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RECORDS OF THE WILLTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
1738-1841

Edited by SLANN L. C. SIMMONS

(Continued from October)

The agreement of the Church session at Willtown Relating to the Disposial of the pews of the Meeting House.*

1st. That Every Person be Intitled to take up a pew, and to have the preference according to the sum or Sums of Money they gave toward building the sd Meeting house.

2d. That Every person Takeing up a pew Do sign an Obligation to pay a yearly rent for his pew to be apply'd to the Church session toward Supporting the Minister for the Time being.

3d. That Every Person Taking up a pew Do pay a proportional part of the Charge (as it is agreed by the session) of Building the Said pews pulpit and Communion Table.

4th. That Every person possest of a pew, and Shall Neglect or refuse to pay the rent above Six Months after the Same is Due Shall forfeit his pew to the first person that shall apply to the session For the Said pew.

5th. The Charges and rents of the Several pews are as follows Vizt.

first range of Pews Next the pulpit to be

at	£ 40 Charge & £ 30 rent.
2. range	£ 40 Charge & £ 30 rent.
3. range	£ 35 Charge & £ 25 rent.
4. range	£ 30 Charge & £ 16 rent.
5. range	£ 25 Charge & £ 12 rent.
6. range	£ 20 Charge & £ 8 rent.

Persons Subscribers to the Meetinghouse.

James Stobo	£ 150	Richd Ash	£ 40
William Edings	140	Danl Hendrick	35
William Stobo	140	James Bulloch	20
Thos. Sacheverell	100	William Hendrick	20

* The first three papers published here were not in the original group, but were located by Mrs. A. S. Salley and forwarded after the preceding issues had gone to press. They are not, therefore, in strict chronological order. Two copies of several entries exist; only one of each is reproduced.

John Bee	90	William Whippy	20
James Cochran	75	William Ferguson	20
Timothy Hendrick	60	Abraham Didcott	10
Royall Spry	50	Jacob Donom	10
John Atcheson	50	Ezekiel Branford	
Willm Peters	45	John Baggin	
John Splat	40	John Fabian	

[*Endorsed*] The Manner of Disposing the Pews of Will Town Meeting 1738³⁹ & old Subscriptions to the Building of Pews & Church at will-town & Money Paid.

Wee the Subscribers under written Doe hereby unanimously agree with one another & Consent that the Call Drawn up and Sign'd by Severall of us and Others of the Presbeterian Congregation of WilTown Some Time agoe To be Sent to Scotland to Invite a presbeterian Minister to Come Over to us be sent by the Revd. Presbetry of this Province to the Revd. Presbetry of Edinbourg Desiring that they the said Presbetry will Send us over Such a Man to be our Minister as they shall judge a person Properly Qualified for such an Important Trust.

Wee further Agree that When a Minister shall Arrive amongst us he Shall Preach in the Meeting house at Wil Town untill such Time as a Meeting house Shall be Built in the Central part of the Congregation which Wee Judge to be on a Small Tract of Land of Mr. John Paycom, adjoining the Plantation of Mr. Whippy or thereabouts. Witness our hands this 9 Day of May 1742.⁴⁰

John Bee	Ezekiel Branford	James Stobo
Thos. Sacheverell	Richd Ash	John Freer
John Splatt	Robert Gray	John Ninian
	John Fabian	

[*Endorsed*] An Assent by subscription to the Building a Meeting house more in the Center of the Inhabitants. (dated 9th May 1742)

South Carolina

To all to whome it may concern, Know Ye that whereas Mr. Timothy Hendrick did by his last Will and Testament, Give and bequeath two Choice Negro's to the Presbyterian Interest at will Town, And whereas

³⁹ Howe states that a subscription list dated 1731 existed. As seven years seems an unusual time for the settling of the pews, it is possible that the date given was in error, and the above the list referred to.

⁴⁰ The date of a call to Scotland is given by Howe as of 1752.

it is the oppinion of Council Learned in the law that the Property of the said Two slaves doth rest and remain in Mr. William Hendrick heir at law to the said Timothy, And Whereas the Executors Mr. William Whippy and Mr. Joseph Whippy to the said last Will of the said Timothy Hendrick Have nominated and sett apart, One Negro man Named Cesar and one Negro woman named Nanney for the use Benefit and behoof of the said Congregation, I the said William Hendrick doth by these presents give, Grant, Bargain, Sell, Alien Convey Assign and Sett over the said Two Slaves, Cesar & Nanney, them & each of them and their Issue, unto Mr. John Bee & Thomas Sacheverell, as Trustees to receive, Occupy, Employ and Mannage the said Two Slaves them and their Issue for the use benefit and behoof of the said Congregation at Will Town, And I do also by these Presents freely & Fully Impower the said John Bee and Thomas Sacheverell or the Survivor of them within three months after the decease of either of them to Nominate any one or Two persons Members of the said Congregation, whose Name or Names shall be Entered in the Session book of the said Congregation to receive the said Trust who shall be at such Time fully invested to act as a Trustee or Trustees with all the above mentioned Powers for the uses & Purposes aforesd Toties Quoties as either of these shall die or remove off the Province, & so on in the same manner & way for Ever. As Witness my hand & Seal this Ninth day of March in the year of our lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Six or Seven.

WM. HENDRICK

Sign'd Seal'd and Deliverd In Presince of James Stobo, John Freer.

[Reverse of sheet] Memdum this Ninth day of March 1746/7. The within mentioned wench Named Nanney was delivered by the within Named Willm Hendrick, to the within named John Bee & Tho. Sacheverell A part of the within mentioned given Two Slaves & their Issue for the use purpose & intent within Prescribd.

Wittness: James Stobo, John Freer.

[Endorsed] Willm Hendrick's Gift or Delivery of Negros.

The Estate of John Splat Deces'd to the Congregation of Willtown	Dr.
February 1751/2 To 5000 Wt of Rice at 40/	£100—
To Intrest To the 13th of February 1753	8.6.3
Feby 1753 To 12 Barrills of Rice at £4	240—

Augt 1748	To 2 Subscriptions	50—
	To Interest to the 13th Februry 1753	18—
		<hr/>
		£416.6.3
		<hr/>
	To 12 bbl rice the hire of three Slaves, Mr. Sprys Legacy 6000 wt Rice at 41/3	123.15.—
		<hr/>
		540.5.3
		<hr/>
	By our Draught to Mr Lowle	172.16
		<hr/>
		367.5.3

[Endorsed] Gift of 40 acres Land to the Wilton Church by Thos Sacheverell and Samuel Lowle.

Minutes—⁴¹

And an Acct Setled with Mr. William Hayne as Execr to Estate of John Splat Junr.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Parsonage this Twenty Sixth Day of Aprill 1753. then Presnt: Richd Ash Senr., James Stobo, Ezekiel Branford, Samuel Davison, Samuel Lowle, Richd Cochrn Ash, Edward Ferguson & Joseph Ash.

AGreed on thatt Richd Ash Senr and Ezekiel Branford shall be Treasurers for the ensueing year, do by virtue of the Assigation made to the Trustees of this Congregation demand and to Receive Into their hands, the Bonds and accompts: for the several funs belonging to this Congregation to Run in the name of the hole trust Its alsoe aGreed that Richd Ash Senr. doe Receive [torn] the hands of Mr Willm Wilkins in Charlestown the [torn] and Grants for the Parsonage Lands Belonging to this Congregation and to Pay the Charge and Expence for obtaining the said Grant.

Its allsoe aGreed that Mr. Richd Ash Senr is to pay Mr. John Ratrety Fifty Pounds for Drawing The Resignation of the Severall Phuns belonging to the Congregation Into the hands of general Trustees.

Its likewise aGreed that Mr James Stobo is to Treet or aGree with Mr Willm Bower to Saw a bitt of Scantling for the Parsonage and not

⁴¹ The foregoing part of the endorsement was to other papers apparently folded within this sheet.

to give above Twenty Five Shillings pr hund Feet for Boards and not above 35 / or 40/ for Scantling or Timber.

Its also aGreed that James Stobo and Edward Furguson is to aGree with Mr. Charles Odingsell or Sum other Person to git One Thousand Bushells of Shells for the Parsonage House to be Deliverd at Mr Abraham Hayn's Landing and not to Exceed one Shilling pr Bushell.

Its also aGreed that Richd Ash Senr Richd Cochrn Ash and Samuel Davison to aGree with Mr Henry Tolbert for as many Bricks as shall be Wanted for the Parsonage houses and not to give above Five Pounds pr Thousand and to aGree with him for all the Brick work and Plastering of the Sd Houses and to Split the Larths for Plastering and to find him Self att his attendance & Meat Drink Washing and Lodgeing.

Its also a Greed that Ezekiel Branford and Samuel Lowle, shall a Gree with sum Person for Fifteen Thousand Sypress Shingles for the Parsonage houses of this Congregation.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Parsonage the 10th Day of June 1753. Then Present: James Stobo, Ezekiel Branford, Richard Ash Senr., Richard Cochrn. Ash, Samuel Davison, Edward Ferguson, William Hayne, Samuel Lowle, & Joseph Ash.

James Stobo & Edward Ferguson Make Report that they Have a Greed with Capt. Bower for Boards and Larths at 25/pr 100 Feet and all Timber that shall be wanted at 35/pr. 100 Feet according to 2 Bitts of Scantling given in.

Reported by the above that Mr. Charles Odingsell is willing to git the Shells to be Deliver'd at Mr Abraham Hayn's Landing at 1/pr Bushell But the a Greement not compleat.

Reported by James Stobo that he has a Greed with Thos. Atkins to Paint the windows and Doors of Willtown Meeting Three times over Brushes to be found him for Seven Pounds Currency.

Ezekiel Branford and Samuel Lowle Make Report They Have not as yet a Greed with any Person for the Shingles.

Richard Ash Senr. Make Report that he has Paid Mr. John Rattrey for the Drawing of the Resignation of the Several Phuns Belonging to the Congregation Into the hands of Generall Trustees.

Reported Likewise by the above that he has Paid Mr. William Wilkins for Survaying the Parsonage Land & forwarding it for a Grant. Memorandum: That Mr James Stobo is to By a Cask of Nails for the Parsonage Houses.

Memorandum: That James Stobo, Ezekiel Branford, Richd. Ash Senr. & Samuel Lowle is to aGree with Mr. Henry Tolbert for the Building the Parsonage House Belonging to Willtown Congregation.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Parsonage the 10th Day of June, 1753.

Memd of an a Greement then maid with Henry Tolbert Brick-layer Vizt.

I Henry Tolbert for my Owne part Covinant Promise and a Gree with James Stobo, Ezekiel Branford, Rich Ash, Senr, Samuel Lowle, Willm Hayne, Edward Ferguson, Richd Cochran Ash, Samuel Davison & Joseph Ash of the other Part in Behalf of the Congregation of Wiltown that he the said Henry Tolbert will make Burn and Diliver at the Parsonage be Longing to the said Congregation One hundred Thousand Bricks for which the Trustees is to Pay him Five Pounds Currency Pr Thousand [torn] Cutting the wood and Delivering it at the Said Kiln for Burning the said Bricks. in Witness whereof Wee have hereunto Sett our hands this 11th Day of June 1753

Henry Tolbert
and the Trustees

Likewise a Greed with Dannel Dunnom to Build a Kitchen house [torn] Vizt:

I Dannel Dunnom Covenant Promise and aGree Ezekiel Branford, James Stobo, Richd Ash, Senr, Samuel Lowle, Samuel Davison, of the Other Part in Behalf of the Congregation of Wiltown that he the said Dannel Dunnom is to make a house, on the Parsonage for a Kitchen Thirty Feet Long Sixteen Feet Wide and he the sd Dunnom is to find him Self meat Drink Washing & Lodgeing, and wee the Said Trustees is to Pay the Said Dunnom Forty Five Pounds Currency, in Witness whereof we have hereunto Sett our Hands this 11th Day of June 1753

DANELL DONNOM
&c.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Parsonage this 30th Day of June 1753—Present Richard Ash Senr: Chairman, Samuel Davison, Samuel Lowle, Richd. Cochran Ash, Edward Ferguson, & Joseph Ash:

Agreed that Joseph Ash is to Right to Mr. Thos. Sacheverell, Desiring him to meet the Trustees at the Parsonage on the Sixth Day of July, to Settle his Bonds to the Satisfaction of the Trustees.

Its Likewise a Greed that Richard Ash Senr., is to inquire for Mr. James Fabian's Bond Given to the Trustees of Willtown Congregation that it may Rest with Treasurers for the Ensueing Year.

Its also agreed that Mr. Richard Ash Senr. is to goe to Mr. James Stobo to Settle a Runing Accept. that is Between him & Willtown Congregation.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Parsonage this 15th Day of August 1753

Present: James Stobo, Samuel Davison, Edward Ferguson, Richard Cochran Ash & Joseph Ash.

Agreed on as Mr. Sacheverell has had no Regard to Several applications made by the Trustees of Willtown Congregation, to the Renewing of his Bond and giving Sutch Security as Should be approved of by the said Trustees, for the Several Sums Resting in his hands, it's agreed that Mr. Richard Ash Senr. & Mr Ezekiel Branford Treasurers, Do Compell him the sd Tho's Sacheverell by Law, to give Satisfaction to the Said Trustees.

That Joseph Ash as Clerk do acquaint them of this Order.

N.B.

Mr Tho's Clifford was Security to the Above Mentioned Bond, which is ordered to be renewed, and as the sd Sacheverell was one, the Survivor of Two, to Manage Several Particular Funds given by Legacy, by persons deceased; He could not for some time approve of the Scheme for General Trustees, whereby he would be but one of Nine wch he apprehended was contrary to the Intent & Meaning of the Original Donors.

And as a Committee of Presbetry Jointly with the Congregation Requested to have every Particular Trust blended in a General Trust, the said T. Sacheverell being reflected on as the only one who prevented the affairs of the Congre[ga]tion being Settled, Consented to whatever the said Committee of Presbetry & Congregation thought Propper for the Peace & Settlement of the sd. Congregation, and the sd. T. Sacheverell at that time gave up his Private Judgment to the sd. Committee of Presbetry & Congregation. (See Three Pages forward)

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Parsonage this 2nd Day of December 1753. Present: Ezekiel Branford, Samuel Lowle, Richard Ash Senr., Samuel Davison, Edward Ferguson, Richard Cochran Ash & Joseph Ash.

Agreed on that Mr. Ezekiel Branford & Mr. Samuel Davison: is to wait on Mr. Simpson to here his Proposals Concerning Serveing Wil-town Congregation as Minister upon the Approbation of the Presbitary and according to his Answer to Right to the Revd. Mr. [torn] to appoint a Meeting of the Presbitary.

[torn] Ash, Being [torn] manage the Funds [torn] Mett together at the [torn] to transact the Several Busin[torn] [torn]gation.

Whereas by a Trust deed agreed on between [torn]bers of the said Congregation, There was Nine Gen[torn] Trustees appointed, & in case of Death, removal out [torn] the Parish or changeing Religion of one or more [torn] The Quorum by the said Deed are Authorized to [torn] up the Number, & so in succession to all future [torn] And whereas by the removal of Edward Ferguson, the Death of Samuel Lowle and Samuel Davison⁴² [torn] of the first appointed Trustees, there now become [torn] Places Vacant which is agreed by us, whose names [torn] hereunder written to be Filled up, with Abraham [Hayne] in the place of Edwd Ferguson, Samuel Spry, in the pl[torn] of Samuel Davison, & Thos. Sacheverell⁴³ in the place of Samuel Lowle, whom we Constitute & Appoint to have the same Power & Authority with us.

And at the same time & place, we whose names [torn] hereunder written as a Quorum, of the Trustees appointed for Transacting Business as aforesd; for the more ready carrying on the affairs of the said Congregation; do appoint Abraham Hayne & Samuel Spry Treasurers for one year from this date, & do recommend them soon as possible to wait on Joseph Ash the former Treasurer to receive the Box & papers in order to enable them to do the Business they are Appointed for.

As we are Informed James Stobo Esqr. and Mr. Chs. Oding[torn] Shall Reim [torn]es Stobo Esqr. and Char[torn]

Given under our hands the day & y[torn] Richard Ashe Ezekiel Branford, Joseph Ash, Richd. Cochn. Ashe, William Hayne.

⁴² Samuel Lowle's will, dated 19 Nov., 1757, was proved 6 April, 1759. His widow, Sarah, only daughter of Jacob Donnom, in 1761, married "John Mitchell of Colleton, school master." (Records of Mesne Conveyance, Book XX, p. 70). Samuel Davison's will, dated 5 March, 1751, was proved 2 July, 1755.

⁴³ Abraham Hayne, son of John Hayne and Mary Edings, married Susanna Branford. Samuel was son of Phineas Spry, brother of Royal. Thomas Sacheverell (b. c. 1723) was son of Thomas Sacheverell (d. c. 1744) and Mary, daughter of Mathew Bee.

16 July 1760.

Mett at the Parsonage House, Capt Richd. Ash, [Ezekiel] Branford, Joseph Ash, Richd. Cochn Ash, Samuel Spry, Abra[ham] Hayne & Thomas Sacheverell, Seven Trustees for Will Town Congregation.

Samuel Spry Reports that he & Abram Hay[ne] has waited on Joseph Ash the former Treasurer, and Received the Box & Papers &c.

Agreed to Collect the Notes of hand for Pew Ren[ts] and the rest to be raised from Intst Money, & as soon [as] Possible to pay James Stobo Esqr & Charles Odingsels the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds for the Rev. Mr. Allison.

Upon the Settlement made with Joseph Ash's Running Accot £39:11:7 Appears to be due to the Congregation, as the Treasurer's Accot wch said sum is to be paid to the Present Treasurers & their rect. shall be a Discharge for the same. Agreed to by us.

Richd. Ash, Ezekiel Branford, Joseph Ash, Richd. Cochn Ash, Thos. Sacheverell, Samuel Spry, Abrm. Hayne.

Novr. 2d 1761. Met at the Parsonage of Wi[ll Town] Messrs Ezekiel Branford, Richd. Cochran Ash, Abraham Hayne, Samuel Spry and Thomas Sacheverell, Five Trustees for Will Town Congregation and AGREE that Thomas Sacheverell shall apply to James Grindly Esqr. to procure a pittition for the Congregation to Sign, to be presented the Governor, in Chancery, to Disannul the Power of the present Trustees and appoint New Trustees for Will Town Congregation Agreed to by us. Ezekiel Branford, Richd. Cochn Ash, Abrm. Hayne, Samuel Spry, Thos. Sacheverell.

[Colleton] County

[St. Pa]ul's Parish

Memorandum of agreement made between Jas Fab[ian] of the one part and the Trustees of Will Town Congregation of [the] other part Viz that the sd James Fabian agrees to take the negroes [torn] Royal Spry decd Legacy, on Hire, Viz Jacob London Syly Hannah Workers & Nanny, & Boatswain, Children to keep them eleven months to commence from this day, And Prom[ise] to pay the sd Trustees on the 24th day of February next,wh[ich] will be in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred Sixty Two, the sum of one Hundred & Fifty Pounds Currcy for the use of Will Town Congregation, and find the sd negroes and their Increase Sufficient Victuals, Cloathes & all other expenses, [torn] may Accrue within the Eleven months.

In Witness whereof the sd Parties have set their hands, this Tw[enty] Fourth day of March 1761.

If the old wench Syly should be delivered of a child within the sd Eleven months the sd Trustees shall be at the expense of sd Child. Thos Sacheverell, Samuel Spry, James Fab[ian], Wm Hayne, Abrm. Hayne.

Teste. Archd Hamilton

Whose names are Hereunder written being Trustees for Transacting the Affairs relative to Will Town Congregation, Unanimously Agree to pay the Revd Mr. Allison, One Years Improvement of the Negroes belonging to said congregation so far as may Appear to be due in Arrears for last years Hire of sd Negroes; And also one Years Interest as they can be collected due upon Several Bonds now in the Church Box, and appoint Messrs Samuel Spry & Abraham Hayne, Treasurers to receive the same and pay to the sd Revd Mr. Allison in the name of the Trustees. Witness our hands this 2d day of June 1761. Ezekiel Branford, Richd. Cochn Ash, Joseph Ash, Wm Hayne, Thos. Sacheverell, Samuel Spry.

This Sixth day of May 1765 being Appointed for A Meeting of the Trustees to the Several Funds of Wiltown Congregation the Number of the Trustees being Greatly diminished by death and Removal it becomes Necessary Without delay to Supply the Deficiency by A Nomination of Others and Whereas the Trust Deed Reference being thereunto had it will Appear that the Number five Makes A Quoram to Transact Business we whose Names are hereunder Written being A Quoram the Present Surviving Trustees Considering the Absolute Necessity of Proceeding to Nominate and Appoint Other Fit Persons to Joyn them in the Management and Direction of the Said Funds hath this day Named Approved Constituted and Appointed Mr. Archibald Hamilton Mr. John Mitchell Mr. Edward Splatt⁴⁴ being and Living Within the Limits of the

⁴⁴ Archibald Hamilton (1736-1766) was son of Paul Hamilton and Martha Bower. He married Rebecca Branford, who after his death married Thomas Slann as his 2nd wife.

John Mitchell, school master (d. 1791), son of John Mitchell who died c. 1751, married 1st Sarah (Donnom) Lowle, 2nd Sarah, widow of James McPherson, Jr., daughter of Major William Boone. Her first husband was Thomas Fleming. Mitchell married 3rd Ann, widow of Joseph Fabian, neê Dean. Sons by the 2nd marriage were John Mitchell, Jr., a Doctor, and William Boone Mitchell. By the 3rd there was a son, James Dean Mitchell.

Edward Splatt was son of John Splatt, Sr., and Hannah Hayne.

Said Congregation to Associate with us as Above and that they and Each of them from henceforth Stand Cloathed with the same Powers and Authority as we the Said Subscribers are, or Ought to have, in Testimony thereof we have hereunto Set our hands this day and year Above Written. James Stobo, Richd. Cochn. Ash, Abraham Hayne, Joseph Ash, Ezekiel Branford.

Whereas a Meeting of the Surviving Trustees to the funds of Wiltown Congregation had a Meeting on the Sixth day of May 1765 and did proceed to Nominate and appoint some other trustees to Associate with them in the Maneagment of the said funds, at which time Mr. Archibald Hamilton, Mr. John Mitchell, & Mr. Edward Splatt were Chosen and Apointed Reference being had to a Certain paper in Writing then drawn up and Subscribed by a Quorum of the then Surviving Trustees will fully Appear Signed by James Stobo, Richard Cochran Ash, Abraham Hayne, Joseph Ash, and Eziekiel Branford Now Know ye that we Archibald Hamilton, John Mitchell, and Edward Splatt, the Three Lately Nominated Trustees being Summoned to Associate According to the said Appointment, hath now mett the said Trustees this 24th day of June 1765 and do Acknowledg our Consent and Willingness to Take on us the said Charge in Conjunction with the above Nominating Trustees In testimoney thereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above writon.

Arch'd Hamilton, John Mitchell, Edward Splatt.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Wiltown Congregation this Twenty Fourth Day of June 1765—Present: Ezekiel Branford, James Stobo, Abraham Hayne, Archibald Hamilton, John Mitchell, Edward Splatt. Agreed this Day by the Trustees mett that Mr. Arch'd Hamilton and Mr John Mitchell be and they are Appointed Treasurers for the Insuing year Commencing from this day and that they do Receive from Ezekiel Branford the Church Box with all the Bonds, Notes, Paper and Cummunion Cups belonging to Wiltown Congregation and give their Receipt for the same and after Receipt thereof to settle all Bonds and Notes that shall so come into their hands to be laid before the Trustees at their next meeting and that the said Treasurers do write to Mr. Hance McCullough desiring he would Immediately settle his Bond due to sd Congregation and Give good Security for the same or pay it off immediately.

(*Endorsed*) Principal amount of &c. £6049:18:11

Minutes of Trustees of Wiltown Congregation, June 24, 1765.

July 13th 1765. At A Meeting of the Trustees of Willtown Congregation Present, James Stobo, Ezeikiel Branford, Abraham Hayne, Archibald Hamilton, & Edward Splatt. A Quoram of the Trustees, on Examination of the Papers then in their Possession, Find Several Material Deeds & Papers Wanting Vizt. the first Original CHARTER on which the Funds of the said Congregation were Established & Settled.

2nd—Mrs. Elizabeth Didcotts Lease & Release⁴⁵ for the Parsonage Lands.

3rd A grant of Lands to the Trustees of said Congregation for the use thereof. Signed by his Excellency James Glen.

4th—A Field Work of all the Lands Buting, Bounding and Adjoining the said Parsonage Lands.

Agreed & Directed that Mr. Arch'd Hamilton & John Mitchell Treasurers Appointed for this Year do make Enquiry for the said Deeds & Conveyances & Endeavour to have them Collected to be Produced at the Next Meeting of the Trustees. Agreed & Directed that the Treasurers do Apply to the Gentlemen Borrowers of Money to Pay up their Interest Due or give Bonds, with Security for the same.

July 27th 1765. Mr James Fabian with whom the Negroes Belonging to Willtown Congregation, Lived & were Employ'd, Acquainted the Trustees of the Said Congregation that one of those Negroes, a Wench, named Celia, died last week.

At A Meeting of the Trustees of Willtown Congregation Novr. 28th 1765 was Present James Stobo, Ezekiel Branford, John Mitchell, Abrm Hayne, Edwd Splatt & Archd Hamilton at what time we did Proceed to Nominate Mr. Charles Odingsell & Mr. John Peter Trustees to Succeed in Room of Capt. Richd Ash & Joseph Ash Deceas'd & that they be Applied to for their Consent to Undertake the Charge.

the Above not Entd.

Agreed to Build a New Meeting House upon the Willtown Parsonage Land Forty Feet by Twenty Six with a flo[? or po?] ⁴⁶ arch Twenty Six Feet by Twenty Five and Fourteen feet in the Storey with a hip [*scratched out*] Pitch Ruff and that the Trustees promote a Subscription to enable them to carry on the work.

⁴⁵ No record of this has been located.

⁴⁶ The dimensions following seem unusual for a *porch*.

Not Entd. at a meeting of the Trustees of Willtown Congregation December 12th, 1765 was present James Stobo, Ezekiel Branford, Archibald Hamilton, John Mitchell, Abraham Hayne, and Edward Splatt.

Agreeable to the Minutes of our Last Meeting Nov. 28th 1765 we did nominate Mr C. Odingsell & Mr John Peter to be Trustees in the room of Capt. Richd Ash, & Mr Joseph Ash, Mr. C. Odingsell declines But Mr John Peter ⁴⁷ agrees to take upon him ye Trust.⁴⁸

Entd. Agreed by the Trustees prest [December 12th 1765] ⁴⁹ to build a Meeting house on the Wiltown Parsonage Lands forty feet square with hipt roof fifteen feet story with three Dore Sixteen windows arched with framed pannel Dore & Window Shutters and that the trustees will promote a Subscription to Enable them to carry on the Building.

Entd. Agreed that Messrs Hamilton & Splatt do agree with some person to prepare the Timber for the said house agreeable to the above plan

Entd. Agreed that Messrs Branford and Hayne meet with some person to undertake Building The above House—The Trustees had under consideration a Letter from the Revd Mr McClod also a letter from the Revd Mr Allison and a third from the Revd Mr Simpson Informing them that certain sums of Money was due to Each of them for Supply and Preaching at times to the Said Congregation Agreed that Messrs Archibald Hamilton & Mr John Mitchell Present Treasurers do Settle Each of their Demands and Pay off the Same and produce a State[ment] thereof to the Trustees at their Next Meeting

James Stobo one of the Trustees this Day Resign'd his trust and Desird the Trustees to Proceed to Nominate and Appoint another in his room to Succeed him in the Trust and we do Accept of his resignation.

Agreed that Messrs [blank] be apply'd too to Succeed in the Room of James Stobo and Mr Charles Odingsells who on a former Nomination Declind Serving as a Trustee.

This Twelfth day of December 1765 being Appointed for A Meeting of the Trustees of the Several Funds of Willtown Congregation the Number of Trustees being Diminished by the deaths of Capt. Rich'd Ash and Mr. Joseph Ash it becomes Necessary without delay to Supply the Deficiency by Appointing of Others, and Whereas the Trust Deed

⁴⁷ Son of William Peter and Tabitha Bower.

⁴⁸ The above four entries have lines drawn through. Italics denote marginal notes.

⁴⁹ The date appears on a less complete copy of this entry.

Reference being Hereunto had it will Appear that the Number Five makes A Quorum To Transact Business we whose Names are hereunder Written being A Quoram the Present Surviving Trustees Considering the Absolute Necessity of Proceeding to Appoint Other Fit Persons to Joyn them in the Management & Direction of the Said Funds hath this day named Approven Constituted & Appointed Mr. John Peter in the Room of Capt. Rich'd Ash and Mr [blank] in the Room of Mr. Joseph Ash being & living within the Limits of Said Congregation to Associate with us as Above & that they & each of them from henceforth stand Cloathed with the same Powers & Authority as we the said Subscribers are or ought to have in Testimony thereof we have hereunto set our hands this day & year above written

James Stobo, Ezekiel Branford, Abraham Hayne, Arch'd Hamilton, John Mitchell, Ed'd Splatt.

Whereas I have been Nominated by the Trustees of Wiltown Congregation to associate with them as a Trustee, I do by this acknowledge my Assenting there too & taking on me the Trust Jointly with them, Witness my Hand this 12th December 1765.

JOHN PETER

Carried Forward

At A Meeting of the Trustees of Willtown Congregation on January 9th 1765 [1766] was Present Ezekiel Branford, Abraham Hayne, John Mitchell, Edward Splatt, John Peter, and Archibald Hamilton. Agreed that Mr. Abraham Hayne, Mr. John Mitchell & Archibald Hamilton be Appointed as A Committee to Agree with Mr. Gideon Dupont Senr.⁵⁰ to Undertake the Sawing Work & Building the Meeting House Agreeable to the Minutes of our last Meeting & that they do Inspect the Work of the same.

Ezekiel Branford, Abrm Hayne, John Mitchell, Archd Hamilton, Edwd Splatt, John Peter.

Memdm of the Names of those that Subscribed to the Building a new Meeting House & their Sums

John Mitchell	£103	Mary Spry	105
Edward Splatt	20	Hanna Splatt	5
James Donnom	50	John Barkly [Berkley]	30

⁵⁰ 1712-1789. Son of Abraham DuPont and Anne Faucheraud, married Anne Goodbe. In 1746, he was Warden of the Parish of St. James, Goose Creek; in 1775 he represented St. Peter's Parish in the Provincial Congress of S. C.

Francis Yonge	20	Jas Jordan	10
Do. for M Sacheverell	20	Ruth Pagg [Page]	1
Susanna Bee	20	Will Bower	2
Joseph Bee	20	Edw Wilkinson	20
Thomas Bee ⁵¹	20	John May	5
James Graves	10	Jacob Donnom	5
Joseph Edings	100	Mary Munholland	5
John Lambert	20	John Beatty	5
Thos Ferguson ⁵²	25	Richd Williamson	50
Gedion Dupont, Jun	10	Chas Odingsell	100
Moses Darquior	10	Sarah Livingston	25
Abraham Hayne	120	John Peter	60
Archd Hamilton	100	Jas Pendarvis	20
Morton Wilkinson ⁵³	20	Jas Fabian	110
Joseph Fabian	80	Ezekiel Branford	20
Richd Cochn Ash	130	John North	10
Andw Maybank ⁵⁴	10	William Smillie Livington	10
Edwd Bower	£ 10	Archd Stobo ⁵⁷	5
James Stobo Esq	135	Christr Wilkinson	20
Andw McCullough	5	Sarah Baron	5
Joseph Spry	105	William Smith ⁵⁶	20
Christ. Peter ⁵⁵	[torn]		

[Endorsed] Subscriptions to the Building of the Church.

⁵¹ Judge Bee, son of John Bee, Jr. He was member of the Council of Safety, Provincial Congress of S. C., and assistant judge in the Provisional Government. He married several times, last to Susanna (Bulline) Shubrick, widow of Richard. Bee's will was proved June 18, 1812.

⁵² Proprietor of Ferguson's, formerly Parker's, Ferry, on the South Edisto River. Member of the same councils, etc., as Thomas Bee. He is said to have married five times.

⁵³ Morton, Edward and Christopher Wilkinson were sons of Francis Wilkinson and Margaret Arden, grandsons of Christopher whose name appears above in 1728. Morton, born c. 1745, died Nov. 26, 1790, in Charleston, married Susanna, daughter of William Smith of St. Paul's. He was Colonel, 7th Regiment, Picken's Brigade; exiled to St. Augustine; served on Gov. Mathews' Privy Council. He was a member of St. Paul's, Church of England (MS records of St. Paul's). Edward Wilkinson, d. 1771, married Ann Ninian. Christopher Wilkinson, d. c. 1776, married Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Slann and Ann Waring.

⁵⁴ Married daughter of John Splatt, Sr.

⁵⁵ Son of Christopher Peter and Ann Bulline. He married *1st*, Ann, daughter of Francis and Margaret (Arden) Wilkinson; *2nd*, Sara, said to be daughter of Madame de Normandie, a Huguenot.

⁵⁶ Of St. Paul's, d. 1782. He married Ann (Bulline) Peter, widow of Christopher.

⁵⁷ Son of James Stobo, Sr. He married Elizabeth, daughter of James Skirving. After his death, his widow married Philip Smith, Esq.

Colleton County St. Pauls Parish (Entered in Church Book) Memorandum of agreement made between Archd Hamilton of the one Part and the Trustees of Wiltown Congregation of the other Part Viz. that the Sd Archd Hamilton agrees to take the negroes Royall Spry Decd Legacy on hire Viz. Jacob, London, Hannah & Nanny Workers & Boatswain and the wench Hannah's child to keep them Twelve Months to Commence from this day and Promise to pay the sd Trustees on the 8th day of February next which will be in the Year or Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty Seven The Sum of One hundred and Thirty Pounds Curry for the use of Willtown Congregation and find the Sd Negroes and their Increase Sufficient Victuals Cloaths and all other Expenses that may Accrue within the sd Twelve Months—

In Witness whereof the sd Parties have set their hands this Eight day of February 1766

February 8th 1766

Entd. Agreed by the Trustees Present that Mr James Fabian shall Plant Part of the Parsonage Old field Including a Small Piece of Rice Land to be cleared But not to Cut any Valuable Timber on Said Land & to Pay the Trustees Twenty Shillings Curry pr Acre for every Acre he Plants for The term of one year Commencing from the above date.

Entd. Agreed by the Said Trustees Present that Mr John Peter shall have the Use of the Remaining Part of the Parsonage Old Field for the Use of Keeping a Reservoir of Water thereon In Consideration of which he Promises to Pay to the Said Trustees Ten Pounds Curry for the Term of one year.

Agreed this 13th of March 1766 by the undermentioned Subscriber Trustees that Messrs Archd Hamilton & John Mitchell do Borow the sum of Four Hundred & Sixty Pounds curry from Mr Joseph Fabian, and the said Hamilton and Mitchell give their notes for the above sum which we agree and promise to Join the sd Hamilton & Mitchell to see the said Note discharged.

Ezekiel Branford, Abrm Hayne, Edwd Splatt, John Peter, James Fabian⁵⁸

At a Meeting of the Trustees April 30th 1766 it was Agreed that Archibald Hamilton Should agree with some Person to Bring up & Land at Doctr Reids Landing a Sufficient Quantity of Oister Shells to Plaister the Parsonage House & that Mr Henry Henry Talbird be Applied to to

⁵⁸ James and Joseph Fabian were brothers, sons of John and Mary Fabian.

finish his Work on said House as pr Articles of Agreement with Trustees of Willtown Congregation. Ezekiel Branford one of the Trustees this day Resigned his trust and desired the Trustees to Proceed to nominate and appoint another in his room to succeed him in the Trust—16th May 1766.

At a Meeting of the following Trustees Viz Abraham Hayne, John Mitchell, Edward Splatt, James Fabian & John Peter being a Majority Agreed this Twenty seven Day of March 1767 that John Peter be and he is appointed a Treasurer for the Ensuing year to Associate with John Mitchell formerly appointed Treasurer. N.B. The above John Peter declines serving as a Treasurer.

April 27, 1767 Agreed by the present Trustees Viz. Abraham Hayne, John Peter, Edward Splatt, James Fabian & John Mitchell to send Ten pounds Sterling with a Call to New Jerseys for to pay the Passage of a Minister from thence to this Province. Witness our hands: Abrm Hayne, John Peter, Edward Splatt, James Fabian, J. Mitchell

Att a Meeting this 31 July 1767 According to Appointment Mr Edwd Splatt & John Peter, Mr Edwd Bower Mr Wm Hutson & George Bell, as was agreed by a Majority of Trustees of the Will Town Congregation that we Should Inspect into the work done to the Meeting house now aBuilding By Mr Gideon Dupont Senr & to Point out such work done as the Above Nam'd Gentlemen Mr Edwd Bower Wm Hutson & Geo Bell, shall Object against that is not done in a Workman Like Manner According to Articles of Agreement made by the Trustees of Will Town Congregation & Mr Gideon Dupont Senr.

(Viz)

The whole of the Pews wants new Capping new framing at Bottom floor[?] Boards, The new Seats of the Pews are too narrow & a great many are Not Nailed all the Supports of the Seats are Pieced. The whole of the Pews are not put up by Line or Plum, The whole heads of the Windows & doors wants New lining & Architrives. The Boarding & Roofing Outside & windows are very well, The doors not done According to Agreement as they are not all done of Cypress. The floor is very well Likewise all the framing But Two Rods that Slings the Binders which ought to be Bolted in the upper Binders as well as the Lower. The Pulpitt is very well But the door badly fitted Eight Pew doors obstructs the way of the Communion Ile. But part of the Nails heads are not Braded Sevrall of the Pews want Stiles[?] & rales as some

is taken away & some Splitt, the whole of the Windows & Doors inside wants Architrives Best Part of the Pew doors Drags & cant be Opened conveniently.

Agreed by Edwd Bower & Wm Hutson that what is wanting to Compleat the Meeting House Sett aside the Sashes, is worth the Sum of Six hundred & fifty Pounds finding everything.

William hudson, Edward Bower, George Bell.

[*Endorsed*] Minutes of a Meeting of the Trustees—July 31, 1767.

Containing information as to the time the Church was rebuilt.

(To be continued)