branch of this Church if they shall deem it requisite and report their proceedings at our next conference.

December 15, 1810

No conference this month.

February 15, 1811

Conference opened. Resolved that Brother Smart report what was done in Conference respecting Brother Hennessey withdrawing his labours from this church. Resolved that Brothers Smith and Slade cite Brother Adison and wife and brother Jasper Dees to our next conference for certain causes. Moved for Sister Vicy Webb to lay under suspension until satisfaction be obtained for marrying without the churchs approbation.

March 15, 1811

Conference opened in order. The matter taken up concerning Adison and wife and Jasper Dees and concluded for them to lie under suspension til they give satisfaction to the church. The matter taken up concerning Vicy Cameron for marrying a Negro unlawfully and unnaturally. She is excluded from any benefit of the church.

April 20, 1811

Conference opened in order. The case of brother Adison and wife and Jasper Dees was taken under consideration and after some debate Brother Peacock proposad a query to the church, viz; whether or not the said

Adison and wife was received into this Church legally or not and the Church answered it in the negative. Resolved that Mark Adison and wife or woman be set aside as fully as though they never were in this Church considering their reception into this church was illegal.

2. Resolved that James Dees be excommunicated for sundry causes.
3. Resolved that there be a presbetry chose to inquire whether the members at or near Salem meeting House be ripe for constitution, accordingly they appointed the Brethren Isham Peacock, David Hennessey and Brother Wesbery to meet at S. Salem meeting house in order to constitute a Church there if found expedient on Friday before the second Sunday in June next. Resolved that the clerk prepare a letter of dismissal for Brother Peacock to join the Church there if constituted.

May 17, 1811

Conference opened in order. A query laid before the Church by brother Smart. Whether a person being baptised upon a profession of faith and refuses to partake of the Lords Supper can be deemed an orderly member of the Church or not. Laid over.

June 15, 1811

Conference opened in order. The church thinks it proper to take some steps with to a member that does not commune. The question is what that step is to be. Laid over.

July 20, 1811

Conference opened in order. The question above taken up and laid over til our next conference.

August 1811

No conference.

September 14, 1811

Conference opened in order. The above question taken up. The church is of the opinion that if a member sets off from the communion twice running that the Deacons or Deacon shall inquire into the cause and make his report to the next conference.

2. Appointed Brother Thomas Ellis Deacon in the place of Brother Nathan Smart; dismissed.
3. Appointed brother John Dees clerk.

Oct 19, 1811

Conference opened in order. The query by Brother Ellis is if expedient for members of a church to arbitrate matters betwixt two neighbors that are not members of the church, answered in the affirmative.

November 15, 1811

Conference opened in order. Resolved that the church make up four dollars and offer Brother Westberry for the table cloth and towel or if he should choose the said cloths to give them up to him. Received by letter Brother Hennessey and his daughter, Elizabeth, into this church. Resolved that Brethren Thomas Ellis, B. Lane, Smith and Hodges be appointed as a committe to meet at Capt. McDaniels meeting house in order to receive members into this church on the first Saturday of December next. Received by letter a black, Sister Doll, on the 16th of ins. The committee appointed at Beards Creek meeting house mey at Capt. McDaniels meeting house December 7th. Thomas Ellis, William Smith, B. Lane, Nathan Hodges, David Hennessey and Isham Peacock who was appointed clerk. A door being opened by prayer preceeded business. Received by letter twelve as members of Beards creek Church. Further concluded this branch be known as Fellowship, then concluded by singing; Further the above committee authorized Brorher Hennessey with the above members to

said branch to receive members by baptism or by letter and to hold conference and communion agreeable to gospel rule and make a return of their minutes to the church quarterly.

A List of Names

Belonging to Beards Creek Church

Recorded 15 November 1811

(NOTE HERE; The information behind the name was written after this date.)

MALES

01. Jacob Dees -	Rec. by L, Excom, Rec again
02. Moses Westberry-	Baptised
03. Tn Leigh-	Baptised (John Lee ??)
04. Bryant Lane-	Baptised
05. Elijah Hobbs-	Baptised
06. William Whiddon-	Baptised
07. Adam Smith-	Deceased
08. John Boren-	Baptised, Dismd by Letter
09. Nathan Smart-	Rec by Letter
10. Abraham Roberts-	Baptised and Dismd
11. Giles Ellis-	Baptised and Dismd
12. Thomas Ellis-	Baptised
13. Thomas Griffen-	Baptised
14. Theop. Baxter-	Baptised and Excom
15. Tapley Tulles-	Rec. Letter, Excom
16. Minor, a Negro-	B. and Dismd. Rec again, now Excom
17. John Dyess-	Baptised
18. Jer. Slade-	Baptised
19. James Abbott-	B., out of order, expu. from church
20. Charles Flowers-	Baptised
21. John Clarke-	Baptised and Dismd
22. William Smith-	Baptised
23. Edmond Langford-	Baptised
24. John Dees-	Baptised
25. John Taylor-	Baptised
26. Thomas Dyess-	Baptised
27. Nathan Hodges-	Baptised
28. Isham Peacock-	By Letter
29. David Hennessey-	
30. John Tillman	
31. John McLeland	
32. John Deloach	
33. Aaron Daniel	
34. Aaron Baxley	
35. Jeremiah McDaniel	
36. Robert Larimore	

FEMALES

01. Mary Harnage-	[Dead]- Baptised
02. Victor Butler-	Dismd, Rec, Dismd again
03. Pheneby Dees-	Rec, Letter
04. Sarah Smith-	Rec, Letter
05. Nancy Smart-	Rec, Letter, Dismd
06. Ann Leigh-	Baptised
07. Chloe Knight-	Rec, Letter, Dismd
08. Florence Vince-	Baptised, became lunatic
09. Obedience Vass-	Baptised, Dismd by Letter
10. Pheneby Tulles-	Rec, Letter, Excpm
11. Elizabeth Ellis-	Baptised, Dismd

12. Mary Baxter-	Baptised, Excom
13. Lucy Griffen-	Baptised, Dismd
14. Elizabeth Osteen-	Baptised, Dismd
15. Mary Abbott-	Baptised, Dismd in Order
16. Fanny Abbott-	Baptised, Dismd in Order
17. Lucy Dyess-	Baptised
18. Peggy, a Negro-	Baptised
19. Jane Carter-	Baptised, Dismd
20. Obedience Stanley-	Rec, Letter-Dismd, Letter
21. Mary Davis-	Rec, Letter-Dismd, Letter
22. Elizabeth Westberry-	Baptised
23. Beneter Smith-	Baptised
24. Mary Dees-	Baptised
25. Elizabeth Adison-	Baptised
26. Luvicy Cameron-	Baptised
27. Sarah Peacock-	By Letter
28. Elizabeth Hennesy-	
29. Mary Durrence	
30. Sarah Tillman	
31. Jean Futch	
32. Elizabeth Deloach	
33. Sarah McDaniel	
34. Rebecca Hennesy	
35. Mary Daniel	
36. Rhody Williams	
37. Lyda Cowart	

A list of persons initiated into this church by baptism and dismissed by letter in order to become a constituted body at Jones Creek, should a constitution there take place.

Charles Flowers	Martha Flowers
James Clark	Abigal Clark
Levy Morgan	Sarah Morgan
John Hall	Mary Hall
Henry Lowery	Fanny Lowery
John Bohannan	Lydia Bohannan
	Mary Chapman

January 17, 1812

Conference opened in order. The proceedings of the committee that was appointed to meet at Capt McDaniels meeting house respecting settling a church there was laid before the church and was approved of and accepted.

May 16, 1812

Conference opened in order. Laid in before the church by the branch at Sarepta our last meeting for the church to give them an answer whether it would be right in their present situation for them to ask for a constitution or not.

Answer: The church has taken up what was laid before them and they wish to give every encouragement provided they can get a supply as to a pastor.

July 18, 1812

Conference opened in order. Received a letter from the arm at Sarepta requesting assistance from the church for a constitution there. In answer to the request the church would wish to give every assistance and encouragement that they can, provided they can do it in order, but there is a small embarressment in the mind of the church by your

stating the disadvantages you labor under in not enjoying church privileges as if the church did deprive you of some privileges that you would wish to enjoy, therefore we wish you to send one or two members forward in order to rectify that embarrassment.

September 19, 1812

Conference opened in order. Appointed brother John Dees to write a letter of dismissal for Sister Westberry.

October 17, 1812

Conference opened in order. The church agreeable to a petition from the branch at Sarepta has agreed to give everyone a letter as they apply.

November 16, 1812

Conference opened in order. Brother Dees as clerk is required to procure letters of dismissal for brother Lane and brother Whiddon in order to obtain a constitution at Sarepta.

December 19, 1812

Conference opened in order. Nothing to do, only received one by letter namely John a servant of Brother Dyess.

March 20, 1813

Conference opened in order. A petition was laid in by the Fellowship Branch for to move the constitution from Beards Creek up to Brother McDaniels meeting house and it granted those contin.[?]

Those applied for letters thus:

Brothers; Dyess, Taylor, Slade, Hodges, Smith, Lane, Whiddon and Dees.

Sisters; Smart, Griffen, Ellis, L. Smart, Osteen, Hodges, Dees, Smith and Carter.

Brother Dees authorized to write a letter for himself and sister Dees.

Cedar Creek Records

Minutes of the Fellowship Branch of the Beards Creek Church
Conviend at Capt. McDaniels Meeting House

May the 9th 1812

Conferece opened in order. Brother Coward was appointed Clark.

June 13th 1812

No conferece by reason of its being court and muster at the same time and place.

July 11th 1812

Conferece opened in order. Three added by Baptism to wit; Jerimiah McDaniel and Aaron Daniel and his wife.

August the 8th 1812

Conferece opened in order. Three added by Baptism, to wit; Aaron Baxly, Roberd Larimore and Roahdy Williams. Quarry by Bro. Coward, is it right for a person to tell their experience to a few individuals and upon that to be received into the Church. Answard No.

September 12th 1812

Conferece opened in order. Brother Coward appointed moderator. A distress existing between Brother Coward and Brother McClelland was

brought into the Church and after some debating was laid over for a more mature consideration.

October 1812

Conferance opened in order. The matter betwen the Brethren Coward and McClelland was called and Brother McClelland having some acknowdledgements to make to Brother Coward and he not present, it was still laid over. Moovd by Brother John Tilmon and establisbed by this Branch that we for the fewtor try to keep a fund composed of money or other good produce according as the Church and vicinity may feel willing and able to communicate for the supporte of our mustor and other escpences of the Church, the Clark to keep a minnit of the names and som of those that communicate and of all thats receivd in and laid oute.

November 12, 1812

No conferance by reason of court and muster at the same time and place.

December 12 1812

Conferance opened. The greviance betwen the Brethren Coward and McClelland was call and after considerable talk upon it, it was still laid over.

January 9 1813

Conferance opened in order. Brother McClelland came forward and made such acknowdgements to Brother Coward, he being the blame of the destres that had been upon himself and craving forgivness that it was made up.

Febuary 13 1813

Conferance opened in order. Unanamusly agreed to petition the old Beards Creek Church for Constitution to be moovd here provided she becoms estinct. Brother Hennesy to wright the petition and Brother McDaniel to be the mesinger.

March 1813

Conferance opened in order. Nothing of waite came before us this conferance.

April 10 1813

Conferance opened in order. Brother Hennesy reported that the Beirds Creek Church considered her number so small that would attend the old meeting hous that she was not able to keep her and as such she freely granted the petition of the branch to move her constitution to the fellowship Branch with this book and the communion furniture. The fellowship Branch feels dispos'd in this Conferance to alter her title from that of fellowship, to that of the Cedar Creek Church now an establisht Church upon the Constitution of the old Beirds Church.

May 8th 1813

Conferance opened. The covenant wrote in this book was red and approvd. Bro. Hennesy authorisd to receive and baptise subjects into this Church anywhere in the limits of this Church on cases of necessity. Adjurned.

June 1813

The Church met by devine permission. Conferance opened in order. A dore of expearence was opened. No one came forward. The Church resolved a male member living in reasonable distance, missing 3 meetings to shall be liable to be delt with dismissd in order.

The saturday before the 2 Lords day in July 1813 the Church met by devine permission. After serman delivered by brother Brewer a dore of expearence was opened, no one came forward with an expearence. Brother

and sister Brewer came forward prophered there letter and was unanimously recieved. Nothing more, dismissd in order.

The saturday before the 2-Lords day in August 1813 the Church met by devine permission.

After a sermon dilivered by brother Brewer a dore of experance was opened. No one came for with anything before the Church. Diligates was appointed to wit: Jeremiah McDaniel, brother Ennes and case of failure brother MCleland and brother Ennes to write the letter of correspondance to the association, then dismissed in order. Nothing more.

The saturday before the second Lords day in september 1813 the Church met by devine permission at Cedar Creak. Conferance opened in order. The association letter was read and aproved. Sister Nancy Smart movd for a letter of dismission by brother Dyess and the letter was granted. Dismiss in order.

October 1813

The Saturday before the second Lords day the Church met by devine permission at Cedar Creak. Conferance opened in order, nothing come before the Church. Dismiss in order.

The Saturday before the second Lords day in november 1813 the Church met by devine permission at Ceder Creak. Conferance opened in order. Nothing come to the Church, dismiss in order.

P.S. Bro. Jn. Dyess brot the old Beards Creek Church fund and table furniture and gavo them to the constitution at Cedar Creek meeting house the amount being four dollars. (Sept. 1813)

December the 11 1813

The Church met by devine permission at Ceder Creak meeting house the Saturday before the second Sunday in December 1813. Conferance opened in order. Moved by brother Ennes that the Church keep a fast day, agreed that the Saturday before the second Sunday in genewearly be kept apart from Sun. to Sun. Dismissd in order.

Genewary 1814 No conferance.

February 1814

The Church met by devine permission. Conferance opened in order. Moved by brother Tilman that the Church consider the neads of our pastor. Resolved by the Church that the Clark give him all that we have in our fund, accordingly done the whole being 10 dollars and 50 cents. Dismist in order.

March 1814

Conferance opened in order. Moved by brother Coward that the Church look into the disorderly conduct of brother McLand and brother Aron Baxley. Taken up, laid over til next meting. Dismissd in order.

Apriel 1814

Conferance opened in order. The accuseation against brother Mcland and brother Baxley taken up, debated some upon, and laid over til next meting incorse, so dismiss in order.

May 1814

The Church met by devine permission, conferance being opened in order. Brother McCleland and brother Baxley came forward and confest and made such acknowldgements that they gaind fellowship again. Then aftor several motions concerning the building of a meeting house brother

Coward stats the Church point out two men contractors and have the house built, agreed and pointed John Tilman and Jeremiah McDaniel. Dismiss in order.

June 1814

The Church met by Devine permission. Conferance opened in order, nothing came before the Church. Dismiss in order.

July 1814

No conferance.

August 1814

The Church met by devine permission. Conferance opened in order and after spending some space of time in converseing about the different arangements of our Church affairs we was dismisssd in order.

September 1814

The Church met by devine permission at Ceder Creak meting house. A dore for expearance was opened. Mary Baxley came forward but could not relate nothing of a work of grace upon her soul so was not recevd. The Church dismist in order.

October 1814

No meting.

November 1814

No meting.

December 1814

No confurance.

Genewery 1815

The Church met converst about the affares of the Church and postpond til next meting.

Febrary 1815

No conferance.

March 1815

No Conference.

Apriel the 9 1815

The Church met and conferance opened. Sister Durrance and give satisfaction to the Church on report that was in the world. Bro. Coward moved forard a report that was in world about brother DeLoach and he give satisfaction. Dismist by singing.

May the 14 day 1815

The Church met and Conferance was opened by prayer by Bro. Hennesey and nothing to do. Dismist in order.

June 1815

No business done.

July 1815

Nothing done.

August 1815

Nothing done.

September 1815

Nothing done.

October 7th 1815

The Church met by divine permission. Conference opened in order. Bro. Coward came forward with a request from bro. Slade desiring a letter of dismission to join the Church at the CowFord which was granted. Dismissd in order.

Ceder Creek

December the 9 day 1815

The Church met accordin to appointment and received a few lines from brother Hennesey informing us that he intends to move to the western country, desiers a letter from us and the Church then dismiss them to any Church of the same faith and order and requested brother Peacock to right there leters. Concluded and dismiss in order.

Jan. the 8 1816

The Church met and Conference opened in order and brother William Kieshen prsented his letter and was cordieatly recievd. Brother John Tilmon laid in the fun 2 dollars. The Church dismiss in order. John McClannon, 1 dollar.

July the 13 day 1816

The Church met. Conference opened by prayer. The Church resolved that the third quarterly meetin,g commence the second Lords day in September and regerly once in three months and so to continue. Requested Bro. Peacock to write to the association and apointed Brethren Aaron Daniel and Brother Coward diligates to. Dismist in order.

Apriel the 19 1817

The Church met and confarence opened by prayer. The case of Brother Maclallan was taken up and laid over. John Tilmon give to Peacock three (3) dollars and one buisel seed pees. Meeting closed by singing.

June the 14 day 1817

The Church met and Conference opened in order and Brother MClaeland come forward and give satisfaction to the Church and was restored. Sister Durrance case was taken up and concluded to request the Brethren Deas (Dees or Dyess) and Peacock to talk to her and to report to us at next Conference. Requested Brother Peacock to right letters for the sisters: Sister Osteen, Sister Smart and Brother Tailar. Dismist in order.

October the 18, 1817

The Church met and confarence opened by prayer. Brother Dious (Dees or Dyess) and Peacock reports that they in answer to our request have seen sister Durrance and she promis to come. The Church took up sister Duncce (Durrance) case and concluded to baire no longer with her conduct so excommunicated her for the Church is no more accountable for her conduct so requested brother Peacock it to the world. Conference closed by prayer.

Apriel the 25 1818

The Church met and Conference being opened in order and the Church requested Brother Hodges to request Brother Coward to attend next Conference and asked brother Macdaniel to request Bro. Aaron Daniel also to attend. Also dismiss in order.

June 1818

Opened in order. Brother Hodges was requested to desired to requested Brother Baxley to attend next Conference.

August Lords day 1818

The Church met and Conference being opened in order and Brother Hodges reports that he has seen Brother Baxley and requested him to come to this Conference and he did not appear. The Church considered its duty to lay him under a sensure.

2. Brother H. Rushen requested a letter and the Church requested brother Peacock to right him a letter in order. Dismist in order.

July the 25 day 1818

The Church met and Conference opened in order. Bro. Maclalan said that he accordien to request he has been and seen Bro. Baxley and he seemed pettenant tho he did not appear and the Church thought proper to excumunycate Bro. Aron Baxley that the Church be not chargabel with his disorder.

2. Requested Brother Peacock to right the asociation letter and and requested Brother Peacock to baire our letter. Dismist in order.

October the 24 day 1818

The Church met accordin to appoument. Conference opened in order and an agrevence laid in by Brother MClallan against Brother McDaniel. Compared on and settled and both admonished: A charge by Brother Brewer against Brother McDaniel and denied and laid over and dimist in order.

November the 21 day 1818

The Church met. Conference opened by opening a door to hear expearances. Sister Coward was received. and proceeded to confar on the case of Bro. McDaniel and found ourselves in duty bound to execute that affliction of excumunication on him. Dismist in order.

May the 22 day 1819

Conference opened and and closed in order.

October the 8 1819

Conferance held in order to elect dilligats to represent us in the Pidmont association. We have apointed Brethern McClellan, Daniel Rushin to be, an our letter which is to be prepared by Brethern Bates and Blackston by autheriseing them to assign the Church Clerks name to said letter Jon Coward.

October the 21 1819

The Church met. Conference opened in order. Requested Brother Peacock to right our letter to the asoseation and apointed the Brethren John Coward, Daniel our diligates. Collected mony for our minites: The Church for their convniancecy to send to the asoseation to dismiss them that they may join to the Piedmont asoseation and dimist in order.

February the 23 1820

The Church met in Conference and concluded to have communan the forth Lords day of Apriel. Brother Brewer confest his fault and restored and give in his letter and received. Dismist in order.

May the 21 day 1820

The Church met, concluded to have continue yet at sister Daniels and dimist in order.

June the 22 1820

The Church met and Conference opened by prayer by Brother Bruer. Nothing to do, dismiss in order.

June the 22 1820

The Church met and being piecd and youn and nothing to doe dismiss in order.

August 26 1820

The Church met and Conference opened in order. Proceeded to business apointed Brther Brewer and Brther Aaron Daniel and concluded to pitioned to for the next asoseation to bee at Ceder Creek. Dismist in order.

October 21 day 1820

The Church met. Conference opened and concluded to meet and work on the meeting house and maid up four dollars 050 cent for nails. Conference closed by prair.

July the 29 1821

The Church met. Conference opened by prayer. Brother Coward relates brother Rushon is in the habit drunkenness and sayes he doth not intend to come to meetings any more so he is cut of younan with us til satisfaction is maid and fellowship obtained: Secondly took up the case Brother Aaron Daniel for fiteing and sayin he thinks to do worse is also excluded til sattisfaction is maid. Dismist in order.

August the 25 1821

The Church met. Conference opened in order. Apointed Brother Coward to purches two acres of land to build a meateing house on and to obbide by his judgment in that case and appointed Bro. Brewer to and Brth. Nathan Hodges and Brth. John Coward to reprezent this Church in Pidmont asoseation. Dismist in order.

September 21 1821

The Church met in Conference and only agreed to furnish money for printing the minits for this year. Closed by singing.

November 1821

Brother Westberry and Peacock came and found the church not wiling to be disolved and the inhabitince not wiling to be disolvd. Recomend the Church to wait on the Lord and be in obediance.

Dec. the 22 1822

Conference opend and brother Brewer desiered letter of dismission for him and his wife. Granted. Brother Peacock requested to right and assign in her behalf. Dismist in order.

June the 21

Conference opend in order. Brother Coward requested a letter of dismission and also for his wife. It was granted and Peacock requested to write. The Church requested Brother Peacock to right to the asoseation. Dismist in order.

August 21 1824

Tho Church met. Conference opend in order and requested Brother Peacock prepair a letter to the asoseceation. Apointed Bro. Hodges the messenger. Dismist in order.

Sister Sary McClennon died on the 11th of genuary 1826.

The committy appointed by the Church met in part viz: Fleming Bates, Abraham Mott and Thomas Prevatt. With the brethren of this Church on the 27th Genuary 1826 and call in Brother Bruer and held a consultation and found the Church too weak to keep house and finely thought it would be more to the glory of GOD to be desolved and do unanimously agree to desolve the constitution and Ceder Creek Church is considered to be no more. And that Brother Nathan Hodges and sister Mary Hodges his wife, Sister Elizabeth Daniel, Sister Sary McDaniel and sister Mary Daniel, Sister Elizabeth Deloch and Sister Jane Futch have letters of dismission in full fellowship. And we agree that this Church book be deposited into the care of Beards Creek Church. Dismist in order.

Beginning of the Minutes of Beards Creek Church

February the 17 day 1827

The Church met and Conference being opend. Received a letter of recommendation from Sister Mary Danniell by the hand of Bro. Brewer and was received. Dimist in order.
Isham Peacock

Jan. 10th 1827

Met in conference and after prayer by Isham Peacock we proceeded to business; called on brother Peacock for his answer, and he refered to our next conference, the Rules of Decorum was not presented by neglect of brother Nathan Smart and we appointed brother Smart to prepare them and produce them to our next conference.

August the 18: 1827

The Conference opend in order and bisness proseed unto first chose diligates to the asosceation, Bewer, Morgan and Thomas.
2. Requested Bro. Peacock to wright our letter.
3. Desired Brother Brewer to provide elliments for the Lords Supper against next meating.
Dismist in order.

Now we go back again. There is a covenant that I am not putting in, part of last line is, 'we most cheerfully subscribe our names.' These records are on/off again, Beards Creek, Beards Creek never having been disolved (constitution) They cover the branches of Beards Creek. The notes behind the names were added at a later date.

A List of the Names

Males	Females
John Dees (Dism)	Elizabeth O'Steen
John Talor	Mary Dees (Dism)
William Willcoks (Dism)	Sary Thornton
Samuel Thornton	Wincy Strickland
Levi Morgan	Flory Strickland
Robert Bruer	Susinah Strickland
James Thomas	Mary Thornton
Ezikial Thornton	Rachael Moody
John Overstreet (Dism)	Rebeckey Talor
Seth Knight	Elizabeth Talor
Nathan Smart	Creca Tomson (dead)
John Purcell	Seleta Bruer

Adam of Collier

Sarah Thornton
Elizabeth Overstreet
Sarah O'Steen
Mary Daniel (by letter)
Catherine S. Knight
Elizabeth Smart
Stacy Purcell
Sary of Culler

Mar 20, 1824

Conference opened by preaching. Agred that the meteing house be bilt at or neare wheare Brother Dees' path leaves the rode leding from Mr. Ostens to Jn. Stevens. Apointed Brethren John Dees, John Taylor and Samuel Thornton trustees of this church. Agred that the meeting house when bilt be 25 by 18 feet.

Brother Morgan gives the plank for the meeting house. The church accepted the donation. Agreed that the Communion be the third Sabbath in June next. Appointed Brother Westberry to prepare a decorum for this church and present it at our next meeting.

April 17, 1824

Conference opened by preaching. Apointed Brother Dees to prepare a tabel cloth and wine for communion.

July

Conference opened by preeching. Nothing to do.

August the 14 1824

Conference opend by preaching. A move maid by Brother Westberry (Moses) to have the meting house moved near Mister Harnages. Laid over to next meeting. Apointed Brother Dees to right the letter to the assoiation. Apointed Brother Dees, brother Tayler, brother Thorton to go and bare the letter.

September 17 1824

Conference opend by preaching. Apointed Brother Peacock to prepare a letter to assoation.

December 17th 1825

Conference opend by preaching. Taken up the move that was maid to move the building of the meting house and left it to vote and all give there vote for meting house to still continue where it was first apointed those who voted is 7.

A List of Names

MALES

John Taylor (Dismist)
Samuel Thornton (Dis.)
Levi Morgan (Dead)
Robert Brewer (Dis.)
James Thomas (Dead)
Ezekiel Thornton (Dis.)
Seth Knight
Nathan Smart (Dis.)
John R. Purcell (Exc.)
Francis Smart
Jacob Simes
Tarlton Knight
Samuel Peacock (Ded)

FEMALES

Elizabeth Ostein (Dis.)
Rachel Moody
Setela Brewer (dead)
Sarah Thornton (Dism.)
Sarah Ostein (Dis.)
Catharine S. Knight
Elizabeth Smart (Dis.)
Stacy Purcell
Naomi Thornton (Dis.)
Elizabeth Smart
Roze, colored woman (Dead)
Sarah Knight
Mary Peacock

Isum Peacock (Dis.)
John Coward
Allen Strickland (D.)
Daniel Summerlin (D.)
B. P. Morris (D.)
Peter, colored man
Richard Thompson
James Moody (Senr)
James Moody, Jr, (Dismissd)
Charles Blount (Dismissd)
James Odom (Dismissd)
Wm Grice (Dead)
Daniel W. Johnson (Dismissd)

Mary Daniel (Dismissed)
Rachel Warren (Dismiss.)
Nancy Strickland (Dis.)
Mary Morgain (Dis.)
Rocksalany Morgain (Dis.)
Phamaiah Lane (Dis.)
Mariah, colored woman
Elizabeth Daniels (Dis.)
Nancy Stevens
Nancy Moody (Excom.)
Celia, colored woman
Elizabeth Moody
Maryann Moody
Hollyann Johnson (Dismissd)
Elizabeth Blount (Dismissd)
Sarah Ann Currie
Mary Ann Padgett (Dead)
Jane Johnson (Dismissd)

December 15th 1827

Conférance opened in order. The Church was open for the reception of members by experience or by letter and Brother Seth Knight handed in a letter for himself and his wife which was cordially recd. Brother James Thomas declined acting in the office of Clerk and the Church unanimoualy agreed to appoint Brother Seth Knight Clerk of this Church.

Jan. 19 1828

Conférance opened in order. Brother J. Peacock laid in a grievance against Brother W. Whiddin and there was help called from Salem and Sarepta, and according to the statement made by Brother Peacock the Church thinks him intruded on by Brother W. Whiddon and will be justifiable in seeking redress as he thinks most proper.

Febry. 15th 1828

Conférance opened in order. Nothing to do.

March 15

Conférance opened in order. Brother Ezekiel Thornton applied for a letter of dismissal for himself and wife which was granted.

April 19th 1828

No Conférance.

May 17 1828

Conférance opened in order. Brother Nathan Smart handed in a letter to the Church for himself and wife which was recd.

June 14th 1828

Conférance opened in order. The third sabbath in July being our regular time of communion, Brother Taylor agrees to furnish the elements.

July 19th 1828

Conférance opened in order. Nothing to do. Brother John Purcell handed in a letter for himself and wife from Soca Cypress Creek Church, which was recd.

August 16th 1828

Conférance opened in order, and the Church proceded to choose deligates to the association and appointed the following persons viz.; Brethren

Seth Knight, N. Smart and L. Morgan and in case of failure bro. Brewer and also appointed bro. Seth Knight to prepare a letter to send to our association. Appointed Bro. Peacock and Morgan to the convention at Limestone.

Sept. 20th 1828

Conference opened in order. Bro. Taylor and sister Moody agree to furnish the elements for the Lords supper in Oct. next.

Oct. 1828

No conference.

Nov 14th

Conference opened in order. Brother Brewer contributed 25 cents for the use of the Church, also Bro. Thomas 25cents for the same purpose.

Dec. 20th

Conference opened in order. Bro. A. Smart chosen as moderator for the present, agreed that the covenant of the old constitution of Beards Creek church be adapted as the standing covenant of the present constitution and that the clerk draw it off in proper order by our next conference. Appointed, Bro. A. Smart to prepare rules of decorum for the church and bring forward at our next conference. Taken into consideration the inquiry necessary to the ordination of deacons which was laid over agreed that we call Bro. Peacock to take the pastoral care of this church the ensuing year.

Janry. 17 1829

Conference opened in order. Called on Bro. Peacock for his answer and he referred till our next conference. Bro. N. Smart neglected to produce rules for this church and he was reappointed to obtain them and produce at our next conference.

Feb. 21

Conference opened in order. Bro. Peacock gave us his answer and said that he would serve in this year. Bro. Smart produced rules and they were recd. Appointed Brethren N. Smart and John Purcell to prepare a letter to Jone's Creek Church to elicit Bro. Westberry to attend this church on the third sabbath and day before, in April to ordain Deacons. Resolved that it be the duty of each male member belonging to this church to contribute 25cents quarterly for the use of the church and the clerk be the treasurer.

March 10

Conference opened in order. The church was opened for the reception of members either by experience or letter and Bro. Jacob Sims handed in a letter of dismissal for himself from Cowpen Branch which was recd. Appointed Bro. Seth Knight as deacon and appointed Bro. J. Purcell to fill his place as clerk.

April

Conference opened in order. The church was opened for the reception of members either by experience or letter and Bro. Francis Smart handed in a letter for himself and wife from the Cypress Creek Church in Soca which was recd. According to appointment Bro. Westberry attended and the ordination of Deacons took place, and Bro. Seth Knight and Robert Brewer were ordained Deacons of this Church.

May

Conference opened in order. A door for experience being opened, Roze a Negro woman came forward, gave in and was recd as a candidate for baptism.

June 20th

Conference opened in order. The above candidate was Baptized. Resolved that the Rules of Decorum be red every conferance.

Jully 18

Conference opened in order. Bro. Peacock called on the church for a letter of recomendation to carry with him on a rout that he was going to St.

August 15

Conference opened in order. Appointed the Brethren Isham Peacock, Seth Knight, Robert Brewer and in case of failure John Purcell as messengers to the association also appointed Bro. Purcell to write the association letter.

Sept 19

Conference opened in order. The church was opened for the reception of memers either by experience or letter and Bro. Isham Peacock handed in a letter for himself from Salem which was recd. The letter to the as association was red and approved.

Oct.

Conference opened in order. Nothing to do.

Nov.

Conference opened in order. Resolved that every male member missing more than one conference shall render in a good excuse for the same.

Dec.

Conference opened in order. Nothing to do.

Jan. 1830

Conference opened in order. Nothing to do.

Feb.

No conference.

March the 7

Conference opened in order. Nothing to do.

April

Conference opened in order, a door for experience or letter being opened Tarlton Knight handed in a letter for himself Sarah Knight his wife which was recd.

May 1, 1830

Met in conference, after prayer by the moderator proceded to business. A quarry laid in by Bro. N. Smart whether or not is it right for a member to absent himself from conference on the account of the Sabbath School the quarry taken up and laid over for further consideration.

June

Conference opencd in order, took up the above quarry and the church concluded that it was not right for members to absent themselves from conference on account of the Sabbath School.

Quary laid in by Bro. Brewer whether or not the church would invite members of the Temperate society to commune with thcm. Laid over.

July 1830

Conference opened in order. A door for experience or letter was opened and Bro. Samuel Peacock handed in a letter for himself from Lower Black Creek and was cordially recd. Took up the quarry handed in by Bro. Brever and the unanimously agreed in the negative. A move made by Bro. Isham Peacock that we suffer not any person to address this church or any people in this house on the subject of foreign missions or the Temperate Society. Knowing the times to be very pregnant with doctrinal error. The move was seconded and the nature of the subject closely examined, and finding no authority for no such society or traditions in the word of God we accordingly adopted the following resolutions and appointed the Brethren J. Peacock, S. Knight and J. Taylor whose duty it shall be to object or silence any person treading on such errors.
John Purcell C. C.

August

Conference opened in order, a door for experience or letter being opened Sister Mary Peacock handcd in a letter for herself from Wesley Creek which was recd. Proceeded to chose deligates to the association, and appointed our Pastor Isham Peacock, N. Francis Smart, John Purcell, Seth Knight and case of failure Bro. N. Smart and the clerk to write the association letter.

Sept.

Conference opened in order, a door for experience being opened none coming forward, the church proceeded to business. The association letter red and approved, nothing more to do the church dismissed.

Oct.

Conference opened in order. nothing to do.

Nov.

Conference opened in order. nothing to do.

Decm.

Conference opened in order, and a door for experience being opened none coming forward. Rachel Warren handed in a letter of dismission from Sarepta, and was cordially recd.

Jan. 1831

Conference opened in order. nothing to do.

Feb.

Conference opened in order. nothing to do.

March 1831

Conference opened in order, nothing to do.

April

Conference opened in order, nothing to do.

May

Conference opened in order, and Brother Jesse Deloatch, Bro. William Grice, Anna Futch and sister Lucy Dyess came forward and related to the church that they were not satisfied to remain in Salem Church and that they could not obtain letters of dismission; and we the church of Beards Creek, being personally acquainted with their Good conduct as pious and orderly christians, recd them into this church in full union and fellowship. Dismissed by prayer.

June

Conference opened in order. A query laid into church, whether this church shall continue her membership in the Piedmont association or join the Canoochee association. Laid over for further consideration.

July

Conference opened in order, took up the above query and after some lights was cast on the subject it was put to vote, and it was unanimously carried that we join the Canoochee association, and appointed Bro. Peacock and Bro. Nathan Smart to bear our petition, and that the clerk write the same.
Nothing more dismissed by prayer.

August

Conference opened in order. The Petitionary letter read and approved.
Nothing more.

September

Conference opened in order. Recd Ishmael (a coloured man) by letter from little Ogeechee, Scriven County. Nothing more. Dismissed by prayer.

October

Conference opened in order. The Brethren Peacock and Smart report that this church was recd. into the Canoochee Association.

November

Conference opened in order, and a door for for experience being and no one coming forward proceeded to business and having nothing to do we were dismissed by prayer.

December

Conference opened in order nothing to do we were dismissed by prayer.

January 1832

Conference opened in order, and having nothing to do we were dismissed by prayer.

February

Conference opened in order, and having nothing to do, we were dismissed by prayer.

March

Conference opened order, and having nothing to do, we were dismissed by prayer.

April

Conference opened in order, and after prayer, a door for experience being opened no person came forward, but Mariah a coloured woman handed in a letter of dismission. The form of the letter is as follows:
W. Florida, Gadsden County) We the church of Christ at Hepzibah holding to the doctrine of election, particular redemption and the final perseverance of the saints in Grace. Whereas our beloved Sister Mariah a coloured having applied to us for a letter of dismission is hereby recommended to be in good order, in union and fellowship and is dismissed from us when joined to another church of the same faith and order. Done for and in behalf of the whole church.

May

Conference opened in order, nothing to do.

June

Conference opened in order, nothing to do.

July

Conference opened in order. Brother Peacock handed in a memorandum of Persons which he has baptized on the south side of the Altamaha. The names is as follows:

Nancy Strickland		
Allen Strickland		
Daniel Summerlin		
B. P. Morris	>	Excommunicated
S. W. Morgan	>	20 April 1834 (Soloman)
Mercy Morgan		
Humphrey Strickland		
Phamariah Lane		

The above Brethren and Sisters was baptized as members of this church

August

Conference opened in order. A door for experience being opened none coming forward, we proceeded to business. Sister Loanzy Sims handed in a letter from Salem Church and was recd. This church as also appointed the Brethren Isham Peacock and Seth and Tarleton Knight as messengers to the association and in case of failure Brother Jacob Sims, also the clerk to write the letter. Dismissed by prayer.

Sept.

Conference opened in order. A door for experience being opened none coming forward we proceeded to business, The Clerk red the letter and it was recd. Dismissed by prayer.

Oct.

Conference opened in order, nothing to do. Dismissed by prayer.

Nov.

Conference opened in order, nothing to do. Dismissed by prayer.

Decm.

Conference opened in order, and having nothing to do we were dismissed by prayer.

January 1833

Conference opened in order, and nothing coming before the church for investigation we were dismissed by prayer.

Feb.

Conference opened in order, nothing to do, dismissed by prayer.

March

Conference opened in order, nothing to do, dismissed by prayer.

April

Conference opened in order. Proceeded to business. Bro. John Coward handed in a letter of dismission from Fox Bay and was reed. Nothing to do, dismissed by prayer.

May

Conference opened in order, proceeded to business, nothing coming before the church we were dismissed by prayer,

June

Conference opened in order nothing to do

July

Conference opened in order. Brother Peacock, handed in a letter of dismission for sister Elizabeth Daniel from Ceder Creek, now dissolved which said letter was red and recd. Took into consideration to make choice of deligates to represent us in the association this year, and appointed the Brethren Seth Knight, and John Coward and in case of failure Brother Nathan Smart. Brother Peacock called for a letter of dismission and the church agreed that the clerk should give him one when called for. Nothing more, dismissed by prayer. Brother Tarlton Knight to write the letter to the association.

August

Conference opened in order. After prayer by Brother Groover, a door for experience being opened Fanny Kuten came forward and gave in her experience and was recd. The church proceded to business. The letter to the association read and received. Received a letter of love and admonition from our sister church at Upper Black Creek by their messengers Brethren Groover & Jones which letter and messengers was cordially received. Nothing more coming before the church we were dismissed by prayer.

W. B. At a meeting held at the house of William Todds, a door for experience being opened, Nancy Stevens came forward and related her experience and was received. Also on Sunday after conference in August, a door for experience being opened, Celia, a coloured woman, came forwards, related her experience and was recd.

September 1st 1833

Conference opened in order, after prayer by Brother Peacock a door for experience being opened Richard Thompson came forward and was received. Also Miss Nancy Moody came forward related her experience and was received. The church then precoded to business. Unanimously agreed to write in our letter to the association informing them that we do not believe it our duty to make any acknowledgements to the Piedmont association for ending off and joining the Canoochee association. Also agreed to write a few lines to Upper Black Creek in token of our love to them rand Brother Isham Peacock and Brother Samuel Peacock volunteered to bear the same to them, and the clerk to write the letter. Nothing more we were dismissed by prayer.

October

Conference opened in order, nothing to do, dismissed by prayer.

November

Conferonce opened in order. Brother John Taylor applied to us for a letter of dismission which was granted. Brother James Thomas and Sister Starlin also applied for a letter a which was granted. Nothing more we were dismissed by prayer.

December 1833

Conference opened in order, nothing to do, we were dismissed by prayer.

January 1834

Met in conference and having nothing to do we were dismissed by prayer.

February

No conference by the inclemency of the weather.

March 1834

Conference opened in order. A door for experience being opened, Moses Taylor came forward and related his experience and was received. Also resolved that Brother Knight write a letter to the arm on the south of the Altamaha requesting them to give us a statement of their proceedings and dismissed by prayer.

According to previous appointment Brother Moses Westberry preached and a door for experience being opened the following persons came forward and related what the Lord had done for their souls, viz: James Moody, Sr., James Moody, Jr., Eliza Moody, Elizabeth Moody, Temperance Moody, Mary Moody and Sarah Taylor gave in and was baptized this 15 day of March 1834.

April

Conference opened in order, a door for experience being opened none coming forward, the church proceeded to business. Took up the resolution passed in conference July 1830 that this church would not invite members of the temperance society to commune with them, and unanimously agreed to leave every one to his own free will as regard communion to invite any that they had fellowship for to commune with them and so concluded by singing and prayer.

Was baptized on the south of the Altamaha the following Brethren and sisters as members of this church;

R. B. Strickland, John Strickland, S. L. Morgan, Susannah Strickland, Ann Strickland, Mary Morgan, and being at a remote distance from us they have applied to us for letters of dismission to become a constituted body which application was granted them and dismissed from us when constituted. Done for and by the consent of the whole church, this 20th April 1834.

John R. Purcell C. C.

May 1834

Conference opened in order, took into consideration the building of a new meeting house and appointed Bro. Tarleton Knight and Bro. Jacob Sims to view the ground and report at our next meeting. Also Bro. Peacock reported that sister Ann Kuten (Keaton) was removing into Carrill County and not having a convenient opportunity to apply for a letter of dismission, and Bro. T. Smart and Bro. Grice authorized him to give his letter which he did. Nothing more, we were dismissed by singing.

June

Conference opened in order, took up the case of building a new meeting house. The Brethren appointed to view the ground report favorable and it was put to vote whether the house should be moved or not and it was carried that we build a new house at the place viewd and approved by the Brethren. Also agreed that Bro. John R. Purcell lay out one and a half acre for the meeting house and take lettes for the same. Nothing more we were dismissed by prayer.

July 1834

Conference opened in order. Brother Purcell neglected to lay out the lot of land for the meeting house, and reported that he did not think it a sufficiency for the house and other provileges. Brother Peacock then agreed to give in exchange 30 acres for the land that the meeting house is now on and it was agreed to by the church. Then proceeded to elect Trustees to superintend the building of the house, and brother Francis Smart, Tarlton Knight and John R. Purcell was elected. Nothing more, we were dismissed by prayer.

August

No conference by the inclemency of the weather. On Sunday the members met and held a conference took up the appointing delegates to the

association and appointed Brother Isham Peacock, John Coward and in case of failure Robert Brewer, and the clerk to write the letter. Nothing more.

Sept.

Conference opened in order. The letter to the association read and approved. Nothing more we were dismissed by prayer.

Oct.

Conference opened in order, nothing coming before the church, we were dismissed.

Nov.

Conference opened in order, Brother Nathan Smart and Sister Elizabeth applied for letters of dismission which was granted them and the clerk to furnish them with letters. Nothing more.

Dec.

Conference opened in order, nothing coming before the church, we were dismissed by prayer.

January 1835

Conference opened in order and nothing coming before the church, we were dismissed by prayer.

Feb.

Conference opened in order, nothing coming before the church, we were dismissed by prayer.

March

Conference opened in order, and Bro. Isham Peacock resigned the Pastorate care of the church and applied for a letter of dismission and the clerk was authorized to give him one when called for. Also took into consideration of calling a preacher and the church agreed to call Bro. Wm. Groover and Bro. Sims and Bro. Purcell agreed to go and see him on the occasion, and the clerk to write a letter to the church at Black Creek.

April

Conference opened in order, the brethren report that they have visited brother Groover according to appointment and bro. Groover being present answers the church that he will attend them as often as he can as a supply. Nothing more coming before the church we were dismissed by prayer.

May

Conference opened in order, a door for experience being opened and none coming forward the church then proceeded to business took up the case of washing of feet as a church ordinance and on motion of bro. Sims the case was laid over for further consideration. Nothing more the church was dismissed by prayer.

June

Conference opened in order. Took up the case laid over for consideration and agreed that this church do not take up the washing of feet as an ordinance. No other business coming before the church, we were dismissed by prayer.

July

Conference opened in order, nothing coming before the church we were dismissed by prayer.

August

Conference opened in order, took into consideration the appointing of delegates to the association and Bro. Isham Peacock and Saml. Peacock volunteered and agreed to, also appointed Bro. Tarlton Knight in case of failure and the clerk to write the letter.

Sept.

Conference opened in order. The association letter read and approved, nothing more we were dismissed by prayer.

Oct.

Conference opened in order, and a door for experience being opened Mary Griffin came forward and was read. and no business the church was dismissed in order.

Nov.

Conference opened in order nothing coming before the church we were dismissed by prayer.

January 1836

Conference opened in order the church took into consideration the calling of a preacher and agreed to call Bro. Groover which was done and the call accepted.

Febry.

Conference opened in order and no business coming before the church they were dismissed in order.

March

Conference opened in order, no business the church were dismissed in order.

April

Conference opened in order. Sister Martin handed in a letter and was read. Nothing more the church was dismissed in order.

May

Conference opened in order no business the church was dismissed in order.

June

Conference opened in order.

June 3 1837

Conference opened, nothing to do we came to a close.

July 1, 1837

Conference opened in order brother Wm. Smiths excuse handed in in writing for nonattendance then it was moved that Brother Purcell be cited to our next meeting to give account for his long absence and S. Knight to cite him we closed by singing.

August 5 1837

Conference opened. None joined then proceeded to elect clerk and T. Knight was elected than J. R. Purcells case was taken up and he laid under suspension until further dealt with. Brothers C. Blount, S. Knight & T. Knight are appointed to talk to brother Purcell then we elected delegated and J. Sims, Wm. Smith in case of failure S. Knight was elected then we closed in order.

Sept. 3rd 1837

Conference opened by singing and prayer, none joined. It was then agreed that any member of this body that sees brother Purcell should cite him to our next meeting that he may be dealt with so we closed by singing.

Those under written are members now Sept. 4 1837

(Notes added at a later date.)

Males

Robert Brewer (Dis.)
Seth Knight (dead)
Francis Smart
Jacob Sims (Dismissd)
Tarlton Knight
Samuel Peacock (dead)
John Poward (Dead)
Richard Tompscn
James Moody, Sr. (dead)
James Moody, Jr. (dismisd)
Charles Blount (Dismissed)
James Odom (Dismissed)
Wm Grice (Dead)
Wm Warren (Dismissed)
Wm Smith
Daniel W. Johnson (Dismissd)
Thomas T. Anderson (Dismissd)
Jessee Kickliter
Peter, colored man
James Anderson (Dismissd)
Wm. T. Ham (dismissed)
Hopkin Padgett (Dismissed)
James N. Mobley (Dism.)
William Bessinger (Dism.)
Gabril Strickland (Dismissd)
George Kicklighter (Dismissd)
Paul Johnson (Dismissd)
H. R. Green (Excom.)
Isaac Dyas (Dismist)
Jack, coloured (Dism.)
Prince, coloured man
William Purcell (Dis.)
Lewis, colored man
Dennis Lynn (Exc.)
Joseph Dubberley (Exc.)
Robin Brewer (Dis.)
David Hall
Charles Knight
Stanton Haymans (Excom.)
Seth H. Harvad (Dis.)
Wm H. Knight
James A. Knight (Dismissd)
Henry Kicklighter
Wiley Knight
Dempsey Lynn
Redding Denmark
Lewis Smith
Hambleton J. Lee
Robert Brewer (Dead)
March, colord man

Females

Rachel Moody (Ded)
Katharine S. Knight
Elizabeth Smart (Dead)
Stacy Purcell
Sally Knight
Mary Peacock (Dism.)
Mary Daniel (Dismissed)
Rachel Warren (Dismissed)
Elizabeth Daniel (dismissd)
Nancy Stevens (Dismissd)
Nancy Moody (Excommunicated)
Elizabeth Moody
Maryann Moody
Temperance Moody
Evalina Grice
Mary Griffin (Dismissed)
Rhody Martin (dismist)
Eliza Moody (Dismist)
Loanza Sims (dismisd)
Vicy Kickaliter (Dead)
Ann Smith (Dead)
Lucy Dyas (Dead)
Elizabeth Blount (Dism.)
Hollyann Johnson (Dismissd)
Mariah, colored woman
Celia, colored woman
Rebecca Haymans (Dead)
Margaret Baker
Hagar, black woman
Celia Johnson (Dismissd)
Susann Anderson (dismisd)
Nancy Ham (dismissed)
Nancy Anderson
Jain R. Knight (Dead)
Sina Sheffield (dismist)
Lizer, a colored woman
Susanah Padgett (Dismissd)
Elizabeth Padgett (Dismiss)
Mary Ann Padgett (Dismissd)
Hellen Duberly (Dead)
Elisabeth Sapp (Dismissd)
Elisabeth Waren (Dismissed)
Ama Groover (Excom.)
Nancy Groover
Elisabeth McLenan
Elisabeth Dyas (Dismissed)
Mary Odum (Dead)
Mary J. Odum
Nepsey Kicklighter (Dism.)
Elizar, coloured woman

James Odum
Cornelius Giegor

Margret Spines
Lettis, a colored woman
Lyda Groomes
Elizabeth Mobley (Dis.)
Rebecca Brewer (Dism.)
Tenar, coloured
Margaret, ditto (dism.)
Leecy Green (Dead)
Mathelda Hedgecock (Dism.)
Rachel Purcell
Jane Johnson
Sarah Ann Currie
Martha Lynn
Clarissa Currie
Mary Thompson (Dead)
Elizabeth Knight
June Johnson (Dismissod)
Ruth a coulerd wowan (Dism.)
Mary Ann Padgett (dead)
Rebecca Brewer
Amelia Lane (dead)
Sarah Ann M. Kicklighter
Margaret Eason (dismissd.)
Celia Easterling
Celia Knight
Winey Knight
Elenor H. Rogers
Rachael Denmark
Nancy, a colourd woman
Rachel Smith
Martha Lee
Margaret Baker
Martha Gieger
Nancy, a colored woman
Lourany Baker

Dismissed

James Thomas
John Taylor
Elizabeth Starlin (in 1833)
Allen Strickland
J. B. Moris
Solomon W. Morgan
Humpry Strickland
William Lane
Gabril Strickland
Murcy Morgan
William Waren
Susan Padget
Maryann Padget
Elizabeth Padget
Elisabeth Sapp
Hollyann Johnson
Elizabeth Dyas
Elisabeth Warren
Rachal Warren
Nancy Anderson
Nancy Stephens
Elisabeth Blount
Sina Sheffield

Dismissed

James Moody (in June)
William T. Ham
Nancy Ham
Hopkin Padgett
Charles Blount
Thomas T. Anderson
James Anderson
Nancy Strickland
Daniel W. Johnson
Rocksalana Morgan
Phamariah Lane
R. B. Strickland
John Strickland
J. L. Morgan
Susannah Strickland
Ann Strickland
Mary Morgan-in 1834
Ann Keeten
Mary Daniel
Susan Anderson
Leucy Green
Rode Martin
Elyer Mooday

Excommunicated

Dead

Daniel Summirlin
John R. Purcell

Levi Morgan
Lijar Deloatch

Sept. 30th 1837

Conference opened, a door opened for experience non joined. So we proceeded to the case of brother Purcell taken up and laid it over until our next meeting. Brother Blount appointed to talk with brother Purcell to cite him to our next meeting or to know his mind and report at our next meeting. So nothing more we closed in order.

Nov. 4 1837

Conference opened, a door was opened for experience. None joined. Brother Purcell's case was taken up and he being found out of order and made no confession he was excommunicated. So we closed by singing.

T. Knight CC

December 2 1837

Conference opened by two sermons and singing, a door opened for experience non joined and brother Groover reported that he could not promise to supply at the Boards Creek Church for the year 1838. We agreed to lay over giving any other preacher a call until Saturday before the first Sunday in next month. So we came to a close in order.

January 6 1838

A sermon preached by brother Groover, a door was opened for the business. None joined. Brother F. Odom called for a letter of dismission which was granted him and then we were dismissed.

February 3 1838

Conference opened by brother Knight having no preacher choosed brother Smart moderator. Having nothing to do of importance some render in excuses for none attendance having noth more we closed by singing.

March 3rd 1838

Conference opened in order by brother Stubs. A door was opened for experience none joined. The covenant and decorum were both read, having nothing to do further we closed by order.

March 31 1838

A sermon preached by Brother Groover. Conference opened and we had found that our constitution was lost we proceeded to appoint the brethren S. Peacock, R. Brewer to go and see Brother Westberry as he was one of the presbytery to try to get a certificate from him that the church was constituted and the date when so we closed our meeting.

May 5 1838

Conference opened in order by brother Grover. None joined. We took up the case concerning our constitution and finding we was entitled to the old constitution as the church was never desolved, and then we closed by singing.

Brother S. Knight as treasurer is authorized to pay Brother D. W. Johnson for a table \$5 to furnish in the meeting house.

June 2 1838

Conference opened by brother Grover. A door opened for experience none joined. Then it was moved and seconded that we purchase a Bible for the use of Boards Creek Church and that brother S. Knight pay for the same

out of the church fund. Also move and seconded that brother S. Knight buy a hymn book (the cluster) and pay for the same out the church fund.

June 30 1838

Conference opened by Brother S. Knight. A door opened for experience, none joined. Brother R. Thompson related he was overtaken in intoxication and on his confession of sorrow the brethren agreed to bear with him recommending him to take it for a caution. So we closed by singing and prayer.

August 4 1838

Conference opened and a door opened for experience & Margaret Baker and Rebecca Haymans came forward and gave in experience and was received in full fellowship. Brother Brewer informed the church that he had been angry and threatened to strike but he was forgiven. We selected Seth Knight, Tarlton Knight & in case of failure Charles Blount delegates to the association. T. Knight to write the letter to the association. So we closed by singing.

Sept. 1 1838

Conference opened. A door was opened for experience, none joined then some of the brethren stated their excuse for non attendance. So we closed in order. Our letter to the association was read and received with some small alterations.

Oct. 6 1838

Conference opened the orderly way. A door opened for experience none joined. The above named the above named delegates stated their failure in going to the association, and then the church authorised Brother S. Knight to pay 87 ½ cts. For a pitcher for the use of the church, then we closed the usual way.

Nov. 3rd 1838

Conference opened by preaching and singing & a door was opened for experience, none joined. Nothing was laid over 1st conference. We give Brother Groover a call to preach the year 1839 and then we closed in order.

Dec. 1st 1838

Conference opened by a sermon and then singing, a door opened for experience. None joined. Nothing laid over last conference. We give Brother Groover a call to preach the year 1839 and then we closed in order.

January 5th 1839

Conference opened by singing and prayer by brother S. Knight then there was a chapter read and door opened for experience or letters, none was brought our clerk being absent, brother Daniels W. Johnson was nominated to act for the present. Brother Thomas T. Anderson formerly a member of the Sarepta Church which was dissolved, came forward and made open confession desiring to become a member of this Church and was cordially recd. Into full fellowship.

January 6

Conference opened on Sunday and Jessee Kickaliter & Vicy Kickaliter his wife handed in letters from Lotts Creek and were received in full fellowship with us at Beards Creek.

February 2 1839

Conference opened by Brother S. Knight as our pastor was not present. None joined. Brother T. Knight and Brother I. Sims are appointed to bear an epistle or letter to Upper Black Creek Church concerning our call to brother Wm. Grover that being the church where his membership is. Sister Elizabeth Daniel called for a letter of dismission which to join some other church which was granted her. One black man named Ishmael called for a letter. We laid that over until next meeting to get more confirmed about it so we closed in order.

March 2nd 1839

Conference opened. None joined and a black man namely Ishmael called for a letter of dismission which is granted. We agreed to cite Brethren Wm. Smith and John Coward be cited to our next conference and that Charles Blount cite Brother Coward and Brother Peacock cite said Smith to our next conference. We as a church believing that Brother T. Knight is called of God to teach in obedience to his Lord and master therefore we agree to license him and brother Seth Knight is appointed to write said license. So we closed in order.

April 1839

Conference opened by singing after a sermon. And a door was opened for the business of the church, none joined. Brother Smith and brother Coward neither came forward. We agree to wait until another meeting to hear from them. One then a black woman namely Hagan came forward to join us once having a letter but that now lost we cordially received her. We then proceeded to elect a clerk in the place of T. Knight and Daniel Johnson was elected.

Daniel W. Johnson, C. C.

May 5th 1839

Conference opened by singing after preaching. A door opened for experience James Anderson and Susann Anderson his wife came forward and was cordially received. Brother John Coward came forward and made his excuse. Brother Wm. Smith made his excuse. Nancy Stephens and now Nancy McCaboon made applications for a letter it being granted. Brother S. Knight moved that it shall be adopted rule for the church to commence at eleven o'clock in the fore noon so we closed in order. A door being opened at the water for experience Wm. T. Ham and Nancy Ham his wife came forward and was cordially received.

June the 1st 1839

Conference opened in order. Our pastor not being present brother T. Knight sat as moderator. A door was opened for experience. Nancy Anderson, Jain Knight, Sinah Shuff., Lizen a colored woman belonging to Wm. Haymans came forward and was received. Brother S. Knight moved that the subject of receiving of members by experience and resolved that they first be received as candidates for baptism and when baptized received into full fellowship union and communion, they then having a right to all the ordinances of the church. A move by Brother J. Simes that T. Knight be ordained, it being left to be carried by the voice of the church unanimously. Brother J. Simes moved that Brother Groover & Brother Stubbs be the presbtery. Called to the ordination an election held for messengers brother J. Sims & J. Kickeliter to bear the message to the called presbtery. So we come to a close in order.

July the 6th 1839

Conference opened by the moderator. A door opened for experience, Hopkin Padget, Susan Padget, Elisabeth Padget, Maryann Padget, Elisabeth Sapp, Hallon Duberly, Ama Groover, Elisabeth Waren came forward and they were all cordially received. Having nothing on hand we come to a close in order.

July 21 1839

Conference opened by the clerk of the church. A door opened for experience. A colored man named Moses came forward his case being difect laid over tell next conference. So we closed in order.

August 3rd 1839

Conference opened in order. Our pastor not being present T. Knight set as moderator. A dore was opened for experance, non jind. The business of our las conference taken up. Moses was received as a candidate for baptism. The quarry of rebaptism laid over. An election held for deligates. T. Knight, D. W. Johnson was elected, C. Blountin case of faliaur. A pentition for the asociation to be held at this place. So we closed in order.

August 31 1839

Conference opened in order. After a sermon the letter to the association read and approved of we took up the case on ordinance of washing of feet, it was put to vote and carried that we attend to that ordinance. We took up the case of rebaptism where one gives in experience professing to of never been converted to baptise them over again. We then reconsidered Moses a black mans experience and agreed not to take him into church as all was not satisfied with him. An agrievance was laid in by Brother Moody against Sister Ham. She asked forgiveness said she was sorry to her heart if she had done rong but the agrieved party viz James Moody & family giving no way to the acknowledgement of Sister Ham, therefore the brothers & sisters Moody was sat under a censure till next conference. So we closed by singing.

September the 6th 1839

Conference opened by singing. Door opened for experance and non joined so we proceded to business. Brother T. Knight laid in a grievance against Sister Padget. Moved that Sister Padget be cited to our next conference. Brother H. Padget, D. W. johnson & Francis Smart visit her and site her to our next conference. Sister Leary Graen cald for a letter it was granted her. Brother Brewer was apointed to furnish basons for the use of this house. So we closed in order.

November the 2nd 1839

Conference opened after a sermon. A dore opened for experance, Nancy Groover came forward and was received. Then we proceeded to business. The case of Sister Padget and Knight laid over until next conference. Brother Brewer brought forward the basons. Thay were received. Moved and seconted that the rule of decorum be red quarterly, moved and seconted that Brother Smith e sited to our next conference for nonatendance. Moved that Brother Peacock site him. Moved and seconted that a verbel sitation be over rule. So we closed in order.

November 30, 1939

Conference opned in order in order. A Dore opened for experance. Non joined. Brother Smith said his excuse for nonatendance. The case of brother T. Knight & Sister Padet tuck up and laid over. Brother R. Brewer cald for a leter, it was granted him, the clerk to write it when cald for. Sister Sheffield cald for a leter, it was granted her. So we closed in order.

Januar th 4th 1840

Conference opened in order. A door opened for experance. Non came forward. The case laid over taken up between brother T. Knight and sister Padget. Reconsilation was maid and the case dropt. Brother Robert Brewer cauld for a letter. It was granted him. Sister Rhody

Martin could for a letter. It was granted her. Brother James Moody and Lizen Moody his wife could for a letter, it was granted them. Brother Wm. Groover could to the pastoral care of this church this year. He refused the call. Moved and seconded that there be money appropriated to pay for the same. So we come to a close by singing.

February the 1st 1840

Conference opened by singing. A door opened for the reception of members by experience or by letter. Elisabeth McLellon came forward and was received as a candidate for baptism. So we proceeded to call a preacher. Moved and seconded that we call Tarlton Knight to attend us this year. Left to vote and agreed to he agreed to serve us. So we closed by singing.

Conference opened in order and the clerk being absent brother S. Knight was appointed assistant clerk to act in the absence of the clerk. A door was opened for experience or letters. William Besinger related his experience which was received. Brother George Kicklighter and his wife and Sister Mary Odum and Mary Jo Odum brought forward letter from other churches and was received. Brother R. Brewer returned his letter to this church and we closed in order.

Seth Knight, As. clk.

April 4th 1840

Conference opened in order. A door opened for experience or letter, none came forward so we come to a close by prayer.

April 27th 1840

Conference opened at Watermillion Creek for the reception of members. Gabriel Strickland and Elisabeth Dyas came forward and was received and baptised into Beards Creek Church.

May 2nd 1840

Conference opened by singing after a sermon. A door opened for the reception of members by letter or experience. Margaret Spirs and Lettis a colored woman belonging to Mr. Haymans came forward by experience and was received. Celia Johnson came by letter and was received. Moved and seconded that brother Seth Knight be set at liberty to exercise his gift believing that there is a dispensation of the gospel committed to his charge. William T. Ham and Nancy Ham his wife called for letters they were granted. Received and read a petition from some member living at a distance who desires to become, a church letter was granted to all who signed the petition. Names of the members are these:

Hopkin Padgett, Charles Blount, Daniel W. Johnson, Thomas Anderson, James Anderson, William Warron, Gabriel Strickland, Susan Padgett, Hollyam Johnson, Elisabeth Padgett, Maryann Padgett, Susan Anderson, Elisabeth Blount, Rachal Warren, Elisabeth Warren, Elisabeth Sapp, Elisabeth Dyas. So we come to a close by singing.

May 3rd 1840

Dicy Esterland hand in her letter from Jones Creek. She was received.

June 6 1840

Conference opened. A door opened for the reception of members. Lydia Grooms came with a letter and was received. Elizabeth Mobley related her experience and was received. Closed in order.

July 4 1840

Conference opened, a door opened for experience or letter, none joined. Being without a clerk agreed that Brother S. Knight act for the present. So we closed.

August 1st 1840

Conference opened. A door opened for experience. Paul Johnson came and was received. Appoin-delegates to the association. Brethren H. Smart, T. Knight & in case of failure S. Knight. We send \$1.50 for minutes & so closed by singing.

Sept. 5th

Conference opened. A door opened for the reception of members, none joined. We then elected Brother Paul Johnson clerk. It was then decided that the delegates from this church be clothed with authority to demand an acknowledgement from the Piedmont Association for their advertising them a disorderly church, that is if they call for a correspondence with us. So we closed by singing.

Oct. 3

Conference opened. Brother C. K. Brice handed in his letter and was received. Moved that on our next conference we elect a deacon in the place of Brother S. Knight. So we closed by singing.

October the 31 1840

Conference opened in order. Taken up the election of a deacon. Elected Brother Jesse Kicklighter deacon for this Church and appointed that at our next meeting for the ordination of a deacon. The presbyter sect chosen as follows: T. Knight, Wm. Groover, Abner Stubbs. Appointed Brother Sims to bear the message to the brethren. So we came to a close by singing.

December the 5

Conference opened in order. Taken up the ordination of the deacon-----
--ordination laid over till our next meeting. Appointed Brethren S. knight & J. Kicklighter to bear a corresponding letter to Deloaches meeting house. Called Brother T. Knight to attend us the insuing year to which he gave his consent. T. Knight to bear a letter to Watermellon Creek.

January the 2 1841

Conference opened in order. The case of Brother S. Knight laid over to the next conference. Also the case of Brother R. Brewer. Called Wm. Grover and A. Stubbs to the ordination of deacon, ordained that the clerk prepare a letter of dismissal for Brother C. Buie.

Feb. 6 1841

Conferrence was opened by singing, preaching and prayer by Brother Tarlton Knight. A door was opened for the reception of members, none came forward.

And as the clerk is not present William Smith, In June were requested for the present conference.

1. Took up the case of Brother Seth Knight as to his being ordained, and after some discussion on motion of Brother Robt. Brewer tis ordered that a presbatory be called to aid in the ordination of Brother S. Knight.

2nd. Tis unanimously agreed that Brother Brewer continue to be the deacon.

3rd. Agreed that the ordination of Brother S. Knight take place at our meeting in April next.

4. Resolved that a letter be addressed to Brethren R. Donaldson, W. S. Moor and Wm. Groover requestin their assistance. Adjourned till our meeting in course.

Wm. Smith, clk

April the 3rd 1841

Conference opened by singing. A door opened for the reception of members. One came forward give in by relation of experience postponed. Appointed the clerk to write two corresponding letters one to Deloaches Meeting house and one to Watermellon. Brother George Kicklighter to bear the one to Deloaches Meeting house and Brother Seth Knight and Brother Paul Johnson to bear the one to Watermellon Creek. Brother Smith called for a letter. Laid over till the next conference.

P. Johnson, C.C.

May the 1st 1841

Conferrence opened in order. A door was opened for the reception of members either by experience or by letter, none by experience one by letter viz. Rebecca Brewer. Taken up the case of Brother Wm. Smith. The case of Brother Smiths letter laid over for a reconceliation he had between the brethren.

June 5th 1841

Conference opened in order and a door opened for experience & letter when John Happer, R. Green & Leacy Green brot forth a letter and was received. The case of Brother Smith & Brother Johnson laid over until next conference, Brother Johnson being absent, and so conference closed in order.

Seth Knight, assistant clk.

(On the 6th day of June 1841 John Johns was baptised)

July 3rd 1841

Conference opened in order. A door for experience opened when Isaac Byess came forward and was joyfully received. A corresponding letter brought from Watermelon Cr. Church by the hand of Brother S. D. Surrency with joy. Agreed to take up the case of Brother Smith and brother on motion agreed that the following members have liberty of this body to form an arm of Beards Creek Church at or near Gum Branch, Liberty County:

Viz. James N. Mobley, Wm. Bassinger, Mary Peacock, N. R. Green, Elizabeth Mobley, John Johns, Leacy Green.

So closed in order

S. Knight, asst, clk.

July 31 1841

Conference opened in order. A door opened for experience and the following coloured persons came forward and was recd. Viz. ___Jack and Tener belonging to D. Baggs, and Margaret, belonging to James Smylie. The Church being destitute of a clerk nominated S. Knight to act for the present. Called for corresponding letters when one was presented from Deloatches meeting House by brethren J. Deloatch and B. Bennet which was joyfully recd. Took up the case of brother Wm. Smith Jr. and agreed that he be restored to full fellowship and then proceeded to choose delegates Viz. ___F. Smart, Tarlton Knight (and in case of failure Seth Knight) to attend the association.

On motion agreed that in case of any interruption in or about the meeting house in time of service the deacons observe it as their duty to endeavor calmly to bring them to order and if order is not observed the law to be enforced. Agreed that the Brethren T. Knight & J. Sims be our messengers to bear a letter of correspondence to Deloatches meeting house in October next. Agreed that we send one dollar & fifty cents for minutes, and Brother S. Knight to prepare the the letter to the association. & so closed in order.

S. Knight, C. clerk, Protem

September the 4th 1841

1. after preaching by Brother Tarlton Knight conference was opened in order. A door was opened for the reception of members but no person came forward.
2. Brother S. Knight according to appointment. Produced and read a letter to the association which was received.
3. Proceeded to elect a clerk for this church. William Smith Jr. was appointed and in his absence Brother Seth Knight. Agreed that we petition the association.
4. That each church at our next annual meeting state the time of her monthly meetings in their letters to the association in 1842.
5. Adjourned till turn in course.

Wm. Smith Jr., Clerk

Oct. 2nd 1841

After preaching by Brother Tho. Law Conference was opened in order. A door was opened for the reception of members but person came forward. Brother George Kicklighter applied for a letter of dismission for himself and wife which was granted. It was agreed that a letter of correspondence to deloches meeting house should be prepared by Brother Seth Knight. Conference adjourned.

Nov. 6 1841

Conference opened by a sermon by brother T. Knight. Having nothing to do we closed in order.

T. Knight, protem C.

Dec. 4 1841

Conference opened by preaching by T. Knight. Sister Mary Daniels applied for a letter to join Cedar Creek Church, it was granted. Then proceeded to call a pastor for the year 1842. Agreed to call Brother T. Knight which was consented by all. Then Brother Isaac Dyas called for a letter of recommendation it was granted. Brother Mobly called for the rules of decorum or a copy to be their decorum at Gum Branch an arm of Beards Creek Church. We closed by singing.

T. Knight, protem clerk

January 1 1842

Conference opened and finding nothing to do closed in order.

Wm. Smith, C. Clk.

February 5th 1842

Conference opened by preaching & prayer by brother Peacock and finding nothing to do closed in order.

Seth Knight, Assistant Clerk

March 5th 1842

Conference opened in order and finding nothing to do closed in order.

Seth Knight, Assistant clk.

April 2nd 1842

Conference was opened by preaching by Brother Tarlton Knight from Matthew the 2nd chapter and latter clause of the 6th verse.

William Smith, Ch. Clk.

April 30th 1842

Conference opened by preaching by Brother T. Knight from Isaah 32 chapter and first and second verses.

Brother W. Grice died 22 instant. Closed in order.

Seth Knight, C. Prottem

June 4 1842

Conference opened by preaching by Brother T. Knight. Moved and carried that when a member is reported in general of bad conduct they shall come forward and defend the cause and if they fail the church is to cite them and try the case. Appointed Brother J. Kickaliter to cite Sister Grover to next conference for a report against her. Also moved and carried that Sister Baker be cited to our next meeting to defend her self of a general report which lies against her. So we closed by singing.

T. Knight, protem clerk

July 2, 1942

Conference opened by a sermon and singing by Brother T. Knight. First the case of Sister Groover taken up and decided that Sister Groover lie under church censure until our next conference.

2nd. Took up the case of Sister Baker and decided that said Sister remain in full fellowship. So conference closed in order.

Seth Knight, Assistant clerk

6th August 1842

Conference was opened by preaching by Brother Tarlton Knight.

1st. Opened a door for experance

2. read the minutes of least conference and took up the case of Sister Groover and decided that Sister Amey Groover be expelled from this church on an accusation for adultery. Not supported by Church evidence but a want of fellowship in account such report with the members of this church.

3. Recd. An application from the arm at Gum Branch meeting house for a letter of dismissal for the following members from this church viz. William Bessinger, John Johns, James n. Mobley, Mary Peacock, Nancy Hardn, Elizebeth Mobly in order that they may be constituted on the 3rd Saturday & Sunday in this month. And tis ordered that Bro. T. Knight prepare a letter for them for thurth.

4. Appointed or elected delegates to the assousation Brethren Tarlton Knight, Jacob Sims and in case of failer Brother Seth Knight.

5. Appointed the clerk to prepare a letter to the association.

Adjourned till our turn in course.

Date above William Smith, Church C. Ck.

1842 Sept. 4

Opened Conference in the usual way. Opened a door for experience none joined. We received our letter which was prepared by the clerk to send to the association. We decided to have it altered and appointed T. Knight to transcribe it and make the necessary alternations & then we agreed to send \$1.50 for minutes. We closed.

T. Knight, protem clerk

Oct. 1st

Opened conference as usual, none joined, nothing to do we closed.

T. Knight, Pro. C.

Nov. 5

Opened conference in the usual way and finding nothing to do closed in order.

S. Knight, assistant clk.

Dec. 3rd. 1842

1. Conference opened in order. A door opened for experience when Matilda Hedgecock came forward with a relation of the dealings of the Lord with her when she was cordially received as a candidate for baptism.

2. Called Brother T. Knight to the pastoral care of our church and he consented to serve us the ensuing year.

3rd. Received a letter or epistle of love from the church at Deloatches meeting house by the hand of Brother Bennet who was cordially recd.

Among us.

4th. Brother R. Brewer called for a letter of dismissal which was granted.

5th. Agreed that we visit the church at Deloatches meeting house with letter and messengers and brethren Sims and Knight be those messengers and brother Knight prepare that letter and so closed in order.

Seth Knight, As. Clk.

31st Dec. 1842

1. Conference was opened by preaching by Brother Tarlton Knight.

2. Opened a door for experience and Prince a black man the property of D. S. Baggs came forward and gave in his relation but was not received. On his experience was not satisfactory. And closed in order.

Wm. Smith, Ch. Clk.

February 4th 1843

1. Conference opened by preaching by T. Knight.

2. Opened a door for experience when Prince a colored man belonging to Mr. Baggs came forward and was received.

3. Took up the case of chosing for this church & laid it over until our next conference & closed in order.

S. Knight, assist. Clerk

March the 4th 1843

Conference was opened after preaching by Brethren Law & t. Knight and Nancy Ann McGowen came forward with a letter from Jones Creek Church and was cordially received.

2nd. Proceeded to the choice of a deacon by ballot and brother Francis Smart was elected. Brother George Kicklighter who was dismissed with his wife some time ago returned the letter desiring to be cut of from this church and desired that his wife Nepsey have a separate letter

March the 4th 1843 (cont.)

of recommendation which is this day given. And it is ordered that the consideration of the request of Brother Kicklighter as to his being cut off be laid over until our next conference. Closed in order.

Wm. Smith, Ch. Ck.

April 1st 1843

Conference was opened after preaching by Bro. Knight. None came forward by experience. The case of Bro. George Kicklighter taken into consideration. Moved and carried that it be laid over until he commits some transgression for us to act upon if he should at all. Closed in order.

May 6th 1843

Conference opened after preaching by Brother Knight. A door opened for experience none came forward. And closed in order.

S. Knight, assistant clk.

June 3rd 1843

Conference opened. A door opened for experience. William Purcell & Rachel Purcell came forward and related their experience & both was received. By the right hand of fellowship. Nothing more to do we closed.

T. Knight, Clerk protem.

July 1 1843

Conference opened. A door opened for experience. Jane Johnson came forward and was corcially received and we then closed by by singing.

Tarlton Knight, C. Protem

August 5 1843

Conference opened. A door opened for experience. Elizabeth Knight came forward and told her experience and was received. We then appointed deligates to the association viz. T. Knight R. Thompson in case of failure Seth Knight. Seth Knight & T. Knight to write the letter to the association and agreed to send \$1.50 for minutes. So we closed in order.

Tarlton Knight, clerk Pro.

2nd Sept. 1843

1st. Brother T. Knight preached after which conference was opened in the usual way.

2nd. Brother Seth Knight produced and read a letter to the association which was received.

3rd. On motion of Brother Seth Knight tis ordered that the proceedings of the trustees of Beards Creek Church be entered in the church book. Adjourned.

Wm. Smith, Ch. Clk.

September 30, 1843

1st. Brother Seth Knight preached after which conference was opened in the usual way when Sarah Ann Currio came forward with her experience and was joyfully received.

2nd. Brother J. Kicklighter is appointed to cite Brother Geo. Kicklighter to our next conference for his failure in attending church conference.

3rd. It being made to appear to the church that Sister Nancy Moody is a fornicatress, it is resolved that she be excommunicated, therefore she is no longer considered as a member of this church. And then closed in order.

Seth Knight, assistant clk.

Nov. 4th 1843

Conference opened in order, and took up the case of Brother George Kicklighter and resolved at this meeting that he the said Geo. Kicklighter be excommunicated from this church and is no longer a member among us, for refusing to comply with the requisitiory of the church, - Closed in order.

Seth Knight, assistant clk.

2nd Decr. 1843

1. Conference was opened in order.

2nd. Brother Tarlton Knight is again call'd to the pastoral care of this church, and Brother T. Knight consented to serve the ensuing year.

Closed in order.

Wm. Smith, Ch. Clk.

January 6, 1844

Conference opened and a door was opened for experience. A black man came forward viz. Lewis and was received by the right hand of fellowship. & Brother R. Brewer returned his letter and was received. And Sister Nancy Groover laid in her agrievance for evil report on her she denying the truth of said reports was retained in fellowship. Then Brother Paul Johnson called for a letter for himself & his wife which was granted him. So we closed conference by singing.

Seth Knight, assistant clerk

3rd day of Feb. 1844

After preaching by Brother T. Knight conference was opened in the usual manner. Opening a door for experience & c. And after waiting for some few minutes there appeared nothing to do in conference so we closed in order.

Wm. Smith, Ch. Clk.

March 2nd 1844

After preaching by Brother T. Knight conference was opened in the usual manner. Opening a door for experience & finding nothing to do closed in order.

Seth Knight, ast. clk.

We the undersigned trustees met according to a previous appointment and agreed to have our next meeting at Black Church the first Saturday in January next. Signed by:

Francis Smart, James Moody, Jacob Sims, Seth Knight, Jesse Kicklighter.

January 6th 1844

Met according to appointment finding nothing to do dismissed in order. Signed by order and in behalf of the board of trustees.

S. Knight, clerk

April 6th 1844

At a called meeting information reaching our body relative to disorderly conduct by Cordy A. Sands on the 3rd March last, resolved that Brother J. Sims be appointed to report said Sands to a justice for his conduct to be dealt with. Signed for & in behalf of the trustees:

Seth Knight, Clerk

Long neglected bus. Taken up again and appointed to fill vacanes of those absent.

State of Georgia Tatnall County

Be it known to all persons that at a meeting of the State of Georgia for the year eighteen hundred forty five the church at Beards Creek was incorporated under the name and style of the Beards Creek Baptist Church and the following persons appointed trustees with the authority and privileges generally granted in such cases Viz:

Francis Smart, Jesse Kicklighter, Jacob Sims, Seth Knight, James Moody Sr.

Therefore we the aforesaid trustees under a sense of our duty to God and the ruling authorities of our land and for the safety, peace and good order of our congregations, have adopted the following rules and resolutions:

First-We will meet at our Church once every year and oftener if required to transact business.

Second-We feel it our indispensable duty to take special care of all property belonging to said church therefore any person trespassing on the land belonging to the Church injuring the house or well of water it will be considered a violation of the law and they dealt with accordingly.

Third-Any person attending our worshipping congregations who act inconsistent with law good order and peace to the interruption of said worshipping congregation or any one of them it will be considered a breach of the law which provides for our protection and such offenders dealt with accordingly.

Fourth- The majority of the trustees are authorized to transact business at any of our state meetings.

Male List

1. David Hennesy - Dismist
2. John Tilmon - Dismist
3. John Coward - Dismist
4. John Dyess - Dismist
5. John McLelland - Dead
6. Jerimiah McDaniel - Exc.
7. Aaron Daniel - Exc.
8. Aaron Baxly - Excom.
9. John Tailer - Dead
10. Jerimiah Slade - Dis.
11. Thomas Ellis - D.
12. Nathan Hodges
13. John Deloatch
14. Mack a black member
15. Robert Brewer

Female List

1. Sarah Tilmon
2. Rebecah Hennesy
3. Sarah McDaniel
4. Elisabeth Daniel
5. Mary Daniel
6. Jean Futch
7. Elisabeth Deloach
8. Mary Durance
9. Elisabeth Durance
10. Elisabeth Smart
11. Nancy Smart
12. Lucy Dyess
13. Sarah McLelland
14. Elisabeth Osteen
15. Marah Harnage
16. Rhody Williams
17. Elisabeth Ellis
18. Mary Hodges
19. Lucy Griffen
20. Sister Tod
21. Doll a black member
22. Leety Brewer

April 6th 1844

After preaching by Brother T. Knight conference was opened in the usual manner, opening a door for experience & finding nothing to do we closed in order.

Seth Knight, ast. clerk

May 4th 1844

After preaching by Brother T. Knight conference was opened in the usual way and Brother James Odom brought forward a letter desiring to join us which was cordially recd. And so closed in order.

Seth Knight, ast. clerk

June 1st 1844

After preaching by Brother T. Knight conference was opened in the usual way and closed having nothing to come before the conference.

Wm. Smith, Ch. Clk.

July 7 1844

Conference opened by preaching by Brother D. Johnson. None joined and we haveing nothing before us to attend to we closed by singing.

T. Knight, C. Protem

August 3rd 1844

1st. Conference opened in order. A door opened for experience when Dennis Lynn came forward and was cordially recd. As a candidate for baptism.

2. Took up the business to prepare to meet the association made choice of the following brethren for delegates: Tarlton Knight, Richard Thompson & in case of failure Seth Knight, and the two Brother Knights to prepare the letter to the association, contribution for minutes one dollar & 50 cents. Then closed in order.

Seth Knight, asst. clerk

31st August 1844

1. Conference was opened after preaching by by brother T. Knight and a door was opened in the usual way and Martha Lynn came forward by

experience and was cordially received. Brother T. Knight produced a letter to the association which was read and received and then adjourned till time in course.

Wm. Smith, Ch. Clk.

Oct. 5th 1844

Conference opened having nothing to do we closed by singing.

T. Knight, C. Protem

Nov. 2nd 1844

Conference opened by singing & prayer. A door opened for experience. None came. Finding we had nothing to do we closed in the usual way.

T. Knight, C. Protem

30th day of Nov. 1844

Conference was opened in the usual way after preaching by Brother T. Knight. And a door was opened and Brother John Johns applied by letter for membership and was received by Brother T. Knights giving him the right hand of fellowship.

2. Call'd Brother Tarlton Knight to take the pastoral care of this church the ensuing year and he accepted the call.

3. Resolved that all persons wishing to contribute for the support of the ministry try to come prepared to contribute at our next meeting.

4th. Resolved that Brother Robert Brewer and his wife Sister Brewer be sighted to next conference and brother Jesse Kicklighter site them.

Adjourned to our next time in course.

Wm. Smith, Ch. Clk.

4th January 1845

Opened conference by a sermon and a door opened none joined. We then layed over the case of Brother Brewer & Sister Brewer until next conference. Then we close by singing.

T. Knight, Clk. Protem

1st February 1845

Conference opened in order. Took up the case of Brother and Sister Brewer and appointed a committee consisting of Brethen F. Smart, T. Knight, & J. Kicklighter to visit them, investigate the matter & report to the next conference.

2. Resolved that each male member contribute 50 cents pr. Annum for a church fund to be paid the first meeting in each year. Adjourned to our next time in course.

S. Knight, asst. clerk

1st March 1845

Opened conference & opened a door for experience none joined. Then took up the case of Brother & Sister Brewer for trespass and on their confession of sorrow for their rong they was forgiven & retained in fellowship. Brother James Odom called for a letter of recommendation it was granted. So closed.

T. Knight, Clk. Protem

5th April 1845

Conference was opened in the usual way after preaching by Brother T. Knight from 18th chapter of Proverbs and 24 verse. And the conference closed in order after singing.

Wm. Smith Ch. Clk.

May 3rd

No conference held.

February 28th 1846

After preaching by Brother T. Knight from Math. 24 ch. 14 verse conference was opened & a door opened for experience none came forward. Brother Sims applied for a letter of recommendation for himself and Sister Sims his wife which was granted & closed in order.

Seth Knight, Clk. Protem

April the 4 1846

After Preach. By Borth. T. Knight conference opened in order and close in order.

J. N. R. Green, Clk.

2nd May 1846

Brother Tarlton Knight preached after which conference was opened in the usual way. Brother Robt. Brewer rose and stated that he wished to return the letter which dismissed himself and wife jointly from this church and that and have a letter separately which was agreed to and Brother Seth Knight appointed to write then and conference closed in order.

Wm. Smith, Clk.

Sunday May 3rd 1846

Sister Mary Thompson handed in her letter to Beards Creek Church and was cordially received by the right hand of fellowship

June 6 1846

Opened conference in the usual way, none joined. Finding nothing to attend to we closed by singing.

T. Knight, Clk. Protem

August 1st 1846

Opened conference and it was moved & seconded to elect a clerk in the stead of Brother Smith & Brother Green & Brother Dennis Lynn was elected. We then held an election for delegates to the association. Brothers T. Knight & Dennis Lynn elected & Brother Jesse Kicklighter in case of failure. T. Knight to write the letter to the association & so we closed by singing. \$1.50 for minutes.

T. Knight, Protem

September 5 1846

Conference opened. A door opened for experience and none came forward so we close conference by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. c.

Mary Thompson deceased Oct. 3 1846

Oct. 3 1846

Conference opened in the usual way. A door opened for experience. None came forward. So we come to a close by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

October 31st 1846

Conference opened in the usual and finding nothing to do closed in order.

Seth Knight, Clk. Protem

December 5 1846

Conference opened in the usual and finding nothing to do and a door for experience and none came forward. Then the church proceeded to choose a pastor and unanimously agreed to call Tarlton Knight for next year. So we come to a close by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

January 2 1847

Conference opened. We found nothing to do so we close in order.
Dennis Lynn, C. C.

February 6th 1847

Conference opened in order and finding nothing to do closed in order.
S. Knight, Clk. Protem

March the 6 1847

Conference opened and opened door experience and none came forward so we come to a close by singing.
Dennis Lynn, C. C.

April 3rd 1847

Conference opened by prayer & singing. A door was opened for experience, none joined we closed by singing.
T. Knight, C. Protem

May 1 1847

Conference opened and a door for experience and none came forward so we come to a close by singing.
Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

June 5th 1847

Conference opened in the usual way and opened a door for experience and none came forward. Moved & seconded that Brother J. N. R. Green be cited to our next conference for neglect of attending & Brothers D. Lynn and S. Knight give him that citation. So we closed by singing.
D. Lynn, C. Clk.

July 3rd 1847

Conference opened. Brother Green was not present so we layed over his case of none attendance till next conference so we closed as usual.
T. Knight, C. Protem

July 31 1847

Conference opened. Brothers J. Kicklighter & J. N. R. Green made a confession of rong conduct and plead forgiveness & it was granted. Then we proceeded to elect delegates to the association & Brethren T. Knight & Jessee Kicklighter was chosen & Wm. Purcell in case of failure and Brother T. Knight to write the letter. So we closed by singing
Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

Sept. 4 1847

Conference opened. Our letter to the association was received.

2nd 1847 October

Conference was opened after preaching by Brother Padget after which a door was opened and lo our old and much esteemed friend Joseph Dubberly came forward and gave in a very satisfactory experience and was coridally received.
William Smith, Clk. Protem

Nov. 6 1847

Conference opened. None joined. Brother T. Knight informed the Brethen of a rumor on him which he said was groundless and false so all was satisfyed. We then closed by singing.
Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

Dec. 4 1847

Conference opened. Nothing found to do only we proceeded to call our preacher for 1848 and we called Brother T. Knight again for that purpose and closed in the usual way.

Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

January 1st 1848

Conference opened and a door for experience and none came forward so we come to a close.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

February 5th 1848

Conference opened, nothing to do we closed by singing. Sister Green died January 30 1848.

Dennis Lynn C. Clk.

March 4 1848

Conference opened by singing and opened a door for experience and none came forward so we come to a close.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

May 6 1848

Conference opened by opening a door for experience and none came forward so we come to a close.

Dennis Lynn. C.C.

June 3rd 1848

Conference opened and having nothing to do we closed by singing.

Dennis Lynn

July 1 1848

Conference opened and a door for experience and none came forward then we proceeded to elect delegates & Brethren T. Knight & Seth Knight was elected & Brother Dennis Lynn in case of failure and Brother T. Knight to write the letter to the association. So we closed by singing.

Dennis Lynn, Clk.

August 5 1848

Conference opened order. The churches letter read and approved. Conference closed in order.

Dennis Lynn, C. Clerk

August 6 1848

Conference opened on the Sabbath in consequence of the churches pastor being absent on the day before. Two members joined by letter to wit Jane Johnson and Margaret Padget. Close in order.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

September 2 1848

Conference opened by singing and door opened for experience and one came forward a colored woman name Ruthy and was received. So we come to a close in order.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

Sept. 30th 1848

Conference opened. None joined. We had nothing to do we closed by sing.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

November 4 1848

Conference opened and a door for experience and none came forward so we come to a close by sing.

Dennis Lynn

Dec. 1848

Conference opened. None joined then we proceeded to the call of a preacher & we called Brother T. Knight for the year 1849 & he received & accepted of the same.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

Jan. 6 1849

Conference opened, none joined. We haveing nothing to do we closed.

Dennis Lynn, Ck.

Feb. 3 1849

Conference opened and a door for experence and none come forward so we come to a close by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

March 3 1849

Conference opened and we come to a close by sing.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

March 31st 1849

Conference opened in the usual way. Finding nothing to do we closed by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

March 31 1849

This is to memarise that on last Saturday Sister Maryann Padgett died, it being on the 24 day of this month.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

Brother James Moody deceased April 1849

May 5 1849

We opened conference. Finding nothing to attend to we closed by singing.

Dennis Lynn, Clk.

June 2 1849

We opened conference and a dor for experence and none came forward so we come to a close by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

June 30 1849

Conference opened & we found nothing to do so we closed by singing.

D. Lynn, C. C.

August 4th 1849

We opened conference and took up a rumor against Brother J. N. R. Green of misconduct and laid it over until next conference. Then proceeded to elect delegates to the association & Brother Wm. Purcell & Brother T. Knight was elected & Brother Jessee Kicklighter in case of failure. So we closed in order.

Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

Sept. 1 1849

Conference opened and a door for experence and none came forward. Then we took up the case of Brother J. Green and on account of his general character and nonattendance to the church we unfellowshipt him. So he is excommunicated from us & we agree to cite sister Brewer to next

conference to give an account for her conduct & for holding her letter too long and not putting it in nowhere. So we closed in order.

D. Lynn, C. Clk.

Oct. 6 1849

Conference opened by a sermon & a door was opened for the reception of members. None joined. Sister Brewer sent a letter to us to join us & she was received. So we closed.

D. Lynn, C. Clk.

Nov. 3rd 1849

Conference opened, haveing nothing to do we closed by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

Nov. 4 1849

On Sunday we held a conference & Brethren David Hall & Robin Brewer was received by letter.

T. Knight, Protem

Dec. 1 1849

A few of us met, but there being but two male members we did not hold conference.

D. Lynn, C. Clk.

February 2nd 1850

Conference opened & a door was opened for experience, none joined. We haveing nothing to do we closed by singing.

T. Knight, Clk. Protem

March 2nd 1850

Conference opened in the usual way. A door opened for the reception of members, none by experience, then Margaret Eason desired to become under the watch care of the church until she could try to get her letter from North Prong Church E H which was agreed to by the church. So we closed by singing.

D. Lynn, Ck.

April

No conference held.

May 4th 1850

Conference opened & Amelia Lane came by experience & was cordially received by the right hand of fellowship & then we closed by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. Ck.

On the Sabbath 5th of May Sister Mary Griffin called for a letter of dismission which was granted.

June 1st 1850

Conference opened & none joined and we finding nothing to do we closed by singing & prayer.

T. Knight, Clk. Protem

July 6 1850

Conference opened and having nothing to do we closed.

Tarlton Knight, C. P.

July 7

Conference opened and having nothing to do we closed.

Tarlton Knight, C. P.

August 3 1850

Opened conference in the usual way & Jack & Margaret coloured persons called for letters & they was granted. All agree to send \$1.25 ct. for minutes. We then appointed the following brethren as delligates to the next association viz. Tarlton Knight & Seth Knight & in case of failure Wm. Purcell. Then we closed by singing.

Tarlton Knight, Cl. Pr.

Sunday August 4 1850

Matilda Banks called for a letter and it was granted her.

August 31 1850

Conference opened and opened a door for experience and none came forward so we come to a close by singing.

Dennis Linn, C. C.

Sept. 1 1850

Mariah a colored woman called for a letter which was granted.

T. Knight

October 5 1850

Conference opened the usul way and find nothing to do so we come to a close by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

Sunday Oct. 6 1850

Elizar a coloured woman belongs to Staton Haymons called for a letter of dismission, it was granted.

Nov. 2 1850

Conference opened, haveing nothing to do we closed by singing.

T. Knight

Nov. 30 1850

Conference opened. We receiving testimony of misconduct of Brother John Johns & we laid it over till next conference & he to be cited to trial. So we closed in order.

T. Knight, Clk. Protem

January 4th 1851

Conference opened. Two came forward and gave in their experience viz. Charles Knight and Sarah Ann, Martha Kicklighter who was received. Then we laid over Brother John Johns case to next meeting. So we closed by singing.

Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

On Sabbath Jany. 5 1851

Margaret Cason handed in a letter & was received by the right hand of fellowship.

Dennis Lynn, C. Clk.

February 1 1851

Conference opened & Stanton Haymons gave in an experience and was received by the right hand of fellowship. Then we took up the case of Brother J. Johns on the proof of adultery or fornication and being we excommunicated John Johns from this church. So we closed by singing.

Tarlton Knight, C. Protem

Sabbath Feb. 2 1851

Brother S. K. Harrod brought a letter to join us and we cordially received.

March 2 1851

Conference opened by singing and opened a door for experience and none came forward so we came to a close.

Dennis Lynn, C. C.

April 5 1851

Conference opened by a sermon and Brother Wm. R. Knight handed in a letter & was received by fellowship. Then we tried Joseph Dubberly by the fellowship of the church for his misconduct, he was excommunicated. So we closed. We appointed Brother Wm. Knight assistant clerk.

T. Knight

May 3 1851

Conference opened by singing, having nothing to do we came to a close in order.

D. Lynn, C. C.

On May 21 1851

Sister Elizabeth Smart deceased this life.

May 31st 1851

Conference opened by singing. A door opened for the reception of members, none came forward. Elected C. Knight as our clerk. So we came to a close in order.

Charles Knight, C. C.

July 5

Conference opened. A door opened for the reception of members, one came forward Celia Easterlin came forward and was received. Brother Brewer applied for a letter and was granted. So we closed in order. Seth R. Harrod called for a letter & it was granted.

August 2nd 1851

Conference opened. A door opened for the reception of members and two came forward namely James Knight and Celia Knight and was received. Agreed to elect a deacon to fill the vacancy of brother Frances Smart, elected brother Charles Knight as a deacon for this church. Elected Brother James A. Knight clerk for the church. So we closed in order.

Charles Knight, C. C.

September the 6th 1851

Conference opened by singing. Appointed Brothers Tarlton & Charles Knight delegates to the association & Brother S. Hayman alternate. Appointed Brother T. Knight to write the circular or letter of correspondence. Closed in order.

J. A. Knight, C. C.

Oct. the 4th 1851

Conference opened by singing. A door opened for the reception of members. Henry Kicklighter came forward and was received. Closed by singing.

J. A. Knight, C. C.

Nov. 15 1851

Conference opened, there came nothing before us closed after the usual manner.

Wm. H. Knight, C. C.

Dec. 6th 1851

Conference opened in order. Brother Wiley Knight & Wenev Knight came forward with letters and was received & Sister Margaret Cson calcd for a letter & it was granted. Election held for clerk. Brother Wm. H. Knight elected. Sister Lanell died Nov. 25. Closed after the usual maner.

William H. Knight, C. Ck.

Dec. the 7th 1851

According to an act of conference we called the rev. T. Knight by unanimous voice. Call accepted Dec. 7th 1851.

Wm. H. Knight, C. Ck.

Jan. the 3rd 1852

Conference opened. Door opened for the reception of members. Sister Elenor A. Rogers handed in her letter, red and recivd. Conference closed by singing.

Wm. H. Knight, Church Clk.

Jany. 31 1852

Conference opened. Door opened for the recption of members. Three came forward handed in letters viz. Redding Denmark, Racha Denmark, Dempsey Lynn, and Nancy a colourd woman, and was all received. Closed by singing.

W. H. K., C. C.

Febu. March 6th 1852

Conference held, moved and cared that we send corresponding letter, be carried by messengers Br. S. Haymans, Henry Kicklighter and Elder T. Knight to write said letter. Closed in order.

Wm. H. Knight, C. Ck.

April 3rd 1852

Conference held. Received corespondance from Watermellon Creek. Received by leter two viz. Lewis Smith & his wife Rachel Smith. Conference closed.

W. H. K., C. C.

May 1st

Conferance held, nothing came foward, we therefor closed by singing.

William H. Knight, C. C.

June 5

Conferance held, nothing came forward, we therefore close after the usual manner.

William H. Knight, C.

July 3rd

Conferance held, nothing brought forward, we therefore closed by singing.

Wm. Knight

August 1st

Conference held and Brother Dennys Lynn presented to the conference for the charge of being a member of this masonic institution & neglecting to attend the conference and appointed Brother Charles Knight to invite Brother Dennys Lynn to a seat with us in our next conference in order to render in his cause for so doing. And then closed by singing.

William H. Knight, Clerk

Septe. 1st

Conferance held the trial of last conferance laid over for the next conferance. Election held for delligates. Elder T. Knight and brother Jessey Kicklighter elected and brother Henry Kicklighter in case of failure. Then closed after the usual manner.

William H. Knight, Churches Clerk

Oct. the 2nd

Conferance held and Brother James Lee and Sister Martha Lee his wife came forward with a letter and was cordially recived. Then proceeded to take up the case of brother Dennis Lynn for being a member of the Mason Lodge & he would not agree to forsake the lodge for he sake of being retained in the church so we took the vote & it was unanimous vote to expel him from the church. So we closed in order.

Wm. Knight, C. Clk.

November the 6th 1852

Conferance held. Brother Robert Brewer came forward with a letter and was received. Peter a colerd man is dead and closed by sinig.

Dec. 4th 1852

Conferance opend. Moved & carried that Elder T. Knight be the pastor of our church the ensuing year. Closed by singing.

William Knight, C. C.

Jan. 1 1853

Conferance opened. Nothing came before us so we closed in order.

Charles Knight, Clerk Protem

1853

We here pen down the death of two sisters viz. Lucy Lyass & Ann Smith.

Feby. 5th

Conferance opened. Bro. James A. Knight presents himself for drunkness and apou an confession of sorrow was forgiven. Brother Dempsey Lynn the same apou his own confession for the same. Nothing more we therefore closed by singing.

W. H. Knight

March the 5

Conferance opned. Nothing came forward we therefore closed by singing.
Wm. H. Knight, C. C.

April the 2nd

Conferance opend in order. Resolved that we furnish a primitive hymn book for the church & then closed by singing.

S. H. Knight, Ch. Clerk

May 1st 1853

Conference opened for business & we note that Brother Robin Brewer deceased April 29th 1853. Then we proceeded to see if there was any business before the conference & we had nothing to do so we closed by singing.

Wm. H. Knight, C. Clk.

The 4th June 1853

Conferance opend by prayer. Agreed that we copy the resolution of the conferance at the time. Dennis Lynn was expelled from this church done for the church at Ebenezer. Then closed by singing.

W. H. Knight, C. C.

The 2 July 1853

Conferance opened in order. No business came before us, we therefore closed by singing.

W. H. Knight, C. C.

August

Conferance opened by prayer. We here record the death Bro. Seth Knight & Sister Rachel Moody. Nothing came before, we therefore closed by singing.

W. H. Knight, Chs. Clk.

Sept. the 3rd. 1853

Conferance opened by prayer by the moderator. Door was opened for the reception of members, one came forward give his relation and was received, March a colored man. Held an election for delegates to the association and elected the following Brethren viz. Brethren Stanton Haymans & Reding Denmark. Bro. Haymans came forward made confession of anger and was cordially forgiven. Then close after the usual maner.

W. H. K., C. Clk.

We here record the death of Sister Lavicy Kicklighter who died the 28th of Sept. A. D. 1853.

W. H. Knight

Oct. the 1st 1853

Conferance opened by singing and prayer. The door was opened for the reception of members. There came forward Margaret Baker, give her relation & was received cordially. So we closed.

W. H. Knight, C. Clk.

Nov. 5th 1853

Conference opened. A door opened for experience and none joined and haveing nothing to do we closed in order.

Wm. H. Knight, C. C.

Bro. John Coward deceased Oct. A. D. 1853

Dec. 31st 1853

Conferance opened in order. Bro. W. Knight confesd transgression & was forgiven. Resolved that Bro. James Knight be cited to our nex conferance for a charge of drunkenness & gambling & then closed after the usual manner.

Wm. H. Knight, C. Ck.

Feb. 4 1854

Conferance opened in order. Taken up the case of Brother J. A. Knight & he was excommunicated. Brother Wm. H. Knight presented for drunkenness. Moved that Wm. H. Knight sited to next conferance. Moved that C. Knight site him. Conferance closed in order. Jane A. Deloatch is dead.

C. Knight, Clerk Protem

March the 4 1854

Conferance opened by singing. Taken up the case of brother Wm. H. Knight and the church agree to put him under a church sencher till may next, then be take up. Brother James Odum came forward with a letter & was received. Brother Leynn came forward with a confession & was restored. Closed in order.

C. Knight, Clerk Ptm.

April 1 1854

Conference opened. No business came before the church. Conference closed.

C. Knight, C. C. Pt.

May th 6 1854

Conference held and the case of Bro. Wm. H. Knight taken up who was restored. Then closed.

W. H. Knight, Clk.

June 3

Conference opened. Brother Cornelius Gieger & Martha his wife handed in a letter and was received. Nothing to do we closed by singing.

Wm. Knight, C. Clk.

July the 1st 1854

Conference opened in order, proceeded to business. Received Nancy a colored woman by letter. Resolved we take up the case of Bro. Haymans, resolved we cut him off from this body for writing a slanderous letter to Benjamin Grooms & for hostilities & misconduct in the church yard. Resolved the clerk notify him of the same by letter, then closed in order.

W. H. Knight, C. C.

August 5 1854

Open conference. Opened by singing & prayer. Nothing presented, we therefore closed in order.

Wm. H. Knight, Clk.

Sept. 9th 1854

Conference opened by singing and prayer. Then proceeded to elect delegates to the Canouche Association. Elected Redding Denmark & Charles Knight, t. Knight in case of failure. Bro. T. Knight to write the letter. Then closed in order

Wm. H. Knight, Chs. Clk.

Sept. 30th 1854

Conference opened by prayer, resolved we close.

Wm. H. Knight, C. C.

Nov. 4th 1854

Open conference. Opened & Bro. Wm. Purcell applies for dismission, resolved it be granted the applicant. Nothing more, we therefore close in order.

Wm. H. Knight, Clk.

Dec. 2 1854

Conference opened by singing. A door opened for experience, nobody came forward. Then proceeded to business. We agreed to call Elder T. Knight to the pastoral care of our church and he the said T. Knight agreed to take the care of the church for the year 1855. Moved that the church meet at our next conference to fill the vacancies of trustees who is dead, Moved and seconded that we close.

Charles Knight, clerk Protem

January 1855

Conference opened by the moderator. Resolved that this house be kept in decent order and be paid by the church funds. Resolved the trustees meet in the first Saturday in January to transact business. Then closed in order.

Wm. H. Knight, Clk.

Feb 3rd

Conference opened by prayer, no business we then closed.

Wm. H. Knight, Chs. Clk.

Mrs. Baker received by experance

We the trustees met on July 5, 1856 to act on business in behalf of the church is an incorporated body. Finding nothing to do we adjournd until Jan. next.

Wm. H. Knight

We the trustees met & held acount and finding nothing to do closed till our next in July.

(January 31 1857)

Trustees:

S. Knight, H. Kickliter, J. Kickliter

Resolved that it be the duty of each male member belonging to this church to contribute 25 cents pr quarter for the use of the church.

Resolved that every male member missing more than one conference shall render in his excuse for the same.

Resolved that no member be allowed to speak more than three times on the same subject with leave from the moderator.

Resolved that the rule of Decorum be read quarterly.

January A. D. 1855

Contributions to our minister by Charles Knight, \$2.00; Hambleton J. Kee, \$1.00