

At the request of our Pastor the Rev^d Geo. Foskett and
the Members of the Baptist Church of X^t, at Blisworth
I give a brief account of the introduction and continuation
of the Gospel in the village of Blisworth North^{ham} Shire.
viz; John Goodridge of Hartwell Chapel in said County Married
Miss Ann Blunt of said Parish, Took a Farm of His
Grace the Duke of Grafton, and came to reside at
Blisworth in 1780. The Gospel had been Preached in
the Village some years before but how long cannot be
ascertained, however there was no Dissenting Minister
Preached at that time, I having left the established
Church he came a Dissenter and finding three or four
in the Village we met together at each others Houses at
different times for prayer meeting with encouragement,
we at length licenced a dwelling House for evening
Preaching, a W^m Peotress with other neighbouring ministers
were invited to preach on sabbath evenings and
occasionally on a week day eve. This appeared to be
attended with the Divine blessing, - in this good work
we met with much opposition and persecution, the
Rector of the Parish were very much offended at the
growing Interest and sent for us to have it put a stop too
turn over

And said that He would leave no stone unturned to prevent
our having preaching we not agreeing to his wishes.
He made such interest to the Duke's Steward that He
soon got the Conventicle from us has He called it (though
we believe it was unknown to the Duke) so that for a time
we had no licenced place to meet in. However we continued
our prayer meetings, committing our cause to the Lord,
and He soon opened up a way for us, in the year 1789
we requested the Rev^d Mr. Goode Independant Minister
of Pottersbury to apply to His Grace the Duke of Grafton
to let us have the use of a Barn in the occupation of
Rob^t Campion, after much consideration it was generously
granted, a part of which was fitted up for a place of
Worship, being duly licenced it was opened for Baptist
Dissenters to worship, in Oct^r 1789 the Rev^d Mr. Goode
of Pottersbury preached from Nehemiah 2 Chap, V. 10,
and the Rev^d John Ryland of North, ^{ton} late of
Bristol D. D. preached Acts 11 Chap, V. 23, rd after
this time Rev^d W^m Heighon of Road North, ^{ton}shire
Preached once a month on the Sabbath Day Evening and

Occasionally on a week day evening and on those Sabbaths when we
had no Minister we constantly met for prayer and read a Sermon, the
Congregation still increasing it became necessary to have the whole of
the Barn, and Mr. Heighon preached in it three Sabbath evenings out
of four every month, and the Congregation still increased He then
preached every Sabbath evening, in 1807 a Sabbath School was
established, and though for the first two Sabbaths there was but
six or seven attenders in a few weeks the number of Children was 50 or 60,
severall adults became serious and joined the Church at Road, —
Some of the Sabbath School Children gave ^{appearance} hopefull of conversion,

The spirit of hearing continued to increase, the meeting became so thronged that
we were obliged to dismiss the greater part of the Sabbath School
Children before the publick Worship began, this grieved us very
much, — being convinced of the necessity of a larger place to worship in
we consulted Mr. Heighon who was our Pastor at that time,
likewise other neighbouring Ministers and Friends who favoured
our views, we purchased a piece of Land of Mr. Goodridge for
ten pounds and built a Meeting House in 1825 thirty six feet
square and fixed desks for the use of the Sabbath School there
being 100 Children, we then requested our dismission from
furn over

The Church of X^t at Road which was readily granted, and we were formed into a Baptist Church commonly called Calvinistic Nov^r, 4, 1825 consisting of Eleven Members, after this we were supplied three times a Day on the Sabbath and had the Ordinance of the Lords Supper administered to us once a month by neighbouring Ministers who were settled Pastors of Baptist Churches, mean while the Rev^d Geo. Foskett of Newport Pagnell preached to us as a probationer. He being acceptable was requested to get his Dismission from the Church of X^t at Leighton Buzzard under the pastoral care of Rev^d Tho^s Wake and become a member with us. He having received an Honourable dismission with M^r Foskett became our Pastor, being Ordained Sept^r, 6th, 1826 The Rev^d J. Simmons Honey Stratford introduced the service with reading and prayer, the Rev^d J. Simmons Honey stated the nature of a Christian Church and asked the usual questions, the Rev^d W^m Highton Road offered the Ordination prayer, the Rev^d T. P. Bull Newport Pagnell delivered an affectionate and impressive Charge from 2 Timothy second^d & remember Jesus X^t, the Rev^d W^m Gray North^{ton} preached to the Church from Hebrews 13 C. V. 22 former part suffer the word of exhortation; the Rev^d J. Barker Towcester concluded with prayer, in the evening the Rev^d J. W. Wake Hisingbury

— Comenced the service by reading and prayer, the Rev^d Clarke Gilsborough preached from Luke 13 C. 29 V. The Rev^d W. Hawkins Towcester, independent, concluded; — though the Day was unfavourable the Congregation was large and respectable. the services of the day were highly interesting, the prospect a source of encouragement to Ministers and people. — Our number of Church Members September 1828 is twenty four.

John Goodridge Sen^r } Deacons
W^m Goodridge }
George Foskett Pastor

Died Oct 5 1828 M^r John Goodridge Sen^r, Deacon of the Church from its Commencement, after having been a Member of the Church of Christ at Road 43 years and a Deacon of that Church 29 years, —

Dismissed our Brother Benj. Champion
dead to the Church at Road Dec - 15 1820

Dec^m 31 1820 Received into Communion
after having been Baptized. —

John Corral
Richard Pinfold

1829

M^{rs} Hannah Russell having received
an honourable Dismissal from the
Church of Christ at Road was received
into our Communion Jan^y 19 1829.
dead Hannah Russell her Mark &

May 3, 1829. — Received into Communion
by Baptism. —

Elizabeth Geyser

Benjⁿ Cook

At a Church meeting held June 1 = 1829,
Will Wood was excluded after having
been suspended 10 months. —

Departed this Life July 27 1829. Alice Bacon
after a short and painful affliction. — dead

Eleanor Woodhouse having received
an honourable Dismissal from the Church
of Christ at Road was received into our
Communion Oct^r 4 = 1829, Eleanor Woodhouse