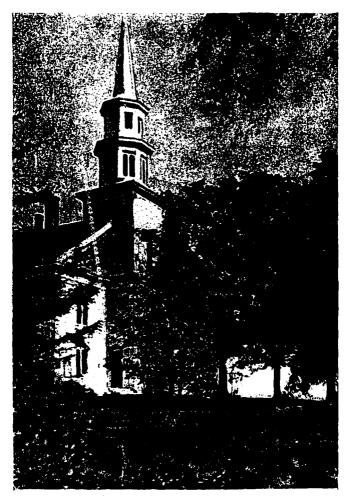
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Preface



T is eminently fitting that on the occasion of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Hill Top Church, this book, "The First Presbyterian Congregation of Mendham, Morris County, New

Jersey—History and Records," should make its appearance. A very fine service has been rendered by the author, Miss Helen Martha Wright of Jersey City. With infinite patience, great thoroughness, and remarkable skill, she has addressed herself to this task. There has been that happy combination of love of the work in which she has been engaged, together with technical skill which makes this compilation a literal "treasure trove."

Her historical sketch, culled from the early Session Books, is a timely reminder of the devotion and sacrifice which went into the founding of the early church. We know that the owner of a copy of our vital records will have in his or her possession a book to be cherished through life. a collection of facts often to be lovingly opened. The value of records-especially those of a church-is increasingly realized and appreciated. In Isaiah 8:1 we read: "Moreover, the Lord said unto me, take thee a great roll and write in it." Some inner voice has spoken to the author and with skillful and loving hands she has written. The descendants of these Presbyterian forefathers whose names adorn the pages of this book, will find joy and inspiration in the knowledge of facts found therein. The day when a little child was baptized and dedicated to God and His service, will always be a matter of interest to the Godly, and doubly so when there is blood relationship. The time when one acknowledged Christ as Saviour and made a public profession of faith will never cease to be an occasion of joy to those who love the Lord. The day of one's earthly departure to a "City that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" is conducive to wholesome meditation. As family names appear in one connection or another, the interest of many will be stimulated and the hearts of others spiritually warmed. With earnest expectation of appreciation, this work is now made available. We feel very definitely that we owe a great debt of gratitude to the author. We bespeak for her a large group of readers.

Mendham, N. J. July 10, 1938

Hugh W. Rendall

My writing the history of the First Presbyterian Congregation of Mendham, New Jersey, has been an unusual experience like the exploration of a mine in which emeralds, rubies, diamonds, and other precious stones have been unexpectedly found together. My narrative which, in 1937, made a sketch of about thirty pages based only on the old church records, has expanded into the present volume with discoveries of contemporary references to the church and its locality, dug from musty papers and rarely used books of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. For the use of most of these rare books. I am indebted to the New York Public Library.

In order to complete the details in the lives of a few of the clergymen, I have had the cooperation of the university libraries of Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and the libraries of Union and Auburn Theological Seminaries, the Presbyterian Historical Society and the New Jersey Historical Society.

To these, and to the Session of the Mendham Presbyterian Church whose members first gave me the use of their old records from which to glean their early history, I am deeply grateful. To the many friends and residents of Mendham, both in the church and out, who have aided me by contributing pictures, guiding me to sources of information, and checking names and family relationships, I am equally grateful. Most of these are acknowledged by name in the Anniversary Supplement to this book, already published.

There has been, however, no assistance quite so valuable as the calm, steady encouragement which the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Hugh W. Rendall, has always had ready for every occasion. To him we are indebted for the extension of the Membership and Baptismal Lists from 1906 to 1938, and for the Roster of Elders and Officers of the Church. His welcome, and that of his wife, lightened the work of checking at the Manse, which was so necessary. It is hoped that in this history, as well as in the records, one will find an accurate and pleasing chronicle of the Church in its larger life. With an acknowledgment also to Robert Browning and his "Parleyings with Certain People of Importance in Their Day," I should add, Absens absentum auditque videtque.

Jersey City, New Jersey November 8, 1938

Helen M. Wright

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

?	not legible to the writer.
[]	page in original text
$\tilde{()}$	indicates maiden name for a married woman,
	or something inserted by the author.
b.	born
bur.	buried
ca.	circa—meaning about, or approximately
ch.	child of
CNJ	College of New Jersey
dau.	daughter
dec'd.	deceased
ibid.	ibidem-meaning the same, or reference to
	the last named authority
inst.	installed
lic.	licensed, or a Licentiate.
Mod.	Moderator
op. cit.	opere citato-meaning "work cited;" that is,
	from the book by the same author named
	earlier.
ord.	ordained
Pres.	President.
Pry., Presby. S.	
D .	Supplement — Two Hundredth Anniversary
	Reminiscenses of the First Presbyterian
	Church of Mendham, published in September, 1938.
Sem.	Seminary
Theo.	Theological
Univ.	University

History

of the

First Presbyterian Congregation Mendham, Morris County New Iersey 1738-1938

I

EARLY INFLUENCES

PRIOR TO 1738



HERE was a small log Meeting House at Rocksiticus, in the Province of East Jersey, as early as May 26th, 1738. The settlement of Rocksiticus, now Ralston, was on Indian Brook, a stream that flows into the North Branch of the

Raritan near its source. At the top of a steep hill on the east bank of the stream, the planters chose to build their House of Worship. It faced south and was on the path which led from the Raritan eastward to the inland. From that beautiful site one looked out upon ranges of hills, and down upon a winding stream which ran through a wooded valley. cleared in spots by the hands of the Indians first, later by the early prospectors of that section. Perhaps the tracing of the path too could be seen as it wound down the hillside. across the stream, and up the next steep hill westward to the neighboring settlement known as Black River, now The old road following the Raritan northward Chester. along the valley through Rocksiticus, was one of the Minisink trails leading to the Indians' Council Island in the Delaware. The westward path on which the Meeting House had been built crossed this trail a short distance west, at the foot of the hill.

Just how that small log house looked is a story that has engrossed the fancy of many early residents of Mendham, especially of those whose ancestors lived near it on the western border of the township. Well could "Uncle Robert" Thompson, or Miss Elizabeth ("Libby") Leddell, narrate the tales told them by their grandfathers and great uncles. A plain log house with two windows on the sides, shuttered but without glass, no steeple, no belfry, no heat; that was the house which called men together for prayer and thanksgiving. By the narrators it was believed to have been in use about 1734. Around the Meeting House were stones which marked the resting places of those who had passed on.

Of the builders of that early House of Worship there is very little known. Whether the founders of the Rocksiticus church were inspired by the religious ferver of Rev. Theodorus Frelinghuysen's earlier revivals among the Dutch, and organized directly under the influence from New Brunswick; or whether the church sprang from the scholarly and religious zeal of the Irish evangelist, William Tennent, and his sons whose preaching and teaching stirred all denominations within a wide radius of their Log College at Neshaminy, Pennsylvania—that we do not know. We do know that many Dutch Reformed churches in Pennsylvania, and other parts of the country, did adopt the Presbyterian form of organization following the period known as the Great Awakening.

The Rocksiticus church may even have had a Congregational beginning, for as early as 1713 or 1714 a tract of land first called Rocksiticus, then Black River, Roxbury, and finally Chester, began to be settled by members from the Congregational church at Southold, Long Island. Their records show that in 1743 their pastor was Eliab Byram who was installed as pastor of the Mendham church in 1744. It is said that the congregation divided when Ebenezer Byram brought influence to bear upon the removal of the Meeting House from the Raritan to its present, more easterly site. It was then the members living west of the Raritan established an independent organization in their own locality, some six miles farther west.

For this reason it will be interesting to follow the early development of the Presbyterian Church, and to review some of the steps by which clergymen born and bred in New England Congregationalism emerged and adopted the Presbyterian faith and organization.

Among the clergymen who brought to East Jersey a Puritan heritage with Congregational inclinations was one Jonathan Dickinson, a brilliant young evangelist and writer just graduated from New Haven College (Yale), but he, and a number of the young men who worked with him in this territory, had also come under the powerful Presbyterian influence of their college president, the Rev. Abraham Pierson, formerly from Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Dickinson had been made the settled pastor at Elizabethtown in 1709, and had maintained an independent Congregational church there until 1717 when his organization became affiliated with the Presbytery of Philadelphia.¹ During the early years of his missionary work in East Jersey, Mr. Dickinson preached far and near in the scattered settlements. By 1733 he had developed a group of congregations at which were stationed student evangelists, and later regular pastors, over whom he kept a general supervision for a number of years. That circuit reached as far north and west as Hanover, and possibly Basking Ridge, but records do not name Rocksiticus as part of it.

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Of the Dutch influence in the Raritan Valley, documentary history gives some interesting pictures.² Many years before the period of the Rocksiticus church the Dutch had looked with great favor upon that valley of beauty. They realized it was a valuable country wherein to establish trading posts with the Indians. As early as the 16th of July 1640, the Council at Fort Amsterdam sent out orders to attack the hostile Indians living in the Raretangh-because they had shed Dutch blood, and again on July 4th 1641 rewards were offered for heads of Raritan Indians. On the 31st of August 1645 there is recorded a resolution to explore a mine in the Raritan Country.² It reads:

"Having rec'd from savages some specimens of mineral which we think valuable, and being informed by the savages that the mountain, from which they had brought the specimens, is situated inland near the Raretang, we have considered it best, most advantageous and profitable for the

S. D. Alexander, The Presbytery of New York, 1738-1838; p. 4. Also Chas. A. Philhower, History of Westfield and the Presby-terian Church; 1929. p. 137. Records of the Presbyterian Church of U. S. A., I, 41, 43. 1.

Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New 2. York: 1856. XIII. 7.13.31.34.

West India Company to use all diligence to discover the said mine, and when found and it is valuable, it is resolved to take possession thereof for the sd Hon ble Company & build a Fort there."

This interest in the mine no doubt led explorers to the source of the Raritan River and that alone would have taken them through Rocksiticus.³ Five years later Cornelius Van Tienhoven, Secretary of the Province under Governor Peter Stuyvesant, sent the latter an interesting description of that part of the country in a paper giving "Information Relative to Taking up Land in New Netherland.⁴ In the year 1650 he wrote:

"The district inhabited by a nation called Raritangs, is situate on a fresh water river, that flows through the center of the low land which the Indians cultivated. This vacant territory lies between two high mountains, far distant the one from the other. This is the handsomest and pleasantest country that man can behold; it furnished the Indians with abundance of maize, beans, pumpkins, and other fruits. This district was abandoned by the natives for two reasons; the first and principal is, that finding themselves unable to resist the Southern Indians, they migrated further inland; the second, because this country was flooded every spring like Renselaer's Colonie, frequently spoiling and destroying their supplies of maize which were stored in holes underground.

"Through this valley pass large numbers of all sorts of tribes, on their way north or east. This land is therefore

 A map made by the Geological Survey of New Jersey, 1890, shows more than a dozen iron mines located in the hills within which the streams of the North Branch of the Raritan rise.

A number of them are in the varitan rise. A number of them are in the vicinity of Mendham. Many of the names of the owners of those early mines have been perpetuated by the families still owning land in that part of Morris County. Beginning with the Hacklebarney mine near Black River, the cluster runs in a north easterly direction across. Mendham township through Calais, Mt Freedom, Ironia, Succasuma, Dover, Berkshire Valley and Hibernia. Cooper and Swaze's mine near Mendham, Henderson's at Ironia, the mine of Earl and Madison Connet at Brookside, and those of Squire, Dalrymple, King, & Evers; Dickinson's the best known of all at Succasunna, Miller, Baker and Byram's mine, and those of Bryant, Horton, Byram, and the Lewis and Herrick mine were all in the group that stands out conspicuously on the map.

Documentary History-State of New York-State Secretary; IV. p. 122. (Hol. Doc. V.)

not only adapted for raising grain and rearing all description of cattle but also very convenient for trade with the Indians."

Of the church life of that early Dutch period. Dr. Abraham Messler wrote: "There is no record of any ecclesiastical organization before March 9, 1699 when elders and deacons were chosen at Raritan and ordained by Rev. Guliam Bartholf of Hackensack."5 The Dutch settlers on the Raritan worshipped in an orthodox way, long defined by the Synod of Dordrecht and strongly national. When the Dutch of New Brunswick and vicinity became aroused to the need of a settled pastor, after a generation or more of worshipping in houses and barns, they appealed to the Classis of Holland. through Domine Freeman of Long Island. As a result, in January of 1720, there arrived in New York an enterprising and convincing young pietist, the Rev. Theodorus Jacobus Frelinghuysen, whose practical and animated gospel shocked the formal dominies of the Dutch Reformed Church, but gripped the eager settlers who were in need of a teacher and leader. "Never had the people of the Raritan seen such earnestness, such passion, in the pulpit. Frelinghuvsen defined life in terms of which they had never dreamed. . . . He declared that God hates the outward performance of religious duties apart from a suitable frame of mind."⁶ "He presented Christianity as a force that revolu-tionized the conduct of the believer." Members of the four churches on the Raritan "were becoming a very different people," and "in some years, particularly in 1726, the ingathering was so great proportionately as to give a foregleam of the time when Whitefield should come flaming through the country." Thus writes Charles H. Maxson in his discussion of the second source of the Great Awakening, and he adds that the revival begun by Frelinghuysen also spread to newly organized Presbyterian churches in the valley where English-speaking followers, scattered through the region, were like "sheep gone astray." Some

^{5.} Abraham Messler, Forty Years at Raritan; New York, 1873. p. 159.

Charles H. Maxson, The Great Awakening in the Middle Colonies; Chicago, 1920. pp. 18-16.

of those "dissenters" formed a congregation at New Brunswick in 1726 and called as their pastor Gilbert Tennent, the son of the brilliant William Tennent. who after renouncing his Irish Protestant priesthood, had joined the Presbytery of Philadelphia and finally settled at Neshaminy. Upon solicitation from William Cox and Daniel Hutchinson, and probably others, the Dutch even assisted that small group. by subscribing to the first year's salary for Tennent, and by offering the use of their Meeting House and even the barns of certain of their adherents. Upon a few occasions they held joint meetings, one pastor speaking in English, the other in Dutch, but such a disregard of Dutch formalities and orthodoxy could not long pass unnoticed, and soon the kind hearted Dutchmen were called upon by the Classis of Amsterdam to explain their conduct and defend themselves.7

Nevertheless, under the more spirited leadership of Gilbert Tennent at New Brunswick, the Dutch and the Scotch Irish and English, who were living side by side in the Raritan Valley, felt a closer bond of fellowship than The broad minded Rev. Theodorus Frelingever before. huysen was in charge of the four strong Dutch churches of the Valley, namely, Millstone (Harlingen), North Branch (Readington), Raritan (Somerville), and Six Mile Run, but it is quite safe to conclude that neither he nor any of his followers had made any effort to start a church as far north as Rocksiticus. Records show that the Consistory of the four Raritan churches took the stand in 1735 that no other minister should be appointed during the life of their pastor (Frelinghuysen), and no other church should be "set up" (organized) "as that would conflict with God's Word and the Netherland Church Order."7

During the period of the Dutch Awakening in the Raritan Valley, the Rev. Jonathan Dickinson was working in his more quiet way through the eastern congregations at Rahway, Plainfield, Connecticut Farms, Springfield, Turkey (New Providence), and Hanover, all of which were for a

^{7.} Ecclesiastical Records of the State of New York; Albany, 1902. IV, pp 2588, 2666.

while part of his Elizabeth Town church,⁸ the culmination of his missionary efforts since 1708. During the period which marked the formal beginning of Presbyterianism in the colonies (1706-1717), the number of Congregations so grew that the general Synod of Philadelphia was formed in 1716. The manner of its subdivision and organization is shown in the Minutes of the Presbytery of that year.⁹

It was agreed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia that because of increased numbers it would "be serviceable to divide into subordinate meetings, or Presbyteries. . . . , the first subordinate meeting of the Presbytery, to meet at Philadelphia or elsewhere, ... do consist of these following members, viz., Masters Andrews, Jones, Powell, Orr, Bradner, and Morgan. The second to meet at New Castle, ... to consist of Masters Anderson, McGill, Gillespie, Wetherspoon, Evans and Conn. The third to meet at Snow Hill, or elsewhere, to consist of Masters Davis, Hampton and Henry. And in consideration that only our brethren Mr. McNish and Mr. Punry are of our number upon Long Island at present, we earnestly urge them.... to erect a fourth Pres-bytery." Naturally such a subdivision threw greater responsibility upon the leaders within each territory. Tt seemed to speed especially the work within East Jersey.

Among the young student evangelists of this locality was one John Pierson, another graduate of the College of New Haven (Yale), the son of the Rev. Abraham Pierson the first president of the College. After serving the church at Woodbridge a year or more, John Pierson was ordained as pastor of that congregation on April the 29th, 1717.⁹ He and Jonathan Dickinson, his neighbor and friend, worked closely for religion in East Jersey. They were leaders in the general assemblies of the church and their names appear constantly on the pages of the early minutes of the Synod.

In the first Minutes of the newly formed Synod of Philadelphia, under date of Sept. 19, 1717, there appears also the name of Mr. Robert Cross, "a probationer lately

^{8.} Chas. A. Philhower, op. cit. p. 83.

Records of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A., 1706-1788; Philadelphia, 1841. pp. 43, 46.

come from Ireland."10 who, after reading his testimonials before that body of clergymen, was approved and recommended to the Presbytery of New Castle for further direction. That was just one year earlier than the admission of William Tennent from the same country, Ireland. In fact there were a number of Irish and Scotch evangelists, within the period between 1717 and 1738, whose strong personalities affected the life of the early Scotch-Irish settlers of Hanover, Rocksiticus, Basking Ridge, and neighboring communities

In 1726 William Tennent established his Log College near the west bank of the Delaware. In the same year Theodorus Frelinghuysen's co-worker, Gilbert Tennent, privately educated by his father, went to New Brunswick as the first graduate of the Log College which stressed conversion and spiritual experience as assets of greater value than the more classical education of the New England and foreign colleges and universities. About this same time, in 1727, Nathaniel Hubbell, a graduate from Yale, became the pastor at Westfield, and by 1732-33 the Rev. John Nutman was struggling with an overgrown congregation at Hanover, the west portion of which was attempting to establish a church of its own.

In 1732 the Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia state that Mr. John Cross had "this day (Sept. 20th) been made a member of the Synod." At the Assembly the next year an appeal was made for funds to assist the congregation at Basking Ridge in the building of a meeting house, and the support of a student pastor.11 Basking Ridge was an important point in the expansion of Presbyterianism.

Professor Maxson writes of John Cross's work there in the following manner.12

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^{10.} Ibid. Records. p. 47.

Ibid. Records, p. 104. "Overtured, that something be allowed to the congregation of Basking Ridge and Perth Amboy, in pursuance of their suppli-cation for that purpose, in order to assist them in defraying the charges of their meeting house. And also something to a stu-dent. All which was referred to the Committee of the fund."

^{12.} Charles H. Maxson, op. cit. p. 83.

"Gradually there settled on every side of New Brunswick ministers who, like Gilbert Tennent, were actively devoted to evangelism. John Cross, a Scotchman, was at Basking Ridge, in the upland country north of the Raritan Valley, called 'the mountain back of Newark.' He led a remarkable revival in 1734 and 1735. Three hundred conversions were reported. His influence was great in that extensive region, and he was much in demand as an itinerant evangelist."

The church at Basking Ridge must have manifested spiritual strength even as early as 1733, for when the Synod that year was forced to consider the petitions from East and West Hanover in favor of a division of the Hanover (Whippany) congregation, that Reverend body advised the people of West Hanover (Morristown) to join themselves either to East Hanover, or to Basking Ridge according to the convenience of their location.¹³ No mention was made of a church at Rocksiticus at that time. The advice given was in the following words.

"The Synod do think that in their present circumstances of poverty and weakness, it might be very advisable for the people of West Hanover, at least for some time, to join themselves with the congregations of East Hanover and Basking Ridge, as may be most convenient, until they, as well as the said neighboring congregations, be more able to subsist of themselves separately. Yet in the meantime, as the case now stands with that people, if reunion between East and West Hanover be found impracticable, according to our above advice, the Synod judge that the people of West Hanover be left to their liberty to erect themselves into a separate congregation. Withal we earnestly obtest and beseach, that nothing be done in that affair that may have a tendency to hurt the interest of religion in those places so far as in them lies."

The above action was taken on the 21st day of September, 1733. Three days later, September 24th, the Synod approved a motion from a member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia to again divide that organization, eight of the members to continue in the said Presbytery, and all of the others to become the Presbytery of East Jersey.¹⁴ Following that readjustment of responsibilities, Mr. Nutman, the

^{13.} Records, op. cit. p. 102.

pastor of the Hanover congregation, appealed for a release from his duties there on account of the discord between the people of the East and West divisions of the church. The Synod thereupon recommended to the East Jersey Presbytery that they prevail upon the congregation to reunite, and that Mr. Nutman's dismissal be granted only if the endeavors of the East Jersey Presbytery be ineffective. In this new Presbytery Rev. Mr. Dickinson and Rev. Mr. Pierson were the leaders, but the skill of these influential men and their co-workers seemed unable to bring about the reunion of the Hanover congregation. Their affair came annually before the Synod for several years, being left unsettled until May of 1739. Apparently Mr. Nutman was not preaching in the Western division of his congregation in 1735, for in that year the West part of Hanover applied to the Synod for the ordination of Mr. Cleverly. The governing body of the Presbytery of East Jersey, however, turned the matter over to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.¹⁵ The affair was finally put in the hands of a committee of nine, consisting of Messrs, Gilbert Tennent, William Tennent Junior, Samuel Blair, David Cowell, Eleazar Wales, Jedediah Andrews, Aaron Burr, John Cross, and Richard Treat, a group that represented both Presbyteries.

Let us consider for a moment the planters who were gradually seeking new homes among the hills and valleys of Northwest Jersey. Between the years 1706 and 1738 the Scotch who had been so persecuted in Ireland fled to America in great numbers, along with the German emigrants from the Palatinate. Those Scotch-Irish, the Irish, and English Protestants, most of whom were of the Presbyterian faith, were thrifty, hardworking farmers and business men. As they found their ways to American ports, especially Perth Amboy, they straightway pushed inland and made for themselves settlements, as opportunity per-

^{14.} Ibid. p. 104. Records . . . "it is agreed that Messrs. Jedidiah Andrews, Morgan, Evans, William Tennent, Treat, Elmer, Goold, and Wales be members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and that the rest of the members in said Presbytery of Philadelphia, be the Presbytery of East Jersey."

^{15.} Ibid. Records, p. 139.

mitted them, where they could enjoy the freedom to worship in their own way. Such were the majority of settlers in Hanover. Basking Ridge, Rocksiticus, and along the banks of the Raritan.¹⁶ They were used to hardships of a kind, and were undaunted in the face of obstacles. It is obvious, from the fact that the West Hanover settlers worked and waited five years before they obtained the consent of the Synod to have a church of their own, that in the interim they adapted themselves to the necessary conditions. No doubt they worshipped in their own houses and barns rather than make the hilly trip to Whipponong.17 (East Hanover). Mr. Nutman was no longer preaching in West Hanover; Mr. Cleverly was. Mr. Cross was reaching out into the surrounding country from his station at Basking Ridge with the help of substitutes who took his work during his absences.

The means of communication between Hanover and Rocksiticus, though primitive, was not difficult for the road most used followed closely the stream that flowed into the Whippany river. It ran eastward from the Rocksiticus settlement on the Raritan, over the hill to Drake's Clearing, thence to Pitney's Clearing, thence along the stream at the foot of the mountain to Smith's grist mill.¹⁸ and on toward West Hanover. That was the bridle path in use before the Great Road was built westward across the hills. It was along that path the village called Water Street (Waterville and later Brookside) grew up not long after Rocksiticus changed its name to Mendham. In this region were the iron mines known to the Indians, the pasture lands deserted by the Raritan tribe, and the cleared fields no longer used by them. Not far from Drake's Clearing had been an Indian village. Into those parts at first came straggling claimants of the land. Then as Whippany, Hanover, Springfield, Westfield and Elizabeth Town increased in population and in wealth, the younger generations of those families pressed

^{16.} Wm. A. Whitehead, East Jersey Under the Proprietary Governments; 1846. p. 132.

^{17.} East and West Hanover were originally parts of the earlier settlements known as Whipponong (Whippany).

west and north into the inviting valleys so near them. Thus to the district known as Rocksiticus, population came from at least two directions, and with it came the influences cherished in the homes of those who migrated.

Family ties were strong. During the winter seasons long visits were made with relatives and friends. Sometimes whole families spent several weeks with hospitably inclined relatives. The older members went to see the young ones in their new settlements. The young ones travelled back home to enjoy the greater luxuries of the older generations. Thus customs were carried from place to place, and public opinion was moulded. What were the strong influences which led the little mill settlement at Rocksiticus to build its log church on the hill? Was that congregation organized in 1735 as an outgrowth of the unrest at West Hanover, as Dr. David Irving and Dr. Thomas S. Hastings both concluded later, or had it an earlier origin independent of the eastern settlements? Rev. Nathaniel Hubbel was the first pastor of Hanover and his district had covered, before 1727, practically all of what was later Morris County. For four or five years he had maintained an independent (Congregational) church, then in 1730 Mr. Nutman took the work at Hanover and Mr. Hubbel retained only the Westfield congregation which then separated from Hanover.

^{18.} Smith's mill was later owned by Ira Connet. It was bought by Stephen and Earl Connet in 1868 and was later owned and run by Madison Connet. The mill has recently been taken down. Morris Co. Deed Bk.-G 7, 402-5.

THE CHURCH AT ROCKSITICUS

1738-1743



N the hearts of the early settlers there was another incentive for building a church beside their love for God and the treasured Word. It was one that had long been born upon their consciousness by a well established English

law—the old statute that defined a town in such words as: "It can not be a town in law, unless it hath, or in past time hath had, a church and celebration of divine services, sacraments and burials."¹⁹ The settlers had come to stay; they were starting towns; the building of a church, whatever its creed, was an essential step in their concept of civil life. When not opposed, the log church was the type of building usually raised first. It marked the earliest effort to provide an organized form of worship.

Simultaneous with that inborn desire for a church, and the purpose to have one, the growing spirit of Evangelism pressed upon the settlement at Rocksiticus. Whence came the stronger force that achieved the formal organization for that secluded group?

At the Sesqui-Centennial celebration in 1888, the Rev. Dr. James Carter called attention to the fact that "the earliest known mention of the Church at Mendham" was in the year 1738.²⁰ Reference to the Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia shows that the church at Rocksiticus was represented in 1738, and as it was customary for only churches with pastors to be recorded, some one of the ministers named that year must have been responsible for. it.

^{19.} Henry R. Stiles, Ancient Wethersfield; I, 18 (Sir Wm. Blackstone, 1763).

Celebration of the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, N. J. 1914, pp. 9, 10. This includes a reprint of Dr. James Carter's address of 1883.

Both Mr. Nutman and Mr. John Cross were named, but there were other ministers not so well known who might have been the pastor. The Minutes rarely tell the relation between the church and pastor.

A closer consideration of contemporary religious forces may throw some light on the society at Rocksiticus. Let us look at the two schools of thought that had grown up within the Presbyterian organization of clergymen.

According to the general plan for the Presbyteries, each minister, as he was installed, had charge of the church that called him and in addition was required to preach to neighboring congregations without a church, and to new settlements within their respective Presbyteries. This Jonathan Dickinson had done for thirty years, and so successfully that his district finally became a presbytery bearing the name of his church, Elizabeth Town. A contemporary early pastor in this area was John Pierson, his friend and coworker, who later became a pastor of the church at Mendham. He worked from his congregation at Woodbridge.

Simultaneous in development, but in contrast with that systematic and ecclesiastical approach to the new settlements led by Jonathan Dickinson was the new school of thought known as Evangelism, which spread rapidly from William Tennent's Log College in Pennsylvania. It appealed to the deep emotions of men and gripped their lives with missionary zeal. Their activities knew no limits and they travelled far and wide preaching their beliefs. Two of the Tennent sons, John and William Jr., had experienced a miraculous physical healing in Ireland, and with that healing had come the desire, and what seemed to be a divine power, to preach the gospel. But William Tennent Sr., though educated himself, did not require the classical background for his students maintained by the standards of the church, and by those who were more conservative in thought. Therefore the former group, largely New England in birth and graduates from Yale, began to fear a lowering of the grade of ministerial work. They organized quietly. At the Synod of May 28, 1737, an effort had been made to regulate more strictly the freedom of the clergy and to require them to preach within their respective stated presbyteries.²¹ Then on May 24th, 1738, came the reorganization of this territory which brought into existence the early Presbytery of New York. In the words of the Minutes:²²

"The Presbytery of Long Island, being reduced so that a quorum cannot statedly meet about business, it is ordered that they be united to the Presbytery of East Jersey and be henceforth known as the Presbytery of New York."

It is significant that the body of clergymen thus formed into the new Presbytery of New York consisted largely of graduates of Yale College, and they were practically a unit in the stand they took in upholding a classical education for the clergy.

Just two days after this action and at the same assembly of the Synod in Philadelphia, occurred the reorganization which brought the name of Rocksiticus into history. There was an overture, or petition, to form another division of the territory in New Jersey to be called the Presbytery of New Brunswick. That body of clergymen was made up of William Tennent, Sr., his sons, his students and sympathizers. The record of this event is very dear to those who know the history of this Mendham church. The quotation is taken from the photograph of the original manuscript in the Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia.²³

(May 26, 1738) "Upon a supplication of some members of ye Pry (Presbytery) of New York to be erected in a distinct Pry wth some of ye Pry of Philada overtured yt their Petition be granted and yt all to the Northward and Eastward of Maidenhead and Hopewell unto Rariton River & including also Staten-Island Piscatua, Amboy, Bound-Brook, Basking Ridge, Turkey, Rocksiticus, Minisinks, Pequally and Crosswicks be the Bounds of yt Presbry; and yt ye sd Presbry be distinguished by the Name of the Pry of New-Brunswick, and yt the Time of their Meeting to be the Second Tuesday of August next at New-Brunswick. This overtured was approved."

Thus the church at Rocksiticus (Mendham) was, for

^{21.} Records of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. of A.; 1841. p. 133.

^{22.} Ibid. p. 134.

^{23.} For facsimile see Addenda. Note continued next page.

awhile, apparently one with the great revivalists who, led by Gilbert Tennent from New Brunswick and his coworkers, John Cross, James Davenport and others, prepared the way for the great work of George Whitefield. John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, and other great promoters and reformers of religion in America.

It was on the 26th day of the following July (1738) that the committee of the Synod met at Hanover according to appointment to take final action on affairs there.24 All of the members were present except Messrs. Samuel Blair, Eleazer Wales and Aaron Burr. Mr. Andrews was chosen Moderator, Mr. Treat, Clerk, and Mr. Gilbert Tennent opened the committee with a sermon on Ezekiel 11:19. "And I will give them one heart, and and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh." After hearing the appeals of East and West Hanover, the committee found both societies had grown stronger in numbers since the first "casting of the lot" in 1734. they were better able to support a pastor individually, and there were "no conflicting statements." therefore the committee decided:

That the former obligations of the people, by virtue 1. of the lot formerly cast among them, are now impracticable.

2. That the end of the said lot will be much better answered by their being two separate societies, than by being united into one as formerly was desired and proposed.

That therefore we judge said western people may be a separate society by themselves. Furthermore, to prevent any disputes or difficulties between said western society and Basking-Ridge, it was proposed and agreed to, mutually by said people, that whosoever were desirous of going from the congregation where they belonged to the other, shall have liberty so to do, provided they pay off all their respec-tive debts to the society to which they have belonged."

Thus the restrictions upon the church at West Hanover

^{23.} Records of the Presbyterian Church of U. S. of A., 1841, p. 137. Actords of the Fressylerian Church of O. S. of A., 1841, p. 137. Original Minutes of Synod of Philadelphia p. 58. Abbreviations in the original are: Pry, Presbry (Presbytery), sd (said), wth (with), yt (that), Philada (Philadelphia), ye (the). The early "e" resembled the letter "o". Ibid, p. 143. See also History of First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, N. J. p. 168.

^{24.}

(Morristown) were finally removed, though the formal report was not made to the Synod until the 24th of May of the following spring (1739). It was still several years before the West Hanover congregation was able to build a House of Worship, in fact it had no stated pastor until Rev. Timothy John's was ordained and installed, Feb. 9, 1743. It is therefore definitely established that the Rocksiticus church was the older by several years. It is also apparent that the Synod made no suggestion in 1733 that the members of West Hanover should join themselves to the Rocksiticus congregation. That alternative was only for Basking Ridge. Neither was the Rocksiticus church taken into consideration in the settlement of the West Hanover affairs, in 1738. That provision again was for Basking Ridge alone.

On May 24th 1738 Rocksiticus had been made a part of the Presbytery of New York. Two days later that newly formed presbytery had been divided and Rocksiticus had been named as a church in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, "Upon a supplication of some members of ye Pry (Presbytery) of New-York." Yet, on May 23, 1739 one finds a concise statement in the Minutes that the congregations of Turkey and Rocksiticus had made application to be under the Presbytery of New York and it had been so granted.²⁵ In the exact words:

"The Congregations of Turkey and Rocksiticus wch were included last year within ye Bounds of ye Pry (Presbytery) of New Brunswick, making application to ye Synod to be under the Pry of New York, it was granted."

From that date, 1739, the Rocksiticus church, later Mendham, remained with the New York clergymen until that Presbytery became too large to continue with the New Jersey Presbyteries, and a division was agreed upon.

In its affiliation with the Presbytery of New York, the Rocksiticus congregation was no doubt under the guidance of those who had nourished its organization. It was Jonathan Dickinson who had first entered that part of the Province of New Jersey and it was he who had fostered the

^{25.} Ibid. p. 147. Original Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia, p. 69.

church at Hanover as early as 1718. No doubt it was he who had secured Hanover's first pastors, the Rev. Nathaniel Hubbel (about 1718) and his successor the Rev. John Nutman (1730), both Yale men. Jonathan Dickinson had grown more and more in demand in the administration of affairs in the church at large. The settlements had become stronger under the direction of their settled pastors. Personal influence thus had become less direct. His contact with the churches in the northwest part of the province was not so close as to cause his influence to appear in their records. but his guidance may be shown by indirect evidence. One can always recognize the work of the Rev. Mr. Dickinson by certain characteristics. He was a believer in ecclesiastical organization, and from the time he joined the Presbytery of Philadelphia, either after or while he was developing a group of his own, he upheld central government-first through the Synod of Philadelphia and later through that of New York. He also believed in a substantial education Ecclesiastical standards required one or for the clergy. two years of theological training following a college degree. He upheld these standards in general, permitting only an occasional exception. He must have supported the need for keeping records since that was one of the requirements of the organized church. He was sympathetic with the evangelistic group and opened his church to the more distinguished missionary preachers though he did not altogether approve of their emotional methods. He was deliberate in thought and action and was consulted generally for advice. These were the characteristics that marked the man who later founded Nassau Hall, the College of New Jersey, now Princeton.

Did the Rev. Mr. Dickinson have any direct connection with Rocksiticus, or Mendham? None has yet been found in the records, but he did have the Hanover church on his circuit. Let us now look for the opinion of early writers in regard to the founding of the Rocksiticus church (also spelled Roxsiticus) which appeared in the Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia in 1738, then we shall take a nearer view of some contemporary events.

The earliest printed statement claiming that the organization of the Rocksiticus society was before 1738 seems to have been made by Rev. Dr. David Irving, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown from 1855 to 1865. In an historical address delivered there on Thanksgiving Day, 1861, according to the published account of it in the church bulletin called the Record, Dr. Irving expressed his belief that Hanover was the Mother Church of both Morristown and Rocksiticus. He also affirmed Rocksiticus was organized in 1735. Both statements were deduced apparently from his study of local church history. The Rev. Joseph Tuttle, in 1870, wrote that Rocksiticus was organized about 1735 or 1736, and gave as his authority the opinion of Dr. Thomas S. Hastings who was pastor at Mendham from 1852 to 1856 and was later President of Union Theological Seminary. Just when or how Dr. Hastings arrived at his conclusion is apparently not known. There seems to be no contemporary authority for the church earlier than 1738.

Returning to the affairs of the struggling congregation at West Hanover (Morristown) one finds that after being refused their request for the ordination of Mr. John Cleverly, they continued him as their supply pastor indefinitely, even after the church had called as regular pastor the Rev. Timothy Johns in 1743. Mr. Cleverly was a graduate of Harvard College, class of 1715. He was a man of about forty, unmarried, a follower of William Tennent, and the "New Side." He was an evangelist, but not a very strong one, and he seemed content to confine his work to the vicinity of Morristown, then West Hanover. Since he seems to have left no records, he no doubt agreed with his associates that the writing of statistics, as records were then called. was a mental distraction and a valueless use of time. Under his pastorate, or preaching, the congregation grew so that by 1738 the Synod recognized the ability of the society to become an independent church, but the lack of records for the period between 1738-9 and 1742-3 makes it impossible for one to judge its strength. Its later development indicates the presence of spiritual power. Mr. Cleverly was

the good neighbor who was working for evangelism in the vicinity just east of Rocksiticus from 1735 until his death in 1776. On the south, at Basking Ridge, was the Rev. John Cross, another evangelist, and his valuable assistant, the Rev. James Davenport, both of whom did much to prepare the way for and assist the work of the greatest evangelist of that time, the Rev. George Whitefield of England. There were also some important changes in the political and social life of that time that should be recognized.

Events of great significance were taking place within this portion of the Province of New Jersey, and outside of it-events which brought new life and important changes to the settlement known as Rocksiticus. That which one thinks of perhaps first was the formation of the County of Morris from "the upper Parts of the County of Hunterdon, in the Western Division of New-Jersey."26 It was erected by an Act of the General Assembly of the Province of New Jersey which met at Perth Amboy in 1738, Soon after West Hanover took the name of Morris Town. The erection of the new county did not, for several years, give the residents the choice of members to represent the county in the General Assembly, but it did give the Freeholders of the County additional privileges at Trenton and a voice on matters of taxation and local affairs, though they were still subject to the same laws as before.

Troubles with the Indians were growing less as religion grew. The church was recognizing the fact that peace with the natives could be obtained only through religious practice, teaching, and prayer. That was the beginning of a period of great missionary effort on behalf of the Indian tribes. William Tennent was preparing missionaries in his Log College, but the established colleges had not yet recognized the need of training for such work. It was even true that young men who did respond to the call to live among the Indians in order to teach and preach to them were called fanatical, or insane, and were ofttimes despised by their communities.

* Act ressed Mar, 15, 1738/9.

Samuel Nevill, Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New Jersey, 1752. I, 250.

For some time the Synod and Presbytery of Philadelphia had been facing the problem of missionary work for the Indians as well as for the unchurched settlements. Every year it was becoming a more urgent matter for their consideration, especially as criticism of William Tennent's College at Neshaminy increased. The Synod had upheld Tennent's work there from its beginning in 1726. There was now a new proposal backed by Jonathan Dickinson. John Pierson, Ebenezer Pemberton, Aaron Burr and others of the New York Presbytery.²⁷ The Minutes of the Session held in Philadelphia in May of 1739 show that an overture was made for the erection of a school or seminary of learning, and that the Synod unanimously approved the design of it. They even nominated a commission to consist of Messre, Pemberton, Dickinson, Cross, and Anderson, two of whom were to be sent to Europe to "prosecute this affair with proper directions." The representatives of this commission were unable to go to England, however, because the war between England and Spain made the voyage across the waters hazardous

Into the midst of those affairs in the Province came the great revivalist George Whitefield, in the years 1738-41. He with John Wesley, Francis Asbury, and other great European reformers and evangelists, stirred the hearts of men and brought new life to churches of all denominations. His gospel was for the people, but he never lost an opportunity to speak directly to the clergy on ecclesiastical subjects. His religious power was first manifested when he was in the group of which John Wesley was the leader, and from which Methodism started, but he disagreed with Wesley on some doctrinal points, in fact it is said that he never wholly agreed with anyone. He worked and preached entirely outside of any denomination. Notwithstanding his direct attacks upon church creeds and practices, he was welcomed many times by those whom Whitefield called dissenters, because they did not agree with the established

John Maclean, History of the College of New Jersey, from its Origin in 1746 to the Commencement of 1854; Philadelphia, 1877. I, 24-28.

church. Two of those "dissenters" were friends of the Rocksiticus church, Jonathan Dickinson and John Pierson, the latter a pastor of that congregation. As a man who had known intimately the university life of Oxford, England, as a "servitor," or "poor student," Whitefield was particularly interested in William Tennent's college. The description he gave of it in his Journal is striking in every detail. It is of special value because Whitefield was sympathetic in his criticism. He believed thoroughly in the spiritual work being done there. Let us go with this young man in his journey to Neshaminy.²⁸ Let us start with him on Monday, November the Nineteenth, 1739, and follow him on his trip from New Jersey to Pennsylvania.

At Elizabeth Town---

"Dined with Mr. Dickerson, the dissenting minister, who had sent a letter of invitation to New-York and offer'd me the Use of his Meeting-House. About Twelve I preached in it, according to appointment, to upwards of 700 People, many of whom seemed much affected and God was pleased to open my Mouth against both Ministers and People among the Dissenters, who hold the Truth in Unrighteousness, contenting themselves with bare speculative Knowledge of the Doctrines of Grace but never experiencing Power of them in their Hearts."

At New Brunswick-Tuesday, Nov. 20th.

"Among others that came to hear the Word were several Ministers whom the Lord had pleased to honor, in making (them) Instruments of bringing many sons to Glory. One was a Dutch Calvinistical Minister, named Freeling Housen, Pastor of a Congregation about Four Miles off New Brunswick; he is a worthy old soldier of Jesus Christ, and was the Beginner of the great Work which I trust the Lord is carrying on in these Parts. He has been strongly opposed by his carnal Brethren, but God has always appeared for him in a surprising Manner, and made him more than conqueror thro' his Love.

"Another was one Mr. Cross, Minister of a Congregation at Barking-Bridge,[†] about twenty miles from Brunswick. A most remarkable Out-pouring of the Spirit has

^{28.} George Whitefield, Journal; London, 1740, 2d Ed. V. 40, 41, 43-45.

[†] Basking Ridge.

been frequently seen in his Assembly, for which he has been opposed much by Natural Men. He himself told me of some wonderful Effects, and sudden Conversions that had been wrought by the Lord under his Ministry.—For some time eight or nine used to come to him together, in deep distress of Soul; and I think he said Three Hundred of his Congregation, which is not very large, were effectually brought home to Christ; but though they were the excellent ones of the Earth, they are looked upon as Enthusiasts and madmen, and treated as such by those who know not God and are ignorant of the hidden Life in Jesus Christ...."

Thursday, Nov. 22d-

"Set out for Neshamini (twenty miles distant from Trent Town) where old Mr. Tennent lives, and keeps an Academy, and where I was to preach to Day, according to Appointment. About Twelve we came thither, and found above 3000 People gathered together in the Meeting House Yard; and Mr. William Tennent, and Eminent Servant of Jesus Christ, preaching to them, because we had stayed beyond the Time appointed. When I came up he soon stopped and sung a Psalm, and then I began to speak as the Lord gave me Utterance-At first the People seem'd unaffected. but in the midst of my Discourse, the Power of the Lord Jesus came upon me and I felt such a Struggling within myself for the People. as I scarce ever felt before. The Hearers began to be melted down immediately and cry much; and we had good Reason to hope the Lord intended Good for many. After I had finished, Mr. Gilbert Tennent gave a Word of Exhortation to confirm what had been delivered. At the End of his Discourse, we sung a Psalm, and then dismiss'd the People with a Blessing. Oh that the Lord may say Amen to it!

"After our exercises were over we went to old Mr. Tennent, who entertain'd us like one of the ancient Patriarchs. His wife to me seemed like Elizabeth, and he like Zaochary; both as far as I can find, walk in all the Ordinances and Commandments of the Lord blameless. - - - "

"It happens very providentially that Mr. Tennent and his Brethren are appointed to be a Presbytery by the Synod so that they intend breeding up gracious Youths and sending them out from Time to Time into our Lord's Vineyard. The Place wherein the young Men study now is in Contempt call'd the College. It is a Log House about Twenty Feet long, and near as many broad; and to me it seemed to resemble the Schools of the old Prophets.—For that their Habitations were mean, and that they frought not great Things for themselves, is plain from the Passage of Scripture wherein we are told, that at the Feast of the Sons of the Prophets, one of them put on the Pot, whilst the others went to fetch some Herbs out of the Field. All that can be said of most of our publick Universities is, they are all glorious without. From this despised Place Seven or Eight worthy Ministers of Jesus have lately been sent forth; more are almost ready to be sent and a foundation is now laying for the Instruction of many others..."

Friday, Nov. 23d—After telling of his preaching from a porch window of the Meeting House at Abington, Pennsylvania, he adds:

"It is surprising how such Bodies of People so scattered abroad can be gathered at so short a Warning. I believe at Neshamini there might be near a Thousand Horses, which the people do not sit on to hear the sermon as in England, but tie them to the Hedges; and thereby much Disorder is prevented. As soon as I had done, fresh invitations were made to me to come to several Places, would Time and Business permit. Tho it was cold, the People stood very patiently in the open air, and seem'd in no Hurry to return home after the Discourses were ended. What are outward Things to a Soul intent on God? Less than nothing. As soon as I had finished, I hastened to Philadelphia^{*}... and blessed be God, found my Family in good Order, and all Things carried on according to my Desire...."

From Philadelphia Mr. Whitefield went south, but he returned again the next year, in fact he passed through Philadelphia and New Jersey several times on his journeys between Savannah and Boston. The following spring, April 28th 1740, Mr. Whitefield preached to Rev. Mr. John Pierson's congregation and others, at Woodbridge.²⁹ He and his travelling companions "dined at the Dissenting Minister's House, who invited me to preach; and then we hastened to Elizabeth Town where the people had been waiting for me some Hours." At Rev. Mr. Dickinson's church the building, which was supposed to hold 2000, was full. "After Sermon," he continued, "I took leave of Mr. Gilbert Tennent, and Mr. Cross, a Minister mentioned in my last Jour-

^{29.} George Whitefield, Journal; Ed. 1741. VI, 29.

nal, who accompanied me thus far, and told me their Souls were much refreshed by this Day's work."

In the fall of 1840 Mr. Whitefield made his famous journey to New England. It was there he stirred the hearts of the Puritan colonists, made enemies and friends, both of whom proclaimed his preaching to the world. His criticism of colleges in general is reflected in his Journals. Yale had refused him admission to the students, therefore we have only his account of his visit to Harvard in any detail. The youth of the country placed themselves on one side or the other in the great religious discussion that followed. Many students were aroused to a desire to preach the gospel and to break away from the conventional forms of religious service. The world was afire either in supporting or denouncing evangelism. At Yale, according to Webster.³⁰ students were expelled for going from the college to revivals without permission, and it was for David Brainerd's criticism of Pres. Clap's attitude that he was himself expelled. Those who entered the controversy were either on the "New Side" or the "Old Side," the former being also sometimes called "New Lights." Words are inadequate in an effort to express the power of a great spiritual force. In reading the following narrative one can only partly realize the chemicalization that must have followed Mr. Whitefield's visit.31

Wednesday September 24, 1740.

"Went this morning to see and preach at Cambridge, the chief College for training up the Sons of the Prophets in all New England. It has one President, I think four Tutors, and about a hundred Students. It is scarce as big as one of our least Colleges in Oxford, and as far as I could gather from Some who well knew the State of it, not far superior to our Universities in Piety and true Godliness: Tutors neglect to pray with and examine the Hearts of their Pupils. Discipline is at too low an ebb. Bad Books are become fashionable among them. Tallotson & Clarke are read instead of Sheppard, Stoddard, and such like evangelical

Rev. Richard Webster, A History of the Presbyterian Church in America from its Origin until 1760; Phila., 1857. p. 506.

^{81.} Whitefield's Journal; VII, 30, 81. 2nd Ed.

writers, and therefore I chose to preach on these words, 'We are not as many who corrupt the Word of God,' and in the conclusion of my Sermon, I made close Application to Tutors and Students. A great number of neighboring Ministers attended as indeed they do at all other Times and God gave me Boldness and Freedom of Speech. The President of the College and Ministers of the Parish treated me very civally. In the afternoon I preached again in the Court, without any particular Application to the Students. I believe there were about 7000 Hearers."

Among the students who probably responded to the inspiration of George Whitefield on that occasion must have been the young man, Eliab Byram of Bridgewater, just graduated from Harvard in the spring of 1740. He became one of the "New Side" and in 1743 was preaching to the congregation at Rocksiticus which then included what was later called Chester as well as Mendham.

On his return from New England Mr. Whitefield visited many places in North Jersey again. He tells of preaching from a waggon to three or four hundred persons on Staten Island and adds:³²

Tuesday, November 4th (1740)

".... My Soul was also much refreshed with the Spirit of dear Mr. Gilbert Tennent and Mr. Cross. The former has lately lost his wife and though dear unto him, yet he was enabled with great calmness to preach her funeral sermon. This put me in mind of Melancthon, who, at the News of his Wife's Death, said 'By, Kate, I'll come after thee ere it be long.' Since his wife's decease, Mr. Tennent has been in the West Jersey and Maryland.... Mr. Cross also has seen great and wonderful Things in his Congregation. So great that when I came to desire a particular Account, he said 'It directly answered the account given by Mr. Edwards, of the work of God in Northampton.'"

That evening Mr. Whitefield and his companions, Mr. Tennent and Mr. Cross, were in Newark, and the next day they journeyed on to Basking Ridge where they found the three thousand people gathered in expectation of Mr. Whitefield's preaching. The story of that event has been repeated by many historians through the intervening years. That

^{32.} Ibid. 2d Ed. 1744. VII, 61, 62-65.

such an assemblage could have met there from such a sparcely settled wilderness seems at first incredible. On the other hand, when one realizes that the Indians were being Christianized and that one Indian chief walked fifty miles to hear the great preacher at Amwell (Reaville), and when one knows that most of the clergymen of many denominations in the vicinity of any church entertaining him united with their congregations in welcoming the English Evangelist, one can recognize the evidence of systematic preparation on the part of Mr. James Davenport and his co-workers. They were preparing the way at home while Mr. Cross, Mr. Tennent and others took turns in accompanying Mr. Whitefield on his journeys. The latter wrote his own account of the meeting in the following words.³³

Wednesday, November 5th .---

"Set out about eight in the morning. Got to Baskingridge, the Place where Mr. Cross exercises his Stated Ministry, about one o'Clock. At the House where I waited in the Way, a Woman spoke to me under strong Convictions, and told me, 'She was deeply wounded by my last Night's Dis-course.' When I came to Baskingridge I found Mr. Davenport, according to Appointment, had been preaching to the Congregation. It consisted of about 3000 People. As I went along, I told a Friend 'My Soul wept for them. and I was persuaded within myself that the Lord would in that Day make his Power to be known amongst them.' In Prayer, I perceived my Soul drawn out, and a stirring of affection among the People. I had not discoursed long, but the Holy Ghost displayed his Power. In every Part of the Congregation Some Body or other began to cry out, and almost all melted into Tears. This abated for a few Moments till a little boy about seven or eight Years of Age cried out exceedingly piteously indeed and wept as tho' his little Heart would Break. Mr. Cross, having compassion on him. took him up into the Waggon, which so affected me that I broke from my Discourse, and told the People, 'the little Boy should preach to them, and that God, since old Professors would not cry after Christ, had displayed his Sovereignty. and out of an Infant's Mouth was perfecting Praise.' God so blessed this that an universal Concern fell on the Con-

^{83.} Whitefield's Journal; VII, 62, 63. In Ed. of 1741, pp. 8-11.

gregation again.... After Sermon, Mr. Cross gave notice of an evening Lecture in his Barn, about two Miles off. Thither we went and a great Multitude followed. Mr. Gilbert Tennent preached first, and that excellently well upon the Necessity and Benefit of spiritual Desertions. I then began to preach and felt the Spirit of God working in me mightily.... At length we sung a Hymn and then retired to the House where the Man that received Christ continued till near Midnight, talking of and praising 'his sweet Christ.' Most of the People spent the Remainder of the night in Prayer and Praises. Two or three young ministers spoke alternately, and others prayed as the Lord gave them Utterance. Oh! it was a Night much to be remembered. May the Lord make us mindful of it even to the Day of our Death. Amen and Amen."

Thursday, November 6th---

"After Breakfast this Morning, at the Desire of Mr. Cross, I went and gave a Word of Exhortation to, and sung and prayed with a few People in the Barn. There was a sweet Melting amongst them again, and the Lord was peculiarly present with us. Before I mounted the Horse, many came to me under great Soul Concern..."

Mr. Whitefield's influence was an uplifting one. It was not purely emotional as superficially one might think from reading the comments in his Journals upon the emotional reactions. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Dickinson written August 23d, 1743, gives a very sane and clear impression of Mr. Whitefield's effect upon the Elizabeth Town community. It shows also that revivals, with a subsequent improvement in moral conditions in the country, were in progress before Mr. Whitefield arrived. Mr. Dickinson wrote to Mr. Foxcroft of London, from Elizabeth Town.³⁴

"In these towns, religion was in a very low state; professors generally lifeless, and the body of our people careless, carnal and secure till some time in August, 1739, the summer before Mr. Whitefield came first to these parts, when there was a remarkable revival at Newark, especially among the rising generation, many of whom were brought

Archibald Alexander, D. D., Biographical Sketches of the Founder and Principal Alumni of the Log College; Phila. 1851. pp. 265, 267-8.

under conviction, and instead of frequenting vain company as usual, were flocking to their ministers with that important inquiry, 'What shall I do to be saved?' There was an apparent reformation of the youth of the town Their customary tavern haunting, frolicking and other youthful extravagances were now laid aside; all religious conversation was improved: A serious Solemnity, and devout attention appeared in their public assemblies." Later—

"The Rev. Mr. Whitefield preached a sermon here in the fall of 1739, to a numerous auditory; but I could observe no further influence upon our people by that address; than a general thoughtfulness about religion. More people address me about spiritual concerns these three months than in the thirty years before...."

What was true of social conditions in Elizabeth Town was no doubt equally descriptive of Rocksiticus. There may have been some truth in the tradition that Ebenezer Byram found the youth of Rocksiticus so boistrous and troublesome that he exclaimed, "I'll mend 'em." If so, Mr. Byram took up his task like a truly Christian elder of the church, for he gave generously of his means toward the building of a fine new House of Worship in a more easily accessible locality, and he also contributed his share of personal service. The church, in that early day, did mend the wayward paths of youth, as it does everywhere. Mr. Byram was one of the consecrated followers of George Whitefield who sought practical ways of expressing religious conviction.

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THE REV. ELIAB BYRAM

1743-1751



HE revival known as the "Great Awakening" continued from 1739 through 1744, and extended throughout the colonies. There were many great preachers whose influence spread a higher form of religion than any known in the

early provinces, but after George Whitefield's arrival in America he seemed to be looked upon as the leading spirit. Among his admirers was one Ebenezer Byram, a resident of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He was a strong churchman and wanted his pastor to invite Whitefield to preach in their town. The pastor was one of those who could not accept the "irregular methods" of the distinguished minister, thereupon, it is said, Mr. Byram bought land in New Jersey, gave up his Bridgewater home, and moved into the locality that had given the preacher so warm a welcome.

It was in 1743-4 Mr. Ebenezer Byram, accompanied by his family, found his way to Rocksiticus,³⁵ and in 1744 built as his home the Black Horse Tavern. His settlement was about a mile and a half east of the old Minisink trail which followed the Raritan to the Succasunna mine. It was on the path which soon became, if it was not already, the road from Hanover to Black River (Chester) and the Delaware, and which intersected the road along the Raritan a little west of the old log Meeting House. Just east of his

35. History of Morris County, N. J., 1739-1882; W. W. Munsell, New York, 1882. p. 246. History of the Early Settlement of Bridewater, Mass., Nahum Mitchell; Boston, 1840. p. 127. Mitchell gives date of leaving Bridgewater as 1744. See also paper by Miss Minerva Freeman in the Supplement to this book, The Two Hundredth Anniversary Reminiscences of the First Presbyterian Church of Mendham, New Jersey. It is said John Cary, the corpenter, was paid 2s 6p a day for his work. house was, no doubt, the path which soon became a cross road running south to Basking Ridge and Raritan (Somerville), and north to the mines located at the places later known as Calais, and Ironia. The path beside his house intersected another road to the Succasunna mine. At the brow of the hill on which he had chosen to build, just south of his place. a five minutes' walk in the direction of Basking Ridge, a site was agreed upon for the erection of a new Meeting House. No reasons have ever been given for this move, but it could well have been planned as a matter of convenience for the Byram settlement. It certainly evidenced an ability to be independent of the worshippers west of the Raritan (Indian Brook). The fact that Ebenezer Byram went back to Bridgewater to get his carpenter shows how carefully and substantially he carried out his ideas for a settlement.35

The second son of Mr. Ebenezer Byram was Eliab who had graduated from Harvard College in 1740. Born at East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, on December 4th, 1718, Eliab Byram was scarcely twenty-five years of age when he was preaching at Rocksiticus, near Mendham, in October of 1743.³⁶ From Harvard faculty records it is learned that he was "aged 18" when his class was "placed" in the early spring of 1737, and it is suggested that his not appearing to take his master's degree at the Commencement of June 1743, according to custom, might signify that he had been in New Jersey some time before October. On December 3d, 1741, he married Phebe Leonard.

There seems to be no record where the Rev. Eliab Byram received his theological training. The claim that Ebenezer Byram and his family were interested in the "New Light" doctrines of George Whitefield, and that the latter preached in the Byram barn when he was denied the use of the Bridgewater church might lead one to conclude that Eliab had become a minister without the additional training required by the Synod of Philadelphia. In that

Rev. Richard Webster, op. cit. p. 491 (Byram), p. 531 (Davenport). Also Mss. Records of the Congregational Church at Chester, N. J. List of Pastors.

event he may have gained his practical experience by travelling with Mr. Whitefield on his journey through New England in the fall of 1740, and may even have accompanied him to New Jersey where he became acquainted with James Davenport, and others, who directed him to the church at Rocksiticus, probably composed largely of Separatists from the Congregational Church at Southold. This possibility is suggested by the fact that James Davenport, had himself been the settled pastor of the Southold Congregation on Long Island; in fact, he was ordained there Oct. 26, 1738,³⁶ choosing that church in preference to a call to Maidenhead and Hopewell (Lawrence and Pennington) in New Jersey. He had been preaching in New Jersey the latter part of 1737.

It was the custom for the Presbyteries to assign perhaps eight or nine sermons to be preached by a student pastor in one place, and as many, or more, at another during a season. There is no record of such assignments made to Eliab Byram. The only information we have of his early preaching comes through the Rev. Jonathan Edwards' Life of David Brainerd which is largely quoted from Brainerd's Journals.

After visiting the Indians in Connecticut David Brainerd was engaged by "The Honourable Society in Scotland for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge" to preach and work with the Indians first in New York state and then at the Forks of the Delaware, in Pennsylvania. At both of those places he had a home, or lodging of his own, and established schools and Christian worship. He made two trips to the Susquehanna Nations with the purpose of learning what could be done to Christianize them. On his trip taken in 1744 he chose Eliab Byram as his companion. His Journals, during the latter part of his life, were kept as official records for the Scottish Society and were thereafter impersonal. The fact that he did make some comment upon Mr. Byram implies the two men were particularly congenial. One marvels that in the midst of his travels through the wilderness of the Alleghenies. David Brainerd, so frail in body, could find the time and strength to write the story of

the day's events. It is best to give his own narrative. selecting the parts that bear directly upon Rocksiticus and Mr. Byram's journey with him.³⁷ First came his trip east for his ordination.

[112, 113] Monday May 28 (1744). "Set out from the Indians above the Forks of Delaware, on a journey towards Newark, in New Jersey, according to my orders. Rode through the wilderness; was much fatigued with the heat; lodged at a place called Black-River, was exceedingly tired and worn out."

He arrived at Newark on Tuesday. On June 11th he was examined by members of the Presbytery of New York. and on the 12th was ordained by them. In the fall he made his trip into the wilds of Pennsylvania.

[128-129] Monday October 1 (1744). "Was engaged this day in making preparations for my intended journey to Susquahannah; withdrew several times to the woods to plead for the divine presence to go with me to the poor Pagans. to whom I am going to preach the gospel. Towards night rode about four miles, and met brother Byram;* who was come at my desire, to be my companion in travel to the Indians. I rejoiced to see him; and, I trust, God made his conversation profitable to me: I saw him, as I thought. more dead to the world, its anxious cares, and alluring objects, than I was; and this made me look within myself, and gave me a greater sense of my guilt, ingratitude, and miserv."

David Brainerd suffered much from melancholia. especially after his experience at Yale, and no doubt referred to his criticism of the Yale tutor for which he had been so severely punished. Mr. Byram, as did his many other friends, evidently attempted to turn his thought away from his troubles. The journey was a rough one.

Tuesday, October 2. "Set out on my journey in com-pany with dear brother Byram and my interpreter, and two chief Indians from the Forks of Delaware. Travelled about twenty-five miles, and lodged in one of the last homes on

^{37.} Jonathan Edwards, Life of the Late Reverend Mr. David Brain-

Jonathan Lowards, Life of the Late Reverend Mr. David Brain-erd; Edinburgh, 1765. pp. 112, 113, 128-131. This note was apparently inserted by Jonathan Edwards: "Minister at a place called Rocksiticus, about forty miles from Mr. Brainerd's lodging." His lodging then was at the Forks of ۰ Delaware.

our road; after which there was nothing but a hideous and howling wilderness."

Wednesday, October 3. "We went on our way into the wilderness and found the most difficult and dangerous travelling by far, that ever any of us had seen; we had scarce anything else but lofty mountains and deep valleys, and hideous rocks to make our way thourgh...."

"Near night, my beast that I rode upon, hung one of her legs in the rocks, and fell down under me; but through divine goodness, I was not hurt. However, she broke her leg, and being in such a hideous place, and near thirty miles from any house, I saw nothing that could be done to preserve her life, and so was obliged to kill her and to prosecute my journey on foot. This accident made me admire the divine goodness to me, that my bones were not broken, and the multitude of them filled with strong pain. Just at dark, we kindled a fire, cut up a few bushes, and made a shelter over our heads, to save us from the frost, which was very hard that night; and committing ourselves to God by prayer, we lay down on the ground, and slept quietly."

"(The next day they went forward on their journey, and at night took up their lodging in the woods in like manner.)"t

"Friday, October 5. We arrived at Susquehannah river... found there twelve Indian houses; after I had saluted the king in a friendly manner, I told him my business and that my desire was to teach them *Christianity*. After some consultation the Indians gathered and I preached to them. And when I was done I asked them if they would hear me again. They replied, that they would consider of it, and soon after sent me word that they could immediately attend, if I would preach...."

Thus he preached to them daily and visited them in their homes.

[130-131] Monday, October 8. "Visited the Indians with a design to take my leave of them, but they desired to hear me preach again."

Tuesday, October 9. "We rose about four in the morning and commended ourselves to God by prayer Set out on return journey homeward about five and travelled with great steadiness till past six at night; then made us a fire and shelter of barks and so rested....."

Next two days, October 10 & 11. (The next day they

[†] Jonathan Edwards inserted his notes in parentheses.

rose early and set forward, and travelled that day till they came to an Irish settlement, where Mr. Brainerd was acquainted, and lodged there. He speaks of some sweetness in divine things, and thankfulness to God for his goodness to him in this journey, that he felt in his heart in the evening..... On Thursday he continued in the same place, and he and Mr. Byram preached to the people).

Friday, October 12. "Rode home to my lodging, where I poured out my soul to God, in secret prayer...." Thus ended the journey which Mr. Byram took with

Thus ended the journey which Mr. Byram took with Mr. Brainerd. It was a mission that prepared the way for greater work with the six Susquehanna Indian nations. Mr. Brainerd later desribed those he met as speaking three distinct languages such that one could not understand the other. In May of 1745 he made a three weeks' visit to those nations and travelled down the river a hundred miles preaching and consulting with them. On that trip no mention was made of Mr. Byram, but the journals have been very much condensed by the Rev. Mr. Edwards' editing. There is an interesting reference to Rocksiticus that will be quoted in passing.

Wednesday, November 21, 1744. "Rode from Newark to Rocksiticus in the cold, and was about overcome by it. Enjoyed some sweetness in conversation with dear Mr. Jones, while I dined with him; my soul loves the people of God and especially the ministers of Jesus Christ who feel the same trials that I do."

One can but wonder if Mr. Jones may have been a fellow sufferer with the same throat trouble, living in the pine woods then found on the hills of North Jersey, or whether Mr. Brainerd spoke of kindred spiritual trials. It is possible the Rev. "Mr. Jones" was the Rev. Timothy Johnes of West Hanover, for Rocksiticus is said to have been a tract, or district, extending from Summit to above Chester. The name Jones does not occur in early Mendham history.

At the time Mr. Byram took his trip to Susquehanna Indians with Mr. Brainerd, he must either have been a newly ordained clergyman, or was just about to be ordained. According to the historical narrative written by the Rev. Amzi Armstrong of Mendham in 1796, Mr. Byram was in-

stalled and ordained in May of 1744. The History of the Presbytery of New York by Dr. Alexander, however, gives his ordination as October of 1744. Since the congregation at Rocksiticus had been transferred to the Presbytery of New York in 1739, there is every reason to believe it continued its affiliation with that body, or there would have been some statement of another change. His relation to the Congregational society from Southold settled at Black River has not vet been explained. His name does not appear at all in the Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia, nor in those of New York until September 19, 1745, at which time he attended the organization of the independent Synod of New York at Elizabethtown.38 It was in the same year his new church at Mendham had been built. It had been started in the spring and was a Meeting House the settlers were apparently very proud of. No doubt he had been greatly assisted by his father, for the Rev. Mr. Armstrong wrote, "Mr. Ebenezer Byram his Father, a man of property and public spirit came with him who by his zeal, activity and liberal and judicious application of his property was greatly instrumental in the prosperity of the congregation."

In that year also culminated the great controversy in the affairs of the Presbyteries of the Province. For some time there had been increasing complaints on the part of the followers of William Tennent and those of George Whitefield occasioned by a difference of opinion as to the value of certain clergymen accepted and ordained by the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and of New York. Some of their most enthusiastic and largely followed men, including David Brainerd, had been disapproved by the Synod of Philadelphia. The younger Presbyteries looked upon the disapproval as an interference and thereupon requested the privilege of becoming separate bodies without limited powers. New Brunswick took this action in 1741, and New York in 1745. In the Philadelphia Minutes the separation was called a Schism. The reasons given by the Synod of Philadelphia for requesting either compliance with the regu-

^{38.} Records. op. cit. p. 232.

lations, or withdrawal, are in the Records. The petitions offered by the withdrawing Presbyteries are also to be found in the Minutes, and they show the strong feeling manifested. The conflict between Philadelphia and New York had reached a high point as early as 1743. During the period from 1745 to 1758, the New York Synod met apart from Philadelphia. As early as 1751 there began, however, a move to reunite, and the Rev. John Pierson of Woodbridge was the first named on the Committee to wait upon the Synod of Philadelphia with the proposals from New York. The reunion was finally accomplished in 1758.

This very sketchy reference to the Schism shows the spirit of the times in which Eliab Byram was working. Young men were filled with the desire to preach. They cared more for the spirit than for formalities and creeds. They were college trained men, largely, but were not strictly doctrinal in their beliefs, sometimes because of their lack of theological training. The precise time for and form of baptismal rites, limitations upon membership, certain phases of church government, and the many et ceteras that enter into ecclesiastical differences were of comparatively small importance to those preachers who had been awakened by Gilbert Tennent, Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, and especially by George Whitefield, to the need for regeneration and spiritual mindedness.

Eliab Byram had started his preaching in the midst of the controversy, and was located at Rocksiticus, a church that had itself experienced the earlier and somewhat similar conflict between the clergy of New Brunswick and of New York. It had finally sided with New York and was still part of that ecclesiastical body. The period of Eliab Byram's preaching came within the limits of the Schism, therefore the records of his work are found in the Minutes of the New York Presbytery included as Part III in the Records of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. of America. The temper of his work shows a distinct missionary trend. This also suggests the possibility of his having been one of Whitefield's escorts in 1740. His experience with David Brainerd and the Susquehanna Indians in 1744 had been of great value to him. Brainerd's work had not only been recognized by the Presbyterian Church of New York, but had been recommended by its correspondents with the Society of Scotland for support from that organization. A note in the Minutes of the Synod under date of May 24th, 1760 shows that the Scotch Society had supplied a yearly fund for the maintenance of David Brainerd and a companion worker to the Indians. The same article pays such a high tribute to the young missionary, it will be quoted here.

"... they employed Mr. David Brainerd, whose praise is in the Churches of Christ, and whose endeavors were blessed with remarkable success in the great work of bringing the Indians to the knowledge of Christ.

"It pleased God soon to remove him from his useful labour on earth to the joys of his heavenly kingdom. As the name of Brainerd was dear to those poor tribes, his brother was chosen to succeed him in the mission..."

In addition to the problem of Christianizing the Indians, the Presbyterian Church was keenly alive to the need of helping the churches of Virginia. As early as 1719 petitions had been received by the Synods requesting ministers and funds, and in May, 1738, John Caldwell had petitioned the Synod of Philadelphia on behalf of himself "and many families of our persuasion, who are about to settle in the back parts of Virginia, desiring that some members of the Synod may be appointed to wait on that Government to solicit their favour in behalf of our interest in that place." In response to that overture, the Synod appointed a distinguished clergyman, the Rev. James Anderson, then of New York, who was the first to approach Gov. Gooch in their interest. The Synod supplied funds to support the work, and sent missionary service for the congregations in Virginia. It also arranged that the churches giving a pastor leave of absence for those journeys should make provision for a supply until his return. The stipulations made by the Governor for missionaries required a high type of clergyman for the work.

Those who have written biographical sketches of the Rev. Eliab Byram seem to agree that in 1746 he and the Rev. William Dean, the ordained pastor of Brandywine Manor, Pennsylvania, journeyed together to preach to the settlers in Augusta County, Virginia. The Rev. George S. Mott writes in his History of the Presbyterian Church of Flemmington, New Jersey, that Mr. Byram and Mr. Dean, the latter a graduate of Log College, were together blessed with a great revival that lasted until 1751. He adds that they were compelled to come home on account of bitter feeling excited against them by "the Old Side," a feeling strong enough to have stirred up the Government of Virginia against the revivalists. The Minutes of the Synod make no reference to Mr. Byram in any connection with trouble in Virginia, and in fact give evidence that seems to indicate the contrary. The Minutes of the Synod of New York for October 9th, 1746, name both David Brainerd and Eliab Byram among the absentees. There is no further mention of Byram, but they do state that a supplication had been received for a call for a minister to Hanover, Virginia. Incidentally it mentioned that small-pox was prevailing in Philadelphia.

On May 20th, 1747, the Synod of New York met at Maidenhead. Eliab Byram was present, and among the Elders representing churches was Ebenezer Byram. The church at Mendham now had an official representative. In the course of events a letter was brought before the Synod, from the new settlements in Virginia requesting a minister to preach the gospel unto them. Whether or not Mr. Ebenezer Byram exerted any influence in the matter, one cannot tell, but the result was that the Rev. Eliab Byram was appointed to go to Virginia. The account of the proceedings runs as follows:

"The Synod appoints Mr. Byram to go to said people some time next September, and spend some time with them, and appoints the Presbytery of New York to supply his people with preaching during his absence. And the Synod doth moreover appoint Messrs. Dickinson and Pemberton to write to Mr. Bewel, in order to procure him to accompany Mr. Byram in said journey."

At the Synod which met the following year, May 18, 1748, Eliab Byram was present, but his father's name does

not appear as a representative. Of his missionary journey the following is recorded: "Mr. Byram fulfilled his appoint-ment in going to Virginia, but Mr. Bewel could not be obtained to accompany him." Later (next page) one finds: "A call was brought into the Synod from Falling Spring and New Providence, to be presented to Mr. Byram, the acceptance of which he declined." Falling Spring and New Providence were in Virginia. No doubt the Rev. Mr. Byram felt his duties were at home. During the year that passed between the two Synods of 1747 and 1748, he had lost his very dear friend. David Brainerd. who had failed rapidly in health after his last trip to the Susquehanna Indians, and died October 9, 1747. For months, the previous winter Mr. Brainerd had stayed with his friend and benefactor, the Rev. Jonathan Dickinson, in Elizabeth Town. As summer came on he grew stronger and went to visit the Rev. Jonathan Edwards in Boston. There he grew worse. During his last days he dwelt much on the importance of obtaining consecrated young men for the ministry. He talked with all his friends he could see easily, and wrote the others. One of those he wrote to was Eliab Byram, under date of Wednesday, September 23d, 1747.

"This day I indited a letter, I think of great importance, to the Rev. Mr. Byram in New-Jersey. Oh that God would bless and succeed that letter, which was written for the benefit of his church." Mr. Edwards' note appended was as follows:

"It was concerning the qualifications of ministers, and the examination and licensing of candidates for the work of the ministry."

Another loss that fall was the greater friend, the Rev. Jonathan Dickinson, who had been so attached to David Brainerd, and who died just two days before him. It seems as if President Dickinson's friendship to Brainerd must have endeared him also to Eliab Byram. The kind heart that had befriended a brilliant and godly student in time of need had an equal yearning to help the ministry and other young men who wished to turn to it. That last year had seen the culmination of his plans to establish the College of New Jersey (Princeton) for the purpose of preparing men for the ministry. On April 27th Jonathan Dickinson had been made its President and in less than six months he had passed on in death. That was indeed a year of sorrow.

After the building of the new church at Mendham in Rocksiticus, for the settlement was so called in deeds up to and through 1751, the congregation to which Eliab Byram had been preaching in 1743, divided. Those who lived west of the Raritan withdrew to build a Meeting House of their own, on the summit of the hill on which their home lots had been surveyed, in what is now known as Chester, formerly Black River and Roxbury. That must have been a proof of growth for the historical account of the church written by Pastor Abner Morse in 1832 remarks that as early as 1747 they had been able to erect a commodious house of worship, with pews and galleries to seat an audience of four hundred. He writes that they had been brought up in the Congregational Church, and were attached to its doctrines and customs. It was in their hearts to plant a church of the same faith and form of government as that in which they had been baptized.

Whether or not there had ever been any thought in their heart to follow the "New Light" doctrines which indirectly had divided their church in Southold. history does not fully tell us. Those who know something of James Davenport, the Southold pastor from 1738 to 1743, might suspect he had used some influence to form them into a Separate church. Davenport was a devout follower of Jonathan Edwards. Though he was then a young man, he was so fervent, so eloquent, "that he was revered, and men rose up before him as before the hoary head." In 1737 he had preached around these parts of Jersey. In 1740 he had "by appointment" assembled the three thousand people to hear George Whitefield at Basking Ridge, Mr. Cross being absent. Afterward he had accompanied Mr. Whitefield on his journey. The missionary spirit within him kept him so much away from his own church the congregation at last complained and in 1743, it is recorded, he went to New London to organize a Separate church. In 1746 he joined the New Brunswick Presbytery, "having been preaching in their bounds," but in 1748 he joined the New York Presbytery and settled at Connecticut Farms.

Since the Church at Mendham has had no record of the Rev. Mr. Byram's pastorate, other than the Rev. Mr. Armstrong's statement of his having been there, this part of its history has of necessity been taken from contemporary records, chiefly the Minutes of the Synod with which Mr. Byram was affiliated. In these chronicles it appears that Mr. Byram was absent from the Synod which met at Maidenhead in May of 1749. Since the inscription for the death of his wife, as it appears on her tombstone in Mendham. gives the date as Febry ye 28 1748-9, it is probable that her passing occurred in February this spring. He had laid her at rest in the new churchvard on the hill. At home he had three young children to be cared for. One cannot criticise him for marrying again on October 23, 1749, Sarah the daughter of Thomas Leonard of Raynham, Massachusetts.³⁹ The record of his marriage there names him as "The Rev. Mr. Eliab Byram of Mendham, in County of Morris in the Province of New Jersey."

The reference to Mr. Byram's being of Mendham is a reminder that the township of Mendham had been formed on March 29th in that year, 1749. After March of 1740 there had been only three townships in the new county of Morris, namely, Pequonnock, Hanover, and Morris. In December of 1740 the inhabitants of the westerly part of Morris County petitioned for a separate township to be called Roxbury, and their request was granted. Nine years later those living in the western parts of Hanover and Morris, and those in the eastern part of Roxbury petitioned for, and were granted, the formation of the township of Mendham.

At the Synod of May 1750 Mr. Davenport was appointed to preach in Virginia and it was recommended that Mr. Byram go also. The Minutes of the following year do

Life and Character of Mrs. Sarah Byram Dean, by Rev. Enoch Sandford, D. D., 1885. Mrs. Byram married 2nd Thomas Dean, Dec. 16, 1756.

not state whether he went or not. It is recorded elsewhere that Mr. Davenport did spend two months there.

The next year was an eventful one for Mr. Byram, in his connection with the church. He had first the distinction of being made Clerk of the Synod. In the spring he joined the Presbytery of New Brunswick which was just about to petition again to become a distinct Presbytery, and at the same time he became a supply for Amwell. In June he was given a call and by August 14th of that year, 1751, he was installed as the settled pastor of the church not far from the Delaware, later spoken of as "Old Amwell," now Raeville, New Jersey.

For eight years Mr. Byram had labored faithfully for his congregation, his community, and his Church-at-large. Through the building of the new Meeting House at Mendham, he had laid the foundation for a village which, no doubt, he and his family named. To that settlement came their friends and relatives, as well as others. At some time during the last five years of his work in Mendham, the church had obtained a grant from the Proprietors for a glebe. That, no doubt, was through his influence for the deed shows that fifty acres of the grant were for his personal use. The following states the gift as it is found in the Minutes of the Board of Proprietors of East Jersey.⁴⁰

"Mr. Alexander informed the Board that he and Mr. Budd had laid a pine right upon one hundred and fifty Acres of Land at Rocksiticus, and made a present of fifty Acres thereof for the use of Mr. Byram Minister there, and one hundred of it for the use of a Glebe forever, and the five Years not being expired, it's feared some malicious person may Lay a good Right on some part of it, and as there is no thought of having the pine Right Laid out elsewhere, but to Secure the said 150 Acres, Ordered that a Warrant Issue for one hundred and fifty Acres to Mr. Alexander, fifty Acres whereof to be for the Use of Mr. Byram the present

^{40.} Minute Book A, Board of Proprietors of East Jersey, Perth Amboy. p. 404. John Budd was a Proprietor of West Jersey, but the same Minute Book shows he received two pine rights (land for the cutting of pine trees), and another tract, from East Jersey between 1741 and 1747-8.

Minister, and one hundred to be for a Glebe for the Use of the Minister there for the Time being forever."

Since the Minutes recording the above warrant were dated March 28th, 1751, and "the five years" had not yet expired, it is possible the glebe was given shortly after the new church was built, perhaps in 1746. Such a gift would naturally have followed the grant of the church property which, according to the old deed now in the possession of the church, was given in 1745 by Edmon Burnnant (signed Edmund Curnnet) to the Congregation, "for the premotion of the publick Worship of God In this place. . ." The deed described the location as, "A Sartan pees or parsel of Land on which the metting Hous Now standeth & is part of that tract or Lot of Land on which I now Live." The earlier reference to the residence of Edmon Burnnant named it as "Rocksiticus In ye County of Summerset In the East nu-Jareses In Amarach." The deed was dated "in Rocksiticus November ye twenty fifth one thousen Seven Hundred forty & five . . ."†

Much more could be written on Mr. Byram's work if one should follow him to Amwell. That he died early in March of 1754 is assumed from the fact that his will was proved on the sixteenth of that month. He was then of Amwell Township; his wife was Sarah, and the children named were, Eliab, Sarah, Perkin and Martha. It is claimed he was buried in the old church yard beside the Meeting House. In recent years the church has been moved, and there is no inscription left on the stone that is pointed out as his.

[†] A facsimile of the deed and its transcript will be found later in this book with the Addenda.

IV

PASTORATES FROM 1751 to 1767

Rev. John Pierson and Rev. Francis Peppard



URING the period of conflict between England and France over control of affairs in America, while the French government was endeavoring to fortify the eastern mountains of the colonies. and was getting possession of their mines,

waterways, and Indian trade. American colonists awoke to its significance. Envoys were sent to dissuade France from her aggressions. In fact American arbitrators were being called upon more and more to represent the interests of the colonies, both abroad and at home. That was evidence of growth and maturity, of education and cultivated judgment.

In the young settlement of Mendham, and its neighboring townships, we have followed some of the changes in the life and minds of the more secluded settlers. While Benjamin Franklin was working through the medium of his press to leven human thinking with his terse philosophies, the itinerant preachers and missionaries of all churches were forging their ways into the hearts of woods and forests-wherever human life could be found. We have heard through Jonathan Dickinson of the changes wrought upon the younger generations by the preaching of the Word of God, and David Brainerd's diaries show the power of the Word as it was borne to the savage minds of the Indian Men, women and children whose lives were being tribes. spent in hard labor during the day were finding pleasure in building churches, in attending religious services, and in giving some attention to right thinking.

The Rev. Jonathan Dickinson, the earliest Presbyterian clergyman recorded as having worked in this district,

known as Hanover in 1709, has passed on. Mr. Byram, the latest pastor in the section along the Raritan river known as Rocksiticus, has become the settled pastor at Amwell. The Mendham church, founded by the Byrams, seems to have been without a stated pastor for two years. Then, according to Mr. Armstrong's narrative, the Rev. John Pierson, minister at Woodbridge, left that congregation and settled at Mendham in the spring of 1753.

The Rev. Mr. Pierson had been born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1689. He was now in his sixty-fourth year. According to Dexter's Biographical Sketches of Yale Graduates, he was dismissed at his own request from Woodbridge in 1752, but just how long he preached in Mendham, before he was settled there, is not known. His wife Ruth, the daughter of the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, had died on January 7th, 1732-3, about twenty years before, and his children were grown. Upon leaving the church he had served for thirty-eight years, a very beautiful tribute was paid to him, part of which is quoted.⁴¹

"... he was justly reputed, and esteemed a worthy and able minister, sound in faith, and of exemplary conversation and conduct. He well supported the dignity of his office and had but few equals in his day, in theological knowledge."

On the occasion of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Woodbridge Church, the Rev. L. V. Buschman wrote in his historical sermon:

"Pierson was a man of sound faith, splendid intellect and rare dignity. He was the kind of man who brought honor to the office of the ministry. He was a strict disciplinarian. Members of the church were frequently called before the session to give account of their unchristian conduct. The unrepentent and insubordinate were promptly suspended or dropped from the church rolls. This discipline had its desired effects for frequently the offending members returned and, in true penitence, asked to be reinstated, promising to live in obedience to the commands of Christ."

As the youngest son of Rev. Abraham Pierson, the first President of Yale College, he had been a friend of Jona-

^{41.} Franklin B. Dexter, Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Yale College, 1701-1745; New York, 1885. I, 103.

than Dickinson who was five years his senior in graduating. Mr. Pierson was of the class of 1711 and, after taking his master's degree in 1714, accepted a call to the Woodbridge congregation. It was an old and well established church that had dedicated its first House of Worship in 1675. It apparently had been a difficult congregation to please, and it is interesting to observe in the Records of the Presbytery of Philadelphia that the Presbytery made a special effort to obtain Mr. Pierson to be the pastor there. In the Minutes under date of September 19th, 1716, one finds the following record which seems to have been the outgrowth of several communications with the Woodbridge congregation.

"This day a letter from the people of Woodbridge was read and considered. The Presbytery are very well satisfied with the proposals made to Mr. Pierson for his settlement among them, and do judge if Mr. Pierson make any other or higher demands upon that people, his demands shall be accounted unreasonable, and the people are not to be blamed for refusing them. And in that case it is recommended to the people, that they look out for another minister."

The Rev. Mr. Pierson apparently upheld a high standard for the church as well as for himself. He was accepted at a salary of ± 80 a year and the use of the parsonage. To the above Minutes the editor of the Records appended the following memorandum.

"Mr. John Pierson having performed these points of trial assigned him, viz. preached a popular sermon from Titus III, 8, delivered an exegesis on that question, an justificatio nostra sit ab acterno aut in tempore praestita, answered to many questions touching theological matters, and also discovered his skill in the original languages; all which being done to satisfaction, the said Mr. Pierson was ordained and set apart to the work of the ministry at Woodbridge, on the 29th day of April 1717, by Masters Andrews, Prudden, Morgan, Orr and Dickerson, before a very great assembly."

From the beginning of his work as an ordained pastor, Mr. Pierson was recognized by the Synod of Philadelphia by appointment on important commissions and committees, nearly always named with the Rev. Jonathan Dickinson. Some of these appointments have been referred to in former chapters of this book. When but a young minister, Mr. Pierson's judgment was sought on foreign policies, as well as on affairs within the Presbyteries. Upon the occasion of the Rev. Mr. McNish's going to Great Britain in September of 1719, a committee was appointed, according to the Records of the Synod of Philadelphia, to consider proposals to be carried by him to the church organizations of England whereby help, or advice, might be obtained for the work in America. The committee was to meet at Woodbridge, and it consisted of Messrs. Jones. Andrews. and Anderson all of Pennsylvania, and Messrs. Dickinson and Pierson of New Jersey, "with as many others as can attend to meet at Woodbridge." In 1728 he preached the opening sermon for the Synod at Philadelphia, choosing as his text 2nd Timothy III, 5. At the Synod of New York held at Maidenhead the 17th of May 1749, he was chosen Moderator, the highest honor that body could bestow upon him.

Mr. Dexter states that in the divisions of theology Mr. Pierson favored "New Stile" under the leadership of Jonathan Dickinson, of the parish adjoining his. (Elizabeth Town). They were the leaders in the formation of the New York Presbytery, as we have already shown. Likewise they were influential in bringing about the reunion-Mr. Pierson carrying on the overtures after Mr. Dickinson's death. His interest in the revivals of Whitefield was reflected in the gathering of several thousand people in the burying ground around the church when Mr. Whitefield made his visits to Woodbridge, but with all his encouragement of the young evangelists who took part in the revivals of the Great Awakening, Mr. Pierson so maintained his own poise and the dignity of the occasions he sponsored that he was able to advise and guide both sides. When the College of New Jersey obtained its first Charter Mr. Pierson's name followed that of President Jonathan Dickinson, in the list of Trustees.⁴¹ He continued his connection with the College until 1765.

Of Mr. Pierson's work covering approximately "ten years" in Mendham there is very little known. It was while there he witnessed the final joining together of the Synods of New York and of Philadelphia. Subsequently for thirty years, from 1758 to 1788, those representative bodies held joint assemblies annually. It is significant that at the Assembly of the two Synods May 24th 1760 Mr. Pierson was again chosen Moderator. The fact that Mr. Pierson kept his contact with the College and other interests outside his parish work would seem to indicate he had very good health in his later years. Since the Woodbridge church has its session records complete from 1707, and it is reported Mr. Pierson was punctillious in keeping check on his membership, he evidently was not one of those of the "New Lights" who disapproved of keeping records. Therefore the non-existence of Mendham session books for his pastorate must be due to their loss.

Some time after the Rev. Jacob Green of Hanover lost his wife in 1757, he married Mr. Pierson's daughter Elizabeth. Whether that event had anything to do with the second marriage of the Rev. Mr. Pierson himself, history does not tell. Dexter tells us that after he gave up his work at Mendham, in 1762, he retired to live on a farm belonging to his second wife, Judith Smith near Jamaica, Long Island. After her death there October 19, 1764, Mr. Pierson spent the remainder of his life with his daughter Elizabeth, Mrs. Jacob Green, in Hanover, and there he died on August 23d 1770, in his eighty-first year.

From his tombstone, Mr. Dexter quotes the following:

"an eminent divine; an excellent causist; a faithful searching preacher; a devout and steadfast Christian; an undaunted reprover; a peculiar economist; stern in his behaviour, yet benevolent and kind. He passed through many scenes of life without a blemish in his behaviour."

REV. FRANCIS PEPPARD

During the two years following the Rev. Mr. Pierson's leaving Mendham, there is no record of how the work was carried on. We are told by the Rev. Amzi Armstrong simply that in 1763 Mr. Francis Peppard, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of New York came to preach, and that he received a call and was ordained and installed in 1764. Mr. Peppard lived not far from Mendham, at Basking Ridge. He had married Susan McCollum,⁴² the daughter of a well known Scotch family of that place, in 1752, when he was twenty-eight. He himself was of Irish extraction, having come from Dublin, Ireland, to America in 1742. He was then eighteen and had worked his way afterward on a farm, living for a time in Mendham township.

Mr. Peppard's wife, Susan McCollum, died in November of 1760 and his four children, Mary born Nov. 19, 1753, John born Dec. 5, 1755, William born July 26, 1757, and Francis Junior born May 20, 1760 were taken into the care of relatives in order, no doubt, that he might continue his studies and acquire the college education for which he had been preparing. In September, at the age of thirty-six, he had entered the College of New Jersey. His association in the Basking Ridge church had been with the devout pastor, the Rev. Samuel Kennedy. The latter had baptized all of Francis Peppard's children, and had been a strong influence in his religious life.

Evangelism had its place in college life at Princeton, in those days, and in the year 1762 there occurred a strong religious revival which seems to have given to the church five clergymen from the graduates of that year. One of those who turned to the ministry of the gospel was Francis Peppard. Under whose direction he received his theological preparation is not known, but it is believed he was instructed largely by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Kennedy of Basking Ridge, and possibly by President Finley of Princeton. It was the custom at that early date for a prospective preacher to receive private tutelage from prominent clergymen. The Records of the Presbytery show simply that he received the usual examination in theology and languages et cetera, and that he was required to preach two trial sermons on texts assigned from the Bible, one at Princeton, August 16, 1763, and one at Trenton, October 16th of the

^{42.} Paper on Francis Peppard by Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees, D. D., read before the Historical Society of Basking Ridge, in 1926. Also The Hackettstown Gazette, April 6, 1934, Art. 8 by William C. Armstrong of Blairstown, N. J., entitled Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey, which quotes the former largely.

same year. His final appearance before the representatives of the Presbytery was at Basking Ridge on April 23d and 24th. 1764. His Latin exceesis was on the subject. "How Does Original Sin Pass from Parent to Child?" Mr. Peppard was then given his license and in order to assist him to receive a call, the Presbytery assigned him to preach six Sundays at Mendham, six at Upper Hardwick (Dark Moon) and Lower Hardwick (Hackettstown), and eight Sundays at Chester then commonly called Black River. The three parishes were looking for a pastor. By October he had received two calls and he chose to accept the invitation from Mendham. On May 1, 1764, the Rev. Francis Peppard married Phebe, the sixteen year old daughter of Jonathan Whitaker, Jr., and his wife Mary Miller a prominent family of Basking Ridge. With his bride and his four motherless children, he entered upon his pastoral work at Mendham in the fall of that year, a man of forty.

Since the earliest Session Book now in the possession of the church was begun during Mr. Peppard's pastorate, on August the 21st, 1766, it is possible to follow in some degree the development of the church life from that date. The book bears on its cover the inscription,

"Mendom Congregation

Book Bought August th 21

1766 price Six shillings york"

The business of the congregational meeting held on that date, after John Cary had been chosen Moderator, was stated as follows:

"preposed whether we should make it a standing rule and abide in that Method in the Congregation To Support a Minister in paying ye Salery & all other Charges and arrears By Laying it on the Seats and pews in the Meeting house & That we will pay our proportion of all Such Charges According To the Seats or pews that we improve. Voted in the Affirmitive ----

"Likewise prepose To Chuse Nine or 11 men to Seat Every Man according to the Best of Their Discression and that to Be Done Yearly & Every year if needs. Voted in the Affirmitive." The matter of seating the congregation was a difficult one in the early church as it has been, and still is, in many churches. The men chosen for that particular office were no doubt recognized as possessing a certain affability and decision of purpose that would help them through any difficult situation that might arise. The men elected on this occasion were:

Jacob Wolf	Nathaniel Burt
Samuel McIlrath	Nathaniel Dotey Jr.
Benjamin pitney	Samuel Day
Ezra Cary	James Jonston
Asa Cooke	John Carns
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John Cary

All of them were named as "Managers of the Seats & pews," no mention being made of the communicants.

In the fall was another important meeting of the congregation, November 20th. The purpose was to determine, "whether The Revd Mr. Francis pepard Should Be Continued where he Now Lives & Build on that place." Again the vote was in the affirmative and a committee of "Thomas Huey, James Jonston, John Cary, Zeblun Riggs and Benjamin pitney" was elected to "project and carry on the Building of Mr. pepards House." The first trustees for the parsonage were elected in the meeting of March following (1767), and at the same session Jacob Cooke, William Stewart, Nathaniel Dotey, and David Dilley were chosen "Colectors for Ministers Salery." The "Head Colector was Asa Cooke. At the same meeting a sexton, Joseph Beedle, was named to "Sweep ye Meeting house" for eighteen shillings. If there had been a sexton the year before he was not recorded.

Thus through the early Minutes one learns something of the activities of the church. Two methods of financing the support of the organization were in use: the parsonage was being enlarged; trustees were elected to be responsible for it; the care of the Meeting House and the seating of the congregation had been provided for. There were still two features of the Rev. Mr. Peppard's short ministry that should be recalled. As an Irishman he was a lover of music; as an admirer of George Whitefield and the "New Side" he was an independent thinker. One is not surprised therefore to find it recorded in Munsell that he was the first to introduce the use of Watts' psalms and hymns. The historian added further that the use of music gave great offense to the older members of the congregation. Elder Cummins among others would leave the house during singing, but that was just what the older generation had done in most of the early congregations when the use of melodious hymns first superseded the monotonous lining of the psalms. Dr. Voorhees⁴² felt Mr. Peppard would have continued longer at Mendham had it not been for the inharmony on that subject.

The action of the Church through the Synod had been, and continued, practically to leave the choice of music and hymn books to the individual congregations. About 1741 churches in all parts of the country were in more or less turmoil over the introduction of Watts' hymns and psalms into the Sabbath worship. The struggle, however, dated back to the Reformation when, for a while, no music in parts and no instruments were permitted in the church services. Even the Puritan Confession of 1571 provided that they "allow the people to join in one voice in a psalm-tune, but not in tossing the psalm from one side to the other with intermingling of organs."

When the Westminster Assembly of Divines made the Catechism, they presented also rules for singing. They suggested that "it ought to be the chief care to sing with the understanding and grace in the heart, and that the whole congregation join, and as many cannot read, advise the minister to appoint some fit person to read the psalm line by line, before the singing thereof." The first reaction was that all choral books and instruments were taken from the churches and destroyed. In the Lutheran services just eight or ten psalms were used for about one hundred years. The clerk who lined the psalms became an important officer who naturally did not yield his place without a struggle. With the preaching and teaching of the Wesleyans and of George Whitefield the use of music and more animated singing was revived. The New Lights favored the use of hymns and melody. So the conflict was as ever the old one.

It is written by Nathaniel Gould in his "Church Music in America" (1853) that in one Massachusetts church, "when the choir led off with too much zeal, without giving the deacon a chance to read" he rose at the conclusion, gravely set his spectacles on his nose, read the psalm in his own way, and then said: "Now let the people of God sing."

In fact, it was not until the Rev. John Cotton wrote his defense of the new music, and others fearlessly stood for it, that the good old souls who wanted to worship God on the Sabbath in the same old way were persuaded of their error in questioning the right of "pagans" to join in singing the psalms or their belief that new tunes could not be inspired of God, and that man's melodies were only a display of art. The problem of the church-at-large was evidently felt in the congregation at Mendham, though perhaps in a more modified form.

In addition to the Rev. Mr. Peppard's ability as an organizer, he was a very successful evangelist. Dr. Carter wrote in his Historical Address, "The short time of this pastorate was marked by a widespread revival. Large numbers were added to the Church." In this awakening the Rev. Thaddeus Dod was converted, the first of the twentyseven clergymen whom this Church has given to the world. The passages in his diary which describe his own connection with this revival disclose a work of great power." Mr. Dod (1740-1793) was the son of Stephen and Deborah (Brown) Dod of Mendham. He later graduated from Princeton with the Class of 1773, and was one of the four descendants of Stephen Dod who went into either the ministry or missionary work. Surely David Brainerd's last prayers for the Mendham Church and its service to the Christian ministry were being answered through the consecrated work of the Rev. Francis Peppard. Thaddeus Dod and his brave wife, Phebe Baldwin the sister of the wife of Lebbeus Dod, were later pioneers of Christianity in Washington County, Pennsylvania. This, however, is a little beyond our story.

At the Rev. Mr. Peppard's last meeting with the Session, August 4th, 1767, five delegates were elected to attend the Presbytery. They were, John Cary, Elisha Beach, Ezra Cary, Zeblun Riggs, and David Thompson. That fall Mr. Peppard accepted a call to Bethlehem, Orange County, New York. There he built a new church at the neighboring settlement of Windsor and served both churches as pastor. After five years he removed to Upper and Lower Hardwick, New Jersey, and eight years later, in 1782, he accepted a call to the United churches of Allentown and Lower Mount Bethel, Pennsylvania. There he remained thirteen years. He died March 29, 1797 and was buried in the Yellow Frame cemetery near Hackettstown, New Jersey.

Three of Mr. Peppard's children by his second wife, Phebe Whitaker, were born in Mendham. In all, his children numbered thirteen. Mr. William Armstrong adds that Mrs. Peppard, with her sons-in-law Lewis and Aaron Kerr, moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1809. She died April 18, 1824, and was buried in the Pigeon Creek graveyard, there. Eleven of his descendants are said to have gone into the ministry or missionary work. After leaving Mendham Rev. Mr. Peppard was active on Synodical committees.

In a letter dated February, 1855, now in the possession of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Philadelphia, Rev. Thomas S. Hastings stated to the Rev. Richard Webster that at that time both a grandson and a great-grandson of the Rev. Francis Peppard were living in Mendham. Unfortunately he did not give their names. The Peppard monument in the Hill Top Cemetery shows two early families of that name. On the south side is the inscription to William Peppard (1787-1886) and his wife Rosenna (1791-1878). On the north side appear the names of John Peppard (1819-1908) who was on the Official Board of the Methodist Church in 1863; Mary Woodruff, his wife (1825-1877); and Harriet Osborn, his wife (1838-1909).

In the old Yellow Frame Burial Ground between Hackettstown and Newton, one finds the monument which still bears witness of the life and death of the third known pastor of the Mendham Presbyterian Congregation.

> FRANCIS PEPPARD Who departed this life March the 29th 1797 Aged 72 years.

As for me, I shall behold Thy face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy Likeness! The 17th Psalm and 15th verse.



PASTORATES COVERING THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD 1767-1795

Rev. Thomas Lewis and Rev. John Joline



HE pastors who carried the Mendham church through the period of the Revolutionary War, from 1775 to 1783, were the Rev. Thomas Lewis and the Rev. John Joline. The limits of their combined pastorates far exceeded the limits

of the war, but the periods used in this study must of necessity be defined by the limits of the pastorates.

Probably few churches of North Jersey sent more men proportionately to serve the Cause of Independence than did the Hill Top Church. Yet unlike many congregations the members did not permit the doors of the Meeting House to be closed to religious service nor was pastoral care withheld because funds were lacking. The Sessions met annually, but very strangely the Minutes of the Congregational Meetings made no reference to the war, nor to the pestilence which raged in that section in 1777.

The knowledge of contemporary events, however, explains a number of statements made in a very matter-offact way. Mendham Township was one of the supply centers for Washington's army. Iron ore, grain, clothing, cording, leather, et cetera were produced in large quantities from that part of the country. For this reason the men were needed at home, but War Records show many of the older men gave short terms of service when they were needed in the militia at Connecticut Farms, Springfield, and elsewhere.

After the Rev. Mr. Peppard removed from Mendham, in the fall of 1767, the church had no stated pastor for a while. The Minutes of the Session show that on "October th 3 1768 The Congregation Mett and Chose Ezra Cary Moderator." The purpose of the meeting appears to have been to call the Rev. Mr. Lewis as pastor. The vote was in the affirmative, and was followed by another vote "To Give him one Hundred pound Light money Salery yearly & the use of The parsonage & his fire wood at th Door." Since it was customary to have a new pastor serve the church and preach a few months before he was given a call, it would seem as if Mr. Lewis might have started his work in Mendham some time during the preceding spring or summer. On the other hand he had been preaching in New Jersey; he had been a member of the New Brunswick Presbytery for a number of years, and he may have been well known to the congregation.

The Rev. Thomas Lewis, according to Franklin Dexter (op. cit.), was the sixth child and third son of Deacon Joseph Lewis, a wealthy cloth-weaver of Waterbury, Conn., and grandson of Joseph and Elizabeth (Case) Lewis of Windsor and Simsbury. He was born August 6, 1716, and his mother was Sarah, the daughter of Abraham and Rebecca (Carrington) Andrews of Waterbury. As a student at Yale, he graduated with the Class of 1741, the same class in which David Brainerd and Governor Livingston had been. The Rev. Richard Webster (op. cit., 572) found Mr. Lewis had been "zealous for the Revival" and that he had joined in inviting Mr. Whitefield to visit the Colony. Mr. Lewis was licensed to preach by the Windham Association October 12, 1742. He was installed pastor of North Society, New Fairfield, Conn., March 28, 1744, but in 1747 he became pastor of the church at Bethlehem (Alexandria), Hunterdon County. New Jersey. His success as a revivalist was known to James Davenport in 1748. After Kingwood built a meeting house some time in 1752 or thereabout, Mr. Lewis gave part of his time to the new church, but it caused dissatisfaction with his own congregation so that he was released from Bethlehem in May of 1754. Two years later he left Kingwood also. During his early years of preaching in New Jersey, in 1746 he had been a supply for the church

at Oxford (Upper Greenwich), New Jersey. On June 13, 1758, he was settled at Hopewell and Maidenhead where he worked two years. In 1763 Mr. Lewis accepted a call to Smithtown, Long Island, and it was from there he went to Mendham.

Mr. Lewis's evangelistic work and his support of George Whitefield's doctrines classes him with the "New Side" in theological circles. His call to Mendham in the fall of 1768 was a natural outgrowth of the work of his predecessors there. He was installed at Mendham in 1769. The Rev. Mr. Lewis had married Joanna, the eldest child of David and Anne (Mills) Booth, of Stratford, Conn. With a family of grown children, consisting of at least a son and five daughters, it was necessary to have a larger parsonage. Therefore on October 13th, a week after giving him the call, the Session took measures to build a "New parsonage at the End of the other," and appointed a committee of four men to "See it Done." This appears to have been a second addition to the original house.

The regular meetings of the congregation, held usually in March, or early spring, the carefully kept Minutes, and records of special sessions marking events of occasional importance, show a normal active church life over a period of practically nine years. The regular appointment of a sexton to care for the Meeting House was varied in 1770 by the choosing of twelve men—each one to have "his month," but the usual appointment of one man was returned to the next year.

After the church had sent the five men to represent the congregation at the Presbytery, August 4th, 1767, there were apparently no elections for that purpose for some time. Then one finds a less clearly stated record dated November th 27th, 1771, showing a group of fourteen men who were "To Represent the Congregation," but the further purpose was not stated. Since the election was in the fall it may have been for the meeting of the Presbytery. Judging from those chosen, the outstanding men of the church that year were the following:

"Zeblun Riggs
David Thompson Esqr
Samuel Day
Lebeus Dod
Henry Axtell
Daniel Cooke
William Stewart

James Jonston Nathaniel Dotey Benjamin pitney John Drake William Hudson Isaac Cary Seth Babit"

With the increase in the number of churches and the growth in membership, the lay representation of congregations was limited to a general election by the Presbytery, one lay member, or elder, being chosen for every six societies. The naming of Elisha Beach as among the elders present at the Synod of May 17, 1775, in New York, for example, was a special honor both for him and for the church. The election of larger committees by the congregation must have been for some particular matter concerning the local church affairs, not stated.

In the church-at-large Rev. Mr. Lewis's presence on the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyteries of New York and Philadelphia shows the recognition of his ability as a wise leader. For four consecutive years, 1774 to 1777, he served on that judiciary commission. Those were years when the administration of public affairs required men of poise, capable of clear thinking, and firm in purpose. The pastors were held responsible for the direction of their peoples' minds and the maintenance of law and order.

As early as 1774, when the Continental Congress at Philadelphia was crystalizing in form and strength, when Colonial governments were growing in independence, and when revolutionary machinery was being organized for the war which was recognized as imminent, the Synod of New York and Philadelphia adopted the following recommendation to be taken to the churches:⁴³

"The Synod taking into their serious consideration the dark and threatening aspect of our public affairs, both civil and religious, as loudly calling for deep humiliation before God, and earnest application to the throne of Grace, do agree to observe the third Thursday of June next, as a day of solemn fasting and prayer, to implore the Divine com-

43. Records of the Presbyterian Church, op. cit., pp. 460 and 466-69.

passion, that it may please God in his great mercy to avert the calamities which, on account of our manifold provocations, we have great cause to fear."

Similar days of prayer were appointed annually throughout the war.

When later the Battle of Lexington had sounded the call to action throughout the country, and war was actually upon the colonists, the Synod through the initiative of the Rev. Benjamin Hait, Moderator at the meeting of May 17th 1775, drafted a pastoral letter which was adopted and ordered to be sent to every pastor of the church-at-large, and to be read to the congregations. It was a lengthy letter which will be summarized here as follows:

First—After upholding the purposes of the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, and admonishing the church people to refrain from adding further insults to the British government, but urging them to stand for the rights of freedom, the Synodical letter continued: "let it ever appear, that you only desire the preservation and security of those rights which belong to you as freemen and Britons, and that reconciliation upon these terms is your most ardent desire."

"Secondly—Be careful to maintain the union which at present subsists through all the colonies; nothing can be more manifest than that the success of every measure depends on its being inviolably preserved and therefore, we hope that you will leave nothing undone which can promote that end. In particular as the Continental Congress, now sitting at Philadelphia consists of delegates chosen in the most free and unbiased manner by the body of the people, let them not only be treated with respect, and encouraged in their difficult service,—not only let your prayers be offered up to God for his direction in their proceedings—but adhere firmly to their resolutions; and let it be seen that they are able to bring out the whole strength of this vast country to carry them into execution....."

Third. The Synod exhorted the societies to watch the private government at home and to strive to uphold a higher moral standard, to discourage luxury in living and wasteful pleasures, etc.

Fourth. The Synod especially stressed the need for maintaining public peace, and urged the people to pay all just debts without making necessary court proceedings which were particularly difficult during the war.

Fifth. The need for preserving a spirit of humanity

and mercy was emphasized. Restraint from the use of the sword was urged: "That man will fight most bravely, who never fights till it is necessary, and who ceases to fight as soon as the necessity is over."

Last. The people were admonished not to content themselves with attending devoutly on general fasts, but to continue habitually in the exercise of prayer....

"We conclude with our most earnest prayer, that the God of heaven may bless you in your temporal and spiritual concerns, and that the present unnatural dispute may be speedily terminated by an equitable and lasting settlement on constitutional principles."

Such was the "Pastoral Letter" carried home to the Mendham people that year just as the British Generals, Howe, Clinton, and Burgoyne were about to arrive in Boston with their English troops. No doubt the faithful Rev. Mr. Lewis gave the messages to his people with added ferver. Within another year, or more, the Continental Army was camping in the valley of Jockey Hollow, in Morristown, and at other points a few miles east of the church.

On October the 8th, 1776, when the British were in possession of New York and Long Island, the fall meeting of the New York Presbytery was held at Mendham. Usually those gatherings met in the larger churches nearer the city, and the fact that Mendham was the council seat that year reflects something of the good standing and leadership of the Rev. Mr. Lewis, the pastor.

The old manuscript Minute Book of the Presbytery records the meeting and its proceedings (pages 33-35), and it is interesting to notice that it was at that session Mr. John Joline, a graduate of the College of New Jersey, was recorded as having been appointed a candidate for the ministry on May the ninth.

The year had scarcely finished its course before the village and church were in the grip of the smallpox scourge. Early in the spring of 1777 the plague was upon them, and the church was opened as a hospital for the victims from the nearby camps. In August the Rev. Mr. Lewis himself passed on, taken in the midst of an active ministerial life. The pastor was buried just back of the church, and there one may still read on the old red sandstone marker the following quaint inscription beneath the carving of a peaceful Dutch cherub: "IN MEMORy of ye Reverend Thomas Lewis, lete Minister of ye Gospel in Mendom who Died Augst ye 20th A. D. 1777, aged 63 years."

His life, no doubt, was a noble sacrifice to the hardships of a wartime, pastorate and to pestilence. The Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle remembered him in his "Centennial Collections, 1776-1876" as "the devoted Pastor, Thomas Lewis, of Mendham" who "died perhaps overtaken in visiting the sick and burying the dead." Of him he wrote (page 100): "... he preached and prayed national independence, as part of the Gospel."

After the Rev. Mr. Lewis's death at Mendham, Mrs. Lewis returned to her birthplace, Stratford, Connecticut. REV. THADDEUS DOD

The church work seemed to fall temporarily upon a young man, formerly of the congregation, who had but shortly returned from a missionary trip to Washington County, Pennsylvania, Mr. Thaddeus Dod. He was then about to be ordained that he might return as the regular pastor at Ten Mile Run, Pennsylvania. The announcement of the Rev. Mr. Lewis's death and of Mr. Dod's ordination was made at the next Synod which very unexpectedly was held at Bedminster, just a few miles from Mendham.

In the Minutes of the Synod, May 20th 1778, one finds first the following statement:

"The Synod of New York and Philadelphia met at Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey, in consequence of an advertisement in the newspapers by the moderator, agreeably to the advice of a number of the members, it not being practicable to meet in Philadelphia according to the adjournment of last year, as that city is now in the possession of the enemy."

Then one finds the record of the changes at Mendham.

"The Presbytery of New York reports that Rev. Thomas Lewis is deceased since our last; and that they have ordained to the work of the ministry, the Rev. Thaddeus Dod, *sine titulo* in consequence of liberty obtained from the Synod for that purpose." The ordination had taken place in October of 1777. The appointment of this sincere convert of the church, one of Rev. Mr. Peppard's young men, to supply the office of pastor temporarily was indeed a reward for true consecration, but soon Mr. Dod's duties required his return to the western part of Pennsylvania, where there was a small colony that had migrated from Mendham at an earlier date. There at Amity, Ten Mile Run, and other parts of Washington County, he ministered, braving encounters with the Indians, and laying a strong foundation for the Church of Ghrist, until his death in 1793.⁴⁴ His fidelity and bravery bore honor to his family and to his Alma Mater, Princeton.

REV. JOHN JOLINE

By April ye 30 1778, the congregation had decided upon a candidate for the pastorate, and the usual procedure was followed. At the meeting on that date it was "preposed to send to the presbetery for the Rev. Mr. Jeloin to preach to us Six months and voted in the affirmitive." The committee to represent the congregation that year consisted of David Thompson, Daniel Cook, and Zebulon Riggs. With the call Mr. Joline was offered one hundred pounds for six months. Mr. Joline, as his name appears in later records, was a graduate of the College of New Jersev (Princeton) in the Class of 1775. Princeton files show he was the son of "Captain John Joline and Phoebe Price" of Elizabethtown, New Jersey. John Joline (1714-1763), father of the young clergyman, was son of Andrew Joline, one of the petitioners for the Charter of Elizabethtown and one who took part in the Elizabethtown Case in Chancery. The young Rev. Mr. Joline was the third generation from his Huguenot ancestors, Andre Jolin and his wife Madeleine Poupin, of Saint Palais, France, who arrived in America August 6, 1686.

The call sent to Mr. Joline to become a supply pastor was accepted by him and he arrived in Mendham with his young wife Martha Lyon from Elizabethtown, probably in May of 1778. Before the month of June had passed he laid

^{44.} Annals of the American Pulpit, William B. Sprague, D. D., New York, 1860. III, 356.

her at rest in the church yard, not far from the wife of the Rev. Eliab Byram. On her stone one reads: "In memory of Mrs. Martha Joline, Wife of the Rev. John Joline, who departed this life June th 18th A. D. 1778, In the 22d year of her Age." His second wife was Polly Darlington.

In the Manual of the Mendham Presbyterian Church (1855) it is stated that the Rev. John Joline was ordained and installed October 1780. Then is added, "He began to preach here two or three years earlier, but his ordination was delayed by the invasion." This is the only direct reference to the war found in the Mendham books. At about the end of the first six months of Mr. Joline's preaching. the question of extending a call for further service was brought before the Session, September 21st, 1778. It was voted "the Rev. Mr. John Jeloine" should be continued. The matter of the pastor's salary was left in the hands of a committee. Mr. Joline appears to have kept up the work of the church in an orderly manner. At the same Session a group of seven men were chosen to attend the fall meeting of the Presbytery of New York. This year they were: Robert Commins, Samuel McIlrath, Zebulon Riggs, David Thompson, John Cary, Samuel Day, and John Drake, not so large a delegation as before. Although the purpose of their attendance was not stated, it is possible they were still looking for candidates.

On March ye 8 1779 the annual meeting of the congregation was held. Seth Babbit, Daniel Cook, and John Cary were elected trustees of the parsonage. A committee of four, namely, Beriah Cary, Nathaniel Doty, Daniel Thompson, and Shadrack Pierson was chosen to be "Collectors of the ministers Sallary for the ensueing year and for what is payt." John Drake was "Head Collector."

As a preacher, the Rev. Mr. Joline was exceedingly doctrinal. Unlike his predecessors, unless one might except the Rev. Mr. Pierson, he was not evangelistic. Instead he was inclined to choose some one doctrine and treat it from various angles during a course of sermons. After he had thus preached a whole winter on the doctrine of election, it is said that Elder Samuel McIlrath, a tall thin, dignified

Scotchman who usually wore a white skull cap, rose on one occasion and exclaimed with great earnestness, "Mr. Joline, that is false doctrine."45 Whether it was his method of preaching, his doctrines, or some other condition caused by the war, as the Manual stated, that detained the congregation from asking for his ordination, one cannot tell. On March 26th 1779 a special meeting was held to determine "whether the Congregation where a mind to continue the Rev. Mr. Jeloin here till next fall." As usual the vote was in the affirmative and then came the question whether or not they chose to "settle and ordain" him as their minister. This also was agreed to. The congregation left the matter in the hands of the committee consisting of Zebulon Riggs. Artemas Day, John Cary, Samuel Day, and Nathaniel Burt. On October 18th, 1780 the Rev. Mr. Joline was finally ordained by the New York Presbytery, but in 1781 the congregation again took a vote on the continuation of his service.

The transaction of the Presbytery of New York, according to the old Minute Book (page 52), tells of the difficulties in connection with Mr. Joline's being taken into the church in the following words dated October 18, 1780.

"The state being invaded by the enemy at the time appointed for Mr. Joline's ordination, the Presbytery did not meet and therefore now proceed to finish his trials, which being fully approved and Mr. Joline having adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Catechism, and directory for worship and discipline, they proceeded to set him apart to the work of the gospel ministry by prayer."

The Records of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia list Mr. Joline among the absentees for every general Synodical meeting. No doubt the war made travelling difficult. The depreciation in the value of money during the war made transportation more costly also, but it seems as if the pastor of a church of Mendham's standing would have found it possible to be present upon some of those important annual occasions had there not been other reasons holding him back. It is possible he attended the meetings

^{45.} W. W. Munsell's History of Morris County, p. 247.

of his own Presbytery of New York, but those records are not available. As a matter of fact Mr. Joline was not the only minister who was careless in this respect, for the attendance was so small at the Synod held in Bedminster in 1778, the matter was taken up for general consideration, and the following reminder recorded for the benefit of the ministers.

"The Synod taking into consideration the non-attendance of the members upon Synodical sessions for some years past.... do therefore order the several Presbyteries belonging to this body to be reminded of their negligence herein, and to endeavor to influence them to a more pastoral discharge of this important duty of attending the meetings of the judicatures of the church."

Whatever the Rev. Mr. Joline's attitude may have been toward Synodical sessions, he proved himself a good organizer of his own church work, and no doubt was equally good in the general duties as pastor, if one may judge from the record of his more than sixteen years of service in Mendham. Several innovations in the management of the finances of the church were introduced during his pastorate. The Trustees of the Parsonage, who seemed always to have had only that particular duty, began gradually to take on a more general function. In the early records there were special committees for collecting and handling the general church money, including the salary. In March of 1780, a different arrangement is recorded. Instead of paying bills directly from the money collected, an interest bearing fund was started.

"March 14th 1780 The Congregation Voted that the Trustees of the Parsonage have the Charge of all Publick Congregation money and to keep it out on Interest and that the Interest be laid out to pay Congregational Charges when need be and that the Clerk of the Congregation keep a Record of all such money and interest in this Book."

In March of 1786 Trustees of the Parsonage were still being named, and the number of collectors for the minister's salary was increased to twenty, seeming to indicate a need for greater effort in meeting the financial support of the church. Perhaps Mr. Joline was preparing for further changes in the affairs of the Society. The following twenty collectors represented well many of the old families of that locality.

"Daniel Cook Esqr. William Van Dorn Artemas Day Seth Babbit Esqr. Nehemiah Day Isaac Babit James Johnston John Cary Senr. Ebenezer Drake Preserve Riggs Abel Cary David Thompson Esqr. John Rolston Zephaniah Burt Japhet Byram John Wright William Hudson Elisha Beach Daniel Beers Henry Clark Junr.

At the meeting of the congregation held November 8th 1786, occurred the most important of all the church's transactions, the first evidence of full growth as a religious organization. It was the election of a board of "Trustees of the Parish," apparently with the purpose of incorporating the Society as a "body politic, and corporate, agreeably to the law of this State"-East New Jersey. That act of incorporation was formally certified on the 22d day of December, 1786. The Trustees, as they were named in the Minutes, were: David Thompson Esqr., John Cary Senr., Daniel Cook Junr., Esgr., who was also named as President, James Johnston, Artemas Day, William Van Dorn, and Preserve Riggs. Into the hands of this board of trust were placed the funds and accounts of the congregation. The official title became. "the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Congregation at Mendham," and under that name the Board still functions.

A year and a half later, after the muddy spring had passed, and as summer was just beginning, the needs of the burial ground claimed the attention of the congregation, and explicit directions for the extension of the graveyard fence were recorded.

By the spring of 1791 several problems had grown to be of such importance they were considered by the Session in a special meeting, and the decisions were recorded. The first was a reconsideration of the manner of raising the pas-

tor's salary. Instead of selling the seats and pews as usual, it was voted to "pay and raise the Sallary this year by subscription." While the curtailing of the financial supply was not stated as of any particular importance in itself, the vote which followed threw light upon the sacrifice. The ever difficult matter of seating the congregation had taken on a new aspect, for one reads with some astonishment, "Voted to give up the seats and the men to sit on one side and the women on the other." The congregation made the decision voluntarily, probably upon the pastor's recommendation, but had it been possible for Jonathan Dickinson or George Whitefield to have met with that assembly, they no doubt would have turned the thought of the congregation, and especially of the youth of the church, toward evangelism and thereby would have handled what had been an early problem of all churches. The third matter considered was in regard to the lining of the psalms. The use of music was increasing in churches elsewhere. It was quite possible the subconscious minds of the men and women felt the need for new religious forms, and that was in reality the cause beneath the unrest which was being manifested. There is recorded, however, only the simply statement, "Voted to Sing half the time without reading the lines and that Elias Riggs and Steven Dod be the Clerks in the Gallery."

Having arrived at a seating arrangement that gave general satisfaction, at least temporarily, and having varied the singing of the psalms, the congregation next turned its attention to the erection of a belfry and the purchase of a bell of "four hundred wait." Whether or not this acquisition, voted for in October of 1791, had any remedial prompting, one is not told, but the ringing of the bell "for Sabbath and Lectors," and the nightly sounding of the nine o'clock curfew soon became the sexton's stated duty. The first sexton to have the honor of tolling the hour for covering the fires, snuffing out the lights, and "turning into bed" was Elisha Beach Junr., chosen at the meeting of April ye 9th 1792.

In the spring of 1792, and again in 1793, the congregation voted to repair the barn and parsonage and cover the

latter with short chestnut shingles. Notwithstanding those improvements, and his apparent success in the work, the pastor accepted a call to Florida, Orange County, New York. in the early spring of 1795. In fact, the old manuscript Minute Book of the Presbytery of New York, under date of February 10, 1795, for the Session held at Hanover, New Jersey, shows that a call for Mr. Joline was read and accepted by him, adding "he had for many years preached statedly for the congregation of Mendham, although he had never been installed." While the Manual of the Mendham Church states Mr. Joline was ordained and installed on Oct. 18th 1780, it should be recalled that the matter of his being settled as pastor was referred to a committee following the vote in his favor, and that the question was again voted upon in 1781, some time after his ordination. Whether the error was in the record, in the mind of some one or two members of the congregation, or in the unsettled condition of the affairs of the nation, is not particularly important. There is no doubt but that Mr. Joline served his congregation and his nation loyally, and that he left his church in a far better condition than most churches of the same period and the same general locality.

On February the second a committee of ten was elected "to settle with Mr. Joline with regard to his Sallary." and one learns from the Session Book at Florida that on "May 10, 1795 Mr. John Joline's stated labors in the ministry at Florida and Warwick commenced. The former place to have two thirds of his time." He was not, however, installed there until June 13, 1797. Rev. Mr. Harlow tells us that his services at Warwick ceased in 1798, but he continued at Florida until his death in the late fall, or early winter of 1802. It is recorded that he received into his church forty-seven new members on June ninth following his arrival in that place, and this would indicate he was well liked. His financial difficulties with the church at Florida were not unlike those met by his successor at Mendham. Many other churches were experiencing the same trouble.

Before two years had passed at Florida, the Rev. Mr.

Joline married again.⁴⁶ In his second marriage, family records state he had had six children, John, Anthony, Peggy, William, Catherine, and Helen. His third marriage was at Goshen, New York, February 12, 1797, to Mary the daughter of Dr. John and Anna (Jones) Gale. Of this union two children are named in the will of Mary (Gale) Joline Austin, on December 14th, 1838, when it was first made. They were her daughter Helen Todd, and a son Henry K. Joline who was then living in Chatham, Media County, Ohio, and had three children, Maria, Sarah and Aaron. It is said that a daughter of Mr. Joline's, Mary Ann (Anna Maria) died while on a trip to Princeton, New Jersey, in 1833, and is buried there. The stone which marks her grave gives the following story.

"In

Memory of Ann Maria daughter of the late Rev. John Joline and Mary Joline who departed this life in the joyful hope of a blessed immortality on the 30th day of June, 1833, in the 29th year of her age.

The tender mother, friend and kindred mourn For her who rests within this narrow bourn, But christian hope with eyes of faithful love Surveys her mansion in the realm above."

Since "the late Rev. John Joline" died in 1802, according to sketches of his life and the administration papers given to his widow, the discrepancy in the young woman's age can be accounted for only as one of the errors of the day which withheld the correct age of an unmarried woman past twenty, if possible. The kind friends who buried her, however, may not have known the facts. It is from the old

^{46.} Orange Co., N. Y., Court Records. Lets. of Adm. Liber C, 107; Will-Liber K, 496. Given by courtesy of Miss Elizabeth Horton, Genealogist, Middletown, N. Y. Family Records from Mr. Benjamin F. Joline, Westfield, N. J. See also: A History of the Presbytery of Hudson, Rev. Henry A. Harlow; Middletown, N. Y., 1888, pp. 22, 39. History of Orange County, N. Y., Ruttenber & Clark; Philadelphia, 1881. p. 584.

burial record of Mr. Joline's mother in Elizabeth, New Jersey, one has authority for his father's title "Captain." Mrs. Mary (Gale) Joline married on July 11, 1812, Dr. Euslinus Austin of Goshen. This was ten years after the death of the Rev. Mr. Joline for whom Letters of Administration had been issued to his widow in December of 1802.

Before leaving the two pastorates covering the period of the Revolutionary War and passing into the period of greater reconstruction that came with the entrance of the nineteenth century, there are three events of vital importance in public affairs which we shall consider briefly.

The many colonies uniting in one nation at the close of the Revolutionary War were bound together loosely by the Articles of Confederation under which the colonies had fought for their common freedom from Great Britain. The Articles, however, were defective as a national form of government, and it was realized as early as 1730, by Alexander Hamilton and others, that a national constitution was necessary if there were to be a strong and equitable union of the many state governments.

After various efforts to plan a national convention for the consideration of a constitution, one was called to meet at Annapolis, September 11, 1786. Only five states were represented: New York. New Jersey. Pennsylvania. Delaware, and Virginia, but following that meeting, in February of 1787, Congress did urge the legislatures to send delegates to convene at Philadelphia on the fourteenth of the coming May, to revise the Articles of Confederation. During those seven years much was written and spoken on the subject of constitutional government. Great Britain had never had a constitution, but the new American nation felt the need of some written, central articles of agreement. Alexander Hamilton published a series of papers entitled "The Constitutionalist" in the New York Packet (at Fishkill, N. Y.), in 1781. Palatiah Webster and Thomas Paine wrote in favor of a convention. In 1784 Noah Webster wrote a pamphlet in favor of a constitution which he personally conveyed to General Washington. The people heard speeches and read articles pro and con.

On May 14th, 1787, the delegates appointed by the states began to gather for the proposed convention at Philadelphia. The men who were especially alive to the need for a constitution made a draft of one which in time was submitted to the delegates by the secretary of the Convention. Edmund Randolph of Virginia. On September 10th it was turned over to a committee for revision, and on the 17th was signed by nearly all the delegates attending the Convention. It was later referred to Congress with the request that it be submitted to the people for ratification. For four months heated discussions kept the decision pending. After nine states had ratified the new Constitution it became operative and on July 4th. 1788 its ratification was celebrated at Philadelphia, with the signatures of ten states. The thirteenth state. Rhode Island, did not ratify it until May 29th, 1790. The new government began on March 4, 1789

The people throughout the nation had gradually grown constitutionally minded. Even in May of 1785, the year before the first effort to call a national convention at Annapolis, representatives of the Presbyteries attending the Synod of New York and Philadelphia were considering a similar document for the American Presbyterian Church. Another committee delegated a draft of a constitution which was sent to all the Presbyteries for examination, and on May 16th, 1788, in the same city that had cradled the Constitution of the United States of America, there was adopted and ratified by the Synod the "Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

Following its adoption came the organization of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. It was achieved by unanimous resolutions passed by the Synod of Philadelphia and New York to divide that body into four Synods⁴⁷ to be brought together annually in a General Assembly consisting of delegates, or representatives, elected by the constituent Presbyteries. The division was approved "agreeably to an Act made and provided for that purpose in the session of the Synod in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six," and the division of the Synod took place upon the dissolution of the session of May 24-29, 1788. The four new bodies formed were: the Synod of New York and New Jersey, the Synod of Philadelphia, the Synod of Virginia, and the Synod of the Carolinas.

In the formation of the General Assembly it was found to embrace the four Synods named above, seventeen Presbyteries, one hundred and eighty ministers, four hundred and nineteen congregations, and about twenty thousand communicants.⁴⁷ The resolution governing the representation was fifth in order of adoption and is quoted as follows:

"Fifth. That out of the body of these Synods a General Assembly shall be constituted in the following manner, viz.: That every Presbytery shall at their last stated meeting preceding the meeting of the General Assembly, depute to the General Assembly commissioners in the following proportion; each Presbytery consisting of not more than six ministers shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery consisting of more than six ministers and not more than twelve, shall send two ministers and two elders, and so in the same proportion for every six ministers."

These commissioners or any fourteen of them, seven of whom should be ministers, were to constitute a quorum. The full name of this assembly became, the "General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

From the foregoing conditions it will be easily recognized that any particular congregation, as for example the church at Mendham, will become less frequently represented directly at the general meetings. The records of the first General Assembly which met at Philadelphia May 21st, 1789, were less explicit and, because of the many branches of activities, they were more complicated. For this reason the later clergymen of this church will not be studied with respect to their Synodical activities.

Records of the Presbyterian Church, op. cit. pp. 523-4, 547. See also Centennial of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, 1888. Address by Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y. p. 7.

PASTORATES FROM

1795 to 1826

The Rev. Amzi Armstrong and Three Successors



THIN the period between the fall of 1795 and that of 1826 there were four pastors at Mendham, the Rev. Messrs. Amzi Armstrong, Samuel Hanson Cox, Philip Courtlandt Hay, and John

Van Liew (Vanlieu). The greater part of the period, however, was covered by the pastorate of the Rev. Amzi Armstrong who entered upon his work there in 1795 and continued until he resigned in 1816, thus fulfilling a long service of twenty-one years.

It is to the Rev. Mr. Armstrong that later writers are indebted for the first historical sketch of the ministries of the church. The new congregational book started by him is entitled, "Records of the Presbyterian Church in Mendham-December 17, 1796," and on its first three pages are written very briefly the facts he gathered for each pastorate.⁴⁸ There one finds the statement that he began to preach to the congregation in the fall of 1795 as a Licentiate of the Presbytery of New York and that in the following spring he received a call from the church which he accepted on the 15th of May 1796. The old "Mendom Congregation Book" shows that the Rev. Mr. Richard presided over the meeting of March 31st at which that call was given. Tt was recorded in the following words: "The Question being put whether we ware a mind to give Mr. Armstrong a call and Voted in the affirmitive-and Voted to give him four hundred Dollars pr year and the Use of home passonage Lot and meadow and to put the fences in repair and to provide timber for it to be kept so for the future at his expense and

^{48.} The full historical narrative may be found in the section of this book entitled "Addenda."

to put the House and barn in Repair and to keep them so at the expense of the parish. . ." In addition certain fields were sown with oats, flax and timothy, a generous provision for the coming winter.

The apparent doubling of the salary offered Mr. Armstrong was, no doubt, the effect of the depreciated value of money rather than an indication of affluence within the church. In fact, later records show many financial difficulties, so that one realizes this church suffered with others during the period of readjustment that followed the Revolutionary War. The man-power of the nation had been depleted; the country was largely dependent upon foreign trade and that was harassed by pirates and dishonest business; the few American industries started before the War had suffered from one reason or another. Counterfeiters of money and law breakers of many kinds abounded. Through the doubt and fear engendered by these conditions broke the light of faith and courage that followed the full ratification of the constitution of the United States. Then came gradually a stabilization of currency, respect for home law and subsequent law enforcement, the inventions which promoted rapid communication and transportation, and finally industrial and social independence. Within this same period many of our finest educational institutions, private and public, had their beginning.

The church of Florida, New York, to which the Rev. Mr. Joline had gone to preach was the home church of the Rev. Mr. Armstrong. The latter had been born there Dec. 1st 1771, the son of Francis and Jane (Borland) Armstrong. Francis Armstrong was of Irish extraction, his parents having come to America about 1730. He was a farmer and an elder in the church. Amzi Armstrong received most of his education through private instruction. This was probably due to the fact that he had become crippled in infancy.⁴⁹ Dr. Sprague tells us Amzi Armstrong began his study of languages with the Rev. Amzi Lewis, pastor at Florida. Later he attended Dr. Dwight's school at Greenfield, Conn.,

^{49.} Wm. B. Sprague, D. D. op. cit. IV, 155-8.

for two years. He taught a while in Bloomfield, New Jersey, and studied theology with the Rev. Jedediah Chapman of Orange, New Jersey. He became a candidate under the Presbytery of New York, October 5th, 1794, and was licensed to preach on the 23d of October, 1795. He was ordained and installed at Mendham on the 29th of November 1796. His keen wit and genial disposition, combined with the attractions of a brilliant mind, won for him quickly a place in the hearts of his communicants. In 1795 the Rev. Mr. Armstrong married Mary (Polly) Dod, daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Nutman) Dod of Bloomfield, New Jersey.⁵⁰

A very striking word picture of Dr. Armstrong is given by Dr. Sprague⁴⁹ in quoting a letter written him by Rev. E. R. Fairchild in 1855, from New York. Dr. Fairchild wrote:

"He was about five feet six inches high. His limbs were small, his chest and shoulders were somewhat broader than is usual with persons of his stature. His head and face were well formed and well proportioned to his chest. His hair straight, and of dark brown colour. His eyes were bright and piercing and his countenance open, frank, and intelligent. He was, however, unfortunately, a cripple from his infancy, and in consequence often suffered a great deal. He was rendered a cripple by his nurse, who on her dying bed, subsequent to his retirement from Mendham, revealed it to him.... he walked with difficulty, even when aided by a cane. With advancing age this infirmity grew upon him, and it was a principle cause of leading him to ask a release from the duties of his postoral charge."

"His manners and bearing in society were familiar, courteous and gentlemanly. He knew how to mingle with his people with a graceful freedom that would seem to put all reserve away, and yet by that intercourse obtain and secure to hismelf higher respect and veneration than he had before.... Few have had such influence over their flocks as he had....."

"He early accustomed himself to preach without his manuscript and ultimately attained to great self possession and power in that mode of preaching....."

Genealogies of the Male Descendants of Daniel Dod of Branford, Conn., by Bethuel L. Dodd, M. D., and John R. Burnet; Newark, N. J., 1864. p. 193.

So generally was his intellectual ability recognized that the College of New Jersey (Princeton University) bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts in 1805, and in 1821 the same university gave him an honorary D. D. The latter honor, however, came to him after his removal from Mendham to Bloomfield.

With this slight understanding of Dr. Armstrong's personality as a background, it is interesting to follow the progress of events in the church at Mendham.

Scarcely had the Rev. Mr. Armstrong been called than a special meeting was held August 27, 1796, to consider the matter of selling the seats and pews which the congregation had given up on May 27th, 1791, in order that the men and women might be seated on opposite sides of the church. The old Trustees' record, the "Mendom Congregation Book," runs as follows:

[25] "The Congregation met and chose William Leddle moderator.

It being a very full meeting the Question was put whether the Seats and pews Should be Sold to raise the Minister's Sallary and Voted in the affirmitive by a great majority."

The seats then sold to the highest bidders, but nothing was written of the distribution of the congregation. One assumes that it returned to normal. There were recorded, however, two Articles which defined the conditions governing the ownership of seats:

Articles

"Any person that buyeth a Seat or pew to pay for the Same untill given up to the Committee, and that not less than one year.

"and every person is to have a right to hold their seats and pews untill given up, and any person have a right to give up at the end of any year."

This arrangement, no doubt, greatly aided the raising of the pastor's salary and the defraying of other expenses of the church.

After the building of the belfry in October of 1791 no changes in the Meeting House were recorded until April 18th 1799 when one finds a subscription being taken for the -repair of the steeple.[†] Whether or not there was a steeple. or whether the belfry was so called, one cannot say. Tradition tells us the first Meeting House had no steeple. From time to time parts of the glebe, or parsonage farm, had been sold, and parts rented. On April 15th it was voted to sell the "old parsonage" (apparently meaning parsonage lot) by Capt. Dod's, and on May 7th it was reported sold for one thousand dollars. The itemized account of the lots disposed of for this amount does not name the home lot. so it seems safe to conclude the word "parsonage" referred to the land alone, since it was so used on a number of occasions. The money was invested to bear interest, and from this time on the office of Trustees of the Parsonage disappeared from the pages of the old "Mendom Congregation book," "Trustees of the Parish," or "of the Congregation," having sup-Beginning with Mr. Armstrong's planted that office. pastorate, settlements, or payments on the salary, were recorded in the same book with the Trustees' minutes. As time went on the collection of subscriptions seemed more and more difficult, and the payments lapsed sadly. Finally at a meeting of the Trustees of the Congregation held December 21st, 1801, "it was voted that Mr. Armstrong in consideration of his not receiving his salary punctually according to agreement, and on acct of his embarrassed circumstances at present-Shall be entitled to the Interest of the money that the old Parsonage sold (for), being twentyeight pounds a year for the term of five years next ensuing. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay said interest money to Mr. Armstrong according to this vote making the first payment next May when it becomes due on the Bonds in said Treasurer's hands."

"Whatever sums shall be paid to Mr. Armstrong on the above resolutions, it is agreed shall be allowed by him in a final settlement of his accounts with the Congregation as a part of the salary promised him in his call."

How often does money in the bank, or set apart for

[†] The subscription list is near the end of the "Mendom Congregation Book," out of chronological order. See Chapter X for the list.

interest bearing, give an individual, or an organization, the limitations of extreme want!

One item of interest at about this time is a note in the Minutes of June 21st, 1806, showing: "At a meeting of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Mendham they made choice of Jacob Thompson to receive and take charge of all Back Bonds papers the property of or relating to the said congregation." That was a sacred trust!

It is very obvious that at the beginning of the nineteenth century law and order were in the minds of individuals and societies, and church officials became possessed with the feeling of righteousness in the law. Just how, or when, the church instituted the prosecution of members who failed to pay their subscriptions, is not clearly shown, but that there was a resolution to that effect, and that it was in use on the 29th of February, 1808, is borne out by the Minutes which show, after "The Trustees unanimously agreed to take Uriah Sutton's Bond with sufficient Land security, in exchange for George Hull Junr. obligations," it was also unanimously resolved "that the President be authorized to release Abm. Esgr. from his imprisonment under the execution in favor of the Trustees." The resolutions supporting prosecution were stated later in the Minutes of December 11, 1811, of May 19th, 1812, and again in 1826.

Notwithstanding this struggle between law and religion the Rev. Mr. Armstrong led his congregation in four revivals, the most influential of which occurred in 1803. At that time one hundred and one persons are said to have been taken into the church, "nearly doubling the number on roll." During the twenty-one years of his work at Mendham two hundred and sixty members were admitted.

With so rapid an increase in membership, the rebuilding and enlarging of the Meeting House became a necessity. For a number of years it was talked of and planned until, in 1816, the old structure was actually taken down and the new building begun. The proceedings are given in some detail in Chapter X which describes the five Houses of Worship, but the financing of the project seems more closely related to the pastor's management and therefore belongs to this part of the history. Although efforts had been made to begin the building in 1809 and 1810, it was not until 1814 it was well enough organized to make the project seem practical. The following resolutions adopted March 8th show the carefully prepared plan for receiving payments on subscriptions. The first four of these resolutions are given in Chapter X of this book. The next three are stated here as follows:

"5th that the subscription be drawn payable in five Installments, viz: one sixteenth on the first of May Next one fourth on the first of October following and one fourth on the first of April 1815 one fourth on the first of October following and three sixteenths on the first of April 1816.

"6th that the sum of six thousand dollars be raised by subscription for building the House

"7th that Messrs John Hudson John Latham Ebenezer Fairchild William Morrow and Stepehen Thompson be appointed to solicit subscriptions as soon as may be convenient. Also that Henry Cooper, Stephen Thompson and Luther Conkling be appointed a building committee which was accordingly done."

When the New Year rolled around, the project had not progressed sufficiently to warrant the beginning of the building. The Trustees called a meeting of the "Parish," January 12th, 1815, at the Meeting House in Mendham. Col. Nehemiah Losey was chosen Moderator. Then "after consulting each other about carrying into execution the vote taken in March 1814 of Beginning to build the said House in the spring of 1815, it was concluded to put off building said House for one year and in the meantime to make all necessary preparations for carrying into execution the building of said House in the spring of 1816 allso to collect immediately the one half of the 2 Installments to enable them to purchase the boards and other Materials."

[49] "After which the Trustees agreed each one to collect that part of the foregoing Subscription which belonged to his district—here follows a list of the subscribers with their collectors name at the head of each collum of his district."

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE SECOND CHURCH BUILDING

John Humes Elias Hudson James Ballentine Jacob Tiger Elijah Martin Shubal Pitney Jacob' Smith Daniel Babbit Capt. Henry Connet Joseph K. Gardner

Stephen Day Cunice Hudson Samuel Axtell Silas Axtell Elisha Beach Junr. John Latham Nehemiah Day David Howell Nathaniel Cary Peter Gillum Jacob Rush John W. Leddell

Capt. Ebenezer Fairchild Henry Axtell er Lewis Lore Zenas Conduit Samuel L. Axtell William Tingler

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Abraham Byram

John Byram Archibald McDonald Josiah Conkling Isaac V. Wickoff Amzi Babbit Aaron Cary Darius Babbit Non subscribers in the above district Ebenezer Drake Esqr. Mahlon Pitney Daniel Drake Jesse Upson Esqr. Daniel Cary Nathaniel Clarke Isaac Clerk John Dalrymple Bayley Dayton

Col. Nehemiah Losey

Samuel Day Daniel Losey Robert Mellon Henry Cooper John Morrow William Guest John Wickoff Joshua Petty

Stephen Thompson Amzi Armstrong Andrus Dunster Jonas Willet Elias Willet Samuel Garret Jacob Wickoff Charles Mellon William Morrow James Morrow John H. Devore

William Babbit

Abner Dod Benjamin Beach Benjamin Leach

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE SECOND CHURCH BUILDING

William Whitlock James Denison Anthony McCarnen John W. Abell Joshua Blackwell John Gorden Robert Dixon Josiah Conduit Josiah Gale John Dixon John Gilpin Noah Dayton Joseph Nevius Jacob Thompson Elisha Latham Amos Marsh Thomas and Joel C. Homan Ziba Dod Elias Babbit John Adimson

Samuel Beach No entries made

[51] "At a Parish Meeting of the Congregation of Mendham held the 6th of May 1816 Jesse Upson being chosen Moderator & Elias Hudson Clerk it was Resolved that in case the Meeting House is taken down each Person will pay the same sallery as last year.

"2d that Luther Conkling be appointed to get a Person to Ring the bell the ensuing year.

"3d Resolved that the seats in the New Meeting House shall be sold to pay those the expenses of building the Meeting House.

"4th Resolved that those that Have and those that shall advance money or Materials for the building shall be allowed Interest from the time of delivery until the sale of the seats.

"5th Resolved that Darius Babbit be appointed one of the building Committee.

In June of 1816, "Parish Meetings" were being held in the Academy, and the building of the church had progressed far enough for the committee to be given advice on the height and the finishing of the steeple. The old historical narrative of the church states:

"In May of 1816 the old Meeting House was taken down and soon after the frame of a new one was raised 45 feet wide and 60 feet long with a steeple at the end which was completed early in the fall of 1817 and solemnly dedicated to God Jany 1st 1818."

The Academy then in use was a short distance north of the church. It was probably the one started in 1795 by the Rev. Henry Axtell, D. D., and incorporated on December 30th of 1802. It was a plain stone building that offered a dignified and convenient meeting place for the congregation.

In the midst of progress, the Rev. Mr. Armstrong's health seemed to grow worse and on August 8th, 1816 he asked permission to leave the work at Mendham. Quoting the Minutes of that date:

"Mr. Armstrong stated to the Meeting that on account of his increasing bodily infirmities he found it would be Necessary for him before long to Resign his Pastoral Charge of this Congregation and therefore requested that he might have the consent of the Congregation to be looking out to provide himself a Situation where he might hope to be useful and where his infirmities will not be so much a hindrance of his fulfilling the duties of his station.

"Therefore the Parish Meeting having duly considered the above Request agreed that it should be granted. At the same time Affectionately signifying their wish that Mr. Armstrong will continue in the relation of Pastor to this Congregation as long as he can find it consistent with his duty and his comfort."

Rev. Mr. Armstrong's pastoral relation was dissolved by the Presbytery of Jersey on October 2d, 1816. A man of his ability naturally turned toward educational work. Schools and academies were being started wherever there were leaders with sufficient means and backing to promote them. Rev. Mr. Armstrong had an inclination toward the preparation of ministerial students. He therefore upon his dismissal from pastoral duties, took charge of the Academy in Bloomfield, New Jersey, and made it an institution especially for the instruction of young men preparing for the ministry. For a while he carried it as his own private school, but after some time it was taken over by the Presbyterian Branch of the Education Society.

In writing further of Dr. Armstrong, Dr. E. R. Fairchild added:⁴⁹

"In the judicatures of the Church, he exerted great influence, and commanded high respect. He had a clear and well balanced mind, and a happy faculty of disentangling difficult and involved subjects. He usually imparted light

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whenever he spoke, from which acknowledged fact he was facetiously called 'the snuffer of the Presbytery.'"

Dr. Armstrong continued as Principal of the school in Bloomfield, and also wrote, until about 1826 when he removed to Perth Amboy. Mrs. Armstrong died December 13th of that year, and on the 4th of March following Dr. Armstrong himself passed on. He is buried in Bloomfield. The Armstrong name was carried on by his three sons, the Rev. Messrs. William J. and George D. Armstrong, and a lawyer Amzi Armstrong. There were also seven daughters.

Although Dr. Armstrong, the devoted shepherd, recorder, and builder at Mendham was compelled to resign his ministry before his dream for the new church was realized, he left his impress upon every phase of its life. He must have felt great reluctance in being compelled to give over the finishing and dedication of the new building which his evangelistic work had made necessary. His successor, the Rev. Mr. Cox was employed as a supply on February 11th, 1817.

REV. SAMUEL HANSON COX

Into the midst of the church building came the young pastor, the Rev. Samuel Hanson Cox. a student from the Bloomfield Academy who had studied theology with Dr. James Richards and Dr. James P. Wilson. Although the Rev. Mr. Cox had been called to supply for two months, his preaching and work were so pleasingly acceptable he was promptly invited to become the settled pastor. With the encouragement of having a home and position secured. Mr. Cox married, on April 7th, 1817, Abiah Hyde Cleveland of Norwich, Conn., and took his bride to the Mendham Manse. On July first of that year he was ordained and installed as pastor by the Presbytery of New York. His preaching was spirited and convincing, and in recognition of his ability the College of New Jersey (Princeton) bestowed upon him the honorary degree of M. A. in 1818. The early church narrative records his pastorate in the following words.

"Early in February of 1817 Mr. Saml Hanson Cox, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of New York, commenced preaching here, and in March following an unanimous call was voted to him & accepted by him; in pursuance of which he was, on tuesday the 1st of July following, ordained & installed pastor of the church & congregation. During the spring and summer of 1820 there was considerable attention to religion in the congregation and between thirty and forty members added to the Church."

The work of completing the new Meeting House progressed harmoniously and steadily so that it was ready for use in the early fall. The dedication, however, was held over until the first of January, 1818. Dr. Cox's methods were direct, and democratic. The installment method of paying for the church, adopted at the beginning of the project, practically assured its freedom from debt.

The Trustees' Minutes in the old "Mendom Congregation Book" show a rather unique and interesting arrangement for carrying out the vote of May, 1816, to sell the seats and pews to pay for the building. It is stated in the following words:

"Resolved that Wm. Babbit be a Committee to make out a form of conveyance from the Parish to individuals and from one individual to another of the seats and pews in the church, also Stephen Thompson and Luther Conkling to be a committee to Settle with the President of the Trustees."

Nor was the colored race overlooked in this new House of Worship. Before the church was dedicated, it was voted "the blacks have a seat below stairs."

In the records one also finds Mr. Cox was given a salary of \$600; and he was permitted a leave of absence for six weeks, November 25th 1819. Then there appears, in the "New Session Book" of 1820, the brief statement of his leaving:

"In the fall of 1820 the Rev. Samuel H. Cox received a call from the Spring Street Church in the city of New York which he accepted and removed with his family thither."

Thus the short pastorate of three and a half years ended. It was a period of progress demonstrating a high form of leadership. Of the faults in his congregation Dr. Cox spoke frankly. In writing of the church to Dr. James Carter⁵¹ in 1855, Dr. Cox said: "Their great monster enemy was—inebriety! The theory of temperance was not well known then, anywhere, as it is now so commonly in our country. I had, if I remember right, from 16 to 20 distilleries under my pastoral care; and I found them very impractical and untoward parishioners!"

Dr. Cox proved himself not only a cleryman of distinction, but a writer, a professor, an organizer, and a leader of men. He was of Quaker parentage, a son of James and Elizabeth (Shepard) Cox of Leesville (Rahway), New Jersey. He was born August 25th, 1793, and received his early schooling at the Friends' Academy, Westtown, near Philadelphia. Not content with his work as an honor student at Princeton, he pursued further studies at Williams College with the Class of 1823. From that institution he received a Master's degree, and in 1825 his D. D. It is said he cared not for degrees, but notwithstanding his disregard for them he received a number, including an LL. D. from Marietta College, 1855, and a doctorate of Sacred Theology from Columbia in 1863.

At the Spring Street Church in New York, his "brilliant pulpit gifts" won him crowded services, but his doctrines caused a division in the congregation and his strong following seceded from the older society to form, in 1825, the Laight Street Church.⁵² Dr. Cox was pastor of the latter congregation until 1835 when he became a professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology at Auburn Seminary, New York, 1835-37. In the metropolitan city of New York, he was known as a founder of Union Theological Seminary and of New York University. From 1837 to 1854 he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, New York. In 1854 he removed to Oswego for

^{51.} The 176th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Mendham, op. cit. p. 16.

History of the Old Spring St. Church, New York City, Rev. Alfred H. Moment; New York, 1877. pp. 12-13. See also: General Biographical Catalogue of Auburn Theological Seminary; Auburn, N. Y., 1918; Encyclopaedia of the Presbyterian Church, Alfred Nevin, D. D.; Philadelphia, 1884. p. 160, gives portrait. Further details may be found in the Dictionary of American Biography IV, 481-82.

two years. From 1856 to 1863 he was Chancellor of Ingham University. He was one of the founders of the religious paper known as the New York Observer for which, with other papers, he wrote a great deal. The Observer is no longer published. His larger publications were chiefly on theological questions, or were memoirs, namely: Quakerism not Christianity (1833); The Ministry We Need (1835); Interviews, Memorable and Useful (1853), and others. "The Ministry We Need" was his innaugural address at Auburn Seminary.

In his affiliation with the New York clergymen, Dr. Cox was an eloquent and spirited leader. He was not only one of the founders of Union Theological Seminary in 1836, but for thirty-six years was one of its directors, 1837 to 1873. In the long room that looks out upon the cloistered quadrangle at Union—known as the Francis Brown Social Hall —his name has been perpetuated in the placing of a very fine oil portrait of him at the right of the foyer. Into that likeness his great-granddaughter painted his youthful vigor and gallant mien. His deep-set, searching eyes hold the attention of those who pause to admire the portrait. Dr. Cox was President of the Board of Trustees of Union for the year 1840-41. He was also one of the founders of Chi Alpha (Society of Christian Brethren), an influential body of theologians within the metropolitan area, organized in 1829.

In his Presbyterial relations he was distinctly one of the "New School." In 1837 that name was taken by a division of the General Assembly—a party which was separated from the Mother Assembly by a succession of discussions pertaining first, to the revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith and other ecclesiastical questions. The division was precipitated by a proposal for reunion of the disagreeing parties, and by differences in sentiment in regard to the church trials of the Rev. Albert Barnes and the Rev. Charles A. Briggs. Between the years 1837 and 1870 there were two General Assemblies in the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, and in 1846 Dr. Cox was Moderator of the General Assembly of the New School. One writer states; that at the end of a difficult series of sessions of that venerable body, Dr. Cox was given a unanimous vote of thanks "for the ability, impartiality and kindness" with which he had presided over them and conducted their deliberations to happy results, according to the constitutional order of their beloved church.

In his marriage with his faithful wife, Abiah Cleveland, he had fifteen children. His eldest son, Arthur Cleveland Coxe, became a bishop in the Episcopal Church. Abiah Cox died in 1865, then sixty-nine years of age. Three years later Dr. Cox married Anna Fosdick Bacon of Hartford, Conn., November 16, 1869. He died in Bronxville, New York, October 2, 1880.

It is said he was noted for his peculiarities, his gifts, and his intellectuality. He spoke Latin fluently and enjoyed using it in his public addresses. He stood openly against the use of tobacco and intoxicants. He was in all ways an independent thinker.

In writing of Dr. Cox's ministry at Mendham, one biographer draws a happy picture:†

"In that healthful and happy retreat, the only minister of any denomination, in the extensive parish, with a biblereading and intelligent people, united and attached to their pastor and his family, he passed the novitiate of a laborious and a prosperous ministry. The church was increased by accessions from the world. But the pastoral relation continued scarce four years when, after answering other calls with a negative, he accepted a second call from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church of New York City, and removed there in the autumn of 1820, as its second pastor."

REV. PHILIP COURTLANDT HAY

The Rev. Philip Courtlandt Hay followed Dr. Cox at Mendham. He was a young man of twenty-seven who, according to the early church record, began his work in December of 1820. Quoting from the "New Session Book" one learns:

[†] Marsh's Athenaeum Magazine; Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 1854, Vol. I, No. 1, 2-5. Biographical sketch and portrait.

"In December 1820, Philip Cortland Hay, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Jersey, following a unanimous call was voted to him and accepted by him in pursuance of which he was ordained and installed Pastor of this church and congregation, on the 19th day of June, 1821.

"Dr. Hay left here for Newark, from thence to Oswego, N. Y."

Like his predecessor, the Rev. Mr. Hay attacked vigorously the manufacture of intoxicating liquors by members of his congregation. The error so obviously in need of being checked seemed to be an increasing one in that community. In fact, one went so far as to say, "nearly all the money that came into Mendham came from the sale of distilled liquors." While a perusal of the advertisements in the newspapers of that locality and period shows many other sources of income, it is undoubtedly true that most of the monied residents, and especially the farmers of that day, had large and prosperous distilleries, and the minds of men had not yet been awakened to the logic of cause and effect in its bearing upon physical conditions, nor to a sense of responsibility for man's weaker brother. The warning Christ Jesus gave to stumbling blocks was only just beginning to be thought of.

Just two years after Rev. Mr. Hay took up his work at Mendham, he was dismissed to accept a call to the Second Presbyterian Church of Newark, New Jersey.53 There he preached for eleven years until poor health made it necessary for him to stop awhile. Later he was pastor of the church at Geneva. New York, then after another break on account of health he became the head of a school. In response to a call to preach he went to Oswego, New York. but a final illness caused him to return to the place of his birth. The Rev. Dr. Hay was the son of Major Samuel and Jane (Price) Hay of Newark, New Jersey. He was born July 25, 1793 in that city. He graduated from the College of New Jersey (Princeton) with the Class of 1818. Hobart College gave him a D. D. in 1839. He studied theology under Rev. Dr. James Richards. During his last years he had charge of a classical school in Newark. He died December 27. 1860.

In the constant battle for health and spiritual achievements, he fought gallantly, a noble son of a gallant officer in the War of the American Revolution. Dr. Nevin⁵³ wrote of him:

"While strictly attentive to the local churches committed to his charge, Dr. Hay's activity of temperament and concern for the Redeemer's kingdom engaged him in constant service for the church at large. Every good enter-prise for the public commanded his support; and habitu-

manners he won universal esteem."

In 1849 he was chosen Moderator for the GeneralAssembly of the Presbtyerian Church in the United States of America, the honor given to his predecessor at Mendham, Dr. Cox, three years earlier. He was also in the General Assembly of the New School.

REV. JOHN VAN LIEW

Following Dr. Hay the Mendham church had another young pastor who remained with them but a short time. The Rev. John Van Liew graduated from Queen's College (Rutgers) in 1816, having entered college at the age of fourteen. In the immaturity of his thought, he did not at once continue his higher studies, nor could he decide upon his profession. Through the influence of his older friends he was converted and turned toward the ministry. He thereupon entered the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and graduated with the Class of 1820. In theology he was a student of Doctors Livingston and Schureman. Although he was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick, in the Reformed Church, he first preached at the Presbyterian Church in Meadville, Pennsylvania, 1821 to 1824. It was from Meadville he was called to Mendham. The Mendham early record states only:

"Jno. Vanlieu was ordained and installed over this church June 19, 1824." Since there is no further comment. one infers the liquor problem at Mendham may also have

^{58.} Dr. Alfred Nevin, op. cit. p. 310-311.

influenced him to accept the call he received from the Reformed Church at Readington, New Jersey. He was dismissed from Mendham January 10th, 1826, when the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town dissolved his pastoral relation in order that he might regain his health.⁵⁴ After a trip south he was called to supply the Reformed Church of Readington, New Jersey. On May 1st, 1827, he received a call to become the regular pastor, and on the following June 20th he married Anna Maria, daughter of H. S. Woodruff, M. D., of Mendham. In this marriage four children were born: Cornelius (1828-1900); Maria Louisa, born 1831, became the wife of Hon. Jacob F. Randolph of Bloomfield, N. J.; John Newton, born 1834; and Dennis who died young. Dr. Van Liew's parents were Dennis and Maria (Suydam) Van Liew of Neshanic.

At Readington Dr. Van Liew continued the rest of his life and distinguished himself as a public spirited clergyman and writer. In 1867 Rutgers College bestowed upon him the degree of D. D. The Rev. H. P. Thompson wrote:⁵⁴

"As a minister, we have, in his life, a bright example of faithfulness and devotion. In the other relations of life, domestic, social, and public, he was a Christian gentleman the highest style of man."

Dr. John VanLiew was born near Neshanic, New Jersey, September 30, 1798 and died October 18, 1869. His discourse at the dedication of the Dutch Reformed Church of Readington, 1865, with an historical appendix, was published.

When the first quarter of the nineteenth century ended the Mendham church was still the only organized religious society in the village. It had an up-to-date house of worship of which it was very proud.

^{54.} Minutes of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, 1820-1837. p. 162. A Manual of the Reformed Church in America, Edward Tanjore Corwin, D. D. Fourth edition, New York, 1902. p. 833. Courtesy of the Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia. Later notes from the President's Office, New Brunswick Theological Seminary. In Memoriam, Discourses by the Rev. Henry P. Thompson . . and the Rev. Abraham Messler at the funeral of Rev. John Van Liew, 1869; Christian Intelligencer, April 7, 1870; Readington Church Records.

VII

PRE-CIVIL WAR PERIOD 1826-1859

Rev. Daniel H. Johnson and Rev. Thomas S. Hastings



www.HE thirty some years preceding the Civil War were years of industrial progress and territorial expansion for the nation. Population was spreading. Large tracts of land in the unsettled parts of the country, especially in the west.

had been given away in return for service in the wars of the country, and still other parts had been taken up for speculation. Agricultural districts were being developed upon increasingly larger scales. Slaves were more and more in demand, and the problem of the right or wrong in the sale and ownership of slaves was being discussed and kept before the minds of the people by those who realized the accompanying evils. What the nation was experiencing in a large way, the village of Mendham, and even the church, realized in some degree. A perusal of the church records shows a number of colored families among the communicants, some of them designated as slaves. They had apparently been taken as a matter of course, and with the seating of the congregation in the new church, they had, as we have already learned, "seats below stairs," probably under the gallery.

The slavery question was not new to this period. As early as 1781 or 1782 the Rev. Jacob Green of Hanover. New Jersey, had announced in one of his publications the attitude of his church.55

"As we look upon the slavery of human creatures, who are naturally free, to be an unnatural evil and one of the

Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle, Mss. entitled The Early History of the Presbyterian Church in Morris County, p. 15. Dr. Tuttle was then President of Wabash College. Mss. is in the Morristown 55. Library.

greatest injuries that can be done to human nature, we cannot admit into our church any that hold persons in slavery as slaves during life, except some particular cases where the church shall judge it agreeable to humanity and Christianity, as when aged slaves ought to be cared for...."

A drastic measure such as the foregoing was unusual at so early a period, but steadier impulses resulted in stronger methods which finally carried everything for freedom. At the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, May 16, 1787, an overture concerning slavery was presented and that body of clergymen came to the following well balanced conclusion. Because of the foresight and wisdom expressed in the overture and the accompanying judgment passed upon it by the Synod, the latter is quoted below.⁵⁶

"Philadelphia, May 28, 1787

"The Synod of New York and Philadelphia do highly approve of the general principles in favor of universal liberty. that prevail in America, and the interest which many of the states have taken promoting the abolition of slavery; yet, inasmuch as men introduced from a servile state to a participation of all the privileges of civil society, without a proper education, and without previous habits of industry, may be, in many respects, dangerous to the community, therefore they earnestly recommend it to all the members belonging to their communion, to give those persons who are at present held in servitude, such good education as to prepare them for the better enjoyment of freedom; and they moreover recommend that masters, wherever they find servants disposed to make a just improvement of the privilege, would give them a peculium, or grant them sufficient time and sufficient means of procuring their own liberty at a moderate rate, that thereby, they may be brought into society with those habits of industry that may render them useful citizens; and finally, they recommend it to all their people to use the most prudent measures consistent with the interest and the state of civil society, in the counties where they live, to procure eventually the final abolition of slavery in America."

Gradually the churches took up the suggestion and formed Sunday classes for the instruction of the negro

^{56.} Records, op. cit. IV, 540.

members of their congregations. As early as 1815 such groups were meeting in Morristown, and the black servants and slaves were taught moral truths and the reading and memorizing of the scriptures. According to a notice in the Palladium of Liberty, quoted by The Centinel of Freedom on December 6th, 1817, there were about sixty-five persons attending regularly for the purpose of receiving instruction. They were divided into classes of about sixteen each, with separate teachers, arranged according to their proficiency. For two years the school had been in operation Sunday afternoons.

At Basking Ridge, the Rev. Robert Finley, who was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church, one of the founders of the negro Republic in Liberia, and a promoter of the American Colonization Society which helped the black race in so many ways, was also starting systematic bible study. But he developed his system of study for all members of his congregation who would take it up.⁵⁷

The greater consideration of the black race was commented upon by the General Assembly in 1825 when it was written:

"We notice with pleasure the enlightened attention which has been paid to the religious instruction and evangelizing of the unhappy slaves and free people of color of our country in some regions of our Church..... No more honored name can be conferred on a minister of Jesus Christ than that of Apostle to the American slaves; and no service can be more pleasing to the God of heaven, or more useful to our beloved country, than that which this title designates."⁵⁸

The pastorates of Rev. Daniel H. Johnson and Rev. Thomas S. Hastings carried the church nearly to the crisis in the abolition of slavery. Together these pastorates formed a period in which the Christian citizens of the country, especially in the North, were working systematically to free the slaves without resorting to war. With

^{57.} The Presbyterian Church in Basking Ridge by John C. Rankin, D. D., Aug. 11, 1872; reprinted with a supplement March 24, 1892. p. 18.

^{58.} Records, op. cit. p. 241.

the general effort to educate the blacks, grew two strong movements of the church: the organization of Class Meetings and Prayer Meetings which were largely evening midweek experience meetings; and the formation of Sabbath Schools which were for bible instruction, especially for the young. While the Class Meetings were little more than a continuation of the early form of worship instituted by Charles and John Wesley, and others of the protestant faiths, their later place in the church life was subsidiary to the more formal worship observed on the Sabbath. Both the mid-week and Sunday meetings served as channels through which the Church made a wider appeal for its missions and for temperance in the use of alcoholic beverages.

REV. DANIEL HEDGE JOHNSON

Following the three short pastorates of the Rev. Messrs, Cox. Hay, and Van Liew, there came to the Mendham Church the Rev. Daniel Hedge Johnson, a young man of about twenty-five years of age, the third Yale graduate to serve this parish. Although a native of Portland, Maine, Rev. Mr. Johnson had entered Yale as a Sophomore from New York City.⁵⁹ After graduating with the Class of 1820, he received private instruction in theology, according to the early custom of clerical students. On April 3, 1826, the Mendham church offered Rev. Mr. Johnson the use of the parsonage in addition to his salary. On April 19, 1826, the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town "received Mr. Daniel H. Johnson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of New York," and on the 27th of June that same year "ordained Mr. Daniel H. Johnson to the work of the gospel Ministry and installed him pastor of the congregation of Mendham."60

One of his first achievements for the congregation was the discontinuance of the procedure which had been adopted, apparently during the Rev. Mr. Armstrong's ministry, namely: the prosecuting of subscribers to the church who

Franklin B. Dexter, Biographical Notices of Graduates of Yale College; New Haven, 1918. VII, p. 60.

Mss. Minutes of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, 1820-1837. p. 162. The Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia.



THE REV. DANIEL H. JOHNSON Mendham, 1826-1852

had failed to make payments within the stated time. The Minutes of the Parish Meeting of April 3, 1826, show a motion authorizing prosecution, but the vote at the August meeting of the Trustees records the abandoning of the earlier resolution. According to the local records, the leading members of the church at that time were: Jesse Upson Esqr. who was moderator at the April meeting; Joel C. Homan, the clerk of the Session; Stephen Babbit rang the bell and swept the meeting house for the year; Daniel Cary, Lewis Loree, Benjamin Coe, and Elija Martin were appointed to preserve order in the gallery; and Josiah Conkling, Aaron Thompson, and Amzi Cary led the singing. It was at this time the leaders of the music were permitted to use the base viol in the church when they desired.

Revivals were again stirring the country. Methodism, with its evangelism and democratic principles, was fast taking hold of the people. The influence of the two early Methodist societies at Flanders and Millbrook was spreading throughout the townships of Randolph and Mendham. The earlier meetings promoted by Sylvanus Lawrence, Samuel Searing, the Lewises and others had converts who carried on the work in Mendham. Of these was one Daniel Millen who secured the service of a local preacher known as "Father Lovell" to preach to a class, or society, at Ralstonville.⁶¹ In the woods above the school house there, in the school itself, and later in a woolen factory owned by Ingham Kinsey of Ralstonville, which was the settlement near Mendham known earlier as Rocksiticus, Father Lovell encouraged and strengthened this small band of worshippers.

By 1829 this Class, or Society, was taken into the Essex Circuit of the Philadelphia Conference in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. David Bartine and Rev. Thomas Sovereign were appointed to supply the circuit alternately. In 1833 during the ministry of the "Rev. James Ayars" the society bought a lot from Mr. Elias R. Babbitt near the center of the village of Mendham, and there built the first Methodist church. It was a plain wooden structure without steeple or belfry at first, "34x46 feet, plastered inside and out, except the roof." Thus Methodism sprang from the same section of the township that had one hundred years earlier fostered Presbyterianism-in the Raritan Valley of Rocksiticus, known later as Ralstonville. Like the earlier church. it settled finally in the village, and there it struggled and grew in the work of God. In 1836 it became a station with a single pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Whitecar.

Rev. Mr. Johnson was himself primarily an evangelist, and he was content to live his doctrine of brotherly love in his chosen rural community. He had frequent revivals and through them took in large numbers of communicants. It was not therefore because of any lack of religious zeal in the Presbyterian church that the Methodist congregation had sprung. The organization of the latter church was rather a fulfillment of a larger need in the village. Following Rev. Mr. Johnson's revival of 1829, he took in fortyfour members on confession of their faith; and in 1831 he accepted twenty-three others in the same way. During the twenty-six years of his ministry two hundred and thirtyone persons united with the church on confession of their

Helen M. Wright, History and Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mendham, New Jersey; Jersey City, N. J., 1938. Historical Sketch by Miss Mary Oliver. pp. 2-7.

faith and one hundred and fourteen others united by certificate.

In addition to these signs of spiritual progress, Rev. Mr. Johnson proved himself an excellent builder and organizer. On April 9, 1832, a special session of the church voted to "build a new Parsonage house—that Wm. Babbitt, J. C. Homan, and J. J. Ballentine be a committee to procure subscriptions & materials & to employ mechanics." Very soon after, the central portion of the present manse was built. It was a substantial brick structure to which later additions were made.

On February 17th, 1835, the second House of Worship on the present site burned. It was a shocking calamity, but under the valiant leadership of Rev. Mr. Johnson, the congregation assembled the following day in the "Session House." There was a "remarkable full meeting." After opening the session with prayer by the pastor, it was resolved "to erect a new House on the site where the one was yesterday, and of the same size." With the help of a building committee of nine responsible men (see Chap. X) and the united cooperation of the congregation, the church was completed by November the 24th. With a new manse and a new church the Presbyterian organization grew and prospered. In 1848 it was necessary to enlarge the church, and in 1849 a new Session House was built, the latter being erected on the parsonage lot, just north of the manse.

While new buildings gave evidence of material progress, there was also a growing interest in bible study and religious instruction. The Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, in his Historical Address of 1914, narrated the tradition of the early beginning of the Sunday School.⁶² The school, according to the story, was instigated by one Mrs. Barnet who suggested to Elder Japhet Byram in 1813 that the Sunday gathering of the troublesome boys of his neighborhood would lead to their improvement. She spoke from the experience of her home church in Scotland. In May 1814 Miss

^{62. 176}th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, N. J., op. cit. Address by Rev. Joseph Symmes, p. 32.

Martha Hamom and Miss Hannah Hudson began the work with classes in the north-east room of Mr. Byram's home on the road to Water Street. The library had its place in that elementary Sabbath School. It is believed that the church school was an outgrowth of this early effort which was never abandoned but simply transferred its place of meeting.

In the same address the Rev. Mr. Symmes quoted a letter written by Mrs. Lydia H. Dodd, widow of Rev. Edward Dodd, a missionary to Turkey. Speaking of her early recollections of the Sabbath School, she told of being a member of the infant class about the year 1831.

"The class met in the parsonage, where Mrs. Daniel Johnson made it, for her, the greatest occasion of the week. In the year 1835, this infant class was held with the big school in the lower part of the Academy, and Miss Ann Wilson was the teacher; the day school being held in the upper part of the same building. Report has it that Rev. Isaac Davidson, who married Miss Rebecca L. West, one of Mrs. Daniel Johnson's sisters, was the first Superintendent of the School. Sometimes in the summer this school would meet in the gallery of the church, and was held there while the chapel was in process of erection. Later on question books were introduced into the School and they learned to repeat whole chapters in the Bible, especially the Psalms, and studied the Shorter Catechism."

The Session House which was built in 1849 was later called the Lecture Room, and still later the Chapel. Mr. William L. Douglas was Superintendent of the Sunday School after Rev. Isaac Davidson gave it up, and Mr. Stephen Babbit, Mr. Charles E. Nicholas and other loyal superintendents followed.

On the first Sunday of the year 1852, Rev. Mr. Johnson was stricken with paralysis, and after six months of suffering he died, July 1st. He was comparatively a young man, being only in his fifty-first year. His pastorate marked progress for the church and harmony and affection within the congregation. A monument in his memory was erected and now stands just back of the present church building. On it one finds the inscription: REVEREND DANIEL H. JOHNSON BORN PORTLAND, ME. JULY 28, 1801 DIED MENDHAM, N. J. JULY 1, 1852 PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH FOR 26 YEARS.

REMEMBER YE NOT THAT WHEN I WAS WITH YOU I TOLD YOU THESE THINGS. 2 THES. 2:5

Very little seems to be known of Rev. Mr. Johnson's family, or of his marriage. From a mortgage (Mortg. V, p. 4) recorded in Morris County, July 29, 1845, which refers to a New York mortgage (Liber 256 p. 354) dated Aug. 31, 1842, it is learned that he had married Sarah Watkins, the widow of Joseph S. Watkins of New York City. It is also shown that the widow Watkins had a son Joseph then of Mendham. Elsewhere one is told the latter had married Phebe Pitney. Through her former husband Mrs. Sarah Watkins Johnson had inherited an annuity of \$300 which had become involved by the transfer of the property through several hands. Whether or not this marriage was the first for Rev. Mr. Johnson the author has not yet been able to determine.

Rev. Mr. Johnson's will, made the 13th of March, 1833, was witnessed by William Babbit and Luther Conkling. It was proved July 12, 1852. It was a short instrument in which he named only his beloved wife Sarah, leaving her all of his house-hold furniture (Trenton-3477N-1852). One who now recalls her grandmother's stories of him remembers with affection the "old fashioned gentleman" who continued to wear lace ruffles long after other men had discarded them.

REV. THOMAS S. HASTINGS

On April 7th, 1852, a supply was secured for Rev. Mr. Johnson. He was the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, a graduate of Hamilton College, 1848, and of Union Theological Seminary, 1851. The new Session book started by Rev. Mr. Hastings records the action in the following words: "Whereas our Pastor the Rev. Daniel H. Johnson on account of serious and protracted ill health is rendered unable to discharge his pastoral duties, Resolved that the Congregation raise the sum of Two hundred dollars to be appropriated by the Church Session to supply the pulpit."

The Rev. Thomas Samuel Hastings brought to Mendham a rich heritage. He was the son of the distinguished lymn writer. Thomas Hastings of Utica, New York and his wife Mary Seymour. Thomas Hastings, the senior, was born 1784 in Washington, Litchfield County, Connecticut, the son of Dr. Seth Hastings who removed to Clinton, Oneida County, New York, in 1796. Thomas Hastings' appreciation of music dominated his rural limitations, and notwithstanding his having to walk six miles to school, he obtained an excellent musical education, largely self taught. In 1816 he compiled with Prof. Norton, his "Musica Sacra." In 1818 he was in charge of the music in the Presbyterian Church of Troy, New York, and from 1824 to 1832 he edited the religious paper in Utica known as "The Recorder."63 He is best known for the writing of the melodious hymns sung by churches of many creeds. His music for Toplady's Rock of Ages. Samuel Stennett's "Majestic sweetness sits enthroned," Hugh Stowell's "From every stormy wind that blows," William Williams' "Guide me O thou great Jehovah." and Ray Palmer's "My faith looks up to thee" could be sung by nearly every hymn lover of the church-going world. Assisted by his son, the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, he compiled the hymnal called "Church Melodies" published in 1858. The senior Dr. Hastings (Doctor of Music) died May 15th, 1872. One book of his diaries has been preserved among the Hastings' archives of Union Theological Seminary. Precise in form, simple in composition, fairly regular in occurrence. his record of the daily happenings of his life, between 1882 and 1846. reveal the sincere character of the man whose music has uplifed the souls of Christian worshippers in many lands. His greatest work as editor and

Philo Adams Otis, The Hymns You Ought to Know: Chicago, 1928. p. 127.

publisher was accomplished during his forty years of residence in New York City, beginning with his call to the Bleecker Street Presbyterian Church as choir master. In 1858 he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Music from New York University.

The Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, later Doctor of Divinity, was born in Utica, New York, August 28th, 1827. His father's ancestry was English, the first Thomas Hastings having come to America in 1634 from Ipswich, England, and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts. There the early ancestor served as town clerk, selectman, and representative, and was a deacon in the church. He died in 1685. Dr. Hastings' wife, Fanny De Groot, of Brooklyn, New York, was of early Dutch-American stock.⁶⁴ They were married in July of 1852.

As a young man of twenty-five, the Rev. Mr. Hastings found in Mendham a fruitful field for service. He was licensed as an evangelist by the Fourth Presbytery of New York, was ordained in July of 1852, and on October 27th of that year was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Mendham where he had been a stated supply since April. In September of that year he started the new church book which he named "The Catalogue of Members," and in it kept a careful list of his marriages, the earliest marriage record now in the possession of the church. His baptisms he kept in the "Book of Baptisms" used by Rev. Mr. Johnson's predecessors, but only for two years by Rev. Mr. Johnson himself. With a mind that enjoyed investigating history and traditions, Rev. Mr. Hastings endeavored to learn from his parishioners and from records everything that would throw any light upon the early Mendham church His historical narrative on Mendham and its beginnings. is quoted in part by every early writer on Morris County and Mendham Township, but it seems never to have been printed as a whole. It was he who concluded that the early church in Rocksiticus was started about 1735, if Dr. David Irving of Morristown, and Dr. Joseph Tuttle, quoted him

^{64.} National Cyclopedia of American Biography. Vol. VII, 317.

correctly. In 1854, he and the Session published The Manual of the Mendham Presbyterian Church.

In May of 1854 Rev. Mr. Hastings received into the church one hundred and thirty-four new members, most of them the result of a stirring revival. Friendly in his approach to people, polished in manners, eloquent in his delivery, and strong in his religious appeal, he won the hearts of both young and old. After four years of successful work at Mendham he was called to the Carmine Street Church, later the West Presbyterian Church, of New York City, where he remained until 1881. While there the congregation built. in 1865. a beautiful church that stood for many years on Forty-Second Street, west of Fifth Avenue. In 1881 he was made Brown Professor of Sacred Rhetoric in Union Theological Seminary. In 1888, after twenty-nine successful years in the ministry, more than twenty-five of them as a distinguished pastor of a metropolitan church, and seven years as a professor and lecturer, Dr. Hastings was reluctantly persuaded to become the President of Union Theological Seminary. It is said he was absolutely without any desire for public distinction and he accepted the honor only when informed that his particular abilities were needed at that time. In that office he continued until 1897. In 1904 he became Professor Emeritus and Lecturer at Union, being then released from the more strenuous class work which he had continued since 1881.

Dr. Hastings died suddenly in his study on Sunday morning, April 2, 1911. He was buried at Elizabeth, New Jersey. In the publication of the addresses given at the Memorial Service held for him in the chapel of Union Theological Seminary on April 28th, 1911, one is given a most elucidating consideration of Dr. Hastings' life and character. In writing of Dr. Hastings as a teacher, Rev. Joseph D. Burrell, D. D. contrasted him with Phillips Brooks in his Yale Lectures on Preaching, whose method was that of emphasizing one or two general points, and endeavoring to impart a spirit while ignoring special problems. Dr. Hastings, he said, took up the specific problems, leaving the spirit to be gained indirectly. He added: "The Yale lecturer gave a sense of the grandeur of the ministry; the Union lecturer gave a sense of its complexity. . . . At first they caused bewilderment, an impression of not being able to see the woods for the trees." He spoke with admiration of Dr. Hastings' elaborate reference index, and expressed the belief that it made the students eager to enlarge their area of reading outside strictly professional lines and showed them the advantage of being able at the right moment, to lay hand on the word or fact wanted. In addition to the importance Dr. Hastings taught in the care of speech. Dr. Burrell recalled the stress he had placed upon the need for gentlemanliness in the minister: "Dr. Hastings taught us to believe in the value of the courtesies of life which he beautifully exemplified." In conclusion Dr. Burrell added: "Last of all, he taught us what he was himself. With all his manliness he had much of the purity, delicacy and humility of childhood."

Speaking of Dr. Hastings' place in the larger work of Union Seminary and the Church, the Rev. President Francis Brown, D. D., said: "The controversy in the Presbyterian Church over the Revision of the Confession of Faith, which had more to do with our conflict than many suppose, found him a warm champion of revision. He was a faithful Presbyter, and when the Presbytery of New York voted for Revision, he was Chairman of the Committee to formulate the report.⁶⁵ President Brown believed that the fight of the Seminary was "for the ecclesiastical rights of man, and for the ecclesiastical independence of the Seminary." In both he felt Dr. Hastings "took, with all his soul, the part of justice and freedom."

Standing before the beautiful oil painting of Dr. Hastings in his academic robe, which hangs at the right of the fireplace in the refectory of Union Theological Seminary, one must look upon his strong and kindly face with admira-

^{65.} Memorial Service in Honor of the Reverend Thomas Samuel Hastings—April 28, 1911, pp. 17, 19, 20, 26, 27. Union Theological Seminary—Its Design and Another Decade of Its History by George L. Prentiss; Asbury Park, N. J. 1899. This book enlarges upon Dr. Hastings' activities in the Seminary.

tion. A glance at the brass plate below tells only part of the story of his useful life.

REVEREND THOMAS SAMUEL HASTINGS, D. D., LL.D., LH.D., 1827-1911

DIRECTOR 1864-1881 AND 1887-1897 PRESIDENT OF FACULTY 1887-1897 PROFESSOR OF SACRED RHETORIC 1881-1904 PROFESSOR OF SACRED RHETORIC EMERITUS 1904-1911

The oldest two of Dr. Hastings' children were born and baptized at Mendham: Frank Seymore in 1853. Mary De Groot in 1855. His son Thomas (1860-1929) became an architect in the firm of McKim. Mead and White in New York City, where the latter discovered a friend he had met in Paris. Together they formed a partnership, Carrère and Hastings, and for twenty-five years received many important commissions. The Memorial Amphitheatre in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, the Princeton Battle Monument at Princeton, New Jersey, and the base of the Lafayette monument in the court of the Louvre in Paris. France, are among their best known contributions to art and architecture, and established their international fame. After the death of Mr. Carrère in 1911, Mr. Hastings carried on the firm in the same name. He reconstructed the Senate Chamber in the Capitol at Washington, and at the time of his death in 1929, he was at work on the architectural treatment of the great Tri-Borough Bridge of New York City.

Thus, for three generations in the Hastings family, there was a distinguished leader—each in a different field of service. The first Thomas Hastings, son of a physician, was the master of hymnology; his son Thomas S., the distinguished educator and theologian; while Thomas of the third generation excelled in his ability to handle architectural designs artistically.

VIII

CIVIL WAR AND CHURCH DIVISION 1859-1889

Rev. Theodore F. White to Dr. James Carter



woom HE great tide of sympathy for the blacks, and the rights of human beings, reached high points in 1859 and 1860. Differences became hostilities. and convictions led men into feuds. With the secession of States from the Union came

also the secession of the Southern churches from the General Assemblies.⁶⁶ Both the Old School and the New School Assemblies were divided into Northern and Southern organizations so that the whole great body of the Presbyterian Church became, for a time, four struggling divisions. Conflicts in some respects similar to those within the Presbyterian church appeared also in other denominations.

Within the church, divisions meant firm stands for convictions: without the church, secessions meant war. When religious organizations break and appear to crumble, society finds difficulty in maintaining a balance. The salvation of the world seems always to have been in the sound faith of individual God-fearing men and women.

There were also divisions which were the outgrowth of harmony and expansion. Such appears to have been the separation of the Presbytery of New York from the portionof its territory lying within the bounds of New Jersey, in 1809.66 It was then the Presbytery of Jersey was erected. Such also was the division of the Presbytery of New Brunswick to form the Presbytery of Newton in 1817. On the other hand, within the state of New Jersey, there was for many years-from 1780 to 1816-the Independent Presby-

E. H. Gillett, History of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. 1706-1820; Philadelphia, 1864. Vol. I, 569, 550. 66.

tery of Morris County, started by the Rev. Jacob Green while a pastor of Hanover, and some of his sympathizers. Mendham, though within the county, appears never to have affiliated with the independent organization. In 1823 the churches and clergy of New Jersey formed the Synod of New Jersey in which the four Presbyteries of Jersey, New Brunswick, Newton, and Susquehanna united, for government and general sessions.

In 1824 the Presbytery of Jersey⁶⁷ found it more convenient to divide into the two Presbyteries of Newark and of Elizabeth Town. Then Mendham was in the Presbytery of Elizabeth-town from 1824 until the Presbytery of Rockaway was formed in 1839, when it became part of that division. This is shown in the Minutes which state that Rev. Daniel H. Johnson was in the Elizabeth-town Presbytery when he was installed in 1824, and was in the Presbytery of Rockaway when he died, 1852. The Presbytery of Morris and Orange was formed with the reunion of the two Assemblies, in 1870, and after that date the Presbytery of Rockaway was abandoned—that territory being included as part of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange in which one finds the Mendham Church. These facts are important to one who attempts to trace the history of any pastor. The ramifications are complicated and therefore difficult, and this fact no doubt accounts for the vague generalities usually given in biographical sketches. It is customary for a memoir to be placed in the Minutes of the Presbytery to which a pastor belongs when he dies, but they apparently are not often printed.

Let us follow now the effect of civil and religious strife as it was manifested in the Presbyterian congregation of Mendham.

REV. THEODORE FREYLINGHUYSEN WHITE

On August 18th, 1856, the Rev. Theodore F. White, later D. D., was called to the Mendham church to succeed the Rev. Thomas Hastings. Born in New York City in 1830,

^{67.} Historical Sketch of the Synod of New Jersey, Rev. Allen H. Brown; 1888. A pamphlet. pp. 9, 17.

he had graduated from New York University in 1849 and from Union Theological Seminary in 1853. On January 4th, 1854 he had been ordained by the Third Presbytery of New York. Thus he came to Mendham, fresh from his theoretical training, a young, unmarried man. He was accompanied by his mother who kept house for him at the manse. Before the end of the year, he was installed as the stated pastor of the Mendham church, and two years later, on October 12, 1858, he married Evalina, the daughter of Israel Losey, who was son of Jacob and Bethia (Hinds) Losey according to Mr. C. C. Davis.

The Rev. Mr. White was a strong abolitionist, as was his predecessor the Rev. Dr. Hastings, but unlike the latter, Mr. White was unable to handle harmoniously, within his own congregation, the difficult problem of the day. He had a number of influential parishioners who either were, or had been, slave owners; he had many more who were opposed to slavery. Being apparently emotional in disposition and evangelistic in method, one is not altogether surprised at being informed of his fearless, but indiscreet effort to take a "colored Brother" into the pulpit. He was also at variance with some of his elders and trustees in certain other matters of organization and local government. The result was conflict and division.

In "The New Session Book" one finds the simple record of his pastorate as follows:

"The Rev. Theo. F. White, afterward D. D., was installed in the year 1856. In the year 1859 difficulties arose which resulted in the formation of a second Presbyterian church in the village. The pastoral relation was dissolved May 18, 1859."

In the midst of heated controversies and conflicting purposes, the third House of Worship on the present site burned, February 20th, 1859. The members met in the Session House on the 21st to consider the loss of the church by fire, and to take measures to erect the same. In March Dr. S. W. Leddel offered plans for the new structure; it was decided to build of wood, as before, and on the same site. A building committee of five, headed by W. L. Douglas (see Chapter X), and a committee of five to solicit funds, headed by William Babbit (Chapter X), began at once the work of rebuilding, but they were confronted with strong opposition by the faction in the church.

An account of the fire appeared in The Jerseyman, published in Morristown, February 26th, 1859, as follows:

"The Presbyterian Church of Mendham, in this County, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning last. The sexton kindled the fire in the house at about half past seven o'clock, and the flames burst out from the roof, having been communicated, as it appeared, from a defect in the chimney, just before ten. An alarm was immediately given, the doors burst open, the books, cushions, sofa, etc. and a large portion of the seats taken out in good order, and the building was a mass of ruins at eleven, having been completely destroyed by the devouring element in the space of about one hour. The church had been recently enlarged, and was valued at about \$7,000. upon which there is an insurance of \$4,000,-\$2,000 in the Mendham, and \$2,000 in the Morris Companies.

"This is the second time in the last twenty-five years this church has lost their house of worship by fire, a similar calamity having occurred on the 17th of February, 1835. It embraces a large number of members in good circumstances, and with their Insurance they will be able to erect another edifice in a short time without difficulty."

After the Rev. Mr. White's dismissal on May 18th, 1859 some thirty-five, or more, of the members of the First Church withdrew from the organization. From the records of the Second Church one obtains the following information.

THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENDHAM

"On June 20th 1859 Pursuant to public notice a meeting of those favorable to a 2nd Presbyterian church was held. Robert Morrow was elected Moderator and Geo. W. Drake clerk of this meeting, and it was resolved to organize a church, to be called the second Presbyterian Church of Mendham."

"Rev. Jonas Denton, Henry Drake, David Bockoven, Alfred De Groot and John Latham were appointed a committee to carry out plans for organizing the new church.

At a meeting held in Masonic Hall June 29, 1859 Henry Drake. Lewis H. Porter, Alfred De Groot, Israel Losey, Morris S. Cramer, John Muston, and David Bockoven were anpointed Trustees." At the same time a building committee was appointed. The location for the new Second Church was only a few hundred feet north of the First Church Manse on the same side of the street known as Hill Top Road. The Second Church congregation was formally instated by the Presbytery of Rockaway on August 4th, 1859. about fifty persons being received into its membership on that day. Thirty-seven more were added the following September. The church was incorporated April 4th, 1860. In the same year was completed the erection of its House of Worship. The Trustees who signed the Article of Incorporation are recorded as: Alfred De Groot, John Mustin, Henry Drake, Stephen L. Byram, Israel Losey, M. S. Crane.68

On the editorial page of The Jerseyman, published at Morristown, January 14, 1860, appears the following notice of the dedication of the Second Church at Mendham:

"The house of worship of the second Presbyterian Church at Mendham—a neat and substantial edifice, costing we understand about \$6,000—was dedicated to the service of God on Thursday last (the 12th). The dedicatory Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. White, the Pastor. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Armstrong of Mendham, Fisher of Succasunna, and Bridgman of Morristown, to a large and attentive congregation. We shall publish a report of the exercises etc. more in detail next week."

In an historical sketch of the Second Church written by Mr. Calvin C. Davis of Mendham in 1904, one is told:

"Luther Thompson, John Latham, James B. Millen, Robert Morrow, and Henry Drake were the first elders, Luther Thompson and Robert Morrow having been elders in the First Presbyterian church. The first Pastor was Rev. Theodore F. White (now living and pastor emeritus of the Central Presbyterian church in Summit, N. J.)"

^{68.} Morris County Records-Religious Societies Bk. A, 187. The original paper on file shows this signature illegible. It is copied in the court book as "M. S. Crane." The church books show no one by that name, but give Morris S. Cramer as a trustee.

"Reliable authority asserts that the slavery question then agitating the land was the principal cause that brought about the organization of the 2nd Church. The pastor and that faction which withdrew to the new society being in sympathy with the cause of Freedom. It is also declared that the refusal of certain officers to resign from office when requested by the congregation was partly the cause of division."

The first stated pastor was Robert S. Feagles who was installed October 23, 1860.

Although the Rev. Mr. White organized, and supplied the pulpit of the Second Church for a number of months. he declined to be ordained and installed as its regular pastor. In 1860-61 he was a stated supply in New York City: he served as an evangelist in Jersey City in 1861-63. Later he was an evangelist in Morristown, 1877-83 and through the Morristown Presbyterian Church records one learns that he married Evalina Losev who brought her letter from Ithaca. New York, to Morristown, Oct. 3, 1879 and was dismissed from there to Summit. Oct. 29, 1883. Of their children. Mary Ogden became a communicant 3 Oct. 1879 and was dismissed with her mother: Henry on Dec. 3. 1880 was dismissed April 10, 1884 to Fourth Church, Chicago; and William Wisner, born 27 Nov. 1867, became a communicant June 1, 1883, and was dismissed with his mother. In 1871 Rev. Mr. White received the degree of D. D. from Maryville College, Tennessee. He died April 29, 1910.

The history of the Second Presbyterian Church of Mendham is interesting and should be written by itself. In its early years it was decidedly prosperous. The House of Worship, a white frame building not so very unlike the First Church in its outward appearance, cost about \$7,000 including the lot. Three years later the congregation built a very good parsonage and barn across the street from the church (in 1863) at a cost of \$3,000. In 1867 a Session House was constructed for about \$1,600. That a new congregation should be able to build so substantially in a village no larger than Mendham, and at a time when the nation was on the eve of civil war, showed that the members were genuinely attached to the church and to its activities. But

with the House of Worship standing in the same block as the Mother Church, and with the younger generations of the two congregations brought more closely together in thought after the close of the civil conflict, the need for a second church became less and less. When the Methodists began to plan for a new church building in 1892, there was a suggestion that they be offered the Second Presbyterian building. That was but the beginning of a movement to dissolve. At a session meeting held September 20, 1894 it was voted to disband the Second organization. On Nov. 21. 1894, a meeting was called to take action on the matter of the disposal of the property belonging to the congregation. On February 20, 1895, a committee was appointed by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange to report upon the facts relating to the proposed reunion of the Second with the First church, and a meeting was called for March 7th. Tn 1900 the church "was demolished;" on Jan. 24, 1903, the parsonage was sold at sheriff sale to George B. Parks for \$2,600; and finally, at a session of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange held at Morristown, Jan. 19, 1904, that reverend body disbanded the Second Church organization with appropriate resolutions from which is quoted in part:

"We the Presbytery of Morris and Orange would put on the Record our appreciation of the sacrifices and faithfulness of those who in former years have been connected with and carried on the life of this church."

A good example of Dr. White's ability as a preacher and writer is found in one of his sermons, "The Goodly Heritage," delivered by him on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 20, 1860, in the Church of the Puritans of New York City. This sermon was published in pamphlet form at the request of Dexter Fairbanks, Seth B. Hunt, William J. Demerest, and others.

REV. DAVID MAGIE

The First Presbyterian Congregation of Mendham, which in 1860 was so greatly in need of a sympathetic pastor and leader, called the Rev. David Magie, later D. D., a young graduate of the College of New Jersey, Class of 1856. After teaching a year in a private family, Mr. Magie had entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton in 1857. He had studied there four years, devoting two years to his first course because of the duties and time required of him as secretary for President Maclean, 1857-1858. He had been ordained by the Presbytery of Newark (New School) on August 14, 1860, and was installed as pastor of Mendham on the same date.

The Rev. Mr. Magie had back of him a heritage of intellectuality and pastoral ability, since he was born May 23, 1837, the son of The Rev. Dr. David Magie and his wife Ann Frances Wilson of Elizabeth, New Jersey. His father, Dr. Magie, was pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth forty-four years, from his ordination by the Presbytery of New Jersey on April 24th, 1821, until his death, May 10th, 1865. His mother, Ann Frances (Wilson) Magie, was known and loved, especially by members of her husband's parish, as a woman of wealth and philanthropic interests. The Magies claimed Scotch ancestry through John MacGhie who arrived at Amboy, later Perth Amboy, on the coast of the Province of East Jersey in 1685.

A little over a month following Mr. Magie's installation at Mendham, he married Eliza Ralston Brandt, September 27th, 1860, in Belleville, New Jersey.

It was under the Rev. Mr. Magie's leadership that the crisis in the life of the First Presbyterian Church was met. The fourth House of Worship on the present site, the main body of the present building, was subscribed for and erected in the face of bitter opposition, and when it was finished in April of 1860 it was practically free from debt, there being a small deficit of only \$50. According to a memorandum made April 4, 1860, the total cost of the new edifice, including the fifteen hundred pound bell and the furniture, was \$9,588.00. That was indeed a monument to the faithful members of the congregation, as well as to the architect and builder, Mr. Aaron D. Hudson, and the members of the two committees.

On December 3, 1865, the Rev. Mr. Magie accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan, New York,

and at his own request was dismissed from his duties in Mendham. It was during his pastorate at Penn Yan Rev. Mr. Magie received his degree as Doctor of Divinity from Hamilton College, in 1870. From 1872 to 1886 he served the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, New Jersey, and from 1886 to 1907 he was pastor of the Church of the Redeemer. After resigning from the active ministry Rev. Mr. Magie resided in New York City where he died October 8, 1910.

The necrological report of Dr. David Magie Jr. (1911), found in Nassau Hall at Princeton University, states that he was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was a trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary from 1889 until his death in 1910; and he was President of the Board of Church Erection from 1895 until his death. having been a member of that Board from 1875. In addition to several sermons, he published "The Life of Garret Augustus Hobart," vice-president of the United States in 1910. At the time of his death he was survived by his brother, the Honorable William Jay Magie of New York City, formerly Chancellor of New Jersey, a sister Mrs. Annie M. Oakley, and two sons, David Magie Jr., and J. M. Magie of New York City. Rev. Dr. Magie's wife, Eliza Ralston (Brandt) Magie, died March 28th, 1908. A good picture of Dr. Magie in his later years was given in The Tribune of New York City, October 4, 1910. His father, the Rev. Dr. David Magie Sr., was a trustee of the College of New Jersey (Princeton) from 1837 to 1865.

REV. SANDFORD HUNTINGTON SMITH

In the choice of the Rev. Mr. Magie's successor, the First Church again called a graduate of the College of New Jersey, the Rev. Sandford H. Smith, of the Class of 1854. He was a native of Newark, New Jersey, born December 23, 1834. After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary with the Class of 1860, the Rev. Mr. Smith had acquired valuable experience as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, Maryland, from 1860 to 1862. He became the stated supply for Second Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois, 1862 to 1863, and was elected to the U. S. Christian Commission in 1863. On October 27th of that year he was ordained by the Presbytery of Winona. From 1863 to 1865 Rev. Mr. Smith was pastor at Red Wing, Minnesota, so that he came to Mendham in 1866 rich with experience in the Christian ministry.

The Rev. Mr. Smith was installed at Mendham on May 16th of that spring. During his first year there he admitted forty-seven members to the church, all but six being on confession of their faith. This new blood was much needed in the church life and gave evidence of spiritual power in the ministry. In the spring of 1869 Rev. Mr. Smith accepted a call to Westfield, New York, where he preached from 1870 to 1871. His relations with the Mendham church were dissolved on April 21st, 1869. From 1871 to 1873 Rev. Mr. Smith was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Adams, New York, and there he died on March 4th, 1873.

REV. ISRAEL WILLIAMS COCHRAN

In the choice of the Rev. I. W. Cochran to succeed Rev. Mr. Smith the Mendham First Church secured the guidance of not only a consecrated pastor, but an equally devout and helpful pastor's wife. Rev. Mr. Cochran was born September 11, 1841, at Foster's Meadows. New York, the second child of James Blair Cochran, a native of Kirkenbright, Scotland. and his wife Catherine Baylis of Brooklyn, New York. After graduating from New York University with the Class of 1862, Mr. Cochran received his instruction in divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary, Class of 1866. A year of travel in Europe preceded his first call. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, on July 13, 1868, his connection then being with the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley, according to the Minutes. About a year later he received a call to Mendham and was installed as pastor there on June 15, 1870.

In the Mendham congregation, which was largely Scotch-Irish and English in blood, the Rev. Mr. Cochran found congenial friends and co-workers in service for Chris-





ANNIE CARTER COCHRAN

tianity. As a pastor he was faithful to those who were sick and in trouble; as a preacher he uplifted the thought of his congregation to spiritual concepts and a divine power. Struggling with poor health, himself, he relied constantly upon his God, the Source of strength and spiritual power. In aiming to improve the life and support of the Church, Rev. Mr. Cochran stressed especially the value of systematic giving, and of systematic praying; nor did he leave the matter of church attendance to the inclination of the individual. During his ministry one could not be unmindful of the duties of church membership.

It was about 1872 that a Foreign Missionary Society was organized in the church. This was done under the inspiration and guidance of both Rev. and Mrs. I. W. Cochran. The latter told her own story of it at the Twentieth Anniversary of the Ladies' Missionary Society. The account was retold by Rev. Mr. Symmes in his Historical Address of 1914.⁶⁹

^{69.} The One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Anniversary, op. cit. pp. 33, 34.

"Our ladies had for years been accustomed to make up one or two boxes each winter for the Home Missionary work, a good custom which. I believe, has never been broken thro." said Mrs. Cochran. and she showed that work at home in the interest of Foriegn Missions had not yet been thought of. It was a visit from Rev. Mr. Cochran's friend, the Rev. James S. Dennis, afterward D. D., Professor of Theology in the Seminary at Beirut, Syria, in March of 1872, which first prompted the need. He told them that women "all along the line were arming to work for Foreign Missions." Appreciating the thought, Rev. Mr. Cochran exclaimed, "Our ladies must organize." Rev. Mr. Dennis preached the next day and after service the ladies met at the parsonage to confer with him. He talked to them again on the subject with the result that they organized and decided to send their contributions to one special field. Learning of the little village of Khivam. Syria, where a school for the education and religious instruction of boys and girls was needed, this group of Mendham women voted to pay the salary of a teacher for this school to the amount of \$60 a year. Their contributions to this institution continued until the close of the school in 1897. This was a noble beginning of the work which grew by strides. Later contributions were sent directly to the Board. This society entered the Women's Missionary Union of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange when it was first organized. In so doing this Society joined its forces with others in promoting the formation of Missionary Societies in the churches of the Presbytery where none existed: and it also assisted "in the diffusion of Missionary intelligence" and the stimulating of greater interest in both Home and Foreign Missions.

Through this pastorate there came to Mendham again the blessing of David Brainerd's dying prayers. Men from this church were still consecrating their lives to missionary service. In the pastor's own family all of his five children who grew to maturity gave themselves to some form of missionary effort, three of them abroad, and two at home. Dr. Samuel Cochran, the physician, went to Central China; Rev. James Blair Cochran, educator and pastor, was best known at Hwai Yuen, China, and to the Chinese Council of the Presbyterian Church in China. Mary Cochran McLellan of Liverpool, England, found her work as an organizer in the Woman's Missionary Association. Of the other two, Miss Jean Cochran has written books and articles on Chinese life, and Mr. Henry J. Cochran has generously contributed of his means.⁷⁰

In 1877 the church was remodelled and redecorated through the courtesy of plans drawn by Mr. George B. Post, architect of New York City. During the early eighties the manse was enlarged by the building of a new kitchen, dining-room and bath-room. Since most of the building and improvements on the manse were made by the pastor himself, there is no detailed record in the church book for that period. One reference only, under date of April 16, 1884, shows that enlargements had been made.

In May of 1885 Rev. Mr. Cochran suffered from a hemorrhage and was advised to seek a drier climate. He therefore spent some time in Minnesota and improved, but upon returning east his health continued to fail. He was released from his pastoral duties June 1st, 1886. In the City of New York, on February 15th, 1887, he passed beyond all further suffering. On his monument which stands east, just back, of the church, one finds his own inscription and that of his wife who lived an active life for thirty-six years beyond the passing of her husband.

> LET ME SERVE. REV. I. W. COCHRAN SEPT. 11, 1841 FEB. 15, 1887 FOR SIXTEEN YEARS PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH. "HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM, AND THEY SHALL SEE HIS FACE."

HIS WIFE ANNIE CARTER DEC. 4, 1845 FEB. 8, 1923

Rev. I. W. Cochran's farewell letter and fuller notes on the Cochran family are contained in the Supplement printed separately. Two Hundredth Anniversary Reminiscences, op. cit. pp. 16-24.

REV. JAMES CARTER

During the illness of the Rev. Mr. Cochran, in 1885 the First Presbyterian Church of Mendham called as its supply pastor the Rev. James Carter, later D. D., who was a graduate of Columbia College, 1882, and of Union Theological Seminary, 1885. On September 30th, 1886, following Mr. Cochran's resignation in June, the Rev. Mr. Carter was installed at Mendham. He had been ordained by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange on September 15, 1885, and on the 30th following he had married Emma Amelia Smuller, who proved to be a most congenial and helpful pastor's wife. Both Rev. Mr. Carter and his wife had an intellectual appreciation of art, music, and literature which was reflected in every phase of their work for the church.

To a mind of Dr. Carter's type, the history and background of the Mendham Church made a strong appeal. He conceived the idea of celebrating, in 1888, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the date which marks the earliest mention of the Rocksiticus congregation-the original Society from which the Mendham Church sprang-1738. In preparing for the event. Dr. Carter wrote the first historical account of the Church that was printed. It appeared in the form of a pamphlet of fifteen pages. It was his historical address given at the anniversary. In naming it Dr. Carter sought an abbreviated form for the long descriptive title, and he made use of the Latin word "Sesqui" in connection with "Centennial," thus originating the single compound word, "Sesqui-Centennial," meaning a century and a half. This happy thought was later taken up by President Patten of Princeton, when that institution reached its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and the word then found its place in common usage and finally in the dictionaries.

For the Mendham Church that celebration was a vital occasion, not only in the event of its bringing back the older members and younger generations of families long since scattered, but it was of equal value to the community since it gave the residents of that locality some knowledge of the part taken by the church in the course of events.

For that anniversary the members of the congregation

appear to have made their first effort to restore, or put in good condition, the old burial ground. In an article written by Mrs. Carter to the Public Ledger of Philadelphia, dated March 16, 1923, she told of the preparation in the following words:

"The ancient headstones of the cemetery behind the church were scoured clean of their century old moss, revealing incredible bas-reliefs of distorted cherubs with very toothachy swollen cheeks, and weathered slabs leaning right and left, suggestive of an old Turkish burying ground, were set straight upon their foundations. Among them rose handsome modern monuments, while far below, out of sight, lay the bones of many a Continental soldier who had been carried out from the old church on that day when, stripted of its pews, it had served as a hospital for Washington's army, camped on the hills to the southeast. Blackened stones may be seen today where they built their campfires, while Washington's Headquarters were in Morristown, seven miles away."

The service of that memorable occasion was held on August 8th, 1888,⁷¹ "many from a distance coming to unite in the celebration. At half past ten every fan in the Church was in motion, when the choir rendered the anthem, 'This Temple, Holy Lord, is Thine,' by Danks." For details of the messages from the visiting pastors and friends of the Church, one must turn to Dr. Carter's pamphlet. Music and kind greetings intermingled. There was the singing of long loved hymns between the addresses, and the rendition by the choir of the Hundred and Forty-fifth Psalm, "I will extol Thee," with cornet and violin obligato composed by the pastor.

While giving to his congregation some consciousness of the value of history and godly traditions, Dr. Carter was ever mindful of the future of his Church. One ever timely thought toward which he worked was the reunion of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches. Through friendly intercourses, exchanges in the holding of services alternately in the two buildings, and by inviting to his pulpit

The Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the Founding of the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, N. J. Reprinted in The One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Anniversary. op. cit. pp. 5-20.

visits from former pastors of the Second Church, he built up a bond of friendship which healed the old wounds, if there were any left. Thus he prepared the way for his successor whose work finally accomplished the much desired end already described in detail.

In his writings Dr. Carter's appreciation of sacred art is found in "The Gospel Message in Great Pictures." (1929). His memoir of the two presidents of Lincoln University, Isaac Norton Rendall, D. D., and John Ballard Rendall, D. D., LL.D., is written in a pamphlet, "A Century of Service," (1914). Another, "John Huss-The Man and the Martyr" was delivered before the faculty and students of Lincoln University in 1915. Dr. Carter was born October 1, 1853, the son of S. Walter and Elizabeth Ann (Thomson) Carter.72 On November 3, 1889, Rev. Mr. Carter resigned his work at Mendham accepting a call to the Second Presbyterian Church, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In 1905 he was called to the Chair of Church History and Sociology at Lincoln University, Chester County, Pennsylvania. In 1921 Franklin and Marshal University honored him with the degree of D. D. From 1917 to 1918 Dr. Carter served as the stated supply for Mendham during the pastor Rev. Hugh W. Rendall's absence overseas. From 1922 to 1928 Dr. Carter held the Chair of Homiletics and Church History at Lincoln. He served as a member of the Synodical Commission on Home Missions and Sustentation from 1890 to 1897. His varied interests and his travels abroad have given him valuable backgrounds with which to consider and contrast the modern trends in church history.

Dr. Carter has been fortunate in having been able to attend three of the anniversaries of the church, each a quarter of a century apart. His recent historical address on the occasion of the Two Hundredth Anniversary, September 16th of this year, was esteemed a special privilege of divine dispensation. He was welcomed by many friends.

IX

FROM REUNION TO THE PRESENT CHURCH 1889-1938

Rev. George P. Noble to Rev. Hugh W. Rendall, D. D.

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform:"



ROM April 11th, 1861, when the attack on Fort Sumter, in Charlestown Harbor, made necessary the arming of the Union forces, until May 13th, 1865, when the last shot was fired at Palo Alto, the spirit of man was taut. The high tension

was not slackened for several years, not until thought became absorbed in the problems of reconstruction.

After the Civil War had broken the authority which permitted the holding of human beings in bondage through slavery, the two great Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church worked definitely toward reunion. With one of the causes of separation silenced, there grew a demand for united effort in the promotion of the larger functions of the church. In 1870 the reunion of the two General Assemblies was accomplished. Whether the greater mystery is the power which stirs normally humane hearts to warfare, or the divine peace which quiets human hate and leads the way to harmony, is a problem akin to weighing the mystery of a storm at sea against the splendour of a gorgeous sunset.

With the gradual settling of peace upon the united nation, with minds turned toward the wide spreading branches of Presbyterian work at home and abroad, with the Christian brotherhood of men preached from the pulpits of churches, and social service, or welfare organizations, springing up in many forms, much discussed, communicants of individual congregations became self analytical, and human judgment grew tolerant. What the Church experienced at large was reflected in local organizations.

REV. GEORGE PLEASANTS NOBLE

Out of perplexity and indecision at Mendham came gradually a sense of oneness into the Presbyterian hearts of that township. From a southern mother, who was born Kate Pleasants of Richmond, Virginia, and a father who was the Rev. Mason Noble later of Washington, D. C., came the Rev. George Pleasants Noble who was called to be the pastor of First Church in January of 1890. He was a man of Christian maturity and it was through his efforts the final reunion of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches of Mendham was brought about.

Rev. Mr. Noble was born in New York City on January 4th, 1845. Most of his boyhood and young manhood was spent in Washington, D. C., where his father served as pastor in the Fourth and Sixth Presbyterian Churches of that city. He was educated at Williams College, graduating with the Class of 1865. His theological training was received at Union Theological Seminary in New York City where he was a member of the Class of 1868. He was ordained by the Third Presbytery of New York on July 26th of that year while preaching at the Brooklyn Mission, and on September 15th following, he married Elizabeth Taylor Ketchem. From 1869 to 1872 he preached at Weehawken. N. J.: from 1872 to 1877 he was at Malden-on-the-Hudson. During the year which followed the Rev. Mr. Noble was in Washington, D. C., without a charge, but he returned to the Hudson area in 1878 when he became the pastor of the church at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, and he continued his work there until he was called to Mendham.

Of the eight children of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Noble, the following four lived to maturity: Dr. Herbert T. Noble of Jamaica, New York; Franklin Pleasants Noble, Fanny Ketchem Noble and Charles Noble, all of Roslyn Heights, New York. They had musical talent and the "Noble Quartette" contributed much to the social and religious life of the churches. One may well wonder if the happy mingling of Northern and Southern blood in the genial Noble family may not have had some influence in the final bringing together of the two parts of the divided congregation.

Although the decision of the two Presbyterian Churches of Mendham to unite came gradually, and Dr. Carter's "cooperative union" was a very definite first step, the "organic union," as Rev. Mr. Symmes called it.73 was accomplished with very clearly recorded action. It was on September 20th, 1894, that the Session of the Second Church voted to disband its members and "if the way was clear, would unite with the First Presbyterian Church." Following this there is recorded in the Session Book of the First Church (p. 210) a set of resolutions in which the members of Second Church are definitely and cordially welcomed back to the First Church. On February 20th, 1895, a committee was appointed by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange to report the facts relating to the proposed reunion of the two organizations. The date for the presentation of the report was set for March 7, 1895, and no doubt it was that occasion Rev. Mr. Symmes referred to when he quoted the Committee as commenting on the fact that the two congregations had lived side by side for thirty-five years, and "that of late years the fellowship between the Churches (had) been wellnigh perfect." In that year Rev. Mr. Noble took into the membership of his church thirty-six by confession of faith and twenty-three by letter, most of the latter group coming from the Second Church. The disposal of the Second Church property, however, was not an easy matter. As long as it was held, that organization could not be officially disbanded. The land on which the church stood was sold in 1895; the church building was finally "demolished" in 1900, and in 1903 (January 24th) the parsonage was sold at a sheriff's sale. It is still standing and is one of the attractive houses on Hill Top Road. Thus, cleared of all incumberances, the Second Church organization was disbanded by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange at its session on January 19th, 1904. Although there seems to have been no particular day to mark the reunion of the congregations, it practically took place in 1895.

Those who did not reunite with the First Church went

^{73. 176}th Anniversary op. cit. p. 36.

largely to the Methodist Church. No doubt there were some who joined Saint Mark's Episcopal Mission which had started in October of 1869 holding services in Miss Dod's school where now stands the parish house. In September of 1872 the Episcopal congregation had completed its present Chapel and was one of the five religious organizations within the village of Mendham in the early seventies. The present edifice of St. Mark's was consecrated May 17th, 1873. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, which was incorporated Dec. 29th, 1864, was the third religious society in the order of incorporation, since the much older Methodist Episcopal Church appears to have neglected that legal action until April 13th, 1881, in the pastorate of the Rev. John R. Wright.

In working with young people Rev. Mr. Noble was especially successful. It was through his efforts the Christian Endeavor movement was started in Mendham. On October 5th, 1890, with the help of two Princeton College students, one of them Mr. W. E. Biederwolf who later became a well known clergyman, the Society was started, and by October 27th it was fully organized. "For a number of years there was a very active Junior Society, and for three or four years there was an Intermediate Society," wrote the Rev. Mr. Symmes. It was also during Rev. Mr. Noble's pastorate a very successful series of revival meetings was held jointly with the Methodist minister, the Rev. Mr. William H. Morgan. Through it many new members were admitted to both churches.

In his Anniversary greetings to the church on August 5th, 1914 Rev. Mr. Noble wrote: "... we should never be content with the backward look alone, but inspired by it should face the future determined that the coming days shall be yet more bright and the coming work be yet more earnestly, efficiently and lovingly done."

On October 1st, 1901, Rev. Mr. Noble resigned his work in Mendham. In 1903 he accepted a call to Carmel, New York. His health began to fail before he resigned from Carmel, and about eighteen months later he died on March 18, 1918. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, New Windsor, New York, where his wife and one son are also interred.

REV. ROBERT J. JOHNSTON

Rev. Mr. Noble's successor to the Mendham Presbyterian Church was the Rev. Robert J. Johnston, a native of Belfast, Ireland, born March 29, 1860. After graduating from the Royal University of Belfast, Mr. Johnston entered San Francisco Theological Seminary, California, where he finished his work in 1897.74 In the report of the Presbytery of Sacramento to the Synod of California, at Oakland, held October 21-24, 1897, it appears that he was ordained October 20th, 1897. He had been licensed as a preacher by the Presbytery of Benicia in 1896. His first appointment as pastor in America was to the Westminster Church of Sacramento, California, 1897 to 1901. Late in 1901 Rev. Mr. Johnston was called to Mendham. In 1901, also, he received from Illinois Wesleyan University his degree of Master of Arts, and in 1903 from the same university his Doctor of Philosophy. On February 11, 1902, he was installed.

At Mendham Rev. Mr. Johnston's pastorate was distinguished by two important improvements. That which probably was the more generally appreciated was the installation of the present pipe organ, and that which contributed to a more harmonious communion service was the introduction of the individual communion cups. Both were distinct marks of progress in the church life. Through the influence of the pastor's wife The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized, and it has proved a valuable aid to many phases of church activity.

In 1907 Rev. Mr. Johnston received a call to Honeybrook, Pennsylvania, which he accepted. Later he removed to undertake the pastorate of the churches at Mt. Paran, Sandallstown, and Granite in Maryland. He retired from the work in Maryland about 1931 and died in February 1936,

History of the San Francisco Theological Seminary in the U. S. A., and Its Alumni Association, James Curry D. D.; Vacaville, 1907. p. 165.

at his home in New York City. His wife, Mary H. (Wright) Johnston continues her interest in women's organizations; his brother, the Rev. Matthew F. Johnston D. D. is pastor of one of the large churches of New York City.

In sending greetings to the Rev. Mr. Symmes and the congregation upon the occasion of the One Hundred and Seventy-Sixth Anniversary in 1914, Rev. Mr. Johnston wrote:⁷⁵

"Dear Brethren—I congratulate you, as a Church, on your one hundred and seventy-six years of efficient service for God and man. You have done work in these years that has often called for endurance and selfdenial, and that has nearly always been done with a willing heart and a generous hand. Your ideals have been high, your purposes firm, your service heroic. Your officers have, in the main, been wise and courageous, and have brought the old Church safely thro many a time of peril. You, the members of the congregation alive today, must be proud of the record, which your Church has made—a record that is not surpassed by any rural church that I have ever known. I pray God, that your light may still increase, for the blessing of every man, woman and child in your community."

REV. JOSEPH GASTON SYMMES

It was to the southern part of New Jersey the Church next turned for its leader, and once again a son of Princeton became its pastor. The Rev. Joseph Gaston Symmes, then the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lower Valley and Cokesbury (1904-1908) had been the Princeton football center in his college days. Into his church work he is said to have carried the same earnestness and strength shown on the field.⁷⁶ The writer of his Memoir in the Minutes of the Presbytery has recorded:

"In his physical life the junior Symmes was cast in the massive mold of his father, and of his vigor and power they know best who opposed Princeton's famous football team of the fall of 1891 when he played the position of "center." Always hale and hearty, everything he did in boyhood, dur-

^{75. 176}th Anniversary Pamphlet, op. cit. p. 24.

Manuscript Minutes on the Death of Rev. Joseph Gaston Symmes for Morris and Orange Presbytery.

ing college days and later in the ministry, was done with eagerness and vigor."

He was born in the manse of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, New Jersey, on May 3d, 1870, the fourth in the family of Rev. Joseph Gaston Symmes, Senior, and his wife Mary Rosebrook Symmes. The father, Rev. Mr. Symmes, "was the son of Ohio pioneers and with his only brother prepared himself for the ministry at Hanover College, from which he received his diploma in 1854." After two and a half years at Madison, Indiana, he went to Cranbury where he remained as pastor forty years. He was highly esteemed by the ministers, his Presbytery, and his Synod, being in 1881 the moderator of the latter body. Nor did ancestral honors begin with the senior Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, for one who has once studied the old Records of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America could not overlook the frequency with which the name of the Rev. Timothy Symmes appears. His personality stamped itself upon the early religious life of this country in his stand for evangelism as sponsored by the early New Brunswick Presbytery, in his zeal for missions, and in his pastorate at Springfield and New Providence. New Jersey. from 1746 to 1750. He stood also for the use of modern hymns in the Sabbath services-Watts' hymns-as they were then called, and this alone would have marked him as a man of courage. When asked if there were a family connection between the early Rev. Timothy Symmes and the Rev. Joseph Symmes, Mrs. Symmes replied:

"The Symmes line is first recorded in 1520 with William Symmes in Canterbury, England. Then the line goes William — Rev. William — Rev. Zechariah — Captain William — Farmer Timothy — Rev. Timothy — Judge Timothy — Judge Bladon — Farmer Daniel — Rev. Joseph G. and Rev. Joseph G. Jr. It is an honorable name, but the name which Mr. Symmes gloried in was found in Acts 4:12."

This Biblical reference to the name, Jesus Christ, one recalls very well in the words:

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is

none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Following his elementary training in the public school of Cranbury, the junior Joseph Symmes attended the Institute in that place, and later was tutored two years by the Rev. Mr. Steen. He entered the College of New Jersey (Princeton) in 1888, and graduated with the Class of 1892. His work at Princeton Theological Seminary was interrupted by a year of teaching in Radford, Virginia, 1893-94. but he graduated with the Class of 1897. He received a call to be the pastor of the churches at Providence and Jacksonville in the Presbytery of Monmouth and was ordained and installed there, November 30th, 1897. During that pastorate he married Miss Josie Gardner of Mount Vernon, New York. He remained at that station until 1904 when he accepted a call to the churches of Lower Valley and Cokesbury, near Califon, in the northern part of New Jersey and in the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Rev. Mr. Symmes was installed as pastor at Mendham on July 14th, 1908. The eight years which marked his ministry were years of readjustment to a changing social life. With ever increasing prosperity and industrial growth, the younger generations went more persistently than ever to the cities and to manufacturing centers. The more common use of the automobile, but a little earlier called the horseless carriage, carried many people to the country on week-end visits to relatives and friends, thus depriving them of their customary time for worship. The young people who remained in the country often found the Sabbath a convenient holiday and the automobile a quick and pleasant mode of travel to distant parts. So generally the churches in the country began to feel the drain upon the life of the Sabbath assemblies. Obviously the Chapel and the large House of Worship at Mendham were not adapted to the church life of the day. There was some talk of moving the Chapel nearer to the church and making it a recreation house for the young people, but the idea of establishing within the church a social center where the youth could enjoy happy and healthful activities with a religious environment was still too new. Phillips Brooks' proposals for a socialized church were looked upon as scandalous and irreligious. Arguments of many kinds were raised against the innovation at Mendham with the result the Chapel, and. fifty feet of land, were sold to be annexed to the adjoining public school property.

In 1913 the church was remodelled in such a way as to make provision within the one building for the Sunday School classes formerly held in the Chapel. By enlarging the basement and making pleasant rooms there, by taking out the side galleries in the auditorium and extending the one at the rear, and by enclosing the back part of the main auditorium for class rooms, ample provision was made for all parts of the church life within the one House. With a rearrangement of the pulpit and organ, as described later in Chapter X, the assembly room, or auditorium, was also made more harmonious and convenient. When this was accomplished the church was ready to be rededicated and consecrated to a new period of service.

The completion of the improvements in the church building made occasion for another anniversary of the early church at Rocksiticus and its appearance in the Minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in 1738. As the pastor wrote in his anniversary sermon:⁷⁷

"If we of this generation do not celebrate such an occasion as this then it is not likely that we will celebrate any anniversary. That would be a serious mistake. It is well for us to look back and remember all the way our God has led us. Both the Elims and the Meribahs. It will teach us lessons of humility, of renewed consecration, and of supreme thankfulness."

The One Hundred and Seventy-Sixth Anniversary celebrated on August 5th, 1914, was distinctly a mark of progress. It brought to the church many friends and early members of the congregation. The historical sermon compiled so carefully by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Symmes, added substantially to the printed history started by Dr. James

^{77. 176}th Anniversary Pamphlet, op. cit. p. 37.

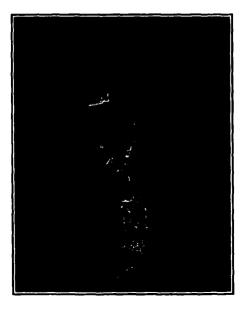
Carter in 1888. Rev. Mr. Symmes completed the chronicles of the twenty-six intervening years and traced, in his discourse, the organization of various parts of the work. With this material he prepared an historical pamphlet on the church which is still very much in demand. After all, it is the published record of a congregation that preserves its true history and protects it from vague surmises and distortions of tradition. It is interesting to know that Rev. Mr. Symmes' appreciation of historic values was not peculiar to himself alone, for his oldest brother, the Rev. Frank G. Symmes, pastor of the Old Tennent Church at Tennent, near Freehold, New Jersey, wrote the valuable history of the development of its early congregation of which Rev. John Tennent was the first pastor and his brother, Rev. William Tennent, became the second pastor in 1733.

Quoting again from the unprinted Minutes of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, the Memoir of the Rev. Mr. Symmes tells us:

"In his mental habits he was studious, painstaking and methodical. In his preaching his message was rooted in the Word of God and his loyalty to his Master. . . While physically powerful and vigorous and able to force his way to the center of the football scrimmage, he was possessed of a very tender, kindly, humble and unobtrusive spirit. He enjoyed life and sought only what was wholesome among the interests of his fellows. He enjoyed his friends, of whom there were many, and he returned friendship with heartiness and appreciation that cemented the ties the more closely. He enjoyed his home, and the presence of the loved wife and the two little daughters with whom their union had been blessed filled to the full his cup of domestic happiness. He enjoyed his labors among his people..... He was a member of the Morris Ministerial Association where he gave, as well as received, mental and moral stimulus As a Presbyter he was most regular in attendance and every interest and activity of our great church had in him a most interested and sympathetic supporter. Faithfulness characterized any service Presbytery called upon him to render. He has been a commissioner from this Presbytery to General Assembly and very acceptably has served as moderator of Presbytery."

"... He had but reached the prime of his manhood, be-

Hugh W. Condered



ing forty-six years of age and having to his credit nineteen years of splendid service for Christ in the ministry of His Gospel, when to the great surprise and deep sorrow of his loved ones and friends and parishioners, after but a few days of illness that had not been regarded as serious until within a few hours of his going, during the early morning hours of Wednesday, April fifth, 1916, he was called from this life and the scenes of his earthly labors.

"The funeral service was held in Hill Top Church, Mendham, on Saturday, April eighth, a number of the members of the Presbytery participating, his former parishioners and fellow-townspeople by their large numbers testifying to the widespread sorrow felt for his death....

"The interment was at Cranbury near the last resting place of those dear and honored loved ones of his father's family who had gone before.

> "Servant of God, well done, Rest from thy loved employ; The battle fought, the victory won, Enter the Master's joy."

REV. HUGH WATSON RENDALL

When the First Presbyterian Church called the **Rev.** Hugh W. Rendall from his work at Devon, Pennsylvania, to be pastor at Mendham, the officials brought to their community one with a background of service and sacrifice for the cause of negro education.

The Rev. Mr. Rendall was born in the village of Lincoln University, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Dr. John Ballard Rendall, President of the institution which also bears the name of Lincoln University. His mother was Harriet Elizabeth Jones of Utica, New York. In a memorial pamphlet named "A Century of Service," Dr. James Carter has written of the father as follows:

"Six years before the departure of President I. N. Rendall, his nephew, the Rev. John Ballard Rendall, D. D., LL.D., was chosen as his successor, thus continuing the Rendall spirit and influence in the conduct of the University. Dr. John B. Rendall, though of Scotch derivation, was born in Southern India of missionary parentage. He was educated under the influence of his uncle and in the traditional teaching of Princeton College; and in the year of his graduation, 1870, he was called to the headship of the then existing Preparatory Department in Lincoln University where he was also instructor in Latin, passing to the position of Professor of Latin in the College a few years later, which position he retained until his death. In 1877 he was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of Chester, which for years he served as Stated Clerk, long and increasingly trusted and loved."

In 1906, after the resignation of President Isaac Norton Rendall, Professor John B. Rendall became the head of Lincoln University. During the forty-seven years Dr. I. N. Rendall was president, he had built up the university from a one-man school known as Ashmun Institute in the Charter of 1854. He had raised it to the standing of a college and a theological seminary, and had given it the name of the great liberator of the slaves. During the subsequent twenty-one years, President John B. Rendall developed the Department of Arts and Sciences so that the college was placed in the first rank of the Association of Colleges. "The record of the institution," wrote Dr. Carter, "and the name of Rendall brought gifts which enlarged the endowment and equipment, and won many friends to the cause."

In the democratic, yet scholastic atmosphere of this university, the President's son, Hugh W. Rendall, had his early training. He graduated from the University in 1900 and attended the Theological Seminary in 1901. Later that year he entered Princeton Theological Seminary and took his degree with the Class of 1904. From Princeton University he received his Master of Arts in 1903. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Chester, on May 12, 1904 and served as stated supply for the church in Erie, Pennsylvania, during the year of 1904-05. From 1905 to 1909 he served the church of Ellwood City, and in 1909 became pastor of St. Johns Church at Devon. His work at Devon continued until he was called to Mendham.

When the Rev. Mr. Rendall went to the church at Mendham in September of 1916, the world was engrossed with wars and rumors of wars. In the early spring of 1917 came the call to arms in the overseas defense of our coun-

try, and of the French to whom we felt a debt of gratitude for their noble aid in the War of the American Revolution. At home the effects of war were felt in the harrowing so called accidents remembered well in the explosion of the great Black Tom terminal near Jersey City on Sunday, July 30, 1916, and in the destruction of the great shell loading station of T. A. Gillespie & Company at Morgan, New Jersev. on October 4th. 1918, both of which shook even the town of Mendham some forty miles or more from the acts of sabotage. War was felt also in the regimented economy of one's daily life, in the planting of war gardens on every available piece of ground, in the ceaseless cutting and wrapping of first aid supplies for the Red Cross, and in the parting with loved ones who sailed to fight overseas. Later came the pestilence of the "flu" which took its toll of life. and then the burden of debts upon the nation.

In response to the call to arms sixteen of the young men associated with the Presbyterian Church of Mendham enlisted, and among them was the new pastor of the church. In order that their names and their services may be perpetuated, they are recorded here.

HONOR ROLL

NAME	ENLISTED	REMARKS
1. Irving Guerin	May 21, 1917	Base Hospital No. 8 France
2. Leroy Tiger	Aug. 7,	Ambulance Unit, Butler, N. J.
3. Walter Gunther	Aug. 9,	7th Cavalry, Douglass, Ariz.
4. Maurice Garabrant	July 27,	Naval Res., Radio Sch., Har- vard University
5 David McClure		308 F. A. Battery D., Camp Dix, N. J.
6. Hugh W. Rendall	Oct. 1,	320 Inf., Camp Lee, Virginia
7. Marvyn W. Rarick	Nov. 20,	Com. E. Ammun. Train, Camp Dix, N. J.
8. David Whitehead	Jan. 18, 1918	U. S. Gen. Hosp., Lakewood, N. J.
9. Harry Hill Hoffman	Feb. 26,	Com. C. 309 Inf., Camp Dix, N. J.
10. Lester E. Apgar	March 5,	Hosp. Corps, Greenlief, Ga.
11. Wm. Henry McKee	Aug. 22,	72nd Inf., Camp Meade, Md.
12. Floyd H. Garabrant	Sept. 3,	Battery D. Coast Artillery, Camp Eustis, Va.
18. James Sullivan	Sept. 6,	Ordnance Dept., Brooklyn, N. Y.

14. Ralph F. Freeman	Oct.	1,	S. A. T. C. Engineering Dept.,
			Cornell University
15. H. Clayton Van Nest	Oct.	21,	S. A. T. C. Camp Lafayette,
-			Easton, Pa.
16. Dwight M. Babbitt	Oct.	22,	Battery C., 81st Artillery,
		•	Camp Eustis, Va.

In his service in the American Expeditionary Forces, Rev. Mr. Rendall was detailed to the office of Chaplain, first in the 320th Infantry, later in the 317th Infantry, both in the 80th Division under Major General Adelbert Kronkite. Much of his activity was in the north of France. After the Armistice he was transferred to the 162nd Infantry of the 41st Division until he was discharged in March of 1919.

During the four months subsequent to the death of Rev. Mr. Symmes, Rev. James Carter, formerly pastor of the church and later Professor of Church History and Sociology at Lincoln University, took charge of the pastoral work at Mendham. It was through his recommendation the call was given to Rev. Mr. Rendall. When the latter enlisted in the World War, Rev. Mr. Carter again took up the Mendham work and carried it through until the pastor's return.

In memory of the lads who were fighting overseas, and to help the homefolk keep up their Christian faith and courage, Mrs. Emma Smuller Carter wrote the much loved hymn which soon found its place in the Mendham hymnal, sung to the tune of America.

OUR PRAYER

God bless our boys, we pray, God guide them on their way O'er land and sea; In camp or in the fight, For freedom and for right, Protect them by Thy might, Where'er they be.

Thou who didst die for men, Lead Thou the way again, Thy cross their sign. With hearts from Hatred free, Teach them to follow Thee Forward to victory, Saviour divine. Then, safely guided through the unsettled period of the war, the congregation bade farewell to their beloved minister and his wife who had so graciously supplied their needs, and welcomed back their own pastor from his protracted work in the American Expeditionary Forces. In 1920 Rev. Mr. Rendall received the degree of D. D. from Dubuque University, Iowa.

In 1925 Rev. Mr. Rendall married Edna M. Emberger, daughter of Frederick Emberger of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. In his relations to the church at large, he has served three times as commissioner to the General Assembly: at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1913; at Columbus, Ohio, in 1925; and again at Denver, Colorado, in 1932. In the Presbytery of Morris and Orange he has also acted once as moderator. During his pastorate of twenty-two years over three hundred members have been taken into the church, largely the result of pastoral visiting.

The work of restoring the old burial ground adjoining the church, started in 1913 by members of patriotic societies in the community, was taken up again in 1920. The unsuccessful effort was given a new impetus when Mr. Edson J. Rood offered a gift of \$1,000 on condition that the Board of Trustees, of which he was President, should raise the balance needed. This the Board accepted, and under the leadership of Mr. Charles Day an amount approaching \$10,000 was raised. After restoring the old yard and making necessary improvements in the adjoining cemetery, a fund of about \$8,000 was deposited to be kept for the perpetual care of both the new and old burial grounds.

As the years have slipped by, Father Time has moved his measure, in 1938, to the two hundredth mark from the time when the early church at Rocksiticus was first named as part of the newly formed Presbytery of New Brunswick, in the Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia, May 26th, 1738. Realizing that the occasion for another anniversary was approaching, the pastor and the congregation made provision for four days of services, set at first to include the original date in August celebrated by Rev. Dr. Carter in 1888—the date which marked the first meeting of the New Brunswick Presbytery, and its recognition of the church at Rocksiticus. But it was necessary this year to postpone the celebration until September 15th to 18th.⁷⁸

In the rare privilege of having present their former pastor, Dr. James Carter, who had already made two historical addresses upon similar occasions a quarter of a century apart, the congregation esteemed the Anniversary this year a doubly unique one.

In speaking of the women of the church, in his historical address, Dr. Carter reminded the congregation of the many who had gone out to be missionaries and missionaries' wives. Of these there came to his mind Mrs. Lydia Dodd who went with her husband to Turkey and was the mother of the Rev. William Schauffler Dodd. Her daughter, Miss Isabel Dodd, now living, went to Scutari, opposite Constantinople, where she taught and served as a missionary. There are many others, both men and women, whose heroic struggles and achievements should be recorded in some way. For those who have given "their supreme sacrifice for their country," in the various wars of the nation, Dr. Carter recalled the piercing words from Lincoln's Gettysburg address:

"Shall not'we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

The program of the Anniversary services was varied and comprehensive. In addition to appropriate scripture readings, the singing of favorite hymns, and music with the use of chimes especially prepared by Mr. William Howell, Jr., the organist, and his choir, there were addresses, greetings, and reminiscenses arranged as follows:

^{78.} Due to delays from extended correspondence and research on manuscripts, old books, and newspapers, etc., the publication of the history and the records of the First Presbyterian Congregation of Mendham had to be postponed beyond the date of the Two Hundredth Anniversary. This chapter has therefore been revised to include the Anniversary program.

Thursday-September 15, 1938. At 7:30 P. M.

Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, D. D., LL.D., Pastor of the Old First Church, Newark, N. J.

September 16th. At 7:30 P. M.

Historical Address — Rev. James Carter, D. D., Lincoln University.

Greetings-Mr. Michael Coghlan, Mayor of the Borough of Mendham.

Rev. Robt. A. Biggerstaff, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Chatham, N. J.

- Rev. John Burton, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mendham.
- Rev. Harris T. Hall, Vicar of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mendham.

Also other pastors from neighboring towns. September 17th. At 3:30 P. M.

Reminiscenses—By members of the families of former pastors.

Dr. Samuel Cochran

Mr. Henry J. Cochran

Miss Jean C. Cochran

Dr. Herbert T. Noble

Mr. Franklin Noble

Miss Fanny K. Noble

Mrs. Robert J. Johnston

Mrs. Joseph G. Symmes

Ballad—On the Byrams of Early Mendham Miss Minerva Freeman, Dover, N. J.

Supper-By the Ladies' Auxiliary, in the Church.

At 7:30 P. M.

Musical Service—Mr. Arthur Balcom of New Providence, N. J., led the singing after the custom of the early days, using the tuningfork for the pitch. In conclusion he rendered very impressively Reginald de Koven's "Lest We Forget." This was followed by two selec-

tions by the Misses Dorothy and Helen Howell: Coleridge-Taylor's arrangement of "Deep River" for the violin and organ; and Mozart's "First Sonata" with Grieg's second piano part.

Sunday---September 18th. At 11 A. M.

- "The Church of the Living God." Rev. Hugh W. Rendall, D. D., Pastor.
- At 7:30 P. M.
 - "The Church in These Changing Times." Rev. Lauren G. Bennett, D. D., Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Basking Ridge.

Under the direction of Miss Ella Mockridge and Mrs. Charles Freeman, an exhibition was arranged in the gallery of the church showing pictures, bibles, books, and other things bearing on the early life of the congregation. At the Phoenix House, which had been presented as a gift to the Borough of Mendham on June third, by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitney, there was displayed a rare collection of village antiques, bibles, books, trade tools, pictures, china. furniture and costumes arranged according to families in a most delightful way. This was under the direction of Miss Ella Mockridge who was assisted by many hostesses wearing old family costumes when on duty. The exhibits were open Wednesday afternoon and evening, and Thursday and Friday afternoons, the Phoenix House being closed when there were services at the church.

The charming community center proved an interesting meeting place for out of town guests, as well as a pleasant rendezvous for the townsfolk who wanted a quiet, profitable break in the course of an afternoon. There one was likely to see some of the members of the Phoenix House Committee, Mrs. Charles Chase, Mrs. Ferdinand Jelke, Mrs. Chauncey Guerin, Mrs. Henry Kanouse, or Miss Peggy O'Keefe; there also one saw some of the older residents of the town, Miss Annie Boyd, Miss Mary Elizabeth Oliver and her sister Miss Eva, or Mrs. James Sullivan, and Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Trank Freeman. There Miss Mary Drake greeted guests in her grandmother's gown and great bonnet, and perhaps Mrs. Sarah Babbitt Mockridge sat chatting with friends. Miss Jessie Willett went quietly about explaining, or pointing out displays of special interest, and Miss Ella Mockridge was ever ready to greet guests and answer questions. Many new and strange faces peered with interest at the quaint antiques; many were the footsteps that traced. the path from the church to the popular old Inn.

Nor could one forget the delightful Black Horse Tavern. now an inn, across the street. Once it had been the home of Ebenezer Byram whose settlement is believed to have given the name to Mendham, and whose influence built the first church on its present site. There, nearly two hundred years ago, the owner of the tavern had been an elder in the church. There church-goers from a distance found warmth after service and a good meal. There jointly with the church many holidays were celebrated-first with a collation followed by toasts, then by a procession to the church where appropriate services were held. There in the love of God, the nation, the town, and the Church, religion and one's daily life were closely knit. Whether the warp and woof of that early fabric of humanity was all that it should have been, the philosopher may well ponder, but certain it is, that in the early church of Mendham the villagers learned the elements of right living. If one may judge from some of the toasts published as having been drunk at Mendham, many of those early ideals are not excelled by ours in this day of advanced thinking and high standards. Could we not all join in supporting the sentiments of the following toasts given at the Black Horse Tavern in the early part of the nineteenth century?

"We hail the day when the councils of all nations shall be guided by the mandates of justice."

"May the era soon commence when peace shall be extended to all the nations of the earth."

"The Federal Constitution—a sure pledge of the happiness of the nation, while there is virtue in the people to preserve its spirit."

These and many other evidences show the calibre of

the people of the township that for over ninety years maintained but one church—and that a substantial one—the First Presbyterian Congregation of Mendham, New Jersey. In the happy union of the several denominations celebrating the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the early Presbyterian Society there has been revived something of the spirit of the past, and for its future all have joined in wishing it God-speed for many centuries to come.

THE FIVE HOUSES OF WORSHIP 1738-1938

Recapitulation

The Log Meeting House at Rocksiticus 1738



URING the two hundred years that have passed since the church at Rocksiticus was recognized by the Synod of Philadelphia, there have been five houses of worship. Four of them have been on the present site. The description of the

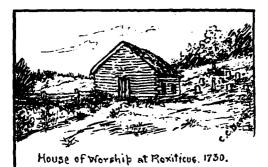
first is traditional. The details of the structure of the log house have been given by various nineteenth century writers who practically agree on its appearance, and that it was located on the hill just east of Indian Brook, the North Branch of the Raritan. It stood on the north side of what was the trail to West Hanover and Whippany, facing south. The site is claimed to have been just east of the residence of Mr. Calvin C. Davis, and it has been marked by him so that one who passes may read. Through Mr. Davis also comes a description of it given him by Miss Elizabeth ("Libby") Leddell in 1897. In her words:

"It had no belfry; no steeple; it was a plain log house, with two windows on on the sides and just a door opening on the front. It was probably 20 by 30 feet; the windows had no sash or glass, but were shuttered.

"It was not a church, or so called. It was the 'Meeting' House' where the people met and worshipped God in their simple way. I had never seen it, but it was so described to me by others who had. Here just back and above the building was a burial yard which had numerous graves. It was about a quarter acre in extent. There is no record of who is buried here, nor do we know by whom this meeting house was erected. It is believed to have been in use in 1734 and thought by some to have been put up as early as 1730."79

Other writers have added that the log house had a bat-

Tuttle wrote, "Dr. Hastings thinks it was organized about 1735. or 1736." Early History of Morris County, N. J. (1870)-p. 7.



ten door and batten shutters that were left open when the weather permitted. It accommodated about fifty worshippers and was used by settlers as far west as Black River (Chester) as well as those from the north, east and south. Soon after the Rev. Eliab Byram began preaching there the congregation divided and the church was removed to the new site in Mendham.

The First House of Worship on the Present Site 1745-1816

The earliest document in the possession of the congregation is a deed for the land on which the church now stands. It was given in November of 1745.

This church was built by John Cary. It is said Ebenezer Byram went back to Bridgewater to secure his service for the construction of the new House of Worship. The

Rev. David Irving wrote, "The church at Mendham was organized in 1735." He also wrote of Hanover as the Mother Church. In a letter from Rev. Thomas S. Hastings to Rev. Richard Webster, dated February, 1855, now in the Presbyterian Historical Society of Philadelphia, Dr. Hastings asks pertinently if the early congregation at Rocksiticus had been "Congregational as the Rev. Abner Morse asserts?" Later Rev. Mr. Hastings makes the following statement: "The frame of it (the House of Worship at Rocksiticus) is still standing, converted into a barn on the old Ralston farm (now Dr. Leddel's) and is as hard as ebony —in a state of perfect preservation." See also The History and Records of the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, N. J., 1882 (?), pp. 114 and 50; his address written 1861.

building was begun in the spring of 1745, and no doubt was completed by fall, if not before. The only description of the church is found in Dr. Thomas S. Hastings' paper quoted in W. W. Munsell's History of Morris County.⁸⁰ Since Dr. Hastings became the settled pastor of the Mendham church in 1852, he could easily have gathered his information from those who had worshipped in the old building. Part of the following description was quoted by Dr. James Carter in his Historical Address given at the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration in 1888.⁸¹ It is here given in full from Munsell.

"It was eminently American-simple, severe and practical. It was a wooden structure. Its sides were covered with short cedar shingles. It had no spire nor cupola, for bells were rare things in those days. Its main entrance was on the south side, where there were two large heavy, double batten folding doors; there were also doors on the east and west sides. A broad aisle extended from the south door to the pulpit. The pulpit was on the north side of the church. It was a small box-like structure raised on a single pillar to a dizzy height, with an octagonal sounding board, extended like an extinguisher over it, threatening to put out the minister. Underneath the pulpit was the deacons' seat, a large square pew in which sat, facing the congregation. the officers of the church and those no less important person-ages the choristers, one to line the hymn and the other to pitch the tune. A high gallery extended around three sides of the church, containing a few elevated pews which were near the ceiling-the highest seats in the synagogue. There was no porch or lobby. The gallery stairs were inside the assembly room. The pews down stairs appear to have been more than usually elaborate in their finish. The backs were precisely perpendicular and very high. Within those pews children could be heard but not seen. The upper part of the backs of the seats was open work, finished with upright spindles. In 1791 it was voted by the congregation 'to git a bell for the meeting house of four hundred wait.'

History of Morris County, N. J. pub. by W. W. Munsell & Co.; New York, 1882. p. 247.

Celebration of the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, N. J. pub. Trenton, 1914. This contains a reprint of Dr. Carter's address upon the celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial, 1888. pp. 11, 14.

Mr. John Cary, who had built the house 46 years before, was employed to construct a belfry. It was placed in the center of the church, and the bell rope hung down in the middle of the main aisle. Here the bell-ringer always stood of a Sabbath morning, until the people were all assembled, and being in so conspicuous a position, he felt himself bound to lay out all his energies on the bell rope. He would leap high in the air, catch the rope and make a triumphant descent, the bell loudly applauding each higher leap. Elisha Beach jr. enjoyed the honor of ringing the new bell for the first year, 'on the Sabbath and lectors, and at 9 o'cl. at night.'"

Thus ends the story that has been so often repeated. In the old Session book begun in 1796, one is told by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong that the House of Worship was built "upon a plan very liberal and extensive for those times and the circumstances of the Congregation." From time to time one finds other statements which support Dr. Hastings' description. For example, on May ye 27th 1791 it was voted to give up the seats which had been subscribed to by the members, "the men to sit on one side and the women on the other." Then followed the vote "to sing half the time without reading the lines and that Elias Riggs and Stephen Dod to be the Clarks in the Gallery."

There seems to be but one statement that conflicts with Dr. Hastings' story and that occurs in the Minutes of the 18th of April 1799 when fifteen men of the church agreed to pay "into the hands of Preserve Riggs" the sums annexed to their names, "for the purpose of repairing and making water fast the *steeple* of the Meeting House in the township of Mendham." What they called a steeple was probably but a pointed top to the belfry, for the impression seems to have been that the first church did not have one. It is interesting to read the names of the men who subscribed to this particular need. They were:

Subscribers to the Steeple

"Subscribers names	Dollars	"Subscribers names	Dollars
Preserve Riggs	3	Nehemiah Day	2.50
Jesse Upson	1/2	Amos Marsh	.50
Nehemiah Losey	1	Daniel Babbit	1

"Subscribers names	Dollars	"Subscribers names	Dollars
Benjamin Prudden	1	William Connet	.75
Shubal Pitney	1	William Hudson	2
Abner Dod	.50	David Thompson	3
Nathaniel Clark	1	Samuel Cozart (?)	1
Benjamin Beach	1		

Of the gallery one learns under date of May 15th 1813 that, "Mr. Japheth Byram and Col. Nehemiah Losey were appointed for taking up the collection below stairs and Danl Cary and Benj Coe on the west end of the meeting house and John Woodruff and Saml Day on the east and upstairs." This gives one a glimpse, as it were, of the interior of the old church in which the Revolutionary soldiers had found shelter and care during those dread days of the smallpox pestilence more than thirty-five years before this record was made.

In 1813 the church was struck by lightning, but no injury was done to the building. As early as 1809, apparently, the members of the congregation had begun to talk and plan for a new House of Worship. The matter came up from time to time until March 8th of 1814 when one finds the note:

"The attempt Made in the years 1809 & 1810 to build a new Meeting House having failed

"A new Attempt was made by order of the Trustees and a Parish meeting Called and convened on Tuesday the 8th March 1814 when Ebenezer Drake, Esqr. was chosen Moderator and Jesse Upson Esqr. Clark. It was resolved by said meeting

1st) to begin immediately to make preparations for building a New Meeting House

2) to build on the ground where the old house now stands

3) to raise the money for building by subscription

4th to provide for building in the spring of 1815

5th that the subscription be drawn payable in five instalments

6th that the sum of six thousand Dollars be raised by subscription for building the House..." Before the year had rolled around, at the Parish meeting called by the Trustees January 12, 1815, it was voted to postpone the building until the spring of 1816, but to continue collecting the first half of the subscriptions, then due, and to purchase the boards and other material necessary. In May of 1816 the old building had not yet been taken down for it was resolved that "in case the Meeting House is taken down each Person will pay the same sallary as last year." It was an important matter to be assured of the regular income whether or not the members attended services in the temporary place, or places, of worship.

Thus the congregation planned to demolish its first noble building, the house that had been constructed so well by those early settlers from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and whose plan had been so "liberal and extensive for those times and the circumstances of the congregation." A larger and better edifice was needed.

The Second Meeting House on the Present Site 1817-1835

Through records of subscriptions being collected, and materials being both donated and purchased, one follows the building of the new House of Worship. On the 6th of May 1816 it was resolved to sell the seats of the New Meeting House to pay the building expenses. This new church was forty-five feet wide by sixty feet long, according to Rev. Mr. Armstrong's account, and had a "steeple at one end." The style of constructing a steeple at one end of a House of Worship was made popular by Sir Christopher Wren, the celebrated church architect of England. It was a plan adopted quite generally in the Colonial period, when a congregation could afford it. Therefore it was a feature of distinction. There was an effort to restrict the height of the steeple to thirty five feet, but the motion at the meeting in June of 1816 to do so was rescinded, and no doubt the height exceeded that meagre limit. According to the early narrative of the church history written in the Session book.

the Meeting House "was completed early in the fall of 1817, and solemnly dedicated to God Jany 1st, 1818." In the spring of 1819 the grounds were beautified with trees set out by John Humes. During the building of this church its pastor, the Rev. Mr. Armstrong resigned because of failing health (in August of 1816), and the Rev. Mr. Cox, who was called in February, was installed July first 1817.

This church seems to have had but one gallery: seats were reserved for the singers; and it was arranged that the "blacks have a seat below stairs." The first conclusion is drawn from the fact that there are two references to "the gallery," as follows: "April 3d 1826-Daniel Cary and Benjamin Coe were appointed to collect in the gallery -Daniel Cary Lewis Loree Benjamin Coe & Elija Munston were appointed to Preserve Order in the gallery in time of Worship, Josiah Conkling, Aaron Thompson and Amzi Cary were appointed to lead in singing. Resolved that those who conduct the singing have liberty to use the Base Viol in the Church when they think porper." There is nothing in these quotations to show just what the position of the gallery was, except that the seat chart indicates it probably ran north and south and the seats were divided by a central aisle.

In the Mendom Congregation Book of 1766 there appear several charts of members who bought seats in the church. The lists bear no dates and it is only their position in the book with respect to dated Minutes that gives one any guidance in placing them. Family names in Mendham were repeated from generation to generation so that the whole group of names would have to be studied in order to ascertain correctly the period to which any one of those lists belong.

The first chart followed the Minutes of 1818, but seats were sold at a much earlier date, and it is possible pages may have been kept blank for the intervening records. The list below is the first one given. It was for the gallery only and probably was for the new building dedicated in 1818. Time has not permitted the establishment of this statement as a fact.

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John Lathum	½ Seat	No 18	North	12	
	Pew	No 19	North	45	
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In seating the congregation, it is recorded that Joseph T. Leonard was allowed thirty dollars "for the purchase of a seat in the house in consideration of a damage sustained by a broken bone in the Raising of the Meeting House." From the fact that Nathaniel Cary's seat was assigned without a sale leads one to think he also had recognition in consideration of some favor. If only one could complete the congregation from a list of the families downstairs!

That was a progressive church; it prospered; but on February the 17th, 1835, after a short existence of seventeen years, it burned to the ground. There was no explanation given. The growth and increased strength of the congregation was demonstrated in the remarkable speed with which the church was rebuilt.

> The Third Church on the Present Site 1835-1859

The next day, February 18th, 1835, the congregation met in its "Session House agreeable to the special invitation." It must have been a momentous occasion. The Minutes record, "a remarkable full meeting. Jesse Upson Esq. was chosen Moderator & J. C. Homan Clark. Opened with prayer by Rev. D. H. Johnson, pastor. When it was resolved to erect a new wooden House on the site where the one was yesterday, and of the same size." With a valiant pastor and faith in God they looked forward. A building committee of nine was chosen consisting of William Babbit, David Cooper, Mahlon Pitney, Joseph Ballentine, George Thompson, J. C. Homan, Garret Dickerson, Ezra Fairchild, and Luther Conkling. By November 24th of that same year the new church had been completed and the congregation met for the sale of seats.

As the church was built, so did it grow—rapidly. In fact, the increase in membership during Rev. Mr. Johnson's pastorate (1826-1852) was so great that by 1848 there was a demand for larger accommodations, and the following year there was a request for a Session House. The fact that the



Presbyterian Church, Mendham. From Barber and Howe's "Historical Collections of New Jersey," 1814

congregation had met in a Session House the day after the fire leads one to conclude that the later plan for one indicated a need for a better place for the Session meetings. On October fourth plans for the enlargement of the church were presented to the congregation and adopted. A committee to solicit subscriptions was appointed consisting of George H. Thompson, Ira Connet, Joseph Ballentine, Joel C. Homan, and Moses Babbit. Discussions at the winter meetings show the congregation was divided in regard to the Session House. Some thought there should be a basement under the new part of the church, and that it should be furnished as a Session Room. Others wished a building outside the church. It was finally decided in favor of the latter and on April 2nd, 1849, "a committee of three were appointed to select a site on the parsonage grounds for a new Session House. ." A year later the Minutes show, "A Report was made by William Babbit Esq. in regard to his agency in building the Session-house and a unanimous vote of thanks was given him for his services."

The Rev. Joseph Gaston Symmes has given a short description of the building in his historical address on the occasion of the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Anniversary.⁸² In his words:

"This Session House was a long narrow room with

lead-colored paint and straight-backed wooded seats, in which the men and women sat on different sides of the building. And the classes were arranged in the same way, the boys being on the left side and the girls on the right side of the pulpit."

It was afterward called the Lecture Room, and still later the Chapel. About 1913 the Chapel, with fifty feet of ground, was sold and was later enlarged and used as a primary school. When the present brick school house was erected in 1928, the old Session House was demolished.

On April 7th, 1852, the Rev. Mr. Johnson was compelled to resign his work in Mendham on account of ill health. The Rev. Thomas Hastings was called in his place. During the latter's short residence and work in Mendham the church was both painted and repaired. In 1856 Dr. Hastings accepted a call to New York City. The Rev. Theodore White followed him. During Rev. Mr. White's service the congregation divided. In the midst of the bitterness and strife that preceded the separation the church burned. It happened on a bitter cold night, February the 20th, 1859. The hill was so covered with ice people had to crawl on hands and knees to make the grade. Nothing could be done to save the building. That was indeed a catastrophe, coming as it did at the crisis of affairs in the church! The condition of the Nation too was turbulent, and times were hard. Thus the fourth House of Worship, the third on the present site, finished its work after only twenty three and a half short years of service.

> The Fourth Church on the Present Site 1860-to Date

Again, the records tell us, the congregation met on the day following the fire, in its Session Room, to consider the loss and to take measures to rebuild the church. That was on February 21st, 1859. Dr. S. W. Leddell offered some

^{82. 176}th Anniversary Pamphlet, op. cit. p. 34. See also reference made later in this Chapter to the Sentinel of Freedom for Feb. 14, 1860, commenting upon the enlargement of this church.



THE FOURTH CHURCH ON THE PRESENT SITE

plans which were discussed. It was finally decided in March to build of wood and on the same site. The building committee consisted of W. L. Douglas, George H. Thompson, Alfred De Groot, H. C. Saunders, H. C. Marsh. There was also a committee to solicit funds which named William Babbit, John Marsh, Alfred DeGroot, Jonas Denton, and Ira Connet. The latter group met with what seemed at first to be insurmountable difficulties, but in spite of the opposition offered by the separatists, and other obstacles, the commttee persevered wth undaunted spirit. Soon the building was under process of construction. Mr. Aaron D. Hudson was the architect.

The simple style of the colonial church was again chosen. The steeple was on the west end over the entrance. The pulpit was opposite the entrance. The dimensions of the church were sixty by eighty feet, and it had "thirty foot posts." There was a bowed gallery at the rear of the audience room which was considered particularly beautiful. The building was heated by four large stoves, one in each corner of the auditorium, and each stove had its chimney as shown in the picture of the church used as frontispiece for this book. The new House of Worship was completed by February of the following year.⁸³ On April 4th, 1860 it was recorded the total cost of the structure, including the fifteen hundred pound bell and the furniture, was \$9,588.00. The deficit was only \$50. That was truly a monument to the faithful members of the congregation, and to their friends, and well may they have been proud of their achievement.

It is curious that in the fall of 1859 the villagers witnessed the building of three churches. The Newark newspaper. The Sentinel of Freedom, commented upon the fact in its issue dated Dec. 27th.84

"The Catholic and the 1st and 2nd Presbyterian churches are now nearly completed, To say the least we now have two elegant churches, the first being a large and beautiful structure upon the site of the one burned down in February last.

"A metal bell from the foundry of Meneely & Co. weighing about 1500 lbs. has been placed in the tower, and is a credit to their already well established reputation. Some individuals, while ringing the bell, soon after its elevation to the tower, met with a narrow escape. The clapper, weighing about seventy pounds, broke loose from its fastenings and fell a distance of about eighty feet, breaking through two floors and landing near the ground.

Of the dedication of this, the fourth church on the present site, the same paper gave a short account to which was added a few historical remarks.85

"The new edifice of the First Presbyterian Church of Mendham, N. J., was dedicated to the worship of God on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a large congregation was in attendance, including nine clergymen. The music was very fine. The sermon was by Rev. Thomas S. Hastings of New York, a

Sentinel of Freedom; Feb. 7, 1860. Notice of dedication on 83.

Feb. 1st. Ibid. Dec. 27, 1859. Includes details of the Second Presbyterian Church but makes no comments on the Catholic Church. See also 84.

Jan. 24, 1860. Ibid. Feb. 14, 1860. The published account of Dr. Hastings' his-85. torical address has not yet been found. His letters show definite torical address has not yet been found. His letters show deminte preparation for a history of the Mendham church which he planned first to give as his Thanksgiving sermon in 1856. His removal apparently prevented his giving it at that time. His use of the history he had collected, in his dedicatorial sermon of 1860, was the culmination of several years of research.

former and greatly admired pastor of the church. His text was Psalm 87:2, "The Lord loveth the Gates of Zion more than the dwellings of Jacob." The reasons why the Lord loves the Church were disclosed with great beauty and tenderness, and his reference to the history of this church struck many sympathetic strings. The sermon is to be published.

"The church edifice is on the spot selected for the purpose in 1745. The first building stood until 1816, when it was taken down and a larger one built in its place. This was consumed in February, 1835. Another church was immediately built, and in 1849 this was enlarged by adding a transcept to the east end making a very fine audience room, but a rather ungainly building...."

During the next sixteen years there seem to have been no changes necessary. The Rev. Mr. Cochran became pastor in 1870. With scientific advances in church equipment and new architectural possibilities it seemed wise to consider repairs and a general renovating of the building. Therefore on April 5th, 1876, action was taken to proceed with the work. In order to make the necessary renovations a mortgage of \$4000 was placed on the property. William Hillard, Edward Sandford and Aaron Drake were the committee in charge, and Mr. George B. Post of New York drew the plans. A resolution entered in the Minutes of April 25th, 1877, indicates the success of the project.

"Whereas this Church is wholly indebted to Mr. George B. Post, architect of New York City, for whatever beauty of design we may have attained in the recent remodelling of our Church interior, through whose courtesy and kindness he raised the plans thereof without fee or reward Therefore be it resolved, that the thanks of the congregation through the Trustees be extended to him for his generous donation to the congregation, and further that we tender to Mr. Post and his family the occupancy of a pew in this Church without charge whenever they shall desire to use the same."

One resident of Mendham still recalls the impression the ceiling made upon her young mind. "It was spanned with wooden arches and girders, one above the other in such a way as to form a network of open rafters beautiful to study." In 1913 the church was again remodelled; modern heating and lighting systems were installed, the ceiling was again changed and the gallery was enclosed. Sunday School rooms were built into the church. Of these changes we have a very good description given by the Rev. Mr. Symmes.

"It was decided to remodel the inside of the church building and have all under one roof. The organ was taken from the corner at the left of the pulpit, and placed directly behind the pulpit. The pulpit platform was lowered and new seats were placed in a semi-circle, making, we think, a very beautiful and pleasant audience room. The gallery which has always been at the end of the building opposite the pulpit, and which was little more than an organ and choir loft, was projected into the body of the church some twenty feet, affording a comfortable and spacious room for the use of the Sabbath School, with a prayer meeting room and ladies' parlor on the main floor. In these rooms the Primary Department of the Sabbath School meets. A cellar was dug through the portion of the great rock on which our church stands, in which there is a well equipped kitchen and furnace room. Electric lights and a steam heating system have been installed. The approximate cost of this remodelling was \$13,525. and we are happy to say that the full sum has been subscribed, and we are not in debt because of our improvements."

This is the present church. It faces west as if it would not forget the godly Scotch, Irish, and English pioneers who, most probably, found their way up the North Branch of the Raritan to the Indian lands called Rocksiticus. This church has inspired artists and writers; from it have gone missionaries, preachers, college professors and university presidents, as well as other men of distinction. Around it stand sacred memorials of the early families. In the old burial yard lie historic people, those who lived and struggled to make that part of their country true to the ideals given them for it, descendants of founders and patriots of even earlier settlements. So stands the fourth House of Worship on this site. It has already reached its seventyninth year of service, and has surpassed the age of those preceding it. It is the fifth House of Worship for the congregation whose bicentennial has recently been celebrated.

XI

THE OLD BURIAL YARD AND THE

HILL TOP CEMETERY



NE cannot leave the history of this church without a word in appreciation of its well preserved cemetery. The old church yard did fall into a neglected condition, as do most old cemeteries in the country. The younger generations

of residents of the village moved away and were so engrossed with living they turned not back to the past. The trustees of the church had always been mindful of its needs. but had not had the means with which to give it perpetual The earliest reference to the churchyard in the care. records is on June 10th 1788, when at a meeting of the congregation, it was voted.

"That the Grave Yard Fence be continued from the Chestnut tree to the East corner of the Meeting house, then to begin at the South corner and extend thirty feet west of the Meeting house (with the corner rounded) then continue till it comes on a line with the North fence of the Grave Yard, and then East till the Fence is completed."

At the next meeting, April 27th, 1789, it was designated as one of the sexton's duties that he should "keep the grave Yard Gates shut and let no creature into it."

It was not until April 9th, 1862, that there was any effort to formulate any regulations for the use of it. At a meeting held that day it was

"Resolved-that the Trustees of this Church are requested at their first meeting to appoint a committee to confer with a committee of the second presbyterian Church, and also a committee of the Methodist Church. to make some arrangement for the burial of their dead."

The result of the action was that they extended the use of the yard to both churches.



THE PHOENIX BURIAL PLOT IN 1988

The next spring Mr. William Forsyth was given the right to move the fence on the north side "in a line with the Phoenix burying ground, to be built of stone at his own expense." There are members of the congregation today who remember well that old peak-topped stone fence and the beautiful iron gates which enclosed the yard for many years. The Phoenix burial plot is a landmark of the congregation's early struggle against the use of intoxicating liquors, if tradition is authentic. It is written in an historical account of the church that twenty-seven of its supporters had owned distilleries. The church records show that inebriety was a serious problem. The former account also states that when William Phoenix applied for a burial ground, the congregation refused it, because he kept a bar in his inn. He then bought a large plot adjoining the Church Yard and round it built the stone fence which remains, the only reminder of that early type of substantial enclosure. It has always been outside the church property, but as time went on the new Hill Top Cemetery, and later the Mendham Cemetery Association. extended their bounds around it. At present it is part of the latter organization.

In the fall of 1862, an acre and a half of ground was

purchased by the church, and various rules and regulations were recorded pertaining especially to the fencing of the private lots and to changing the location of graves. In that way the new part of the "Old Yard" was protected, but the "Old Yard" itself was still unprovided for.

After Mr. Forsyth had purchased his very large burial ground, he sold parts of it to Henry Day, Henry C. Saunders, James Bathgate, Cortlandt Drake, and Wells Leddell, all of those plots being larger than any permitted in the church yard. Later in 1891, a group of interdenominational citizens formed themselves into the Mendham Cemetery Association and on August first of that year were incorporated under that name (See "A" RS-459). About seven acres was bought from Mr. Forsyth at the time. The seven owners of the large plots outside of the church yard, adjoining it, then asked the new association to take over the care of their plots. That group of families included those of William Forsyth and William Phoenix. Later the Association received a deed of gift for eight additional acres of land on the north boundary as a memorial from Mrs. Louise Demarest. A section of twenty by forty feet facing the street was set aside to be kept free from any burial. On it stands the granite monument bearing the following inscription

> FORSYTH MEMORIAL CEMETERY PRESENTED TO THE MENDHAM CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MAR. 23, 1927 by MRS. LOUISE M. DEMAREST IN MEMORY OF HER SISTER ALMIRA FORSYTH

The Mendham Cemetery Association is maintained by a small endowment and by a yearly charge for care.[†] Under its supervision are some of the most beautiful of the plots. That of the Drake family in particular, bordered with red sandstone, its monuments arranged on terraces on

[†] The President of the Mendham Cemetery Association is Mr. Charles Freeman; Vice-president, Mr. Aaron Apgar; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Frank Freeman; Superintendent, Mr. George S. Thompson. The Secretary of the Hill Top Cemetery is Mr. Hugh Babbitt.

the side of the hill, resembles some of the old Scotch burial plots seen in Edinburgh.

Partly through the influence of the Morristown Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and partly through the Board of Trustees of the church, of which Mr. Edson J. Rood was President, an effort was made to establish a fund for perpetuating the care of the Old Yard. To that end an appeal was circulated by letter dated January 1913 embodying in part the following statement:

"At a meeting of the D. A. R. recently held in Mendham it was said that twenty-seven Revolutionary and War of 1812 soldiers lie buried here. At this meeting Mr. E. J. Rood, Miss Elizabeth Babbitt, Messrs. Joseph L. Somers, H. W. Williams, and George H. Millen were appointed a committee to acquaint the descendants of these families with the conditions as outlined above, and to devise means for the purpose of putting this part of the cemetery in good order; also to raise a fund for its perpetual care."

That letter brought the committee not more than \$250, according to the report given.

It was not until the present pastorate, that of Rev. Hugh W. Rendall, D. D., the goal was obtained. In 1920 a new committee was formed, this time with the purpose of establishing a fund of eight thousand dollars for improving and perpetuating the care of the entire church cemetery. That movement was prompted by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Edson J. Rood, its President, challenged the Board by offering a gift of one thousand dollars if the other members would raise the balance needed. Mr. Charles Day, who three years later was elected Mayor of the borough, accepted the leadership and worked indefatigably until the full amount, and more, was raised. The task of further enlarging the cemetery, and of renovating it, was carried on with great care so that today it stands, a model of systematic reconstruction, as well as of beauty.

The pledge which accompanied each appeal, whether it was made in person or by mail, and which achieved the raising of a fund of eight thousand dollars by 1926, should be put on record. It was as follows: "We the undersigned, being interested in the above proposition and in consideration of other pledges, do hereby agree to give the sum opposite our respective names for the above purpose with the understanding that no pledge will be binding until at least six thousand dollars has been subscribed, and that the amount pledged will be due and payable when six thousand dollars has been subscribed. A time limit of six months will be allowed for payment of subscriptions to those desiring."

Pledges varied from \$500 down to small amounts, there being many pledges between, and inclusive of, \$250 and \$100. The fund of eight thousand dollars was invested as the "Mendham First Presbyterian Cemetery Fund." In 1926 a "Directory of the Mendham Hill Top Cemetery" was published. The committee in charge consisted of: Charles H. Day, President; Frank M. Groendyke, Secretary; Fred R. Guerin, Treasurer; Hugh M. Babbitt; Arthur B. Crane; and Eugene B. Hill.

As far as known, no record was ever kept of the burials in the yard around the old log church near the west border of the borough. That burial ground was plowed over many years ago. The earliest stones in the Old Yard of the present church are those of Naphthali Byram, 1747-8; Phoebe Byram, "wife of Rev d Mr. Eliab Byram, Dec'd Febry ye 8 1748-9 Aged 25 years 5 mo."; Stephen Cooke, who died in 1749; "Ebenezer Byram Esqr. Dec'd August ye 7th 1753 in ye 61 year of his Age"; and Ann Clarke, wife of Henry, Dec'd Nov. 15, 1756.

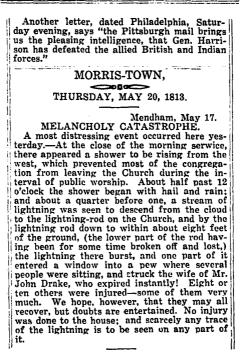
There are many stones bearing dates within the Revolutionary period, and there are probably unmarked graves of seldiers who died while the first Meeting House of the congregation, on this site, was in use as a small-pox hospital. It was the knowledge of this fact that prompted residents of the borough to erect a memorial to those Revolutionary soldiers who died in 1777. The unveiling of the monument was an impressive occasion. At the ceremony greetings were borne from the Daughters of the American Revolution of Morristown by Mrs. John Parker, and from the Sons of the American Revolution by Mr. Day. Judge Joshua R. Salmon of the Washington Association of Morristown made an address reminding all that the struggle for American independence was not a revolution but an evolution, a change with progress, a struggle for the rights of mankind. The Rev. Dr. Rendall's address on the broader meaning of patriotism was impressive. The monument was unveiled by Miss Marion Byram and Miss Jeannette Guerin both of whose great-great-grandfathers had seven sons in the Revolution. Let us pause for a moment to read the inscription on this memorial, a symbol of the love, respect and gratitude held in the hearts of the citizens of Mendham for those who suffered for future generations in the War for American Independence.

> "IN MEMORIAM A. D. 1777 IN THE OLD CHURCH ON PRESENT SITE A CAMP HOSPITAL FOR THE AMERICAN ARMY 27 SOLDIERS WHO DIED OF SMALL-POX LIE BURIED HERE ERECTED 1927

The nearness of Mendham to the camps of the Continental Army made the church a convenient hospital shelter during the epidemic. As the old back road still runs south and east from the church to Jockey Hollow, one can well imagine the approach of the soldiers but a few miles away. On the hills along that valley, part of Washington's army was stationed in 1779-80. Continental troops from Pennsylvania. New York, Maryland, and Connecticut were among those encamped within the Jockey Hollow area. It was there the Pennsylvania line, commanded by General Wayne. mutinied in the winter of 1780-81. By an act of Congress, March 2, 1933, the Jockey Hollow camping ground was included as one of the three units of the Morristown National Historic Park, and much has been done since then to determine and mark the positions of the various troops, and to restore some of the buildings and houses of that period.

Among the many quaint inscriptions readable in the Old Yard is that of Mrs. Martha (Thompson) Drake who was struck by lightning in the church in 1813. An account of the occurrence, sent to the Palladium of Liberty the following day, gives details one does not learn from the usual narration of the event. Here is a reproduction of the original report.

THE PALLADIUM



The fact that the church was not damaged is an important one because there are many who believe the first Meeting House was burned as a result of this stroke of lightning. The very rare occurrence of an electric storm with hail was most curiously repeated recently when, late in the night of Thanksgiving Day, thunder claps and lightning came in the midst of a heavy snow storm.

Mrs. Drake's tombstone stands in the Thompson plot at the north of the northeast corner of the church. Although the inscription of her name and of the dates has peeled off from that red sandstone, the epitaph to her memory was almost perfect when copied for this book. Only three words have been supplied and they have been taken from a newspaper clipping written by "S. Baber" in an article entitled, "Old Cemetery at Mendham." The name and dates have also been quoted from that transcription. The stone stands beneath a sycamore tree whose secondary top suggests that it also may have been struck by lightning at some time.

> "Martha wife of John Drake, was killed instantly by lightening as she sat in the Church on Sunday the 16th of May, 1813, aged 33 years, 6 months and 24 days."

The following is taken from the stone

"How sudden, Oh how sudden was the stroke of death That instantly all mortal ties dissolved And left the lifeless corpse bereav'd of breath, And friends and relatives in grief involved. The pain of death and parting friends unknown, She quickly passed the bounds of mortal life; The immortal spirit in an instant flown, Escaped the struggling pangs of death's dread strife. Repentance, if delay'd to life's last days, Had it been here delay'd had never come. Take warning ye survivors, your delays May cut you off from gaining heaven, your home."

The philosophy of life carved into that sacred stone was indeed the doctrine preached by the early evangelists whose spirit added life to the little log church at Rocksiticus.

The story of the lives of many of those lying in the Hill Top Cemetery of Mendham ought to be written. Loyal pastors, beloved physicians, and distinguished men of affairs rest there on the sides of the hill. In the distance the hills roll away until they become but tracings of the Land of Promise. Close at the back of the church are the monuments of three beloved pastors, those of Rev. Thomas Lewis, Rev. Daniel H. Johnson, and Rev. I. W. Cochran. There too lie Mrs. Cochran and the young wife of the Rev. John Joline. Well may one recall the words of Dr. Rendall spoken to the assembly gathered at the unveiling of the memorial to the soldiers:

"Most of us, if not all of us, feel or ought to feel, as did Moses when he beheld with wondering eyes the burning bush and heard these words, 'Draw not hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.'"



XII

THE MANSE



N the chronicles of the First Presbyterian Church of Mendham, it is found that provision was usually made for the pastor and his family according to the custom of the day. The donation which a new congregation naturally ob-

tained first was the glebe, or church farm. This parsonage lot was usually deeded to the society, or its trustees, to be held for the use of successive ministers. On the farm, the pastor had his lodging, if desired, and the means of providing himself with food. To this was added firewood brought to his door and sometimes hay for his horse. Money was not possessed in large amounts by many members of rural congregations and the pastors received very little of the gold or silver currency. One contributor to a pastor's salary in a nearby township in 1732 is recorded as having given five shillings (a dollar and a quarter) at the beginning of the year, upon being solicited, and "then according to the custom" had repeated the amount as a donation at the end of the year.

Reference has already been made to the Minutes of the Board of Proprietors of East Jersey which show that Alexander and Budd gave fifty acres of land to Mr. Byram personally, and one hundred acres of glebe (church property) to the society for the perpetual use of its ministers, sometime between the years 1746 and 1751. The exact location of that property has not yet been ascertained.

An old Mendham Township book begun in 1753 contains a description of a "new" road which names the parsonage land. Since the original glebe was not defined at all, one can draw only general conclusions from its position with respect to other places. The Minutes referring to the "parsonage lot" place it as follows.



THE MANSE IN 1038

[79] "June ye 7 1754

We the Servers of ye County of Morris Being Legally Caled By the inhabitants to lay a publick Road Do agre and lay a fore rod Road as followeth Beginning at the foreside of Asa Cooks House and going along the Paith as it is now trod from thence along towards moristown until it cometh to a place of springing water By sd paith and Near the Line of Jacob Drake Land and near a lot of parsonage land then Leaving a little of sd water to Drake Then taking sd line on the most Convenant ground til it cometh to Caleb Lindsis and Nathan Squires land & then on the line Between them Til it cometh to James allins and Thomsons land and then on the line Between them til it striketh James Wills land and Betwen Allin and Wels Clearing allins house and then along the paith as it is now trod until it mets a Road already laid from Morris Town towards sd place

N. B. Jacob Drake is to make a good causway through the miry ground where ye Road is to go to give him water But not to maintain the same

> William Boyd James Hammond David Ogdin Joseph Pierson Jabesh Bell Henry Wick."

The church records give no hint when the first manse

was built. The earliest reference to a parsonage suggests only that there was one in 1766 at which time the congregation held a meeting to decide upon enlarging the house the pastor was then living in. It is written in the old "Mendom Congregation Book" under date of November the 20th 1766 that the congregation considered the question, "whether The Revd Mr. pepard Should Be Continued where he now Lives & Build on that place," and they voted in the affirmative. At the same meeting a committee of five was chosen "to project and carry on the Building of Mr. Pepard's House." The men were: Messrs, Thomas Huey, James Johnston, John Cary, Zebulon Riggs, and Benjamin Pitney. The fact that there had been no previous mention of a parsonage committee indicates either that Mr. Peppard had provided his own house, or that he had accepted a temporary lodging on the church property. It is possible he had been living in a one, or two, room log cabin during the first two years of his pastorate. It is interesting to notice that in addition to the new dwelling to be built this year, the members were to make further provision: they were to "find Three Tun of Good hea for Mr. pepard Yearly untill the Congregation Can provide other ways." This sounds as if the hay for his horse was given as part payment of his salary. In fact it was quite the custom, until about fifty years ago, for clergymen in the country to be paid in part with donations of fodder, grain, fruit, vegetables, and even sometimes with clothing, for in the early days barter took the place of the free exchange of money. On March 10th 1767 appears the first mention of "Trustees for ye parsonage." They were Ezra Cary, John Eddev. and Beriah Cary. In August Mr. Peppard accepted a call to Hardwick.

The change of pastors necessitated further consideration of the manse. The Rev. Mr. Peppard, like the former pastor, had been an older man with a family. The new minister, the Rev. Mr. Lewis, had six children probably all of them born some time before he was called to Mendham, Oct. 3d, 1768, since he was then fifty-four years of age. Perhaps this accounts for the fact that the Minutes of March in that year, records two new trustees, John Cary and Benjamin Pitney, designated as "Trustees for New parsonage," in addition to the "Trustees for parsonage" who were the same as the year before. On October 13th, following the meeting at which the call was given to Mr. Lewis, the congregation voted to build a new parsonage at the end of the other, and appointed a building committee to "See it Done." The men chosen for this responsibility were "Isaac Babit, Benjamin Pitney, Zeblun Riggs and John Cary," the last named being probably the skilled carpenter brought from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, to erect the new church in 1745.

During Rev. Mr. Lewis's pastorate and until the latter part of Rev. Mr. Joline's residence at Mendham, there is no mention of the parsonage in the Minutes. Apparently the new house continued in good condition. Trustees for the care of it were elected annually, but there was no record of any need for repairs on church property. On March 29th 1785, according to the Minutes, the congregation considered the advisability of admitting a tenant, and it was voted that Ezra Woodruff was "to enter a tennant on the Parsonage at the discretion of the Trustees." Since the young Mrs. Joline, had died on June 18th of 1778, in her twenty-second year, it is possible the Rev. Mr. Joline had not cared to continue in the house thus darkened by sorrow. After the two additions it was probably not a small place either. On the other hand this date may have marked Mr. Joline's second marriage, and with that event he possibly removed to another home.

One is a bit surprised to learn from the Minutes of June 11, 1788, that expenses incurred for the work on the "new parsonage" had not yet been cleared. After a period of twenty years, a committee was appointed to settle with Elisha Beach his account for building the parsonage house. It was the patience and generosity of such men as he that had enabled this church to continue during the period of the Revolutionary War, and through the trying times which followed it when the value of money fell so low.

In 1792 it began to be necessary to make repairs and

the vote was recorded that the parsonage "should be covered with short chestnut shingles." In 1794 there was a committee appointed to repair both the parsonage and the barn. The next year, 1795, the same votes were repeated as if the work had not been done the year before. With this repetition a committee was named to "see the house repaired." Rev. Mr. Joline left Mendham early in the spring of that year, accepting a call to Florida, New York, and the congregation voted on April 17th 1795 "That the Parsonage be Rented out this year Sot up at the highest Bidder." The description of the disposal of the house and lands appears as follows:

"the upland of the old parsonage by Capt. Dod's struck of (f) to Esqr. Thompson for £7-18-0 the meadow Lot on the same to Steven Dod 7-2-0 the meadow adjoining Benj. Pitney to David Beach 6-16-0 the house lot with the privilege of plant ing three acres of corn and the corn stalks to sow with flax and Oats 18-0-0 the house Barn and garden Be joined"

In the fall of that year the congregation gave a call to the Rev. Amzi Armstrong, a young man about twenty-four years of age. His acceptance necessitated the preparation of a home for him, and again the congregation had to deliberate upon the question of repairing an old house or building a new one. As formerly, the vote was in favor of repairs and Samuel Vance was elected to superintend the work. Apparently arrangements were satisfactory to both Mr. Armstrong and to the church for he was invited to become the settled pastor on March 31st following. As recorded at the special meeting over which Rev. Mr. Richards presided, it was "Voted to give him four hundred Dollars pr year and the Use of home passonage Lot and meadow and to put the fences in Repair and to provide timber for it to be kept so for the futur at his expense and to put the House and barn in Repair and to keep them so at the ex-

The thoughtfulness of the congregation in providing

for the new pastor's future is shown in the notes which follow the above quotation from the Minutes.

"And

then rented the old parsonage meadow to Henry Conkling for one year for 181/2 Dollars And rented the upland to Esqr. Thompson for one year for 22 Dollars Daniel Drake to plow and sow the home passonage to oats to the halves and a half bushel pr acre over to sow a half an acre to flax for Mr. Armstrong to harvest the same and Secure it in the Barn and to Sow the orchard to timothy seed."

Since Rev. Mr. Armstrong accepted the pastorate, he no doubt considered the stipulations reasonable. If he kept his fences in the same good condition he left his records in, they must have been a real asset to the church property. Life on the Mendham farm was no doubt enjoyed by Mr. Armstrong as well as by his happy family of ten children, most of them born there. If only one could turn back the pages in the Book of Life and know just where that hallowed spot was located!

On April 15, 1799 there occurs a record of the sale of the old parsonage lot "by Capt. Dod." It is not clearly worded, the omission of "lot" making it appear as if the parsonage itself were being sold. From the details of the transaction, however, given on the following page, there was no house named. The transfer of the lots brought the church one thousand dollars. The description of the sales as recorded in the Minutes is transcribed as one of the Addenda in another part of this history. Apparently the glebe of one hundred acres was being reduced in size. The memorandum shows that the land was purchased by Daniel Thompson Jr., Jonah Willet and George Hull Jr. Following this sale the election of trustees for the parsonage, which had occurred annually, ceased. From time to time committees were named to perform certain temporary functions, but apparently the duties formerly attached to the care of the parsonage lot were now so small they were assumed by those in charge of the church affairs. Trustees of the congregation were first named about 1786. From that time on there appear to have been more meetings of the trustees than of the congregation, as formerly.

The difficulty Mr. Armstrong had in collecting his salary was a problem not unlike that of other churches during the first years of our nation's existence, following the Revolutionary War. The people of this locality had given generously of their supplies and could not collect the money due them. So it was with the church. The salary it had offered could not be collected. Therefore one finds the following action recorded.

"At a meeting of the trustees of the Congregation regularly called December 21, 1807 (?) It was unanimously voted that Mr. Armstrong in consideration of his not receiving his salary punctually according to agreement and on account of his embarrassed circumstances at present shall be entitled to the interest of the money that the old Parsonage sold (for), being 28% a year for the term of five years next ensuing and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay said interest money to Mr. Armstrong according to the vote making the first payment next May when it becomes due on the Bonds in said Treasurer's hands. . ."

In this record one sees that again the parsonage land was referred to as "the Parsonage" when the manse was still in the possession of the church. On July 10th, 1810. the trustees agreed to "rent" the "Parsonage to Stephen Dod till the first of April next for thirty dollars," and according to another notation made May 15th, 1811. that money was paid to Mr. Armstrong. From this it seems as if he were living elsewhere. Yet in the list of unpaid subscriptions to the salary, and other obligations to the church, the first item appearing states: "The parsonage let to Mr. Armstrong for \$100." In 1813 one finds again the statement, "The parsonage put to Mr. Armstrong for which he allow one hundred Dollars." The records also show Mr. Armstrong made repairs himself for which he was re-embursed. Because of failing health. Rev. Mr. Armstrong resigned his work at Mendham in August of 1816. The use of the word parsonage in the Minutes was not always clear.

The next pastor, the Rev. Samuel Cox, was offered on

March 17, 1817, a salary of \$600 a year with a dwelling house and firewood furnished by the church. Either Mr. Cox did not care for the manse, or there were other reasons for his not using it. On the 25th of the same month a proposal to sell the house was dismissed "for the present." On May 18, 1818, it was resolved to rent the parsonage "as low as twenty Dollars pr Annum provided Mr. Cox takes it," but apparently he did not wish it. The next year Mr. John Latham was appointed to superintend the repairing of "the house and barn where Mr. Cox now resides." Two years later he accepted a call to New York City.

It is obvious that the manse, still called the parsonage in the Minutes, was an increasing expense and problem to the church. Between 1820 and 1826 the records are silent. The Rev. Mr. Hay remained only a year and a half, and went to Newark in December of 1822. His successor the Rev. John Vanlieu removed to Readington in January of 1826. On April third of that year Rev. Daniel H. Johnson was offered the use of the parsonage in addition to his salary, and he accepted.

Evidently Mr. Johnson realized the need of a new manse and decided to carry the matter through. Six years after his arrival there seems to have been held a special meeting, under date of April 9th 1832, for which there is recorded only one item: namely, "Resolved to build a new Parsonage house—that Wm. Babbitt, J. C. Homan, & J. J. Ballentine be a committee to procure subscriptions & materials & to employ mechanics."

Thus the present manse had its beginning. That substantial brick structure built in 1832 is now the central portion of the picturesque house which stands some distance north of the church, facing west. It was undoubtedly luxurious and warm compared with the former manse. The fact that the Rev. Mr. Johnson served the parish twenty-six years is a testimony, at least in part, to the good resulting from a comfortable home and a contented congregation.

In the spring of 1854 the new manse was given "a fence along the roadside," and a kitchen built "to the par-

sonage house." This was for the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings. With the exception of some painting of blinds and the repairing of the roof in 1863, no changes seem to have been necessary until April 3d 1867. Then it was resolved they "build a barn on the parsonage with a basement under it." Henry D. VanNest and Joseph L. Babbit were the committee to build it. and it was to be twenty feet square. An addition such as that described would have been a valuable possession resembling the barns of New England homes. It would have been especially convenient during the blizzards of that period and later, but there is no part of the manse answering to the description given. Since the barn which still stands does have the measurements named, though it is quite some distance from the house, it is believed to have been built at that time. This was apparently done for the Rev. Sandford Smith.

There was no further change needed in the manse until the latter part of Mr. Cochran's pastorate. An entry on April 16th 1884, shows that the house was again enlarged. It was probably then, if not earlier, that the rooms on the north were added, and a new kitchen and dining room were built on the south side. A bathroom and certain improvements in the upstairs rooms were made. The manse has been kept up-to-date with the progress of time, and it is now one of the delightful old dwellings of that countryside.

The romance of life at that manse during the days when the Rev. Mr. Cochran's large and happy family abode there has been written by Miss Jean Cochran in her book called "Church Street." Through the eyes and mind of that clergyman's daughter one lives again the golden days they lived with their many friends at Mendham.

CONCLUSION



FTER tracing the life of this rural Hill Top Church through two hundred years, one pauses a moment to meditate before studying its archives reproduced in the following addenda. As modern educational theories have broken the

bonds of Biblical religion with philosophical and psychological substitutes, individualism has become dominant in men, women, and children. With it there has grown a tendency for everyone to become a law unto himself. Independent thinking is commendable, especially if there can be individual recognition of *Principle* as common good. Harmony is rarely found unless associated groups agree upon the common good. For this agreement self interests must give way to the *Divine Principle* which is universal, the power which always has worked from God as good, that which is now working, and always will be made manifest.

It is the universal Spirit of God reflected in the activity of a congregation that keeps alive a church in any community. May the Hill Top Church at Mendham continue to point the way for those who would uphold higher moral and spiritual standards. May the lives of those who form its congregation carry into future generations the imprint of the immortal Law of Love with its attending blessings of health and harmony.

Well did Robert Browning comment upon Divine Law in the lives of men when he wrote in his "Parleyings with Certain People of Importance in Their Day:"

"By proved potency that still Makes perfect, be assured, come what come will, What once lives never dies—what here attains To a beginning, has no end, still gains And never loses aught; when, where, and how— Lies in Law's lap." Addenda

Containing Miscellaneous Papers Arranged Chronologically 1738 - 1938

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FROM THE MANUSCRIPT MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA

A TRANSCRIPT OF THE EARLIEST REFERENCE TO THE CHURCH AT ROCKSITICUS, NOW MENDHAM

Dated May 26, 1738

Upon a Supplication of some members of ye Pry of New York to be erected in a distinct Pry wth some of the members of ye Pry of Philada overtured yt their Petition be granted and yt all to the Northward and Esatward of Maidenhead and Hopewell unto Rariton River & including also Staten-Island Piscatua, Amboy, Bound-Brook, Basking-Ridge, Turkey, Rocksiticus, Minisinks Pequally and Crosswicks be the Bounds of ye Presbry, and yt ye sd Presbry be distinguished by the Name of the Pry of New-Brunswick, and yt the Time of their Meeting to be the second Tuesday of August next at New-Brunswick. This overtured was approved:

The above record is found in the Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia (p. 58). These Minutes appear as Part II in the old book bearing on its cover the title, "Minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia." It is now in the custody of the Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In the printed Records of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., 1706-1788, this overture is found on page 138.

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Dated in Rocksiticus November ye twenty fifth one thousen Seven Hundred forty & five & in the Eighteenth year of his majestes Raign -----

Signed sealed & Delivered in ye presence of us

Edmund Curnnet

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preposed to Chuse Three Men & afterwards Two More to project & Carry on the Building of Mr. pepards House.

Elected { Thomas Huey - - Zeblun Riggs } { James Jonston - - - - - - - - - } { John Cary - - Benjamin pitney }

[†] The "Mendom Congregation Book" has been photographed, on a film, by the Reference Department of the New York Public Library.

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THE SECOND PAGE

March th 10 1767

The Congregation Met & Chose John Cary moderator Elected Asa Cook Clark for ye Congregation Preposed to Chuse Trustees for the parsonage Elected { Erra Cary - - - - } John Eddey - - - - } Trustees Beriah Cary - - - } for ye parsonage Preposed to Chuse four Colectors to Gether the Ministers Salery & a Head Colector to Settel with Elected (Jacob Cooke - - - - -) William Stewart - - - Colecto Nathaniel Dotey - - - for Min David Dilley - - - - - Salery Colectors for Ministers Head Colector Asa Cooke Joseph Beedle to Sweep ve Meeting house £ 0-18-1 Paid unto Joseph Beedle Towards Sweeping 0- 6-8 September th 21 1767 tor Then the Congregation Mett & Chose Samuel Mucilrath modera Preposed whether the whole of the parsonage money Should tive Be Raised By Laying it on the Seats & pews Voted in ye affirmi Elected { John Cary - - - } Committe men Asa Cooke - - - } to Levie Preposed Whether those Men that are Bound to pay for the parsonage Shall Be the Colectors Voted in ye afirmative -ted) John Cary Elisha Beach Jacob Cooke David Thompson & John Drake Colectors - - - preposed whether the Money Should Be Raised By the first of November Voted in the afirmitive August the 4 1767 The Congregation Mett & Chose Ezra Cary Moderator Preposed to Chuse 5 men as a Committee to Represent the Congregation to the prisbitery Voted in ye afirmitive ted (John Cary - - - -Elisha Beach - - -Ezra Cary - - - -Zeblun Riggs - - -David Thompson -

MENDOM CONGREGATION BOOK THIRD PAGE

March th 8 1768 The Congregation Mett & Chose John Cary Moderator Elected } Asa Cooke } Clark Elected {Ezra Cary John Eddey } Trustees Beriah Cary } for parsonage Elected { John Cary { Benjamin pitney } Trustees for New parsonage Artemus Day to Sweep & take Care of ye Meeting house at 18 S October th 8 1768 - - - - rator The Congregation Mett & Chose Ezra Cory mod preposed whether it was the minds of the Congregation To Give the Rev.d Mr. Thomas Leuis a Call Voted in the affirmitive - - preposed To Give him one Hundred pound Light money Salery yearly & the use of The parsonage & his fire wood at th Doo (r) Voted in the affirmitive October 13 1768 The Congregation Mett & Chose John Cary Mdrator preposed whether a House Should Be Built on the New parsonage at the End of the other Voted in ye preposed To Chuse four men to Cary on the work & See it Done . Elected) Isaac Babit - - - - (Committee Benjamin pitney - -) to Build Zeblun Riggs - - - -) ye parsona-(ge) John Cary - - - - (house (Moderator) March th 14 1769 the Congregation met & Chose John Cary Artemas Day to sweep Elected Asa Cooke (Clark the meeting house Elected John Cary John Eddy Zeblun Riggs Trustees for parsonage

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION ARTICLE OF INCORPORATION 1786

Found in Book A of the Religious Societies of Morris County Clerk's Office, Morris County Court House Morristown, New Jersey

Page 2.—Mendham First Presbyterian Congregation.

This may certify to all whom it may concern, that the Presbyterian Congregation at Mendham, Morris County, East New Jersey being desirous of becoming a body politic, and corporate, agreeably to a Law of this State, made and provided for this purpose, and having the prerequite therein mentioned and given ten days public notice of their intention, on the 8th ult. met and by a majority of voices, chose the persons whose names are hereto subscribed as Trustees of said Congregation, and being thus chosen, they have assumed the name and style of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Congregation at Mendham as witness our own hands and seals this twenty second day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty six.

David Thompson	**	(Seals)
Daniel Cook	**	
Preserve Riggs	**	
James Johnston	**	
John Cary	**	
Artemas Day	**	
William Vandorn	**	

The Original of the above being found in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Morris, I thought it my duty to record the same.

C. Russell - Clk.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SALE OF THE "OLD PARSONAGE LOT" Found in SESSION RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MENDHAM, NEW JERSEY 1796 [26] April 15, 1799 the parish meet and chose Japhat Byram moderator hrra the Question being put whether the old parsonage by Capt Dod: Should be Sold and Voted in the affirmitive and Eleced five men to superintend the Sale there of Elected Preserve Riggs Jacob Thompson Daniel Babbot Nathaniel Clarke Japhat Byram to be a Committe remainder of the May 7 the Committee Reported the A passonage Sold; Sold for one thousand Dollars. which may be seen on the other side: See the next page May 15, 1799 Elisha Beach to take the charge of the Meet house this year and to ring the Bell at nine o'clock at night Six months: the rest of the time as usal, and to have - - £ 7-0-0 (Next page 27-blank) Sold [28] March 1796 one Lot of the parsonage Seven acres Sold to Daniel Thompson Junr £ 40-0-0 for forty pound Lawful money Sold Dollars Cents one Lot to Daniel Thompson Junr Мау ус 7, 1799 507 64 May ye 7, 1799 one Lot to Jonas Willet for 185 84 one Lot sold to George Hull Junr May ye 7, 1799 800 52 one obligation for the above sums Loged in the hands of Capt Dod

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THE FIRST HISTORICAL NARRATIVE 1796

Begun by Rev. Amzi Armstrong



HE earliest attempt to write a history of this church seems to have been made in 1796 by the Rev. Amzi Armstrong. It was written on pages 3, 4, and 5 of the book bearing as its title the

insription: "Records of the Presbyterian Church in Mendham New Jersey—December 17, 1796." The account is simply expressed and will bear quoting in full. It is continued in various handwritings.

THÉ FIRST RECORD

"No Records" of the Church in Mendham prior to the 17th Decemb 1796 are to be found But from the most Authentic information that can be obtained the following summary of the history of the Church is made out.

"Previous to the year 1743 there had been a small Church gathered and organized there and a temporary house of worship erected. In Octob of that year Mr. Eliab Byram from Bridgewater Massachusetts began to preach in Mendham then called *Rocksiticus* and was ordained the Pastor of the Church in that place in the May following. Mr. Ebenezer Byram his Father a man of property and public spirit came with him who by his zeal, activity and liberal and judicious application of his property was greatly instrumental in the prosperity of the Congregation.

"In the spring of 1745 they began to build the present house of worship upon a plan very liberal and extensive for those times and the circumstances of the Congregation.

"After continuing in Mendham as their Pastor for several years Mr. Byram removed to Amwell.

"In the spring of 1753 the Rev. John Pierson who was minister at Woodbridge left that Congregation and settled

^{*} The writer evidently did not consider the "Mendom Congregation Book" a sufficient record of the church activities.

in Mendham where he continued the Pastor of the Church till 1762 when he removed to Long Island.

"In 1763 Mr. Francis Peppard a Licentiate of the Presbytery of N York came to preach and received a Call and was ordained and installed Pastor of the Church in 1764. Considerable additions were made to the Church under his ministrations. In August of 1767 he was dismissed at his own request and the Congregation continued vacant till the spring of 1769 when the Rev. Thomas Lewis from Long Island came and settled among them and continued their minister till his death in August 1777.

"After him the Rev. John Joline was settled as Pastor of the Church in May 1778 and continued minister till the spring of 1795 when he accepted a Call from the Congregation of Florida in the State of New York and removed there.

"In the fall of 1795 Mr. Amzi Armstrong a Licentiate of the Presbytery of N. York began to preach in the Congregation and in the spring following a Call was made out for him which he accepted on the 15th of May 1796 and was ordained and installed Pastor of the Church on the 29th of November following. During his ministry there were four seasons of revival in the Congregation and about 260 members were added to the Church. In October of 1816 he applied to the Presbytery to be dismissed on account of his increasing bodily infirmity and was accordingly dismissed.

"In May of 1816 the old meeting House was taken down and soon after the frame of a new one was raised 45 feet wide and 60 feet long with a steeple at the end which was completed early in the fall of 1817, and solemnly dedicated to God Jany 1st 1818.

"Early in February of 1817 Mr. Saml Hanson Cox, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of New York, commenced preaching here, and in March following an unanimous call was voted to him & accepted by him; in pursuance of which he was, on tuesday the 1st of July following, ordained & installed pastor of the church & congregation. During the spring & summer of 1820 there was considerable attention to religion in the congregation and between thirty and forty members added to the Church.

"See Continuation of Church History in the New Session Record. (folio)"

THE NEW SESSION BOOK "March 22, 1820—August 4, 1860

"Flyleaf—A Continuation of the History of the Church of Mendham from the Old Sessional Record (Octave), page 5.

"In the fall of 1820 the Rev. Saml. H. Cox recd a call from the Spring St. Church in the city of New York which he accepted and removed with his family thither.

"In December 1820 Philip Courtland Day,[†] a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Jersey, following, a unanimous call was voted to him and accepted by him in pursuance of which he was ordained and installed Pastor of this church and congregation, on the 19th day of June, 1821.

"Dr. Hay left here for Newark, from thence to Oswego, N. Y.

"Jno Vanlieu was ordained and installed over this church June 19, 1824 and Rev. D. H. Johnson June 27, 1826. He died July 1, 1852 having suffered from a paralytic stroke for 6 months. His sepulchre is with us to this day. Thomas S. Hastings, licensed and ordained as an evangelist, supplied the pulpit during part of Mr. Johnson's illness and at his death was elected to the pastorate and was installed October 27, 1853

(Continued on page 208)

"The Rev. Theo. F. White, afterward D. D., was installed in the year 1856. In the year 1859 difficulties arose which resulted in the formation of a second Presbyterian church in the village. The pastoral relation was dissolved May 18, 1859.

May 18, 1859. "Rev. David Magie, afterward D. D., was ordained and installed in 1860. Released December 5, 1865 to become pastor of the church in Penn Yan, N. Y.

Thus the record runs on, in the different handwritings of one pastor after another. The history which Rev. Amzi Armstrong started lapsed into simple statements of the installation and dismissal of the pastors.

The earliest printed history of the First Presbyterian Church of Mendham was the address of the Rev. James Carter, later D. D., upon the occasion of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the recognition of the church

[†] A clerical error in the original record. The pastor was Philip C, Hay.

at Rocksiticus in the Minutes of the Synod of Philadelphia, 1738. To that address we are indebted for a concise and carefully written account of the most important events in the life of the congregation. It was printed in pamphlet form, as well as in various newspapers, in 1888, and was reprinted in 1914 for the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Anniversary arranged by the pastor, the Rev. Joseph Gaston Symmes. In the later pamphlet Mr. Symmes' address added further historical information.

FIRST OATHS OF OFFICE RECORDED

Old Mendom Congregation Book

We Samuel Beach and Stephen Dod do firmly profess and swear that we do and will bear true faith and allegiance to the government established in this State and the authority of the people

Taken and subscribed this 22d day of February 1808 before me Preserve Riggs Justice of the Peace Samuel Beach Stephen Dod

We Samuel Beach and Stephen Dod do sincerely profess and swear that we will support the Constitution of the United States.

Taken and subscribed this	Samuel Beach
22d day of February 1808	
before me Preserve Riggs	Stephen Dod
Justice of the Peace	

We Samuel Beach and Stephen Dod do sincerely profess and swear that we will faithfully execute the duties of Trustees of the first Presbyterian Congregation in Mendham, according to the best of our ability and understanding.

Taken and subscribed this 22d day of February 1808	Samuel Beach
before me Preserve Riggs Justice of the Peace	Stephen Dod

ELDERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From the Manual-1855

	Ordained		Died
Samuel McIlrath	Time not known		1804
Robert Cummins	"	**	1780
Beriah Cary	**	"	Date unknown
Samuel Cozad	**	**	1811
Lebeus Dod	**	**	1816
David Thompson	**	**	1821
Nehemiah Day	**	"	1837
William Hudson	17	'98	1813
William Connet	1	17	1800
Elisha Beach	,	**	1815
Preserve Riggs	3	*	1821
Japhet Byram	27		1831
John Hudson	1807		1814
Nehemiah Losey	37		1838
Stephen Thompson	18	12	1858
Ebenezer Fairchild	,	•	
Samuel Beach	18	17	1824
Joel C. Homan	,	9	
Elisha Beach Jr.	39		1850
Daniel Thompson	18	20	
Benjamin Coe	,	•	1863
Stephen Day	,	•	1838†
Lewis Condict	,	,	
Charles Millen			
Luther Thompson	18	45	
Ira Connet		,	1861†
Robert Morrow	**		
George H. Thompson	99		
Joseph S. Babbitt	•	,	

DEACONSEbenezer FairchildLuther ConklingBenjamin CoeWilliam Connet†

ELDERS (continued) 1860-1938

This List Has Been Compiled by the Pastor Rev. Hugh W. Rendall

Name	Ordination or	
_	Installation	Service Ended
Albert N. Pitney	May 3, 1860	1884 (deceased)
Jared L. Sutton	May 8, 1860	1884 (deceased)
Lewis H. Porter	May 3, 1860	(deceased)
Aaron Losey	Feb. 6, 1864	(deceased)
Melancthon Homan	Feb. 6, 1864	(deceased)
William A. McMurtry	Feb. 6, 1864	July 20, 1900 (deceased)
Amzie Babbitt	Feb. 6, 1864	Jan. 16, 1892 (deceased)
Aaron Drake	June 27, 1878	July 28, 1900 (deceased)
Stephen Babbitt	June 27, 1878	July 29, 1895 (doceased)
William A. Ward	June 27, 1878	Aug. 28, 1925 (deceased)
Mahlon Cole	Nov. 2, 1884	Mar. 8, 1918 (deceased)
William Hillard	Nov. 2, 1884	Nov. 1, 1895 (deceased)
John Crane	Nov. 2, 1884	May 6, 1910 (deceased)
M. Fred Babbitt	Apr. 5, 1896	Oct. 16, 1938 (deceased)
George B. Marsh	Apr. 5, 1896	Jan. 21, 1927 (deceased)
S. Eugene Babbitt	Aug. 19, 1900	July 31, 1908 (deceased)
N. Baldwin Thompson	Nov. 22, 1908	Dec. 28, 1920 (deceased)
John D. Lindsley	Nov. 22, 1908	Apr. 2, 1923 (deceased)
Robert M. Babbitt	Nov. 22, 1908	Mar. 2, 1911 (deceased)
A. Seeley Hutchison	May 25, 1919	Mar. 4, 1937
Charles R. Whitehead	May 25, 1919	
William Howell, Jr.	May 25, 1919	
George Jesse Brown	May 25, 1919	Apr. 22, 1922
E. Harris Hulbert	Apr. 10, 1921	-
William A. Nuber	Sept. 20, 1925	Dec. 17, 1927
Lewis F. Wood	June 26, 1927	Feb. 27, 1935 (deceased)
Archibald H. Belton	Jan. 20, 1935	
Edward Garabrant	Jan. 20, 1935	
Charles H. Engel	Feb. 16, 1936	

[†] Omitted in the MANUAL. Ebenezer Byram, Elder. See Records of the Presbyterian Church of U. S. A., May 20, 1747.

THE INSTALLED PASTORS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENDHAM Compiled by Helen M. Wright, 1938

Ordination

Pastor†

1. 4, 12, 13, 20 REV. ELIAB BYRAM (1718-1754) Harvard 1740

REV. JOHN PIERSON (1689-90-1770) Yale 1711; 1714, M. A. Mod. Synod Phila. 1749 & 1760 REV. FRANCIS PEPPARD

REV. FRANCIS PEPPARD (ca 1724-1797) Princeton (CNJ) 1762

1, 3, 10, 13, 20 REV. THOMAS LEWIS (1716-1777) Yale 1741

REV. JOHN JOLINE (-1802) Princeton (CNJ), 1775

1, 2, 11, 17 REV. AMZI ARMSTRONG (1771-1827) Dr. Dwight's School Greenfield, Conn. Princeton (h) 1805, A. M. & (h) 1821, D. D. Prin. Bloomfield Acad. 1816-26

1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 18, 21 REV. SAMUEL HANSON COX (1793-1880) Princeton (CNJ) (h) 1818, A. M. Williams 1823, M.A.; 1825, D.D. Columbia 1863, S. T. D. Prof. Auburn Theo. Sem. '35-37 Chanc. Ingham Univ. '56-63 Mod. Pry. Gen. Assem. (N. S.) '46 A founder of Union Theo. Sem. and New York Univ. Ordination and Installation

Pastor Oct. 1743 Ord. (?) and inst. May 1744 Pry. of New York

Ord. Pry. Phila. 29, Apr. 1717 Inst. 1753

Ord. and Inst. Pry. of New York Oct. 16, 1764

Lic. by Windham Assoc. Oct. 12, 1742; Ord. Mar. 28, 1744. Inst. 1769 From Smithtown, L. I.

Call Sept. 26, 1778. Ord. & Inst. Pry. of New York, Oct. 18, 1780.

Call, fall of 1795 Lic. Pry. N. Y. Oct. 23, 1795 Ord. & inst. Nov. 29, 1796

Ord. & inst. by No Pry. of New York To July 1, 1817 CI Dismissal

June 25, 1751 *To Amwell, N. J.

1762 Fo Jamaica, L. L.⁸ Died Hanover, N. J.

Aug. 4, 1767 *To Hardwick, N. J.

Died in Mendham Aug. 20, 1777 Bur. Mendham

Spring 1795 *To Florida, N.Y.

Oct. 2, 1816 To Bloomfield, N. J. Died Perth Amboy, N. J.² Mar. 4, 1827

Nov. 28, 1820 To Spring St. Ch.⁵ N. Y. City

+ Dates in parentheses refer to birth and death.

^{*} Asterisk before a place name indicates death of pastor while stationed there.

Pastor	Ordination and Installation	Dismissal
REV. PHILIP COURTLANDT HAY 1, 2, 11 (1793-1860) Princeton (CNJ) 1818 Hobart 1839, D. D. Mod. Gen. Assem. (N. S.) 1849	Ord. & Inst. by Pry of Jersey June 19, 1821	Dec. 1, 1822 *To Newark, N.J. Died Dec. 27, 1860 ²
1, 14, 15 (Vanlieu) (1798-1869) Queens (Rutgers) 1816 New Brunswick Sem. 1820 Rutgers 1867, D. D.	Lic. Classis of New Brunswick probably 1820 Ord. and inst. by Pry. of Elizabeth Town June 19, 1824	Jan. 10, 1826 *To Readington, N. J. Died Oct. 18, 1869
1, 15 REV. DANIEL H. JOHNSON (1801-1852) Yale, 1820	Lic. Pry. N. Y. Ord. and inst. by Pry. Elizabeth- Town June 27, 1826	Died Mendham July 1, 1852 Bur. Mendham
1. 2. 8. 9, 18 REV. THOMAS S. HASTINGS (1827-1911) Hamilton, 1848; LH.D. '97 Union Theo. Sem. '51 New York Univ. '65, D.D. Princeton (CNJ) 1888, LL.D. Pres. Union Theo. Sem. '87-'97 Director Union Sem. '64-'81; '87-'97	Ord. Evang. by 4th Pry. of New York, July 7, 1852 Inst. Oct. 27, '52	June 30, 1856 To Carmine St. Ch. (West) N. Y. City
REV. THEODORE FREHLING- HUYSEN WHITE ⁸ (1830-1910) New York Univ. 1849 Union Theo. Sem. ⁵ 3 Maryville 1871, D.D.	Ord. 3rd Pry. of New York Jan. 4, 1854 Inst. Aug. 1856	Resigned May 18, 1859 to organize 2nd Presbyterian Ch. of Mendham
REV. DAVID MAGIE 7, 11 (1857-1910) Princeton (CNJ) 1856 Princeton Theo. Sem. '60 Hamilton 1870, D. D.	Ord. Pry. Newark (N. S.) Aug. 14. 1860 Inst. Aug. 14, '60	Dec. 3, 1865 To Penn Yan, N. Y.
REV. SANDFORD H. SMITH (1834-1873) Princeton (CNJ) 1854 Princeton Theo. Sem. '60	Ord. Pry. Winona Oct. 27, 1863 Inst. May 16, 1866	Apr. 21, 1869 To Westfield, N. Y.
REV. ISRAEL WILLIAMS COCHRAN 7 (1841-1887) New York Univ. 1862 Princeton Theo. Sem. '66	Ord. Pry. Conn. Valley July 13, 1868 Inst. June 15, 1870	June 1, 1886 Died New York City Feb. 15, 1887 Bur. Mendham

Pastor REV. JAMES CARTER 8, 12 (1853-Living) Columbia Coll. 1882 Union Theo. Sem. '85 Franklin and Marshal '21, D. D. Prof. Lincoln Univ. 1905	Ordination and Installation Ord. Pry. Morris and Orange, Sept. 15, 1885	Dismissal Nov. 3, 1889 To Williamsport, Pa.
REV. GEORGE PLEASANTS NOBLE 8, 12 (1845-1918) Williams 1865 Union Theo. Sem. '68	Ord. by 3rd Pry. New York Inst. June 10, 1890	Oct. 1, 1901 To Carmel, N. Y. Died Roslyn Hts., N. Y. Buried New Windsor, N. Y.
REV. ROBERT J. JOHNSTON (1860-1936) b. Belfast Royal Univ., Belfast, Ire. San. Fran. Theo. Sem. 1897 Ill. Weelgyan Univ. 1901, M. A.; 1903, Ph.D.	Ord. Pry. Sacra- mento, Calif. Oct. 20, 1897 Inst. Feb. 11, 1902	1907 To Honeybrook, Pa.
REV. JOSEPH GASTON SYMMES 7, 11 (1870-1916) Princeton (CNJ) 1892 Princeton Theo. Sem. '97	Ord. Pry. Mon- mouth, N. J. Nov. 80, 1897 Inst. July 14, '08	Died at Mendham April 5, 1916 Bur. Cranbury, N. J.
REV. HUGH WATSON REN- DALL 7, 11 Lincoln Univ. 1900 Lincoln Univ. Theo. Sem. '01 Princeton Univ. 1903, M.A. Princeton Theo. Sem. 1904 Dubuque Univ. 1920, D. D.	Ord. Pry. Ches- ter, Pa. May 12, 1904 Inst. Oct. 10, 1916	Present Pastor

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[†] Mr. Frederick R. Guerin, Treasurer, died May 16, 1938. Mr. Wilson Neill, Acting Treasurer.

Notes and Clippings

NOTICES FROM THE NEW-YORK OBSERVER

Issue of July 1, 1826. Vol. IV, No. 26, p. 103

Ordinations

"Ordained and Installed over the Presbyterian Church in Mendham, on Tuesday last, Mr. Daniel H. Johnson. Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hyndshaw of New Providence. Rev. Mr. Thompson of Connecticut Farms, presided and gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Osborn, of Metuchen, the charge to the people."

Issue of February 28, 1835, p. 35

Conflagation of a Church

"On the morning of the seventeenth (Tuesday) before day, the village of Mendham, Morris County, N. J., were aroused with the alarm of 'fire,' which was soon seen to proceed from the portico and spire of their beautiful and very commodious church, situated 'on a hill,' and that could 'not be hid' from the sight of the surrounding country for many miles... In about two hours, that comely pile was a mass of ruins, level with the ground, its ashes blown to the winds of heaven.

The cause can be ascertained and deplored, more easily than the effect repaired. It was purely accidental... in combustion resulting from ashes, with some live embers, improperly put away by the unhappy sexton. The loss is estimated at about \$9,000...."

After making an appeal to the public for assistance in rebuilding, and promising to insure the next church, the notice closes, signed by "Daniel H. Johnson, Pastor." Then follows a paragraph written by Dr. Samuel H. Cox, supporting the general appeal to churches and individuals, upholding the propriety of it, and commending the "affectionate zeal" of his former congregation in making such a request.

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Symbols

- c Received on certificate All others were received on profession
- * Deceased while a member-before 1855
- d Dismissed
- s Suspended
- () The name of the husband of a married woman has been put in parentheses when known.
 - x History unknown

	Members	Adı	nitted	Dismissed or Deceased
*	Ebenezer Byram	Not	known	1753
*	Stephen Dod.	"	,,	1764
*	Robert Cummins.	,,	"	1780
*	Rev. Thaddeus Dod.	,,	39	1793
*	Samuel McIlarth,	,,	"	1804
*	William Alexander	""	"	1796
*	Mrs. Janet Alexander, (William,) "	,,	1804
*	John Drake.	, "	,,	1784
*	Mrs. Sarah Drake, (John,)	,,	**	1104
*	John Carey.	,,	"	
*	Joseph Thompson,	,,	,,	1749
*	Mrs. Lydia Thompson,	,,	**	1749
*	Daniel Cook,	,,	"	1142
*	Rev. Henry Cook.	,,	,,	
*	David Hudson,	,,	,,	
*	David Thompson,	,,	,,	1821
*		\ "	"	1831
*	Mrs. Hannah Thompson, (David, Mrs. Eunice Hudson, (William.)	,, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	,,	
*		,,	"	1819
*	Mrs. Phebe Day, (N.,)	,,	"	
*	Daniel Babbit,	,,	"	1000
*	Mrs. Sarah Babbit, (Daniel,)	,,,	,,	1832
	Jacob Thompson,	,,,	,,	
Ŧ	Thomas Homan,	"	· · ·	1842

	Members	Adı	nitted	Dismissed or Deceased
*	Mrs. Hannah C. Homan, (T.,)	Not	known	1795
*	Samuel Cozad.	""	"	1811
*	Mrs. Priscilla Cozad, (Samuel,)	"	,,	1825
*	Mrs. Sibillah C. Beach,			
	(Elisha, Sr.,)	**	"	1822
*	Mrs. Mary Pitney, (Jonathan,)	"	"	1818
*	Zebulon Riggs,	,,	, >>	1780
*	Beriah Carey.	"	31	
*	Artemas Day,	**		
*	Henry Axtell,	**	"	
*	Mrs. Phebe Axtell, (Henry,)	,,	**	
*	Henry Conkling,	,,	"	1820
*	Sibillah Drake,	"	**	1817
*	khoda Riggs, (Thomas,)	"	**	
*	Preserve Riggs.	"	**	1821
*	Mrs. Puah Riggs, (Preserve,)		**	1822
*	Mrs. Abigail Millen,			
	(Charles, Sr.,)	"	**	1833
*	Japhet Byram,	,,	**	1831
*	Mrs. Sarah Byram, (J.,)	"	? *	1837
*	Mrs. Abigail Connet, (L.,)	"	"	
*	Azubah Lefever,	**	"	
*	Mrs. Mary Armstrong, (Rev. A.,)"	**	
	Rev. Stephen O. Thompson,	• ••	"	
*	Elisha Beach, Jr.,	"	,,	1850
*	Simeon Tuttle,	"	**	1810
*	John Hudson,	33 -	**	1814
*	Miss Thankful Carey,	"	**	
d	Mrs. Rebecca C. Ward,	**	,,	
*	Henry Connet,	"	,,	1826
*	Mrs. Abigail Mills, (Timothy,)	,,	••	1825
*	Mrs. Mary Connet, (Henry,)	"	"	1837
*	Samuel Beach,	"	**	1824
*	Mrs. Jemima Pruden, (Benj.,)	**	34	1823
*	William Loveridge,	"	**	1805
*	Mrs. Hannah Loveridge, (Wm.,)	"	**	
đ	Mrs. Susannah Wood, (Clemens,)"	,,	
d	Samuel Cozad, Jr.,		"	
đ	Mrs. Jane Cozad, (Samuel, Jr.,)	**	**	
*	David Lyon.	"	"	
*	Mrs. Sarah Vance, (Samuel,)	"	. "	1826
*	Benjamin Leonard,	1	797 🐭	1831
*	Mrs. Lois Leonard, (Benj.,)		**	1808
d	Samuel Day,		**	1819

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
4	Mrs. Elizabeth Morrow, (John,)	1797	1832
d	Mrs. Rhoda Dayton, (John,)		1814
u	Mrs. Phebe Fairchild, (Ebenezer,)	,,	1014
*	Mrs. Martha Drake. (John.)	,,	1813
*	Nathaniel Clarke, (John,)	,,	1815
*		,,	
*	Mrs. Joanna Clarke, (N.,)	,,	1830
*	Mrs. Sarah Morgan, (Philip,)	••	1000
	Nehemiah Losey,	,,	1838
d	Simeon Cory,	**	
	Ebenezer Fairchild,	,,	
d	Mrs. Phebe Burt,	,,	1812
*	Mrs. Mary Willett, (Jonas,)	,,	1850
*	Mrs. Rachel Cooper, (Henry, Jr.,)		1852
*	Mrs. Simeon Sanders,	**	1851
*	Benjamin Pruden,	**	1807
d	Benjamin Beach,	**	1831
d	Mrs. Elizabeth Beach, (Benj.,)	"	1831
đ	Jacob Hathaway,	1798	1807
d	Mrs. Lydia Hathaway, (Jacob.)	,,	1807
*	Rev. Elias Riggs,	,,	
*	Mrs. Hannah Thompson, (Jacob.)	**	1833
*	Mrs. Sarah Millen. (Robert.)	**	1844
*	Miss Jane Lewis.	"	1808
х	Mrs. Betsey Hopkins, (Stephen,)	,,	2000
*	Jephtha Nightser.	1798	1812
d	Mrs. Triphene Hull, (Jacob,)	1799	1808
ď	Miss Jane Morrow,	1799	1809
*	Miss Hannah Pitney.	"	1820
	Daniel Thompson,	1801	1020
*	Mrs. Lydia Thompson, (Daniel,)	1001	1832
d	Jason Horton.	,	1807
đ	Mrs. Mary Horton, (Jason,)	,,	1807
*	Mrs. Catherine Loveridge, (Wm.,)	,,	1804
*	Mrs. Sibillah O. Ray, (J.,)	"	1831
*		,,	1831
*	Mrs. Mary Axtell, (Calvin,)	,,	
*	Mrs. Hannah Condict, (Zenas,)		1818
*	Mrs. Puah Riggs, (Preserve,)	1802	1822
*	Jonah Garrison,	1803	1831
*	Peter Gillem,	,,	1849
*	John Drake,	"	10/2
	Daniel Carey,	,, ,,	1840
d	Rev. Henry Axtell, D.D.,		1805
d	Mrs. Hannah Axtell, (Rev. Henry,)) "	1805
d	Stephen Day,	· ·	1838

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
đ	Benjamin Leach.	1803	1819
¥	Joseph Thompson,	1000	1824
*	Luther Conkling.	,,	1845
*	James Morrow,	"	1040
đ	Ezra Cooke,	,,	1805
u	William Babbitt,	,,	1000
*	Abram Byram,	,,	1832
*	Parmenas Dod,	"	1811
*	Mrs. Ruth Cory, (James,)	,,	1805
đ	Mrs. Martha Hurlburt, (Joshua,	` "	1805
*	Mrs. Phebe Clark, (Isaac,)	, "	1820
đ	Mrs. Pamelia Day, (Bethuel,)	,,	1805
ď	Mrs. Sophia Day, (Samuel,)	,,	1805
*	Mrs. Phebe Homan, (Thomas,)	"	1832
*	Mrs. Elizabeth Axtell, (Silas,)	,,	1850
*	Mrs. Elizabelli Axtell, (Slias,)	,,	1831
d	Mrs. Rachel Vance, (John,)	a) > "	1991
u	Mrs. Christiana Hayden, (Samu		
đ	Mrs. Abigail Ballentine, (James	5) [°]	1017
d	Mrs. Mehitable Dod, (Stephen,)	"	1817
*	Mrs. Sarah Carey, (Henry,)	,,	1805 1831
*	Mrs. Lydia Conkling, (Henry,)	"	
*	Mrs. Lurana Beach, (Samuel,)	**	1820
*	Mrs. Sarah Latham,	,,	1836
	Miss Mary Drake,	,,	1826 1853
	Miss Hannah Hudson,	,,	1893
d d	Miss Eliza Benham,	"	1000
a *	Mrs. Sarah Williams, (Samuel,)	"	1808
	Miss Elizabeth Byram,	,,	1817
d *	Miss M. Day,	,,	1806
	Miss Abigail Dod,	,,	1809
d d	Miss Elizabeth Morrow,	,,	1811
4 *	Mrs. Sarah Guest, (William,)	,,	1820
	Aaron Roberts,	**	1815
đ *	Jesse Upson, M.D.,		1838
đ	John Vance,	**	1839
α *	Samuel Stansbury,	**	1810
	Robert Millen,	,,	1837
d	Stephen Dod, Sr.,	,,	1817
đ	Clement Carey,	"	1807
đ	Pitney Guest,	,,	1812
d d	Stephen Dod, Jr.,	· "	1814
α	John Byram,	"	1830
d	Elijah Martin,	,,	1011
u	Joseph Blazer,	•	1811

	Members .	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
*	Darius Babbit,	1803	1831
d	Peter Norris.	**	1809
d	Mrs. Phebe Norris, (Peter,)	**	1809
d	Samuel Slauson,	**	1806
d	Mrs. Mary Slauson, (Samuel,)	,,	1806
d	Noah Dayton,	**	1841
*	Mrs. Elizabeth Dayton, (Noah,)	"	1834
*	Amos Marsh,	"	
*	Mrs. Sophia Marsh, (Amos,)	"	1822
d	John Woodruff,	"	1841
d	Mrs. Rebecca Woodruff, (John,)	**	1852
d	Mrs. Nancy M. Lynn, (Joseph,)	,,	1816
*	Mrs. Sophia C. Garrabrant,	,,	1852
d	Samuel Demoney, Mrs. Demoney, (Samuel,)	**	
d	Mrs. Demoney, (Samuel,)	**	
d	Ludlow Norris,	**	1805
d	Mrs. Abigail Norris, (Ludlow,)	,,	1805
*	Daniel Drake,	"	1834
*	Mrs. Eunice Drake, (Daniel,)	"	1844
*	Daniel Carson,	**	
*	Mrs. Elizabeth Carson, (Daniel,)	"	
*	Mrs. Eve Eells,	**	1816
*	Mrs. Eunice Martin,	**	
*	Mrs. Sarah Wills, (James,)	"	1804
d	Mrs. Abigail Howell, (Abm.,)	,,	1819
*	Mrs. Mary Compton, (Job,)	,,	1849
d	Mrs. Crane, (John,)	**	1822
*	Mrs. Patience Dod, (Parmenas,)	"	1844
*	Mrs. Sarah Carnes, (Ephraim,)	"	1832
*	Mrs. Desire Dlarymple, (John,)	"	1819
*	Mrs. Phebe Sanders, (Asa,)	"	1853
*	Mrs. Catherine Wolfe, (Thomas,)	, ,,	1821
*	Mrs. Elizabeth Doty, (Joseph,) Mrs. Dinah Leach, (Benjamin,)	**	1817
*	Mrs. Dinah Leach, (Benjamin,)	**	1812
d	Mrs. Abigail Nightser, (Jephtha,)	,,	1834
*	Mrs. Sophia Gillem, (Peter,)	**	1849
х	Mrs. Phebe Coe, (James,)	**	
*	Mrs. Mary Garrison, (Jonah.)	"	1831
đ	Mrs. Mary Hudson, (John,)	,,	1825
*	Mrs. Eunice Carey, (Daniel,)	,,	1843
d	Mrs. Lydia Matton, (Abm.,)	"	1805
d	Mrs. Hannah Vanhouter, (Joseph	l,) "	1818
х	Miss Mary Dod,		
	Miss Prudence Minton,	"	

•	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
đ	Mrs. Margaret E. Cummings, (David,) 1803	1820
	Miss Azubah Dod,	, <u>,</u> ,	
*	Mrs. Sarah M. Roff, (Samuel,)	,,	
	Mrs. Nancy Breese, Mrs. Catherine B. Talmage.	,,	
c*	Miss Sarah Roberts.	**	1817
d	Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, (Aaron	,) "	1820
c*	John Dalrymple,	**	1818
đ	Thomas Wolfe,	1804	1825
* 1	Asa Sanders,	,,	1840 1805
d *	Henry Carey, Ziba Sanders,	,,	1805
d	Odel Squier,	,,	1806
*	Mrs. Susanna Sutton,	,,	
đ	Mrs. Rhoda Squier, (John.)	••	1810
*	Mrs. Abigail Shaver, (Martin,)	**	1831
x	Mrs. Mary Lewis,	••	
d d	Mrs. Abigail Hull, (George,) Mrs. Elizabeth Dickerson,		1808
α	Mrs. Elizabeth Dickerson, (Gamalie	al) "	
x	Miss Eunice Youngs,	,,, ,,	
â	Mrs. Joanna Blazer, (Joseph.)	1805	
č	Benjamin Coe.	**	
·c*	Mrs. Margaret Coe, (Benjamin,		1833
cd	John Dayton,	••	1814
c*	Mrs. Elizabeth Dayton, (John,)		1806
d cd	Miss Sarah Homan,	,,	1809 1815
cd	John Humes, Mrs. Rhoda Humes, (John,)	,,	1815
.c*	Mrs. Sarah S. Sutton, (Shadrac	h.) 1806	1822
cd	Mrs. Mary Barnet, (David,)	"	1819
*	Miss Hannah Blachley,	1807	1852
·c*	James Ray,	,, ,,	1826
X *	Jeremiah Breese,		1050
*	Rachel, (slave, colored woman,) Mrs. Phebe Stansberry, (Samue		1852 1808
d	Mrs. Triphene Clark. (John.)	1808	1808
*	Ziba Dod.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1814
*	James Ballentine,	••	1854
d	Stephen Dod,	**	1812
*	Mrs. Sarah Pitney, (Mahlon,)	,, ,,	1818
* L	Mrs. Phebe Hudson, (Elias,)	••	1842
ď	Mrs. Nancy Dod, (Daniel,)	.,	1852

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
х	Mrs. Susan Squier, (Jesse,)	1808	
*	Joseph Sutton,	,,	1822
*	Mrs. Martha Sutton, (Joseph,)	**	1848
d	Samuel Humes,	,,	
d	Mrs. Sarah Humes, (Samuel,)	**	
*	Mrs. Nancy Day, (Nehemiah,) Mrs. Mary Miller, (Silas,)	**	1853
d	Mrs. Mary Miller, (Silas,)	**	
d	Mrs. Asenath Casterline,	**	1811
d	Mrs. Phebe B. Dod, (Rev. S.,)	**	1814
*	Mrs. Eleanor Thompson, (Clavir	1,) "	1840
*	Miss Sarah Thompson,	***	
d	Miss Phebe Congar,	"	1813
	Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ensley,	"	
*	Mrs. Susan Thompson, (Stephen	,) "	1841
	Mrs. Ruhama Thompson, (Luth	er,) "	
cd	Mrs. Mary Upson, (Dr. Jesse,) Mrs. Mary Tiger, (Jacob,)	"	
cd	Mrs. Mary Tiger, (Jacob,)	"	1823
cd	Miss Lucretia Saxton,	,, ,,	1812
*	John Carey,	"	1824
d	Daniel Dod,	**	1812
d	Rev. Jacob Tuttle,	,,	1814
x	Henry Wilson,	,,	
X *	John Burt,	,,	1001
*	Elias Babbit,	,,	1821
-	Elias Hudson,	,,	1849
د	Stephen Thompson,	,,	1000
d *	Erastus Upson,	**	1809
c*	Ebenezer Norris,	,,	1843 1819
C.	Mrs. Hannah Dod, (Abner,)	,,	1919.
	David Thompson, Joel C. Homan,	,,	
*	Rev. Ezra Halsey Day,	,,	
х	Amzi Chidester,	,,	
â	Phebe, (colored woman,)	,,	
đ	Margaret, (colored woman,)	1809	1816
*	Rev. John M. Babbit.	1005	1845
cd	James Clarke,	,,	1811
cđ	Mrs. Anne Clarke, (James,)	,,	1811
c*	Mrs. Grace Smith, (Jacob,)	**	1822
č*	Mrs. Eleanor Nevius, (Joseph,)	,,	1816
čď	Aaron Carey,	1810	1828
cđ	Mrs. Mary Moore,	1811	2020
ex	David Ball,	10,71	
cd	Ezekiel Day,	**	
	- addition 1003 ;		

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
°C*	John B. Comfort,	1812	
*	Mrs. Anne Beach, (Elisha,)	"	1822
cd	Joseph K. Gardiner,	**	1827
	Reported to Presbytery Oct. 6, 1	1812, 209 n	nembers
đ	Mrs. Sarah Comfort, (John B.,)		
*	Miss Martha Homan,	,,	1832
d	Joseph Nevius,	**	
	James Wills Drake,	"	
d	Mrs. Angelina Babbit, (Amzi,)		1825
*	Mrs. Elizabeth Greacen, (Isaac,)) 1813	1834
*	Mrs. Elizabeth Corwin, (John C.		1834
d	Henry Mills,	"	1813
*	Sarah Dod.	"	1854
	Mrs. Mary L. Latham, (John,)	"	
đ	Amzi Babbit,	"	1825
u		110 maanala	
	Reported to Presbytery, 2		rs
c	Mrs. Sarah Byram, (Abraham,)	1814	
d	Mrs. Hannah Leach, (Benjamin	,)	1819
d d	Mrs. Amelia Blackwell, (Joshua	.) "	1817
d	Mrs. Rachel T. Reed, (Richard,))	1822
*	Mrs. Sarah Thompson, (Daniel H	.,)†"	1818
·c*	Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, (J.,)	** **	
*	Rev. Amzi Babbit,	1815	1845
*	Rev. William J. Armstrong, D.D.	,,	1846
d	Bailes Dayton,	* **	
cd		**	
cd	Charles Thompson,		
d	Aaron Woodruff,	1816	
*	Mrs. Susanna Rush, (Jacob.)	"	1816
d	Mrs. Elizabeth Connet, (Samuel	.) "	1820
ed	Mrs. Sarah Stryker, (Garret,)	"""	
	Reported 205 men	nbers	
cd	William Walkingshaw.	1816	1817
cd	Mrs. Margaret Walkingshaw,	1010	1011
-u	(William	n) "	1817
	Mrs. Abigail M. Roff, (Samuel,)	1, <i>)</i> ,,	1011
d	Miss Sarah Vandebaruck.	**	1821
<u> </u>			1021
+ 11	he original record reads. "Oct 16	1814 Mra	Sarah wife of

[†] The original record reads: "Oct. 16, 1814, Mrs. Sarah wife of Mr. Daniel H. Thompson and Miss Elizabeth Thompson from South Hanover." This is on page 287 of the Session Record begun 1796. "Miss Rachel Thompson" precedes the name of Mrs. Sarah Thompson and was admitted on the same date.

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
cd	Mrs. Hannah N. Hull, (Daniel,) Mrs. Abiah Hyde Cox,	1816	
cu	(Rev. S. H., D.D.)	1817	1820
d	Mrs. Hannah P. Aber, (Wm.,)	>> >>	1820
d cd	Mrs. Mary B. Beach, (Charles,) Mrs. Jane Beatty,	**	1817
cd	Mrs. Elizabeth Cleveland,		1017
	(Aaron,) "	1820
*	Mrs. Rachel W. Martin,		1848
đ	Henry Babbit, Amzi Carey,	1818	
đ	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Woodruff,		
	(Absalom, M.D.,) "	1822
d *	Mrs. Mary D. Thompson, (Aaron, Mrs. Sarah Greacen, (Walter,)) "	1822
d	Mrs. Eleanor Dunster,	**	1813
C	Joseph Lynn,	**	
d	Mrs. Elizabeth Corwin, (J. C.,)	" 1014	1822
d c*	Mrs. Rachel Reed, (Richard,) Mrs. Rebecca Pitney, (Mahlon,)	1814 1818	1821
Ũ	Mrs. Mary Wolfe, (Peter,)	""	
d	Mrs. Phebe Pierson, (Samuel,)	,,	1821
	Reported to Presbytery, 204 1	memb <mark>ers</mark> ,	1818
	Mrs. Sarah Vankirk, (Horace,)	1819	
x d	Mrs. Anna B. Brown, (Uriah,) Mrs. Ruth U. Thompson, (Albert,		
d	Abner Connet.	1800	1820
cd	Richard Reed,	1819	1822
ex	Mrs. Jemima Stillwell, (Nicholas,) "	
d x	Nicholas Stillwell, Mrs. Anna Bonnel. (Nathaniel.)	1800	
*	Abner Leach.	""	
c*	Mrs. Catherine Homan, (J. C.,)	1819	1851
c	Mrs. Sarah Williams, (Samuel,)	,,	
x cd	Elizabeth Whitehead, Charles Beach,	**	
cd	Henry Pruden,	**	
	Charles Millen,	1820	
*	Daniel Losey, Mrs. Harriet Losey, (Daniel,)	**	1820
cđ	Wm. C. Gildersleeve,	"	1822
cd	Mrs. Phebe Dod, (Abner,)	"	1825
d	Mrs. Nancy Guerin, (Jonas,)	"	1855

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	Mrs. Sarah Voorhees, (Henry V.,)	1820	
cd		•,	1823
cd	Henry Beach,	,,	1821
cd	Mrs. Rhoda Beach, (Henry,)	**	1821
ex			
cd	Mrs. Eliza Perrine, (Peter,)	,,	1823
c	Mrs. Eunice Carey, (John,)	**	2020
cď	Gavin McCoy,	,,	1822
cd	Mrs. Martha McCoy, (Gavin,)	,,	1822
*	Ephraim Sanders,	,,	1852
d	Henry Axtell,	,,	1002
*	Elias Vance,	,,	1855
	Moses Babbit,	,,	1000
		,,	
X	Elias Beach,	,,	1000
d	Daniel Pruden,	•,	1833
d *	Mrs. Phebe Loree, (Henry D.,)		1855
	Mrs. Mary R. Thompson,	\ <i>''</i>	1000
_	(Daniel, 3d	·)	1823
d	Mrs. Sarah B. Axtell, (John,)	"	
d	Miss Rachel Byram,	**	
d	Mrs. Sarah C. Whitehead,		
	(Abner		
	Mrs. Sarah M. Clark, (Jesse,)	. ,,	
*	Miss Hannah C. Hudson,	,,	1853
	Reported 240 member	s, 1820	
d	Mrs. Jane B. Lyon,		
-	(Rev. Harvey,)	1820	1825
	Mrs. Hannah D. Kellogg,	1020	1080
	(Charles) »	1827
d	Mrs. Phebe P. Woodruff, (Aaron		1001
d	Mrs. Abigail Axtell, (Henry.)	""	
ď	Benjamin W. Marsh,	"	1821
u	Rev. E. R. Fairchild, D.D.,	"	1021
d	Alexander Morrow.	"	1850
-		"	
d *	Aaron Schenck,	"	1821
	Daniel Schenck,	,,	1833
	Mrs. Mary B. Nicholas,	"	
x	Mrs. Clarissa Cobb, (John,)	**	1005
đ	Mrs. Hannah Day,		1825
d	Mrs. Nancy C. Condict, (Lewis,)	**	1823
	Mrs. Abigail H. Vance, (Elias,)	**	
*	Silas Beach,	**	1826

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
đ	Mrs. Phebe Carey, (Aaron,)	1820	1828
ā	Miss Hannah L. Johnson,	,,	1824
ā	Sarah Voorhees.	**	1823
đ	Mrs. Rachel Pruden, (Henry,)	**	
*	Mrs. Martha Day, (Stephen,)	**	1829
	Mrs. Mary Beach, (Elisha.)	**	
cd	Mrs. Mary Beach, (Elisha,) Mrs. Sarah Day, (Ezekiel,)	1821	
ď	Mrs. Phebe C. Upson, (Wm.,)		1826
*	Mrs. Hannah C. Carey,		
	(Aaron, 2d	L) "	1848
	Mrs. Sophia M. Marsh, (Freeman		
cđ	Mrs. Mary W. Hay, (Rev.	-,,	
	P. C., D.D) "	1823
cd	Mrs. Elizabeth Beach,	·,/ ,/	1823
cd	Mrs. Jane Hay,	,,	1823
cd			1020
cu	(Rev. E	.) "	
*	Samuel Meeker, (colored,)		
d	James Voorhees,		
*	Mrs. Nancy Voorhees, (James,)	**	1843
х	Eleanor Guest,	77 .	-010
ex	Mrs. Joanna C. Pierson, (Henry	·.) "	
*	John Nevius, (colored.)	""	
	Reported 226 member	rs, 1822	
d	Mrs. Ann W. Vanlieu.		
	(Rev. John,)	1822	1827
c*	Miss Phebe Easton.	"	1822
cd	Mrs. Susan Byram, (John,)	1824	1830
cd	Eliphalet Seely,	**	1829
cd	Mrs. Eliphalet Seely,	"	1829
*	Mrs. Hannah Fairchild,		
	(Rev. E. R., D.D.) "	1825
d	Mrs. Phebe Stites,	**	1844
*	Mrs. Lydia Morrow, (Robert,)	**	1827
	Amzi Vance.	1825	
d	Isaac Beadle,	"	
d	Mrs. Jane Quimby, (John,)	,,	1246
С	Mrs. Miriam Drake. (John.)	"	
cd	Mrs. Lorey,	,,	1854
*	Mrs. Newton Baldwin,	1826	1854
х	Miss Lois Young	,,	
d	Mrs. Juliana E. Condict, (U.,)	**	1831
С	Mrs. Elizabeth Dalzel,	"	

	Members	Admitted	. Dismissed or Deceased
С	Miss Ann Wilson,	1826	,
c*	Mrs. Ann Marsh, (Amos,)	.,,,	1853
č	Mrs. Sarah Johnson, (Rev. D. H.	` ",	1000
c*	Mrs. Hannah Axtell, (John,)	·) ·)	1830
-	Mrs. Eliza Garrabrant.	"	1000
c d	Josephus Saunders.	1827	1833
ď	Rev. Ephraim Saunders,	1041	1833
ď		* **	1833
u	Amzi Beach,	,,	1099
*	Robert Morrow,	,,	1000
	Miss Hannah Homan,	,,	1830
cđ	Lucy Paterson, (colored,)	"	1834
cđ	William Aber,	,,	1827
cd	Mrs. Hannah P. Aber, (Wm.,)		1827
	Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Babbit,	` "	
	(Wm.	,)	
	Mrs. Martha Sutton, (Jonathan,)) "	
	Mrs. Eliza Ralston Arrowsmith.	**	
c*	Mrs. Margaret Riggs.		
	(Rev. Elias,)	1828	
с	Mrs. Elizabeth Howell, (David,)	"	
C	William Whitlock.	**	
*	Miss Lydia Cooper.	**	1854
	Mrs. Martha Jane Riggs, wife of		1004
	Rev. E. R. Riggs, D.D., mis-		
	sionary at Constantinople,	,,	
	• • • •	1000	1007
đ	Manuel N. Byram,	1829	1835
đ	William Connet,	**	1833
	Byram C. Chidester,	.,	
d	Benjamin Marsh,	,,	1010
•	Daniel H. Thompson,†	,,	1843
	Nathaniel Carey,		
	Mrs. Matilda Carey, (Nathaniel,)) "	
_	Mrs. Phebe Babbit, (Henry,)		
d	Mrs. Ann Knighton, (Thomas,)	*3	
сx	David Lockwood,		
	Mrs. Catherine Ballentine, (J. J.		
	Miss Jane Cary,	**	
đ	Mrs. Mary Byram, (Manuel N.,)	- 93	1835
d	Thomas, (colored boy,)	,,	
*	John Coe,	9 3	1836

[†] Daniel Haines Thompson (wife Sarah Crane) died April 2, 1818; their son Daniel Haines Thompson Jr. (wife Sarah Loree) died 1843. See cemetery inscriptions.

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	Abraham Degroat.	1829	
*	Jonathan Sutton.	22	1840
đ	Jacob Beach,	,,	
đ	James Day,	,,	
đ	Mrs. Sarah D. King, (George,)	**	
đ	Rhoda Day.	**	
ā	Miss Eliza Knighton,	"	1837
*	Miss Elizabeth McMasters,	,,	
	Miss Mary M. Byram,	,,	
d	Mrs. Catherine C. Smith,		
d	Mrs. Harriet Knightser,	¥9	
ā	Harvey Day,	**	
ā	Silas Axtell.	••	
đ	Jonathan Upson,	"	1837
đ	Matthias Coe,	,,	2001
d d	Miss Sarah Woodruff,	**	
d	Miss Jane Woodruff,	"	
đ *	Ellis Morris.	,,	1833
*	Mrs. Sarah D. Cooper,	,,	1853
d	Mrs. Frances W. Denton, (Rev. J		2000
*	Miss Pamelia Conkling.	•••	
*	Mrs. Rebecca Conkling, (Luther) "	1850
đ	Miss Elizabeth Upson,	· •	1000
đ	Mrs. Emily Losey,	**	
*	Charles Garner.	**	
đ	Mrs. Julia Nevius, (John,		
	colored	EA	
*	Phillis, (colored.)	~, <i>)</i>	
*	Mrs. Sarah Chidester, (B. C.,)	,,	1836
*	Mrs. Phebe Degroat, (Abraham,	`	1550
đ	Mary Bedell,) 	
u	Mrs. Persis Sutton, (Joseph P.,)	1830	
	Mrs. Sibillah B. Carey,	1000	
	(Stepher	· · · ·	
	Miss Eunice Norris,	^{,,} ,,	
đ	Miss Mary Upson,	**	
u	Stephen Carey,	**	
cd	Jane Pruden.		
*	Mrs. Union Howell, (James.)	,,	1831
đ	Miss Esther R. West,	**	1853
đ	Mrs. Emma Beach, (Isaac,)		TOOD
*	Mrs Many Ann Nashitt (Unah	\ <i>"</i>	1855
	Mrs. Mary Ann Nesbitt, (Hugh Mrs. Mary Owens, (John,)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1855
	Miss Jane M. Norris.	1831	10-10
	MIDS JAILE MI. INUITIS,	1091	

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	Mrs. Tempe L. Thompson, (George H.,)	1831	
d		**	
	Mrs. Hannah T. Coe. (Benjamin	1,) "	
	Miss Sarah Wilson,	***	
	Mrs. Phebe Vorhees,	"	
	Melancthon Thompson,	**	
	John P. Smith,	**	
*	Mrs. Chloe Fairchild, (Ezra,)	**	1854
	John Cramer,	**	
х	Elizabeth Cramer,	` >>	
d	Michael Gillem,	37	
	Mrs. Sarah Groff, (Joseph,)	**	
	Mrs. Sarah Ann Cramer, (John,)	22	
*	Mrs. Ann Degroat, (Peter,)	**	1844
đ	Mrs. Mary S. Axtell,	**	
	Luther Thompson,	**	
	Isaac Leonard,	,,	
	Miss Sarah Conkling.	,,	
d	Abraham Hudson.	,,	1836
d	Mrs. Hannah Hudson, (Abraham		1836
đ	George Cramer, Sr.,	"""	
	Robert Thompson,	,,	
cđ		,,	
	John Carey,	1832	
	David T. Cooper,	,,	
	George H. Thompson,	,,	
S	Freeman Marsh,	"	
đ	Mrs. Rebecca L. Davidson,		
	(Rev. Isaac	c,) "	
d	Miss Mary Ann Schenck,	,,	
*	Ziba Norris,	**	
*	Mrs. Bethiah Losey, (Israel,)	,,	1855
+	Mrs. Uriah Sutton,	,,	1845
d	John Quimby,	**	1840
đ	Miss Julia Petty,	"	1837
ā	Mrs. Bathsheba Schenck,	27	
đ	Mrs. Pamela R. Smith.	,,	
-	Miss Sarah Sanders.	**	
cd	Samuel Axtell,	"	
cd		"	
ĉ	Mrs. Elizabeth Cramer,		
-	(Morris S) '"	
c*	Matthias Coe.	···/ //	1837
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	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	Morris S. Cramer,	1832	
	Henry D. Vannest,	,,	
C	Rev. Elias Riggs, D.D., Mission-	, ,,	
	ary to Constantinople,		
	Miss Phebe Ann Cooper,	1833	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, (Isaac,)) "	
	Mrs. Martha Carson, (Aaron,) Mrs. Christiana Mucklow, (Isaac		
d	Mrs. Elizabeth Day, (Stephen,)	·,) ,,	
u	Mrs. Elizabeth Babbit, (Moses,)	"	
	Philip Riley,	**	
d	Eleazer Woodruff,	"	
	David Bockoven,	"	
d	Jonathan T. Leonard.	**	
	Mrs. Mary C. Sampson, (Henry	r.) "	
cd	Mrs. Mary Ann Connet, (Wm.,)	<i>"</i> "	
cd	Isaac Bedell,	"	
cd	Sarah Reynolds,	"	
С	Ira Connet,	**	
с	Mrs. Phebe Connet, (Ira,)	**	
d	Mrs. Sarah Leonard, (J. T.,)	**	
С	Mrs. Matilda Doty, (David,)	99 91	
С	Mrs. Nancy Drake, (Jas. W.,)	-	
cd	William Savage,	** **	1850
cd	Mrs. Margaret Savage, (Wm.,)		1850
cd	Mrs. Sarah Halsey, (David B.,)	1834	
ç	Mrs. Phebe Bockoven, (David,)	**	1000
c*	John Yawger,	,,	1830
C	Mrs. Judy Smith, (John P.,)	,,	1837
cd	Benjamin Beach, Miss. Sarah Beach	,,	1001
c d	Miss Sarah Beach, John Axtell.	,,	
d	Mrs. Mary Ann Ballentine,		
u	(Samue)	l,) "	
d	Miss Ellen Miller,	"	
	Miss Sarah Ann Garrabrant,	**	
	Mrs. Maria Pitney, (Albert,)	,,	
	Mrs. Lydia M. Douglas, (Wm. L	.,) "	
cd	Mrs. Eliza McNeil,		
*	Mrs. Margaret Millen, (Charles,)	1835	1851
	Mrs. Hannah Pitney, (Aaron,)	**	
*	Mrs. Ann C. Cramer, (John,)	>1 >1	1853
cd	Absalom Woodruff, M.D.,		1845
cd	Mrs. Joanna Woodruff, (Absalon	1,} "	1845

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	Members	Admitted	Dismiss ed or Deceased
cd	Jewell Yawger.	1835	1850
cd	Jonathan Dayton,		
cd	Mrs. Phebe Dayton, (Jonathan,)	"	
c*	Mrs. Maria Nutt. (Thomas.)	1836	1853
d	Mrs. McMusterer,	"	
cd	Mrs. Elizabeth Hovt.	••	
	Mrs. Ephraim Leighton,		
c*	Mrs. Sarah Smith, (John P.,)	•,	1839
d	G. Washington Seward.	23	
	Joseph S. Babbitt,	"	
	Alexander Cochran,	"	
d	William Alexander Morrow,	**	
cd	Louisa M. Latham,	**	
С	Mrs. Sarah Chidester, (B. C.,)	"	
c*	Abraham Hudson,	**	1855
c	Mrs. Hannah Hudson, (Abraham) "	
c*	Mrs. Rebecca E. Galloway,		
	(Rev. Samuel)"	
с	Eliza Smith,	, n	
cď	Aaron Cramer,	,,	1838
cd	Mrs. Maria Cramer, (Aaron,)	,,	1838
*	Jared Dayton,	"	1000
d	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Dayton,		
-	(Jonathan,) "	1838
d	Miss Ann Maria Dayton,	, n	1000
c	Mrs. Jane O. Woodhouse, (James,) "	
•	Wm. L. Douglas,	1838	
cd	David Douglas,		
cd	Mrs. Ann Douglas, (David,)	"	
*	Mrs. Sarah C. Whitlock, (W. G.,)	"	1847
С	Gideon Savage.	"	1011
c	Mrs. Margaret Savage, (Gideon,)	"	
*	Mrs. Ann Cole, (Andrew,)	"	1853
	Mrs. Maria Cole, (Jacob.)	"	2000
	Mrs. Ann Eliza Moore,	"	
С	Manuel N. Byram,	**	
c*	Mrs. Mary Byram, (M. N.,)	"	1839
cd	Mrs. Mary Ann Carey, (Henry,)	"	
c*	Mary Ann Saunders,	**	1844
С	Mrs. Rachel N. Garrabrant,		_
	(John G.,)"	
С	Mrs. Deborah Blazier, (Tunis,)	· ,,	
С	Mrs. Mary L. Babbitt, (J. S.,)	1839	
cd	Melville E. Morris,	22	

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	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
d	Mrs. Rutan.	1839	
d	Miss Kiturah Quimby,	,	1846
*	Mrs. Eliza Q Wolf. (Isaiah.)	"	1848
d	Mrs. Eliza Q. Wolf, (Isaiah,) Mrs. Jane V. Day, (Rev. Peter,)	99 ·	1844
d	Sevalon Dayton,	"	1845
ă	Andrew Cole.	>7	1853
cd	Edmund R. Fairchild.	,,	1844
cd	Mrs. Nancy Fairchild, (Edmund H	2) <i>"</i>	1844
ď	Sarah M. Beach.	·· <i>/</i> ,,	1844
ď	Rev. Aaron Wolfe.	1840	1011
c	Samuel Roff,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
c*	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Douglas,	**	1843
čď	Charles Starr.	**	1845
cđ	Mrs. Sarah Starr, (Charles,)	"	1845
C	David Woodruff.	1841	1040
c	Mrs. Barbara D. Woodruff,	1041	
C	(Davie	l,) "	
с	Mrs. Sarah W. Byram. (M. N.,)	,,	
đ	Mrs. Sarah W. Byram, (M. N.,) Mrs. Lydia B. Guerin, (Vincent,	.) "	1844
*	Mrs. Phebe S. Owen. (Daniel B.	"." "."	
с	Lewis Beach,	· · · ·	1844
•	Josiah Nicholas,	"	
	Mrs. Jemima Yawger, (Jewell,)	33	
	Mrs. McDougall, (Geo. H.,)	33	
*	Miss Caroline Byram.	"	1850
d	Mrs. Martha Degroat, (Edward	.) "	1852
-	Mrs. Catherine M. Nicholas,	,,	1004
	(Josial	h) "	
d	John Cisco,	-,, <i>,</i> ,,	
	Mrs. Ann Degroat, (Alfred,)	1842	
c	William Alexander Morrow,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
cď	Thompson Dayton,	**	1846
cd	Mrs. Eleanor Dayton,		1040
cu	(Thompson	n) "	1846
x	Isaiah Wolf.	··· <i>)</i> ,,	1040
â	Mrs. Mary C. Seward, (Abm.,)	1843	1855
c*	Mrs. Hannah Carey, (Aaron,)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1848
Ċ	Abraham Talmage,	**	1040
c	Mrs. Abigail V. Talmage, (Abrahan	a) "	
^		u, j , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
c	Ziba S. Cramer,	**	
c đ	Mrs. Miriam Cramer, (Z. S.,)	**	1022
u *	William Thompson,	**	1855
	Mrs. Martha Gillem,		1847

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
*	Beniah Saunders.	1842	1843
	James S. Woodruff.	,,	-0-10
d	John C. Elmer, M.D.,	,,	1852
-	William Leddel,	**	
	Alfred Degroot,	**	
	William G. Whitlock,	**	
d	Mrs. Nancy Axtell,	**	1853
÷.	Jerome R. Vannest,	"	1848
*	Leonard Vannest.	,,	1852
*	Mrs. Maria Skellinger, (Luther	.) "	1853
d	Sarah M. Quimby,	· · · ·	1846
	Mrs. Sarah W. Thompson, (Melanctho	n) "	
*	x	···, <i>)</i>	1040
	Miss Mary E. Connet,	,,	1848
d	Stephen Axtell, Miss Martha E. Axtell,	,,	
d	Mrs. Rebecca L. Reed, (Joseph	`	
d d	Mrs. Barbara A. Hoffman,	,)	
u	Mrs. Barbara A. Hollman, (Phili	n) "	
*	Mrs. Harriet L. Jenkins, (N. G.		1852
	Peter E. Cramer,	•,,, ,,	1002
	James C. Yawger,	**	
	John F. Yawger,	,,	
d	Theodore Woodruff,	,,	1853
x	Daniel Woodruff,	,,	1000
*	Miss Mary Morrow,	**	1847
d	Mrs. Margaret P. Burnet, (Lot	·) "	1855
ď	Mrs. Elizabeth V. Carpenter,	,,	1855
-	Miss Ellen Culver.	,,	2000
*	Aaron Jacobus,	"	1849
	Charles Thompson.	,,	
	Mrs. Clarissa Thompson, (Chas) "	
	Mrs. Martha A. Dayton, (Jared		
	Mrs. Lydia H. Dodd, (Rev. Ed	l-	
	ward, missionary in Turke	y.) "	
*	Miss Louisa Carey,	,,	1854
d	Mrs. Melinda M. Clark, (Wm.		
	Henr	y.) "	1855
d	Hannah Ballentine, (colored,)	"""	
	Mrs. Phebe Ann Collyer, (Jaco	b,) "	
*	William C. Chedwick,	1844	1845
d	Mrs. Margaret A. Davison,	>>	
d	Mrs. Sarah Mockridge, (E.,)	"	1852
	Miss Abigail Roberts,	,,	

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	Miss Martha Babbitt,	1845	or Deceased
c*	Rebecca Woodruff.	"	
c	Samuel O. Briant.	**	
C	Mrs. Elizabeth Briant, (S. O.,)	**	
cd		t,) "	1854
С	Mrs. Margaret Cochran, (Alexander	r.) "	
С	Miss Jane Williams,	-,, ,,	
•	Thomas H. Vance,	**	
d	Mrs. Sarah E. Hays.	"	1854
d			
	(N. P	P.,) "	1855
	Miss Sarah E. Homan,	**	
	Mrs. Mary Cole, (Jacob,)	1846	
d	Caleb W. Ward,	**	1855
С	Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, (Daniel,)		
	Mrs. Harriet Nesbitt, (John R.,	.) "	
	Mrs. Caroline C. Homan,		
	(Samuel, M.D.,)		
с	Miss Phebe Roff,	**	
	Mrs. Julia Sutton, (James,)	**	
	Mrs. Ruth C. Minton, (Royal,)	**	
	Mrs. Harriet N. Seely, (L.,)	,, ,,	
	Miss Phebe Thompson,		
d	, (,	1849	1854
	Miss Mary Louisa Homan,	,,	
	Miss Sarah C. Drake,		
	Mrs. Adeline B. Ballentine,	7 \ 17	
	(Joseph W	·,,) ,,	
	Miss Sarah E. Briant, Mrs. Emeline Woodruff, (J. S.,)	**	
	Rev. Wm. H. Babbitt,	1850	
	Mrs. Susanna Anderson,	1000	
	(Wm. H	Г \ "	
	Mrs. Sarah M. Forsyth, (Wm. W		
d	Miss Mary Scott,	·, <i>,</i> ,,	1852
-	Miss Laura Anderson,	"	
	Joseph W. Ballentine,	,,	
с	Mrs. Elizabeth Emmons, (J. N.,) "	
С	Miss Hannah Leonard,	"	
*	Samuel Vance,	**	1851
с	Miss Sarah S. Carey,	1851	
_	Mrs. Electa Spencer, (Daniel M	E.,) "	
*	Benjamin Coe, Jr.,	"	1852

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
с	Mrs. Elizabeth Coe,		
Ŭ	(Benjamin, Jr.,)	1851	
с	Mrs. Mary Ann L. Post, (G. W.,		
cd	Miss Mary Woodruff,	· .,	1853
cd	Benjamin Woodruff,	"	1853
c	Mrs. Elizabeth Babbitt, (Amzi,)	**	
cď	Luther Skellinger,	"	1855
cd		**	1854
	Jown Owen,	1852	
	Stephen McMullin,	**	
с	Mrs. Sarah T. Seely, (S. M.,)	"	1853
ed		**	1855
cd		**	1855
c	Mrs. Fanny D. Hastings,		
-	(Rev. T. S.	.) "	
	Cornelius P. Garrabrant,	· · · ·	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Garrabrant,		
	(C. P.	.) "	
	Miss Sarah Garrabrant,	·· · ››	
	Miss Lucy Garrabrant,	"	
	John Byram Thompson,	"	
	Mrs. Susan W. Thompson, (J. B.	,) "	
	Henry Vannest,	·· ••	
С	Mrs. Ann E. McDougall,		
	(Robert, Jr.		
С	Mrs. Charles Millen,	**	
	Mrs. Jane Vannest, (H. D.,)	**	
С	Wm. Peppard,	>> >>	
с	Mrs. Rosanna Peppard, (Wm.,)	"	
	Reported to Presbytery, 23	2 member	18
c	Mrs. Abby P. Morrow, (Wm. Alexander.)	1853	
С	James Corrigan,	37	
	Elias B. Nicholas,	**	
	Wm. W. Forsyth,	**	
	Wm. M. Morris,	33	
	Mrs. Dinah Miller, (John,		
	colored,)"	
	Mrs. Aretta G. Condict, (A. H.,)	´ 1)	
	Miss Eliza B. Vannest,	,,	1854
_	Miss Nancy G. Vannest,	39	
d	William Petty,	**	1854

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	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	Miss Phebe M. Carey,	1853	
	Miss Anna B. Carey,	**	
С		**	
С	Lewis Porter,		
ç	Mrs. Mary DeGroot, (Henry,)		
cd		al) "	1855
	(Israe) Mrs. Helen Aldred, (James,)	ei,) ,,	1999
с	Mrs. Gertrude N. Homan,		
Ľ	(M. W.) 1854	
с	Mrs. Susan Amanda Williams,	,	
Ŭ	(Jaco	b.) "	
С	Miss Matilda Carey,		
	Nicholas Miller, (colored,)	**	
	George W. Drake,	**	
	Thomas W. Beach,	**	
С		**	
c	Miss Nancy W. Ballentine,	31 T N 22	
cd	Mrs. Sarah Norton, (Rev. O. W	/.,) "	1855
	Francis Robinson,	,,	
	Mrs. Ann L. Robinson, (F.,)		
С	Mrs. Maria Louisa Ogden, (H. W	7 \ 12	
	Henry Drake,	(•) ,,	
	John Drake.	,,	
	Robert M. Babbitt.	,,	
	Aaron Drake.	**	
	James Aldred.	**	
d	Mrs. Elizabeth Menagh, (Jacob	.) "	1855
	Miss Nancy I. Thompson,	>>	
	Miss Nancy Willett,	**	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Whitlock, (Wm		
	Henry Day,	27 27	
	Mrs. Hannah A. Day, (Henry,)	,,	
	William Boyd,	,,	
	Mrs. Caroline Boyd, (Wm.,)	**	
	Miss Elizabeth D. Cooper, Mrs. Nancy T. Gaston,	,,	
	Miss Phebe A. Cramer,	,,	
	Mrs. Sarah J. Jenkins, (N. G.,)	,,	
	Miss Mary W. Byram,	**	
	Joel H. Byram.	"	
	David B. Williams,	97	
	Miss Hetty W. Babbit,	**	

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	Charles H. Carey,	1854	
	Edward B. Carey,	,,	
	Miss Sarah M. Byram,	,,	
	Mrs. Caroline H. Marsh, (John,)	**	
	Mrs. Hannah H. Ogden, (Henry,	.) "	
	Miss Mary F. Ballentine,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Daniel Johnson Bockoven,	,,	
	Abram Bockoven,	,,	
	Theophilus Bockoven,	,,	
-	Theodore Bockoven,	**	
d	J. Edward Morris,		1855
	Mrs. Sarah Roy Morris,	× <i>"</i>	
	(Rev. J. F	·,)	
	Miss Emma C. Morris,	,,	
	Mrs. Hannah N. Nutt, (John,)	,, ,,	
	James B. Millen,	,,	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Millen, (J. B.,)	,,	
	Miss Rebecca Voorhees,	,,	
	Miss Frances A. Denton,	,,	
	Miss Melitta C. Briant,	"	
	Daniel S. Sutton,	,,	
	Henry H. Sutton,	"	
	Miss Phebe M. Thompson,	,,	
	William D. Talmadge,	"	
	Miss Mary R. Talmadge, Miss Augusta L. Babbitt,	,,	
	Mrs. Mary E. Leddel, (Wm.,)	,,	
d	Elias R. Carey.	,,	1854
u	Mrs. Sarah E. Chamberlain,		1004
	(Henry	·) "	
	Miss Phebe H. Losey,	" "	
	Miss Eveline B. Losey,	,,	
	Samuel M. Losey,	,,	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Losey, (S. M.,)	,,	
	Amzi M. Babbitt.	. **	
	Mrs. Mary A. Hockenbury, (R. M.	.) "	
d	Stephen Babbitt,	"""	1855
-	Robert M. Babbitt, Jr.,	,,	
	Miss Mary C. Thompson,	,,	
	David Thompson, Jr.,	,,	
	Alexander Thompson,	,,	
	Mrs. Martha Johnston,	**	
	Miss Martha A. Irwin,	**	
	Miss Nancy E. Smith,	"	

Members

Admitted Dismissed

or Deceased

Miss Mary S. Nesbitt,	1854
Mrs. Helen A. Hager, (John,)	**
Miss Amelia T. Howell,	"
Miss Elizabeth Howell.	**
Charles H. Howell.	>>
David Howell.	**
Melancthon W. Homan,	**
Calvin Day.	**
John Latham.	**
Josiah Conkling.	,,
Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, (James,)	,,
Mrs. Electa Petty.	"
	"
Freeman Marsh, Sr.,	,,
Joseph E. Morris,	"
Charles M. Cochran,	,,
Peter L. Wyckoff,	,,
Jacob Williams,	,,
Ziba S. Smith,	,,
Miss Pamelia Whitlock,	,,
Miss Mary Ann Sutton,	
J. Landon Sutton,	,,
Miss Mary E. Sutton,	"
Mrs. Phebe T. Watkins, (Joseph,)	,,
Miss Henrietta C. Gaston,	**
Miss Lydia C. Pitney,	"
Mrs. Mary E. Brayton, (Rev. I. H.,)	**
Mrs. Sarah H. Sutton, (Erastus.)	"
Mrs. Clara C. Williams, (D. B.,)	**
Theodore H. Vannest,	"
George Anderson.	,,
Miss Mary McMullin,	,,
Mrs. Eliza J. Morris, (Jared.)	"
Miss Lydia A. Peeny,	,,
Mrs. Phebe F. Porter, (Lewis,)	"
	,,
Stephen L. Byram, Miss Mary B. Ogden,	,,
	,,
Miss Julia Ann Phoenix,	,,
Miss Elizabeth Phoenix,	,,
Edwin Sanford,	,,
Miss Mary A. Sutton, (2d,)	,,
Miss Mary E. Leddel,	
Mrs. Frances S. Marsh,	,,
(William H.,)	
Miss Dorinda Woodhouse,	**

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	John Woodhouse.	1854	
	Miss Margaret Sweeny,	**	
	Miss Annie M. Hillard,	"	
	Mrs. Mary Vough, (J.,)	**	
	William A. McMurtry,	**	
	Lucy Cooper, (colored,)	**	
	Albert N. Pitney.	31	
	George Forsyth,	17	
d	John Durham.	"	1854
~	Miss Lois E. Thompson,	**	
	Lemuel C. Smith,	**	
	Miss Sarah E. Forsyth,	**	
	Miss Sarah Ann Saunders.	**	
	George Cramer,	"	
	Mrs. Jane S. Cramer, (George,)	"	
	Henry H. Hutchinson,	**	
đ	Miss Caroline H. Smith,	"	1855
ă	Alfred J. Smith.	"	1855
ŭ	Abia Aldred.	"	1000
	William H. Gaston.	"	
	George Barnes,	**	
	Mrs. Mary Day, (Calvin,)	"	
60	Samuel Kyle.	11	1855
cu	Mrs. Sabina R. Cooper, (D. T.,)	"	1000
Ŭ	Robert L. Combs.	"	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, (Samuel,)	"	1855
	Reported to Presbytery , 3	51 membe	rs
с	Hugh Menagh,	1855	
с	Mrs. Rachel Menagh, (Hugh.)	"	
	Ebenezer C. Burchell.	**	
с	Mrs. Acelia E. Bockoven.	"	
с	Philip P. McCrea, M.D.,	"	
Ċ	Mrs. Eliza H. Pierson, (Wm. L.,)	99 .	
-	Robert Garrabrant,	\$1	
	Mrs. Mary A. Garrabrant, (Robt.	.)"	
	Theodore W. Phoenix,	., <i>, ,</i> ,,	

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MEMBERSHIP CONTINUED

The list of church members has been carried forward from 1855 by the pastor, Dr. Hugh W. Rendall, with the assistance of the following young women of the church: the Misses Ethel Hill, Roberta Apgar, and Mary Cunningham. This roster is found in the most recent record book beginning July 1908.

Symbols

- c Received on certificate All others were received on profession
- Deceased while a member—between 1855 and 1938
- d Dismissed
- s Suspended
- () The name of the husband of a married woman has been put in parenthesis when known
 - x History unknown

			Dismissed or
	Members	Admitted	
	Mary E. Denton	Feb. 1859	Dec. 25, 1909
*c			Nov. 21, 1911
*e	Catherine Jane Kiser	- 0 /	
-	(Nathaniel)	Aug. 2, 1863	Sept. 9, 1913
	Abbie A. Smith	Feb. 7, 1864	
*c	Mary A. Nicholas	Aug. 7, 1864	
		Feb. 1865	May 19, 1919
x	Maria A. Carter	Nov. 4, 1866	Feb. 17, 1927
*	Peter Garabrant	Feb. 3, 1867	Aug. 23, 1917
	Sarah E. Garabrant	Feb. 3, 1867	Jan. 5, 1925
	Ann O. Watkins	Feb. 3, 1867	Mar. 14, 1920
*	Harriett M. Pitney		Feb. 28, 1918
	Sarah J. Pitney	**	May 30, 1916
*	William Menagh	"	May 4, 1923
	Julia Ann Menagh (Wm.)	39 ·	Aug. 31, 1917
	Susan Caroline Woodhouse	**	Jan. 16, 1921
٠	William A. Ward	**	Aug. 28, 1925
٠	Mary J. Babbitt	19	May 22, 1937
*c	Emily J. Drake (Aaron)	May 6, 1867	Dec. 28, 1911
*	Laura M. Day	"	- +0 1018
		Feb. 6, 1870	Dec. 10, 1912
	Kate Thompson	Feb. 5, 1871	Apr. 25, 1915
*	Hannah A. Day Carrell		
	(Eugene)	'n	
*	Susan H. Apgar (Theodore)	Nov. 5, 1871	May 30, 1911
c*	(Feb. 1872	Aug. 14, 1877
cd	M. Annie Garabrant (Peter)		Nov. 3, 1925
*c	Nancy B. Pitney (John R)	May 5, 1872	Apr. 1, 1916

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
*	Elmira Forsythe	Nov. 3, 1872	
	Anna M. Dunlap DeGroot		
	(Elias)	Feb. 1, 1874	Oct. 12, 1926
	Mary Sutton Kagan (Wm.)	Feb. 1, 1874	May 1, 1922
*	Mary Tiger Atno (Lewis)	, 2007	Feb. 28, 1924
*cd	Anna M. Mucklow (Warren)†	Feb. 1, 1874 June 3, 1917	Nov. 14, 1929
*c	Mary Emma Ward (Wm. A.)	"	Dec. 28, 1918
*	Leila H. Babbitt	May 3, 1874	May 6, 1923
•	Nathaniel Kiser	Feb. 7, 1875	July 25, 1915
•	Eliza McMurtry Thompson (R. Harris)	"	Mar. 29, 1912
*	Fred Henry Garabrant	**	Aug. 27, 1929
*	Wm. P. Garabrant	**	Aug. 27, 1925
*	George A. Loree	**	Aug. 27, 1925 Feb. 13, 1927
*	Ebenezer Condit Babbitt	Mar. 5, 1876	
*	AGALII MACCAY VAIL MEST		
	(H. D.)	June 4, 1876	Apr. 8, 1915
*	Nellie C. Babbitt	"	Dec. 30, 1928
+	Elizabeth A. Fleet TenEych		
	(Č. Š.)	**	Feb. 17, 1927
*	Mahlon Cole	**	Mar. 1918
*c	Jane Elizabeth Kagan	Sept. 3, 1876 Mar. 18, 1877	
	Ann Elizabeth Van Doren	Mar. 18, 1877	Feb. 17, 1927
¢ *	Annie Boyd	Dec. 2, 1877	
	Jane Sayre (George)	Mar. 2, 1878	Mar. 24, 1919
		**	May 5, 1923
	Tunis A. Hill Theodore S. Hill	,,	Mar. 25, 1909 Aug. 3, 1934
•		June 1 1878	Oct. 24, 1932
	Mary Rosa Cochran	June 1, 1878	000. 14, 1001
*e	Robert M. Babbitt	Sept. 1, 1878	Mar. 2, 1911
d		Nov. 30, 1878	May 29, 1911 Nov. 18, 1937
*e	Eugene M. Garabrant Hannah E. Hill (Tunis R.)	Sept. 1, 1879	Nov. 18, 1937
*	Emma Gray Garabrant (Harvey)	Dec. 1879	Aug. 13, 1919
	Carrie R. Thompson King (Wm.)	June 4, 1881	
te.	John M. Crane	June 3, 1882	May 6, 1910
, *e	Peter Garabrant	Sept. 2, 1882	Aug. 23, 1917
*c		Mar. 3, 1883	June 3, 1912
d	Grace Alice Kiser (Mrs. Chas. Tice)		
	Later Mrs. Edw. Schenck	Mar. 3, 1883	Feb. 1919
С	Margaret J. Hill (Theo.)	June 2, 1883	
sc		Sept. 1, 1883	Dec. 25, 1909
*	James Y. Chapman Peter A. Rood	Mar. 2, 1884	Feb. 10, 1927 Aug. 4, 1925

† Mr. Warren Muchlow died Jan. 8, 1911

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
*	Lewis E. Hill J. Wesley Garabrant	Mar. 2, 1884	May 12, 1921
	Alice Morris Garabrant (Wm. P.)	Sept. 6, 1884	
	Stephen Eugene Babbitt	<i>n</i>	-
cd *c	Hattie K. Lyon Eugene B. Hill	Dec. 12, 1884 June 5, 1886	Dec. 31, 1914 Apr. 5, 1934
*	Susan Ammerman Wolf (D. Elmer)	Sept. 4, 1886	Feb. 17, 1927
*c		**	
*	Ella Young DeGroot (Geo. S.)	Dec. 4, 1886	July 30, 1934
*c		<i>n</i>	Apr. 3, 1932
*	Ida Rosalie Searing	Feb. 18, 1887	
•	Jacob Nichols Charles H. Dav	Mar. 1, 1887	Oct. 8, 1910
	Francis Freeman (Frank)	**	
8	Mary Hilliard Apgar (Walter)	29	Feb. 10, 1927
s	Henry P. Hilliard	"	July 1923
8	Mary Robinson Jewett (Walter)	**	Feb. 10, 1927
*	Annie S. Apgar Crane		
*	(A. D.) Laura Lawrence Robinson	Mar. 5, 1887	Mar. 16, 1927
	(Marius)	"	Nov. 6, 1933
•	Everett L. Garabrant	97	Nov. 7, 1934
	Cornelia D. Garabrant Guerin (Fred)	**	
*	Nellie Freeman Van Nest (Elmer C.)	May 7, 1887	Sept. 9, 1926
	Charles Freeman	"	
•	Emma Day Menagh (James C.)	May 14, 1887	Dec. 19, 1934
	Bessie A. Day Blasure (J. Harvey)	»	2001 10, 2001
		33	
s d	Lizzie M. Guerin Charles S. Dean	19 Turne A 1997	Feb. 18, 1927
c		June 4, 1887	Feb. 12, 1915
*c	Helen C. Fickens (Mark) Mary Florence Drake	Sept. 3, 1887 "	Jan. 21, 1911
d *c	Sarah F. Kiser Wm. Kagan	Mar. 3, 1888 Dec. 8, 1888	Aug. 8, 1911 Mar 2 1994
*c	Henry V. Riker	Aug. 31, 1889	Mar. 2, 1984 Aug. 28, 1922
*c *	Sarah Sayre Riker	,,	
cđ		June 1, 1890 Sept. 7, 1890	Nov. 10, 1924 Nov. 28, 1913
*	M. Fred Babbitt	Mar. 1, 1891	Oct. 16, 1933
d	Laura H. Kiser Horton (John)	**	Dec. 2, 1916

	Members	Ad	mit	ted	Disn De	isse ceas	
	Hugh Menagh Babbitt	-		1891			
đ	Theodore O. Chamberlain	June	5.	1902	Mar.	22,	1926
C	Susie Fellows Rood						
* d	Josie Apgar Hill	Sept.	4 ,	1892	May	19,	1935
• •	Anna M. Thompson Bunn John Little				Sept. Sept.	18.	1912
*	Catherine Little			1892	July	31,	1911
	Jane Little	Mar.	19,	1893	-		
	Esther Little		"				
	Jennie Garabrant Freeman	D		1000			
	(Charles)			1893			
*	Emma Sutton		"	1004	July		
-	Eli H. Hulbert Clara G. Hulbert (Eli H.)	mar.	, 4 ,	1894	Feb.	z,	1935
*c							
·	(Wm. B.)		**		June	28.	1912
cs	Ann		3,	1894	Feb.	10.	1927
S		Mar.	3,	1894 1895	July	15,	1923
8	Willard Jones		97 99			**	
5 *			,,		Oct.	5.	1929
	Lizzie L. Van Dervere					•,	
	(Wm.)		"		Oct.	7,	1929
S	Cornelia Day Aller		11 17		Feb.		
* d	J. Freeman De Groot		,,		Apr. Feb.	3,	1934
u	Ida M. De Groot Caleb Lindsley		"		reo.	29,	1920
	Annie E. Ammerman						
	(Harvey)		**				
8	Margaret C. Buchannan Sarah K. Freeman		17 17		Feb.		
s d	Sarah K. Freeman George H. Menagh		99 99		Feb.		
u	Edwin S. Watkins		11		Feb.	44,	1919
8	J. Samuel Crane		"		Feb.	13,	1927
	Charles Q. Garabrant		11 17				
d cx					Dec.		
c					Jan.	2,	1995
Ū	(Charles)		"				
x*			33				
*	Sarah Aldred	June	2 ,	1895	Mar.	8,	1935
-	Minnie H. Aldred George B. Marsh		39		Jan. Jan,	3, 91	1925
	George B. Marsh Isabella H. Marsh (Geo. B.)		"		Jan.	15.	1927 1929
	Milton S. B. Marsh		**		Dec.	5,	1909
*	Annie M. Mills (Chas. B)		1) 34		Dec.	10,	1924
* * * d	Phoebe M. Drake Anna C. Axtel (Albert A.)		n		Sept. June		
X	Sarah A. Crane (Robert C.)		n		e une	20,	TATT
d	Thomas B. Frost		"		Dec.	17,	1916
	Electa C. Allen Maria Frost (Thomas B.)	Sept.	1,	1895	Dec.		
ed		Dec.	" "	1000	Dec. Feb.	1	1911
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	Members	Ad	mitted	Dismissed or Deceased
C	Minnie L. Garabrant (John W.)	Dec.	1, 1895 "	
v *			17	Mar. 8, 1917
c*	Miriam M. Freeman		1,	0.4 17 1000
*	(Francis) Mary A. Philhower (John)		,,	Oct. 15, 1922
Ŧ	Laura Hill (Eugene)	Mar.	1, 1896	Dec. 20, 1924
	Fred W. Pierson	June	7, 1896	July 15, 1923
e*	M. Anna Babbitt (M. Fred) John D. Lindsley		21	Apr. 2, 1923
č*	Kate Babbitt (Hugh M.)	Mar.	7, 1897	Jan. 3, 1929
	Hazel Thorpe	Dec.	5, 1897	
	Bessie B. Cochran (Chas. M. Jr.)		"	
	Florence S. Babbitt (S. Eugene)		,.	
cd	Margaret Lowrie (James) Mabel Hill Watkins (Edwin) Anna Mac Pherson	Mar. June	6, 1898 5, 1898	June 22, 1910
cd	Anna Mac Pherson		"	July 15, 1918
*d	John Lowery		"	June 21, 1913 *July 31, 1913
d	Annabella Lowery (John)		**	June 21, 1913
x*	Sarah S. Little (James)		5, 1899	May 10 1019
c	John P. De Mott Eliza Burd	Dec.	4, 1899 3, 1899	Mar. 10, 1912
*c	James K. Burd		11 ¹	Oct. 11, 1929
	Julia A. Burd J. Smith Gunther			Apr. 23, 1934 Feb. 7, 1935
c	Nancy C. Gunther (J. Smith)			•
d	Tempe Anna Haines		,, ,,	Jan. 12, 1909
0. 8	Helen Elizabeth Woodhull Fredrick S. Woodhull		29	Mar. 25, 1913 Feb. 13, 1927
	Frederick Roe Guerin	Mar.	4, 1900	May 16, 1938
*c	Nellie A. Howell		ນ໌ ນ	Dec. 24, 1936
đ	Nancy Isabelle Thompson Edgar C. Garabrant		**	Mar. 3, 1915
*	Miriam Haywood Garabrant	June		1926
d	Clementine Runyon Reynolds William Howell Jr.	Mar.	3, 1901 "	
	William Little	June	2, 1901	
	Katherina Little Report M. Rabbitt			Mar. 2, 1911
*c	Robert M. Babbitt Emma Rood (Edson J.)	Dec.	1, 1901 "	May 19, 1937
BC	John J. Pearsall	Mar.	2, 1902	July 15, 1923
*d	Dora Menagh Hill		**	June 28, 1923 *Mar. 9, 1937
	Elsie May Hill	_	"	B 1 10 1000
8C		June	1, 1902 "	Feb. 10, 1927 Feb. 17, 1927
dc	Marian R. Knox Ella Owen Stout (Chas. H.)	Dec.	7, 1902	Feb. 17, 1927 Nov. 17, 1927
x*	Cornelia Jane Riker Anna Belle Pruden		n n	1

	Members	Admitted	Dismissed or Deceased
x		Dec. 7, 1902	
5			Feb. 10, 1927
*c. c	Mabel Garabrant N. Baldwin Thompson	June 6, 1903	Mar. 9, 1924 Dec. 23, 1920
°U C	Mamie Robinson	**	Dec. 25, 1520
	Nellie Tiger (John S.)	Dec. 5, 1903	
ď	Willard Waldron Garabrant	Sept. 5, 1903	Feb. 6, 1921
*c	George W. Thompson	Dec. 6, 1903	Aug. 28, 1921
	Anna B. Thompson	», »	Jan. 1, 1938
*c			Feb. 24, 1935 Nov. 17, 1927
d	William A. Nuber Raymond Marsh	Mar. 6, 1904 June 5, 1904	NOV. 17, 1927
	Mabel Nuber	June 0, 1504	
de	Anna M. Kagan (Samuel)	**	Mar. 3, 1915
se	Harriet Ann Apgar	**	Feb. 17. 1927
*e	Lois E. Thompson	Sept. 4, 1904	Feb. 16, 1921
	Mary Florence Garabrant		
	(Charles Q.)	Dec. 3, 1904	•
*c		39	May 30, 1909
*c	Annie E. Cramer (Lemuel)	39	Jan. 5, 1911
	John Henry Gunther	37	Apr. 14, 1915
	Lester E. Apgar	Mar. 6, 1905	Mar. 3, 1927
	Frank Austin Cramer Harry Hill Hoffman	2)	Mar. 2, 1911 Feb. 10, 1927
8	David Bennett Hill	17	Feb. 10, 1921
*c		**	Feb. 1, 1920 Apr. 14, 1921
	Adeline Apgar (John)	**	May 31, 1925
с	May Apgar		
	(Mrs. Theo, Kitchin)	"	
de	Lavinia K. Dilts Cramer		
	(Augustus)	ท	Dec. 3, 1909
с	Frances DeCamp Rich	23	
	(Chas.)		
*	Charles Burtis Rich	**	June 28, 1924
S		June 4, 1905	June 3, 1937
đ	James Sullivan Olive Cramer	**	Dec. 3, 1909
*c	George H. Millen	Dec. 3, 1905	June 15, 1921
*	Jeanette Arnold Millen	,	
	(Geo.)	**	Oct. 31, 1931
5	Clara Woodhull	Sept. 3, 1905	Feb. 10, 1927
đ	Bessie Woodhull		
-	(Mrs. Lloyd Hopper)	**	Mar. 29, 1932
8	Mabel Apgar Cramer	Dec. 3, 1905	Feb. 10, 1927
*c	Louisa E. Sutton		?
* #	Floyd Hulbert	Mar. 4, 1906	Dec. 18, 1918
d			
	(Wallace)		Feb. 1, 1920
ď	· - ·	** .	June 4, 1925
	Grace Cramer McMurtry		
	(Clarence)		
đ	Marslean Nuber	June 3, 1906	Feb. 28, 1912

	Members	Ad	mitted	Dismissed or Deceased
	Charlotte Irene Garabrant (Mrs. James Sullivan)	June	3, 1906	
dc dc dc t d	Margaret E. Harris William C. Cline Maud H. Cline (Wm. C.) John Gunther Addie S. Chamberlain	Maı.	, 1907	Oct. 26, 1913 May 16, 1916 May 16, 1916 Mar. 22, 1926
dc	Mary N. Chamberlain (Mrs. John F. Dickerson)		,,	Apr. 6, 1930
cd cđ	Mary L. R. Gunther Sarah L. Fisher Maude Lindsley (Caleb) Irene Watkins (Fred)	June	" 2, 1907	Mar. 7, 1909 Feb. 12, 1911
d	William R. DeVore Jr. William Riker		3) 3) 9)	Apr. 1, 1928
ed	Josie Gardiner Symmes (Rev. Joseph)	Sent.	6. 1908	Oct. 1, 1916
cd cd	Clarence A. Byram Carrie E. Byram (Clarence)	Mar.	7, 1909	Nov. 3, 1915
*	Elizabeth Oliver Babbitt		**	Dec. 17, 1929
	Marion Oliver Babbitt (Mrs. James Fagen)	_	,,	
d d	Josephine Reynolds Frances Viola Garabrant	Dec.	5, 1909	June 11, 1911
ď	Dwight Millen Babbitt		"	Mar. 20, 1924
d	Matilda Lowery		" "	June 21, 1913
d d	John Lowery		"	<i>n</i>
a	Joseph Alexander Lowery			
	Eunice Bird Gunther (Mrs. Richard J. Clark)	Mar.	6, 1910	
	Walter Gunther		1) 39	T 00 1014
*c cd	Sarah E. Babbitt George Jesse Brown	June	5, 1910	Jan. 20, 1914 Apr. 2, 1922
cd	Margaret E. Brown	oune	0, 1010	
	(Geo. J.)		"	**
	Charles Ramone Freeman		n 11	
sd	Maurice Cramer Garabrant Floyd Harris Garabrant))))	
d	Irving A. Guerin		"	Mar. 1, 1926
d	Irving A. Guerin Edna Mae Marsh		,,	Mar. 25, 1923
	Helen Day Menagh (Mrs. Walter Rae)		"	
	Julia Ann Menagh (Mrs. Walter Rockerfeller)		"	
	Grace Mapes (Mrs. Willard Carley)		"	
	Edward Garabrant	Dec.	4, 1910	
c	Grace L. Garabrant (Edward)		"	
d	Katherine Marguerite Nicholas			Feb. 11, 1917

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d s	Herbert Percy Rood Vernon Dudley Rood	Dec. 4, 1910	Feb. 12, 1915 Feb. 10, 1927
ď	Myra Julia Stout		
	(Mrs. Thos. H. Reinauer) Mabel Wear Woodhull	Dec. 3, 1910	Mar. 19, 1934
	(Mrs. David Whitehead) Julia Ann Gunther	Dec. 3, 1911	
	(Mrs. Wm. M. Lewis)	39	
đ	Grace Eleanor Freeman (Mrs. John Vanderberg)	39	Oct. 30, 1982
d	Iola Elizabeth Rich (Mrs. Traubig)	**	July 19, 1925
8	Helen Oleita Van Nest	33	Feb. 10, 1927
	Ethel Helen Garabrant (Mrs. Joseph S. Ammerman)	"	
	Gladys Margaret Savage (Mrs. Robt. S. Sherin)	Mar. 4, 1912	
d	Ruth Clark Savage (Mrs. Leslie Conkling)	**	Apr. 4, 1938
cd	Minnie McFarlane (John)	Dec. 1, 1912	Mar. 14, 1935
cđ cđ	Jessie B. McFarlane Mary Elizabeth McFarlane	39 ° 39	37 - 37
cd	James H. MacKinnon	**	Mar. 26, 1915
cd	Annie Aitken MacKinnon (Mrs. James H.)	39	Mar. 26, 1915
d	Luella Elizabeth Garabrant	Mar. 3, 1913	Mar. 31, 1934
	Martha Garabrant (Mrs. Amos Hopler)	"	
cd	Martha MacDonald	June 1, 1913	Dec. 2, 1920
s c	Ethel Frances Teets Charles R. Whitehead	Mar. 1, 1914	July 15, 1923
c	Elizabeth Bryant Whitehead (Charles)	**	
d	Russell Bryant Whitehead	27 27	Apr. 2, 1915
	David Lee Whitehead Howell Newton Whitehead	**	
CS	Samuel Rae Sarah Janet Chamberlain	»» »»	July 15, 19 2 3
đ	Roland Woodruff Chamberlain	**	July 29, 1928
	Emma A. Rood (Mrs. John Hays)	"	
*	John Daffner	**	1925
*	Flora Montgomery Daffner (John)	**	Mar. 28, 1915
d	Clara Ethel Hulbert (Mrs. Clarence F. Cramer)	**	Feb. 28, 1924
	Emily Berg Hulbert (Mrs. Floyd)		
	(Mrs. Winfield Scott Buchanan)	•	• • • • • •
•	Clarence McMurtry	17	Oct. 19, 1936

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	Elsie Louise Anderson (Mrs. Elmer Thompson	Mar. 1, 1914	
	Edith Selma Anderson (Mrs. Robt. Owen)	97	
. 5 5	Mabel Ellen Turner William Henry Turner Arthur Raymond Turner	June 7, 1914 Sept. 6, 1914 "	July 15, 19 23 "
d	Frank Arling Apgar Henry Clayton Van Nest Vernon Garabrant	**	Oct. 5, 1933
5 5	George Beavers Woodhull LeRoy Clifford Tiger Eli Harris Hulbert Ralph Francis Freeman	17 79 79 19	Feb. 10, 1927 "
с с	A. Seeley Hutchison Fannie E. Hutchison	Dec. 6, 1914	
c c c	(A. Seeley) Frank H. Halsted Christine K. Halsted (Frank) Sadie Hill Apgar (Dore R.)	Dec. 16, 1914	
c	Elizabeth Baraniecki Howell (Wm., Jr.)	"	
s d	Ernest Alfred Turner Vincent Crosby Elwell	Mar. 7, 1915	July 15, 1923 Oct. 31, 1915
	Bess Augusta Menagh (Mrs. Roy Hudson)	"	
d d	Ethel Mary Stout Victor Charles Stout	23 22	Dec. 12, 1925 Apr. 1, 1928
	Laura Carrell Day (Mrs. Howard M. Dean)	27	
d	Florence Mildred Watkins (Mrs. Florence H. Sutton)	"	Oct. 10, 1926
c cs	Dora Edna Fletcher Charles Milton Vreeland	June 6, 1915 Sept. 5, 1915	July 15, 1923
C5	Ethel Rathbun Vreeland (Mrs. Charles)	n 75 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5	57 27
CB C	Augusta Strohm Emma L. Babbitt	Mar. 5, 1916 Dec. 2, 1916	· · · · · · ·
d	Sarah Elizabeth Loree (Arthur)	"	Jan. 4, 1917
đ	Eleanor A. Adams (Sherman)	Mar. 4, 1917	June 1, 1919
	Harvey P. Ammerman Hugh M. Babbitt, Jr. Frank M. Groendyke	39 37	
с* *с	Mrs. Groendyke (Frank M.) Mrs. Jessie M. Jardine	91 97	June 28, 1935 Jan. 26, 1919
cđ s	Margaret I. Jardine Edson J. Rood, 2nd	99 99 99	Feb. 10, 1927
8	Reginald R. Robinson Evelyn Grace White	32	Mar. 6, 1921

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*c	Jennie Vail Burnett (Eliphalet)	June 3, 1917	May 21, 1924
cd	Lucy Burnett (Mrs. Julius Grosjean	, 1911 ,,	Mar. 14, 1926
c *	Mrs. Marshall Rarrick	99 91	Nov. 30, 1929
c* c	Alice D. Anderson Walter T. Youngs	**	July 30, 1935
c	Minnie M. Youngs (Walter T.)	"	
*c *	Anna M. Mucklow (Warren) Albert Axtell);];	Nov. 14, 1929 July 24, 1917
	Margaret H. Van Dorn (Mrs. Ellsworth Lindsley)	"	
d	Durward C. Hulbert	"	Apr. 6, 1938
d	Laura A. Garabrant (Mrs. George Tice)	**	?
d	Elsie B. Garabrant	**	July 28, 1929
d ed	Charles Maurice Garabrant Sue May Green (Frank)		July 28, 1929
ď	Ruth M. DeGroot	,, ,, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Feb. 10, 1927
5	Elizabeth DeGroot (Mrs. Raymond Henry)	Mar. 2, 1918	Feb. 17, 1927
	Grace Cramer McMurtry (Clarence)	Mar. 4, 1906	
*	Bernard Koch	June 1, 1918	May, 1938 in Switzerland
	Olene M. Koch (Bernard)	**	Jan. 18, 1924
*c	Kate Garabrant (Ezra F.) Ernest F. Lacderach Madaline Laederach	June 2, 1895 Aug. 31, 1918	Jan. 29, 1920
s	Madaline Laederach Robert J. Linton	**	Feb. 10, 1927
s	Margaret D. Linton		
	(Robt. J.)	"	,,
s	Lydia A. Apgar (Joseph) Frederick A. Herold	1902 Sept. 8, 1918	Feb. 10, 1927
s	Mrs. Frederick A. Herold	Bebu 0, 1010	Feb. 10, 1927
c	Miriam B. Hulbert (E. Harris)	June 1, 1919	
s	Amiel Gruber	Sept. 14, 1919	Feb. 10, 1927
S	Clara Gruber (Amiel) Kenneth Gordon Hulbert	"	
đ	Myrtle Genevieve Hulbert (Mrs. Raymond L. Emory)	••	Nov. 25, 1928
	Ethel Beatrice Hill	Dec. 14, 1919	
8	Rhoda Elizabeth Watkins (Mrs. Foster Vail Burnett)	••	Feb. 10, 1927
8	Foster Vail Burnett	"	June 3, 1937
8	Arthur Benson Crane Gertrude Freeman Van Nest	39 31	Feb. 10, 1927

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'₩	Inez Lillian Hoffman	-	~
	(Mrs. Leroy Moore)	Dec. 14, 1919	Sept. 10, 1927
	William Ephraim Menagh James Hall Gunther Harold Apgar Crane	Dec. 14, 1919	
*	Leonneade Minerva Ammerma	10	
	(Mrs. Thomas Cross)	11	Apr. 29, 1928
	Chauncey Hoffman Guerin	**	-
ď	William Harold Rood	**	Apr. 22, 1931
	Katharine Hoffman Babbitt		
*	(Mrs. Reginald K. Robinson) Mrs. Martha Eunice Cramer	**	Feb. 21, 1927
	Claude Augustus Larrison	**	160. 21, 1021
	Leo Victor Tiger	**	
	Whitfield Clouse Kagan		
	Elli Taylor Kagan	17	
	(Whitfield C.)	•	
	Eladía Ortese Freeman (Charles Ramone)	••	
		,,	
	Roderick Lindsley Garabrant Wesley Lindsley Garabrant	,,	Sept. 12, 1920
	Dore Robinson Apgar	**	ocpu ca, eres
cđ	Mrs. Georgia F. Chitterling	**	
с	Lydia M. Swisher (Charles)		
	Aileene Dorothy Ammerman Ina Lillian Merrill	Jan. 4, 1920	May 3, 1925
SC	Kenneth MacKenzie	Apr. 4, 1920	Feb. 17, 1927
sc	Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie	• · · · · ·	**
	William Ryan		
c	Raymond B. Cumback	June 20, 1920	
	Frances V. Cumback	,,	
	(Raymond B.) Walter G. Rae	"	
*c	Mrs. Emma Woodhull	Dec. 5, 1920	Oct. 27, 1930
s	Annie L. Turner (John)	23	Oct. 25, 1937
C	Augustus Larrison	**	
*	Andrew Baird James Hendershot	Mar. 6, 1921	Feb. 8, 1923 Dec. 18, 1935
			Dec. 10, 1000
*с	Charlotte Hendershot (James W.)	17	Jan. 13, 1927
	•	,,	
d *	Lloyd Andrew Hopper William Daniel Thompson	Mar. 6, 1921	Mar. 29, 1932 Apr. 15, 1938
ΰcs	Jacob Hoffman	Jan. 9, 1921	Feb. 10, 1927
cđ	Florence Hoffman (Jacob)	**	20
с	Charles C. Swisher	Mar. 27, 1921	
s	Charles V. Swisher John T. Ellison	June 5, 1921	Feb. 27, 1936
CS	Mrs. John T. Ellison	"	"
cs	Reginald L. Doggett	M	Feb. 10, 1927
	Alice Menagh		
	(Mrs. James Fennesy)	**	
5	Lena Sarah Merrill	•7	Feb. 10, 1927

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sc	John E. MacQueen	Dec. 4, 1921	June 19, 1927
	Margaret D. MacQueen	Dec. 3, 1001	
BC	(John E.)	**	**
	Thomas P. Adcock	Mar. 5, 1922	Jan. 21, 1930
8	Hannah L. Adcock (Thos. P.)	1461. UJ 1522	Feb. 27, 1936
	Ada Grace Doggett		
	(Reginald L.)	17	Nov. 8, 1923
	Henry Wilson Neill	"	-
8C	Floyd Boss	39	Feb. 27, 1936
	Frances Sliker (Sidney J.)	Mar. 19, 1922	
	Stanley Conklin	Mar. 5, 1922	May 18, 1924
	Mrs. Stanley Conklin Henry Neill	••	May 25, 1926
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•	Robert Neill	37	
8	Jim Low	97	Feb. 10, 1927
d		99 99	n
	Sidney J. Sliker		D. 4 1000
cd	John F. Fairweather	Sept. 10, 1922	Dec. 4, 1930
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	(John)		
	Fred Earl Watkins Harold William Lounsbury	Dec. 10, 1922	
	Melvin Apgar	**	
	Charles Walter Rich	97	
. d	Edward Henry Rich	**	Sept. 30, 1987
	Cecil Raymond Cumback	19 79	
8	John Winter MacQueen		Feb. 17, 1927
cd			~
		Mar. 4, 1923	Sept. 16, 1926
c	Florence S. Dykes (Drew)	99 97	No. 00 1007
*c	Mrs. Jean C. Nicholson David H. Sullivan	**	Nov. 20, 1927 Feb. 10, 1927
8 C	C Fimer Thompson	"	reo. 10, 1921
cď	John J. Burling	June 3, 1923	Feb. 26, 1936
cđ	Mrs. John J. Burling	**	**
cd	David B. Hill	79	Mar. 22, 1925
cd	Marian Hill (David B.)	**	
d	Spencer P. Taylor Henry J. Powley	"	Feb. 10, 1927
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d	Frances M. Horner (Mrs. Jacob J. Strauss)	**	**
_	Walter B. Horner	**	Apr. 27, 1986
d	Thomas H. Reinauer	n	Mar. 19, 1934
ď	Drew Dykes	17	Feb. 27, 1986
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d	E. Pearce Snope M.D.	Nov. 11, 1923	Mar. 30, 1926
	Mrs. E. Pearce Shope	"	η
د	Richard J. Clark	Dec. 2, 1923	Ten 2 1000
d	John Alexander Hutchison Frank Willis Cumback	Mar. 2, 1924	Jan. 3, 1936
~	Ethel C. Cline		
c	(Mrs. Ralph Kagan)	Mar. 20, 1924	
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s	Josephine M. Moenting	Sept. 16, 1926	Mar. 15, 1930
	Evelyn H. Hulbert (Mrs. Barringer)	"	·
с	Charles Olsen	Dec. 5, 1926	
с	Mrs. Charles Olsen	» ht 0 1007	
c c		Mar. 6, 1927	
*c	Harriett P. Stevens (Theo. A.)	"	Nov. 3, 1931
·*с	Lewis F. Wood	"	Feb. 27, 1935
с	Nettie P. Wood (Lewis F.) Edwin H. DeVore	" Turna E 1007	
с	Charles H. Engel	June 5, 1927	
c	Ruth E. Engel (Charles H.)	"	
c	John W. Pugsley	**	
с	Mildred Pugsley (John W.)	17	
c	Nanna M. Lewis (David)	July 17, 1927	
c	Mrs. William Lang	Nov. 17, 1927	
	Henrietta Lang (Mrs. Wm. O'Niell)	**	
	Dorothy Howell	Dec. 4, 1927	
	Louise Howell Albert Lanterman	Mar. 1, 1928	
с	Hattie G. Lanterman (Albert)	••	
d	' '	,,	Sept. 28, 1936
s		**	June 3, 1937
	Charles R. Day	**	
	Wilma M. Lewis	37 19	
с	Gertrude E. Marsh Wm. S. Voorhies, Jr., M.D.		
c		51dy 51, 1526	
C	(Wm. S., Jr.)	**	
	David H. McConnell	**	
	Frances McConnell (David)	**	
S		11	Apr. 26, 1937
	Jesse S. Kagan	**	D.L. 07 1008
s	Frank L. Kilbright Gordon B. Marsh	n 11	Feb. 27, 1936
	David H. Marsh	**	
S	Joseph S. Ammerman Wm. Reed Douglass	Dec. 2, 1928	Feb. 11, 1935
	Beatrice C. Douglass (Wm. Reed)	*7	
с	Sarah B. Doremus	**	
с	Eliza C. Doremus	**	
cd	•	**	Nov. 24, 1937
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	Margaret Cassells (Mrs. Andrew G. Chalmers)		
cd	Andrew George Chalmers Ernest E. Maw	" Apr. 28, 1929	Apr. 1, 1937
cd	Gwendoline Maw (Mrs. Ernest A.)	"	
с	Mason Gordon Smith Archibald H. Belton	May 29, 1929 Dec. 1, 1929	
C	Lyla K. Belton (Archibald H.)	"	
с		n	
	Frances Ford	"	
	Wilbur W. Turner	**	
С	Eunice G. Clark		
	(Richard J.)	Mar. 2, 1930	
	Isabella M. Saccone (Lieber)	**	
	Emily P. Woodruff (Daniel)	Apr. 13, 1930	
	Edith R. Backer (Joseph)	,, ,,	
	Elsa A. Dolan (John)	,,	
	Eliza J. Kagan (George)		
8	Margaret S. Colichio (Vincent)	"	July 26, 1937
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	Walter A. Rockafeller	,,	10 00 000
d	Dorothy Jean Constable Dorothy U. Kinney	"	Mar. 29, 1937
d d	Evelyn P. Kinney	"	Feb. 25, 1936
ď	Katherine S. Kinney	**	"
ď	Grace M. Vidsens	n	Nov. 29, 1930
cd	Mildred L. Ween	**	Sept. 22, 1931
d	Harry Wright Lawrence	***	Nov. 2, 1932
d	Rockwell M. Thompson	37 73	Nov. 24, 1937
	Lloyd James Turner	"	
	Robert William Dolan		
	Charles E. Backer Mrs. Harvey Potter	Apr. 27, 1930	
	Duncan J. Chalmers	June 1, 1930	
c	Margaret Y. Chalmers (Duncan J.)	"	
d	Dorothy E. Delp (Mrs. Harvey Michaels)	"	May 18, 1933
cd	Bertha F. Lurig	**	Sept. 14, 1934
cd	Lucy W. Lawrence Mrs. Stephania Adee	" Sept. 14, 1930	Feb. 7, 1936
с	Ernest LeMonnier	Dec. 4. 1930	
c	Mrs. Ernest LeMonnier	"	
	Rebecca J. Cook		
	(Mrs. Sands)	n	
	Howard M. Dean	**	
cd	Johanna Amanda Reinthaler	Mar. 1, 1931	Apr. 11, 1935
cd	Mrs. Howard P. Kinney Helen Howell	June 7, 1931	Feb. 25, 1936

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s	Arlene Hilleker		n ⁻ '		Jan.	3, 1938
s	Mae Anna Turner	1	"			25, 1937
-	Charles L. Gallery	Mar. 2	6,	1933		
	Anna R. Gallery (Charles L.)	:	,,			
	Alexander Cassells		**			
C		Sept.	6,	1933		
с	Mrs. Geo. P. Hodges	_	**			
c	Mrs. Wm. T. Palmer	Sept. 1				
c	Charles H. Chase	Mar.	4,	1934		
c	Mrs. Charles H. Chase		,, ,,			
	Wm. J. Van Andel		,,			
	Helen M. Kagan			100/		
C	Kenneth L. Whitney	June	ð,	1934		
с			,,			
	(Kenneth L.)					
cd	William Palmer	Sept. 1			July	2, 1987
	Ernest L. LeMonnier	Mar.	4,	1935		
с	Elizabeth Voorhies					
	(Wm. S., Sr.)	Mar. 1	.0,	1935		
C	Josephine Cunningham					
	(Leon)	Nov. 2	29,	1935		
c	Mary E. Cunningham		**			
c						
•	(Frank Willis)	Mar.	1.	1936		
с	Mrs. Alfred Tredway			1936		
•	Walter M. Rae			1937		
	Marilyn C. Rae		" "	2001		
	Eleanor V. Taylor	1				
	Elizabeth A. Taylor	1	17			
	Lloyd H. Belton	1	"			
	Josephine S. McBride		**			
	Charles A. Moeri		,,			
	Charles F. Skillman		"			
C		June	3,	1937		
C		-				
C	Thomas E. Russell		"			
C	John W. Cullen	Feb. 2	8,	1938		
	Thelms Cullen (John W.)					
	William S. Ford	Apr. 2	ю,	1932		
	Edith C. Ford	-				
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NOTES ON THE BAPTISMS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENDHAM

1766-1938

Reference to the original records will be facilitated by use of the following information.

THE "MENDOM CONGREGATION BOOK," 1766-1856, is a Trustees' record and contains no baptisms or marriages. It is the only book in the possession of the church beginning as early as 1766.

From December 17, 1796 to March 22, 1820 the annals of the sessions are in the book called, RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MENDHAM NEW JERSEY, begun by Rev. Amzi Armstrong. This contains the baptisms "from October 1st 1804" to November 30 1817. The first baptism recorded is dated 17th March 1805, on page 6, and the others follow in order continuously through what should be page 14, though not numbered. The last date there is July 27, 1817. On page 290 is an inverted list dated Aug. 31, 1817 to Nov. 30th of that year, containing only four new entries.

From April 1st, 1818 to 1832 the original list is said to have been in THE CATALOGUE OF CHURCH MEMBERS, MENDHAM begun by the Rev. S. H. Cox, but that book cannot be found in 1937. Copies of the entries from it are in the second, or alphabetic, list in the BOOK OF BAPTISMS.

From 1832 to 1852 no record is known. Rev. Dr. Hastings wrote in 1852 that there was none for that period.

From 1852 to 1900, the original, chronological record is the first list in the BOOK OF BAPTISMS begun by Dr. T. S. Hastings.

From 1900 to 1906, the records herein have been copied from the second list in the BOOK OF BAPTISMS, one that is arranged alphabetically from all the entries found in any book from March 17th, 1805. That alphabetic arrangement does not contain all the information given in the original baptismal entries such as occasional dates of birth and approximate ages.

Baptisms from 1906 to 1909 cannot be found.

Baptisms from 1909 to 1938 have been compiled for publication in this book by the pastor, Rev. Hugh W. Rendall. Dates of birth have been omitted.

BAPTISMS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MENDHAM 1805—1906

BAPTISMS FROM THE RECORD OF THE SESSION, 1796

Date 1805	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Mar. 17	Eunice	Benjamin & Jemima Prudden
	Jane	Rachel wife of
		Henry Cooper Jr.
	Elizabeth Pitney	Caty, wife of Joseph Talmage
Mar. 24		Mary and Jason Horton
	Ezra	Nehiemiah Losey
	Alice Sutton	Samuel Day & Wife
	Elizabeth	Robert Millen & wife
	John	Betsy, wife of Stephen Hop- kings
	Elizabeth	Daniel & Betsey Carson
Apr. 14	Melinda	Wife of Samuel Hayden
May 4	Mary	Amzi & Polly Armstrong
	Andrew Bray)	
	Hannah Jennings	Elizabeth, wife of
	Hannah Jennings	Gamaliel Dickerson
Man E		Joseph Blazer
July 21	Joanna, wife of	Phebe, wife of Isaac Clark
July 21	William Hudson	Abigail, wife of George Hull
Aug. 10	Jacob Wyckoff	Samuel Stansbury
Sept. 1	Sarah Drake	John Drake & wife
Sept. 8		Peter Gillam & wife
Sept. 22		Joseph Blazer & wife
Oct. 5	Phebe	Ludlow Morris & wife
Oct. 12	Martha John Van Arsdale Sarah	John Wyckoff & wife
1806		
Mar. 9	Joseph	John Vance & wife
	Clarissa	Odel Squier & wife
	Mary Ann	Pitney Guest
Apr. 27	Eliza	Benjamin Beach & wife
May 3	George	Sallie, wife of Wm. Guest
May 5	Jacob Van Dorn Lot Denman	Joseph Van Houten & wife
May 18	Lot Denman	Wife of Joseph Doty
Oct. 11	Barbara, daughter of	John Wyckoff & wife
	Israel, son of Beulah, drughter of	Samuel Day & wife Daniel Carson & wife
Oct. 19	Charles Robertson,	son of Stephen Dod & wife
		Born Sept. 25

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Dec. 21	Julianne, daughter of	Benjamin Leach & wife
1807		
Jan. 7	James Burnett, son of	Joseph Thompson & wife
	Charles, son of	Daniel Thompson & wife
Apr. 19	John Tucker	Benjamin Coe & wife
	John, son of	James Ballentine & wife
May 2		Amzi Armstrong & wife Gamaliel Dickerson & wife
	Simeon, son of Jemima Lindley, dau. of	Jacob Hull & wife
	Esther, dau. of	James Morrow
May 3	Miss Hannah Blachley	
June 14	Henry, son of	Luther Conkling
June 21	Ira, son of	Asa Sanders & wife
	Levi, son of Mary, dau. of	Joseph Blazer & wife Henry Connet & wife
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July 5	Jonathan, son of Mary, dau. of	Samuel Hayden & wife Wm. Guest & wife
Sept. 6		Eliza Beach
Sept. 20		son of
•		Joseph Dotys wife
Sept. 27	Elizabeth, dau. of	Benj. Prudden & wife
Oct. 17	, of	Peter Gillam & wife
Oct. 18		Mahlon Pitney
Nov. 29	David Bedford, son of	Stephen Hopkin's wife
1808		
Feb. 3	Anna, dau. of	Samuel Beach & wife
Mar.	William, son of	Henry Cooper, Jr., & wife
Apr. 17 Apr. 24		George Hull Jr. & wife Daniel Carey & wife
11p1. 24	Sheppard, son of	John Drake & wife
	Daniel, son of	Robert Millen & wife
*May 8	Stephen Dod, son of	David Barnett & wife
June 26	Sarah)	
	Joanna }	children of
	Mahlon)	John Clark's wife
	William, son of	Elijah Martin
June 28		Joshua Holburd's wife
July 10	Calvin, son of	Nehemiah Day Jr., & wif e
July 17	Anne Dayton)	children of
	Anne Dayton } George Dayton }	Samuel Humes & wife
July 31	Ruth, daughter ol	Doctor Upson & wife
Aug. 21	George Harris } Nancy Isabel }	children of
		Stephen Thompson & wife
	Ezra Squier Albert Baldwin	children of
	Lewis	Daniel Dod & wife

* See other baptisms of May 8 following Sept. 18.

- Date **Persons Baptized** Aug. 21 Nancy Eliza William Bradstead
- Rhoda Ann David Ford Odel
- Sept. 4 Ezra Fairchild, son of Lewis, son of Sept. 10 Jeptha, son of

Hannah Harriot Caroline

- Sept. 18 Sarah, daughter of Eliza, daughter of
- *May 8 Sarah, wife of

Siba Dod Nancy, wife of Susan, wife of Asenathe Casterline Phoebe Babbitt Sallie Thompson **Phoebe Conger**

- *Aug. 7 John Burt Ellias Babbitt Ebenezer Norris
- **Aaron Pitney** Oct. 14 Samuel Pitney John Andrew Bound Phoebe Ann Frederick Bound. Prince Servant } Phyllis David Loff, son of Jane Johnson Phoebe Oct. 21 Silas Condict, son of Dec. 25 David, son of 1809 Feb. 26 Jesse, son of Mar. 12 Sarah Helen, dau. of
- Martha Ann, dau. of Apr. 16
- Apr. 23 Silas Turvey, son of
- Keziah \ May 7 Sophia (
- June 4 Sarah, daughter of Susan, daughter of

Names of Parents-Remarks

children of Jesse Squiers & wife

John Dayton & vife John Vance & wife Jeptha Nightser & wife

daughters of Elias Hudson & wife

Benjamin Beach & wife James Morrow Samuel Humes

Daniel Dod Jesse Squier (Adults

Adults

children of Capt. John Dalrymple & wife

servant children of Capt. John Dalrymple

Asa Sanders Black women

Silas Axtell's wife Stephen Thompson & wife

Pitney Guest Samuel Stansbury & wife David Carson & wife Ebenezer Lorris daughters of Samuel Day & wife

Daniel Thompson & wife Benjamin Leach & wife

Original record shows date of May 8 for this group placed out of order.

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Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
June 4	Nehemiah, son cf	Stephen Day
June 25	Nancy, daughter of	James Ballentine & wife
	Elizabeth, daughter of	Wm. Guest & wife
July 16	Benjamin Thompson,	son of
		David Babbitt
	James Elmer, son of	James Ray & wife
Sept. 14	Lewis Augustus, son of	Luther Thompson & wife Elisha Beach
<u> </u>	Isaac, son of	
Oct. 15	Sarah Runyon, dau. of	Noah Dayton & wife
	Henry Miller, son of	Henry Cooper & wife
Dec. 3		John Dayton & wife
	Nathaniel, son of	Samuel Beach & wife
1810	, son of	Nehemah Day, Jr., & wife
Jan. 28	William, son of	Capt. Stephen Dod & wife
ban. 40	Charles, son of	Abner Dod & wife
	Caroline, daughter of	Daniel Dod & wife
Feb. 11	John Stuart, son of	Shadrach Sutton & wife
Apr. 8	Mary Casterline, dau. of	John Burt & wife
	Issac Van Arsdale, son of	Samuel Humes & wife
	Tempe Leddel, dau. of	Philip McCrae
May 6	Carson	-
	Mahlon }	sons of
	Samuel	Mahlon Pitney & wife
	Michael, son of	Peter Gillam & wife
	Matthias, son of	Benjamin Coe & wife
May 20	Sylvester, son of	John Clark
June 10		Dr. Jesse Upson & wife
	Samuel Drake, son of	Benjamin Beach & wife
Aug. 5		daughter of
	,	Jesse Squier & wife
Aug. 12	Amzi, son of	Stephen Dod & wife
Aug. 17	, of	Joshua Holburd's wife
Sept. 19	Isaac Wyckoff, son of	Colonel N. Losey
Sept. 30	Sarah, daughter of	James Morrow
Oct. 28	Joanna, daughter of	John Vance & wife
	Francis Willis, dau. of.	Amzi Armstrong & wife
Oct. 14	Samuel, son of	Samuel Day & wife
	James, son of	Robert Millen & wife
Dec. 9	William, son of	Henry Connet & wife
1811		
May 4	Elizabeth Ann, dau. of	Darius Babbitt
May 5	Abel, son of	Daniel Thompson & wife
May 19	Daniel, son of	Daniel Drake & wife
June 2	Robert, son of	Stephen Thompson & wife
June 9	John Byram	Luther Thompson & wife
July 7	Elias Souier, son of	Jesse Squier & wife
	James, s.n of	Stephen Day
July 26	Stephen, son of	Stephen Dod & wife
Aug. 4	Mary, daughter of	Daniel Carson & wife
	Phoebe, daughter of	Elisha Beach
Aug. 11	William Rolston, son of	Shadrach Sutton & wife

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Aug. 18	William, son of	Noah Dayton & wife
Sept. 15	Harriet, daughter of	
	Phoebe, daughter of	Jeptha Nightser Elisha Martin
1812		· · · · · · · · ·
Apr. 12	Sarah, daughter of	Samuel Beach & wife
Apr. 19	Mary Dayton, dau. of	Dr. Upson & wife
	Susan Breasted, dau. of	Daniel Dod & wife
	Mary Boyd, daughter of	John B. Comfort
	Thaddeus Baldwin,	son of Stephen B. Dod
May 9	Jacob Smith, son of	Abner Dod & wife
1.243	Mary, daughter of	Henry Cooper & wife
	Hannah, daughter of	Henry Cooper & wife Sam'l Day & wife
May 10	Lewis, son of	James Morrow
-	Stephen Dod, son of	Asa Sanders & wife
May 31	Harris Mills, son of	Nehemiah Day, Jr., & wife
June 7	Jonathan Reeve, son of	Col. Silas Axtell's wife
June 21	James Richards, son of	John Dayton & wife
July 5		Gavin McCoy's wife
	Joseph Sutton, son of	William Babbitt
	Mary Thompson, dau. of	Ebenezer Coe & wife Benjamin Leach
	Dinah, daughter of Rebecca, daughter of	Amzi Armstrong & wife
Aug. 2		John Clark's wife
	Nathaniel, son of	Peter Gillam & wife
Sept. 27		Stephen Dod & wife
Oct. 11	George, son of	Benjamin Beach & wife
	Sarah, daughter of	Aaron Carey
	Susan, daughter of	Joseph Nevius
1813		
Feb. 6	Nathaniel Cary, son of	Sam'l Humes & wife
Apr. 11	Emma Bates, dau. of	Jesse Squiers & wife
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	Charles Millen, son of	Sam'l Day & wife
June 20		Elisha Beach & wife
	Margaret, daughter of	Shadrach Sutton & wife
May	Miss Mary Leddel) *Miss Sallie Dod	
	*Miss Sallie Dod)	At the Communion in May last
July 25	Helen, daughter of	Daniel Thompson & wife
Aug. 8	Catherine, daughter of	J. B. Comfort
	Sarah Catherine, dau. of	Abner Dod & wife
Aug. 22	, of	Elisha Martin
OCF 10	Jonathan Thompson,	son of Isaac Wyckoff's wife
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	George Dod, son of	Ama Armotong w wire
1814		
Apr. 3	Lucilla, daughter of	Aaron Cary
Apr. 10	Mary M'Collum, dau. of Harvey, son of	Abram Byram & wife
May 1	Harvey, son of	Darius Babbit
May 15	Phoebe Ann, dau. of	H. Cooper & wife
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* The May baptisms are recorded out of order after June 20.

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents—Remarks
May 15	Jane Julia Ann Phoebe Condict Caroline	daughters of Amzi Babbitt & wife
May 29	Mary Day, daughter of Amos Dunham, son of Sarah, daughter of	Henry Connet & wife Gavin McCoy & wife Stephen Day
June 12 July 10		John Clark's wife Elijah Martin son of
		James Morrow
Sept. 3	John Milton, son of Elizabeth Runyon,	Isaac Grecian & wife daughter of Dr. Upson & wife
	Sarah Anne, dau. of	Nehemiah Day, Jr., & wife
Oct. 2	Susan Amelia Bates,	daughter of David Barnet's wife
Oct. 30	Lewis, son of Jane, daughter of	Benjamin Beach & wife Joseph Nevius
1815		
Jan. 5	James, son of	Sam'l Day & wife
May 6	George Augustus Enoch Cornelius Williams	children of Mr. Joshua Blackwell's wife
May 14	Alexander, son of	Stephen Thompson & wife
	Frances Elizabeth,	daughter of Shadrach Sutton's wife
Sept. 3	-	daughter of Benjamin Leach & wife
	Elizabeth Alexander,	daughter of Dan'l Carson & wife
	Amelia Maria, dau. of	Joshua Blackwell's wife
Sept. 24	Phoebe Stansbury,	daughter of William Guest's wife
Oct. 15		Peter Gillam & wife
Nov. 26	Elias Harrison, son of Aaron Gaston, son of Joanna, daughter of	Ezra H. Day & wife Abraham Byram & wife Amzi Armstrong & wife
Dec. 24	Jacob Losey, son of Samuel Crowell Lewis,	Isaac Wyckoff's wife son of
1816		Bailes Dayton
May	Lydia, daughter of	Daniel Thompson & wife
June 9	Elizabeth, daughter of	Gavin McCoy & wife
July 7		Isaac Gracian's wife Samuel Day & wife
Sept. 7		John Clark's wife
	Samuel) Stephen /	sons of Samuel Connet's wife

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Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Oct. 25	Joanna Samuel Ford Chas. Thompson Elizabeth Kitchel David Pierson	children of Joseph K. Gardner
Oct. 26	Nancy } Hugh	children of William Walkinshaw
Oct. 27	Lydia, daughter of Hannah Norris	Robert Millen & wife
1817		
Apr. 27 May 17	Hannah Beach, dan. of Ira Sanders, son of Amzi, son of Phoebe, daughter of Mary, daughter of	Aaron Cary Ezekiel Day Elijah Martin Peter Gillam & wife Nehemiah Day, Jr., & wife
	Benjamin, son of Maria Ball, daughter of Mary Margaret, dau. of	Dr. Jesse Upson & wife Amzi Babbit & wife Joseph & Anna Linn
	Elizabeth Jane William Sarah Ann	children of Mrs. Jane Beatty

Here end the baptismal notes in THE RECORD OF THE SES-SION begun by Rev. Amzi Armstrong in 1796.

BAPTISMS FROM

THE SECOND RECORD IN THE BOOK OF BAPTISMS

These baptisms were originally in THE CATALOGUE OF CHURCH MEMBERS started by Rev. S. H. Cox. Mr. Noble's note at the end of this list indicates that Rev. Mr. Armstrong probably transcribed the names into THE BOOK OF BAPTISMS.

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
1817		
Aug. 31	Mary Hull Phoebe Ann	Benjamin Leach & wife Joseph K. Gardiner
Nov. 23	James Gordon	David Barnet & wife
Nov. 30		Stephen Day
1818		
Apr. 11	Sarah Sarah	Isaac Wyckoff's wife Shadrach Sutton's wife
Apr. 12	Sarah	Samuel Day & wife
	Charles Fortune (black boy), ward of	Preserve Riggs & wife
June 14	Joseph	Rev. Ezra H. Day & wife
July 3	Aaron Cleveland	Rev. Sam'l H. Cox & wife By Rev. Thos. Ford, of Parsip- pany

July 3	Elizabe Mary I	th Cooper Barclay Dickerson
July f	Elizabe Albert Edwin	th Caroline
July 12 Aug. 30		Beach Dickenson
Sept. 1	3 Sarah	
Oct.	2 Charle Eliza Henry	s (
Nov. 2	2 Willia	m
1819		
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Apr.	Phoebe Mary	n Thompson E Leddel Ann
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June	6 Mary John J France Phoebe	8 (
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Nov.	7 Susan	Brewster
Nov. 1	4 Samue	21
Dec. 2	o Samue	l Hanson
1820		
Jan. 2 Mar. 1		Maria Norman
Mar. 8	-	
		Mulford }
Apr. 1 Apr. 2		rine Freeley

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Names of Parents-Remarks children of John Wyckoff's wife Abraham Byram & wife Luther Thompson & wife Benjamin Coe & wife Darius Babbitt Wm. Guest's wife (nee) Sarah Horton William Babbitt children of Eleanor Dunster Joseph Lynn & wife, by **Rev.** Horace Galpin Ezekiel Day Aaron Carey Bailes & Sarah Dayton Elias Babbitt Benjamin & Hannah Leach, by Rev. J. Green children of Sarah VanKirk Jesse Upson & wife Nehemiah Day & wife Elijah Martin & wife children of John Clarke's wife Peter Gillam & wife Joseph K. Gardiner Isaac Wyckoff's wife Charles Beach Joel Homan & wife Rev. Samuel H. Cox & wife, by Rev. Dr. James Richards, pas-tor 1st Presbyterian Church, Newark. Henry Prudden Wm. C. Gildersleeve Daniel Losev Abraham Byram & wife

Ezekiel Day

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
June 30	James Ballentine Sarah Ann Mary Compton	Charles Millen
July 23	Henry Conkling	John Byram
Sept. 29	Rebecca Ann Robert Millen	Luther Thompson's wife Elias Babbitt & wife
	Abraham James Vroom Elizabeth Losey	Henry P. Vorhees' wife
Oct. 1	Ephraim Sanders Moses Babbitt Benjamin Marsh Mary Beach Axtell Hannah Johnson	
	Rachel Tucker Prudden Martha Day Benjamin	Wife of Harvey Wife of Stephen Benjamin Coe & wife
	Phoebe Ann Clarke Elizabeth Loree Mary Newton	Henry Axtel & wife
1821		
Mar. 31	Harriet Losey	Charles Millen, by George B. King
June 3	Electa Condict	N. Day, Jr., & wife
•	Jane (Mary)	Henry D. Losey & wife
	Silas Axtell Phoebe Elizabeth	Daniel Thompson 3rd & wife
July 8	Charles Conkling	Henry Babbitt
Aug. 19	Melancthon	Joel Homan & wife
Sept. 28	Lewis	Aaron Carey & wife
Oct.	Joan Alfred Locke	Eunice, wife of John Carey, Jr. Jos. K. Gardner
1822		
Jan. 4	George Coe	Philip C. Hay & wife, by Rev. J. E. Miller
Mar. 6	Horace Nelson	John Clarke's wife
Apr. 12	Martha	John Wyckoff's wife
Apr. 14	Aaron Roberts Eleanor Guest (Adult)	Peter Wolfe's wife
July 6	Ira Homan Phoebe Losey	James Voorhees & wife
Sept. 15 Oct. 6	George Cortland Hay Amzi Babbitt Jacob, adopted son of Anna Maria Woodruff	Abraham Byram & wife Richard Reed & wife Daniel Thompson, Jr., & wife Jacob Tiger & wife
Oct. 6	Elizabeth Dayton	Aaron Thompson's wife

Date 1823	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents—Remarks
Jan. 19	Lurana Axtell	Charles Beach, by Rev. Mordant
Mar. 16	Japhet Lewis	John Byram, by Rev. H. P. Strong
June 1	Isaac Clarke	Henry Extell & wife, by Rev. Henry Axtell
July 13	Elizabeth Ann	John Cary, Jr., & wife, by Dr. Armstrong
July 26	Calvin	Luther Thompson & wife, by Rev. M. A. McDowell
Oct. 25	Caroline Crowell	Henry Pierson's wife
	Caroline Grace	Joseph K. Gardner, by Rev. Peter Kanause
1824	Frances Vroom	James Voorhees & wife
Jan. 24	Julia Ann	Rev. Jno. M. Babbitt & wife, by Rev. Peter Kanouse
	Hannah Beach	Aaron Cary & wife, by Rev. Peter Kanou se
	Timothy Lewis	Henry D. Loree's wife, by Rev. Peter Kanouse
	Ann Mariat	Lewis Condict & wife, by Rev. Babbitt
July 4		Horace VanKirk
	Elias Martin	Elijah Martin
	Ezra Day Albert Woodruff	John Cary Aaron Woodruff
July 19		Benjamin Coe
July 27		John Nevius, or Babbitt
·,		(colored)
Oct. 2	Robert	Charles Millen
	Daniel Haines	Isaac Wyckoff
0.1.10	Julia Ann	Jesse Upson
Oct. 10 Oct. 31		Joel C. Homan Richard Reed
	Mary Henrietta	Richard Reed
1825		
Feb. 21	Elizabeth	
	Margaret Welch	children of
	David James	John Brown
Mar. 6	Ezra	Ezekiel Day
Apr. 10	Amzi Mrs. Jane Quimby	Henry Babbitt
July 16	Caturah Ann Bennet Eliza John Bennet	children of Jane wife of John Quimby
	William Alexander Andrew	Lydia Morrow
	Elizabeth	John Byram & wife

BAPTISMS-1805 TO 1906

Date July 16	Persons Baptized William Hampton Elizabeth George Thompson	Names of Parents-Remarks William Babbitt Nehemiah Day Jr. Lydia Morrow (all crossed out)
Sept. 2	Stephen Robert Mary Ann	John Stites & wife
Sept. 30	Silas Day Joseph Hansen Charles Roberts Jacob	John Axtell Aaron Thompson's wife Henry Pierson's wife Elijah Martin
Oct. 30 1826	Silas Condict	Henry Axtell
Jan. 1 Apr. 15	Lois Young Mary Elizabeth David Howell Artemas	Adult Aaron Woodruff & wife John Cary's wife Nehemiah Day's wife
Apr. 16 June 6	Phoebe Ann Juliann Easten	Henry D. Loree's wife Adult Abram Byram's wife John T. Pruin's wife (Bruen?)
Dec. 1 1827		John Latham's wife
	Mary Minten, dau. of Louisa Jane Wm. Corwin Lydia Harris Stephen Day	? John Cary's wife Aaron Cary's wife John Byram's wife Henry Babbitt John Axtell's wife
Nov. 11	Martha Pierson	Wm. Babbitt's wife
1828 Jan. 4 1832	Emily	Ezra Fairchild
Sept. 28	Samuel Beach Rufus Sanders Mary Reeve Martha Dodd Nancy Keziah Josephus Sanders	Samuel & Nancy Axtell (These names were found on a loose bit of paper among some church documents.)*
No	record has been been from	this data 1999 to the present

No record has been kept from this date, 1832 to the present time 1852*

* These notes are in the handwriting of Dr. Hastings.

Geo. P. Noble.

BAPTISMS FROM THE BOOK OF BAPTISMS—CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD* The First List

Date 1852		Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
July	81	Hugh Emma (female) Mary Joanna Edward Lewis	John & Harriet Nesbitt Joseph S. & Mary L. Babbitt Melancthon & Sarah Thompson
Aug.	1	Stephen M. Mullin Nathan G. Jenkins	-
1853			
Feb.	5	Sarah Dayion Henry Vannest	David & Sarah Cooper
Мау	7	Laura Anderson George Stanley	Cornelius P. & Eliz. Garabrant.
		William Douglass Elizabeth Loree Walter Douglass	Jacob & Colyer Ziba S. & Phebe Smith Josiah & Catherine Nicholas
Мау	8	Dinah Miller (Mrs.) Eliza B. Vannest Nancy G. Vannest	
Sept.	8	Clara Louisa Robert M. Carter Frank Seymore	Melancthon & Sarah Thompson Francis & Ann Robinson Thos. S. & Fanny D. Hastings
1854			
May	6	Kitty Louise	Joseph S. & Mary P. L. Babbitt
May		Jacob Williams	
	•	Henrietta Babbit (wife of R	. M.)
		Ziba Sanders Smith	•
		Pamelia Whitlock	
		Mary Ann Sutton Jared Landon Sutton	
		Jared Landon Sutton	wife of II)
		Hannah Arrowsmith Day (v William Boyd	whe of h)
		Caroline Boyd (wife of Wm	.)
		Mary Elizabeth Sutton	•
		Phebe T. Watkins (Mrs.)	
		Henrietta C. Gaston	
		Lydia C. Pitney	
		Mary E. Pitney Sarah H. Sutton (wife of E	ro etize)
		Clara C. Williams (wife of 1	
		Theodore H. Vannest	
		George Anderson	
		Original record begins	
		Mary McMullin	
		Eliza J. Morris (wife of Jan	ed)

[•] Note-Pages 1 and 2 of the original record are missing. This old list ends with February 11, 1901; therefore, names here entered between 1852 and 1854, and after February 11, 1901, have been copied from the second (the alphabetic), or compiled record.

Date Persons Baptized Names of Parents-Remarks May 7 Lydia A. Peemy Phebe F. Porter (wife of Lewis) Stephen L. Byram Mary B. Ogden Julia Ann Phoenix Elizabeth Phoenix Sarah Roy Morris (wife of Rev. J. F. Morris) Edwin Sanford Mary Ann D. Sutton Mary Elizabeth Leddel Elizabeth Losey (wife of S. M.) Frances S. Marsh (wife of Wm. H.) Dorinda Woodhouse John Woodhouse Margaret Sweeny Annie M. Hillard Mary Conklin Wm. A. McMurtry Lucy Cooper Albert Nevins Pitney George Forsyth Sarah Elizabeth Forsyth John Durham David Howell Chas. M. Cochran Peter L. Wykoff Lois Emelia Thompson Aug. 5 Louisa Jane, dau, of Rev. Ed. M. & Lydia B. Dodd Margaret Louisa, dau. of Amzi M. & Elizabeth Babbitt Sarah Ann Pitney Joseph J. children of Helen Mary Joseph & Phoebe T. Watkins John Oliver Halstead Mahlon Pitney Logan, son of Wm. A. & Elizabeth McMurtry Alice Day, dau. of James & Elizabeth Anderson Wm, Henry Gaston Aug. 6 Alfred Johnson Smith Sarah Ann Saunders (Miss) Henry H. Hutchinson George Barnes Oct. 8 Christiana Elizb. dau. of James & Marrianne Corrigan Nov. 4 Harriet dau. of John & Harriet Nesbitt George Frank/ children of Ella George & Jane Cramer Martha children of Jacob & Suson A. Williams Marv Ella Frances 1855 Feb. 8 Elizabeth McMurtry Cornelius & Eliz, Garrabrant Apr. 1 Henry Martin, son of Rev. O. W. & Sarah Norton

Date Apr. 21	Persons Baptized Ephraim Steward \	Names of Parents-Remarks
	James Harvy Wm. Henry Mary Laura Anna Maria	children of Henry & Hannah Day
	Emma Louisa Daniel Haskins Mary Upson	children of Erastus & Sarah H. Sutton
May 5	Mary Newton, dau. of	Ziba S. & Phebe Smith
	Anna Mary Frances Elizabeth	daughters of Wm. H & Frances S. Marsh
	Emma Caroline Georgetta Sarah Samuel John	children of David Beach & Clara C. Williams
	Mary De Groot, dau. of	Thomas S. & Fanny Hastings
May 6 Aug. 4	Ebenezer Clark Burchell Joanna Hawly, dau. of Catherine B. Hall	Melancthon & S. Thompson daughter of Melancthon & Gertrude Homan
	Lydia Douglas) Fredy Yawger (children of Jno. & Hannah N. Nutt
Aug. 5 1856	Theodore W. Phoenix	
Feb. 3	Garret Beekman Jr. Mrs. Harriet E. Yawger (Ja Miss Hannah Maria Moore	as. C.)
May 3		J. S. & Mary L. Babbitt Wm. A. & Elizabeth H. McMurtry
	Catherine Ballentine	daughter of
	Aaron Pitney, son of Bessie Cory, dau. of	Geo. & Jane S. Cramer Robert & Mary A. Garrabrant. Joseph W. & Adeline P. Ballentine
May 4	Miss Anne Maria Day	
June 21	Mary Elizabeth David Reed Emeline Louisa	children of James S. & Emeline Woodruff
	Fred Henry, son of	Cornelius & Elizabeth Garrabrant
Aug. 17	Louisa Ogden (Daniel	children of L. M. & Elizabeth Losey
Aug. 24	Mary Alice Frances Henrietta Robert Oscar	children of Robert M. & Henrietta M. Babbitt
	Catherine Mary Elizabeth	children of Jno. & Helen A. Hager

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Aug. 24	Freddie Nelvin, son of	N. G. & Harriet L. Jenkins
	Mary (Joseph)	children of James & Helen Aldred
Sept. 5 1857	Hannah Adell, child of	Hannah & Henry Day
	Henry Howard,	inf. son of Jacob & Mary Vough, by Rev. T. F. White
	Mary Elizabeth,	inf. daughter of Sarah & the late Melancthon Thompson
Aug. 2	Mr. Ellis M. Byram Theodore Vannest,	inf. son of Helen A. & John Hager
Aug. 23	Theodore P., son of James Nelson, son of	John T. & Helen Hager Abram T. & Elizabeth Graham
1858		
July 81	Margaret Elizabeth,	daughter of Jno. H. & Harriet L. Harris
	Hugh Irwin, son of	Jno. & Elizabeth J. Woodhouse
1859		
Feb. 5	Lizzie Cramer Coe	Orphan Grand dau. of Morris S. & Eliza Cramer
	David Harvey Phoebe Maria	children of Abraham & Frances Bockoven
Apr. 30	William Clayton, son of Carrie Hudson, dau. of George Morris, son of Kate, dau. of	Jacob & Mary Pough Hampton O. & Mary Marsh Cummings H. & Mary E. Sutton Aaron & Anna E. Sutton All by Rev. T. F. White
Aug. 6	George Fredick, son of Ida Caroline, dau. of	Jacob & Phoebe Colyer Melancthon & Gertrude Homan By Rev. Joseph C. Stiles
Nov. 12	Clarence P, son of	Robert & Mary A Garrabrant
	Robert Fairchild Rachel Anne	children of Thomas & Mrs. Johnston
1860		
	By Rev. D.	Magie
Aug. 4	William Caroline Anna	children of William B & Angaline McMurtry
	William P, child of	Cornelius & Elizabeth Garrabrant
1861		
May 4	David Magie, son of Calvin Day, son of	Jacob & Phoebe A Collyer William A. McMurtry
Aug. 3	John Henry, son of Elizabeth Wykoff, dau. of	Theodore Van Nest Henry Van Nest

Date	3	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents—Remarks
Aug	. 3	Francis Lucius {	sons of L. H. & Phoebe Porter
Aug. Nov. 1862	12		Amzie M. & Elizabeth Babbitt Stephen Wray David & E. R. B. Magie
Feb.		Mrs. Joseph Ballentine Mrs. Chas. S. Thompson	
		Amanda Esther Edward Harvey	children of Aniel Garrabrant
May Aug. Aug.	2	Mary Lyman, dau. of Joel C. Livingston, son of Anna, dau. of Mrs. Mulford	Joseph & Ada Ballentine M. W. & Gertrude Homan W. A. McMurtry
1863			
Aug. Oct. Nov.	31	Ira Forsythe, son of Elizabeth Clark, dau. of William Laird, son of	Robert & Mary Garrabrant Stephen C. & Margaret Babbitt Stephen Wray
1864			
Feb. May		Miss Caroline S. Bishop Miss Elizabeth Allen Nixor	n
Aug.	6	Florence Edward Everett Laura Lancey	children of Mr. Josiah & Catherine Nicholas
Aug.		Mary Catherine Nixon Ella Nixon	
Nov. 1865	5	Phoebe Fairchild, dau. of	Mr. John & Mary Savage
Aug.	5	Mary Lawrence, dau. of	Dr. John & Annie Stiger
		Mahlon Cole Catherine Jane	children of Mr. Theodore H. Van Nest
		Edwin Stanton sor. of	Mr. Philermon L. & Sarah Thompson
Nov. 1866	5	Ellen Jane, dau. of	Mr. John Wray
Feb.	3	George Harris, son of	David & Elizabeth Thompson By Rev. S. H. Smith
May	20	Julia Barker	On profession
		Mary Whitfield Augustus	children of Charles & Mrs. Cochran
		Manuel Byram, child of Anna May, child of	Henry & Mary Day Stephen & Margaret Babbitt
Nov. Nov.	3 4	Harry, son of Mrs. Maria Augusta	Henry & Mary Hillard
	7	Carter	On profession

Date		Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Dec.	2	William Henry, son of	Mrs. Maria A Carter (widow)
1867			
Feb.	3	Mrs. Eliza Day	On profession.
		Electa Caroline Day	79 - 79 79 79
		Phoebe Ann Day	25 25
		Cornelia Day Angeline Cole	29 29
		Calvin Willet	an 73
		Edward Wilson Boyle	79 Pg
		Mrs. Elizabeth McMurtry	29 29
		Mrs. Christine Elizabeth	12 11
		Anderson	28 79
		Jane Ann Collins Eliza Jane McMurtry	37 31
		Susan Caroline	
		Woodhouse	39 79
		James Woodhouse Jr.	sy sy
		William Augustus Ward	99 ¹ 9
		James Wallace Irwin	37 77 79 29
		Ella Morgan Barker	
		Mrs. Mary Mathilda Van Nest	- 79 79
May	4		Wm & Julia Ann Managh
Juny	-1	Mary Cole, child of Lucy Garrabrant, child of	Wm. & Julia Ann Menagh Philemon Thompson
May	5	Mrs. Helen Garrabrant	I memon Inompson
Aug.		Lavinia, child of	Mahlon & Nancy Cole
Nov.	2		John & Elizabeth Wray
		Jerome Rappelyee)	children of
		Elmer Clayton } Maggie Babbitt	Henry D. Jr. & Mary Van Nest
Nov.	3	Mary Ann Timmons Daniel Petty	on profession
1868			
July	5	Theodore Williams	infant of Charles & Hannah Sanford
Aug.	1	Stephen Eugene	infant of Stephen & Margt. Babbitt
Oct.	31	Amzie Howard,	infant of
		-	Amzie & Elizabeth Babbitt
		Eugene Miller)	children of
		Everett 5	John Newell & Helen
		John Wesley (Garrabrant
		Eliza Day	
1869			
Feb.	7	Jane Rebecca De Hart	On profession
~~	_	Mary Ludlow Byram	» »
Mar.	7		Charles & Hannah Sanford
May	2	Miss Jane Van Nest	Stanhan & Manut Dabhitt
Aug.	7	Wm. Douglass, child of	Stephen & Margt. Babbitt
1870	~		
Feb.	6	George McMurtry	On profession

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Apr. 30	William Ballentine	child of David Thompson
July 15	Robert Carter, child of	I. W. & Annie C. Cochran Rev. Thos. Carter, Pluckamin Died July 16, aged 5 months Annie M. Stiger
July 30	Madge, child of Ella, child of	Annie M. Stiger Henry D. Van Nest Jr.
1871		
Feb. 5	William Mulford Kate Thompson Jesse Clark Byram Morgan Barker	On profession (15) ""(18) ""(15) ""(14)
May 6	Hugh Menagh Babbitt Mrs. Dency Allen	child of Amzie & Eliz. Babbitt (9 mos.) On proession (79 yrs.)
July 29		I. W. & Annie Cochran (2½ mos.). Born May 9. By Rev. Thomas Carter
Nov. 4	Willis Caldwell, son of Stephen, son of	Aaron & Emily J. Drake (1 yr.) David Thompson (about 1 yr.)
Nov. 5	Miss Mary Emma Wilson	Adult
1872		
Feb. 10 May 4 May 5	Mary Lawrence, dau. of Annie Sophia, dau. of Mary Elizabeth, wife of	Louise & Wm. Hillard (28 mos.) Theo. & Susan Apgar (1 yr) David Thompson (about 80-40)
July 12	John Oliver (6 yrs.) Mary Ella (4 yrs.) Isabel (1 yr.)	children of Mr. & Mrs. Sarah E. Woodward
Nov. 2	Henrietta, dau. of	Jane (Van Vere) McPherson (about 2 yrs.)
Nov. 3	Mr. William Hillard Miss Almira Forsyth	Adult
1873		
July 27	Mary, dau. of	I. W. & Annie C. Cochran By Rev. T. Carter Ared 6 mor. loss 5 days
Aug. 3	Nellie, dau. of	Aged 6 mos. less 5 d ays. Nancy G. & Mahlon Coles Aged about 3 yrs.
1874		
Feb. 1	Mrs. Anna Mary Dunlop Miss Mary An <u>d</u> erson,	daughter of Samuel & Christine (17)
May 2	Jane Elizabeth, dau. of Anna McWorter, dau. of	Robert Babbitt (aged 12 yrs.) David & Mary Elizabeth Thompson
	John Finley, son of	Aaron & Emily J. Drake
	James Cole, son of	(about 1 yr.) Wm. K. & Julia Menagh (about 1 yr.) Henry V. & Mary W. Day
	Harris, son of	Henry V. & Mary W. Day (6 yrs.)

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
May 3	Maggie McCoy (or	
	Whitlock)	Adult (about 20 yrs.)
May 10	Thomas Harry, son of	Anna M. & James Dunlop Deceased
	Anna Grace, dau. of 🜖	Thos. 8 yrs., Grace 4 yrs.
May 22	Annie Walker, dau. of	Mrs. Ann Walker, an Episco- palian in service at Mrs. By- ram's (3½ mos.)
June 14	Albert, son of	Richard & Emma Bowman (9 mos.)
Aug. 8	Walter, son of	Peter & M. Annie Garrabrant (2 yrs.)
1875	Eddie Sanford, son of	Jane Cole McCullom (6 mos.)
Feb. 6	Aaron Adams, son of	Stephen C. Babbitt (9 mos.)
Feb. 7	George Mulford Carlile Aaron Whitfield Kaiser Emma Elizabeth Kiser John Oliver	Adult
	George Augustus Loree Alexander Reniger	97 99
May 1	James Blair, son of	I. W. & Annie C. Cochran (4 mos.) By Rev. T. Carter
July 31	Mary Elsie, dau. of	Henry M. & Mary W. Day (5 yrs.)
Nov. 6	Eleanor Hoyt, dau of	Charles Edgar & Laura A. (Garrabrant) Barker (8 mos.)
	Morgan Wyckliffe, son of	Samuel Edgar & Julia (Barker) Condit (22 mos.)
1876		
Mar. 5	Henry Pitney, (3 yrs.) William Cochran, (16 mos.)	children of William & Louise Hillard
June 3	Mary Florence, dau of	Aaron & Emily J. Drake (9 mos.)
	Alexander, son of	David & Mary Elizabeth Thompson (about 20 mos.)
June 4	Ruth Swazey, wife of	Henry D. Van Nest (about 60)
Sept. 2	James, son of	Abraham & Jane McCollum Aged 1 year on Aug. 10th.
	Louisa, dau of	Wm. D. & Jane McPherson (2 yrs.)
	Jennie Allen, dau of	Helen & Newell Garrabrant (6 yrs.)
	George Harvey, son of	Wm. & Julia N. Menagh Aged 1 yr. on Aug. 4th
1877		
Mar. 18	Anna Elizabeth, dau of	Jerome E. & Elizabeth Van Doren. About 18 years.

Date June 2	Persons Baptized Jean Carter, dau of	Names of Parents-Remarks Rev. I. W. & Annie C Cochran Aged 7 mos., 9 days By Rev. Thomas Carter of Boonton.
1878 Mar. 3	Adelaide, dau. of	John Yawger (about 16 yrs.)
June 1	Sarah Ann (2 yrs. 10 mos.) Maggie Babbitt (about 1 yr.)	daus. of Amos Chamberlain
July 28	Arthur Eben, son of	Rev. Elijah S. & Louisa E. Fairchild. Born Jan. 1, 1877
Aug. 3	Flora Eveline (about 6 yrs.) Cornie Day (2 yrs. 6 mos.)	daus. of Newell & Helen Garabrant
Dec. 31	Mary Margaret, dau. of	William Crater (about 17)
1879 May 31	Henry Jessup, son of	I. W. & Annie C. Cochran Born April 18, '79
	John son of	By Rev. Thos. Carter Mary M. & Henry Van Nest Aged about 18 mos.
	Stephen Alexander,	son of Susan Thompson & James Lawrence. Aged about 1 year.
Sept. 6	Eva Luella, dau. of	Abraham & Jane E. McCullom Infant
Dec. 7	Mary Jane Card Emma Gray	About 20 About 20
1880 Mar. 6	Philip H. son of	Henry M. & Mary Byram Day Aged about 4 years.
Sept. 4	John Samuel, son of	John M. & Lizzie Melick Crane Aged from 6 to 8 mos. John M. member New Vernon.
	Frank E., son of	Peter A. & Kate L. Hoffman Born 29 May '79.
1881 June 4	Catherine Baylis, dau. of	Rev. I. W. & Annie C. Cochran Born Dec. 3, 1880 By Rev. J. M. Hunting Jr.
	Mabel Cartright, dau. of	Lewis & Hannah E. Hill (8 mos.)
Mar. 5	Mary Lina, dau. of Annie, dau. of	George & Jane Sayre (abt. 14) Edson J. & Catherine Rood Age about 12

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Date 1882		Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Sept.	2	Margaret Barbour Eleanor Mann	twin daus. of Rev. I. W. & Annie Carter Cochran. Born July 4, died Oct. 19 & 21, 1882. By Rev. J. M. Hunting Jr.
Mar.	3	Annie Greer, dau. of	Daniel (not a member) & Margaret J. Losey. Age 1 yr. on Feb. 26th
		Charles Thompson { Julia McAllister }	children of David & Mary E. Thompson
June	2	Howard Clayton, son of	John M. & Lizzie M. Crane (6 mos.)
		Garner Ferris, son of	Theodore S. & Margaret T. Hill. Age 5 mos. May 16th.
		Maggie Babbitt, dau. of	Helen (wife of Newell dec.) Garabrant. Age 6 or 7 yrs.
Sept.	1	Addie McAlpine, dau. of	James (not a member) & Susie Thompson Lawrence. About 8 mos.
Dec.	1	Silas Hopkins, son of	Amos &
1884			
Mar.	1	Lina K. Ballentine Jennie Denton Ballentine	Born Aug. 16, 1874 (Born Feb. 29, 1876) daus. of Wm. & Annie Melich Ballentine
		Carry, dau. of	Henry (not a mem.) & Mary Byram Day. Born March 12, 1873?
Mar.	2	William, son of	Forbs & Catherine Ballentine 35 yrs. on profession of faith.
		Peter Apgar Rood Vernon Dudley Rood	Born Mar. 15, 1869 Born Jan. 15, 1874 Children of Edson J. & Catherine Rood On profession of their faith.
		Hattie Adelaide, dau. of	George & Jane Sayre (age 11 yrs.) On profession of her faith.
May	31	Maggie May, dau. of	Josephine Crater (member) & Dayton Stytes (not member) Born June 28, 1882
1883	(ou	t of order, or wistake?)	
June	3	Grace Alice Kiser,	dau. of Nathaniel & Kate Losey Kiser Aged 18 years.
Dec.	2	Etta Evans, dau. of	George & Jane Sayre (about 13)

Date 1884	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
	Alice Haywood, dau. of Joel Byram, son of	Charles J. Morris (aged 22 yrs.) Joseph & Rebecca L. Reed (20 yrs.)
1885		
Mar. 1	Abby Ann, dau. of	William & M. M. Forsyth (13 yrs.)
June 13	Edward, son of	Harvey & Emma Garabrant Born Dec. 24, 1884 By Rev. Thos. Carter
	Jessie M. dau. of	Calvin & Catherine Willett Born May 29, '84 By Rev. Thos. Carter
Sept. 5	Willard Waldron, son of	Peter & Annie Garabrant Born Oct. 11, 1884. By Rev. Mr. Henry
Dec. 5	William Henry, son of	Henry V. & Lily Sayre Riker Aged 5 mos. By Rev. J. Carter
Dec. 6	Mrs. Lizzie Compton Hill,	wife of Joseph Hill On profession of faith.
1886		
	By Rev. Jam	es Carter
Mar. 7	Amanda Whitenack	On profession of faith.
May 30		Rev. I. W. & Annie Cochran Born Nov. 26, 1885 By Thos. C. Kirkwood, D.D. in St. Paul, Minn.
Sept. 4	Margaret Latourette,	dau. of Wm. & Ann Ballentine Born June 1886
	Nancy Isabel, dau. of	Robert H. & Lizzie Thompson Born June 15, 1886
	Annie Verona, dau. of	Joseph & Lizzie Compton Hill Born June 17, 1886
Dec. 5	Mrs. George S. Degroot	Adult on profession.
1887		
Mar. 6	Ida Rosalie, dau. of	Charles M. & Harriet A. Searing, on confession.
	Jacob Nicholas	On confession
	Charles H, son of	E. S. & Laura H. Day—on confession
	Francis Freeman	On confession
	Anna Allen Mary Robinson	On confession On confession
June 4	Charles, son of	William & Louise Hillard
1	Francis Elizabeth,	dau. of Theodore S. & Margaret F. Hill. Born Nov. 16, 1886

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
June 5	Willie E. Day Emma C. Bessie A.	children of Ephraim & Luura H. Day All on confession
	Anna M. Guerin Lizzie M. Guerin	On confession On confession
	Mamie C. Ki ser Freddie G. Kiser	children of Nathaniel & Catherine J. Kiser On confession
Aug. 21	Nellie Freeman Charles Freeman Jr.	On confession On confession
1888		
Mar. 3	Dora Menagh, dau. of	Tunis & Hannah E. Hill
Mar. 4	Sarah F., dau. of	Nathaniel & Catherine Kiser On confession
June 3	Maggie R. Forsyth	On confession
Dec. 3	Elizabeth Ballentine	dau. of Daniel & Margaret J. Losey
1889		
Aug. 31	Cornelia Jane Riker,	dau. of Henry V. & Sarah L. Sayre
Sept. 21	Julia Annie, dau. of	John R. & Mary C. Nesbitt
	By Rev. Geor	rge Noble
1890	-,	B
	Howard, son of	Peter & Annie Garabrant Born March 22, 1889
1891		·
Mar. 1	Laura M. Kiser	On confession of faith. Everett L. & Nellie Garabrant
1893		
May 10	Robert John, son of	John & Annabella Lowry Born June 14, 1892
June 3	Frances Viola, dau. of	Harvey & Emma (Gray) Garabrant. Born Aug. 20, 1891
1894		
Sept. 1	Kenneth Eugene Russell Irving	sons of Eugene M. & Mattie (Thorpe) Garabrant
Nov. 12	Joseph Alexander, son of	John & Annabella Lowry Born Nov. 18, 1893
1895	ı	·
Mar. 2	Herbert Melick, son of	Wm. & Anna (Melick) Ballentine
Mar. 3	Lucy Baldwin	On confession of Faith
	Cornelia Day Aller Sarah Kenter Freeman	39 79 19 77
	Saran Kenter Freeman	17 77
	Joseph Freeman De Groot Ida Maud De Groot	19 27
	Jesse Jones	29 72

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Mar. 3	Willard Jones Bertha Kaggen	On confession of Faith
	Mrs. Lizzie (Lawrence) Vandervere	79 TT
	Marietta Garabrant	77 73
	Charles Quimby Garabrant	27 77 77 79
Nov. 30	Frederick Quimby Nicholas Paul Alfred, son of	Charles & Jennie G. Freeman
1404. 90		Born Nov. 3, 1894
	Floyd Harris, son of	Wesley & Minnie L. Garabrant Born 1895.
1896		
June 6	Herbert P., son of	Peter A. & Susie (Fellows) Rood
Sept. 5	Edna May, dau. of	Geo. Byram & Isabella (Riley)
1897		Marsh. Born March 16, 1895
	Ida Ogden, dau. of	Theo. S. & M. J. Hill
	Lloyd Barker, son of	Charles Jr. & Bessie Barker
ocp# 11	Dioga Dainer, con es	Cochran. Born June 12, 1897
Dec. 5 1898	Hazel Thorpe	Adult-on confession of Faith
June 4	Marjorie Elizabeth	dau. of Finley & Annie M. McKenzie. Aged 1 month
	Dwight Millen, son of	Hugh M. & Kate Babbitt 11 months old
June 19	George Pleasants, son of	Dr. Herbert & Caroline L. Noble Born Nov. 4, 1897
1899		
Mar. 5	Ethel Helen, dau. of	J. Wesley & Minnie L. Garabrant. Born 1898
June 2	Addie Sayre, July 29, 1894)	
	Mary Nancy, Jan. 18, 1896	children of Theo. O. & Etta (Sayre)
	Sarah Janet, Dec. 2, 1897)	Chamberlain
Dec. 2	Eunice Burd, May 29, 1894	children of J. Smith & Nancy E. (Burd)
	Walter, Feb. 21, 1896? Julia Ann, Sept. 2, 1898	Gunther
	Jean, dau. of	Franklin P. & Jennie F. (Buckoven) Noble
Dec. 3	Tempy Anna Haines Frederick Swaze Woodhull	On confession of Faith.
1900		
Mar. 4	Edgar Cornelius Garabrant	39 73
June 3	Marian Haywood Garabran	t " "
Aug. 12	Rosalind, dau. of	Dr. Herbert & Caroline Leslie Noble

Date Sept. 1	Persons Baptized Charles Ramone Grace Eleanor {	Names of Parents-Remarks children of Francis & Miriam M. Freeman
Sept. 6 Dec. 1	James Spencer, son of Roderick Lindsley, son of Ralf Francis, son of	James & Sarah S. Little J. W. & Minnie L. Garabrant Chas. & Jennie G. Freeman
1901 Feb. 11	Elizabeth, Jan. 1, 1899)	children of
	Marian Oliver, June 29, 1900) Record from Page 43.	M. Fred & M. Anna (Oliver) Babbitt

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Date 1901	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Mar. 3	William Howell Jr.	
June 1	Gertrude	Morris & Nellie (Cole) Cramer
July 17	Garnett Holsey Herbert Kitchener	John & Mary Louise Simms
Sept. 1	Laura Halstead	Charles M. Jr. & Bessie Barker Cochran
1902		
Aug. 31	Roderick Finley Mackenzie	
1903		
	Victor Charles Stout	
Sept. 5	Reginald Rinza Robinson	
	Helen Olieta Van Nest Henry Clay Van Nest	
	Gertrude Freeman Van Nest	
	Hugh Menagh Babbitt	
1904		
June 4		
	Wesley Lindsley Garabrant	
	Florence Mildred Watkins Rhoda Elizabeth Watkins	
Sept. 3	Elizabeth Sjoule Little	
Sept. 5	Catherine Graham Little	
	Alice Mira Little	
Oct. 2	Henry Lloyd Cyril Drake	
Oct. 30	Elizabeth Grace Russel Coch Margaret Isabel Cochran	iran
1905	Margaret Isabel Cochran	
Dec. 2	Etta Rosamond Chamberlain	
	Roland Woodruff Chamberla	
1906		
Mar. 4	Andrea Louise Rich	
	Edson Julius Rood	
	William Harold Rood	
Sept. 30	Viola Louise Cochran	

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The following list of baptisms has been compiled by Rev. Hugh W. Rendall with the assistance of the Misses Ethel Hill and Roberta Apgar. Dates of birth and ages have been omitted.

Date 1909	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Sept. 12	Catherine Hoffman Babbitt	Hugh & Kate
	George Millen Lindsley Edith Gardner Symmes	Caleb & Maud Rev. Jos. G. & Josie
1908		
Sept. 18	Russell Henderson Cochran	Russell & Nellie
1911		
July 9	Kenneth Wilson Cline Edward Henry DeVore	William C. & Maud R. William R. & Cornelia J. Rev. Robert Johnston officiating
	Ruth DeVore Watkins	Fred C. & Irene J.
1912		
June 23	Gertrude Estella Marsh John Fritts Apgar	Raymond & Elsie Joseph & Lydia
	William Douglas Babbitt Aileene Dorothy	William D. & Eva Van Ness
	Amermann	Harvey & Annie
Sept. 29	Alfred Gustav Mills	Samuel & Henrietta E.
Nov. 4	Kenneth James McKinnon	James H. & Annie
1913		
July 12	William Allen Sinclair Richard Edward Sinclair	John & Margaret
	Hartman	Anthony & Jessie
1914		
June 14	Gordon Byron Marsh David Hill Marsh Ora Caroline Cline	Raymond & Elsie Raymond & Elsie William C. & Maud
	ora caronne enne	
1915 Sept. 5	Dorothy Howell	William, Jr. & Elizabeth
1916		
June 11	Helen Menagh Rae	Walter George & Helen Day Menagh
Dec. 31	David Samuel Linton	Robert J. & Margaret Davis
1917 Jan, 13	Martha Louise Hutchison	A. Seeley & Fannie E.

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Apr. 15	Charles Oliver Riker	William Henry & Catherine Coates
June 10		
	Cumbach Doris Virginia Cumbach Ivan Newell Cumbach	Raymond B. & Frances V. Raymond B. & Frances V. Raymond B. & Frances V.
	Kenneth Gordon Hulbert Myrtle Genieve Hulbert Evelyn Hope Hulbert	Eli H. & Clara G. Eli H. & Clara G. Eli H. & Clara G.
Oct. 7	Eleanor Hulbert Hill Louise Howell	Wallace H. & Olive H. William, Jr. & Elizabeth
	Alice Cole Menagh Ruth Carol Menagh Emily Menagh	James C. & Emily C. James C. & Emily C. James C. & Emily C.
1918		
Mar. 3	Elizabeth DeGroodt	J. Freeman & Ida M.
1919		
Apr. 20	Robert Ortiz Freeman	Charles Ramone & Eladia Ortiz
June 8	William Nuber Woodward	Albert F. & Marslean Nuber
Sept. 14	William Amiel Gruber	Amiel G. & Clara G.
Dec. 7	Ellsworth Warren Kagan	Whitfield C. & Ella Taylor
1920		
Apr. 4	Wilbur Turner Lloyd W. Turner	John & Annie L. John & Annie L.
June 13	Mary Evelyn	
	Fairweather	John F. & Margaret C.
	Robert Teets Cumbach Helen Howell	Raymond B. & Frances V. William, Jr., & Elizabeth
Oct. 17	Bernice Marguerite Lowe	Jim & Violet Annie
1921	-	
Mar. 24	Anna Linton Robert J. Linton, Jr.	Robert J. & Margaret D. Robert J. & Margaret D.
Mar. 31	James Patterson MacKenzie	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie
	Matthew MacKenzie	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie
May 22	Dorothy Putnam Lovell	Clarence B. & Corabell R.
June 12	Raymond Clayton Marsh	Raymond & Elsie
July 3	Lillian Matilda Koch	Fred L. & Jane E.
July 24 1922	Paul Alfred Freeman, Jr.	Paul A. & Bertha H.
Feb. 8 †1921	Rhoda Jean Burnett	Foster V. & Elizabeth
Sept. 28	Wilhelmina Pearl Beers Anna Clara Hendershott	Percy W. & Marion H. John S. & Ruth L.

† 1921-Sept. 28-entered out of order.

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Date Sept. 28	Persons Baptized Elizabeth Hendershott Helen Julia Hendershott Margaret Hendershott Herman Christopher Hendershott	Names of Parents—Remarks Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Mr. & Mrs. Charles A.
1922 June 11 June 14 1923	Ethel May Kagan Harold Edgar Rich Albert Robert Kless	Jesse S. & Mary E. Charles B. & Frances R. Albert & Iva Nunn
Apr. 1 May 20	Dudley Gunther Lester E. Freeman Raymond Leo Lawson May Anna Turner Elizabeth Halsted Myrtle Josephine Johnson George William Delp	Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mr. & Mrs. C. Ramone Alfred Alvin & Ida Viola John & Annie L. Frederick & Hannah Leslie Ransey & Viola Delp George Delp, Jr., & Ida May
June 10	Arthur Kagan Jessie Sutton Kagan, Jr. Thomas Victor Reinauer Robert Lester Woodward Mabel Nuber Woodward Ruth Bradford Woodward John Edward Horner Norman Arthur Horner Laurence Eugene Horner William Matthew Horner	Jesse S. & Mary E. Jesse S. & Mary E. Thomas H. & Myra S. Alfred F. & Marslean N. Alfred F. & Marslean N. Alfred F. & Marslean N. William J. & Estelle H. William J. & Estelle H. William J. & Estelle H.
June 17 Sept. 29 1924	Ruth Louise Hulbert Helen K. Hendershott	E. Harris & Miriam B. John S. & Ruth L.
Mar. 2 Apr. 20 June 8	Charles Albert Moeri, Jr. Frances Glendenning Elison James Robert Sullivan Helen Woodhull Hopper Carolyn Miriam Hulbert Emily Louise Marsh	Charles A. & Edna J. Mr. & Mrs. John T. James & Charlotte Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd A. E. Harris & Miriam B. Raymond & Elsie Marsh
1925 June 14 Aug. 2	Robert Henry Reinauer Stephen Oram Sinclair Eleanor Van Syckle Taylor	Thomas & Myra Mr. & Mrs. John R. Albert S. & Bertha
Dec. 6 Dec. 27 1926	Elizabeth Adams Taylor John Joseph Moeri Barbara Jean Gunther Donald Harold Sutton	Albert S. & Bertha Charles A. & Josephine F. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Harold H. & Mildred W.
1926 Apr. 4	John Marshall Hunter, Jr. Dorothy Elizabeth Hunter	Mr. & Mrs. John M. Mr. & Mrs. John M.

Date	Persons Baptized	Names of Parents-Remarks
Apr. 15	Jane Ballard Rendall	Hugh W. & Edna M.
June 13	Grace Evelyn Smith	Ralph P. & Jean
	Dorothy Elizabeth Kagan	Jesse S. & Mary E.
	Helen Marguerite Kagan	Whitfield C. & Ella T.
	Wallace Jesse Kagan	Whitfield C. & Ella T.
	Wallace Jesse Kagan Sidney Daniel Kagan	Whitfield C. & Ella T.
	Frank Donald Bockoven	Frank D. & Elsie G.
	Harvey Sage Straus	Jacob J. & Frances H.
Dec. 5	· -	vaceo v. a rrances m.
Dec. 0	Chamberlain	Roland W. & Carrie A.
	enamoer and	nomina W. & Carrie A.
1927		
June 12	Shirley Jane Kagan	Whitfield C. & Ella T.
	Elizabeth Reinhart	
	Whitehead	David L. & Mabel W.
	Helen Stevens Pugsley	John W. & E. Mildred
	Jane Elizabeth Kirkner	Mr. & Mrs. Frank M.
	Yathleen Newell Kirkner	Mr. & Mrs. Frank M.
	Richard L. Martin, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Richard L.
	Richard Vernon Garabrant	Verman C & Freedow
		Vernon G. & Frances
	Ruth Marjorie Eells	Harvey H. & Marjorie J.
Oct. 25	Daisy B. Hendershot	Charles A. & Anna M.
	Evelyn G. Hendershot	Charles A. & Anna M.
1928		
	Hugh Watson Rendall, Jr.	Hugh W. & Edna M.
June 10		William Jr. & Elizabeth
June 10	Philip J. Engel	Chas. H. & Ruth E.
	Charles William Hoffman	Harry & Lillian R. Hoffman
July 29	Raymond Charles Wall	Charles R. & Evelyn
0	David R. MacIntyre	David Wm. & Maralyn P.
Sept. 2	Emma Georgianna Rochre	Max R. & Emma Sophia
Sept. 15	Frederick C. Philhower	Clifford & Catharine
Dec. 2	Frederick C. Philhower Robert Reed Douglass	William R. & Beatrice C.
	Joseph Roland Ammerman	Joseph S. & Ethel G.
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1929		
June 9	Roger Milton Belton	Archibald H. & Lyda K. Harvey H. & Marjorie J.
	Donald Harvey Eells	
	Durward Irving Hulbert	Durward C. & Luella V. Preston L. & Mabel V.
June 22	Irene Betty Smith Barbara Saccone	Lieber & Isabella II.
July 28	Roderick B. Garabrant	Roderick L. & Emma J.
Sept. 8	Marjorie Ann Rendall	Hugh W. & Edna M.
Dec. 1	Thomas E. Cross, Jr.	Thomas E. & Leonneade M.
Dec. I	Thomas E. Oross, Jr.	Inomas B. & Leonneaus Mr
1930		
Apr. 5	Joan D. Ericson	Eric Scott & Myrtle
Apr. 13	Betty Forsythe	Floyd & Elizabeth F.
Apr. 20	Richard Harry Reinauer	Thos. H. & Myra
May 19	Margaret Robinson	John Leslie & Edith May

Date Persons Baptized Names of Parents-Remarks Harold E. Garabrant June 8 Vernon & Frances Henry C. & Evelyn V. David Clayton Van Nest Leslie Merrill Hoppler Merrill & Ruth M. William Harvey Potter Harvey & Isabella Donald Beavers Whitehead David L. & Mabel W. Virginia Eunice Clark Richard J. & Eunice B. Dorothy Inez Hildebrant May Anna Hildebrant Russell C. & Elva B. Arthur Harry Hildebrant 1931 Apr. 19 Nancy Jones Rendall Hugh W. & Edna M. By Rev. John S. Chandler of South India, uncle of Hugh W. Rendall Muriel Churchill Engel June 14 Charles H. & Ruth E. Charles A. & Josephine F. Mariorie Ann Moeri Richard J. & Eunice B. Joyce Gunther Clark Harold A. & Isabel C. Gwendolvn Crane Jean Shirley MacBride Gertrude Josephine Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H. MacBride Alberta Izella MacBride June 28 Donald Elliott Appleby Wm. E. & Theresa S. Oct. 18 Marv Gwendolvn Maw Mr. & Mrs. Ernest E. 1932 June 12 Willard Darius Willard D. & Martha Sheerer. Jr. Victor Lionel Sheerer Durward C. & Luella V. **Richard Harris Hulbert** Laura Claire Douglass Harold Kenneth Kagan Wm. R. & Beatrice C. Jesse S. & Mary E. June 19 Dwight Rienzi Robinson Reginald R. & Katharine Hugh W. & Edna M. Edna Anthony Rendall 1983 Mar. 26 Ernest Edward Maw, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Ernest E. Charles L. & Ann R. Apr. 2 David Leslie Gallery June 11 Charles W. Rich. Jr. Charles W. & S. Elizabeth Dalton Kenneth Hoppler / Merrill & Ruth Virgil Dawson Hoppler (Sept. 24 William Carl Howell William Jr. & Elizabeth 1984 Apr. Robert Thomas Kagan Ralph & Ethel 1 June 10 Kenneth L. & Elizabeth D. Joan Elspeth Whitney James Charles Crammer Frederick & Ruth M. William Ralph Menagh Wm. E. & Louise H.

Date June 10	Persons Baptized Courtland Frederick	Names of Parents—Remarks
	Guerin Donald Luther MacKeil Preston L. Smith, Jr. Nancy Jane Clark	Chauncey H. & Elizabeth C. Gilbert & Vera F. Preston L. & Mabel V. Richard J. & Eunice B.
June 21	Laura Chase Walter Waddell Chase	Charles A. & Helen A. By Rev. Wm. Waddell, D.D., of Brazil, father of Mrs. Chase.
Dec. 2 Dec. 16	Carrell Dean John Ballard Rendall	Howard M. & Laura C. Hugh W. & Edna M. By Rev. Guy L. Morrill, D.D.
1935		
Apr. 21	Robert Klotz Totten Walter Augustus	Robert K. & Aileen D.
	Rentsch	Walter R. & Clara
June 9	Marlene Andrea Rich	Charles W. & Elizabeth
July 7	Eugene Oakley Booth	Mrs. Frances Edna Booth
Sept. 8	Arlene Barbara Cumback Gail Howard Cumback	Frank W. & Hazel A.
1936		
May 31 June 14	John Lindsley Cross Lee Gardner McKeil Gayle Freeman Finley Ann Van Gieson	Thomas E. & Leonneade A. Gilbert & Vera F. Richard F. & Pearl M.
	Robinson Herman Henry Booy Betty May Robinson Ronald Thomas Crammer	Reginald R. & Katharine H. Peter J. & Rose Julia John Leslie & Edith May Frederick & Ruth M.
June 21	John Fritts Apgar	John F. & Agnes S.
1937		
June 13	Mildred Louise Garabrant	Vernon & Frances
1938		
Apr. 24	Lorraine Sand	Jens William & Rebecca
June 12	Thomas Combach Richard Eugene Menagh Marjorie Ann Menagh John Nelson Cullen William Reed Douglas Jr. Natalie B. Douglas	Ivan & Iva William E. & Louise William E. & Louise John W. & Thelma William Reed & Beatrice William Reed & Beatrice

END OF BAPTISMS



NOTES ON THE MARRIAGE RECORDS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENDHAM 1766-1906

The church has no marriage records for the period between the years 1766 and 1852.

Since there were early acts passed by the assemblies of both East and West New-Jersey requiring the registration of marriages, the records must have been kept in some form. Copies made by the clergy were, no doubt, kept as personal property.

The earliest record of marriages in the possession of the church is that of the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, begun in September of 1852 in the book called CATALOGUE OF CHURCH MEMBERS, MENDHAM.

After March 12, 1856, one finds the note: "From this date to December 1860 all marriages were entered by Rev. Mr. White in a book reserved for Baptisms."

Beginning with December 4, 1860, the marriages were again entered in Mr. Hastings' book, "The Catalogue of Church Members, Mendham," and they continued there through November 1, 1906.

Later marriages may be obtained from the pastor, or from the office of the County Clerk, in the Court House at Morristown.

MARRIAGES OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENDHAM 1852—1906

MARRIAGES FROM CATALOGUE OF CHURCH MEMBERS, MENDHAM

Tabulated from the original "Catalogue of Church Members, Mendham," begun by Rev. Thos. S. Hastings in 1852. Marriages are in the back part.

Date	Parties-Residence	Parents' Names-Remarks
	By Rev. Thos.	S. Hastings
1852		
Sept. 15	Oscar S. Coe Martha J. Cramer	M. S. & Eliz. Cramer
Oct. 26	Rich'd Lawrence Julia Sutton	R. W. L. Jas. & J. A. S.
Dec. 23	John Bunn Beulah Ann Van Kirk	H. Van K.
Dec. 25	John A. Decoster Fanny M. Bockoven	J. D. & Catherine D. David & Phebe B.
1853		
Feb. 16	Henry Drake Sarah Sturges	Daniel & Eunice D. Jos. B. & Rachel S.
Mar. 24	Jas. Corrigan (Irish) Miriam Cotter	Chas. & Christian C. Jno. & Mary
Apr. 7	Southerland M. Seely Sarah J. Thompson	H. & Eliz. Seely Lewis A & J. C. T.
Apr. 14	Peter Lambert Sarah C. Chidester	E & Marg. L. J. B. & S. C.
May 19	Stephen D. Axtell Nancy C. Sutton	Jno. & Han. A. Jos. P. & P. S.
Sept. 3	Joseph W. Ballentine Adeline Briant	J. J. & Catherine Ballentine Saml O. & Elizabeth Briant
Sept. 20	Lewis Porter Phebe Byram	Enos & Caroline Porter Japhet & Mary Byram
Sept. 24	Jno. A. Wier Mary Elizabeth Williams	Wm. & Mary A. Wier Cornelius & Phoebe Williams
Oct. 12	Charles Thompson Abby M. Ballentine	Chas. & Clarissa Thompson
1854		
Jan. 5	Isaac Goble Rachel Woodruff	
Jan. 19	Jacob De Mott Susan C. Groff	Joseph & Sarah Groff

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Date	Parties-1	Parents' Names-Remarks
Mar. 2	(?) Miss Smith	David Smith
June 15	Noah Preston Loveridge	(27) Lawyer, Cuba, Allegheny Co., New York Son of Erastus Loveridge & Ruth Ann
	Miss Marietta King Vance	(25) Elias & Abigail Vance
Aug. 2	Jno. Cramer Mrs. Smith	widower widow
Aug. 19	Wm. N. Stout Ruth Ann Young,	Thos. B. & Deborah Stout
	Chester	Elias B. & Sarah Young
Aug. 22	Nathan G. Jenkins Sarah J. Byram	Malachi & Susan Jenkins Manuel & Mary Byram
Aug.	Cummins O. H. Wilson Mary Elizabeth Cramer	Ebenezer & Elizabeth Wilson Morris S. & Elizth. Cramer
Sept. 20	Rev. I. H. Brayton San Francisco, Calif. Mary E. Pitney	Albert P. & Louisa C. Brayton Mahlon & Lucetta Pitney
Oct. 19	Alfred H. Condict Aretta Garrabrant	Silas H. & Joanna Condict Peter & Eliza Garrabrant
1855		
Feb. 21	Robert Millen Hocken- bery Mary Amanda Babbit	Jne. & Margaret
	Schooley's Mt.	Moses & Elizth
Mar. 31	Joseph Perine Miss Beulah C. Wolfe	Peter & Rachel Perine Jacob & Mary Wolfe
Sept. 20	Aaron Sutton Miss Anna E. Lawrence	Jonathan & Martha Sutton Thos. & Harriet Lawrence
	Hampton O. Marsh Miss Mary Dayton	Jno. & Caroline H, Marsh
Oct. 10	Jacob Vough Miss Mary Conkling	Jacob & Sarah Vough Charles H. & Jane Conkling
Nov. 1	Milford B. Richards Miss Phebe Ann Thomas	(coloured) David & Catherine (coloured) Alfred & Peggy Thomas
Nov. 20 1856	Abram Bockoven Frances S. Axtell	David
1856 Mar. 12	Wm. N. Clayton Miss Henrietta C. Gaston	H. & Mary L

From this date to December 4th 1860 all marriages were en-tered by Rev. Mr. White in a book reserved for baptisms. H. W. R.

MARRIAGES FROM THE BOOK OF BAPTISMS

Date	Parties-Residence	Parents' Names-Remarks
	By Rev. Theod	ore F. White
1856		
Sept. 28	Elias Yawger, Mendham Evalina B. Babbitt, Mendham	(23) A carpenter (20)
1857		
Feb. 11	Robert Morrow, Mendham	(63) widower
	Nancy Layton	(50) At house of Mr. Bockoven
Mar. 5	Chas. Byer, Peapack	(31 yrs. 8 mos.) Born Neither- hausen, Germany
	Rosa Wanze, Mendham	(23) Born Waseanweller, Ger- many. At house of Israel Losey.
Mar. 25	Wm. L. Morris, Mendham	(27) Mason
	Miss Phoebe F. Woodhull Mendham	(19) Miliner At house of Jos Hulbert, Water Street
Nov. 4	Charles S. Dunning, South Middleton,	(30) Preacher of the Gospel
	Orange Co., N. Y. Maria H. White, Mendham	(24) Born in New York City. At the parsonage.
Nov. 5	Wm. H. Babbitt, Hoboken, N. J.	(32) Born in Mendham
	Sarah E. Bryant, Mendham	(22) Born in Mendham resides with parents. He is a minister of the Gospel.
Nov. 15	Lyman Weir, Hecketstown Miss Mary R. Talmage, Mendham	(24) widower, coachmaker Born in Dover, New Jersey (25) Abram & Abigail Tal- madge, born in Pluckamin, New Jersey. At Mendham, home.
	By Rev. Thos.	S. Hastings
Oct. 25	Daniel W. (Holbrook) Kaubas ? Territory	(23) Silas A. & Emilia Hol- brook. Born Coldwater, Branch
	Ruhannah C. (Thompson) Kaubas ? Territory	Co., Michigan. Speculator (21) Lewis A. & Jane C. Thompson. Married at home. Music teacher.
Dec. 16	Friedrick Suthardt	(25) Born Souneberg, Germany. Farmer.
	Mary E. Ford, Morristown	(23) Alfred Ford, lives with parents.

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Date	Parties-Residence	Parents' Names-Remarks
	By Rev. T.	F. White
1858		
Mar. 4	Hiram H. (DeCamp) Chester	(28) David S. & Rebecca De Camp. Farmer.
	Althea R. (Laing) Plainfield, N. J.	 (25) Abram & Sarah Laing At Parsonage, Mendham Witnesses G. C. King, C. Louise DeCamp, Chester; Mrs. Esther White, George Cramer, C. S. Dunning,
		Mendham.
Apr. 22	Geo. M. (Bach) Bernards Township	(28) Mathias F. & Hannah Baldwin Bach. Born in Newton, Farmer.
	Erretta A. Smith, Mendham	(17) Saml & Sarah A. Smith (now Mrs. J. Cramer) Born Hackettstown. At Mendham, house of Jno. Cramer. A teacher.
1859		
	Mr. Nicholas Skinner, Mendham	(49) widower, born in Wash- ington, New Jersey.
	Mrs. Sarah A. Clarke, Mendham	Mgton, New Jersey. (41) widow, born in Washing- ton, New Jersey. Married in Mendham Witnesses Mrs. Esther White Mrs. G. B. White Miss P. A. Cooper

MARRIAGES FROM CATALOGUE OF CHURCH MEMBERS CONTINUED By Rev. David Magie

Dec. 4	Dr. John S. Stiger, Mendham	
	Annice M. Hillard	Henry Hillard Esq.
Dec. 19	Daniel C. Yawger. Mendham	Jewell Yawger, deceased
	Anna Devoon, Mendham	Henry Devoon, deceased
1861		
Jan. 1	John N. Garrabrant, Mendham	John & Rachel Garrabrant
	Helen Day, Mendham	Harris Mills & Eliza Day
1862		
Jan. 22	Elias M. King, Chester	(24) Bricker (dec d) & Constant V. King
	Margaret A. Yawger, Mendham	(21) Jewell Yawger, dec.

Date Parties-Residence Parents' Names-Remarks Mav 20 Mr. Henry Hillard, Mendham Mary Ballentine, John J. Ballentine Mendham Mr. Virgil Howell July 29 Mrs. Julia F. Walton At Mendham parsonage. Mr. Philemon L. Nov. 27 Thompson (39) Elias Thompson, dec. Miss Sarah Garrabrant (29) Peter & Eliza Garrabrant Dec. 10 Joseph H. Smith. Zacheriah Z. Smith Mendham Fannie Elizabeth (Cole) Jacob Cole. At the house of Bernards Twsp. the bride's father. Dec. 13 Manuel N. Byram, Mendham Twsp. Sarah Hudson, Abraham Hudson, dec. Mendham Twsp. At the parsonage. 1863 A. N. Com from Sweeden Apr. 22 (55) Broker of New York City. Lizzie S. (Homan) (32) Joel C. Homan. At the house of the bride's father. (24) Samuel & Sarah Ann Aug. 8 Isaac Newton Abraams. Mendham Abraams Lydia Sarah (Garrabrant, Bernards Twsp. (17) Henry & Mary A. Garrabrant. At house of bride's father. Sept. 17 Joshua Goldsmith Corwin. (70)Succasumma Plains (49) widow of the late Mr. John Mrs. Sarah A. Cramer. Mendham Cramer. At Mrs. Cramer's house. Oct. 10 J. T. Lawrence, (28)Mendham Miss Mary Louise, (30) Mr. Joel C. Homan. At (Homan) the house of the bride's father. Nov. 18 William Menagh, (26) Mr. Hugh Menagh Mendham Miss Julia Ann (Cole) (24) Mr. James Cole. At the house of the bride's father. Mendham 1864 Jen. 13 Henry Millen Day, Mendham Twsp. (25) Mr. Harris Mills & Eliza Day. Miss Mary Woodruff

(Byram)

Mendham

(25) Manuel N. & Mary Byram. At the house of the bride's father.

Date Parties-Residence

- Feb. 24 Mahlon Cole, Mendham Twsp. Miss Nancy G. Van Nest Mendham Twsp.
- Mar. 22 Marius Robinson, Hampton, Conn. Margaret Ann Garrabrant, Mendham Twsp.
- Apr. 6 Mr. George P. Marsh, Mendham Twsp. Sarah M. (Babbitt) Mendham Twsp.
- June 11 Mr. Samuel Cooper, Chester Miss Caroline P. Emmons Chester
- Aug. 16 Mr. Henry Clark, Mendham Twsp. Miss Catherine Kglis? Bally Castle, Parish of Romone, County of Antrim, Ireland.
- Oct. 6 Mr. John C. White, Belmont, Bergen Co. Louise Leavitt, Belleville, New Jersey

1865

1866

Dec. 21 Mr. Samuel Dunham Doty, Morristown (2 Abbie Axtell (Smith) (2 Mendham Twsp.

Parents' Names-Remarks

Mr. James Cole

Mr. Henry D. Van Nest Sr. At the house of the bride's father,

(29) Ralph & Mary Robinson

(27) John & Rachel Garrabrant. At the house of the bride's father.

(29)

(19) Robert M. & Henrietta M. Babbitt. At the house of the bride's father.

(30)

(29) At the parsonage.

(63)

At the parsonage.

(25)

(25) William H. & Brandt. At the house of the bride's father, Belleville.

(25) Daniel S. Doty (24) Ziba S. Smith

By Rev. Sanford Smith

Dec. 27	27	Austin C. Apgar, Trenton	(27) Teacher in State Normal School, Trenton
		Maria Eliz. Whitlock, Mendham	(24) Sam. G. Whitlock. At the residence of John Whitlock.
1867			
Мау	7	Charles M. Quimby, Bernardsville	J. S. Quimby,
		Rebecca Jane (Menagh)	H. Menagh. At the residence of Mr. H. Menagh.
Sept. 3	3	Van Cleve Salmon	(22) James L. & Rebecca Sal- mon.
		Harriet Ann Riley, Pompton	(19) servant of Rev. H. Thomp- son, Mendham

Date Parties-Residence

- Sept. 11 John McCollum. Mine Mount. Somerset County Eliza Jane (McMurtry) Mendham
- Sept. 12 Thomas L. Dennis, Boonton Emily A. Piere. Boonton
- Nov. 20 George Anderson Sarah Elizabeth (Forsyth)

1868

1868 Sept. 8 Joseph Ballentine, Newark Sarah Martha Robinson, Newark

Parents' Names-Remarks

(21) Byram McCollom

(20) Stephen (decd) & Phebe Ann McMurtry. At residence of pride's mother.

(21) Thos. & Julia Dennis

(21) Samuel & Emily Piere. At the parsonage.

(30) Wm. H. & Susan Anderson. (27) Wm. & Sarah Forsyth At the house of Wm. Forsyth.

(25) Samuel Ballentine deceased & Mary Ann (19) Wm. M. & Clarissa Robinson. At the parsonage

By Rev. E. R. Fairchild, D.D.

Oct. 24 Job T. Hill, Rockaway Elizabeth M. (Roberts) Newark

(27) John O. & Nancy V. Hill (23) Mahlon Roberts deceased & Mrs. Marg. A. Roberts now of Newark. At the residence of Rev. E. R. Fairchild, D.D.

By Rev. Sanford H. Smith

- (25) Jonas & Frances L. Oct. 28 John L. (Denton) Mendham Denton (25) Peter & Margaret E. Mel-Maria Jane (Melick) Mendham ick. At the bride's mothers residence.
- Nov. 3 Nicholas Miller, Morristown Emma Moccasson. Morristown

(35) John & Diana (col d)

(24) (col d) adopted daughter of Peter & Rebecca Hough. At the parsonage.

1869

John H. Janson, (74) widower Feb. 11 Walnut Grove Mrs. Phebe A. Doty, (63) Morristown

By Rev. I. W. Cochran

- 1870
- Feb. 17 Leander Searing. Morristown (20) Mary Rutan, Mendham

(23) Phebe & Samuel

Abby Rutan. At the bride's residence

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Date Parties-Residence

Oct. 26 Isaac Warren Mucklow, Mendham Anna Maria Wyckoff, (Anna Mary) Mendham

1871

June 21 Daniel Corwin Backer, Boonton Kate Frieman Roy, Brookside

1872

- Jan. 1 Charles Edgar Barker, Brookside Laura Anderson Garabrant, Brookside
- Oct. 31 William Logan, Richmond, Va. Dolly Washington, nee Johnson Hanover, Va.
- Nov. 13 Samuel Edgar Condit, Brookside Julia Barker, Brookside

1878

- Aug. 27 Simeon B. Wyckoff, Baskingridge Sarah Ann Anderson, Mendham
- Oct. 29 Joseph Moore Parcells, Newark Lily Douglas Nutt, Mendham

1874

- Mar. 3 Rev. Thomas Carter, Boonton Hettie M. Dodd
- Mar. 4 James H. Haley, Mt. Horeb, N. J. Susan Ballentine, Mendham
- May 20 Watsen A. Chidester. Brooklyn, N. Y. Mary R. Thompson, Mendham

Parents' Names—Remarks (33) Christina

(24) Mrs. Jane Wyckoff

(23) Benj. C. & Mary Backer, deceased (18) Jos. J. & Sarah Roy.

(26) Morgan & Eleanor Barker

(24) Cornelius & Elizabeth Garabrant

(28) col d, Henry & Ninie

(25) Jerry & Maria Johnson.

(40) Wyckliffs S. & Esther Condit. (29) Morgan & Eleanor B.

George & Lydia J.

(21) Samuel & Christine Anderson.

(25) Henry L. & Nancy C. Parcells (24) John & Hannah Maria Nutt

(36) Robert & Jane Carter

(25) Rev. E. M. & Lydia B. Dodd

(35) John & Eliza Haley

(29) J. Forbes & Catherine Ballentine

(32) J. Byram & SarahChidester(32) J. Byram & SusanThompson.

Date 1874	Parties-Residence	Parents' Names-Remarks
Dec. 16	William Hegin, Peapack, N. J. Mary W. Sutton, Mendham	(21) Adam & Elizabeth Hegin (26) Sarah Sutton
1875 Sept. 2	Abraham P. Stout, Readington, N. J. Catherine Ballentine	(43) Thomas (deceased) & Elizabeth Stout (33) J. Forbes & Elizabeth Ballentine
Sept. 23	W. Fred. Quimby, Newark S. Florence Nicholas	(24) John A. & Martha A. (21) Josiah & Catherine M.
1876 Oct. 4	John Robertson, Newark Angeline Cole, Mendham	(40) Chas. F. & Juliette L. Robertson (30) James & Mary Cole, both deceased
Oct. 18	J. Dixon Thompson, Morristown Annie Day, Mendham	(32) Silas Axtell & Eliza (Thompson) (27) Harris Mills & Eliza Day, all of Mendham
1877 Oct. 17	James Lawrence, Mendham Susan H. Thompson, Mendham	(33) Aaron & Lydia (Law- rence)† (30) Tempe & Geo. H. Thompson
Nov. 14	Samuel R. Demarest Jr. Hackensack, N. J. Louise Mary Forsyth, Mendham	(33) Ralph S. & Jane (Demarest) (34) Wm. W. & Sarah A. (Forsyth)
1878 Feb. 16	Elias B. DeGroot, Mendham Anna M. Dunlap, Mendham	(53) Peter & Martha (DeGroot) (33) Joseph J. & Sarah Ann (Dunlap)
1879 Jan. 28	J. M. Crane, Mendham Lizzie Melick, Mendham	(37) John S. &
Mar. 25	A. C. Aller, Peapack, N. J. Cornelia Day, Mendham	(39) Iscac & Craig (Aller) (26) Harris Mills & Eliza Squier (Day)†

[†] Names in parenthesis have been supplied in order to make clear the family names.

- Date Parties-Residence
- Sept. 6 Jacob S. Augar, Lower Valley, New Jersey Lizzie W. Apgar, Middle Valley, N. J.
- Nov. 17 Robt. E. Young, Bernardsville Margaret L. Anderson, Mendham
- June 15 Henry Drake, Mendham Phebe M. Carey, Mendham
- 1880
- June 23 Eugene Ayers Carrell, Morristown Hannah Adele Day, Brookside
- Nov. 25 John J. Bird, Liberty Corner Annie Ballentine, Mendham
- Dec. 15 Cornelius S. Ten Eick, Bernardsville Eliza A. Fleet

- Jan. 20 Wm. B. Woodhull, Chester Mary N. Smith, Mendham
- Feb. 24 Wm. L. Allen, Liberty Corner Electa Cawline (Day) Mendham
- Nov. 24 Benj. N. Black, Basking Ridge Emma Eliza Kiser, Brookside
- Dec. 6 Harvey Garabrant, Mendham Emma Gray, Ironia, N. J.

1882

Apr. 8 Joseph Osar, Charlottesburg Jennie Marion, Charlottesburg

(23) Peter & Mary Tiger (Auger) (18) Leonard & Lindeberry (Apgar) (23) Robt. E. & Mary A. Smith (Young) (21) John A. & Jennie Nelson (Anderson) (77) Danl. & Eunice Drake (44) Stephen & Sybil Beach (Cary) (27) John L. & Emily Dalrymple (Carrell) (24) Henry & H. Phoenix (Day) (26) John W. & Mary Ruckman (Bird) (24) J. Forbes & Cath. Blair (Ballentine) (31) Henry & Eliz. Shoan (Ten Eick) (30) John & Aletta Hoffman (Fleet) (27) Caleb S. & Mary Swazey (Woodhull) (26) Ziba S. & Phebe A. Axtell (Smith) (51) Wm. L. Allen (36) H. Mills & Eliza Day (24) Jonathan & Annie Losan (Black) (18) Nathaniel & Kate Losey (Kiser) (23) Aniel & Sarah Riel (Garabrant) (20) Joseph & Sarah A. Lindabery (Grav) (23) Jacob & Rachel Morse (18) Anthony & Katie Anderson

Parents' Names-Remarks

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Nov. 29	Marius Robinson, Mendham Laura Lawrence, Mendham	 (48) Ralph W. & Mary E. Williams (Robinson) (33) Aaron & Lydia Brown (Lawrence)
1883 Feb. 22	Marcellus Halsey, Summit Ella B. Balentine, Mendham	(29) John M. & Mary Osborne (Halsey) (23) J. Forbes & Cath. Blair (Ballentine)
Dec. 19	Robert Harris Thompson Mendham Elizabeth McMurtry Garabrant, Brookside	 (38) Geo. H. & Tempe L. Mcrae (Thompson) (30) Cornelius P. & E. Pitney (Garabrant)
1884		
Jan. 20		(21) Jonathan & P. M. Austen
	Babylon, L. I. Mary Ellick, Mendham	(Wood) (19) Wm. & J. S. Hine (Ellick)
June 24	Henry V. Riker, Peapack Sarah L. Sayre, Mendham	(27) Henry & Mary C. Buxton (Riker) (20) Geo. & Jane Evans Sayre
Sept. 7	Aaron Forsyth, Ironia, N. J. Cynthia D. Perry	(23) John W. & Sarah Jane Odell (Forsyth) (24), lives in N. J.
Oct. 18	Benj. F. Collins, M'town Anna May Croot, Bernardsville	(21) Wm. Collins (18)
Dec. 31	William P. Garabrant,	(25) Cornelius P.
	Mendham Alice Haywood Morris, Mendham	(23)
1885		
Feb. 5	F. E. Parkes, Mendham	(25) David F. & Adeline
	Amelia Hulbert, Mt. Freedon	Forsyth (Parks) (22) Samuel L. & Anna Cramer (Hulbert)
	By Rev. B.	S. Swan

Sept. 17 Mr. Jessie N. Forsyth, Mendham Mrs. Susan A. Apgar, Mendham

At the bride's residence

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1000	By Rev. Jame	s Carter
1886 Feb. 24	John R. Nesbitt Jr., Mendham Mary C. Menagh	(25) John R. Nesbitt & Annie N. Day (22) Wm R. Menagh & Julia A. Cole Witnesses Louis R. Menagh Frank S. Taintor At bride's parents house
1888		
June 20	George Byron March, Bernard Twsp., Somerset Co. Isabella Riley, Bernard Twsp., Somerset Co.	(41) (32) At the Manse, Mendham. Witresses Sarah E. Woodward Theodore Woodward
Sept. 24	Alfred Applin,	(26)
	Baskingridge, Somerset County Ella Fleming, Bernardsville, Somerset County	(19) Witnesses Emma Smuller Carter Agnes L. Carter At the Manse, Mendham
Oct. 3	John Albert Clark, Brookside Maria Elizabeth Day	 (24) Late Albert Hollaway Clark (22) Late Henry Day At the bride's mother's resi- dence Witnesses W. S. Jenkins, of Brookside Geo. S. Clark, of Newark
1889		(24)
Jan. 12	George Albert Powers, Dover Kate Louisa Parks, Millbrook	(24) (19) Witnesses James H. Leahey Emma Smuller Carter At the Manse, Mendham
June 19	Harry Mills Day, Morristown Hettie Eva Dutton, Morristown	 (29) (27) James W. Dutton At the bride's mother's residence, Morristown Witnesses Wm. M. Quimby E. A. Carroll

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	By Rev. George	e P. Noble
1890 Mar. 31	Martin B. Brierly, Passaic, New Jersey Anna B. Cary, Mendham	Witnesses Aaron Drake Emily J. Drake At the parsonage
May 20	Gates B. Parsons, Morris Plains, N. J. Sarah Isabel Dunlap, Mendham	At the residence of the bride's mother Witnesses Elias DeGroot Anna G. Dunlap
1891		
	Eugene M. Garabrant, Morristown Mattie Thorpe, Morristown	Witnesses J. Wesley Garabrant Eliza D. Garabrant At the residence of the bride's mother
Nov. 25	Vroom Vorhees Losey, Mendham Elizabeth Clarke Babbitt, Мелdham	Witnesses Benjamin H. Losey M. Fred Babbitt At the residence of the bride's parents
Dec. 23	Theodore O. Chamberlain Mendham Etta E. Sayre, Mendham	Witnesses Henry V. Riker John R. Chamberlain At the residence of the bride's mother
1892		
	Andrew Baird, Baskingridge Elizabeth Ballentine	widower
	Stout, Mendham	widow At the residence of the bride. Witnesses Chas. T. Thompson George E. Haley
Oct. 26	Clarence D. Carley, Middletown, N. J. Maggie B. Van Nest, Mendham	At the residence of Mr. J. R. Van Nest Witnesses Mahlon Cole Elmer C. Van Nest
1893 Nov. 9	David Elmer Wolfe, Brookside Susan M. Amerman, Brookside	Witnesses Chas. S. Amerman Mary E. Darling At the parsonage

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Date 1894	Parties-Residence	Parents' Names-Remarks
	Fred Dayton Poulson, Mendham Anna Allers, Mendham	At the residence of Dixon Thompson Esq. Witnesses Chas. A. Poulson Chas. Freeman
June 13	Thomas M. Lunger, Chester Kattie Vanarsdale, Chester	At the parsonage Witnesses Mrs. S. J. Lunger Oscar Vanarsdale
June 20	James Cole Menagh, Mendham Emily Carrell Day, Brookside	At the residence of the bride's father, Ephraim Day Esq. Witnesses Chas. H. Day Geo. Menagh
1895 Feb. 27	Willis Caldwell Drake, Morristown Jessie Woodhull, Morristown	At the residence of the bride's Uncle, Geo. H. Pierson, Morris- town. Witnesses Aaron Drake Geo. W. Pierson
May 22	William E. Day, Morristown Mary L. Frost, Mendham	At the residence of the Bride's Father, Thos. B. Frost, Mend- ham Witnesses James C. Menagh Charles H. Day
Sept. 25	J. Harvey Blazure, Morristown Bessie A. Day, Brookside	At the residence of the Bride's Father, Ephraim S. Day, Esq., of Brookside, N. J. Witnesses James C. Menagh William E. Day
Oct. 10	Frank Freeman, Mendham Miriam Manning, Mendham	At the residence of the Bride's Mother, Mrs. Eliza M. Man- ning, of Mendham Witnesses Charles Freeman Grace Manning
Oct. 30	Harris Day, M.D., Bernardsville, Somerset Co. Mariet:a Garabrant, Mendham	At the residence of the Bride's Father, Ezra F. Garabrant, Esq. Witnesses Charles Q. Garabrant William E. Day

Date Nov. 27	Parties—Residence Manuel B. Day, Morristown Eliza Lavinia Cole	Parents' Names-Remarks At the residence of the Bride's Father, Mahlon Cole, Esq., of Mendham. Witnesses Elmer Van Nest Harris Day, M.D.
Nov. 28	John MacIndoe Coggin, Kearney, Hudson Co., N. J. Annie Baldwin, Mendham	At the residence of the Bride's Father, Ezra F. Baldwin, Esq. Witnesses William Baldwin Mary Baldwin
Dec. 25	Elmer C. Van Nest, Mendham Nellie Freeman, Morristown	At the residence of the Bride's Mother, Mrs. Charles Freeman Witnesses Charles Freeman Jr. Jerome R. Van Nest
1896 July 1	Alfred R. Quimby, Mendham Hattie A. Sayre, Mendham	At the residence of the Bride's mother, Mrs. J. Sayer Witnesses Henry V. Riker John Quimby
Dec. 30	Henry Herbert Taylor Noble, M.D., Jamica, L. I. Caroline Leslie Place, New York	At the residence of the Bride's mother, Mrs. Eunice Place, of 24 W. 114th Street, New York City Witnesses Charles Noble J. M. Place
1897 May 26	Arthur Benson Crane, Mendham Annie Sophia Apgar	At the residence of the Bride's (step) father, Jesse A. For- syth. Witnesses Jesse A. Forsythe Harry S. Baldwin
Feb. ? Mar. ?	William D. Osman, Newark Mary Cole Menagh, Mendham	At the residence of the Bride's father, William Menagh, Esq. Witnesses Jas. C. Menagh Geo. H. Menagh

Nov. 4 Charles Wickenhaver, Basking-Ridge Mary Emma Faulkner, Basking-Ridge

At the Parsonage Witnesses Charles Noble Fanny K. Noble

Date Parties-Residence

1898

- June 18 Franklin Pleasants Noble, Glen Cove, Long Island Jennie Frances Bockoven, Mendham
- Aug. 12 Charles H. Blazure, Gladstone Maud L. Henry, Mendham
- Nov. 16 Sarah Somerville, Bernardsville James Little, Mendham

1899

- Apr. 12 William Dalrymple Bunn, Bernardsville, Somerset County Annie Mc Whorter Thompson, Somerset Co.
- Sept. 27 George Elmer Alpaugh, Bernardsville Augusta Margareta Dahlin, New York City
- Nov. 15 Morris Cramer, East Orange, N. J. Eleanor Kinchels Cole, Mendham
- Dec. 13 Fred H. Garabrant, Brookside †Hattie B. Howell Garabrant, Brookside

1900

Nov. 14 Harvey Dutchess, Patterson Maggie Henrietta Conklin, Mendham

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At residence of the Bride's father, Abram Bockoven, Esq. Witnesses Fred. N. Bockoven Charles Noble

At the Parsonage Witnesses Benj. McDougall Fanny K. Noble

At the Parsonage Witnesses Charles E. Lounsbury Mary Little

At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Thompson Witnesses Charles Thompson — Bunn

At the Parsonage Witnesses Chas. H. Alpaugh Christine Carlson

At the residence of the bride's father, Mendham. M. Mahlon Cole. Witnesses, William E. Day Harry Bowman

At the residence of R. Harris Thompson, Esq., of Mendham, N. J. Witnesses Geo. McMurtry N. Isabel Thompson

At the residence of the bride's father, Henry Conklin, Mendham, N. J. Witnesses John Dutchess H. Henry Conklin

† Widow of Stanley Garabrant, brother of Fred.

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Nov. 21	Frederick Carling, Gladstone, N. J. Sarah E. Haines, Gladstone, N. J.	At Parsonage, Mendham Witnesses Geo. Haines Clara Cramer
1901		
June 13	Edson Julius Rood, Mendham Hughemma Nesbitt *Dildine, Mendham	At the residence of A. G. Phillips, Esq., Mendham, New Jersey Witnesses A. G. Phillips Peter A. Rood
June 15	Richard Speer Fran- cisco, Caldwell, N. J. Mary Adeline Lawrence, Mendham	At the residence of Theo. Ballentine, Esq., of Mendham, N. J. Witnesses Fred k Smith Catherine White
Aug. 18	William O'Connell,	At the Parsonage
	New York City Brita Maria Brunsell, Jersey City	Witnesses J. D. Rogers Gussie Charangel
	By Rev. Robert	G. Johnson
1902		
Apr. 6	Wm. Van Sant, Morris Plains May Roy, Morris Plains	(25) At Mendham (24)
		Witnesses John S. Stige : Mrs. Mae H. Johnston
Nov. 11	John Finley Drake,	(29) At Mendham
	Mendham Louise Hunting Burd, Mendham	(24) Witnesses James K. Burd Jr. Mary J. Drake
1904		
Feb. 17	John Pall Beavers, Mendham	(37) At Mendham
	Grace Manning, Mendham	(37) Witnesses Mrs. Emma Woodhull Mr. Winfield Buchanan

* Hughemma Nesbitt, widow of Henry Dildine.

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Mar. 29	Wm. August Nuber, Mendham Mrs. Ella Sarah (Owen) Stout, Mendham	(45) At Mendham (30) Witnesses Mae H. Johnston Belle Johnston
June 1	Sidney Stalter Wilson, Morristown Agnes McCarter Philips, Ralston	(21) At Ralston (21) Witnesses Charles E. Wilson Mrs. Harriet Philips
Dec. 3	Howard Sutphen Cramer, North Branch, N. J. Dorris May Field, North Branch, N. J.	(24) At Mendham (28) Witnesses Mrs. Mae H. Johnston Mrs. Annie Cramer
1905 Apr. 26	Frederic C. Watkins, Mendham Irene J. De Vore, Mendham	(27) At Mendham (18) Witnesses Wm R. De Vore Cornelia J. Rikers
June 28	Philip Welling Hopkins, Monroe, N. J. Henel Elizabeth Woodhull, Brookside	(24) At Brookside (22) Witnesses A. S. Woodhull Annie S. Lawerence
Aug. 30	Harvey Potter Ammerman, Mendham Annie Elizabeth Lindsley, N. J.	(23) At Mendham (23) Witnesses Jessie Beavers Dora Hoffman
Sept. 2	Theodore M. Hoffman, Cokesburg, N. J. Lizzie Feeley, Cokesburg, N. J.	(23) At Mendham (23) Witnesses Aaron B. Hoffman Maggie Smith

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Sept. 2	Aaron B. Hoffman, Cokesburg, N. J. Maggie Smith, Cokesburg, N. J.	(21) At Mendham (23) Witnesses Theo. M. Hoffman Mrs. Lizzie Hoffman
Dec. 20	Theodore Green Kitchen, Trenton May Apgar, Mendham	(28) At Mendham (24) Witnesses Carrie Woodhouse Mrs. Cornie Guerin
1906 Nov. 1	Daniel Palmer, Bernardsville, N. J. Elizabeth Bedell, Brookside	(26) At Mendham (19) Witnesses Henry V. Riker Mrs. N. H. Johnston

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