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MEIGS COUNTY, OHIO (FORMERLY GALLIA)

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IN

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INTRODUCTION

The following records were copies from the original Monthly Meeting Minutes of the Church of Christ (also known as the Freewill Baptist Church).

The church was organized in 1810 in Salisbury, Township, Gallia County, Ohio, however, in 1819 Meigs County was formed from Athens and Gallia counties and the church was then in the part which became Rutland Township, Meigs County.

Names of many early settlers are given in the Minutes along with Church membership lists. It was a struggle keeping the group together, finding ministers, giving the hand of fellowship to the good and weeding out the sinners. They met in the homes of members and in school houses, until finally they were able to build a church.

We wish to thank Mr. Chester R. Stansbury, of Cincinnati, Ohio for the loan of the church books. The first book was begun in 1810, the second in 1883, when Mr. Stansbury's father became the church clerk. The books were found in the old Stansbury farmhouse near Rutland in Meigs County, where the pioneers of this family had settled. Mr. Stansbury gave permission to Virginia Cummins and Grace Dallow to copy and type the records.

Geneva Hartmann

Chairman

Genealogical Research

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Record of the Proceedings of the Church of Christ on Leading Creek in Salisbury Township, Gallia County at their respective monthly meetings which said Church was regularly constituted in the Visible Order on the gospel plan, and in the name of Christ, by and taken under the Pastoral charge and watchcare of, Elders Eli Stedman and James J. Greene on the 10th day of February AD. 1810.

Names of Members in fellowship belonging to the fellowship Church of Christ in Salisbury on Leading Creek.

Brothers

Asa Stearns Deacon
 Luke Bryan
 Rowland Hubbill
 Benjamin Williams
 James Brown
 George Green removed
 Thomas Green removed
 William Parker
 Samuel Hall removed
 Amos Case
 Elisha Alderman F.C. Church
 Job Phillips F.C. Church
 Isaac Johnston
 Alexander Stedman - F Church
 Elisha Rathburn rejected
 John Brown F. Church
 Alijah Hubbill Jr.
 Henry Hubbill -excommunicated
 Joll Higley Jr. watch care
 Abram Aleshire - watch care
 James Forrest
 L. Horisinton - constituted
 Joseph Carfebter - removed
 Z. Hoisinton F.C. Church
 Samuel Danforth
 Anson Gatin
 John Irvin rejected
 Hamilton Karr
 Elam Higley
 Augmer Miles
 Luther Cotton - rejected
 William Green rejected
 Thomas Everton - watch care
 Ebenezer Everton
 George Putnam
 James Merrill
 Alijah Hubbill - watch care

Sisters

Saphia Stearns removed
 Elizabeth Bryan
 Susanna Larkin
 Emelina Larkin
 Electa Williams
 Elizabeth Parker
 Sally Benneduk
 Abigail Notills
 Messy Bullock removed
 Zilphia Hubbill
 Polly Browne
 Martha Green removed
 Abigail Green removed
 Nancy Quimley
 Mary Phillips
 Thankful Alderman
 Nancy Phelps
 Polly Stedman
 Lucretia Hubbill
 Lura Higley - watch care
 Sally Higley - watch care
 Cynthia Higley - watch care
 Lucy Kingsbury removed
 Mary Forrest
 Peggy Brown
 Anna Hoisinton -where constituted
 Anna Linscott in the Federal
 Mary McAnne Creek Church
 Sally Carpenter - removed
 Emilia Irvin
 Releaf Everton removed
 Polly Hubbill
 Polly Johnston
 Catherin Johnston - removed
 Dorothy Tar - removed
 Polly Shepherd - rejected
 Julia Larkin
 Sally Stedman
 Cynthia Bryan
 Betsy Hall
 Lucretia Holt
 Sally Reed - rejected.
 Clarissa Benedict - watch care
 Betsy Hubbill - watch care

FEBRUARY 15th, 1810

The Brothers and Sisters belonging to the Body of Christ residing on Leading Creek in Salisbury Township, convened this day at the House of Brother Asa Stearns for the purpose of uniting into Visible Church Order, and after hearing a discourse delivered by Elder Stedman suited to the occasion proceeded to business when the following Brother and Sisters came forward (having previously given satisfactory evidence of the new wrought in them, and having received the Ordinance of Baptism) to with Brothers Asa Stearns, Luke Bryan and Rowland Hubbill, Sisters Sophia Stearns, Elizabeth Bryan, Susanna Larkin, Emaline Larkin and having joined hand were solemnly constituted into Church Order agreeably to the Scripture. Example, by Elder Eli Stedman - After reading a certain portion of the 18th Chapter of Mathew for the instruction of the newly received Brothers concluded meeting by singing and prayer. Agreed by this Church to meet in Church meeting on the 2nd Saturday in each month.

Our next church meeting to be held at Brother Stearns on second Saturday in March.

Meeting adjourned.

Ja. J. Greene, Clk.

MARCH, SECOND SATURDAY

Met in Church meeting according to adjournment. Opened meeting by singing and prayer and the presence of the Lord appeared to be manifest in official manner, filling our hearts with love and joy.

Heard from each of the Brothers and Sisters present and are happy to find union and love among us and a devotion to the cause of our dear Lord. Sister Ziephlia Hubbill related what the Lord had done for her soul and was received into fellowship as a candidate for Baptism. Our next church meeting at the School House - Adjournment.

Ja. J. Greene - Clk.

APRIL, SECOND SATURDAY

Discourse delivered by James J. Greene, Clerk, Sisters Sally Benedick and Abigail Nohles related what the Lord had done for their souls and were received into fellowship, whereupon at their request we proceeded to the water and they each received the Ordinance of Baptism. Brothers Benjamin Williams, Joel Higley Jr., Sisters Elizabeth Parker, Sally Benedick, Abigail Nohles, Electa Williams and Massy Bullock received into the church.

MAY, SECOND SATURDAY

Brother William Parker was nominated clerk.

JUNE, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at house of Brother Asa Stearns.

William Parker, Clk.

JULY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Brother Asa Stearns. Brother Elisha Rathburn and Sisters Polly Stedman and Nancy Phelps came forward and joined the church.

William Parker, Clk.

AUGUST, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedman's. Brother Thomas Green and Sister Cynthia Higley and Polly Ford joined church.

Moved by James J. Greene on behalf of Brothers Thomas Green and George Green and Sisters Abigail Green and Martha Green, members of this church who are about to remove to the Miami County that each of them have a letter of recommendation granted to them.

SEPTEMBER, THIRD SATURDAY

Met at Brother Stedman's. Sister Lucy Kingsbury received into church.

OCTOBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Brother Stedmans.

NOVEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Brother Stedman's. Received letter from Rev. M. Robbins desiring this church to unite in holding the 29th as a day of Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Brother Stedman's.

JANUARY, SECOND SATURDAY 1811

Met at Brother Stedman's.

JANUARY 19th

Met in special church meeting at house of Elder Stedman.

Received James Forrest and Mary Forrest as candidates for Baptism.

FEBRUARY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedman's. The Brethren appear to be under trials and temptations but striving for Liberty, some related backsliding and expressed the goodness of God to their souls. Voted to have a standing Committee of Brethren to Labour with offenders and backsliders. - appointed Joel Higley, Asa Stearns, Benjamin Williams, Elisha Washburn, Alijah Hubbill and William Parker to make report at the next church meeting.

MARCH, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Mr. Benedicts.

MARCH 4th SATURDAY

Special meeting, but no meeting held on account of stormy weather and high waters.

APRIL, SECOND SATURDAY

To faded to read.

MAY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedman's. Heard from our brothers at Federal Creek who are increasing in numbers and have sent a reference that they may be constituted into a church. Noted that their request be granted, likewise a request from Brother Alexander Stedman that he be constituted with them. Granted. The Case of Henry Hubbill brought up and noted the church withdrawn the hand of fellowship from him, inquired into the state of the brothers minds and found them mostly under clouds but striving for Liberty.

JUNE, FIRST SATURDAY

Meeting held at house lately occupied by Mr. Richardson. Met in Special Meeting by reason of other appointments. Opened meeting by singing and prayer and continued exhortations - by Elder Stedman that it be made a rule in church meeting for each member to relate the travel and state their minds. Brother Asa Stearns to continue as Deacon.

JULY 16th.

Met at Brother Williams. Voted that Brother William Parker serve in office as Deacon. Voted that Brother Elisha Wrathburn also serve as Deacon.

SEPTEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at house of Elder Stedman. Next quarterly meeting held at Federal church appointed Elisha Wrathburn, Asa Stearns and Wm. Parker to transact any business, respecting this church.

OCTOBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Brother Stearns. Heard the _____ of Samuel Danford and Joseph Carpenter. Approved and received them into fellowship. Sister Massy Bullock applied for a letter of dismissal, that she may join the Kyger Church was granted.

NOVEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Wm. Parker's. Inquired into the minds of the brethren, found them mostly in darkness but renewed their resolutions to serve the Lord.

DECEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedmans.

JANUARY, SECOND SATURDAY 1812 .

Met at Brother Stearns.

FEBRUARY, THIRD SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedmans. Had a happy meeting the power of the Lord was manifest among us in such a manner that Saints rejoiced and sinners tremble, two came forward and declared that the Lord had lately spoke peace to their souls and brought from natures darkness into the liberty of his children and then turned to their old comrades and exorted them to flee from the wrath to come which caused many to weep on account of their sins.

MARCH, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Mr. Larkins. Sister Larkin made a public dedication of her children to the Lord. Heard experience of Releof Everton and Polly Hubbill and received them as Gospel experiences.

APRIL, SECOND SATURDAY.

Met at Elder Stedmans. Heard the experiences of Brother Ausmon Miles, Sisters Polly Shepherd, Julia Larkin, Sally Stedman and Cynthia Bryan. Adjourned our meeting until evening at candle light. Approved their experience and received them as Candidate for Baptism likewise heard the experience of Brother George Putnam and approved him as a Candidate for Baptism. Concluded meeting by prayer and thanksgiving after which the children had a shouting time. Shouting Hosannas to the Son: of David.

MAY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at the School House. Found most of the brethren under darkness and trials. Received Alijah Hubbil. Sign and Betsy Hubbill under the watch care of the church. Appointed Brothers Benjamin Williams, Asa Stearns, Thomas Everton, James Brown to make arrangements for Sabbath meetings and appoint them.

JUNE, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at the School House

JUNE 23rd

Special meeting at School House for the purpose of examining and settling the case of Brother John Brown which was two accusations for telling falsehoods. After examining the evidence fully found the charges submitted the other (as brought by a previous committee) a design to deceive after some labour with him which appeared to no purpose was excommunicated with the condition if it any time he showed his error and return making the Church satisfaction be would again be received in fellowship or if at any time the Church be convinced that his accusation was not just would again receive him into fellowship.

JULY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedmans. Brother James Forrest came forward and requested that the church inquire into certain reports in circulation that were injurious to his character, accordingly the church appointed that the Committee of Labour inquire and make report to the next church meeting.

AUGUST, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at the School House. Committee of Labour found no grounds for such reports as claimed by Brother James Forrest. Sister Peggy Brown requested letter of dismissal from this church in order to join herself to some other. Request granted. Read a Proclamation of the President of the United States recommending the third thursday of this present month be set apart as a day of humiliation and prayer on account of the present state of hostilities between us and Great Britain.

SEPTEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedmans. Brother Thomas Everton came forward and wished to become a member with us and was received by the right hand of fellowship.

OCTOBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedmans. Had a dull meeting, no business done.

NOVEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedmans. Found Brethren in very low state of mind and many bordering on despair by reason of the low state of religion among us. Heard the experiences of Ebenezer Everton can received him as a candidate for Baptism which a letter revived us hoping the Lord had not quite forsaken us.

NOVEMBER 4th

Special meeting at School House in Rutland. Heard a discourse from Elder Stedman on Samson Riddle which animated the minds of many of the Brethren. Reviewed our covenant of watch care under each other.

DECEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at the School House. Appoint Brother Thomas Everton to be added to the Committee of Labour. The church ordered the Clerk to notify by letter all brethren who have been absent 3 months from church meeting to attend next church meeting to be held at School House.

JANUARY, SECOND SATURDAY AD 1813

No meeting

FEBRUARY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at our usual place in Rutland.

MARCH, SECOND SATURDAY Met at School House

APRIL, SECOND SATURDAY - Met at School House

MAY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Brother. Danforths. Agreed to take up a labour with Brother Wm. Green and Luther Cotton for absenting themselves from church meeting. James Brown and Wm. Parker to make report.

JUNE, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at School House in Rutland. Received Clarissa Benedict under watch care of this church - James Nevil related what the Lord had done for his soul and was received as a Candidate for Baptism. A request that Brother George Putnam be transferred from the Kyger Church Book.

JULY, SECOND SATURDAY - No church meeting

AUGUST, SECOND SATURDAY

Heard some declare the goodness of God, while other mourned for their backsliding and stupidity, took up the case of Brothers Wm. Green and Cotton and voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brs. Green for not complying with the rules of the church.

SEPTEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY - Singing and prayer.

OCTOBER, SECOND SATURDAY - No meeting

NOVEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Few brethren met and those few left to mourn the low state of religion among us. Appointed special church meeting next Saturday at Bro. Danforths.

November 20th SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Danforths. Asa Stearn opened meeting.

DECEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Danforths. Inquired into the brethrens minds and found them deeply engaged for the Liberty they once enjoyed and their hearts enlarged with gratitude to God for his manifold mercies.

JANUARY, SECOND SATURDAY 1814

Met at Bro. Danforths. Found many returning from a backsliding state while others complained of great darkness. Elder Aron Holt offered himself as a private member and went to next church meeting.

FEBRUARY, SECOND SATURDAY - Met at Bro. Danforths.

MARCH, SECOND SATURDAY - Met at Bro. James Forrests. Had a happy meeting.

APRIL, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Forrests. Brethren mostly in dark state of mind.

A dull meeting, no business.

MAY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Brines School House. A happy meeting.

JUNE, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Williams. Few members present.

JULY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Danforths. Had a special time of rejoicing.

AUGUST, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Evertons. Nothing special took place.

SEPTEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at School House. Few present. Vote to withdraw the hands of fellowship from Luther Cotton.

SEPTEMBER 15th

Appointed Brothers James Merritt, Luke Brine, Elisha Rathburn and Wm. Parker as a Committee to visit certain brethren who have absented themselves from meetings for some time.

OCTOBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Brother Danforths. Few members met.

NOVEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY - No business done

DECEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Brethren generally in low state of mind. Received Brother Benjamin Davis by letter from Sunday Creek Church. Appointed Bro. Hambleton Kar, Isaac Johnston, & Benjamin Davis with the Deacons of this church to meet in Conference at Federal Creek with members from the other churches in this Connection to settle a case appeal from Warren Church.

JANUARY, SECOND SATURDAY 1815

Met at Bro. Davis's. Voted that Bro. James Brown be added to Committee of Labours. Heard a letter read from Bro. Hosmer Miles at Athens informing of an awakening at that place which causing us to rejoice that the Lord was yet pouring out his spirit and awakening sinners.

FEBRUARY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Davis's Brother James Brown requested to be dismissed from Committee of Labour - granted.

MARCH, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Davis's. Appointed Brothers James Merril and Luke Brine to sit in council at next quarterly meeting. Withdrew hands of fellowship from John Irvin for immoral conduct after repeated endeavours to reclaim him.

APRIL 6th, THURSDAY

Met at the School House near Brother Brines.

MAY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Bro. Davis's. Agreed to take up Labour with some members who have walked disorderly.

JUNE, SECOND SATURDAY

No meeting - omitted meeting to attend Sister Massy Bullocks funeral.

JUNE 17th, SATURDAY

Special Meeting. Brothers Hamilton Karr, James Merrill, Luke Brine and Isaac Johnston to sit in Council at quarterly conference to be holden in the bounds of the Church on Margarets Creek on Saturday the 21st.

JULY, SECOND SATURDAY - Few members attended.

AUGUST, SECOND SATURDAY - Nothing special, we adjourned.

SEPTEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY

Met in special church meeting. Some who had long been wandering from the path of duty were restored.

OCTOBER, SECOND SATURDAY - But few members met.

NOVEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY - Good meeting but few Brethren

DECEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY - Nothing special.

JANUARY, SECOND SATURDAY 1816

Few attended, no business done.

FEBRUARY, SECOND SATURDAY - No meeting

MARCH, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Elder Stedmans. The case of Elisha Rothburn, Sally Vining and Polly Shepherd was considered and voted that if nothing appeared favorable on their part before the next church meeting that the church would withdraw from them the hands of fellowship.

APRIL, SECOND SATURDAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Hubbill and Cynthia Rothburn came forward as Candidates for Baptisms and were received. Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Elisha Rathburn for disorderly walk, from Sally Vining for falsehood, from Polly Shepherd for fraud and disorderly conduct.

MAY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at School House. Charlotte Hubbill and Clemency Willys were received as members.

NAMES OF THE MEMBERS IN STANDING IN THE CHURCH - MAY 1816

Luke Brien

Rowland Hubbill - rejected

Benjamin Williams

James Z. Brown - withdrawn

Wm. Parker, Jr. withdrawn

Isaac Johnson

Alijah Hubbill Jr., withdrawn

James Forrest

Samuel Danforth rejected

Annon Gustin

Hamilton Kerr rejected

Elam Higley rejected

Osmar H. Miles

Thomas Everton - dismissed

Ebenezer Everton - dismissed

James Merrill

Joel Higley Jr. watch care

Alijah Hubbill SR. watch care

Gersham Seely

Samuel Page

George Davis

Elizabeth Brien

Susanna Larkin

Emelina Larkin

Electa Williams

Elizabeth Parker

Sally Benedict removed

Abigail Mathews

Ziepha Von Sickle

Polly Brown

Nancy Quimley

Nancy Bing

Polly Stedman dead

Lucretia Hubbill

Cynthia Higley

Mazy Forest

Peggy Brown

Permillia Irvin

Polly Hubbill

Polly Johnson

Julia Larkin

Sally Stedman

Seth Pain

Samuel Lyon

Armstrong Winn

Charles Nohles

Hubbell Benedict

Joseph Sylvester

Jonathan Brine rejected

John Benedict withdraw

Jeremiah Carpenter

Cynthia Brien

Betsy Holt

Lucretia Gastin

Cynthia Rathburn

Elisabeth Hubbill

Charlotte Hubbill rejected

Clemency Willys

Clarissa Benedict watch care

Cloe Miles watch care

Elias Gripey King

Wm. McKee

Deborah Pane - dead

Jane Everton

Abigail Taylor

Polly Everton

Nancy Everton

Rachael Carpenter - rejected

Sally Pain

Martha Winn

Saraphana Winn

Lydia Winn

JUNE, SECOND SATURDAY - Few members met, no business.

JULY, SECOND SATURDAY - Met at School House, nothing special

AUGUST, SECOND SATURDAY Met at School House at a late hour - no church business. Received Thomas Gastin in fellowship.

SEPTEBER, SECOND SATURDAY - Met at School House - good meeting

OCTOBER, SECOND SATURDAY - Met at our usual place - nothing

NOVEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY - Met at School House - good meeting

DECEMBER, SECOND SATURDAY - Met at Elder Stedmans - happy meeting.

JANUARY, SECOND SATURDAY 1817

Met at Elder Stedmans. Received Brothers David Dudley and Samuel Page as members and John Smith, Cyrus Taylor, Abigail Taylor and Jane Shepherd as candidates for Baptism.

FEBRUARY, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at School House - good meeting. Hubbell Bendict, Jeremiah Carpenter and Polly Davis received in watch care as Candidates for Baptism.

FEBRUARY 13th - Special Meeting

Thomas Everton, James E. Brown & Wm. Parker to take estimated of each brother property. Received Felix Benedict in fellowship and for Baptism.

BROTHERS

Abel Gould
James E. Caldwell
Lewis Tucker
Joseph Giles
David Johnson

SISTERS

Sally Harvell
Eliza Nohles
Uretta Benedict
Harriett Benedict
Jane Shepherd
Sarah Hubbill rejected
Olive Sylvester
Orpha Shute
Polly Davis
Mary King
Deborah Gripby
Polly Howlett
Betsey Smith dead
Emelia Filkins
Anna Ellshire
Sally Caldwell
Nancy Caldwell
Mary Gould
Eliza Simson

APRIL, SECOND SATURDAY

Met at Jim Hubbills and attended a funeral - next meeting
3rd saturday.