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## BY-LAWS.

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#### NAME.

1. The corporate name of this church is the First Congregational Church of Buckland.

#### CONSTITUTION.

2. This church acknowledges the Lord Jesus Christ as its only Head, and receives the Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments as its only infallible guide in matters of faith, order and discipline. It is governed by the body of believers who compose it, and invites all to fulfill their solemn obligations to God by uniting in its membership and co-operating in its work.

It recognizes the obligation and privilege of the communion of churches and extends to all other evangelical churches, and welcomes from them that fellowship, sympathy, advice and co-operation which the law of Christ demands. It is united with other churches in the Evangelical Alliance of Franklin County, and with other Congregational churches in the Franklin Conference, the General Association of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts, and the National council of the Congregational churches of the United States.

It accepts as its work the complete evangelization of the world, beginning with this community, and proceeding through all the opportunities and with all the resources which God in His Providence may bestow.

Its property as a corporation may be used in every way that can promote religion, and must not be diverted to any other purpose.

Its business must all be undertaken and carried on as a sacred trust, which demands from every member the greatest possible exactness, fairness and fidelity.

The property belonging to this corporation being held as a sacred trust for religious purposes, does not belong to its members individually, cannot be taken to pay their debts, or transferred from any one to any other. (This applies only in part to the pews.) Neither can the members individually be held liable for the debts of the corporation. The security for its contracts and agreements is in its property, and in the good faith of its officers and members in voluntarily supporting its engagements. And if any member shall refuse or fail voluntarily to contribute and labor for the support of the cause of Christ embodied in the church, and to co-operate in its work according as God prospers him or her, by such refusal heavier burdens are imposed upon the rest, the constitution of the church becomes impaired and weakened, and the obligations of membership are violated and broken.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

- 3. a. All members of the Congregational church now existing in Buckland, Massachusetts, shall be members of this corporation.
- b. Candidates for admission to this church recommended by the examining committee, shall be publicly proposed two weeks previous to their admission, unless otherwise voted. They shall be received according to the form for admission adopted June 30, 1885, unless otherwise voted.
- c. When members of this church are dismissed by vote to other churches, and we are notified of their reception, their connection with this church ceases.
- d. All members of this church who absent themselves from the usual Sabbath services of the church for two years, calling for no letter within that time, shall have their names dropped from our list of members by the clerk after due action by the church, unless they shall give reasons for such absence, or for not calling for a letter which are satisfactory to the church; and the clerk shall take such measures as may be available for notifying from time to time such members as this rule shall effect.
- e. Discipline shall be maintained according to Matthew 18: 15-17.

#### MEETINGS.

- 4. a. The first annual meeting under this incorporation shall be held at such time as the standing committee may deem advisable, and thereafter the annual meeting of the church shall be held at its place of worship on the second Tuesday in December, and shall be called by a notice posted on the church bulletin by the clerk at least seven days before the day appointed, who also shall call the meeting to order and preside until a moderator is chosen. At this meeting a clerk, a treasurer, and a standing committee shall be elected by ballot, with such other officers as may be required by the church, who shall enter upon their duties the first of the ensuing January. Reports from the officers and organizations connected with the church shall be presented, and any business may be transacted which pertains to the work of the church.
- b. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- c. In all matters that may come before the church for action' the female members have the same rights of discussion and voting as the male members.
- d. None but resident members of twenty-one years of age and upwards shall vote.
- c. Business may be legally done at the close of any regular prayer meeting, provided that the business to be done shall have been specified at the appointment of the meeting. Special meetings may be called at any time when in the opinion of the pastor and standing committee it is expedient, and shall be called at the written request of five members, notice thereof being given from the pulpit on the Sabbath, or in the same way as for the annual meeting.

#### OFFICERS.

5. a. The moderator for the annual meeting shall be elected by ballot. At all other meetings, the pastor or acting pastor, if a member of the church, shall be its standing moderator. In his absence, or when he does not act, the deacon senior in office who

is present shall preside unless three members request that a moderator be elected by ballot.

- *b*. The clerk shall keep full records of the business of the church. He shall be sworn according to law. If for any reason ne is unable to act, the standing committee shall designate some one to perform his duties until his successor is duly elected. In opening the annual meeting he shall read the notice for it, and certify that it was duly posted.
- c. The deacons now in office shall continue until their respective terms expire, one for three years being chosen at each annual meeting.
- d. The treasurer shall have charge of all church funds except those given for benevolence.
- e. The standing committee shall consist of five members, and shall care for the property of the church, acting in its behalf at all times in its corporate capacity. Such members of the Ecclesiastical Society formerly connected with this church as are not members of the church may be added to this committee as associates, with all the powers that may legally be conferred upon them. The standing committee with the pastor shall control the use of the church property, and shall not permit the house of worship to be used for such purposes as require the erection of a platform, or the use of scenery or any other objectionable entertainments, or anything that shall deface the audience room.
- f. A committee of four shall act as ushers, having the oversight of the pews and sittings, and endeavoring so to fulfill their duties as to promote a general and constant attendance at the church services.
- g. The examining committee shall consist of the pastor, the deacons, and three other members, two of whom must be women, and shall examine all candidates for admission to the church and recommend such as they approve. Any who may be rejected by the committee shall have the right to appeal to the church. They shall also take the preliminary steps in all cases of discipline, and shall present at each annual meeting a written report on the condition of the church with a list of absent members and any recommendations which they may deem proper.

- h. The missionary committee shall consist of three members of whom the pastor or acting pastor shall be one. The chairman of this committee shall act as treasurer of the benevolent contributions of the church. The committee shall present at the annual meeting a list of objects for the contributions of the ensuing year, and may recommend changes in that list or additions to it during the year.
- i. The general officers of the Sunday school may be nominated by the teachers and shall be elected by the church, except that the Superintendent may choose his own assistant. The Superintendent, with the assistant Superintendent and the Pastor, shall fill all vacancies in the list of officers, and shall have the oversight of the teachers.
- j. A nominating committee of three shall be appointed annually by the pastor, consisting of one gentleman and two ladies, who shall make nominations during the year for committees to serve' at fellowship meetings and all other meetings of like nature.
- k. An auditor, chosen annually, shall examine the accounts of the treasurer and the chairman of the missionary committee and certify to their correctness before the annual meeting.

#### SACRAMENTS.

- 6. a. The Lord's Supper shall be observed on the first Sabbaths of January, March, May, July, September and November, unless the church votes otherwise.
- b. Baptism may be administered by sprinkling or immersion, at the option of the candidates. The children of believers may be baptized.
- c. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all persons who love the Lord Jesus Christ and are faithfully seeking to obey all his known commands.

#### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

7. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any church meeting, after two weeks' notice given from the pulpit, but only by the vote of two-thirds the members present.

## FORM FOR THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

[Adopted June 30, 1885.]

[To Those Coming by Profession of Their Faith.]

You rejoice that you may live always in union with your Lord Jesus Christ, through whom you have fellowship also with God the Father, and receive the Holy Spirit; and you believe that these three persons, to whom you owe perfect loyalty, are equal in divine nature, being the one eternal, true and infinite God.

You believe that God offers himself to you to be your God and Savior now and forever; that he created our first parents holy, but through their sin we all have sinned and need a righteous Savior; that through our Lord Jesus Christ, who became man, suffered and died for us and in our stead, rose again the third day and is our Advocate with the Father, salvation is freely offered to all, and that in being saved from condemnation and eternal punishment you are led by the Holy Spirit to repent of all your sins, confessing and forsaking them through faith in Christ, and to endeavor continually to do the will of God as taught in his word. You believe that the Bible was written by men under the special inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and is able to make you wise unto salvation; and you accept it as the standard by which your conduct must be regulated and judged.

Your desire and purpose is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. Your eternal comfort is that you are not your own, but belong to your faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who, by his Holy Spirit, assures you of eternal life, and makes you heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto him.

You consider it your duty as a believer in Christ to confess him before others whenever and wherever you can; to unite with other believers in forming and sustaining his visible church; to accept baptism as a seal of God's covenant of grace for the remission of your sins, and a sign of your union with Christ and of the promised baptism of the Holy Spirit; to partake frequently of the Lord's Supper in memory of his dying love, and in loving fellowship with his members; to keep the Lord's Day in sacred commemoration of his resurrection, engaging in public and private worship and works of mercy, and avoiding all secular recreation and labor; to cultivate the habit of family and private devotions; to love all believers as Christ has loved you, and to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness throughout life.

## [Baptism.]

Believing these truths and trusting wholly in your Savior, you do now in the presence of God, of his holy angels, and of this assembly, enter into an everlasting covenant with him. You give up yourself to God the Father as your God, your Father and your eternal portion, confessing your penitence for sin and your personal sense of his love and forgiveness as revealed in his Son, Jesus Christ. You give up yourself to the Blessed Jesus, the Redeemer and Head of the Church, as your Prophet, Priest and King, relying on his righteousness alone for justification, and seeking his grace for the sanctification of your whole life; and to his service as your highest joy, you consecrate yourself and all that you possess. You give up yourself to the Holy Spirit, to be led by him at all times, to be made holy by his teaching, comforted with his presence and used in his power. Although humbly acknowledging your weakness and guilt, and your liability to error and sin, still you do sincerely desire, and by the aid of divine grace do promise, to perform faithfully the various duties of sobriety, temperance, righteousness and godliness which you owe to God, to your fellow-men and to yourself.

## [To Those Also Who Come by Letter.]

You do now heartily join yourself to this church, promising that you will attend its ordinances and receive in loving submission the discipline of Christ in it; that you will pray and labor for its peace, growth and righteousness, and will walk faithfully and meekly with its members in love. All this you do, flying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of your sins, and beseeching the glorious God to prepare and strengthen you for

every good work; to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and the Spirit be the glory forever.

Do you thus Covenant?

On the part of the church of Christ, the members rising now covenant with you. In consequence of these your professions and promises, we do joyfully welcome you to our communion and fellowship in the blessings of the Gospel, promising to love you as a believing companion, to watch over you with tenderness, and to pray for you that you may be enabled to fulfill the solemn covenant which you have now made. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. And now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the throne of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever, Amen.

### MEMBERS

Of the First Congregational Church of Buckland, Massachusetts, Dec. 3, 1887. Those marked with a star are non-resident.

Mrs. J. D. Averv. Ezekiel D. Bement. Mrs. E. D. Bement. Miss Alice F. Bement. Miss Clara J. Bement. Silas Bigelow. Mrs. Silas Bigelow. Mrs. L. A. Bradford. Edward C. Bradford. \*Mrs. S. Jerome Cornwell. \*Thomas S. Cranson. \*Mrs. T. S. Cranson. \*Mrs. Harlan Cranson. Mrs. Homer W. Dodge. Miss Addie L. Dodge. Mrs. R. W. Field. Caleb E. Forbes. Mrs. Caleb E. Forbes. George W. Forbes. Frederic Forbes.

Mrs. F. Forbes. Warren D. Forbes. Mrs. Joseph Goodard. Mrs. H. B. Graham. George L. Graves. Mrs. G. L. Graves. Miss Ella A. Graves. Miss Roxanna Griswold. George A. Ham. \*Mrs. Jennie M. Hamilton. Elisha F. Harris. Mrs. E. F. Harris. Miss Ella M. Harris. Mrs. W. E. Hartwell. Miss Rosa M. Hartwell, \*Mrs. H. Harvey. Asahel C. Hawks. Mrs. A. C. Hawks. Alpheus C. Hodges. \*Miss M. Louise Hodges.

Almon Howes. Mrs. A. Howes. Charles Howes. Mrs. C. Howes. \*Mrs. Mary B. Hurd. Benjamin Keach. Cephas F. Keach. Ellsworth E. Keach. Joseph D. Keach. Mrs. J. D. Keach. Miss Alice B. Keach. Mrs. Edward Kenney. Mrs. R. H. Leavitt. Mrs. M. L. Mantor. Mrs. Jane G. May. Mrs. Fred Mayer. Mrs. E. C. Maynard. Dwight L. Meekins. Mrs. D. L. Meekins. Joseph R. Meekins. Mrs. J. R. Meekins. \*Edwin B. Meekins. George P. Nichols. Mrs. G. P. Nichols. \*Mrs. Ernest Norman. Baxter A. Orcutt. Mrs. B. A. Orcutt. Mrs. D. W. Porter. \*Mrs. A. S. Pratt. Alvin Ruddock. Mrs. A. Ruddock. LeBaron D. Ruddock. Mrs. LeBaron D. Ruddock. Milton F. Sears. Mrs. M. F. Sears. Miss Winifred B. Sears. Elijah Shaw. Elijah Shaw, Jr. Mrs. E. Shaw, Jr. Eugene W. Shaw. Miss Grace F. Shaw. Eli K. Smith. Charles D. Smith. Mrs. C. D. Smith. Edmund M. Smith. Mrs. E. M. Smith. Edmund F. Smith. Mrs. E. F. Smith. Henry G. Southwick. Mrs. H. G. Southwick. Miss Mary Sprague. \*E. J. Stockwell. \*Mrs. E. J. Stockwell. Jeremiah Stockwell. Mrs. J. Stockwell. Mrs. L. L. Stetson. Eber E. Stratton.

Mrs. E. E. Stratton. Mrs. John Stroheker. Mrs. Horace F. Taylor. Mrs. Frank W. Taylor, Miss Lula B. Taylor. George B. Taylor. Mrs. G. B. Taylor, Miss Cora O. Taylor. Ellsworth P. Taylor. Mrs. E. P. Taylor. Mrs. S. B. Taylor. Miss Erma L. Taylor. \*Mrs. W. R. Taylor. Miss Ella R. Taylor. Miss Belle Taylor. Dr. Josiah Trow. Mrs. J. Trow. Frank W. Trow. Mrs. F. W. Trow. Silas Trowbridge. Mrs. Laura I. Vincent. Austin P. Ward. Mrs. A. P. Ward. \*Miss Rose M. Ward. \*Miss Dency Ward, Sumner J. Ward. Mrs. S. J. Ward. Mrs. Charles E. Ward. Mrs. Jesse M. Ward. Mrs. Enos Ware. Miss Helen A. Ware. Henry L. Warfield. Mrs. H. L. Warfield. Fred L. Warfield. Charles Wilder. Mrs. C. Wilder. Miss Thankful C. Wilder. Miss Hattie P. Wilder. Edmund G. Wilder. Gardner Wilder. Miss Nellie A. Wilder. Charles A. Wilder. Mrs. C. A. Wilder. \*Frank R. Willis. \*Mrs. F. R. Willis. John Wiley. Mrs. J. Wiley.
Miss Mary E. Wiley.
John Q. A. Wiley.
Mrs. J. Q. A. Wiley.
Edwin P. Williams. Mrs. E. P. Williams. William S. Williams. Mrs. W. S. Williams. Miss Flora J. Williams. Mrs. James H. Wright.

### PASTORS

Of the First Congregational Church in Buckland, Massachusetts:

Josiah Spalding, installed Oct. 15, 1794; died May 8, 1823.

Benjamin F. Clarke, ordained Feb. 4, 1824; dismissed May 2, 1839.

Preston Cummings, installed Jan. 1, 1840; dismissed Dec. 31, 1847.

Asa B. Smith, installed March 22, 1848; dismissed Aug. 1, 1859.

Charles Lord, installed March 29, 1860; died March 28, 1872.

Charles L. Guild, acting pastor from April 1, 1873, to April 1, 1881.

Alpheus C. Hodges, ordained Nov. 16, 1881.

### DEACONS.

Previous to 1807 the following persons were elected, but the records do not clearly indicate whether any of them served, nor for what periods: Samuel Taylor, Elias Griswold, Lemuel Taylor, Josiah Johnson, James Butler, Chandler Burgin, Josiah Brown, Benjamin Ballard.

Lemuel Taylor consecrated to the office Dec. 13, 1807.

Nathaniel Sherwin " " Dec. 13, 1807.

Enos Pomeroy, Josiah Griswold and Silas Trowbridge were elected in 1824 but declined to serve.

John Porter, consecrated March 16, 1825; resigned March 21, 1858.

Bartlett Ballard, accepted September 5, 1834; resigned January 18, 1846.

Nathaniel G. Trow, accepted Feb. 28, 1846; resigned March 20, 1851.

Silas Trowbridge, accepted March 4, 1853; resigned May 7, 1876.

Frederic Forbes, chosen Sept. 19, r861; resigned previous to Aug. 25, 1876.

#### Chosen for Terms of Three Years:

Frederic Forbes, 1876; term expired 1879. H. L. Warfield, 1876. Charles Howes, 1876. Sumner J. Ward, 1879.

### CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Samuel Taylor, Elias Griswold and Lemuel Taylor served from April 23, 1789, to July 16, 1795. A committee was first chosen annually July 22, 1824. The times when each was first chosen and the years for which they were re-elected are given herewith to 1887:

Levi White, 1824-28.

Enos Pomeroy, 1824-25.

Joseph Griswold, 1824-31.

Josiah Pratt, 1824-32.

Levi Taylor, 1824-25.

Oliver Coleman, 1824-31, 33, 44, 45-46.

Jesse Pratt, 1826.

Silas Trowbridge, 1826, 32-37, 39, 45-49, 51-76.

Joseph Hubbard, 1827-31, 33, 39, 40, 44, 49.

John Porter, 1827-33, 36-57, 68-70.

William Sherwin, 1829-31, 37, 39, 40.

Daniel Bement, 1832, 35, 38, 42, 47, 50-51.

Calvin Pomeroy, 1832.

Ezra B. Sherwin, 1832-35.

Elisha Smith, 1833-36, 39-40, 42, 48-52.

Amos Shepard, 1834.

Abijah Thayer, 1834, 40-41.

Job Walker, 1835.

Zenas Graham, 1836.

Jonathan Ward, 1836-37.

Jeremiah Ward, 1841.

Sumner Bement, 1841, 45-46.

Nathaniel G. Trow, 1841, 44-50.

J. F. Upton, 1842, 47.

Thomas Orcutt, 1844, 61.

Eli Gray, 1848.

Barnabas Wells, 1850.

Josiah Trow, 1852-71, 77-82.

Elijah Shaw, 1852, 59-61, 64-67, 70-73, 80-84, 86.

E. Howes, 1854.

E. A. Davis, 1854-55, 58-59.

Alvan Ruddock, 1854-61, 64-67, 70-73.

Graham K. Ward, 1855-56.

Zephaniah Richmond, 1856, 61.

Frederic Forbes, 1858-79, 84-87.

Hoyt Smith, 1858.

T. Packard, 1861-62.

J. C. Hurd, 1862-70, 74-75.

Alpheus Brooks, 1868.

H. L. Warfield, 1869, 71-73, 77-87.

E. D. Bement, 1869-77, 83.

A. P. Ward, 1871-79.

A. W. Phillips, 1872.

Charles Howes, 1877-87.

Almon Howes, 1877, 80-83.

E. J. Stockwell, 1877, 80-82, 84-86.

Sumner J. Ward, 1878-87.

Frank R. Willis, 1878-79.

Edwin P. Williams, 1883-87.

George A. Ham, 1885.

Mrs. L. B. Ruddock, 1887.

Mrs. L. A. Bradford, 1887.

## CHURCH CLERKS.

The records previous to 1823 were collected by John Porter from manuscripts kept by Deacon Taylor, Rev. Josiah Spalding and Deacon Sherwin from the year 1786. John Porter was chosen clerk July 9, 1823, and acted until the ordination of Rev. B. F. Clarke, February 4, 1824. Mr. Clarke was clerk until Sept. 1. 1839.

Amos Shepard was clerk from Oct. 27, 1839, to Dec. 6, 1840.

Rev. Preston Cummings was clerk from Dec. 6, 1840, to Dec. 31, 1847.

N. G. Trow was clerk from Jan. 15, 1848, to March 21, 1848.

Rev. Asa B. Smith was clerk from March 21, 1848, to July 24, 1859.

Josiah Trow was acting clerk Sept. 4, 1859.

A. Brooks was clerk Sept. 23, 1859, to Oct. 14, 1859.

I. C. Hurd was clerk April 12, 1860, to April 28, 1864.

Rev. C. Lord was clerk Aug. 28, 1864, to March 28, 1872.

H. L. Warfield was chosen clerk April 27, 1872, and continues rendering excellent service.

# MEMBERS OF BUCKLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Oct., 1785—Samuel Taylor, Thompson Maxwell, Lemuel Taylor, James Butler, Enos Taylor, Elias Carter, Tertius Taylor, Josiah Brown, Nathan Brackett, Jonathan Brackett, Anna Carter, Sibbel Maxwell, Martha Johnson, Sarah Butler, Eunice Taylor, Deborah Carter, Susannah Brown, Hannah Brackett.

Aug., 1786-Samuel Carter.

Aug., 1787-Jonathan Whiting, Othniel Taylor, Jr.

Nov. 23, 1788—Elias Griswold, Rhoda Griswold, Esther Green.

Feb. 19, 1789—Ziba Leonard, Chloe Leonard.

March 12, 1789—Abraham Stebbins, Lydia Stebbins.

June 15, 1789—Capt. Chandler Burgwin, Jemima Burgwin, Lieut. Josiah Johnson, Samuel Brackett, Anna Tyler.

June 25, 1789—Elias Carter, Benjamin Ballard, Jacob Spafford, Abigail Spafford.

June 28, 1789—Nancy Taylor, Rebecca Taylor.

Oct. 18, 1789-Mary Ward, Elisha Carter, Benj. Brackett, Sylvia Nichols.

Jan. 18, 1790—Seth Wyman, Mary Wyman.

April 13, 1792-Samuel Truesdel.

May, 1792—Abigail Carter, David Johnson, Prudence Johnson, Dinah Whiting, Rebecca Whiting, Sarah Harris, Lucy Pomeroy.

April 26, 1795—Lydia Smith.

May 10, 1795—Sarah Furbush.

July 12, 1795-Mrs. Spalding, Joseph Shepard, Anna Shepard.

Feb. 14, 1796—Edward Damon.

June 6, 1796-James Bracket.

Sept. 11, 1796-Mrs. Benj. Ballard, Mrs. Benj. Carter, Polly Taylor.

May 14, 1797—Mrs. Joseph Jefferson.

Feb., 1799—Jasher Taylor, William Flower, Wyman Fessenden, Samuel Moody, Joseph Flower Griswold, Mrs. Joseph Potter, Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. Jasher Taylor, Jr., Mrs. Samuel Prime, Sophia Brooks, Mrs. William Flower, Patty Whiting, Chloe Lazell, Mary Kilburne, Mindwell Forbush Sophia Kilburne, Zebulon White.

May 11, 1800-Lydia Jones, Nancy Jones.

July 5, 1801-Lt. Stephen Allis, Mrs. Stephen Allis.

Nov. 8, 1801-Mrs. Dea. Isaac Tobey, Mrs. William Taylor.

Feb. 21, 1802—Polly Trowbridge.

July 8, 1804—Josiah Rude, Sarah Rude, Mary Rude, Mehitabel Rude, Hannah Rude.

Feb. 9, 1805-Josiah Pratt, Mrs. Rebecca Snow.

May 12, 1805—John Nims.

July 14, 1805-Mrs. Jonathan Gleason.

Sept. 7, 1807—Capt. Levi White, Mrs. Polly White.

Nov. 8, 1807—Enos Pomeroy, Jacob Whiting, Elijah Thayer, Jr., Mehitabel Thayer, Stephen Nelson, Mrs. Stephen Nelson, Lt. Solomon Hinkley, Elizabeth Lazell, Lucretia Allen, Sally Taylor, Sally Bayden, Jerusha White.

Dec. 8, 1807-Jonathan Gleason.

Dec. 20, 1807-Mercy Hinkley.

Feb. 11, 1808—Mrs. Col. John Ames, Abigail Graham, Lemuel Taylor, Jr., Lucy Taylor, Naomi Allis, Erastus Gleason, Edward Phelps, Othniel Taylor, Polly Wilder.

May 8, 1808—Eunice Taylor, Minerva Butler, Eunice Sherwin, Elisha Smith, William Sherwin.

July 10, 1808—Thomas Orcutt, Levi Taylor, Clarissa Taylor.

Nov. 13, 1808-Mrs. Gersham Coleman.

July 8, 1810—John Porter, Abigail Johnson, Thomas Forbes, Elizabeth Forbes.

July 12, 1812—Polly Spaulding, Deborah Spaulding, Joseph Ballard, Mrs. Joseph Ballard.

May 12, 1813—Daniel Bement, Betsey Brownson.

Sept. 10, 1814-Dr. Joseph Allen.

Jan. 11, 1815—Elizabeth Shaw.

Sept. 8, 1816—Daniel Trowbridge, Silas Trowbridge, Charity Warner, Dolly Trowbridge, Alpheus Brooks, Thomas Carter, Esther Pelton, Sally Leonard, Anna Taylor, Louisa Carter, Elizabeth Pelton, Elijah Thayer, Jr., Nathaniel Sherwin, Jr., Walter Pelton, Charles Pelton.

Nov., 1819—Betsey Ford, Rumah Leonard.

Feb. 10, 1822—Ezra B. Sherwin, Alfred Smith.

March 20, 1822-Mary Lyon.

July 14, 1822—Enoch Shaw, Josiah Ward.

Aug. 17, 1822-Jennie Perkins.

Sept. 5, 1882-Phebe Ames, Phebe Ames, 2d.

Nov. 10, 1822—Zenas Graham, Lt. Amos Shepard, Harriet Shepard, John C. Ward, Polly Ward, Dexter Brooks, Abigail Carter, Clarissa Carter, Maj. Henry Taylor, Abner Taylor, Lucius Graham, Fanny Brooks, Elizabeth Lazell, Sr., Electa Trowbridge, Sally Orcutt, Erastus Taylor, Lucy Taylor, Esther Taylor, Jr., Roxanna Carter, Olive Coleman, Eunice Coleman, Elisha Jones, Mrs. Rebecca Perkins, Nancy Chilson, Joseph Hubbard, William Thayer, Abigail Graham, Jr., Mary Swinnington, Eliza Jones, Theodotia Brooks, Julia A. Taylor, Sophia Wells, Parne Carter, Elizabeth Taylor, Sally Thayer, Reuben Taylor, Sophia Perkins, Susannah Shepard, Lydia Shepard, Millesont Carter, Semina Thompson, Elizabeth Belding, Verona Wilder, Lydia Taylor, Sally Pratt, Hannah Whiting, Patty Whiting, Cynthia Perkins, Emmons Pratt, Amanda Carter, Hebzibah Carter, Louisa Ballard, Sally Pratt, 2d, Edmund P. Sherwine, Hannah Kendal, Betsey Wilder, Laura Wilder.

Feb. 9, 1823-Mary W. Williams, Louisa Allen.

Nov. 9, 1823-Sally Walker.

March 27, 1825—Harvey Wight.

Sept. 4, 1825-Sarah Clarke, Submit Jones.

Nov. 6, 1825-Sarah Hall, Louisa Boyden.

March 5, 1826—Samuel Taylor, 3d, Martha Allis, Nancy Coleman, Laura Graham, Julia Taylor, Nancy Taylor, Sabrina Ward, Aurelia Tobey, Louisa Blanchard, Abijah Thayer, Elizabeth Coleman.

July 2, 1826—Abigail Thayer, Roxana Griswold, Fanny Thayer.

Sept. 3, 1826—Esther Ruddock, Emily Brooks, Dilla Thayer.

Nov. 5, 1826-Rowena Taylor, Eunice Forbes.

Jan. 7, 1827-Arilla Alliz, Fidelia Griswold.

March 4, 1827-Washington Nichols.

Jan. 6, 1828-Pamela Taylor.

May 4, 1828-Lucinda Butler, Lovice Griswold.

July 6, 1828-Filena White, Esther Eddy.

Sept. 7, 1828-William Sherwine, Marcia Sherwine.

Nov. 2, 1828—Barnabas Wells, Samuel Perkins, Sally Ward, Sally Smith, Sophronia Brackett, Abigail Perkins, Susannah Ward, Lumira Ward.

Jan. 4, 1829-Susannah Shaw, Betsey Leonard, Hannah Taylor.

March 8, 1829-Rachel Townsley, Harriet Hinckley.

Aug. 30, 1829-Julia Taylor.

Oct. 6, 1829-Lydia Howes.

Sept. 5, 1830—Moses D. Williams, Francis Williams, Lavina J. Williams, Mary Shaw, Elvira Ward.

Jan. 2, 1831-Elizabeth Gray, Elizabeth Gray, Jr.

March 6, 1831—Elijah Phillips, Fanny Phillips, Lebbeus Rude, Simeon Rude, Mary Graham, Catherine Brooks, Amelia Butler.

Sept. 4, 1831—Susan Whiting, Priscilla Pratt, Job Walker, Nancy Hitchcock.

Nov. 6, 1831—Rachel Nichols, Lucretia Avery, Zur Hitchcock, Horace Taylor, Lathrop Taylor, Elias Sherwin, Lemuel Fisk Taylor, Nancy Butler, Calvin Pomeroy, Gardner Wilder, Jr., Thomas Orcutt, Jr., Bartlett Ballard, John Jones.

May 6, 1832-Gratia Ward.

July 8, 1832—Betsey Taylor.

May 5, 1833-Mrs. David Crittenden.

Jan. 5, 1834—Alvan Ruddock, Ruth Ruddock, Calista Smith, Fanny Phillips.

March 2, 1834—Eli Gray, Nancy Gray.

July 7, 1834—Abigail Smith, Caroline Ruddock.

May 4, 1835-David Crittenden, Relief Ward, Minerva Pratt.

June 28, 1835-Wm. Hubbard.

Sept. 6, 1835—Sophia K. Allen.

Nov. 1, 1835-Achsah Thayer, Mrs. Elias Sherwin.

Jan. 3, 1836-Pamela Leonard.

Jan. 1, 1837—Sumner Bement, Betsey S. Taylor.

March 5, 1837—Cordelia B. Hawks.

May 7, 1837—Electa Conkey Gray, Mrs. Elias Rogers.

Nov. 5, 1837—Eunice Rude.

Jan. 7, 1838—Zephaniah Richmond, Mrs. Zephaniah Richmond.

July 1, 1838-Rhoda B. Thayer, Abigail Hartwell.

Nov. 4, 1838-Mrs. Mary Parsons.

Jan. 6, 1839—Submit Putnam.

March 3, 1839—Tirza Pelton.

Sept. 1, 1839-Hannah C. Shaw.

Nov. 1, 1839-Dr. Nathaniel G. Trow.

During the year 1840--Cyrene Hubbard, Louis W. Howes, Joseph F. Upton, Abigail C. Johnson, Priscilla West, Matilda West, Calista Stratton, Preston Cummings, Alona D. Cummings.

May 3, 1840—Dixon M. Daniels, Electa Daniels.

July 8, 1840-Theron Hawks, Elvira Sherwin.

Jan. 2, 1841—Rowena Hubbard.

July 4, 1841-Thankful C. Coleman, Mary W. Howes.

Sept. 5, 1841-Mrs. Huldah Ware.

March 6, 1842—Elizabeth Hawks, Baxter R. Fellows.

March 23, 1842-Melinda Taylor.

May I, 1842—Hoyt Smith, Constant Smith, Elijah Shaw, Josiah P. Ward, Luna Thayer, Marion Ward, Christopher West, John Thayer, Jr.

July 3, 1842—Apollos Brackett, Merrick Smith, Jonathan Vincent, Augustin Phillips, Elias Rodgers, David W. Taylor, Zenas Smith, Alvan S. Thayer, Amos C. Shepard, Charles Wells, Milford C. Butler, Wm. F. Sherwin, Mrs. Eliza Williams, Fanny Shaw, Sarah Shaw, Caroline Smith, Mrs. Eliza B. Phillips, Lydia Phillips, Amelia Ruddock.

Sept. 4, 1842—Edwin A. Davis, Ann Eliza P. Davis, Eliza Smith, Hepzibah Hall, Sophia Wells, Emily Thayer, Susan Whiting, Lucy Ann Williams, Roxana Richmond, Irene F. Richmond, Mary Allis, Mrs. Caroline B. Trow, Edwin Williams.

Nov. 6, 1842—Samuel Butler, Jr., Harriet Griswold, Delia Taylor, Mrs. Jemima Porter.

March 5, 1843—Newton Griswold, Parme Griswold, Austin P. Ward, Rox ana Ward.

May 7, 1843 - Elisha Wells.

July 2, 1843—Roswell Taylor, Mrs. Roswell Taylor.

July 16, 1843-Mary Whitney.

March 3, 1844-Mrs. Hepzibah Thayer.

Sept. 1, 1844—Stillman Sears, Joabby Sears, Dea. John Carr, Mrs. Dea. John Carr.

March 2, 1845-Mrs. Sarah Brackett.

July 6, 1845-Mrs. Electa Ward.

Sept. 14, 1845-Sumner Bement, Fanny Bement, Priscilla Bement.

Nov. 1, 1846-Willard Bement, Mrs. Willard Bement, Dorinda F. Upton.

March 7, 1847-Mrs. Parme Carter, Mrs. Fidelia Hill.

Sept. 4, 1847—Mrs. Rosina Phillips.

Sept. 3, 1848—Eliza Agnes Taylor, Rhoda Pratt Hartwell, Augustus Luke Ward.

Nov. 12, 1848—Maria Trow Hunt, Ellen Martha Wight, Mrs. Nancy Hitchcock, Mrs. Achsah Smith.

Jan. 7, 1849—Dency Ward, Catharine Ward, Elizabeth Sherwin, Mary B. Sherwin, Mrs. Sarah G. Smith.

March 4, 1849 - Rosamond W. Taylor, Julia Elizabeth Brooks.

May 6, 1849-Mrs. Laura Caroline Clarke.

July 1, 1849—John Tobey, Mrs. Sumner Bement, Miss Mary Trowbridge, Miss Sarah Hunt Forbes. Sept. 2, 1849—Calvin Cooley, Mrs. Rosamond Cooley, Miss Esther Cooley.

Nov 4, 1849-Paul Jenkins, Mrs. Mehitabel Jenkins.

March 3, 1850—Henry Augustus Maynard, William C. Ballard, Eber Stratton.

May 5, 1850-Mrs. Hannah Maynard, Wm. M. Trow,

Nov. 3, 1850—Mrs. Caroline Wilson, Elias A. Wilson, Simeon C. Smith, Mrs. Clarissa M. Smith, Miss Lucy S. Trowbridge, Miss Susan Butler.

March 2, 1851-Daniel Forbes, Mrs. Daniel Forbes.

May 4, 1851—Mrs. Angeline Coney, Ezra Howes, Alvan Parsons, Alpheus Brooks, Jr., Sanderson A. Ruddock, Helen E. Ruddock, Mary F. Taylor, Joshua Cranson, Mary Sprague.

July 6, 1851—Dr. Josiah Trow, Mrs. Caroline B. Trow, Frederick Forbes, Mrs. Mary Ann Forbes, Mrs. Lumina Tobey, Mrs. Minerva A. Batchelder, Mrs. Lydia Jane Smith, Miss Theresa D. Carter, Chandler Carter, Graham K. Ward, Mrs. Julia H. Ward, Miss Semira Hitchcock, Daniel H. Maynard.

Nov. 2, 1851-Martha L. Smith.

March 7, 1852-Mrs. Lucy C. Ward.

May 2, 1852-Pindar F. Cooley; Mrs. Angeline Cooley.

July 4, 1852-Mrs. Maria Phillips.

Sept. 5, 1852-Abner T. Sherwin, Alfred S. Rude, Amelia Rude.

Nov. 7, 1852-Miss Electa Trowbridge.

Dec. 17, 1852—Edmund Smith, Mary Smith.

Jan. 2, 1853—Mrs. Sarah H. Forbes, Miss Sarah C. Forbes, Charles H. Forbes, Mrs. Eliza A. Forbes.

Nov. 6, 1853-Mrs. Philena Thayer.

Jan. I, 1854-Mrs. Jane E. Bigelow, Miss Rhoda W. Taylor.

July 1, 1855-Mrs. Betsey Brackett.

Sept. 2, 1855-Mrs. Olive H. Smith.

Nov. 4, 1855—Eli K. Smith, Russell C. Smith, Mrs. Orpah Smith, Miss Julia M. Smith.

Jan. 6, 1856—Sarah Amanda Whiting, Myra M. Jenkins.

March 2, 1856-Mrs. Laura Brayman, Joseph B. Tavlor.

May 4, 1856—Gardner A. Wilder, Samuel P. Ballard, Horace F. Taylor, Eli C. Maynard, Hiram A. Davis, Jane E. Wilder, Lucy M. Smith, Priscilla E. Pratt, Lucy B. Taylor, Angelia W. Taylor, Mary E. Williams, Maria E. Vincent, Mrs. Caroline E. Ruddock, Betsey O. Williams, Sarah F. Williams,

July 6, 1856—Mrs. Harriet E. Smith, Miss Sarah N. Sherwin, Samuel Brayman, Samuel Woffendon. Sept. 7, 1856—Noah F. Graves, Mrs. Mary I. Graves, Mrs. Olive F. Cooley.

Jan. 4, 1857-Mrs. Sarah M. Porter, Joshua Crosby, Mrs. Nancy M. Crosby.

May 3, 1857—Samuel W. Packard, Mrs. Mary H. Packard.

July 5, 1857-Reuben Taylor.

March 7, 1858—Lorenzo Wilder, Henry D. Graves, Austin C. Graves.

May 2, 1858-Henry Clarke.

July 4, 1858—Rev. John C. Hurd, Mrs. Mary B. Hurd, Mrs. Submit Pack ard, Miss Martha A. Packard, Mrs. Louisa Deming.

Nov. 7, 1858—Timothy Packard, Mrs. Rebecca Packard, Miss Rebecca S. Packard, George L. Graves, Miss Sophia W. Brooks, Miss E. Eliza Packard.

Jan. 2, 1859—Thomas S. Smith, Eunice M. Smith.

1860-Mrs. Meekins, Mrs. Charles Lord.

1861-Mrs. Minda Cranston, Mrs. Hiram Dodge, Mrs. Joshua Cranston.

May 3, 1861-Mrs. Sarah F. Taylor.

March 14, 1862—Mrs. Susan Whiting, Joshua Crosby, Mrs. Joshua Crosby

July 6, 1862-S. S. Smead, Mrs. S. S. Smead.

Sept. 1, 1863-Asahel Hawks, Mrs. Asahel Hawks.

Nov. 1863—Harvey Pixley, Mrs. Harvey Pixley.

Jan. 4, 1864—George Graham.

Aug. 28, 1864—Mary Olivia Bement, Ezekiel D. Bement, Frederick Holmes Smith, Joseph R. Meekins, Pamelia Bradford Meekins, Eleanor Fannie Shaw, Sophia A. Perkins, Sarah Delia Lord, Silas Bigelow, Franklin Vincent, Mrs. Mary Bull, Eli K. Smith, Mrs. Eli K. Smith.

Nov. 6, 1864—Martha Gilbert Cranston, Thomas Shepard Cranston, Edwin Preston Williams, Charles Howes, Ruth Jane Howes.

Jan. 20, 1865-Mrs. Abigail P. Williams.

Feb. 18, 1865-Mrs. Mary S. Stockwell.

March 12, 1865—George Bartlett Taylor, Fanny Comstock Noyes, Abbie Hawks Smith.

Dec. 31, 1865—Almon Hawks, Mrs. Lucinda Hawks.

July 1, 1866-Mrs. Dwight Meekins.

Aug. 5, 1866-Edward Josiah Ruddock, Emma Jane Bigelow.

April 19, 1867—Dea. John Porter, Mrs. Cynthia Orcutt.

Nov. 1, 1867-Mrs. Harriet S. Davis, Mrs. Ellen J. Ward.

Jan. 17, 1868—Job Warfield, Mrs. Job Warfield, Henry Warfield, Mrs. Henry Warfield.

March 13, 1868-Zur Hitchcock, Nancy Hitchcock.

July 5, 1868—Edwin Dwight Davis, Eliza Content Smith, Rosina Maria Phillips, Mary Ellis Phillips.

Jan. 3, 1869-Sarah Electa Bigelow.

Feb. 19, 1869-Mrs. Almon Howes.

Nov. 5, 1870-Mrs. Thankful Whittier.

Nov. 6, 1870-Alice Fidelia Bement.

Jan. 1, 1871-Mary Parmelia Ward.

Jan. 5, 1871—Zephaniah Richmond, Mrs. Zephaniah Richmond.

March 5, 1871—Isabel Dorcas Bement.

May 5, 1871-Mrs. Henry Warfield.

Sept. 5, 1873-Mrs. Mahala A. Hartwell.

May 9, 1875—Geo. B. Taylor, Mrs. Geo. B. Taylor, Mrs. Lucy E. Taylor, Miss Ellen Elizabeth Ward, Mary Hurd, Sarah Jane Whittier, Luella Coleman, Ella Maria Warfield, Arthur Henry Warfield.

Sept. 12, 1875—Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Sears, Clara Jeannette Bement. April 2, 1876—Frederic E. Bement.

May 7, 1876—Rev. Charles L. Guild, Mrs. Lizzie C. Guild, Mrs. Caroline H. Ward, Elisha F. Harris, Mrs. Sarah S. Harris, Mrs. Fannie E. Temple, Miss Ada L. Meekins, Mrs. Abbie M. Graves, Almon Howes, Elijah Shaw, Jr., Charles D. Smith, Mrs. Lucy M. Smith, Caleb E. Forbes, Mrs. Roxie B. Forbes, Hosea W. Stockwell, Mrs. Eliza L. Stockwell, Miss Lucy E. Trow, Jeremiah Stockwell, Miss Ella M. Harris, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, Miss Julia E. Wilder, Miss Eliza J. Taylor, Miss Thankful C. Wilder, Enoch J. Stockwell, Mrs. Kate M. Stockwell, Miss Nellie A. Wilder, Charles A. Wilder, Jonathan Temple, Frank W. Trow, Sumner J. Ward, Samuel B. Taylor, Miss Minnie J. Bradford, Mrs. Rebecca C. Bradford, Miss Helen A. Ware, Wm. F. Taylor, Ellsworth P. Taylor, Charles Wilder, Clark Howes, Miss Myra Howes, Mrs. Harriet E. Wilder, Warren D. Forbes, William B. Van Valkenburg, Miss Idella L. Stetson, Mrs. Lexina L. Stetson, Milton F. Sears, Miss Rosie M. Ward, Asahel C. Hawks, Mrs. Mary F. Hawks, Frank R. Willis, Mrs. Eliza B. Mantor, William L. Williams.

July 9, 1876—George W. Forbes.

Sept. 3, 1876-Mrs. Ora E. Howes.

Nov. 5, 1876-Miss Roxana Griswold.

March 4, 1877—Dwight L. Meekins, Lora E. Guild.

March 7, 1877—Joshua Cranson, Mrs. Joshua Cranson.

July 28, 1878—Mrs. E. A. E. Bement.

Nov. 20, 1881—Hattie P. Wilder, Mary V. Wilder, Frederick L. Warfield, Rev. Alpheus C. Hodges, Mrs. Emma Avery.

Jan. I, 1882—Mrs. L. A. Bradford, Mrs. Ellen J. Trow, Miss M. Louise Hodges.

March 5, 1882—John Wiley, Mrs. Mary B. Wiley, John Q. A. Wiley, Mrs. Sarah P. Wiley, Miss Dolly F. Wiley, Miss Mary E. Wiley.

April 23, 1882-Mrs. Lydia Ware.

Sept. 3, 1882-Mrs. Mary E. Field.

March 4, 1883-Miss Florence E. Taylor, Roger H. Leavitt.

May 6, 1883-Mrs. Dorinda Ruddock.

Sept. 2, 1883-Mrs. Julia A. Porter.

March 2, 1884-Mrs. Lizzie Wright.

May 4, 1884-Mrs. Hattie A. Ward.

July 13, 1884-Mrs. James Hamilton.

Aug. 3, 1884-George Ham.

Sept. 7, 1884-Henry G. Southwick.

Nov. 2, 1884-Mrs. Ida G. Southwick, Geo. Nichols, Mrs. Eunice F. Nichols.

Jan. 4, 1885-Mrs. Cora Kenney.

March 1, 1885—Mrs. Nellie Nettie Taylor, George B. Taylor, Mrs. Sarah F. Taylor, Ellsworth P. Taylor, Miss Cora O. Taylor.

May 3, 1885-Edwin B. Meekins.

July 5, 1885-Mrs. John Stroheker.

Nov. 1, 1885—Mrs. Fannie Cranson, Mrs. Frank W. Taylor, Miss Addie Louisa Dodge. Miss Emma Taylor, Miss Rosa Mahala Hartwell, Miss Lulu Taylor.

March 7, 1886—Edward Clayton Bradford, Ella Abbie Graves, Edmund Gardner Wilder, Flora Jane Williams.

May 1, 1886—Alice Rachel Keach.

July 4, 1886-Eugene W. Shaw, Grace Shaw.

Aug. 29, 1886—Mrs. Laura Isabelle Vincent, Ella Rosetta Taylor, Sarah Isabelle Taylor.

Sept. 26, 1886-Benjamin Keach, Mrs. Sally Gillett.

Oct. 3, 1886-Orie Lincoln Ruddock.

March 6, 1887—Mrs. Jane G. May, Joseph D. Keach, Mrs. Ellen J. Keach, Edmund M. Smith, Mrs. Mary T. Smith, Edmund F. Smith, Mrs. Catherine Smith, Baxter A. Orcutt, Mrs. Nellie M. Orcutt.

April 24, 1887—Mrs. Ardella Williams, Ellsworth Emerson Keach, Cephas Fremont Keach, Winifred Blanche Sears, Erma Lillian Taylor.

Sept. 4, 1887-Mrs. Lizzie Mayer.

Nov. 6, 1887-LeBaron Dutton Ruddock.