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Introduction – Difficulties having occurred in the 1st Pres. Church of Apple Creek which led to the dismissal of their pastor Rev. John F. Cowan. (?) these difficulties reviving after an interval of several years during which the church was vacant; All efforts to remove them proving ineffectual; it was finally voted unanimously by members of the church present on Sabbath March 24th 1839 that a meeting called for the election of additional elders – Mr. N. Adams having recently left this to join the 2nd Apple Creek Church – The Thursday following was accordingly appointed. Thursday March 28th

“Church met according to appointment – After sermon by Rev. J. L. Frary – proceeded to the election of elders – Allen Baldwin and James Wallace were duly elected; and they having (?) their willingness to accept the office of ruling elder were ordained according to the directions of the form of government of the Presbyterian Church by J. L. Frary presiding minister - A meeting of the session of the 1st Apple Creek Church was appointed for the following Thursday at 3 o'clock P.M.

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