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THE SESSION BOOK
OF THE DRYFORK CHURCH
OF THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIANS
AUGUST 30 1831

The Session of the Dryfork Church, Reverend Francis Johnston Preacher

ELDERS

Thos. C. Beard
James Martin
Henry Dobbins
B. J. Neal
Robert W. Guthrie

Robert W. Guthrie was chosen Session Clerk.

Professers Names

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| 1. William Foster | Removed by death Jan. 11, 1832 |
| 2. Agnes Foster | Removed b death |
| 3. Elizabeth Foster | |
| 4. James Lackey | Removed without letter |
| 5. Mary Lackey | Remived by letter |
| 6. Nancy Lackey | Removed by letter |
| 7. Elizabeth A. Lackey | Removed by letter |
| 8. Jane A. Lackey | Removed by letter |
| 9. Francis Johnston | Removed by letter 1842 |
| 10. Katherine Johnston | Removed by letter 1842 |
| 11. James F. Johnston | Removed by letter 1842 |
| 12. Robt. E. Johnston | Removed by letter 1842 |
| 13. Nancy A Johnston | |
| 14. David Beard | |
| 15. Jane Beard | |
| 16. Adam M. Beard | |
| 17. Thomas D. Beard | |
| 18. Mary Beard | |
| 19. Robert W. Guthrie | |
| 20. Nancy Guthrie | |
| 21. Joseph Guthrie | |
| 22. Polly Guthrie | |
| 23. Robert Guthrie | |
| 24. Britten J. Neel | |
| 25. Elizabeth Neel | Removed by death August 5, 1833 |
| 26. William Maxwell | Removed without letter |
| 27. Jane Maxwell | Removed by letter |
| 28. Elizabeth Maxwell | Removed without letter |
| 29. Thomas Beard | |
| 30. Lousinna Beard | |
| 31. Sophiah Dobbins | |
| 32. Ann Dobbins | Removed by letter |
| 33. Elizabeth Martin | Removed by letter |
| 34. Nancy Neel | |
| 35. Nancy Anderson | |
| 36. John Turner | Removed |
| 37. Sarah Turner | |
| 38. Elizabeth Barr | Removed by death |
| 39. Mary Tinnin | Removed without letter 183- |
| 40. David Campbell | Removed without letter |

41. Thomas I. Evans	Removed by letter	
42. Sarah Neel	Removed by letter	Sept.
43. Elizabeth Neel		
44. Sarah Manely	Removed by letter	Sept. 1, 183-
45. William McKisick	Removed	
46. Reuben Hunter	Removed by letter	
47. James C. Lackey	Removed by letter	1835
48. Wm. T. Lackey	Removed by letter	1835
49. Johathin Knight	Removed by letter	
50. Nancy Knight	Removed by letter	
51. Loucy Right		
52. Loucy Neal		
53. Sally Neal	Removed by letter	
54. Aaron S. Neal		
55. Nancy Evans	Removed by letter	
56. Sarah Giles	Removed	
57. Martha K. Johnston	Removed by letter	1842
58. James Martin	Removed ny letter	
59. Mary Bucet	Removed	
60. James Wirt	Removed by death	1843
61. Robt. Payn		
62. Sarah Payn		
63. John C. Payn		
64. Jane K. Payn		
65. Betsy A. Payn		
66. Elenor McKisick	Removed	
67. Nancy Beard		
68. Joseph W. Beard		
69. Henry Dobbins		
70. Tho. C. Dobbins	Removed by letter	
71. Polly G. Johnson	Removed	
72. Armeth Guthrie		
73. David M. Beard	Removed by letter	1842
74. Samuel C. Beard		
75. Thomas C. Neal		
76. Abner G. Johnson	Removed	
77. John Right		
78. Mary Durham		
79. Isabelah Beard	Removed by letter	
80. Isabelah Beard		
81. Margaret White	Received by letter	Sept. 1833
82. Mary E. Guthrie		
83. William M. Johnston	By letter	1842
84. Rebecca Campbell		
85. John A. Beard		
86. Polly C. Payne		
87. Wm. Villiance	Removed	
88. Polly Villiance	Removed	
89. Mary Penn	Removed	
90. Elizabeth West	Removed by death	Oct. 15, 1839
91. Izabella C. Payne		1843
92. Elizabeth I. Bearde		
93. Martha Moncrief		
94. Allen B. Guthrie		
95. Wm. P. Guthrie		
96. Mary E. Neal		
97. Martha A. Neal		
98. Elenor Neal		
99. Robt. Neal	Removed by death	1843

100. E. A. Dobbins
101. Wm. T. Guthrie
102. Betsy Neal
103. James Thommas
104. James Wright
105. Wm. Wright
106. Gideon Wright
107. James A. Beard
108. Wm. S. Payn
109. James I. Guthrie
110. Sophiah Wright
111. Nancy Neal
112. Wm. Beard
113. Hanna Beard
114. A. I. Neal
115. Mary C. Dobbins
116. Ann Dobbins
117. Mary C. Dobbins
118. G. C. Bearde
119. I. W. Bearde
120. A. D. Dobbins
121. I. C. Dobbins
122. Wm. A. Dobbins
123. S. C. Neal
124. I. B. Neal
125. N. E. Guthrie
126. Wm. P. Beard
127. Francis I. Bears
128. Nancy Dobbins
129. Richard B. Dobbins
130. Saml. H. Beard
131. Sarah I. Beard
132. Nancy C. Neal
133. Sarah I. Guthrie
134. Robt. H. Guthrie
135. Mary Fuqua
136. Nancy McLin
137. Mary L. McLin
138. James N. McLin
139. Mary A. McLin
140. Elizabeth A. McLin
141. John W. Dobbins
142. Wm. H. Dobbins
143. David F. Dobbins
144. Phillip E. Drane
145. Mary A. Guthrie
146. John Fuqua
147. Susan Neal
148. Mary Harper
149. Martha A. Dobbins
150. Nancy I. Dobbins
151. Nancy L. Beard
152. Louisa B. Harper
153. July A. Dobbins
154. Margaret A. Beard

Names of members not put down
at the proper time and place

Jane Neal
James Neal
Tho. C. Dobbins
Samuel C. Beard
David Campbell
L. E. Oldham Removed by letter

Names of coulered Professors.

1. John McMurry's	Peter	
2. Mary Tinnin's	Cele	Removed without letter 1835
3. Mary Beard's	Hagar	Removed by letter
4. James Lackey's	Cele	Removed by letter
5. Henhy Dobbins's	Rachel	Removed by excuminated (sic)
6. E. McKisick's	Phillis	Removed
7.	Scene	Removed
8.	Sarah	Removed
9. Sam McMurry's	Harvey	
10. E. McMurry's	Matilda	Removed
11. Wm. Barr's	Minder	
12. I. Martin's	Ralin	Removed by excuminated (sic)
13. R. Guthrie's	Peter	Removed without letter
14. E. McKisick's	Hyrum	Removed by death 1835
15. John McMurry's	Nance	Joined by letter May 5, 1833
16. Cullen Gardnes's	Suli	
17. E. McKisick's	Rebecca	Removed
18. E. McKisick's	Rachel	
19. R. Stuart's	Lethe	
20. Carson Dobbins's	Peter	

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DRYFORK CHURCH
FAMILY RECORD

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Name	Births	Baptism	By Whom	Marriage	Admission to Communion	Removals
William Foster	4-7-1750	Infancy	John Elder	8-10-1777	1777	By death
Agnes "						
Elizabeth "	4-20-1771	Infancy	S. McCordle			
James Lackey	1-18-1772	Infancy		4-1-1796	8-1-1795	Without letter
Mary "	11-3-1773	Infancy	H. Madden	4-1-1796		Sept. 1835
Nancy "	11-17-1797	Infancy	J. Springer		Nov. 1817	Do Do
Betsy A. "	9-1-1806	Infancy	Wm. McGee		Aug. 1824	Do Do
Jane A. "	4-17-1809	Infancy	Wm. Hodge		Aug. 1824	Do Do
James C. "	1-6-1812	Infancy	Kirkpatrick		Nov. 1831	Do Do
Wm. T. "	5-17-1814	Infancy	Kirkpatrick		Jan. 1832	Do Do
Wm. Maxwell	12-2-1782	Infancy			Sept 1830	
Jane "		Infancy			Aug. 1827	
Elizabeth "	9-3-1789	Infancy			1826	
David Beard	7-21-1774	Infancy		3-25-1800	1800	
Jane "	11-5-1780	Infancy		3-25-1800	1800	
Adam M. "						
Thomas D. "	10-31-1811	Infancy			Sept 18,- 1811	
Loucinda "				10-6-1831		
Polly "	12-2-1814	Infancy			Sept 18- 1831	
Samuel C. "	6-18-1817	Infancy			Dec. 1832	
Elizabeth T. "	1-8-1825	Infancy			Apr. 30,- 1837	
Francis Johnston	9-.2-1790	Infancy	To. Hall	9-24-1812	1803	
Kitty "	7-13-1784	Infancy	Sml Mcoreal	9-24-1812	1802	
James F. "	7-21-1813	Infancy	Kirkpatrick		7-31-1830	
Robt. E. "	1-25-1816	Infancy	D. Foster		7-31-1830	
Nancy A. "	1-4-1818	Infancy	Kirkpatrick		7-31-1830	
Martha K. "	2-6-1821	Infancy	R. Guthrie		10-10-1832	
William M. "	2-12-1823	Infancy	R. Guthrie		9-6-1834	

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 FAMILY RECORD

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Name	Births	Baptism	By Whom	Marriage	Admission to Communion	Removal
Robert W Guthrie	Apr.2,1799	Infancy	Wm. McGee	Oct 7 1819	1817	
Nancy "	Jun 17 1795	Infancy	S. McCorcle	Oct 7 1819	1811	
Mary E. "	Jun 11 1820	Infancy	R. Guthrie		Oct 1834	
William F. "	Aug 1 1828	Infancy	D. Foster		Aug 1840	
Nancy E. "	Nov 20 1832	Infancy	F..Johnston		Sept 4 1844	
James Martin	Apr 1 1796	Infancy		Feb 26 1818	Oct 1832	
Elizabeth "	Mar 22 1799	Infancy	Wm. McGee	Feb 26 1818	1817	
Ritchmond E. "	Jan 10 1819	Infancy	Tho. Calhon			
William G. "	Jan 23 1821	Infancy	D. Foster			
Etherly B. "	Feb 9 1828	Infancy	D. Foster			
Margaret I "	Dec 20 1825	Infancy	F. Johnston			
Sarah A. "	Feb 23 1827	Infancy	F. Johnston			
James M. "	July 8 1829	Infancy	F. Johnston			
Andrew S. "	Jan 16 1832	Infancy	F. Johnston			
Elizabeth E. "	Mar 29 1834	Infancy	F. Johnston			
Thomas C. Beard	Aug 31 1784	Infancy		Mar 21 1816	Mar 21 186	1845
Nancy "	July 1 1792	Infancy	F. Johnston		Nov. 1802	Death June 18--
David M "	Feb 6 1817	Infancy	F. Johnston		Dec. 1832	Letter Apr 1842
Isabella A. "	Jan 9 1819	Infancy	F. Johnston	Mar 2 1843	Sept. 1833	
John A. "	May 24 1821	Infancy	F. Johnston		March 1835	Death May 1844
Mary C "	Aug 12 1823	Infancy	F. Johnston			Death Aug 1833
James A. "	Jan 23 1826	Infancy	F. Johnston		Aug 14 1841	
William P. "	Feb 29 1828	Infancy	F. Johnston		Sept 14 1845	
Thomas C. "	Feb 29 1828	Infancy	F. Johnston		Sept 4 1844	Death June 1845
Francis I. "	Jan 22 1831	Infancy	F. Johnston		Sept 14 1845	

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Name	Births	Baptism	By Whom	Marriage	Admission to Communion	Removal
Robert Guthrie	Mar 17 1793	Infancy		Oct 19 1820	1817	
Armeth "	Jan 14 1801	Infancy		Oct 19 1820	Dec 1832	
Allen B. "	Dec 16 1821	Infancy	R. Guthrie		Dec 10 1837	
William P. "	Sep 15 1823	Infancy	R. Guthrie		Dec 10 1837	
Samuel W. "	Sep 12 1825	Infancy	R. Guthrie			Death Sep 1842
James E "	Nov 26 1827	Infancy	F. Johnston			
Henry "	Feb 11 1830	Infancy	F. Johnston			
Sarah I. "	Mar 21 1832	Infancy	F. Johnston			
Mary A. "		Infancy				
John W. "		Infancy				Death o June 1840
Henry Dobbins	Aug 15 1798	Infancy	Wm. Hodge	Oct 29 1823	Nov 25 1832	
Sophiah "	1800	Aug 1820		Oct 29 1823	Aug 20 1820	
Mary C. "	Aug 20 1824	May 1825			Oct 1834	
Elizabeth A. "	Jun 12 1827	Sep 1827			Aug 1840	
John C. "	Jly 31 1829	Oct 1829			Sept. 4 1844	
Allen Davise "	Nov 7 1831	Jun 1832	F. Johnston		Sept. 4 1844	
David F. "		Apr 1840				
Nancy J. "		May 1843	I. C. McMurry			
James Neel	1798			Apr 1 1823		
Nancy "	May 2 1802	Aug 1822	John Barnet	Apr 1 1823	Aug 1822	
John Beard "	May 2 1826	Infancy				
Lamira J "	May 17 1828	Infancy			Nov 21 1841	
Thomas S "	Sept 6 1830	Sep 1831	F. Johnston			
Nancy C. "		Infancy			Sep 14 1845	
William "		Infancy				

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Name	Births	Baptism	By Whom	Marrige	Admission to Communion	Removal
Thomas C. Dobbins	Sep 25 1802	Infancy		Oct 19 1826	Oct 1 1832	
Ann "	Oct 27 1803	Infancy		Oct 19 1826	Oct 1817	
Mary C. "	Jly 15 1827	Infancy	F. Johnston		Nov 1841	
William A. "	Aug 28 1829	Infancy	F. Johnston		Sept 1844	
Richard B. "	Nov 22 1831	Jun 1832	F. Johnston		Sept 1845	
John M. "		Infancy	H. B. Hill		Sept 1845	
Martha "		Infancy	H. B. Hill			
James A. "		Infancy	H. B. Hill			
July A. "		9-15-45				
Martial H. "		9-15-45				
Britten J. Neal	Jan 31 1800	Infancy		Dec 21 1821	Oct 1830	
Elizabeth "	Oct 29 1803	Infancy		Dec 21 1821	Nov. 1830	Death Aug 1833
Mary E. "	Aug 17 1824	Infancy	F. Johnston		Apr. 1840	
Robert "	Mar 1, 1826	Infancy	F. Johnston		Oct 1839	
Martha A. "	Dec 20 1827	Infancy	F. Johnston		Apr 1840	
Sousan C. "	Apr 28 1830	Infancy	F. Jounston		Sept 1844	
John B. "	Nov 20 1831	June 10	F. Johnston		Sept 1844	
Louisa C. "	Dec 25 1839	Ap 1840				
Sarah J. "	Feb 11 1842	Au 1842				
William M. "	Sep 21 1843	Se 1845	H. B. Hill			
James H. "	Mar 22 1845	Se 1845	H. B. Hill			
Joseph Guthrie	Sep 23 1802	Infancy		Sep 19 1824	Oct 1817	
Mary "	Feb 17 1805	Infancy		Sep 19 1824	1827	
Sarah J. "	Mar 6 1830	Infancy	F. Johnston			
Robert M "	Mar 25 1832	Jy 1832	F. Johnston			

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 FAMILY RECORD

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Name	Births	Baptism	By whom	Marriage	Admission to Communion	Removal
Joseph W. Beard	Nov 17 1802	Infancy		Nov 17 1825	Nov 1832	Oct 1837
Lourinna "	Jly 15 1804	1818			1818	Oct 1837
William T. "	Sep 18 1826	Infancy			Nov 1841	
David P. "	Aug 9 1828	Infancy				Death 8 Nov 1838
James W. "	Oct 4 1830	9-5-31	F. Johnston		Sept 1844	
Samuel H. "		Infancy			Sept 1845	
John "		Infancy				
Francis I "		Infancy				
Sarah J. "		Infancy			Sept 1845	
John Turner	Mar 1 1801	Infancy		1831	1821	Nov 1833
Sarah "	Sept	9-4-31	F. Johnston		Sept 1831	Nov 1833
Mary A "	Jan 30 1833					
Individuals						
Elizabeth Barr		Infancy				Died 8 Sep 1838
Mary Tinnin	Dec 10 1770	Infancy	Henry Pitilla	June 1787	1802	
Nancy Anderson	Jan 28 1800	Infancy			Aug 1819	
Thomas I, Evans	Jun 22 1807	9-18-31	F. Johnston		Sept 1831	
Sarah Neel	Jly 20 1805	Infancy		Dec 14 1831	Sept 1831	
Elizabeth Neel	Spt 7 1803	Infancy			Sept 1831	
William McKisick	June 1815	9-29-31	F. Johnston		Sept 1831	
Sarah McNuly	Nov 1 1811	9-29-31	F. Johnston	Mar 15-1832	Sept 1831	
Ruben Hunter	Aug 2 1800	Infancy	Wm. Hodge		Aug 1820	
Thomas C. Neal	1814	Jan 1833			Jan 1833	
Aaron Smith Neel	Nov 1811	10-10-32			Oct 1832	
Sarah . . Neel	Nov 1809	10-10-32			Oct 1832	
Nancy Evans	Apr 17 1813	10-10-32			Oct 1832	
Sarah Gails		10-10-32			Oct 1832	Nov 1833

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 FAMILY RECORD

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Name	Births	Baptism	By Whom	Marriage	Admission to Communion	Removal
John Right	Apr 30 1813	9-31-33			Sep 31 1833	
Loucy Right	Feb 13 1779	Infancy			Oct 10 1832	
Loucy J Neal	Dec 13 1797	Infancy			Oct 10 1832	
Mary Burket		Nov 1832			Nov 1832	Nov 1833
Robert Payne	May 11 1783	Infancy		Dec 17 1811	Nov 1832	
Sally C.	" Feb 26 1792	Infancy			Dec 1832	
John C.	" Nov 13 1812	Nov 1832			Nov 1832	
Jane C	" Oct 22 1815	Nov 1832			Nov 1832	
Elizabeth A.	" May 26 1818	Nov 1832			Nov 1832	
Polly C.	" Mar 13 1821	Nov 1832				
Izabel C.	" Nov 13 1823	Nov 1832			Apr 1837	
William S.	" Jly 1 1827	Nov 1832				
James C.	" Aug 18 1831	Nov 1832				

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December 23 1855

A few thoughts on the 8 & 9 chapters of Paul to the Romans. It will be admitted (sic) by all, that Paul was a Scollar (sic), a profound reasoner and Theologian. Therefore it is not expected, when arguing a point, he would suddenly (sic) veer (sic) off and take up a different one. The preceding chapters of this Epistle gives a clue (sic) too, and key to open to the meaning of the 8 & 9.

The writer proves most conclusively that all, booth (sic) Jue (sic) and Gentile were sinners, and by the most striking and impressive figures, that they were not only depraved, but totally so, consequently, could not be saved by the observance of the law. The next proceeds (sic) to introduce a cistim (sic) and the only one that will Justify man before God (viz) faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This point he argues at length and as conclusive as the former. Having settled the two former points he commences the 5 chapter by saying

(This portion crossed out)

Therefore being Justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ - speaks of the effects of faith, as producing patience in tribulation, begetting a good hope in the believer, and in the 6 verse used language that contradicts what he says in the 8 & 9 chapters of the predestinarians view of them be correct (viz) for when we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly. This passage proves that man is so destitute (sic) of strength, that it requires the death of Christ to give him strength, and what ever number was destitute of strength, the very same number Christ (sic) died for.

All will admit, that each and every one is destitute of Strength then, to be consistent (sic) we must admit that Christ died for all, in another passage Paul admits that Christ died for all, and used that, as an argument to prove that all were dead. Paul continues the argument of Justification by faith, says they are dead to the Law as a covenant of work but not as a rule of conduct.

Being Justified by faith they had a dispiatian (sic) to live and serve God - and encourages (sic) then by his sure word of promise through the flesh were against the Spirit, yet by the suply (sic) of the grace of God, they should not be overcome - winds up the 7 chapter by thanking God that with the mind as renewed (sic) man he served his Creator. He commences the 8 chapter by saying Their (sic) is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, and gives as a reason they that were such if they walked after the Spirit. Speaks of the effects and consequences of Justification by faith, that it inclined the subject to keep Gods command and that Gods grace was made sure to every believer, And in order to establish this point conclusively, he says, then that God fore knew he died Predestinate. God knew from the beginning who would believe, then he died Predestinate as decree to Save.

This aggres (sic) seventh chapter 2nd verse, Elect according to this fore knowledge of God through Santification (sic) of the Spitit. God foreknowledge preceds (sic) all his other acts - knowing who would

believe, through the agency of the Spirit, then He decreed to Save. placing foreknowledge before decree, as Paul does, places the decree on knowledge, and leaves the creatures will untrameled (sic), to reverse it, makes a decree without knowledge and tramels the will of the creature.

If the doctrine of Eternal Election is taught in the passage under consideration, Paul was a little fickle (sic) minded and got off the subject. Says the objecter is no digression from the subject for final perseverance depends on Eternal Election. If this be so Paul argued the question conquest foremost, for he spoke of the effect at length before he said a word about the cause, and then gave it but a passing notice, and soon got back to the former point under consideration which he argues to the end of the chapter using the strongest language possible - proving the final perseverance of the saints most conclusively.

Jan. 19, 1833

The Dryfork Congregation met at the Church on the 19 Jan 1833. Agreeably (sic) to a previous appointment for the purpose of electing additional Elders, whereupon the following brothering were duly elected and Solomly (sic) ordained (sic) on the 22 of Jan 1833 by Rev. Frances Johnston, Viz. Thos. C. Beard, Henry Dobbins, B. J. Neal and James Martin --- R. W Guthrie S.S.C.

June 30, 1833

Whereas, Mr. James Martin Ruling a servant by his own acknowledgement before the session of the Dryfork congregation on the 30 day of June 1833 has bin (sic) guilty of theft. He expresses sorrow for the same and a hope that God has forgiven him, yet the session after mature deliberation thought best to suspend him from church privileges (sic) until he gave evidence to his repentance.

Feb. 24, 1835

Whereas Mr. Henry Dobbins Rachel a servant (sic) being a member has been (sic) guilty of adultery she having bin (sic) previously cited meet the session agreeable to citation at the Dryfork church, and after a particular conversation with her on the subject and she not giving intire (sic) satisfaction of her repentance and forgiveness, she was therefore suspended from the privileges of the church. Signed by order of session. R. W. Guthrie S. C.

Apr. 11, 1835

Whereas publick (sic) fame loudly proclaimed that Wm. Evans (a member of the church) is in the habit of drinking wine to excess and acting in a way unbecoming a christian, he was requested to meet the session at the Dryfork church on Saturday the 11 April 1835. Which request he complied with and acknowledges that he has frequently bin (sic) intoxicated and acted in a way unbecoming a christian. He also expressed sorry for his crime and a hope that God had forgiven him and promised reformation upon which he was continued as a member. R. W. Guthrie S. C.

August 3 1835

Miss Betsy Neal as you have acknowledged that you have bin (sic) in a state of pregnancy, you are hereby cited to appear at the Dryfork church on Thursday the 13th of August at 9 oclock (sic) to answer for the same.

Robt. W. Guthrie, S.C.

Betsy Neal met the session agreeable (sic) to citation which was composed of the following members to (viz) - Rev. Francis Johnston, Thos. C. Beard, Henry Dobbins, James Martin and Robt. W. Guthrie from the Dryfork congregation and James Kirkpatrick from the Beech congregation. The session was constituted by prayer. The charges was red (sic) to the accused and she acknowledged to the fact, and submitted her case to the session. whereupon she is suspended from the privileges (sic) of the church until she gives evidence of her repentance. Robt. W. Guthrie, S.C.

July 27th 1835

Mr. John W. Wright you are herby cited to appear at the Dryford church

on Thursday the 13th of August at 9 oclock (sic) to answer for unchristian conduct towards Betsy Neal. Also for unchristian conversation with Mr. B. J. Neal last January in the woods. Also for unchristian conversation at Mr. Patten Bells last fall at the corn heap.

Robt. W. Guthrie, S.C.

Mr. John W. Wright appeared aggreable (sic) to citation. The charges were red (sic) to him a part of which he acknowledged, the balance he denied. By concent (sic) of parties the trial was gon (sic) into. Testimony was produced to establish the charges. The witnesses being sworn stated as follows. Betsy Neal stated that some time in April last John W. Wright at the house of B. J. Neal one night lay down on the beed (sic) by the side of her, for the purpos (sic) of holding her head which was akeing (sic) very bad. After her head became easy she fell asleep. When she awoke he was in the act of pulling down her cloths which was considerably above her knees. That he frequently interegated (sic) her to know what was the matter with her. She told him she did not know only that she had the headache (sic) and was sick. He told her she might as tell him for time would prove all things. That three or four months ago he has become very devlish (sic) but he had got his ends accomplished and he was satisfied. Susan Neal stated that one night at the house of B. J. Neals Betsy Neal observed to John W. Wright that she did not know what she would do if it was not for him, because b his hand holding he had given her stomach (sic) ease. He observed that he did not know, perhaps she would do better without him than with him in the long run. She also stated that John W. Wright said laterly (sic) he had felt very devlis (sic) but he had to get his ends accomplished and he had felt very good about it since. She also state that he said to her one day that he wanted her to make him a pare (sic) of panteloons and that he was owing her some money and he would pay her shortly, that he did not know what day he would be ordered to start and he wanted to have all things reddy (sic).

Susana Neal

John A. Kilpatrick stated that John W. Wright came to the field one day where he was at work and said he supose (sic) the fuss was over between him and Susana, but he was determined to have revenge.

John A. Kilpatrick

B. J. Neal stated that some time last January him and John W. Wright were in the woods, chopping. Wright asked him if a woman in a sickly situation as Betsy was would bread (sic). He told him they frequently did. He then asked him if a woman could begot with child when she were asleep. He told him he did not think she could. He then asked him what would put a young one out of the way. He told him he did not know.

B. J. Neal

(Lines deleted)

After the examination of the foregoing witnesses the session are of the opinion that the said John W. Wright is guilty of unchristian conduct as charged in the citation and he is thereupon suspended from the privileges (sic) of the church until he gives evidence of his repentance. Concluded by prayer. Dryfork Church August 13 1835. R. W. Gutheie S.C.

Sept. 24th 1835

Whereas Mr. B. J. Neal (an elder) was knowing to the conduct of his sister, Betsy, and kept the same concealed (sic), and by his own acknowledgement intended so to do. He was conversed with by a member of the session but failed to get an acknowledgement that was satisfactory.

He was afterwards conversed with by a commity (sic) of three, but could not bring him to repentance. The committe (sic) gave him longer time to consider with a request if any alteration tuck (sic) place in his mind he would inform the session. In a short time he told a member of the session that his mind was the same. He was then requested to meet the session at Mr. James Martins on Thursday the 24 Sept at 7 oclock (sic) in the evening, which request he complied (sic) with. The session again laboured (sic) to make him sensible (sic) of his eror (sic). He confessed it was wrong to conseal (sic) offences - yet he thought he was doing for the best concidering (sic) the circumstances conected with the affair. The session after considering his case was unanimous in suspending him from the priviligis (sic) of the church until he give evidence of his repentance. Robt. W. Guthrie.

Also at the same time and place a colored (sic) woman belonging to Mr. John McMurry by the name of Honor was suspended for pregnancy.
Robert W. Guthrie, S.C.

Jan. 14th 1836

Whereas Wm. Evans acknowledge to one of the session that he had been (sic) drunk, he was thereupon requested to meet the session at James Martins on Thursday 14 of Jan 1836 - which he did and acknowledges he had at different times drank too much and that his feelings were much hurt and he thought do better, but had no evidence that God had forgiven him. In as much as Mr. Evans had bin (sic) guilty of like offences and had previously bin (sic) called to an account (sic) and promised a memdment (sic) the session after deliberation suspended him from the priviligis (sic) of the church until he repent. Robt. W. Guthrie, S.C. Jan 14 1836.

August 31 1836

Whereas public (sic) fame says Mr. Henry Dobbins has bin (sic) guilty of unchristian conduct in the sale of a certin (sic) sorrel horse with a boll (sic) face to John Gyre on the 8 day of April 1836. Whereupon the session requested him to meet them at the Dryfork meeting house on Wednesday 17 of August 1836 for the purpose of inquiring into the matter and if possible to settle it. Mr. Dobbins attended according to request and acknowledged he had recommended the above named horse as reported but contended he had not ered (sic) in so dolng. From the reports in circulation the session thought he had done wrong and used their endeavor to convince him but failed to get a satisfactory acknowledgement. After deliberation the session resolved to give him a citation.

Citation
August 22 1836

Mr. Henry Dobbins - Whereas publick (sic) fame loudly proclames (sic) that you were guilty of unchristian conduct in the sale of the horse to John Gyre and other circumstances connected their (sic) with, you are herby (sic) cited to attend at the Dryfork meeting house on Wednesday 31 of August at ten oclock (sic) to answer for the same.

Robt. W. Guthrie S.C.

Mr. Dobbins attended according to citation. The session thought it prudent to make another effort to settle these matters without going into a regular trial, and succeded (sic) in settling the circumstantial

points named in the citation, but failed in the principle charge. The session then told him it must go into a regular trial, he made his objection to a cirtin (sic) member of the session sitting on the trial, he was told the member objected to would not sit on the trial. He then said go on. The session constituted with prayer, which was composed of the following members to viz. Rev. Francis Johnston, James Martin, and Robt. W. Guthrie, all from the Dryfork church and Abram Bradley from Mt. Moriah church. The charge was then red (sic). Charge -- In the sale of the horse to John Gyre on the 8 day of April 1836 you recommended his eye to be as good as any other horses, but publick (sic) fame says his eye will not come up to the recommendation. Mr. Dobbins was asked guilty or not guilty he said not guilty and he makeing (sic) no objections to going into the trial the session proceded (sic) to the examination of the following witnesses. Pleasant Gyre being sworn stated he examined the horse sold to John Gyre the next morning after the sail (sic) and he considered his eye not good and he would give but little more for him than a blind horse. Pleasant Gyre.

John Pentecost being sworn stated that Henry Dobbins said the above named horse had one eye was good as any other horse and could see the darkest night he ever saw. Pentecost stated he examined the above named horse the next monday morning after the sail (sic) on friday night and he considered his eye not good and he would give no more for him than for a blind horse. J. C. Pentecost

Thomas C. Beard being sworn stated he examined the above named horse the next monday morning after the sail (sic) on friday and he considered his eye not good and he would give no more for him than for a blind horse. Thomas C. Beard

Sarah Allen being sworn stated she had road (sic) the above named horse booth (sic) day and nigh (sic) in the months of Sept. Oct. Nov. and Dec. 1835 and he performed as well as any other horse of one eye. Sarah Allen

Thomas C. Dobbins being sworn stated he had the above named horse in his possession in Nov. 1835 had used him booth (sic) day and night and he discovered (sic) no deficiency in his eye. Thos. C. Dobbins

After the examination of the foregoing witnesses the session are unanimous in believing Mr. Dobbins guilty as charged and also unanimous in suspending him from the priviliges (sic) of the church until (sic) he give evidence of repentance. Dryfork meeting concluted with prayer August 31 1836 Robt. W. Guthrie S.C.

Brother B. J. Neal having been suspended from the communion of the church but his conduct since his suspection (sic) having (sic) been such as to convince the session he should be restored to his former priviliges (sic), and an interview with him for that purpose, but as he could make no further acknowledgement that he did at the time of his suspection (sic) the session resolved to ask the advice of Presbytery and the Presbytery recomended that he be restored to his former priviliges (sic), whereupon the session met at the Dryfork church on wednesday 9 Nov 1836 constituted by prayer. On motion resolved that he be and is hereby restored to the communion of the church and the voice of the congregation having (sic) bin obtained he was restored to the office of ruling elder. Robt. W. Guthrie S.C.

Mr. Henry Dobbins - Whereas publick (sic) fame loudly proclames (sic) that you were guilty of unchristian conduct in saying the horse you sold on 8 day of April, 1836 either to John Gyre or John Pentcost, Gyres agent, could see as well out of one eye either day or night as any horse, you are herby sited (sic) to attend at the Dryfork church on friday 18 Nov 1836 at ten oclock (sic) to answer for the same.

Robt. W. Guthrie S.C.

According to a recommendation of the chapman Presbytery the session of Dryfork met at Dryfork church Nov 18 1836 for the purpose of retrying Br. Henry Dobbins who in a former trial before this session had bin (sic) suspended from church priviliges (sic). The Presbytery believes that their (sic) had bin (sic) some over sight in said trial. The session was opened (sic) by prayer, by the regular Pastor Brother H. B. Hill minister and Elder Wm. Chapman from Gallatine and Joseph Kirkpatrick from new hope societies were invited to take seats in the trial. Brother Johnston & Beard being witnesses in the case were excused from sitting on the trial. Br. Hill was invited to preside in the session as Moderator (sic) which he did accordingly. The session proceded to read the charges to the accused (after he had declared himself reddy (sic) for trial) and his answer obtained and worn (sic) as witnesses in behalf of the session, Robert Parker & Wm. House also in behalf of the accused, Samuel Brown, Robert D. Dobbins, Samuel Dobbins, James McMurry, Colin Campbell, James Neal and Francis Johnston and after comparing the testimony taken with what they had previously received at his former trial and find nothing that goes to substantiate the charge against the accused though the session believes that the accused had not acted with that prudence and caution which becomes a christian. Resolved therefore that he be restored to the communion of the church and after some words of admonition to the restored brother session was adjourned by prayer. Robert W. Guthrie S.C. H. B. Hill - Mod.

Nov. 20, 1836

Honor a colored woman belonging to Capt. John McMurry having (sic) been suspended from the communion of the church and she having (sic) given no evidence of her repentance but persists in her wickedness. The session having (sic) obtained the advice of Presbytery met at the Dryfork meeting house the 20 Nov. 1836. On motion resolved that she be and is herby excuminated (sic) from the communion of the church.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

April 30 1837

The session of Dryfork church met at the Dryfork meeting house April 30 1837. Constituted by prayer. Members of session, Rev. F. Johnston, T. C. Beard, J. Martin, B. J. Neal, and R. W. Guthrie. F. Johnson was chosen moderator and R. W. Guthrie Clerk. Izabella C. Payne and Elizabeth J. Beard was examined on experimental religion and received to the communion of the church. F. Johnston Mod. R. W. Guthrie S.C.

May 28th 1837

The session of Dry Fork met at the Dry Fork church May 28 1837. Constituted by prayer. Members of session. Rev. F. Johnston, Elders, T. C. Beard, J. Martin, B. J. Neal and R. W. Guthrie. F. Johnston was chosen moderator (sic) R. W. Guthrie Clerk. Sarah Neal and Isabella A. Clinton appllied (sic) and received letters of dismission and recommendation. Session adj. indefinatelt (sic) Francis Johnston - Mod.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

May 28, 1837

The session of Dryfork met at the Dryfork church May 28 1837. Constituted by prayer. Members of session Rev. F. Johnston, Elders T. C. Beard, J. Martin, B. J. Neel, and R. W. Guthrie. F. Johnston was chosen moderator (sic) R. W. Guthrie Clerk. Sarah Neel add Isabella A. Clinton applied (sic) and Recd. letters of dismission and recommendation. Session adj. indefinitely (sic) Francis Johnston, Mod. R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Oct. 16, 1837

The Session of the Dry Fork church met at the Dry Fork meeting house 16 Oct 1837. Constituted by prayer. Members of session, Rev. F. Johnston, Elders, J. Hartin, B. J. Neel, & W. W. Guthrie. Rev. F. Johnston was chosen moderator, & R. W. Guthrie Clerk. Mrs Evans and Nancy Beard was examined on experimental religion and rec. into the communion of the church and recd. baptism. Also Rebun Hunter applied and Recd. a letter of dismission and recommendation. F. Johnson - Mod. R. W. Guthrie Clerk.

Report on the state of religion.

During the past yoear we have enjoyed (sic) stated and circuit preach. In the general good feeling and brotherly love is felt, but no revivle (sic). Eighty members in communion. F. Johnson Mod. R.W. Guthrie Clerk.

Oct. 22, 1837

The session of the Dry Fork church met at the Dry Fork meeting house, Oct. 22, 1837. Constituted by prayer. Members of session, Rev. F. Johnston, Elders, T. C. Beard, James Martin, B. J. Neel, and R. W. Guthrie. Rev. F. Johnston was chosen Mo. and R. W. Guthrie Clerk. Joseph Beard applied and recd. letters of dismission and recommendation for himself and Loucinda his wife. Whereas the Rev. Francis Johnston having (sic) applied to the session for an Elder to sit with him in the Franklin Synod which is to meet at Lebanon Wilson City Tenn. the 9 of Nov. 1837. Resolved that T. C. Beard be and is hereby appointed and B. J. Neel be his alternate. Session adj. F. Johnston - Mo. R. W. Guthrie Cl.

Dec. 10, 1837

The session of the Dry Fork church met at the Dryfork meeting house, Dec 10 1837. Constituted by prayer. Members of the session, Tho. C. Beard, B. J. Neel, & R. W. Guthrie. Thos. C. Beard was chosen Mo. and R. W. Guthrie Clerk. Allen B. and Wm. P. Guthrie was examined on experimental religion and recd. into the communion of the church. James martin (a ruling elder) applied and recd. a letter of dismission and recommendation for himself and Elizabeth Martin his wife. Also David Johnston, Cele (a Servent (sic) applied and recd. a letter of dismission and recom. Session adj. Thos. C. Beard - Mo. R. W. Guthrie, clk.

March 25, 1838

The session of the DryFork church met at Br. Thos. C. Beadr. March 25, 1838. Constituted by prayer. Members of session Rev. F. Johnston, (sic) Elders T. C. Beard, B. J. Neel, and R. W. Guthrie. F. Johnston was chosen Mod,r. and R. W. Guthrie - Cl. On motion resolved that B. J. Neel be appointed to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Koonsville, Tenn. on friday the 30 instant. Where Mr. Wm Evans having (sic)

bin (sic) suspended from the privileges (sic) of the church and has joined another denomination of Christians. On motion Resolved that the advice (sic) of Presbytery be taken in his case. Session adj. R.W. Guthrie Cl. Francis Johnston (sic) Mo.
Examined thus far, Delited lines

Examined - one remark sustained (viz) No stated clerk from the face of the members.

T. Calhoon - Cl.

May 10, 1838

The session of the Dry Fork church met at Br. B. J. Neel's Mat 10 1838. Constituted by prayer. Rev. F. Johnston being preasant (sic) was invited to the chair. Elders, T. C. Beard, B. J. Nee., and R. W. Guthrie. On inquire it was ascertained that Br. B. J Neel attended Presbytery as ordered and also that he obtained the advise (sic) of Presbytery in the case of Wm. Evans which was that he be regularly excuminated (sic) from the privileges (sic) of the church. James Maxwell applied and recd. a letter of Dismission and recommendation. Session adj. R. W. Guthrie S. C.

Aug. 28, 1838

The session of the Dry Fork church met at Robt. W. Guthrie Tuesday 28 August constituted by prayer. Rev. F. Johnston being preasant (sic) was called to the chair, Elders T. C. Beard, B. J. Neel and R. W. Guthrie. On motion resolved that T. C. Beard be and is hereby appointed to attend a called meeting of the chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Lebenon Wilson City on the 4 Sept next, and B. J. Neel be his alter-nate. Session adj. Robt. W. Guthrie S. C.

Oct. 17, 1838

The session of the Dryfork church met at Robt. W. Guthries October 17 1838 constituted by prayer. Rev. Francis Johnston was called to the chair, Elders, B. J. Neel, and Robt. W. Guthrie. On motion that Robt. W. Guthrie be and is hereby appointed to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Smerns Meeting house Jackson city Tenn on friday 19 instant. Session adj. R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Examined and approved - Superior background October the 20th 1838.
F. Johnston Chi.

Nov. 4th 1838

The session of the DryFork church met at Dryfork samp ground Nov 4 1838. Constituted by prayer. Rev. Francis Johnston in the chair, Elders, B. J. Neel, T. C. Beard, and R. W. Guthrie. Brs. Beard and Guthrie reported that they had attended the different session of Presbytery as ordered. Brs. Francis and Jos. F. Johnston having (sic) applied (sic) to this session for each of them as elders to sit with them in the middle Tenn Synod which is to meet at Cairo Nov 8 1838, Ordered that Brs. T. C. Beard and B. J. Neel be and is hereby appointed. Margaret Hanes was examined on experimental relogion and recd. to the communion of the church and her name transfered to the Gallatin church. Mr. Joseph W. Beard having (sic) it in contemplation to remove without the

bounds (sic) of this congregation applied on the 29 Oct 1837 and recd. a letter of dismissal and recommendation for himself and wife, but having (sic) declined, presented his letter to the session which was recd. Turinna, his wife died Oct. 2, 1838. Robt. W. Guthrie S.C.

Jan. 6, 1839

The session of the Dryfork church met at the Dryfork meeting house Jan 6 1839 - constituted by prayer. Thomas I. Evens applied and recd. a letter of dismissal and recommendation for himself and Mary Evens his wife.
R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Feb. 11, 1839

The session of the Dryfork church met at the Dryfork meeting house Feb 11 1839 constituted by prayer. Nancy A. Beard applied and Recd. a letter of recommendation, Also a letter was granted to Mrs. Mary Beards Hager, (a servant). R. W. Guthrie S.C.

April 21, 1839

The session of the Dryfork church met at Dryfork meeting house April 21 1839. Constituted by prayer. Rev. Francis Johnston is in the chair. On motion resolved that Br. B. J. Neel be and he is hereby appointed to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Salem meeting house Smith cty on friday 26 In. Whereas Br. Henry Dobbins, Rachel a (servant (sic) having (sic) bin (sic) suspended from the privileges (sic) of the church, and she having (sic) given no evidence of repenance (sic) but persists in her wickedness, Resolved therefore that the advice of Presbytery be taken in her case. Session adj. Robt. W. Guthrie S.C.

Examined and approved April 1839. Melkajah L. Vaugham Chr.

Sept. 15, 1839

The session of the Dryfork church met at Dryfork camp grounds Sept. 15 1839. Constituted by prayer. Rev. Francis Johnston Moderator, Br. B. J. Neel reported that he attended Presbytery as ordeded and also that he obtained the advice (sic) of Presbytery in the case of Br. Henry Dobbins's Rachel, (sic) which was that she be excommunicated (sic) which was done accordingly. May Blackard applied and recd. a letter of dismissal and recommendation. Martha Mancrief was examined on experimental religion and recd. to the communion of the church. Session adj.
Robt. W. Guthrie S.C.

Oct. 16, 1839

The session of the Dryfork church met at R. W. Guthries Oct 16 1839. Constituted by prayer. Rev. Francis Johnston Mod. On motion Resolved that Thomas C. Beard be and is hereby appointed to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Wortrace Meeting house Jackson cty on friday 18 Instant. Session adj. Robt. W. Huthrie S. C.

March 15 1840

The session of the Dryfork church met at the Dryfork Meeting house March 15 1840. Constituted by prayer. T. C. Beard, Mo. Br. T. C. Beard reported that he attended pes. (sic) as ordered. On motion resolved that T. C. Beard is hereby appointed to attend the Chapman

pr. (sic) which is to meet at Hartsville Summer cty. April 3, 1840.
Session adj. Examined and approved. R. W. Guthrie S. C.
April 3, 1840 Christopher Orgal Clerk of Com.

April 12, 1840

The session of the Dryfork church met at the Dryfork Meeting house April 12 1840. Constituted by prayer. Rev. I. M. McMurry Mod. T. C. Beard, reported that he attended prs. (sic) as ordered, Mrs. Ellenor Neel presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from M. E. Church at Cairo, Robert Neel presented a letter from Oakgrave Church C.P.C. whereupon they were recd. to the communion of this church. Mary E and Martha A. Neel were examined on experimental religion and recd. to the communion of the church. Session adj. R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Aug. 15, 1840

Elizabeth A. Dobbins and Wm. F. Guthrie were examined on experimental religion by the session and admitted to the communion of the church, the former on the 2 of August 1840, and the latter on the 15.
R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Oct. 11, 1840

The session of the Dryfork church met Oct 11 1840. Constituted by prayer. On motion Robt. W. Guthrie was appointed to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Smurny Meeting house Jackson cty Tenn on friday 16 Instant.
R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Report of the state of religion

We have had stated and circuit preaching through the summer. Had a camp meeting which resulted (sic) the conversion of three precious souls, Six accepians (sic) to the church, Love and union prevales (sic) 55 members in Com.
R. W. Guthrie S.C.
Examined and approved 17th Oct 1840.

Wm. T. Martin Clk.

Nov. 10, 1840

The session of the Dryfork church met and being in a constituted capacity, on application, granted letters of dismission and recommendation to Francis Johnston and Kitty Johnston his wife. Also to Robt. E. Martin Sh. and Wm. McKinny Johnston their children. Session adj. Nov 10 1840.
R. W. Guthrie S.C.

March, 21, 1840

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house 21 Instant and on motion appointed T. C. Beard to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Carthage Smith cty on friday 26 Instant March 25 1840.
R. W. Guthrie S. C.
Examined and approved March 27 1841.

P. G. Cavis Chairman

Aug. 22, 1841

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house August 22 1841. Constituted by prayer. Br. James M. McMurry presided. Betsy Neel, James Thomas, James Wright, Wm. Wright and Gideon Wright were examined on experimental religion and recd. into the communion of the church. The three latter not having been baptised in infancy

then recd. the ordinance. Session adj.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Oct. 18, 1841

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house Oct 18 1841. Constituted by prayer. Br. Thomas C. Beard Moderator. On inquire it was ascertained (sic) that Mr. Thomas C. Beard attended Presbytery as ordered. James A. Beard, Wm. S. Payne and James J. Guthrie were examined and recd. by the session of Mt. Mariah church the 14 of August 1841 and recommended to this, and on motion were recd. to the communion of this church. On motion ordered that Br. B. J. Neel be appointed to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet in Smith cty Tenn on Saturday 16 In. Session adj. R. W. Guthrie S. C.

Nov. 21, 1841

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house Nov. 21 1841. Constituted by prayer. J. M. McMurry Moderator. Wm. J. Beard, Mary C. Dobbins and Lamera J. Neel were examined on experimental religion and recd. to the communion of the church. Session adj.

R. W. Guthrie S. C.

April 17, 1842

The session of the Dryfork church met at R. W. Guthries on 17 April 1842. Br. B. J. Neel rendered his excuse for not attending Presbytery as ordered which was sustained. On motion B. J. Neel was ordered to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Lime Creek meeting house Jackson cty Tenn on Saturday 23 April 1842. Nancy Neel and Sophiah Wright presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Hopewell church and on motion was received to this church. David M. Beard requested and recd. a letter of dismission and recommendation. Session adj.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Examined and approved Apr. 23 1842.

M. P. Vaugham Chr.

August 7, 1842

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house August 7 1842. On inquire it was ascertained (sic) that B. J. Neel attended presbytery as prdered. Hannah Beard presented a letter of dismission and recommendation, and on motion was recd. as a member of this church. Session adj.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

May 21, 1843

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house May 21 1843. Rev. J. M. McMurry Mo. Whereas Samuel Beard has requested that his name be taken from the session book, giving as a reason he thought he had no religion. On motion therefore resolved that his request be granted and that the same be published. Session adj.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Oct. 11, 1843

The session of the Dryfork church met at Thos. C. Beards Oct 11 1843. On motion Robt. W. Guthrie was appointed to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Mt. Pleasant meeting house Wilson City Tenn on friday 12 Instant.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Examined and approved Oct 13 1843.

H. J. Dewiss-Chairman

Sept. 4, 1844

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house on tuesday the 4 of Sept. 1844. Constituted by prayer. Rev. Numan Mod. T. C. Beard, J. W. Beard, A. D. Dobbins, J. C. Dobbins, Wm. A. Dobbins, S. C. Neel, N. E. Guthrie and J. B. Neel were examined on experimental religion and received to the communion of the church - Session adj.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Oct. 19, 1844

Session met at Br. Thomas Beards 19 Oct 1844. T. C. B. Mod. R. W. Guthrie reported he had attended Presbytery as ordered. On the 6 day of August 1844 Br. Robt. Payne applied to the S. C. and obtained letters of dismission and recommendation for himself and Sarah Payne his wife, Also for Jane C., Elizabeth A., Polly C., Izabella C. and Wm. S. Payne their children, and the same was approved by the pressant (sic) session. Ordered that Robt. W. Guthrie attend the Chapman (sic) Presbytery which is to meet at Lebanon Wilson cty Tenn. on Saturday 19 Oct 1844. Session adj.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Examined and approved Oct 22 1844.

R. D. Bell ch.

April 16, 1845

The session of the Dryfork church met at Thos. C. Beards April 16 1845. Constituted by prayer. R. W. Guthrie reported that he attended Presbytery as ordered. On motion R. W. Guthrie was appointed to attend the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Lebanon Wilson cty Tenn on friday 25 Instant. T. C. Beard.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Sept. 14, 1845

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house 14 Sept. 1845. Constituted by prayer. Members of session Rev. Bird More, Abram Bradly, T. C. Beard and R. W. Guthrie. Wm. Beard, Francis I. Beard, Samuel H. Beard, Sarah J. Beard, Nancy Dobbins, (sic) Richard B. Dobbins, Sarah J. Guthrie, Robt. H. Guthrie and Nancy C. Neel were examined on experimental religion and recd. into the communion of the church. Martha Valentine formerly a member of the Methedist (sic) Church requested to be recd. as a member of this church, not having it in her power to obtain a letter of dismission and recommendation, and the session being satisfied as to her piety recd. her as a member of this church. Bird More - Mod.

R. W. Guthrie - Clk.

Oct. 18, 1846

The session of the Dry Fork church met at their meeting house after divine servises (sic) 18 Oct 1846. Constituted by prayer. Members of session Rev. James H. Johnston Mo. Elders T. C. Beard, B. J. Neel, and R. W. Guthrie. On motion on R. W. Guthrie was appointed to represent this church in the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Lebanon (sic) Wilson cty Tenn on tuesday 20 Instant. Session adj. James H. Johnston Mod.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Report on the state of religion. We have stated supplies of preaching but no special outpouring of the Spirit. 60 members in communion.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Examined and approved, W. M. Dillard - Chairman.

August 9, 1847

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house during the

intervill (sic) of divine Service August 9 1847. Members of session Rev. Ja. F. Johnston Mo. Elders T. C. Beard, B. J. Neel, and Robt. W. Guthrie. Robt. W. Guthrie reported that he had attended Presbytery as ordered. On motion T. C. Beard was ordered to represent this church in the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at New Hope meeting house Wilson cty Tenn. Oct 18 1847. A copy from the minutes of Chapman Presbytery Fall session 1846. Resolved that the representatives (sic) from each church within the bounds of this Presbytery be required to make a collection in their respective Congregation before the meeting of each Presbytery to be placed at the disposal of the same as contingent (sic) fund to defray the expenses (sic) of delegates to the Gen'l Assembly and other contingent expenses (sic). Resolved further that the state Clerk be required to furnish each Church session with a copy of the above to be recorded (sic) on their Church books. A Copy R. D. Bell Ja. F. Johnston Mod. R. W. Guthrie S.C.
Examined and approved except the omission prayer at the opening (sic) and closing of the session.

March 29, 1848

The session of the Dryfork church met at R. W. Guthries March 29 1848. Constituted by prayer. Members of session, Thos. C. Beard, B. J. Neel, and Robt. W. Guthrie. Thos. C. Beard Mo. On inquire it was ascertained that Br. Beard had attended Presbytery as ordered. On motion Robt. W. Guthrie was appointed to represent this church in the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Lebanon Wilson cty Tenn March 30 1848. 55 members in communion. T. C. Beard Mod. R. W. Guthrie Clk.
Examined and approved March 31 1848. P. J. Davis Chi.

Oct. 27, 1850

The session of the Dryfork Congregation met at their Church. Members, present M. G. Vaughn Mod. J. J. Hibbitt and R. W. Guthrie Constituted by prayer. The following persons joined the Church - (viz) Mary Fuqua, and Nancy McLin by examination and baptism. Mary Ann Guthrie, Sarah A. Beard, Philip E. Drane, John Dobbins, David H. Dobbins & William H. Dobbins by examination having been baptised in infancy -- and James N. McLin, Mary A. McLin, Polly McLin, and Elizabeth McLin who had been members of the Gallatin Church. The session having knowledge of this fact received them into this church. Concluded with prayer. Robt. W. Guthrie Clk. M. L. Vaughn Mod.

Nov. 24, 1850

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house, constituted by prayer. Members present, M. S. Vaughn (mod) and R. W. Guthrie. The following persons were recd. into the church by examination and baptism. John Fuqua, his servant Charlotte, Carson Dobbins's Lee, and R. Guthries Angelina. The following children were baptised, Sarah E., Wm. L., James B., Mary J., John L., and Thomas M. Fuqua, children of John and Mary Fuqua. Evaline J. daughter of S. C. and Mary Beard. Concluded with prayer. M. S. Vaughn (mod). R. W. Guthrie - clk.

Dec. 29, 1850

Baptism administered to Wm. M., Saurinna A., and Mary, Children of Aaron S. and Nancy Neel by Rev. Francis Johnston. R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Sept. 4, 1851

Baptism administered to Mary P., Elizabeth M., and Lucia A. Drane, children of Dr. Philip and Mary Drane, by Rev. J. C. Bowdon.

R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Oct. 5, 1851

Session met at their meeting gouse. Members present (sic) J. C. Bowdon, Mod. J. J. Hibbitt, James Davis, and R. W. Guthrie. Constituted by prayer. Susan Neel, and Mary Harper were examined on experimental religion and admitted (sic) to the privileges (sic) of the church, the latter recd. baptism. The former haveing been baptised in infancy. Session adj. J. C. Bowden Robt. W. Guthrie Clk.

Oct. 8, 1851

Session met at their meeting house. Constituted by prayer. Members present (sic) Rev. J. C. Bowden, Mod. Rev. M. S. Vaughn and R. W. Guthrie -- The following persons joined the church (viz) Martha A. Dobbins, Nancy J. Dobbins, Nancy L. Beard and Louisa B. Harper. The last name recd. baptism. The balance received it in infancy. Session adj. J. C. Bowden - Mo. R. W. Guthrie - Clk.

Report on the state of religion. Monthly preaching with good and sirous (sic) congregation, Prayer meeting regular and well (sic) attended. Sabbath during Summer months - Confmating (sic) in Oct. 1850 and 51 which resulted in conversions 21 acceptans (sic) 5 adult and 16 infant baptisms, 75 members in communion liveing (sic) in peace and love. R. W. Guthrie S.C.

Oct. 29, 1851

Examined and approved and we recommend to the church to elect and have ordained more ruling elders. M. M. Dellard - Chairman
November 1, 1851.

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At the request of the Dryfork church Robt. W. Guthrie attended Chapman Presbytery at Hartsville Oct 1851 and engaged Rev. J. C. Bowden to preach at Dryfork Church one saturday and sabbath in each Month of one year for which he promised him one hundred dollars.

R. W. Guthrie S. C.

Nov. 2, 1851

At Cedergrrove School house Rev. J. C. Bowden, J. J. Hibbitt and Robt. W. Guthrie, Elders recd. to the communion of the church by experience and Baptism Precella Tinnirs, Anne (a servant). At night Joseph W. Beard recd. by experience July A. Dobbins and Margaret A. Beard. They having (sic) been in infancy. Baptism administered to John, McKinny, David, Dorter and Juliaus S. Neel, children of Thomas and Polly Neel. Also to Almidrious B. Beard - son of Wm. and Isabella Beard by Rev. J. C. Bowden, Prayer at the commencement and close of session. J. C. Bowden Mod. R. W. Guthrie Clk.

Feb. 14, 1852

Dryfork Church Feb 14 1852. In consequence of the death of brother Thomas C. Beard, the removal of Mr. Briten neel and the resignation of

brs. Henry Dobbins. All elders in the church, hearing the congregation without a sufficient numbers of elders. Whereupon the congregation held an election of persons to supply the vacancies. The following named brothers (viz) Henry Dobbins, Joseph W. Beard, Aaron S. Neel, and James S. Guthrie having received the majority of the votes of the Congregation were regularly ordained Ruling Elders in the Dry Fork Congregation of this church by the pastor (sic) J. C. Bowden.

Feb. 15, 1852

The session of the Dryfork church met at their meeting house - Constituted by prayer. Pleasant (sic) Rev. J. C. Bowden, Elders Henry Dobbins, Joseph W. Beard, Aaron S. Neel and Robt W. Guthrie. Wm., James W., and Sarah A. Beard - Thomas and Polly Neel his wife, applied and recd. letters of dismission and recommendation - Session adj. Concluded with prayer. J. C. Bowden Mo. R. W. Guthrie S.C.

March 20, 1852

Session met at Dryfork church March 20 - Constituted by prayer. Rev. Maban A. Marlow being present (sic) was chosen Mo. Elders, Joseph W. Beard, A. S. Neel, James S. Guthrie and Henry Dobbins and R. W. Guthrie. On motion Henry Dobbins was prdered to represent this church in the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Mt. Pleasant meeting house Wilson County on friday before the fourth Sabbath in April at 11 oclock (sic) and Joseph W. Beard be his alternate. Concluded with prayer. M. A. Marlow Mo. Robt. W. Guthrie Cl.

April 15, 1852

The session of Dryfork Congregation met at their church April 15 1852. Members present, J. C. Bowden Mod. Henry Dobbins, Joseph W. Beard, and R. W. Guthrie - Constituted by prayer. There being no special business before the session they went into preconsultation concerning the interests of the Congregation. Endeavoring to find out the best means for promoting piety and zeal in the church. Adlourned to meet at the regular time. Concluded by prayer. R. W. Guthrie, J. C. Bowden Mod.
Report of the state of religion in Dryfork church.

No. of conversions 1 Accessions 3
Baptisms Adult 1 Infants 4

The church enjoys the benefits of regular preaching Saturday and Sabbath each month. Also occasional sermons at other times. They meet for prayer twice each month. The members are generally regular in their attendance on this means of grace. General feeling of brotherly love prevails (sic) and the church is blest with peace among her members. R. W. Guthrie Clerk
Examined and approved this April 24, 1852. C. I. Barr, Chairman

May 15, 1852

Session met at their church May 15 1852. Constituted by prayer. Members present, (sic) Rev. J. C. Bowden, Elders, Henry Dobbins, Jos. W. Beard, Aaron S. Neel, James S Guthrie and Robt. W. Guthrie. Br. Dobbins reported he had attended Pres. as ordered. On motion it was excepted. On application B. J. Neel (ruling Elder) Ellenor,

his wife, John B. and Sarah Neel. Also Martha A. and Susan C. Perdue their children, received letters of dismissal and recommendation. Resolved that the session purchase 100 copies of the catishism (sic) for the use of the congregation. Session adj. to their regular time of meeting. Concluded with prayer. J. C. Bowden Mo.

R. W. Guthrie Clerk

June 20, 1852

Session met at their church June 20 1852. Constituted by prayer. Present, Rev. J. C. Bowden. Elders, Henry Dobbins, Jos. W. Beard, Aaron S. Neel, James S. Guthrie and Robt. W. Guthrie. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. James H. Johnston applied and recd. a letter of dismissal and recommendation. Whereas the session clerk has been some what deficient in recording conswquently several names of members are not to be found in the book. Therefore be it resolved that it is the opinion of this session it is merely a neglect without and intention to deprive any of their rights and be it further resolved that all names not found in the book having (sic) a right be now inserted which resolution was adopted. The following preamble and resolution was adopted. Whereas it is the wish of the session that the circumstances that gave rise to the organization of this Church, the names of its first members, from whence they came, the means used for spiritual improvement should be known, not only for the benefit of the preasant (sic) members, but for those who may come after. Therefore be it advised that a committee consisting of the following persons (viz) Rev. J. C. Bowden, H. Dobbins, J. W. Beard and R. W. Guthrie be appointed to collect all the information in their power, embody the same, and report to the subsequent meeting of this session. Session adj. to its regular time of meeting. Concluded with prayer. R. W. Guthrie Cl. J. C. Bowden Mo.

August 14, 1852

Session met at their church August 14 1852. Constituted by prayer. Preasant, (sic) Rev. J. C. Bowden. Elders, Jos. W. Beard, Aaron S. Neel, Henry Dobbins, and Robt. W. Guthrie. Mary L. McLin applied and recd. a letter of dismissal and recommendation. Session adj. to their regular time of meeting. Concluded with prayer. J. C. Bowden Mo.

R. W. Guthrie Cl.

Sept. 22, 1852

Session met at Philip E. Dranes Sept 22 1852. Constituted with prayer. Preasant, (sic) Rev. J. C. Bowden. Elders, H. Dobbins, J. W. Beasd, A. S. Neel, and R. W. Guthrie. Mary and Louisa B. Harper applied and recd. letter of dismissal and recommendation. Session adj. Concluded with prayer. J. C. Bowden Mo. R. W. Guthrie Clk.

Oct. 1st 1852

Session met at their church Oct 1st 1852. Constituted with prayer. Preasant (sic) Rev. J. C. Bowden Mo. and Elders, H. Dobbins, J. W. Beard, A. S. Neel, and R. W. Guthrie. The committee appointed to prepare a history of Dryfork church reported which report was recd. and adopted and on motion the Mo. was appointed to transcribe the history and send a Copy to the historical society at Lebanon and further resolved that the history be spread on the session book. Concluded with prayer. J. C. Bowden, Mod. R. W. Guthrie S. C.

Oct. 4th 1852

Session met at Oct 4th constituted by prayer. Members present or at the previous meeting with the addition of J. J. Guthrie. On motion Jos. W. Beard was appointed to represent this Church in the Chapman Presbytery which is to meet at Lebanon Tenn., on Saturday at three oclock (sic) P. M. before the fourth Sabbath in Oct 1852 and that Jas. J. Guthrie be his alternate. And further resolved that H. Dobbins be appointed to sit with Rev. J. C. Bowden in Middle Tenn. Synod at McMiniver Tenn. friday before the first Sabbath in Nov. and that Jas. J. Guthrie be his alternate. The session engaged Rev. J. C. Bowden to preach for their church one Saturday and Sabbath in each Month of one year for which they aggree to give him one hundred dollars to be paid semiannually. Whereas the board of Trustees of C. University has requested this church to concent (sic) to an engagement with our Pastor to become agent for raising an endowment fund for the Theological School and whereas our Pastor holds the same relation with Bethel and Hopewell churches to whom a similar request has been made. Resolved therefore that this session appoint a member to meet the members appointed by the session of the above named churches to consider this request. On motion R. W. Guthrie was appointed to meet the above named members at John J. Hibbitts on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October at 12 oclock (sic). Concluded with prayer. J. C. Bowden Mo. R. W. Guthrie Clk.

Oct. 7, 1852

Session met at the church Oct 7 1852. Constituted by prayer. Members present, Rev. M. I. Vaughm Mo. Henry Dobbins, Joseph W. Beard, A. S. Neel, and R. W. Guthrie, Elders. Samuel C. Beard, Davis Campbell and L. E. Oldham were examined on experimental religion and received into the communion of the church. The last named received baptism and was dismissed at her request and recommended by letter. Baptism was administered by Rev. J. C. Bowden to Polly A., daughter of Samuel C. and Mary C. Beard. Also to John B. son of Kirby and Mary E. Jones. Session adj. Concluded with prayer. M. L. Vayghm Mo. R. W. Guthry S. C.

Oct. 17, 1852

Session met at their church 17th Oct 1852. Constituted by prayer. Present, H. Dobbins, A. S. Neel, J. W. Beard, and R. W. Guthrie. Br. Dobbins was chosen Mo. R. W. Guthrie who was appointed to meet the delegates from Bethel and Hopewell Churches reported compliance (sic).

The state of the Church since last Presbytery, Preaching Monthly well (sic) attend with good attention, Prayer meetings well (sic) sustaned (sic) in the absence of preaching. Members generally attend to the ordinances of the supper and parents to the baptising of their children. Comfirting (sic) will (sic) attend by preacheers and people which resulted in the converstion (sic) of 13 whites and 30 blacks. Infants Bap. 2 Adults 1 Acceptainces (sic) 13 Dismission by letter 11. Concluded by prayer. Henry Dobbins Mo. R. W. Guthrie Clk.

Examined and approved Oct 25th 1852. P. Y. Davis, Chairman