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Deed for Ground on Which the Church  
Stands.

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**This Indenture**, Made the Eighth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Seven, (8) Between John Lewis of the township of Whitpain in ye County of Philadelphia in the province of Pennsylvania, yeoman of the one part, and the Rev'd John Phillip Behme, minister, and Michael Cline, Arnold Rutershan and Andrew Acker, Church Wardens (of ye Congregation formed in Whitpain aforesaid,) of the other part. WHEREAS by certain Indenture of Release of the Sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty for the consideration therein mention. Rees Thomas of Merion, in the County of Philadelphia, gentleman, and Anthony Morris of the City of Philadelphia, brewer, and Phebe his wife and Anne Whitpain, of the City of Philada., widow relic and sole executrix of the last Will and Testament of John Whitpain late of the said City, merchant, deceased, did grant and confirm unto Owen Lewis, of Whitpain afors'd, Yeoman certain Tract of Land, containing One Hundred and Fifty Acres situate in Whitpain afors'd. To HOLD to him the said Owen Lewis, his heirs and assigns forever relation thereunto had may at large appear. AND WHEREAS the

s'd Owen Lewis (father to the above named John Lewis) by a certain deed bearing date the Eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six, for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and confirm unto the said John Lewis the said one hundred and fifty acres of land and premises together with the appurtenances to hold to him the said John Lewis his heirs and assigns forever, as in and by the said deed relation being thereunto had may more fully and at large appear. Now THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said John Lewis for and in consideration of the sum of four pounds ten shillings lawful money of the said Province to him well and truly paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and therefrom and of any part and parcel thereof doth acquit and forever discharge ye said Minister, Church Wardens and Company their heirs, assigns and successors by these presents hath granted, bargained and hold aliened, encossed, released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, encoss and confirm unto the said John Philip Behme, Michael Cline, Arnold Ruttershan and Andrew Acker and to their heirs, assigns and successors. A certain piece of lot of land (part of the above mentioned one hundred and fifty acres), situate in Whitpain aforesaid. Beginning at a stone in the road leading to North Wales meeting house, thence extending southeast eight perches and eleven links to a stone in ye line of Jacob Fisher's land, thence by the same northeast thirteen perches and three links to a stone, thence by other land of the said John Lewis, northwest sixteen perches to a stone in the said road, thence along ye said road south fourteen degrees, west fifteen perches and two links to the place of beginning.

containing one acre of land, Together also with all and singular the buildings and improvements, ways, woods, waters, timber and trees, rights, members, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever thereunto belong or in anywise appertaining and the reversions and Remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, to have and to hold the said described acre of land, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said John Philip Böhme, Michael Clime, Arnold Ruttershan, Andrew Acker and Company, their heirs and successors to the only proper use and behoof of them the said John Philip Böhme, Michael Clime, Arnold Ruttershan, Andrew Acker and Company, their heirs and successors forever, in trust nevertheless for the use of ye said Congregation of the High Dutch Reformed Church, formed by the Christian Synod held at Dortrecht in Holland, in ye years 1618 and 1619, so that the said congregation shall hold, follow and adhere to the principles of the Heidelberg Catechism and in subordination to the Reverend Classis at Amsterdam and for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever and further that ye tested Church Wardens of the said congregation from time to time forever after shall be careful to uphold and maintain the above recited principles, and that no new Church Wardens shall have power to alter or make void anything that has been done or established before them or this present year 1748 to the only proper use and behoof of the said congregation their heirs and successors forever, under the proportionable part of the yearly Quit Rent hereafter, accruing for the same to the Chief Lord of the Fee thereof, and the said John Lewis and his heirs the said lott or acre of land hereby granted or mentioned to be granted.

with ye appurtenances unto the said John Philip Behme, Michael Cline Arnold Ruttershan and Andrew Acker, their heirs and successors, against him the said John Lewis and his heirs and assigns, and against all and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim ye land and premises hereby granted or any part or parcell thereof by from or under him, them or any of them, shall and will warrent and forever defend by these presents. And that the said John Lewis and his heirs and all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim any estate, right, title or interest of in or to the said acre of land and premises hereby granted or mentioned so to be, with the appurtenances or any part or parcel thereof by from or under him, them or any of them shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter at and upon the reasonable request, costs and charges in the law of them the said John Philip Behme, Michael Cline, Arnold Ruttershan and Andrew Acker their heirs and successors, make execute and acknowledge or cause so to be all and every such further and other reasonable act or acts, deed or deeds device or devices in the law whatsoever for the further and better assurance and confirmation of ye said lott or acre of land and premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said John Philip Behme, Michael Cline, Arnold Ruttershan and Andrew Acker, their heirs and successors as by them or any of them or by their or either of their counsils learned in the law shall reasonably devised, advised or required.

IN WITNESS Whereof the said parties to these presents have interchangably set their hands and seals



hereunto dated the day and year first above written.

**JOHN LEWIS, [SEAL.]**

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us,  
**AWBERY ROBERTS,**  
**HANNAH PUGH.**

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**JOHN LEWIS** personally appeared before me **Sam'l Morris, Esq.**, one of the Justices and brought with him ye above written Indenture and acknowledged the same to be his deed and desired the same may be recorded as his deed. Witness my hand and seal this Tenth day of May 1748.

**SAMUEL MORRIS, J. P.**

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**RECEIVED** the day of the date of ye within written Indenture of ye within named **John Philip Behme, Michael Cline and Company, etc.**, the sum of four pounds, ten shillings lawful money it being in full of ye consideration money within mentioned I say. Received by me

**JOHN LEWIS.**

Witness at Signing,  
**AWBERY ROBERTS,**  
**HANNAH PUGH.**

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Entered in the Office for Recording of Deeds for the City and County of Philadelphia, in book H, page 285, the 3rd day of January in the year 1750.

Witness my hand and seal of my office.

**C. BROCK, Dep. Rec.**

## CHARTER.

*The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To all these presents shall come Greeting,*

WHEREAS, it is a rational duty incumbent upon all religious Societies to endeavour by every honest and prudent method to provide for and promote religious worship. And Whereas the members of Behn's German Reformed Congregation, citizens in and near the township Whitpain, in the county of Montgomery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have at a very considerable expense erected and rebuilt their house of Worship, in the Township, County and Commonwealth aforesaid, do represent by the Rev. George Wack their present minister, and their present Elders, Trustees and Deacons, subscribers and members of the said congregation that for want of being a corporate body capable of holding or taking by law the donations, grants and bequests of divers, charitable and well disposed persons heretofore made for the benefit and use of the said congregation would be lost and their pious intention of the donors frustrated and defeated and that all funds and provisions already in our possession as also those that may or can be established for the good purpose aforesaid would be precarious and ineffectual until a suitable remedy be provided in that behalf. We therefore proceed cheerfully in the duties assigned us and with these impressions on our minds take the immortal Rev. Philip Behn founder of this congregation as a pattern of imitation and do associate ourselves as a body, politic and corporate in law by the name, style and title of

"Boehms German Reformed Congregation" to remain under the care and government of the German Reformed Synod of the United States of North America and adopt the following Constitution.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. That the said subscribers and their successors being members and citizens as aforesaid be and they are hereby constituted and declared to be one body, politic and corporate in law by the aforesaid name, style and title of "Boehms German Reformed Congregation" and shall as it ever heretofore held continue to hold and teach the principles of the Christian religion comprehended in the articles of the Christian faith revised and established by the National Synod of Dort, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and eighteen and nineteen, according to the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament and plan of the Heidleberg Catechism to have perpetual succession and to be able to sue and be sued, to plead and to be impleaded in all courts of record, and to receive, purchase, hold and enjoy to them and their successors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels of whatever nature, kind or quality, real or personal, or mixed and the same from time to time, to sell, grant, demise, or dispose of according to the objects, articles and conditions of this Instrument and according to the By-Laws of the Corporation, or of the will and intention of the donors, and to make, have and use a common seal and the same to break, alter or renew at their pleasure and also to ordain, establish

and put in execution such By-Laws, Ordinances, and Regulations as shall be needful for the good government, and support of the affairs of the said Corporation not being contrary to the Laws and Constitution of the United States or of this State or to the articles and provisions of this Instrument of Incorporation and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which to them shall appertain as a body corporate in law.

Provided always that the clear yearly value income, interest or dividend of the messuages, lands and real estate, hereditaments, monies, stock, goods or chattles of the said corporation shall not exceed the sum of Five Hundred Pounds.

ART. 2. The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by thirteen persons namely, the Minister, for the time being, six elders, three trustees, and three deacons, to be chosen by ballot at such times and in such a manner and form as is hereinafter directed. Provided that the persons who have been already chosen as Elders, Trustees and Deacons, viz: Nicholas Rile, Baltzer Earnest, George Sholl, John Schlater, Frederick Dull and Jacob Sperry, Elders, George Sheive, John Kneezel and Abraham Yost, Trustees, Philip Hoover, Conard Booz, and Jacob Sheive, Deacons, shall continue to be Elders, Trustees and Deacons of this Corporation until others shall be chosen to succeed them according to the provisions of this Instrument.

ART. 3. That the aforesaid Elders Nicholas Rile and Baltzer Earnest, Trustee George Sheive and Deacon Philip Hoover shall continue to serve as such until Whitsuntide Monday in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two and until others are chosen in their stead—that George Sholl and John Schlater, Elders, John Kneezel,

zel, Trustee, and Conard Booz, Deacon, shall continue to serve as such until Whitsuntide Monday in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three and until others are chosen in their stead—that Frederick Dull and Jacob Sperry, Elders, Abraham Yost, Trustee, and Jacob Sheive, Deacon, shall continue to serve as such until Whitsuntide Monday in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and until others are chosen in their stead.

**ART. 4.** That on Whitsuntide Monday of every year the congregation shall meet, public notice having been given from the pulpit the Sunday preceeding when divine worship is had, for the purpose of electing by ballot two persons as Elders, one as Trustee, and one as Deacon, to supply the places of those whose time of service shall have expired at that period, and the vacancies may be supplied by a re-election of the same person or persons or of others, as may seem good to the Congregation, and if by accident, an election shall not be held for the purpose aforesaid within one month after public notice having been given as above stated. Provided those Elders, Trustees and Deacons whose time of service expires shall continue to serve until such election, vacancies by death, removal or resignation of any of them may be supplied by a special meeting held for that purpose after public notice given to the Congregation.

**ART. 5.** No person shall be eligible to either of the offices of Elder, Trustee or Deacon or capable of voting for such except such male members as contribute to the support of the Minister and to the funds of the Church annually and shall not be in arrears for more than one year at the time of Election.

**ART. 6.** That the Minister, Elders, Trustees and

Deacons shall meet within one week after the election on Whitsuntide Monday of every year and select by ballot from among themselves a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and it shall be in the power of them to remove all or any of the aforesaid officers as President, Secretary and Treasurer whenever in their opinion the good of the Congregation requires. The Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies coming to his hands belonging to the said corporation, shall give ample security on his accepting the office, pay all orders signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, and shall have his accounts settled annually to be laid before the Congregation at their annual election for Elders, Trustees and Deacons.

ART. 7. That a majority of the Minister, Elders, Trustees, and Deacons, shall form a quorum to transact all business, they shall keep fair record of their proceedings, their power shall extend to collecting and paying debts and dues to the congregation, collecting and paying the salaries of the Minister, clerk and sexton, but shall have no power to sell or dispose of the property or expend the funds of the congregation for any purpose whatever (except the salaries of Minister, Clerk and Sexton) beyond the sum of one hundred dollars per annum without the consent of a majority of a Congregational meeting convened for the purpose after due notification.

ART. 8. That all deeds, bonds or other writings shall be drawn in the name and for the use of "Boehms German Reformed Congregation."

ART. 9. That By-Laws not repugnant to this Constitution may be passed by a majority of the Minister, Elders, Trustees and Deacons, at any time for that purpose appointed.

ART. 10. That this Constitution cannot be altered but at a general meeting of the male members of this Congregation of which meeting at least public notice must be given previous on two Sundays when there is divine service from the Pulpit, and then only by a majority of two-thirds of the members present entitled to a vote as provided Article the fifth nor shall it be abrogated whilst five members are willing to continue it and three of the five jointly agree.

The above Charter is adopted by the unanimous voice of said Congregation assembled at Boehms Meeting House this ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

GEORGE WACK, *Minister.*

GEORGE SHEIVE,  
JOHN KNEEZEL,  
ABRM. YOST,

*Trustees.*

NICHOLAS RILE,  
BALTZER EARNEST,  
GEORGE SHOLL,  
JOHN SCHLATER,  
FREDERICK DÜLL,  
JACOB SPERRY,

*Elders.*

PHILIP HOOVER,  
CONARD BOOZ,  
JACOB SHEIVE.

*Deacons.*

*Pennsylvania ss:*

I, THOMAS ELDER, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that I have persued and examined the within instrument and am of the opinion that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are law-

ful. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

THOMAS ELDER.

We the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby certify that we have carefully examined the forgoing Instrument of writing and concur in opinion with the Attorney General, that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful. Witness our hands this eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

WM. TILGHMAN,  
JOHN B. GIBSON,  
THOS. DUNCAN.

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*Pennsylvania ss :*

JOSEPH HEISTER, [SEAL.]

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Joseph Heister, Governor of the said Commonwealth, to Andrew Gregg, Esq., Secretary of said Commonwealth sends Greeting:

Whereas it has been duly certified to me by Thos. Elder, Esq., Attorney General of said Commonwealth and by Wm. Tilghman, Esq., Chief Justice and John B. Gibson and Thos. Duncan, Esquires, Associate Judges of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania that they have respectively persued and examined the annexed act or instrument for the incorporation of "Boehms German Reformed Congregation," and that they concur in opinion that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth, and contained are lawful. Now know you, that in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly passed the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven



hundred and ninety-one entitled "an act to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this Commonwealth the power and immunities of corporation or bodies politic in law. I transmitted the said Act or Instrument of incorporation unto you the said Andrew Gregg, Esq., Secretary as aforesaid hereby requiring you to enrol the same at the expense of the applicants to the intent that according to the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained the parties may become and be a corporation and body politic in law and in fact to have continuance by the name, style and title in the said Instrument provided and declared. Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Harrisburg, the eleventh day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two and of the Commonwealth the forth-sixth.

By the Governor.

ANDREW GREGG, *Secretary*.

*Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,*

ANDREW GREGG, [SEAL.]

## BY-LAWS

*Adopted by the Congregation, March 4, 1886.*

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### ARTICLE I.

#### DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to call to order and preside at all meetings, to call up in its order, and explain the nature of the business before the same, preserve order, using all proper means to have the Constitution and By-Laws kept inviolate, sign all orders passed by the Consistory, vote in all cases unless excused, and when the yeas and nays are called vote last.

### ARTICLE II.

#### DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make a true record of all proceedings of the meetings of the Consistory, carefully preserve the same, and if required, make a correct and authenticated copy of the same and transmit the copy in due time to the higher judicatory; read all papers by order of the President, fill up and attest all orders, make a record of each annual settlement, and prepare all notices of meeting of the Consistory.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall be required to deliver to his successor in office, all books and papers in his possession belonging to the Church. In event of his death, the duty of transferring aforementioned books and papers shall devolve upon his heirs, executors or assigns.

## ARTICLE III.

## DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Corporation to keep a strict and fair account of all Finances of the Church relating to its Corporate Fund, such as deeds, bonds, notes of hand and ready money ; disburse monies only on order of the Consistory, signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary ; prepare an annual statement and present the same on the day of settlement, and produce vouchers for all disbursements.

## ARTICLE IV.

## DUTIES OF TRUSTEES.

It shall be the duty of the Trustees to attend to the temporal affairs of the Church such as, keeping the property in repair, letting of any land or other real estate, and collecting rents for the same, investing monies if any, provide a sexton, supply the Church with fuel and light, and attend to such other duties as appertain to their office not herein specified.

## ARTICLE V.

## DUTIES OF THE SEXTON AND PEWS.

The duties of the Sexton shall be as follows : He shall prepare the Church for all regular and special services ; he shall ring the bell as follows : At 7 o'clock on each Lord's day morning, except on such Lord's day, when no divine services are held ; at five minutes before the hour appointed for morning service ; at fifteen minutes before the hour appointed for Sabbath School ; at 5 o'clock on such Lord's day evening when divine services are held ; again at five minutes before the hour appointed for evening service. On the day of a funeral at the church, at the hour appointed for meeting at the house ; and toll

the bell from the first appearance to his view of the funeral procession until it arrives within a short distance of the Church.

He shall sweep the Church and dust the pulpit and pews once a week, kindle fires in the heaters or stoves in due time to properly heat the Church before any appointed services; mow the grass in yard and graveyard and remove it when mowed, keep the walks clean, and attend to such other duties as appertain to the duties of a sexton.

## ARTICLE VI.

### MEETING OF THE CONSISTORY.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Consistory to hold four regular meetings in each year, at the following periods, viz: Whit-Monday, first Thursday in September, December, and March respectively for the transaction of such business as may claim its attention. Under the order of new business prosity shall be given at any regular meeting to such item or items, or the immediate calling up of which due notice in writing was given to the Secretary at least one week previous to the meeting. Special meetings of the Consistory may be called at the request of any four of its members on the day of notice, or at any time thereafter specified, for the transaction of such business as may require action by the body prior to a regular meeting.

SEC. 2. ~~Five~~ <sup>four</sup> members of the Consistory shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business at a regular or at a special meeting.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Consistory at the regular meeting on the first Thursday in March to elect two delegates, a principal and an alternate to the succeeding annual meeting of Classis.

## ARTICLE VII.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

**SEC. 1.** Congregational Meetings, other than the Annual Meeting, provided for in this Charter may be called by action of the Consistory, or at the request of any nine other members of the Church, said request to be presented to the Consistory in writing, specifying the purposes for which the meeting is desired. Should the Consistory refuse to accede to such written request the meeting may be held nevertheless.

**SEC. 2.** Nine communicant members of the church shall constitute a quorum in all Congregational Meetings. Said meetings shall be organized by the selection of one of its members as President and another as Secretary, whose duties shall be such as are common to such officers in deliberative bodies. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of a Congregational Meeting, if he be other than the Secretary of the Consistory, to make a correct and authenticated copy of the proceedings of the Congregational Meeting and transmit the copy within three days to the Secretary of the Consistory.

**SEC. 3.** On the day of the Annual Congregational Meeting two persons from among the male communicant membership shall be appointed to hold an election for officers according to Article IV of the Charter, and also for three auditors to serve the ensuing year, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the several Treasurers of the Congregation.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Prayer.
2. Reading of Minutes of the last regular meeting and of Special Meetings during the interem.

3. All business in its order, unfinished at a previous regular meeting or at a special meeting.

4. Reports of Committees appointed at any previous meeting regular or special.

5. New business.

6. Adjournment.

## ARTICLE IX.

### RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 1. Any member in speaking shall rise and address himself respectively to the President, and in his address confine himself to the subject under discussion and avoid all unjust and unkind personalities.

SEC. 2. When two or more members rise at the same time the President shall recognize the farthest from the Chair. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question unless by unanimous consent. A member who has spoken to the main question, may speak again to an amendment.

SEC. 3. No member when speaking shall be liable to interruption, except with his permission; or for the purpose of correcting, except a mistake or a misrepresentation; or by a call to order by the President, or by a member through the President.

SEC. 4. During the transaction of business, members shall not engage in private conversation; nor in debate.

SEC. 5. Full opportunity having been afforded for debate the President shall proceed to take the vote first addressing the members present thus; shall the question now be put. No motion can be made after the President has began to take the vote.

SEC. 6. A member may change his vote if it be done before the President has announced the result.

SEC. 7. All motions shall be reduced to writing when requested.

**SEC. 8.** If any member in any wise transgress the rules of order, or in any way act disorderly, the President shall or any member may through the President, call him to order when he shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, when if the predicator be satisfied he may proceed to order.

## **ARTICLE X.**

### **BENEVOLENCE.**

Agreeably to the action of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church held in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 1867, relative to Systematic Benevolence, and in accordance with the action of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. held at Baltimore, May 7, 1884, the following was adopted :

**SEC. 1.** It is the bounden duty of each and every member of the Church weekly to set apart for the cause of benevolence a fixed sum according as God has prospered him or her, and this sum shall be brought to the house of the Lord as a thank offering at each Lord's Day Morning Service to which they may go to worship.

**SEC. 2.** All monies collected according to the foregoing plan shall be appropriated by the Consistory to the different Benevolent Objects of the Church.

**SEC. 3.** It shall be the duty of the Consistory on the day of its annual organization to appoint one of its members to act as Treasurer of said Fund, and no monies shall be paid, unless by order, and said order shall be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

**SEC. 4.** A special collection for Beneficiary Education shall be held on the Third Sunday in January of each year, the day and purpose having been so designated by the General Synod as the most suitable time nearest to and commemorative of the anni-

versary of the birth of Ulric Zwingle, one of the founders of the Reformed Church.

## ARTICLE XI.

### PASTORS SALARY AND SUBSCRIPTION.

SEC. 1. The Pastor's annual salary shall be paid in four installments, and one installment shall be collected by the Deacons prior to each regular meeting of the Consistory and paid to the Corporate Treasurer at said meeting, who shall pay the same over to the Pastor at said meeting by an order of the Consistory. Notice of the salary becoming due shall be announced from the pulpit at two services previous to said quarterly meeting.

SEC. 2. Before any subscription, for any Congregational purpose other than salary, can be taken by any person or persons an application setting forth the purpose must be presented to the Consistory of the Congregation, and if the object be approved by the same, the signature of the President and Secretary, shall be appended to said application, and all such subscription books or papers, shall be submitted to the Auditors of the Congregation at the next annual meeting for their examination and after their approval said books or papers shall be filed away in the archives of the Church.

SEC. 3. The collections that are lifted at each Lord's Day evening service shall be devoted to the defrayment of the current Congregational expenses.

## ARTICLE XII.

### BURIAL GROUND.

Whereas, previous to a Congregational Meeting held June 9th, 1862, all the burial lots were for the exclusive use of the regular Contributing Members of Boehm's Church, and

Whereas, by action of the Congregation at said



meeting only a portion of said burial lots was reserved for the use of Members and,

*Whereas*, the same privileges and requirements apply to the portion reserved, that applied to the whole, therefore *Resolved*

SEC. 1. The privilege entitling a regular communicant member who contributes annually to the salary of the Pastor, to the free use of a burial lot, shall be restricted to the heads of families, except as hereinafter provided. Should one lot not suffice for the burial of deceased members of the family whose head is in regular communicant contributing standing then the privilege of the free use of another burial lot shall be accorded.

SEC. 2. Heads of families, who are communicant and regular contributing members shall have the privilege of burying a father, or mother, or brother, or brothers, or sister, or sisters, or grand child, or grand children, in the lot to the free use of which said heads of families are entitled *Provided* no compensation be received for the same, and sufficient room be retained for the heads of families and their children. The children of deceased parents shall retain their burial rights in said lot as herein provided, on condition that they contribute annually to the salary of the Pastor.

SEC. 3. It is hereby enacted however that a communicant contributing member, who is not the head of a family, and may be the only communicant contributing member of the church in the family with which he or she stands connected, or may be the only surviving member of a family which with the personal exception of this member was not connected with the church, shall have the privilege of free

burial in a lot specially set apart for the interment of such members.

**SEC. 4.** Any member holding a lot in that part of the ground allotted to members, who shall pay the sum of Ten Dollars to the proper officer and shall continue to contribute annually to the support of the Pastor any sum not less than two Dollars during his or her natural life, shall receive a certificate entitling said member and his or her heirs to the exclusive use of said lot forever.

**SEC. 5.** The whole lot or unoccupied portion of lot, held by a member who shall fail to comply with the provision (in the foregoing sections of this Art. XII,) of an annual contribution to the pastor's salary shall be declared forfeited.

**SEC. 6.** In all lots declared forfeited in which one or more bodies are interred, said bodies shall not be disturbed or removed forever, except as in hereinafter provided.

**SEC. 7.** All members, who have neglected to make an annual payment to the support of the Pastor, be required to pay at least the sum of one dollar, for each and every year, said member or members may be in arrears, before they shall be entitled to the privileges of burying in lots appropriated to members of said church.

**SEC. 8.** Members of the church and those formerly members holding lots who shall *refuse* to contribute towards the support of the Church, for two successive years, shall not be allowed to bury their dead in lots chosen by them without paying into the hands of the Treasurer, the specified sum of Five Dollars for Adults and Three Dollars for children. And should they refuse to contribute annually for five successive years they shall forfeit their rights to

the lot and the disposition of said lot shall be left to the Consistory of the Church.

SEC. 9. All triangular portions of ground lying along the line of the Gwynedd and Plymouth road shall be denoted as free burying ground. Bodies of persons interred in said free ground shall be placed in successive line one grave adjoining the other until the first row be occupied and so on with each succeeding row.

SEC. 10. No person, member or other, shall be allowed personally to disinter a body without permission from the Trustees, and the supervision of the sexton and compensation to him in the sum of Two Dollars; nor shall any one enclose a lot or plant a monument or tomb stone, without previously notifying the sexton and ascertaining from him the line of the lot to be enclosed or on which the stone is to be erected, and compensating him for his time.

SEC. 11. No device, contrary to the spirit of the Reformed Church in the United States shall be placed upon any monument or tomb stone in any part of the burial ground attached to the church.

H. C. HOOVER,  
JONES DETWILER,  
JNO. H. SECHLER,  
FRANCIS C. HOOVER,  
ALEXANDER MILLER,  
*Committee.*

HIRAM C. HOOVER,  
JONES DETWILER,  
*Committee on Printing.*

At a meeting of the Congregation held March 4th, 1886, the following was adopted :

The Committee that was appointed by the Consistory at their meeting held August 31st, 1885, to examine the necessary documents and see if the Consistory or Congregation can sell the lots in the burying ground in that part of the yard purchased with the money allowed to the Congregation by the late Casper Schluter, dec'd., and laid off for the use of members, according to the requirements of the By-Laws.

The Committee would report, according to the foregoing instructions, that they have attended to their duty, and are united in their opinion that there is nothing in any of the documents to prevent either the Consistory or Congregation from selling any part of the ground referred to for burial purposes.

JONES DETWILER,  
H. C. HOOVER,  
ALEXANDER MILLER,

*Committee.*

The following Preamble and Resolution was recommended by the Committee, and unanimously adopted :

**WHEREAS**, applications have been made by persons (not members of Behm's Congregation) for portion of lots that were formerly held by members and have been declared forfeited by action of the Consistory, therefore

**Resolved**, That one half of such forfeited lots may be sold at the rate of from Ten to Fifteen Dollars according to location, this shall only apply to forfeited lots.

## List of Officers as far as has been collected.

1747.

Church Wardens.  
Michael Cline,  
Arnold Ruttershan,  
Andrew Acker.

Named in the Deed given by John Lewis of that year.

1760.

John Martin,  
Frederick Doll,  
Philip Wentz,  
Jacob Gobler.

Named in the Deed given by Philip Dotterer for the property on which the Sexton's house stands.

1764. *Elders*

John Marten,  
Frederick Doll,  
Jacob Gubler,  
John Etris.

*Deacons*

Philip Rittershan,  
Casper Schlater.

1777. *Elders*

John Marten,  
John Etris,  
Valentine Shearer,  
Peter Troxel,  
Jacob Scheetz,  
Frederick Doll.

1789. *Elders*

John Marten,  
Valentine Shearer,  
Daniel Yost,  
John Casper Schlater,  
John Shaub,  
Frederick Doll.

1790.

*The Consistory as follows :*

Valentine Shearer,  
George Greger,  
John Eberhart,  
Leonard Smith,  
John Casper Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,

*Trustees*

Jacob Kurr,  
George Sheive,  
George Hartman.

*Deacons*

John Sperry,  
John Shaub,  
Casper Schlater.

1792. *Elders*

John Marten,  
Valentine Shearer,  
John Eberhard,  
Frederick Doll,  
George Greger,  
Daniel Yost.

*Trustees*

Nicholas Rile,  
George Sheive.

*Deacons*

John Doll,  
Baltzer Earnest, Sr.

1800. *Elders*

John Eberhart,  
Daniel Yost,  
Nicholas Rile,  
George Sheive,  
George Greger,  
John Slinger.

*Trustees*

Baltzer Earnest,  
Philip Reed,  
John Schlater.

1800. *Deacons*  
Jacob Eberhard,  
Frederick Doll,  
Henry Klair.

1801. *Elders*  
Daniel Yost,  
Nicholas Rile,  
John Singer,  
George Shelve,  
George Greger,  
Philip Rippert.

*Trustees*  
Philip Reed,  
John Schlater,  
Jacob Everhard.

*Deacons*  
Frederick Doll,  
Henry Klair,  
Jacob Sperry.

1802. *Elders*  
John Singer,  
George Shelve,  
George Greger,  
Daniel Yost,  
Nicholas Rile,  
Baltzer Earnest.

*Trustees*  
John Schlater,  
Jacob Everhard,  
Philip Reed.

*Deacons*  
Henry Klair,  
Jacob Sperry,  
Frederick Rumer.

1803. *Elders*  
George Greger,  
Daniel Yost,  
Nicholas Rile,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
John Singer,  
Henry Huber.

*Trustees*  
Jacob Everhard,  
Philip Reed,  
Frederick Doll.

*Deacons*  
Jacob Sperry,

Frederick Rumer,  
Henry Klair.

1804. *Elders*  
Nicholas Rile,  
Daniel Yost,  
John Singer,  
Henry Huber,  
George Greger,  
Baltzer Earnest.

*Trustees*  
John Schlater,  
Philip Reed,  
Frederick Doll.

*Deacons*  
Frederick Rumer,  
Henry Klair,  
Jacob Sperry.

1805. *Elders*  
George Greger,  
Henry Huber,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
John Singer,  
Daniel Yost,  
Nicholas Rile.

*Trustees*  
Frederick Doll,  
John Schlater,  
Frederick Rumer.

*Deacons*  
Henry Klair,  
Jacob Sperry,  
George Shade.

1806. No Record.

1807. *Elders*  
George Greger,  
Daniel Yost,  
Nicholas Rile, Sec.,  
John Singer,  
Henry Huber,  
Baltzer Earnest.

*Trustees*  
John Schlater,  
Frederick Doll,  
Frederick Rumer.

*Deacons*  
George Shelve,  
Henry Klair,

Jacob Sperry.

1808. No Record.

1809. *Elders*

Nicholas Rile,  
Philip Reed,  
George Greger,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
Daniel Yost,  
Baltzer Earnest.

*Trustees*

George Shelve,  
Abrm. Everhard,  
Frederick Dull.

*Deacons*

Frederick Klair,  
Abraham Greger,  
Henry Klair.

1810. *Elders*

George Greger,  
Daniel Yost,  
Nicholas Rile,  
John Singer,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.

*Trustees*

George Shelve,  
Abrm. Everhard,  
George Shade.

*Deacons*

Abrm. Greger,  
John Rile,  
Philip Huber.

1811. No Record.

1812. *Elders*

Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
John Roth,  
John Singer,  
George Greger,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
Nicholas Rile.

*Trustees*

Jesse Scheetz,  
John Rile,  
George Shade.

*Deacons*

Jos. Everhard,  
Tobias Frantz,

- Jacob Hoover.

1813 and 14. No Record.

1815. *Elders*

Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
John Schlater,  
George Greger,  
Nicholas Rile,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
John Singer.

*Trustees*

George Shelve,  
Jos. Everhard,  
George Shade.

*Deacons*

Philip Hoover,  
Jacob Hoover,  
Tobias Frantz.

1816. *Elders*

Baltzer Earnest,  
George Doll,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
John Schlater,  
George Greger,  
Nicholas Rile.

*Trustees*

Tobias Frantz,  
George Shelve,  
Jos. Everhard.

*Deacons*

Wm. Rile,  
Philip Hoover,  
Jacob Hoover.

1817. *Elders*

George Greger,  
Nicholas Rile,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
George Sholl,  
Casper Schlater,  
John Schlater,

*Trustees*

Tobias Frantz,  
George Shelve,  
Jos. Everhard,

*Deacons*

Wm. Rile,  
Philip Hoover,  
Jacob Hoover.

No Records for the years 1824. *Elders*

1818, 19 and 20.

1821 *Elders*

Nicholas Rile,  
Baltzer Earnest, Treas.  
George Sholl,  
John Schlater,  
Frederick Doll, Sec.,  
Jacob Sperry.

*Trustees*

George Sheive,  
John Kneezel,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

Philip Hoover,  
Conard Booz,  
Jacob Sheive.

1822. *Elders*

George Sholl,  
John Schlater,  
Frederick Dull,  
Jacob Sperry,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
Baltzer Earnest.

*Trustees*

John Rile, Treas.,  
George Sheive,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

Philip Hoover,  
Jacob Hoover,  
Jacob Sheive.

1823. *Elders*

John Schlater,  
Philip Hoover,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.  
Frederick Dull,  
Jacob Sperry.

*Trustees*

John Rile, Treas.,  
George Sheive,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

William Schlater,  
Jacob Hoover,  
Jacob Sheive.

Matthias Fetter,  
Jacob Sperry,  
John Schlater,  
Conard Booz,  
Baltzer Earnest, Sec.,  
Casper Schlater.

*Trustees*

Abrm. Yost, Pres.,  
John Rile, Treas.,  
George Shive,

*Deacons*

John Snyder,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Jacob Hoover.

1825. *Elders*

Baltzer Earnest,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.  
Matthias Fetter,  
Jacob Sperry,  
John Schlater,  
Conard Booz.

*Trustees*

George Sheive,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.  
John Rile.

*Deacons*

Jacob Hoover,  
John Snyder,  
Wm. Schlater.

1826. *Elders*

John Schlater,  
Conard Booz,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
Mathias Fetter,  
Jacob Sperry.

*Trustees*

John Rile, Treas.,  
George Sheive,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

Wm. Schlater,  
Jacob Hoover,  
John Snyder.

1827. *Elders*

Philip Hoover,



Samuel Freas.  
John Schlater,  
Conard Booz,  
Baltzer Earnest,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.

*Trustees*

Abrm. Yost, Pres.,  
John Rile, Treas.  
George Shelve.

*Deacons*

Jacob Zimmerman,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Jacob Hoover.

1828. *Elders*

Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
Abrm. Klair,  
Philip Hoover,  
Samuel Freas,  
John Schlater,  
Conard Booz.

*Trustees*

Jacob Hoover,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.,  
John Rile, Treas.

*Deacons*

Wm. Rile,  
Jacob Zimmerman,  
Wm. Schlater.

1829. *Elders*

Wm. Schlater,  
Frederick Nuss,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
Abrm. Klair,  
Philip Hoover,  
Samuel Freas.

*Trustees*

John Rile, Treas.,  
Jacob Hoover,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

Henry Dull,  
Wm. Rile,  
Jacob Zimmerman.

1830. *Elders*

Philip Hoover,  
Samuel Freas,  
Wm. Schlater,

Frederick Nuss,  
Abraham Klair,  
Casper, Schlater.

*Trustees*

John Rile, Sec. & Treas.  
Jacob Hoover,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

John Schlater, Jr.,  
Henry Dull,  
Wm. Rile.

1831. *Elders*

Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
Wm. Rile,  
Philip Hoover,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Samuel Freas,  
Frederick Nuss.

*Trustees*

Abrm. Yost, Pres.,  
John Rile, Treas.  
Jacob Hoover, Sr.

*Deacons*

Henry Rumer,  
John Schlater, Jr.,  
Henry Dull.

1832. *Elders*

Jacob Hoover, Sr.,  
Samuel Freas,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.,  
Wm. Rile,  
Philip Hoover,  
Wm. Schlater.

*Trustees*

Wm. Earnest,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.,  
John Rile, Treas.

*Deacons*

Jos. W. Shearer,  
Henry Rumer,  
John Schlater, Jr.

1833. *Elders*

Philip Hoover,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Jacob Hoover,  
Samuel Freas,  
Casper Schlater, Sec.,

Wm. Rile.

*Trustees*

John Rile, Treas.

Wm. Earnest,

Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

John Schlater, Jr.,

Jos. W. Shearer,

Henry Rumer.

1834. *Elders*

Jacob Hoover,

Samuel Freas,

Philip Hoover,

Wm. Schlater,

Casper Schlater,

Jacob Sheive.

*Trustees*

Wm. Earnest, Sec.

John Rile, Treas.

Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

Jos. Shearer,

John Schlater, Jr.,

John Bodey.

1835. *Elders*

Philip Hoover, Treas.

Wm. Schlater,

Casper Schlater,

Jacob Santman,

Jacob Hoover, Sr.,

Samuel Freas.

*Trustees*

John Rile,

Abrm. Yost, Pres.,

Wm. Earnest, Sec.,

*Deacons*

John Schlater, Jr.,

John Bodey,

Samuel B. Davis.

1836. *Elders*

Samuel Weidner,

Jacob Santman,

Jacob Hoover, Sr.,

Samuel Freas,

Philip Hoover, Treas.,

John Fitzgearld.

*Trustees*

Abrm. Yost, Pres.,

Wm. Earnest, Sec.,

John Rile.

*Deacons*

John Bodey,

Samuel B. Davis,

Henry Schlater.

1837. *Elders*

Jacob Hoover, Sr.,

Samuel Freas,

Philip Hoover, Treas.,

John Fitzgearld,

Jacob Santman,

Samuel Weidner.

*Trustees*

Wm. Earnest, Sec.,

John Rile,

Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

Samuel B. Davis,

Henry Schlater,

Henry H. Rile.

1838. *Elders*

Philip Hoover, Treas.,

John Fitzgearld,

Frederick W. Hoover.

Adam Rumer,

John Schlater, Sr.,

Samuel B. Davis.

*Trustees*

John Rile,

Abrm. Yost, Pres.

Wm. Earnest, Sec.

*Deacons*

Henry Schlater,

Henry H. Rile,

George Geatrell.

1839. *Elders*

Frederick W. Hoover,

Adam Rumer,

John Schlater, Sr.,

Samuel B. Davis,

John Fitzgearld,

Jesse Castner, Treas.

*Trustees*

Abrm. Yost, Pres.,

Wm. Earnest, Sec.,  
Samuel Linton.

*Deacons*

Henry H. Rile,  
George Geatrell,  
Henry Schlater.

1840. *Elders*

John Schlater, Sr.,  
Samuel B. Davis,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Jesse Castner, Treas.,  
Philip Hoover,  
Frederick W. Hoover.

*Trustees*

Wm. Earnest, Sec.,  
Samuel Linton,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.

*Deacons*

George Geatrell,  
Henry Schlater,  
Benjamin W. Shearer.

1841. *Elders*

Philip Hoover, Treas.  
Wm. Schlater,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Samuel B. Davis,  
Jacob Hoover, Sr.,  
Daniel Yost.

*Trustees*

Samuel Linton,  
Abrm. Yost, Pres.  
Wm. Earnest, Sec.

*Deacons*

Jos. W. Shearer,  
Henry Schlater,  
Elias Jones.

1842. *Elders*

Philip Hoover, Treas.,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Jacob Hoover, Sr.,  
Daniel Yost,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Benj. Hill, Sec.

*Trustees*

Abrm. Yost, Pres.,  
Wm. Earnest,  
Samuel Linton.

*Deacons*

Jos. W. Shearer,  
Elias Jones,  
Frederick Doll, Jr.

1843. *Elders*

Jacob Hoover,  
Daniel Yost,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Philip Hoover, Treas.,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Benj. Hill, Sec.

*Trustees*

Wm. Earnest,  
Samuel Linton,  
Samuel B. Davis, Pres.

*Deacons*

Elias Jones,  
Frederick Dull, Jr.,  
George Z. Fitzgearld.

1844. *Elders*

John Fitzgearld,  
Benj. Hill, Sec.,  
Philip Hoover, Treas.,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Joseph W. Shearer.

*Trustees*

Samuel Linton,  
Samuel B. Davis, Pres.  
Wm. Earnest.

*Deacons*

Frederick Dull, Jr.,  
George Z. Fitzgearld,  
George A. Bernhard.

1845. *Elders*

Philip Hoover, Treas.,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Joseph W. Shearer,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Samuel Linton, Sec.

*Trustees*

Samuel B. Davis, Pres.  
Wm. Earnest,  
Frederick Dull, Jr.

*Deacons*

George Z. Fitzgearld,

- George A. Bernhard,  
Henry Schlater.
1843. *Elders*  
Daniel Yost,  
Joseph W. Shearer,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Samuel Linton, Sec.  
Philip Hoover,  
William Schlater.
- Trustees*  
William Earnest, Tres.  
Frederick Dull,  
Samuel B. Davis, Pres.
- Deacons*  
George A. Bernhard,  
Henry Schlater,  
John Leybold.
1847. *Elders*  
John Fitzgearld,  
Samuel Linton, Sec.  
Philip Hoover,  
William Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
George A. Bernhard.
- Trustees*  
Frederick Dull, Jr.,  
Samuel B. Davis, Pres.  
Wm. Earnest, Treas.
- Deacons*  
Henry Schlater,  
John Leybold,  
Adam F. Hoover.
1848. *Elders*  
John Fitzgearld,  
George Hoot,  
Philip Hoover, Treas.  
Wm. Schlater,  
George A. Bernhard,  
Daniel Yost.
- Trustees*  
Frederick Dull, Jr.,  
Sam'l B. Davis, Pres.  
Wm. Earnest.
- Deacons*  
John Laybold,  
Henry Schlater,  
Adam F. Hoover, Sec.
1849. *Elders*  
George A. Bernhard,  
Daniel Yost,  
John Fitzgearld,  
George Hoot,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Philip Hoover, Pres.
- Trustees*  
Wm. Earnest,  
Frederick Dull, Treas.  
Sam'l B. Davis, Sec.
- Deacons*  
Adam F. Hoover,  
Henry Schlater,  
Jesse Frantz.
1850. *Elders*  
John Fitzgearld,  
George Hoot,  
William Schlater,  
Philip Hoover, Pres.  
George A. Bernhard,  
Daniel Yost.
- Trustees*  
Frederick Dull, Treas.  
Sam'l B. Davis, Sec.  
George Geatrell,
- Deacons*  
Henry Schlater,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Charles H. Rile.
1851. *Elders*  
William Schlater,  
Philip Hoover, Pres.  
George A. Bernhard,  
Daniel Yost.  
John Fitzgearld,  
George Hoot.
- Trustees*  
Sam'l B. Davis, Sec.  
George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull, Treas.
- Deacons*  
Jesse Frantz,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Henry Schlater.
1852. *Elders*  
George A. Bernhard,

Daniel Yost,  
John Fitzgearld,  
George Hoot,  
Philip Hoover, Pres.  
Wm. Schlater.

*Trustees*

George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull, Treas.  
Sam'l B. Davis, Sec.

*Deacons*

Charles H. Rile,  
Henry Schlater.  
Jacob Hoover.

1853. *Elders*

John Fitzgearld,  
George Hoot,  
Philip Hoover, Pres.,  
William Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Jesse Frantz.

*Trustees*

Frederick Dull, Treas.  
Sam'l B. Davis, Sec.  
George Geatrell.

*Deacons*

Henry Schlater,  
Jacob Hoover,  
Abrm. Dull.

1854. *Elders*

Philip Hoover, Pres.  
Wm. Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Jesse Frantz,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Jos. W. Shearer.

*Trustees*

Sam'l B. Davis, Sec.  
George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull, Treas.

*Deacons*

Jacob Hoover,  
Abrm. Dull,  
John Sholl,

1855. *Elders*

Daniel Yost,  
Jesse Frantz,  
John Fitzgearld,

Jos. W. Shearer, Pres.  
Philip Hoover, Pres.  
William Schlater.

*Trustees*

George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull, Treas.  
Sam'l B. Davis, Sec.

*Deacons*

Abrm. Dull,  
Jones Detwiler,  
Jacob Hoover.

1856. *Elders*

John Fitzgearld,  
Jos. W. Shearer,  
Philip Hoover, Pres.  
William Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover.

*Trustees*

Frederick Dull, Treas.,  
Sam'l B. Davis, Sec.  
George Geatrell.

*Deacons*

Jones Detwiler,  
Jacob Hoover,  
Andrew J. Hoover.

1857. *Elders*

Philip Hoover,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres.  
John Fitzgearld, Sr.,  
Jos. W. Shearer.

*Trustees*

Samuel B. Davis.  
George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull, Treas.

*Deacons*

Jacob Hoover,  
Andrew J. Hoover,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.

1858. *Elders*

Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres.  
John Fitzgearld, Sr.,  
Jos. W. Shearer,  
Philip Hoover,

William Schlater.

*Trustees*

George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull, Trea.,  
Samuel B. Davis.

*Deacons*

Andrew J. Hoover,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.  
Jacob Hoover.

1859. *Elders*

John Fitzgearld, Sr.,  
Joseph W. Shearer,  
Philip Hoover,  
Wm. Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres

*Trustees*

Frederick Dull, Treas.  
Samuel B. Davis,  
George Geatrell.

*Deacons*

Jones Detwiler, Sec.,  
Jacob Hoover,  
Charles H. Rile.

1860. *Elders*

Philip Hoover,  
William Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
John Fitzgearld, Sr.  
Jesse Frantz.

*Trustees*

Samuel B. Davis.  
George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull, Trea.

*Deacons*

Jacob Hoover,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.

1861. *Elders*

Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
John Fitzgearld, Sr.  
William Schlater,  
Philip Hoover,  
Jesse Frantz.

*Trustees*

George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull,  
Samuel B. Davis.

*Deacons*

Charles H. Rile, Trea.  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.  
William Wentz.

1862. *Elders*

John Fitzgearld, Sr.,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Philip Hoover,  
William Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres

*Trustees*

Frederick Dull,  
Samuel B. Davis,  
George Geatrell.

*Deacons*

Jones Detwiler, Sec.  
William Wentz,  
Charles H. Rile, Treas

1863. *Elders*

Philip Hoover,  
William Schlater,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
John Fitzgearld,  
Jesse Frantz.

*Trustees*

Samuel B. Davis,  
George Geatrell,  
Frederick Dull, Treas.

*Deacons*

Wm. Wentz,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.

1864. *Elders*

Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
John Fitzgearld,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Philip Hoover,  
Charles H. Rile.

*Trustees*

George Geatrell,

Frederick Dull,  
Jacob Hoover.

**Deacons**

Samuel Rossiter, Trea.  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.  
Benj. P. Wertaner.

**1865. Elders**

John Fitzgearld,  
Jesse Frantz,  
George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres

**Trustees**

Frederick Dull,  
Jacob Hoover,  
William Wentz.

**Deacons**

Jones Detwiler, Sec.,  
Benj. P. Wertaner,  
Samuel Rossiter, Trea.

**1866. Elders**

George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
John Fitzgearld,  
Jesse Frantz.

**Trustees**

Jacob Hoover,  
Wm. Wentz,  
Henry Dull.

**Deacons**

Benj. P. Wertaner,  
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Jones Detwiler, Sec.

**1867. Elders**

Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
John Fitzgearld.  
Jesse Frantz,  
George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile.

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**1868. Elders**

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Jesse Frantz,  
George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres

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Jacob Hoover,  
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**1869. Elders**

George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
John Fitzgearld,  
Jesse Frantz.

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William Wentz,  
Henry Dull.

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**1870. Elders**

George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres

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1871. *Elders*  
George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile,  
John Fitzgearld,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Daniel Yost,  
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Jacob Bernhard,  
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1872. *Elders*  
George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.  
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1873. *Elders*  
Daniel Yost,  
Charles H. Rile,  
Henry Dull, Pres.,  
George Geatrell,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.
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Isaac Barnes, Treas.  
Benj. P. Wertsner,  
Samuel D. Shearer,
- Deacons*  
Jacob Bernhard,  
Henry Heibener,  
Wm. A. Shearer.
1874. *Elders*  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.  
Henry Dull,  
George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile.
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Sam'l D. Shearer, Treas  
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- Deacons*  
Jeremiah Frantz,  
Wm. A. Shearer,  
Henry Heibener.
1875. *Elders*  
Jesse Frantz,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
George Geatrell,  
Charles H. Rile.
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Benj. P. Wertsner,  
Thos. B. Geatrell,  
Sam'l D. Shearer, Tre.
- Deacons*  
Francis C. Hoover,  
Jeremiah Frantz,  
Wm. A. Shearer.
1876. *Elders*  
George Geatrell,  
Jesse Castner,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.,  
Daniel Yost.  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres
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Sam'l D. Shearer, Treas



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Thos. B. Geatrell.

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Wm. A. Shearer,  
Francis C. Hoover,  
Jeremiah Frantz.

1877. *Elders*

Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
George Geatrell,  
Jesse Castner,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.

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Thos. B. Geatrell, Treas  
Samuel D. Shearer,  
Jacob R. Yost.

*Deacons*

Jeremiah Frantz,  
William A. Shearer,  
Francis C. Hoover.

1878. *Elders*

Jesse Frantz,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
Thomas B. Geatrell,  
Jesse Castner,

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Henry C. Biddle.  
Sam'l D. Shearer, Tre.,

*Deacons*

Francis C. Hoover,  
Jeremiah Frantz,  
William A. Shearer.

1879. *Elders*

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Thos. B. Geatrell,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.,  
Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres

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Henry C. Biddle.

*Deacons*

Wm. Frantz,  
Francis C. Hoover,  
Jeremiah Frantz.

1880. *Elders*

Daniel Yost,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
Jesse Castner,  
Thomas B. Geatrell,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.

*Trustees*

Abrm. Wentz,  
Sam'l D. Shearer, Treas  
Jacob R. Yost.

*Deacons*

Wm. Frantz,  
Francis C. Hoover,  
Geo. Bernhard.

1881. *Elders*

Jesse Frantz,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
Francis C. Hoover,  
Jesse Castner,  
Thomas B. Geatrell,

*Trustees*

Jacob R. Yost,  
Abrm. Wentz,  
Sam'l D. Shearer, Treas

*Deacons*

George G. Rossiter,  
Geo. A. Bernhard,  
Wm. Frantz,

1882. *Elders*

Jesse Castner,  
Thomas B. Geatrell,  
Jesse Frantz,  
Jones Detwiler, Sec.,  
Hiram C. Hoover, Pres  
Francis C. Hoover,

*Trustees*

Sam'l D. Shearer, Treas  
Jacob R. Yost,  
Abrm. Wentz,

*Deacons*

Wm. Frantz,

Geo. G. Rossiter, George A. Bernhard.	Hiram C. Hoover, Pres Francis C. Hoover, Thos. B. Geatrell, Alexander Miller.
1883. <i>Elders</i> Hiram C. Hoover, Pres Francis C. Hoover, Jesse Castner, Thomas B. Geatrell, Jesse Frantz, Jones Detwiler, Sec.	<i>Trustees</i> Jacob R. Yost, Abrm. Wentz, Sam'l D. Shearer, Treas
<i>Trustees</i> Abrm. Wentz, Sam'l D. Shearer, Treas Jacob R. Yost,	<i>Deacons</i> Henry C. Biddle, Geo. A. Bernhard, Wm. Frantz.
1884. <i>Elders</i> Jesse Frantz, Jones Detwiler, Sec.,	1885. <i>Elders</i> Thomas B. Geatrell, Alexander Miller, Jesse Frantz, Jones Detwiler, Sec., Hiram C. Hoover, Pres Francis C. Hoover.

### OFFICERS FOR 1886.

*Pastor*—Rev. John H. Sechler, Centre Square, P. O.

*Elders*—Thomas B. Geatrell, Horsham P. O.

Alexander Miller, Blue Bell P. O.

Jesse Frantz, Centre Square P. O.

Jones Detwiler, Sec., Blue Bell P. O.

Hiram C. Hoover, Pres., Hartranft P. O.

Francis C. Hoover, Blue Bell P. O.

*Trustees*—Samuel D. Shearer, Blue Bell P. O.

Jacob R. Yost, Norristown P. O.

Abrm Wentz, Centre Square P. O.

*Deacons*—Henry C. Hoover, Blue Bell P. O.

Henry C. Biddle, Blue Bell P. O.

George A. Bernhard, Centre Square P. O.

*Sexton*—Jesse McCombs, Blue Bell P. O.

Regular Meetings of the Consistory, First Thursday in March, Whit-Monday, First Thursday in September and December, for the transaction of business.

*The forgoing List of Officers was compiled by Jones Detwiler.*

## List of Pastors and Supplies from 1740 to 1886.



Rev. John Philip Bœhme, 1740-49. Died April 29, 1749, at an advanced age. \*

Rev. Michael Schlater, 1749-55. Died October 1790. Aged 74 years.

Vacant 1755-60.

Rev. George Alsentz, 1760-69. Died 1769.

Rev. Christian Fœhring, 1770-72. Died March 29, 1779, aged 33 years.

Rev. Gabriel Gebhard, 1772-74. Died August 16, 1826, aged 76 years.

Rev. John W. Ingold, 1774-75.

Rev. John H. Weikel, 1776-78.

Vacant 1778-83.

Rev. John Herman Winkhaus, 1784-87. Died Oct. 3, 1793, aged 35 years.

Rev. Philip Pauli, 1789-93. Died January 27, 1815, aged 73 years.

Rev. Nicholas Pomp, 1793-96. Died September 1819, aged 85 years.

Rev. Samuel Helfenstein, Sr., D. D., 1796-99. Died October 17, 1866, aged 91 years.

Rev. Frederick Herman, (Supply,) 1799. Died January 30, 1848, aged 87 years.

Rev. Thomas Pomp, 1799-1800. Died April 22, 1852, aged 79 years.

Rev. John Christopher Gebrecht, 1800-2. Died November 6, 1815, aged 82 years.

Rev. John George Wack, 1802-34. Died February 17, 1856, aged 80 years.

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\* Saur's Paper of that year.

Rev. Samuel Helfenstein, Jr., 1834-44. Died May 21, 1869, aged 69 years.

Rev. Wm. E. Cornwell, 1844-50. Died March 29, 1857, aged 50 years.

Rev. Jacob B. Keller, 1850-54. Died December 28, 1858, aged 33 years.

Rev. George D. Wolfe, 1854-55,

Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, 1855-68.

Rev. Charles G. Fisher, 1868-72.

Rev. John H. Sechler, 1872-present.

The remains of Revs. Behme and Wack lie interred in the graveyard adjoining the church.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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The First Sunday in January, Easter Sunday, First Sunday in July and October. Services commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preparatory services are held on the Saturday preceeding at 2 P. M., except at Easter, then held on Good Friday morning, commencing at 10 o'clock. Confirmation and reception of members at the same time with the approval of the Minister and Elders, together with the right hand of fellowship.

Annual Election for Officers on Wit-Monday. Ordination and Instalation of Elders and Deacons on the second Sunday following said election.

The Monthly Meetings of the Ladies' Mite Society on the first Thursday in the month.

Sunday School officers for the Season to be elected on the first Sunday in April.

