The following is a transcription of the original documents transcribed as written. They state the purpose establishing the church, baptisms, deaths and other church information. Pages were written from front to back and upside down back to front. The picture of the page is a copy of one of the original pages from the record book.



***Page 1***

**May 21st 1820**

The **Rev. Salmon Giddings** met the …sons above named and assembled? To their request proceeded to organize them into a Church of Christ. Voted by said church that Brother **Mitchell Fleming**, **Oliver Harris** and **John Gilleland** & **Samuel Anderson** shall be the Elders of this church. Ordination was conferred on the same by Mr. Giddings.

**March the 4th 1821**

**Ebenazar Flin** and **James Hope** are Ordain. And Elders of the same Session (by the **Rev. Edward Hollister)**

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***Pages 2 & 3***

Number of Communicants

*Women* *Mens Names*

**Mary Brown John Gilleland**

**Margaret Abernathy John Little**

**Jean Gilleland Mitchel Fleming**

**Dorey Gilleland Saml Anderson Dect**

**Sedy Fleming Oliver Harris**

**Agness McFarlane Cyrus Henderson**

**~~Isabela Henderson~~  Wm Walis**

**Jean Stephenson George Fleming**

**Jean Little John Brown**

**Sarah Wallace Benjamin Brown**

**Martha Brown ~~Jacob McFarlane~~**

**Elizabeth Little Mathew Smith**

**~~Jean McFarlane~~ James Wallis**

**Mary Jetun Elijah Harris**

**~~Naomi Brown~~ Milton Harris**

**Elizabeth Byrd Kiah P. Harris**

**Jean Anderson Hiram Fleming**

**Patsy Thompson James Hope**

**Mary Gilleland Ebenazar Flin**

**Margaret Harris James Stephenson**

**~~Ruby? Wilson~~  William Wallis, Jur**

**Delia Harris ~~???? Jetun~~**

**~~Elizabeth Bean or Brown?~~  William Johnson**

**Patty Hope ~~James Walis?~~**

**Margaret Flin May the 8th(?) 1825**

**Polly Flin Edwin Henderson**

**~~Mr. Miller~~  John Little & ???**

**Mrs. MCLain Alex Little**

**Hannah Harris Wm A. Hope**

**Sophina Harris Mathew Henderson**

**Margaret Smith Moses S. Harris**

**Jean Wallace Phillip Clotfelter**

**~~Burnice Harris~~  ~~???? Miller~~**

**~~B??t//g Gilleland~~  David Lucky 75**

**Isabela Johnson March the 6th, 1826**

**Mary Steel Sacrament of the Lord’s**

**~~John Little (Jr or Sr)~~  Supper on the 8th June**

**~~Alex Little~~**

 **young communicates? R???**

**1825 May the 8th Wilson Gilleland**

**Narcissa S. Harris Franklin Wallace**

**Nancy Little Zenas N. Ross**

**Peggy Little Polly Wallace**

**Isabela Henderson Lucinda Hope**

**Jemima Clotfelter**

**Those on examination**

**~~Mrs. Miller~~**

**Eleanor Lucky**

**~~Mrs. Jean ??????~~**

Number of Communicants

Womens



***Page 4 & 5***

Records of the Church on Apple Creek

Being desirous of enjoying the benefit of the ordinancy of religion which God has instituted and the order to maintain Divine and Public worship live more to his glory and promote each others growth in grace and spiritual comfort, We the undersigned mutually unite together in church relation and covenant known by the Presbyterian Church of Christ on Apple Cree. We also promise as God shall give us grace to watch over each other in the Lord; to conduct in the spirit of Christian meekness; to walk as becometh saints before the world; to maintain the worship of God in our families; and to attend to all the ordinances and means of grace which God hath appointed to be observed in his church. We take the scriptures of the Old and New Testament for the rule of our faith and practices and the confession of faith and Directory as revised and adopted by Presbyterian Churches in America as the best summary and explanation thereof.

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Jan 22, 1826 Baptized a child for Mr James Wallace

April 16, 1826 Baptized a child for Mr. Milton Harris and wife

April 30, 1826 Baptized a child for Mr Philip Clodfelter and wife

May 13, 1826 Baptized a child for Mr John Prim and wife

October 14 1826 Baptized a child for Mr Mathew Henderson and wife

December 17, 1826 Baptized a child for Mr Elam Adams and wife

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Six vacant seats vacant

No. 4 taken by John Prim balance is vacant

No. 7 Abner Hope

No. 9 & 10 John Harris

No. 14

No 21 on an accurate calculation of the subscription this is surplus of ??

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Division of seats in Applecreek meeting house

John Gilliland and William Wallace No. 11

John Harris Alex and Wm McLeans No 18

John Little John Luckey No. 16

Elijah Harris Oliver Harris No. 2

Thomas Wilson Benjamin Brown Philip Clodfelter No. 1

~~James Hope~~  Elam Adams M McNeely No 13

Joseph Abernathy James Wallace No 12

John Brown John McComb No 20

John Oliver Mitchel Fleming Z Ross George Fleming part vacant No 14

John Adams John McNeely No 7

To pay 50 cents ea No 5

Levi Russell James Stevenson No 23

James Thompson Lot Abernathy Michael Mathews No 10

Abner Hope himself No. 8

Joseph McLean Mary Steel B Wallace No. 19

James Hope ???? Henderson No 28

???? M Henderson W Doherty No 6

Cyrus Henderson his father Mathew Smith No 22

John Wallace his father Royal Thompson No 7

E Flinn Absm ?????? No 3

Milton Harris L Harris Cyrus Harris No 15

John Prim Thomas Harris Part vacant No 4

Vacant part of No 4 filled by Wm Hope

~~October 26 1826 this is to certify that~~

Lott Abernathy No 10 given up to James Thompson

part vacant to be taken by Mahala Mathews

George Fleming part vacant No 14

John Adams John McNeely No 7

To pay 50 cents each

Vacant 7,9,14

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Record of removals

Jacob McFarlin

Jeane McFarlin

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***Page 10*** Baptisms

Milton Harris children; Sarah, Amelia

Matthew Smith: James Wallace

Edward Harris: Robert Washington

Zenos Ross: Margaret Harriet

Ben Brown: Michael Alexander

Levi Torrence: Barbara Ann

Philip Clodfelter: David Foster

William Johnson of Perry County two children

**March 28 1830**

Committed to baptism

Levy N Torrence children

Milton Harris one Mary Adalaide

Levi Torrence: Nancy Jemima

George Fleming one Narcissa Jane

James Little one John Michael

Robert McFarland three Elizabeth Sady, Margaret Rosanna, Rebecca

Joseph McNeely one

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***Page 11*** Record for Deaths

1821) Agnes Fleming Aug 21 {*She is buried in the Fleming Cem with her husband and daughter sic}*

 James Harris

1822) Robert Steel May the 10th

 Margaret Fleming Aug 14th

1823) Naomi Brown Sept the 5th

Charles Wallace Oct the 30th

Ruthy Wallace November the 17th

Samuel Anderson Dec

(1824) Mr. Hart

Andrew J Steel

Charles Harris

Mrs. Price

Susannah Abernathy

Gibony 1824

Ephraim Harris

June) John Gilliland

March 26 1829 Cyrenius Flinn

1830 John Harris March 1st

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***Page 12*** Record for Marriages

1824) Joseph McLain & Jean Gilliland

Robert McFarlin and Agnes Fleming

1822) Royal Thompson and Jean Wallace

Benjamin Brown and Mary Fleming

James R Little and Betsy Fleming

Sep the 20th 1823- Jan 15 1824

James Russell and Betsey Gilliland

James Wallace and Polly Abernathy

Mitchell Fleming and Jean Stephenson

William B Wallace and Dovey G Hope

October 21st Anderson Bull and Rachel Wallace

Oct 28the John Wallace and Betsy Abernathy

1825 Thomas Harris and Bernice Harris

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***Page 13*** Record of Births and Baptisms 1824

Phillip Clodfelter child Elizabeth Leonard

Joseph McLain 2 John and Dovey Ann

William Harris 2 Robert B and John G

David Lucky 1 Elizabeth Jean

Matthew Smith 1 Elizabeth Mary

Benjamin Brown 1 Martha Ann

Harris Little 1 Nancy Jean

James Wallace 1 Glaphira Caroline

March the 6th 1826

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***Page 14*** Record for Births ~~and Baptisms~~

1824) Polly L Henderson

William D Harris

Jean Almira Smith

Leah Lavira Smith

Wm L Smith (Mr. Sprague)

1822)

Forgey Miller 2 children baptized

William Wallis 1 child baptized

James Stephenson 1 child baptized

Nov. 16th 1823 John Franklin Little baptized

John Decalogs Abernathy baptized

Aug the 8th 1824

Mary Jean Johnson

Joseph Abner Hope

Abner Wallace

John Leander Brown

Dec 31 –Jan 1 1825

Nancy Caroline Stephenson

Margaret Jean Henderson

Nancy Jean McFarlin

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***Page 15*** Church Records

For the Presbyterian Church on Apple Creek

State of Missouri Cape Girardeau County May 21st 1821

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Also on the sacramental qualifications stated there were added to the congregation the following members they being the result of late emigrations

Levi Russell and wife

Cyrus Alexander and wife

Margaret Harris

Lilly Henderson

Joseph Stanhope Cochran

Zenas N Ross

The above eight persons all admitted and joined this church on certificate also at the same time and place

Robert Brevard and wife

Meridith and wife

Joined and admitted on ???? recommendation

**May 1830**

Levy Torrence (E

Margaret B Torrence (C

Newton Query (C

John N Adams (C

Martha A Adams (C

Rebecca Prim (E

Ann Woods (E

Robert McFarland (E

Ambrose Alexander (C

Eleanor Alexander (C

Narcissa Alexander (C

Alexander L Alexander (C

James Woods & wife (C

??? McCombs (E

Robert A Alexander (C

1830-1839

“The book containing the session minutes of Apple Creek Church was burned with the pastor’s house

 and library on Feb. 6, 1833. The pastor was the Rev. **John F. Cowan.**

 In the early 1830s began the outcropping of the “Great Cause” which in 1838 caused the division of the Presbyterian Church and in 1860-1865 almost caused the disruption of the nation. The first rumblings of the historic cause were heard in Apple Creek Church when the Rev**. J. M. Covington** who labored here for one-fourth of his time prior to 1833 charged that the Doctrine of Christian Responsibility was repugnant to many of the members and some of the session.

The dissatisfaction grew during the ministry of Mr. Cowan (1833-1837) until there were two parties in Apple Creek Church. On June 10, 1833, the session resolved that it would be conducive to the peace and good order of our church if the Rev. **J. F. Cowan** would desist from writing us or intermeddling in our affairs. Mr. Cowan was dismissed as pastor.

Presbytery appointed a commission to attempt to restore harmony. The effort of the commission was not successful and the church was divided. About half of the congregation became the North Apple Creek church and the others the South Apple Creek Church. The record gives a long attempt of the two groups to arrive at a settlement of which one would become the owner of the property and offers of payment by one group to the other. There is no record of any of the minutes of the final settlement.”

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