

First Christian Church -

Book# 1

1823-1876

A Copy of the Constitution of the Meeting
house of the First Christian Church in Westport

Whereas it is essential in all civilized Societies
that some suitable place be provided for publick
Worship and as there is none near the village
at the head of the East Branch of Accasset
River in Westport the Subscribers willing
to contribute for that purpose hereby agree to
pay what we here subscribe in order to Build
a House for publick Worship; Said house
to be free for all Denominations of Christians
to assemble in and worship in their own way
when unoccupied by the Church & Society Establis-
-ed at that place by the name of the Christian
Church and Society Payment to be made to
a committee who is appointed to receive the same
Westport September 1823

in the Town of Westport in the year 1819
 was Members in fallen Ship Requested
 Elder Daniel Hise of Dartmouth to Meet With them
 and Agreeable to there Request. He knoedged
 them the first Christian Church in Westport

Pelez Sison	
Jonathan Mosher	Deacons Mosher
Georg Mosher	Removed from
Shadecorn Rainolds	this Church was
Catharine Sowl	Recommended by letter
Sophia Tripp	to New Bedford Church
Rachal Tripp	
Susannah Lawton	
Elizabeth Tripp	
Phoeby Mosher	

see next page.

Westport November 1825
 this Church in its Infant State being destitute of
 a Preacher and Deacons after long consideration
 this Church Maid Choice of Brother Pelez Sison
 for there Minister and Maid Choice of Brother
 Georg M. Brownell and Brother Jonathan Mosher
 for Deacons agreeable to the directions given in
 the Holy Scriptures by fasting and prayer and
 laying on of hands Brother Sison was set apart
 to the Work of the Ministry Brother Brownell and
 Brother Mosher set apart to the office of Deacons
 Elder Sison lived about 11 Months from that time his
 days was filled up with a good degree of godfulness
 agreeable in life and lamented in Death

Westport November 1826
 the Church at Westport Called Elder David
 Howard Tripp and at a Church Meeting
 agreeable to there Request unanimously by
 placed them selves under his Watch and
 Care

Westport October 1830 at a Church Meeting Maid
 Choice of Howard Tripp as Clerk of this Church
 August 20th 1841 chose Robert Lawton Clerk
 October 9th 1858 chose Preserved Tripp Deacon

the list of the Names of Members belonging to
 this Church

Georg Mosher	United with second Church
Sophia Tripp	Deceased August 30 th 1843
Rachal Tripp	Deceased May 24 th 1842
Susannah Lawton	Deceased January 2 nd 1874
Elizabeth Tripp	
Phoeby Mosher	Deceased Oct 15 th 1855
Charles Tripp	Discease
Benjamin B Sison	Name dropped by request
Stephen Tripp	Deceased June 28 th 1852
Georg M. Brownell	Deceased Sept. 20. 1830
Benjamin Tripp	Deceased January 17 th 1874
Willy Tripp	Deceased July 23 rd 1859
Patience Rainolds	Deceased
Hannah Tripp	Deceased May 20 th 1868
Mercy White	Requested her Dismission
Samy Sison	Deceased

Susannah Tripp X Dis Seased
 Sarah Butts Deceased June 3rd 1852
 Sarah Woodell Deceased November 1st 1858
 Almira Tripp Deceased April 16th 1874
 Eliza Brightman Deceased previous to 1878, ^{at} Church in Westport
 Lurania Mosher Removed from this Church to the Second Christian
 Rhody Chandler Orsard previous to 1878, ^{at} 63rd
 Mercy Tripp.
 *Lidile Winslow X Received a Letter
 Hannah Howland Deceased March 22nd 1869
 Hope Sisson. Received a Letter to go to Old Water Church
 Hannah Devoll
 Rachael Wilber
 John Tripp Deceased August 4th 1862
 Eliza Gifford
 Elizabeth Tripp Deceased February 14th 1847
 *Charvity Smith Deceased
 Susannah Gifford Deceased January 2nd 1874
 April 18. 99 a Good Day, the Lord has received
 his Work a General attention among the people
 Some are hopefull converts and others are in
 quiring the way to Zion
 Benjamin petty Dismissed by Letter August 1843
 *James Booth Dis Seased Decmbr 18.37
 Jonathan Booth 20th 1831 Receive a Letter to go to the state of Ohio
 Hannah Tripp March 18.36 Received a Letter to go to New Bedford
 Sally Reed
 Rhody Booth 20th 1834 Received a Letter
 Giles Tripp Deceased March 30th 1860
 Polly Borden Dis Seased
 Sally Saniton Dis Seased
 Sally Brownell Deceased Feb 8 1879

Rachael Macomber Deceased Sept 1 1855
 *Meriah X Tripp January 21 1832 (Don't know date this, etc.)
 Sarah Tripp Saniton Deceased September 15th 1860
 H. Aug 1833
 Mary Gifford Mary G Mosher name dropped by request
 Mary Tripp Deceased April 8th 1855
 Sally Lake Dismissed by letter August 9th 1862
 Hannah Lake Deceased July 14th 1844
 Meriah & Macomber joined another Church
 Peas Tripp petty Dismissed by letter October 9th 1847 to join third Church
 Howland Tripp 1845 Dismissed by letter to unite with fourth
 Eliza Tripp United with fourth Church at its organization July 2nd 1848
 Samuel Perry Dismissed May 7th 1846
 Inelove Perry Dismissed May 9 1846
 Paul Wane X Dis Seased
 Hope Cornell X Dis Seased
 George White September
 Rhoda White 18.31 Deceased November 17th 1869
 Meriah Gifford X Dis Seased
 Ishabaz Tripp X Dis Seased
 Brandon Simmons Dismissed January 12th 1850
 Lurana Brownell Devoll Dismissed by Letter Jan 14th 1843
 William Tripp August 1840 Dismissed by Letter [at her request]
 Rhoda Tripp X Nov 9 18.36 Dis Seased
 Loretta Gifford
 Clara Welch joined in New Bedford and dismissed by request
 Sarah Mosher Dis Seased by Letter Decm 14/51
 Betsey Evans
 Mercy C Simmons Deceased 1865th
 Mary an Devoll Monfester Deceased December 18 1850
 Mary an Tripp Dis Seased (to join in Providence R.I.)
 and Mary ann May joined April 2nd 1849 Dismissed by letter

Ephraim Macomber Deceased 1841
 George W Macomber Excommunicated Feb 12th 1848
 Ruth Slade Little Disowned by the Church Dec 8th 1855
 Obler Macomber Howland Disowned by the Church Dec 8th 1855
 Diton Macomber Cowell
 Eliza Macomber Dismissed by letter Feb 12th 1859
 Harrieta Macomber Ayres Dismissed by letter Feb 12/59
 Emma Macomber Phillips Dismissed by letter Feb 12/59
 Ruth Gifford Phillips Deceased Jan 18, 1876
 Martha Chase Dismissed by letter to go to Dartmouth July 9th 1842
 Nancy Chase Dismissed by letter to join fourth Chh W Mass 9th 1850
 Prudence Allen Dismissed by letter
 Sarah Simmons Dismissed
 Patience Long Snipp
 Patience Snipp Simmons Dismissed by letter
 Meribah Snipp Gifford Withdrew Apr 6th 1854
 Dianna Simmons Macomber
 Sintha Crapo Snipp
 Mehiti Bell Snipp Davis Deceased Feb 3rd 1848
 Rhoda Reed Whalen
 William Leonard Dismissed by letter
 Hannah Bishop Monk June 14/51 dismissed by letter to join
 Nancy Saml of Lowell Deceased
 Mary Crows Man Deceased August 28th 1852
 J P Phillips Brookham and Wife Deceased Dec 10th 1849
 Elizabeth Gifford Deceased January 17th 1849
 Edith Gifford Deceased September 15th 1864
 Deborah Bonden
 Nancy Gifford Deceased November 25th 1869
 Sarah Sanborn Dismissed by letter to join fourth Chh 26th 1847
 Melinda Gifford Dismissed by letter Dec 8th 1855
 Ruth Conner received by a letter
 Patience Peckham Disowned by the Church Dec 8th 1855

Philip Snipp Deceased Sept 9th 1843
 John Bonden Disowned October 12th 1850
 Mary Snipp Deceased Jan 7th 1860
 Daniel Snipp Dismissed by letter
 Abner Snipp Dismissed by letter
 Gideon Snipp Dismissed by letter
 Green Allen Dismissed by letter
 Susan Snipp Dismissed by letter
 Susan Case
 Silva Snipp Dismissed by letter
 Catharine Snipp Dismissed by letter
 Pheby Snipp Dismissed by letter
 Wm Case Dismissed by letter
 Amy Phillips Deceased February 25th 1864
 Prudence White Dismissed
 Pheby Allen Dismissed by letter
 Mary Ann Weedon Deceased August 31st 1843

August 13. 18.36

Holden Bor Gen & requested to have his
Harit S. Knownell. ^{his mission} Dismissed at her request Aug 20th 1841

Eliza Ann Tripp Dismissed

Pheby Smith & Dismissed

Sept. 18.36

John Sawton Dismissed by the church Dec 8th 1855

Isaac Gifford Dismissed January 13th 1849

Weston Gifford Dismissed by the church Dec 8th 1855

Mary Jane Richmond & Dismissed

Judy Ann Tripp Sawton Withdrew October 12th 1844

Lilla Davis

+ Priscilla Ginn nolo & received by a letter ^{received a letter}

Cher Chary Lake & received by a letter Deceased

Sintha Gifford Deceased Feb 10 1876

Soudance S. Tripp ^{Simmons}

Pheby Ginn Withdrew Nov 9th 1844

Meriah Taber Dismissed from this church

December 10. 18.36 W. William Taber
Gardener Sean, joined another church under
George B. White Dismissed Feb 17th 1849 ^{Ruth Taber}

Frederick Tripp Dismissed by letter ^{and came}
Lutia Tripp } to join in New Bedford church
Nov 12th 1853

Meriah Winstanley Anthony Dismissed by letter Nov 9th 1850

E. D. John Phillips joined another church

Almira Case Snell Withdrew Nov 9th 1844

James Snell Deceased January 9th 1863

Susanah Petty August 17th 1843 Dismissed
by letter to unite with fourth church
January 30 1837

Stephen Tripp Withdrew

Priscilla Tripp Withdrew Apr 5th 1854

Pheby Potter Dismissed by letter

Abraham S. Lathaway Dismissed by letter to ^{go to New Bedford}
1842

Melina Sawton Dismissed Feb 11th 1860

Soudance Gifford Requested their Dismission

Menibah an Mosher Dismissed by letter to
Join in New Bedford December 13th 1845
Isaac Snipp Dismissed by request Dec 8th 1855

Susan Snipp Disowned January 13th 1848

Lebite Wate Deceased October 30th 1865
Patty Snell Deceased June 1841

Pruth Case Deceased November 18th 1848

Sarah upon Deceased December 12th 1855

Mary Snipp Disowned February 11th 1860

Phely Tripp Withdrew Apr 5th 1854

May 1840 at Monthly Meeting

Pruth Petty Deceased February 7th 1865

Meriah Wade Pool Excommunicated Sept 11th 1852
Received at the yearly Meeting

Naney Sisson

Rial Sisson Deceased September 6th 1860 1843th

Isaac Petty Dismissed by letter
Elizabeth Petty Dismissed by letter Jan 11th 1851
Abby Lake

Mary Macomber Dismissed by
Letter to unite with fourth
church Withdrew April 1843

September 1840

Elexy Macomber Dismissed by request Jun 11th 1862

Abner G. Donnell

Annis Donnell Deceased Date unknown. Ad. Ric.

Hannah Soule Deceased Nov 9th 1861

Ed. Joel Rogers Deceased — 1872. a.d. 68.

Sarah Rogers

Nov. Money Macomber Deceased September 11th 1848

Drum Robert Lawton

Isaac Snell Dismissed by letter to unite with Third Church
February 15th 1847

William W. Smith Joined another church

Savina Smith Do, do,

June Isaac Lawton Deceased July 26th 1865

July George W. King Disowned by the Church Dec 8th 1855

Lydia King Deceased February 3rd 1849

Manalia Sisson Deceased September 26th 1848

Sarah Anna Thompson Withdrew Apr 15th 1854

Abraham Gifford Dismissed by letter to join in New Bedford
January 9th 1847
not being in union and fellowship in action

1842, May 18 William Saylor Disowned Oct 4th 1844 for

Russell Lawton Excommunicated Feb 12th 1848

July 9th Peace L. Cornell Withdrew Nov 9th 1844

17th Jan 28th Jonathan Pierce Disowned by the Church Dec 8th 1855

March 11th George White Disowned by the Church Dec 8th 1855
1842 Nov 9th John Tripp
1846 Oct 16th Mary Jane Tripp
Rebecca Tripp 25.

1846 December 12th

William H. Sabers Disowned February 11th 1860

Ann Maria Sabers Disowned February 11th 1860

1847 January 9th

Benjamin Little Disowned Dec 8th 1855

March 20th

Percegniah Chace Deceased

William Taber Dismissed by letter August 9th 1851

Ruth Taber Dismissed by letter August 9th 1851

June 12th

Nancy Little Disowned Dec 8th 1855

do 13th

Levi Gifford Disowned Dec 8th 1855

Isaac P. Broth Dismissed Apr 12 1859

1848 March 5th

Admiral Tripp Disowned Dec 8th 1855

Susan Tripp Excommunicated July 12 1851

Walter Tripp & Deceased

Phoebe Tripp & Deceased

George A. Brownell Lost at sea

Caroline Brownell Disowned Dec 8th 1855

Caroline Tripp Deceased Oct 1876

Ann Eliza Dayton Dismissed by request Feb 9th 1856

Clary Taber Excommunicated November 8th 1851

George W. Packard

Phoebe Packard Deceased May 1st 1849

Lucky Chace

Sarah Ann Simmons Disowned Dec 8th 1855

Sarah Cordelia Briggs Disowned Dec 8th 1855

Julia Ann Soule Dismissed by letter to her in Dartmouth ^{26th 1861}

March 19th Leander Gifford Disowned February 11th 1860

Rebecca Anne Sampson

Sarah Devol Deceased May 19th 1856

1850 February 9th unite with the N. Christian Church West

Sally Pierce Dismissed by letter May 23rd 1863

1856 February 7th

Jonathan Devol Excommunicated

Julia Ann Devol Deceased December 7th 1865

April 10th

William Pool Disowned February 11th 1860

Lavinia Pool Dismissed by letter on 2nd 75 Pawtucket Rd

Abby Manchester

Mary Simmons

Anna Hart Disowned February 11th 1860

Mary J. Read

April 13th

Samuel Crocker Excommunicated

Franklin West Deceased July 11th 1857

Abby Luce Disowned February 11th 1860

Mary S. Bliss

May 4th

Alexander Gifford

John Holmes

Mary E. Cornell

Cynthia G. Devol do Deceased suffragan

May 18th

Walter B. Cornell Deceased May 1877 (at rest, in peace)

Eliza A. Cornell

Ellen Dean

June 14th

John Sampson

Hannah Sampson Excommunicated April 2nd 1863

August 3rd

Preserved Tripp

Lydia Tripp

Leonard W. Brown Excommunicated April 2nd 1863

Lucia Crocker
 Elizabeth E. Gifford
 September 7th
 James Upham Deceased September 2nd 1859
 Charity Dowd
 Phoebe Albert Disowned Feb 11th 1860 died
 Naomi Briggs Disowned Feb 11th 1860
 June 8th 1861
 Elder John G. Gammons 3 joined the Methodists
 Hannah M. Gammons
~~December 14th~~ October 12th 1861.
 * Sarah Ann Thompson
 December 15th
 Emily Tripp Deceased in 1872.
 April 12th 1862
 * William Taber Disowned C.P.
 May 3rd 1863
 Matthias E. Gammons Junr
 Eunice M. Gammons Deceased.
 Joseph A. Heaver Deceased.
 Amy S. Tripp
 Susan E. Cornell
 Lydia Thompson
 Mary Eliza Andrews Deceased to the Methodist
 Margaret Andrews
 Jane Ellen Read
 Joined Church Meeting May 9th by vote
 * Ruth Taber Deceased December 2nd 1873
 * Stephen Tripp
 Joined May 10th
 Sophia R. Lawton Deceased to the Methodist 1875.
 Malinda B. Lawton

Mary L. Hedge
 Liza Hedge Deceased the Methodist in Canton
 Maria L. Andrews
 Joined May 24th
 John C. Smith
 Maria Smith
 Hannah Davis
 Caroline J. Read Deceased to the Methodist in No. Lighten.
 Joined June 21st
 Edward M. Read
 Alice June. Read
 Charles H. Allen
 Mary Lewis
 Mary E. Holmes Deceased August 26th 1863
 Martha Ann Snell
 Joined August 2nd
 Stephen M. Andrews
 Joined August 8th
 Mary S. Lawton
 Joined Sept 20th
 Deborah Allen
 Joined by vote November 12th 1864
 Sarah M. Little
 August 12th 1865 by vote
 Elder Albert D. Blanchard
 1867 August 11th
 Maria F. Edwards
 September 12th 1868.
 Robt. Ann. Lawton
 Sarah Read Whalon
 September 20th
 James R. Lawton

Members restored by vote January 29th 1863

- x Ruth Little
- x Abby Hordland
- x Patience Berkham
- x John Laiton
- x Weston Gifford
- x Mary Tripp
- x Judith Peppy Deceased January 30th 1874
- x Malina Laiton
- x George W. Hing Deceased Feb 1878.
- x Jonathan Pierce Dismissed by letter March 19th 1866
- x William H. Sabers
- x Ann Maria Sabers Dismissed by letter to unite with 4th Church Jan 14th 1873
- x Nancy Little
- x Levi Gifford Deceased September 27th 1863
- x Admiral Tripp Deceased 1876.
- x Caroline Brownell Deceased October 20th 1866
- x Sarah Ann Coggeshall
- x Sarah Coddin Gifford
- x William Pool Dismissed by letter Jan 2nd 1875 to unite in Pawtucket ^{R.I.}
- x Anna Hart
- x Abby Luce
- x Phoebe Abbott Deceased
- x Naomi Briggs

Joined October 11th 1868

Charles W. Mosher Deceased May 1876.

Phoebe Mosher

Melissa Ann Crow

Joined May 9th 1869

Charles F. Tripp

Nancy Brownell Tripp

Joined January 1872

Joseph, et. Briggs Deceased April 15th 1874

Joined November 1872

Oliver Tripp }
Peace C. Tripp } conformity.
Peace C. Tripp }
Flora W. Tripp }

Apr 10, 1875

Mrs Mary E Andrews Returned by letter by Experience & Request.

Jan 12 1875.

Jonathan Devoll " by experim and request.

July 10, 75.

Mrs Dora A Wood. by experience.

July 18 1875.

Edward E Jones, by experience.

Sept 9. 1876

Carrie J. Purce, by experience from the church in Westerly R.I.

See the New Book.

March/89c

Records of Business of the First Christian Church of Westport Mass

At a Meeting of Business of the first Christian Church of Westport held at their meeting house in said Town on the fourteenth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and thirty six

First Chose Howland Tripp Moderator

Second. Chose Ephraim Macomber Clerk

3rd Voted that Elder Howard Tripp preach to the Church one half of the time the year ensuing and to preside over the Church and have the watch and care of the Church as he has done.

4th Voted that the Church raise thirty dollars to pay Elder Tripp for his services the year ensuing one half to be paid in six months the other half at the end.

5th Voted that Benjamin Tripp, Howland Tripp and Gideon Tripp be a committee to Superintend the collecting and paying out all the money necessary to defray all the necessary expense of the Church and to Superintend all matters relative to the Church.

6th Voted to have Elder John Philips to supply the desk one half of the time in the absence of Elder Tripp also that the committee write to Elder Philips to inform him that it is the mind of the church that he should preach to them the one half of the time the year ensuing.

At a Meeting of Business of November twenty eighth One thousand eight hundred and forty

First Chose William Haber Moderator

To know the minds of the Meeting in regard to having preaching all the time or not

Second, Voted to have preaching every Sabbath.

3rd Voted to choose a committee to find a Minister.

Chose Brother Isaac Tripp, and Brother Elery Macomber for this committee.

4th Voted to choose a committee to furnish the house with wood and oil for the use of the Protracted meeting.

Chose Stephen Tripp and Isaac Gifford for this committee

1841 - At a meeting held January sixteenth one thousand eight hundred and forty one

First Chose Howland Tripp Moderator

2nd Chose Robert Landon clerk

3rd Voted to raise money by subscription to pay

Elder Smiths demand

4th Voted to have Elder Howard Tripp for the present year providing we can raise money enough to pay him his salary

At a Meeting of business held March fifth One thousand eight hundred and forty one for the purpose of choosing who they wish to have to preach to them the year ensuing

First, Chose Howland Tripp Moderator

2nd Read Brother Cushman's Letter

3rd Read Brother Smiths Letter

4th Voted to have Brother Smith to stay with us and labor ^{here} with us in the Gospel as long as he should think it best or as long as the Church should think it best or be satisfied with him, there is now an agreed on for the Church to pay him for his services, but it is expected that every one will do their part to help relieve him of his wants.

At a Meeting held August twentieth One thousand eight hundred and forty one

1st Chose William Baber Chairman

2nd Chose Robert Lawton Clerk of the church

3rd Voted that the Committee visit Howland Tripp and report at the next meeting

4th Chose Pardon Simmons in addition to the committee

5th Passed the following resolutions in regard to the ministry that the Church make choice of a minister and appoint a committee to see the minister and get his terms, and bring it before the Church and the church appoint a special meeting for the church and society to come together and to act in concert.

6th Resolved that we agree to meet when it is possible in our church meetings of business, and that all the business except receiving members be brought into a special meeting appointed for that purpose, and appointed from the Desk on Sabbath day

7th Voted that Harriet Brownell have her request granted

8th Called the Votes on the subject of William W. Smiths being accepted by the church as our preacher and decided in the affirmative or that he was accepted at a meeting held for that purpose as the record will show

9th Voted for him to remain untill we can be supplied with another.

At a Meeting of business held October twenty first one thousand eight hundred and forty one Chose William Baber Moderator.

2nd Voted that we volunteer our services to procure some stone steps for our meeting house

3rd Heard the report of the committee in regard to Howland Tripp and wife, and voted that we fellowship him as a Brother in Christ

At a Meeting held December twenty fifth One thousand eight hundred and forty one

1st Chose Pardon Simmons Moderator

2nd Voted that Howland Tripp stand as Deacon and serve the Church as he hath done heretofore

3rd Voted that Sister Elisabeth Tripp stand a member in the Church and the committee to visit her

4th Voted that Elery Mcacomber, Pardon Simmons and Stephen Tripp be a committee for one year.

5th Voted that Sisters Sarah Ann Thompson, Savannah Spotton, Fallee Brownell, and Almira Case be a committee for one year

May 17 1842

At a Meeting held May seventeenth one thousand eight hundred and forty two

To know the minds of the Church and Society in regard to having preaching this summer &c.

1st Chose Howland Tripp Chairman

2nd Heard the report of the committee to procure a minister

3rd Voted to accept of the labors of Elder Wesley Burnham as our minister for the term of six months

4th Voted that the following persons be a committee to procure subscribers for the support of the preacher

Wm. Baylor Gideon Gifford, G. W. Wing, Stephen Tripp, Benjamin Tripp and R. Lawton

5th Chose Elery Mcacomber to have the care of the Meeting house.

At a Meeting held July sixteenth one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

1st Chose Theodore Kellogg Chairman

2nd Chose Benjamin Tripp & William Taylor a committee to nominate a standing committee for the church
3rd Voted to take the names of the standing committee separately or chose one at a time

4th Voted that Elders Wiles, Burnham, Benjamin Tripp, William Taylor, Levi Macomber, Stephen Tripp, Robert Lawton and William Taber be this committee

5th Voted that a bare majority of this standing committee be a quorum to report said cases to the church for decision

6th Voted to have a Treasurer

7th Chose Robert Lawton Treasurer

8th Voted that the standing committee be a committee to audit the account of the Treasurer

9th Voted that the Treasurer make out a written account of all monies received and paid for the church

10th Voted that all bills for money against the church before payment is made by the Treasurer to be signed by the standing committee or by the Treasurer to pay the same. Resolved that members

of this church ought to act for or against any business brought before the church for discussion

11th Voted that members of this church act for or against all business brought before the church whether receiving members or any other business necessary to be done

Resolved that every member of this church are morally bound to do all they can according to the ability God hath given them for the support of the ministry whether male or female

12th Voted that we adopt the foregoing resolution
yea 21 Affirmative / Negative

13th Voted that we have a female committee for transaction of business in the church to act in-

concert with the male standing committee

14th Voted that this committee consist of three

15th Voted that the following sisters be a committee

Sarah Lawton, Mary Macomber and

Susannah Lawton

16th It shall be the duty of this female committee to visit any female members of this church who shall walk disorderly and try to reclaim them by all suitable means they may consult either the Pastor or the standing Male Committee &c.

X Resolved that the members of this church establish and sustain a Sabbath School in this place

see Sabbath school X

* Awa Meeting held March eighteenth one thousand eight hundred and forty one

1st Chose Howland Tripp Moderator

2nd Chose Robert Lawton Clerk

3rd Voted that the female members of this church shall have the privilege of acting in this and all other meetings of business for said church.

4th To choose a committee to furnish the house with wood and oil for the year ensuing Chose Isaac Gifford and Stephen Tripp 2nd for this committee

5th Voted that the church make choice of their minister for the ensuing year

6th Voted that Clergy Macomber and Isaac Tripp and Robert Lawton stand as a committee for one year from this date

* the above minutes not recorded in its proper place as it bears date March 18th 1841 and recorded after 1842 minutes as may be seen by dates

At a Meeting held March twenty fifth one thousand eight hundred and forty three 1843

- 1st Chose Levi Macomber Chairman
- 2nd Voted to see Elder Howard Tripp and see what his labours can be procured for as a preacher and to preport at the adjournment of this meeting
- 3rd Adjourned to Saturday Evening April eighth
- 4th Voted agreeable to adjournment and heard the report in regard to Elder Tripp &c
- 5th Voted to take the minds of the Church tomorrow after service in regard to having Elder Tripp as a preacher providing he leaves Dartmouth.
- 6th Read the following resolution presented by William Barlow. Resolved that we the male members of this Church meet at the time and place which shall be hereafter appointed for the organization of said Society and become members of the same and rejected said resolution by a large majority.

At a Meeting held June seventeenth One thousand eight hundred and forty three Chose George White and Robert Lawton a committee to procure a preacher for the Church.

- At a Meeting held November twenty fifth One thousand eight hundred and forty three
- 1st Chose Benjamin Tripp Moderator
 - 2nd Voted that the Committee visit Elder Tripp and see what his mind is in regard to his remaining our preacher
 - 3rd Chose the following persons a committee to transact business for the Church

Uriel Sisson, Elery Macomber and Isaac Snell for said Committee
4th Chose Mary Tripp & Nancy Sisson a female Committee

At a Meeting held July thirteenth one thousand eight hundred and forty four 1844

- 1st Chose S. W. Graffam Chairman
- 2nd Passed a resolution that a committee of five together with our Pastor be appointed to consult upon the best measures to be adopted and report at our next adjourned meeting
- 3rd Chose John Lawton, Isaac Snell Wm Taylor Benjamin Tripp & Robert Lawton this Committee
- 4th Adjourned to four weeks from this evening at eight o'clock.
- 5th Voted agreeable to adjournment Saturday evening August tenth.
- 6th Voted that the Ministering Brethren present have liberty to participate in the deliberations of this meeting
- 7th Voted to receive the report of the committee for discussion.
- 8th Voted to reject the report of the committee that a reorganization of the Church is wholly unnecessary.
- 9th near the close of this meeting Brother William Taylor expressed his wishes to withdraw from the Church and requested his name to be dropped from the record

4th Adjourned to meet again the fourth Saturday in August at two o'clock P.M. or two ~~o'clock~~ at two o'clock P.M.

Met agreeable to adjournment August twenty fourth and proceeded to business

1st Voted that the standing committee visit Bro William Taylor and inquire into the cause of his requesting his dismission and to get a statement of his grievances and report to the Church his case at a meeting where thought proper for said case to be brought forward for action thereupon.

2nd Voted that the Hymn Books of Millard & Badger that we now use be continued in our Religious Meetings of Worship

At a Meeting held Friday evening September twentieth one thousand eight hundred and forty four

Chose William Taber Chairman
2nd Voted that Brothers Coe and Kimball be received to participate in the doings of this meeting

3rd Voted that Brother William Taylor have liberty to speak in behalf of his case and spoke

4th Voted that we receive the following resolution presented by Elders L. H. Coe

Whereas some of us have followed false doctrines and doctrines which have proved to be false therefore Resolved that we hereby confess our mistake and acknowledge our regret that such should have been the case and thereby the feelings of some have been injured

5th Adjourned unto two weeks from to day at one o'clock P.M. October fourth

Met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to business after hearing the case of Brother Taylor and the Church in regard to his grievances and the cause of his requesting his dismission and Voted to disown him -

Disowned Brother William Taylor as a member of this Church on account of his being of a different sentiment in regard to Church discipline and other things held to by the Christian Connection as a people and not being united with the Church in union and action as a member of the same body but on the contrary has been the means of sowing discord and disunion.

At a Meeting held Saturday February twenty first one thousand eight hundred and forty six

1st Chose William Taber Moderator

2nd Voted to choose a committee of six

3rd Chose the following Brethren for this committee Benjamin Tripp William Taber Pasdon Simmons. Stephen Tripp Elery Macomber and John Tripp.

4th Chose Sister Fella Brownell and Mary Tripp a female committee

5th Adjourned to our next monthly meeting And the time for doing business to be after our monthly meetings at the close of the same

The Monthly Meeting day being stormy the following Sabbath after services called the minds of the Church and Voted to recommend Brother Richard B. Eldridge to the Society as a candidate to become our Pastor

May 9th After Monthly meeting Proceeded to business and heard the report of the committee that visited Brother George W. Macomber and voted that Br Eldridge visit him previous to our next Monthly meeting and action postponed ^{at them} untill

2nd Heard report of committee that visited Brothers Russell Sawton and concluded for the com. to visit him again as they received no satisfactory answer from him
3rd Called in question as whether we should purchase more of the kind of ^{Hyman} Books we now use or substitute the Christian Psalmist put it over to our next meeting

4th Voted to disown Brother Samuel Perry and Sister Free Love Perry from this Church for long + absenting from public worship and other unchristian conduct and example

After Church Meeting June thirteenth Voted to put off Br Russell Sawton's case untill next month and the committee to visit him

2nd Voted to postpone Br G. W. Macomber's case untill next month and the committee to visit the other Brethren and request them to be present at the next meeting so as to have the affairs fully understood in the case and fully adjusted.

3rd Voted to give Brother Abner G. Devol a letter of recommendation to improve his gifts in public

1848 Feb 12th After Church Meeting proceeded to business 1st Heard the report of the committee that visited Br Russell Sawton and voted to excommunicate him from the Church

2nd Heard the report of the committee that visited Br G. W. Macomber and voted to excommunicate him from the Church

3rd Voted to choose a committee of five

4th Chose Brethren Benjamin Tripp Stephen Tripp Elery Macomber Benjamin Little and Robert Sawton for this committee

5th Chose Sisters Fella Brownell Sarah Luns-ton and Sarah Ann Thompson a female committee

6th A Meeting of business of the First Christian Church in Westport held March thirteenth one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

1st Chose Benjamin Tripp Moderator

2nd Voted that we recommend to the Society meeting Brother James F. Pierce as a candidate for our Preachers the ensuing year. 3rd Chose William Baker a delegate to the society meeting to report the doings of this meeting

August 12th Voted to give our Preacher James F. Pierce a letter of recommendation to the B. P. and Mass. Christian Conference Brother Pierce laboured with the Church six months to acceptance

1849 Jan 13th After Church meeting proceeded to business 1st Heard the report of the committee in regard to Br Isaac Gifford and Voted to disown him for unchristian conduct

2nd B^r Leander Gifford's case and voted for the committee to visit him before our next Church meeting. 3rd Voted to disown Sister Tripp for ^{disorderly} walking. 4th Voted for the committee to visit B^r Jonathan Pierce again.

At a meeting of business held Saturday February seventeenth one thousand eight hundred and forty nine Chose B^r Nathaniel Potter Chairman

2nd Heard the report of committee that visited B^r George B. White and voted to disown him as a member for not being in union and fellowship with the Church as a body. 3rd Heard the report of committee that visited B^r Leander Gifford and voted to disown him as a member for unchristian conduct and example and unwilling to reform.

4th Heard the report of committee that visited B^r Paydon Simmons and accepted the report.

5th Voted to hear the report of committee on B^r Jonathan Pierce's case and heard the report, he being present spoke and confessed he had been out of the way and was sorry for the same. 6th Voted to receive his confession and acknowledgement of his past offences.

At a meeting of business held on Monday evening December thirty first one thousand eight hundred and forty nine Chose B^r Nathaniel Potter Chairman

2nd Voted that it is necessary to have a committee to attend to the affairs of the church and voted to choose a committee of four. 3rd Chose Brethren Stephen Tripp Benjamin Tripp Elery Macomber and John Tripp for this committee, this committee chosen for one year. 4th Chose Mary Tripp and Hedding Lawton a female committee.

Saturday January 12th 1850 At the commencement of the monthly Church meeting attended to some business 1st Heard the acknowledgement of Sister Maria Pool and voted to receive her acknowledgement. 2nd Heard the report of the committee that visited B^r Paydon Simmons and voted to dismiss him from the church.

At the monthly Church meeting Feb 9th 1850 Received Sally Pierce wife of B^r Jonathan Pierce by letter of which the following is a copy. At a Church meeting held at the south Christian Church Freetown on Saturday 11th of March 1843. By request of sister Sally Pierce desiring a letter to join the first Christian Church in Westport, We therefore commend her to you as a sister in good standing with us as to any thing that has ever come to our knowledge and as such we commend her to you in the name of Jesus.

Freetown March
11th 1843

Elder B. Collins
in behalf of the Church

At the Monthly Church Meeting March 9th Dismissed Sister Nancy Chace by letter to unite with the fourth Church of this town. Elder John B. Harris commenced his labors with the Church March 31st 1850. Monthly meeting May 31st Sister Harriet Puffer related her experience and was received as an experienced believer. Voted to procure the Christian Psalmist as a hymn book to supply the deficiency of those that need as those now in use will not

to be obtained from the publishers.
October 12th after Church meeting proceeded
to business 1st chose Robert Sawton chairman
2nd voted to bring the case of Br John Borden
before the meeting, 3rd heard the remarks
of the Committee that visited him at sev-
eral times and labored with him con-
sidering further labor useless 4th voted
to disown him for Intemperance 5th voted
to choose other visitors in addition to the
female Committee and chose Sarah Ann
Thompson Rhoe Tripp and Sarah Law-
ton 6th Adjourned untill our next mon-
thly meeting, November 9th after month-
ly meeting Elder Parrie read a letter
from Sister Maria Anthony requesting
her dismission and voted to give her a
letter, 2nd heard the remarks of Elder
Parrie on the case of Br William Taber
he being present and Sister Taber both
expressed their minds. Br William Taber
withdrew from the Church Sister Ruth
Taber withdrew from the Church Br Elery
Taber withdrew from the Church
1857 Jan 11th At the monthly church meet-
ing voted to give Sister Elizabeth Betty a
letter of of dismission to write with the
fourth Christian Church.
Monthly meeting February 8th At the close
heard the report of the Committee that
visited sister Susan Tripp voted to visit
her again, Voted that give recommend
Elder P. B. Parrie to the society meeting

for our Pastor for the ensuing year chose
Benjamin Tripp messenger to the society meeting
Monthly meeting June 14th Received a letter
from Elder James Taylor Pastor of the Middle-
street Christian Church New Bedford informing
us that Sister Phoebe P. Chase now residing
in that City has become a member of said
Church and requests by this letter her dismission
Voted to give her her dismission agreeable to
request. 2nd Request being made for a letter
of dismission to Sister Hannah M. Wainley also
of New Bedford, Voted to give her a letter of
dismission and recommendation.
3rd Voted that our Pastor Elder S. B. Parrie
assist in the business affairs and transac-
tions of the Church as the duty of Pastor and
the faithful discharge of his office may require

Monthly meeting July 12th Heard the report
of the Committee that visited sister Susan
Tripp wife of Admiral Tripp Voted to
excommunicate her from the Church.

Monthly meeting August 9th Heard the report
of the Committee that visited Br Elery Taber
and voted to visit him again the present mo-
nth. 2nd voted that Br Wm. Taber and Sister
Ruth Taber have their dismission and a
letter agreeable to their request

Monthly meeting Oct 11th Heard the report
of the Comm. that visited Br Elery Taber
voted to continue to labor to reclaim him.

Monthly meeting Nov 8th
Voted to excommunicate Br Clery Taber for
Intemperance, 2nd chose a special committee
consisting of Elder, S. B. Parris and Br Clery
Macomber

Monthly meeting Dec 13th
Heard the report of the committee in relation
to Br John Tripp's case voted to accept
the report and to visit him again.

Monthly meeting February 14th 1852
Heard and accepted the report of the com.
that visited Br S. Tripp and voted to vis-
it him again with Br B. Tripp in addition
to the former com. 2nd Heard the report of
the com. that visited Sister Pool and voted
to visit her again the present month
3rd Voted that we procure the labors
of a minister for the ensuing year chose
Br Clery Macomber Messenger to the Society
meeting, Elder Parris closed closed his
labors with the Church March 21st the
third Sabbath

At the Church meeting June 12th Voted that
we receive the labors of Br George W. Dyer
as our Preacher.

Church meeting September 11th Heard the
report of the committee that visited sister
Pool and Voted to excommunicate her
from the Church for disorderly conduct

Monthly Church meeting May 13th 1853
Voted to repair our house of Worship and
started a Subscription paper for that purpose

October 20th 1855 Met in a business
meeting, 1st chose Brother John Gammons
Clerk for this day only.
2nd chose Elder M. C. Gammons Moderator
3rd Voted that Brother Jonathan Devol
should act with us in the business of the meeting
4th Voted that the delinquent members of
the Church should be visited by a letter
and to report themselves to the Church by
the Church meeting in December if not
we disown them

Church Meeting Saturday Dec 8th
Heard the reports of the following Sisters
Rhoda White, Dighton Corill, Nancy
Devol, Edith Gifford and Malinda Law-
ton and voted they stand as members.
Also the report and request of Br Isaac
Tripp and sister Matilda Gifford
for their names to be dropped from the
Church records and complied with
their request.

Church meeting Feb 9th 1856 Received
Br Jonathan Devol and Sister Julia
San Devol members
Voted that Sister Ann Eliza Dayton be
dismissed from the Church agreeable to
her request.

Church Meeting May 10th Voted that we receive Sister Eliza A. Cornell and Br John Sampson to become church members by their receiving the right hand of fellowship also Voted that we receive Br John G. Gammons be our preacher for the year ensuing

Church meeting August 9th Voted that we choose a Committee of three to superintend the repairs on the Meeting house 2nd chose Br Wm Pool, Jonathan Devol and Robert Lawton

Church Meeting Sept 6th Voted that we request of the R. S. and Mass Christian Conference to ordain Brother John G. Gammons to the work of the Ministry so as to administer the ordinances of the Gospel to the church, 2nd Voted that we give Br Robert Lawton a certificate to become a member of the R. S. & Mass. C. Conference as an unordained preacher and that the Church deem him eligible to the ministry.

Church Meeting Nov 8th Chose a Committee of four to transact business for the Church Male Committee Brs William Pool and Robert Lawton Female Committee sisters Mary Tripp and Eliza A. Cornell

Church Meeting February 14th 1857 Voted that we have preaching the ensuing year and chose Br Wm. Pool and Jonathan Devol a Committee to circulate subscription papers for the support of the Preacher.

Church Meeting May 9th voted that Brothers Wm. Pool and Jonathan Devol act as Collectors and Treasurers to receive ~~money~~ the money and pay it out for Preaching

1858 October 9th at the Church meeting chose Preserved Tripp Deacon

November 13th At the Church meeting chose the following persons a Committee for one year Robert Lawton, Elery Macomber Mary Tripp and Eliza A. Cornell

1859 February 12th At the Church meeting Voted to give letters of dismission to Eliza Gifford, Clarissa Ayers and Emily Corill by their requests

March 13th Voted that we have our present Pastor for the ensuing year

July 9th At the Church meeting chose Eliza A. Cornell, Fallee Brownell and Sarah Lawton a committee for one year to visit the delinquent members and to report at the next Church meeting

Church Meeting August 13th Chose Robert
Lawton and Preserved Tripp delegate
to the R. S. & Mass. Christian Conference
to represent the Church in its annual session
by letter &c Church Meeting Nov 1859 Voted to
visit delinquent members by letter and request them
to attend a business meeting of the Church to be held
Dec 24th 1859. Met agreeable to appointment and
passed the following resolutions relating to uninterested
members &c Resolved as a Church feeling that lifeless members
is no use but an encumbrance, Resolve that we will
send letters to all delinquent members that all who
do not report themselves unless they have some rea-
sonable excuse shall consider themselves excommunicated
by not reporting themselves by our next Church
meeting. Resolve second that to all such that we are
to desire it we will extend our hand and heart at
any time. Resolve 3rd that our platform upon which
we stand is so large and wide that we extend our hand
of fellowship to all that love our Lord and live the life
of Christ on earth. Received a request from
Prudence S. Simmons for dismission to visit and
report at the next Church meeting. At a meeting held Jan
21st 1860 Voted that Prudence S. Simmons remain a mem-
ber Church Meeting March 10th Voted that Br
Gammons labor with us as Pastor. 2nd Voted that Pre-
served Tripp be our Messenger to the Society meeting
Church meeting June 8th 1861 Received Elder John
G. Gammons and his wife Hannah M. Gammons
members of this Church by vote
Church Meeting October 12th Received Sarah Ann
Thompson a member by vote

Sunday December 15th Received Emily Tripp a
member by the right hand of fellowship.
Church meeting Dec 14th Br Elder M. A. Mearns Requested
his name dropped from the record. Church mee-
ting Jan 11th 1862 Voted that Br Elder Mearns name
be dropped agreeable to his request.
At a meeting of business March 24th 1862 Chose John
G. Gammons Chairman. 2nd Voted for Pastor
and chose Elder John G. Gammons. 3rd Chose Br
Leonard M. Brown a committee of messengers to report
to the society meeting. August 31st Chose Elder
Gideon W. Tripp and Robert Lawton delegates
to the R. S. & Mass. Conference Sept 7th Voted
that this Church unite with the R. S. & Mass. C.
Conference and was received at the Annual session
At a meeting of business held Jan 24th 1863 Chose
G. W. Tripp Chairman 2nd Voted to reconsider
the votes passed Oct 20th 1855 and Dec 24th 1859
dismissing members by sending them letters as
unscriptural &c. 3rd Chose Elder Gideon W. Tripp
a visiting committee &c. At a Church meeting held
March 21st 1863 Voted that Elder Gideon W. Tripp
be our Pastor for the ensuing year 2nd Chose Wm
Taber Messenger to the society meeting and report
our doings. At a Church meeting of business held
April 2nd 1863 Heard the report of the committee that
visited Br Leonard M. Brown as a disorderly member
and voted to drop his name agreeable to his request.
2nd Voted that William Tabers name be entered upon
the record of the Church dated Church meeting April
12th 1862. 3rd Heard the report of the committee that
visited Sister Hannah Sampson a disorderly member
and voted to disown her as a disorderly member

Fourth Voted that the Church have seen the wrong and are willing to acknowledge the wrong of disowning members by sending them letters and to choose a Committee to acknowledge the wrong to those that have dissatisfied. Chose Br. Jonathan Devol this Committee and to ask their forgiveness and encourage them to unite with their Brethren & Sisters in laboring in the cause of Christ for the salvation of those around us.

Monthly Church Meeting April 11th Chose a standing Committee for one year to transact business for the Church of the following persons Br. John Lawton Br. Jonathan Devol and Sisters Sarah Ann Thompson and Eliza Cornell.

Church Meeting June 13th Voted to receive Br. Stephen Andrews a member by receiving the right hand of fellowship.

Church meeting August 8th Chose Robert Lawton and Joseph A. Weaver Delegates to the N. E. and Mass. Christian Conference. 2nd Voted that our Pastor Elder G. W. Tripp be furnished with a letter to the Conference. 3rd Voted that Br. Jonathan Pierce has a letter of dismission when he unites with the North Westport Christian Church and gives notice of the same to the Clerk Church Meeting Oct. 14th Heard the request of Br. John Sampson for his name to be dropped through the Committee Voted to visit him and report at the next Church meeting. 2nd Voted that we choose a deacon at our next Church meeting. 3rd Voted that the Pastor appoint some one to officiate at the Communion 4th Voted that Sister Sarah Ann Thompson prepare the bread and wine for the Communion

Church Meeting December unpleasant but few attended Voted to postpone the choice of a Deacon, had another appointment and likewise unpleasant and small attendance voted to postpone the choice January Church meeting 1864 unpleasant and postponed also. Church Meeting Feb 13th 1st Voted that we choose a Deacon by ballot and decided in the negative. 2nd Chose Br. John Lawton by unanimous rising vote We declining serving. 3rd Voted to adjourn the choice untill the March Church Meeting. Saturday evening February 27th Most agreeable to appointment Chose Preserved Tripp Moderator. 2nd Voted to ballot for a candidate for a Preacher. 3rd Made choice of Elder Gideon W. Tripp.

4th Voted that we choose one for a Committee to report to the society meeting. 5th Chose John Lawton this committee 6th Voted to adjourn without date

Church Meeting March 12th Voted to excuse Br. John Lawton from serving as Deacon 2nd Voted to postpone the choice untill some future time

March 19th Br. Jonathan Pierce applied for his letter of dismission and received it agreeable to the vote passed August 8th in the Church meeting Church meeting May 14th Voted to accept the doings of the society in regard to a change in the ministry as per report. Westport April 9th 1864

This is to certify that Jonathan Devol was chosen a committee by the First Christian society to report to the Church the doings of said Society in regard to giving the minister three months notice &c. Preserved Tripp Clerk said Society

A Copy of Said doings

Voted To give the minister notice three months before his time is out whether we want him longer or not. Voted to choose a committee of two to attend to this business. Daniel H. Wait and Matthias C. Gammons junr were chosen that committee on the part of the society and also in case the Church and Society wish to have a change in a minister to get some one or more ministers to come and preach a few times so we can tell how we like them

Preserved Tripp Clerk

1876 April 8th Voted to choose an assistant clerk
2nd chose Preserved Tripp assistant clerk.

(But he knew more any thing about it officially, and then not for some time afterwards. C. A. D. says)
No Business recorded from this date until March 2, 1878. for which please

See the New Book.


Preserved

The charge made ^{main} against the members is a fellow,
to H. Meyer & Son, No 2, North av. No 3. Impey and Co
No 4 do. No 6 B. for Ven fellowship — & dancing.