

NORTH SCARBOROUGH FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

89-9-38



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1876 A List of Resident members of  
This Church.

Males

Luther Libby

William Strout

Samuel Graffam

Reuben Wescott

Charles W. Keering

William E. Strout

Females

Abigail Shaw

Sarah Keering

Sarah Libby

Louisa Parker

May Allen

Lucinda Riggs

Sarah Parker

Martha A. Wescott

Harriett McLaughlin

Hannah Babb

Zilpah B. Keering

May Milliken

Elora B. Strout

June 18-1876

A list of those that united  
with the church to day

Samuel W. Roberts  
Leroy Hyer

Ann Hyer  
Betsy H. Lanabee  
Susan Klunn  
Cora A. Hyer  
Adria Wescott

July 30/76  
Wm. H Mitchell  
Albert Riggs  
Joseph Mesewe

Mary S. Mitchel  
Nellie Farnham  
Mattie L. Roberts  
Eloira Burnell  
Maay Burnell  
Helen Burnell

Aug. 26/83

George Burnell  
John Pettingell  
Laura Pettingell

Sister Mary Butler died Aug 13, 1890

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South Gorham May 25<sup>th</sup> 1882  
Met in Conference at Brotha Wm. C.  
Strout and had a good meeting  
Choose Charles W. Deering and wife  
Delegates to Quarterly meeting to be  
held with the church at Windham  
centre. Brother J. J. Wheeler  
presented a letter from West Cape  
Elizabeth Church and asked to be  
admitted to membership of South  
Gorham, F. W. B. Church. Voted to admit him  
Mrs. J. J. Wheeler asks admission to  
membership of this church, and pre-  
sented a letter of commendation  
from Houlton Me. F. W. B. church  
Voted to membership.

Charles W. Deering Clerk.

May 31/83 Bro. J. J. Wheeler & wife were  
granted a letter of dismissal by vote

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closed his pastorate of nearly three  
years with this church to-day.

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Nova Scotia and were accepted  
as members of this church.

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Quarterly meeting to be holden at  
Harrison

C. W. Kleeing Clerk.

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C. W. Deering Clerk.

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Baptist Church in Easton in good  
standing as such we commend  
him to the fellowship of Gods  
people and when we are in-  
formed that he has joined or  
united with some other

Evangelical Church we shall  
consider him regularly dismissed  
from this Church.

In behalf of the Free Baptist  
Church of Spragues mills Maine  
E. W. Sprague } Church Clerk

April 1893 Rev. L. H. Winslow was dis-  
missed by letter from this Church  
Sept 20 /94 This certifies that Rev. L. H.  
Winslow and his wife Mrs. L. H.  
Winslow and their daughter  
Melaina A. Winslow presented

letters from other churches and  
were admitted members of this church  
April 1895 A letter of dismissal was  
voted L. H. Winslow & Wife and  
daughter

1892 At a church meeting in the Fall  
of 1892 a committee was chosen  
consisting of W<sup>r</sup>. E. Strout John  
E. Meserve and Chas Bickford  
to raise up our church suitable  
for a furnace and make such  
other repairs as they see fit and  
committee attended to their duties  
and on September 14 1893  
our church was rededicated

A list of Resident Members April 6<sup>th</sup> / 1891

Mary Allen

Martha A. Wescott

Harriet McLaughlin

Nancy M. Libby

Annie L. Butler

Rec'd June  
10 / 193

Genevieve Sherman

Amanda F. Bickford

Adria Knight

Lydia Riggs

Mrs. W. G. Gubert

Rec'd Apr. 30  
1901

Hannah Babb

Rec'd June  
14 / 1909

Filpath B. Kleeing

Mary L. Bragdon

Carie E. Strout

Alvira Burnell

Mary Burnell

Eliza E. Meserve

Wilimena Baker

Rec'd Mar 6  
1907

Mary L Mitchell

Septia C. M. Clough

paid <sup>at</sup>  
aug 1/895 - Joanna Gruffman

Charles W. Kleeing

paid  
nov 7/06 - David Urquhart

Charles A. Meserve

paid  
aug 26  
1913 - Abram Bickford

Walter Meserve

paid  
oct 12/9 - William H. Mitchell

Alphanzo Gustin

paid  
dec 18  
1910 - William E. Strout

paid  
april  
21, 1908 - John E. Meserve

Melville C. Burnell

George Burnell

paid Feb  
1900 - Samuel Gruffman

paid sept  
1 - 1906 - Albert Riggs

paid aug  
28 - 1900 - James F. Lapey

paid  
apr. 7, 1905 - Ann Lapey

paid Dec  
6 - 1905 - Susan Dunn

Wed June  
1903

Anne Pillsbury  
Cornelia Tripp

Wed Aug 2  
1916

Allen G Reed

Wed Nov  
5 1905

Emily Reed

Oct 11 1891 John A L Meserue and his wife  
Millie Florence Meserue were  
baptised and united with this  
Church

Sept 25 1896 Rev. George H. Gray and his  
wife Eva Gray united with this  
Church on presentation of a letter  
from Woolwich & Wisconsin Church

Oct 25 1896 Miss Annie Pillsbury united  
with this Church to day, having been  
Baptised 12 years ago by Rev Asa  
Hutchinson

Apr 25  
1897 Mrs Cornelia Tripp united with  
this church to day by the right hand

of fellowship being extended to her

May

16 1897 Allan G Reed and his wife Emily  
Reed united with this church today  
by the Right hand of fellowship  
being extended to them

A list of Non Resident members Apr 6 1891

Mary Knight Samuel W. Roberts

Susan Plumm Ivory Dyer

Hellen B. Keering W Frank Butler

Annetta G. Leary

Rose H. B. Fickett

Rec'd  
1891 Sarah J Lemm

Nellie Samham

Rec'd  
Sept 27-06 Mary J. Boothby

Alphongus Gustin

Annie B. Gustin

Carie Strout Knight

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896 met in conference and the following resolution was presented by C. W. Kleeing and adopted by the conference

Resolved That we the Free Baptist Church of South Gorham we choose annually in the month of January three Trustees, whose term of office shall be for one year, and until their successors are chosen. Should the Church fail to choose said trustees in January of any year they may be chosen in any month of that year or subsequent years.

The duties of said trustees shall be to have the custody and care of all the Church property But they shall not sell or convey any of the Church property or contract or incur any

Church debt, with out the advice  
and consent of the church at a meeting  
duly notified and holden

They may with the advice and consent  
of the church invest any funds that the  
church may acquire either by bequest  
or other wise They shall as far forth  
as they may be able to secure regular  
preaching on the Sabbath

Jan 17  
1896

At a meeting appointed for the purpose  
the following named brethren were  
chosen trustees for the ensuing year  
William E. Strout Charles Wheeling  
and John C. Meserve. at the close  
of this meeting Eld. E. C. Harmon  
gave notice that he resigned as  
Pastor of this church His resignation  
to take place April 1<sup>st</sup>/96.

In the spring of 1904 the Parish in connection with the church at a regular meeting called to consider the advisability of Building a vestry Voted to Build at once, Choose a building Com. consisting of Abram Bickford, Chas A meserve and J. O. Knight who let the contract to Irolous C. Sanborn to construct it and finish the Vestry for 1050.00 But afterward decided to make some changes viz to add 2 or more floors and put steell ceiling in the Dining Room making additional cost of 62.50 Said Vestry was completed in jan 1905 but owing to the cold weather was not Dedicated UeF march 15th 1905

## Programme

Organ Voluntary By Mrs Mary Ella  
Lapley Invocation By Rev. E. C. Harmon  
Pastor Report of Building Com by  
a Bickford Chairman and delivering  
the building with it's keys to the care  
and custody of the Church Trustees,  
for the use and benefit of this  
Free Baptist Church Which report  
was accepted and responded to by  
C. W. Keering in a few well chosen  
remarks Solo By Thomas Henderson  
of Westbrook

Reading of Scriptures By Rev Wm H. Fultz <sup>Portland</sup> &  
Solo by Thomas Henderson of Westbrook

Medicatory Sermon By Rev. Lewis Malcom  
of Portland Sept Eccl 5-1 and  
Exodus 3-5 (An excellent sermon)

Prayer of Medication By Rev. Wm H. Fultz

Solo By Thomas Henderson  
Benediction. By Rev. E. C. Hauman Pastor  
Dinner was served in the dining  
room to nearly 100 at 25cts each  
at 2 P.M. all gathered in the audience  
room and listened to music & Reading  
Recitation &c After which I solicited  
funds to help pay off the debt. Ex. Gov.  
Robie sent me his check for \$30.00  
making 125.00 in all that he has  
given us for the Vestry and Mrs.  
Robie gave us 10.00 We raised  
about 75.00 that day leaving a  
little less than 100.00 debt at the  
present time C. W. Deering } Church Clerk

Apr 2 1905 A letter was granted Anna Louise  
Sanborn from this Church to unite  
with the Cutts Ave Church at Soc  
The debt on Vestry has been paid in full

May 30  
1905

May 1st Rev Forest E Freese became  
1906 Pastor of this church

July 29/06 At regular conference meeting  
Forest E Freese and his wife  
Aline H. Freese and their daughter  
Carrie M. Freese presented  
letters of recommendation and were  
accepted by the church as regular  
members The letters were from  
the church at Phillips m.e.  
signed by Sarah Toothaker } Clerk

Aug 26  
1906

Clifford Sanborn Laverna Sanborn  
and Nellie C. Sanborn were baptized  
by Rev. E. C. Harmon

Same time Misses Mildred and  
Lizzie Johnson were Baptised by  
Rev F. E. Freese and are to unite  
with the Scarbo church In  
evening meeting Clifford Sanborn

Laverna Sanborn and Nellie C  
Sanborn were taken unto the church  
as was also Ruth Sanborn By  
having the right hand of fellowships  
extended to her. Also voted to  
accept Rebecca Strout when she  
presents her letter of dismissal from  
the Congregational Church at Gorham

Oct 28 Mrs Rebecca Fisher Strout presented  
1906 letter from the First Congregational  
Church of Gorham and was accepted  
as a regular member of this church

C. W. W Church Clerk

Dec 30 Mrs Mary Meserue wife of Charles  
1906 A. Meserue presented a letter from  
South Burton F. B. Church and was  
accepted as a regular member of  
this church

C W W Church Clerk

July In Conference meeting to day the  
28/07 following Resolutions were unanimously  
voted

Mr A. S. Larabee  
has  
to do, given the bell  
to So. Graham Church

Resolved, That we the members  
of the South Graham Free Baptist  
Church individually and  
unitedly extend to Mr A. S. Larabee  
(our former townsman and  
noble benefactor now of Lakewood  
N. J.) our sincere and heart felt  
thanks for his very generous  
gift of a bell for our church,  
and for his kindly remembrance  
of us with his annual check for the  
support of the church and pastor

July 8 1927

F. C. Freese } Comm. on  
C. C. Harman } Resolutions  
A. Bickford }

Resolved that in consideration of the great financial aid we have received from our many friends in building our vestry and repairing our parsonage and church that we the members of the South Gorham Free Baptist Church, hereby extend to them our sincere thanks for all the help and encouragement that they have brought to us. Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records

F. E. Freese } Committee  
C. C. Harmon } on Resolutions  
A. Beckford }  
C. W. Deering Church Club

March By invitation of our Pastor Rev. F. E.,  
23/1910 Freese the male members of this  
Church met in the Vestry and  
organized a Council to advise with  
the Pastor on all matters relating to  
Church work J. C. Sanborn was  
elected President and C. A. Meserve  
Secretary, Repairs at Parsonage  
were discussed and voted relating  
to shingling one side of the House  
and the building a Cement Cistern  
Voted to adjourn with out date

Sept Letters of plis'misal was voted Forest  
24-1911 C Freese and his wife Olive H. Freese  
and his daughter Carrie M. Freese  
to unite with the Free Baptist Church  
at Gray Rev. F. E. Briggs is to supply  
the pulpit for the present

May Rev. F. E. Briggs closed his supply  
9 1915 with this Church

May 16 Mrs Linnie B Treadwell took  
1915 the Pastorate of this Church for an  
indefinite time

Dec 19 Met in conference and elected

1915 the following Officers C. W. Keering  
C. A. Meserve and Willis F. Keering

Trustees of the Church

Choos C. A. Meserve Collector

& Treasurer

Authorized C. W. Keering to receive  
and invest any funds the Church  
may come in possession of

C. W. Keering Church Clerk

Feb 20 So Gorham

1916 This certifies that Mrs Annie S  
Chapman united with this Church  
to day Having presented a letter of

recommendation from the Scarborough  
Free Baptist Church Voted that  
sister L. B Treadwell be authorized  
in behalf of the church to extend  
the right hand of fellowship  
to Mrs Annie S Chapman and  
to other candidates who may  
ask admission later

June 25 The following named persons  
1916 were baptised at the First Baptist  
Church in Portland on the eve of  
June 25 1916 by Rev George R Stair  
Mr George R Johnson Mrs Susie  
F. Johnson his wife and Eva  
M. Johnson Their daughter  
Mr Lewis P. Knight Mrs Ethel  
E Knight his wife and Harlan  
L Knight + Glenna R Knight their  
children Mr Mason M

Chapman Gladis G Chapman  
M. Chandler Chapman and  
Nathan Chapman his children  
Mr Charles Henry Tapley and the  
right hand of fellowship was  
extended to all the above named  
persons July 9 1916 by Rev.  
E. C. Harmon, also Dudley F.

Forest presented a letter from  
the First Baptist Church of Hancock  
N. H. which was accepted and  
the right hand of fellowship  
was extended to him

C. W. Peering Church Clerk.

Hon. Frederick Robie a kind hearted man and noble benefactor of our church) was buried Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1912. This church sent flowers and in response received the following cord of thanks from his family

July

7 1916 At a meeting held at Mason M. Chapman's it was proposed that this church elect an official Board to be an advisory board in church affairs and the following named persons were elected.

Charles W. Deering, Willis F. Deering, C. A. Meserve, Mrs C. A. Meserve, Mrs Etta Sanborn, Mrs John C. Meserve, Mr - Mrs Mason Chapman, Mr and Mrs Lewis P. Knight

Mr Mrs George R Johnson, Mr C. H.  
Lapley, Mr. Mrs Harry L Sherman  
Mrs John Sanburn

Miss Amanda F Buckford Mr. Mrs  
A. G. Reed.

July 30

1916 At a meeting duly notified and held  
to day the F. B. Church of So. Gorham  
nominated Charles ~~A~~ Meserve  
and George R Johnson as Treasurers  
of this Church

They also voted to authorize C. W.  
Hearing to draw any dividend that  
may be due from the Mattie C Robie  
fund and to reinvest said sum  
when in his judgement it may  
seem best to do so Also voted for  
Miss L. B. Treadwell to write Rev. J. C.  
Whitcomb to spend a Sabbath with

us in the near future

C. W. Keering Church Clerk

Nov 10 1916 A business meeting F. P. Freeman  
Presiding It was voted that the  
envelope system be adopted and  
that the Pastor elected as Chairman  
and to elect or choose his own  
Committee

Mrs Harry L. Sherman  
Clerk Protest.

A Christian Endeavor Society was  
organized Jan 7 1917 by Rev. F. P.  
Freeman April 25/17 there were  
twenty active members and  
nine associate members as  
reported by Mrs Harry Sherman

C. W. Keering Clerk.

The will of William E. Strout  
of Gorham Me Entered for Probate  
January first 1916

First clause; I give devise  
and bequeath to the Baptist  
Church of South Gorham Five  
Hundred Dollars, in trust, the  
principal sum to be kept intact  
forever, and the income only thereof  
to be used, and that for the support  
of the regular stated services  
of said church.

This gift however is made  
subject to the following conditions  
namely, that should said regular  
stated services cease to be held  
for three consecutive years from  
the date of my death (which  
occured on Dec. 18 1915)

then said gift, both principal and accrued interest shall at once become the absolute property of my heirs at-law.

Sept 28 1917 Meeting called to order by J. P. Freeman It was voted that if Mr Freeman serve as a delegate to Presque Isle this church pay ~~full~~ half the fare. a suggestion was made that we have communion the first Sunday in Oct. also that we have a new Communion set, no action being taken on the matter Voted to adjourn

Chandler Chapman Asst. Clerk.

Oct 19 1917 Business meeting was conducted by Mr Freeman where we did not hold our communion Sunday

the first of Oct, we will have it  
the first Sunday in Nov. It was  
voted to have a church roll call  
the 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1917. A committee  
was chosen to look after the program  
as follows. Mrs Freeman Mr Freeman  
Mrs Nellie Sherman M. R. C. A.  
Museum, Mrs Chapman, Mrs  
Freeman read a letter which he  
had first written to be sent to  
the different members inviting  
them to attend the roll call  
of the Church

A supper will be served and  
there will be a service for the parish  
Chandler Chapman ass. Clk

Apr. A list of resident members

26/1918 Ruth Sanborn Charles W. Deering  
Lydia Riggs Willis F. Deering  
Eliza E. Meserve Tobias C. Sanborn  
Etta Sanborn William Tripp  
Mary Meserve Charles A. Meserve  
Amanda Bickford Leon Meserve  
Mary Mitchell Wilbur Meserve  
Mary Story Harry Sherman  
Cornelia Tripp Roscoe Tripp  
Nellie Sherman Walter Meserve  
Abbie Reed Mason Chapman  
Annie S Chapman Chandler Chapman  
Gladdis Chapman<sup>3</sup> Nathan Chapman

Total Resident 29

Non Resident members

Edith Berry John A. L. Meserve  
Nellie Meserve Lewis P Knight  
Susie F. Johnson Harlan L. Knight

Eva M. Johnson

Annie Gustin

Ethel E. Knight

Glenna W. Knight

Laura Sanborn Butler

George R. Johnson

Hudley F. Forest

C. Henry Tapsley

Alphonzo Gustin

Larry Hyer

Total Non Resident 14

April At the Annual meeting held  
26 today, the Superintendent of  
1918 Sunday School Reported average  
attendance for the year 40

Collections 46.11 Paid out 37.48

Amount in Treasury 8.63

Chose F. P. Freeman C. W. Wleering  
a committee to draft a church

constitution and to report at  
an adjourned meeting

Voted that C. W. Heering and F. P.  
Freeman be authorized to fill out  
blank to State Secretary

C. W. Heering Church Clerk

April  
28  
1918

At a meeting of the South Gorham  
Free Baptist Church called to  
consider the advisability of investing  
a part of our fund (Known as the  
Wm. E. Strout fund) in a government  
bond. After due consideration it was  
unanimously voted, to draw two  
hundred dollars from the above  
named fund and buy a government  
bond to the amount of 200.

Aug 28 1918 It was voted to accept Andrew J. Heering and Mrs Elizabeth Maitland Libby as candidates for Baptism and they were baptised to night in Portland at the First Free Baptist Church in Portland by Rev. F. P. Freeman.

Sept 1st 1918 Andrew J. Heering and Elizabeth M. Libby united with So. German Free Baptist Church to -day also the right hand of fellowship was extended to Charles W. Warner at the same meeting today

(Andrew J. Heering died Nov 5 - 1922)

C. W. Heering,

Aug 3 1919 The following named persons were baptised by Rev. Frederic P. Freeman at Stroudwater Church in Eue Mabel Frances

Story, Bertha Estelle Story, Ruth  
Lillian Bragden, Fanny Gertrude  
Maush, Emma Eliza Tripp

Aug The above named persons were  
3 1-1919 taken into full memberships  
of the Free Baptist Church of  
South Graham to day

C. W. Dearing Church Clerk  
Resident members 34 non resident 15

Sept Chose Mason M. Chapman Delegate  
21 to State Ass to be held at Augusta  
1919 Sep 30, Oct 1 and 2, 1919 The right  
hand of fellowship was extended  
to day to Rev. E. C. Harman by Rev.  
F. P. Freeman and he is now  
a member of this church. Rev.  
F. P. Freeman closed a nearly  
three year pastorate with this  
church today. Rev. J. B. Mower

is to be with us Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

C. W. Veering Church Clerk

May 20 Frank W. Hammer to supply for  
1920 us until April 1920 Then Mr Guy  
P. Benner came April 4 1920  
and April 25 at which time he  
received a call from our church  
at 600.00 and from the Eight  
corners church at 8.00 per Sunday  
and he decided that if the State  
Sec. would help him 200.00 per  
year he would come May 10

The sec so voted We expect  
him to be with us May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1920

C. W. Veering Church Clerk

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1920 Rev. Guy P. Benner commenced his  
Pastorate with us moved here  
June 11, 1920 from Monmouth  
Me

State of Maine  
Cumberland S. S

To Charles W. Kleeing of Gorham  
in said county

Whereas Charles W. Kleeing and six  
other persons associated to form  
an incorporated religious society  
in the town of Gorham under the name  
of the Free Will Baptist Church  
of South Gorham, having applied  
to me, George P. Plaisted, one of  
the justices of the peace in said  
County, requesting me to issue a  
warrant directed to one of said  
applicants directing him to call  
a meeting of said persons according  
to law, to act upon the following  
objects.

To choose a moderator

To choose a clerk

To see if they will vote to be incorporated  
under the name of the Free Will Baptist Church

To choose a President

To choose a Vice President

To choose a Treasurer

To choose a board of three Trustees

To transact any other business that  
may legally come before said meeting

You are hereby directed to notify a  
meeting of said persons according  
to law, to be held at the Vestry of the  
said F. W. Baptist Church in said  
town, on the thirtieth day of March  
Wed. at two o'clock in the afternoon  
for the purposes aforesaid

Given under my hand at said  
Gorham this tenth day of March 1921

March 30 1921 A record of Business done under the foregoing Warrant

Chouse J. C. Sanborn moderator

" Roscoe G. Tripis Clerk

Voted unanimously to incorporate the Church under the name of the Free Will Baptist Church

Chouse Mason M. Chapman President

" Harry L. Sherman Vice "

" J. C. Sanborn Treasurer

" Charles W. Deering Charles a meserve and Mason M. Chapman Trustees

No business was transacted under Art 8 Voted to adjourn without date

Charles W. Deering

Church Clerk for 52 years

Nov  
13  
1921

Mr Benner's letter of resignation was read at the close of the regular church services today and was accepted to take place at such time as would be mutually agreeable. It was also voted to engage Rev. Mr Briggs, a former pastor residing here to supply also suggested that we obtain other supplies whenever possible in order to keep up as much interest as possible, it was also suggested that we be on the lookout for a regular minister. Attendance at this time very poor thirty to thirty five average.

Dec

4  
1921

at the meeting of the advisory committee at close of church service it was deemed advisable for Mr Benner to close his pastorate

at once Mr J. E. Buggs  
preached Dec 11-18-25

Dec 25 at a meeting of the Church members  
at the close of Sunday School it was  
voted to invite Rev. Mr Hughes to  
fill pulpit

1922 Jan 1. It was voted at a church  
meeting to invite Rev. Mr Hughes  
to come again to preach Jan 8<sup>th</sup>  
Also voted to let the parsonage  
to Leon Meserve for a short  
time at \$8. per mo

1922 Jan 15 Rev. Mr Hughes again filled  
the pulpit and at the close of  
the S.S. it was unanimously  
voted to extend a call to him  
to preach regularly provided  
the Scarborough Church was in favor  
of engaging him Roscoe Tripp

Jan Mr Philip C. Hughey united with this  
22 Church to day by letter and the right  
1922 hand of fellowship was extended  
to him by our senior deacon C. W. Blewing,

Mar 5 At a church meeting today a  
1922 primary licence to preach was  
granted Mr Philip C. Hughey  
also the church voted to send  
a request for ordination to the  
chairman of the committee of ordination  
The said request was signed by the  
Clerk. The examination was held  
the 6<sup>th</sup> day march and Mr Hughey's  
was accepted by the committee under  
conditions.

Mar The church voted to call an ordaining  
26 council to meet the 8<sup>th</sup> day of may  
and directed its clerk to notify  
the pastors of the several churches

of the association not less than  
10 days before that date, Ordination  
to take place on the evening of  
said day if he be accepted.

apr. Church voted that the following delegates  
16 be sent to the annual meeting of the  
1922 Cumberland United Baptist Ass. to be  
held with the so. Portland Free Baptist  
Church Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1922  
viz - Mr. Mrs Harry L. Sherman  
Mr. Chas. Kleeing and Mr and  
Mrs Mason M. Chapman  
said delegates have power to  
chose alternates.

April A List of resident members

21-1923 Ruth Sanborn

Chas. W. Kleeing

Lydia Riggs

Willis F. Kleeing

Eliza C. Meserve

Troillus C. Sanborn

Etta Sanborn

Charles A. Meserve

Mary Meserve

Leon Meserve

Amanda Bickford

Wilbur Meserve

Mary Storey

Harry Sherman

Harry L. Sherman

Roscoe G. Tripp

Nellie Sherman

Walter Meserve

Annie S. Chapman

Mason M. Chapman

Glady's Chapman

Nathan Chapman

Mabel F. Storey

Rev. E. C. Harmon

Bertha C. Storey

Rev. Philip C. Hughey

Ruth L. Meserve

Harold Tripp

Fannie G. Marsh

Royce E. Meserve <sup>16</sup>

Emma Eliza Tripp

Mrs Mildred How

Marion C. Meserve

Notice The Ministerial Fund was started Apr. 19, 1923

Helen M. Sherman  
Grace W. Hughey<sup>19</sup>

Non Res. Members

Edith Berry	C. W. Wagner
Millie Meserae	John A L Meserae
Susie F. Johnson	Lewis P Knight
Eva M. Johnson	Harlan L. Knight
Annie Gustin	George R Johnson
Abbie Reed	Dudley F. Forest
Ethel Knight	C. Henry Tapley
Glenna Knight <sup>19</sup>	Alphonso Gustin <sup>8</sup>

"This is the Ministerial Fund" was started Mr Sanborn reported on the financial standing of the church. Mr Sanborn also suggested that the church form a legacy the interest of which might be used in the future. Mr Hoering

also spoke in favor of this and suggested that this legacy be called the So. Gorham Church Fund. It was also suggested that each member or anyone who desired pay one dollar or what ever they see fit annually for this fund, it was voted that the interest of this fund be used exclusively for paying toward ministers salary.

The following budget committee was appointed by the chair  
Mr Chapman, T. C. Sanborn  
and Charles Meserve.  
meeting adjourned

Helen Sherman

Clerk pro tem

Sept 2 1923 Rev. Philip Hughey read his resignation to day to take effect Nov 1, and said resignation was accepted by our church.

Voted to have Rev. J. E. Briggs supply for a season as we have no regular pastor.

Jan 13 1924 Voted to send Rev. and Mrs Philip C. Hughey a letter of dismissal that they might unite with the Lisbon Falls Church.

April 13 1924 Our pastor Mr Briggs was taken ill during his morning sermon and was taken to his home.

We were favored with the following supplies during the summer.

J. E. Evans of Both, Miss Linnie B. Leadwell W. M. Davis

Fred A. Snow, Turner 2 C. H. Storer,

Houlton, C. H. Berry Boothby  
Rev. E. Longley  
Mr. C. L. Woodward, Portland  
B. H. Tilton of Westbrook and  
Rev. J. E. Briggs who supplied  
the last 3 Sundays of October.

Our church united with the  
Scarboro Church in Engaging Rev.  
J. W. Brown of Cherryfield who  
began his Labors with us Nov 2, 1924  
P. G. Tripp.

The following is a list of those  
who subscribed to the Ministerial  
Fund.

Chas. W. Keering 1.00

J. C. Sanborn 1.00

Ella L. Sanborn 1.00

Amanda Bickford	1.00
Mason M. Chapman	1.50
Annie Chapman	1.50
Nathan Chapman	1.50
Harry L. Sherman	1.00
Ruth A. Sanborn	1.00
Wm. L. Sanborn	1.50
Mildred How	1.50
Rev. E. C. Harmon	2.00
Herman W. Tripp	1.50
Marion C. Meserve	1.50
Mrs & Mrs Chas. A. Meserve	2.00
Joseph B. Sherman	1.50
Lena M. Sherman	1.50
Helen M. Sherman	1.50
Lydia Westerberg	1.50
Roger E. Meserve	1.50
Roscoe G. Tripp	1.00
Fannie Marsh	1.00

Mrs Mary Storey	1.00
Chas. W. Heering	1.00
Eugene B. Buller	5.00
Mr Mrs L. H. Meserve	2.00
Gladys Chapman	1.00
Mrs O. P. Sanborn	1.00
Miss Bertha Storey	1.00
Miss Mable Storey	1.00
Mrs. J. C. Meserve	1.00
Chandler Chapman	1.00

Jan The right hand of Fellowship  
 11 was extended to Rev. J. W. Brown  
 1925 our pastor, Mrs J. W. Brown  
 and Miss Hilda Brennan and  
 they became members of our church.  
 The following is a list of the  
 members of our church.

Resident 34

Ruth Sanborn Chas. W. Heering

Lydia Riggs	Willis F. Deering
Etta Sanborn	Troilus C. Sanborn
Mary Meserve	Chas. a meserve
Armanda Bickford	Leon meserve
Mary Storey	Harry L. Sherman
Nellie Sherman	Roscoe G. Tripp
Annie Chapman	Walter Meserve
Gladys Chapman	Mason M. Chapman
Mable F. Storey	Chandler Chapman
Bertha O. Storey	Nathan Chapman
Ruth L. Meserve	Harold J. Tripp
Fanny G. Marsh	Roger C. Meserve
Emma C. Tripp	Rev. J. W. Brown
Mildred Klow	C. W. Warner '4
Marion C. Meserve	
Helen M. Sherman	
Bertha Meserve	
Mrs J. W. Brown	
Hilda Brennan	'8

Non Resident

Edith Berry	Wilbur Meserve
Millie Meserve	Rev. E. C. Harmon
Susie F. Johnson	Lewis Knight
Eva M. Johnson	Harlan L. Knight
Annie Gustin	George R. Johnson
Ethel Knight	Wudley F. Forest
Glenna Knight	Alphonzo Gustin
	John A. L. Meserve
	C. W. Warner

Sept 1925 Electric lights were installed in the church and vestry.

A new furnace was bought for the church.

apr 8 1927 The following list of candidates were baptized at Westbrook by our pastor Rev. J. W. Brown -

Orra E. Sherman

Georgia Sherman and

Joseph B. Sherman.

63 members in 1928

The following is a list of the  
church members Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1928

Resident

Mrs Etta Sanborn

Mary Meserae

Amanda Bickford

Mary Storey

Nellie Sherman

Annie S. Chapman

Gladys Chapman

Mable G. Storey

Bertha E. Storey

Fanny G. Marsh

Emma E. Lipp

Mildred How

Marion C. Heering

Mrs Bertha Meserve

Mrs J. W. Brown

Miss Helen M. Sherman

Miss Hilda Brennan

Mrs Carrie Burnham

Mrs Georgia Sherman

Mrs Alfarretta Whitney Harmon

Mrs Herman A. Leonard

Mrs Clifford O. T. Wieden

Oct 9. Mrs Herbert Wyman

Hon. Chas. W. Keering

Willis F. Keering

Troillus C. Sanborn

Chas. A. Meserve

Harry L. Sherman

Roscoe P. Lipp

Walter Meserve

Mason M. Chapman

Chandler Chapman

Nathan Chapman

Harold J. Tripp

Roger E. Meserve

Rev. J. W. Brown

Orra E. Sherman

Joseph B. Sherman

Herman A. Leonard

Rev. E. C. Harmon

Clifford O. T. Wieden

Oct 9, Rev. Herbert Wyman

Non Resident

Mrs Edith Berry Wilbur Meserve

Mrs Melbie Meserve Lewis Knight

Mrs Susie F. Johnson Harlan L. Knight

Miss Eva M. Johnson George R. Johnson

Mrs Annie Justin Dudley F. Forest

Mrs Ethel Knight Alphonso Justin

Glenna Knight John A. L. Meserve

C. W. Warner

These have been added since  
Jan. 1928

Mrs Abbie Chapman	Russell Libby
Mrs M. G. Fifield	Ronald How
Miss Nina Marsh	
Miss Beulah Tapley	
Miss Melie Tripp	
Miss Lena How	

Feb. Singing Evangelist Walter C. Colby  
26 today completed a series of meetings  
1928 with us. He came here Sunday  
Jan. 29 and alternated between  
us and the Scarbro Church the  
first week - was with the Scarbro  
Church the following week and  
remained with us two weeks  
longer than at first planned  
A good interest was shown

His negro spirituals and all his other special singing was much appreciated. He had a large following from no. bleering and Buxton Center churches. Our church has been greatly revived several being received for baptism to be held in Westbrook church later.

Oct 19 1927 A deacon's meeting was called and met at deacon bleerings. The business to choose four women of the church as deaconesses and also to choose one more deacon.

On Nov. 4 This report of the deacon's meeting was put before the church for consideration. The Report of

women as chosen is as follows  
Mrs Amanda Bickford  
Mrs Mason Moses Chapman  
Mrs Orra E. Sherman  
Mrs Linwood Marsh

Trill Sanborn the Deacon  
This report of the Deacon's  
was accepted by the Church.

Deacons	Deaconess
Charles W. Deering	Mrs Amanda Bickford
Charles A. Meserve	Mrs Orra Sherman
Mason Moses Chapman	<sup>Mrs</sup> Mason Moses Chapman
Trill Sanborn	Mrs Linwood Marsh

Program of the Centennial of the (June 28<sup>th</sup>  
1927)  
Free Baptist Church Soyerham Me.  
morning Standard time

10.00 Praise and Devotional Rev. J. P. Benner

10.15 Welcome Pastor Mr. J. W. Brown

10.20 music

10.25 History of church Pastor Mr. J. W. Brown

10.40 History of Sunday School Mrs. Amanda Bickford

10.48 Report " " " Mrs. M. M. Chapman

10.53 History of C. E. Mrs. Harry Sherman

10.58 Report of C. E. Harry Sherman

11.03 Report of "Band of Workers Mrs. Ora Sherman

11.13 music

11.18 Remarks by Mrs. C. W. Keering

11.28 Address by Rev. Linnie Truducee

12 o'clock dinner 50

1.45 Praise and Devotional Rev. E. C. Harmon

2.00 greetings from former Pastors

2.45 music

2.50 Reading letter from non Residents

3.20 music

3.25 Our work in Maine Rev. J. S.

Pendleton Executive Secretary

5.30 supper

7.00 Evening music

7.05 Praise service Rev. <sup>and</sup> Mrs P. C. Hughey

7.35 Our World Task. Dr E. C. Whittermore

Sup. missionary

Co operation closing hymns God be with  
you Till we meet.

History of So Gorham Free Baptist  
Church written by Mr. J. W. Brom,  
for the Centennial June 28, 1927.

The South Gorham Free Will Baptist  
Church, as it was then called was  
organized June 28, 1827. South  
Gorham was then included in the Town  
of Scarborough, and the church was  
known as the First Free Will  
Baptist Church of Scarborough.

Elders Andrew Hobson and  
Clement P. Hinney were the officiating  
clergyman. There had been a  
Baptist church in the village of  
Gorham as early as 1768. As we  
find in Backus' Church History  
the statement that "the First  
Baptist church in the County

of Cumberland Maine was formed at Gorham by assistance from Haverhill, June 20, 1768, Mr Smith of Haverhill had been sent for, and had baptized some persons there the Fall before, Mr Backus gives some account of persecutions which members of this church endured because of their religious faith.

Elder Clement Phinney who assisted at the organization of the church was a voted and successful evangelist. In his early life he was a school teacher, in 1806, when employed in teaching he went to Portland with some comrades on a holiday excursion. While returning, one of his friends said to him, Clement

your wickedness today has fairly frightened me." This remark, made in sport, was so impressed upon his mind by the Holy Spirit that he became a Christian and soon entered the ministry. He was instrumental in God's hands in leading many to Christ and helping to organize many churches.

The church consisted of fourteen members at the time of organization. There were no records kept of the doings of the church from its organization until Dec 17, 1828, when it was stated that four members have been added to the church and one member had left the church; also stated no

difficulties have existed since  
its organization. The first record  
of a conference meeting reads  
thus: North-Scarborough Dec 17, 1828  
The Church met in conference.  
The brethren and sisters appeared  
to be low in spirit their minds:

No particular trials, conference  
regularly attended from this time  
up to Jan. 20, 1830, when they met  
again in conference meeting  
and a refreshing season was  
enjoyed on account of the revival  
that began on Christmas Eve. The  
Church maintained its regular  
conferences for many years. July  
25<sup>th</sup> 1830 met in church meeting and  
received Libby, Samuel Meserae,  
Frances Rounds and Betsy Rounds.

This meeting deserves more than a passing notice, for these were noble people of God. Hlea, Charles Hleaing thus comments concerning Samuel Meserve: Aug 18 1847 he accepted the office of Hleacon of this Church which office he filled most worthily and held it for 23 years until he passed from works to rewards.

I only wish I could tell you of his labors of love of the prayers he offered for the salvation of precious souls, for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom here and the perpetuation of this Church. He shed many tears at the throne of Grace, and he died Jan. 30 1870 and was buried in So. Gosham. On his tombstone is the following passage

from the Psalmist: mark the  
perfect man and behold the upright,  
for the end of that man is peace:  
no Epitaph could be more  
appropriate, and none more  
worthy of it than was plea. Samuel  
Meserve.

Cases of discipline are frequently  
noted, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1831 voted to reject  
a certain member until she confesses.  
Peter Libby is the first clerk mentioned  
April 30, 1831 He was followed  
by Senard Merrill Sept. 17, 1834.

Peter Libby proposes to withdraw  
from the Church because of certain  
practices followed by the church  
inconsistent with his views of  
Scripture teachings as follows,  
No 1 Striving to be like others

in forming societies for different purposes, thus depriving private brethren of the freedom which the gospel gives.

2, letting church members remain paupers or become town charges.

3 countenancing the bearing of arms.

4 Preachers having salaries.

The church refused to dismiss him on these grounds and he withdrew, but on march 18 he made a confession that he was wrong in withdrawing from the church and asked to be taken back.

Aug. 17, 1836 it was voted that Peter Libby is called to labor in public  
From Sept 1st. 1839 to Nov. 5th 1840

thirty are named as being baptized by Elder Hobson. On the latter date George Tripp is mentioned as saying that he liked the Calvinists better than the Free Will Baptists and is promptly dismissed from the church. July 14<sup>th</sup> 1842 Elder Hobson is proposed as pastor. He is said to have stated humbly that he wanted a comfortable living which he thought would require \$200. a year. He was engaged for not less than a year. July 20 1842 a sister was charged with disorderly conduct and there being no signs of repentance she was excommunicated. Some others held erroneous doctrines and were dismissed in consequence.

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1842 the new meeting

house was dedicated. The sermon was preached by Elder F. Chaney and the prayer of dedication by Elder Mr. Morse. This is the only reference to the building of the house. It has been described as a square building with two doors of entrance in the front, a double row of pews in the center, two aisles, no side aisles, a gallery in the back part, no tower. The building was heated by two stoves in the back part under the gallery. It would seat about two hundred people. A committee was chosen to visit those who had been abstaining themselves from the worship of the church and find the cause of the

delinquency.

April 27<sup>th</sup> Elder Herry and Elder Cattlin were engaged for special Evangelistic work. By June 10<sup>th</sup> nineteen had been received for baptism. Apparently, during the years, a committee was almost continually looking up delinquent members.

Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> 1846 Seward Merrill is named as Clerk March 18<sup>th</sup> 1847 Elder B. S. Mansur was engaged as pastor. It is recorded of Bro. Mansur, that in 1825 he was engaged in Evangelistic work, went on a Evangelistic tour in Canada with Bro. S. Burbank. They encountered unlooked for difficulties; for a time they were

taken for tramps, because of unworthy ministers who had preceded them and prejudiced people against all strangers, How ever at last they won their way into the confidence of the people and had much success. They sacrificed much to make the trip, having closed the schools for the mission. They received as remuneration for their services \$119

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1847 C. J. Morris is named as clerk. a case of profanity is taken for discipline also a case of gossip to clear a person's reputation.

In 1852 Rev. Chas. Crockett came to Scarborough and became pastor. He continued until his

death, Jan. 16, 1854. He was then in his thirty - seventh year. His granddaughters, Mrs Roland Burrows and Miss Louie Leighton brought to the centennial (June 28, 1927) service of the church an elaborate bouquet of carnations in memory of their grandfather.

Elder Warren was pastor from July 19<sup>th</sup> 1854 until May 10<sup>th</sup> 1856. He was followed by Bro. Hobson, Nov 19, 1856. William Strout was chosen clerk.

Jan. 19, 1857 the list of members is given as follows

Seward Merrill	William Larabee
Samuel Meserve	Edward Roberts
William Strout	Hanna Freeman
Luther Libby	Hadutha Larabee
John Hanscomb	Hanna Meserve
Alex Freeman	Maithe Lombard
David Waterhouse	Betsy Meserve
Samuel Waterhouse	Joal(?) McQuillan
George W. Parker	Lydia Brom
John Libby	Hannah Rand
William Meserve	Betsy Roberts
William Meserve Jr	Betsy Roberts
Jeremiah Meserve	Mary Merrill
Olivier Meserve	Louise Parker
Chas. J. Strout	Sally Tripp
William Johnson	Sally Freeman
Cyrus Smith	Mary Meserve
Jonathan Smith	Almira McQuillan
Joshua Hanscomb	Sally Strout

Jane Meserve

Eunice Harmon

Almira Penfield

Oct. 21st. a church covenant was adopted. This Covenant was a very lengthy article and had in it many details of agreement into which the members entered. It gave great opportunity for discipline. We note that on the following January eight names were dropped because of indifference, as on the following Spring and Summer eighteen were received for Baptism.

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1859 Alex Freeman and Samuel Meserve were chosen deacons, May 28 1865

Rev. J. B. Fenderson became

Pastor, with Sargent Shaw  
Clerk, March 14, 1868. The  
name of the church was changed  
from Scarbro Free Will  
Baptist Church to the So. Gorham  
Free Will Baptist Church, This  
was made necessary by a change  
in the boundary line between  
Scarbro and Gorham. At this  
date also a parish organization  
was formed to manage the  
affairs of the church. The first  
captain was Captain John Curtis,  
and the committee named was  
Eli Waterhouse, and it is to be  
noted as he was the first one  
to organize a Sunday School  
in the church. Unfortunately we do  
not know the date of this organization.

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1868, Rev. J. S. Potter became pastor. He was followed by the Rev. Chas. Bean, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> of the same year. Sixty years in the ministry has made the name of Chas. Bean familiar in Western Maine. He preached up to his seventy - eighth year. He was especially noted for his verbatim knowledge of the Bible. He died at the home of his daughter - Mrs Simon Libby in Scarborough June 18<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Dec. 1, 1871 the parish bought at the Pitts house and two acres of land from J. L. Curtis for \$600. for a parsonage.

In April 1875 Elder Bean resigned and was followed by Rev. H. Whitcher in May 1876

He resigned in Dec. of the same year. The church had supplies until April of the following year, when the Rev. C. F. Russel became pastor - He resigned of the same year was followed by Rev. E. J. Wheeler, who continued until May 1883 when the Rev. Asa Hutchinson took up the work, in 1885 - this brother represented Farmingdale West Gardenor and Pittson in the main Legislature. In the summer of 1884 he baptized and received into the church William Francis Butler, Geo. Mellinck Pillsbury, Jas. S. Tapley, Alphonso Justin, Charles A. Meserve, Abram Bickford,

Carrie E. Strout, Annie Louise  
Butler, Mary L. Bragdon,  
Ann E. Tapley, Annetta Justin,  
Genevieve Sherman, Amanda  
Bickford, Eliza E. Meserue,  
Wilhelmina Baker, Lydia Riggs,  
Florence Freeman, Mrs Sophia  
Clough, Nancy M. Libby, Walter  
Meserue, William Tripp,  
Callie Tripp, and Melville C  
Bunnell.

Bro. Hutchenson closed his  
pastorate in April 1886 and  
was followed by the Rev. John  
Pettlingell, who was also  
pastor of the Free Baptist  
Church of Scarborough for awhile, but  
abandoned that interest and took  
on Burton in its place. His

widow (second wife) is now living  
in So. Durham. His pastorate  
closed in April 1889.

The church was then supplied  
for a year by the Methodist  
pastors, Colby and Pendexter.

In March 1890 Rev. E. C. Harmon  
began work with the church,  
in 1891 it was voted that no  
member be given a letter of  
dismissal until all dues  
and taxes be paid. In 1901  
Bro. Harmon baptised John L.  
Meserve and wife in 1902  
William Strout, John E. Meserve  
and Abram Dickford were  
chosen a committee to raise the  
Church building and put in a  
furnace. Bro. Harmon,

resigned in 1896 and was followed  
by George H. Gray. In June 1897  
he baptized the following, Agnes  
Phillips, Ethel E. Gray  
Lillian Pillsbury, Laura J. Sanborn  
Anna L. Klunn, Mary A. Pretty,  
Troilus C. Sanborn, Roscoe  
Tripp, Geo. H. Tripp, Edith Berry,  
Bro. Gray resigned May 1898

He was followed by E. C. Harman,  
in May 1899 and continued  
until May 1900, he was followed  
by Rev. A. C. Brom, in May 1901.  
He closed his labors in Nov. of  
the same year, Rev. E. C. Harman  
then followed and continued until 1903.  
In the spring of 1904 it was  
decided to build a Vestry. The  
building committee was

composed of Abram Bickford,  
Chas. A. Meserve, J. O. Knight,  
The contract was let to T. C.  
Sanborn for \$1000, to which was  
added 62.50 for additional  
work; it was finished in  
January and dedicated in  
March of the same year.

In May 1906 Rev. F. E. Freese  
became Pastor, a bell was  
given the church by A. S. Scribner  
of Lakewood, N. J.

Sept. 24, 1911 Pastor, Freese  
closed a five year and five month  
pastorate much to the regret of the  
church and all the people, Rev. F. E.

Briggs then supplied the pulpit  
until May 2nd 1915, Rev. A. A.  
Walsh held special services for two

weeks in May 1914, alternating between So. Gorkham and Scarborough every other night.

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1915 Miss Linnie B. Sreadwell became pastor in Oct of the same year, Rev. H. G. Clark baptized for her in Westbrook the following from So. Gorkham, Abbie H. Reed, Harry L. Sherman, Leon Meserve, Wilbur Meserve, and on Oct. 10, Hannah Meserve, Nellie Sherman and Willis Kleeing. In the same year Mrs. Mattie Robie left in her will to the church \$1,000, chas. Kleeing named as trustee.

In Deacon Strouts will it is stated that the principle fund is to be kept intact, interest

To be used for pastor  
Jan. 1st. 1916 Wm. William Strout  
left to the church by will \$500.

The interest to be used for pastor.  
In Feb. 1916 Mrs Annice S. Chapman  
joined the church by letter from  
the Seabrook church, soon after this  
the following were baptised from  
So. Gorham in the First Baptist  
Church, Portland, Geo. R. Johnson  
and wife and daughter Eowas,  
Lewis Knight and wife their  
children Harlan and Glennie,  
Mason Chapman, Gladys Chapman  
Chandler Chapman  
Nathan Chapman, Henry  
Taspley, Received by letter  
Hudley Forest.

After the resignation of

Miss Treadwell Rev. F. P. Freeman  
became pastor, taking Stroudwater  
as part of his field. His pastorate  
began Oct. 15, 1916 the envelope  
system was accepted Nov 10, 1916

Aug. 3, 1918, Bro. Freeman baptize  
Andrew Kleeing and Elizabeth  
Libby at the Free St. Baptist  
Church Portland in Aug 3, 1919

He baptised Mabel and Bertha  
Storey, Ruth Bragdon Meserve  
Mrs Emma Tripp.

F. P. Freeman closed his pastorate  
Sept. 29, 1919, from then until  
the coming of Frank Lorimer  
in Dec. the pulpit was supplied  
by different ones.

Bro. Lorimer supplied until  
the coming of Rev. Guy P. Benner

April 25, 1920.

March 20, 1921 the church was incorporated under the name of Free Will Baptist Church of So. Gorham

Mar 8 1921 a joint meeting of the Eight Corners and So. Gorham Churches was held and a call extended to Guy P. Benner for another year.

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 1921 Mrs Mildred How was baptized in the Westbrook Baptist Church. Mr Benner resigned May 13<sup>th</sup> 1921 the Rev. F. E. Briggs again became the supply until the coming of Rev. Phelps C. Hughey Jan 13 1922 on March 8 1922 he was granted a license to preach. on May 8 he was ordained in the So. Gorham

Baptist Church Aug 13 1922  
the following was baptised at Westbrook  
Marion Meserve, Roger Meserve,  
Harold Tripp and Helen Sherman,  
Memberships Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 36 resident  
members non-Resident members  
17 Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> 1923 the so Gorkham  
Church Fund created 44.44 was then  
paid in. This fund is to be increased  
by voluntary offerings and invested  
with the understanding that the interest  
only is used, and only for the  
purpose of paying the pastor's salary  
Sept 2, 1923 the Rev. P. C. Hughey  
resigned and Rev. F. E. Briggs  
again supplied until April 13  
1924 when he became unable  
to continue. Through the  
summer the following supplies

were secured. Miss Linnie  
Treadwell, Rev. Wm. Davis, Fred A  
Snow, E. H. Storer, C. H. Berry,  
E. E. Longly, B. H. Tilton  
E. Briggs and Mr. Woodward.

The present pastor Mr. J. W. Brown  
began work Nov. 2, 1924, since  
then considerable improvements  
have been made on the Church  
property. A well has been dug  
at the parsonage and the water  
has been piped into the house  
at the cost of <sup>\$</sup>160. The roof of all  
the parsonage buildings have been  
reshingled, Electric lights have  
been installed in the parsonage  
and church buildings, a new  
furnace installed in the basement  
of the church quite recently.

a new carpet has been laid in the church and the auditorium thoroughly renovated at an approximate cost of \$500. This has been made possible by the indefatigable labors of the Band of Workers, a ladies organization of helpers for which the church expresses her sincere gratitude.

On May 1, 1927 the following were baptized by the pastor Mr Brom. Orra Sherman and wife Joseph Sherman, those received by letter were Mrs E. C. Harmon Mr and Mrs Herman Learned Mrs Carrie Burnham has been received as an associate member. A workers conference is being held monthly for the Sunday

school and church workers  
with great profit to all. end.

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April 19-1928

ms. m. m. Chapman chosen  
Clerk at this meeting.

Mr Brom in a few words gave  
his resignation, This was a great  
surprise that saddened us very  
much. He has been a faithful  
and untiring Christian worker  
in the Church, We cannot praise  
him too highly. We shall lose  
a wonderful Pastor, friend  
and adviser, a vote was  
taken to take this matter before  
the next workers conference in May.

July 15 - 1928 Rev. Herbert Wyman  
preached this morning at the  
So. Gorham Baptist Church.  
He came as a candidate.

This evening he preached again  
for us and the committees of the  
two churches So. Gorham and  
Eight Corners, met at the close  
of the evening service and  
extended a call to Bro. Wyman.  
It was accepted and he will  
begin his work the second week  
in September.

Mrs. Mason Moses Chapman  
Clerk.

There is 39 resident members  
60 families in congregation.

Sept 9 - 1928 Mr. Weyman preached  
~~his~~ his first sermon since taking  
the pastorate. He moved here  
Wednesday Sept. 5 - 1928

## Church members 1929

### Resident

Mrs Etta Sanborn	Hon. Charles Kleeing
Mrs Mary Meserve	Willis Kleeing
Mrs Amanda Bickford	Troillus C. Sanborn
Mrs Mary Storey	Charles A. Meserve
Mrs Nellie Sherman	Harry Sherman
Mrs Annie Chapman	Roscoe Tripp
Miss Gladys Chapman	Walter Meserve
Miss Mabel Storey	Mason M. Chapman
Miss Bertha Storey	Chandler Chapman
Mrs Fannie Marsh	Nathan C. "
Mrs Emma Tripp	Harold J. Tripp
Mrs Mildred Cow	Roger E. Meserve

Mrs Marion C. Deering

Mrs Bertha Meserve

Miss Helen Sherman

Mrs Carrie Burnham

Mrs Georgie Sherman

Mrs Alfaretta Whitney Harmon

Mrs Herman Leonard

Mrs Clifford O. T. Wieden

Mrs Herbert Wyman

Mrs Abbie Bragden Chapman

Mrs Etta Fifield

Miss Nina Marsh

Miss Beulah Tapley

Miss Delie Tripp

Miss Lena Klow

Mrs Dorothy Butler

Mrs Ruth L. Meserve

Mrs Nettie Winship Bragden

Carra E. Sherman

Joseph B. "

Herman Leonard

Rev. E. C. Harmon

Clifford O. T. Wieden

Rev. Herbert Wyman

Russell Libby

Donald Klow

Harry Butler

Leon Meserve

# Church members 1929

## Non Resident

Mrs Edith Berry	Wilbur Meserve
Mrs Millie Meserve	George R. Johnson
Mrs Susie Johnson	Hudley Forest
Mrs Annie Gustin	Aloplonso Gustin
Miss Eva Johnson	John Meserve
	C. W. Warner

Added to this 1929 list was  
Gord Jordan Bryant making  
the 1930 list

63 members

60 families in Parish.

Dec. 31, 1931. The date of his death  
So. Gorham Baptist Church has met  
with a great loss, In the passing  
on of our beloved Superintendent  
Wason M. Chapman, Its a loss  
that cannot be expressed in  
words, he has been a faithful and  
loyal worker for Christ, since  
joining the church June 1916. He  
has served as deacon and trustee  
beside being Superintendent  
since 1916 since he took  
the place as superintendent he  
never missed a Sunday unless  
sickness or storm kept him away

Signed Mrs M. M. Chapman  
(Clerk)

1931 The Band of Workers painted  
the church gave it two coats of  
white paint .

Jan. 17-1932. Resolutions for  
our beloved Supt. Mason M. Chapman

Once again lifes thread is broken  
and the soul it held has flown,  
For the one who gave it being  
has recalled it for his own;  
years of labor and of service from  
its dawn until its end, Soil  
that now has been rewarded  
by the Christ his dearest friend.

In the passing of our Brother  
we have met with a great loss,  
and I can find no more  
fitting tribute than the words of  
Longfellow's poem "The Psalm of Life".

While Mason was not a great  
man as the world reckons greatness,  
We who know him best know

he was great.

He has left us a legacy of fidelity love & cheerfulness in his church his home and community, which would be well for us to copy.

Strong of faith His creed was simple: I was to live a life for god and to give his all for others, with no thought of earths reward. We shall miss the cheery greeting and the hand clasp warm and true, but we know that you are waiting in the home God made for you

Signed by

Rev. Herbert E. Weyman

O. E. Sherman

J. C. Jenborn

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1932

So. Gosham Baptist Church has met with another great loss, in the death of our loved and honored Deacon Charles W. Bleering who has rendered faithful service to this church for more than fifty years. He has served as Trustee, Deacon, Clerk, and Superintendent when the church lost Deacon William Strout he held this office until our beloved Deacon Mason Chapman took the office.

In the passing of Deacon Bleering we have lost a great leader, and worthy adviser. We cannot express in words what this means to our church and community.

Signed

Mrs M. M. Chapman 'Clerk'

apr. The board of Trustees held a  
17 meeting and hired Mr Wyman  
1932 for another year, this will be  
the 4<sup>th</sup> year Mr Wyman has  
been with us.

### Resident Members

Church members 1932 apr. 3

Etta Sanborn	Willis F. Hoering
Mary Meserve	Tr. Elus Sanborn
Amanda Bickford	Charles Meserve
Mary Storey	Harry Sherman
Nellie Sherman	Roscoe Tripp
Annie Chapman	Walter Meserve
Gladys Chapman	M. Chandler Chapman
Mabel Storey	Nathan Chapman
Bertha Storey	Harold Tripp

died  
Dec 24-33

Fannie Marsh	Roger Meserve
Emma Tripp	Arva Sherman
Mildred How	Joseph Sherman
Marion Kleeing	Herman Learned
Bertha Meserve	Rev. E. C. Harmon
Helen Sherman	Clifford O. T. Wieden
Georgie Sherman	Herbert Wyman
Alfaetta Harmon	Ronald How
Myra Learned	Russell Libby
Mrs G. O. T. Wieden	Harry Butler
Gertrude Wyman	Leon Meserve
Abbie Bragden Chapman	Gordan Bryant
Etta Fairfield	Maynard Pelkey
Nina Marsh	Nettie Bragden
Beulah Tapley	Mrs Mary Pelkey
Nehé Bryant	
Lena How	
Clorothy Butler	
Ruth Meserve	

52 resident members and  
10 non resident Oct. 16, 1932.

1932

Non Resident members

Edith Berry	Wilbur Meserve
Millie Meserve	George Johnson
Susie Johnson	Hudley Forest
Eva Johnson	C. W. Warner
Annie Gustin	John Meserve

## Resolutions for C. W. Kleeing

Whereas our Heavenly Father has taken unto himself our beloved Senior Kleecon and Brother Charles W. Kleeing we hereby desire to place upon our church records the deep sense of loss felt by this church as we miss him from his usual place in our Church services.

We also hereby desire to express our appreciation of his over sixty three years of faithful service to his Church as a member and an officer ever faithful in the discharge of his duties.

It appears from our records that he served the Church as Clerk for over fifty years



April 13 - 1932

Orra Sherman and Willis  
Kleering appointed to take  
Kleerings and Chapman's place.

April The Band of Workers bought  
25 the paint and the men in  
1932 the community painted the  
Passage, they gave their  
time and labor free and  
a wonderful job was completed.

May Mearns Charles W. Kleering Bequeathed  
3 to the South Gorham Church One  
1932 Thousand dollars She will  
specifies that the money be placed  
in a fund; The income to be used  
for the support of a settled  
pastor. Sept 4, 1932 voted to accept the Beq

Mrs Mary Story passed away  
May 31 - 1934 The church has lost  
a beloved member a devoted  
Christian and a sincere worker  
for Christ. Church Clerk

Mrs Masun M. Chapman.

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1935

Our faithful and beloved sister  
Amanda Bickford died and was  
buried from So. Gotham church. The  
church has met with a great  
loss. She has been a faithful  
Christian, never idle, she has  
taught her class in Sunday  
school with devotion, and was  
never absent unless sickness  
or a bad storm. She taught  
the class two weeks before her  
death. She is the oldest Lady

member of our church, words  
cannot express our sadness  
in the loss of sister Bickford, she  
has gone to her reward, she has  
fought a good fight, she has  
finished her work, she is ready  
to receive her crown

Church Clerk

Mrs Maud M. Chapman

On May 4<sup>th</sup> Mary Meserve a  
beloved and faithful worker  
died, she had been untiring  
in her faithfulness to the  
church, she has been a member  
for many years

Church Clerk

Mrs Maud M. Chapman.

apr. 29-1934

The Board of Trustees held a meeting and hired Rev. Herbert E. Wymann for another year this will be his sixth year he has been with us.

At the annual meeting 1935 apr 17 Rev. H. E. Wymann read his resignation which was accepted with regrets.

April 29- The farewell reception for Mr. Mrs Wymann was given at the Eight Corner Church there was 40 from our church counting Mr Mrs Wymann. Both churches presented them with gifts of money. The Board of workers presented Mrs. Wymann with bouquet of flowers

and so did the ladies of the other church. Coke, sandwiches and coffee was served for refreshments. Mr Wyman preached his farewell sermon Apr. 28 1935 They moved from the Parsonage May 1st 1935.

May 5 ~~was~~ Mr Bishop preached the State worker for needy churches.

12 Rev. Hazelton preached as a candidate He and his wife came from Freeport.

19 Rev. Everett from Kennelbunkport preached as a candidate

26 Rev. Spillin from West Buxton preached as a candidate.

June 2 Rev. Walker from Winter Harbor preached as a candidate.

June 9 Mrs Cecil Gibbs preached but not as a candidate, just to help out

June 16 Mrs Cecil Gibbs preached for us today  
she had a stirring message

June 23 Rev. Quarrenton preached he came  
from Portland he was just a supply.

June 30 Rev. Lombard from Mass preached today

July " Quarrenton has supplied during July

" 28 Mrs Cecil Gibbs will preach

Rev. S. A. Walker and family moved  
into the parsonage Aug 20 1935. He  
preached his first sermon Sept  
1st 1935. He had a wonderful sermon  
text Ezekiel 1 chapter.

Our time has been changed to  
eleven o'clock instead of half past  
ten, this makes it possible for  
Eight Corners to have their service  
in the morning at one quarter to ten.

Sept. 20 - 1935

A reception was given Mr. Mrs Walker by both churches, a purse of money was given some where near <sup>17</sup>17. this was from both churches. So perhaps gave \$9.00 The program marching down center aisle to front of church by the strain of music. after all had met the new pastor and wife chorus sang. Rev. Bishop spoke a solo by Mr Walker Rev. Tilton spoke 3 verses of Bless be the Tie Rev. Harmon spoke and dismissed us, we had ice cream and coke.

July

24

1935

Our Beloved brother Leon Meserve was called home. He was only a young man, he joined the church

when a young lay and has been  
a faithful and untiring church  
worker. He has taught a bible  
class of young people for a  
long time and ill health  
caused him to resign almost a  
year ago. He will be greatly  
missed and his place will be  
hard to fill. But God knows  
best and has called him home.

Resident Members Oct 27 - 1935

Etta Sanborn	Willis Kleeing
Annie Chapman	J. Willis Sanborn
Gladys "	Charles A. Meserve
Mabel Storey	Harry Sherman
Bertha Storey	Roscoe Tripp
Fannie March	Walter Meserve
Emma Tripp	M. Chandler Chapman
Mildred Klow	Nathan "
Marion Kleeing	Harold Tripp
Bertha Meserve	Arra Sherman
Helen Sherman	Joseph "
Georgia Sherman	Herman Learnard
Alfreda Harmon	Rev. E. C. Harmon
Myra Learnard	Clifford Wieden
Clifford Wieden	Rev. Walker
Mrs Walker	Russell <del>W</del> Libby
Abbie Beagda Chapman	Ronald Klow
Etta Fildild	Harry Butler

Nina Marsh	Gordan Bryant
Cornelia Bryant	Maynard Pelkey
Lena How	Roger Meserve
Horothy Butler	Emery Parlin
Ruth Meserve	
Nettie Bragdon	
Mary Pelkey	
Lena Hurd	
Lutie Johnson	
Beulah Tapley	
Maudie L. Bragdon	

58 church members

49 resident 9 non res.

March 14 1936 Our Brother Roscoe Tripp  
passed away leaving a shocked  
and sorrowing church and community  
He has served his church as Clerk  
for some 7 yrs. and as a  
Teacher in boys class for some  
years. He will be greatly missed  
in our church his home and in  
the community as well

Mrs M. M. Chapman  
Church Clerk

Apr. 12-1936

A church meeting was held  
Emery Parlin's letter was  
from Park Street Church Boston  
He was voted into Christian  
fellowship.

Jan 1st 1936

Week of prayer held the first of Jan. with Cottage Prayer meetings being held in the homes of church members and friends this proved so helpful they have been continued and will continue until Easter.

Jan 7. The first Cottage Prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs Maude Braydon's, the leader was Lena How. Prayer was her subject a wonderful meeting was the result 19 present.

Jan 10 Cottage Prayer meeting was held at the home of Mr. Mrs. Chandler Chapman the leader was Maynard March his subject was courage another wonderful meeting 15 present

Jan 16 - 16 present

" 22 17 "

" 31 23 "

Feb. 12 20 "

Feb. 19 23 "

" 26 12 "

Mar 4 19 "

Mar 11 25 "

" 18 19 "

" 26 25 "

Apr 1. 21 "

April 8. 25 " Easter message

The Ministerial Fund was  
started April 19, 1923

South Gorham, We the members  
and friends of the South Gorham  
Free Will Baptist Church wishing  
to do our bit toward the support  
of a Pastor at South Gorham in  
future generations

do pledge the amount opposite  
our name toward a perpetual  
fund, To be known as the  
South Gorham Free Will Baptist  
Ministerial Fund. The income  
of same to be used only for  
support of preaching at So. Gorham.

## Bible School Pledges.

### Pledge to Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian  
Flag and to the Savior for  
whose Kingdom it stands -  
One brotherhood uniting all mankind  
in service and love.

### Pledge to the Bible

I Pledge allegiance to the Bible  
I will listen to its teachings  
in my home and in my school,  
In my work and at my play  
I will do my best to do the  
right as the Bible tells me.

Oct. 3, 1937

The Church Committee met for the following business:

To choose a member for church committee to fill the vacancy of Bro. Charles A. Meserve who died Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1937.

It was voted that Willis Keering fill this vacancy.

It was decided not to choose a deacon to fill his place until the annual church meeting in April 1938.

It was voted for J. C. Sanborn to be one of a committee to fix and repair the parsonage.

It was suggested that Emery Parlin be given the power to draw funds from the Gorham Bank no action was taken.

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1937

Report from the Resolution Committee  
Whereas in the providences of God  
we have been bereft of the fellow-  
ship of our former Pastors  
The Reverend Evans C. Harmon  
The Reverend Herbert E. Wyman  
his wife Gertrude Wyman, and our  
beloved Senior Deacon Charles A  
Meserve by the grim messenger  
called "death" We, the members  
of the Free Will Baptist Church  
of South Gorham Maine desire  
to convey to the sorrowing  
realities and spread upon our  
records our deep sense of loss  
in their passing.

We wish to express our  
appreciation of their untiring

Faith their unselfish service and  
their sincere devotion to their Saviour  
and Lord.

We "dorrow not even as those  
who have no hope" for we believe  
that as "Jesus died and rose  
again even so them also  
which sleep in Jesus will  
god bring with Him" for as  
much as we know that their  
labour has not been in vain  
in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed

J. C. Sanborn

S. A. Walker

Emery Parlin

Nov. 6, 1937

Nov. 14, 1937 So. Gorham, Me.

The Church committee was called together by O. E. Sherman

Chair man of Church Committee

It was voted to accept the legacy of \$1000. given to the So. Gorham Free Will Baptist Church in the Will of Pleasor Charles A. Meserve

It was voted to give Mr Emery Parlin the Authority to draw the interest from the Gorham Savings Bank.

Mr Emery Parlin is the Financial Secretary

Signed by Clerk

Mrs Mason M. Chapman,

Church Members 1938

Etta Sanborn	Willis Heering
Annie Chapman	Irvinus Sanborn
glodys Chapman	Harry Sherman
Mabel Storey	Walter Meserve
Bertha Storey	Chandler Chapman
Fannie Marsh	Nathan "
Emma Tripp	Harold Tripp
Mildred How	Orra Sherman
Marion Heering	Joseph Sherman
Helen Parlin	Herman Leavitt
Gorgie Sherman	Rev. Samuel
Alfracta Harmon	A. Walker
Myra Leavitt <sup>and</sup>	Russell Libby
Ella Walker	Herald How
Abbie Chapman	Gordon Bryant
Viola How	Maynard Pelkey
Cornelia Bryant	Roger Meserve
Lena How	Emery Parlin

Ruth Meserue  
Nettie Bragdon  
Mary Pelkey  
Lena Hurd  
Lutie Johnson  
Beulah Tapley  
Maud Bragdon  
Etta R. Johnson  
Vesta Washburn  
Bethur Meserue  
Mrs Miles Shaw  
Marguerite Meserue  
Mrs Martha Hillock  
Ella Hillock

Richard  
Learnard  
Victor Huntley

Non Resident

Annie Gustin  
Edith Berry  
Millie Meserue  
Susie Johnson  
Wilbur Meserue  
Hudley Forest  
C. W. Warner  
John Meserue

South Gorham Baptist Church has  
lost a loyal and faithful member  
by the passing of W. E. Willis Keeling.

We shall miss his hearty greeting  
and friendly handshake.

No deed was too small or no  
task too great for our brother.  
He was a man of character  
consecration and consistent service  
to those in need.

His loyalty to Christ can serve  
as an excellent example to  
those left to carry on the work.  
We know that he shall receive  
his heavenly reward and shall  
be waiting to greet us on the other shore.

Continued

Servant of God, well done!  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battles fought, the race is won  
And thou art crown'd at last.

Orra E. Sherman  
Emery W. Parlin  
Rev. Samuel A. Walker.

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1940

O. E. Sherman chairman of the  
Church committee having learned  
of "Greenough Church Edifice  
Ass. helping churches, wrote to  
one of the Trustees J. H. Day,  
asking for a gift to make repairs  
on the church and Parsonage. He  
received a letter from the Sec.  
Mr Albert E. Neal saying a  
gift of "Five Hundred Dollars"

would be given the South Gorham  
Free Will Baptist Church to be used  
for repairs, on or before Feb. 1. 1941  
This gift to be used for repairs  
on the church, and not any  
other building.

A committee of four was chosen  
to assist the Trustees, Orva E. Sherman,  
T. C. Sanborn, Annie Chapman  
in spending this Fund in the best  
way. The committee chosen was  
Rev. S. A. Walker, M. Chandler  
Chapman, Mrs Fannie Marsh,  
Mr Herman Learned, a vote was  
taken that the committee chosen  
be given the authority to spend  
this Fund as they see fit -

April 10 - 1940

### Annual Meeting

The Pastor, Rev. Mr. Walker, preached 55 sermons, conducted five funerals, performed four wedding ceremonies and made six outside addresses.

We mark with regret the passing of Sister Etta Sanborn in August and Gleason Willis Heering in February.

Among the successful projects were the Redecorating of the Vestry, the White Elephant auction, The removal of the unsightly horse sheds, The purchase of a mimeograph in May, has added much to the effectiveness of our work.

April 28, 1940

A church meeting was called by the Pastor S. A. Walker. He said he regretted that he must tell us he was planning on making a change, he was planning on making a change, he was not getting enough from the two churches to support his family, and he was looking for another field, and we would consider from now on he was planning to leave us.

Mrs M. M. Chapman  
(Clerk)

July 29<sup>th</sup> 1940

The committee on Redecoration of the Church met at the Church. The meeting was opened with Prayer from the Pastor, Rev. S. A. Walker. The Contracts brought in by the Committee was read and voted upon.

O. G. H. Robinson's bid	\$550.00
T. C. Sanborn's	499.08
Frank Johnson and son	\$480.

this being the lowest bid it was voted and carried to accept the Johnson's bid, this covers the laying of a birch floor, putting up of ceiling and using the strappings. The next item of business was the pews, we had a chance to get new pews

for \$450. and it was voted  
to borrow \$500. from the Martha  
Robie fund, this being the only  
fund we have that hasnt any  
restrictions on it. The Clerk  
Mrs M. M. Chapman was in-  
structed to issue balloting  
cards to each resident member  
and request an Immediate  
Response. as this is vacation  
period it was voted to pay back  
\$50. each year until the \$500. is  
replaced.

Signed by Clerk  
Mrs M. M. Chapman

Jan. 19-1941 A Church Committee meeting was called.

Mr. D. E. Sherman presiding  
It was voted and carried to sell the old Church Organ for what Mr Sherman could get. It was also voted and carried to sell the old Church carpet for 2<sup>9</sup> a pound, and to give T. C. Sanborn the first chance, If he didnt care for it, Mr Herman Learned had a chance to sell it.

Signed by Clerk

Mrs M. M. Chapman.

Members in 1942-1943.

Fannie Marsh	Trevillus Sanborn
Mabel Storey	Harry Sherman
Bertha Storey	Walter Meserve
Emma Tripp	Orra Sherman
Mildred How	Joseph Sherman
Helen Parlin	Herman Learned
Georgia Sherman	Rev. S. A. Walker
Myra Learned	Chandler Chapman
Abbie Chapman	Nathan "
Lena Bachelder	Mason "
Nettie Bragden	Irving Smith
Margaret Bragden	Carrett Meserve
Lena Hurd(?)	Fred Bragden
Lutie Johnson	Clyde Learned
Beulah Tapley	Warren Bragden
Maud Bragden	Russell Libby
Vesta W. Seamy	Harold Tripp
Ella Walker	Gordan Bryant

Lois Walker	Roger Meserve
Priscilla Bonney	Emery Parlin
Elizabeth Meserve	Richard Learned
Gladys Chapman	Royden E. Chapman.
Marion Heering	
Barbara Hillock	
Cornelia Bryant	
Etta R. Johnson	
Bertha Meserve	
Marguerite Meserve	
Martha Hillock	
Ella Peabody	
Annie Chapman.	

July 20, 1942

A Business meeting was called for the church members to take a vote that the church Vestry could be used in a time of Air Raid, should such happen, a vote was taken and carried to use the Vestry if needed. Mrs M. M. Chapman

Church Clerk

# Church membership 1944

Fannie Marsh

Mabel Storey

Bertha Storey

Emma Tripp

Mildred Blow

Helen Parlin

Georgia Sherman

Myra Learned

Abbie Chapman

Lena Bachelder

Nettie Bragdon

Margaret Bragdon

Lena Hard

Latie Johnson

Beulah Tapley

Maud Bragdon

Vesta Seavey

Ella Walker

Troillus Sanborn

Harry Sherman

Walter Meserve

Orra E. Sherman

Joseph Sherman

Herman Learned

Rev. S. A. Walker

Chandler Chapman

Nathan Chapman

Mason Chapman<sup>Jr.</sup>

Iwing Smith

Everett Meserve

Fred Bragdon

Clyde Learned

Warren Bragdon

Russell Libby

Harold Supp

Gordan Bryant

Lois Walker

Priscilla Bonney

Elizabeth Meserve

Gladys Chapman

Marion Keering

Barbara Hillock

Cornelia Bryant

Etta R. Johnson

Bertha Meserve

Marguerite Meserve

Martha Hillock

Ella Peabody

Annie Chapman

Roger Meserve

Emery Parlin

Richard Learned

Royden Chapman

Edwin Bachelder

June 18 - 1944 Father's Sunday a gift of two vases made from gun shells was given to the church by John Sanborn. His father S. Croillas Sanborn presented it to the church in memory

of Etta Sanborn John's mother.  
Mrs Mildred How accepted the gift  
in behalf of the church. The vases  
has the cross with S. H. S. the  
insigna described on them, and  
John's address in the Pacific  
they are very pretty, and much  
appreciated by the Church.

### Non Resident Members

Rec'd Jan  
9-1946

Alfracta Harmon	Maynard Pelkey <small>Rec'd. Apr 10-1946</small>
Mrs Mary Pelkey	Willie Meserve
Mrs Miles Shaw	Bludley Forest
Annie Gustin	C. W. Warner
Edith Berry	Harry Butler
Susie Johnson Pratt	Herman Leonard
Eva Kelley	Clyde "
Florothy Butler	Richard "
Etta F'sfield	Russell Libby

Myra Leonard                      Roger Meserve  
Elizabeth Meserve                Everett Meserve

### Church Memberships 1945

Fannie Marsh	Iroillus Sanborn
Mabel Stroy	Harry Sherman
Bertha Stroy	Walter Meserve
Emma Tripp	Ara Sherman
Mildred Klow	Joseph "
Helen Parlin	Rev. S. A. Walker
Georgia Sherman	Chandler Chapman
Abbie Chapman	Nathan "
Lena Bachelder	Mason C. " Jr.
Nettie Bragdon	Iwing Smith
Margaret Bragdon	Fred Bragdon
Lena Hurd	Warren Bragdon
Beulah Tapley	Harold Lips
Vesta Seavey	Gordan Bryant
Ella Walker	Emery Parlin

Lois Walker  
Priscilla Bonney  
Gladys Chapman  
Marion Kleeving  
Barbara Hillock  
Cornelia Bryant  
Etta R. Johnson  
Bertha Meserve  
Marguerite Meserve  
Ella P. Peabody  
Annie Chapman  
Lutie Johnson

Royden Chapman  
Edwin Bachelder

April 11-1945

Annual Report includes the following: A presentation to church of a \$1000. Bond of the Maine Central Stock by O. E. Sherman. A raising vote of thanks was given Mr Sherman

for the generous gift.

M. M. Chapman.

On May 27<sup>th</sup> 1945 a meeting of the Trustees was called to accept a Bond of One hundred Holland, this was a War Bond Troilles Sanborn gave it to the church to be put in the ministerial Fund. In memory of Etta Sanborn. It was very appreciably accepted by the Trustees of the church.

Mildred Klow, O. E. Sherman

and Mrs. M. M. Chapman.

March 3-1946. O. E. Sherman called a church meeting. All church members present attended Mildred Klow read a letter from the Byron Greenough Fund saying they would give

to the South Gorham Baptist  
Church \$300<sup>00</sup> to install  
a oil heater in the Church

This was gratefully received  
by all church members.

Signed by Clerk

Mrs. M. M. Chapman

Church members 1946

Fannie Marsh

Irwillus Sanborn

Mabel Storey

Harry Sherman

Bertha Storey

Walter Meserve

Emma Tripp

O. E. Sherman

Mildred How

Joseph Sherman

Helen Parlin

Rev. S. A. Walker

Georgia Sherman

M. Chandler Chapman

Abbie Chapman

Nathan "

Lena Bachelder

Mason C. " Jr.

Nettie Bragdon

Iwing Smith

Margaret Bragdon

Fred Bragdon

Lena Hurd	Warren Bragdon
Beulah Tapley	Harold Tripp
Vesta Seaway	Gordon Bryant
Ella Walker	Emery Parlin
Lois Walker	Royden E. Chapman
Priscilla Bonney	Edwin Bachelder
Gladys Chapman	
Marion Keering	
Barbara Hillock	
Cornelia Bryant	
Etta R. Johnson	
Bertha Meserve	
Marguerite Meserve	
Ella Peabody	
Lutie Johnson	
Annie Chapman	
Annie Lord	
Patty Lord	
Virginia Johnson	
<del>Virginia Johnson</del>	

non Resident

Maury Pelkey	Maynard Pelkey
Mrs Miles Shaw	Hudley Forest
Annie Gustin	C. Wini Warner
Edith Berry	Harry Butler
Susie Johnson Pratt	Herman Learned
Eva Kelly	Chyde "
Kloroty Butler	Richard "
Etta Fifield	Russell Libby
Myra Learned	Roger Meserve
Elizabeth Meserve	Everett Meserve

Dismissed by letter

Rev. S. A. Walker June 10<sup>th</sup> 1946

Mrs. " " " " " "

Lais Walker " " "

April 28 - 1946 Mr. Walker  
called a meeting of the church  
members, and he read resignation  
as Pastor of the Church in order to  
assume a new pastorate on  
the third Sunday in June.

This is a paragraph in the letter  
of resignation: Eleven years ago  
I came to you a stranger  
expecting to remain a year or two.  
Instead this has been the longest  
pastorate in the history of the  
Church, and in the experience  
of the Pastor. The years spent  
with you have fled all too quickly.  
Friendships have been made which will  
be long remembered. Retrospection  
brings to mind the memory of those  
whose deeds of kindness, tender

sympathy and appreciation  
beyond my worth have helped  
me in my endeavor to  
"Preach the Word"

Signed by  
Mrs. M. M. Chapman.

June 6 - 1946

South Gorham and Eight Corners  
Church gave a farewell party for  
Mr. Mrs Walker, a purse of  
money was given them.

June 9 - 1946 Rev. S. A. Walker  
preached his farewell sermon.

June 16 - Our W. V. B. S. Teacher  
Miss Eva Johnson Preached today.

June 23 - 46 Guy B. utera preached  
and was liked by most of the  
folk of both churches.

June 30 - 46 Rev. H. B. Tilton supplied

the pulpit.

July 7-1946 Mr. Robert Klecker and wife and baby came from Penacook N.H. he candidated.

July 29-1946 The Church chairman of both churches, Scarboro and South Gorham called a meeting of the two committees and we met at Albert's Libby's a vote was taken and the 4 ministers who had candidated came in order, Mr Guy Butera, Mr Robert Klecker, Rev. J. M. Gandy and Rev. Millard Giles, and these names were listed on slips of paper for each one to check his or her choice. 1 and 2 Mr Klecker had 7 votes no 1, and he had 2 votes no 2. Mr Butera had 4 - no 2. Rev. Gandy and

Millard Giles were very small  
margin. 16 votes cast.

Mrs M. M. Chapman.

July 30, 1946. The Clerk of the Scarborough  
Church sent the call of the two  
fields, and on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> a  
reply came back. Mr. Hecker  
would like to have his pastorate  
begin Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> instead of  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. he would also like  
to have us finance or help  
finance his fuel bill for the  
first year. The chairman phoned  
the members of the pulpit committee  
that night, after they had been  
informed of Mr Hecker's requests.  
And it was decided that Mr Hecker  
begin his pastorate Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1946  
and each church would

give \$50. towards the fuel, making  
a total of \$100.

Mrs. M. M. Chapman

Here is the list of the candidates  
and supplies since Mr Walker left.

June 16. Miss Eva Johnson supplied  
She was our Bible Teacher.

June 23 Mr Guy Butera a candidate

" 30 Rev. B. F. Siltm supplied

July 7 Mr. Robert Hecker a candidate

July 14 Mrs Alice Bremer supplied

July 21 Rev. J. M. Goudey a candidate

July 28 Rev. Millard Giles " "

Aug. 4, 1946 Our church vacation begins

Sept 12, 1946. Mr Grover Gratz went to

Penacook and moved Mr. Mrs  
Robert G. Hecker's furniture to the  
South Gorham parsonage. The two churches  
were to pay for the moving.

Church members 1947

Fannie Marsh	Iroillus Sanborn
Mabel Storey	Harry Sherman died Dec. 11, 1947
Bertha Storey	Walter Meserve
Emma Tripp	Arta E. Sherman
Mildred How	Joseph Sherman
Helen Parlin	M. Chandler Chapman
Georgia Sherman	Nathan Chapman
Abbie Chapman	Mason C. Chapman
Lena Bachelder	Iroving Smith
Nettie Bragdon	Fred Bragdon
Margaret Bragdon	Warren Bragdon
Lena Hurd	Harold Tripp
Beulah Tapley	Jordan Bryant
Vesta Seavey	Emery Parlin
Priscilla Bonney	Royden Chapman
Gladys Chapman	Edwin Bachelder
Marion Keering	Archie L. Beckwith
Barbara H. Griffin	Edm Bragdon
Cornelia Bryant	

died Oct  
31-1947

Etta Pomona Johnson      Walter Lord  
Bertha Meserve      Frank Fischer  
Marquitta Meserve      Robert Hecker  
Ella Peabody  
Lutie Johnson  
Annie Chapman  
Annie Lord  
Patricia Lord  
Virginia Johnson  
Marie Douglas  
May Elizabeth Beckwith  
Idella Burgoyne  
Irene Roberts  
Nancy "  
Beverly Foster  
Victoria Sherman  
Marilyn Sherman  
Helen Hecker.

April 22-1947

Mr. Robert Klecker went to Waterville and came before the Committee on Ordination and ministerial standing and he passed and now we are to call a council May 9<sup>th</sup> for his examination before this council, letters have been sent to all the pastors in Cumberland ass.

Mrs M. M. Chapman

May 9 1947

Council and 8 minister present the call sent out was read and a moderator was chosen, Rev. Henry Clark was chosen, then the council was opened with prayer by Rev. Howe of the Stroudwater Church.

Rev. Frederick was chosen Clerk he was from Westbrook.

Mr. Klecker read his Testimonial and he was questioned quite a lot, but he was questioned quite a lot, but he was unanimsously voted to be accepted for ordination. The Clerk, Moderator and Mr. Klecker were to arrange the program for the ordination to take place the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at 7<sup>30</sup> at the Scarbro Church.

May 18 Church meeting called, D. E. Sherman presided, and it was voted to accept Mr. Mrs Klecker's letters, and have them given the right hand of fellowship next Sunday.  
Mrs M. M. Chapman.

May 25, 1947

T. C. Sanborn extended the  
Right Hand of Fellowship to  
Mr. and Mrs Robert Klecker  
and it was very impressive.

Mrs M. M. Chapman  
Church Clerk.

July 25, 1948

To the members of the South  
Gorham Free Will Baptist Church.

For nearly two years now I have  
served as pastor of the Scarborough  
and the South Gorham Free Will  
Baptist Churches. My work in  
both parishes has been one of  
continued joy and pleasure.

During this time there has been  
a fine spirit of interest and  
cooperation by the various

departments of the church. We have come to love the people here and this community and have formed friendships that will remain dear to us throughout all our earthly days, but because the Lord has evidently called us to a new field of service, I find it necessary to submit my resignation as Pastor of this church to become effective two months from this day, Sunday Sept 26, 1948

Yours in His Service

Rev. Robert Hecker.

This resignation of Rev. Hecker has come as a great shock to the people of South Gorham and we are deeply grieved in losing him from our church. We pray

god's blessing to rest upon him  
and his new work.

Signed by Clerk

Mrs. M. M. Chapman.

It was voted to accept his  
resignation with regret we all  
are very much grieved to have  
to lose him as our Pastor.

Mrs. M. M. Chapman

Oct. 10, 1948

Rev. Arthur Darby came as a  
candidate to So. Graham and  
Scarbro churches, he is from  
Lisbon Baptist Church.

Mrs M. M. Chapman

Oct 17, 1948

Mr Loring Wilkins came as a  
candidate.

Oct. 24-1948

Mr Daniel Orr from Jordan College  
came as a candidate.

Oct. 31, 1948.

Rev. Gerald Millikin from Saco  
came as a candidate.

Nov. 7. Mrs Alyce Brewer came  
as a supply

Nov. 14, Rev. Thurber Weller from  
Newton, N. H. as a candidate.

Dec. 12- Rev. Thurber Weller preached  
his first sermon since accepting  
the pastorate to the two churches.

On Dec. 17 he moved into the  
parsonage.

Mrs. M. M. Chapman.

Eleanor Shaw McHenry

Saco!

At 7<sup>50</sup> tonight Eleanor  
called me up.

Was surprised!



# READY REFERENCE

## LONG OR LINEAR MEASURE

[Used in measuring lengths and distances]

12 inches.....	equal	1 foot (ft.)
3 feet.....	"	1 yard (yd.)
5½ yards or 16½ feet...	"	1 rod (rd.) or pole
40 rods.....	"	1 furlong (fur.)
8 furlong.....	"	1 mile (m.)
320 rods or 5280 feet.....	"	1 mile
3 miles.....	"	1 league

NOTE:—A line equals  $\frac{1}{11}$  inch.

## SQUARE MEASURE

[Used in measuring the area of surfaces]

144 square inches.....	equal	1 square foot (sq. ft.)
9 square feet.....	"	1 square yard (sq. yd.)
30¾ square yards or } ..	"	1 square rod (sq. rd.)
272¼ square feet.....	"	"
160 square rods.....	"	1 acre (A.)
640 acres.....	"	1 square mile (sq. mi.)

NOTE:—A perch (P.) is a square rod, and a rood (R.) equals 40 square rods.

## SOLID OR CUBIC MEASURE

[Used in measuring things which have three dimensions—length, breadth and thickness]

1728 cubic inches (cu.in.)	equal	1 cubic foot (cu.ft.)
27 cubic feet.....	"	1 cubic yard (cu.yd.)
24¾ cubic feet.....	"	1 perch (P.)
16 cubic feet.....	"	1 cord foot of wood
128 cubic feet or 8 cord ft.	"	1 cord of wood
40 cubic feet.....	"	1 ton, U. S. Shipping
42 cubic feet.....	"	1 ton, British
40 ft. of round timber, or } ..	"	1 ton or load
50 ft. of hewn timber, }	"	"

NOTE:—A cord of wood, as generally piled, is 8 ft. long, 4 ft. wide and 4 ft. high.

## DRY MEASURE

[Used in measuring dry articles]

2 pints (pt.).....	equal	1 quart (qt.)
8 quarts.....	"	1 peck (pk.)
4 pecks.....	"	1 bushel (bu.)

NOTE:—In the United States, a bushel contains 2150.42 cu. in.; in Great Britain, 2218.2.

## LIQUID MEASURE

[Used in measuring liquids]

4 gills (gi.).....	equal	1 pint (pt.)
2 pints.....	"	1 quart (qt.)
4 quarts.....	"	1 gallon (gal.)
31½ gallons.....	"	1 barrel (bbl.)
2 barrels.....	"	1 hogshead (hhd.)

NOTE:—In the United States, a gallon contains 231 cu. in.; 31½ gallons are considered a barrel and 63 gallons a hogshead, but barrels and hogsheads are made of various sizes.

## MARINERS' MEASURE

6 feet.....	equal	1 fathom
120 fathoms.....	"	1 cable-length (or cable)
7½ cable-lengths..	"	1 mile
5280 feet.....	"	1 statute mile
6085 feet.....	"	1 nautical or geographical mile

## AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT

[Used in weighing all articles except drugs, gold, silver and precious stones]

27¼ grains (gr.).....	equal	1 dram (dr.)
16 drams.....	"	1 ounce (oz.)
16 ounces.....	"	1 pound (lb.)
25 pounds.....	"	1 quarter (qr.)
4 quarters or } ..	"	1 hundredweight (cwt.)
100 pounds (U. S.) }	"	"
20 hundredweight } ..	"	1 ton (T.)
or 2000 pounds }	"	"

NOTE:—1 lb. Avoirdupois equals 7000 grs. The ton and hundredweight above given are those in common use in the United States.

## TROY WEIGHT

[Used in weighing gold, silver and precious stones]

24 grains (gr.).....	equal	1 pennyweight (pwt.)
20 pennyweights.....	"	1 ounce (oz.)
12 ounces.....	"	1 pound (lb.)

NOTE:—1 lb. Troy equals 5760 grains. In weighing diamonds, 1 carat equals 3.168 Troy grains, and is divided into quarters which are called carat grains.

## APOTHECARIES' WEIGHT

[Used in compounding medicines]

20 grains (gr.).....	equal	1 scruple
3 scruples.....	"	1 dram
8 drams.....	"	1 ounce
12 ounces.....	"	1 pound

NOTE:—The pound, ounce and grain have the same weight as those of Troy Weight.

## MULTIPLICATION TABLE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144