

Documents from the Town of Lima

Subscription

The young Men of the town of Charleston taking into consideration the many advantages arising to society in the improvement of knowlege, the promotion of virtue and good Morrals and the cultivation of manners, all which we believe may be promoted by the preaching of the Gospel; and seeing, with concern, the failure of several attempts for its uspport by the elder class of citizens: we do therefore with these considerations, hereby form ourselves into a Society for the encouragement of the preaching of the Gospel.

We the subscribers, do, theirfore agree to pay to a Committee which we shall hearafter choose for the purpose, the sums annexed to our respective names: which sums collectively shall be for a fund out of which the said Committee shall, at their Discretion pay to any Minister of the Gospel they shall have engaged to preach such sums as may by them be agreed upon.

Those who shall take the pains to procure this subscription are Desired when they shall have procured the subscription of 100 Dollars, to notify us by advertisement or otherwise to meet at some convenient place where we accordingly agree to meet and their and then to Choose a Committee whose duty it shall be endeavor from time to time to procure such Ministers to preach as they may expect will be acceptable in our Society, and them to pay as above directed.

Immediately after the choosing of the committee, the money subscribed shall be paid into their hand and an account of the same by them kept in a book by them provided for that purpose and for registering an account of the several applicataions of the same. This institution is to Continue for at least the term of ONE YEAR at the expiration of which the committee shall warn a meeting of the society, when it shall be at their option, individually, if any money shall remain in the hand of the committee to recieve their proportionate part of the same and theirfore dissolve the Society, or else to continue the same with such further regulations and chair or officers as shall by them be deemed Necessary.

At any Meeting of this Society, any vote taken for the choise of a Comitee, for the place of holding meetings for preaching, or whatever, shall be determined and estimated by the sums subscribed by the respective members of the Society, which may be present to vote at such meeting.

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|-------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Calvin Benjamin | \$10.00 | Elijah Morgan | \$ 2.00 |
| Isaac Hall | 7.00 | Miles Bristol | 2.00 |
| Moses Beers | 2.50 | John Morgan | 1.50 |
| Wolcot Moors | 1.00 | William Curtis | 2.50 |
| Clement Leech | 3.00 | Phineas Smith | 2.00 |
| Jedediach Cummins | 8.00 | Absalom Rice | 1.00 |
| Nathaniel Farrano | 3.00 | Jonah Moses | 1.00 |
| Francis Stevens | 2.00 | Henry Annable | 1.00 |
| Manasseh Leech | 2.00 | William Tanner | 1.00 |
| Mathew Warner | 10.00 | Joel Roberts | 2.50 |
| Nathan Toles | 3.00 | Isaac DeForest | .50 |
| Phineas Birchard | 3.00 | James Cronk | 1.50 |
| James Annable | 4.00 | Asahel Warner | 10.00 |
| Samuel McClellan | 1.50 | Abner Stetson | 3.00 |
| Samuel Stevens | 3.00 | Benjamin Cowle | 3.00 |
| Daniel Janes | 1.00 | William Williams | 4.00 |
| John Heasley | 1.00 | Abel Bristol | 3.00 |
| Stephen Tinker | 8.00 | William Brown | 1.50 |
| Aaron Watkens | 1.00 | Josiah Mather | 1.00 |
| David Morgan | 10.00 | Joseph Palmer | 1.00 |
| Solomon Hovey | 6.00 | Luther Curtis | 3.00 |
| | | Marvin Brockway | 1.00 |

Notification for Meeting

All Persons Intrested in a Late Subscription paper circulated for the encouragement of preaching are hereby Notified that a Meeting of the Subscribers will be holden at the house of Asahel Warners on Tuesday evening of the fifth day of January next, for the purpose of agreeing on Measures proper to promote the Object of Said Subscription.

Charleston Dec. 30th 1801

A true Copy of the Original Warning--Test. Isaac Hall, Clerk

[Typescript copy of the first entries in the "Minutes of the First Congregational Society of Charleston," records of the First Presbyterian Church of Lima, New York]

The form of the Constitution
of the
Charleston Congregational Society

It is the Right as well as the Duty of all Men in Society Publicly and at stated Seasons to worship the Supreme Being the Great Creator and Preserver of the Universe of thare own Minds and will. We the People of Charleston County of Ontario do hereby Solemly and Mutually agree with Each other to form our Selvs into a Congregational Society for the Promotion of the gospel and to Enable us to Worship God in the Manner and Season Most agreeable to the Dictates of our own Consciences.

Article 1 Thare Shall be Six Trustees Chosen agreeable to an act Passed by the Legislator of the State of New York the 27 of March 1801 for the incorporation of Religious Society.

2nd The Trustees Shall have there Seal agreeable to Said Act and Exercise all Athority agreeable to Said Act Except in Setting Ministers building and for Raising Money for that Purpose.

3rd The trustees shall give an account to the Society of all the Money in thare hands at the annual Meeting and all other Property.

4th All the officers shall be Chosen by a Majority of the Society that shall be present at thare Meeting, votes to be given by Ballad.

5th The Trustees of the Society shall [not] have any right to Settle Ministers or Build houses for the Benefit of the Society or Rais Money for that Purpose unless thare shall be a Majority of two thirds of the Society in the Affirmative that Shall be Present.

6th No Person Shall be Considered as an Elector unless he Subscribes his name to these Articles or conflictth with the Laws.

7th That all Moneys that shall be Raised for the use of the Society Shall be Raised in that way that two thirds of the Society think Best and that Shall be Binding on the whole.

8th The Annual Meeting Shall be on the first Monday in November in Every year and Notified and warned as the Law Directs.

9th The Society shall be Known and called by the name of the Charleston Congregational Society.

10th The above Articles Shall not be binding on any Person unless thare shall be the amount of fifty Signers and forty of the Signers Shall be free holders.

11th Any one Belonging to this Society Shall Move out of Charleston is not holden.

12th If any one of the Members of this Society should be convinced in his own Confession that some other Religious Denomination is higher than the one that he belongs to and he Actuly joins him Self to Some other Church and brings a Certificate from Thare Elder Deacon or Clerk that he has Actually joined to Such a Church then the Certificate Shall be Recorded in the Clerks office of this Society he shall be excepted.

[From the "Minutes of the First Congregational Society of Charleston," Lima Presbyterian Church, Lima, New York.

Excerpts from "School Minutes, 1814-1854"
District 4
Lima, New York

According to the direction of the School Commissioners of the town of Lyra, Thomas Gorton have notified the inhabitants of the fourth district in said town to meet on the 8 of September at 1 o'clock pm at the dwelling house of Frances Stephens then to take unto consideration the situation of the said district.

- 1 Agreeable to the said notification meet ✓
- 2 Chosen Thomas Gorton moderator ✓
- 3 Voted Aaron Levisee clarke ✓
- 4 Voted that we shall build A hous for the District of said school
- 5 Voted that the said house shall stand on Thomas Gorton's land a little north of the old house where the said Gorton family dwelt

January 9, 1815

Voted again to build school house
To be completed by 20th of October ensuing
To be set a little north of the said house that elder Gorton formerly dwelt in on John Phillips land
Voted that John Phillips, Alva Reman be a committee to consult X
the church and society on the question
Voted that there be raised \$250 for the building of the school house
Voted that we have school to begin the middel of May and to keep X
fore months to be taught by A woman

September 17, 1823

Voted that the Master board round the District the board at one Dollar per week if the master board himself He is to take his pay in such things as his family want such as grain and pork
Voted that the wheat be taken from Mr. Beeman's and sold fore one Dollar per Bushel or stoard till it will fetch it

September 15, 1824

Voted that every person sending to school shall funish 3/4 of a cord of wood for evere scholar sent to be delivered by 15 of November and split fit for the fire

Voted that whoever boards a scholar that goes to school shall be considered holden for the school tax X

Voted that when the school tax is made out it shall be ten days with the trustees and such as wish to pay their tax without cost can pay to them otherwise the tax will be given to the collector and five cents on the dollar allowed for collecting.

September, 1825

Trustees report:

We the trustees of school district No. 4 in Lima do Report
that the monies rec'd by us are as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Money drawn from Lima Commissioners | 16.67 |
| Drawn from Livonia Commissioners | 2.65 |
| Money collected from the district | 44.68 |
| Money rec'd from old trustees | .58 |
| And a note against Samuel Day | 7.49 |

72.07

And we have paid out as follows

64.00

To Lord Sterlin our school master 4 months
To Nancy Smith for teaching school 16
weeks @ 1 dollar per week

48.00

16.00

Leaving a balance in our hands of

8.07

[From the collections of the Lima Historical Society, Tenny
Burton Museum, Lima, New York]

(5)

This indenture made this sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord 1815 witnesseth that Benjamin Craig, son of Betsy Craig aged twelve years and six months and with the consent of the said Betsy Craig his Mother hath of his own free will and by and with the consent of Betsey Craig his mother who is by law his natural guardian and I do hereby bind and place him the said Benjamin Craig apprentice unto Samuel C. Brockway of Lima in the County of Ontario Farmer to learn the art trade or mystery of farming which he the said Samuel C. Brockway useth and with him as an apprentice to dwell [?] and serve from the date hereof until he shall be twenty one years of age during which term the said apprentice his said master will and faithfully shall leave his service shall keep his lawful commands [no hurt] to his said master he shall not do nor wilfully suffer it to be done by others the goods of his said master he shall not [?] or waste unlawful games he shall not play taverns or alehouses he shall not frequent fornication he shall not commit matrimony he shall not contract from his said master's business he shall not absent himself without his said master's consent but in all things as a good and faithful apprentice shall and will demean himself towards his said master and all his and the said master in the said trade or occupation of farmer shall and will instruct and to be well and sufficiently taught and instructed according to the best way and manner he can and shall and will also find and allow unto said apprentice meat drink washing and lodging and apparel bothe woollen and linen and all the necessaries fit and convenient for such an apprentice during the term aforesaid and also shall send the said apprentice to some good English school to learn him to read write and cipher so as to have good common learning and at the expiration of the aforesaid term the said master shall pay or leave to be paid to the apprentice one hundred dollars worth of neat cattle which are to be good and marchantable in witness whereof the parties to these presence have here on to set their hand and seals the day and year first above written-- signed, sealed and delivered in prseence of

Huldah Warner
Frederick B. Warner

Betsey X Craig
Mark

Samuel C. Brockway

[Copied from an original copy in the Warner Papers, Item #222, Lima Historical Society Collection, Tenny Burton Museum, Lima, New York.]

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 History of Education in the United States
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 University of Washington

**Data on Rural District Schools
 Lima, New York**

Length of School Year, Rates of Attendance and Amount of Public Funding
 Comparative Data By District
 Town of Lima, 1825

| School District # | # Months in Session | # of children taught | # of resident children ages 5 to 15 | Ratio of Children Taught to # of Children Ages 5 to 15 | Amount of Public Money Received (state funds plus local school taxes) |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Whole districts | | | | | |
| 3 | 10 | 97 | 82 | 1.18 | \$34.16 |
| 5 | 8 | 75 | 53 | 1.42 | 21.67 |
| 6 | 9 | 52 | 42 | 1.24 | 17.50 |
| 7 | 9 | 71 | 57 | 1.25 | 23.75 |
| 8 | 8.5 | 70 | 53 | 1.32 | 22.00 |
| 9 | 10.5 | 99 | 90 | 1.10 | 37.49 |
| Partial districts | | | | | |
| 4 | 8 | 58 | 48 | 1.21 | 16.67 |
| 10 | 8 | 41 | 41 | 1.00 | 17.00 |
| 16 | 8 | 7 | 8 | .88 | 3.34 |
| 19 | 8 | 22 | 7 | 3.14 | 2.92 |
| Total | | 592 | 481 | 1.23 | \$196.68 |

Length of School Year, Rates of Attendance, and Sources of Funding
For Common Schools
Comparative Data By Year
Town of Lima, New York
1825-1848

| Year | Median number of months each district was in session | # of children taught | # of resident children ages 5 to 15 (before 1829) ; 5 to 16 (beginning 1829) | Ratio of children taught to # of children ages 5 to 15 (or 5 to 16 beginning 1829) | Amount of public money received (combined town and state) | Additional amount paid for teachers from sources other than public money (i.e., rate bills) | Total funds paid for teachers from public and non-public sources | Ratio of public funds to all funds paid for teaching |
|------|--|----------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| 1825 | 8 | 592 | 481 | 1.23 | 196.68 | na | | |
| 1827 | 8 | 504 | 456 | 1.10 | 178.76 | na | | |
| 1829 | 8.5 | 448 | 460 | .97 | 201.16 | 546.51 | 747.67 | .30 |
| 1830 | 9 | 504 | 500 | 1.01 | 188.47 | 499.07 | 687.54 | .27 |
| 1835 | 9 | 454 | 526 | .86 | 158.11 | 581.52 | 739.63 | .21 |
| 1840 | 9 | 643 | 684 | .94 | 450.84 | 858.51 | 1309.35 | .34 |
| 1845 | 9 | 585 | 551 | 1.06 | 394.22 | 737.13 | 1131.35 | .35 |
| 1848 | 9.5 | 556 | 510 | 1.09 | 360.08 | 613.81 | 973.89 | .37 |

Average Tuition Rate Bill per Student
School Distret #4 and all Common Schools in the Town of Lima, 1825-1848

| Year | Amount paid for teacher wages from non-public sources (i.e., rate bills) | Total Student Enrollment | Average rate bill per student |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| School District #4 | | | |
| 1825 | \$ 44.68 | 58 | \$.77 |
| All District Common Schools in the Town of Lima | | | |
| 1830 | \$499.07 | 504 | \$.99 |
| 1835 | 581.52 | 454 | 1.28 |
| 1840 | 858.51 | 643 | 1.34 |
| 1845 | 737.13 | 585 | 1.26 |
| 1848 | 613.81 | 556 | 1.10 |