CLERKS RECORD
1800's
2/27/27 TO 3/19/60

SAXONVILLE
PARISH RECORDS

170 mm x 250 mm x 27 mm leatherbound, sewn volume, brown cover with "Saxonville Parish Records" embossed in gold within a scarlet field with triple border (43 mm x 110 mm), marbled end papers. Modern tape label upper right quadrant, front cover: "CLERKS RECORD / 1800s / 2/27/27 TO 3/19/60" vi + 197 pp. + iv endpapers (re-check). On the verso of front endpaper in pencil "Saxonville Parish Records" then, in ink, "Embracing a period from the organization of the parish February 23 1827 to March 19' 1860." A note card is tucked into the page with the note "On the church record are the names Ebenezer W. Dunn - my father joined 1839 age 16. Also Elizabeth Dunn 1836 his sister age 16 yrs. Estelle G. Dunn-Evans"
[Transcription made Sept.-Oct. 2026 by Robert DeLossa, Edwards Church 200th Anniversary Committee, Saxonville, MA]

[1]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven —

An act to incorporate the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

Section 1st - Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same. That Josiah Stone, Eliphalit Wheeler, F. A. Bertody, Jms. Stimpson, Burleigh Bullard, John Whitney, Edward Warner, John Rice, Dexter Fairbanks, Isaiah Wild, Henry Dalliba, William Phillips, Lyman Morse and all others who have or may associate with them and their successors be and they hereby are incorporated as a religious Society by the name of the Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham with all the privileges, powers and immunities to which other religious societies in this Commonwealth are entitled by the laws and constitution thereof. Sec. 2. Be it further enacted [2] that the said society shall be capable in law to purchase, hold and dispose of any estates, real or personal, for the use of said Society, the annual income of which shall not exceed Two Thousand dollars.

Sec. 3rd. Be it further enacted, that any two of the above named persons are hereby authorized to notify the members of said Corporation by posting notice of the time and place of holding their first meeting at the meeting house door in said Framingham near the Saxon Factory seven days at least before such meeting and that the said Society may at such or any other meeting agree on the mode of calling future meetings and that a Clerk and Treasurer and such other Officers and such committees and establish such rules and by-laws not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth as they may see fit and may amend and change the same at their pleasure.

[3] In House of Representatives February 22, 1827. This Bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

William C. Jarvis, Speaker

In Senate February 22, 1827

This Bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted.

John Mills, President

A true copy

February 23, 1827 att. Edw. D. [illegible – Burg??]

approved Secy of Commonwealth

Levi Lincoln

Notification

The proprietors of the Saxonville Parish are notified that a meeting of said Proprietors will be holden at the counting room of the Saxon Factory in Framingham on Friday the Sixteenth day of March and at six o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing officers of said Parish and to pass any vote in regard to calling future meetings also for the transaction of any other [4] business which may come before them agreeable to an act of incorporation of said Society.

Framingham — Isaiah Stone
March 8, 1827 — Eliphalit Wheeler

At a meeting of the Proprietors of Saxonville Parish in Framingham agreeable to the above notification posted at the Meeting House near the Saxon Factory, agreeable to the act aforemention[ed] holden March 16th 1827 at the Counting Room of the Saxon Factory present Eliphalit Wheeler, James Stimpson, Henry Dalliba, John Whitney, Lyman Morse, Isaiah Dench, Burleigh Bullard, Daniel Rae, Ephraim Brigham and Amos Johnson, Jr. Col Ephraim Brigham was chosen Moderator.

Voted to [illegible] to the [illegible] of Clerk [illegible] Eliphalit Wheeler was chosen Clerk. F. A. Bertody was chosen Treas.

Voted to [illegible] a Parish committee to consist of these and the following [5] were chosen, viz Josiah Stone, James Stimpson & Charles Fisk.

Voted that future meetings be notified by the Parish Committee issuing the warrant to the Parish Clerk, and he shall post an attested copy of the same at the door of the

meeting house at least eight days previous to such meeting and make due notice of the same at said meeting.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

attest Eliphalit Wheeler, Parish Clerk

The following is a copy of a return made to the Town Clerk of Framingham viz

We certify that Francis A. Bertody[,] Ephraim Brigham, Lyman Morse, Eli Gates, Warren Moors, John Rice, Henry Dalliba, William Phillips, Henry Benjamin, Eli Brown, George Haskell, Azariah W. Brooks, Jason L. Stone, Joseph Hollowell, James Callahan, Jr., John Franklin, Abijah Fisk, Hyram Mathius, Lemnol [Lemuel?] Winchester, James Dunbar, William Wilson, Joel R. Bixby, [6] Hyram Belcher, Edward Warner, Joshua Underwood, Samuel Angier, James Barney, Pinckney Drury, Josiah Stone Jr., Matthias Walker, Jr., Amos Johnson, Jr., James Roberts, James Fountain, Joseph Leis [sp?], Samuel A. Bullard, Marshall Hemenway, Keyes Smith, John McMaster, John Hinchcliff, John Schofield, Maloniton W. Butler, Isaac L. Hopkins, Lowell Prutt, Joshua Lee, Matthew Walker, John Roberts, Thomas Weller, Andrew Simpson, Burleigh Bullard, John Whitney, David Platt, George Donaly, Edwin A. Muzzy, James Brown, Daniel Reed, James Anderton, Lyman Stratton, Abner C. Dunn, Josiah Stone, James Stimpson + William [Stimpson] are members of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham and liable to pay all assessments made on them for the support of Public Worship.

Josiah Stone } Committee
of
Jas Stimpson } Saxonville Parish

Framingham

March 17, 1827 (Copy)

Attest Eliphalet Wheeler P[ari]sh Cl[er]k

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The meeting house at said Parish being completed is being built by Francis Batchelder of Boston and the design and plan drawn by Thomas W. Summers of Brooklyn. It was, on the 20th day of September 1827 dedicated to the one only living and true God, introductory prayer and reading of Scriptures by the Reverend Young of Boston. Dedicatory Prayer by the Rev Convers Francis of Watertown, and an excellent and appropriate Sermon by the Reverend Henry Ware, Jr. of Boston, the day was very rainy, and the congregation was not as large as was anticipated.

Mr. John Dorr of Boston made a present to the Parish of a large and very elegant Bible and Mr. N. A. Barnett a present of two elegant Hymn Books for

the use of the Pulpit.

A copy of the sermon by Mr. Ware was requested for the Parish but he declined in the following Letter —

[8]

Boston Sept 24. 1827

To Messrs. Stone, Wheeler & Bertody, Committee of the Saxonville Parish.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your recent [?] request that I would furnish a copy of my discussion for publication, I would express my gratification of finding that my serving was in any degree acceptable, but as [it] is completed I decline submitting the Sermon to the press. It was not designed for publication and seems to me to have answered the whole purpose to which it was suited.

Wishing that [illegible] of a blessing from Heaven may attend the contenting [?] work in which you are engaged.

I remain your obedient servant signed

Henry Ware Jr.

Mr. C. T. Thayer was engaged from the Theological School in Cambridge to supply the pulpit with preaching until the first Sunday in January 1828 at ten dollars a Sunday.

attest Eliphalit Wheeler, Clerk

[9]

Copy of the Saxonville Parish Committee's Warrant [Initial: IS circled with curlicue] To Eliphalit Wheeler Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn all the male members of said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish Affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Parish on Thursday the 10th Day of April just at 4 O'Clock PM to act on the following articles

Viz 1st to choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd to Choose Parish officers

3rd To see what the parish will do in Regard to the Support of Public Worship

4th To Raise Money for the Support of Public Worship

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and of Your doings thereon to the Clerk of Said Parish on or before the hour herein appointed for Said Meeting.

Given under our hand and Seal at Framingham in Said Parish this Second day of April in the year of our Lord 1828.

Isaiah Stone }
Parish Committee
Charles Fiske }

[10]

At a meeting of the Saxon Ville Parish in the meeting house at Said Parish April 10th 1828

On being called to order

Josiah Stone was chosen Moderator

John A A Laforest " " Clerk

Francis A. Bartody " " Collector of Treasuries

Josiah Stone [?] " }
Charles Fiske " " } Parish Committee
Henry Richardson " " }

for the Ensuing Year. _____

When the meeting was Disolved. _____

Attest John A A Laforest } Parish Clerk

The following is a list of Names Returned to Different Parishes, who are liable to pay for the Support of Public Worship.____

		Horatio Whittier
John Angues	John Fenton	Thos Chapman
Wm G. Billings	Chas C. Fiske	Joseph Shaw
Luman Boyden	John Hemmingway	Mathew Walker
Ephrahim Barker	Joshua Hinchcliffe	David Kitson
Albert Burr [Bun?]	William Muna	Robert Harrington
Edward Carole	John McIntire	Joseph Lees [Lus?]
Isaac Dench	Armmond Platt	James Buckley
Richard Ercott	John B Shaw	Isaac Denny
Dexter Fairbank	Jason L. Stone	John A A Laforest

[11 – "X" in upper right hand corner]

Luther Hunt	Luther Stone	Dana Stone
Nicholas Brown	Charles Fiske	Saml Forrest
Joseph Start	Joseph Smith	Henry Richardson
Timothy A Stone	John Ingraham	Horatio Bird
Seth White	Oliver Hurd	Ephraim Perkins

Abraham Coan	Samuel Darling	-- Framingham
James Brown	Silas Winch	-- Marlborough

I certify that the above named persons are members of the Saxon Ville Parish in the town of Framingham and liable to pay all assessments made on them for the Support of Public Worship

Framingham April 28th [?] 1828

The following is coppy of names to the first Parish in Framingham.

To Luther Belknap Esq. Clerk for the first Parish in the town of Framingham.

The following is a list

of names who are liable to pay for the Support of Publick Worship

John Marland	Joseph Major	Lowell Pratt
Abraham Fuller	Edgar M. Titcomb	John Wilkins

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Alexander Wightman	Aaron Pastings [??]	
Oliver J. Conant	William Carpenter	Joseph Bradbery [Bradbey?]
John Goodnow	Adam Lomes [Lomey?]	John Young
Abner C Dunn	William Dunn	

I certify that the above named persons are members of the Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham and are liable to pay all assessments made on them for the Support of Public Worship.

Saxonville

March 8th 1829 John A. A. Laforest } Parish Clerk

True record

Attest Dana Stone

The following is a coppy [*sic*]of the Warrant for 1829

To John A. A. Laforest Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham.

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of Said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse in Said Parish on Saturday the Second day of May next at four O. Clock P. M. to act on the following articles

[13]

viz.

1st To Choose a moderator to Govern Said meeting

2d To Choose all Parish officers

3d To See [?] What the Parish will do in segue to Support of Publick Worship

4th To Raise money for this Support of Public Worship

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doing thereon to this Clerk of Said Parish on or before the hour herein appointed for Said Meeting.

Given under our hand and Seal at Framingham in Said Parish this Twenty Second day of April in the year of [our] Lord one Thousand and Eight hundred and twenty nine.

Josiah Stone }
Charles Fiske } Parish Committee
Henry Richardson }

True record

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

[14]

At a meeting of the Saxonville Parish at this meeting house of Said Paris = holden May 2d 1829 agreeably to the forgoing warrant on being called to order

Henry Richardson Esq was chosen moderator for the meeting

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the Counting Room of the F.F. Factory, then and there to proceed to choice of Parish Officers

Dana Stone was chosen Clerk

Francis A. Bertody " " Treasurer

Josiah Stone		}	
Charles Fiske	were	}	Parish
Henry Richardson	chosen	}	Committee
John Marland		}	

Voted that the Parish Committee Draught a paper and circulate for Subscriptions to accumulate funds for the Supply of Publick Worship.

Voted – that the Treasurer be also Collector.

Voted to have the Parish Committee examine and Settle the accounts with the Treasurer within one month – for the past Season

Voted to dissolve the meetings

True record Attest Dana Stone } P[ari]sh Clerk

[15]

Receipt of Certificate from the first Parish.

This certifies that Mr James P. Roway [ck] and Mr. Jacob Belcher have joined themselves to and are members of the first Parish in the town of Framingham.

Luther Belknap } Parish [/] Clerk

Attest Dana Stone

Remittance of names of Persons to the first Parish in the Town of Framingham that have joined to _ and are members of the Saxonville Parish in Said Town.

Henry Emmory Jr.	Rufus French
Nathaniel Stearns	John Drury
Henry B. Stone	Silas Eaton
Spencer Cone	Horatio Fulton
Silas Titcomb	Agustus E. Bigelow
Elisha P Matthews	George Kuth [?]
Perkins Rice [Price?]	Leonard Fuller
Maddison Rude	Agustus Hunt

A True Record Attest. Dana Stone } Clerk

Saxonville March 1830

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Return of names of Persons to the Parish in Sudbury.

John Taylor and Cyrus Taylor

The Said persons have join [*sic*] to and are members of the (Saxonville) Parish.

~~Attest~~ Dana Stone } Clerk

Saxonville April 30 1830

Warrant for the Annual Paris Meeting 1830.

To Dana Stone Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of Said Parish qualified by Law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting house in Said Parish on Monday the 10th day of May Inst at 5 o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles

Viz. 1st To Choose a moderator to govern Said meeting

2d To Choose all Parish Officers

3d To see what the Parish will do in regard to a Support of Publick worship

[17]

4th To Raise Money for the support of Publick Worship.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doing thereon to the Clerk of Said Parish on or before the hour herein appointed for Said meeting.

Given under our hand and Seal at Saxonville ~~in~~ Framingham in Said Parish this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty.

Charles Fiske} Parish
Henry Richardson} Comm
John Marland} ittee

[18]

At the Annual Meeting of the Saxonville Parish in Framingham holden May 10 1830

On presenting a Reading of the warrant for Said meeting – Capt Henry Richardson was chosen Moderator for the meeting

Dana Stone was chosen Clerk

John Marland " " Treasurer

Voted — to have the Parish Committee consist of four the ensuing Year

Henry Richardson }
Charles Fiske } Were
Horatio Bird } chosen
John Marland }

Voted — To prorogue the choice of collector and take up the 3d article of the warrant

Voted — That this Standing Committee provide for the pulpit the ensuing year

John Marland was chosen Collector

Voted – to dissolve the meeting.

True Record Attest Dana Stone} Clerk

[19]

Copy of certificate from the Baptist Parish.

This certifies that Mr. Perkins Rice of Framingham has joined himself to the first Baptist Society in Framingham and is a member of the Same

Framingham} Warren Nixon = Clerk of
March 5th 1831} the first Baptist Society in
Framingham

Coppy [*sic*] of certificates from the First Methodists Episcopal Society in Weston —

This certifies that David A. Davis of the Town of Framingham is a member of this Religious Society in the Town of Weston called the First Methodist Episcopal Society.

John Jones } Parish Clerk

Dated this 6 Day of April 1831

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Return of names of Persons Signed to the Saxonville Parish

This certifies that	Horatio Bird	
Isaac Cooper	Thomas Chandles	Warren Cheeve [?]
Samuel Rice	Jonas Rice	Thomas Chapman
Charles Perkins	William Bootman	Geo. Sharp
Joseph Sharp	Ezra Clark	Henry Blackburn
Thomas C. Blackburn	Horatio Fulton and	

John B. Goodnow of Framingham have joined themselves to the Saxonville Parish in Said Framingham – and are members of the Same.

Dana Stone } Parish Clerk

Saxonville

March 16th, 1831

George Bailey + Henry Sweather [?] have joined themselves to the Saxonville Parish and are members of the Same.

Saxonville 20 April 1831

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

[21]

Coppy [*sic*] of Warrant for Annual

Meeting 1831

To Dana Stone Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of Said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish Affairs, to and assemble at the meeting house of Said Parish on Monday the Eleventh day of April Inst- at 4 O'Clock P.M to act on the following articles, Viz

1st To choose a moderator to govern Said meeting

2d To Choose all Parish officers

3d To See what the Parish will do in regard to Support of Publick Worship

4th To Grant money for Support of Publick Worship – And to act upon any Legal Business that may come before the Parish.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to the Committee [22] of Said Parish on or before the hour herein appointed for Said meeting—

Given under our hands and Seal at Saxonville in Said Parish this Second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty one.

Henry Richardson }
Charles Fiske } Parish
Horatio Bird } Committee

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

At the Meeting holden April 11th 1831

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant –

Charles Fiske was chosen Moderator of the Meet.

The following were chosen officers of the Parish for the ensuing year

Dana Stone } Clerk
Charles Fiske } Treasurer

Henry Richardson }
Charles Fiske } Prudential Committee
Horatio Bird }

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the Factory Counting Room.

[23]

Voted. – To raise means to Support Public Worship by Subscription

Voted. That the Committee provide Ministers for Supply of the Pulpit the ensuing year

Voted To Dissolve this meeting.

Attest Dana Stone } Parish Clerk

George Bullark of F– joined himself to the Saxonville Parish Febry. 17th 1832. Recd a certificate announcing the Same.

Attest D Stone } P Clerk

Nathaniel D Turney + Berry F Turner of Framingham joined themselves to the Saxonville Parish

April 7th 1832

Wm P Mascraft	Chauncy Moores	James B Puffer
Richard Kimball	Calvin C Damon +	Joseph W Tuttle
N Button +	Webster Moore	all of Framingham

all joined themselves to and are members of the Saxonville Parish

April 7th 1832 Attest Dana Stone } P Clerk

[24]

James Weise [?] joined the Saxonville Parish April 30 1832 and received a certificate purporting the same

Dana Stone } Clerk

May 29th 1832 Ebenezer Stone + Lambert Allen joined themselves to the Saxonville Parish and are members of the Same

Attest Dana Stone } P Clerk

March 2d 1833 Luther Eaton joined himself to the Saxonville Parish

Attest Dana Stone P Clerk

March 25th 1833 John Stone Rual Richardson + Eben Eaton joined themselves to the Saxonville Parish

Attest Dana Stone } P Clerk

March 26th 1833 George Bullard joined himself to the First Parish in Framingham – filed in a certificate purporting the Same

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Coppy [*sic*] of the Warrant

for the Annual Meeting of 1832

To Dana Stone Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of Said Parish qualified by Law to vote in parish affairs, to meet & assemble at the Meeting house in Said parish on Monday the sixteenth day of April Inst at 4 O'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles

viz 1st To choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting

2d To Choose all Parish Officers

3d To See what the Parish will [do] in regard to Support of Publick Worship

4th To Grant Money – and to act upon any legal business that may come before Said meeting

[26]

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doing thereon to the Committee of Said Parish on or before the hour herein appointed for Said Meeting.

Given under our hand + Seal at Saxonville in Said parish this Seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two.

Henry Richardson }
Charles Fiske } Parish
Horatio Richardson } Committee

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant at the meeting holden April 16 1832 at the Meeting house – Voted to adjourn [to] the factory Counting room – there to meet at ½ past 7 O'Clock – when Luther Stone was chosen moderator – on his declining to Serve, C. C. Damon was Chosen _

proceeded to Choose Parish Officers in order

Dana Stone was chosen Clerk

Calvin C Damon " " Treasurer

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Moved and carried to have a Committee consist [of] three — and

John Marlend [*sic*] }
Horatio Bird } were Chosen
Nichols Brown }

Voted _ that the committee procure as much Preaching as may be, for the money which it raised —

Voted to raise means by Subscription

Voted to choose a Tything Man and Eli Gates was chosen

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

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Returns of names of Persons found in the Saxonville Parish April 7=1833

Ira Draper	Joseph French		Franklin L Abels
Silas Draper	George P Bradford		James Darling
Lewis Wetherbee	Cles Ybouns [??]		Lewis L Morse
Robert Lowser	Jonathan J Edwards		Rufus Tower
James Jackson	Alvin Robbins		~~James Darling~~
James Miller	Smith Whate [White?]		Richard Eccott
William Grant	Hiram H Phillipps		John Holland
Samuel Lees	Mastin Pourence		William Enoch
Joseph Fogg	Edward Fogg		John Rowley
Joseph Richard	Francis Kendall		Henry R Goodwin
Hearvy Wells	David Googins		Peter Torbert
George Frazier	Fredrick L Titcomb		Thomas Poden
George French	David Holmes	=	Joseph W Tuttle
George Dyson	William H Knight	=	Samuel Townsend
James Whitlaw			

Attest Dana Stone } Parish Clerk

[29]

Coppy [*sic*] of the Warrant for 1833

To Dana Stone Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of Said parish qualified by Law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in Said Parish on Monday the 8 day of April next at five O'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose [a] Moderator to govern Said meeting

2d To Choose all Parish Officers

3d To See how the Parish will raise money for the Support of Preaching the ensuing year

Hereof fail not and make return of ~~your~~ this warrant with your doing hereon on or before the hour herein appointed for Said meeting.

Given under our hands and Seal at Saxonville in Said parish, this twenty sixth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred + thirty three

Attest Dana Stone John Marland } Parish
Horatio Bird } Committee

[30]

Meeting holden at the Meeting house ~~of~~ April 18th 1833 Henry Richardson chosen Moderator = after reading list of votes proceeded to the choice of Parish Offices

Dana Stone (was chosen } Clerk

John Marland }
Ebenezer Stone} were chosen Parish
Charles Fiske } Committee

John Marland declining to Serve on the Committee — Dana Stone was chosen — and he declining to Serve — James Darling was elected —

Calvin C Damon } was chosen Treasurer and also Collector

Proposals were read Submitted by Rev H Cumming in behalf of the Methodist Society offering to Supply the Desk this ensuing year. Mr. Cumming being present voted to give him the privilege of Speaking upon the Subject —

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Voted to refer the Said proposals to the parish Committee for their consideration + disposal.

Voted that this Committee raise and supply means for the Support of Preaching by Such method as is expedient & they deem proper.

Voted to elect a person to take care of this meeting House + to see that order is observed in times of Service = and Eli Gates } was Chosen

Voted that a Subscription paper be offered to all who belong to this parish and those who are remiss in Subscribing for the Support of Worship, that the Clerk of Said Parish be directed to return the names of those persons who refuse to pay, to the parishes to which they formerly belonged.

Attest Dana Stone Clerk

Richard Kimball Mastin Pourence + Timothy A Stone have joined themselves to the Methodist Episcopal Society in the Town of Framingham and filed in a certificate purporting the Same

March 14th 1834

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March 17th 1834

The following persons have attached themselves and are members of the Saxonville Parish

John F [?] Baker	Charles Chipman	John Hilliard
Horace McFarland	Isaac W Proctor	Perkins Ries
Jefferson Reed	John M Richardson	Gordon Lawson
Henry Williard	George Wheeler	

Attest
Dana Stone } Clerk

[33]

Coppy [*sic*] of the Warrent [*sic*] for 1834

To Dana Stone Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs, to meet & assemble at the meetinghouse in said Parish on monday the 17th day of March inst. at 4 O,Clock P.M. to act on the following articles __ viz

1st To choose [a] Moderator to govern Said meeting

2nd Choose all Parish Officers

3d To raise money, or adopt some method to support publick worship the ensuing year

4th To see what instruction the Parish will give their committee in regard to supplying the desk [in the] ensuing year

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5th To hear the report of the Treasurer.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon on or before the hour herein appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands at Saxonville this 10th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Ebenezer Stone	}	Parish
Charles Fiske	}	Committee
James Darling	}	

Attest Dana Stone

Parish Clerk

At this annual meeting of the Saxonville Parish holden March 17th 1834

Henry Richardson was chosen Moderator of the meeting – Officers for the ensuing year

Dana Stone } Clerk

Calvin C Damon } Treasurer and Collector

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Henry Richardson }
George Wheeler } Prudential Committee
Calvin C. Damon }

Voted to Raise money for Support of Publick Worship by Subscription

Voted. That this Committee Supply Such order of Doctrinal tenets to officiate in the Desk that they deem best

Voted _ To accept the reports of the Treasurer and have the Same recorded

Votes to Dissolve this meeting

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

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Warrant for Special Meeting

To Dana Stone Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of Said Parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs, to meet and assemble at the meeting house in Said Parish on Monday the 23 instant at 4 O Clock P.M. to act on the following articles Viz

Art 1 To Choose a Moderator

Art 2d To See if the Society will concur with the Church in giving the Rev Corbin Kidder a call to take the Pastoral charge of the church + Society in this place _ and make provision for his Supply or act any relitive [*sic*] thereto _

Thereof fail not and make return of this warrant within your doings thereon on or before the hour herein appointed for Said meeting _

[37]

Given under our hands + Seal at Saxonvill[e] in Said parish this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred + thirty four

Attest
Dana Stone } Clerk

Henry Richardson }
Geo Wheeler }
C. C. Damon }
Parish
Committee

At the meeting in pursuant to the forgoing Warrant holden June 23 A.D. 1834

Lambert Allen was chosen moderator

Voted ^ /without any dissension/ to give the Rev Corbin Kidder an invitation to take the Pastoral Charge of the church + Society in this place

Voted to grant five hundred & fifty dollars salary for the Support of the Rev Mr Kidder

Voted to choose a committee of five to confer with Mr Kidder and take such /other/ order as they deem necessary concerning his call

Horace McFarland }
Charles Fiske }
C. C. Damon } were Chosen
Abner Stone }
Ebenezer Stone }

[38]

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday evening 28th inst at ½ past Seven O'Clock

July 5 1834 George Wheeler presents a certificate declaiming his resignation as member of the Saxonville Parish __

Attest Dana Dana Stone } Clerk

June 23 1834 Henry Richardson presents a certificate purporting his disjunction with the Saxonvill[e] Parish

[39]

At the meeting pursuant to the forgoing adjournment to June 28th prorogued to July 3d current — Lamber[t] Allen being absent Charles Fiske was chosen pro[-]tem — it was considered unnecessary to give the committee any instructions therefore Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

[40]

July 6 1834 The following names of persons presenting certificates of their ces[s]ation as members of the Saxonville Parish

Nathanial Stearns Joseph W Tuttle

July 29 – Jona J Edwards Joshua Underwood
Rufus A French Luther Eaton
John Ingraham

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

Feby 21st 1835 Abner Stone disjoins himself and Feby 24th Calvin C Damon withdraws himself from the Saxonville Parish

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

Feby 25 1835 Dana Stone certifies his disjunction with the Saxonville Parish

Attest Dana Stone } Clerk

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Warrant for the Annual Meeting in March 1835

To Dana Stone Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Male members of Said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting house in Said Parish on Monday the ninth day of March next at 4 O'Clock P. M to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose [a] Moderator for Said Meeting

2d " hear the report of the Committee + Treasr

3d " choose all Parish officers

4 " raise money for the Support of Publick worship this ensuing year and transact any other /Parish/ business that may come before Said Parish.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon on or before the hour herein appointed for Said meeting

over

[42]

Given under our hand ~~and Seal~~ at ~~this~~ Saxonville this Twenty first day of Feby in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred + thirty five

Dana Stone } Clerk Calvin C Damon } Parish Committee

At the meeting of pursuant Warrant March 4 Dana Stone being absent H. Stone officiates_ Horace McFarland was chosen Moderator [?] proceed to choice P. officers for the Ensueing [*sic*] year

Horatio Stone } chosen Clerk

Charles Fiske } Treasurer and Collector

Voted to choose three as Parish Committee

Eben Eaton }
Charles Fiske } Parish Committee
Ebenezer Stone }

Voted to charge a committee to [?] Settle with the Treasurer + convey the Treasury

H McFarland S Allen

F L Abbels[1] [*sic*] } chosen

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Voted ~~the~~ /to raise money by Subscription/ ~~be a committee to get Subscri~~ for the support of Preaching and other necessary expences [*sic*] for the ensuing year and a committee be chosen to get subscribtions [*sic*]. H McFarland[,] Eben Eaton[,] Lambert Allen, + George Bailey were chosen committee }

Voted to adjourn this meeting to March 24, at 7 o Clock [illegible struck through text]

Voted that the pews be rented at auction for the term of one year, one week from this date.

Voted, that the Treasurer Borrow Money in the amount of Sixty dollars, and Settle with the Rev. Doc. Kellogg, from the demand, he has against the parish and give his note from the same as Tres [?]

Voted a committe [*sic*] be chosen to settle with Doc Kellog[.] H McFarland Charles Fiske F L Abels + Abner Stone

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 31st at [?] to lease the pews for one year

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest H Stone } P Clerk

[44]

[1] This must be Franklin Abels. Note that this scribe's hand, spelling, and grammar are less certain than previous scribes.

Copy of Warrant for the annual meeting in March 1836

To Horatio Stone Clerk of Saxonvill [*sic*] [Parish] in the Town of Framingham ____

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male members of said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse in said Parish on Monday the fourteenth day of March \^\ at four O Clock PM. to act on the following articles viz

1st To Choose ^/a/ Moderator for said Meeting

2d To Choose all Parish officers and necessary committees

3e To hear the report of Perish [*sic*] Treasury

4th To raise money for the support of Publick Worship the ensueing [*sic*] year and transact such other business that may come before said Parish.

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour appointed for said meeting

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[45]

Given under our hands at Saxonville this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six

Attest
H Stone Parish Clerk

Eben Eaton }
Charles Fiske } Parish
Ebenezer Stone } Committee

At the meeting of the Pursuant Warrant

Eben Stone was chosen Moderator

Choice of Officers ^ /for the ensuing year/ Horatio Stone } Clerk

Charles Fiske } Treasurer + Collector

Charles Fiske }
Eben Eaton } Parish Committee
Ebenezer Stone }

Voted to raise money by subscription for the Support of Preaching and other necessary expences [*sic*] __ Chose a committee of five to solicit Subscription[s]

} H. McFarland
Committee } John Hillard
to Solicit Subscription[s] } Lambert Allen

} M. H. Ripley
} Eben Stone

[46]

Lambert Allen, H Stone, Eben Eaton were chosen Committee to Settle with the Treasurer

Parish Committee is to choose a Sexton

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April at five O Clock PM

Attest H Stone } Parish Clerk

Monday April 4th Committee of Settleing [*sic*] with the Treasurer reported that there was ample means for the supply of Preaching the ensueing [*sic*] year

March 17 1836 John A Angues presents a certificate to disjoin himself from this parish

March 17 Sewell Pratt disjoins himself from Said Paris by filing a certificate

Attest Horatio Stone } Parish Clerk

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Jany 6 1837 Eben Eaton certifies his disunion with Saxonville Parish

Attest H Stone } Parish Clerk

March 13 1837 Lambert Allen disjoined himself from Said Parish

H Stone } P Clerk

March 13 1837 Doctor A. R. Johnson joined himself to the Saxonville Parish.

H Stone } Parish Clerk

Copy of Warrant for the annual meeting in March 13th 1837

To Horatio Stone Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male members of Said parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in said parish on Monday the thirteenth day of March inst at four O Clock P. M to act on the following articles VIZ

over

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Art 1st Choose a Moderator.

" 2d Choose all Parish officers, and necessary Committees

" 3d To hear the report of the Parish treasurer

" 4th To raise money for the Support of Public Worship the ensueing [*sic*] year, and transact such other business as may come before said Parish.

Thereof fail not, and make a return of this Warrant with you doing thereon, on or before the hour of Said Meeting.

Given under our hands at Saxonville this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Charles Fiske } Parish
Ebenezer Stone } Committee

Attest Horatio Stone } Parish Clerk.

[Faint letter Al or H]

March 13 1837 At the Meeting of the above Warrant Ebenezer Stone Chosen Moderator

Parish Officers Horatio Stone } Clerk
Charles Fiske } Treasurer

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Charles Fiske } Were chosen
Ebenezer Stone } Parish Committee
James B Puffer } for the ensueing [*sic*] year

Ebenezer Stone chosen Collector.

Voted to Chose [*sic*] a Tythingman. J. B. Puffer chosen

Voted that the Parish committee employ a sexton

Voted to raise money by subscription for the support of Publick Worship the ensueing [*sic*] year.

A. R. Johnson } committee to
E Stone } solicit Subscription
H Stone } and members for said

John Hillard } parish for the year coming

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday in April at the Schoolhouse in Saxonville at Seven O Clock P.M.

Attest Horatio Stone } Parish

Clerk

April 18 Met at Schoolhouse __ Voted to rent the pews at auction for the benefit of the Society. The time voted to be the first day of May.

Voted the Parish can have charge of Setting and giving notice. All Choice [?] Money to be paid at the end of the first quarter [?]

Voted to dissolve this meeting /Attest/ Horatio Stone } /Parish/Clerk

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Copy of Warrant for Special Meeting Oct 16 1837

To Horatio Stone Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

Your [*sic*] are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male members of Said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in Said Parish on Monday the Sixteenth day of Oct — at 3 O Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz

Art 1 To Choose Moderator

" 2 To See if the Church will comply with the request of Rev C Kidder in calling a Council for his dismission or act anything relative thereto.

" 3 To see what measures the Parish will take to Supply the Desk in case the Rev C Kidder should be dismissed

Thereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting

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[51]

Given under our hands at Saxonville this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred + Thirty seven

	Charles Fiske	}	Parish
Attest H Stone	Ebenezer Stone	}	Committee
Parish Clerk	James B Puffer	}	

Oct 16th 1837 At [the] Meeting of the above Warrant Ebenezer Stone chosen Moderator

Voted the Parish comply with the request of Rev C Kidder in calling a council for his dismissal.

Voted to Choose a committee to confer with the Church in calling a council. Charles Fiske + James B Puffer were chosen

Voted that the Parish committee have power to supply the Desk with preaching as far as they have means of paying provided the Rev C Kidder should be dismissed.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Tuesday in Nov at Seven O Clock P.M. at this place.

Attest H Stone } Parish Clerk

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Copy of Warrant for Special Meeting Jan[ua]ry 22. 1838

To Horatio Stone Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify + warn all the male Members of Said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in Said Parish on Monday the twenty second inst at half past Seven O Clock P.M. to act on the following Art[icles] viz

Art 1 To Choose Moderator

Art 2 To see if the Parrish will concur with the Church in giving the Rev Isaac Hosford a call to take the Pastoral Charge of the Society in this place and make provision for his Support an[d] act [upon] anything relative thereto

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with you doing thereon on or before the hour appointed for Said Meeting.

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[53]

Given under our hands at Saxonville this Eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred + thirty eight

Attest	Charles Fiske	}	
H Stone } Parish Clerk	Ebenezer Stone	}	Parish
	James B. Puffer	}	Committee

To Clerk of Saxonville Parish

We the Subscribers wishing to become members of Said Parish want hereby [to] request that our names may be attached to its record.

	Eliphalet Watson	Jonathan Butman
Joseph Angier	Joseph Brown	Cyrus W. Angier
Abner Stone	Moses H Ripley	Henry Shepard
Wm Nilham [Milham?]	Ruel Richardson	Benj F Holden
J. W. Goodnow	Asa B Cram	Abel Thompson
Iserell [?] W Sullerincy [?]	Northt Wells [Welds?]	Horatio Bayeler [?]
Aaron B. Young	Wingate B Clough	

Saxonville Jan[uar]y 11 1838

Attest H. Stone } Parish Clerk

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Jan[uar]y 22 1838. At Meeting of preceding Warrant Ebenezer Stone chosen Moderator

It was unanimously voted that the Parish concur with the Church in giving the Rev. Isaac Hosford a call to take the Pastoral charge of Church + Parish in this Place.

Voted a Salary of Six Hundred Dollars per year Providing Mr Hosford execpt [accept] the call

Voted to Choose a Committee of three, to confer with the Church Committee in carrying the above vote into effect.

^/to see/ if Mr. Hosford execpt [accept] the invitation Asa B. Cram James Barney + Joseph Angier } Committee

Voted to adjourn this meeting until the first Saturday in Feb[ruar]y at Six O Clock P.M.

Attest H. Stone } Parish Clerk

Feb[ruar]y 3th [*sic*] 1838 Met according to adjournment

Reed [read] the following communication from Rev I Hosford which was read before the Parish and acted upon as follows

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Copy of Rev I Hosford communication

To Committee of Church + Society in Saxonville

Saxonville Feb[ruar]y 3 1838

Beloved + Friends

With due consideration and prayer, as I trust I have been led to feel that it was my duty to accede to your proposal of being Settled ^/over you/ as pastor and teacher in the Lord. In assuming this work, I cannot without a sense of its deep + weighty responsibilities; — but trust in the grade of God — and your cooperation, of which your apparent unanimity of voice promices [*sic*] much; to do something in building up that cause and kingdom among you which I profess to praise above all other. Your[s] Respectfully Isaac Hosford

Attest H Stone, P Clerk

The committee will understand the above to be given in consideration of their usual appended stipulation; viz. Quarterly payment of Salary, — and Liberty of absence four weeks each year at convenience, — without expence [*sic*] of "supply," and there resolve to this effect put on Record will be considered satisfactory.

Saxonville Feb[ruar]y 3 1838 Attest H Stone } P Clerk I Hosford

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Voted unanimously that the Parish comply with ~~the foregoing~~ Mr Hosford's foregoing Proposition

Voted that the same committee consult with Mr Hosford as to time of ordination and make all other arrangements necessary

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Horatio Stone } Parish Clerk

Copy of Annual Warrant twelth [*sic*] Day March 1838

To Horatio Stone Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham _____

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Members of Said Parish Qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Meeting house of Said Parish on Monday the twelth [*sic*] Day of March at 7 ½ O Clock P.M. to act on the following

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articles viz

Article 1st To Choose Moderator

" 2d To Choose all Parish officers and necessary committees

Art 3 To hear report of Parish Treasurer.

Art 4 To raise money ~~money~~ for the support of Publick worship for the ensuing year and transact such other business as may come before Said Parish.

" 5 To see if the Parish will take any measure to procure a Burying Ground in this place.

6 To see if the parish will agree to let the pews in the Meeting House at Auction the ensueing [*sic*] year

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon on or before the hour of Said Meeting.

Given under our hands at Saxonville this first Day of March A. D. one thousand eight-hundred + thirty eight

Charles Fiske } Parish
Ebenezer Stone } Committee
James B Puffer }

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March 12 1838 Met according to Warrant Ebenezer Stone Moderator

Proceed to Choose Parish Officers

Parish Clerk	} Horatio Stone
Parish Treasurer	} Charles Fiske
	} Charles Fiske
Parish Committee	} James B Puffer
	} Abner Stone
Collector first	} Moses H Ripley
2d	} Ebenezer Stone
Tithingmen	James B Puffer
	Doc[.] A R Johnson

Voted the Parish Committee employ a sexton

Voted to except [accept] the report of the Parish Treasurer.

Voted that the Parish Committee examine the last year[']s Treasurer report and, if Correct, Sign it as such

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also the Parish Committee emcoring [?] the account the year ensueing [*sic*] and report the same at the annual meeting

Voted to raise money by ~~Support~~ Subscription for the Support of Publick Worship the ensuing year.

Committee to Solicit	}	Doc[.] A R Johnson
Subscriptions	}	Ebenezer Stone
	}	John Hillard

Art 5 Voted to Choose a Committee of three to use there [*sic*] influence in procuring a burying ground in this place

	Joseph Angier
Committee	J B. Puffer
	Abner Stone

Art 6 Vote to rent the Pews for the present at Auction.

Voted the Parish Committee carry the above vote into effect to give notice and how charged__ Voted the time be the first Day of May

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Horatio Stone } Parish Clerk

[60]

Warrant for annual meeting March 11th[2] 1839

To Horatio Stone Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male members of Said Paris Qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs, to meet and assemble at the Chapel in Said Parish on Monday the eleventh day of March at 4 O Clock PM to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To Choose Moderator

" 2 To Choose all Parish Officers

" 3 To hear the report of Parish Treasurer

[2] Note that below it says the meeting was March 12.

" 4 To raise money for Support of Publick worship the ensueing [*sic*] year

" 5 To Choose all necessary committees and transact such other business as may come before said Parish

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon on or before the hour of Said Meeting. __ Given under our hands at Saxonville this first day of March A.D. eighteen hundred + thirty nine. Charles Fiske } Parish
Attest Horatio Stone } P Clerk J. B. Puffer } Committee
Ebenez Stone }

[61]

Doings of Parish agreable [*sic*] to the foregoing Warrant March 12 1839[3]

Art 1 Abner R Johnson } Moderator

Art 2 Horatio Stone /oath/ } Parish Clerk

Charles Fiske oath } Treasurer

Charles Fiske oath }
James B. Puffer oath } Parish Committee
Abner Stone /oath/ }

Voted the the [*sic*] Parish Committee employ a Collector and pay such sum as they think proper

Horatio Stone }
A. R. Johnson } Tything men

Voted that the parish committee employ a Sexton to take charge of Burying Ground and take care of Meeting house.

Art 3 Voted to except [accept] the Parish Treasurer report

Art 4 Voted to raise money by Subscription for the Support of Public Worship the ensueing [*sic*] year __ Voted to choose a

over

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Committee to Solict Subscription[s]

Moses H Ripley }
Ebenezer Stone} Committee

[3] As noted above, the warrant on the facing page says March 11, not March 12.

John Hillard }

Voted the Parish Committee examing [*sic*] the Treasurer's report for the ensueing [*sic*] year and report the same at the annual Meeting in March.

Meeting Dissolved.

Attest Horatio Stone }

Parish Clerk

Jan[uar]y 13th 1840 Jesse Goodnow Certified his dissolution with Saxonville Parish

Attest H. Stone } Parish Clerk

March 9th 1840 Horatio Stone certified his dissociation Saxonville Parish, to take effect as soon as another Clerk is chosen in his place.

Attest H Stone } Parish

Clerk

[63]

Warrant for Annual Meeting in March 1840

To Horatio Stone Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male members of said Parish Qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs, to meet and assemble at the Chapel in said Parish on Monday March ninth at 4 O Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To Choose Moderator

Article 2d To Choose all Parish Officers

Art 3d To hear and vote on the report of Parish Treasurer.

4th To raise money for Support of Publick worship the ensuing year

5 To see if the Parish will rent the Pews at Auction the ensueing [*sic*] year or pass any vote relative thereto.

6 To choose all necessary committees and transact such other business as may come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make return of this warrant with your doing thereon, on, or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day Feb[ruar]y A.D 1840 Chas Fiske }
Attest H Stone } P Clerk J. B. Puffer } Parish
Abner Stone} Committee

[64]

At the Annual meeting of the Saxonville Parish at the Chapel holden, March 9th 1840 agreeably to the foregoing Warrant.

On being called to order by the Clerk

A. R. Johnson was chosen Moderator

M. H. Ripley was chosen Clerk + the oath administered

Charles Fiske was chosen Treasurer Oath administered

Charles Fiske } were chosen
Jas B. Puffer } Parish Committee Oath administered
Jarius Barney }

A. R. Johnson }
Jas B. Puffer } were chosen Tything men

Voted that the Parish Committee be authorized to employ a collector for the ensuing year + pay him such sum as they shall think proper —

Voted that the Committee be directed to employ a Sexton to take charge of Burying ground + meeting house.

Voted to accept the Report of the Parish Treasurer.

Voted to raise money by Subscription for the support of preaching the present year —

Voted that the committee rent the pews at auction the present Year and give Notice of the same

[65]

Voted that M H Ripley John Hilliard + A R Johnson be a committee to solicit subscription for the support of preaching the present year.

Voted that the Parish Committee be a committee to settle with the Treasurer + report at the annual meeting

Voted to dissolve this meeting

A true Copy Attest M H Ripley Parish Clerk

[66]

Copy of a Warrant for the Annual meeting March 8th 1841

To M H Ripley Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify + warn the male members of said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs, to meet and assemble at the Chapel in said Parish on Monday the 8th day of March at 4 o clock PM, then and there to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator

Article 2d To choose all Parish Officers

Article 3d To hear and act on the report of the Committee of the Parish.

Article 4th To take some measures for raising money for the support of Public Worship the ensuing year __

Article 5th To see if the Parish will rent the pews at publick Auction the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto. __

Article 6th To see if the Parish will take any measures for the support of the singing in Church —

Article 7th To choose all necessary committees + transact such other business, as may come before Said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this

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warrant, with your doings thereon, on or before the hour of said meeting. __ Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of February AD 1841 _____

Signed	Charles Fiske	}	Parish
	James B Puffer	}	Committee
	Jarius Barney	}	

Saxonville March 8.1841

In pursuance with the within warrant I have caused an attested copy to be posted at the meeting house of said Parish eight days previous to the time of said meeting. _____

M H Ripley Parish Clerk

[68]

At the Annual meeting of the Saxonville Parish holden March 8.1841 agreeably to the Warrant on record __ A R Johnson was chosen Moderator and the following persons chosen as Parish Officers for the ensuing year

M J Ripley Parsh Clerk oath administered

Chaˢ Fiske Treasurer oat administered

Chaˢ Fiske	}	
Jaˢ B. Puffer	}	Parish Committee
Jarius Barney	}	
Luther Stone	}	
Jaˢ B. Puffer	}	Tytheing [*sic*] Men

Voted that the Parish Committee be authorized to employ a collector.

Voted that the Report of the Treaˢ be accepted.

Voted to raise money by Subscription for the support of Publick worship the ensuing year

Voted to rent the pews at auction, as usual. _____

Voted that the 6th article be passed over _____

Voted that the Parish Committee be requested to employ one or more persons to take charge of the Burying ground + meeting house ___

[69]

Voted that M H Ripley

John Hilliard[4]
Wᵐ Kilham
Eben Stone

be a committee to solicit subscriptions for the support of Publick worship the ensuing year _____

Voted that the Parish Committee be a committee to audit the Treasurer[']s account _____

Voted that this meeting be dissolved _____

[4] He has appeared as John Hillard previously.

Attest M H Ripley Parish Clerk

[70]

Copy of a Warrant for the Annual meeting March 8th 1842

To M H Ripley Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify + warn the male members of said Parish, qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in said Parish on Monday the 14th day of March at 4 o clock PM, then and there to act on the following articles viz —

Article 1st To choose a Moderator

Article 2d To choose all Parish officers

Article 3d To hear and act on the report of the Committee of the Parish.

Article 4th To take some measures for raising money for the support of Publick worship + other expenses of the Parish the ensuing year

Article 5th To See if the Parish will rent the Pews at publick auction the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto

Article 6th To choose all necessary committees and transact such other business as may come before said meeting —

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Hereof fail not and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon, on or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hand this twelfth day of eighth day of March AD 1842

Signed	Charles Fiske	}	
	James B Puffer	}	Parish
	Jarius Barney	}	Committee

Saxonville March 14, 1842 [*sic*]

In pursuance of the within [?] warrant I have caused an attested copy to be posted at the meeting house of said Parish eight days previous to the time of said Meeting

M H Ripley Parish Clerk

[72]

At the annual meeting of the Saxonville Parish holden March 14th 1842 agreeably to the warrant on record__

Ja^{S} B Puffer was chosen Moderator and the following persons chosen as Parish Officers for the ensuing year——

M H Ripley	Parish Clerk	
Charles Fiske	Treasurer	oath administered
Abner Stone	}	Refuses to serve [penciled in]
Luther Stone	}	Parish Committee
Eben Stone	}	notified but would not decide whether he would serve [penciled in]
Joseph W Tuttle	}	Tytheing Men
Eben Stone	}	

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer made their report which was accepted ——

Voted that the money for the support of Publick worship + other expenses of the Parish be raised by subscription

Voted that the Pews be rented at Publick auction on Monday next at 4 o clock PM And that the Parish committee be authorized to carry this vote into execution + give notice of the time of the Sale

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Parish Committee were authorized by a vote of the Parish to employ some one or more to take charge of the meeting house + burying ground for the ensuing year__ To pay the person having the care of the meeting house a reasonable compensation for attending to the same ___

Voted that the following Persons be a committee to Solicit subscriptions for the expenses of the Parish the ensuing year ——

Abner Stone
Luther Stone
Ebenezer Stone
John Hilliard
Charles Fiske

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest M H Ripley Clerk

Voted that the Committee be a committee to settle with the Treasurer —— also voted to dissolve this meeting—— Attest M H Ripley Clerk

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Copy of Warrant for Annual Meeting 1843

To M. H. Ripley. Clerk of. Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham ———

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify + warn the male members of Said Parish, qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs, to meet and assemble at the Chappel [*sic*] in said Parish on monday [*sic*] the 13th day of March instant at 4 O Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz.

Article 1st To Choose a moderator

2d To Choose all Parish Officers

3d To hear and act on the report of the Committee of the Parish

4th Take some measures for raising money for the Support of Public Worship + other expences [*sic*] of the Parish the ensueing [*sic*] year

5th To see if the Parish will rent the Pews at public auction the ensueing [*sic*] year or pass any vote relative thereto

6th To choose all necessary Committies [*sic*] and transact such other business as may come before said meeting___

up

[75]

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, on or before the hour of Said meeting____

Given under our hand this fourth day of March A.D. 1843

Luther Stone } Parish
Ebenz Stone } Committee

At the annual meeting agreeable to the afforesaid [*sic*] warrant Doct A. R. Johnson was chosen moderator.

James B. Puffer was chosen Parish Clerk

Messrs Luther Stone } were chosen
Ebenz Stone } Parish

A R Johnson } Committee

Eben^{Z} Stone was chosen Treasurer

James B. Puffer and }
Samuel B. Ward } Tythingmen

Voted the Parish Committee be authorized to appoint a collector

Voted the Parish Committee Shall be a Committee to Settle with the Treasurer

the Treasurer's report was read and accepted

over

[76]

Voted to raise money by subscription for the Support of Public Worship and other expences [*sic*] of the Parish

Voted to rent the pews in the Meeting House at auction on monday [*sic*] next at 4 O Clock P.M. and that the Parish Committee carry the Same into Execution

Voted to choose a committee to solicit subscriptions

A. R. Johnson }
Thomas Leslie } were chosen
Eben^{Z} Stone }

Voted the Parish Committee employ some Person or persons to take care of the Meeting House and Bur[y]ing Ground__

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest James B. Puffer Clerk

[77]

Copy of Warrant for 1844

To Ja<u>s</u> B. Puffer Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham____

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male members of Said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chappel in said Parish on monday [*sic*] the eleventh day of March instant at 4 OClock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

" 2 To choose all Parish officers for the year ensueing [*sic*]

" 3 To hear and act on the report of the Committies [*sic*] of the Parish

" 4 To take some measures for raising money for the support of Public Worship and other expences [*sic*] of the Parish the ensueing [*sic*] year.

" 5 To see if the Parish will vote to sell the Pews at auction or pass any vote relative thereto.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting

over

[78]

Given under our hands this first day of March AD 1844

Luther Stone } Parish
A R Johnson } Committee

Saxonville March 11th 1844

At the annual meeting agreeable to the warrant on record the meeting was organised by choosing Doct A R Johnson Chairman

James B. Puffer was chosen Parish Clerk

Luther Stone } were chosen
Ebenz Stone } Parish
A.R. Johnson } Committee

Dea[con] Ebenz Stone was chosen Treasurer

AR. Johnson } Committee
Ebenz Stone } to Solicit
Thomas Leslie } Subscriptions

Chose Saml B. Ward }
AR Johnson } Tythingmen

UP

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Voted that the Parish Committee agree with some person for the ensueing [*sic*] year /to take care of the meeting house/ [written above the previous line in a different ink] \agreed with James B. Puffer for the sum of $8.50\ [written below the previous line in a different ink] The report of the committee was postponed [?]

Voted the Parish committee shall settle with the Treasurer

Voted to raise money for the support of Public Worship by subscription___

Voted to choose a committee of five to appraise the rent of Pews in the Meeting House

Charles Fiske	}	
AR Johnson	}	
Eben^{Z} Stone	}	were chosen
John Hillard[5]	}	
Ja^{S} B. Puffer	}	

Voted that the Parish committee employ some person or persons to take care of the Meeting House and burying ground

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill [*sic*] Friday evening next at 7 ½ O Clock

Attest Ja^{S} B. Puffer Clerk

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March 15th 1844

Met agreeable to adjournment AR Johnson Chairman __ chose AR Johnson collector

The Parish Committee's report was read and accepted__

The committee respecting the Pews reported that they had attended to that duty and have added fifty dollars to the whole and the report was accepted

Voted that the Pews be rented at auction on Tuesday next at 4 O Clock P.M. and the committee carry the same into execution_____

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Ja^{S} B. Puffer Clerk

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Copy of a Warrant 1845

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To J B Puffer Parish Clerk of Saxonville Parish town of Framingham in said Commonwealth[.] Greeting[.]

You are hereby required to notify and warn all the male members of said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in said

[5] Note continued oscillation between Hillard and Hilliard.

Parish on Monday the tenth day of March next at four o clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

Article 1 To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Article 2 To choose all Parish officers for the ensueing [*sic*] year

Art 3 To hear and act on the reports of the committees of the Parish

Art 4 To Choose all necessary committees and transact all the business that may regularly come before the meeting

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Article 5 To see if the Parish will authorise [*sic*] their committee to rent the Pews in the meeting house at auction the present year or pass any other vote in regard to the pews the Parish may think proper

Art 6 To see what method the parish will adopt to raise money for the support of Public Worship the present year

Article 7 To see if the Parish will make any alteration for warming the meeting House or act anything relative thereto

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the subscribers on or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands at Saxonville this twenty eight [*sic*] day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and forty five.

Luther Stone }
Ebenezer Stone } P Committee
A R Johnson }

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Agreeable to the foregoing notice at the annual meeting held March 10th 1845

Ebenezer Stone was chosen moderator, and Wm H Ingraham Parish Clerk

Parish Committee
Ebenezer Stone }
Luther Stone }
Joseph Angier }

Tho[ma]s Leslie. Treasurer

A R Johnson } Committee
John Hillard } for
G B Ward } Subscription

G B Ward } Tything
J R Clarke } Men

No Committees made reports

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Voted, That the Parish Committee settle with the Treasurer

Voted, That the Parish Committee rent the Pews as before

Voted

To sell the pews on Tuesday the 25 inst at 3 oclk PM.

Voted

That the Money to pay the expenses of the Parish be raised by subscription, except the amount derived from the sale of the Pews

G B Warsh
Wm H Ingraham
A R Johnson
J B Puffer
J R Clark
were chosen committee to report in relation to warming the Meeting house

Voted That the Parish Committee find the terms of a collector and report at the adjourned meeting

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Voted That the Parish Committee agree with a man to take charge of the Meeting House + to engage a Sexton for the ensueing [*sic*] year

Voted To adjourn this meeting to Tuesday 25 inst at ½ past 2 oclk PM at the meeting house.

attest Wm H Ingraham

Parish Clerk

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Saxonville March 25th 1845

~~At the~~ Meet according to according to adjournment at the Meeting House.

Voted that the unfinished business be postponed and the pews be sold which was accordingly done.

The unfinished business was then taken up.

Ebenezer Stone declined being Parish Committee, and A R Johnson was chosen instead. J B Puffer was chosen collector for 1 ½ perc[en]t

Voted That the ~~business~~ report of the Treasurer be postponed until the adjourned meeting

Voted to recommit the report of Committee for warming the house. Voted To Choose a committee to abate subscription and pew rent. The parish Committee chosen and Jairus [Jarius] Barney and J B Puffer added. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May. Attest W H Ingraham

Parish Clerk

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Saxonville May 5th 1845

Adjourned meeting of the Parish

Ebenezer Stone Chairman

The Committee chosen for taking measures to warm the Meeting house reported in favour of a Furnace, which was accepted

Voted to choose a committee to carry the same into effect

A R Johnson	}	
J B Puffer	}	Committee
G B Ward	}	

Voted That if there is money in the Treasury after paying the expenses of the Parish it shall be appropriated to warming the House

Voted to adjourn this meeting until Friday at 8 oclock eve

Attest J B Puffer

P Clerk

pro tem

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Saxonville Sep 1845

Copy of a Warrant

To Wm H Ingraham Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in said Parish on Monday 29th inst at 4 oclock PM to act on the following articles

viz Art 1 To choose a mod[e]rator for said meeting

Art 2 To hear and to act on the report of any committees that may be offered

Art 3 To see if the Parish will decide upon the manner of warming the meetinghouse the ensuing winter or pass any vote relative thereto

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Art 4 To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Her[e]of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings ther[e]on on or before the hour of said meeting

A R Johnson }
Joseph Angier } Parish
Luther Stone } Committee

a true Copy

W H Ingraham Clerk

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Saxonville Sep 29th 1845

Met according to notice

J B[6] Chosen Moderator

Report of the Treasurer was read

voted

[6] Only initials are given. This is the first instance of initials and not a name being given in such a situation. Could be J. B. Puffer.

That the clerk shall draw up two papers for Subscriptions to defray the expense of a Furnace

voted to allow M H Ripley bill in part payment for Pew rent

voted to adjourn to Thursday Oct 2d 1845

a true copy W H Ingraham Clerk

Oct 2d Met according to adjournment

Luther Stone chosen mod[e]rator

voted to adjourn to Oct 3d 1845

Oct 3d

Met agreeable to adjournment

chose Thos Leslie clerk pro tem

Treasurer report read and accepted

voted that the committee proceed to put in a furnace

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Saxonville January 8th 1846

Copy of A Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To W H Ingraham Parish Clerk of Saxonville Parish town of Framingham in said Commonwealth.

Greeting. You are hereby required to notify and warn all the male members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in said Parish on Thursday the eight[h] day of Jan[ua]ry 1846 at four o clock P.M. there

and there to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To choose a moderator to govern the meeting

Art 2 To see if the Parish will comply with the request of Rev I Hosford for leave of absence for one year or pass any vote relative thereto

Art 3 To see what course the

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Parish will take relative to supplying the Desk in case the request of Rev I Hosford is granted or pass any vote relative thereto

Art 4 To hear and act on any report of any committee that may be offered

Art 5 To Transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon on or before the hour of said meeting

Luther Stone } Parish
A R Johnson } Committee

Jan[uar]y 1st
1846

A true Copy

W H Ingraham Clerk

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Saxonville Ja[nuar]y 8th 1846

Met according to Notice

J B Puffer was chosen Moderator

The request of Rev I Hosfor[d] for 1 years absence was granted.

Voted to Choose a committee of three to supply the desk

Moses H Ripley
Eb[ene]zer Stone
John Hillard were chosen

The committee would not serve and the above vote was reconsidered

Voted That the Parish committee and Two others constitute a committee to supply the Desk.

Moses H Ripley
John Hillard were chosen to act with the Parish Committee and the meeting was dissolved.

a true copy W H Ingraham
clerk

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March 1846

A Copy of a Warrant drawn Feb[ruar]y 27th 1846

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To W H Ingraham Clerk of Saxonville Parish in Framingham

Greeting. You are hereby required to notify and warn all the Male members in said parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble in the Chapel in said Parish on Monday the Ninth day of March next at 4 oclock P.M then and there to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To choose a Mod[e]rator to govern said Meeting

Art 2d To Choose Parish Clerk for the ensueing [*sic*] year

Art 3 To Choose Parish Committees and Treasurer

Art 4 To see what course the Parish will adapt to rais emoney for the support of Public Worship

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Art 5 To hear and act on the reports of any committee

Art 6 To see if the Pews in the Church shall be rented as they were last year

Art 7 To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting.

Feb[ruar]y 27th 1846

Luther Stone }
A R Johnson } Parish Committee
Joseph L Angier }

A true Copy
W H Ingraham
Clerk

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March 9th 1846

Met according to foregoing Warrant and proceeded to business

A R Johnson chosen Moderator

Wm H Ingraham " Clerk

Thos Leslie Treasurer

A R Johnson } Parish
W H Ingraham } Committee
John Hillard }

Voted that the Parish Committee and Two others supply the Desk

M H Ripley
and
Abner Stone were chosen

Voted a committee of six be chosen to procure subscription for support of Public Worship

Three Males and Three Females

A R Johnson	Mrs Eliza Thompson
Thos Leslie	Mrs M H Ripley
M H Ripley	Mrs J Hillard

were chosen see next page

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Report of Committee for warming the House read and accepted

Voted to rent the Pews as formerly on Monday the 16th at 4 ocl P. M.

Voted that the Parish Committee sell the Pews

Voted that the Parish Committee settle with the Treasurer

Voted that the Parish Committee agree with a man to take charge of the Church, also with a Sexton and collector

Voted to adjourn to Monday, March 16th 1846

A True Copy W H Ingraham
Parish Clerk

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Monday April 5th 1846

Met according to adjournment

A R Johnson chosen Chairman

Treasurer report was read and accepted

Meeting was dissolved

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Copy of Warrant drawn April 27th 1846

Commonwealth of Massachusetts to W H Ingraham clerk of Saxonville Parish in Framingham[.] Greeting[.] You are hereby required to notify and warn all the male members in said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet in the chapel on Monday the 4th day of May next at 5 oclk P.M. then and to act on the following articles

Art 1st To choose a moderator to govern the meeting

Art 2d To see if the Parish will choose a committee to rec[e]ive the money left by will of Mr Hougen in care of Peter Anderson for the support of the Minister of this Parish

Art 3d To transact any business that may properly come before the meeting

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Her[e]of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings on or before the hour of said meeting

John Hillard } Parish

W H Ingraham } Committee

Saxonville Mass

April 27th 1846

True copy W H Ingraham Clerk

May 4th 1846

Met according to above warrant

John Hillard chosen moderator

Moses H Ripley chosen to wait on Peter Anderson and settle the money matters

Benj Wiggen chosen Tythingman

Meeting dissolved

A True copy W H Ingraham Clerk

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Copy of Warrant drawn

Nov 24 1846

To the members of the Parish of Saxonville who are qualified to vote in Parish affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Chapel on Tuesday the first day of Decr next at 8 oclock P.M. to act on the following articles

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Art 2d To choose a Parish Clerk to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Wm H. Ingraham from this place.

Art 3d To fill the vacancy in the Parish Committee occasioned as above

Art 4th To receive persons who may wish to become members of Said Parish

Art 5th To hear and act on the request of our Pastor Revd Isaac Hosford who wishes

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Council may be convened for the purpose of dissolving the Pastoral relation now existing between him and the Parish.

Art 6th To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Signed A R Johnson } Parish
John Hillard } Committee

Saxonville Dec 1st 1846

Pursuant to the above Warrant a Meeting was held in the Chapel + the following business transacted.

After the meeting was called to order A R Johnson was appointed Moderator

It was moved + seconded that a person be chosen to fill the office of Clerk for this Parish in room of Wm H Ingraham

After balloting Thomas Leslie was found to be elected but declined the appointment and Joseph Adams was elected in his stead.

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Walter Hosie Jr. was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Parish Committee occasioned by Wm H Ingraham leaving this place.

A letter was read from our Pastor Rev'd Isaac Hosford who wishes that council may be convened for the purpose of dissolving the relationship now existing between him + this Parish.

It was moved that this letter be accepted and Mr Hosford's wishes complied with. agreed to.

A Committee of three was appointed to act with the Church in this matter and the following were chosen

Joseph Angier

John Hillard

A R Johnson

It was moved that a Committee of two be appointed to settle with the Treasurer + Collector of last year + John Hillard – A R Johnson were appointed.

John A Angues

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Benjamin J Bills Harrison Cowle +

Alfred Wiswell were received as members of this Parish. It was moved to dissolve this meeting and agreed to

A true Copy Joseph Adams

Clerk

Copy of a Warrant drawn

Dec^{r} 8th 1846

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Joseph Adams Clerk of Saxonville Parish Town of Framingham in said Commonwealth[.] Greeting

You are hereby required to notify and warn all the Male Members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Chapel in said Parish on Tuesday the fifteenth day of Dec^{r} 1846 at 8 oclock P.M. then + there to act on the following articles

viz

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Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

Art 2d To receive any persons who may wish to become members of said Parish.

Art 3d To see if said Parish will unite with the Church in extending a call to the Revd Mr Northrop to become our Pastor.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said Meeting.

	A R Johnson	}	Parish
Signed	John Hilliard	}	Committee
	Walter Hosie Jr	}	

Saxonville Decr 15th 1846

In pursuance of the within Warrant I have caused an attested copy to be posted at the Meeting House of said Parish eight days previous to the time of said Meeting.

Joseph Adam, Parish Cle

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Saxonville Dec 15th 1846

The meeting having been called to order Dr A R Johnson was appointed Moderator

It was moved seconded and agreed to that a Committee of three be appointed to act with the Church in extending a Call to the Revd Mr Northrop to become our Pastor and the following were appointed

John A Angues
Ben J Bill
John Hillard

I was moved seconded and agreed to that the sum of $750. a year be offered Mr Northrop and if that amount did not satisfy him that $50. more be added to the above sum making $800.

It was moved that we adjourn without day and agreed to

Joseph Adams
Parish Clerk

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Copy of A Warrant Drawn Feb[ruar]y 20 1847

To Joseph Adam

Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Male Members of Said Parish, qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs, to meet and assemble at the Chapel of said Parish on Monday the 8th day of March at 4 oclock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator

Article 2d To choose all Parish Officers

Article 3d To hear and act on the reports of the Parish Committees

Article 4th To take some measures for raising money for the support of Public Worship and other expences [*sic*] of the Parish the ensuing year.

Article 5th To see if the Parish will rent the Pews at Public Auction the ensuing year or pass any vote relative ther[e]to

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Article 6th To choose all necessary Committees and transact such other business as may come before Said Meeting

Article 7th To receive the names of all Persons who may wish to become members of Said Parish

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, on or before the hour of said Meeting

Given under our hand this twentieth day of February AD 1847

} A R Johnson
Parish Committee } John Hillard
} Walter Hosie Jr

March 8th 1847

In pursuance of the within Warrant I have caused an attested Copy to be posted at the Meeting House of said Parish eight days previous to the time of said Meeting.

Joseph Adam[7]
Parish Clerk

[7] Here the name appears as "Adam," but elsewhere it appears possibly as "Adams."

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March 8th 1847

The Meeting was called to order and proceeded to Ballot for Moderator when Dr A R Johnson was declared duly elected

The Meeting proceeded afterwards to Ballot for Clerk and made choice of Joseph Adam for that Office.

The Moderator administered the oath to Parish Clerk.

The following persons were appointed Parish Committee Alfred Wiswell [,] A E Morrill and John A Angues

It was moved and agreed to that the Offices of Treasurer and Collector be vested in the same individual and that he be calle upon to give bonds for any money with which he may be entrusted and that one and a half percent /on the money Collected/ be allowed for his services. M. H Ripley was unanimously elected to that Office

Tything men } Benjamin Wiggins

} Thomas Leslie

It was moved and agreed to that we pass over Article 2d and take up the

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following articles on the Warrant

It was also agreed to that the reports of Collectors be postponed till the adjourned Meeting on Monday the 15th Inst

Moved seconded and agreed to that the report of the Committee on the abatement of Taxes appointed in 1845 be accepted

Agreed to, that the Parish Committee be a Committee to settle with Mr J B Puffer and report at the adjourned Meeting

It was moved and agreed to that that [*sic*] the following persons be appointed a Committee to solicit Subscriptions for the Support of Public Worship.

M H Ripley
John Hillard
F I Hall
Joseph Angier

Moved seconded and agreed to that the interest of money left by the late Mr Hound be appropriated for the support of Public Worship.

It was recommended that the

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Subscription Collectors attend to that duty as soon as convenient, and that the Parish Committee Keep a Copy of the Subscription List, and hand the original to the Collector for collections.

Moved seconded and agreed to that the Pews be rented by Auction as usual, and that they be sold on Monday the 15th March at 4 oclock P.M.

Also agreed to that the Parish Committee be a Committee of arrangements for waiting on Clergymen and other Strangers present at the Ordination of Mr Northrop on Wenesday [*sic*] 10th March till Monday the 15th Inst at 3 oclock P.M and agreed to

Joseph Adam
Parish Clerk

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Saxonville March 15th 1847

The adjourned meeting of the Parish was called to order this day by the Moderator at ½ past 3 oclock. The Collector and Treasurer's Reports were read and accepted.

It was moved that the Parish Committee report on the case of the Collector for 1845. Mr J B Puffer.

That report was made and recommitted to the Parish Committee.

A motion was made and agreed to that a Pew be selected for the family of our Minister and that the Parish Committee make the selection, they made their report ~~appointing~~ /appropriating/ [penciled in] Pew No. 2 for their use.

It was moved and agreed to that this meeting adjourn till after the letting of the Pews. The Pews were accordingly sold and produced the following amount Rent $283.85 [penciled in] Choice money $278.75 [penciled in].

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The unfinished business was resumed.

Mr Ripley reported in regard to a legacy left by the late Mr Hound to the Society amounting to $300. — —

It was moved and agreed to that the $300. be put out at Interest, and that the Interest of said sum be appropriated for the expences [*sic*] of the Parish for the present year.

A Resolve was presented by Mr Luther Stone and accepted that the Clerk be appointed to wait on Mr Simpson and Lady, with the thanks of this Parish for the very handsome manner in which the assisted the Parish in decorating the Church. It was

moved and agreed to that this meeting adjourn till Monday evening 29th March at ½ past 7 oclock.

Owing to the destruction of the Carpet Factory[8] by Fire on Saturday morning 20th March 1847, the Papers of the Parish shared the same fate

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Saxonville March 29th 1847

The adjourned Meeting of the Parish was held this evening at ½ past 7 oclock.

The Moderator called the meeting to order, the Minutes of last meeting were read and approved of.

Mr Morrill moved that we reconsider the vote passed at last Meeting "laying out at Interest the $300._. left by the late Mr Hound.

agreed to. It was then moved that the Parish take $125._. of that money to be used for the paying up of area[r]ages [arrears?] of the Parish. this was opposed by Mr Stone who recommended that we leave the fund at $300._._ and borrow $125._. till next year.

Mr Morrill withdrew his motion and moved that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow $100._. for the use of the Parish for one year.

It was moved seconded and agreed to unanimously, that the legacy

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left by the late Mr Hound be placed out at 6 per cent Interest, with security satisfactory to the Parish Committee.

Report of the Parish Committee being called for in regard to the settlement with J B Puffer

Moved that the report lay on the table and the Committee discharged and agreed to.

It was moved and agreed to, that the sum of Ten Dollars be paid by the Parish as the expences of Dr Beman of Troy for his travelling expences in attending the Ordination of Mr Northrop.

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[8] Temple (1887) p. 381 records two factory buildings burning that morning. There are ample notes above about the Parish using the Counting Room in one of the factories, so it is not a surprise that they would be storing Parish/Church records there, too. The two factories had recently been bought by the Boston Water Commission from Mr. William Knight, see Temple (1887), pp. 16–17, and The Voice of Industry (Lowell) 1847-03-26, p. 2. Knight is listed above in this register in 1833 as a member of the Parish. Knight had bought the factory in 1829 and lived there (Temple 1887, ibid.).

It was also moved and agreed to that, Five Dollars be paid the Leader of the Orchestra from Natick for his expences prior to, and at the Ordination. Moved to adjourn without day.

Joseph Adam

Parish Clerk

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Copy of a Warrant for the Annual meeting March 13th 1848

To M H Ripley Treas + Collector of Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify + warn all the male members of said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in said Parish on Monday the thirteenth day of March next at four oclock PM. then + there to act on the following articles, viz—

Article 1st To choose a Moderator

Article 2nd To choose all Parish officers for the ensuing year

Article 3rd To hear and act on the reports of Parish committees,

Article 4th To see what measures the Parish will take to raise money for the support of Publick worship and other expenses of the Parish the ensuing year.

Article 5th To see if the Parish rent the Pews at public auction the ensuing year or act any thing thereon.

Article 6th To choose all necessary committees and transact such other business as may come before

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said meeting

Article 7th To see if the Parish will take [?] any vote in relation to the manner of calling Parish meetings

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hand this Eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one-thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Alfred Wiswell } Parish
J A Angues } Committee

In pursuance of the within Warrant I have caused a copy to be posted at the meeting house of said Parish Eight days previous to the time of said meeting ———

Saxonville March 13, 1848

Copy M H Ripley Treas

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Saxonville March 13. 1848

The annual meeting of the Saxonville Parish was held at the Chapel this afternoon at four oclock according to appointment and the warrant having been read proceeded to transact the following business.

viz — John A Angues was chose Moderator

Franklin J Hall was chosen Parish Clerk for the year ensuing.

Benjamin J Bill was chosen Clerk Pro Tem and sworn as such.

John A Angues }
Thomas Leslie } were chosen Parish Committee
Charles Moulton) for the year ensuing.

M H Ripley was chosen Treasurer.

Voted that the Treasurer for the ensuing year be Collector also, and that he receive 1 ½ percent for collecting.

Benjamin Wiggin + Thomas Lestie [*sic* – Leslie] were chosen Tythingmen.

The Parish Committee made a verbal report respecting the state of Parish affairs during the past year.

Voted to accept the same.

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The Treasurers report was then listened to.

Voted that the report lie on the table for the present.

Voted that the same measures be adopted this year that were used last year to raise money for the support of Public Worship.

Voted that the Pews be put up at auction at the Meeting House on Monday next at three oclock in the afternoon as they were last year.

Voted that when we adjourn, to meet at the Meeting House on Monday next at three oclock in the afternoon.

Voted that Dea[con] Stone[9], John A Angues + Luther Stone be a committee to settle with the Treasurer and certify the account of the Parish.

Voted that M H Ripley, Chaˢ Moulton, T Leslie, P B Ward + Benjˆ Wiggen be a committee to solicit Subscription.

Voted that hereafter the Parish committee issue their Warrant to the Parish Clerk if there be one, otherwise it shall be directed to the Treasurer.

Voted to take the Treasurers report from the table and refer it back to the Treasurer.

Voted to adjourn. Benj J Bill Clerk Pro Tem

A True Copy F J Hall Clerk

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Saxonville March 20, 1848

The parish meet [*sic*] according to adjournment at three o'clock PM

The Parish Clerk was sworn by the Moderator

Voted that the Treasurers report be recommitted to the committee with instructions to report the items for which the money was expended.

Voted that when we adjourn we meet at the Chapel on the evening of this day [in a] week at 7 oclock.

Voted that we now proceed to the sale of the pews.

Voted that Pew Nº 2 be reserved for the family of the Minister.

Voted to adjourn to meet at the chapel monday evening at 7 oclock.

F J Hall Clerk

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Saxonville March 27, 1848

The adjourned meeting of the Parish was held this evening at the Chapel at seven oclock.

The report of the committee to examine the Treasurers accounts.

Voted that the report of the committee be accepted.

Voted that the Treasurers report be accepted.

[9] Ebenezer Stone at this point.

Voted that the Parish Committee be authorized to purchase a broom + all such articles as in their judgment are necessary for the comfort + convenience of those who attend Public worship.

Voted that the balance due the minister for the past year be taken out of the funds left by M^{r} Hound.

Voted the subject of sexton be left to the Parish Committee.

Voted that this meeting adjourn without date.

F J Hall Parish Clerk

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Copy of Warrant drawn Feb[ruar]y 10, 1849

To F J Hall Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham

You are here by required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify + warn all the male members of said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet + assemble at the Chapel on Monday the nineteenth day of February next at 4 oclock PM then + there to act on the following articles,

viz Article 1st To choose a Moderator

Article 2nd To see what measures the Parish will adopt to raise money to pay the balance due for Ministers Salary to March 10th 1849

Article 3rd To see if the Parish will raise the appraisal of the Pews so that the avails shall be sufficient to meet the expenses of the Parish or act any thing relative thereto.

Article 4th To see if the Parish will rent the Pews at auction the coming year and if so, if they will fix on the day of the annual meeting of said Parish for that purpose.

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Hereof fail not + make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands + seal this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred a + forty nine

John A Angues }
Thomas Leslie } Parish
Charles Moulton) Committee

In pursuance of the above warrant I have caused a copy to be posted at the meeting house of said Parish eight days previous to the time of said meeting.

Saxonville February 17, 1849

F J Hall Clerk

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Saxonville February 19, 1849

The meeting was called to order and proceeded to Ballot for Moderator and J A Angues was chosen. It was then voted that the balance of Ministers salary be paid from the Hougen[10] fund

voted that article 3rd be laid on the table for one week from this date at 8 oclock PM

voted that when we adjourn it be for this day [in a] week

voted that the Pews be rented as such by offering them at auction on the day of the usual meeting

voted that we adjourn to Monday evening at 8 oclock

F J Hall
Parish Clerk

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Saxonville February 26 1849

The adjourned meeting of the Parish was held at the Chapel this evening at 8 oclock.

Voted that the appraisal of the Pews be raised so that the avails shall meet the expenses of the Parish.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to raise the appraisal.

Voted that M H Ripley, J R Clark + Charles Moulton be that committee.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned without date.

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To F J Hall Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting house in Said Parish on Monday the twelfth day of March at three oclock PM then + there to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator

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Article 2nd To choose Parish Officers

Article 3rd To hear and act on the report of the Parish Committees

Article 4th To see what measures the Parish will adopt to raise money for the support of Publick worship + other expenses of the Parish the ensueing [*sic*] yea

Article 5th To choose all necessary committees + transact such other business as may come before said meeting.

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Here of fail not + make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands this third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

J A Angu[e]s }
Thomas Leslie } Parish
Charles Moulton } Committee

In pursuance of the above Warrant I have caused a copy to be posted at the meeting house of said Parish eight days previous to the time of said meeting

Saxonville March 12 1849
F J Hall }
Parish Clerk }

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Saxonville March 12 1849

The annual meeting of the Saxonville Parish was held in the Church[11] of Said Parish at three oclock according to appointment and the warrant having been read proceeded to transact the following business viz

John A Angu[e]s was chosen moderator

[11] The use of "Church" here to refer to the meeting house is notable, since the formulaic usage even in the page preceding is still "Meeting House." The first use of 'church' for the physical meeting house is in 1841, p. [66] above, art. 6, "singing in Church." Then, p. [95], art. 6, "Pews in Church." P. [97] "take charge of the Church," clearly referring to the physical building. P. [113] "decorating the Church." The record here shows a significant semantic shift in what 'church' means in common usage — not a group of worshipers anchored in a site, but the physical site itself.

William Howard was chosen Clerk for the year ensuing

F J Hall was chosen clerk Pro Tem

John A Angu[e]s Thomas Leslie + Chas Moulton were chosen Parish Committee for the year ensuing

M H Ripley was chosen Treasurer + Collector

Voted that the report of the committee on the apprizal [*sic*] of the pews be accepted

voted to accept the report of the Treasurer

voted that article 4th be passed over

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voted that Thomas Leslie + John R Clark be Tythingmen

voted that this meeting be adjourned without date

F J Hall
Clerk Pro Tem

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Copy of a Warrant drawn March 1st 1850. To William Howard Clerk of the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

You are hereby ^/hereby/ required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Male Members of said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs to Meet and assemble at the Chapel in the said Parish on Monday the Eleventh day of March at four o Clock P.M. Then and there to act on the following articles viz.

Article 1. To choose a moderator

Article 2. To choose all Parish officers for the ensueing [*sic*] year.

Article 3. To hear and act on the reports of committees.

Article 4. To see what measures the Parish will take to raise money for the support of Public Worship and other expenses of the Parish the ensueing [*sic*] year.

Article 5. To see if the Parish will rent the pews at public auction the ensueing [*sic*] year or act anything thereon.

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Article 6. To choose all necessary committees and transact such other business as may come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said Meetings.

Given under our hands this first day of March in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty.

John A. Angues }
Thomas Leslie } Par. Comm.
Chaˢ Moulton }

In Pursuance of the above Warrant I have caused a copy to be posted at the Meeting House of said Parish eight days previous to the time of said Meeting

Saxonville March 11th 1850.
Copy. William Howard.
Parish Clerk.

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Saxonville March 11th 1850.

The annual Meeting of the Saxonville Parish was held at the Chapel in said Parish at 4 o Clock P.M. according to appointment. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk, after which the meeting proceeded to transact the following business viz.

A. R. Johnson was chosen Moderator of the Meeting

Benja[min] J. Bill was chosen Clerk for the ensueing [*sic*] year and sworn by the Moderator.

Moses H Ripl[e]y was chosen Treasurer + Collector for the ensuing year.

John A Angues Chas Moulton + Thomas Leslie were chosen Parish Committee for the ensueing year.

Wm Howard Chas Moulton + Thos Leslie were nominated and chosen as Tythingmen.

On motion of M H Ripley it was voted that the same means be adopted to raise money for the support of Public Worship this year that were taken last year; and should there be a deficiency the balance shall be made up from the Hougue fund.

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Voted to rent the Pews at auction as usual on the 2nd day of April next.

Voted that when we adjourn we will adjourn to meet at the Meeting House on Tuesday the 2nd day of April next at 3 o clock.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle with the Treasurer, and the following gentlemen were chosen Luther Stone, William Howard, John Angues.

Voted to adjourn.

Benja J Bill.

Parish Clerk.

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Saxonville April 2nd 1850.

The Parish met according to the adjournment.

The meeting called to order ^/by/ the Moderator and proceeded to business; The committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer reported that they had examined the Treasurers account and found it correctly cast + vouched; (according to the said account the Treasurer received during the past ^/(year)/ from various sources $812.42 and paid away $181.22 and charged the balance $5.80 to the Parish March 11th 1850.)

Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted to reserve Pew No 27 for the use of the family of our Pastor. — The business of the Parish was here suspended during the sale of the Pews; — it was then voted to adjourn Sine. Die.

attest Benja J Bill Par. Clerk

The following is a statement of the amount of Choice Money bid for Pews at the above sale and the amount of rent of Pews which were selected

viz Choice $ [blank] Rent of Pews $ [blank][12]

attest Benja J Bill Par. Clerk.

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A Copy of a Warrant drawn March 1st 1851.

To Benja J Bill Clerk of Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of the said Parish qualified by Law to vote in

[12] This appears to have been written in anticipation of later penciling in the amounts, but nothing was subsequently put into the blank spaces. There is no lead or ink residue in the spaces left blank.

parish affairs to Meet and assemble at the Chapel in said parish on Monday the tenth day of March at four o,clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator

Article 2. To choose all parish officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To hear and act on the reports of committees.

Article 4. To see what measures the parish will take to raise money for the support of Public Worship and other expenses of the parish the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the parish will rent the pews at public auction the ensuing year or act anything thereon.

over

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Article 6 To choose all necessary committees and transact ~~every~~ /such/ other [business] as may come before the said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of the said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

J. A. Angues }
Thomas Leslie } Parish
Chas Moulton } Committee

In pursuance of the above Warrant I have caused a copy to be pasted at the Meeting House of said parish eight days previous to the time of said meeting

Saxonville March 10th 1851

Benja J Bill
copy Parish Clerk

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Saxonville March 10th 1851

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a meeting of the parish was held in the Chapel at 4 oclock and the Warrant having been read by the clerk proceeded to transact the following business.

A.J. Angues was chosen Moderator.

Benja J Bill was chosen clerk for the ensuing year and sworn by the Moderator.

The following Gentlemen were chosen parish Committee for the ensuing year

A. J. Angues, A. R. Richardson, Thos Leslie.

Moses H Ripley was chosen Treasurer and collector for the ensuing.

John R Clark, Thos Leslie, + W Howard were chosen Tythingmen for the ensuing year.

Voted to pass over the third article.

Voted to adopt the same means to raise money for the support of Public Worship for the ensuing, as were taken last year.

Voted to rent the pews at auction on Monday the 17th inst at 4 oclock

John R Clark, A R Johnson + Joseph Angier were chosen a committee to settle with the Treasurer.

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Voted to choose a committee of three to consider the expediency of altering the rents now fixed upon the pews and report at the next, ^/(meeting)/ the following Gentlemen were chosen M. H. Ripley A. R. Johnson J R Clark.

Voted to adjourn to meet at the Meeting House on Monday the 17th inst at 4 oclock P.M.

attest Benja J Bill Par. Clerk

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March 17th 1851

The Parish met according to adjournment and was called to order by Mr Angues the Moderator when the following business was transacted viz

The committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer reported that they had examined the treasurers accounts and found them to be correct

The Treasurer then made his report according to which he had received the past year from various sources $846..59 and paid away $846..59 [next line has been hatched/exed out ending with 10th 1851] 10th 1851[.] Voted to accept the report.

Voted to reserve Pew No. 26. for the use of the family of our Pastor.

The Committee chosen to consider the expediency of altering the rents of the Pews made thier [*sic*] report in which they recommended that Pews No 5. + 56. be reduced

in their rents to ½ dollars each. Voted to accept the report. The business of the Parish was here suspended during the choice of the pews: _____ Mr A R Johnson having resigned his office as one of the parish committee[.] John R Clark

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was chosen in his place

Attest Benja J Bill
Parish Clerk

The following ^ /persons/ joined themselves to the Saxonville Perish this day

Gilbert Wheelock Mason Putnam

Ebenezer Dunn W^m H Carter

March 8th 1852 Attest Benja J. Bill
Parish Clerk

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A Coppy[13] of A Warrant Drawn Aarch 1st 1852

To Benjiman J Bills Clerk of the Saxonvill Parrish in the Town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwelth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Mail Members of said Parrish qualified by Law to vote in Parrish affairs to meet And assemble at the Chapel in said Parrish on Monday the Eighth day of March inst at three O clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz

Article 1st to Choose A Moderator

Article 2nd to Choose All Parrish Officers for the Ensuing year

Article 3rd to hear and act on the report of the Committes

Article 4th to see what measures the Parish will take to raise money for the support of Publick Worship and other Expences of the Parish the ensuing year

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[13] There are numerous misspellings and misprints in this entry (pp. 141–42). Assume [*sic*] throughout. This section is signed as if by Benjamin Bill, but appears "B J Bills." The handwriting, grammar, and spelling are different than Bill's previous entries; this seems to have been transcribed by a third party (possibly dictated by Bill?).

Article 5th to see if the Parish will rent the pews at Publick Auction the Ensewing year or act anything there on

Article 6th to choose all necessary Committes and transact such other business as may come before said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon on or before the Hour of said meeting. Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty two

J. A. Angers } Parish
Thomas Leslie } Committee

Pursuant to the within warrant I have caused a copy of the same to be posted at the Meeting House of said Parish eight days previous to the time of said meeting.

Saxonville [e penciled in] March 8th 1852 B J Bills
Parish Clerk

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Saxonville March 8th 1852

According to the forgoing notice a Meeting of the Saxonville ^/(Parish)/ was held at the Chapel at 3 o Clock P.M. — the Warrant having been read by the clerk, the following business was transacted.

A.R. Johnson was chosen Moderator

Wm. H Carter was chosen Clerk for the year ensuing and sworn.

The following gentlemen were chosen to be Parish Committee for the ensuing year.

Ebenezer Stone }
Eliphalet Watson }
Thomas Leslie }

The following gentlemen were chosen as Tythingmen for the ensuing year.

Thomas Leslie }
Ebenezer Dunn }
John A Angues }

Benja. J. Bill was chosen Treas. + Collector.

Voted to pass over the 4th article for the present.

Voted to sell the choice of the Pews at auction at the meeting house, on the 15th inst. at 3 o, clock P.M.

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voted to adopt the same measures to raise money for the support of Public Worship for the ensuing year that were taken last year.

voted that any deficiency in the sum necessary for the support of Public Worship and the expenses of the Parish ^ /(for the ensuing year)/ shall be raised by subscription. The said deficiency to be ascertained and collected quarterly. The following gentlemen were chosen a committee to raise the said subscription viz

J. A. Angues	}	The Parish Committee
Wm. H. Carter	}	were chosen ~~a committee~~
J. Angier	)	to settle with the Treasurer
		Committee

Voted that the Parish Committee examine /And report at the adjournment of this meeting/ the furnace at the Meeting house and report the probable expense of repairing the same.

Voted to raise the deficiency of last year by subscription. A committee of 5 were chosen consisting of the following persons Gilbert Wheelock, Thos Leslie, A. R. Johnson, Mrs. Danforth, Mrs. Luther Stone.[14]

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voted to adjourn to meet at the Meeting House on Monday the 15th inst at 2 o clock P.M.

attest Wm. H. Carter Par Clerk

March 15th 1852

According to the Adjournment the Parish meet [*sic*] at the Meeting House And was called to order by the Moderator and the following Business was transacted

the Parish Committee made some statements in in [*sic*] regard to the condition of the furnace

Voted that they make such repairs on the furnace as was necessary

[14] Another rare example of women on a committee at this time. Again, the question of the participation of women in the Parish meetings is raised by this.

the committee that was chosen to settle with the Treasurer reported

Voted to lay the report on the table till the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to reserve Pew No 26 for the use of the family of the Pastor

the Parish Business was her[e] suspended to sell the choice of the pews

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Voted not to sell Pew No 27

the Choice of the Pews have not been sold it was voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in June then to meet at the Chapel at five O clock P.M.

attest Wm. H. Carter Parish Clerk

Agreeable to Adjournment ~~the P~~ A Meeting of the Parish was held in the Chapel Monday June 7th 1852 and the following Business was transacted the unfinished Business of the last meeting was taken up And the report was accepted the Treasurer Made some statements in regard to the financial Condition of the Parish After which it was voted to Adjourn till the first Monday in January then to meet at the Chappel [*sic*] at 8 Oclock P.M.

attest Wm. H. Carter Parish Clerk

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Coppy of a Warrent [*sic*] Drawn March 5th 1853

To William H Carter Clerk of the Saxonvill[e] Parish in the Town of Framingham

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of Said Parish qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and asemble [*sic*] at the Chappel [*sic*] in Said Parish on Monday the fourteenth day of March inst at three Oclock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator

Article 2nd to Choose all Parish Officers for the ensuing ^/year/

Article 3rd to hear and act on the reports of Committe[e]s

Article 4th to see what measures the Parish will take to raise money for the support of Public Worship and other expences [*sic*] of the Parish the ensuing year

Article 5th To see if the Parish will rent the Pews at ^/public/ auction the ensuing year or act anything there on

Article 6th To Choose all necessary Committees and transact such other Business as may come before said meeting

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Here of fail not and make due return of this warrent [*sic*] with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and fifty three

Eliphalet Watson } Parish
Thomas Leslie } Committee

In Accordance with the requirement of the within Warrent [*sic*] I have caused a coppy [*sic*] of the same to be posted at the meeting House of the said Parish eight days previous to the time of said Meeting and also a notice to be given in the Church the sabbath previous to said meeting[15]

Saxonvill[e] March 14th 1853

Attest Wm H Carter
Parish Clerk

Saxonville[e] March 14th 1853

According to the foregoing notice a meeting of the Parish was held in the Chappel [*sic*] at 3 Oclock. the Meeting was Called to order by the Clerk and the warrent [*sic*] was read after which the following

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Business was Transacted ~~Ar~~ A R Johnson was Chosen Moderator. W. H. Carter was Chosen Clerk and sworn and the following Gentlem/en/ were chosen the Parish Committee for the year

Paris[h] Committee { Ebenezer Stone
{ Thomas Leslie
{ Eliphalet Watson

[15] This is the first instance of this formulation, i.e., saying that a notice of the Parish meeting was given in church on the Sabbath.

Voted that the same person serve as collector and Treasurer and Benjamin J Bill was chosen to these Of[f]ices The following Gentlemen were chosen Tithing men for the year

	{	Thomas Leslie
Tithing Men	{	Ebben Dunn
	{	Gilbert Wheelock

Voted that the Tithing Men be requested to furnish strangers with seats

Voted to pass over the 3d Article for the present

Voted to adopt the same means to raise money for the Support of Public Worship and defray the other Expences [*sic*] of the Parish that we did last year

Voted that the choice of the Pews in the Meeting House be sold at Public Auction next Monday at three Oclock

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voted that the Parish Committee be a Committee to Circulate a Subscription paper to Make up any deficiency there may be in ~~our~~ the means of the Parish to pay the expences [*sic*] the comeing [*sic*] year

Voted that the P Committee be a Com to settle with the Treasurer the Committee Accordingly retired with the Treasurer for a short time after which they made the following report through the Treasurer

~~Expenses of the Parish the past year~~			~~$938.73~~
receipts of the Parish	——	——	$939.10
Expenses of the Parish	——	——	$938.73
Ballance [*sic*] in the Treasurers Hands			.38

Voted that Ebenezer Stone A R Johnson Thomas Leslie Be a Committee to abate Pew Rents

Ebenezer Stone B. J. Bill + A R Johnson were chosen a Committee to Examine the Laws of this Commonwealth relating to Parishes and if necessary employ Legal Council to asertain [*sic*] whether this Parish have Been or are now doing their Business Legaly [*sic*] and ~~Accordig~~ According to Law

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Voted ~~that we~~ to Adjourn till next Monday at three Oclock. P.M then to meet at the Meeting Hous[e]

W. H. Carter
Parish Clerk

Saxonvill[e] March 21st 1853

The Parish met according to adjournment

the meeting was called to order by the Moderator and after the reccord [*sic*] of the last meeting was read the following business was transacted

Voted that the Collector have the same for Collecting that he had last year

Voted that Pew No 26 be reserved for the use of the Pastor[']s family

Voted to adjourn till after the pews were sold the committee then Proceeded to sell the choice of the pews at auction[16] after which the meeting was called to order and it was voted that the Parish committee be requested to call a meeting at some

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future time for the purpose of takeing [*sic*] into consideration some other Business

Voted to desolve [*sic*] the meeting

atest [*sic*] Wm. H. Carter

Par Clerk

Coppy [*sic*] of A Warrent [*sic*] Drawn March 2nd 1,845

Middlesex Ss

To Wm. H. Carter

Clerk of Saxonvill[e] Parish

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwelth [*sic*] of Massachusetts you are requested to notify the Members of Saxonvill[e] Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Chappel [*sic*] in Said Parish on Monday the thirteenth day of March Current at four Oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the follow^/ing/ articles viz

Article 1st } to Choose a Moderator

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Article 2nd } to Choose all necessary Parish officers and Committee[e]s

[16] This raises the question of whether the selling of the pews was normally held contemporaneous with a Parish meeting and whether only Parish members could rent the pews; this with the appointment of women to committees raises the question of what the composition of these meetings would have been, who could speak, and whether the votes were male only, since only men were called in the warrants.

Article 3rd to see what measures the Parish will take to rais[e] money for the Support of Publick worship and defray other necessary expenses Parish Expences [*sic*] the Present Year

Article 4th to see if the Parish will direct their Committee to rent the pews in the Meeting hous[e] as usual

Article 5th to see if the Parish will take any measures to have the Meetinghouse belonging to the N.E Worsted Co transfered [*sic*] to them by purchase or otherwise or pass any vote in relation to said Meetinghouse the Parish may think proper[17]

Article 6th to hear and act on ~~any~~ the repor[t] of any Committee heretofore chosen

And you are directed to serve this warrent [*sic*] by Posting up an attested coppy [*sic*] thereof at the meetinghouse in said Parish eight days at least before the time of holding of said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent [*sic*] with your doings thereon at the time and place of meetins as afforesaid [*sic*]

Given under our hand second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four { Ebenezer Stone } Parish

Pursuant to the within warrent [*sic*] I have { Thomas Leslie } Committee

caused a coppy of the same to be posted at the meetinghouse of said Parish eight days previous to the time of holding said meeting W. H. Carter

Saxonvill[e] March 13th 1854 Parish Clerk

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Saxonvill[e] March 13 1854

According to ^/the call in/ the foregoing warrent [*sic*] the Parish met at the Chappel [*sic*] at four Oclock P.M the warrent haveing been read by the Clerk the following business was transacted A. R. Johnson was chosen moderator. the Parish

[17] This is the first mention of the status of the Meeting House in terms of ownership. Per Arthur C. Winch's letter to the Edwards Church council in 1932, when the deed was finally made clear to Edwards Church Inc., the land originally belonged to Charles Fiske, an original member of the Parish and Saxonville Religious Society. He sold the land in 1826 to Joseph Head (a wealthy Boston merchant, member of the second group of investors in the mills, and staunch Trinitarian) for $1.00, provided he build a meeting house on the land within three years. Head built the meeting house in 1827. He died in 1836. His heirs sold the land to Michael Simpson and the New England Worsted Co. (the mills) in 1843, which, in turn, transferred it to the Saxonville Mills. Simpson's son, Frank, owner of the mills, deeded the land to the Parish in 1912, which then transferred it to the Church in 1916. However, there was a rider in the deed that put the transfer into question that wasn't discovered and resolved until 1932. Given the language in Fiske's transfer to Head and subsequent sales and deeds, there is some question as to whether the land could be used for anything other than Edwards Church and its activities in the future.

then made choice of the following officers for the ensewing [*sic*] year Wm H Carter was chosen Clerk and sworn

Ebeneazer Stone	}	Parish
Thomas Leslie	}	Committee
Daniel Leland	}	

B J Bill was chosen Treasurer & Collector

Voted that he have the same compensation for Collecting that he had last year

Thomas Leslie Abel Thompson and Alfred Wiswil [Wiswell] were chosen Tything men voted that the Tything men voted that the Tything men furnish strangers with seats the coming year

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voted that Daniel Lealand[18] + A S Furber be admitted as members of this Parish by signing the constitution voted that the Parish Committee be a committee to settle with the Treasurer

voted that Parish Com sell the choice of the Pews in the Meeting House at auction next Monday at 3 Oclock P.M to defray the expenses of the Parish the comeing [*sic*] year. voted that Parish Committee take measures to have the Meeting House now owned by the New England Worsted Co Transfered [*sic*] to them if such an arrangement can be mad[e] and is satisfactory to the Parish

voted that the Parish Com circulate a subscription Paper at the close of the year if necessary to pay the expenses of the Parish Voted that the Treasurer report be defered [*sic*] till the adjournment of this meeting Voted to adjourn till next Monday at three Oclock then to meet at the meeting House

Wm. H. Carter
Parish Clerk

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March 20th 1854

the Parish meet according to adjournment at the meeting house the Meeting was called to order by the Moderator the record of the last meeting was read when the following business was transacted Voted that the Collector have the same compensation for collecting that he had the last year it was also voted to reserve Pew No 26 for the Pastor[']s family Voted to adjourn till after the Pews are sold the choice

[18] This more likely than not is spelled Leland, which is attested in Framingham records of the time, while Lealand is not.

of the Pews haveing [*sic*] been sold the meeting was again called to order by the Moderator and it was voted that the Parish Committee be requested to call a meeting of the Parish at some future day to transact some other Business

Voted to disolve [*sic*] this meeting

Atest [*sic*] Wm H. Carter

Parish Clerk

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex SS To Benjm J Bill of the Saxonville Parish Greeting

in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the members of the Saxonville Parish qualified to vote in parish affairs to meet at the Chapel in said parish on monday the telvth [*sic*] of March current at four oclock in the afternoon Then + there to act on the following articles viz.

art 1st To choose a moderator to govern sd mee/ting/

2nd To choose all necessary parish officers + Committees

3d To see what measures the parish will take to raise money for the Support of publick worship + defray other necessary parish expenses the ^/year/ present

4th To see if the parish will direct their Com, to rent the pews in the meetinghouse asessed [*sic*]

5 To hear + act on the report of any Committee heretofore Chosen

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the meetinghouse in said parish eight days at least before the time of holding sd meeting

Thereof fail not + make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon at the time + place of meeting as aforesaid

given under our hands this second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand + fifty five

Ebenezer Stone }
Thomas Leslie } Parish Com.
Danl Leland }

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pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted an attested Copy of the same on the door of the Meetinghous[e] in this parish eight days before the date of this meeting Saxonville March 12 1855

Benjm J Bill Treas of par.

Meeting called to order by Dea. Stone[19]

Chose Dea. Leland moderator

Chose A. R. Johnson Clerk sworn

" A. R. Johnson Treasurer + Collector

voted he be allowed the same per,ct, as was paid last year for collections

Chose Dea Leslie Albert Thompson + Albert [corrected with pencil to 'Alfred'] Wiswell Tythingmen

voted the parish Com. Settle with the Treasurer

voted the same course be adopted to raise money as was pursued last year

voted the parish sell the choice of the Pews in the meetinghouse at auction on monday next at 3 o,clock P.M.

voted the parish Com, continue the examination commenced last year with regard to the ownership of the meetinghouse

voted to adjourn to the meetinghouse on monday next at 3,oclock P.M.

A.R. Johnson Tre.

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March 19 55

Parish met as was adjourned

voted to pos[t]pone business until after the sale of the Pews

The Pews were sold as usual.

meeting called to order

The Treasurer made a Report which by vote was accepted for which see another Book[20]

voted that Dr [De?] Osgood Josiah Stone [???] Stone + J. L Thompson become members of Saxonville parish when they shall have signed its Constitution

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[19] The use of the church title "deacon" here and below raises the question of the evolving relationship of the parish and church. In the 1862 *Manual for the Communicants of the Edwards Church, in Saxonville, Mass.* (Boston: Rand & Avery), Ebenezer Stone and Thomas Leslie are listed as church deacons in 1862. Five deacons had been installed between 1836 and 1862, three having retired by the latter date. Daniel Leland is not on that list (p. 29), even though the parish register here refers to him as "Dea Leland" immediately after referring to "Dea. Stone."

[20] This is the first instance of this register referring explicitly to another register.

voted to adjourn without day

A. R. Johnson Clerk

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To A R Johnson Clerk of the Parish in Saxonville

You are hereby requested in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the male members of Said Parish q[u]alified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet at the chapel in said parish on Monday the 10th day March next at four o Clock P M then and there to act on the following articles

Article 1

To choose a moderator.

2 To choose all parish officers for ensuing year

3 hear and act on reports of committees

4 see what measures the parish will take to raise Money fo[r] the Suport [*sic*] of public worship + the expenses of the parish the ensuing year

5 to See if the Parish will rent the pews in the meeting house as heretofore or take any action thereon

6 to appoint all nessary [*sic*] committees + transact any other business which may properly come before Said meeting

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Dated at Saxonville this 29th of Feb[r]uary /1856/

{ Daniel Leland

{ Abel Thompson

{ Alfred Wiswell

{ Parish Com,

This certifies that the within has been duly posted in the me[e]tinghouse by

A R Johnson Parish clerk

Saxonville March 10th 1856

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Saxonville parish qualified by law to vote in parochial affairs held at the Chapel on monday March 10th 1856

A R Johnson was chosen moderator

Daniel Lealand clerk Pro Tem

J M Chichester voted to become a member of the parish voted that two persons be chosen to meet the Rev. Mr Northrop's on on [*sic*] wednesday the 12th inst who are members of the Society and not members of the Church[21]

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And Wm H Shepard + Ben J Bill were chosen

voted to a[d]journ this meeting to Saturday evening at 7 oclock March 15th

D Leland[22] clerk
Pro Tem

Saxonville March 15th 1856

The parish met according to an a[d]journment and the meeting was called to order by A R Johnson Moderator

Ebenezer W Dunn was chosen Parish Clerk

Thomas Leslie chosen collector + Treasurer

Voted that collector have the Same for collecting as last year

chose	Dea Ebenezer Stone	}
	Alfed Wiswell	} Parish Com
	Abel Thompson	}
chose	Thomas Leslie	
	Abel Thompson	
	Loren Thompson	Tythingmen

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Voted that the parish committee be authorised [*sic*] to circulate Subscription if needed with the adition [*sic*] of Thomas Leslie

Voted that the third article be postponed to an adjourned meeting

Voted that pews be Sold as usual at auction and the balance be raise by Subscription for the Suport [*sic*] of preaching

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[21] This is a unique explicit example when a clear delineation is drawn between the Society and the Church.

[22] The fact of Leland putatively misspelling his own name just above raises the question, noted above, of whether it is actually the clerks who are writing these out, especially given the difference in hands, spelling, vocabulary, and grammar that occur under the same clerks' names.

Voted that Abel Thompson become a member of the parish

Voted that J R Draper become a member of this parish

voted that meeting for the choice of pews take place at the church on monday the 24th inst at 4 oclock PM

voted to adjourn to Monday the 24st inst to meet at the Church 3 oclock PM

Attest Ebenz W. Dunn
Parish Clerk

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Saxonville March 24th 1856

There was a meeting of the parish at the Church according to an a[d]journment + Sold the pews as usual and a vote was taken to a[d]journ to Thursday evening at 7 O,Clock PM

Attest, Ebenezer W. Dunn

Parish Clerk

Saxonville March 27th 1856

there was a meeting of the Parish held at the Chapel according /to/ an a[d]journment

the meeting was called to order by A R Johnson moderator the treasurer read his report + there being a deficiency in the treasury it was voted to circulate a Subscription paper to cancel the debt

voted to dis[s]olve the meeting

Attest Ebenezer W. Dunn

Parish Clerk

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To Ebenezer W. Dunn Clerk of the Saxonville Parish Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in Said parish on Monday the ninth day of March next at four Oclock in the afterno[o]n to act on the following article viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to govern Said meeting

2d To choose all nessesary [*sic*] parish officers and committe[e]s

3d To See what measures the parish will take to raise moneny [*sic*] for the support of public worship the present year

4th To See if the parish will authorise their committee to sell the pews at auction on Monday the Sixteenth of March next, or pass any vote in relation to the same

5th To hear and act on the report of committees heretofore chosen

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And you are required to notify said meeting by posting an attest of their warrent [*sic*] at the meetinghouse in Said parish Seven days before the day of Said meeting hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent [*sic*] with your doings ther[e]on at the time and place of Said meeting —— Dated at Saxonville this twenty sixth day of Feb[r]uary 1857

This certifies that within has been duly posted
in the meetinghouse by { Ebenezer W. Dunn
{ Parish Clerk

Saxonville March 9th 1857

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Saxonville parish meet at the Chapel on Monday the ninth day – A. S. Furber was chosen Moderator

Ebenz W. Dunn chosen parish Clerk Thomas Leslie was Collector and Treasurer

Thomas Leslie	}	Tything	Ebenz Stone	}	
Abel Thompson	}	men	Abel Thompson	}	Parish
Loren Thompson	}		Benjamin Bill	}	Committee

Voted that the parish Committee settle with the

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Treasurer = voted sell the pews at auction and the balance be raised by Subscription = voted to a[d]journ to the meetinghouse at 3 O,clock PM. ———

The parish met according to an a[d]journment at the Meetinghouse – and the Clerk read the proceedings of the last meeting and was accepted == the Treasurer read his report, and was accepted also, ———

The pews was sold at auction + the meeting was desolved [*sic*],

Attest Ebenz W Dunn Parish Clerk

To Ebenezer W. Dunn Clerk of the Saxonville Parish Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the members of said parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in Said parish on monday the twenty ninth day of June inst at four O,clock in the afternoon then there act on the vollowing article viz ————

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Art 1st To choose a moderator to govern Said meeting

--- 2 To see what action the parish will take in Relation to the request of B G Northrop to Be dismissed from the pastoral office in Said parish.———

--- 3 To see what action the parish will take In relation to Supplying the pulpit after the First of July next. ———

--- 4 To choose Such parish committees as man Nessesary [*sic*] and transact any buisness [*sic*] that may come before the meeting ———

And you are required to notify said meeting by posting an attested copy of this warrent [*sic*] at the meetinghouse of said parish seven days before the time of Said meeting

hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent [*sic*] with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands at Saxonville this twentyieth [*sic*] day of June in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven

			Ebenezer Stone	}	Parish
A true copy	Eben- W Dunn	}	Abel Thompson	}	Com
	Parish Clerk	}	Ben J. Bill	}	

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Saxonville June 29th 1857 –

According to the foregoing warrent [*sic*] the parish met at the Chapel — A L Furber was chosen Moderator

a letter read from B G Northrop asking a dismission and it was voted to grant him a dismission

voted that the council be defered [*sic*] for the present

Ebenz Stone }
Benm J. Bill }
Abel Thompson } Committee for Supplying the

Wm Carter } Pulpit
James Rea }

Voted that the committee confer with B.G. Northrop

Voted that Treasurer under the direction of the Committee be authorised [*sic*] to borrow money –

Voted to a[d]journ to the first Monday in august at four O.clock P.M ----

Saxonville August 3d

There was meeting according to the above adjournment there being only three persons present the meeting disolved [*sic*]

Attest E W Dunn

Parish Clerk

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A copy of the warrant drawn August 5th 1857

To Thomas Leslie Treasurer of the Saxonville Parish Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the members of Said parish to meet and assemble at the Chapel in said parish on monday the fourteenth day of September inst at 7 O,clock PM then and there to act on the following article to wit

art 1 = To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

art 2 = To see if the parish will unite with the church in extending a call to the Rev Mr Allen of Wayland to become their pastor or act anything in relation to the Same

article 3 = To See what action the parish

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will take in relation to the salery [*sic*] of the Said Mr Allen Should he become their pastor

art 4 = To See what act[i]on the parish will take to provide for the incidental expences of Said parish

art 5 = To choose all nessessary [*sic*] committees and transact any other buisness [*sic*] that may come before Said meeting

Thereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings ther[e]on at the time and place of Said meeting and you are required to Serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the Same at the meetinghouse in Said parish Seven days before

the time of Said meeting given under our hands at Saxonville this fifth day of September in the [year] of our lord eighteen hundred and fifty Seven

A True copy	Ebenezer Stone	}	Parish
Thomas Leslie	Benjamin J Bill	}	Committee
Treasurer	Abel Thompson	}	

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Dr[24] [?] Saxonville Parish Cr

in acpt [?] with F.A. Bertody Treasurer

1827				1828			
Oct 19	To Pd Bertody + Fiske Bill	2	26	June 28	Rdy Cash	2	37
	" " J J Hill	1	00	July 20	" " of Fact Co[25] [?]	80	00
1828 Jany 13	" " Mr Cole	5	00		Balance Due		
Feby 25	" " Bertody + Fiske Bill	4	70		Treasurer Jany 1st 1829	116	44
Marc 22	" " John Rice "	25	83				
July 24	" " Nichls Brown "	9	75				
"	" " Rev Mr Clark "	60	—				
Oct 14	" " N. Brown "	2	27				
8	" " Rev Mr Chickering	88	00				
		$198	81		————	$198	81
1829 Jany 1	Trs Balance	116	44	1829 Jany 26	By Cash of Fact Co	86	64
4	Pd N Brown Bill	9	25	April 27	" " of Marland	24	37
22	" " Mr Ran[d]all "	45	00	July 15	" " " "	24	73
26	" " Revnd Mr Clark	57	49			$135	74
11	" " Mr Kimball	15	00				
April 6	" " Nichols Brown	1	75				
June 23	" " Revnd Mr Clark	17	51				
"	" " Viol String[26]		20				
July	" " N Brown	11	00				
Oct 23	" " Revd M Whitman	7	00				
	Carried up	$280	64				

[23] This page and the following and the following (pp. 172–73) appear in ledger form. The tabular form here is simply to organize the writing on the pages.

[24] Given the layout of the page, this likely stands for debits in the left columns and credits in the right columns.

[25] This might mean "Factory Company" and represent income from the mill factories.

[26] Does this indicate music in the service?

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1829	To Amt Bro[ugh]t up	280	64	1830	By Amt bro[ugh]t up	135	74
Nov 12	paid N Brown	7	00	Jany 20	Cash of Richardson	2	50
1830 Feby 16	" " "	3	50	Feby 18	" " Marland	70	22
1831 May 11	" Balc of Interest	16	40		" " of Maj Stone May 18 1828	8	00
				April 1	" " " C Fiske	10	00
				March 30	" " H Bird	2	00
					Balance	79	08
1831		$307	54			307	54
May 11	To Balance due			1831			
	The Treasury	79	08	Jany 3	By Cash of Marland	72	00

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Coppy [*sic*] of the Treasurers report as rendered and accepted March 17 1834

Saxonville Parish in a/c

with C. C Damon Treas^{r} D^{fct}

1832		
August 15	To Cash paid Charles Fiske	11.08
25	" paid Rev^{d} M^{r} Reed for Supplying Desk	20.00
Sept 5	" " N Browns bill for Boarding M^{r} Reed	22.50
1833		
Jany 10	" " R Bates for Supplying Desk	200.00
Sept 6	" " Parish Com^{t} order to E. Stone	88.00
Nov 13	" " " " " " R Woodriff	8.00
	" " " " " " A Stone	3.50
Dec 9	" " " " " " T Rigs	8.00
1834		
Jany 19	" " " " " " R Woodruff	48.00
Mar 4	" " " " " " J Rowley	14.12
6	" " " " " " C Fiske	45.99
14	" " " " " " Jas Darling	12.50
"	" " " " " " Josiah Stone J^{r}	39.88
	Balance carried to new a/c	$532.58

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Contra Credit

1832			
August 16	By Cash of Saxon Factory		11.08
25	" " " " "		20.00
Sept 5	" " " " "		22.50
1833			
[?] 2	" " " " "		200.00
Jany 11	" " " C. Fiske (Subscription)		10.00
Sept 23	" " " J. Marland		15.00
"	" " " H Richardson		3.00
6	" " " E Stone		15.00
27	" " " J Draper		15.00
Oct 22	" " " Mrs Sodon		5.00
"	" " " Dana Stone		3.00
Novm 4	" " " Ebn^{z} Eaton		25.00
26	" " " Dana Stone		2.00
"	" " " Abner Stone		50.00
"	" " " Persis Stone		5.00
Dec 14 "	" " " L. Allen		10.00
1834			
Feby 28	" " " F. Abels		6.00
March 4	" " " Saxon Factory		75.00
6	" " " Luther Stone		1.00
"	" " " C. Fiske		15.00
"	" " " Mrs Sodon		5.00
"	" " " R. Richardson		2.00
14	" " " Jas Darling		10.00
"	" " " Jas Jackson		5.00
"	" " " Josiah Stone Jr		2.00
	By Balc on hand $39.88		532.58

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Names of members of Saxonville Parish

Luther Stone x [penciled in]	W^{m} H Carter
~~Charles Fiske~~ x [inked in]	Mason Putnum
Abner Stone x [penciled in]	Ebenezer Dunn
Ruel Richardson x [penciled in]	Daniel Leland
Rufus Tower x [penciled in]	A. S. Furber
Ebenezer Stone x [penciled in]	J. S. Thompson x [penciled in]
Thomas Soden x [penciled in]	John W. Osgood x [penciled in]
John Hillard	J. M. Chichester [pencil]

A R Johnson x [penciled in]
M. H. Ripley
Isaac W. Proctor Deceased
Sam[l] B Ward x [penciled in]
John A Angues
Benjamin I Bills x [penciled in]
Harrison Cowle
Alfred Wisswell x [penciled in][27]
Nathaniel E Morrill
John R Clark
Thomas Leslie x [penciled in]
~~Charles Easton~~ [thoroughly inked over]
Gilbert Wheelock
Eliphalet Watson

Abel Thompson x [penciled in]
J R Draper
James Rea
William Hamilton
Rufus A. French
~~George Easton~~ x [penciled in]
William A. Thompson
William Gibbs
~~W. H. Shepard~~ x [penciled in]
John Gibbs
David Eastwood x [penciled in]
George Houston
Hollis Hardy
James Morgan

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Names of members of Saxonville Parish

Louis Rich
~~Josiah Stone~~ x [inked in]
James Kyle
Luther F. Fuller
T. F. Litchfield
Charles H. Bill
E. R. Bill
R. E. Pullen [Tullen?]
John Hargraves
Joseph B. Johnson

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In pursuance of the above warrant there was a meeting in the Chapel which was organized and choose Eben Stone Moderator

the 2nd article was passed over and took up the 5th article a committee was chose to procure names to be voted into the parish

[27] This could possibly refer to the entry above (Cowle)

[28] This appears to continue from the warrant on p. 170, with pp. 172–77 being some sort of interpolation, perhaps for current (1857) parish business.

Dea Stone B J Bill was that committee

voted that three names on the list be str[i]cken out = voted that E W Dunn. James Rea. Rufus French be a committee to solicit the members that was voted in the parish

voted to adjourn to Tuesday evening Sep^{r} 15th

Saxonville Sep^{r} 15th 1857

According the above adjournment there was a meeting held in the chapel and voted to extend a call to the Rev Mr Allen of Wayland — voted to give Mr Allen $950 dollars per year — there was a committee chosen to act with ^ /the/ Church committee to consult with Mr Allen W^{m} H Carter. B.J. Bills Wm H Shepard was the committee

voted that a committee of five be chosen to take into account the raising of the pews rent – Eben Stone. W^{m} H. Carter. BJ. Bills —

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Abel Thompson Thomas Leslie was the committee — voted to give the committee discretionary powers about giving the minister four weeks vacation — voted to adjourn to Monday the 28th inst at 7 ½ O cloock [*sic*] PM.

Saxonville Sep 28th 1857

There was a meeting according to an adjournment. there being only 4 persons present the meeting was adjourned to Oct 5th 1857—

Saxonville Oct 5th 1857

There was a meeting according to the above adjournment and voted to except [accept] the report of B.J. Bills in relation to Mr Allen.

The meeting adjourned to monday the 12th inst at 7 ½ Oclock PM

Saxonville Oct 12th 1857

There was a meeting this twelth [*sic*] day of October but there being but little buisness [*sic*] and only 5 persons present the meeting was adjourned one week

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Saxonville Oct 19th 1857

There was a meeting this evening, but only four persons present and the meeting was adjourned for one week

Saxonville Oct 26th 1857

A meeting held in the Chapel this evening according to an adjournment — and voted that the church and parish committee carry into effect the calling of a council for the dismission of B. G. Northrop and the Settlement of Henry Allen

also a committee chosen to provide for the installation James Rea. Abel Thompson Wm Gibbls and also Mrs B. F. Bills Mrs A. Danfort Nancy Stone. Mrs Josiah Stone Nancy Gibbs[29] — voted that the deficiency be paid out of the parish treasury – voted that the church and parish committee's report be accepted – voted to adjourn two weeks

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Saxonville Nov 9th 1857

The meeting that was adjourned Oct 26th met this evening – the committee chosen for the installation reported that they raised 17 dollars and 50 cents 12 dollars of which was paid for dinners $4.00 for the expences of Prof. Shed $1.50 cents for order of excercises [*sic*]

voted in absence of the committee that the fact be recorded that the council met the 6th of Nov and dismissed B. G. Northrop and installed Henry Allen — voted also that the clerk's record be approved — voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Ebenezer W. Dunn

Parish Clerk

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A copy of the Warrant drawn Feb[r]uary 24th 1858 —

To Thomas Leslie Treasurer of the Saxonville Parish Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn said members of the Saxonville Parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel of Said parish on monday the eighth of March next at four oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles namely

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

[29] This is the third explicit instance of women being given committee assignments by the Parish.

2d To Choose all nessessary [*sic*] Parish officers and Committees

3d To hear and act on the report of any committee chosen

4th To see what method the parish will take to raise money for the support of public worship

5th To see if the parish will enlarge their meeting house or make any alteration in the price of their pews the present year

6th To see if the parish will take any action in relation to a "parsonage"

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the

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meeting house in said parish seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings ther[e]on at the time and place of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of February 1858

Ebenezer Stone } Parish
Benm J. Bill } Committee
Abel Thompson }

In pursuance of the within warrant I have caused a copy to be posted at the meetinghouse of said parish eight days previous to the time of said meeting

Saxonville March 8th 1858

Copy Thomas Leslie Treasurer of the parish

In pursuance of the above warrant there was a meeting held in the Chapel and chose B. F. Bill Moderator — Ebenezer W. Dunn Clerk Thomas Leslie Treasurer and Collector — Wm H. Carter B. J. Bill Wm. Gibbs Parish Committee — Thomas Leslie Abel Thompson Loren Thompson Tytheingmen

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voted that the parish ^/Committee/ [penciled in] be chosen to settle with the Treasurer John Hargraves became a member of the parish this 8th day of March — article 3d passed over voted to adopt the same method of raising money as they did

last year — voted that Parish Committee take into consideration the subject of enlarging the meetinghouse and at some future time to call a meeting of the parish to act upon that subject Should circumstances in their opinion favor the calling of said meeting for said purpose voted that a committee be chosen to whom the subject of procuring a suitable Dwelling house for our pastor or building a parsonage by the parish be refered with instructions to render what assistance they may in obtaining a proper house for our pastor to dwell in and to collect such information in relative to the building as they may obtain or purchasing of a parsonage and to report at some future meeting of the parish — voted that the Parish Committee be that committee — voted that sum of $2.00 be added to the present price of each Pew in the meetinghouse — voted that the Parish Committee carry ^/the/ above into effect

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with discretionary power to vary from the above sum in regard to some Pews which in their opinion will bear it without materially affecting the result — voted to sell the pews on Monday next at auction 3 Oclock PM. — voted when we adjourn to adjourn to the Meetinghouse at 3 Oclock PM voted to adjourn this meeting

attest Eben W. Dunn

Parish Clerk

Saxonville March 15th 1858

There was a meeting in the Church according to an adjournment — and the Clerk read the proceedings of the last meeting and were accepted — the Treasurer read his report and was accepted — voted to adjourn the meeting untill after the Pews were sold The Pews were sold at auction and the meeting was then desolved

attest Eben W. Dunn

Parish Clerk

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A Copy of the Warrant drawn March 1st 1859

Middlesex Ss

To Ebenezer W. Dunn Clerk of Saxonville Parish

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members[30] of Said Parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in Said parish on Monday the fourteenth day of March next at four O,Clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

" Art 1 To choose a Moderator to Govern Siad [*sic*] meeting

" 2 To choose all necessary parish officers and Committees

" 3 To hear and act on the report of any Committe[e]s heretofore chosen

" 4 To see what method the parish will adopt to raise money for the Support of Public Worship

" 5 To See if the parish deem it expedient to Change the Hymn Books now in use in the

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Church or act anything in relation thereto and you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the Same at the Meetinghouse in Siad [*sic*] parish Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding Said Meeting

Given under our hands this first day of March 1857

	Wm H. Carter	}	Parish
attest Eben W. Dunn	Benja J. Bill	}	Committee
	Wm Gibbs	}	

Saxonville March 14th 1859

In pursuance to the above Warrant there was a meeting held in the Chapel the meeting was called to order by the Clerk and the warrant read

choose Ebenezer Stone Moderator of the meeting

Ebenezer W. Dunn was chosen Clerk of the parish

Joseph Johnson Chosen Collector + Treasurer

William H. Carter	}	
William Gibbs	}	Parish Committee
James Rea	}	

[30] Note that "male" has been dropped in this formulation.

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John Gibbs }
Rufus French } Tything Men
Loren Thompson }

Voted that the Parish committee be chosen to settle with the Treasurer.

Voted that the Moderator be chosen to search the records to see if the Collector + Treasurer is bound by law to take his oath

Voted that the Parish raise money for the support of preaching the same way that they did last year

Voted that the pews be Sold at auction on Monday next at 3 O,Clock in the afternoon

Voted that the parish committee choose the same person that takes care of the meetinghouse to Seat persons also and the Sum paid him shall not exceed Twenty dollars

The Parish voted that [it] is not expedient to change Hymn Books in the Church

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Church on Mond[a]y at 2 O,Clock PM

attest Ebenezer W. Dunn Parish Clerk

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Saxonville March 21st 1859

The Parish met according to adjournment

The doings of the last meeting were read and approved

The Treasurer made his report, it was approved and accepted

Voted to proceed to the Sale of pews.

Voted to disolve [*sic*] the meeting

Attest Ebenezer W. Dunn

Parish Clerk

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A copy of the Warrant drawn Oct 24th 1859

Middlesex Ss

To Ebenezer W. Dunn Clerk of Saxonville Parish Greeting — In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of Said Parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble in the Chapel in Said parish on Tuesday the first day of November next at 3 O,clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

art 2d to choose a parish Treasurer

art 3d To see what course the parish will take to supply the pulpit

art 4th to see what the parish will do in regard to collecting per rents now

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due the parish, and make some arrangements for the support of public worship for the remainder of the year

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy of this warrant at the meeting house in Said parish and at the post Office in Saxonville[31] Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at time and place of holding Said meeting

Given under our hands this 24th day of Oct 1859

	Wm. H. Carter	}
	Wm Gibbs	} Parish
attest Ebenezer W. Dunn	James Rea	} Committee
Clerk		

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Saxonville Nov 1st 1859

Pursuant to the above warrant there was a meeting held in the Chapel

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk — James Rea was chosen moderator of the meeting — B. J. Bill was chosen Collector + Treasurer

[31] This is the first time that there is an instruction to put the warrant up at the Saxonville Post Office. Note that the original postmaster and at least three subsequent postmasters of the Saxonville Post Office by this point were members of the Saxonville Parish, per Temple (1887, p. 359)

Voted that two be added to the parish Committee to see that the pulpit is supplied B. J. Bill Ebenezer Stone were the persons.

Voted that the committee be instructed in Supplying the pulpit to secure as far as possible preachers who are willing to be considered candidates for Settlement

Voted that the committee be authorised to Settle with delinquent pew holders according to their discretion

Voted that the collector leave the rent bills in each pew and cause a notice to be read from the pulpit previous

Voted that ^/the/ collector be authorised to borrow money under the direction of the parish committee Voted to adjourn this meeting without date —— attest

Ebenezer W. Dunn
Parish Clerk

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A Copy of the warrant drawn March 3^{d} 1860

Middlesex Ss

To Ebenezer W. Dunn

Clerk of Saxonville Parish Greeting - - -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of Said parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Chapel in Said parish on Monday the twelfth day of March inst at four O,clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to govern Said meeting

Art. 2. To choose all necessary parish officers and committees

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of any commit[t]ees heretofore chosen _ _ _ _

over

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Art, 4 - To see what method the parish will take to raise money for the support of Public worship the ensueing [*sic*] year

Art, 5 To see if the parish will shingle their Meetinghouse this Spring or act anything in relation thereto

Art, 6 To see what method the parish will adopt to raise money for the purpose of shingleing their meetinghouse

And you are directed to Serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the Same at the meetinghouse in Said parish eight days at least before the time of ^/holding/ Said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of Said meeting

Given under our hands this third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty

Attest Ebenezer W. Dunn { Parish Clerk

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Wm H. Carter	}	
Wm Gibbs	}	Parish
James Rea	}	Committe3

Saxonville March 12th 1860

In pursuance to the foregoing warrant there was a meeting held in the Chapel — the meeting was called to Order by the Clerk, and the warrant read, and A. S. Furber was chosen Moderator of the meeting — the following persons were chosen officers for the ensueing [*sic*] year — E. W. Dunn was chosen Clerk — B. J. Bills Treasurer

Voted that the Treasurer be Collector also

William H. Carter	}	
Thomas Leslie	}	Parish Committee
Luther Fuller	}	
Rufus French	}	
Abel Thompson	}	Tytheing men
William Hamilton	}	

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voted that the parish committee be chosen to settle with the Treasurer

Voted that Tytheingmen Seat people in the church

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the fourteenth at 3 O,clock in the afternoon

Saxonville March 14th 1860

There was a meeting held in the Chapel according to an adjournment – – it was voted to adopt the Same method of raising money for the support of public worship that we did last year —

Voted to sell the pews at auction on Monday next the 19th at 4,O.clock in the afternoon

Voted that the parish committee be instructed relet the pews at their discretion, if the rent is not paid within three months after it is due

Voted that the time of passing the subscription paper be left at the discretion of the parish committee — Voted that a committee of three be chosen to see if it is necessary to Shingle Slate or repair the meetinghouse "if so to do it" — Dea Stone – A. S. Furber – R French were the committee chosen – – Voted that this committee

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be instructed to do it as soon as convenient

Voted that this same committee pass a Subscription paper to raise the money — Voted that if the com[m]ittee find the means sufficient to paint the meetinghouse to do it — Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Monday at three O,clock in the afternoon at the meetinghouse

Saxonville March 19th 1860

There was an adjourned meeting of the parish held in the church – the meeting was called to order by the moderator – and the records were read by the clerk and accepted — Voted to reserve a pew for the minister — Voted to adjourn this meeting untill after the Sale of the pews — The Treasurer's report was read and accepted — the pews were then Sold, and the meeting was dissolved

Attest Ebenezer W. Dunn Parish Clerk

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A copy of the warrant drawn March 8th 1860

Middlesex Ss

To Ebenezer Dunn Clerk of Saxonville Parish Greeting _ _ _ In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of Saxonville Parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the chapel in Said parish on wednesday March 14th at 4 O,clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

Art. 1. to choose a moderator to govern Said meeting

Art. 2, To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Art 3 To See what action the parish will take in regard to giving Rev. J. H. Pettingill[32] a call to become our pastor

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting this or an attested copy at the Meetinghouse of Said parish at least

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7 days previous to the time of holding Said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding Said meeting

Given under our hands this 8th day of March ^/1860/

Wm H. Carter	}	
Wm Gibbs	}	Parish
James Rea	}	Committee

The parish voted to concur with the church in giving the Rev. J. H. Pettingill a call to become their pastor

Voted that the parish offer him nine hundred dollars per year, to be paid quarterly, and two weeks vacation

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to carry this vote into affect – Thomas Leslie A.S. Furber R French were the committee chosen

Voted that if Mr Pettingill declines the Sum of nine hundred dollars that the committee be authorised to offer him fifty dollars more

Voted that if Mr Pettingill Should accept

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the committee be authorised to make preparation for a council

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday at three O.clock PM at the meetinghouse

[32] The 1862 *Manual for the Communicants of the Edwards Church* (Boston: Rand & Avery) gives the spelling as Pettingell.

Saxonville March 19th 1860

There was an adjourned meeting of the parish at the meetinghouse — the Clerk read the proceedings of the last meeting and were accepted — voted to disolve [*sic*] this meeting

Attest Ebenezer W. Dunn

Parish Clerk

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[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This is the end of the regular entries in ink for this register. What follows appears to be oaths of office written in light pencil, with some of it not fully legible. These are on end papers, not the regular lined paper of the entries.]

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B on being Chosen Clerk of Saxonville parish for the year ensuing and until another is chosen ~~and sworn in your~~ in your room, do Solemnly swear you will faithfully and without partiality perform the duties of Said Office.

So help you God

Oath of Office

Do Solemnly Swear you will faithfully and without partiality perform the duties of Said Office Office

So help you god

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