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MINUTES

OF THE

STURBRIDGE ASSOCIATION,

Convened at the Baptist Meetinghouse in Hardwick on
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30 1812.

1. At 10 o'clock A.M. a sermon was delivered by brother Joseph Smallidge, from 2 Timothy iv. 6, 7 and 8.

2. Brother Samuel Waters was chosen *Moderator* and brother Zenas L. Leonard *Scribe*.

3. Read the letters from the Churches, and took the following minutes —

N.B. The names of ordained ministers are in small capitals. Licenced preachers in italics. Churches from whom we received no information are distinguished by this mark † Ministers not present by an asterisk * Vacant churches by a dash —

Churches.	Elders and Messengers.	Added.	Dismiss.	Exclud.	Died.	Total.
Sutton.	SAMUEL WATERS, <i>Isaac Dwinne,</i> Solomon Marble, Jonah Goulding, Benjamin Clark.	7	0	2	4	150
Leicester.	* PETER ROGERS, James Sprague, David Bryant, David Parker, Samuel Britton.	0	0	2	0	76
Charlton.	JAMES BOOMER, Abijah Lamb, Lemuel Greene, Daniel Bacon Jr.	2	0	0	3	92
1. Woodstock.	† BIEL LEDOIT, John Clark, Penuel Corbin.	0	2	0	1	65
2. Woodstock.	† AMOS WELLS.	0	0	0	0	139
S. Brimfield	† * ELIJAH CODDING.					82

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Belcherstown	DAVID PEASE, Reuben Barton, Ebenezer Green.	0	1	1	1	113
Sturbridge.	ZENAS L. LEONARD, Samuel Cheever, Amasa Adams.	0	0	4	2	104
2. Ashford.	————— Wm. Johnson.	0	0	0	0	71
3. Ashford.	————— Ephraim Hayward, Abraham Holman.	0	0	0	0	30
Shutesbury.	JOSEPH SMALLIDGE, Lyscom Brigham, Silas Cook.	8	2	0	1	154
Wilbraham.	ALVIN BENNET, Ebenezer Curtiss, James Calkins, Aaron Chapin Jr.	2	3	0	2	112
Hardwick.	EBENEZER BURT, <i>Nathan Vaughan,</i> Benjamin Rider, Esek Brown, Moses Winchester.	0	1	2	1	115
Thompson.	PARSON CROSBY, Joseph Town.	0	0	0	2	120
Pemfret.	JAMES GROW, Simeon Allen.	0	0	0	0	63
Enfield, Longmeadow and Wilbraham	GEORGE ATWELL, EZEKIEL TERRY, Elisha Cleaveland, Timothy Burr, Theo. Sweatland, Elijah Billings.	22	0	2	2	157
Killingly.	†CALVIN COOPER, Edward Bartlet, Jeremiah Harrington.	10	0	0	3	116
Tolland.	————— Ira West, Jeduthan Cobb, Ichabod Hinkley,	0	0	0	0	67
1. Stafford. †	—————					43

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2. Stafford.	SAMUEL BLOSS, SPENCER ALDEN, Elijah Alden.	0	0	0	1	22
Dana. †	DAVID BATES, Samuel Haskins, Nathan Smith, John Peckham, Moses Bliss.					58
		63	9	13	23	1956

† This church was added this session.

4. Received Minutes and Messengers from sister Associations, viz : from the Warren, brethren Andrews, Allen, & Marshal ; from the Stonington, brother Asa Bennet with minutes ; from the Leyden, brother Peckham with minutes ; from the Danbury, minutes ; from the Westfield, brethren Andrews and Rand ; from the Boston, brother Livermore.

5. Appointed messengers to corresponding Associations. To the Warren, brethren Grow, Crosby, Dwinnel and Vaughan ; to the Stonington, brother Asa Bennet ; to the Leyden, brethren Peckham and Alden ; to the Danbury, brethren Alden and Bloss ; to the Shaftsbury, brethren Pease and Alden ; to the Boston, brethren Livermore and B. Waters ; to the Westfield, Pease and Bennet.

6. Read and approved the circular letter prepared by brother Wells, and the corresponding by brother Bennet, they being previously inspected by a committee.

7. Voted that brother Bloss write the circular letter for the next year, and brother Atwell the corresponding.

8. Voted that our Association meet next year at Thompson on the last wednesday in Sept. at 10 o'clock A. M. Brother Grow to preach the introductory sermon ; in case of failure, brother Burt.

9. Voted that brother Terry superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

10. Chose brethren Waters, Leonard and Boomer a committee to take into consideration the subject of the incorporation of religious societies by special legeslative acts ; and examine whether, it be, or be not, consistent with the gospel of Christ ; and to make report of their opinion thereon at the next session of the Association, with a

