

October the 13th 1815 The Session of Ebenezer & Little Muddy
Congregations met according to adjournment at Little Muddy meeting
house to take into consideration the charges laid in against Thomas
Porter. Session being present Bro. Wm. Harris was chosen Moderator
at the request of the defendant on account of his wife's indisposition
the Session thought it prudent to procrastinate the trial untill Jan.
the 15th 1816

William Harris Modr.
John Stevenson Clk.

Jan. the 15th 1816 the Session of Ebenezer and Little Muddy Congregation
met according to adjournment at Little Muddy Meeting house to
take into consideration the charges laid in against Thomas
Porter. Cal. John Porter being called on as a witness to support charge
first being sworn states as follows (to wit) that he knows nothing
as to his own knowledge of what was stated ~~stated~~ in charge first
Mrs. Ann Hill being called on as witness to support charge second
and being duly sworn states as follows. That being at her Father's
house in company with Mrs. Florence & Polly Ewing, at a certain
time and that Thomas Porter got in a considerable passion with the
two Mrs. Ewings her self and Mother and that he made use of
unchristian expressions which was this that Bell was gaping for
pe them and other things not recollected — and upon charge third
that she believed that the said Thomas Porter had curtailed his
wifes Religious privileges.

Lacey Lawrence being duly sworn sayeth that to her knowledge
she never knew of Thomas Porter being guilty towards his wife,
Mr. Elisha Hadden being duly sworn testifieth that he never
saw or knew of Thomas Porter being guilty of immoral conduct to-
wards his wife

Mrs. Florence Ewing being duly sworn sayeth that on a certain
day at William Porters she saw Thomas Porter get in a considerable
with his wife and others and made use of rough expressions and con-
duct on the occasion

Samuel Ewing being duly sworn sayeth that he was at Thomas
Porters on a certain day and there saw do Thomas Porter get in

passion with his wife as he believed and forcibly push her down on a chair and at other times had seen him show considerable disrespect to her by neglecting to make provision for her comfortable accommodation.

Session adjourned to meet Jan. the 20th

Wm Harris Moderator

John Stevenson Clerk

Jan. the 20th 1816 The Session of Ebenezer & Little Muddy Congregations met according to adjournment at Thomas Porter to take into consideration the charges laid in against said Thomas Porter a member of their Church Mrs Sally Porter being called on as witness to support charge first and being duly sworn testified that she heard Thomas Porter say that if he was then as he had been he would kill some of them at that he repeated the expressions and further sayeth that he did not think it would be any harm to kill some of them any how or words to that purport and as to charge second she sayeth that she heard him make harsh and unchristian expressions respecting the Mrs Livings such as that Hell was gaping for them &c. To charge third she sayeth that she had an impression that he was rather harsh towards his wife when in a delicate situation but from enquiry afterward had her mind relieved William Underwood being called on as a witness for the defendant Thomas Porter and being duly sworn sayeth that he had never seen any ill treatment from Thomas Porter to his wife but on the contrary he had ever deemed him an affectionate husband to his wife The Session adjourned until the 10th of Febr. 1816

Alexander Chapman Moderator

John Stevenson Clerk

Febr. the 10th the Session of Ebenezer & Little Muddy Congregations met at John Tigerts according to adjournment to take into consideration the charges laid in against Thomas Porter a member of their society. The Moderator put the question to vote whether the first charge was supported which was answered in the affirmative, the second charge being duly considered the session were of opinion that Thomas Porter was guilty of unchristian and blasphemous expressions the third charge being duly considered the Session are of opinion that the 3^d charge is not supported.