

1810 RUTLAND FREEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 1910

The Rutland Freeville Baptist Church was organized February 10, 1810 by Rev. Eli Steadman and James Green Clerk, at the residence of Asa Stearns, about one mile south of the village of Rutland, Ohio. The work of planting this vine commenced in 1804, when Rev. Steadman settled in Rutland, have come from Tunbridge Vermont, where he had been ordained two years previous.

It was the first Freeville Baptist sermon delivered in the state so far as known.

The first settlement had been made five years previous by zealous christians who gladly opened the doors of their homes to welcome the first minister that came.

The object of this record is to group some leading events of this organization that has been taking in, and giving out for one hundred years, as also the one hundred years of the work since the Freeville Baptist was first planted in Ohio in 1804.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Chase settled in Athens, County, Ohio from Kenabec County, Maine, David Dudley a young man coming with them. They had been converted in a great revival before leaving Maine, that was conducted by a Freeville Baptist minister. Though fifteen miles distant their membership was added to the Rutland church adding much to the spiritual growth of the membership.

August 2nd, 1817 David Dudley was ordained for the ministry at a log school house three fourths of a mile west of the village of Rutland by Rev. Eli Steadman, pastor. His sermon on that occasion was considered a very eloquent one from Second Timothy fourth chapter, fifth verse. It was considered a great event, for the pioneer church, but his life work proved it to be a greater work than they could then anticipate, for the cause, and the future for the Freeville Baptist denomination in Ohio.

At Marion, Ohio he had great revivals organized churches, quarterly meetings, and was regarded as the father of the Marion yearly meeting which was organized at his home in 1824.

He with Elias Hutchins were the delegates from Ohio to the Second General Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Chase held revival services at their home in Athens County, Ohio that resulted in the organization of the Alexander church and the building of a church on their farm, that is yet known as the Chase Church.

In 1821, the citizens of Rutland decided to build a two story brick building for the double purpose of school building and church. It was later decided to call it the Rutland Academy.

Felix Benedict and sons made the brick for it and Felix Benedict carried a box of glass for it on horseback from Marietta, Ohio a distance of fifty miles having carried the produce that paid for it from his farm in the same way.

November 2nd, 1821 the first church services were held at the new brick Academy.

In 1826 the upper story of this building was blown off in a hurricane.

Of its history for the next few years no record is made, the first is March 2nd, 1839 when Benjamin Stivers, E.H. Benedict and Selah Barrett were chosen to forward a petition to the legislature of Ohio to have the Freeville Baptist Church incorporated.

At the same meeting Elder Cyrus Stilson and E.H. Benedict were appointed agents to collect subscriptions signed to pay for the church building.

March 20, 1839, the church was requested to meet April 13, following, for the purpose of appointing three trustees (agreeable to an Act passed by the legislature of Ohio January 3rd, 1825) to receive a deed of conveyance from Rev. Selah Barrett of a lot appurtenances in Rutland Village to hold the same in trust and in behalf of the Rutland Freeville Baptist Church before named. To be the property of the Freeville Baptist Church in Rutland for a church lot. At that meeting, the following trustees were chosen. Benjamin Stivers, E.H. Benedict and Selah Barrett.

The above mentioned lot and appurtenances had been sold at auction, and Rev. Barrett was the authorized bidder for the church. For some reason, there was a determination among the bidders not to allow him to succeed when some young men with no interest only to see fair play took up the bidding and it was sold to Felix B. Dixon, who a few hours later turned it over to Mr. Barrett.

The building was repaired and used for a church until 1865, it was sold to Samuel McLain to be used as a blacksmith shop. When the Deciple church was organized it nearly depleted its ranks taking two young ministers ordained by the church namely Elisha Rathburn and Hosmer Miles also Alijah Hubbell Jr., who later went into the ministry.

But still the old vine grew and continued to send out its members to new fields. All through its life providence seemed to guide by filling the depleted ranks that were thinned by removals and death.

In 1848 Armstrong Winn, a member of this church, met Rev. Samuel Branch, a young minister, from Chester, at Harrisonville looking over the prospect of making it a preaching point, not getting encouragement there he said he felt called to go farther, when Mr. Winn invited him to his home to hold services; the appointment was set, for June 5th, on that date a revival started that resulted in the organization of the Second Rutland Church, a few months later, which took from this church nine members.

Its members were so few when Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Hugg moved to Middleport, Ohio that it was remarked "how can we keep up without them", this removal gave the Middleport church to the Meigs Quarterly Meeting and still the old vine prospered.

After selling the bricks building, the church leased the Universalist church for five years, when the work of building the present church was commenced, with E.S. Branch grandson of Rev. Eli Steadman chairman of the building committee, and who later was an ordained minister at Lincoln, Nebraska.

It was built at a cost of twenty two hundred and twenty five dollars and was dedicated December 6th, 1868 by Rev. I.Z. Hanning.

When it was decided to build, the young people, with Carrie Lasher and Mariam Benedict as leaders organized a Mite Society to raise money to furnish the church in which they were successful.

In 1870 Jobez Benedict started the ball rolling to raise money to purchase a bell for the church by paying ten dollars to start a subscription and helped his daughter Miss Mariam in soliciting, realizing a fine bell at a cost of one hundred and twenty five dollars.

From this date the old vine prospered under the pastoral care of several ministers until November 1898 when Rev. Thomas Lasley resigned to take another work. The next pastor was S.B. Stevens, who came with what was thought to be good credentials, which were found to be false. Before it was proven so as to dismiss him he had sown a bountiful crop of tares. This calamities pastorate was followed by Rev. Frank Sherritt, who was succeeded by Rev. Freeman Chase, and W.H. O'Neill, each of whom did efficient work to bridge the chasm thus made. That trouble, with loss by death, and removals to other homes, especially of four young men, left us unable to keep up the necessary improvements that were needed for the church building.

So it was decided to try to enthuse the work on a different live, namely to prepare for the centennial anniversary, the result of which is recorded on the following pages.

On May 17, 1900 the ladies of the church organized an Aid Society for united work to raise money for the special purpose of helping to secure a parsonage. The enthusiasm ran high and many joined the workers who were not members of the church.

A cottage was purchased for six hundred dollars of which the Ladies Aid Society paid two hundred and twenty dollars.

It was proposed in 1903 that the church commence preparing for its centennial birthday by making each permanent improvement a memorial.

The Ladies Aid Society took up the first work and with its aid of their pastor Rev. F.W, Chase seated the church with chairs costing one dollar and seventy cents each, the old seats being sold to aid in the work. This improvement was made in May, 1904.

This goes in as a memorial for the zealous work of the following, which constituted the membership.

Mrs. Blanch McCormick	President
Mrs. Sarah Lasher	Vice President
Mrs. Sallie Chase	Secretary
Mrs. Ida Stansbury	Treasurer
Mrs. Birda Lasher	
Mrs. Margaret Black	
Mrs. Theodocia Hooper	
Mrs. Mary Taylor	

Mrs. Bessie Irvin

Mrs. Rebecka McCormick

Miss Clarissa Benedict

Miss Delia Stansbury

Miss Millie Paulk

Miss Emma Stansbury

Miss Nettie Chase

MEMORIAL #1

November 1st, 1899 it was proposed to take advantage of the coming Thanksgiving to take thank offerings, and that they be used to purchase a new front door, for the church, and make it a memorial to the faithfulness, and liberality of Sister Delia Stansbury who being an invalid had not attended service for eight years. Circular were sent to all her relatives and friends who responded as follows:

Rev. F.W. Chase	Rutland, Ohio
J.M. Chase	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Esther Chase	Rutland, Ohio
Miss Clarissa Benedict	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Mary Taylor	Rutland, Ohio
Edwin M. Taylor	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Anna Taylor	Rutland, Ohio
Mary Blanche Taylor	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Viola Stevens	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Hattie Stiff	Rutland, Ohio
Darius Black	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Margaret Black	Rutland, Ohio
Henry F. Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Aurilla Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Cash Braley	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Lettie Braley	Rutland, Ohio
William Harvey Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio

Oliver Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Julia Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Sarah Stout	Rutland, Ohio
Von Stevens	Rutland, Ohio
George V. Lasher	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Sarah Lasher	Rutland, Ohio
Sardine S. Storme	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Alice Stowe	Rutland, Ohio
Miss Kate Benedict	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Caroline Hubbell	Rutland, Ohio
G.M. Price	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Ann Price	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Martha Romine	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Adaline Humphrey	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Mary E. Page	Rutland, Ohio
Miss Emma Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Charles E. Lasher	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Birda Lasher	Rutland, Ohio
George J. Lasher	Rutland, Ohio
S. Asa Irvin	Rutland, Ohio
Le Clare Irvin	Rutland, Ohio
Emmett E. Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Joseph Lanning	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Mary Lanning	Rutland, Ohio
Leander T. Smith	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Kate Smith	Rutland, Ohio

Mrs. Frances Snowden	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Sallie Chase	Rutland, Ohio
Summer Chase	Rutland, Ohio
Lillian Chase	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Kate Parker	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Anna Parker	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Theodocia Hooper	Rutland, Ohio
Miss Anna Hooper	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Margaret Green	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Martha A. Musser	Rutland, Ohio
William J. Lanning	Rutland, Ohio
Silva Lanning	Rutland, Ohio
Golda Lanning	Rutland, Ohio

J.M. Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Ida Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Howard Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Carrie Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Nellie Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Chester Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
A.D. McCormick	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Blanche McCormick	Rutland, Ohio
Miss Eva McCormick	Rutland, Ohio
Miss Bernice McCormick	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Ella Brown	Rutland, Ohio
Harvey Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Mrs. Emma Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Miss Cora Stansbury	Rutland, Ohio
Newton Stout	Rutland, Ohio
Miss Dora McDaniel	Pomeroy, Ohio
Miss Delia Stansbury	Athen, Ohio
Frank R. Stansbury	Cincinnati, Ohio
Mrs. Winifred Stansbury	Cincinnati, Ohio
William A. Stansbury	Dyersville, Ohio
Mrs. Martha Stansbury	Dyresville, Ohio
Rev. J.W. Fulton	Rio Grande, Ohio
Mrs. Nellie Sisson	Valley Crossing, Ohio

W.M. Higley	Albany, Ohio
Mrs. Kate Jay	Maineville, Ohio
J.A. McCormick	Maineville, Ohio
Helen McCormick	Maineville, Ohio
J.L. Hull	Maineville, Ohio
Flora Hull	Mainville, Ohio
Marie F. Gorsline	Maineville, Ohio
W.F. Gorsline	Maineville, Ohio
Mabel Johnson	Maineville, Ohio
John Price	Kyger, Ohio
Mrs. Kate Price	Kyger, Ohio
Miss Nora Price	Kyger, Ohio
Clyde Price	Kyger, Ohio
Mrs. Ella Beeson	Middleport, Ohio
Mrs. Olivia Bradford	Middleport, Ohio
Mrs. Hannah Garem	Middleport, Ohio
William E. Stansbury	Middleport, Ohio
Ross Stansbury	Middleport, Ohio
Mrs. Ruth Stansbury	Middleport, Ohio
Miss Angie Nobles	Middleport, Ohio
Rev. Wilson Dutton	Downington, Ohio
Mrs. Lizzie Dutton	Downington, Ohio
Charles Dutton	Downington, Ohio
O.J. Brooks	Downington, Ohio
Elizabeth Marie Brooks	Downington, Ohio
Miss Ella Price	Wheelersburg, Ohio

Rev. Thomas Lasley	Portsmouth, Ohio
Mrs. Birda Lasley	Portsmouth, Ohio
Alonzo J. Green	Wilkesville, Ohio
Mrs. Miriam Grapes	Langsville, Ohio
Mrs. Jane Rutherford	Langsville, Ohio
Mrs. Ida Wright	Langsville, Ohio
Rice C. Longstreth	Langsville, Ohio
Mrs. Lucy Longstreth	Langsville, Ohio
Susie Longstreth	Langsville, Ohio
Arthur M. Stout	Langsville, Ohio
Dr. George Stansbury	Western Collage, Iowa
William Nables	Geneva, Iowa
Jeoffry Stout	Hampton, Iowa
Mrs. Flora Stout	Hampton, Iowa
Mrs. Carrie Higley	Sterling, Kansas
P.M. Stansbury	Towanda, Kansas
Mrs. P.M. Stansbury	Towanda, Kansas
Grace B. Stansbury	Towanda, Kansas
Earl C. Stansbury	Rosalia, Kansas
Mrs. Mary Stansbury	Rosalia, Kansas
Olin M. Stansbury	Rosalia, Kansas
Clifford B. Stansbury	Rosalia, Kansas
Carl D. Stansbury	Rosalia, Kansas
Rev. H.F. Bolton	Hillsdale, Michigan

Mrs. Daisy Bolton	Hillsdale, Michigan
Rev. G.W. Stansbury	Paw, Paw, Michigan
Mrs. Ida Stansbury	Paw Paw, Michigan
David Raymond Stansbury	Paw Paw, Michigan
Edna Stansbury	Paw Paw, Michigan
Edith Stansbury	Paw Paw, Michigan
Paul Stansbury	Paw Paw, Michigan
Rennie Stansbury	Paw Paw, Michigan
Leslie Chase	Armel, Colorado
James E. Stansbury	Chicago, Illinois
Hays H. Dutton	Indianapolis, Indiana
Mrs. Zetta Littleton	Indianapolis, Indiana
Ray S. Dutton	Freezee, South Dakota
Mrs. Mabel Dutton	Freezee, South Dakota
Charles Nobles	Plattsmouth, Nebraska
Mrs. Lula Humphrey	Plattsmouth, Nebraska
George K. Stout	California
Mrs. Carrie Brown	Parkersburg, W. Va.
George L. Stansbury	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Mrs. Cora Stansbury	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Frank Emmett Stansbury	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Mrs. Bina Barton	Union Ridge, W. Va.
Mrs. Carrie Hooper	Lees Summitte, Missouri

The preceding list of names was enrolled in an album, which with a sick slumber role prepared by a member from pieces gathered from relatives, was presented to sister Delia.

This list represents 160 names, 34 post offices and 12 states.

When Delia Stansbury died she left a bequest of \$25. for a pulpit box for the church which has been doing service for several years.

Omission from previous record Nancy Dickson united with the church in 1866 and took an active part in the welfare of the church until her death July 3rd, 1883 when she left a dying request that \$25.00 be donated the church for window blinds. Her family carried out her request and the church sent them a vote of thanks.

MEMORIAL #2

The following parties presented the church this record book as a memorial, for Mary Eliza Rightmire, who so zealously worked to procure the memorial door.

Rev. F.W. Chase, Pastor	Lizzie Dutton
R.D. Rightmire	sarah Stout
Emma Stansbury	Mary Taylor
Delia Stansbury	Kate Parker
Sarah Lasher	Clarissa Benedict

MEMORIAL #3

The following young ladies of Williams Lannings Sunday School class took up the work of raising money to purchase a heater for church, which was put in November 1904, at a cost of forty four dollars.

Birdie Giles

Blanche Holt

Silva Lanning

Anna Hooper

Lillian Chase

Bessie Irvin

Genevieve Stansbury

Lena Bradford

Nellie Price

MEMORIAL #4

October 1907 was a rope for the church bell from Marvin Crabtree. Aged 8 years with the hope that it would ring for the Centennial anniversary.

MEMORIAL #5

1906 The young people organized a Lend a Hand Society to aid the memorial work. It was a practical aid that was appreciated by the church. It was a little here and a little there, where they saw need. In 1907 with the "Ladies Aid" and a donation from Senator E. Rathburn furnished the church with gasoline lamps - which is a memorial for the young people. 1908 they put in a substantial brick walk for the church yard, followed later with a cement door step - which is memorial No. 6 and is a testimonial of their appreciation of the help that their pastor Rev. W.W. Crabtree gave them in the work- have made it a memorial for him.

The following is their enrollment.

Genevieve Stansbury	- President
Birdie Giles	Secretary
Lillian Stansbury	Treasurer
Sylva Lanning	
Golda Lanning	
Nellie Price	
Carrie Stansbury	
Eva McCormick	
Maggie Wright	
Freda Graham	
Max Brown	
Ralph Stansbury	
Wm. Lanning, Jr.	
Pearl Lanning	
Harrold Stansbury	
Velma Hooper	

MEMORIALS 7 & 8

1909 Two windows were added for the church of cathedral glass costing \$19.00 each. One going in as a memorial for David Stansbury and Beata Stansbury by their children Melzar, Oliver, Pearly, Rev. Wilbor and Mrs. Carrie Hooper.

Mrs. Stansbury united with the church April 11th, 1857, died May 31st, 1887. David Stansbury united with the church March 1863, died Jan. 14, 1888.

The other cathedral glass window was put in by George V. Lasher as a memorial for his parents John V. and Catherine Martin Lasher. who were married in Dutchess Co. New York Oct. 24, 1820.

Mrs. Lasher was born Feb 8, 1800, united with the church Nov. 1838, died Oct. 28, 1864. Mr. Lasher was born Aug. 19th, 1799 united with the church Feb. 1840, died April 9th, 1882. During the time Mr. and Mrs. Lasher were members of the church they were among the first in all interests pertaining to the wants of the church spiritually, financially and socially. Their hospitality gave them the soliquet of keeping a F.W.B. hotel. Mr. Lasher was among the largest donors to erect this church building. When their daughter Besta Stansbury was converted their house became a ----- of her parents hospitality and with her husband was ever ready to lend a hand to help the church of their choice.

That christian mother led her husband and all her children to christian lives and one son to make a successful minister.

Mr. Stansbury was one of the largest donors that erected this church building.

MEMORIAL #9

1910 Mrs. Esther A. Dixon of Columbus, Ohio presented the church a puppet bible as a memorial for her mother in law, Mrs. Sarah Benedict Dixon who was the first convert to unite with the church after its organization. She became a member April 1810, died Sept. 29th, 1838.

MEMORIAL #10

1910 For F.W.B. Sunday School, two transoms for church doors of cathedral glass by the following donors,

Mrs. Nellie Sisson non resident member

Mrs. Olivia Bradford

Mrs. Hannah Garen

The following is the enrollment of officers and teachers for the past year.

Supt. Melzar J. Stansbury

Ast. W.J. Lanning

Sec. Lillian Stansbury

Treas. Goldie Lanning

Teachers - Melzar J. Stansbury Class No. 1

W.J. Lanning Class No. 3

Mrs. Sallie Chase Class No. 4

Oliver Stansbury Class No. 2

Sylva Lanning Class No. 5

MEMORIAL #11

1912 Is a cement walk for the parsonage from the following donors

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Dunn

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Stevens

Will Stansbury

Mrs. Will White

Mrs. Olivia Bradford & Mother (for mother)

Mrs. Ella Beeson & Mother (for mother)

George Larkin for his Grandmother

Susanna Larking for a charter member

Miss Clara Benedict for the Benedicts that have made an unbroken

record of active members from the organization Feb. 10, 1810 to

Feb. 1913

Mr. & Mrs. Felix Benedict - children and grandchildren

Rutland, Ohio

July 4, 1926

LIST OF MEMBERS AT THIS DATE

1. H.F. Bolton Pastor
2. Martha Bolton
3. Jacob Musser dead
4. Sideo E. Musser
5. J.M. Stansbury died 1932
6. Ida Stansbury
7. Osiom Lanning died May 1932
8. Electra Lanning dead
9. W.D. Lanning
10. Velma Lanning - went to Christian church
11. John Beckley died 1934
12. Mary E. Beckley died 1934
13. A.D. McCormick
14. Blanche McCormick
15. Stephen Gilmore died April 1927
16. Ines Gilmore
17. Mont Stevens died May 1928 killed by train
18. Pearl Lanning
19. Herb Lanning (non res)
20. Frank Lanning
21. Mel Price died
22. Julia Stansbury (non res) dead
23. Frank Hayes (non res) dead

24. Earnest Stansbury
25. Ralph Stansbury (non res) dead
26. Lee Smith (non res)
27. Mrs. Frank Hayes (non res)
28. Mildred Stansbury (non res) by letter to Marietta
29. Nellie Stansbury
30. Birdie Lasher
31. Helen Lasher - Geobel live at Jackson
32. Millie Paulk Died Oct. 8, 1928 70 yrs.
33. Mariam Grapes dead
34. Mattie Chase Died
35. Mrs. Flora Hoppess died
36. Cora Homeder
37. Emma Stansbury died
38. Fannie Snowden C. Ch.
39. Opal Snowden (non res)
40. Mrs. F.H. Parker dead
41. Adaline Browning (non res) Athens
42. Ida Wright dead
43. R.E. Grimes Died Jan 1, 1930 name taken off by request
44. Manla Grimes
45. Freda Wood
46. Florence Misner
47. Grace Misner

48. Merl Misner (non res)
49. Margaret Wells
50. Mrs. Mildred Romines
51. Newton Stout
52. Howard Stansbury (non res)
53. Mrs. Charley Price
54. Nellie Price (non res)
55. Mrs. Harry Snowden
56. Lucy Giles
57. Mrs. Josh Rupe Died May 18, 1928
58. Rhoda Atkins
59. Margaretta Wood Died
60. Mayme Clark
61. Marion Wood
62. Janice Wood (non res)
63. Addie Michael
64. Pauline Michael
65. Thelma Michael
66. Lucille Snyder Died April 1928
67. Mary Jackson - Bailey
68. Mrs. George Jackson
69. Will Snowden
70. Roy Snowden
71. Francis Snowden (non res)

72. Ethel Yoho (non res)
73. Alex Steele
74. Arthur Steele
75. Ethel Winn (non res)
76. Chester Stansbury (non res)
77. Bernice McCormick - Higley
78. Jesse Snowden
79. Walter Wright (non res)
80. Ed Wright (non res)
81. Bernice Logan (non res)
82. Merl Molden
83. Earl Reed Oct. 1937
84. Melissa Boice Died Aug. 1937

COPY OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL, HELD IN MIDDLEPORT, OHIO

AUGUST 21, 1913

A Council was called of The Pomeroy Association to meet at the above named place by Rev. J.O. Newton the Mod. of said Association. Meeting opened with song. Rev. G.C. Sprouse stated the cause for which the meeting was called. On motion, Rev. Newton was elected Mod. and W.F. Sayre, Clk, of Council.

Pomeroy, Racine, Antiquity, Bethlehem, Carpenter, Gallipolis and Mt. Union Chs. were represented, and constituted the Council.

The delegates of the churches who wanted recognition into Pomeroy Baptist Association were present as follows: -

Middleport, S.I. Dowman, B.E. Talbot, G.C. Sprouse

Cheshire, Mrs. Shaver, Rev. Powell

Addison, Julia Sovosher and Ine Davis

2nd Rutland, Gertrude Carr, Myrle Bachner, Rev. Cunningham

Albany, Rev. Crabtree

2nd Alexander, Rev. Crabtree

Burlinham, Rev. J.W. Winn

1st Rutland, Steve Gilmore, W.H. Chase, Rev. Cunningham

Moderator called for the action the churches had taken in regard to becoming a part of the Association.

Middleport presented resolutions signed by the church clerk, which had been adopted by the church.

Cheshire applied verbally thru the Pastor.

Addison Ch. did the same.

2nd Rutland Ch. presented the following resolutions:

1st, Resolved that we, the Second Rutland Freeville Baptist Ch., hereby constitute ourselves into a Baptist Ch. allied to regular Baptist denominations.

2nd, Resolved that we, as a church, adopt the covenant and articles of faith of the regular Baptist Ch.

3rd, Resolved that we, as a church, shall seek admission into the Pomeroy Baptist Assn.

4th, Resolved that we, as a church shall seek admission to the Ohio Baptist Convention.

These had been adopted and were signed by Ch. Clk.

First Rutland church's application was read by Rev. Cunningham and was on the same lines as 2nd Rutland.

Council retired to secret session and on motion Middleport, Addison, 1st Rutland, and 2nd Rutland Chs. were recognized and accepted.

2nd Alexander, Albany, and Burlingham Chs. were considered and recognized on motion.

Rev. C.J. Rose, Sec'y of the O.B.C. came in about this time and gave the Address of Welcome to the eight churches received. Motion to adjourn prevailed.

Signed by Moderator and Clerk

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