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FOR THE YEARS  
1773-1828.

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## TO THE READER.

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THE Annual Minutes of the Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church contain the statistics of the church in detail. They are therefore both entertaining and useful. All who feel an interest in the prosperity of Methodism in this country derive much satisfaction from perusing these documents ; and, as a source of authentic information respecting many things connected with the history, polity, and usages of the church, they are indispensable. But being published in pamphlet form, they are liable to be lost ; and it requires no small trouble, when a consecutive series is needed for any purpose, to procure one. For these reasons the idea of publishing them in a volume was early conceived by John Dickins, first book agent in this country, who, in 1794, issued a volume embracing all the Minutes from the commencement of Methodism in America, a period of about twenty-one or twenty-two years.

In 1813 a volume was published by D. Hitt and T. Ware, book agents. But this work is out of print, and the desire of many to have the whole from the commencement to the present period seems to call for the publication now offered.

In addition to the benefit of having at hand a work of reference to which resort may be had for settling any disputed or doubtful question relating to the statistics of the church, the volume now offered to the public may be recommended as a useful reading book. The biographical sketches of deceased preachers, of which there are many in the work, are highly interesting, and cannot, we think, be read without profit.

The readers of the Minutes should bear in mind, that they are dated, severally, at the time of their publication ; and the matters recorded in each relate to the year closing at that period. This is necessary to avoid mistakes in regard to dates.

Oswegotchie, Hezekiah C. Wooster.  
 Niagara, James Coleman.  
 Christopher Spry, *Elder*.  
 Cecil, William Hunter, Frédu Aldridge.  
 Kent, Zebulon Kankey, David Stevens.  
 Queen Ann's, Wm. M'Lenahan, Richard Stockett.  
 Caroline, Seely Bunn, Robert Bonham.  
 Talbot, William Hardesty, John Falcom.  
 Dorchester, Charles Cavender, Archibald Foster.  
 Annessex, William Beauchamp, John Lackey.  
 Northampton, John Harper, Wm. Bishop.  
 Somerset, John Milburn, Joseph Jewell.  
 Milford, Solomon Sharp, John Robinson.  
 Dover, John Smith, Isaac Robinson.  
 Solomon Covington, Book Steward.  
 Valentine Cook, *Elder*.  
 Clarksburg, R. Manley, H. Harriman, T. Haymond.  
 Ohio, Shadrach Johnson, Jonathan Bateman.  
 Redstone, James L. Higgins, Charles Conaway.  
 Pittsburg, John Cullison.  
 Greenfield, James Smith, Jas. Lattomus.  
 Thomas Ware, *Elder*.  
 Philadelphia, Wilson Lee, Ezekiel Cooper.  
 John Dickins, Book Steward.  
 Chester, Thomas Bell, Samuel Welsh.  
 Wilmington, John Vanneman.  
 Strasburg, Ephraim Chambers, James Stokes.  
 Northumberland, John Seward, Richard Sneath.  
 Wyoming, Alward White.  
 Tioga, Michael H. R. Wilson.  
 Seneca, Hamilton Jefferson, Anning Owen.  
 Bristol, Wm. Colbert, Joseph Whitby.  
 Joseph Everett, *Elder*.  
 Baltimore Town, Daniel Hitt.  
 Harford, Samuel Hitt, Thomas Lucas.  
 Montgomery, Joseph Cromwell, Joseph Stone.  
 Federal, Lemuel Green, J. Potts, T. Lyell.

Frederick, James Moore.  
 Huntingdon, Rezin Cash, James Hunter.  
 Calvert, Elisha Pelham, Jacob Colbert.  
 Carlisle, Thos. F. Sargent, L. Matthews.  
 Prince George's, Thornton Fleming.  
 Fell's Point, Nelson Reed.  
 Old Town, Henry Willis.  
 Baltimore cir., A. Garrettson, B. Essex, S. Harris.

Joshua Wells, *Elder*.  
 Lancaster, Morris Howe, Curtis Williams.  
 Stafford, Stephen Timmons.  
 Fairfax, Chas. Burgoon, Caleb Kendall.  
 Alexandria, Benton Riggins.  
 Winchester, John Bloodgood, John Philips.  
 Alleghany, Nathaniel B. Mills, Ebenezer Smith.  
 Pendleton, James Ward.  
 Berkley, James Paynter, Levin Moore.  
 Rockingham, Joseph Rowen, Chas. Bonnewell.  
 Bath, John Pitts.

N. B. Nova Scotia is left out of the Minutes this year.

Quest. 14. *What drafts have been made on the preachers' fund in the course of the present year?*

The Baltimore Conference ordered,  
 Charles Conaway £24  
 Joseph Cromwell 24  
 Widow Jarrell 20  
 Jonathan Forrest, two years' allowance 48  
 Thomas Haymond 24  
 Benjamin Abbott, funeral expenses and doctor's bill 9 7 6

Quest. 15. *Where and when shall our next Conferences be held?*

1. Maberry's Chapel, Va., Nov. 15, 1796.
2. Charleston, Jan. 5, 1797.
3. Kentucky, at Bethel School, May 1, 1797.
4. Wilbraham, Sept. 19, 1797.
5. Philadelphia, Oct. 10, 1797.
6. Baltimore, Oct. 20, 1797.

## MINUTES

TAKEN AT THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST  
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR 1797.

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*  
 John King, Nathaniel Walker, James  
 Floyd, Alexander M'Caine, Loammi Floyd,

Geo. Shanks, Wm. West, Robert Gaines,  
 Samuel Douthet, Thomas Allen, Robert  
 Wilkerson, Joseph Snelling, John Nichols,

William Thacher, Augustus Jocelyn, Eber Cowles, Ebenezer Stephens, Joseph Sawyer, Joseph Crawford, John Wilson, John Baker, Ebenezer M'Lane, Richard Lyon, Daniel Higby, Johnson Dunham, John Leach, John Ruth, Thomas Dodson, Peter Vannest, William P. Chandler, Thomas Jones, William James, William Atwood, Hill Jones, Collier Hill, John Turner, Stephen Ellis, Banister Meador, Joseph Hill—39.

*Quest. 2. Who remain on trial?*

John Sale, William Brittain, William Lambeth, William Early, Josiah Cole, Moses Black, Moses Wilson, Jeremiah Lawson, Obadiah Strange, Joseph Dunn, Ralph Williston, Timothy Merritt, Wesley Budd, Peter Jayne, Robert Yallaley, Zenas Conger, Roger Benton, James Stokes, Archibald Foster, Richard Sneath, Michael H. R. Wilson, Samuel Thomas, David Stevens, Shadrach Johnson, James Lattomus, Solomon Harris, James Hunter, Joseph Stone, Caleb Kendall, Llewellyn Evans—30.

*Quest. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?*

Edmund Ellis, Duke W. Hullum, Archer Moody, Humphrey Wood, Joseph Pinnell, William Kenyon, John Shepperd, Henry M. Gaines, Benjamin Matthews, Thos. Mann, Nathan Williamson, Richard Posey, Benjamin Lakin, William Duzan, Aquila Jones, Elias Hull, Stephen Hull, Michael Coate, John Finnegan, Daniel Crouch, Benjamin Essex, Anning Owen, John Lackey, Joseph Jewell, Hezekiah Harriman, John Pitts, Jonathan Bateman, Jacob Colbert, John Philips, Edmund Wayman—30.

*Quest. 4. Who are the deacons?*

Archer Moody, Lewis Garrett, James Jones, Charles Ledbetter, Roger Hancock, William Wells, Benjamin Denton, Williams Kavanaugh, Edward T. Rowzee, Samuel Ansley, Edmund Ellis, Duke W. Hullum, Humphrey Wood, Joseph Pinnell, William Kenyon, John Shepperd, Henry M. Gaines, Benjamin Matthews, Thomas Mann, Anthony Sale, Richard Posey, James King, James Patterson, John Watson, John Page, Thomas Wilkerson, Henry Smith, Nicholas Snethen, Nathaniel Chapin, Cyrus Stebbins, Joseph Mitchell, Daniel Brumly, Ezekiel Canfield, David Brown, David Buck, Ja-

cob Rickhow, Timothy Dewy, John Brodhead, Roger Searle, Daniel Dennis, Wm. Bishop, James Campbell, William Storms, Thomas Woolsey, John Falcom, John Seward, John Robinson, James Moore, Alward White, Robert Bonham, Joseph Whitby, Zenas Conger, Samuel Thomas, Richard Sneath, John Vanneman, Daniel Crouch, John Lackey, Joseph Jewell, Aquila Garrettson, Thomas F. Sargent, Stephen Timmons, Curtis Williams, Jas. L. Higgins, Hezekiah Harriman, John Pitts, Jacob Colbert, Edmund Wayman, Thomas Lyell, George M'Kenny, Jeremiah Munday, Jeremiah Norman, Joseph Hill—72.

*Quest. 5. Who are the elders?*

John Baldwin, James Meachem, Josiah Askew, Salathiel Weeks, William M'Kendree, William Moss, Jonathan Bird, James Tolleson, Richard Bird, John West, Christopher S. Mooring, Pemberton Smith, John Fox, John N. Jones, Rufus Wiley, Hezekiah Arnold, Isaac Lunsford, James Hunter, Bennet Maxey, John Ray, David Thompson, Stith Mead, Joel Tucker, Philip Sands, Samuel S. Steward, Lawrence Mansfield, Samuel Rudder, Wm. A. Lilly, Philip Bruce, Joshua Cannon, William Spencer, Joseph Moore, James Rogers, Daniel Hall, John Bonner, Samuel Risher, William Wilkerson, Robert Cox, William Ormond, Thomas Humphries, Hope Hull, Josias Randle, Henry Hill, Enoch George, Benj. Blanton, Jonathan Jackson, John Simmons, Tobias Gibson, George Clark, John Russell, Jas. Jenkin, Jas. Douthet, Francis Poythress, John Kobler, John Buxton, William Burke, Joshua Wells, Andrew Nichols, Jesse Lee, Philip Wager, Geo. Pickering, Evan Rogers, Joshua Hall, Lawrence M'Combs, Joel Ketchum, Jesse Stoneman, Enoch Mudge, Daniel Ostrander, George Roberts, Freeborn Garrettson, Sylvester Hutchinson, Smith Weeks, Shadrach Bostwick, Peter Moriarty, John Clark, Joshua Taylor, Joseph Totten, Geo. Cannon, James Covell, Elijah Woolsey, John Milburn, Wm. M'Lenahan, Christopher Spry, Zebulon Kankey, Wilson Lee, Joseph Lovell, Thomas Ware, Richard Swain, Robert Green, Robert Hutchinson, Samuel Fowler, James Coleman, Darius Dunham, John Fountain, Benjamin Fisler, Robert M'Coy, Hezekiah C. Wooster, John M'Claskey, John Dickens, Ezekiel Cooper, Solomon Sharp, William Hardesty, William Colbert, Isaac

Robinson, Thos. Bell, John Smith, Seely Bunn, William Hunter, Fredus Aldridge, Thomas Everard, Thos. Jackson, Samuel Coate, Hamilton Jefferson, William Beauchamp, Ephraim Chambers, David Bartine, Jacob Egbert, Anthony Turck, Chas. Cavender, Anning Owen, Richard Stockett, Joseph Everett, Nelson Reed, Chas. Conaway, Lemuel Green, Benton Riggins, John Bloodgood, Samuel Hitt, Lasley Matthews, Daniel Hitt, Thos. Haymond, Morris Howe, Charles Burgoon, Nathaniel B. Mills, Joshua Jones, John Harper, Valentine Cook, Thornton Fleming, Elisha Pelham, John Potts, Levin Moore, Rezin Cash, Thomas Lucas, Joseph Rowen, James Smith, James Paynter, Jas. Ward, Robert Manley, Richard Whatcoat, Wm. Bellamy, Archer Moody, Lewis Garrett, James Jones, Charles Ledbetter, Roger Hancock, Anthony Sale, John Ellis—157.

Quest. 6. *Who have been elected by the unanimous suffrages of the General Conference to superintend the Methodist Episcopal Church in America?*

Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury—2.

Quest. 7. *Who are under a location through weakness of body or family concerns?*

Benjamin Denton, Bennet Maxey, David Thompson, Daniel Southall, Hezekiah Arnold, Samuel Cowles, William Moody, Nathaniel Norwood, Aquila Sugg, Ira Ellis, George Wells, Evan Rogers, George Cannon, James Covell, Elijah Woolsey, Daniel Dennis, John Merrick, John Fountain, John Vanneman, Alward White, Samuel Welsh, Thomas Bell, John Falcom, Isaac Robinson, Fredus Aldridge, Aquila Garrettson, Joshua Jones, John Chalmers, Chas. Conaway, Jas. Meachem, Richard Bird, John Shepperd, Edward T. Rowzee, Wm. A. Lilly, John Fore, Wm. Spencer, John Weeks, Isaac Lunsford, Robert Cox, Henry Hill, James Hunter, Wm. Wells, Samuel Rudder—43.

Quest. 8. *What preachers have withdrawn themselves this year from our order and connection?*

NONE.

Quest. 9. *Who have been expelled from our connection for immoral conduct?*

Thomas Coope, Joseph Cromwell—2.

Quest. 10. *Who have died this year?*

1. John Ragan,—a native of Ireland, between thirty-five and forty years of age.

He came to America soon after the peace of 1783, and for the last eight years past was an itinerant preacher in our connection. He travelled principally in Maryland, Nova Scotia, New-York, and New-Jersey. He was an elder in the church, and a conscientious, upright man, both as a Christian and a minister. His labours were greatly blessed the last year of his life in Bethel circuit. He possessed great solitude of mind, and was subject to depression of spirit, trials, and afflictions. He was remarkably fond of books, and, having a retentive memory, became extensively acquainted with history, both ancient and modern, profane and ecclesiastical. On a visit to Philadelphia in August last, he took the prevailing fever, of which he died the beginning of September, soon after his return to the circuit; and we believe that he is now numbered among the spirits made perfect, in possession of uninterrupted pleasures above.

He's gone from all afflictions here,  
To reign in joys eternal there.

2. Albert Van Nostrand,—a native of Long Island, in the state of New-York, about forty years of age. He joined the Methodist society in 1785, among the first who formed a class at Seringtown. Soon afterward he began to preach; and for several years last past he has been in the travelling connection. He had graduated to elders' orders; was circumspect and approved in the church. He died the latter part of September last, at the White Plains, in his native state; and we believe he is now happy with his Redeemer.

His friends are left behind to mourn;  
They'll follow him—he'll not return.

Quest. 11. *What numbers are in Society?*

Province of Maine.		Rhode Island.	
	Whites. Col.		Whites. Col.
Bath	31	Greenwich	42
Penobscot	110	Warren	133 2
Portland	175		175 2
Readfield	300		
	616	Connecticut.	
New-Hampshire.		Litchfield	227 3
Chesterfield	92	Middletown	184 1
Massachusetts.		New-London	211 8
Boston	71	Pomfret	178 1
Granville	316	Redding	191
Lynn	112	Tolland	195 2
Marblehead	20		1186 15
Needham	102	New-York.	
Pittsfield	172	Albany	379 5
Provincetown	65	Brooklyn	23 27
Sandwich	47	Cambridge	400
	905	8 Columbia	257 1



Whites. Col.			Whites. Col.			Whites. Col.			Kentucky. Whites. Col.		
New-Rochelle	520	18	Amherst	325	90	Catawba	233	38	Danville	409	16
Delaware	344	6	Bath	231	18	Seleuda	450	32	Hinkstone	325	1
Dutchess	384	10	Bedford	389	111				Lexington	274	14
Herkimer	378		Berkley	417	61		2693	890	Limestone	416	8
Long Island	325	25	Bottetourt	300	12	Georgia.			Salt River	226	5
Newburg	378	5	Brunswick	379	156	Burke and			Shelby	90	13
New-York	740	141	Clarksburg	200		Richmond	643	75			
Saratoga	241		Cumberland	392	34	Washington	379	73			
Seneca	243		Fairfax	335	52					1740	57
			Franklin	353	58		1022	148	Canada.		
	4612	238	Gloucester	945	125	Tennessee.			Bay Quintie	446	1
New-Jersey.			Greenbrier	245	5	Cumberland	201	26	Niagara	140	
Bethel	646	24	Greensville	970	254	Green	333	16	Oswegotchie	206	2
Burlington	359	28	Hanover and								
Elizabeth-town	210		Williamsburg	639	95		534	42		792	3
Flanders	222	4	Holston and			RECAPITULATION.					
Freehold	387	17	Russell	390	23	Whites. Col.					
Salem	452	42	Lancaster	288	123	Province of Maine	-	616			
Trenton	162	12	New-River	94	6	New-Hampshire	-	92			
			Norfolk and			Massachusetts	-	905	8		
	2438	127	Portsmouth	93	129	Rhode Island	-	175	2		
Pennsylvania.			Portsmouth			Connecticut	-	1186	15		
Bristol	145	8	cir.	550	327	New-York	-	4612	238		
Carlisle	250	6	Northampton	476	296	New-Jersey	-	2438	127		
Chester	318	6	Ohio	288	5	Pennsylvania	-	2900	198		
Greenfield	485	7	Orange	435	35	Delaware	-	1461	823		
Huntingdon	242		Pendleton	106	5	Maryland	-	6982	5106		
Northumberland	264	2	Rockingham	304	24	Virginia	-	11046	2490		
Pittsburg	212		Stafford	230	21	North Carolina	-	7251	2071		
Philadelphia	380	163	Sussex	642	181	South Carolina	-	2693	890		
Redstone	313	6	Winchester	354	123	Georgia	-	1022	148		
Tioga	110					Tennessee	-	534	42		
Wyoming	181			11046	2490	Kentucky	-	1740	57		
			North Carolina.			Canada	-	792	3		
	2900	198	Anson	320	36				46145	12218	
Delaware.			Banks	102	10	Preachers 262.					
Dover	697	480	Bertie	422	155	Quest. 12. Where are the preachers stationed this year?					
Milford	703	306	Bladen	436	104	Wm. M'Kendree, Presiding Elder.					
Wilmington	61	37	Camden	255	247	Greenbrier, Richard Bird.					
			Caswell	430	50	Bottetourt, Joseph Moore, Samuel Ansley.					
	1461	823	Contentney	181	35	Bedford, Daniel Hall.					
Maryland.			Goshen	235	3	Orange, Samuel Risher, James Floyd.					
Annamessex	225	106	Guilford	625	39	Amherst, Charles Ledbetter, John Sheperd.					
Annapolis	68	145	Mattamuskeet	111	12	Hanover and Williamsburg, James Tolle-					
Baltimore cir.	507	122	Newbern	296	387	son, Edward T. Rowzee, John Ellis.					
Baltimore			New-Hope	374	80	Gloucester, Stith Mead, Lee Roy Cole.					
Town	466	264	Pamlico	279	27	Richard Whatcoat, Presiding Elder.					
Calvert	500	880	Roanoke	426	337	Cumberland, Pemberton Smith, W. A.					
Caroline	461	148	Salisbury	700	33	Lilly, J. Fore.					
Cecil	354	176	Swanino	263	19	Amelia, Lawrence Mansfield, Edmund					
Dorchester	697	627	Tar River	566	106	Ellis.					
Federal	507	390	Trent	596	337	Greensville, William Spencer, P. Sands,					
Frederick	250	36	Union	200	22	W. Kenyon.					
Harford	327	28	Yadkin	434	32	Brunswick, Jas. Meachem, Joel Tucker.					
Fell's Point	79	37				Sussex, William Moss, John Bonner, J.					
Kent	259	372				Weeks.					
Montgomery	510	254	South Carolina.			Bertie, Joseph Pinnell, John Sale.					
Queen Ann's	669	573	Broad			Portsmouth, Isaac Lunsford, Robert Cox.					
Prince			River	526	62	Camden, James Rogers.					
George's	148	520	Bush River	262	4	Norfolk, Philip Bruce.					
Somerset	447	98	Charleston	65	409						
Talbot	508	320	Edisto	438	89						
			George-town	8	115						
	6982	5106	Great Pee								
Virginia.			Dee	201	60						
Alexandria	65	45	Little Pee								
Alleghany	264	16	Dee	300	5						
Amelia	347	60	Santee	220	75						

**Henry Hill, Presiding Elder.** 9

Swanino, Benjamin Matthews.  
 Union, Henry M. Gaines.  
 Yaddin, Humphrey Wood, John Harper  
 Salisbury, Duke W. Hulum, John King.  
 Guilford, Wm. Burke, Roger Hancock.  
 Haw River, Wm. Early, Lewis Garrett.  
 Franklin, James Jones, Williams Kavanaugh.

**James Hunter, Presiding Elder.** 4

Caswell, Wm. Wilkerson, Wm. Brittain.  
 Roanoke, Wm. Ormond, Wm. Wells.  
 Tar River, John Ray, Archer Moody.  
 Goshen, Jeremiah Munday.  
 Newbern, Rufus Wiley, Samuel S. Steward.

Contentney, William Lambeth.

Pamlico, Thomas Mann.

Mattamuskeet and Banks, Samuel Rudder,  
 Nathaniel Walker.

John Baldwin, and Salathiel Weeks,  
 Book Stewards for the Virginia  
 Conference.

**Jonathan Jackson, Presiding Elder.** 5

Charleston and Georgetown, Benj. Blanton,  
 John N. Jones, James King.  
 Edisto, John Simmons, Nathan Williamson.

Broad River, Rufus Wiley, Alexander  
 M'Caine.

Seleuda, Geo. Clark, Samuel Douthet.

Bush River, Richard Posey.

Santee, Catawba, and Camden, Tobias  
 Gibson, Josiah Cole, Isaac Smith, Mark  
 Moore, supernumeraries.

Union, Henry M. Gaines, Moses Wilson.

**Enoch George, Presiding Elder.** 4

Washington, Jas. Jenkin, Anthony Sale.

Augusta, Hope Hull.

Richmond and Burke, Josias Randle, Wm.  
 West, Robert Gaines.

**Thos. Humphries, Presiding Elder.** 4

Great Pee Dee, James Douthet.

Anson and Little Pee Dee, John Russell,  
 James Patterson, John Floyd.

Bladen, Christopher S. Mooring, Moses  
 Black.

**John Kobler, Presiding Elder.** 8

Francis Poythress, supernumerary.

Limestone, Aquila Jones.

Hinkstone, John Page.

Lexington, Benjamin Lakin.

Danville, Jeremiah Lawson, Thos. Allen.

Salt River, Henry Smith, Williams Kavanaugh.

Cumberland, Thos. Wilkerson, Obadiah  
 Strange.

**Jonathan Bird, Presiding Elder.** 9

Green, John Buxton, Robert Wilkerson.

Holston, Wm. Burke, Wm. Duzan.

Russell, John Watson.

New-River, Joseph Dunn.

Jesse Lee is recommended by the  
 yearly Conference to travel with  
 Bishop Asbury this year. 10

**George Pickering, Presiding Elder.** 11

Warren and Greenwich, Nathaniel Chapin,  
 Wesley Budd.

Boston and Needham, Daniel Ostrander,  
 Elias Hull.

Sandwich, Joseph Snelling.

Lynn and Marblehead, John Brodhead.

Martha's Vineyard, Joshua Hall.

Chesterfield, Smith Weeks.

Provincetown, Jacob Rickhow.

Vershire, Ralph Williston. 11

**Joshua Taylor, Presiding Elder.** 12

Readfield, Joshua Taylor, Robert Yal-  
 laley.

Bath, Roger Searle.

Penobscot, Timothy Merritt.

Portland, Nicholas Snethen, John Fin-  
 negan.

Kennebeck, Jesse Stoneman.

Pleasant River, Enoch Mudge. 12

**Sylvester Hutchinson, Presiding Elder.** 13**Freeborn Garrettson, Elder.** 14

New-London, Shadrach Bostwick, John  
 Nichols.

Pomfret, Stephen Hull, Joseph Crawford.

Middletown, Michael Coate, Peter Jayne.

Tolland, Lawrence M'Combs.

Litchfield, Ezekiel Canfield, William  
 Thacher.

Granville, Daniel Brumly, Ebenezer  
 M'Lane.

Redding, David Buck, Augustus Jocelyn.

Cambridge, Timothy Dewy, Eber Cowles.

Saratoga, Joel Ketchum, Joseph Sawyer.

Pittsfield, Cyrus Stebbins, Ebenezer Ste-  
 vens.

Columbia, Peter Moriarty.

Dutchess, Philip Wager, Joseph Mitchell.

New-Rochelle and Croton, David Brown,  
 John Wilson, John Baker.

Long Island, Brooklyn, Commack, and  
 Southold, Andrew Nichols, Joseph

Totten, William Phœbus, to change  
 every four weeks.

New-York, G. Roberts, J. Wells, W.  
 Beauchamp. 13

**John M'Claskey, Presiding Elder.** 14

Salem, Wm. M'Lenahan, Benj. Fisler.

Bethel, R. Hutchinson, Richard Sneath.  
Burlington, Solomon Sharp, Zenas Conger.

Trenton, Richard Swain, Ephraim Chambers.

Freehold, Jas. Campbell, Joseph Lovell.  
Elizabethtown, John Clark, T. Merritt,  
J. Seward.

Flanders, Samuel Thomas, Thomas Everard.

Newburg, Samuel Fowler, Thos. Woolsey.  
Delaware, Anthony Turck, John Robinson.  
Herkimer, Jacob Egbert, Jonathan Newman.

Albany, R. Green, H. Jefferson, W. Storms.

Christopher Spry, *Presiding Elder*.  
Cecil, W. Hunter, Z. Kankey, J. Smith,  
sup.

Kent, Richard Stockett.

Queen Ann's, Robert Bonham, John Leach.

Caroline, Wm. Bishop, Robert M'Coy.

Talbot, Thos. Jackson, John Ruth.

Dorchester, John Milburn, Joseph Jewell.

Annessex, Daniel Crouch, David Stevens.

Northampton, Archibald Foster, Thomas Dodson.

Somerset, John Moody, Asher Smith.

Milford, David Bartine, Thos. Jones.

Dover, Joseph Whitby, Benj. Essex.

Thomas Ware, *Presiding Elder*.

Wilmington, Ezekiel Cooper.

Chester, William Colbert.

Strasburg, William P. Chandler.

Bristol, Chas. Cavender, Richard Lyon.

Northumberland, John Lackey, Daniel Higby.

Wyoming, Roger Benton.

Tioga, James Stokes.

Seneca, Anning Owen, Johnson Dunham.

Philadelphia, Wilson Lee, James Moore.

Valentine Cook, *Presiding Elder*.

Pittsburg, Robert Manley.

Redstone, James Smith, Solomon Harris.

Greenfield, James Paynter, Wm. James.

Clarksburg, Levin Moore.

Ohio, Nathaniel B. Mills, Jacob Colbert.

Joseph Everett, *Presiding Elder*.

Baltimore City, John Harper, Nelson Reed, H. Willis.

Baltimore cir., John Bloodgood, Thomas F. Sargent.

Federal, Jas. L. Higgins, Joseph Stone.

Montgomery, Thomas Lucas, Lasley Matthews.

Prince George's, Shadrach Johnson.

Frederick, Caleb Kendall.

Carlisle, Joseph Rowen.

Harford, Lemuel Green, Chas. Burgoon.

Huntingdon, Seely Bunn, John Philips.

Calvert, Thornton Fleming.

Annapolis, Benton Riffin.

Philip Bruce, *Presiding Elder*.

Lancaster, James Lattomus.

Stafford, Hezekiah Harriman.

Fairfax and Alexandria, Daniel Hitt,

Thomas Lyell, Curtis Williams.

Berkley, John Potts, James Hunter.

Winchester, Stephen Timmons, Abraham Andrews.

Rockingham, Morris Howe, John Pitts.

Pendleton, James Ward.

Alleghany and Bath, Rezin Cash, Edmund Wayman, Jonathan Bateman.

Wm. M'Kendree, *Presiding Elder*.

Greenbrier, James Tolleson.

Bottetourt, Humphrey Wood.

Bedford, Duke W. Hullum.

Orange, Benjamin Matthews, Banister Meador.

Amherst, James Floyd.

Williamsburg and Hanover, Wm. Wilkerson, John Ellis, Wm. Brittain.

Gloucester, Stith Mead, Lee Roy Cole.

Richard Whatcoat, *Presiding Elder*.

Cumberland, Joseph Moore, Wm. Kenyon.

Amelia, Daniel Hall, Joel Tucker.

Greensville, J. Russell, A. Moody, Wm. Lambeth.

Brunswick, Enoch George, Philip Sands.

Sussex, J. West, S. S. Steward, Nathaniel Walker.

Bertie, Christopher S. Mooring, Joseph Hill.

Portsmouth, Wm. Ormond, Stephen Ellis.

Camden, John Bonner.

Norfolk and Portsmouth, Anthony Sale, James G. Martin.

Lawrence Mansfield, *Presiding Elder*.

Josiah Askew, sup.

Swanino, Thomas Mann.

Yadkin, Wm. Moss, Daniel Gossage.

Salisbury, Geo. M'Kenny, Samuel Ansley.

Guilford, William Early.

Haw River, Joseph Pinnell, Collier Hill.

Franklin, Jeremiah Munday, Llewellyn Evans.

James Rogers, *Presiding Elder*.

Caswell, Edmund Ellis, Hill Jones.

\* These Minutes include two Conferences in Virginia: in consequence of which the stations of the preachers belonging to the Virginia Conference are twice inserted.



Roanoke, John Ray, William Bellamy.  
Tar River, Roger Hancock, William Atwood.

Goshen, John King.

Newbern, James Jones, John Turner.

Contentney, Lewis Garrett.

Pamlico, Samuel Risher.

Mattamuskeet and Banks, John Sale.

Quest. 13. *What regulations have been made in respect to the printing business, and the publication of books?*

The Philadelphia Conference, in whom the management of these affairs was invested by the General Conference, and who have not time during their annual sittings to complete this business, have, by the advice and consent of Bishop Asbury, unanimously appointed the following persons to be a standing committee, viz.—

Ezekiel Cooper, *Chairman*.

Thomas Ware, John M'Claskey, Christopher Spry, *Presiding Elders*.

William M'Lenahan, Richard Swain, Solomon Sharp, Chas. Cavender, *Elders*.

The above committee are to meet at Philadelphia on the 2d of January, 1798,

and once a quarter afterward, or oftener if necessary, to consider and determine what manuscripts, books, or pamphlets shall be printed.

Four of the said committee, when met as above, shall proceed to business, provided that the chairman and one of the presiding elders be present. And the general book steward shall lay before the committee all manuscripts, books, and pamphlets which are designed for publication, except such as the General Conference has authorized him to publish.

Quest. 14. *Where and when shall our next Conferences be held?*

1. Charleston, Jan. 1, 1798.
2. Salem, Va., April 9, 1798.
3. Holston, May 1, 1798.
4. Baltimore, May 2, 1798.
5. Philadelphia, June 5, 1798.
6. Readfield, Aug. 29, 1798.
7. Granville, Sept. 19, 1798.

\* \* \* The preachers are requested to bring to the next Conferences the names of all the licensed preachers in their respective circuits.

## MINUTES

TAKEN AT THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR 1798.

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

George Daugharty, Thomas Milligan, Thomas Shaw, Hanover Donnan, Samuel Hooser, Cornelius Hill, John Saunders, John Evans, Josiah Philips, Thomas Drumgole, Thomas Daughaday, William Vredenburgh, Jesse Justice, Elijah Fitzgerald, Daniel Webb, Reuben Hubbard, Elijah Bachelor, Abner Wood, Shubal Lamb, Asa Heath, Epaphras Kibby, Lorenzo Dow, Truman Bishop, Billy Hubbard—24.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

Thomas Nelson, Alexander M'Caine, Samuel Douthet, Loammi Floyd, Robert Gaines, William West, John King, James Floyd, Llewellyn Evans, Nath'l. Walker, William Atwood, Hill Jones, Collier Hill, John Turner, Stephen Ellis, Banister Meador, Joseph Hill, Solomon Harris,

James Hunter, Joseph Stone, Caleb Kendall, John Cullison, Thomas Allen, Robert Wilkerson, Richard Lyon, Daniel Higby, Johnson Dunham, John Leach, John Ruth, Thomas Dodson, William P. Chandler, Thomas Jones, Asher Smith, Peter Van-nest, Joseph Snelling, John Nichols, Wm. Thacher, Augustus Jocelyn, Eber Cowles, Ebenezer Stephens, Joseph Sawyer, Joseph Crawford, John Wilson—43.

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Those marked thus [\*] were elected to the office of deacons, but not ordained.

Moses Wilson,\* Moses Black,\* Josiah Cole,\* Shadrach Johnson, Jas. Lattomus, Jeremiah Lawson,\* Obadiah Strange,\* Zenas Conger, Richard Sneath, Samuel Thomas, Roger Benton, James Stokes, Archibald Foster, David Stevens, Ralph