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from
Bessels Green
Chapel,
Sevenoaks**

EARLY RECORDS
of the
GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
meeting in or about
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KENT



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The Old Meeting House, Bessels Green

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A Collection of
transcriptions of some of
the early records of
THE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this work is to provide an aid to anyone looking into the early history of the General Baptist Church meeting in or about Bessels Green or into related subjects such as local or family history. It consists of three primary sources of material, transcribed by others, but hitherto not readily available in print. For those looking into the more recent story of the church, a list of such other source material as is known to the Editor is included as an Appendix (page 149).

For those seeking only a brief outline of the story of the Church, this can be found in a pamphlet 'The Old Meeting House, Bessels Green' written by the late Dr N. Bishop Harman and reprinted from the Transactions of the Unitarian Historical Society 1936-7.

The three primary sources of early material here reproduced are:

- a) The Church Book covering the period 1663-1807 held in Sevenoaks Public Library Catalogue U1000/25Q1
- b) The Register Book ending at 1836 held in The Public Record Office, Kew Catalogue RG4 1728
- c) Letters of Recommendation, previously kept amongst the Church archives but shortly to be deposited in Dr Williams's Library, Gordon Square, London.

The Church Book appears to have come into the hands of a local historian Dr Gordon Ward FSA who, seemingly without the sanction of the church, deposited the book in Sevenoaks Library. Before doing so, either he or a colleague transcribed a large proportion of the book onto some 100 or so typed sheets. It is these sheets, now typeset, which form the major part of Part I of this work (pages 1 to 106).

The Register Book was deposited in the General Register Office (now the Public Record Office) in 1837 in accordance with the Act of 3 & 4 Vict which inaugurated the General Registration of Births, Deaths &c in the United Kingdom.

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It was primarily from this Register Book that Mrs M L Meadon, a member of the North West Kent Family History Society, in 1982, compiled a List of Births, Marriages & Burials on 20 or so typed sheets together with other notes. In February 1986 she very kindly gave a copy of her work to the Editor. This, now re-typeset, forms the bulk of Part II of this work (pages 107 to 128).

The Letters of Recommendation which form Part III (pages 129 to 134) were transcribed from numerous original manuscripts by a long time member of the present Bessels Green Church, Mrs K.S.M Crosskey. It is from her typescript that the Letters are here re-typeset in a format common to the other sections of this work.

An Index of Persons & Places (pages 135 to 144) has been added for ease of reference by any reader. This is followed by some Appendices (pages 145 to 149), one of which is referred to above.

Apart from a brief perusal of the Register Book in the PRO some 20 years ago, the Editor has been unable to check the transcriptions against the original manuscripts. His only real contribution to this work has been the typesetting and the compilation of an Index. Thus, whilst there appears no reason to doubt the accuracy of the splendid work of the three original transcribers, any serious researcher is advised to check with the original manuscript where any section of the text appears doubtful, or is critical to his interpretation of the events there reported.

All too often in the past, particularly during periods of temporary decline, the keeping of church records was neglected. Such records which had survived would sometimes be passed into private hands and thereafter, unrecognised by later generations, either destroyed or acquired by a local historian or antique book dealer. From the latter some would have been finally saved when spotted and acquired by a local Public Library or Record Office and thereby dispersed throughout the country.

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This dispersal of source material has hitherto presented a serious problem to researchers who would need to spend many hours deciphering such manuscripts located far from his or her home.

To help overcome this problem, it is the policy of the General Baptist Assembly to do what it can to make the records of its constituent churches, extant or extinct, more readily available for study by transcription and publishing as many of these records as is practicable by a series of 'desktop' publications. A number of such publications have already been completed and distributed to appropriate Libraries. This present work is yet one more publication in that series.

Of the known surviving early Kent Church Books, one of Dover is held in The Centre for Kentish Studies at Maidstone and that of Tunbridge Wells is in the British Library. Of the Books of Bessels Green, one is in the Public Record Office and the other in Sevenoaks Library.

Much of the contents of this present work comes from the Church Book held in Sevenoaks Library. The Editor is indebted to that institution both for the preservation of the book, for making it available for transcription, and for its sanction to reproduce the catalogue of other related materials in its collection.

The Editor also wishes to express his appreciation of the work of Mrs M L Meadon and for her kindness in helping him in years now long past.

The Editor further wishes to express his gratitude to Mrs K S M Crosskey for making available to him the results of her extensive research and for her encouragement to him to complete and publish this present work.

PART I

A Transcription of
 THE CHURCH BOOK
 of the
 GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
 meeting in or about
 BESSELS GREEN, KENT
 covering the period
 1663 to 1807

A retrospective entry dated May the 2nd, 1712 reads as follows:

Here followeth a true transcript of the most valuable and teachable acts of the Church as it is recorded in the Old Church Book.

July the 2nd, 1663. Edward Calverly and Mary Watts did take each other in marriage according to God's appointment, to live together according to His ordinance while they two shall live: in the presence of God and us whose names are subscribed. Here followed thirteen names.

March the 28th, 1664. Persons withdrawn from by the congregation:
Richard Brown for refusing the counsel of God according to the former agreement of the congregation and Lemuel Jessupe for refusing to hear the congregation in the exhortation of the Lord's counsel,
Thomas Adgoe for the gross sin of drunkenness which is so abominable in the sight of God and his people

1670, the third day of the second month. Edward King excommunicated for heresy or denying the faith.

1672, William Fuller withdrawn from for four things.

First, as being an instrument of Satan in labouring to make our knees feeble and our hands hand down and to hide our light under a bushel by creeping into corners, meeting by fours .

Secondly, for neglecting constant contribution to the wants of the poor, etc.

Thirdly, for slothfulness and for neglecting to assemble with the Church.

Fourthly, for refusing to do his duty in helping to make up the loss and damage that came to Sister Polson for the truth's sake in no measure according to his ability.

1672, the eighth month. Robert Harly for drunkenness commonly or often.

1681. Thomas Shewbridge for drunkenness and keeping company with such wicked persons as he hath done. Edward Whitaker for keeping company with drunkards and for superstitions and other scandalous things.

The Church of Christ to fulfil the demands of God in putting out the old leaven, etc. hath withdrawn from the persons hereafter named for their disorderly walking contrary to the Holy Law of God, etc.
Walter Purdy, for drunkenness, etc. John Smale for idolatry and refusing to hear the Church as to come to her at her call: Thomas Godden for refusing to make good his place in the Church: Wm. Adgoe for drunkenness and refusing to come to the Church
Edw. Soane for disobedience to parents and drunkenness
Hannah Kinge for mixed marriage:
John Cox for railing and charging the Church with partiality

Agreed to set up Richard Brown if he do not give the Church satisfaction concerning his carnal living in several particulars and make good his place in the Church and submit to the judgment of the Church.

Agreed that Richard Calverly do repent of his disorderly behaviour in the Church contrary to the agreement of the Church or also they will withdraw from him. Francis Cary withdrawn from for drunkenness, being twice admonished and remaining stubborn.

Pentecost Jonson withdrawn from for neglecting his assembling with the congregation and not harking to admonition being twice admonished.

Also Holmden withdrawn from for not harking to the Church but married out of fellowship.

Thos. Adgoe his widow hath done so also and is withdrawn from.

Agreed that a Church Meeting to set Bro. Wood apart for marrying out of fellowship.

Agreed that Bro. Marks Glover is set apart from the congregation for marrying out of fellowship. It is agreed also to set Bro. Ernest Medhurst apart for marrying out of fellowship and others, but I pass it and come to other results of the Church.

October the 28th, 1681. Then agreed by the congregation that whosoever shall hereafter sustain any loss or meet with any damage upon the account of the meetings being at his house or his being publicly concerned in the work of the ministry that we will generally bear one another's burdens according to our several capacities, and that within a month's time. And as to the real truth of our meanings in this case we hereunto subscribe our names. Here followed about twenty names.

July the 2nd, 1697. At a Church Meeting held at John Walisses these things were agreed on as followeth:

First, that differences between brethren be speedily reconciled
Secondly that all superfluity of apparel be laid aside and that there be moderation in that and all other things.
Thirdly, that it be publicly preached down in the congregation that fathers and masters of families endeavour to suppress it.

April the 1st, 1698. This day a Church Meeting holden at Bro. Joseph Brown's and the following things agreed on:

Imprimis, agreed that the soul condemning sin of pride be utterly extirpated and rooted out from amongst us and all the discriminating characters thereof, to wit superfluity of apparel, and the like according to the true intent and meaning of the apostles be utterly extinguished.
Secondly, agreed that the Lord's Day be kept holy and that when persons assembled together in the worship and service of God that they ought not discourse about temporal things, but to spend the whole day in hearing, meditating, speaking, and debating of things spiritual that the soul may thereby be refreshed and edified.

Agreed at a Church Meeting to admonish such as absent from the Lord's Supper, and if they persist to bring it to the Church. It is also agreed that deacons take care that the poor be supplied, and that money be raised to assist the ministry, and such as shall refuse to submit themselves to judgement of the Church as to what they shall give in an equal way according to their ability shall be admonished as sinners and brought to the judgement of the Church

Thus you have an account of the most valid matter as relating to discipline which is recited only to show what good discipline there hath been in this Church: that we may endeavour to follow after the same and not at all to degrade any.

It might be proper to give you an account of some of the results of the association as touching discipline, but time be scarce and I, having the paper of the proceedings, I may remind you of it from thence which I think may be necessary: for, except good discipline be preserved, the Church will be much corrupted if not dissolved;

By much slothfulness the building decayeth and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through. Ecclesiastes, 10. 18

July 2nd 1697 At a Church Meeting it was agreed on as followeth.

First. That differences between brethren be speedily reconciled;
secondly, that all superfluity of apparel be laid aside and that there be a moderation about and in all other things;
thirdly, that it be publicly preached down in the congregation that the fathers and masters of families endeavour to suppress it

An account of those things that were debated and determined at a Church Meeting held May 3rd, 1710. at Brother Joseph Brown's at Britains. The first thing debated was the case of Rich. Brown. Brother Joseph Coates Sen. and Brother White having given him visits according to the Church's appointment say that he carried it to them very morosely and not owning that he was guilty of anything but was as fit for communion as ever he was. Being thus insolent, it was agreed that Brother Joseph Brown. and Brother Thomas Wickham, and Brother Thomas White should go and give him a another visit before the latter end of the next week following. and then if he would not hear them to be excommunicated.

Secondly, the next result was that the representatives that go to the association should nominate Brother Robert Norden and Brother Henry Miller and Brother David Chapman as persons which we think qualified for messengers.

Thirdly. the next result, upon consideration of the great disorder of neglecting of coming to the Lord's Table when timely notice is given

In order for the regulating of this great disorder, upon a due consideration of many reasons given, it was agreed that when timely notice should be given to come to the Lord's Table that all that are present, being members of the congregation, set down or show their reasons at the same time, and also to make it of a greater force and to know how to deal with such persons as shall not confirm hereunto, it is agreed that the representatives make it a case at the association for their approbation

Fourthly, the next result was that upon consideration of the fruitlessness of many members as touching their contributing to the necessities of the Church it was agreed according to apostolical order that every member lay by something (at least in his mind) according as God Hath possessed him and so give it in at the monthly contribution upon the first day of the week, let the matter be never so small so that it be according to their ability.

Fifthly, the next thing considered was who should go to the association as representatives of this congregation. It was agreed that Bro. White should be one and that there was three more nominated that were thought out one of which was to go as they should agree.

Sixthly, upon Bro. Whitels giving an account that there was a probability of a friend coming up and being placed about Ash in order to carry on the work of the ministry there, it was agreed that some friends should endeavour to get him a place for his business and that he should come up and stay a while for a proof upon all occasions before he have any further settlement.

Seventhly, the next result was that Bro. Joseph Coules, Senr, and Bro. Jefferies should be ordained as deacons for the congregation the first opportunity. And that also if Bro. Cox and Bro. Haddock will accept of this same offer they shall be chosen with them, which is our desire for the better carrying on, of that great concern. And we hope our brethren will be ready to every good work.

Eighthly, it was agreed that Bro. James Caverly and Bro. Thomas White should be ordained elders for the congregation if they accept it. Bro. Calverly not being with us we could not have his consent then, but a certain friend said for some reason he thought he would give his consent. Bro. White did give his consent upon conditions

At our Church Meeting held at Brother Joseph Brown's at Britains December 25th, 1710. It was agreed as followeth That the meeting at Parkgate be supplied and that Bro. Calverly be laid under no necessity to be concerned to preach there alone.

Secondly, agreed that Bro. Calverly have discourse with Sister Buckle

Thirdly, agreed that Bro. White send a letter to Bro. H.G.

Fourthly, agreed to keep a day of fasting and prayer both to answer the request of the persons nominated for messengers, and those that did consult with them in the matter, and to entreat the Lord to grant us such qualifications as may (capassiate) and quicken us to discharge our several duties for the carrying on the cause of Christ as may issue in the Glory of God, and our present spiritual prosperity and eternal felicity, and the time appointed is the 26th day of January and place at Bro. Brown's at Britains.

Fifthly, agreed that the baptising place be now done

Sixthly, agreed that Bro. White and Bro. ... discourse with Bro. Sowland.

Seventhly, agreed that some course be taken to regulate the disorderly proceedings of Sister . . .

Eighthly, agreed that all persons that have sufficient information when we break bread yet make not good their place at the table shall give an account of the reasons why they absent to Bro. Calverly and Bro. White. Memoranda. Bro. Fletcher acknowledged his fault in drinking too much and hath promised amendment. Bro. Richard Glover did not fulfil his promise in appearing to give the Church satisfaction for his fault

July 13th 1711. At our Church Meeting held at Bro. Joseph Brown's at Britains it was agreed on as followeth.

First. it was agreed that Bro. Joseph Coules should write a letter to Bro. Matthew Cuffin to desire his approbation that Br. White may be ordained an elder amongst us.

Secondly, as touching washing of feet it was agreed that those that see it their duty should be found in the practice of it and that those that cannot see it to be their duty should not in the least withdraw their affection from them that do nor them that do withdraw their affection from them that don't; but to have an equal respect one for another

Thirdly, it was agreed that Bro. White take some friend with him and go and have some discourse with Sister Terrel.

Fourthly, it was agreed that Bro. White go and have some discourse with Bro. H. Glover and Sister Puckle

Fifthly, it was agreed that there is an absolute necessity that all the members of the Church be known and that their state and condition be enquired into

Sixthly, it was agreed that Dorothy Strutfield be excommunicated for breaking the rules of the Gospel in her marriage and for fornication

July the 18th 1711. According to the agreement of the Church we have had discourse with Bro.H. Glover and he promises to come down amongst us within a month's time. Also we have had discourse with Sister Puckle and she owns that she hath too much neglected her duty in coming to the meeting and in contributions and in not being at the Lord's Table, and the reason she renders chiefly is because she hath not had a horse that she could venture to ride. She owns also that she hath given too much liberty in her house concerning selling of drink and cherries on the Lord's Day, and for the future doth resolve for to sell them on the trees. And she intends if possible to come more amongst us. As to sister Terrel, we went thither and had some discourse with the man, but as to the woman we could have no discourse with her; the man told us that she told him she understood what we were come about and that she was not willing to have any discourse with us. As to the man we thought him to blame in some things and gave him the best advice we could and he promised us that he would endeavour to amend in those things and that he would if possible bring over his wife to our meeting in order that we might have some discourse with her

February the 15th, 1711/12. At our Church Meeting held at Bro. Colgates at Smarden, it was agreed on as followeth:

Firstly, it was agreed. that the Congregation be stirred up to meet more early on Lord's Days.

Secondly, as to the order of discipline in Public places; first it was agreed that an Elder is under no injunction (if he hear of an evil report of any member) to go and tell him of it in private, but he may request him to meet him at a Church Meeting or any other place convenient

where he may take with him one or two more and examine the person accused.

Secondly, that to ask or question, the better to understand the grounds of a public bad reported by any member is not blamable but justifiable, the end being only to know the truth of the cause. But if opportunity serve, to enquire first of the person accused is thought most affable, yet no obligation, the report being public.

Thirdly, that public means ought to be made use of to carry of a public bad report.

Fourthly, that after anything hath been offered to the judgment of the Church and is approbated, then none of the members then present shall find fault for proceeding according to approbation.

Thirdly, that Bro. White send a letter handed by the Church to Bro. H.G.

Fourthly, agreed that Bro. White give Sister Puckle and R.G. a visit.

Fifthly, as to the case of Sister Terrel it was concluded that Bro.Terrel be spoke with at the Park.

Sixthly, that if persons be instructed that to marry out of fellowship is contrary to Gospel order and they consent thereto at their baptism and after they marry contrary to all this instruction and their own profession are excommunicable.

Seventhly, that Sister Hollowby be discourse concerning her marriage.

Eighthly that care be taken to have some discourse with Wm. Bocker, if possible.

Ninthly, that Bro. White write a letter to send to Burnham people concerning Thomas Parr.

May the 30th, 1712. At a Church Meeting holden Bro. Colgate's at Smarden it was agreed on as followeth:

First, as to Henry Glover, it was agreed (upon the report that Bro. White gave of the matter) that he should come to a Church Meeting in order to give satisfaction and to be restored to his communion.

Secondly, as to Richard Glover, Bro. White gave him a visit according to the agreement of the last Church Meeting. And according to order he came to the Church Meeting and gave the Church good satisfaction signifying that as to his playing at cards he was ensnared into it and that he had great reflections on his conscience immediately after and that he resolves to do so no more nor keep such company.

Thirdly, as to Sister Puckle, Bro. White gave her a visit according to the agreement of the last Church Meeting and the Church liked of the report he gave concerning her indifferently well. Agreed that Bro. Calverly have a watchful eye upon her and advise her in the best things.

Fourthly, as to Sister Terrel, it is agreed that Bro. Terrel, her husband, be requested to come to a Church Meeting, and then the Church take the best satisfaction they can from him before they proceed any farther.

Fifthly, as to Sister Hollomby, Bro. White hath had discourse with her concerning her marring out of fellowship as it was appointed last Church Meeting, and according to the report that Bro. White brings in and all circumstances that attends the matter, we agree that it shall be left as Bro. White hath left it, and that she shall not be removed from communion.

Sixthly, agreed that Bro. White write a letter to return to Burnham people concerning Thomas Parr.

Seventhly, agreed to give Bro. Harris Wimble (?) a letter of commendation to Horsham.

Eighthly, agreed that Bros. Calverly, Chapman, Westerman, have the money that is made of Sister Hernden's hay if they agree among themselves and take it for their debt if she be not able in time to come to pay them any more.

Ninthly, agreed to make a contribution to assist Sister Hernden in her business and that Bro. James Brown and Bro. John Colgate ask the charity of members in order to accomplish it.

Tenthly, agreed that as to go to Sprinklelings is not expedient, it being a natural giving away of the cause of Truth, and we resolve to bear our testimony against it and that those that go to Sprinklelings shall be counted disorderly and admonished accordingly.

Eleventhly, agreed that it is not convenient for any to go to the public for to hear funeral sermons or any other because worse evils may attend going than can attend the not going; therefore we conclude that those that go unadvisedly look more at the lesser than at the greater and give themselves too much liberty, and inconsiderately undermine the faith and lay a snare before the weak.

July the 21st 1712. At our Church Meeting holden at Bro. Joseph Brown's at Britains it was agreed on as followeth:

First, as touching washing of feet, it was agreed on as followeth; that those that are for washing of feet shall be found in the practice of it and not in the least withdraw their affections from them that do not see it to be their duty, and them that do not see it to be their duty not in the least withdraw their affections from them that do.

Secondly, it was agreed that a day be appointed only to preach and debate washing of feet, and that the Church meet as generally as may be: and the time on Monday the 6th of October and the place at Britains. And the washing of feet shall not be practised in the congregation before that time.

Thirdly, as touching Bro. Henry Glover, it was agreed that upon the acknowledgment of Bro. Henry Glover as touching his not making good his place in the Church, and upon his resolutions to amend in all these matters that we will receive him again into communion

Fourthly, as touching Bro. Terrels wife, it was agreed she shall be admonished for several disorders

Fifthly, as touching cricketing and cards and dancing and the like, it is agreed that it is all disorderly walking, and that such shall be admonished and dealt with according to the nature of the crime.

And as to Marks Glover, it was agreed that Bro. White and Bro. Haddock admonish him for his evil in playing at cricket.

Sixthly, as touching Bro. Wm. Bengé, it was agreed that upon his acknowledgement of his disorders and resolutions for the future to amend in those things, that we will look upon him in communion.

Seventhly, agreed that Bro. Calverly and Bro. White is by this Church Meeting actually chosen as Elders for the Congregation.

Eighthly, agreed that Bro. Swayland be discoursed by Bro. Jefferies and Bro. White in order to restore him to his communion.

Ninthly, agreed that Bro. Cox have discourse with Bro. James Richardson concerning his being a deacon. Also that Bro. James Haddock and Bro. Richard Westerman assist Bro. Joseph Coules, Senr. and Bro. Wm. Jefferies in the office of deacons till there be a day appointed for their farther approbation and their own consent for ordination.

We subscribe our names in the behalf of the Whole:

Thos. White	Wm. Cox	Henry Glover	
James Caverly	Wm. Jefferies	John King	James Brown.
Thos. Coules.	Joseph Brown	Joseph Coules.	
Ja. Richardson.	John Colgate	Wm. Bengc.	

September the 13th 1712. At our Church Meeting held Bro. Joseph Coules at the Park, it was agreed as followeth:

First, as touching Bro. Cox, it was agreed that Bro. Cox be discoursed with concerning his being a deacon in order to his ordination, and that Bro. Joseph Brown and Bro. Joseph Coules take care of the matter.

Secondly, as to Bro. Jefferies being a deacon, he agreed to give in his reasons to Bro. Caverly and Bro. White, and if think his reasons be not valid that he will accept of it when one or both of them is ordained to the office of Elder.

Thirdly, as to Bro. Westerman, it was agreed that there is no valid reason why Bro. Westerman should not be ordained to the office of deacon, and we have obtained his consent.

Fourthly, agreed according to the agreement written in the Old Church Book that the deacons shall be supplied with money to relieve the poor and to discharge all necessary charges of the Church, and by virtue of their office they shall have power to admonish such as shall not give according to their ability. And if any will not receive their admonition, that then they are to tell it to the Church that they may be dealt with according to the nature of the crime.

Fifthly, agreed that Bro. Chapman's folly was a great disorder and highly blamable. But upon his acknowledgement of his evil and manifestation of his real repentance and his doing to the utmost of his power to take of the scandal of the miscarriage, that we will look upon him in communion and not be reflected on for it.

Sixthly, as touching Bro. Chapman marrying out of fellowship, it was agreed that it was a disorder, but upon his acknowledging of his evil in that his first step was disorderly and his careful proceedings in all the latter part of the matter, we believe if he had not known her to have been all inclined to the truth he would not willingly have had her. Therefore, being admonition to behave himself wisely towards her we leave

We subscribe our names in the behalf of the whole:

Thos. White. Joseph Coules. Ricd. Westerman.
Samuel Searls. Thos. Coules. James Brown. Joseph Brown.

December the 18th, 1712. At our Church Meeting holden at Bro. Joseph Brown's at Britains it was agreed on as followeth;
First, agreed that as touching Bro. Peascud that Bro. James Richardson deliver in the letter to Horslydown that only gave him liberty to set down at the Lord's Table and that Bro. Richardson take care that we have a letter from Horslydown to commit him to our care.
Secondly, agreed that we hold a Love Feast for the congregation and the time on the 25th of this instant and the place at Britains. And that Bro. Joseph Brown and Bro. Wm. Jefferies are ordered to manage the matter.
Thirdly, agreed that we have some considerations concerning officers for the congregation at the same time.
Fourthly, agreed as touching Thos. Parr, that he is a member belonging to this congregation.

Fifthly, as touching Thomas Parr's misdemeanours it was agreed that upon Thomas Parr's acknowledgment of his evils and in especially to Bro. Joseph Brown and Bro. Thomas Burgis that they and the Church will forgive him.

Sixthly, agreed that we intend to break bread the first Lord's Day of March next ensuing and that if no misdemeanour happen on Bro. Thos. Parr and he be reconciled to those two brethren at Thorn that he set down with us.

Thos. White. Will Cox. James Richardson. Richard Glover.
Joseph Browne. James Calverley. James Haddock.
Richard Westerman. Joseph Coules. William Jefferies.

December the 25th, 1712. At the Church Meeting holden at Bro. Joseph Brown's at Britains it was agreed on as followeth:

First, Bro. Calverly defers his giving positive answer as touching his being an Elder till he hath spoken with Bro. Caffyn
Secondly, agreed that Bro. Cox will accept of the office of deacon upon the condition we supply the meeting at his house.
Thirdly, also agreed that Bro. James Haddock will accept of the same office. Fourthly, agreed that Bro. Coules, Senr. and Bro. Westerman be

ordained to the office of deacons and that Bro. Jefferies stands as he did.

James Richardson	Thos. White	Jos. Brown
James Haddock	John Colgate	William Jeffery

April the 3rd, 1713. At our Church Meeting holden at Bro. Joseph Brown's at Brittain's it was agreed on as followeth: First, agreed as touching the petition from Norwich to gather them money to build them a Meeting House, that we will do as other churches do.

Secondly, as touching Thomas Parr's case it was agreed that Bro. James Calverly, Bro. Joseph Browne, Bro. William Jefferies, and Bro. James Haddock be deputed to adjust all matters with him, and that we give him a conditional letter to Chatham.

Thirdly, as touching receiving the contributions in the best order, that the deacons take an account of all the members of the Church and advise them to give according to their abilities. Fourthly, agreed that if any be dissatisfied in disbursing of gift money they shall have satisfaction at the next Church Meeting after it is given.

Subscribed by us in the behalf of the whole:

Thomas White.	Jos. Browne.	James Calverly
Thos. Coules.	Joseph Coules.	
William Jeffery.	James Brown.	

At our Church Meeting holden at Bro. Joseph Brown's at Brittain's, July the 7th, 1713, it was agreed on as followeth: First, agreed that Bro. William Jefferies and Bro. James Brown take an account of the members that sit down and that sit not down.

Secondly, agreed that to come more generally to Church Meetings we that are here do promise of others and if they break it without just reasons shall be blamable. Thirdly, agreed to keep a day of fast for the whole congregation and the time on Friday the 31st of the instand July and the place at Brittain's.

Fourthly (*retrospective entries*) :-

April the 4th, 1708. The moneys given to churches use is disposed of all except three pounds which is in Bro. Joseph Brown's hands.

February the 3rd, 1709. The moneys was disposed of all except eleven shillings and sixpence which is in Joseph Brown's hands.

March the 1st, 1712/13. Then received a letter of commendation for Joseph Coules, Junr. wife from Maidstone, and a little before we received a letter of commendation for Bro, George Peascud from Horsleydown.

March the 22nd, 1712/13. We gave a letter of commendation for our Sister Ann Taylor to Croydon.

May the 14th, 1713. Then received a letter of commendation for Bro. Chas. Good and his wife from Horsham.

February the 7th, 1713/14. Received a letter of commendation from . . . for Bro. Cox. Junr. Wife

March the 26th or thereabouts sister Hollomby was commended to Chatham

March the 26th, 1714. At our Church Meeting holden at Bro. Joseph Coules, Senr. at the Park, these things now debated and agreed on as followeth:

1. As to visiting the congregation, after mature consideration it was agreed that the Elders give the congregation a general personal visit and enquire into the state of their souls.
2. Agreed to go on to complete the subscription and send in the sum by our representatives to the association: being Bro. Cox and Bro. Brown and Bro. White.
3. As to Cacket and his wife it was agreed to send two brethren to give them a Christian admonition.
4. It is the agreement of this Church that the persons to be sent to Virginia be such as hath a freeness ? in themselves and as to whom we think upon as fit persons are Bro. Miller or Norden out of the Congregation and Bro. Bengé and Bro. Tasker as an assistant, and the method of proceeding to

know the mind of God in choosing (we with submission) offer you our thought that out of those are four you may judge who are fit and then agree what number to send of those fit persons which may be chosen by lot or otherwise.

We also acquaint you that we have chosen Elders and Deacons and desire your assistance in their ordination and that you will appoint your time Five, agreed that Bro. Jo. Brown, Jefferies, Peascud and Coules take subscription of the congregation to build a Meeting House.

At our Church Meeting holden at Bro. Joseph Brown's at Brittain's, December the 4th, 1713, it was agreed on as followeth:

First, that Bro. Calverly and Bro. White give the whole congregation a visit and as they see occasion call any brother to their assistance, and that the Church will enable them.

Secondly, as to the Virginia letter, agreed that we will do what we can to answer their requests, either in getting men or money.

Thirdly, as to Stephen Smith, agreed that Bro. Calverly and Bro. White give him a visit in order to his restoration.

Fourthly, as to Bro. Caket and his wife, they both agree to yield up their effects to Bros. Richardson and Calverly and Bro. Cox, Brown, and they are to buy a piece of land and settle it on the longest liver afterwards to their issue

Subscribed by us in the behalf of the whole:

Jam. Calverly	Tho. White	Joseph Brown
James Brown	Joseph Coules	Richard Westerman
William Jeffery	Samuel Sarles	John Colgate
William Goodhaugh	William Cox	

February the 5th, 1713/14. At our Church Meeting at Bro. Joseph Brown's at Brittain's it was agreed on as followeth:

First, agreed that Bro. James Calverly and Bro. Tho. White be ordained Elders for the congregation.

Secondly agreed that Bros. Coules, Cox, Jefferies, Westerman and Haddocks, be ordained deacons.

Thirdly, agreed to have a Church Meeting the Friday before the Association, and then to make our subscription for Virginia

Fourthly, agreed that the Church send in the names of the officers to the Association by the representatives and desire that messengers to appoint a time for ordination.

Fifthly, agreed that Bro. Calverly and Bro. White take up subscription of the congregation for Virginia.

May the 11th, 1714. At our Church Meeting Holden Bro. Joseph Brown's the following things were debated and determined:

First, Bro. Patterson in pursuance of a special commission given him and Bro. Miller by and from the association held late at Cranbrook acquainted the people with the several steps that Association had taken in order to send messengers into Virginia, and in particular with their message to them at this time in order to remove the difficulties with them, and Bro. White to take upon him part of the great work of gathering and settling churches in gospel order in Virginia. Whereupon, after some debate, the people concluded that it would not be safe to withhold Bro. White from this good and great work and therefore thought good to spare him for a time to go with Bro. Norden as aforesaid.

Upon this, Bro. White, being asked as to his own freeness, replied that upon the account of the orderly steps that had been taken in seeking the Lord and at the Association, together with the consent of the Church at Sevenoke to whom he belong, that he was free to take part of that ministry with Bro. Norden as aforesaid.

Secondly, agreed to send a letter of request to the Church at Warbleton in order to obtain Bro. Nicholas Burgis to come up and assist us in the ministry, and also to entreat Bro. Burgis to come and Bro. Wood, (where he lives) to spare him.

Thirdly, Bro. Patterson, Bro. Miller, and Bro. Richardson promise to come up, one of them, once in two months in order to assist us in the ministry during the time of Bro. White's absence.

Fourthly, agreed that Bro. Cox and Bro. Brown go to the Assembly as representatives with Bro. Calverly and Bro. White.

Fifthly, agreed to keep tomorrow a day of fasting and prayer in order ordain Bro. White, and that if they are there.

Samuel Patterson.)

Henry Miller) Messengers.

James Richardson.)

William CoxJ	James Calverly.	Thos. Coules
Joseph Coules.	Thos. White.	Robert Martin
William Jefferies.	George Pescud.	
Richard Westerman.	Samuel Sarles.	
Joseph Brown.	James Fletcher.	
James Brown.	William Fletcher.	
John Colgate	Thos. Wickham	

These in the behalf of the rest.

May the 15th, 1714. Beloved Brethren, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, meeting in and about Sevenoaks in the County of Kent.

At a day of Fasting and prayer held at Bro. Brown's pursuant to the agreement of the last Church Meeting the 11th day of the third month, 1714. After the time was duly improved by fasting and prayer, Bro. Patterson, Bro. Richardson, and Bro. Miller did proceed to ordain Bro. Thomas White and to serve the Lord in his Church in the office of a messenger. And also Bro. Calverly was ordained to serve God and this congregation in the office of an Elder, and further Bro. William Cox, Bro. William Jeffery, Bro. Joseph Cole, and Bro. Richard Westerman was ordained to serve God and this congregation in the office and capacity of deacons.

Samuel Patterson Henry Miller) Messengers

James Richardson Thomas White)

Thomas White	James Calverly	Joseph Coules
William Cox	William Jeffery	Rich. Westerman
Sam. Series	James Fletcher.	

April of 1715. At a Church Meeting at Bro. Joseph Brown's in Brittain's agreed as followeth:

1. In relation to the occasions that may be for a ministerial supply that the four deacons shall always be judges of that occasion and provide supply accordingly and defray their charges as the case requires.
2. That a quarterly collection for the supply of the ministry be continued according to the agreement now made as the nature of the case requires.
3. It is also agreed that five pounds per annum be allowed to our Bro. Hapgood till Bro. Thomas White come home or other alteration happen from Michaelmas last.
4. Agreed that whereas a discouragement was given to Bro. Larkin about his preaching (which no one justly grieved at) that Bro. William Cox and Bro. Joseph Coules do blame Bro. Newman in the case of Bro. Larkin, that Bro. Jeffery and Bro. Colgate do go to Bro. Larkin and satisfy him that the Church did well approve of his gift and desires him to improve the same.
5. It is agreed that a meeting house be forthwith built for the use of the Church, that Bro. Brown and Bro. Jeffery do proceed to buy a piece of ground on which to build the same, that Bro. William Cox, Bro. Joseph Brown, Bro. Jeffery, and Bro. Jam. Brown be agents and directors about the building the said house.
6. It is agreed that Bro. William Jeffery and Bro. James Brown do immediately proceed to raise the subscription through the whole Church and that the same be collected before the 10th of May next.
7. Bro. William Cox has at this time agreed that he will give 40 pound toward the building the house aforesaid, and also will give 60 pound toward the buying a piece of ground whereon to build the same on this condition that security be given that 4 shillings per month be successively paid to the poor members of this congregation out of the profits arising from the said house and ground by the proprietors of the same for ever.
8. We agree also that there be an association at the Wells, the time to be at the discretion of the messengers, and that representative be sent from this church to the next Assembly.
9. That Bro. Hapgood and Bro. Jeffery do examine the occasion of the neglect of members in making good their places at the Lord's Table.

Subscribed by us,
 James Richardson, Will. Cox. William Fletcher
 Joseph Coules. Joseph Brown. Charles Habgood
 George Peascud. William Jeffery.

At a Church Meeting held at Bro. Brown's at Brittain's February 20th, 1715/16. Agreed that the members belonging to this Church shall pay according to their former superscription for the supply of the ministry.

Thomas Coules. William Jeffery.
 Richard Westerman. Ja. Richardson
 David Chapman. Jam. Calverly
 Thomas Reene.

At our Church Meeting held at Bro. Brown's at Brittain's October the 5th. 1716.

Whereas by an agreement this Church hath made with Bro. Cox that 4 shillings per month which do amount to 2 pound 8 shillings per year and also 40 shillings a year that was a gift of the widow Whittiall to be paid yearly to the poor of the congregation which in all is 4 pounds 8 shillings a year, and it is agreed that two men be chosen by this congregation and approved by Bro Wm. Cox or whom he shall assign in his name to represent him, and these two men is entrusted and shall have power to farm, let, and receive rent of the dwelling house and. land adjoining to the Meeting House and pay the above said several funds out of the rents and profits thereof. But if they amount not to so much they shall acquaint the Church who shall inspect their accounts once a year and make a collection to enable them to make up the deficiency.

It is also agreed at the same time that Bro. James Brown and Bro. Will Jeffery be the two men that is now chosen at present and is put in this trust and approved by Mr. Will Cox, and is to continue so till as long as Bro. Cox and the congregation thinks fit.

2. A letter being read signed by the messengers acquainting us with Bro. Will Wood and Bro. Thomas Harrison going to Virginia calling on us to make a collection towards their subsistence, it is agreed that there shall be a collection made. It is also agreed by the request of Bro. Wood and Bro. Harrison to keep a day of fasting and prayer for their

preservation and success, and that Tuesday come fortnight be the day at Bro. Joseph Brown's and then to call for the above said collection, and that it be published next Lord's Day

Agreed also that the managers should pay the builders of the Meeting House and the Church shall raise money for the deficiency if any be.

James Richardson. Rich. Westerman. Jos. Brown
 James Calverly. James Browne. David Chapman
 Will Cox. John Fletcher. Joseph Coules
 William Jeffery. James Snow.

At a Church Meeting held at the new Meeting House, 18th November, 1716.

Agreed that whereas there is a difference between Bro. Joseph Brown and Bro. Fletcher it is now agreed that Bro. Richardson and Bro. Hunt and Bro. Cox and Bro. Calverly shall have the hearing of the case a (sic) both sides the next day after the first meeting held in the new Meeting House.

At a Church Meeting held at the Meeting House December the 25th, 1716.

Forasmuch as there have been some disaffection between Bro. Joseph Brown and Bro. David Chapman, we have now considered the case through and they do now freely forgive one another all that is past on both sides from this time forward before God and the Church.

James Snow. William King. Will Jeffery.
 Jos. Browne Rich Westerman. Dav. Chapman. John Colgate

At a Church Meeting held at the Meeting House February the 4th, 1716/17.

Agreed that whereas of late there has been small appearance at the Lord's table, Bro. Will Jeffery and Bro. Rich. Westerman are appointed to take an opportunity to enquire the reasons of the same when they come to the meeting, and in particular Bro. Will Cox and James Snow do take an opportunity to talk with Bro. Timothy Cacat and his wife, and Bro Hen. Glover.

Agreed at this meeting that Bro. Snow shall come to live in this house and the Church to pay 40 shillings per year to the trustees according to agreement.

Ja. Richardson.	William Jeffery.	Will Cox.
Richard Westerman.	James Browne.	Dav. Chapman
Joseph Browne.		

April the 5th, 1717. At a Church Meeting held this day at the Meeting House it was agreed as follows:

That Bro. Calverly and Bro. Snow do go and enquire into the state of Bro. Will Caket and his wife and if they will stand by the agreement of the Church formerly made and also make their appearance at the meeting more frequent and also visit Bro. Daniel Teril and report it or what Bro. Brown as formerly and report the next Church Meeting.

May 2nd. It was examined whether the Church was in debt which appeared as follows:

Imp: Due to Bro. Jeffery for money he disbursed about the Meeting House and other necessary uses per the Church's order

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It. It was agreed that Bro. Jeffery have for and in consideration of his building a necessary house and palisaded gates on both sides from the house to the gate and set up same.

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It. It appears that Bro. Brown, Jnr. have disbursed and is out of pocket towards the building the House

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It. By a former Contract there is due to the poor for ground of the said Meeting House

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It. Due to Bro. Hapgood

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It. To pay the Lawyer for the writings for the said Meeting House

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Total 18. 12. 0

Memorandum. That we do hereby promise and oblige ourselves to give and disburse toward the raising the said Money as follows:

Agreed also that whereas they have formerly agreed that Bro.

Westerman and Bro. Chapman being approved in the gift of preaching, we now agree that they shall take up the first part of the day as.

opportunity shall serve and as the ministry and deacons do agree

	£	s	d
Bro. Wm Cox	9	0	0
Bro. Glover	2	3	0
Bro. Jos. Brown	2	3	0
Bro. Brown	1	0	0
Bro. Colgate	0	10	0
Bro. William Fletcher	0	10	0
Bro. Jn. Fletcher	0	10	0
Bro. Jos. Fletcher	0	5	0
Bro. Searles	0	5	0
Bro. Jos Coale	0	5	0
Bro. Thos Coale	0	5	0
Bro. Martin	0	10	0
Bro. Calverly	0	10	0
Bro. Jeffery	0	10	0

At a Church Meeting held at the Meeting House,
October the 4th, 1717.
(Blank.)

At a Church Meeting held at the Meeting house,
November the 28th, 1717.

Agreed that in the short days of the winter we conclude that we will begin the public service exactly at eleven by the clock in the morning and break off the fore noon service at half an hour after twelve, and break off in the afternoon precisely at three.

2ndly. It is agreed that from this time forward, if any member shall be proved publicly and notoriously guilty of public and notorious sin when it plainly appears forthwith to withdraw from such persons till they shall repent and desire their communion with the Church.

3rdly. Agreed that whereas our sister Cooke have now married out of fellowship, according to our former agreement we now agree to withdraw from her until she shall repent and desire her communion.

4thly. Agreed that Bro. Calverly with a brother or two with him shall take a time to talk with Sister Mary White about her marrying out of fellowship and their satisfaction shall be the Church's satisfaction.

5thly. We agree to stand by all former agreements till we shall see occasion to alter the same.

Will Fletcher	James Browne.	James Calverly.
Will Goodhugh.	James Richardson	James. Fletcher
Richard Glover	Will Cox. James Snow	Wm. Jeffery

The agreements of the Church Meeting held
Jan the 31st, 1717/18. (space)

A Church Meeting held at the Meeting House,
April the 4th, 1718. (space)

A Church Meeting held at the Meeting House, June the 20th, 1718, at which was considered and agreed as followeth:

1. That Bro. Will Cox and Bro. Jos. Browne are chosen representatives to act for this Church in the Association appointed the 1st day of July.
2. That a collection for the messengers be made forthwith, and we appoint Bro. John Colgate and Bro. James Browne to collect the same with all expedition.
3. As to collection towards Bro. Benges's loss in being first appointed to go to Virginia and afterwards disappointed, we own ourselves guilty of a neglect in the same, but we agree to make a collection upon that account in a little time.
4. As to Bro. Wood's charge in going to Virginia, we leave that to be answered by our representatives at the association.
5. We agree to be found in the practice of washing feet on the 2nd day of July if we are not prevented.
6. Whereas our deacons groan under the burden of want of supply for the use of the poor, we agree that persons shall contribute according to their former subscriptions for every month or give good reasons for the contrary.
7. We conclude to reimburse Bro. Jeffery the moneys which he have disbursed upon the account of the pailing and such things which is as followeth:

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(June 20)
pt. 2
to collect for messengers

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ocket for the first pailing	2 10 0
t pailing.	1 1 0
	4 6 6
	<u>1 17 0</u>
	2 9 6

And those the same of Bro. Searls and Bro. Westerman to find out and ask contributed to the former charges in order to raise the

At a meeting held October the 3rd, 1718. Agreed as

1. As we have not been satisfi
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reas Bro. Thomas Coules by his unbecoming actions ch just cause to be dissatisfied, we require refuse communion with him. Whereupon Bro. Coules self to blame and promises to take more care for time

A meeting held December the 5th, 1718.

1. That Bro. Cox have now given £1 towards Bro. Jeffery's agree to ask him for no more upon any accounts of these.
2. That every member shall subscribe what they will give for the to be paid down every month and also if they be assembly that they shall make good their collection the y come.

Jas Browne	Will Cox	James Fletcher
Joseph Coules	Rich. Westerman)
James Snow	Joseph Browne) Deacons
Samuel Sael	Thomas Keene)

At a Church Meeting held April the 3rd, 1719, it was agreed as followeth:

1. A letter (being read) from Dunings Ally, which was left to consideration to carry in the result to the General Assembly.

4thly. Agreed that Bro. Calverly with a brother or two with him shall take a time to talk with Sister Mary White about her marrying out of fellowship and their satisfaction shall be the Church's satisfaction.

5thly. We agree to stand by all former agreements till we shall see occasion to alter the same.

Will Fletcher	James Browne.	James Calverly.
Will Goodhugh.	James Richardson	James. Fletcher
Richard Glover	Will Cox. James Snow	Wm. Jeffery

The agreements of the Church Meeting held
Jan the 31st. 1717/18. (space)

A Church Meeting held at the Meeting House,
April the 4th, 1718. (space)

A Church Meeting held at the Meeting House, June the 20th, 1718, at which was considered and agreed as followeth:

1. That Bro. Will Cox and Bro. Jos. Browne are chosen representatives to act for this Church in the Association appointed the 1st day of July.
2. That a collection for the messengers be made forthwith, and we appoint Bro. John Colgate and Bro. James Browne to collect the same with all expedition.
3. As to collection towards Bro. Benges loss in being first appointed to go to Virginia and afterwards disappointed, we own ourselves guilty of a neglect in the same, but we agree to make a collection upon that account in a little time.
4. As to Bro. Wood's charge in going to Virginia, we leave that to be answered by our representatives at the association.
5. We agree to be found in the practice of washing feet on the 2nd day of July if we are not prevented.
6. Whereas our deacons groan under the burden of want of supply for the use of the poor, we agree that persons shall contribute according to their former subscriptions for every month or give good reasons for the contrary.
7. We conclude to reimburse Bro. Jeffery the moneys which he have disbursed upon the account of the pailing and such things which is as followeth:

Wanting of the first subs.	0 15 6.
Out of pocket for the first pailing	2 10 0
The Lost pailing.	<u>1 1 0</u>
	4 6 6
	<u>1 17 0</u>
	2 9 6

And we appoint Bro. Searls and Bro. Westerman to find out and ask those that have not contributed to the former charges in order to raise the same or part thereof.

At a Church Meeting held October the 3rd, 1718. Agreed as followeth:

1. Agreed that whereas Bro. Thomas Coules by his unbecoming actions have given the Church just cause to be dissatisfied, we require satisfaction or else refuse communion with him. Whereupon Bro. Coules acknowledged himself to blame and promises to take more care for time to come.

At a Church Meeting held December the 5th, 1718.

1. That whereas Bro. Cox have now given £1 towards Bro. Jeffery's disbursements, we agree to ask him for no more upon any accounts of these former charges.
2. Agreed that every member shall subscribe what they will give for the supply of the poor to be paid down every month and also if they be absent from our assembly that they shall make good their collection the next day when they come.

Jam. Calverly.	Jas Browne	Will Cox	James Fletcher
Will Jeffery	Joseph Coules	Rich. Westerman)	
James Snow	Joseph Browne)	Deacons	
Samuel Sael	Thomas Keene		

At a Church Meeting held April the 3rd, 1719, it was agreed as followeth:

1. A letter (being read) from Dunings Ally, which was left to consideration to carry in the result to the General Assembly.

2. Agreed upon Bro. Will Jeffery and Bro. Richard Glover as representatives to act for and in behalf of the Church at the Association depending the 22nd day of May, 1719.

At a Church Meeting held October the 2nd, 1719, it was agreed as followeth:

1. We having received a letter from Bro. Mercer about Bro. Knowle's case of being silent from preaching, we conclude in answer thereunto that if the Church shall think fit to imply (sic) him again in preaching the Gospel, their satisfaction shall be our satisfaction

At a Church Meeting held the 23rd day of October 1719. Agreed as follows:

1. That whosoever shall be in a passion at a Church meeting and not keep himself in a sober temper (as shall be judged by the Church) in the fear of the Lord, such person or persons shall be deemed not fit for communion.

At a Church Meeting held April the 1st, 1720. Agreed as followeth:

1. That Bro. Calverly resolves to refer the case of Bro. Browne, Senr, to the messengers and the Church.
2. Agreed to alter our Church Meeting to be held the third Friday in the month before the day of Breaking Bread.
3. Agreed to enlarge the subscriptions for the ministry and we appoint Bro. Rich. Glover and Bro. James Brown to stir up the members and to take account of the same.
4. Bro. Colgate's letter considered and thought reasonable.

Jam. Calverly.	B. Strange.	Rich. Glover
Joseph Coules.	Thos. Keene.	James Fletcher
Will. Jeffery.	Wm. Goodhugh.	Geo Peascud
Rich. Westerman.	James Snow.	

At a Church Meeting held November the 4th, 1720. Agreed:

1. That Bro. Westerman do go once a month to Ash to supply the meeting there and the Church shall allow him two shillings a time for horse hire and expenses, and that the deacons shall call a collection every quarter to raise the same.
2. Agreed that whenever we want to raise any sum of money we conclude to raise it proportionably as they pay to the ministry.
3. We agree to pay half a quarter to the Virginia case and we appoint Bro. John Colgate and James Fletcher to collect the same.

Jam. Calverly.	Joseph Coules	Will. Jeffery.	Rich. Westerman.
Will. Asherfold.	Geo. Peascud.	James Fletcher.	Samuel Sael.
Thos. Coules.	Thos. Reeve.	Will Goodhugh	James Browne.
John Colgate.	Joseph Fletcher.	James Russell.	Charles Habgood.
Thos. Constable.	Will Terrey.	Thos. Wickham.	James Snow.

At a Church Meeting held May the 12th, 1721.

At a Church Meeting held January the 19th, 1721/22.

At a Church Meeting held February the 27th, 1721/22. Cases to be considered are as follows:

1. Bro. Thos. Coules' case.
2. Bro. Allsons Case.
3. James Snow's Case
4. Concerning the field.

Agreed that the Church as a Church will allow and make good thirty pounds a year to be paid quarterly to Bro. James Snow and the persons hereafter named do agree to make good the same (viz.) seven pounds and ten shillings at or soon after quarter day to James Snow and the Church do promise and agree to reimburse the Collectors and make it good to them within three months. And these twelve men under written are to collect of course every one his quarter the said moneys. And the said Collectors are hereby empowered to bring such members as shall be deficient in their subscription before the Church and to answer to the same at a Church Meeting.

Richard Glover. James Brown. Geo. Peascud.

Sam. Sael. James Coules. Benj. Fletcher.
 B. Strange. Joseph Fletcher. Richard Fletcher.
 John Colgate. James Fletcher. Joseph Coules.

February the 27th, 1721/2.

Upon the aforesaid agreement of the Churches making good thirty pounds a year to me, I do promise to serve the Church according to my capacity and not to accept any other greater offers at any other place so long as they shall make good their agreement and no longer.

Witness my hand, James Snow.

Jam.. Calverly. Richard Westerman. Thos. Reeve.
 Joseph Fletcher. Will Goodhugh. William King.

At a Church Meeting held October the 12th, 1722. Agreed:

1. That Bro. Ailson and the Widow Sage for just causes shall be withdrawn from

At our Church Meeting held July the 5th, 1723,

agreed to raise any moneys upon and any religious account according to the subscription for the ministry at Michaelmas quarter in 1721
(Crossed through)

At our Church Meeting held July the 7th, 1723,

agreed to raise any moneys that the Church shall think fit to raise shall be raised according to the subscription for the ministry at Midsummer 1721.

James Calverly. James Fletcher. Will. Jeffery. Tho. Reeve.
 Richard Westerman. Robert Sale. James Brown. Sam. Sael.
 James Snow.

February the 9th, 1723. (?)

William Cox, before us whose names are
 being baptized this same day
 Christian and free of all his sins.
 was an honest man to repent of all their sins

Thirdly, he believes he ought to be baptized because our Lord taught it to his disciples

Fourthly, he believes that persons baptized ought to have hands laid on them for the gift of the Spirit.

Fifthly, he believes the resurrection of the dead.

Sixthly, he believes the eternal judgment.

Seventhly, he believes he ought to receive the Lord's Supper.

Eighthly, he believes he ought to continue in the same faith and live a holy life to his life's end.

Thos. White. Jos. Brown. Jam. Calverly. Richard Westerman.

At a Church Meeting held May the 1st, 1724,
 agreed that Bro. James Snow is chosen as representative to serve at the General Meeting now depending to be held at Horshsm.

At our Church Meeting held May the 31st, 1726, agreed as followeth:
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At our Church Meeting held Oct the 25th, 1726 agreed as followeth:

1. That we break bread the first Lord's Day in the next month.
2. Agreed to repeal the agreement made July the 5th, 1723, concerning raising moneys according to the subscription for the ministry at Midsummer 1721. And for time to come to raise monies by free gift.
3. Agreed that the Church will allow to Bro. James Snow the sum of twenty five pounds a year to be paid quarterly as formerly and those four names as under written do agree to collect the same quarterly and pay to the said James Snow the sum of Six Pounds and Five Shillings within a month after quarter day. And these collectors are to call a Church Meeting according to the former agreement and James Snow will try for one year Thos. White Geo. Peascod James Brown
4. Agreed that the young men be encouraged to exercise their gift, at convenient opportunities, and that the care of the same be left to Bro. Calverley, Bro. Westerman, Bro. Will Goodhugh, Senr. and Bro. Will Terry

Joseph Coules James Richardson Richd. Westerman Jam. Calverly
 Thomas Deane James Snow James Browne James Fletcher

Rich. Glover Geo Peascod John Colgate Wilm. Goodhugh, Junr.
James Terry

At our Church Meeting held Nov. 33 1726. Cases to be considered.

1. James Snow's deficiencies.
2. Concerning Mr. Whittecer's Gift money.
3. A letter for Bro. Chapman Junr. to the Wells.
4. To consider of some more officers in the Church.
5. The offences that have been given and taken

Case the 1. as to the deficiencies towards James Snow.

Agreed that all the members of the Congregation shall give everyone one shilling towards the making up of same, and we appoint Bro, Thos. Reeve Bro. Terry and Bro. Will Goodhugh Senr. to gather the same next first Lord's Day in the month.

2. As to Mr. Whittecer's gift money, it appears to lie wholly in James Brownes breast to dispose of it, and other circumstances is left to farther consideration

3. recommendation to the Wells

4. Bro. Rich. Glover is elected to serve the Church in the capacity of a deacon, and its left to his consideration to give in his answer in a month's time.

5. As to offences, nothing brought yet

James Richardson. James Fletcher Jam. Calverley James Snow
Rich. Westerman Joseph Fletcher James Brown Thomas Reeve
Rich. Glover Stephen Colgate Geo. Peascod

At our Church Meeting held Jan. 2. 1726/7

Agreed 1. to send Bro. Westerman and Bro. Snow to admonish Mrs. Okell and Mrs. Strange.

2. Agreed to cut down some of the timber round the Meeting House field, and we appoint Bro. James Browne and Bro. . . to view the same and cut down what they think proper, and afterwards the Church is to agree what to do with it.

Agreed that Bro. Calverley and Bro. Snow do send² letters to Horsham, one of advice to Thos. Constable, and other to the Church at

Horsham to request them to appoint some persons to admonish and exhort him, as they think proper and convenient in our names, and to send us some account of their success.

4. Agreed to give Bro. Rich. Glover 6 months more to consider of the deaconship

5. Agreed that Bro. Calverley and Bro. James Browne do admonish Thos. Coules.

James Richardson	Jam. Calverley	Richard Fletcher
Rich. Westerman.	William King.	Will Goodhugh
Jam. Snow	James Browne	John Colgate
Rich. Glover	Thos. Reeve	

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1727.

Agreed to withdraw from Daniel Monk, for his deceit and unjust dealings.

At our Church Meeting held May 24 1728.

Agreed that if any person or persons shall confess several judgment bonds when they know that their ability is not able to answer the same, but it must prove defraud, We judge such not worthy of communion.

At our Church Meeting held Nov. 29 1728 concluded as followeth:

1. Agreed that marrying out of fellowship is still as it has been, looked upon a disorder, and thereupon as Bro. Robert Sael, having married out of fellowship, and been once at the Public, is denied his communion, till he shall give the Church satisfaction.

2. Agreed that Bro. Calverley, Bro. James Browne and Bro. Rich. Glover do talk with those friends which do or shall deny to pay what they have subscribed, and if they do not give sufficient reasons, and they shall be looked upon as disorderly persons.

3. Bro. Thos. Reeve do accept of the Deaconship, if the Church does choose him by a general and joint consent.

4. Agreed that Bro. Westerman and Bro. James Fletcher do admonish Sister Strange, and if they can find no reformation, the Church concludes to withdraw from her.

5. Agreed to send a letter to Horsley Down for their advice concerning Mrs. Okel.

James Calverly	Richd. Westerman	Jam. Snow	James Browne
Thomas Reeve	Joseph Fletcher	Sam. Sael	William King
Samll. Benge	William Goodhugh	John Burt	Richard Glover

Step. Colgate

Memoranda. Bro. Thomas Reeve was chosen to the deaconship by the general consent of the Church in answer to his request, March the 2nd, 1728/9, being the Lord's Day.

At our Day of Fast, April the 18th, 1729, when Bro. Rich. Glover and Bro. Tho. Reeve was ordained deacons, Bro. Richardson and Bro. Jarman, Messengers, being with us After the work of the day was concluded, agreed as followeth:

1. James Snow is elected to serve the Church in the capacity of an Elder and hath one month given him to consider of it and to give in his answer to the Church.
2. According to the opinion of the Messengers we agree that no persons has any right to dispose, sell or make merchandise of the seats in the Meeting house without the consent of the Church, and as to what has already been done of this nature we agree that the persons who have brought seats shall have the privilege to sit in the same but not to turn out others who used to sit there before, and we appoint Bro. Calverley, Bro. Glover and Bro. James Browne to take care of this affair.

William Brown	Richard Westerman	Jam. Calverly.	Nath. Adgo
Will Terrey	Tho. Wickham	Samuel Edwards .	Jarvis King
James Snow	Richard Glover	Thomas Reeve.	James Searle
Josiah Ranger.	James Brown	Will Goodhugh, Senr.	Step. Colgate
William King.	John Burt	Thomas Deane.	Benj. Fletcher
George Peascud.	Wilm. Goodhugh, Junr.		William Asherfold.
Jos. Coules	Sam. Seal.	John Brooker	Thomas Brown
John Wickenden	Henry Francis, Senr.		Henry Francis, Junr.
	John Hobden		

At our Church Meeting held Dec the 5th, 1729, agreed that Bro. Snow take upon him the office of a elder.

Agreed that Bro. Rich. Glover do talk with Bro. Will. Goodhugh, Junr. about his marrying out of fellowship.

2. Agreed to keep a day of fast in answer to the letter from the Assembly but the time we leave to be appointed at another time.
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| Jam. Calverly | Jam. Snow | Thomas Reeve | Rich. Westerman. |
| Rich. Glover | Sam. Sael. | James Fletcher | Thomas Deane. |
| Richard Burgise | Will Goodhugh | Joh. Burt | Edward Sanders |
- Step Colgate.

At our Church Meeting held October the 27th, 1730, agreed as followeth:

1. That Bro. Calverly, Bro. Westerman and Bro. Snow is appointed to talk with Bro. Will Brown and Bro. Will. Goodhugh, Junr. as to their marrying out of fellowship, and to report their satisfaction to the Church.
 2. Agreed that Bro. Sam. Fletcher shall admonish Mrs. Strange as to her neglecting to make her place good in the Church and to let her know that without amendment the Church will not bear with her.
 3. Agreed that Sister King and Sister Reeve do talk with Sister Donnity Coules concerning her neglecting to make good her place in the Church and also concerning some reports.
 4. Agreed that at our next Church Meeting we make it the first case to inspect into the Quartridge papers for the ministry.
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| Jam. Calverly. | Rich. Glover | Rich. Westerman | Jms. Know |
| Thos. Reeve | James Brown | James Fletcher | Joseph Fletcher |
| David Sael | Stephen Colgate | William King. | |

At our Church Meeting held May the 14th, 1731, agreed as followeth.

1. That Bro. Glover and Bro. Peascud do use their endeavour among our people to raise 18 shillings to make good the arrears for the ministry.

At our Church Meeting held December the 5th, 1731, agreed:

1. That Bro. David Seal do hire the field belonging to the Meeting house from Michaelmas last past to the end of nine years at 3 shillings a month rent to the poor, and to pay all the taxes besides the said rent with the quit rent
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| Jam. Calverly | Dav. Sael | Jam. Snow | Thomas Deane | Thos. Reeve |
| William Goodhugh | George Peascud | James Seal | Joseph Edwards | |

Step. Colgate Rob. Seall Rich. Fletcher Jos. Fletcher
Edward Sanders.

At our Church Meeting held September the 5th, 1732, agreed as followeth:

1. That Bro. Sam. Benge and Bro. Rob. Sael is chosen to be trustees with Bro. James Brown concerning the Meeting House field and they agree to do it.

Jam. Calverly Thos. Reeve Jam. Snow Rich. Glover Samll. Benge
George Peascud Joseph Edwards Robert Sael William King

At our Church Meeting held Decmber the 25th, 1732, agreed as followeth:

1. That Sam. Benge Rob. Seall Step. Colgate and Josi. Ranger do agree to collect the ministry money for one year and to carry on the same according to our former agreements.

Sam. Benge Step. Colgate Robert Seal Josiah Ranger.

2. That Bro. Joseph Burt and Bro. Step. Colgate are elected to serve the Church in the office of deacons and we give them two months to consider of it and to give their answer to the Church.

3. Bro. Snow is appointed to baptise in the rome of Bro. Calverly.
James Seal Benja. Fletcher. Sam. Benge Sam. Sale Jam. Calverly
Tho. Carpenter Robert Sale Jams. Snow Nat. Adgoe
George Peascud Thos. Reeve Josiah Ranger Richard Burgeis
Dav. Sale Willm. King Joh. Burt Joseph Fletcher Rich. Fletcher.

September the 10th, 1733. John Burt and Steph. Colgate was ordained to the deaconship.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1733, agreed as followeth:

1. That Bro. Stephen Colgate is judged capable to preach the gospel in public as occasion shall require.

2. That Bro. Brown and Bro. Peascud do have some talk with Jos, and Benj. Fletcher concerning some disorderly actions between them and admonish them as they think fit.

3. Agreed that Bro. Jam. Brown and Bro. Dav. Sale do stir up the members and take their contributions towards making up the deficiencies that are behind and advancing the subscriptions for the ministry.
Jan. Calverly. John Burt Jam. Sale Jam. Snow Geo. Peascud
Thos. Reeve David Sale Robert Sale Josi. Ranger William King
Joseph Edwards Willm. Goodhugh Samll. Benge Samll. Sale
Edward Sanders.

At our Church Meeting December the 25th, 1734, agreed as followeth:-

1. That Sam. Benge and Rob. Sale be to take proper opportunities with all the members and take their contributions to make up the deficiencies to them that are out-of-pocket.

2. That Dave. Sale, Jam. Sale, Step. Colgate and Joh. Burt do agree to collect the ministry money for the year ensuing.

Jam. Calverly George Peascud Jon Burt Step. Colgate David Sale
Jam. Snow Josiah Ranger Jam. Sael Richard Burgess Robert Sale
Thos. Reeve Saml. Benge Edw. Wickham

At our Church Meeting May the 27th, 1735.

1. Agreed that Bro. Calverly, Bro. Snow and Bro. Colgate do talk with those members who do not make good their places in the Church.

2. Agreed that those members who refuse to pay their subscription for the ministry shall be summonsed to a Church Meeting to give the Church satisfaction, and the Church shall judge and determine whether their reasons for refusing be sufficient.

3. Agreed that the members do pay one penny per week to be put into some hand or hands to pay the Church's debts and we appoint Sam. Benge and Rob. Sale to receive the same.

James. Brown Joseph Edwards James Calverley Samll. Benge
Jam. Sale Will Goodhugh Jams. Snow Thos. Reeve Robert Sale
Step. Colgate

At our Church Meeting, December 25th, 1735, agreed to withdraw from John Tote for not making good his place in the church for several years, and from Abia Fletcher for drunkenness and a scandalous conversation.

2. Agreed that these four undementioned shall gather the ministry money this year ensuing: Tho. Reeve, Sam. Benge, Rob. Sale, Jos. Ranger
 Jam. Calverly John Burtt Robart Sale Jos. Ranger
 Step. Colgate Samll. Benge Josiah Ranger Thos. Reeve
 Geo. Peascud David Sale.

At our Church Meeting December the 25th, 1736, agreed that the four men underwritten shall collect the ministry money for the year ensuing: George Peascud, Sam. Sale, Dave. Sale, and Will. King.

2. Agreed to cut down some timber to make a gate to the meeting house field.

At our Church Meeting, May 27th, 1737.

1. That Step. Colgate is elected to serve the Church in the capacity of an elder, and he has three months to consider on it and to give his answer, and we appoint Mr. James Brown and Jam. Snow to endeavour to persuade him and his wife that he will accept the same in order thereunto, and we give him three months to consider it and to give his answer.
 Jam. Calverly Jam. Snow Thos. Reeve Wilm. King
 Thos. Carenter David Sale James Sale James Browne Jm. Cook.

At our Church Meeting held September the 26th, 1738, appointed on Robert and James Sale's account.

At our Church Meeting December the 25th, 1738 agreed as followeth:

1. That Marg. Hills, now Marg. Taylor, be suspended for a time on account of her marrying out of fellowship.
 2. That these four men following will collect the ministry money for the year ensuing: Sam. Benge, David Sale, Rich. Fletcher, and Mr. Peasoud.
 James. Calverly Thomas Reeve James Sale Jam. Snow James Smth
 Wilm. King Jarvis King Josiah Ranger Dav. Sale Samuel Benge.
 Samuel Sale.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1739,

1. That Han. Hix, wife of Geor. Hix, is withdrawn from as a disorderly member.

2. That the Church will allow one and six per week towards the maintenance of Joh. Colgate to make the burden lighter to Step. Colgate.

3. That Mr. Brown and Mr. Peascud be appointed to take notice of and admonish those members that are negligent and remiss in the public worship of God and in carrying on the Church affairs.

4. That these four men following will collect the money for the ministry for the year ensuing: Jams. Sale, Mr. Brown, Richard Burges Will. King.

John Wickenden Thos. Reeve Richard Burgess John Burtt
 Samuel Benge Step. Colgate James Sale George Peascud
 Robart Sale.

At our Church Meeting held December 25th, 1740.

1. Agreed that Step. Colgate and Dave. Sale be appointed to admonish Will Goodhugh. for not making good his place in the church and to let him know that as the Church has waited long they cannot wait longer if he does not amend.

2. That we keep tomorrow come three weeks as a day of fast and prayer on account of the threatening war.

3. That these four men will collect the ministry money for the year ensuing: Sam. Benge, Willm. King, Senr., Richard Burgess, Sam. Sale James Calverly Jas. Snow Richard Burgess Thos. Reeve
 William King, Senr. John Wickenden Daniel Terrey Step. Colgate
 David Roland John Burtt Willm. King, Junr. Samuel Benge
 George Peascud Dav. Sale.

At our Church Meeting held December 25th, 1741, agreed as following:

1. That Bro. Saxby and Bro. Roland do take some opportunity with Will Goodhugh to stir him up and make good his place in the public worship of God.

2. That the Church desires Bro. Colgate and Bro. Sam. Benge do take upon them the office of elders to assist Bro. Calverly.
 3. That these four men following will collect the ministry money for the year ensuing: Will King, Senr., Tho. Reeve, Senr., Day. Sale, and Rob. Sale.
- Jam. Calverly Jam. Snow Joseph Edwards Thos. Reeve Robart Sale
David Roland Daniel Terrey John Burt Josiah Ranger William King
George Peascud Richard Burgess David Sale Richard Saxby.

At our Church Meeting held Decenber the 25th, 1742. agreed that the four men underwritten will collect the ministry money for the year ensueing: Rich. Burgess, Senr. Day. Sale. Joh. Burt, and Will King, Junr.

At our Church Meeting held December the 26th, 1743, agreed as follows:

1. Whereas our Sis. Thompson has married out of fellowship agreed that Bro. Calverly and Bro. Reeve do have some talk with her in the affair, and as they think proper to admit her to her communion.
 2. Agreed that the four men following will collect the ministry money for the year ensueing (viz.) Mr. Brown, Mr. Peascud, Sam. Benge, and Joh. Burt.
 3. Agreed that Bro. Calverly and Bro. Jam. Brown do take the first opportunity to talk with Jam Wickham concerning his neglecting of the public worship.
- Jam. Calverly Jam Snow Step. Colgate David Roland
Joseph Fletcher James Brown Thos. Reeve George Peascud.
Samuel Benge.

At our Church Meeting held April the 27th, 1744.

Moderators Thos. Harrison & Jam. Snow

1. As to mixed marriages the one query was whether it be expedient to marry out of fellowship or not, which was answered, it's not expedient. And also that all parents in fellowship do from time to time endeavour to inculcate the same in the minds of their children, and that when single persons be received into communion they be advised in this respect, and from time to time afterward as occasion shall require.

2. Whereas we have for time past set (aside) persons by their communion for some little time who have rejected such advice, and have married out of fellowship, and some of our members are dissatisfied with this method, we now agree to present the case to the Assembly now depending and to abide by their detemination.
 3. Agreed that Bro. Jams. Browne and Dav. Sale do admonish Jams. Wickham of some misdemeanours and using improper words.
 4. Agreed that Mr. Brown, Sam. Benge, Step. Colgate, and Jams. Snow is chosen as our representatives at the Association now depending.
- James Calverly Step. Colgate James Brown Willm. King, Senr
Willm. King, Junr. Thos. Reeve John Burt Thos. Harrison
Joseph Edwards Joseph Coules Jams Snow Saml. Benge David Sale
Jas. Smith

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1744 agreed:

1. That Mr. Calverly and Jas. Snow do visit Sis. Dorety Coules, and that Jos. Edwards do enquire after Mary Dennet, and that Jos. Coules do enquire after Sis. Bull, and that Ste. Colgate and Tho. Reeve do talk with the Wid. Deane about her communion, and that Joh. Burt and Sam. Benge do talk with Will Brown about his communion.
 2. Agreed that the two men following will collect the ministry money for the year ensueing, viz: Will King, Senr. and Jos. Coules.
- James Calverly John Burt David Roland Willm. King, Senr
James Skinner Richard Burgess, Junr. Jas. Snow George Peascud
Samuel Benge Joseph Coules Jervis King Thos. Reeve
Step. Colgate David Sale Josiah Ranger Richard Burgess
Edward Wickham.

At our Church Meeting held June the 27th, 1745, agreed that

Jos. Coules do perform the contract between Bro. Benge and himself between this and Michaelmas next, then the Church do pass by what is past as to Joe. Coules.

2. Agreed that Bro. Colgate and Bro. Burt do adntnish James Smith for some misdeneanours.
3. Agreed to insert the conclusion made and drawn up in the evening after the Association at Bessels Green, April the 17th, 1745

mixed marriages and three messengers being present.
 James Calverly James Snow Thomas Reeve Step. Colgate
 John Burt James Brown Samll. Benge Jarvies King
 William King Joseph Coules.

The Conclusion is as follows:-

Memo: April the 17th, 1745, in the evening.

As to the case proposed by the Church at Bessels Green to the Association then and there met, it is agreed to refer the same to the messengers to use their good offices about it.

After their hearing the same opened and their serious deliberation and advice it was agreed by the members then present that for any member to marry out of communion was inexpedient and many times very hurtful and ensnaring, so that all parents in communion ought from time to time to endeavour to instil into the minds of their children the inexpediency and danger thereof,

that single persons when received in communion be advised in this respect and from time to time as occasion shall require

that if any member do neglect to take good advice, they should be very seriously admonished of the dangerous and prejudicial (situation) they have brought themselves into and be in the most pressing manner exhorted to a prudent Christian behaviour,

and also that they be advised in consideration of their irregular conduct and the grief occasioned thereby to many of their bretheren to forebear their communion at the Lord's Table for a time.

Signed by us, .April the 17th, 1745

Rob. Pyall Jas. Brown Joe. Coules Rich. Chilton Sam. Benge
 Joh. Holland Matt. Copper Tho. Harrison Tho. Wickenden
 Jas. Calverly Will. King, Senr. Will King, Junr. Jas. Snow.
 Jos. Edwards Tho. Carpenter, Junr Tho. Reeve Rich. Burgeis, Sr.
 Rich. Burgeis, Junr. Step. Colgate Joh. Fuller Joh. Burt. Jarv. King.

At our Church Meeting held December 25th, 1745

1. Agreed that Bro. Reeve and Bro. Colgate do talk with Joseph Coules as to his not fulfilling his agreement with Bro. Benge last Church Meeting

2. That Bro. Burt and Bro. Benge do enquire into the case between Bro. Saxby and his wife.
 3. That Mr. Peascud and Richard Burgeis, Senr. do talk with Joh. Wickenden, Will Goodhugh, Tho. Wickenden, and Jane. Wickham as to their not making good their place in the publicworship of God.
 4. That Jos. Edwards do collect the ministry money for the year ensuing.
- James Calverly Michael Bligh James Snow Richard Burgeis Sr.
 Josiah Ranger Richard Burgeis Thos. Reeve Joseph Edwards
 John Burt Step. Colgate Samll. Benge George Peascud
 Will King, Senr. Joseph Fletcher.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1746, agreed as followeth:-

1. That Bro. Step. Colgate do go to Packham (Peckham?) Meeting and crave the assistance of Bro. Tho. Harrison in talking with Joe. Coules.
 2. That Bro. Jam. Brown and Bro. Dav. Sale do talk with Jam. Wickham as to his not making good his place in the public worship and also as to profane swearing
 3. That a letter be sent to some of our friends at Lewis to request them to admonish Joh. Potter and to return us their answer, and without amendment the Church concludes to proceed against him.
 4. That Jos. Edwards do collect the ministry money for the year ensuing.
- James Calverly Step. Colgate Samll. Benge David Sale
 James Skiner Jam. Snow Thos. Reeve John Burt Geo. Peascoud.
 Richard Burgeis Josiah Ranger Joseph Edwards Will King Jnr.
 James Skinner Daniel Terrey Richard Burgeis, Junr. William King Jnr.

At our Church Meeting held July the 23rd, 1747. agreed:

1. That Bro. Joh. May and Dav. Sale do admonish Jas. Wickham in the cases mentioned last Church Meeting.
2. A letter has been sent to Jos. Potter but no answer.
- 3 We appoint and choose Jas. Calverly, Step. Colgate, Joh. Burt, Sam. Benge, and Thos. Harrison to be chosen by the Church as trustees to the Meeting House field.

4. We appoint Sam. Benge, Day. Sale, Geo. Peascud and Jos. Edwards to consider of proper means to make up the deficiency in the ministry.

Jas. Calverly Step. Colgate Joseph Edwards Joseph Fletcher William King Jas. Snow Thos. Harrison John Burt Sam. Benge Geo. Peascud. David Sale Richard Burgeis John May Henry Francis James Skinner

At our Church Meeting held December the 4th, 1747. Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge being chosen moderators.

Agreed that Bro. Colgate, Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge or any two of them do talk with those persons that are absent at this time, to wit, Joh. Fuller and his wife, Elen Bly, Eliz. King, and Mary Wickenden.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1747

1. Agreed that Bro. Harrison and Bro. May do farther admonish Jes. Wickham in the cases formerly mentioned.
2. Agreed that Richard Burgeis and Jos. Edwards do gather the ministry money for the year ensuing.

At our Church Meeting held January 22nd. 1747/6.

With great concern we enter this melancholy memorandum.

But since there have been long and unhappy contentions between some of the members of this Church and the main body of the Church, after much time and labour both private and several Church Meetings, it seems necessary to us and to them that we do peaceably part and divide one from another.

The persons are Tho. Reeve, Mic. Bly, Joh. Fuller, and Mar. Fuller his wife; . . . Reeve, and Elen Bly. more added since, Jarvice King, and Eliz. his wife, Reeve, and Elen Bly.

And that those who were before appointed be now appointed to talk with them of that party who are not here and report the same before our next breaking bread.

Agreed that Ste. Colgate, Sam. Benge, and Jam. Snow do talk with Joh. Fuller and his wife.
 Geo. Peascud Josiah Ranger Jam. Snow

Sam. Benge Joseph Fletcher Tho. Hamson Rich. Burges John May Step. Colgate Joseph Edwards James Smith John Burt Will. King Junr

At our Church Meeting held March the 4th, 1747/8.

1. Agreed to receive under our care those members which are recommended to us from Maidstone by a letter under the hand of our beloved brother Franc. Carpenter, (since deceased) the letter bearing date July 5th, 1747, and then to enter their names in our Church Book. And we appoint our two Deacons, with Bro. Harrison, to admonish those of them that need admonition, as Hen. Bowly, Tho. Jarret and Joh. Burgeis.
2. Agreed that upon Bro. Ranger's proposing to use all proper measures to restore and maintain peace in his family, he is admitted to his communion at present.
3. This Church Meeting has elected and chosen our beloved Brethren Tho. Harrison and Sam Benge to serve the Church in the capacity of Elders.

James Calverly James Snow Elders
 Step. Colgate John Burt Deacons

John May Henry Searles William King, Junr. Joseph Edwards Geo. Peascod Henry Benly Richard Burgeis, Senr. Richard Burgeis, Junr. Josiah Ranger.

July 15. 1748 Perceivant (pursuant) to the Call of the Church for our Brethren. Thos. Harrison and Sam Benge to save (serve?) them as co-pastors with Bro. Calverly, being assisted by Bro. Copper & (Robt) Pyall. met by fasting and prayer they were solemnly ordained to the said office this 15 day of July 1748.

James Terry Robt. Pyall John Nye Math. Copper Wm King Jam. Snow Rob. Palmer Step. Colgate Richard Burgeis, Junr. John Burt Joh. May Joseph Fletcher John Chapman Josiah Ranger John Clark Richard Burgeis, Senr. Henry Benly Thomas Crow(hurst?) Joseph Edwards Daniel Terry Thos. Wickenden Knight Mitchell James Calverly

At our Church Meeting Dec. 26th Agreed as follows:-

1. As to Jos. Coules, its agreed that if he do not give Friend (?) satisfaction to make him easy before, Jos. Coules shall have the knowledge of our next Church Meeting.
2. Agreed as to Joh. Potter, to rest his case until Bro. Burtt has been down to visit him.
3. That Jam. Skinner do take the first opportunity to see or enquire after Joh. Holborn.
4. That Bro. Colgate and Bro. Burtt do talk with and admonish Will Browne, Will Goodhew, Tho. Wickham and his wife, Edw. Wickham, Joh. Browne and Ann Michel, about their not making good their place in the public worship and at the Lord Table.
5. That Bro. Benge and Bro. May do talk with and enquire into the cases of Sis. Adgo, Jas. Smith, Tho. Jarret.
6. That Bro. Edwards do enquire after Will Saxby and Lidya Couchman.

Thos. Harrison James Skinner Saml. Benge Josiah Ranger
 Jas. Snow Henry Benly Step. Colgate Joseph Edwards
 John Burtt Richard Burgeis John May Wilm. King Richard Burgeis
 John Chapman John Clark

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1749 Agreed as followeth:

1. That friend Benge doth pass by all former cases as to Jos. Coules. and its agreed Bro. Jos Coules may have his Communion with the Church.
2. Friend Benge and Friend Burt has seen Joh. Potter and he desires a little more time.
3. That Joh. Browne and Friend Benge do admonish Edw. Wickham.
4. That Bro. Colgate do visit Ann Mitchel.
5. The case of Jas. Smith is left to Bro. Harrison.
6. To request Bro. Tho. Benge to talk with Will Saxby and return an answer.
7. That Richard Burgeis do collect the Ministry money

Saml. Benge Step. Colgate Jas. Snow John Clark John Burtt
 David Sale John May Josiah Ranger Richard Burgeis
 Joseph Edwards John Browne Wilm. King.

At our Church Meeting held September 25th, 1750, agreed:

1. That Bro. John Hollands, having been under admonition, he now appearing humble before the Church, it is agreed that after some further time of proof (if his conduct be agreeable) he may have his communion with the Church.
2. Agreed that Joh. Cronk be received as a member of this Church on the conditions which were offered to the other party that are now separated from us and they refused. Thereupon he separated to them.
 Tho. Harrison Jos. Fletcher Samll. Benge Richard Burgeis
 Jas. Snow Josiah Ranger Step. Colgate Joseph Edwards
 Willim. King Thos. Carpenter John Holland John Cronk.

At our Church Meeting held December 25th, 1750:

1. Agreed not to set aside the former agreement concerning Edward Wickham, we now desire Bro. Rob. Sale to take an opportunity to admonish him, or any other friend that may have a opportunity with him.
2. That Bro. Benge, Bro. Dav. Sale, do admonish Jam. Smith.
3. That Bro. Harrison and Bro. Colgate admonish Wm. Goodhugh.
4. That Bro. Rob. Sale do enquire after John Holborn.
5. That Bro. Ranger, Senr, do collect the ministry money for the year ensueing.
6. That Bro. Burt and Bro. Rich. Burgeis, Senr. do have some discourse with James Goodhugh.
 Tho. Harrison Jam. Snow Joseph Edwards Robart Sale
 James Skinner John Burt Samll. Benge Step. Colgate
 Daniel Terrey Francis Martin Josiah Ranger John Holland
 Richard Burgeis, Jr John Cronk David Sale John Chapman
 Benj. Fletcher John Clark.

At our Church Meeting held May the 15th, 1751.

- Agreed that Bro. Benge and Bro. Colgate do talk with John Hollands to stir him up and encourage him to make good his place in public worship.
2. That Bro. Harrison and Bro. Colgate do have some farther talk with Will Goodhugh.
 3. That Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge do further adrrionish Mrs Costidele. and let her know that under her present conduct we judge her

not fit for communion at present.

Thos. Harrison John Burt Joseph Edwards Samll. Benge
Jos. Fletcher Thomas Ranger Jam. Snow Richard Burgeis, Sr
Willm. King Step. Colgate David Sale Richard Burgeis, Junr.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1751 agreed:-

1. Joh. Hollands, his case being considered, it's left upon the former footing.
2. Will. Goodhugh. having been admonished to good effect, it's left to Bro. Harrison and Bro Benge as to his communion.
3. Mrs Costidele's case is left on the former footing.
4. Bro. Jas. Smith's case left to further consideration.
5. That Bro. Colgate and Rich. Burgeis, Senr. do talk with Bro. Joh. Cronk to know whether he looks on hiniself as a member of this Church or not.
6. That Bro. Thos. Harrison do admonish Hester Jenner.
7. That Jos. Edwards do collect the ministry money the year ensuing.

Thos. Harrison John Burt Samll. Benge Richard Burgeiss
Jas. Snow Josiah Ranger Steph. Colgate James Skinner
John Colgate David Sale, Junr. John Harrison. John Clark.
Joseph Edwards Daniel Terrey Thos. Ranger Josiah Ranger Jnr
Edward Wickham

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1752. agreed:

1. That Bro. Will Goodhugh, Senr. is admitted to communion with the Church upon his future conduct.
2. As to Mrs. Costidele, that Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge do farther encourage and admonish her, and that either of them do call the assistance of any other person as opportunity may offer.
3. That Bro Benge and Bro. Dav. Sale, Senr. do farther admonish Jams. Smith.
4. Bro. Colgate and Rich Burgeis, Senr. has talked with Joh. Cronk and he does not look on himself as a member of this Church.
5. That Bro. Joh. Brown do admonish Will Brown for not making good his place in public worship.

6. That Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge do take a general round among our members to stir them up to more diligence in the public worship.

7. That Bro. Ben Fletcher, Jnr. do collect the ministry money for the year ensuing.

John Brown Josiah Ranger Richard Burgeiss Thos. Harrison
Samll. Benge Joseph Edwards Jas. Snow Steph. Colgate
William Goodhugh William Thompson James Skinner
William Fletcher Benj. Fletcher William Goodhugh. Senr
Richard Burgeis Jnr. Daniel Terrey

Sept: 2nd, 1753:

Agreed by the Church that William Goodhugh, Junr. be withdrawn from for fornication:

Thos. Harrison John Marchant Henry Francis, Junr Henry Benny
Samll. Benge Richard Burgeis, Senr. John Harrison
Richard Burgeis, Junr. Jas. Snow Hen. Francis, Junr. John Burt
David Sale, Junr. Benj. Fletcher Wilm. Goodhugh Wilm. Ashdown
George Snow Will King Jn. Colgate John Juden
William Thompson Josiah Ranger Joseph Edwards Thos. Ranger
William Fletcher John Fletcher.

Agreed at our Church Meeting held December the 25th 1753:

1. Upon the request of Will. Goodhugh, Junr. it is appointed that Bro. Benge and Bro. Colgate do talk with him farther in order to his communion.
2. That Bro Harrison and Bro. Burt do visit Tho. Wickham and his wife and Sis Lane.
3. That Bro. Dav. Sale, Senr. and Bro. Brown admonish Jas. Wickham and let him know that without some alteration the Church cannot bear with him.
4. That Bro. Edwards do collect the ministry money the year ensuing
Samll. Benge David Sale, Junr Richard Burgeis, Junr.
Edward Wickham Jas. Snow John Burt Daniel Terrey John Brown
Stepn. Colgate David Sale John Wickenden. Richard Burgeis.
James Skinner Joseph Edwards.

At our Church meeting held July the 26th, 1754.

1. Agree that Mrs. Costidele is admitted to her communion.
2. That Bro. Ranger, Senr. do enquire after John Hollands.
Bro. Harrison had some talk with Joh. Potter, he seemed to make little distinction in religion. We expect to hear further from Ditchaline concerning him.
3. That Will Goodhugh, Junr. be restored to his communion.
Thos. Harrison Richard Burgeis Samll. Benge Richard Saxby
Jams. Snow Josiah Ranger Step. Colgate David Sale John Burt
Tho. Wickenden Joseph Fletcher .Thos. Ranger

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1754.

- 1 A letter being received from Joh. Hollands, agreed that Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge do write a letter to him.
 2. That Bro. Harrison and Bro. Burt do visit Tho. Wickham and his wife Sis. Lane.
 3. That Bro. Benge and Bro. Dav. Sale, Senr. do admonish Jams. Wickham as before.
 4. Bro. Harrison and Bro. Colgate do visit and admonish Jas. Smith and Will. Brown.
 5. That Bro. Benge and Bro. Snow do visit Joh. Wickenden and his wife.
 6. That Rich. Burgeis, Senr, and Junr. do dig the graves for 1s. 6d. large graves, and 1s. for small graves.
 7. That Jos. Edwards do collect the ministry money for the year ensuing.
 8. That Bro. Sales, Senr. and Bro. Benge do have some friendly talk with Rich. Fletcher.
- Samll. Benge George Snow Henry Bewly John Burt Jas. Snow
Richard Burgeis, Junr. Tho. Wickenden David Sale, Senr.
Step. Colgate Willm. Goodhugh Richard Ranger, Senr.
Edward Wickham Daniel Terrey Josiah Ranger Thos. Ranger
Joseph Edwards.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1755.

1. It was concluded concerning our Brother, Jas. Wickham, that he, having been admonished as by the appointment of former Church Meetings and no reformation taking place, that he be publicly disowned as a brother because of his withdrawing himself from our religious fellowship and because of his profane conversation.
2. Report was made that Bro. Jas. Smith and Bro. Wm. Brown had been admonished according to appointment and it was thought proper that Bro. Thos. Harrison and Bro. Steph. Colgate repeat their admonitions to them both.
3. It was agreed that Bro. John. Burt, if he have opportunity do have some farther talk with Bro. Jn. Potter.
4. It was agreed that Bro. Jos. Edwards collect the ministry money the year ensuing.
Thos. Harrison Steph. Colgate Josiah Ranger David Sale, Junr.
Samll. Benge Daniel Terrey Joseph Edwards Thomas Wickenden
Jams. Snow John Burt Edward Bewly Richard Burgeis, Senr.
Richard Burgeis, Junr.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1756.

1. It was agreed that Bro. Jos. Harrison and Bro. John Burt do visit Bro. Thos Wickham and His Wife and Sister Lane.
2. It was agreed that Bro. Sam. Benge and Bro. Steph. Colgate do visit Bro. John Wickenden and his wife.
3. It was agreed that Bro. Thos. Harrison and Bro. Sam. Benge do have some talk with Bro. Rich. Fletcher.
4. It was agree that Bro. Thos. Harrison writes to Bro John Chapman.
5. It was agreed that Bro. Steph. Colgate and Bro. David Sale, Junr. do visit Eliz. Terrey, the wife of James Terrey, and enquire after their daughter, Eliz. Brown.
6. It was thought proper and desired that Bro. Benge and Bro. Harrison, our elders, do visit all our members so far and as they have opportunity.
7. It was agreed that Bro. Benge and Bro. Harrison have some discourse with Bro. William. Goodhugh, Senr.
8. It was agreed that Bro. Jos. Edwards do write to Bro. Dan. Dobel of Cranbrook to desire him to take some notice of our Sister, Lydia

Couchman, now living at Goudhurst.

9. It was agreed that Bro. Joe. Edwards do collect the ministry money the year ensuing.

Bro. James Snow was solemnly admonished by the Church on account of his excess in drinking, and that upon the profession of his deep sorrow and resolutions of watchfulness he is continued in the privilege of the Church and in his ministry, yet, as was then declared to him, the Church cannot bear with him if he be found in the repetition of the same vice. Thos. Harrison John Burt Jos. Edwards Richard Burgeis, Junr. Samll. Benge David Sale, Senr. Henry Bewly David Sale, Junr. Step. Colgate John Harrison Thos. Wickenden Josiah Ranger Richard Burgeis, Senr. William Goodhigh Thos. Carpenter.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1757.

1. It was agreed that Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge do visit Bro. John Wickenden with repeated admonition.
2. The former agreement that Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge should have some talk with Bro. Richard Fletcher not having been performed, it was desired they should take an opportunity to do it.
3. It was agreed that Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge have some discourse with Bro. William Goodhugh, Senr.
4. It was agreed that Bro. William Goodhugh, Junr. do collect the ministry money during the year ensuing.
5. It was agreed that Bro. Benge and Bro. Stephen Colgate do visit Bro. Knight Mitchell and his daughter Ann.
6. It was agreed that Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge do admonish Bro. John Hollands.
7. It was agreed that the conclusions of this Church Meeting be revised every first Lord's Day of the month.
Thos. Harrison Step. Colgate Samll. Benge Wilm. Goodhugh David Sale the Elder John Burt Joseph Edwards Richard Burgeis, Junr. Jam. Snow Josiah Ranger.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1758

1. Our agreement that Bro. John Wickenden should be visited by Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge was performed by them but not to the

satisfaction of the Church. It is now agreed that he should be again admonished by Bro. Snow and Bro. Burt.

2. Our Brother Jn. Hollands, not having been regularly admonished according to a former agreement, Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge are desired to fulfil that appointment.

3. It was agreed that Bro. Thos. Harrison write a letter to Bro. Thos. Heygate of Ditchline to apply to Bro. John Potter of Henfield to know of him whether he looks upon himself a member of this Church or whether he relinquished his fellowship with the Church and to give us his answer.

4. Bro. Richard Burgeis the younger was desired to take an opportunity to visit Elizabeth Brown at Croydon and to enquire after her conduct.

5. It was agreed that Bro. Benge and Bro. Edwards visit Bro. James Smith to enquire the reason of his not taking his communion with the Church.

6. It was thought proper and desired of Bro. Harrison and Bro. Benge that they would visit all the members of the Church as they have opportunity

7. It was agreed that Bro. William Goodhugh the younger do collect the ministry money the year ensuing.

8. It having been proposed and thought expedient to choose one or two deacons to assist those already in that office it was left to Bro. Harrison, Bro. Benge, Bro. Burt, and Bro. Stephen Colgate to consult together and propose some persons for the choice of the Church.

Thos. Harrison Stpn. Colgate Joseph Edwards
Wilm. Goodhugh Sam. Benge John Burt Thos. Wickenden
Richard Burgeis, Junr Jam. Snow Richard Burgeis, Senr.
Thos. Ranger Wm. Thompson Francis Martin
Thos. Huggett Henry Bewly

Mem. It was agreed that the conclusions of this Church Meeting be revised every first Lord's Day of the month.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1759. these cases were considered as follows:

1. As to our Brother, John Wickenden, tho we had some hope of him some time ago, he has lately not only entirely forsaken our assemblies but

also declares he neither desires nor intends to have any connection with us as a Church.

2. And Bro. John Potter also, as Bro. Thos. Agate informed us, declared he did not look upon himself as a member of our Church.

3. It was agreed that our Brother John Holland's conduct be enquired into by Bro. Benge and Bro. Step. Colgate and that they afterwards apply to him in such manner as his conduct appears to be.

4. When Bro. James Smith was applied to according to a former agreement, he readily complied with the motion and accordingly hath since taken his communion with the Church.

5. Whereas it hath been more than once desired that Bro. Benge and Bro. Harrison do visit all the members of the Church as they have opportunity in which they have yet been very deficient, it is desired and hoped that they will not fail to answer this request of the Church.

6. Whereas the former proposal relating to the choice of one or two deacons more did meet with some objections, it is now agreed that the Members of the Church be publicly and generally informed that it is now agreed that every member give in the names of such persons as they choose in that office, in writing on a piece of paper privately put in a box to be placed for that purpose, and it is expected that this affair be completed by the first Lord's Day in April.

7. It was agreed that Bro. Stephen Colgate and Bro. Thos. Ranger do talk with Bro. James Terry concerning an evil report of him.

8. It was agreed that Bro. Stepn. Colgate and Bro. Richard Burgess the Elder, do visit and talk with Sister Esther Jenner.

9. It was agreed that Bro. James Snow and Bro. John Burt do visit Sister Uridge on account of her neglecting public worship.

10. It was agreed that Bro. Thos. Harrison and Bro. Jos. Edwards do visit Bro. Francis Martin and his wife to enquire of the truth of a report of their taking a liberty to attend other places of public worship.

11. It was agreed that Bro. Thomas Ranger do collect the Ministry money for the year ensuing.

12. It was agreed that the conclusions of this Church Meeting be revised every first Lord's Day of the month. These conclusions and agreements are signed on the next side.

Thos. Harrison Saml. Benge Jas. Snow Step. Colgate John Burt

John Browne Richard Burgeis Senr. David Sale, Junr.
Joseph Edwards Josiah Ranger David Terry William Goodhugh
George Snow Richard Burgeis Junr. Thomas Ranger, Junr

At our Church Meeting held April 18. 1760 The following cases were considered:

1. According to a former agreement Bro. Benge and Bro. Colgate have discoursed with Bro. John Hollands who made promises and declared his resolution of a better conduct for the future.

2. There appearing uneasiness in some of our brethren at the choice of deacons made according to a former agreement, it was judged proper by the majority to drop that affair at present.

3. A letter from our brethren of the Baptist congregation meeting at Sevenoaks desiring leave to bury their dead in our burying place, was taken into consideration and their request consented to, their collection of six shillings and 6d. accepted, and it was thought proper to fix the consideration at one shilling by the year and. to write and send them a letter to inform them of our conclusions. Signed by us,

Thos. Harrison Saml. Benge Jams. Snow Step. Colegate
John Burt Richard Burgess, Senr. Henry Bewly Josiah Ranger
Richard Burgess, Junr. Will Thompson Thomas Ranger
Thos. Carpenter William King Geo. Snow Joseph Edwards
William Goodhugh

At our Church Meeting held December 25th 1760 The following cases were considered :-

1. It was agreed that Bro. Burgess Senr. and Bro. Edwards do further admonish John Hollands, and to let him know without a speedy reformation in his conduct the Church cannot own him as a member.

2. It was agreed that Bro. Thos. Harrison and Bro. Edwards do give Bro. Francis Martin and his wife a second visit.

3. It was agreed that Bro. Robert Sale and Bro. Burgess Junr. do visit Sister Brown at Croydon and to admonish her concerning an evil report.

4. Agreed that Bro. Thos. Wickenden is to have his dwelling in the house. 5. Agreed that Bro. Edwards do collect the Ministry money for the year ensuing.

Saml. Benge Wm. Thompson Jas. Snow Richd. Burgess Jur.
 Step. Colgate Daniel Terry John Burt Thos. Wickenden
 Richard Burgess Senr. George Snow James Skinner Wm. King
 David Sale, Junr.

At our Church Meeting held April 28 1761 The following cases were considered:

1. Whereas John Inden hath been guilty of fornication, it is concluded according to the directions of the Holy Scriptures that he should be publicly declared unworthy of the communion of the Church, until a manifest repentance take place, which to see would give us great joy.
2. It was agreed that Bro. Stephen Colgate and Bro. Thos. Deane take an opportunity to apply to Richard Fletcher the miller in relation to some part of his conduct.

Thos. Harrison William Fletcher Saml. Benge Jas. Snow
 Richard Burgess Junr. John Browne Step. Colgate Joseph Edwards
 John Burt Thomas Deane Henry Bewly Josiah Ranger David Sale
 Thos. Ranger Thos. Wickenden Rich. Burgess, Senr.
 Thos. Carpenter Wiilliam Goodhugh.

At our Church Mcting held December 25 1761 the following cases were considered:

1. With relation to John Hollands, Bro. Burgess Senr. informed us that he and Bro. Edwards did admonish him, that he made some frivolous excuses and some promises of amendment, but to our grief we have sufficient evidence of his profane cussing and swearing since that admonition, we therefore judge it necessary that the said John Hollands be publicly declared unworthy the Communion of the Church, till a manifest repentance take place, which we should greatly rejoice to find in him.

2dly Bro. Robert Sale and Bro. Richard Burgess Junr. informed us that they had visited Sister Brown at Croydon that she acknowledged her guilt with tears, we came to this conclusion that at present we judge her unworthy of being owned as a member till the Church be satisfied of her reformation, and we do appoint and desire Bro. Robert Sale and Bro. John Colgate to take the first opportunity to acquaint her with our

conclusion, and to have further discourse with her, to encourage her repentance.

3rly. Bro. Stepn. Colgate and Bro. Thos. Deane having omitted to apply to Rich. Fletcher, we do renew our desire that they perform it.

4thly. We appoint Bro. John Colgate to collect the Ministry money for the year ensuing.

Thos. Harrison Saml. Benge James Snow Step. Colgate
 John Burt Richard Burgess, Senr. Robart Sale Henry Bewly
 Richard Burgess, Junr Jn. Colgate Thos. Wickenden Josiah Ranger

At our Church Meeting held December 26 1762.

1st. As to the case of Richard Fletcher, Bro. Stephen Colgate and Bro. Thos. Deane have visited and had discourse with him, he partly denied some things which we had heard of him, but as to his not attending the meetings, tho' he would not give them the reasons, he promised we should know in a little time. We now conclude that Bro. Stepn. Colgate & Bro. Deane should, as soon as they can conveniently, make another application to him.

2d. That as Elizabeth Brown has not yet been visited according to the last agreement, we conclude that Bro. Robert Sale & Bro. John Colgate do perform it, or Bro. Richard Burgess Junr. do accompany Bro. Sale if it suits him.

3d. We think it needful and therefore appoint & desire Bro. Stepn. Colgate and Bro. John Burt to visit Sister Uridge, and to have discourse with her concerning her seldom attending our meetings.

4. Upon a suspicion that James Smith hath not carried it justly to his creditors, we do appoint Bro. Benge & Bro. John Colgate to enquire into that affair, & and of his drinking too much.

5. It is agreed that Bro. Goodhugh do collect the Ministry money for the year ensuing.

Signed on the other side.

Thos. Harrison Saml. Benge Jas. Snow Stepn. Colgate
 John Burt Jn. Colgate Wm. Goodhugh Thos. Wickenden
 Thos. Carpenter Jon. Harrison Will King Richd. Burgies Junr.

At our Church Meeting held December 26 1763

1st. as to the case of Richd. Fletcher, Bro. Stephen Colgate &

Bro. Thomas Deane not having applied to him as was agreed last Church Meeting, nor has he given any reasons as he promised, & very seldom comes to our meetings, we conclude that Bro. Colgate and Bro. Deane do fulfil the agreement & upon their applying to him he doth not give them satisfaction nor amend we judge him not worthy to be owned as a member of the Church.

2d. As to the case Eliz. Brown of Croydon, having had a fresh confirmation of her scandalous conduct, we judge her unworthy of standing a member of the Church and accordingly disown her as such, and do desire Bro. Robert Sale and Bro. John Colgate to acquaint her with this our conclusion and endeavour to make her sensible of her case.

3d. As to the case of Sister Uridge, Bro. Burt informed us he had visited her, that she took it kindly, and expressed her respect for the Church, made some excuses for her seldom coming to our meetings which continuing to be the case, we do appoint Bro. Steph. Colgate and Bro. Jn. Burt do visit her again and further admonish and persuade her.

4. As to the case of James Smith when he was visited by the persons appointed he did not give them satisfaction as to his justice to his creditors. it also appeared that he had been guilty of too much drinking - and of great negligence in matters of religion notwithstanding repeated promises of greater diligence: it seems most agreeable to the greatest part of us that he should be once more admonished and that Bro. Benge and Bro. Harrison do accordingly admonish him, and if such admonition don't take effect, that the Church proceed against him in a public manner.

5. As to the case of Martha Thompson, Widow, it appears to us that her conduct in keeping company with the other sex hath been very unbecoming and hath been the occasion of bad reports very prejudicial to religion. Nevertheless we judge it good that she be once more admonished and that Bro. Benge and Bro. Burt and Bro. Burgeis Senr. do as soon as possible admonish her.

6. It is agreed that Bro. Steph. Colgate and Bro. Burt do visit Bro. Nye and his wife who live at a distance and have not attended our Meeting for a considerable time.

7. It is agreed to have Church Meetings oftener than we have had.

8. It is appointed for Bro. William Agate to collect the ministry money.
William Austen James Snow Will Agate Josiah Ranger
Thos. Harrison Thos. Carpenter John Colgate William King
Samll. Benge Henry Bewly Richard Burgeis, Senr. Stephen Colgate
William Fletcher John Burt George Snow Richard Burgeis, Junr.
Tho. Wickenden Robert Sale David Sale, Junr. William Goodhugh.

At our Church Meeting held Feb. 13th 1764.

1. We were informed that Bro. John Colgate and Bro. Thomas Deane applied to Rich. Fletcher lately but had no good satisfaction, and therefore we do now judge it necessary that in consideration of his not only withdrawing himself from us but also his drunkenness, that he be publicly disowned as a member.

2dly. We do desire Bro. Burt and Bro. Richard Burgeis, Senr. to visit and admonish Sister Uridge agreeable to a former conclusion.

3dly. We were informed that Bro. Benge and Bro. Harrison had admonished James Smith to no good satisfaction and we now conclude that he, not having so far regarded the repeated admonitions given him as to amend, that it is necessary because of his disorderly conduct that he be publicly disowned as a member.

4thly. Whereas Martha Thompson, Widow, did come today and Bro. Benge, Bro. Harrison, Bro. Burgeis had discourse with her, which she took from them more kindly than she had done former admonitions, and she desired to be borne with by the Church a little longer, but on a full consideration of her case, it appeared to the greater part of us, and was condescended to be the rest, that considering her unbecoming conduct in keeping company with the other sex which has been the occasion of very bad reports & very prejudicial to religion, and her disrespectful carriage to her parents that she be publicly disowned as a member

5thly. It was agreed that Thos. Wickenden dig the graves in the burying ground.

6thly. it was agreed that Bro. Benge and Bro. John Harrison do visit Sister Palmer at Kingsdown.

7thly. we do choose our Brethren David Sale, John Colgate and Richard Burgeis the Younger to be joined with Bro. Burt to serve the office of deacon in the Church. And we do appoint Bro. Thos. Harrison,

Bro. Benge and Bro. Burt to treat with them, and persuade them to accept of or comply with the choice of the Church.

Thos. Harrison Saml. Benge John Burt James Snow Robart Sale
Richard Burgeis Senr. Josiah Ranger Henry Bewly
William Goodhugh Christopher Mitchell Wilm King Tho. Wickenden
Thos. Carpenter Ben. Fletcher

At our Church Meeting held Dec 25th 1764

1st. we appoint Bro. Benge and Bro. David Sale to visit Sister Palmer on account of her seldom attending public worship & to visit Francis Hills and Sister Chalkling on the same account.

2ndly, we appoint Bro. Richard Burgess Senr. and Bro. John Colgate to visit Sister Wickenden on account of her not coming among us.

3rdly, we judge it necessary for Bro. Richard Burgess Junr. and Bro. Thos. Deane to visit Bro. Robert Palmer and his family on account of their seldom and late attending public worship.

4thly, we appoint Bro. John Burt and Bro. David Sale to visit Bro. White and his wife to enquire how their circumstance is.

5thly, we appoint Bro. Benge & Bro. Burt to visit Sister Coule.

6thly, we appoint Bro. Richard Burgess Junr. and Bro. John Browne to visit Ann Mitchell

7thly, we appoint Bro. John Brown & Bro. Richard Burgess Junr., & Bro. John Colgate, & Bro. David Sale Junr. Trustees to the Meeting House and Field, with these now living, to wit, Bro. Saml. Benge Bro. Thos. Harrison & Bro. John Burt.

8thly Agreeable to the choice of our last Church Meeting, Bro. Richard Burgess & Bro. John Colgate & Bro. David Sale have been treated with and complied with the Church's request in choosing them to the office of deacons

9thly. It is agreed for Bro. William Agate to collect the ministry money.

Saml. Benge James Snow John Burt John Browne David Sale
Richard Burgess Senr. Richard Burgess, Junr John Colgate
Josiah Ranger Thos. Deane Tho. Wickenden Willm. King
Thos. Carpenter Geo. Snow.

Memorandum, 19th May 1765.

Pursuant to the choice and call of the Church, our Brethren David Sale the younger, John Colgate & Richard Burgeis the younger, were by prayer and laying-on of hands ordained to the service of the Church in the deacons office in conjunction with Bro. John Burt by Saml. Terry in the presence of

Thos. Harrison Saml. Benge Jas. Snow John Burt
Richard Burgeis Senr. Henry Bewly Jn. Harrison Thos. Deane
William King Thos. Wickenden

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1765. These cases were considered as followeth:

1st. It is agreed that Bro. John Harrison and Bro. David Sale do visit Sister Palmer on account of her not attending public worship but seldom.

2d. As to the case of Sister Wickenden not coming amongst us, it is appointed for Bro. John Burt to have some further talk with her.

3d. It is thought proper for Bro. Benjamin Martin and Bro. Richard Burgeis, Junr. do visit Bro. Thos. Palmer on account of his bad conduct.

4ly. A letter from our Brother of the Baptist Congregation under the pastoral care of Thos. Clout desiring leave to bury their dead in our burying ground was taken into consideration and their request consented to, and it was thought proper to fix the consideration at one shilling by the year and to write and send them a letter to inform of our conclusion.

5ly. It is appointed for Bro. Benjamin Martin to collect the ministry money.

Saml. Benge Jn. Colgate Josiah Ranger Tho. Wickenden
James Snow Richard Burgeis, Junr. Richard Burgeis, Senr.
Willm. King David Sale Henry Bewly Benjamin Martin
Thos. Carpenter.

At our Church Meeting held April the 25th, 1766.

1. It is appointed Bro. John Harrison and Bro. David Sale to have some talk with Sister Palmer, the first convenient opportunity according to a former appointment.

2. It is agreed that Bro. John Burt and Bro. Thos. Carpenter to visit Sister Wickenden, wife of John Wickenden, and to inform her if she

don't make good her place amongst us in public worship that the Church will disown her as a member.

3ly. It is agreed for a letter to be drawn up and sent to our brethren in the Gospel meeting at and about Turner's Hill, to desire them to assist us in the ministry

4ly. It is agreed that Bro. John Harrison do go to Chatham to have some talk with Bro. Neal about a young man from Northamptonshire to come to settle near or amongst us as a minister.

Saml. Benge Thos. Deane John Burt Robert Sale David Sale
Richard Burgeis, Senr. Richard Burgeis, Junr. Rob. Palmer
Henry Bewly Jn. Harrison Will. King Thos. Carpenter
William Agate Ben. Martin.

At our Church Meeting held December the 21st 1766

1st. It is appointed that Bro. David Sale and Bro. Richard Burgeis, Junr. do have some talk with Sister Palmer the first opportunity according to a former appointment.

2d. It is appointed that Bro. John Burt and Bro. J. Stanger do visit Sister Wickenden, wife of John Wickenden, and do inform her that if she does not make good her place amongst us in public worship that she will be disowned as a member.

3rd. It is appointed that Bro. John Harrison and Bro. Win. King do visit Sister Wickenden, wife of Thos. Wickenden, and enquire the reasons of her neglecting public worship amongst us.

4th. It is appointed for Bro. Robt. Sale and Bro. David Sale to visit Bro. Thos. Palmer and admonish him relating to his misconduct.

5th. It is appointed that Bro. John Brown and Bro. Rich. Burgeis, Junr. do visit our Sister Ann Mitchell and enquire the reasons of her neglecting public worship.

Jn. Colgate Saml. Benge John Stanger Jn. Harrison John Burt
Robert Sale William Fletcher David Sale John Browne Bart Boston
Thos. Carpenter Jno. Igglesden Benj. Martin
Wm. King Wm. Agate William Burgess Richard Mercer
Josiah Ranger

At our Church Meeting held December 25, 1766

1st. It is appointed that Bro. John Burt and Bro. J. Stanger do further talk with Sister Wickenden, wife of John Wickenden, etc.

2. Whereas our Bro. Wm. Goodhugh, Junr. hath been guilty of defraud, we therefore agree publicly to disown him as a member of our Church, and that Bro. J. Stanger do inform him of it before his public exclusion.

3. Agree to receive our Bro. Thos. Ranger as a member of this Church.

4. Agree that Bro. John Stanger do occupy the house belonging to the Meeting House.

Sainl. Benge, Elder

Thos. Harrison Jn. Burt David Sale Rich. Burgess Deacons
John Stanger Josiah Ranger Benj. Martin Thos. Carpenter
Wilm. Wickenden David Sale Geo. Snow Rich. Burges
Thos. King Thos. Ranger.

At our Church Meeting held April 24, 1767.

1. Whereas our Bro. John Burt and Bro. Jn. Stanger having visited Sister Wickenden according to our last agreement and her objections being removed and she promising to behave better, we therefore think proper to wait upon her to prove how far she act according to her promises.

2. Agree that our ministers, deacons (and others who are so disposed) do sometimes visit our distant friends in order to encourage and assist them in things of religion.

3. Agree that Bro. John Harrison and Bro. Win. King do visit Sister Wickenden, wife of Thos. Wickenden.

4. Agree that our Bro. Josiah Ranger & Bro. John Colgate do visit our Bro. Thos. Palmer and Admonish him for his misconduct.

5. Agree that Mary Stanger's case be referred to further consideration April 24 1767

Saml. Benge John Burt Jn. Colgate Richd. Burgess Jn. Harrison
Jn. Igglesden Josiah Ranger Wm. Agate Benj. Martin Wm. King

At our Church Meeting held May 19 1768

1st. As to the case of Wm. Goodhugh Junr. it is agreed that Bro. David Sale do write a letter to him to let him know that the Church thinks he

has not fulfilled his promise, according to a letter received from him, therefore cannot receive him as a member till this is done or in part fulfilled.

2nd. it is agreed that Bro. Burt & Bro. Benj. Martin do visit Sister Wickenden, wife of Thos. Wickenden to admonish her for her seldom attending public worship.

3rd. It is appointed that Bro. Thos. Carpenter do conduct strangers to some proper place to set down, & to keep silence & prevent people from sleeping.

4th. It is appointed that Bro. Stanger & Bro. Colgate do visit Bro. Wm. Agate and admonish him for excess in drinking.
Saml. Benge John Stanger John Burt David Sale Jn. Colgate
John Igglesden Josiah Ranger John Browne

At our Church Meeting held Aug. 11 1768

1st. It is appointed that Bro. John Colgate & Bro. David Sale do further admonish Wm. Agate for drinking too much.

2ly . It is proposed that a letter be drawn up to shew the occasion of the difference between friend Stanger and the people in order to give him a friendly dismissal at or before December 2th next.

Sam. Benge John Burt David Sale Jn. Colgate Rich. Burgess
Robert Sale Josiah Ranger Jn. Harrison John Igglesden
John Marchant

At our Church Meeting held Decr. 26 1768

1st it is appointed that Bro. Richard Burgeis & Bro. David Sale, do further admonish Bro. Wm. Agate for drinking to excess, to acquaint him that the Church cannot bear with his conduct without a reformation.

2nd. It is agreed Bro. Wm. Goodhugh be again received as a member, upon his acknowledgement that he has not fulfilled his promise in paying the money due from him to the Church on the late widow Backshalls account, & that Bro. David Sale do write a letter to let him know the agreement of this Church meeting.

P.S. We have at this time received five pounds from Bro. Wm. Goodhugh of the above mentioned money.

3rd. A letter is drawn up containing friend Stangers dismissal, which has been read and delivered to friend Stanger

Saml. Benge John Burt David Sale Jn. Harrison Robert Sale
Robert Sale Josiah Ranger John Merchant Jn. Colgate
John Igglesden Rich. Burgess

At our Church Meeting held March 1 1769

1st. It is agreed Bro. John Stanger do continue to dwell in the house till Midsummer next and to have the liberty of the Meeting House to teach school to the same time, but not longer, and not to preach amongst us without friend Benge, our Elder's consent, and on condition friend Stanger at the above mentioned time does peaceably go away, the people agree to give him a handsome present in proportion to the distance he goes from this place, and at this time it is fairly proved that the majority of the members of this Church have signed their names for friend Stanger's dismissal.

Danl. Dobel Wm. Evershed Messengers Sam. Benge Elder
John Burt David Sale Jnr Rich. Burgeis) Deacons
Jn. Colgate Robert Sale)
Jn. Harrison Josiah Ranger Robert Palmer Wm. Goodhugh
John Igglesden John Merchant Thos. Wickenden Robert Sale.

1769. We whose names are underwritten, the Church of Baptized Believers meeting at Bessels Green, the Elder, Deacons and majority of the Brethren, do this 14th of September publicly declare against John Stanger being ordained Elder or Pastor over this Church and also of any other deacons.

Saml. Benge Richard Mercer John Burt William Brown
Jn. Colgate Rob. Palmer Rich. Burgeis Christopher Mitchell
Josiah Ranger Jn. Harrison Robert Sale Jn. Marchant Rob. Palmer
David Sale Thom. Lawrence Thos. Wickenden John Goodhugh
Robert Sale, Junr. William Burgeis William Goodhugh.
Witness to the above signing at the time and place aforesaid
Benj. Dobel

At our Church Meeting held Oct 5th, 1769.

1st. As a letter was presented to us at this Meeting containing the defence of the separated party and their reasons for their separation,

upon the consideration of which we do agree their defence is deficient and their account partial and untrue.

2ndly. Whereas some time past this Church, being in want of a Minister to assist our worthy pastor and elder, Mr. Samuel Benge, did invite and give encouragement to Mr. John Stanger to serve us as an assistant to our Elder in the work of the ministry, whom we have found not answerable to our good expectation and hope of him, but on the contrary he having warmly insisted upon principles and doctrines inconsistent with the faith and doctrines of this Church, he, the said John Stanger, having had admonition to no good effect, the Church taking those things into consideration on days appointed, previous notice being given, did then give him a dismissal with a reasonable notice and time to provide for himself as well as a promise of a gratuity on his departing. To all which, the said John Stanger, having contumaciously opposed himself as well as to the judgement and determination of the Kentish Association and also of our general assembly at London, and also encouraged a schismatical separation of some members from their rightful pastor and from the orderly communion of this Church, we do therefore agree and conclude that the said John Stanger is a contumacious and disorderly person, one that causes divisions and offences among us, and therefore we do exclude him from being a minister or a member of this congregation and of any farther privilege of dwelling in the House.

Dani. Dobel) Messengers	Sam. Benge	Elder
Wm. Evershed)		
David Sale, Junr.)		
Richd. Burgeis) Deacons.		
John Burt)		
Jn. Colgate)		
David Sale, Senr.			
Robert Sale			
Wm. Goodhugh	John Igglesden	Thos. Wickenden.	
Jn. Harrison	Josiah Ranger	Robert Sale.	
Robert Palmer	William Burgeis	Christopher Mitchell.	
Thomas Lawrance.			

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1769

1st. Concluded that Friend Robert Sale and Friend David Sale go to Mr. Barnes and that they do take the Writings out of his hands if he has not further proceeded in our affairs.

2ndly. We do hereby appoint Friend David Sale and John Igglesden to enquire of the Party gone off from this Church to know whether they look on themselves under the care of our well beloved Elder, Sam. Benge.

3rdly. Recd. of Thos. Clout the sum of one shilling for use of the burying ground.

Sam. Benge Richd. Burgeis John Burt Richard Mercer
Robert Sale Tho. Lawrence David Sale Robert Sale Jn. Colgate
Tho. Wickenden John Igglesden Josiah Ranger

At our Church Meeting held August 19th, 1770

1st. It is agreed that Brother Hayins of Tunbridge Wells be persuaded to accept of the office of Elder with our aged and well beloved Saml. Benge

2ndly. It is appointed for Brother John Harrison and Bro. John Igglesden to treat with Bro. Hayins to accept of our choice and to persuade the Church at Tunbridge Wells to comply with our choice.

At our Church Meeting held December 25th, 1770

1st. According to our former appointment at our last Church Meeting Bro. John Igglesden and Bro. John Harrison have treated with Bro. Hayns to accept of the office of Elder, which he does not altogether refuse to accept, but the church at Tunbridge Wells refuses to give him up

2ly. It is appointed for Bro. John Harrison and Bro. John Igglesden do take the first opportunity to treat with Bro. Merrald to accept of the office of Elder with our well beloved aged Elder, Samuel Benge, and also to treat with Smarden Church to comply with our choice.

3ly. It is agreed with great concern we enter this memorandum that whereas there have been a long and unhappy difference between some of the members of this Church, and the Church, after much debate and several church meetings held in order to accommodate our differences with Messengers present with us at our Church meetings, but to no

good purpose but as those which were members with us have separated themselves from us and separately commune together at the Lord's Table as a separate party, it seems necessary to us to record the names of the separated party

Thos. Brown, Senr., John Brown, Henry Francis, Wm. Fletcher and wife, Benjamin Fletcher and wife, Bartholomew Boston and wife, Wm. King and wife, and Thos. Carpenter and wife, Wm. Fletcher, millr., John Juderi, George Snow, Thos. Lawrance and wife Thos. Deane, Sara Hood Esther Coule Ann Gainsford Wm. Agate and wife, Benjamin Martin

41y. It is agreed as followeth that Bro. John Burt, and Bro. Richard Burgeis and Bro. David Sale, Junr., and Bro. Robert Sale, Junr. Bro. John Harrison and Bro. John Colgate and Bro. John Iggelsden be trustees with Bro. Robert Sale, Senr. and our Elder and Brother, Samuel Bengé concerning the meeting house and field.

Bro. John Iggelsden is approved to assist in the ministry.

It is appointed that David Sale do take a proper list of members and that the writings and deeds belonging to this Church be deposited in the hands of David Sale, Junr.

Sam. Bengé Jn. Colgate Robert Sale, Senr. Richd. Burgeis David Sale, Junr. Thos. Wickenden John Burt Jn. Harrison Josiah Ranger Jn. Iggelsden William Burgeis Christopher Mitchell Robert Sale Nath. Palmer David L. Sales.

April the 25th, 1771.

Bro. Edward Merrall was solemnly set apart and ordained an Elder or Pastor of this Church by fasting and prayer and laying on of hands by Brother Dobel, Bro. Evershed, and Brother Austin

Dan. Dobel Wm. Evershed David Sale, Senr. Robert Sale, Senr. Danl. Austen Saml. Bengé John Burt Robert Sale, Junr. David Sale, Junr. Jn. Igglesden Jn. Colgate Jn. Marchant Richd. Burgeis Thos. Wickenden.

At our Church Meeting held June 11th, 1771

Whereas our late Elder, Samuel Bengé, is deceased, which was one of the Trustees to the meeting House and Field, we now under the Pastoral Care of our beloved Elder Edward Merrall, according to the will of Mr. William Cox, deceased, we do appoint to be trustees, with Bro. Robert Sale, Senr.:

Edward Merrall, Elder.

John Burt)

Richard Burgeis) Deacons

John Colgate)

David Sale, Junr.)

John Harrison John Iggelsden Robert Sale, Junr.

21y. It is agreed that a quarterly collection be made for the ministry, to be collected and distributed by John Harrison and David Sale, Junr.

Richd. Burgeis Josiah Ranger Edward Merrall Robert Sale, Senr.

Jn. Harrison Robert Palmer, Senr. John Burt John Colgate

Robt. Sale Thos. Wickenden David Sale, Junr.

September the 23rd, 1771. Was ordained to the office of Messengers at the meeting house at Bessels Green

Brother Daniel Austin and Brother John Boarman

by Brother John Geere and Brother Daniel Dobel and Wm. Evershed.

John Geere)

Danl. Dobel.) Messengers.

Wm. Evershed)

James Hains John Burt Jonathan Clark John Iggelsden

James Sanders Joseph Dobel Robert Sale John Colgate

Richard Burgeis Matthew Caffin

At our Church Meeting held Dec 25 1771

1st according to our appointment at a Church Meeting held June 11 1771, Robert Sale, Senr., has conveyed the Meeting House & Field & premises to Edward Merrall, John Burt, Richard Burgess, John Colgate, David Sale, John Iggelsden, John Harrison, Robert Sale, Junr. To be Trustees according to the direction of the last will and testament of Mr. William Cox deceased.

At our Church Meeting held Dec 25th 1774

1st it is agreed to keep a day of fasting & prayer to Almighty God to implore His Almighty blessings on our Nation and Government, and for a continuation of our religious liberties, and for any other blessings that may then be thought proper to petition for.

2ly. it is appointed for Bro. Richd. Burgeis & Bro. David Sale to have some conversation with James Wickham to know if any desire to commune with this Church as formerly

3rdly it is appointed for Bro. John Burt & Bro. John Colgate to make enquiry of John Hollands if he have any desire to commune with this Church as formerly.

4thly it is appointed for Bro. Edward Merrall & Bro. James Sanders to visit Bro. Wm. Goodhugh, Junr. and his wife to enquire if they have any reasons to render for their so long neglecting to make good their places at our Communion together at the Lord's Table.

Edward Merrall Jn. Harrison John Burt Robt. Sale

David Sale, Junr. Jn. Austen Richd. Burgess James Burgess

Jn. Marchant Josiah Ranger Christopher Mitchel Thos. Wickenden.

At our Church Meeting held December 25, '75.

1st. Its thought there is some timber round the field that would be best to be cut down as it prevents the younger which would pay better, but as several of the Trustees was absent we came to no conclusion.

2ndly. whereas James Burgeis conduct has been very unbecoming, it's thought proper that Brother Merrall do tell him that he is desired to desist sitting down in communion till we have reason to think he may have seen his folly and altered his conduct.

Edward Merrall John Burt Jn. Colgate Josiah Ranger

Jn. Harrison Richd. Burgeis N. Palmer.

At our Church Meeting held December 25th, '76

1st. As there is some repairs necessary, it is thought proper to take a survey thereof, and to consult the several absent Trustees, and in order

thereto we appoint Bro. Edw. Merrall and Bro. Robert Sale.

2ndly, with respect to the case of our Bro. James Burgeis, as he has been guilty of falsifying the truth in a most scandalous manner, the Church thought proper to desire him to forbear his communion. But having heard that he seems in some measure sensible of his guilt and desires to be again received as a communicant, it is thought proper and agreed to that Bro. David Sale and Bro. John Colgate do take the first opportunity of having some conversation with him on the subject.

3rdly, whereas John Hollands has for a long time past for some misconduct been excluded our communion, but as he seems to have reformed his conduct and desires again to be admitted as a communicant the Church has thought proper to receive him.

4thly. Stephen Thompson agrees to pay Four Shillings a month for the Meeting House Field.

5thly. It is proposed to the People to consider of choosing another Elder to assist Bro Edward Merrall in that important office.

Edward Merrall, Elder, James Sanders, Minister

John Burt)

David Sale) Deacons

Jn. Colgate)

Richd. Burgeis)

Josiah Ranger Thos. Wickenden Robt. Sale William Burgeis.

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1778

1st. It was agreed according to the appointment of our last Church Meeting concerning the repairs necessary, the absent Trustees have been consulted and some of the repairs are already done, what remains to be referred to the inspection of Bro. Harrison, Bro. David Sale, Junr. and Bro. Ranger.

2ndly. It was appointed for Bro. David Sale, Junr. & Bro. John Colgate to have some conversation with James Burgeis respecting his conduct.

3rdly. It was appointed for Bro. Richard Burgeis & Bro. Wm Burgeis Senr, to have some conversation with Bro. John Holland respecting his not making his place good in public worship.

Edward Merrall, Elder, James Sanders, Minister

David Sale Jn. Colgate Rich. Burgeis Josiah Ranger

Robert Sale Thos. Wickenden Jn. Harrison William Burgeis
Robt. Colgate William Burgeis

At our Church Meeting held Nov. 23 1779

1st. It is agreed to disown Johnson Dobell as a member of this Church for his general bad conduct and for Bro. Jn. Colgate & Bro. David Sale to acquaint him of it.

2dly. It is agreed to repair the pailing and door post and to cut some timber on the premises to do it with & to cut such other timber as shall be judged fit to cut down, and if any money is more than sufficient to pay the repairs to be distributed amongst the poor of this Church.

3rdly It was agreed for Bro. Jn. Harrison & Bro. David Sale, to view the timber & repairs & to act as they judge right.

Edward Merrall Josiah Ranger David Sale John Marchant
Jno. Colgate William Burgeis Richard Burgeis Tho. Wickenden
Jno. Harrison William Burgeis Robt. Sale Robt. Colgate

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1779

1st it is agreed that a new list be taken of the members of this Church.

2dly. That the list of births and burials be recorded.

3rdly. It is agreed to continue a quarterly collection for the use of the Ministry.

4th. It is agreed that our Bro. John Austen do use the Meeting House Field for the yearly rent of Five shillings per month

Edward Merrall Jn. Austen David Sale Jno. Colgate Josiah Range
Robt. Sale Thos. Wickenden Robt. Colgate Wm Burgeis.

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1780.

It is agreed that writings belonging to the Church & premises be deposited in the hands of Bro. Sale, Sundrish.

Friend Merrall is desired to visit Eliz. Willard Our frien(s) who can make it convenient are desired to visit friend Brown, as worn out and incapable to come amongst us.

Our friends Merrall, Sale & Colgate desired to visit Sister Mercer
It is agreed to continue a quarterly collection for the use of the Ministry.
Edward Merrall Tho. Wickenden N. Palmer Wm. Austen

M. Austen Wm Burgeis William Burgeis Jn. Colgate
Richd. Burgeis David Sale Jn. Harrison Josiah Ranger

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1781

It is appointed to take a new list of members by John Austen
(*name erased*)

Bros. Merrall and David Sale to visit Wm. Goodhugh Senr.

Bro. Merrall or any other friend to visit John Goodhugh.

Bros. Merrall & Sale to visit Mrs. Palmer to encourage her to attend us on Sundays.

In the case of Richard Mercer we cant find any thing can be done with prudence at present.

It appearing that premises wanting some little repairs, we desire our Bro. Colgate to undertake the management thereof.

It is agreed to continue the quarterly collection for the Ministry as usual.

Edward Merrall Robt. Sale Jn. Austen Wm. Austen David Sale
Tho. Wickenden Jn. Colgate William Burgeis Josiah Ranger
John Holland William Burgeis John Merrall

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1782

The appointments at the last Church Meeting have been attended to as desired, except the list of the members.

1st. There being several persons taking Communion with us belonging to other Churches, we think it advisable to have letters of recommendation from their respective churches.

2nd. Whereas Sarah Argent has been guilty of the sin of fornication it is concluded according to the directions of Holy Scriptures that she should be publicly declared unworthy of the communion of the Church, until a manifest repentance takes place, which we should be glad to see, and we also appoint Bro. Richard Burgeis and Bro. Edward Merrall to inform her and advise with her.

3rd. Bro. William Burgeis, Junr. did take a fresh list of the members.

4th. 'Tis desired Bro. Merrall and Bro. Sale do visit the members and stir them up.

5th. It is agreed to continue a quarterly collection for the use of Ministers

Edward Merrall David Sale Jno. Colgate Richard Burgeis
Josiah Ranger Robert Sale William Burgeis Richard Mercer
John Holland William Burgeis.

At our Church Meeting held December 25, 1783.

The appointments of the last Church Meeting generally omitted.

1. In regard to the removal of members, we do not now judge it necessary for letters of recommendation.
- 2nd. We still desire Bros. Merrall and Sale to visit the members and stir them up.
- 3rd. Bro. William Burgeis, Junr. appointed to take care of the list of members and regulate it as occasion requires
- 4th. It is agreed to continue the quarterly collection for the use of Ministers, to be collected by Bro. Sale.
Edward Merrall Josiah Ranger John Austen Jno. Harrison
David Sale Robt. Sale Richard. Burgeis W. Austen Jno. Colgate
William Burgeis Wm. Burgeis Rich. Merrall

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1784

The appointments of the last Church Meeting has in a great measure been attended to.

- 1st. Notwithstanding the conclusion of last years first article, we have had some reason to alter our minds, and do not now think it a proper practice.
- 2nd. It is concluded to provide a book for the purpose of keeping a list of the members, as also for the minutes of the Assembly and Association, William Burgies Junior appointed to this purpose.
- 3rd. Bro. Merrall & D. Sale to visit and admonish Wm. Goodhugh Junr. for his omission of attending with us on Sunday~
- 4th. Friend Sale signified some dissatisfaction in respect to William Goodhugh, Junr. conduct, tis recommended for him to write to him for some satisfaction.

5th. It is agreed to continue the quarterly collection for the use of the Ministers, to be collected by Bro. David Sale.

Edward Merrall Jno. Harrison David Sale Robt. Sale Rich. Burgeis
William Burgeis Josiah Ranger William. Burgeis W. Austin
Jn. Austen.

At our Church Meeting held Nov. 10 1785.

The appointments of the last Church Meeting have in a general measure been attended to.

- 1st. We still think letters of recommendation a proper practice.
- 2ndly. Unanimously agreed to apply to Mr. Austin to accept the office of an Elder.
- 3rdly. It is appointed for Bro. Merrall & Bro. David Sale to apply to him to except of the same.
- 4thly It is agreed upon to get a book properly stamped for the purpose of registering the Births & Burials,
- 5thly. It is appointed that the Church Book shall be examined every first Sunday in the month.
Edward Merrall William Burgeis David Sale Wm. Burgeis
Jn. Colgate Josiah Ranger Rich. Burgeis Christopher Mitchell

At our Church Meeting held Jan. 12th 1786

- 1st. We still think letters of recommendation a proper practice.
- 2ndly. Friend Austen in pursuance of the agreement of last Church Meeting has been applied to to accept the office of Elder, and by an interview, and further request of the Church this day, it is unanimously consented to and agreed, & we appoint Bro. Merrall to apply to Headcorn Church to whom he belongs to resign him for that purpose.
- 3rdly. It is appointed that Bro. Merrall & Bro. David Sale do visit and Admonish Win. Goodhugh Senr., John Holland & his wife, Richd. Mercer & Ann Mitchel, and likewise to inquire after Susanah Webb & James Burgeis.
- 4thly. It is agreed to continue the quarterly collection for the use of the Ministers, to be collected by Bro. David Sale.
Richd. Burgeis Edward Merrall, Elder. Josiah Ranger David Sale
Jn. Colgate Jn. Austen Wm. Burgeis William Burgeis

April 21 1786 Bro. Jn. Austen was solemnly set apart & ordained an Elder or pastor of this Church by prayer & laying-on of hands by Bro. Boorman, Bro. Taylor & Bro. Merrall.

John Boorman Dan Taylor Edward Merrall David Sale Jn. Colgate
Richd. Burgeis Robt. Sale Willm. Burgeis Rich. Mercer
William Burgeis John Marchant Benj. Batchelor John Holland

At our Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1786.

The appointments of the last Church Meeting have been attended to
1st. As there are some necessary repairs wanting, it is appointed for Bro. John Colgate to have it done.

2ndly. The recommendation in the Association letter relative to a Fund, it is appointed for Bro. Harrison to enquire of Mr. Boorman.

3rdly. Owing to several disagreeing matters which have of late disturbed the peace of the Church, to the prevention of our Communion and to the actual prevention of our administration of the Lord's Supper, the Church conceives Fd. Ranger's conduct has much contributed to these disorders, he having made sufficient acknowledgement to the Church with a determination in future to desist from such opposition, we conceive now no obstacle remains to prevent our mutual communion.

4thly It is agreed to continue the quarterly collection for the use of the Ministers to be collected by Bro. David Sale.

Edward Merrall Jn. Austen David Sale Rich. Burgeis
J. Colgate Rob. Sale Jn. Harrison John Holland Josh. Ranger
William Burgeis David Colgate Benj. Batchelor W. Austen
John Merrall Wm Burgeis

At our Church Meeting held Jan. 10th 1788

The appointments of the last Church Meeting have been generally attended to, and the names of the members called over.

1st. The first article of the last Church Meeting hath been attended to.

2ndly. The article of the Fund hath been enquired into and is left for

3rdly. The article in the third article did not answer the desired

4thly. The fourth article hath been attended to.

Articles of the present meeting.

1st. A case containing an enquiry whether every member of the community hath a right to give their voice in Church affairs, agreed in the affirmative.

2ly. In reference to the third article above, Fd. Ranger persisting in the above conduct to the extreme injury of the peace of the society and Fd. Austen in particular, it is agreed to set him apart from our communion till he has manifested a change in his disposition and conduct.

Bro. Edward Merrall, David Sale & John Colgate to acquaint him of it.

Respecting Benj. Batchelor, it is appointed that some person should have some talk with him respecting his conduct.

Respecting Sarah Argent, it is also appointed that some persons should have some talk with her.

Bro. Richard Burgeis & Wm. Burgeis to talk with Benj. Batchelor, and Edward Merrall and John Austen to visit the members in general, and take with them who they judge proper.

3rdly. A proposition relative to singing in public worship has been made, but in condescension to absent members, no conclusion is come to without their consent, the members to be consulted when visited as aforesaid.

4ly. As some repairs are necessary on the premises, Bro. John Colgate is appointed to take care of it, and to see that it is done.

Edward Merrall John Austen David Sale John Colgate
Wm. Burgeis Wm. Burgeis W. Austen.

At our Church Meeting held December 25th, 1788.

The appointments of the last Church Meeting have been attended to, except the case of Sarah Argent has been neglected.

Articles of the present Church Meeting.

1st. Bro. Jn. Colgate having ordered and done the repairs agreed on last Church Meeting, agreed to pay by subscription.

2ly. Sarah Argent is appointed to be discoursed with by Bros. Merrall and Austen.

3ly. We appoint Bro. Harrison, Colgate and Sale to make some little alterations and repairs.

4ly. In respect to 3rd article of last Church Meeting, the members have been almost all consulted individually, the result of which is - the generality of the members are for singing in P. Worship - 8 of the members are neuter - 2 against it, the condescension of the 2 said members is such which we all hope a presage of future union, the agreed singing shall be attempted in public worship, at the same time the matter and manner of it we all agree to submit to each other concerning - and have appointed some hymns shall be selected and offered to the choice of the members whose acception shall be attended to. It is also determined that evening of the communion no singing shall be after the sermon or at the communion service.

5ly. It is agreed Fd. Harrison and Colgate, Senr. to inform Fd. Ranger he has the liberty to join in communion, on conditions he do not act so as to break the peace of the Church.

6ly. It is appointed to continue the quarterly collection for the use of the ministers to be collected by Bro. John Colgate.

Edw. Merrall John Marchant Jn. Austin John. Holland Jn. Colgate
William Burgeis Robert Sale Wm. Burgeis Robert Colgate
David Colgate Jn. Harrison W. Austen.

At a Church Meeting held Aug. 30th, 1789.

Fd. Ranger having disorderly behaved himself in Public worship but having since given some hopes that he may not again disturb them., Frd. Merrall and Wm. Burgeis Junr. are appointed to inform him from the Church they overlook the past but if he acts disorderly in future they must take some more rigorous measures.

Edward Merrall Jn. Colgate Jn. Austen Robt. Colgate Robt. Sale
David Colgate Jn. Harrison Richd. Mercer.

At our Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1789.

The appointments of our last annual Church Meeting have been generally attended to. Resolved:

The two articles of the last meeting to be renew(ed).

The numbers of members against singing appears to have been three.

The writings belonging to the Meeting House and Field to be collected and kept in the little room in the Meeting Room.

4. It is appointed Brothers Merrall, Colgate, Senr., and Jn. Austen take the clause of the will relating to the Crocken Hill burial ground, examine the premises, and give such directions as they see fit concerning the repairs.

5...It is appointed a dial shall be fixed on the premises.

6. It is recommended the first opportunity be embraced to enquire after and admonish Benj. Batchellor.

Edward Merrall Jn. Austen Josiah Ranger John Colgate
Robert Colgate John Holland David Colgate.

At our Church Meeting held the 25th December, 1790. the appointments of our last Church Meeting have been considered.

Resolved:

1. That the 3rd article of the last meeting is not completed, therefore still stands in force.

2. The 5th article also to stand in force.

Some circumstances happening prevented the business of the day, therefore the Meeting is postponed to Jan. 6th 1791.

Agreed at the Church Meeting January 6th, 1791.

1st. The writings are collected & put in a box as appointed, December the 25th. 1789.

2. Ann Mitchell, Christopher Mitchell, and Phoebe Mercer, in particular to be visited by the Elders, likewise the members in general.

3. To send letters to the Churches where any of our absent members are situated both to enquire into their state and to recommend them to the care of the Churches by Bro. Austen.

4. The Assembly and Association letters be read at the meeting at the end of the service once every quarter of a year, by Bro. Rt. Colgate.

5. That the ministers who are present on Sunday do enter into the study and appoint who shall be concerned the next Sunday, and the person or persons appointed to engage or provide one in their room. Bro. Harrison to see it is done, in failure of him Bro. J. Colgate.

Edward Merrall Jn. Harrison Jn. Austen Robt. Colgate
Richard Burgeis Robt. Sale Jn. Colgate David Colgate John Holland

Agreed at a Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1791

1. The 3rd Article of our last meeting to stand in force.
 2. The 4th article likewise.
 3. That Bro. Jn. Austen do preach every Sunday in the afternoon and the forenoon to be supplied by the other usual ministers by rotation, on condition the members in general discover an approbation and resolution to attend as constant as they can.
 4. A meeting to be held this day fortnight after the service to know the mind of the members relating to the above.
 5. The elders to ask those who are members of other Churches and usually attend here to join this Church.
- Edward Merrall Jn. Marchant Jn. Austen William Burgeis
Jn. Colgate John Holland Robt. Colgate.

Agreed at a Church Meeting held at this place the 14th of June, 1792.

1. That Richard Didley do the repairs on the premises as he is directed.
 2. That the money arising from the timber which is cut down & sold shall be appropriated to pay the expenses both of the alteration of the Vestry Room & the said repairs now ordered.
- Edward Merrall Robt. Colgate Josiah Ranger William Burgeis.

Agreed at an Annual Church Meeting held Jany. 20 1793

- 1st. That the resolutions made at our last Annual Meeting that have not been sufficiently attended to still remain in force.
 - 2ndly. Concerning the repairs mentioned in the heads of the conclusions at the last Meeting, the 6th June, it is since determined that the alterations made in the room be defrayed by subscription, and that the timber (or the money arising from the sale of it) be appropriated to the defraying the expenses of the repairs with (of the?) doors.
 - 3rdly. Mr. Merrall Senr. & Mr. Harrison are appointed to see that the resolves now and before made be put in practice.
 - 4thly. Mr. Merrall & Mr. Austin to talk to friend Batchelor and friend
- Edward Merrall Robt. Colgate Jn. Colgate Ja. Harrison.

At a Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1793

- Resolved 1st. that a letter be sent to Bro. Jam Sanders to enquire into the state of Susana Hayns his sister & likewise Bro. Jam. Burgis now resident near him, & recommend Bro. Sanders to attend to them with care, by Bro. Rt. Colgate
- 2dly. That Robt. Colgate attend more regularly to reading the Assembly and Association letters once a quarter.
- 3l. that Bro. Edward Merrall, Wm. Austen, Rd. Burgess Senr. & Jn. Colgate Senr. do attend to Bro. Jn. Austen Senr, and ask reasons why he does not preach oftimes, & then communicate the same to the people in order to remove the same.
- Edward Merrall Robt. Colgate David Colgate Rich. Burgeis
Robt. Sale William Burgeis Wm., Austen

At a Church Meeting held Sep. 28 1794

- Thos. Ranger having made application & seemed desirous to join our communion of the Church, it is by us who are hereunto subscribed judged improper.
- Edward Merrall Jn. Colgate Robt. Colgate W. Austen
John Marchant David Colgate William Burgeis.

At a Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1794.

- Resolved that several members omitting joining in the Lord's Supper Bro. Merrall & Bro. Jn. Austen Senr. do visit them on the subject.
2. the second article of the last Christmas meeting to stand in force.
- Edward Merrall Jn. Austen Rich Burgeis Josiah Ranger
Robt. Colgate William Burgeis.

At a Church Meeting held Dec. 25 1795

- Resolved 1st. that the first article of the last Meeting stands in force, Bro. Merrall and Bro. Rd. Burgeis to visit them on the subject.
2. Bro. S. Love appointed to read the Assembly and Association letters once a quarter.
- Edward Merrall Rich. Burgeis Robt. Sale W. Austen
William Burgeis Saml. Love David Colgate Wm. Burgeis.

At a Church Meeting held July 9th 1797

Resolved, 1st, that friends Merrall and Burgeis are appointed to visit Wm. Austen and his wife and enquire the reason of their not attending at this place.

Resolved 2ndly, that the Church are agreed in answer to the request of Thomas Ranger to desire him not to think of again joining the Members at the Communion Table. And that Friend Merrall do request him not to continue to occupy a seat in the pew of W. Sale, but take some convenient seat near the Table or elsewhere.

Edward Merrall Jn. Colgate Robt. Sale William Burgeis
Wm, Burgeis, Junr.

At a Church Meeting held December the 25th, 1797.

Resolved: 1. That Friend Merrall do enquire the reason why Richard Mercer do not attend.

2. That Friend Wm. Burgeis do enquire after his brother, James Burgeis and Wm. Haynes to know where they attend.

Edward Merrall John Merchant Rich. Burgeis Saml. Love
Robt. Sale William Burgeis.

At a Church Meeting held May 19th, 1799.

Resolved 1st, that Friend Merrall do enquire into the conduct of Richd. Mercer and why he does not attend.

2nd. In answer to the request made to Wm. Burgeis respecting enquiring where James Burgeis and Mrs Haynes attends it appears they do attend the same place of worship.

3rd. Mr. Merrall requests the people to provide themselves with a minister to supply his place.

Edw. Merrill William Burgeis, Senr. Richd. Burgeis David Colgate
Robt. Sale. Saml. Love Jn. Marchant Wm. Burgeis, Junr.

At a Church Meeting held April the 20th, 1800.

1st. Friend Meril continues to request the people to provide themselves a minister to supply his place.

2nd. Mr. Merrill appointed to speak to the people of Mr Arnal at Sevenoaks to desire them to pay 2s. 6d. per year for the use of the

burying ground.

3rd. Friend Burgeis Senr. requests the people to provide a Deacon to supply his place in that business.

Edw. Merrill Richd. Mercer Richd. Burgeis, Senr.
Wm. Burgeis Junr. Robt. Sale Saml. Love.

At a Church Meeting held April 16th, 1802.

1. Agreed to nominate the following persons as Trustees for the meeting House and field, Viz: Thomas Harrison, Samuel Love, David Colgate, Ambrose Austen, John Thorpe, Thomas Martin, John. Merrall, Michael Martin, Nath. Palmer, John Austin, William Burgeis, of Cranbrook, William Burgeis, Junr.

2. Our Brethren Richard Burgeis, John Igglesden, and Robert Sale being present do agree to assign their trust to such of the above new trustees as shall be willing to accept the same, and that Brother David Colgate do use his endeavours to get the business completed.

3. Agreed that Frd. Palmer do endeavour to see Friend Batchelor and enquire concerning his non attendance at public worship, and that Friend Love and D. Colgate do visit Fd. Mercer and also enquire whether Lliz. Palmer is dead or living.

4th. That we who are here present do make choice of our Brethren Ambrose Austen and Samuel Love to be ordained as Elders of this Church and Daniel Colgate, Robert Sale, John Thorpe, Thomas Martin, and David Colgate as deacons.

Richd. Burgeis Robt. Sale John Iggelsden Jn. Marchant
Danl. Colgate Wm. Sutton.

Memorandum this 9th Day of May, 1803. Be it remembered that at a Church Meeting held on this day of which public notice was given, for the purpose of choosing a new Trust for the meeting house and premises, it is agreed on by this present meeting that the following under-mentioned persons are now chosen out of the list nominated on the 16th of April, 1802, viz: Saml. Love, Ambrose Austen, Thos. Martin, John Thorpe, Thos. Harrison, David Colgate and John Merrall, and, also in addition to the above named persons we now choose and appoint Peter Agate, and James Sale, Junr.

Saml. Love John Iggelsden Danl. Colgate Wm. Suttin
John Thorpe William Burgeis

At a Church Meeting held this 18th day of September, 1803, of which public notice was given the preceeding Sunday, it was agreed to give William Burgis notice to quit the dwelling house adjoining the Meeting House, together with the field in his occupation.

Signed by us:

Saml. Love Thos. Harrison Danl. Colgate Augustine Knocker
James Sale, Junr. Ambrose Austen.

At a Church Meeting held at Bessels Green this 23rd day of January, 1805.

1. Agreed that our Friend Love do enquire respecting the situation of Elizh. Palmer and that Friend William Burgeis, Senr., do enquire with respect to Susanna Haynes, . . . Saunders, and also that Friend Sutton do enquire respecting the non attendance of Mary Hollands, and that Friend Palmer do enquire concerning Benjamin Batchelor. Likewise that Friend Daniel Colgate do enquire concerning Mrs. Hunt. It is desired by the members of this Church Meeting that our Friends Austen and Love do enquire respecting the fences of the Burial Ground at Crockham Hill.
Ambrose Austin Jas. Pine Saml. Love William Burgeis
Nath. Palmer Wm Sutton David Colgate

At a Church Meeting held at Bessels Green this 8th day of February 180?

It is desired by the Members of this Church Meeting that our Friends Colgate and Love do enquire respecting the fences of the Burial Ground at Crockham Hill of the Parish of Eynsford. Friend Thorpe is also desired to call on Mrs. Poulter, formerly Eliz. Flint, to enquire the reason of her absenting herself.

The answer to Friend Burges's enquiring respecting Mrs. Haynes is that she now attends with a Church of Baptists at Walding, Sussex.

It is desired that Friend Austen enquire into the moral conduct of Ben. Bachellor.

It is desired that Mr. Love enquire after Wm. Benges.

John Steward William Burgeis Saml. Love David Colgate
John Thorpe.

The friends at Bessels Green beloved to J. Steward, at his leaving them with the greatest respect. John Steward.

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Trust of Bessels Green assembled, March the 3rd, 1813.

The Legacy bequeathed by Mr. Jon Iggelsden, late of Headcorn to Mr. Ambrose Austen, Mr. Sam. Love and all that are in trust of the General Baptist at Bessels Green is placed in the stocks, namely £100 in the 5 per cents in the names of Mr. Sam. Love, Jno. Thorpe, and Dave. Colgate, in trust.

It was also agreed at the same Meeting that Mr. William Warters should pay £3. 18 per year rent for the house he inhabits: to commence Michaelmas, 1812.

John Thorpe David Colgate Sam. Love
Tho. Harrison James Sale.

At Midsummer, 1851, the Rev. John Briggs resigned the pastorship of the Old Meeting House and was succeeded by his son, Rev. John Atkinson Briggs, of Manchester College, York, and General Baptist Academy, London.

Mr Briggs, Senr. had been pastor of the Church for twenty eight years and six months.

(Signed) John Atkinson Briggs.

(The Minute Book ends at this point)

Notes assembled by an, as yet, unknown hand

The Meeting house at Bessels Green in the Parish of Chevening in the County of Kent was built in 1716. The First Meeting held there, the first Lord's Day in December 1716, was carried on by Mr. Jams. Richardson and Mr. Nat. Foxwell. And Jams. Snow came to live at the Meeting House the March following.

The clock was put up in the Meeting House March 26th 1718. The addition to the Dwelling House, two Rooms in a floor, built 1728
The Meeting House repaired 1732.

The Baptistry made June 1733 and first used July 1733. The pipes laid in Dec. 23, 1735.

The Burying Place at Bessels Green let out Jan 8, 1738/9.

The Meeting at Ash laid down because we could have no convenient house, Jan. 1744/5.

The Meeting at Tandridge (at Tho. Browns) began April 21. 1745
Mr. Calverly's seat put up Aug. 13. 1746.

Mic. Bly began a Meeting at his house at Froghole May 29, 1748

The Gallery built in the Meeting House August 1748 cost £18.12.0.

The Evening Lectures begun Mar. 6 1750/1 to be continued every first and third Wednesday in the month at 6½ Clock.

The new pales and gates put up, Jun 1753.

Fir Trees planted and Silver firs from Coombank 1757 and 38 from Sqr.

Polhills, Nov 1758. 12 more Apr. 1759

The house newly repaired north & east, the rest mended 1760

REGISTERS

and

LISTS

of

MEMBERS

1	William Cox &	Dec. March 7 1719/2
2	his Wife	
3	James Hadock &	Dec. Oct 17 1727
4	his Wife	Dec. Sept 21 1727
5	William Fletcher	Dec. Nov 20 1727
6	Joseph Browne	Dec. June 10 1721
7	Joseph Coules, Senr &	Dec. Sept 19 173
8	his Wife	Dec. Aug 10 1727
9	John Colgate &	
10	his Wife	
11	Sister Waymark	Dec.
12	James Calverley	
13	John Wallis	Dec.
14	Bro. Sage &	Dec. July 5 1718
15	his Wife	Wdn. Oct 21 1722 Dec.
16	Bro. Wood &	Rec. to Croydon 1714
17	his Wife	
18	Bro. Swayland	Dec. Aug 13 1718
19	Mary Dane	Dec.
20	Sister Stoneham	Dec. July 11 1722
21	Samuel Sarles &	
22	his Wife	
23	Elizabeth Sarles	
24	Sister Harnden	
25	William Jefferis	Wdn. Dec. June 5 1726
26	Mary his Wife	
27	Sister Coffen	Dec. Jan 1725/26
28	Sister Coffen	Dec. Mar 13 1720/21
29	Sister Puckle	Dec. Jan 1717/18
30	Sister Right	
31	Robert Martin &	
32	his Wife	Dec. April 9 1724
33	Tho. Wickenden &	Dec. Oct 19 1722
34	his Wife	
35	Bro. Terry &	Dec. Oct 1730
36	his Wife	Dec. April 22 1723
37	Tho. Numan, Senr	Rec. to London
38	Timothy Caket &	

39	Wife of Timothy Caket	
40	Wm. Benge	Rec. to the Wells
41	Sister Bull	
42	Daniel Terrel &	
43	his Wife	
44	Bro. May &	Dec. Mar 25 1729
45	his Wife	Dec. Aug 25 1729
46	Sister Porter	Rec. the Wells Dec. 12(Aug 1717)
47	Sister Bird	
48	Sister Hobbs	Dec.
49	Sister Basset	Dec. 1717
50	Sister Swan	
51	Jane Fisher	Dec.
52	Richard Willard	
53	Samuel Edwards &	
54	his Wife	
55	Bro. Bats &	
56	his Wife	Dec.
57	Sister Carpenter	Dec.
58	Henry Glover	Wdn. Jan 3 1724/5 Rec to London
59	Richard Goher &	
60	his Wife	
61	Mary Stretfield	Dec. May 28 1720
62	Mary Mosie	
63	Sister Adgo	
64	John Reed	
65	John Bocker &	
66	his Wife	Dec. Aug 1727
67	Marks Glover	Dec. April 1722
68	Joseph Coules, Junr	Wdn. Jan 3 1724/5 afterwards Res.
69	his Wife	
70	Tho. Coules &	
71	his Wife	Dec. Sept 25 1721
72	James Coules	
73	Sister Wickenden	Dec.
74	Susanna Medhurst	Dec.
75	Bro. Darne	Dec. March 1728/29
76	Sister Lines	Dec.

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77	Ann Taylor	Rec to Craidon
78	John Braiser	Dec.
79	John Glover	Dec.
80	Wm. Brocker	Rec. to Yarmouth
81	Tho. White	Dec.
82	Mary	
83	Richard Westerman	Dec. Decem. 31 1731
84	Mary Tomset	Rec. to Horsleydown Apr 1 1722
85	Hannah Lock	Dec. March 31 1729
86	Elizabeth Hill	Dec. Feb 17 1716/17
87	Dorothy Alson	
88	George Pescud &	
89	Mary his Wife	Dec. Aug 24 1715
90	Wm. Goodhaugh &	
91	Ann his Wife	
92	Hannah Larkin	Rec to Chatham July 1722
93	James Browne	
94	John Fletcher	Dec.
95	James Fletcher	
96	Tho. Fletcher &	
97	his Wife	Rec. to Tur. Hill July 1722
98	Mary Donnety	
99	Tho. Numan, Junr	Rec to Craidon Aug 171?
100	Sarah Harndon	
101	Hannah Fletcher w of James	Dec. Nov 24 1725
102	Wm. King	
103	Bridget Barkshell	
104	Richard Steven	Dec. Decem. 28 1727
105	Jn. Wickenden	
106	David Chapman	Rec. to the Wells
107	Mary Yulman	
108	Jn. Hogben	
109	Mary Stoneham	
110	Sister Chapman	Dec. wife of D
111	Wm. Cox	
112	Wm. King &	Rec to Dichilen
113	his Wife	do
114	Bro. Adersols	

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115	Tho. Reve	
116	James Harnden	Dec.
117	Sister Martin w of John	
118	Ann Cox w of Wm.	Dec
119	James Chapman	Dec. June 1722
120	Elizabeth Finis	
121	Rachel Caffin	Delivered to Chichester
122	Elizabeth Creasie	Rec. to Craidon
123	Sister Terrel w of Jonathan	
124	Nathanel Adgo	
125	Joseph Fletcher	Dec.
126	Ruhamah Caffin	Rec. to Chichester July 1722
127	Esther Fletcher	
	Rich. Stevens at Meopham	
128	Hannah Harnden	
129	Eliz. Gasen	
130	James Snow &	Chichester April 9 1716
131	Ann Snow his mother	
132	Sus. Martin	
133	Sus Martin	
134	Eliz. Archer	Bapd. Mar 31 1717 Rec to the Wells Nov 1719
135	Jane Browne	Bapd, April 9
136	Sarah Jeffery	do
137	Sarah Browne	do
138	Martha Whiffin	Bapd. May
139	Sarah May	Bapd. the 13
140	Mary Whiffin	Bapd. Aug
141	Eliz. Whiffin	Bapd. June 2
142	Sarah Cofens	Rec. from Ditchaling Aug 1717
143	Wife of Richard Westerman	
144	Marry Euridg	Wdn. from for the sin of uncleanness at a Church Meeting June 20 1718
145	Elizabeth King w of Will.	Bapd. March 11 1717/8
146	Henry Frances &	do
147	Jane Frances his Wife	do Dec.
148	William Alson	Wdn. Oct 21 1722

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149	Eliz. Mugrige	Bapd. July 30 1718
150	Mary Glover w of Marks	Rec. from Chatham Oct 5 1718
151	Mary Harnden	Bapd. Feb 1 1718/9 Rec to Warbleton July 172?
152	Robt. Scerles	Bapd. April 1719
153	The Widow Mosyer	Bapd. April 1720
154	William Browne	
155	Charles Habgood	Rec. to Horsham 1721
156	James Russell	Resigned to Horsleydown
157	Thomas Constable	Dec. 1729 (London Oct 17)
158	Davis Scearles	Dec. March 10 1762
159	James Skinner	Wdn. Jan 3 1724/5
160	Richard Fletcher	
161	Benjamin Fletcher	
162	Amsi Chidenden	Rec. to London to Jam. Smith
163	Steph. Colgate	Bapd. Aug 6 1721
164	James Searle	do
164	Richd. Strange	Rec. to Horsleydown June 1722 Wdn. From June 5 1726
165	Joan Burgis	Rec. from Maidstone
166	Will: Goodhwh, Junr	Bapd. June 2 1723
167	Ann Goodhwh, Junr	do
168	Will. Ranger	Bapd. Jun 16 1723 Dec Oct 24 1723
169	James Terry	do
170	Josiah Ranger	From Rolvenden
171	Thos. Wickham &	Bapd. July 77 1723
172	his Wife	do
173	Marget Hills	Bapd. Aug 4 1723
174	Joan Joans	Bapd. Sept. 15 1723
175	Thomas Browne	
176	Thomas Dean	
177	Hannah Larkin	
178	Josh. Smith	Bapd. July 5 1742
179	Thomas Carpenter	Rec. from Maidstone
180	Martha Coffyn	Bapd. Nov. 7 1725
181	James of James	Bapd. Feb. 6 1725
		Rec. to Turners Hill 1727
	his Wife	Bapd. May 22 1726

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183	Jarvis King &	Bapd. May 22 17
184	Elizabeth his wife	do
185	Richd. Saxby	do
186	Eliz. Wickham w of Ed. W	Rec. from Turners Hill
187	Dinah Chittenden	Bapd. Oct 1 1727 Dec. 1728
188	Abia Fletcher	Bapd. Nov, 1 1727 Wdn. Feb 1 1735/6
189	Susa Beuman	Bapd. March 1727/8
190	Sarh. Hards	Bapd. May 1728
191	Joh. Toate	do Wdn. Feb 1 1735/6
192	Edw. Sanders &	Bapd. June 29 1729
193	Sar his wife	do
194	Jos. Edwards	do
195	Jams, White	Bapd. Aug 3 1729
196	Will Saxby	Bapd. Sept 30
197	Mart Sael	
198	Wife of Dav. Sael	Rec. from Maidstone Oct 5 1729
199	Mrs Peasgood	Rec. from Warbleton Aug. 1 1731
200	Rich Burgeis	Do Oct 3 1731
201	John Burt	Rec. from Ditchling Oct 3 1731

1	Mrs Cox wid. of Will Cox	Dec. 1735
2	John Colgate	Dec. 9 Dec. 1741
3	And his wife	Rec to Horseham Dec. 1738.
4	James Calverly	Dec. Jan 10 1749/50
5	Samuel Sael	Dec. Nov 28 1747
6	And his wife	Dec. Nov 28 1747
7	Elizabeth Sael	Dec. Nov 28 1737
8	Sister Hernden	Dec. 24 Dec. 1749
9	Sister Right	Dec. July 1737
10	Robert Martin	Dec. Sept 18 1732
11	Sister Wickham	Dec. 16 Dec 1755
12	Tomothy Caket	Dec.
13	And his wife	Dec.
14	Sister Bull	Dec.
15	Sister Bird	Dec. July 16 1733
16	Sister Swan	Dec. 1741
17	Samuel Edwards	Dec. Nov 22 1739
18	& his wife	Dec. Aug 8 1744
19	Brother Beats	Dec. 1749
20	Richard Glover	Rec. to Horsleydown Jan
21	& his wife	1743/4
22	Mary Moise	Dec. Feb 6 1747/8
23	Sister Adgoe	Dec. Oct 12 1735
24	John Reed	Dec. May 25 1754
25	John Brocker	Dec.
26	Sister Coules w of Jos.	Dec. December 1738
27	Thomas Coules	Dec. Oct 8 1739
28	James Coules	Dec. 1733
29	Mary Saxby	Dec. Oct 6 1738
30	Dorothy Coules	Dec. May 12 1755
31	George Peascud	
32	William Goodhuh Senr	Dec. Jun 15 1748
33	& his wife	Dec Aug 12 1739
	James Browne	Dec May 22 1747
	James Fletcher	Dec. July 7 1747
	Mary Dennet	Dec. Jan 24 1747/8
37	James Coules	Rec. to The Park
38	William King Senr	Separated Jan 22 1747/8

39	Bridget Backshal	Decd. Feb 2 1767
40	John Wickenden	Decd. Aug 23 1733
	Jos. Coules	Restored 1745 Dec.-
41	Mary Fulman	Decd Feb 15 1752
42	John Holborn	
43	William Atherfold	Decd. 31 1734
44	Mary White w of James	Decd. May 1767
45	Thomas Reeve	Separated Jan 22 1747/8
		Decd. 13 Decem. 1752
46	James Chapman	Decd. 9 Decem. 1732
47	Elizabeth Finch	Decd. March 19 1747/8
48	Nathaniel Adgoe	Decd. May 16 1740
49	Joseph Fletcher	Decd April 13 1765
50	Esther Browne	
51	Hannah Barnden	Rec. to Mr Mullener
52	Elizabeth Gasson	Decd. Jan 1738/9
53	James Snow	Decd Apr 4 1766
		Recd. from Chichester Apr 4 1766
54	Susanna Carpenter	Decd. 16 Decem. 1762
55	Mary Fletcher	Decd. Oct 12 1762
56	Jane Thomson	Bapd Apr 9 1717
		Decd. May 21 1756
57	Sarah Deane w of Thomas	Recd to Ditchling Decd.
58	Martha Skinner w of James	Bap May 5 1717 Dec Nov 1 1761
59	Sarah Wickenden w of John	Bapd. May 13 1717
	Elizabeth Snow w of Jams	Recd from Waldron 1717
		Decd. Decem. 1 176
60	Mary Whiffen	Bapd June 2 1717
		Decd Decem 1765
61	Elizabeth Terry w of James	Bapd. Aug 4 1717 Decd. 1759
62	Sarah Westerman	Rec. from Ditchling Aug 1717
		Decd. July 3 1758
63	Elizabeth King w of Wm, Snr	Bapd Mar 11 1717/8 Separated
64	Henry Francis Senr	Bapd. Mar 11 1717/8
		Decd. Sept 19 1762
65	Jane Francis w of Henry	Bapd. Mar 11 1717/8
		Decd. May 23 1748

66	Elizabeth Mugeridge	Bapd July 30 1718 Rec to the Wells
	Mary Harrison w of Wm	Bapd July 16 1732 Decd Apr 26 1755
67	Mary Deane w of Wm	Rec from Chatham Oct 5 171
68	Mary Burgeis w of John	Bapd Feb 1 1718/9
69	Robt. Sael	Bapd April 1719
70	Sister Mosyer	Bapd April 1720 Decd Oct 22 1738
71	William Browne	Bapd Oct 2 1720
72	David Sael	Bapd Oct 2 1720
73	Richard Fletcher	Decd Aug 18 1739
74	Benjamin Fletcher	Bapd Occt 2 1720 Decd May 1767
75	Stephen Colgate	Bapd Aug 6 1721 Decd Jan 5 1764
76	James Sael	Bapd Aug 6 1721 Decd Jan 11 1742
77	William Goodhuh	Bapd June 2 1723
78	Ann Goodhuh Jnr	Bapd June 2 1723 Decd June 1 1737
79	James Terrey	Bapd June 16 1723 Decd -
80	Josiah Ranger	Recd from Rolvenden July 5 1723
81	Thomas Wickham	Bapd July 7 1723 Decd
82	& his wife	Bapd July 7 1723
83	Margaret Hills	Bapd Aug 4 1723
84	Thomas Browne	
85	Thomas Deane	Rec from Ditchling Aug 1748
86	Hannah Ranger	Decd Jan 25 1736/7
87	Joseph Smith	Bapd May 3 1724 Decd May 6 1732
88	Henry Francis Junr	Bapd July 5 1724
89	Thomas Carpenter	Decd Aug 17 1757
90	Martha Colgate	Bapd Nov 7 1724
91	Jarvis King	both Bapt May 22 1726
92	Elizabeth his wife	and Separated Jan 22 1747/8
93	Richard Saxby	Bapd May 22 1726 Decd Sep 1 1758
94	Abia Fletcher	Bapd Nov 1 1727 Decd Apr 21 1748 withdrawn from Feb 1 1735/6
95	Susanna Beoman	Bapd Mar 1727/8 withdrawn from for uncleanness Aug 5 1733
	Sarah Sanders	Bapd May 1728 Decd Aug 1 1733
	Edward Sanders	Decd Apr 18 1740
	Sarah Sanders wid of Ed.	Wdn from Mar 7 1741/2 for keeping company with a woman's husband
	Joseph Edwards	Bapd Aug 3 1729 Decd Mar 10 1762

100	James White	Bapd Aug 3 1729 Decd -
101	William Saxby	Bapd Sept 30 1729
102	Martha Sael w of David	Rec from Maidstone Oct 5 1729
103	Sister Peasgood	Rec fm. Warbleton Aug 1 1731 Decd
104	Richard Burgeis	Rec fm. Warbleton Oct 3 1731 Deceased Nov 24 1766
105	John Burt	Rec fm Ditchling Oct 3 1731
106	William Benge	Rec fm the Wells June 4 1732 Decd Oct 10 1735
107	Samuel Benge	Rec from the Wells June 4 1732
108	John Nye	Bapd July 18 1732 Decd Jan 1767
109	Hannah Reeve	Bapd July 18 1732 went off to Michael a letter of liberty July 1755
110	David Terry	Bapd by Jams Snow April 12 1733 the first to be baptized went off to Michael 1763 letter of liberty
111	George Ricks	Both Bapd in our Baptistry (being the first) July 1 1733 withdrawn from Dec 25 1739
112	Hanna Ricks w of George	Bapd Sep 9 1733 Decd Sept 1768
113	Edward Wickham	B'd Apr 24 1735 Dec. Nov 13 1742
114	Sar Homden	Bapd Apr 24 1735 Dec. Aug 13 1750
115	Susan Wood	Bapd Jun 5 1735 widn Jan 11 1756
116	James Wickham	Bp'd Dec 25 1735 Decd. Nov 3 1750
117	Judith Edwards	Bapd 25 1735 Decd Jan 5 1735(sic) being the first to be buried at Bs Gn
118	Sarah Reeve Jnr	Bapd Jan 18 1735/6 publicly disowned March 4 1764
119	James Smith	Dec Jan 13 1749/50
120	Joh. May Senr	Rec from Maidstone Apr 4 1736
121	Mary May w of Joh.	Decd Oct 29 1739
	Joh. Cook	Bapd Mar 31 1737 Recommended to Smallbridge in Devon 1738
122	Catt. Glover w of Gab	Bapd Mar 31 1737 Recommended to Horsleydown Aug 1727 Decd -
123	Joh. May Junr	Bp'd Nov 3 1737 Decd Oct 22 1742
124	Esther Benge w of Samuel	Bapd May 27 1737 Decd May 1751
125	Will. King Junr	Bp'd Mar 29 1738 Dec. Dm 22 1748

126	Eliz. King	Bapd Mar 29 1738
127	Lydia Couchman	Bapd Apr 20 1738 Dec. Oct 1759
128	Joh. Brown	Bapd July 20 1738
129	Jane Browne	Bapd July 20 1738
130	Jos. Coules Jn	Bapd Feb 4 1738/9 Decd -
131	Mary Reeve	Bapd Feb 4 1738/9 Recd to Horsham Jan 1744/5
132	Tho. Reeve Junr	Bapd Mar 29 1739 Dec Jan 6 1745/7
133	Joh. Wickenden	Bapd Jun 24 1739 Separated himself Restored 1749 Separated again 1759
134	John Fuller	Bapd Aug 5 1739 Separated Jan 22 1747/8
135	Mary May w of Joh. Jnr	Bapd May 21 1740
136	Mary Burgeis Junr	Bapd May 21 1740 Separated. Jan 22 1747/8
137	Ele Reeve	Bapd July 6 1740 Separated Jan 22 1747/8
138	John Plaw	Bapd Mar 1 1740/1
139	Joh. Potter	Bapd Mar 1 1740/1 Renounces his membership 1759
140	Rich. Burgeis Junr	Bapd May 5 1741
141	Thos. Wickenden	Bapd May 31 1741 Deceased
142	Thos. Bengé	Bapd June 7 1741 Recommended to the Wells Dec 25 1741 Deceased
143	Mary Skinner	Bapd July 2 1741
144	Jar. Coules	Bp'd July 2 1741 Decd July 13 1756
145	Joh. Hollands	Bapd July 5 1741 Wdn Mar 21 1762
146	Esther Coules	Bapd July 5 1741
147	Jams. Francis	Bapd Sepr 3 1741
148	Dav. Rowland	Rec from Horsham July 1741 Recommended back Jan 1744/5
149	Sist. Cooper	Recd from Turners Hill Deceased Jan 24 1747/8
	Total of 111 Members	at November 1 1741
150	Ann Mitchell	Bapd June 6 1742
151	Hen. Sarles	Bapd June 6 1742 Dec. Apr 26 1750

152	Mar. Smith w of Jems	Rec from Smarden July 4 1742 Deceased Oct 27 1742
153	Mary Night	Bapd June 24 1744
154	Eliz. Skinner	Bapd June 24 1744 Recommended to Turners Hill May 1748
155	Fran. Martin	Bapd July 29 1744 Decd Mar 26 1762
156	Eleanor Burgeis	Bapd Aug 12 1744 Decd Mar 19 1754
157	Jams. Goodhwh	Bapd Aug 12 1744 Deceased -
158	Will. Ashdown	Bapd Aug 17 1744 Decd Sep 15 1764
159	Thos. Carpenter Junr	Bapd Sep 2 1744
160	Ann King w of Will	Recd from Croydon Apr 1745 Deceased July 1 1745
161	Eliz. Edwards w of Jos.	Recd from Cranbrook Sept 1746 Deceased Mar 15 1747/8
162	Dav. Hernden	Bapd Sep 13 1746 Decd. Mar 22 1748/9
163	Joh. Chapman	Bapd Feb 8 1746/7 Deceased -
164	Esther Christian	Bapd Apr 2 1747
165	Thos Ranger	Bapd Apr 1 1747 Recd to Turners Hill July 11 1762 returned again Mar 2 1766 Rec to Hythe & returned back Dec 1750
166	Tho. Soper	Recd from Ditchling Mar 29 1747 returned again Mar 1748
167	Amy Morgan	Bapd July 2 1747 Deceased -
168	Eliz. Snow Junr	Bapd July 2 1747
169	Will King s of Jarvis	Bapd Aug 16 1747

The names of the Members recommended
from Maidstone July 5 1747 are as follows

170	Joh. Larkin	Deceased Mar 7 1747/8
171	Jane Larkin w of Joh.	Deceased Apr 26 1749
172	Thos Harrison & wife	Deceased Jun 15 1766
173	Ann Harrison	Deceased June 10 1748
174	Rob Palmer & Rebec	his wife
175	Joh. Burgis	Deceased Jan 8 1762
176	Hen. Bewly	Deceased -
177	Thos Jarret	Dec Nov 22 1757 killed by a horse
178	Jane Wood	Deceased -

179	Sra. Lane Widow	
180	Susan Hayes	Deceased May 22 1748
181	Mary White	Deceased Oct 1748
182	Eliz. Sexton	Bapd May 1 1748 the first by Sam. Benge Decd Oct 2 1764
183	Joh Clark	Bapd July 3 1748 Deceased -
184	Ann Palmer	Bapd July 17 1748 Rec to Marden
185	Mart Moscly	Bapd Aug 21 1748
186	Mart Caffyn	Bapd Sep 4 1748
187	Nath. Benge	Bapd Sep 11 1748 Dec Jan 18 1749
188	Joh. Colgate	Bapd Sep 11 1748
189	Drew Pennet	Rec from Turners Hill Aug 1748 admitted as transient Dec Aug 14 50
190	Joh. Cronk	Rec from Horsleydown Sept 1748 the letter not published received Sep 25 1750 He went to Mic. Bly.

109 Members September 26th 1748

191	Joh. Harrison	Bapd Apr 29 1750
192	Josi. Ranger	Bapd Apr 29 1750
193	Eliz. Browne	Bapd June 3 1750 Deceased -
194	Isaac Brunsdn	Bapd Aug 26 1750 received into the west, no particular Church
195	Sar Edwards w of Jos.	Rec from the Wells June 1749 Deceased May 16 1763
196	Mar. Harrison	Rec from the Wells June 1749 Deceased Jan 1763
197	Dav. Sale Junr	Bapd Oct 21 1750
198	Sar. Burgeis	Bapd Jan 20 1750/51
199	Will. Fletcher s of Jos.	Bapd July 11 1751
200	Benj. Fletcher s of Jos.	Bapd July 11 1751
201	Sar. Thompso	Bapd Sept 15 1751
202	Eliz. Sale	do
203	Will Goodhew Junr	do Withdrawn from Sept 16 1753 for fornication Restored again July 26 1754
204	Mart. Sale, Junr	Rec from Horsleydown, Aug 1751

205	Joh. Marchant	Bapd Nov 3 1751
206	Ger. S now	Bapd Jan 26 1752
207	Joh. Judson	Bapd Jan 26 1752 Withdrawn for fornication Apr 28 1761 Received again Apr 7 1765
208		
209		
210	Will Thompson	Bapd June 7 1752 Decd Oct 8 1762
211	Ann Knight	Bapd June 7 1762
212	Hannah Burgeis	Bapd June 21 1753 Dec Oct 8 1753
213	Rich. Fletcher Will. Fletcher	(Rec from Turners Hill Oct 7 1753 (Publicly disowned March 1761
214	Ann Ranger w of Tho. Amzy Chidenden	Rec from Canterbury Rec to Turners Hill July 1762 Admitted as a member upon his request Jan 25 1756
215		Deceased Apr 19 1759
216		
217	Fran. Hills	Bapd May 2 1756
218	Eliz. Hills	do Decd Aug 10 1762
219	Alis Chittenden w of Amzy Jams(?) Browne w of John	Bapd July 25 1756 Bapd July 25 1756 Dec Jun 16 1765
220	Eliz. Morehouse	Bapd Mar 6 1757 Recommend to Cranbrook May 1764
221	Rob. Dan	Bapd Sept 18 1757
222	Tho. Hugget	Recd from Wells June 1758
223		Deceased June 7 1759
224	Abia Fletcher w of Will	Bapd Apr 15 1759
225	Jams. Jupp Bath. Boston	Bapd Aug 5 1759 Bapd Sept 16 1759
226	Sar. Ranger	Bapd Sep 16 1759 Rec to Horsleydown Deceased
227	Mart. Thompson w of Wil	Bapt Oct 4 1759
228		Publicly disowned March 1764
	Mar. Wickenden w of Tho	Bapd Aug 3 1760
229	Will Glover & his wife.	Rec from Ditchling Oct 1760
230		Returned there again
	Mary Strutfield	Bapd Jan 25 1761
231	Saml. Benge Junr	Bapd Feb 7 1762 Recommended to the Park, London 1763
232		
233	Willm. Agate	Bapd July 9 1762

232	John Izzard	Bapd July 4 1762 Decd Nov 4 1765
233	Phoebe Izzard w of John	Do
234	Thos. Palmer	Bapd May 22 1763
235	Jane Palmer	Bapd May 12 1763 Dec 31 Dec 1766
236	Mary Haywar	1766
237	Eliz. Bengé	Bapd June 26 1763 Deceased
238	Martha Caket	Bapd Sept 4 1763
239	Rebacka Palmer	Bapd Sept 4 1763
240	Mary Sale w of David Jnr	Bapd Oct 11 1763
241	William Boswell	Rec from Maidstone June 7 1761
242	Mary Beal	Deceased 1767
243	Eliz'th Martin w of Benj	Bapd Oct 28 1764
244	Benjamin Martin	Rec from Headcorn Decm 25 1764
245	Sarah Crowhurst	Rec from Tunbridge Wells Apr 7 1765
246	John Igglesden	do and returned there again
247	Mercy Igglesden w of Joh	Rec from Cranbrook Sept 7 1765
248	Rob. Palmer	Rec from Rolvenden June 16 1765
249	Rich. Mercer	Bapd Oct 20 1765
250	William Burgeis	Bapd March 16 1766
251	Ann Caffin	Bapd June 22 1766
252	Sarah Wood	Bapd Nov 2 1766
253	Robert Sale	do
254	Thos Lawrence & his wife	Bapd 1768 Died May 4 1863? Bapd Mar 26 1769 by J Palmer Lay'd hands on by Saml. Bengé assisted by J Palmer

A list of the names of the members of the Church of protestant Dissenters called General Baptists meeting at Bessels Green under the Pastoral care of our well beloved Elder, Edw. Merral, taken 1771

- 1 John Burt, deceased and his Wife. deceased
- 2 Richard Burgeis and his Wife
- 3 David Sale, Junr. And his Wife
- 4 John Colgate
- 5 John Igglesden and his Wife
- 6 Robert Sale, Senr Deceased Feb. 1780
- 7 Robert Sale, Junr.
- 8 Josiah Ranger
- 9 Richard Mercer.
- 10 John Marchant, and. his Wife.
- 11 John Harrison and his Wife (deceased).
- 12 David Sale, Senr. (deceased) and his Wife. (deceased)
- 13 Thomas Wickenden (deceased) and his Wife.
- 14 Robert Palmer (deceased) and his Wife.
- 15 Robert Palmer, Junr. Withdrawn from.
- 16 William Burgeis.
- 17 William Goodhugh, Senr
- 18 William Goodhugh, Junr. and his Wife.
- 19 Christopher Mitchel.
- 20 Johnson Dobel and his Wife. (Crossed out.)
- 21 William Brown. Deceased.
- 22 John Goodhugh.
- 23 Martha Colgate.
- 24 Margaret Taylor. Deceased.
- 25 Mary Hayward. Deceased.
- 26 Ann Mitchel.
- 27 Elizabeth Palmer.
- 28 Mary Colgate, Sen'r.) Recommended from Horsham Decd
- 29 Mary Colgate, Jun'r.) Recommended to Rolvenden
- 30 Mary Burgeis
- 31 Mary Euridge
- 32 Elizabeth Willard

- 33 Thos. Brown. Deceased
- 34 Martha Thompson.
- 35 Esther Brown. Deceased.
- 36 Francis Chalklen.
- 37 Phebe Izzard, now Mercer.
- 38 Rebeckah Banister.
- 39 Esther Gerner. Deceased.
- 40 Rebeckah Smarshal. Deceased.
- 41 James Sanders.
- 42 John Austen. Baptised Nov. the 3, 1771.
Recomd. to Ditching. Deceased.
- 43 Susannah Sanders.) Baptised
- 44 Mary Palmer.) December the 13.
- 45 Sarah Palmer) 1771
- 46 Hodsel Sale) Bapd.
- 47 James Burgeis) Aug the 7
- 48 Sarah Austen. Deceased.) 1774
- 49 Mary Beven.
- 50 Sarah Argenie.
- 51 Mary Hollands.
- 52 Phebe Burgeis. Baptized Dec. 1. 1776.
- 53 Martha Thompson. Junr.) Baptized April 1st.
- 54 Robert Colgate) 1777
- 55 John Hollands. received again
- 56 Wm. Burgeis, Junr Baptized Dec. 6th 1778
- 57 Eliz. Colgate) Baptized
- 58 Charlotte Colgate) Feb 4 1781
- 59 Sarah Thompson Baptized Oct 7 1781

A List of the Names of the Members of the Church of
Protestant Dissenters called Baptist meeting at Bessels
Green under the Pastoral care of our well beloved Elder
Edw. Merral taken 1783.

- 1. Sister Bunt. deceased.
- 2. Richd. Burgeis.
- 3. and his Wife.
- 4. David Sale.
- 5. and his Wife.
- 6. John Colgate.
- 7. John Iggelsden.
- 8. and his Wife.
- 9. Robt. Sale.
- 10. Josiah Ranger.
- 11. Richd. Mercer.
- 12. John Marchant.
- 13. and his Wife.
- 14. John Harrison.
- 15. Sister Wickenden. Deceased Sept. 28. 1783.
- 16. Wm. Burgeis, Senr.
- 17 Wm. Goodhugh. Senr.
- 18. Wm. Goodhugh. Junr.
- 19. and his Wife.
- 20. Christopher Mitchel.
- 21. John Goodhugh. Deceased.
- 22. Ann Mitchel.
- 23. Mary Burgeis. Deceased March 11. 1785.
- 24. Mary Ewridge.
- 25. Elizabeth Willard.
- 26. Martha Thompson, Eld.
- 27. Francis Chalklen.
- 28. Phebe Mercer.
- 29. Rebeckah Banister, Deceased.

30. Susannah Sanders.)
31. Mary Palmer.) Baptized Dec. 13.
32. Sarah Palmer.) 1771
33. Hodsol Sale.) Baptized Aug. 17..
34. James Burgeis) 1774
35. Mary Beven. Deceased Nov. 1783.
36. Mary Holland.
37. Phebe Burgeis. Baptized Dec. the 1. 1776.
38. Martha Thompson, Deceased Oct. 1783.
39. Robt. Colgate. Baptized Apr. 1. 1777.
40. John Holland. Deceased.
41. Wm. Burgeis, Junr, Baptized Dec. 6. 1778.
42. Elizabeth Colgate) Baptized Feb. 4..
43. Charlotte Colgate.) 1781
44. Sarah Thompson, Baptized Oct. 7. 1781.
45. Elizabeth Palmer.
46. Jane Thompson
47. Martha Colgate) Baptized Aug. 3.
48. Mary Burgeis.) 1783
49. Robt. Pine. Baptized Oct. 5. 1783.
50. Mary Marchant, Baptized Feb the 6, 1785. Decd:
51. Elizabeth Marchant, Baptized June 5. 1785.
52. Martha Burgeis, Baptized July 31. 1785.

PART II

A Transcription of the entries of
 BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & BURIALS
 in a second Church Book
 held in the Public Record Office
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1 WILLIAM COX and his wife MARY

- | | | | |
|---|---------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | WILLIAM | born 8 December 1682 | died 23 May, 1715 |
| 2 | JOHN | " 24 February 1683 | " 1 November 1710 |
| 3 | MARY | " 11 December 1685 | |
| 4 | THOMAS | " 10 June 1687 | died 11 July 1706 |

All buried in Old Burying Ground, Crockenhill
See BLACK S B, Old Burying Ground, Crockenhill 1981

2 SAMUEL EDWARDS and his wife SUSANNAH

- | | | | |
|---|--------|----------------------|------------|
| 1 | JOSEPH | born 4 May 1709 | at Mepham |
| 2 | JUDITH | " 13 January 1709/10 | at Brasted |

3 THOMAS REEVE and his wife SARAH

- | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | HANNAH | born 25 April 1715 | at Ide Hill |
| 2 | THOMAS | " 29 January 1716/7 | at Sundridge |
| 3 | SARAH | " 13 November 1719 | " " |
| 4 | MARY | " 16 March 1721/2 | " " |
| 5 | ELIZABETH | " 4 March 1727/8 | " " |
- died 22 February 1729/9

4 JAMES SKINNER and his wife MARTHA

- | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | MARY | born 26 October 1722 | at Salters Heath |
| 2 | JAMES | " 29 September 1723 | " " " |
| 3 | ELIZABETH | " 24 February 1726/7 | at Chipstead |

5 JAMES SNOW and his wife ELIZABETH

The children were born in the Meeting House, Bessels Green
in the Parish of Chievening (!)

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|---|-----------|---|
| 1 | JAMES | born Sunday 13 March 1719/20 |
| 2 | THOMAS | " Tuesday 26 March 1723; died 8 March 1723/4 |
| 3 | RICHARD | " Tuesday 4 May 1725, died 16 June 1725 |
| 4 | WILLIAM | " Tuesday 22 March 1725/6, died 29 April 1726 |
| 5 | ELIZABETH | " Wednesday 20 March 1727/8 |
| 6 | GEORGE | " Tuesday 20 January 1729/30 |

6 RICHARD BURGLES and his wife MARY

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|---|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | MARY | born 28 November 1722 | at Chidingley, Sussex |
| 2 | RICHARD | " 17 April 1725 | at Ripe, Sussex |
| 3 | ELEANOR | " 8 September 1727 | at Ripe, Sussex |
| 4 | ELIZABETH | " 17 January 1729/30 | at Westerham |
| 5 | SARAH | " 20 January 1731/2 | " " |
| 6 | PHEBE | " 9 September 1738 | " Seal |

- 7 BENJAMIN FLETCHER and his wife ABLE
- 1 DEANE born 13 June 1726 at Onies Green, Sundridge
 - 2 ABIE " 7 November 1731 " " "
 - 3 MARY " 22 March 1734/5 " " "
- 8 WILLIAM FLETCHER and his wife ABIE
- 1 DEANE born 5 October 1759 at Riverhead
 - 2 JOSEPH " 6 " 1762 " " "
- 9 DAVID SAEL (1) and his wife MARTHA
- 1 DAVID born 22 December 1729 at Park or Brasted
 - 2 MARTHA " 18 February 1730/1 " " "
- 10 JOHN STREATFIELD and his wife MARY
- 1 BRIDGGET born 27 September 1761 at Sevenoaks
between 12 and 1 of the morning!
 - 2 MARY born 29 December 1762 at Sevenoaks
 - 3 HENRY " 27 February 1764 " " "
 - 4 DEANE " 27 June 1765 " " "
- 11 JOHN BATCHELDER and his wife ELIZABETH
- 1 ELIZABETH born 27 August 1758 at Chevening
 - 2 JOHN " 14 March 1760 " " "
 - 3 THOMAS " 15 November 1762 " " "
 - 4 ANN " 21 August 1765 " " "
- 11a JOHN NYE and his wife MARY
- 1 THOMAS born 25 November 1733 at Rennals Smith?
Orpington
- 12 (1) WILLIAM and ELIZABETH KING of SUNDRIDGE
- 1 (2) WILLIAM KING born 8 March 1718/19 in Sundridge
 - 2 ELIZABETH KING " 1 April 1721 in Chiddingstone
 - 3 MARY KING " 4 June 1725 " " died 11 June
 - 4 JOHN KING " 25 March 1729 in Sundridge 1736
 - 5 ANNA KING " 17 July 1731 " " "
- 13 DANIEL and HARRIOTT TERRY
- 1 DANIEL TERRY, Jnr born 15 November 1739 at Bessels Green
 - 2 HARRIOTT TERRY " 2 June 1741 at Dryhill, Sundridge
- 14 HENRY and MARY JOHNSON
- 1 MARY JOHNSON born 26 December 1740 at Sevenoaks
- 15 WILLIAM KING and his wife ANN
- 1 (3) WILLIAM KING born 15 January 1765/6 in Sevenoaks

- 16 THOMAS GINNER and his wife ESTHER
- 1 MARY GINNER born 5 June 1749 in Sevenoaks
 - 2 SUSANNAH GINNER " 23 March 1751/2 in Sevenoaks
 - 3 JANE GINNER " 26 April 1754
- 17 JOSEPH EDWARDS and his wife SARAH
- 1 SUSANNAH EDWARDS born 26 January 1749/50 at Chipstead
New Style 5 February 1750 !
- 18 STEPHEN COLGATE and his wife MARTHA
- 1 CALVERLY COLGATE born 22 June 1731 in Tatsfield
at 12 noon
 - 2 MARTHA COLGATE " 5 March 1737 at Brittain's, Sevenoaks
- 19 WILLIAM THOMPSON and his wife MARY
- 1 STEPHEN THOMPSON born 22 March 1758 in Brasted
- 20 DAVID SALE and his wife MARTHA
- 1 DAVID SALE born 22 December 1729
 - 2 MARTHA SALE " 18 February 1730
 - 3 ELIZABETH SALE " 21 March 1732
 - 4 JAMES SALE " 29 April 1735
 - 5 HODSEL SALE " 25 April 1737
 - 6 ROBERT SALE " 18 June 1739
 - 7 SARAH SALE " 8 March 1741
- 21 RICHARD BURGIES and his wife JANE
- 1 JANE BURGIES born 10 November 1752 at Sevenoaks
 - 2 RICHARD BURGIES " 22 February 1754 " "
 - 3 PHEBE BURGIES " 8 September 1756 " Westerham
 - 4 MARY BURGIES " 15 June 1758 " "
 - 5 WILLIAM BURGIES " 22 February 1762 " "
 - 6 MARY BURGIES " 4 February 1764 " "
 - 7 JOHN BURGIES " 21 August 1766 " "
 - 8 SARAH BURGIES " 27 August 1768 " "
- 22 BENJAMIN FLETCHER and his wife SARAH
- 1 SARAH FLETCHER born 18 January 1753 at Pollards, Chevening
- 23 THOMAS WICKENDEN and his wife MARY
(born 20 Sept. 1718 (born 23 March 1723, now 3 April)
now 1 Oct)
- 1 THOMAS WICKENDEN born 3 September 1757
 - 2 JOHN WICKENDEN " 18 March 1761
 - 3 MARY WICKENDEN " 19 April 1763
 - 4 JAMES WICKENDEN " 7 August 1769

Source Materials to be deposited in Dr Williams's Library

FIRST TIN BOX (mostly Church records)

- 1 Committee Minute Book 1895-1915 in envelope with notes by Mrs Sheila Crosskey
- 2 Correspondence 1908-1927 (box file)
- 3 do 1928-1934
- 4 do 1941-1951
- 5 Wills Robt. Saxby 27.10.09 Sopha Sale date(?)
- 6 Charity Commission Order(?) August 1892
- 7 Receipts/Accounts 1840-1871 'Unitarian General Baptist Society, Bessels Green'
- 8 Funerals 1823-1837 exercise book
- 9 Book of collections & disbursement for ministers 1735,1741
- 10 (Old) schedule of Deeds
- 11 Solicitor's bill 1769
- 12 Letters of Recommendation to the Church (large envelope) (partly reproduced on pp 129-134 ante)
 - 46 letters of recommendation 1712-1810
 - 2 Declarations of Expulsion 1735,1741
 - 18 sundry letters
- 13 Types manuscript of Bessels Green 1697 Minute Book (reproduced on pp 1-106 ante)

SECOND TIN BOX – Bessels Green Chapel Trust

- 14 Keys to Park Point by Air Ministry when house derequisitioned
- 15 Documents re Park Point and the manse 1930/33
- 16 Correspondence re Park Point – large brown envelope
- 17 Three copies of a pamphlet 'The Old Meeting House, Bessels Green' by N Bishop Harman reprinted from UHST Vol 6 1936/37
- 18 Trust a/c book 1927-29
- 19 Plan of land – no date, but with stable marked
- 20 Letter 1952 re chapel publicity
- 21 Bundle marked *Old Records and Accounts pre 1939-45 war*
- 22 Folder: leases, etc re leasehold property, 1921,26 and post war
- 23 Letters 1938-1945 – string bundle
- 24 Committee minutes 1875-1890 Minute Books 1915-1946 register of preachers and attendances 1934-43
- 24 Death certificates 1826-95

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