

**A Book of the Records of  
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN STRATTON  
with baptisms and proceedings  
beginning August 30, 1801**

Transcribed by DK Young

The following persons having signed a covenant which declared to be a regular Church of Christ, proceeded to choose Reverend James Tufts of Wardsboro their Moderator.

Attested by Gershom C. Lyman  
Stratton August 17, 1801

Abel Kidder	Mary Kidder
Francis Kidder	
Sampson Bixby	Sarah Bixby
Edmund Gibbs	Phebe Gibbs
Samuel Blodgett	Mary Blodgett

Copied from records of Salome Pike August 15, 1868. The original covenant of this church was lost and another afterwards substituted.

*[Although the original covenant was lost, the following church records were originals as evident by the various clerks' penmanships when compared to other town records. In this transcription, spelling errors have been corrected and in some instances the spelling of certain names have been corrected to a common format used throughout the History of Stratton. Only a few pages were numbered - original pages are separated here by lines (as seen below) and by page breaks.]*

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The following children were baptized in Stratton on Sunday the 30th of August, 1801, by the Reverend Mr. Ethan.

Viz: Betsey Gibbs, Polly Gibbs, Susanna Gibbs and Sally Gibbs, children of Mr. Edmund Gibbs and wife.

Ellehia Blodgett, Rosa Blodgett, Samuel Blodgett - children of Mr. Samuel Blodgett and wife.

Stratton October 17, 1801

Thomas Lathrop, Deborah his wife were baptized and taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton and Mary Kidder and Mary Davis were taken into the Church of Christ the same day and the following children baptized. Viz: Rufus Bixby, Amasa Bixby, Salmon Bixby, Limon Bixby, Sally Bixby, and Samuel Bixby - children of Sampson Bixby and wife; Ira Kidder, Ashbel Kidder and Maria Kidder children of Abel Kidder and wife; Betsey Lathrop, Mary Lathrop, Zebadiah Lathrop and Timothy Lathrop children of Thomas Lathrop and wife.

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Polly Davis, Hannah and Nehemiah Davis - children of Mary Davis; Suzy Stoddard child of David Stoddard and wife.

The foregoing was done by the Reverend Mr. Taylor of Newfane and the church voted Thomas Lathrop clerk to record their proceedings May 29th, 1802.

Russell Blodgett son of Samuel Blodgett and wife was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Tufts of Wardsboro and Mr. Samuel Boutell, William Boutell and their wives and Mr. Ira Scott and wife were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton by letters at the same time by Reverend Tufts of Wardsboro.

At a church meeting holden at the dwelling house of Mr. Abel Kidder on the 25th day of June AD 1802, Mr. Sampson Bixby was chosen Moderator to govern said meeting.

Voted Mr. Sampson Bixby as a Deacon and voted Mr. Francis Kidder as 2nd Deacon, both over the Church of Christ in Stratton.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Sampson Bixby - Moderator  
Thomas Lathrop - Clerk

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At a church meeting held on Sunday the 19th day of September AD 1802:

Voted to send a candidate to the Consociation. Voted to send Deacon Sampson Bixby and voted that when any members move to this town from any other town and brings a letter of Recommendation and desires admission into this church that the Confession of Faith and Covenant shall be read and that they give their assent and consent to it.

Thomas Lathrop - Church Clerk

At a church meeting legally notified and held in Stratton December 2, 1802, voted to accept and adopt the Constitution made by the Consociation Churches in the County of Windham, Vermont, held at Dummerston November 10, 1801.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Thomas Lathrop - Church Clerk

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Stratton July 17th, 1803

The Reverend Mr. John Payson baptized the following children. Viz: Betsey Boutell daughter of Samuel Boutell and wife. Silvanus Blodgett child of Samuel Blodgett and wife. Marena Kidder child of Abel Kidder and wife and Hannah Pope Lathrop child of Thomas Lathrop and wife.

Stratton August 7th, 1803

Mr. John Ramor and wife were taken into the Church of Christ in this town and Mr. Amos Allen and wife of Somerset were taken into the Church of Christ of this town by letter and the following children baptized by the Reverend Mr. Tufts of Wardsboro. Viz: Betsey Ramor, Sally Ramor, Polly Ramor, Phebe Ramor, Edward Ramor and John Ramor

Thomas Lathrop - Church Clerk

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Voted to send a delegate to the Consociation. Voted to send Deacon Bixby Lathrop  
urch meeting notified and held at the house of Thomas Lathrop November 24, 1803,  
Voted to have Deacon Sampson Bixby notify Miss Marble, wife of Samuel Marble of  
Newfane to meet this church at a church meeting to be holden at the house of Ira Scott at  
one of the clock in the afternoon.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Thursday of December next at the house of  
Ira Scott at one of the clock in the afternoon.

December 8th, 1803 met at the house of Mr. Ira Scott according to adjournment and  
voted to adjourn the meeting to the house of Thomas Lathrop to be held on Tuesday the  
13th day of December at 3 of the clock in the afternoon.

December 13th, 1803, met according to adjournment and voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Thomas Lathrop - Church Clerk

At a lection holden in Stratton December 27th, 1803, by the Reverend Mr. Tufts. Mr.  
Jonathan Stone of Somerset was taken into the church and Larra Boutell, daughter of Mr.  
William Boutell and Tabitha his wife, was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Tufts.

September 16th, 1804, Sally Stone, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Stone and Sarah his wife,  
was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Tufts and Dolly Boutell, daughter of Mr. Samuel  
Boutell and Lucy his wife, was baptized the same day by the Reverend Mr. Tufts.

Stratton September 23, 1804

Deacon Sampson Bixby was chosen a delegate to attend the Consociation to be holden at  
Newfane on Tuesday the 25th instant by the Brethren of the Church of Stratton

September 16, 1804

Miss Mary Waite wife of Mr. John Waite was taken into this church by the Reverend Mr.  
Tufts.

Eliab Scott, son of Ira Scott and wife, was baptized in May by the Reverend Mr. Haven  
1804

Stratton November 28, 1804

Mr. Thomas W. Millet and wife and Miss Joanna Stearns wife of William Stearns, Sarah  
French wife of Jacob French were propounded to this church at ??? meeting held on the  
day of the above date

December 9, 1804, Mr. David Cook was propounded to the church.

December 23, 1804, Mr. Archibald Pratt and Wisthen his wife were propounded to the  
church.

April 16, 1805, at a lection held at Mr. Jacob French's the following persons were taken  
into the church by the Reverend Mr. Tufts: Thomas W. Millet and Sukey his wife,  
Joanna Stearns wife of William Stearns, Sarah French wife of Jacob French, David Cook  
and Archibald Pratt and Wisthen his wife and at the same time the following children  
were baptized: Ebenezer, Dolly, Allinor, Amery, Mary Sprague, Joseph Haskins -  
children of William Stearns and wife.

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Luther, Daniel, Tyler, Alpheus - children of Mr. John Waite and wife.  
Sally Hanslow, Abraham Rice, Elizabeth Taft, Nancy, Susanna - children of Mr. Thomas W. Millet and wife.  
Sally, Hannah, Cyrus, Jacob - children of Mr. Jacob French and wife.  
Melinda, Elia - children of Mr. Archibald Pratt and wife.  
Polly Bixby, daughter of Deacon Sampson Bixby and wife.  
Abel Chase Kidder, son of Capt. Abel Kidder and wife.  
The above baptized by the Reverend Mr. Tufts July 20, 1805.

Mary Lathrop daughter of Thomas Lathrop and wife  
Cyntha Ramor daughter of John Ramor and wife  
Nancy Boutell, daughter of William Boutell and wife  
were baptized by the Reverend Mr. Washburn

August 21, 1805, Mr. Richard Rand and Sarah his wife were propounded to the church.  
September 1805 Mr. Richard Rand and Sarah his wife was taken into the church by the Reverend Mr. Snow.  
Richard ?? Rand and Abner Sawyer Rand children of Richard Rand and wife were baptized by the Reverend Mr. Washburn.

September 7, 1806

Rodah Ramor daughter of John Ramor and wife was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Snow.

Stratton September 28, 1806

Voted Deacon Francis Kidder a candidate to represent the church of Stratton in the Consociation to be holden at Putney the present season.

Nelson Scott, son of Mr. Ira Scott and Miss Submit Scott of Stratton, was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Tufts at Wardsboro January 4th, 1807.

Stratton September 30, 1807

Voted Capt. Abel Kidder a candidate to represent the Church of Stratton in the Consociation to be holden at Wardsboro the present season.

Simeon Bixby, son of Deacon Sampson Bixby and wife, was baptized September 20, 1807.

Jerusha Ellit Lathrop, daughter of Thomas Lathrop and wife, was baptized September 20, 1807, the above by the Reverend Tabor.

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Stratton October 23, 1807

Miss Nancy Waite was baptized and taken into the church by the Reverend Mr. Tufts of Wardsboro.

Betsey Bancroft Kidder was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Tufts of Wardsboro.

At a church meeting legally warned and held at Stratton April 27, 1808 at Brother Ira Scott's house: Voted Thomas W. Millet Church Clerk.

Voted Brother William Boutell and his wife dismissal from this church and recommended to the church in Townshend.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Sampson Bixby - Moderator

Thomas W. Millet - Church Clerk

Stratton September 1806

Mary Millet, daughter of Thomas W. Millet and Susanna Millet, was baptized by Mr. Washburn.

Stratton July 17, 1808

Louisa, daughter of Archibald Pratt and wife, was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Tabor of Wilmington.

Thomas W. Millet - Church Clerk

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Stratton September 18, 1808

Voted to send a delegate to the Consociation at Dummerston. Voted Deacon Sampson Bixby a delegate for the church.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Stratton June 14, 1809

The church met to examine an assertion brought by George Oliver, Esq. against Brother David Cook of telling that which is false respecting a deed of some land. After some examination voted to adjourn said meeting until the 28th day of June instant at one o'clock.

Met agreeable to the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn said meeting until the third Wednesday in July next at 2 o'clock after noon.

Stratton October 14, 1809

By request of the Moderator of the Church

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of Christ in Stratton the church met according to warning and the meeting opened by prayer. The following votes were taken:

1) Voted Deacon Barah Wheeler of Winhall be admitted as council with us in said meeting.

2) Voted that the transactions dated June 14th, 1809 be not according to Gospel rule to which the church confesses their faults and ask forgiveness and Brother David Cook forgave them.

Voted to dissolve the meeting and closed the same with praise.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk of said

Church

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Stratton November 15, 1809

Thomas Wheeler, son of Thomas W. and Susanna Millet, was baptized by Mr. Bingham, a Missionary Minister from Connecticut Missionary Society.

Thomas W. Millet - Church Clerk

Stratton March 30, 1810

Emma Wilder, daughter of Abel and Mary Kidder, was baptized by Mr. Kellogg, a Missionary Minister from Hampshire Missionary Society

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Stratton September 11, 1811

Austin Millet, son of Thomas W. and Susanna Millet, was baptized by Mr. Parsons, Missionary Minister from Vermont.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Stratton September 1811

Voted to send Thomas W. Millet a delegate to the Consociation at Dummerston this year.

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Stratton February 2nd, 1812

Lucretia Marble, wife of Samuel Marble, by her request her relation was removed from the 2nd Church of Christ in Sutton, Massachusetts, and received into the member and admitted to all the privileges of a standing member in the Church of Christ in Stratton and admitted to the privileges by the Reverend John Lawton of Windham.

Timothy Morsman and Polly his wife

Mary Mann wife to Bille Mann

Widow Polly Phillips

Levi Hale and Mercy his wife, she was baptized

Aaron Lyon and Elizabeth his wife, both were baptized

Lewis Guild and Sally his wife, both were baptized.

Peter Howe and Elizabeth his wife

Russell Haynes and Philena his wife

Stephen Estabrook and was baptized

Sophronia Scott wife to Ira Scott, Jr., and was baptized

Sally Boutell daughter to Samuel Boutell, Esq.

Sampson Wetherbee and Phillery his wife

The following children were baptized at the same time:

Emeline and Emerson son and daughter to Peter Howe and wife.

Sally and Harry Pond son and daughter of Lewis Guild and wife

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Anna daughter to Russell Haynes and wife  
Adeline daughter to Sampson Wetherbee and wife

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

The following children were baptized by the Reverend John Lawton  
February 3 and 4, 1812

Mrs. Phillips' children - Jonathan and Daniel

Aaron Lyon and wife's children - Charles, John Jarvis, Christopher Gore, Oliver.

Levi Hale and wife's children - Israel, Levi, Bezaleel, Joanna, Jonas, Salome, Eli, Elias.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Stratton August 2, 1812

Lucretia Marble and Sally Ramor were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton and admitted to the privileges by Mr. Bascom, a missionary.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

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Stratton December 13, 1812

Susanna Coes, wife of John Coes, was baptized and taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton and admitted to the privileges by the Reverend Mr. Tufts

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Stratton October 3rd, 1813

Abel Grout, Jr. and Clarassa wife to William Newhall were baptized and taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton and admitted to privileges by Mr. Hickcox

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Stratton November 1813

Joel Estabrook, Ezra Estabrook and Eunice wife to Ezra Estabrook were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton and their children baptized at the same time.

Joel's child Susanna

Ezra's children were David, Doritha, Ezekiel, Azuba, Enoch, by Mr. Taylor

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Stratton May 25th, 1814

At a meeting of the church for the purpose of choosing a deacon to supply the place of Deacon Francis Kidder deceased.

At said meeting chose Samuel Boutell deacon to supply said place.

Voted that each member of the church shall contribute 9 pence at the next monthly conference in June next for the purpose of providing the elements for sacrament the year ensuing.

Deacon Sampson Bixby - Moderator  
Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Abel Grout, Jr.'s children - Dorcas and Adams Allen were baptized by Mr. Hickcox July 3, 1814.

Lewis Guild's child - Ruth Morse baptized by Mr. Hickcox June 1814.

Stratton August 14, 1814

Widow Mary Grant and Miranda wife to William G. Pike were taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton by Mr. Hickcox

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

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Stratton September 11, 1814

Jane Boutell wife to Samuel Boutell was taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton by Mr. Hickcox.

Thomas Newhall, son of William Newhall was baptized the same day.

Attest

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Peter Howe and Elizabeth his wife removed their relation by letter to the Church of Christ in Rindge October 6, 1814.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Emily Ann daughter to Thomas W. and Susanna Millet was baptized by Mr. Pool October 24, 1814.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Lyman Batchellor, son to Abel and Theodocia Grout was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Spaulding June 9, 1816.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

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Silas Ebenezer son to Thomas W. and Susanna Millet was baptized May 13, 1817, by the Reverend Mr. Spaulding.

Lucy Estabrook removed her relationship from the Church of Christ in Jamaica to the Church of Christ in Stratton by letter and voted September 1814.

Anna Estabrook wife to David Estabrook removed her relationship from the Church of Christ in Winhall to the Church of Christ in Stratton by letter and voted June 8, 1817.

Voted Brother Abel Grout, Jr. delegate to the Consociation at Wardsboro held June 17, 1817.

Widow Sarah Rand removed her relation from this church to the Church of Christ in Wardsboro August 1817 by vote.

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Betsy Waite wife to Calvin Waite removed her relationship from the Church of Christ in Winhall to the Church of Christ in Stratton and voted the same August 31, 1817.

The same day William G. Pike was baptized and taken into the Church of Christ in this place together with the following persons who were also taken into the Church of Christ at the same time: David Estabrook, Eleanor Boutell, Dolly Estabrook, Azubah Estabrook, Susanna Estabrook, and Fanny Pike by the Reverend Mr. Spaulding August 31, 1817.

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Widow Worthington of Somerset was taken into the Church of Christ in Stratton October 12, 1817, by the Reverend Mr. Spaulding.

Franklin, son of David and Anna Estabrook was baptized October 14, 1817, by the Reverend Mr. Spaulding.

Moses Brown removed his relation from the Church of Christ in Ware, Massachusetts, to the Church of Christ in Stratton October 14, 1817

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

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Daniel Bond son of Lewis Guild and wife was baptized July, 1817.

Clarassa wife to William Newhall removed her church relation from this place to Athol by letter October 12, 1817.

Warner Michel?, Theodocia wife to Abel Grout, Jr., Joel Grout and Lucy his wife and Nancy Millet were taken into the church in this place. Theodocia wife to Abel Grout, Jr. and Lucy wife to Joel Grout were baptized at the same time, administered by the Reverend Phillip Spaulding November 9, 1817

Thomas W. Millet - Clerk

Church meeting May 4, 1818

Chose Brother Abel Grout, Jr. Deacon.

Voted not to receive Widow Bragg into the church without better satisfaction.

Chose Thomas W. Millet, Moses Brown and Abel Kidder a committee to give her an answer accordingly.

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Samuel Newhall, son of Abel Grout, Jr. and wife was baptized July 26, 1818.

Calvin William, son of Abel Kidder and wife; Tryphena, daughter of William G. Pike and wife; and Luthera Ann, daughter of Ira Scott, Jr. and wife were baptized August 2, 1818 by Reverend Mr. Bingham.

Thomas W. Millet - Church Clerk

Permelia, daughter, Martin Chittenden, son and Maria Louisa, daughter of Joel Grout and wife were baptized August 3, 1818, by Mr. Bingham

Thomas W. Millet - Church Clerk

Stratton November 2, 1819

At a church meeting voted that Brother Ira Scott make a confession to the church of certain charges brought against him by Brother Joel Estabrook.

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Stratton May 3, 1819

At a church meeting voted that Brother William Pike to labor with Brother Joel Estabrook on certain difficulties.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 1st Monday in May next.

Pliny Fisk, son of Abel Grout, Jr. and wife and Betsey Thatcher, daughter of Lewis Guild and wife, were baptized June 11, 1820 by the Reverend Phillip Spaulding.

Calvin Ezra, son of Luther Torrey and wife, and William Adams, son of Phineas Alden and wife, were baptized September 10, 1820, by the Reverend Mr. Parmely

Thomas W. Millet - Church Clerk

Sarah Kidder wife of Abel Kidder removed her church relation from Winhall to the Church of Christ in Stratton and received June 3, 1821.

The same day were baptized Mary Ann, daughter of Joel Grout, Lucy his wife, and Lucy Simons, daughter of Ira Scott, Jr. and Sophia his wife, by the Reverend Phillip Spaulding. June 3, 1821

Thomas W. Millet - Church Clerk

June 3, 1821, the church chose Deacon Abel Grout, Jr. delegate to the Consociation at Wardsboro the 3rd Tuesday of June instant.

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Elizabeth Maria, daughter of Levi Derby and wife was baptized June 6, 1819, by Reverend Phillip Spaulding.

The same day the church chose Deacon Abel Grout delegate to the Consociation the 3rd Tuesday in the present June at Dummerston.

July 25th, 1819, Doritha Estabrook, daughter of Joel Grout and wife and Eunice Goodale, daughter of David Estabrook and wife were baptized by the Reverend Phillip Spaulding.

Mary Malinda, daughter of David Rice and wife, was baptized by the Reverend Phillip Spaulding February 27, 1820.

August 26, 1821

Ira Kidder was this day admitted a member of the church in this place.

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At a meeting of the members of the church in this place chose Ira Kidder Church Clerk instead of Thomas W. Millet.

Stratton March 7, 1822

Stratton March 10, 1822

At the request of Sally Daniels, wife of Woodbridge Daniels of Jamaica, voted to give her a letter of recommendation and admission to the Church of Christ in Jamaica

Ira Kidder - Church Clerk

Luther Torrey and Eunice his wife removed their church relations from Ware, Massachusetts, to the Church of Christ in Stratton by letter and were admitted as regular members by vote of the church

March 24, 1822

Ira Kidder - Church Clerk

Orrilla, daughter of David Estabrook and wife, was baptized by Reverend Phillip Spaulding May 12, 1822.

Mary Fairbanks, daughter of William G. Pike and wife, was baptized by Reverend Phillip Spaulding

Lord's Day, June 2, 1822

At a church meeting June 3, 1822

Chose Abel Kidder Deacon to supply the place of Deacon Boutell, deceased.

Attested Ira Kidder - Church Clerk

June 16, 1822

Chose Brother Abel Kidder delegate to the Consociation to be holden at Dummerston on the 3rd Tuesday of June instant.

September 15, 1822

Philenia Sprague, daughter of Luther Torrey and wife, was baptized by Reverend Joseph White.

December 22, 1822

Lestina Maria, daughter of Abel Grout, Jr. and wife was baptized by Reverend Spaulding.

February 23, 1823

Alonzo Capin, adopted son of Calvin Waite and wife, was baptized by Reverend Phillip Spaulding.

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February 23, 1823

Ezra Leonard, son of David Rice and wife, was baptized by Reverend Phillip Spaulding.

June 15, 1823

Chose Ezra Estabrook delegate to the Consociation holden at Townshend on the 3rd Tuesday of June instant.

Mrs. Derby, wife of Levi Derby, removed her relation from the Church of Christ in Stratton to that in Wardsboro by letter by vote of the church at her request.

Attest Ira Kidder - Church Clerk

Stratton September 3rd, 1823

Church met agreeable to appointment to consider a complaint brought by Brother Luther Torrey against Brother William G. Pike and wife and Sister Fanny A. Knight for the forsaking the assembling themselves with the church on the Lord's Day and neglecting to commune with the church at his table.

Meeting opened by prayer by Deacon Abel Grout, Jr., then after some conversation on the subject voted to adjourn said meeting to the 3rd Sabbath in September, instant.

Attest Ira Kidder - Church Clerk

Stratton November 20, 1823

At a meeting of the church in this town, they took into their serious consideration a complaint against William G. Pike and his wife Miranda Pike and Fanny A. Knight for their breaking their covenant in forsaking their assembling themselves with us on the Lord's Day and with communion, and having heard their pleas thereon, Viz:

Brother Pike and wife, Mrs. Knight not appearing, this church are in opinion that the charge is supported and that they ought in care of obstinacy to be dealt with in way of censure according to the rules of the Gospel.

Attest Abel Grout, Jr.

Stratton November 20, 1823

At a church meeting warned and holden at the house of Brother Joel Grout after opening by prayer

the church proceeded as follows, Viz:

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1st chose Brother Ezra Estabrook Clerk P. T. and by reading a complaint brought to the church by Brother Luther Torrey against Brother and Sister Pike and Sister Fanny A. Knight, their daughter.

3) Brother and Sister Pike being present and after a long conference with them, the church voted that the complaint had been supported. Therefore the church rendered judgment against them.

4) Voted to adjourn the meeting till next Sabbath after meeting.

Attest

Ezra Estabrook - Clerk P. T.

November 23, 1823

Sabbath day after meeting the church met agreeable to adjournment. Brother Pike having sent a request to the church to omit their business till Sabbath after next after meeting which will be the 7th day of December next.

Attest

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk P.T.

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December 7, 1823

The church met agreeable to adjournment. Mr. Pike was present and requested another adjournment. The church complied with his wish and voted to adjourn the meeting till the 28th day of this instant December Sabbath Day after meeting.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk P.T.

December 28, 1823

The church met agreeable to adjournment. Mr. Pike was present and his admonition was read to him.

Church voted to adjourn the meeting till the 18th of January next Sabbath after meeting.

Attest

Ira Kidder - Church Clerk

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January 18, 1824

At an adjourned meeting of the church, the following vote was passed, Viz:

1) Chose Luther Torrey Clerk P.T.

2) Voted to adjourn the meeting one fortnight.

Attest

Luther Torrey - Church Clerk P.T.

Stratton February 1, 1824

According to appointment a part of the members of the church met. The meeting was opened by prayer. Chose Joel Grout Clerk P.T. Conversed on the subject under consideration and adjourned till the 24th instant.

Attest

Joel Grout - Clerk P.T.

February 24, 1824

Agreeable to adjournment a part of the church met and adjourned till Thursday the 4th day of March next at 1 o'clock PM

Attest

Ira Kidder - Church Clerk

Stratton March 4, 1824

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The church met agreeable to adjournment and after opening the meeting by prayer the church proceeded as follows, Viz:

After some conversation, the question was put to the brethren individually whether they would excommunicate William G. Pike and Miranda his wife and Fanny A. Knight, their daughter. The yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas - Abel Grout, Jr., Abel Kidder, Levi Hale, Steven Estabrook, David Estabrook, Luther Torrey, Ezra Estabrook.

Nays - Joel Grout

2) The church chose Ezra Estabrook Church Clerk instead of Ira Kidder.

3) Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton August 29, 1824

Lucy Grout, daughter of Joel and Lucy Grout was baptized by Mr. Tufts.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Stratton August 29, 1824

Osmyn Gardner Rice, son of David and Melinda Rice, was baptized by Mr. Tufts

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton August 30, 1824

Delia Sophia Scott, daughter to Ira Scott, Jr. and Sophie his wife, was baptized by Mr. Tufts

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Thursday November 2, 1824

Agreeable to appointment the church met and after opening the meeting by prayer proceeded to hear the Christian experiences of Mrs. Maria Phillips and Mrs. Betsey Sprague.

Mr. Phillips, not being present, the church voted that Deacon Grout, Joel Estabrook and Ezra Estabrook should be a committee to hear the relation of Mr. Jonathan Phillips. The next Lord's Day the committee proceeded to examine Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Bissell. The church and committee were so far satisfied with the before named persons that they were propounded for admission into the church.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Jonathan Phillips and Maria his wife, Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. Betsey Sprague were taken into the church by Mr. Tufts.

November 21, 1824

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton March 6, 1825

The following persons having been heretofore propounded were taken into the Church of Christ of Stratton and admitted to the privileges of said church by the Reverend James Tuft of Wardsboro.

Matthew Randall and Eunice his wife who were then baptized.

Permelia Torrey, Mary Kidder wife of Ashbel Kidder, Betsey Kidder, Lydia Boutell, David Rice - he was baptized. Moses Guillow and Eunice his wife who were then baptized.

Thomas L. Stimson and Sally his wife

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Silence Grout, wife of Hudson Grout who was baptized. Nancy Richardson, wife of Timothy Richardson - she was baptized. Sally Guild and Ruth Guild, Captain Ephraim Carter and Patty his wife. Leander Carter, Martha Carter.

Nancy M. Richardson was baptized. Salome Hale, Jonas Hale, Eleanor Grant who was baptized. Abigail Carter, Moses Forrester and Eliza his wife who were baptized. Widow Lorena Harrington who was baptized. Tyler Waite and Lucia his wife. Mrs. Waite was baptized. Hannah Clow wife of Peter Clow, Sally Hill, wife of Captain Daniel Hill. She was baptized. Elias Hale, Marena Kidder.

At the same time the following children were baptized, Viz: Nahum Gould, son of Ira Kidder and Philena his wife.

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Ezra Robinson, son of David Estabrook and Annah his wife.

Sirena, daughter of Luther Torrey and Eunice his wife.

George Lore, son of Timothy Richardson and Nancy his wife.

Mary Ann and Reuben, children of Jonathan Phillips and Maria his wife.

Eunice Mercia, Sarah Elizabeth and Daniel Grant, children of Widow Lorena Harrington.

Jonathan Smead, Harrietta, Lodica, Lanson and George Webster, children of Moses Guillow and Eunice his wife.

Samuel Elcit, Richard Kelley, Cornelia Eunice and James Matthew, children of Matthew Randall and Eunice his wife.

The above named children were baptized by Reverend James Tufts.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

William Goodell Grout, son of Abel Grout, Jr. and Theodocia his wife. Stephen Grout, son of Hudson Grout and Silence his wife were baptized by Reverend James Tufts October, 1826.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Abigail Azubah, daughter of David Rice and Melinda his wife was baptized by Reverend Mr. Riddle January, 1826.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Joel Franklin, son of Joel Grout and Lucy his wife, was baptized June 4, 1826, by Reverend Mr. Riddle

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

William Goodell, son of Deacon Abel Grout and Theodocia his wife likewise, Stephen, son of Hudson Grout and Silence his wife were baptized by Reverend James Tufts. Stratton October 1826.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Stratton January 16, 1827

Voted Thomas L. Stimson Clerk Protemp.

Held a church meeting. Voted thanks to the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society for the preached gospel.

2) Voted Luther Torrey, Abel Grout, Jr., Matthew Randall, Abel Kidder, Ezra Estabrook, Joel Estabrook - visiting committee.

3) Voted to receive the land that Mr. McFarland offered to give this church.

4) Voted Luther Torrey, Abel Grout, Jr., Asa Phillips - committee to inspect said land.

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Thomas L. Stimson - clerk protemp.

Stratton June 17, 1827

Mr. Austin Bissell and Clarissa his wife and Emily their daughter having been previous to this examination and propounded were received into full communion with the Congregation Church in this town. Mrs. Bissell and daughter were baptized by Reverend Mr. Riddle.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Sarah Susanna, daughter of David Estabrook and Annah his wife also Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of David Rice and Melinda his wife, also Moses Kimball, son of Moses Stacy and Joanna his wife, were baptized by Reverend Mr. Riddle.

Stratton August 5, 1827

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Lucy Almeda, Maria Louisa, George Washington, Almira Jerusha, Seaver Amendsen, Augustine Newhall - children of Joshua Sprague and Betsey his wife, baptized by Reverend Mr. Comins.

Emerlia Carrel Bissell, Horace Bissell, Caroline Bissell, Elijah Austin Bissell, Lewis Bissell, Elbridge Bissell, Edward Bissell, George Martin Bissell - Children of Austin and Clarissa his wife.

Henry Calph Phillips, son of Jonathan Phillips and Maria his wife.

Jacob Batchellor Grout, son of Abel Grout, Jr. and Theodocia his wife was baptized by Reverend William Riddle August 24, 1828.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Lyman William, son of Ezekiel Estabrook and Betsey his wife was baptized by Reverend William Riddle October 18, 1829.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Jedediah Branard, son of David Estabrook and Annah his wife was baptized by Reverend James Tufts December 6, 1829

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

George Henry, son of David Rice and Melinda his wife was baptized by Reverend William Riddle in the year 1830.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Joanna Maria, daughter of Jonas Hale and Marena his wife was baptized by Reverend William Riddle February 27, 1831.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Stratton May 14, 1831, Agreeable to appointment the church met and proceeded as follows, namely voted to give Jonathan Phillips and Maria his wife a letter.

2) voted to adjourn the meeting till Tuesday the 24th day of this instant May 12 o'clock at the meetinghouse.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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May 24, 1831, The Church met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to business as follows.

- 1) Voted to raise 10 cents on the dollar on the Grand List of the several male members in the church.
- 2) Chose Deacon Abel Grout and Leander Carter as a committee to assess the above tax and to procure a suitable preacher with the money.
- 3) Chose Elias Hale as collector to collect the above tax and pay the same over the above community.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

November 9, 1831, At a Preparatory Lection, the following persons were examined as to their Christian experience by the Reverend Mr. Kingsbury and propounded for admission into the church.

The next Sabbath they were received into the church. Namely: Anna Kidder, Lucy Estabrook and Dorothy Grout.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

November 13, 1831, The following children were baptized by Reverend James Tufts - Caroline Amelia, daughter of Deacon Abel Grout and Theodocia his wife; Elisha, son of Luther Torrey and Eunice his wife; Dolly Read, daughter of Baxter Lyon and Mary his wife; Abel Kidder, son of Ezekiel Estabrook and Betsey his wife.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Darius, James, John, sons of Joel Grout and Lucy his wife were baptized by Reverend William Riddle January 9, 1832.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

June 17, 1832, At a church meeting the following votes were taken, namely:

- 1) Voted to give Clarissa Bissell, wife of Austin Bissell and Emerlia their daughter a letter of dismission to the Church of Christ in Wardsboro.
- 2) Voted to give a letter of dismission to Betsey Sprague to the same church.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Hiland Mann, son of Leander Carter and Nancy his wife was baptized by Reverend Charles M. Brown December 30, 1832.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

January 12, 1834, At a meeting of the Brethren the following votes were taken, Viz: Voted to give David Estabrook and Anna his wife and Lucy their daughter a letter likewise Lewis Guild and Sally his wife and Sally and Ruth their daughters a letter of dismission.

Voted to give Austin Bissell a letter.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Mercy Guild, daughter of Jonas Hale and Marena his wife was baptized by Reverend Joseph Goddard July 6, 1834.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Stratton September 14, 1834

Amelia Ann, daughter of Ezekiel Estabrook and Betsey B. his wife was baptized by Reverend Mr. Goddard. Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

November 16, 1834, Luther Waite and Asenath his wife and Levi Hale, Jr., were received as members of the Congregational Church of Christ in Stratton.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

June 7, 1835, Sabbath after meeting the Brethren then present voted that Brother Luther Waite be the delegate to the Consociation to be held at Jamaica 3rd Tuesday in this month. And, as Reverend Mr. Goddard was then preaching here, the majority of the Brethren present voted to send him as their pastor.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton November 14, 1836

The church met agreeable to appointment and after opening the meeting by prayer, the church proceeded business as follows:

- 1) Voted to dismiss Sister Bissell by her request from the church.
- 2) Chose Brother Luther Torrey and Ezra Estabrook as a committee to converse with Brother M. Forrester and with all the Brethren and Sisters that are not at this meeting.
- 3) Chose Brother Luther Waite Deacon of this church.
- 4) Voted to adjourn this meeting till Saturday the 3rd day of December next at the school house near Mr. Grimes at 3 of the clock after noon.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

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The above adjournment failed and the committee made their report to the church on Saturday the 10th day of December after meeting.

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

The next day Sarah Estabrook, Ezekiel Estabrook and Maranda Haynes united with the church.

June 25, 1837, Sabbath Day after meeting the church heard a complaint against Brother Joel Estabrook and voted to accept the same then mutually agreed with Brother Joel Estabrook that the first part of the complaint so much as respects the difficulty between him and his son Stephen should be left to the following Brethren, namely Justus Livermore of Jamaica, Reuben Brooks and Benjamin Thatcher of Winhall. The above named complaint is as follows. I am aggrieved with Brother Joel Estabrook for the following things: I) Unchristian conduct toward his son Stephen in several particulars. 1) for withholding from his son a due compensation for his labor for a number of years. 2) for disregarding his son and for unchristian contention with him. II) For manifesting unkind feelings toward his brethren who are engaged in the temperance reformation and in other benevolent efforts.

Stratton July 5, 1837

We your ecclesiastic references find Brother Joel Estabrook guilty of the first and second articles as alleged in the within complaint. We likewise find Brother Stephen Estabrook guilty of unchristian like conduct toward his father.

Reuben Brooks, Justus Livermore, Benjamin Thatcher

Ezra Estabrook - Church Clerk

Agreeable to appointment, the church met. After opening the meeting by prayer, the church proceeded to business as follows, Viz:

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- 1) After examining the second article of complaint, the church voted that the complaint has been supported.
- 2) Voted to withdraw our fellowship from Brother Joel Estabrook until he appears of a different spirit and gives Christian satisfaction.
- 3) Voted to excuse Ezra Estabrook from serving as Church Clerk.
- 4) Chose Ezekiel Estabrook Church Clerk.
- 5) The church heard the confession of Brother Stephen Estabrook and voted to accept of the same.

The meeting was closed by prayer.

Stratton July 28, 1837

Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

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Stratton March 4, 1838

The following persons were taken into the [church] Viz: Samuel Newell Grout, Lestina Maria Grout, Dorcas Pike, Calvin Torrey and Sarah Ann Ballard - she was baptized by immersion.

Stratton June 24, 1838

This day Stephen Grout was admitted into the church.

Lyman, son of Joel Grout and wife, was baptized by Reverend Asahel Nutt.

Attest

Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

Bethiah Lyman removed her relation from the Unitarian Church in Northfield, [Massachusetts], to the Church of Christ in this place by letter and was admitted as a regular member by vote of the church.

Stratton 1839

Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton 1840

Church voted to give Sarah Ann Ballard a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Union Congregational Church.

Stratton

Abigail and Caroline Rice were received as members of the Congregational Church in Stratton. Also Hiram Baldwin was received by letter from the Methodist Church in ???.

Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton

The Church voted to [admit] Bethiah Lyman, Abigail Jones, Levi Hale, Eli and Elias Hale.

Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton

Church chose Ezekiel Estabrook Deacon

Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton 1846

Voted to receive Mr. Emmons Howard and wife to the church in Stratton by letter

Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton December 26, 1848

Hiram Knapp and Elvira his wife were received by letter as members of this [church] from Congregational Church in Marlboro.

Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton 1847 (*entry out of chronological order*)

Church voted to give Tyler Waite and Lucia his wife a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Congregational Church in North Wardsboro

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Ezekiel Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton June 5, 1853

Lyman Knapp and Henry W. Estabrook having been previous to this examined were received into full communion with the Congregational Church in this town. HW Estabrook was baptized by Reverend Mr. Foster. Henry W. Estabrook - Church Clerk  
On the same day HW Estabrook was chosen Church Clerk.

Stratton June 4, 1854, Agreed to give Mary, wife of Ashbel Kidder, a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Church of Christ in Granville, Illinois.

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

Agreed to give Mrs. Eunice Stearns, who was widow of Luther Torrey, a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Church of Christ in Wilmington.

Stratton June 28

HW Estabrook

Voted to give Samuel N. Grout a letter of dismissal from this church and recommendation to the Church of Christ in Iowa.

Stratton October 4, 1857

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

The following persons were admitted into the Church of Christ in Stratton Viz: Amelia A. Estabrook, James William Copeland and his wife Maryette M. Copeland and Rosetta H. Pike. JW Copeland and his wife were baptized by the Reverend Asa F. Clark.

Stratton June 6, 1858

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

The church met according to agreement to see what church would do with Mr. Hiram Knapp and wife, they having separated and do not live together as man and wife.

- 1) Reverend RD Miller read a portion of scripture then:
- 2) HW Estabrook opened the meeting by prayer - Chose RD Miller Moderator.
- 3) Prayer by RD Miller.

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4) Mr. and Mrs. Knapp both asked for dismissal from the church.

5) The Church voted to dismiss them from the church.

Therefore the church will be no more accountable for their misconduct.

6) Chose Henry W. Estabrook Deacon.

7) Closed the meeting by prayer by Deacon Grout and Benediction by Reverend RD Miller.

Stratton February 12, 1859

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk.

Morilla M. Pike was baptized by immersion August 6, 1859.

Ludovic S. Pike and Marilla M. Pike were admitted into the church. Ludovic S. Pike was baptized. August 7, 1859

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

Marena J. Pike was admitted into the church. She was baptized.

Joseph H., son of Henry W. and Rosetta H. Estabrook was baptized by Reverend A. Stevens.

September 9th, 1860.

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

The church agreed to give Lyman K. Knapp a letter of dismissal from this church and recommendation to the church in Middlebury.

Stratton March 6, 1865

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk.

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Preston S. Knapp was admitted into the church.

Stratton September 2nd, 1866

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

Mrs. Lomira G. Reid, widow of John Reid, Laura Forrester and Lucy Allen were admitted into full fellowship with the Congregational Church by profession. They were all baptized by Reverend A. Stevens.

Stratton May 26, 1867

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

Reverend CL Smith baptized Arthur A. and William A. sons of HW and RH Estabrook

Stratton July 27, 1867

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

I am informed that Philena Torrey and Submit Grout admitted within the [church] June 24, 1840 and by some means were left out of the record. E Estabrook.

Stratton June 21, 186?

HW Estabrook - Clerk

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The following persons were admitted into the church by profession - Mrs. Elvira Knapp, Mrs. Emma Knapp, Villa Knapp, and Adelia S. Estabrook and Emeline (Carter) Grout was admitted by letter from the 1st Congregational Church in Worcester, Massachusetts. Emma Knapp was baptized [by] Reverend Brown of South Wardsboro.

Stratton June 21st, 1868

HW Estabrook - Clerk

Mrs. Caroline Forrester wife of RB Forrester admitted with the church by profession and was baptized by Reverend Philetus Clark of Wardsboro

Stratton August 7th, 1870

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

The church gave Mrs. Adelia S. Estabrook a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Congregational Church in W. Dover.

Stratton April 1871

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

Mr. Jonas Blodgett was baptized and admitted into the church in Stratton August 9th, 1871

HW Estabrook

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Mr. Jacob B. Grout was baptized and admitted into the church this day by Mr. Amsden.

Stratton June 23, 1872

HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

At a church meeting the following persons were this day examined as to their Christian experience, Miss Inez T. Pike, Hiram J. Center and William Cobb. The church voted to sustain the examinations and all were propounded for membership. The two first at the next communion while Mr. Cobb was accepted on probation and advised to wait till the next communion season after tomorrow for full admission if it should be deemed best after which [the] meeting adjourned. Recorded by AB Emmons acting pastor. Stratton October 17, 1874 at the request of HWE clerk.

At the communion season today. Miss Inez T. Pike was baptized and admitted to the church on profession by Reverend AB Emmons acting pastor, but Mr. Center who was received at a previous meeting as above recorded did not enter into full communion with the church as he felt that he ought to be baptized by immersion and no arrangement had been made to that effect. The church regretted his

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misunderstanding of the day previous and advised him to wait till the next communion - Fidelia Marilla, and Roscoe Topping, children of Deacon Henry W. and Rosetta H. Estabrook were baptized by Reverend Mr. Emmons.

Recorded by AB Emmons acting pastor

at the request of HW Estabrook - Church Clerk

Stratton, VT

October 18, 1874

Mrs. Isabell Rosella Pike was baptized and admitted to the church this day on profession of faith by Rev. AB Emmons of Jamaica. Recorded by AB Emmons at the request of church clerk.

Resident Members

Non-resident

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Male		Male	
Abel Grout	1	J. Wm. Copeland	1
HW Estabrook	2	Preston Knapp	2
Jonas Blodgett	3	Ludovic Pike	3
JB Grout	4	Female	
		Emma Knapp	3
Female		Lucy Allen	4
Emeline Grout	5	Lucy Grout	5
Elvira Knapp	6	Lomira Reid	6
Villa (Knapp) Allen	7	<u>Sophia Scott</u>	<u>7</u>
Caroline Forrester	8	Non-resident Males	2
Salome Pike	9	Non-resident Female	5
Marena Pike	10	Total	7
Dorcas Pike	11		
RH Estabrook	12		
Malinda Rice	13		
Amelia A. Payne	14		
<u>Philena Ward</u>	<u>15</u>		
Resident Male Members	4		
Resident Female Members	<u>11</u>		
total	15		

The above is a list of the residents and non-resident members of the Congregational Church in Stratton October 12, 1871.

HW Estabrook - Clerk

*Loose pages found accompanying the records were as follows:*

### **Brief Sketch of Church in Stratton, VT**

It appears from tradition that this church shared the church building with those of other faith as there have been but two churches in Stratton, both built and used in common. The first was near the old common all gone but the brush and grass covered foundation which was 36' X 48' probably. This edifice has been past using now about 60 years. Between the decay of this house and the building of the present Union House on the road from Wardsboro to Arlington and has been repaired several times so that it is now in good shape and belongs to the inhabitants of Stratton. Meetings were held in the above ??? in school houses and private houses as well as in the hall.

Death and removals have depleted this body till but one surviving member remains, Mrs. Caroline Forrester now of West Wardsboro, VT -- Besides this organization there have existed a Baptist Church having an existence about 50 years, a Methodist Class supplied by the ME pastor at Wardsboro for a time. And, in 1859, July 13, a Free-Will Baptist Church was organized and worked there but is now but a struggling remnant - three only of the resident members are left.

Many of those mentioned in these records were among the foremost men in town as well as pillars in the church.

May God add this blessing for his Son's sake

Compiled by OH Palmer late pastor of FB Church in Stratton now of Wilmington, VT  
January 30, 1903.

The Congregational Church called the Church of Christ in Stratton was organized September 30, 1801 with nine members. Their first minister appears to be Reverend James Tufts - The records also mention quite often the name of Reverend Philip Spaulding, also Rev. Mr. Bingham and Rev. Mr. Parmely and Joseph Goddard and Rev. RD Miller about 1860. We find the name of Rev. A. Stevens in 1867. We find Rev. CS Clark mentioned in 1870, Rev. Philetus Clark in 1874. Rev AB Emmons who was the last pastor. So that the history of this church covers about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the century.

Clergymen who have come from Stratton, VT: 1) Rev. Ira Chase one of the founders of Newton Theological Seminary. 2) Rev. Mr. Jones, 3) Rev. Miles Knowlton - Missionary to China if not born in Stratton grew up there. 4) Rev. Frank Glazier who died just as he had finished his studies. 5) Rev. N. Newton Glazier formerly of Greenfield, Massachusetts. 6) A certain Miss Williams now of Nebraska 7) Rev. Newell Grout also of Nebraska 8) Rev. Adelbert A. Estabrook -- ME Pastor in northern part of VT. 9) Rev. WA Estabrook formerly Congregational. Pastor in Wilmington now of Amherst, Massachusetts and 10) L. Huntley Sprague - Free Baptist now pastor of Church at Columbus Quarter, New York.

May their memory and work inspire others to take up their work.  
Wilmington, VT January 30, 1903.

OH Palmer

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with baptisms and proceedings  
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