

# **Transcription of an old church record book for Redstone Baptist Church, Brownsville, PA. Transcribed by Karen Souhrada.**

[Source: Transcription of an old church record book, begun in 1847.  
The book is leather bound and in very poor condition in 2005.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the *American Baptist-Samuel Colgate Historical Library – Rochester, NY* for housing this wonderful old record book, and for allowing a transcription to be made from it. Thanks to Mark Whetzel for letting us know of this valuable resource] (Karen Souhrada; transcriber; Rochester, NY)

The spine of the book indicates the following information:  
Brownsville (PA), Redstone B. C.  
Records     Baptist Church  
286.1748  
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If you flip the book upside down you will find a new set of records:  
Ledger  
Baptist Church

The inside fly leaf of the book has the following notation:  
The American Baptist Historical Society  
J. William Bonner  
July 3, 1946

[The ledger is quite beautiful, with a geometric cut-out pattern on the front cover. It is a two-in-one record book, shown as RECORD on the top of the spine, and upside-down LEDGER on the other end of the spine. The paper inside is quite brittle, and yellow with age, with faded sepia tone writing.]

[page 1, my notation]

Whereas

At a meeting held at the house of Will\_\_\_ Colvins February the 11th 1847 it was thought adviseable [sic] to make an effort to build in this community a Baptist Meeting house of good size and substantial. Therefore Resolved

That William Sharpless, Robert Baden and Earhart Grabel be A committy [sic] to soliset [sic] subscriptions for that purpose.

2nd Resolve (?) Sharpless

That the offer of Levi Colvin & D. C. Colvin to furnish a lot of ground on the road leading from Brownsville to (Sharpless) Mill be accepted in case the funds be raised.

3rd Resolve

That when a sufficient amt. is subscribed the committy [sic] be requested to call a meeting to hear their report and make further arrangements [sic].

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Pursuage to \_\_\_\_\_ of the last meeting the committy [sic] has called another meeting at the school house near the designated place for building said house, March 5th 1847.

Therefore Resolve

That we build a frame meeting house on the lot designated at the first meeting the house to be 40 feet wide by 56 long 16 feet high.

2nd Resolve

That Wm. Colvin, Wm. Sharpless and Mathias Hutchison be Trustees for the purpose of obtaining a deed for the lot in trust for the regular Baptist denomination holding the doctrine set forth in the articles of faith adopted by the Monongahela association in the year of Our Lord 1844 adopted at Goshen church an [sic] bit Whitely in green [sic] county and to their successors in office

### 3rd Resolve

That Wm. Sharpless, Wm. Colvin, John Townsen, D. C. Colvin, Emanuel D. Stewart and James Colvin be the Building committy [sic] to carry out the foregoing resolution.

### 4th Resolve

That Levi Colvin be Treasurer and Bookkeeper  
March 5th 1847

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Redstone Baptist Church A. D. 1876

Rooles [sic] of order governing debate or in time of doing business in church meeting.

No talking by members, while any one is Speaking.

No question is debatable until it's seconded and remarks cauled [sic] for by Moderator.

All Members wishing to speak on any question shall rise to their feet and address the Moderator.

No person while speaking shall be interrupted [sic] by any other member nor shall he be allowed to speak more than twice on one question without the permition [sic] of the Chairman.

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### Minutes

According to a call from Brownsville Regualr Baptist Church a council convened at the Redstone Regular Baptist meeting house on Wednesday 26th Dec. 1849 to consult and advise.

Present from Flatwoods, Elder J. W. B. Tisdale and Brethren Job Rossel & Joel Cooper

From Uniontown, Elder Isaac Wynn & Br. (?) U. Bryson  
Council organized by appointing Elder Tisdale Moderator.

The following resolution offered by Br. Wynn was then adopted:  
Resolved that we as a council are in favor of the organization of a church in this place and recommend all the brethren living in the vicinity to enter into it.

Council then adjourned.

The brethren intending to enter the new Church then held a meeting & appointed a committee to ascertain how many would go into the constitution & report on Saturday Jan. 5th 1850. Adjourned

Sat. Jan. 5th 1850

Brethren met. The committee appointed 25th Dec. 1849 reported that they had the names of 55 persons members of different Baptist Churches willing to go into a new church.

Resolved

That we will proceed to constitute a Church to be known by the name of "The Redstone Regular Baptist Church."

Resolved

That we appoint Thursday before 4th Lord's day in this month at 11:0'clock as the time to be recognized.

Resolved

That Brs. Miles & Jno. Rush attend to the Articles of Faith.

Resolved

That we request Brs. Eberhart Tisdale, Wynn, Wood & R. R. Sutton to attend to the recognition.

Appointed Br. Jno. Rush to represent the Church

Adjourned to meet as afore mentioned.

Thursday Jan. 24th 1850

Met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by Br. Wood adopted the Articles of Faith of Monongahela Association.

Adopted a Covenant of the brethren solemnly entered into it.

The Council for recognition then met composed of Elders J. W. B. Tisdale, W. Woods, R. R. Sutton & E. M. Miles & Brethren Jas. Fry, D. Rittenhouse, (?) H. McCoy, J. Patterson & U. Skinner.

The Council having the letters of dismissal, Articles of Faith & Covenant.

Resolved to proceed to recognize the brethren as a church, which was done as follows

Sermon by E. M. Miles from Zechariah \_\_\_ C 15V

Constituting prayer by J. W. B. Tisdale

Address to Church by W. Wood

Right hand of Fellowship by R. R. Sutton

given to Br. Jno. Rush, representative of the Church.

The Church then adjourned to meet on the 1st Saturday in February next.

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[The RECORD book is a list of congregants with various notations and a table across two sheets; reading left to right, for entries in the following categories:]

*Name, Baptized, Received by letter, Dismissed, Dismissed by letter, Excluded, Died*

#### List of Members

John Rush	Dismissed by letter
Margaret Rush	Dismissed by letter
Martha Rush	Dismissed by letter
Sarah Rush	Dismissed by letter
Margaret Rebecca Rush	Dismissed by letter
Lydia Ann Rush	Dismissed by letter
John Colvin	Died, in Marysville, CA Dec. 17, 1852
Mary Ann Britt	Died, June 3rd 1852
William Sharpless	Dismissed by letter
Mary Sharpless	Dismissed by letter
James Cockburn	Dismissed by letter, Deceased
Sarah Cockburn	Dismissed by letter[notation crossed out]
Margaret Cockburn	Dismissed by letter
Erasmus J. Alton	Dismissed by letter, Deceased
John Fleming	
Rebecca Fleming	Excluded
Matthias Hutchinson	Excluded Nov. 16, 1850; Deceased 1858
Sarah Hutchinson	Died 1862
William Wells	Dismissed by letter, Feb. 24th 1855
John Hess	
Matthias Cowell	Deceased
James McKnight	Dismissed, March 30, 1851
Jesse Peaden	"do"
William Addis	Dismissed by letter
John Addis	Dismissed by letter
Rebecca Addis	Dismissed by letter
Benjamin Minks	Gone off without letter
Matilda Minks	Excluded
[* notation shown: Constituent Members]	
Sarah Jane Minks	Dismissed by letter
Margaret Arrison*	
Earhart Grable*	Dismissed by letter, March 15, 1851
Nancy Grable*	"do"

Sarah Grable*	
Thomas Grable*	"do"
Jamson Burke	Baptized Sept. 1850, Dismissed Feb. 24th 1855
Margaret Burke	"do"
Levi Colvin, Jr.	"do", Dismissed
Jonathan Sharpless	"do"
John McLean	"do", Dismissed Feb. 24th 1855
Sarah Hutchinson	"do"
Washington Shriver	Baptized May 4, 1851, Died Feb. 8th 1861
Melissa Shriver	"do"

#### Returned to Association

Baptized 14	Received By Letter 2
Dismissed 3	Excluded 1
Total 69	

Elizabeth Bowden	Baptized 1851, Dismissed
Mary F_____	Baptized 1851, Dismissed
Mary Colvin (wife of D. C. C.)	Baptized 1852
Lydie Davidson	"1852"
Sarah McClean	"1852", Dismissed Feb. 24th 1855
Alexr. Carlisle	Baptized Sept. 26th 1852
Name erased	Baptized 1853
(?) Powell	1853, Deceased 1856
(?), W. Hickman	Received by letter Dec. 21, 1861; Dismissed March 21, 186?
and wife	Received by letter June 25, (?) 1853, Dismissed June 1860
Mary Ann B_____	Received by letter May 27, 1854, Dismissed by letter Feb. 24, 1855
Margaret Cawfield	Received by letter June 24, 1854, Dismissed by letter "do"
James Cunningham	Received by letter June 24, 1854
& wife Mary	Received by letter June 24, 1854
Wells	June 24, 1854, Received by vote of church from Campbell ____ Church
Willis B. Skinner	Received by letter Sept. 23, 1854, Dismissed 4 Oct. 1857
Caroline Phillips	Baptized Feb. 25, 1855
S. Crumrine & wife	
Mary J. Skinner	Baptized 1855, Dismissed Oct. 1857

Rachel Radcliff	Baptized 1855
Ann M. Hare	Baptized 1855
George Colley	Baptized 1855
Eliza Colley	Baptized 1855

The Following Persons were Baptized in Nov. 1859

Mary Duff	Nov. 1859, Dismissed by letter
Rhoda A. Rotruck	"do"
David Jordan	"do", Dismissed by letter
Timothy Hess	"do"
(?)Zimrie Hogue	"do", Dismissed by letter Dec. 27, 186_(?2)
Jonathan Cowell	"do"
Mrs. Whetzell	"do"
Martin Hess	"do"
Sabrina Jordan	"do", Dismissed by letter
Dacy A. Donaldson	"do"
Colly Shriver	"do"
Wardon Patterson	"do", Dismissed by letter
Henry Rotruck	"do"
Joseph Conaway	"do", Excluded
Wilson Hill	"do"
Neri Cowell	"do"
Rosanah Jordan	"do", Dismissed by letter
Miss E. A. Hogue	"do", Dismissed by letter Dec. 27, 1862
Charles Patterson	"do"
Isaac Cowell	"do", Deceased
Sarah Cowell	"do"
Cass Crable	"do"
Samuel Thompson	"do", Dismissed by letter
Henry Linn	"do", Dismissed by letter Oct. 26, 1861
George Colley, Junior	"do"
John Rptricl	"do" Nov. 1859
Margaret Minks	Removed the 26th 1854, refer to resolution of Ausust
Thomas Casady	Baptized Nov. 1859
John Bird	"do"
John Linn	"do", Dismissed by letter Oct. 26, 1861
John Jordan	"do", Restored
Elen snider	Received by letter Oct. 27, 1860
Hannah Phillips	Baptized Nov. 1859

Robert Skinner	
Margaret Skinner	Deceased
Leah Skinner	
James Colvin	Deceased
Mary Colvin	Dismissed by letter
Elissja (?) Colvin	Dismissed by letter
Margaret Britt	Deceased
Mary Hannah Britt	
Mary Ann Britt	
Elizabeth Britt	Died Nov. 5, 1875
Elizabeth Sharpless	
Minerva Sharpless	
Lavina Peoples	Dismissed by letter
Charlotte Clark	Dismissed by letter
Rebecca Coulstone	Dismissed by letter
Catherine Goe	Excluded
Elizabeth Rotruck	
Robert Boden	
Daniel Philips	
Sarah Philips	
Reuben Bush	
Charlotte Bush	
Jacob Hazelett	
Jane Hazelett	
Mary Ann (?) Herns/Kerns	
James Paden	
Andrew Lynn	
Henry Minks	
Elizabeth Hess	
Margaret Boden	
Parscilla Boden	
David Peoples	
Mary Peoples	
Wm. L. Barnum	Received by letter April 26, 1867
Mary Barnum	“ “ “ “ “
Miss L. Magee	Baptized 1862
Margaret Hutchison	Baptized June 22, 186(?)2, Dismissed by letter Feb. 21, 1865
Nancy Gamble	Received by letter Dec. 27, 1862
Mary A. Kelley	Baptized Jan. 1863

Mary E. Shriver	"do" (Baptized Jan. 1863)
Catherine Hager	"do"
Elizabeth Grant	"do"
(?) Dorda Hess	"do"
(?) Harris Sharpless	"do"
Martha Johnston	"do"
Ellen Hess	Received by letter May 23, 1863
Illegible entry	
Maria Pierson	Received by letter May __ 1874