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proceedings organizing Parish, & the early elections  
of Vestry.

1820 *Record of Proceedings of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church  
Genesee Falls* — " —

Lot for Church

At a regular meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church Genesee Falls held at the house of Charles Millard in the village of Rochester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820, It was resolved, That Whereas Nathaniel Rochester Charles Canole and William Fitzhugh, had offered to convey a lot of land, known by lot 85- in said village, to the first Religious Society that should take possession of the same and build a church thereon; The said Wardens and Vestrymen would take possession of said lot and build a church thereon, and that the same should be built by subscription

Egna R. Babbie Secy

Rev. Mr. Cummings, called

At a regular meeting of the Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church Genesee Falls held at Mr. Stebbins Store in the village of Rochester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1821 It was mutually agreed by and between the said Wardens and Vestrymen, of the one part & the Reverend Francis A. Summing of the other part, that the said Rev. F. A. Summing should perform divine service for the said Church in said village for the term of one year from and after the first Sunday in December 1820, in such manner as is customary in well regulated Protestant Episcopal Churches in the State of New York, and that the said Wardens and Vestrymen should pay him therefor the sum of four hundred and

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1821 Seventy five dollars to be paid quarterly  
S<sup>rs</sup> R. Babht Secy

At a meeting of the Vestry on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1821. Voted that Silas Smith Caleb S. Clark & the Clerk of the vestry be a committee to repair the Church - & that N. T. Rochester be Clerk of the Vestry  
attest N. T. Rochester CLK.

At a meeting of the vestry of St Luke Church on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1821 -

Voted That Mr Silas Smith be a committee to make a Contract with a Station for the Church -

Voted That out of the sales of the Pews the present year - be paid Mr Smiths Bill for hanging Pews & the Committee be for ~~spending~~ up Pews & repairing Church.

Voted That The Clerk allow Mr Blom \$2 for selling the Pews

Voted That the Balance of the money after paying the above bills remain in the Treasury until the further order of the Vestry -

Voted That the Rev Mr Cummings Salary be raised to \$500. the present year & that the Vestry pay him that sum -

Voted That Caleb S. Clark, John Mastick & Silas Smith be a committee to examine for a suitable place to build a Parsonage house & such other things as may relate to such an House as they may think proper & make their report at the next vestry meeting -

Voted To adjourn till the 30<sup>th</sup> Oct at the House of Chas Midland attested N. T. Rochester CLK

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1821 At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke Church pursuant to adjournment June 30<sup>th</sup> 1821

Voted that the Committee appointed to examine for a site for a Parsonage Report

" That St. Rochester Mastick & St. Gregory be a committee to get Col. Tronpi terms for a Lot for a parsonage house for the ch.

" That J. Mastick be a committee to obtain from Col Fitzhugh a deed for Lot 127 given by him to the Church

" That the Clerk pay Mr Cumming \$10 being the amount he paid for in the ch.

attested N. T. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke Church December 4<sup>th</sup> 1821

Voted That Mr Howard collect the Balance due on the Subscription to Mr Cummings  
" That Mr Atkinson & Mr Gregory be a committee to circulate Mr Cummings Subscription -

" That Mr Atkinson be a committee to correspond with the Cash of a Bank to obtain a Loan for the Rev Mr Cummings for 2 Yrs -

N. T. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the vestry of St Luke Church Jan<sup>18</sup> 1822.  
Present The Rector - Mr J. Smith Mr Stephen Gregory Mr Mastick. Mr Clark - Resd That the sum in the Church be paid on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst. for one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. - N. T. Rochester CLK

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1822 At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke Church  
March 27. 1822

Resolved That Mr McCulloch be permitted  
to put up an Organ in the church  
for which he is to receive the interest  
at 7 percent on the price of the organ  
(which is not to exceed \$500) so long as  
the Vestry shall think proper —

Resolved That Mr C. L. Clark be a committee to  
to employ a workman to alter the steeple  
of the church, and that he raise by  
subscription the money to defray the expense

Resolved That the Clerk furnish at the next meeting  
of the Vestry an account of all demands  
against the Church and also the amount  
due for Rent showing the situation  
in which the church are now stands

attested N. T. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke Church  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1822

Resolved That Mr Atkinson, Mr Smith  
Mr Mastick be a committee to devise  
ways & means to pay off the debt due by  
the Church —

Resolved That Mr Gregory & Mr Mumford be a  
committee to raise the balance of the  
Cummings Subscription —

attested

N. T. Rochester CLK

1822 At a meeting of the Vestry of "St Luke's Church"  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 1822 resolved that the report of the  
committee to devise ways and means to raise the  
subscription to the Rev Manning for the year 1821  
be accepted after endorsing \$8.25 on the order  
of the committee on the Ark of the Vestry leaving  
\$11.75 to be paid out of the New Bank by the said  
order of the said Committee

attested N. T. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke Church  
General falls Thursday in Easter week Apr 11 1822  
immediately after the annual election

Present Rev Mr Manning Rector

Mr Atkinson

Mr Mastick } Wardens

Mr Child

" Smith

Smith

Smith

Chase and

Mumford

Gregory

Hayden

Vestrymen

Resolved That N. T. Rochester be Clerk of  
the Vestry for the ensuing Year

attested

N. T. Rochester CLK





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1822  
Resolved That the clerk be authorized to give transferrable certificates of stock agreeably to the terms and conditions of agreement marked A. B. to those subscribing thereto and also to J. M. Smith for \$75 Pittsford 11¢ J. J. Andrus 9.00 Ripley & Ely \$50 - & H. Sanford \$20 —

Resolved that the following be the form of the certificates to be signed by the clerk for the amt due the several subscribers according to the conditions of agreements marked A. B. to wit  
"This certifies that A. B. is entitled to ten dollar stock in St Luke Church in the village of Rochester payable to bearer on the first day of Sept 1823 out of funds arising from the sale or rent of Pews in said Church with interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept 1822  
attested

M. J. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the Vestry of "St Luke Church Geneva Falls" Nov 20-1822

Present Mr Atkinson Warden

Mr Child Mr Cleveland }  
" Pitkin " Munford } Vestrymen  
" J. M. Smith

Resolved That Mr Atkinson be a committee to wait on the Rev Mr Cumings & inform him that is the desire of the Vestry of the Church to continue him as Pastor for one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec next -

Resolved That Mr Cumings Salary be \$600 the ensuing year -

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1823  
Resolved That Mr Cleveland & Mr Atkinson be a committee to circulate Mr Cumings subscription for the ensuing year  
adjourned without day  
At J. T. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke Church Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1823 It was

Resolved That the Pews in "St Luke Church" be sold on the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant for one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb & that the terms of sale be a credit of 3 1/2 months for endorsed notes -

Resolved - That the clerk get printed notes for the sale of Pews - & that he have printed notices of the sale of Pews distributed (on Monday morning next -

Resolved  
That the clerk be authorized to furnish wood & pay the Sexton out of the funds arising from the sale of Pews -  
attested M. J. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the vestry of St Luke Church february 11<sup>th</sup> 1823 -

Resolved That the clerk pay the Rev Mr Cumings the balance due him on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec last with interest - also the amt paid by him for dumb stove: And pay Mr Stone \$10 for services as Sexton the past year out of the first monies collected for pews Rents. -

Resolved That the entire subscription for the support of the Clergyman the present year be appropriated to Mr Cumings & that so much be added thereto from funds arising from Pews Rents as will make up the sum of Eight hundred dollar as salary for the present year -

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1823  
Resolved That Mr Stone receive the use of the pew allotted him & the sum of twenty five dollars for his services the present year -  
Attest N. S. Rochester CLK

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At a meeting of the Vestry of "St Luke Church  
Rensselaer falls"  
Present Mr Cumins Rector  
Mr Atkinson & Mr Martick Wardens  
Mr T. Smith Mr Gregory  
" S. M. Smith " Pitkin } Vestrymen  
" Taylor }  
Resolved That a Subscription of a Stock be drawn up (pursuant to the report of the meeting of the congregation of St Luke Church, <sup>Rensselaer falls</sup> held this day to take into consideration the propriety of building a new church for said congregation) and circulated for "Home Stock"  
Resolved That Mr Gregory & Mr Pitkin be a committee to draw up such a subscription  
Resolved That the Vestry be a committee to circulate the subscription for the "Loan."  
Attest N. S. Rochester CLK

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At a meeting of the Vestry of "St Luke Church"  
Apr 3 1823- Present Mr Atkinson & Mr Martick Wardens  
Mr Smith Mr Pitkin, Mr Strong, Mr Elwood, Mr Clark  
Mr Rochester Mr Kearman & Mr Humphreys  
Resolved That Nathl J. Rochester be Clerk of the Vestry for the ensuing year  
Attest N. S. Rochester CLK

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1823  
At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke Church  
April 22 1823- It was  
Resolved That the Clerk offer to Mr R Beach or Mr Phelps Smith 1/2 percent for collecting the Ch. funds the present year -  
Resolved - on motion of Mr Smith that the Clerk of the Vestry be authorized to offer Mr M. Gullack \$50 for the use of his Ch. Organ for one year to be paid when he shall have put the organ up in the church in as good time as it now is -  
Attest N. S. Rochester CLK

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke Church  
Rensselaer falls held in St Luke Church June 25 1823  
pursuant to regular notice -  
Resolved -  
That a New Church be Built where the Subscription to "Home Stock" amounts to Eight Thousand Dollars  
Resolved That the Clerk be authorized to employ Raphael Phule to collect the dues notes of the present year on the best terms he can -  
Resolved That Mr Cumins, Mr Strong, Mr Martick be a committee to make propositions to the proprietors or owners of the School House lot in this village for an exchange of lots. The church for the School house lot - & to get the consent of the proprietors of the village for such exchange & that they also confer with the trustees of the School respecting their claims to the lot  
Attest N. S. Rochester CLK



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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Pitkin's Counting Room pursuant to regular notice Aug 12 - 1823 -

Resolved

That Mr Cumins, Mr Mastick & Mr Smith be a committee to confer with the School district or whoever the owner or possessors of School Lot N. 86 may be relative to exchanging the Church lot for the same & that the said committee be hereby authorized to negotiate for the same -

Resolved

That the Rev Mr Cumins be a committee to Draft a petition to the corporation of Trinity Church in the City of New York requesting them to take forty shares in its Stock for building the New Church or as much thereof as they may deem proper -

attest

A. T. Rochester clrk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church pursuant to regular notice Aug 20 - 1823

Present Rev Mr Cumins Rector

Mr Smith Mr Elwood  
" Pitkin " Rochester  
" Sheaman " Kimpshall

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin Mr Smith & the Rev Mr Cumins be a committee to receive proposals for Building a Church & to procure information ascertaining

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the cost and expense of the same and report at the next meeting -

Resolved

That the Vestry adjourn until the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst

A. T. Rochester clrk

At a Meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held pursuant to adjournment & regular notice Aug 25 - 1823 -

Present Rev Mr Cumins Rector Mr Mastick Warden

Mr Pitkin Mr Clark  
" Sheaman " Rochester  
" Smith " Kimpshall

Resolved

That a committee of three be appointed to make out specifications & propositions & receive proposals for Building a Church & report to the next Vestry meeting -

Resolved

That The Rev Mr Cumins - Mr Pitkin & Mr ~~Smith~~ Mastick be the committee to receive proposals -

Resolved

That the Clerk of the Vestry be authorized to sell Lot 127 given by Mr Col Fitzhugh for the purchase of a Bell for three hundred & fifty dollars - on a credit of three years -

Resolved

That the Vestry adjourn until the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst at 4 o'clock P.M. at Mr Pitkin's Counting Room. - A. T. Rochester clrk



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1823  
At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held pursuant to adjournment notice August 28<sup>th</sup> 1823 -

Present Rev Mr Cumming Rector Mr Atkinson  
Warden Mr Martick Mr Smith  
Pitkin Rochester  
Chairman Clark  
Humphshall Vestrymen

Resolved Unanimously  
That St. St. George be offered  
Five Thousand Dollars for Building a New-  
Church according to the specifications & provisions  
made out by the committee appointed for that  
purpose at the last meeting and now approved  
by the Vestry -

Resolved  
That in case Mr St. George should  
accept the proposition Mr Cumming be  
it is hereby authorized to take his  
engagement that he will enter into  
a contract for the same -

Resolved  
That the Vestry adjourn until the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept tomorrow at 4 o'clock  
P.M.

attested A. T. Rochester clerk

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held pursuant to adjournment at  
Mr Pitkin's Country House Sept 1. 1823

Present Rev Mr Cumming Rector  
Mr Atkinson Pitkin  
Mr Martick Rochester  
Mr Smith Humphshall

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Resolved  
That a committee of five be appointed  
as a Building committee to superintend the  
Building a new church

Resolved  
That the Building committee consist  
of John Smith - Caleb L. Clark William  
Pitkin, S. M. Smith & D. W. Rochester -

Resolved  
That the Rev Mr Cumming be ex-officio one  
of the Building committee -

Resolved  
That the Building committee be author-  
ized to devise ways and means to remove  
the old church & to have the church  
lot surveyed -

Resolved  
That, the New Church be so built  
that the first step in front be in a  
line with the west line of Fitzhugh  
street -

Resolved  
That the Building committee be and  
are hereby authorized to enter into a  
contract with Mr St. George for build-  
ing a new Church according to the  
plans and specifications to which he  
has given his assent -

Resolved To adjourn without say

A. T. Rochester clerk

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1823 At a meeting of the vestry of "St Luke's Church  
Lewiston falls" held pursuant to regular notice  
October 30 - 1823  
Present Mr Mastick }  
Mr Atkinson } Warden  
" Rochester }  
Smith }  
Clark } Vestrymen  
Elwood }  
Pittman }  
Chairman }

Resolved (The Rector being absent)  
That Mr Mastick take the chair

Resolved  
That Nathaniel S. Rochester be  
the Treasurer of the vestry of "St  
Luke's Church" whose duty it shall  
be to receive and safely keep, all  
the monies, notes, vouchers, deeds  
and other evidences of property; and  
pay all orders, bills or drafts by the  
vestry out of any funds in the Treas-  
ury not otherwise appropriated -

Resolved  
That the Treasurer procure suit-  
able Books, printed Blanks and  
papers for the records - accounts  
and business transactions of the  
vestry - and pay the amount out  
of the treasury - and cause all  
the old records to be transferred to  
a new Book -

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1823 Resolved  
That the Treasurer effect a full and  
entire settlement of accounts to the first  
of November next with the present Collec-  
tor - and cause all notes and accounts  
for Books remaining in his hands  
on that day to be collected by suit  
(immediately) or otherwise -

Resolved  
That the Building Committee for the  
new Church be authorized to draw on  
the Treasurer for one hundred & thirty  
dollars, to defray the expense of removing  
the old church to be paid out of funds  
arising from rents of pews for the present  
year

Resolved  
That all orders or drafts on the Treasurer  
for disbursements in the erection of the  
new Church shall be signed by any two  
of the Building Committee. -

Resolved  
That the Building Committee may employ  
such person as they shall select as collector  
of the subscriptions for erecting the new  
Church - and authorize him to collect  
such subscriptions in any manner  
they or a majority of them shall  
direct - and it shall be the duty of  
the collector to pay over all monies  
he has received, make returns and  
settle all accounts with the Treasur-  
er at least once in each month. -

Resolved  
That, the motion adopted by the vestry  
directing the front step in front of the

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church to be placed on a line with the west line of Fitzhugh Street be vacated - and that the Building Committee use their exertion in placing the same -

Resolved

That whereas Mr J. Goff having expressed a wish to be excused from serving on the Building committee that he be so excused & that Mr Silas Smith is appointed in his place

attested M. T. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the "Wesley of St. Luke's Church" held at Mr Pitkin's counting room agreeably to notice December 15<sup>th</sup> 1823

Present Mr Mastick

" Atkinson } Wardens

" Pitkin

" Smith

" Kimpshall } Vestrymen

" Rochester

" Elwood

Resolved - That Mr Mastick be chairman of this meeting. (the Recto being absent)

Resolved

That the Rev Mr Cummings Salary be Eight Hundred dollars the ensuing year

Resolved

That Mr Atkinson & Mr Mastick be a committee to wait on the Rev Mr Cummings to propose the above salary to him & request his services another year -

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Resolved

That Mr Atkinson & Mr Pitkin be a committee to circulate a Subscription for Mr Cummings Salary the ensuing year. -

Resolved

That the sum of twenty two dollars be paid to Mr Atkinson for his age against the church out of the first unappropriated money rec'd by the Treasurer. -

Resolved

That the Clerk of the Wesley be authorized to furnish wood for the church during the winter & pay the same out of the Treasury. -

Resolved

That the Treasurer pay Jacob Stone the sum of \$3. being the amount of his age against the church for 1823 &c -

Resolved

That Dr. Elwood, Mr Kimpshall & St. J. Rochester be a committee to see that the church is suitably dressed on Christmas day. -

St. J. Rochester CLK

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
at Mr Pitkin's counting room agreeably to reg-  
ular notice February 9<sup>th</sup> 1824 -

Present Rev Mr Cuning Recla

Mr Atkinson

Pitkin

Rochester

Clark

Smith

Rimphshire

Vestrymen

Resolved

That Mr Cuning Mr Atkinson & Mr Kemp  
shall be a committee to wait on Mr Mc  
George & express the understanding of the  
Vestry relative to his subscribing to shares  
stock for the church

A. J. Rochester clk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
Genesee falls Thursday in Easter week April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1824  
immediately after the annual Election of Warden  
& vestry men

Resolved

Present

~~Mr Cuning~~ Mr Cuning Recla

Mr Atkinson & J. Marshall Warden

Mr Pitkin Mr B. Smith

" J. Smith " Child

" Clark Cleveland

" Mumford Rochester

Resolved

That Nathl. J. Rochester be clerk of the  
Vestry & also that he be the Treasurer of St  
Luke's Church -

Resolved - That the Treasurer pay Elias Smith five  
dollars for B. Smith's note

A. J. Rochester clk

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
Genesee falls held at Mr Pitkin's counting Room  
December 7<sup>th</sup> 1824

Present Mr Atkinson & J. Marshall Warden

Mr Pitkin Mr J. Smith

" Clark " Mumford

" B. Smith " Child

" Cleveland " Rochester

Resolved

That the Rev Mr Cuning be continued  
Rector of St Luke's Church for the next &  
 ensuing year with of \$800 -

Resolved

That \$600 be raised by subscription towards  
Mr Cuning's salary

Resolved

That Mr Atkinson & Mr Cleveland be  
a committee to circulate the subscription  
for the support of the clergyman -

A. J. Rochester clk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
Genesee falls held Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1824 at Mr Pitkin's  
Counting Room pursuant to regular notice

Present Mr Pitkin

Mr Atkinson

J. Smith

B. Smith

Cleveland

Pitkin

Resolved

That the tower of the new church be  
altered according to the plan furnish-  
ed by Mr M. Chapin -



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Resolved

That plan No. 1. be adopted as the plan for the construction of the interior of the church so far as it relates to the pews

adjourned A. J. Rochester clk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Decr 1824 at Mr Pitkin's Counting room pursuant to regular notice  
Present Mr Cuming Rector

Mr Martich Mr Atkinson Warden

- Cleveland - Clark  
- Mumford - B. Smith  
- Rochester - J. Smith

Resolved

That the 2<sup>d</sup> resolution passed at the last meeting of the Vestry be reconsidered

Resolved

That the Vestry adjourn to meet at this place next Friday Evening -  
A. J. Rochester clk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Ch. "Counsefalls" held agreeably to adjournment Friday Decr 15<sup>th</sup> 1824 Present

Rev Mr Cuming Rector

Mr Atkinson Warden

Mr J. Smith Mr Clark

- Child - Pitkin

Mumford - Rochester

Resolved

That plan No 2 be adopted for the construction of the interior of the church with the exception that the pews be

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angular -

Resolved

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That the interior of the & rear end of the church be prepared for a Vestry room to be attached to the rear of the church

Resolved

That the Vestry adjourn to Monday 22<sup>d</sup> Inst at 9 o'clock AM.

A. J. Rochester clk

At a meeting of the Warden & Vestry men of St Luke's Church "Counsefalls" held pursuant to regular notice at the Counting room of Mr Pitkin - January 15<sup>th</sup> 1825 -

Present Rev Mr Cuming Rector -

Mr Child Atkinson

" Pitkin Clark

" Cleveland B. Smith

Rochester J. Smith

Mumford

Resolved

That Mr Atkinson, Mr Pitkin & Mr Cleveland be a Committee to contract for, & purchase an Organ to be placed in the new church

Resolved

That the Pews in the old church be sold on Wednesday the 22<sup>d</sup> Inst for 6 months or until the new church is ready to be occupied

A. J. Rochester clk

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St  
Lukes Church held pursuant to regular  
notice on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 1825

Present The Rev Mr Luning Rector  
Mr Atkinson Warden  
- Pitkin Mr Chace  
" Rochester " Cleveland } Vestry  
" S. Smith B. Smith } men  
" Boulton " ~~Cleveland~~

Resolved

That J. H. Rochester be Secretary  
of this meeting (in the absence of A. H.)

Resolved

That we now find due to A. D.  
McGeorge Junr Builder on contract for  
building new Church thirteen ~~ten~~ dollars  
& that there will be due to said Mc  
George on the first day of June 1826  
Fifteen hundred ~~twenty one~~ & ninety seven  
50/100 dollars & Fifteen hundred ~~twenty~~  
one <sup>27</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars on the first day of  
June 1827 - which amount includes  
balance his extra bill against the  
Vestry of one hundred & sixteen  
5/100 dollars -

Resolved

That J. H. Rochester for Treas-  
urer be authorized to settle with A.  
D. McGeorge agreeably to the foregoing  
resolution -

Resolved

That J. H. Rochester

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for Treasurer be authorized to pay A. D. Mc  
George Jr \$13. 7/100 dollars the balance now  
due him

Resolved

That the Treasurer be authori-  
zed to accept A. D. McGeorge's draft or  
drafts to the amount of \$1000 to be drawn  
payable on the first day of June 1826 or  
1<sup>st</sup> day of ~~June~~ 1827

At a Meeting of the Vestry of St Lukes  
Church held pursuant to regular notice  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1825

Present Rev Mr Luning

Mr Atkinson Mr Chace  
Boulton " Pitkin } Vestrymen  
" S. Smith " Rochester

Resolved

That the Treasurer shall execute &  
deliver Certificate of Stock to the subscribers  
for building the new Church, whenever they  
shall have paid the fifth and all pre-  
vious installments due on their respective  
shares

" This Certificate that <sup>has paid</sup>  
" the sum of <sup>being</sup> \$ <sup>Installments on his</sup>  
" Subscription of <sup>Shares of fifty dollars</sup>  
" each share for the building of St Lukes Church  
" Rochester to be refunded to him the said  
" his heirs or assigns at any time at  
" the option of the Vestry within ten years  
" next ensuing the first day of October  
" 1825 - with interest from the  
" agreeably to the provisions of the original

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"Subscription subject nevertheless to the payment  
"by the said his heirs, executors and  
1825 "ministrators or assigns of any further instalment  
"or instalments due or to become due upon  
"the said shares at the time specified in  
"the said subscription for the payment there  
"of upon pain in default thereof of forfeiture  
"of the said shares and of all previous pay  
ments made thereon

By order of the Vestry  
Attestd A. J. Rochester  
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At a Meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held (pursuant to regular notice) at Mr. Burnings' office on the 2 day of November 1825-

Present Rev Mr. Burnings Rector

Mr. Atkinson Warden

Mr. Child Mr. Pitkin

" Rochester " Cleveland } Vestrymen

" Boulton " G. Smith }

Resolved

That the valuation of Pews in  
new church be not less than \$15.000  
or more than \$16.000

Resolved

That the Pews in the new church  
be offered at public sale on Friday the fourth  
day of November 1825, on Perpetual lease,  
and for one or three years, by bids for choice  
at the valuation and annual Rents specified in  
the schedule attached; all being subject  
to the annuity set to them in the said schedule.

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ule - All annuities and Rents shall  
be paid quarterly yearly - and in considera  
tion of the use free of the old church after  
the first of July and of the new since the  
first of September last the Year shall be  
deemed to have commenced with the first  
day of October 1825 - The bid or price  
for choice shall be paid at the time of  
sale or within thirty days thereafter. -

The payments for purchase on perpet  
ual lease shall be made one fourth at  
four months one fourth at seven months  
one fourth at eighteen months and the  
remaining fourth at thirty months all with  
interest from the first day of October 1825 -

Certs or certificates signed by  
the Treasurer and issued to subscribers for  
Building the new church shall be received  
in payment for annual Rents - and shall  
also be received in payment of the valua  
tion for purchase on perpetual lease to be  
applied in the following manner viz Certificates  
bearing date previous to the first day of Oc  
tober 1825 - issued for the several instalments  
making one half of the subscription due &  
payable on and before the first day of Oc  
tober 1825 may apply in payment of  
that half of the valuation that is pay  
able to the vestry in four & seven  
months - And the certificates issued for that  
part of the subscription due on the first  
day of October 1825, may apply in pay  
ment of the one quarter of the valuation that  
is payable in eighteen months - And the  
certificates issued for that part of the sub  
scription due on the first day of October

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1820 may apply in payment of one quarter of the valuation that is payable in thirty months - but the certificate shall not apply in payment of the annuity or of the bids for choice or any part of the same -

Schedule of Valuation, annuities & Rents

No	Disposition	Valuation	Rent	Annuity	No	Disposition	Valuation	Rent	Annuity
1	Rent	200	14	14	28	Rent	280	20	20
2	Rent for day	240		19	29	Sell	280		20
3	Sell	280		20	30	do	280		20
4	Rent	280	20	20	31	Rent	280	20	20
5	Sell	280		20	32	Sell	280		20
6	do	280		20	33	Sell	260		19
7	Rent	280	20	20	34	Sell	260		19
8	Sell	280		20	35	Rent	280	20	20
9	do	260		19	36	Sell	280		20
10	Rent	240	17	17	37	do	280		20
11	Sell	220		16	38	Rent	280	20	20
12	do	200		14	39	Sell	280		20
13	Rent	180	13	13	40	Sell	260		19
14	Sell	140		10	41	Rent	240	17	17
15	do	120		8 1/2	42	Sell	220		16
16	Rent	120	8 1/2	8 1/2	43	do	200		14
17	Sell	100		7	44	Rent	180	13	13
18	do	100		7	45	Sell	140		10
19	Rent	100	7	7	46	do	120		8 1/2
20	Sell	100		7	47	Rent	100	7	7
21	do	120		8 1/2	48	Sell	100		7
22	Rent	140	10	10	49	do	100		7
23	Sell	180		13	50	Rent	100	7	7
24	do	200		14	51	Sell	120		8 1/2
25	Rent	220	16	16	52	do	120		8 1/2
26	Sell	240		17	53	Rent	140	10	10
27	do	260		19	54	Sell	180		13

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No	Disposition	Value	Rent	Annuity
55	Sell	200		14
56	Rent	220	16	16
57	Sell	240		17
58	+ do	260		19
59	Rent	280	20	20
60	+ Sell	280		20
61	Sell	280		20
62	Rent	280	20	20
63	Sell	280		20
64	+ Sell	280		20
65	Rent	360	19	19
66	+ Sell	200		14
14.080				

Gallery Pews							
No		Value	Rent	No	Disposition	Value	Rent
1	Rent	\$100	10	14	Singers		
2	do	40	6	15	Singers		
3	"	80	8	16	Rent	100	4
4	"	40	4	17	Singers		
5	"	60	6	18	Rent	60	6
6	"	60	6	19	do	60	6
7	"	40	4	20	"	40	4
8	"	40	4	21	"	60	6
9	"	60	6	22	"	60	6
10	Singers			23	"	40	4
11	Rent	40	4	24	"	80	8
12	Singers			25	"	60	6
13	do			26	"	100	10
		80				600	418
turn over							

turn over



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1825 Resolved  
No That no transfer of a Lease can be made without the consent of one of the Warden, & Treasurer or a majority of the vestry -

Resolved  
That any purchaser of a perpetual Lease may commute for the annuity by paying twice the valuation -

Resolved  
That purchaser failing to comply with any of the foregoing stipulations and conditions will incur the forfeiture of such payments as shall have been made - and the vestry shall have the right to re-rent at any time with power to dispose of the Prem as if no such sale had been made -

Resolved  
That Mr Pitkin & Mr burning be a committee to have the necessary papers drawn up - & likewise the conditions of Sale & the Schedule -

attested

A. V. Rochester  
AK

31  
1825 At a meeting of the Vestry of "St Luke Church Geneva Falls" held pursuant to regular notice on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1825

Present Rev Mr burning Rector  
Mr Atkinson Warden  
William Pitkin J. H. Rochester  
Oliver Smith J. Cleveland  
Percy Smith Sils. Boulton } Vestry-  
men

Resolved  
That a committee of 3<sup>ms</sup> be appointed to sell at any time before the 1<sup>st</sup> December next any Prem which may have been rented or which have not been disposed of or which may be relinquished before the 1<sup>st</sup> day next at any price they shall deem proper above the valuation not exceeding 10 per cent & also to rent at any time such Prem as have not been disposed of or which may revert to the Vestry at any time at any price they shall deem proper in addition to the annuity -

Resolved  
That William Pitkin & A. V. Rochester be the Committee for disposing of the Prem as mentioned in the above resolution

A. V. Rochester  
CCK

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1825

At a meeting of the Vestry of St  
Lukes Church Genesee Falls held pur-  
suant to regular notice on the  
25<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1825

Present

Rev Am Cumins Rector

Mr Atkinson Warden

Mr Pitkin

" B. Smith

" S. Smith

" Boutton

" Rochester

" Cleveland

Vestry-  
men

Resolved

That the seal now  
in possession of the  
treasurer the impression  
of which is herewith affixed is adopted  
as the seal of this corporation

Resolved

That the Treasurer shall execute  
and attach the seal of this  
corporation to all leases of Pews  
in the church

Resolved

That no Pewholder shall be  
permitted to suspend any hanging  
or drapery to or over the make of any  
capping of any of the Pews or in  
front of the breast work of the Gallery

Resolved

That a committee of three be ap-  
pointed to have a fence made round

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the church & have any other improvement  
around the church that they shall deem  
proper -

Resolved

That Jonas Child Silas Boutton  
& Rev Am Cumins be trust com-  
mittee

Resolved

That The Rev Francis A. Cumins  
A. M. be Instituted Rector of St  
Lukes Church & that he have a  
Salary of Eight hundred dollars  
per annum

Attested

N. J. Rochester

At

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Lukes  
Church Genesee Falls held pursuant to  
regular notice Janry 16<sup>th</sup> 1826

Present Mr Atkinson - Warden

Mr Boutton Mr Cleveland

" Child " Pitkin

" Rochester " S. Smith

" B. Smith

It was Resolved

That the Treasurer be authorized  
to pay all Bills with order  
that have been signed by the  
Building Committee

Resolved

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay out  
of any funds in the treasury the fol-  
lowing Bills and accounts viz: -

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1826  
Mr Edwards ap for work in church \$41.00  
J B Cuning ap for carpet Martha Stab n  
\$97.75 Same J. J. di Bill Lamps \$160  
Silas Boulton for Insurance \$99 St J Ro-  
chester for ap \$42.65 Mr Davis for work in  
Church 3.40 Bill for Post \$20 for Moore  
\$15 also to furnish wood for the church  
to pay the printer's bills to pay the Rev  
McFunnings salary for the last year - to  
pay Organist & Sexton & also all other  
the incidental expenses of the church

Resolved

That the note for \$500 & interest  
due the Bank of Rochester be paid out of  
any monies in the Treasury.

Resolved

That the Treasury Cancel the con-  
tract with Hall & Eber for the Organ  
& give them a note payable to them  
or order in Six Months after the first fourth  
day of Novr last for Six Hundred ad  
low being the Balance due on the contract

Attest  
N. J. Rochester  
AK

At a meeting of the vestry of St Luke's Church  
held pursuant to regular notice March 22<sup>d</sup>  
1826 at Mr J. Smiths counting room

Present

W. Atkinson Warden  
Jm Pitkin Silas Smith  
Silas Boulton J. H. Rochester } Vestrymen

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin be a committee to engage  
Raphael Beach to collect the money due the church

Resolved

That Mr Cuning, Mr Boulton & Mr J. Smith  
be a committee to engage a sexton -

Resolved

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay  
Alfred Watts ap for Stoves Lamps &c. 100.00  
J. Harkis Bill of painting \$180.00

~~Resolved~~ That the Treasurer be authorized to pay  
Matthew Mead bill of Rent 26.00

Warrant & Walker bill of Rent 35.43

Ward St Warden 4.00

Resolved

That Mr Boulton, Mr J. Smith & Mr  
J. H. Rochester be a committee to settle  
with the collector and Treasurer &  
report at next vestry meeting -

Resolved

That the vestry adjourn till Tuesday  
Evening next half past seven o'clock

Attest

N. J. Rochester

AK

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At a meeting of the vestry of St. Luke's Church held in the Church (pursuant to regular notice for that purpose) on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1826

Present Rev Mr Cumming  
Mr Atkinson Warden

Mr J. Smith	}	Vestrymen
Mr B. Smith		
Mr Auckland		
Mr Pitkin		
Mr Rochester		
Mr Boulton		

Resolved That the Treasurer pay Mr Cumming \$309.53 out of the first unappropriated money in the Treasury being the balance of his salary (due) for 1825-

Resolved That Mr Cumming's age for trimming & for church be allowed being \$111. & that he be credited in his of that sum

Resolved That the sum of \$100 be allowed Mr Burrup Smith for his services as collector-

Resolved That Jacob Stone be allowed \$50 for his services as sexton including all extra services-

Resolved That the report of the committee appointed to examine the accounts & settle with the Treasurer be accepted & that his account be allowed as audited & settled by said committee

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The committee appointed to settle with Treasurer presented the following report by Mr Boulton (referred to in last resolution) the undersigned having been appointed a committee by the vestry of St. Luke's Church to examine the accounts of Treasurer Mr Nathl J. Rochester, up to this period, have gone thro' the same, viz three separate papers marked A No 1. B No 2 and C No 3 and find that the balance due from him to the church is \$5<sup>49</sup>/<sub>100</sub> as stated on the annexed sheet (accts filed)

Interim<sup>o</sup> minutes  
Rochester 29-1826

Deas Smith  
Riles Boulton  
J. H. Rochester

adjourned

attested

N. J. Rochester  
Attest

At a meeting of the vestry of St. Luke's Church held in said Church after the annual meeting of said church & election (30<sup>th</sup> March 1826)

Present Rev Mr Cumming Pastor

Mr Atkinson Warden

Mr Pitkin Mr Whittier

Mr Boulton Mr Lathrop

Mr Smith

Mr Rochester

It was Resolved

That Nathaniel J. Rochester be Clerk of the vestry & also that he be Treasurer of St. Luke's Church the ensuing year  
30<sup>th</sup> March 1826-  
N. J. Rochester Attest



At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held pursuant to regular notice October 4<sup>th</sup>  
1826

Present Rev Mr Cumming Rector  
Mr Atkinson Warden  
Mr J Smith Mr Rochester }  
" Pitkin Mr Lathrop } Vestrymen  
" Whittlesey

Resolved

That such Pews in the Church  
where the leases have expired within  
the Rents & annuities for the last  
year shall not be paid, shall be  
offered for sale & rent on Tuesday  
next at 2 o'clock P. M. -

attest  
A. J. Rochester  
Clerk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at Mr Pitkin's Counting Room May 1. 1827 -

Present

Rev Mr Cumming - Rector  
Mr Atkinson }  
Mr Pitkin } Wardens  
Mr Smith Mr Lathrop }  
" Whittlesey " Johnson } Vestrymen  
" Boulton " Robbins }

Resolved

That Nathaniel T. Rochester be Clerk of  
the Vestry the ensuing year - & that he also be  
Treasurer of St Luke's Church. -

Resolved

That the Treasurer be & is hereby authorized to  
sell the 72 Lot No 127 given to the church by  
Col. Fitzhugh for the purchase of a Bell for  
\$500 payable \$150 the 1<sup>st</sup> July next & the ballt  
in in three equal annual payments - with an-  
nual interest -

Resolved

That the Treasurer be a Committee to attend  
to all repair of the New Church and be au-  
thorized to defray the expenses out of the  
Treasury. -

Resolved

That Mr Lathrop be a committee to repair the  
old Church & that the Treasurer pay the  
same on his order. -

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin be a committee to settle the accounts  
of the Sexton the past year and to Contract with a  
Sexton for the present year & that he be a stain-  
ing Committee to see that the sexton attends  
to his duty -

Resolved

That Mr Johnson, Mr Pitkin, Mr Boulton &  
Mr Smith be a committee to get a  
plan and estimate & take into consid-  
eration the making a fence on the Church  
Lot

Resolved

That Mr Atkinson & Mr Smith be a commit-  
tee to settle with Mr Howard. -

Resolved

That Mr Child & the Treasurer be a committee  
to make a statement to the Vestry at  
its next meeting of all the debts

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due from the church and also of the funds  
in the Treasury and debts due the church. —

appointed

N. D. Rochester  
Clerk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at Mr Pitkin's Counting Room pursuant  
to regular notice May 7<sup>th</sup> 1827

Present

Rev. Mr Cuming Rector

Mr Atkinson +  
Mr Pitkin } Wardens

Mr Smith Whittlesey

" Child Johnson

" Boulton Stebbins } Vestrymen  
Lathrop

Mr Child from the Committee appointed for  
that purpose reported the state of the  
funds &c. &c.

Resolved — That said Report be accepted  
& filed with the Clerk

Resolved

That Mr Child & Mr Pitkin be a committee  
to collect the debts of the church & also  
to negotiate with McKee in relation  
to the debt due him. —

Resolved

That Mr Cuming & Mr Whittlesey be au-  
thorized to obtain a Loan for the church

Resolved

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That Mr Pitkin be appointed to engage Mr  
Stanton as Organist and be authorized to  
offer him a Salary of \$200 per Year and  
guarantee him ten Scholars at music at  
\$10 per quarter each for one year

The Rev. Mr Cuming having withdrawn after the  
Chair Mr Atkinson Warden was appointed chair-  
man —

Whereas the Congregation of St Luke's Church  
has become so numerous in consequence of the increa-  
sing population of the Village that their present church  
cannot afford the necessary accommodations, and it  
being therefore deemed desirable to Establish an ad-  
ditional Church in the Village of Rochester — and  
application having been made by parishioners of St  
Luke's Church residing on the East side of the Gen-  
esee River for the Organization of such additional  
Church and Society — agreeable to the Canons or  
Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church  
It is therefore —

Resolved

That the said additional Church  
be located on the East side of the Gen-  
esee River within the bounds of the Vil-  
lage Corporation —

Resolved

That a Committee be appointed of five be  
appointed to carry the above resolutions  
into effect in a legal manner & as soon  
as practicable — & that the following gentlemen  
compose said Committee viz Messrs Atkinson,  
Johnson, Boulton, Whittlesey & Pitkin —

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Resolved

That the said Committee wait upon the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cuming and Express to him the continued confidence & attachment of all the Parishoners of St Lukes Church in him as their Rector & request him to proceed in the organization of the additional Church agreeable to the Canons or Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church -

N. J. Rochester

at

AK

At a Meeting of the Vestry of St Lukes Church General held at the office of Mr William Pitkin pursuant to regular notice May 24<sup>th</sup> 1827.

Present

Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cuming Rector  
Mr Pitkin Warden  
Mr Child Mr Boulton  
" Whalley - Smith  
" Lathrop —

Vestrymen

Resolved

That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Francis Cuming be authorized to affix the seal of the Church to a Bond to Richard Varck Esquire of the City of New York in the penal sum of Seven Thousand dollars conditions for the payment of Three thousand & five hundred dollars

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with the interest thereon in semi-annual in statements - and also execute by affixing the seal of the said Church to a mortgage of the lot upon which the Church stands for securing the payment of the said sum of money -

Resolved

That Mr William Pitkin be authorized to purchase a Bell for the Church to weigh not less than 12 nor more than 1700<sup>lb</sup> weight

Resolved

That Mr Boulton and N. J. Rochester be a committee to build a fence around the Church in such manner & upon such a plan as they shall think proper & the Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay for the same out of any monies in the Treasury -

Resolved

That Mr Smith be a committee to inform Mr Clark organist that the Vestry have employed Mr Staunton Organist of the Church & that they will still continue Mr Clark as leader of the singing until the 1<sup>st</sup> of October next

adjourned

N. J. Rochester  
AKMr Staunton  
Organist

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1827

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Pitkin's Counting Room pursuant to regular notice July 5<sup>th</sup> 1827

Present

Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cuming Rector  
Mr Pitkin Warden  
Mr Child Mullberry  
- Johnson Boulton } Vestrymen  
- Smith Lathrop }

Mr Pitkin having communicated the result of his enquiries respecting a Bell it was

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin be authorized to contract with Ward & Bartholomew, for a Bell of 2000 lbs & the remainder in 3 Equal annual instalments to be paid for as follows 200 Dollars down & the remainder in 3 Equal annual instalments with interest after Six months. —

Resolved

That the Treasurer be authorized to cash Mr Garrison's Bond to the Rev<sup>d</sup> P. H. Garrison & take his assignment of the same —

Resolved

That the Treasurer with Mr Child & Mr Pitkin be authorized to invest the funds of St Luke's Ch. to the best advantage in Bonds & mortgages —

A Communication having been received from Mr Stanton Organist, it was

Resolved

That the Mr Last proposition of Mr Stanton, be accepted. —

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Resolved

That the Committee for building fence be authorized to have two lamps put up, at the time of the erection of the fence

M J Rochester

MR

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke, Ch. held Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1827 at the Vestry-room in the church pursuant to regular notice —

Present Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cuming Rector  
William Atkinson Warden  
E Johnson Boulton } Vestrymen  
J Smith Lathrop }

Resolved

That the meeting be adjourned until 7 O'clock this Evening at Mr Pitkin's Counting-room. —

The Vestry met pursuant to adjournment

Present

Mr Cuming  
" Atkinson Pitkin Warden  
" Boulton Smith  
" Child Lathrop } Vestrymen  
" Cleveland }

Resolved

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mrs. Imonds' Bill - & also to pay Mr Cuming's Bill for Sundries, as per Bill rendered. —

Resolved

That the Rector of the Parish appoint the Lay delegates to represent this parish in the



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State Convention this year -

Resolved,

That the Vestry engage Mr Clark for another year. at \$200 per annum -

Resolved

That Mr Brayton have permission to occupy the north room in the old church on condition that he fit it up himself & allow it to be used as an evening lecture room & singing school for Mr Clark & furnish the fuel used on the lecture evenings & have it put in order on said evenings for service.

Resolved

That a committee consisting of Mr Child Mr Whittlesey & Mr Smith be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of enlarging the church & to report a plan and expense of such an addition as they may recommend.

Resolved

That the clerk advertise the pews (vacant) to be rented on Saturday at 2 o'clock

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A. J. Rochester

Clerk of Vestry

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1827

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church Decem-  
ber 26 - 1827. by reason of the death of Mrs Gardiner a  
living wife of the Rev F. H. burning Rector of this church  
who died this morning. -

Present

Mr Atkinson	}	Hearers
Mr Pitkin		
Mr Child	}	Vestrymen
Mr Whittlesey		
Mr Smith		
Mr Boulton		
Mr Johnson		

It was Resolved

That the Hearers & Vestrymen attend the funeral of the late Mrs burning in Cape. -

Resolved

That it be recommended to the members of the choir wear Cape. -

Resolved

That the Pulpit, desk & Organ be hung with black on the day of the funeral -

Resolved

That the funeral expenses be paid by the Vestry.

M. J. Rochester

Clerk

48  
1828 At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Pitkin's Counting Room pursuant to regular notice Jan<sup>y</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1828

Present

Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Furness Rector  
Mr Atkinson Mr Pitkin Wardens  
Mr Child " Whittlesy  
" Smith Lathrop

Resolved

That proper measures be taken to have the time of the annual election of Wardens & Vestrymen of this church changed from Thursday in Easter week to Easter Monday, & that Mr Whittlesy be a committee to attend to the business -

Resolved

That Mr Child & the Treasurer be a committee to report the state of the funds to Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1827 -

Resolved

That the Treasurer give notice to all persons indebted for pews, that their pews will be forfeited, if their accts up to Oct 1. 1827 be not settled, on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1828. -

Resolved

That the balance of J. Smith's acc<sup>t</sup> of \$45.16 for repairs on the old church be allowed -

Resolved

That the meeting be adjourned to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in Feb<sup>y</sup> & be then held at same place, at 7. o'clock - -

N. O. Rochester

OK -

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1828 At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Pitkin's Counting room, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1828  
Present Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Furness Rector  
Mr Pitkin Mr Atkinson Wardens  
" Child Smith  
" Lathrop Whittlesy  
" Hobbs

Resolved

That the Vestry will re-enter upon all pews which have been sold, the payments of which shall not be paid made by 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 1828 -

Resolved

That Chas<sup>l</sup> Bristol be no longer employed as Organ Blower & that Mr Lathrop be a committee to provide a substitute -

-

That the occupants of leased pews be required to take leases of their pews.

-

That Mr Scrantom's acc<sup>t</sup> of \$15.9 be allowed -

-

That the Treasurer purchase for the use of the Choir with 1 dozen Boston Handel & Haydn Collection of Music. -

-

That the funds of the church require a retrenchment of expenses of the Church of expenses & that Mr Clark be not employed after the 1<sup>st</sup> April next & that Messrs Smith - Child & Lathrop be a committee to make

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1828 other arrangements for the conducting of the  
ministry of the church

Resolved

That stated meeting of the vestry be held  
on the first Monday in each month, at  
Mr Pitkin's counting Room, at 7 o'clock  
P.M. - or at such place to which they may adjourn  
N. J. Rochester

AK -

At a meeting of "The Vestry of St Luke's Church" held  
at the counting Room of Nathan Child pursuant to  
regular notice April 17<sup>th</sup> 1828

Present

Rev Mr Cumming Rector

Mr Smith Mr Pitkin Wardens

Mr Child Mr Whalley

" Lathrop " Seabury } Vestrymen

" Scanton " Rochester

It was

Resolved That Nathaniel J. Rochester be Clerk of the Vestry  
& Treasurer for the ensuing year -

Resolved

That the account of mrs Ward Bartholomew Whar-  
ren for the church bill be paid as follows: that is  
to say: The Rector, & Clerk of the Vestry, shall  
make to them the said Ward H<sup>rs</sup> three several notes  
1<sup>st</sup> one for \$212 payable 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 1829 - 2<sup>d</sup> for \$244  
payable 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 1830 & \$336 - payable 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 1831  
& that the Treasurer pay to Mr Pitkin the balance of  
the \$247.60 to be by him paid to the 2<sup>d</sup> Ward H<sup>rs</sup>.

Resolved

That Mr Smith & Mr Seabury be a Committee to have  
the church Bell hung

Resolved

That Eliza Taylor's a/c of \$3.41. be paid by  
the Treasurer -

Resolved

That Mr Child be a Committee to Lease the  
Old Church -

adjourn until 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
in May -

Nathaniel J. Rochester

AK

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held  
at the counting Room of J. Child pursuant to adjourn-  
ment and regular notice - Monday Evening May 5<sup>th</sup> 1828

Present

Rev Mr. Cumming - Mr Smith Warden

Mrs Talman - Seabury - Scanton - P. Lathrop Ver.  
Trymen & Mr Pitkin Warden

The Committee (appointed October 24<sup>th</sup> 1827) to report upon  
the expediency of enlarging the church - made the fol-  
lowing report -

The Committee of the vestry of St Luke's Ch.  
to whom it was referred to report upon the expediency  
of making an addition to the present church

Report

That your Committee deem it expedient to add  
to the present church by calculating its length  
two aisles corresponding with the present aisle  
and pillars of the church provided the expense  
can be defrayed without subjecting the vestry  
to additional debts - by procuring the stock  
for the contemplated addition to be taken  
up by individuals as independent and distinct  
stock - whole stock shall be paid for in

Report on Enlarging Church

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Pews at such price as the vestry shall affix to them or re-paid at the end of not less than eight years in Cash with interest - Rochester April 30 - 1828

Silas O. Smells  
J. Child  
F. Whittier

On motion Resolved

That the report be accepted -

Resolved -

That a Committee be appointed to report a plan for raising the funds necessary to meet the expenses of the addition -

Resolved

That Messrs Pittman Smith & Scrantom compose said Committee

Adjourned till Friday Evening next

N. T. Rochester Wk -

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at the counting Room of J. Child agreeably to adjournment pursuant to regular notice May 9 - 1828

Present

Rev Mr. Cumming Rector  
Messrs Smith & Pittman Wardens Messrs Talcott  
Eggleston Scrantom & Leabury Vestrymen

The Committee, for devising ways & means for enlarging the Church made the following Report -

The Committee for devising ways & means for defraying the expense of enlarging the Church recommend that a plan of the church with the addition be made, and also a new valuation of all the old pews & that a sale of pews be attempted, & that \$3000 be raised in such payments as will meet the

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expenses before the vestry proceed with the addition

Resolved

That the report be accepted -

Resolved

That a committee be appointed to procure a plan of the church with the addition & also to make a new valuation of the unold pews & to receive proposals for doing the work - That Messrs Cumming & Pittman be said committee -

Resolved

That a Committee be appointed to ascertain Mr. Staunton's views in reference to his remaining an other year - to get his terms & to make report at the next vestry meeting - That Messrs Eggleston & Lathrop be said Committee

Adjourned

N. T. Rochester

OK

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held pursuant to regular notice at Rev Mr. Cumming's Room May 16 - 1828

Present Rev Mr. Cumming Rector  
Messrs Smith & Pittman Wardens  
" Lathrop Talcott  
" Leabury Eggleston } Vestrymen  
Scrantom

The Committee appointed to report a draft the church with the proposed addition with an estimate of the cost of the addition & also a new valuation of the pews, submitted two drafts & two proposals one from C. B. Daily & one from E. J. Mulhony & also a new valuation of the pews,

Resolved That the drafts & valuation be accepted



54 Resolved

That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a plan of the addition to the church & make sales of pews on the following terms viz 1/4 on 1<sup>st</sup> Octr 1828 1/4 1<sup>st</sup> January 1829 1/4 on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1829 1/4 on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1829.

That Messrs Smith, Eggleston & Seabury be said committee -

Adjourned

N. T. Rochester

OK

1828

June

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Cummings study pursuant to regular notice June 11<sup>th</sup> 1828

Present Rev Mr Cummings

Silas Osborn Warden

Mr Lathrop Mr Seabury

" Seabury " Eggleston

" Whittelsey " Salaman

Rochester

Resolved

That Mr Whittelsey be a committee to draft Notes to be taken for the purchase of Pews & also to draft certificates or receipts to be given to purchasers of Pews -

Resolved

That the Clerk of the Vestry be authorized to execute the certificates above mentioned

N. T. Rochester

OK

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Cummings study agreeably to notice June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1828 -

Present Rev Mr Cummings Rector

Mr Smith Warden

Mr Eggleston Mr Whittelsey

" Seabury - Mr Lathrop. Rochester -

Resolved

That a Committee of three be appointed to contract with Mr Merhony on the terms proposed by him, for the amount for which he proposes to do the work - & to have the church with the addition finished as to style and execution, and workmanship in the same manner as it now is & also to have included if possible, for the amount specified by him the keying and bolting together of the frame plate, & wall plate 2 inches in the wall for stones, & the casing of the aperture around by taking down the rear wall, with clear stuff, painted dead white & that this casing be put up if possible before the wall be taken down - The Contract to be kept open for any alterations that may hereafter be recommended by the Vestry -

That Mr Pitkin

Mr. Smith &amp; }

Mr Whittelsey } be and are hereby appointed

Committee -

Resolved that Mr Smith & Mr Cummings be a committee to repair & rent the old church

Adjourned till Friday every next

N. T. Rochester

OK

55  
1828  
June

Building Committee for enlarging Church

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At a Regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Ch.  
held at Mr Cuning Room Monday evening Oct  
1828 - pursuant to regular notice -

Present Rev Mr Cuning Rector  
Mr Pitkin - S. O Smith Wardens  
J. Eggleston J. Child  
H. Solomon C.C. Lathrop } Vestry =  
W. J. Rochester - } Men.

Resolved.

That the Treasurer give the note of the  
Vestry to Mr Mesheron for any deficiency there  
may be in funds raised by notes to pay him  
the said Mesheron for the addition to the Church  
payable as the other notes turned out to him  
are payable that is 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1828 1<sup>st</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1829 - 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 1829. & the re-  
mainder 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1829 -

Resolved

That Thomas Eggleston & Elisha Taylor be  
& are hereby appointed delegates to represent  
this Church in the Convention of the  
Prot. E. Ch. to be held in the City of New  
York this month -

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin be a committee to confer with  
Mr Atkinson in relation to the purchase of his  
pew for the Vestry -

Resolved

That Mr Child & the Treas. be a committee to take the notes  
for pews & to transfer them to Mr Mesheron in pursu-  
tude of his Contract for the addition to the Church  
adp W. J. Rochester &c

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at Mr Cuning room pursuant to regular no-  
tice Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1828

Present Rev Mr Cuning  
Mr Pitkin Warden.  
Mr Child Mr Lathrop  
Mr Whittier Mr Eggleston } Vestry men  
W. J. Rochester

Resolved

That Mr Mesheron have liberty to take  
the Window blinds from the South side of the Church  
that are loose & swing open & use them to the  
new Windows -

Resolved

That the building committee be au-  
thorized to purchase the Lamps at all cost &  
Watts for the Church -

Resolved

That the present owners of pews in  
the Church have their choice to keep their pre-  
sent situations or take the same relation sit-  
uations to the Pulpit that they hitherto have had  
and, that Messrs Smith Peabody & Eggleston be  
a committee to call upon said persons owning  
pews & ascertain whether they will keep their  
present situations or take the same relation sit-  
uations to the pulpit to which they now have -

Resolved

That the Treas. be authorized to take  
an assignment of the Article to Mr Butler from  
Mr Atkinson, for his Mr Atkinson's pew & make the  
pays thereon. W. J. Rochester &c

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1828

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church, held at the Church Monday Decr 15<sup>th</sup> 1828 pursuant to regular notice - —

Present Rev Mr Cuming  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Lathrop  
Mr Eggleston Mr Scranton  
Mr Leabury Mr Talman  
Mr Rochester.

Resolved

That the body pews in front of the front Gallery be removed forward leaving the eight pews under the Gallery & that most west of said eight pews there be an aisle left the width of one pew passing from one of the present aisles to the other & that the space between said aisle & the old pews be moved forward as aforesaid be filled up with new steps

Resolved

That there be appointed by the Vestry a Committee to be called the Standing Committee on Music - and that they have the charge of the singing & Music for the Church

Resolved That said Committee consist of -

Mr Eggleston Mr Child E. W. Scranton  
N. J. Rochester & Mr Stanton -

Resolved

That said Committee have authority to have the seats in the Gallery arranged for the better accommodation of the choir

N. J. Rochester

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1828

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held pursuant to regular notice on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1828 at Mr Cummings room

Present Rev Mr Cuming Rector.  
Mr Smith Mr Pitkin Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Eggleston  
- Lathrop Mr Secretary  
- Scranton. Rochester

Resolved

That the pews in the church should be offered for sale or Rent on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> inst - that the conditions of sale or pews be a credit of three years to be divided into semi annual payts with interest on each installment from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Resolved

That pews be rented for 1, 3 or 5 Years -

Resolved

That those persons who purchase or rent pews do ready trimmed pay for the trimmings, \$20 in addition to the valuation or rent -

Resolved

That the Vestry will trim pews nos 6, 7, 10, 101, 102 & 57.

Resolved

That the Vestry sell pew No 53 to Vincent Mackay on his the terms above mentioned & take for the pews chased at former sale at the price he p<sup>d</sup> for the same -

Resolved

That the Building Committee be a committee to attend to the sale of pews -

N. J. Rochester  
Rector

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1829  
Jan  
At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Cuning Room Monday Evening 5<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1829 -  
Present  
Mr Cuning Pastor  
Mr Smith Warden  
Mr Lathrop Mr Seabury  
Scranton - Talman  
Rochester -

Mr Pringle having made a proposition to exchange pews it was Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on sale -

Resolved That the Committee on sale make any arrangements for pews for the public house they may think proper -

Resolved That the Clerk be authorized to receive proposals for doing the duties of Sexton for the Church including Bell Ringing -

N. J. Rochester  
Clerk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Pitkin's Counting Room March 19<sup>th</sup> 1829 pursuant to regular notice for that purpose -

Present Rev Mr Cuning -  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Warden  
Mr Chid Mr Whittlesey - Eggleston - Seabury  
Scranton Rochester -

adjourned till Monday Evening next to meet at Mr Chid's office - N. J. Rochester Clerk -

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1829  
At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at Mr Chid's Counting Room Monday evening March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1829 - pursuant to adjournment -

Present  
Mr Pitkin - Mr Smith Warden  
Mr Chid - Mr Lathrop  
Mr Seabury - Mr Scranton  
Rochester -

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin take the Chair.

Resolved

That Pews purchased under resolution of 18<sup>th</sup> May 1828 pay annuity only from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1828 to Jan'y 1. 1829. or those persons who purchased pews under that resolution pay annuity only on pews occupied by them -

Resolved

That those persons who continued to occupy pews after 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. last and to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y. last pay at the same rate they did before the 1<sup>st</sup> above mentioned time and which are not included in the last before mentioned resolution -

Resolved

That the Treasurer make leases for all the pews herebefore sold & make them correspond with the new numbering of pews & also make them correspond with the present valuation - & take up all leases herebefore given and which do not correspond with the present numbering & valuation -

Resolved

That Caleb S. Clark's ap of p. 2. 3. be allowed and paid by the Treasurer -

Resolved

That the Treasurer settle the ap of the Sexton

Resolved

That the Tin Lamp in the Church which belong to Mr Judd be purchased at p. 2. -



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Resolved

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That the services of Mr. Hageman for  
blowing Organ bellows be placed to the credit of his  
Horton -

Resolved

1830

That Mr. Smith be a committee to get terms  
& proposals for Ringing Bell & performing the  
duties of Sexton -

Resolved

That Mr. Pitkin be a committee to settle  
with Mr. Spence for work on Church -

Resolved

That the Clerk be authorized to procure  
suitable books for keeping the acct. of the  
Church -

The following Letter from the Rector was read  
by Mr. Pitkin -

"To the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church  
Rochester"

"Gentlemen"

"For more than two years past,  
the subject of my removal from this place has occu-  
pied my mind - You must all be well aware  
that the parochial duty here, has been in no or-  
dinary degree severe - Whether I have as faithfully  
discharged it remains for others to determine - In  
the period during which I have been permitted to  
be your ~~pastor~~ Minister, the Congregation by the  
increase of the village population, and by blessed  
blessing, (it is humbly hoped,) being with you has  
become from a very small one, one of the largest  
in the State out of the City of New York - The  
small frame building we first occupied, soon  
gave place to a very good-sized, & handsomely finished

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stone edifice, while this, the past year, has received  
an addition of 30 feet to its original length of 78  
feet. - This last measure accomplished, I consider  
the permanency of the congregation, (humanly  
speaking) secure, provided the members composing  
it, continue united, & do their duty - Some sacri-  
fices, and it may be, some sacrifices on their  
part, may be required - These I trust will not  
be withheld - To me, the prosperity of St. Luke's, and  
of the Episcopal interest in this place, generally,  
will always remain an object of very deep  
solicitude - Duty however to myself, now I think  
will justify me in endeavoring to place myself  
in some other situation - By this arrangement, some  
little time I may hope to obtain, for personal im-  
provement in the studies proper to my profession and  
thus I be enabled to retain whatever standing,  
(and I know it has been far above my deserts) I  
may have acquired in the Church - I have had my  
attention called by some friends at a distance to whom  
I had communicated my intentions, to some parishes in  
this State, and to some parishes in other States - To  
what determination I shall come is yet unsettled  
Providence I trust will direct me, as long as he  
shall choose to retain one so unworthy in his service,  
to some field, where, however humble it may be,  
I may still be instrumental in advancing the King-  
dom of the Redeemer - Be pleased then gentlemen  
to accept my resignation as Rector of St. Luke's Church  
Rochester, which I herewith tender you - To  
the choice of a successor I must urge you to give  
your immediate attention, as it may be necessary  
for me, that my resignation go into effect in a very  
few weeks. - Herewith I tender also, my sincere  
and grateful thanks, to you gentlemen individ-  
ually, also in your corporate capacity, and to the

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Mch: congregation generally, and indeed I may add,  
to the citizens of the Village at large, for their  
sympathies for me in my seasons of trial and  
affliction; for their numerous expressions of kind  
regard; for the great indulgence they have shown to  
my failings, and for the repeated and substantial  
favours I have received -

May the most High God  
direct you, in all your doings with his most  
gracious favour, and lead you to such results  
as shall be conducive to the furtherance of his  
glory, the interests of the Church, and your  
own present & eternal welfare. —"

Lynia F. H. Cummins  
Rector of St Luke's  
Church Rochester  
Rochester  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1829 -

The consideration of which was postponed until  
the next Vestry meeting -

Resolved  
That the Vestry adjourn to meet again  
at this place on Thursday evening next

N. T. Rochester  
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Mch: At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at  
Mr Childs Counting Room Thursday Evening March 21<sup>st</sup> 1829.  
pursuant to adjournment -

Present  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith - Wardens  
Mr Child - Talman - Scranton - Seabury - Lathrop &  
Rochester - Mr Pitkin in the Chair -

Resolved - That the consideration of the resignation  
of the Rev F. H. Cummins as Rector of St Luke's  
Church be deferred until the next meeting  
of the Vestry.

Resolved That Mr Pitkin be a committee to in-  
form Mr. Cummins of the above resolution

Resolved  
That the Vestry adjourn to meet at this place  
on Monday evening next

N. T. Rochester

OK

At a Meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held  
at Mr Childs Counting Room Monday Evening March  
30<sup>th</sup> 1829 pursuant to adjournment -

Present Mr Pitkin Mr Smith - Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Talman  
" Seabury " Scranton } Vestry-men.  
" Lathrop " Eggleston  
" Rochester

Mr Pitkin in the Chair -

Resolved - That the subject of Mr Cummins' Resignation  
be now taken up -

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Resolved

That whereas the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Cumming has been eminently useful and successful in his zealous and unremitted exertions to promote the increase and prosperity of the Church under his care devoting his time, his talents and his substance to that object thereby advancing the Congregation from a few in number to one of the most numerous in this section of the State, and possessing as he does the strong attachment of very many Parishioners who must ever feel a deep solicitude for his personal happiness and his public usefulness; we deeply regret the existence of reasons that in his estimation are deemed of sufficient <sup>weight and</sup> importance to determine him to resign the situation he has so usefully occupied and the duties of which he has so faithfully and satisfactorily discharged.

That the Vestry after giving the subject much reflection, and their deliberate consideration deem it their duty to yield to their desire of promoting the happiness and welfare of the Rev<sup>d</sup> A. N. Cumming by complying with his wishes expressed in his communication of 23<sup>d</sup> Instant, and therefore hereby accept his resignation as Rector of St Luke's Church. —

Resolved

That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Cumming be requested to officiate as heretofore so long as the situation he has now resigned shall be vacant — if consistent with his arrangements —

Resolved

That Mr. Pitkin Mr. Smith and Mr. Child be a committee to draft an address to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Cumming expressive of the <sup>feelings</sup> of the Vestry

Mr. Cumming's Resignation accepted -

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Resolved

That the Vestry pay to Mr. Cumming for his stock in the Church State up the same —

Resolved

That there be paid to Mr. Cumming a half years Salary in addition to what may be due him where he leaves here —

Resolved

That the said sum be raised by Subscription payable the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept next — and that Mr. Pitkin be a committee to circulate said Subscription — — —

Resolved

That a committee of five be appointed to make the necessary communication and arrangements for a Clergyman to supply the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Cumming's Resignation and that said committee consist of Mr. Smith Mr. Pitkin Mr. Seabury Mr. Child and Mr. Lathrop —

Resolved

That said committee be authorized to invite the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Hawks of New Haven to become the Rector of St Luke's Church —

Resolved

That the funds collected for the poor fund be expended under the direction of the Church Wardens. — and that the Treasurer open an account on the Books for said fund. —

adjourned till Thursday evening next then to meet at this Room

M. O. Rochester  
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At a Meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at Mr Childs Room Thursday Evening April  
2<sup>d</sup> 1829 pursuant to adjournment

Present

Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens

Mr Child Mr Johnson

Mr Whittlesy Mr Scammon

Mr Lathrop Mr Seabury

Rochester

Mr Pitkin in the Chair

The committee appointed for that purpose at  
the last meeting presented the following Report  
which was unanimously adopted.

To the Rev Francis A. Fanning

The Wardens and Vestrymen of St Luke's  
Church have given you communication of the 23<sup>d</sup>  
March tendering your resignation as Rector their  
most serious and deliberate consideration, realizing  
that during your connection with us now more  
than eight years you have sustained many severe  
trials, sacrifices and embarrasments arising from  
your ardent and untiring exertions to advance  
the general interests of the Episcopal Church,  
and particularly in the establishment and ex-  
tension of this Congregation.

The rise and progress of this Society  
under your able and faithful ministry has been  
truly unparalleled. When you assumed the pa-  
rochial charge of St Luke's we were but a scat-  
tered few - a school house was our place of  
worship and but few voices responded the solemn

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service of Almighty God - We soon found from your  
faithful exertions and by the blessing of God which  
we are assured attends the faithful preaching of his  
word that our house was overflowing - With the zeal  
which has ever characterized your ministry the erection  
of a spacious stone edifice was soon completed and  
we assembled around the sacred altar then to enjoy  
the rich comforts of our religion, but notwithstanding  
the formation of a second Congregation from our num-  
bers it was found necessary to enlarge this house,  
which has rendered it one of the most spacious in the  
State - All this has been accomplished mainly thro'  
your instrumentality - We should be truly ungrate-  
ful did we withhold from you our most sincere  
acknowledgments for all those important services.

The temporal concerns of the Church however form  
but a small part of your useful labours -  
That spirit of ardent and devotional piety which  
you have inspired constitutes your highest claim  
to gratitude - In all the relations which you  
have maintained with us whilst our Rector your  
zeal has been conspicuous - At the family fire-  
side in your parochial visits you have been un-  
ceasing in your endeavours to do good - In your pub-  
lic services always zealous and instructive - In you  
the rich and the dying have realized the benefits of  
a faithful minister of Christ - The afflicted have  
ever found you ready to apply the balm of Christian  
consolation to their bleeding wounds - In you the  
youth have realized a faithful and devoted friend  
Our Sabbath Schools those nurseries of religion and  
virtue have been mainly supported by your per-  
sonal exertions - From you our infant children have  
received the tender and holy ordinance of Baptism  
and to us you have broke the bread in that solemn  
Sacrament instituted by our Blessed Saviour on the eve



70 of his commission -  
 1829 All these recollections in parting will  
 now force themselves upon us and render our separation  
 painful - our feelings however must be subdued  
 and made to yield to what you consider a paramount  
 obligation - We are conscious that your time has been  
 wholly occupied in your parochial duties - you have  
 been compelled to forego the luxuries of study and had  
 but little time for private meditation -  
 We feel the weight of the reasons you urge upon us  
 for resigning your charge - Under such considerations  
 it would not manifest a just appreciation of your  
 past faithful and devoted services, to urge your con-  
 tinuance under the burden of the same arduous  
 duties, from which for two three years past you have  
 had it in contemplation to retire and to secure the  
 relief you need by removal to another field, where  
 with the blessing of heaven your labours may be  
 crowned with fruits even more abundant -  
 With these views however painful may be the sepa-  
 ration to us individually the Vestry have adopted  
 the resolutions following, trusting that this compli-  
 ance with your wishes will lead to arrangements  
 conducive to your peace and happiness, and to the  
 advancement of the cause of our Blessed Redeem-  
 er - We must now take leave of you as our  
 Rector but in taking that leave we hope and  
 pray that we may always have your prayers  
 for the prosperity of that church which you  
 have emphatically planted and watered and in-  
 structed in all holy doctrine till it has arrived  
 to <sup>its</sup> present state of maturity - Our prayers &  
 good wishes will always attend you and we  
 pray God in his holy Providence to keep you  
 and all of us under his special care and to bring  
 us at last into that fold where Keep is The

1829 Great Shepherd of Israel and may the blessing  
 of God always attend you and your labours be abund-  
 antly blessed -

Rochester April 2<sup>d</sup> 1829 -

Resolved

That a committee of three be appointed to  
 present to our Annual Clergy copies of the  
 above report and of the Resolutions passed  
 at the last Vestry meeting accepting his  
 Resignation as Rector. -

Resolved

That said committee consist of Messrs  
 Pitkin Smith and Whittlesey. -

Resolved

That Mr. Cantons proposition to perform the services  
 Leaton & Bell Ring at \$126 per annum be accepted

Resolved

That the sum of \$100 per Ringing Bell the past  
 year be allowed as follows 40/ for each Sunday 20/  
 for each sabbath time week days & his age of \$6 for  
 framing Bell -

Resolved

That the sum of \$100 be referred to the officers

Resolved

That the Leaton be allowed to charge to per-  
 sons who may employ him for that purpose  
 40/ for Ringing & tolling the Bell at funerals

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Resolved  
That Robert King be appointed Collec-  
tor for the Church -  
adjoined until Monday evening 13<sup>th</sup>  
Instant to meet at choir room -  
N. T. Rochester  
Apr 2 1829 CLK -

At a meeting of the Vestry held at Mr Childs  
room Monday evening 13<sup>th</sup> Inst pursuant to adjourn-  
ment  
Present - Mr Pitkin Warden  
Mr Lathrop Rochester Vestrymen  
-  
Resolved  
To adjourn until Monday next then to  
meet at the Church  
N. T. Rochester  
Clerk -

Apr  
At a meeting of the Vestry held April 22<sup>d</sup> 1829.  
at Mr Childs Room pursuant to regular notice  
Present  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith  
Lathrop Scammon  
Seabury Rochester  
Mr Pitkin in the chair  
Extra work by Spence } Resolved - That Mr Merdson be  
allowed part for extra work by Spence -  
Resolved - That Mr Smith be a committee to  
have a Vestry Room filled up in the  
Old Church -  
adjoined till 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May  
N. T. Rochester CLK

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at a meeting of the Vestry of St Lukes Church  
held at Mr Pitkins Counting room Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1829  
Present Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Lathrop  
Mr Whittelsey Mr Seabury } Vestrymen  
Mr Talman Mr Rochester }  
-  
Resolved -  
That N. T. Rochester, he & is hereby ap-  
pointed a committee (should he deem it expedient)  
to give a call to the Rev Henry J. Whitehouse of Pen-  
dennis Pa: to become the Rector of this Church. -  
adjoined  
N. T. Rochester CLK -

-  
At a meeting of the Vestry held in the Church  
Sunday afternoon Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1829 -  
Present Mr Pitkin Mr Smith. Wardens  
- Child - Field  
- Talman - Scammon } Vestry.  
- Lathrop Seabury } men  
- Whittelsey - Rochester }  
The Rev Mr. Whitehouse having this day preached  
in this Church. The Vestry met as before mentioned  
after the <sup>Evening</sup> service -  
N. T. Rochester, the committee  
appointed for that purpose, reported that he had  
sent an invitation to the Rev Mr Whitehouse to  
become the Rector of this Church. - Whereupon it  
was -  
Resolved unanimously  
That the invitation to

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Mr Whitehouse be ~~repeated~~ repeated & that the Vestry call upon him this evening & express their wishes that he should take the charge of this congregation -

Resolved

That in case Mr Whitehouse should accept the call his salary be \$800 per annum.

adjourned

N. D. Rochester CLK

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at the Room of the CLK of the Vestry Wednesday Evening <sup>October</sup> ~~September~~ 14<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Present: Silas O. Smith - Warden

J. Chas. F. Whittlesey

B. Seabury J. T. Talman Vestrymen

J. Field N. D. Rochester

Resolved

That a committee be appointed to settle the contract with Elias J. Merckson and ascertain the balance due him

Resolved

That said committee consist of Mr Field Mr Rochester Mr Whittlesey & Mr Pickin. -

Resolved

That the Treasurer be & is hereby authorized to execute for this corporation a note payable to E. J. Merckson or order for the amount which may be found due him on settlement payable 6 months after this date -

Resolved

N. D. Rochester

That Mr Field Mr Pickin ~~etc~~ - Mr Whittlesey & Mr. T. Rochester be a committee to dispossess of the old church & have it removed from the church lot

N. D. Rochester

CLK

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Settlement with Merckson -

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1829Copy of a Letter from Revd  
Henry J. Whitehouse.Reading Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1829

My dear Sir

The absence of Bp Onderdonk from Philad<sup>a</sup> at the time I passed through that City, prolonged to this date, has prevented any communications with him on the subject of a removal from the Diocese - By the advice of Bp Hobart I am inclined to accept the call to your vacant Parish, and must trouble you to intimate the fact to your colleagues of the Vestry -

I am aware of the necessity of entering upon the duties at as early a day as possible but shall be unable to fulfil any engagement to that effect before the first Sunday in December when God willing, I will officiate in St Luke's as its Rector. &c &c

Henry J. Whitehouse

Mr M. S. Rochester -

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church reg-  
ularly called & holden at the office of the clk of the  
Vestry December 14<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Present

Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr Whitehouse	Rector
Mr Smith -	Warden
Mr Child	Mr Salaman
✓ Lathrop	" Shattuck
" Scrantom	" Whittelsey
" Field	" Rochester

Vestrymen.

Resolved

And it acs. } That a committee of three be appointed to au-  
dit the accts of the Vestry & to settle with & au-  
dit the acs of the clerk of the Vestry -  
Whereupon the Chair appointed the following per-  
sons to compose said committee viz  
Son<sup>rs</sup> Child F. Whittelsey & the Treasurer -

Resolved

To Exchange } That pew owners on giving up their their  
Leases, <sup>for pews</sup> receive from the Treasurer new Leases  
Leases } corresponding with the ~~present~~ new number-  
ing of pews - & that the Treasurer make the  
usual Leases for 1000 Years to such persons as give  
up their old ones -

Resolved

To Rent } That the unused pews in the Church be  
Pews } sold or rented on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant - the  
following committee appointed to sell  
Mr Rochester - Mr Pitkin Mr Lathrop. -

Resolved

That Mr Smith & Mr Pitkin be a committee  
to call on the persons who owe Rent or an-  
nuals on pews for payment -



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*Resolved*  
*Parish Library* { That Mr Dalmann Mr Seabury & Mr  
 Scranston be a Library committee & that  
 to confer with the Rector, make rules & reg-  
 ulations for the parish library - (The books now  
 in the library were purchased by the young  
 ladies reading society) -

*Resolved*  
*Collections in Church* { That there be taken up a collection in  
 church commencing the first Sunday in  
 January next, on every occasion of Public  
 worship, to be applied to the current expen-  
 ses of the Church -

adjourned until Monday evening next Dec  
 21<sup>st</sup> 1829.

N. J. Rochester -

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
 held pursuant to adjournment Monday evening  
 December 21<sup>st</sup> 1829

Present

Mr Smith Warden - in the Chair  
 Mr Child. Mr Whittlesey  
 Mr Fields. Mr Dalmann } Vestry  
 Mr Seabury Mr Rochester } men  
 Mr Scranston Mr Lathrop

*Resolved*  
*Vandlyck pew forfeited* { That pew No 25 pews (now No 44) pur-  
 chased by Cornelius A. Vandlyck be for-  
 feited for non-payment of the purchase  
 money, with all the payments thereon, &  
 that the vestry re-enter upon the said pews

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on Monday next unless the balance due on it  
 be paid by that time, agreeably to the provisions  
 of his lease - & that the clerk give notice of this  
 resolution to Mr Vandlyck -

*Resolved*  
*S. Cleveland's pew forfeited* { That pew No 58 purchased by S. Cleve-  
 land be forfeited for non-  
 payment of the purchase money and  
 all previous payments made thereon  
 and that the vestry re-enter upon  
 the said pew on Monday next unless  
 the balance should be paid by that time  
 & that the clerk give notice to the administrator of Mr  
 Cleveland

*Resolved*  
*In relation to Cuyler's pew* { That the vestry relinquish 1 years an-  
 nuity on the pew owned by William  
 C. Cuyler & the estate of S. M. Smith  
 & also allow \$15 for the trimming of  
 said pew to be deducted from any pen-  
 sion due & the balance from rent to be  
 come due - provided the said Cuyler  
 intends to keep said pew for his own  
 use

The committee appointed at the last meeting to  
 audit the accts of the Treasurer & presented  
 the following report by Mr Whittlesey -

To the Vestry of St Luke's Church

The committee appointed to audit and  
 settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this  
 Corporation and to ascertain the amount of  
 debts due from the Vestry -

*Treasurer's accts* { *Report* - That they have examined the  
 accounts of the Treasurer from March  
 28 1826 to the present time also have  
 compared the vouchers for payments during

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Treasurer's  
accts

the said period produced by the Treasurer - and that they find that the Treasurer has during that time received the sum of nine thousand nine hundred and thirty one dollars and thirty six cents and that he has paid out the sum of ~~ten thousand~~ ten thousand one hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty eight cents during the same period, leaving the Vestry indebted to the Treasurer in the sum of one hundred and eighty seven dollars and two cents -

Debt due  
by the  
Vestry

Your committee would further report that they have ascertained as nearly as practicable the amount of the debts due from the Corporation which require immediate or very early payment and that such debts exclusive of the amount due on the original stock and the loan of \$3,500. amount in the whole to something more than \$2000 of which the schedule herewith submitted will furnish the particulars

Your committee cannot believe that they have discharged their duty completely by submitting this statement but beg to offer here to offer some suggestions as to the liquidation of the debts - It will be observed that the whole amount of debts reported due requires immediate or very early payment - and we believe there exists no fund out of which money can be raised to make such payment without encroaching upon the fund which should be appropriated to the ordinary and necessary expenses of the Church - There are indeed a few notes which might perhaps with propriety be used in the payment of some of these debts but their amount does not exceed \$300 which will leave \$1700 for which some provision must be made in some other

shape - Your committee are aware that there are many unsold pews the property of the Corporation from the sale of which money may be eventually realized - but they also remember that the amount of the unsecured stock of the Church is \$1500 and that the Church itself is mortgaged for the sum of \$3500 (3500) and they conceive that the avails of the unsold pews ought in justice to be faithfully retained as a fund for the liquidation of these debts -

The avails that might be received from the sale of pews ought not then even if we could realize them immediately which we cannot, to be applied to the extinguishment of those debts which require immediate attention - It is unwarrantable to look to the rents and annuities of the pews already sold or rented for the liquidation of these debts - We are satisfied that the present income of the Church together with what may be fairly expected to be realized from the weekly collections will defray the ordinary & necessary expenses of the Church and the interest of the Loan - but it will do no more, and it would only lead us into fresh embarrassments to place reliance upon this fund for the liquidation of present debts - Your committee confidently believe that if the debts herewith reported were paid off - that the Church has abundant resources with ordinary prudence in the management and with ordinary success in the sale of pews to liquidate all the debts that are to fall due at a distant period, and to pay all the current and yearly expenses of the Church - We cannot however discover any ~~resource~~ resource from which means to pay the present debts of the Church can be realized - unless

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the members of the Vestry and Congregation will come forward with that spirit & liberality which characterizes them at the erection of the Church, and make donations to a sufficient amount to relieve us from our present embarrassments, If donations to the necessary amount could be thus raised - or a fund created by subscription to be available at a future period for this purpose - we believe that it would be the last time that it would be found necessary to call upon individuals in this way, and would finally liquidate all debts except such as would be completely within the resources of the Church -

Your committee are fully of opinion that it is much better for the future interests and prosperity of this Society to meet and remove their embarrassments at this time and would recommend that it should be done by voluntary donations of individuals

Plan to raise from by Sub: } is difficult to obtain large donations in cash, and in the place thereof your committee would recommend that a fund be created for the purpose of paying these debts - by subscription payable in four, eight & twelve months - we think that it would not in this way be difficult in this way to raise sufficient to meet the exigencies of the case - and that every member of the congregation will feel a satisfaction in thus contributing to place the Church in an easy and prosperous condition - Your committee accordingly herewith submit a subscription for the purposes in this report specified -

All which is respectfully submitted

Rochester Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1829

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List of debts due from St Luke's Church  
Dec 19 1829: appended to the foregoing report -

William Staunton Jr		140.00
Calib L. Clark		42.36
J. & J. Smoots say		140.00
N. T. Rochester as Treasurer	187.02	
do Loan	<u>95.25</u>	282.27
Philas & Smith		257.24
J. H. Rochester (Loan)		50.00
N. Montgomery do		50.00
William Pitkin do		118.47
Jon <sup>d</sup> Child do		115.76
Elias Emerson		280.77
William Atherton		200.00
Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr. Gurney		<u>363.68</u>
		2,040.55

Notes & in hands of Treasurer

Georg Kitchum	107.63
Genl V. Macheson	149.80
F. M. Jenkins	40.00
M. Clapp &c	40.00
Small notes say	50.00

Resolved

That the report of the auditing committee be accepted - and that a committee of three be appointed to circulate the subscription mentioned in said report for the purpose of raising \$2000. Whereupon the chairman appointed Mr Child Mr Whitelsey and Mr Pitkin on said committee -

adjourned without day

N. T. Rochester CLK

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At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Church on Monday evening May 3<sup>d</sup> 1830 - a perambulation to regular motion

Present Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr S. O. Smith Warden  
Mr Ford Mr Seabury  
Mr Field Mr Lathrop } Vestry men  
Mr Talman Mr Rochester

Resolved -

Treasurer appointed } That N. T. Rochester be Treasurer of the Church & also Clerk of the Vestry for the ensuing year -

Resolved -

Collector } That Henry Scrantom be & is hereby appointed Collector for the ensuing year -

Resolved -

Vote to Motion  
for 13th Lot

That a deed for Lot 127 on Hart Street be executed under the seal of the Corporation by the Rector to Asa Weston in pursuance of the Contract heretofore entered into with him for the sale of said Lot he having paid the full amount agreed to be paid for the same -

Resolved -

That Mr Pitkin be a committee to confer with Judge Strong in relation to the amt of new rent due by him to ascertain whether he means to pay the same - and Report at the next meeting -

Resolved -

That Mr Ford & Mr Smith be a committee to ascertain the cost of a new Trumpet Stop for

the Organ -

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Resolved

That the Vestry adjourn till the first Monday in June next at 10 past 6 o'clock then to meet at the Church -

N. T. Rochester

Clerk -

At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Church - August 23<sup>d</sup> 1830 -

Present Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith - Wardens  
Mr Ford - Mr Whittney  
- Lathrop - Field } Vestrymen  
- Rochester

Resolved -

Institution

of

Rev Mr

Whitehouse

That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Rt Rev Bishop Hobart when he shall arrive & request him to institute into the Rectory of this Church the Rev Mr J. Whitehouse (who has been duly elected to the same) at his visitation on Sunday next -

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin & Mr Smith compose said Committee -

N. T. Rochester Clerk.



86 at a meeting of the Vestry held in the Church Wed.  
morning morning Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1830 -

1830 Present Rev Mr Whitehorn Rector  
Mr Smith Warden  
Mr Ford Mr Leabury }  
- Field - Lathrop } Vestrymen  
- Rochester -

Resolved -

Death of  
Bishop Hobart

That a committee <sup>three</sup> be appointed to draft  
resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Vestry  
in consequence of the death of the Rt Rev Bish-  
op Hobart - (who died at Auburn on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst)  
& that the Rector be one of said Committee -  
Whereupon the Chair appoints Mr Ford & W. J. Ro-  
chester to compose said Committee with himself -

Resolved

Ch: Worn in  
mourning -

That the Church be suitably dressed in Black  
for thirty days - & that a committee of three  
be appointed for that purpose -  
Mr Smith - Mr Field & Mr Lathrop appointed  
Committee -

Resolved

That the Vestry meet this Evening at  
8 o'clock -

W. J. Rochester Clerk.

At a meeting of the Vestry Wednesday Evening  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1830. at the Vestry Room

Present. The same as in the morning -

The Committee appointed to present resolutions  
expressive of the feelings of the Vestry  
presented the following -  
" A severe dispensation

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Death  
of  
the Bishop

of divine Providence is announced to us - The declaration  
that we should ever bear in mind "In the midst of life  
we are in death" has been made fully manifest - The late  
Bishop of the Diocese is dead - But two weeks before his  
decease he in this Church instituted our Rector and ad-  
ministered the apostolic rite of Confirmation - all then  
felt the inspiring influence of his holy zeal and "our  
hearts burned within us while he talked to us by the way  
& while he opened to us the scriptures" -

This was almost his last Ministerial  
act - We should receive it as "the voice of one crying in  
the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord make  
his paths straight" and humble ourselves before God &  
mourn for our sins -

We feel sensibly we hope this divine  
dispensation and humbly pray God to direct us in the  
way of our duty and that in due time he will raise  
up another Bishop who shall with equal consistency pre-  
serve the integrity of the Church - with equal self de-  
votion dedicate himself to her interests - with equal  
piety adorn her highest offices, and like him we would  
be the polished gentleman - The practical scholar - the  
consistent Christian and the best of Bishops - It is  
proper on this occasion that we mingle our grief with  
those of the bereaved family of our late Bishop and  
of the whole diocese and show forth as far as in us lies  
by solemn acts our sense of this bereavement -  
Therefore -

Resolutions  
on -

Resolved - That we deeply mourn the death of our  
beloved Bishop and sympathize with his bereaved fam-  
ily and with the whole diocese and ask to mingle  
our tears with theirs - Our loss is common - he who  
was our guide and father is taken from us - Let us  
adore the wisdom and love of Him who ordereth  
all things after the counsel of his will - pray that  
he will have pity on the widow and the fatherless

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and that he will speak peace unto his people and  
to his saints and build again the waste places of  
Jerusalem -

Resolved

That St Luke's Church be hung in  
black for thirty days and during that time the  
Vestry wear the usual badge of mourning -

Resolved

That the family of the late Bishop  
be respectfully requested to furnish us for  
publication a copy of the sermon delivered  
by him at the Institution of our Rector  
that we may have continually before us  
his parting exposition of the relative duties  
of minister and people -

Resolved - That the Clerk cause a  
copy of these resolutions to be delivered to  
the family of the late Bishop -

Request for the  
Bishop's Institution  
sermon -

Resolved -

That Mr Barnard Dr A Holman & Henry E  
Rochester be the delegates to represent this Church  
in the next Convention of the Church in this  
State - and that the Wardens or one Warden  
& two Vestrymen have power to substitute others  
in their places in they or either of them decline.

Delegates to  
Convention -

Paving gutter -

Resolved - That the gutter in front of the Church  
Lot be paved & that a committee of two be appoin-  
ted to attend to the same - Whosever the  
Chair appointed Mr Field & the Treasurer -

A. J. Rochester CLK  
Sept 15 - 1830 -

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at a meeting of the Vestry held at their Vestry-room  
November 8 - 1830 pursuant to notice

Present Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Lathrop }  
Mr Field Mr Rochester } Vestrymen

Resolved

Re-enter  
upon pews  
w/ Rent &c

That the Vestry will re-enter and take pos-  
session on the thirty first day of December  
next of all such Pews as shall have been re-  
voked by reason of the non-payment of any  
dues for purchases or annuities - and that  
the Clerk serve those interested with a  
copy of this resolution -

Resolved

accts to be  
sued -

That all debts due on the first day of January  
next that shall have been due one year, shall  
at that time be put in suit, & that the Clerk  
serve those interested with a copy of this resolu-  
tion. -

M. T. Rochester CLK  
Nov 8 - 1830 -

At a Meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry Room December 13 - 1830 -

Present Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Field Mr Seabury  
Mr Ford Mr Lathrop  
Rochester Mr Talman

Resolved

Stoves

That Mr Ford & Mr Talman be au-  
thorized to have the stoves in the Church removed  
to the roof and of the church & to get more  
pipe for the better warming the Church

[over]

90 Resolved - That the Vestry will employ Mr. Daniel Clark for one Year to teach the children of the Congregation in vocal music that they will pay him \$100, & raise the same by Subscription

A. J. Rochester Clerk

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at the Vestry Room pursuant to regular notice on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1831.

Present Rev. Mr. Whitehouse Rector

Mr Pitkin Mr. Smith Wardens

Mr Child Mr Field

Mr Seabury Mr Lathrop

Mr Talman Mr Mathews

A. J. Rochester

Vestrymen

appt of Treasurer & Clerk Resolved - That Nathaniel C. Rochester be & is hereby appointed Treasurer of St Luke's Church & Clerk of the Vestry for the ensuing year -

Loan of \$1000 to purchase Stock Resolved That it is expedient to <sup>take up</sup> ~~raise~~ a loan of \$1000 for the purpose of purchasing up that amount of the Stock subscribed for building the church & that a Committee of two be appointed to make said loan & make arrangements for the purchase of Stock - Mr Pitkin & Mr Whittlesey appointed said Committee by the Chair

Organist Resolved - That a Committee of two be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for ~~from~~ with an Organist for the ensuing year & Mr Pitkin & Mr Child appointed by Chair

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Resolved That a Committee of three be appointed to attend to the collection of the debt due the Church - Mr Smith Mr Field & Mr Talman appointed by the Ch.

to settle with Treasurer Mr Field and Mr Talman appointed a Committee to settle the accts of the Treasurer -

Resolved - That that when the meeting be adjourned it be until the first Monday in May next at 4 o'clock P.M. at the Vestry Room -

The Chairman adjourned the meeting pursuant to the last resolution

April 7<sup>th</sup> 1831.

A. J. Rochester  
Clerk

At a Meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at the Vestry Room pursuant to adjournment May 2<sup>d</sup> 1831

Present Rev. Mr Whitehouse Rector

Mr Pitkin Warden

Mr Child Mr Mathews

Mr Field Mr Seabury

Mr Lathrop Mr Whittlesey

Rochester

Vestrymen

Mr Whittlesey reported that Col Varick had agreed to loan the Church \$1000 at three Years - and presented a draft of Bond to secure the same -

Loan of \$1000 from Col Varick

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Resolved

Execution of Bond for Parish } That the Rector of this Church be authorized to affix the corporate Seal to said Bond & sign same as Rector -

Treasurer  
etc

Mr Field made a report of the finances making a balance due to Treasurer of \$479.84.

Resolved that said report be accepted

Committee to } Messrs Child & Field were appointed a committee to settle with Mr Clapp -

Organist -

Mr Child & Mr Pitkin were appointed a committee to get the Organ tuned & procure an Organist for the Church - Mr Pitkin having reported that they had offered Mr Staunton \$25. for tuning & \$200 for an organ as being & had refused the same -

adjourned until Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
inst at 4 o'clock P.M. at this place

A. J. Rochester  
CR

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at the Vestry room Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1831. pursuant to regular notice

Present Rev Mr. Whitehouse Rector

Mr Smith Warden

Mr Child Mr Leary

Mr Field Mr Lathrop

Mr Talman Mr Rochester

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Resolved

Repairs } That Mr Field be a committee to attend to the repairs of the Church -

Wood

That Mr Smith be a committee to purchase wood for the winter -

Delegates  
to  
Convention

That William Pitkin, Daniel D. Barnard & Henry E. Rochester be and hereby appointed delegates to attend the annual Convention of the Prot. Epis. Church to be held in October next - & that they or either one of them have power to appoint fill any vacancy occasioned by the non-attendance of either of them -

A. J. Rochester  
CR

at a ~~special~~ meeting of the Rector Wardens and Vestry men of St Luke's Church Rochester. held at the Vestry Room the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1831  
Present Rev Mr Whitehouse. Rector

Mr Pitkin

" Smith & Warden

" Matthews

" Field

" Leary

" Lathrop

" Talman

" Whitehouse

} Vestry men

Mr Whittier was appointed Clerk pro tem

The following preamble & Resolutions were unanimously adopted



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Thomas Col Nathaniel Rochester the founder  
and of this village and one of the earliest officers  
of this Church departed this life this morning  
in the maturity of his years and usefulness

Resolved That the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
deeply sympathize with his bereaved family  
in this affliction under a common and  
public loss

Resolved That as a testimonial of respect  
to the early patron of this Church the Vestry  
will attend the funeral in a body and wear  
Crape upon the left arm for thirty days

Resolved That as a further indication of  
respect the pulpit and desk of the Church be  
hung with mourning on the occasion of the  
funeral services

Resolved That a copy of these resolutions be  
presented to the wife and family of the deceased

Resolved That Messrs Pitkin, Smith & Whittelsey  
be a committee of arrangements for the funeral  
on the part of the Vestry

Approved  
F Whittelsey  
Clerk pro tem

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at a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry room Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1831. pursuant  
to regular notice

Present Rev: Mr Whitehouse Rector

~~Mr Church~~

Messrs Chick

Whittelsey

Rochester

Mathews

Lachap

Field

Vestry men

A communication was presented by the Clerk received  
from the Rev A. J. Fanning late Rector of this Church  
addressed to the Corporation of St Luke's Church in  
relation to a sum of money for which he had made him-  
self liable to A. J. M. George the builder of the Church  
& soliciting relief and aid from the Vestry - which was  
on motion referred to - (Comm: on File)

Committee on

Mr Fanning's letter

Mr Pitkin

Mr Smith &

Mr Whittelsey

adjourned till Sat morn meet at 9 o'clock A.M.  
Oct 1. 1831.

A. J. Rochester

Clerk -

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry room - pursuant to adjourn-  
ment - Oct 1. 1831.

Present Rev: Mr Whitehouse Rector

Mr Smith Warden

Mr Chick Mr Whittelsey

Mr Seabury Mr Mathews

Mr Rochester

Vestry men -

The Committee to whom the application of the Rev F. H. Cumming for relief was referred  
Report.

Report of Committee on the application of Rev F. H. Cumming for relief

That they have enquired into the facts connected with the settlement of the accounts of H. T. McGeorge for building the Church edifice, and have ascertained that he presented a bill for extra work done upon the Church which was settled at the amount which he claimed for such work - that in addition to such claim he also insisted that the Vestry should allow him a sum to cover a loss alleged by him to have been sustained by reason of having taken the contract for the building too low - and threatened that if such claim was not allowed he would attack the Vestry in a printed publication.

Your Committee are informed that the Vestry at that time were fully aware of Mr George's threats, and of the fact that at the time of the passage of the Resolution in relation to the settlement of his accounts he had then a pamphlet already printed in relation to the Vestry to be circulated in case his demands were not complied with - The Vestry at that time however, thought they were not called upon by any principle of justice or equity to comply with his demands - and satisfied that they were doing him full justice, undeterred by his threats, they passed a Resolution the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1825 determining the amount they considered his due and which they were willing to pay to him - By this resolution they allowed the bill of Extra work as presented by him in full - They took this step with a knowledge of all the facts connected with the transaction and with a full view of the consequences which would flow from the rejection of Mr George's claim relying upon the strict justice which they had done him to protect the Church from any injurious consequences which might flow from Mr George's dissatisfaction -

The whole matter was thus passed

upon and settled by the legal guardians of this Church property and interests. The claim was passed upon and rejected by those whose duty it was to pass upon it - when the Rector himself was present - being a member of the meeting which made the decision as he was of the Corporation whose right and duty it was to make it - Your Committee do not doubt that the late Rector of this Church when he gave the notes mentioned in his communication, acted as he believed the interests and propriety of the Church requires him to act, but they cannot for a moment entertain the idea, that one member of a Corporation by assuming liabilities, which the Corporation itself at a legal meeting expressly refused to assume, acquires either a legal or equitable claim upon such Corporation for the payment of such liabilities - The late Rector of this Church was entirely silent in relation to the claims mentioned in his communication and never communicated the fact of the existence of his liability to a single member of the Vestry until the resignation of his charge four years afterwards - and it is now brought to the knowledge of the Vestry generally for the first time more than six years after they were incurred.

Under this state of facts your Committee are of the opinion that our late Rector has no legal or equitable claim against the Vestry of this Church for the repayment of any monies advanced by him as stated in his communication or for indemnity against his liabilities yet <sup>the</sup> unliquidated. Your Committee are further of opinion that no right exists in the Vestry to charge the Corporate funds of the Church with the payment of such money as a donation -

Your Committee are well aware of, and fully appreciate, the great exertions, and many sacrifices which the late Rector made to advance the interests of this Church. They know as we all know how much of its prosperity is owing to his steady efforts his untiring perseverance, and his entire devotedness to its interests. This however cannot add to the

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justice of the claims presented for our consideration but it may as it doubtless will recommend him to the sympathies of the Congregation if the Vestry should think it proper to refer it to their private liberality to afford him relief in this exigency - In the opinion of the committee the Vestry as a corporate body ought not to give relief, and whether it shall be referred to the individual liberality of this people to seek such relief must rest with the Vestry or the late Rector - Your committee does not believe it does not come within the scope of the matters referred to them - In conclusion your committee beg leave to submit the following Resolutions -

Resolved  
 Resolutions on Mr. Cummings' Claim  
 That the claims of the Rev. F. H. Cummings against the Vestry of this Church for payment and indemnity on account of monies paid and liabilities assumed by him to H. J. McGeorge in relation to the building of the Church, after said Mr. George's claims were settled by the Vestry, be rejected for the reasons mentioned in the preceding Report -

Resolved

That the Clerk communicate to Mr. Cummings the decision of the Vestry in relation to his claim by a letter explaining the reasons of such decision and also that the Vestry appreciate the value of Mr. Cummings' sacrifices for the prosperity of this Church -

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved

Report & Resolutions accepted  
 That the Report be accepted and that the resolutions accompanying the foregoing report submitted by the Committee be adopted -

Oct 1. 1831.

Adjourned -

N. J. Rochester

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At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Vestry room Oct 26 - 1831.

Present Mr. Pitkin  
 Mr. Smith } Wardens  
 Mr. Mathews Mr. Field  
 - Lathrop - Rochester } Vestrymen

Mr. Pitkin in the Chair -

On motion it was

Resolved - That Elias D. Smith & H. J. Rochester be a committee to circulate a subscription for the purpose of raising money to enable the Vestry to raise the salary of the Rector to the sum of \$1000 per annum.

Resolved -

That the Vestry adjourn till tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Oct 26 - 1831.

N. J. Rochester

OK.

At a meeting of the Vestry held at St Luke's Church held at the Vestry room pursuant to adjournment October 27 - 1831.

Present Mr. Pitkin  
 Mr. Smith } Wardens.  
 Mr. Mathews Mr. Field  
 Mr. Whittelsey Mr. Leabury } Vestrymen  
 Mr. Lathrop Mr. Rochester

Mr. Pitkin in the Chair -

The Committee appointed at the meeting yesterday reported that the subscription to raise the Rector's salary amounted to \$200 & upwards. Whereupon on motion it was



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Resolved

Resolution to  
increase Rector's  
Salary from  
\$800 to \$1000

That the Vestry feel that it is due in justice to the fidelity which their Rector has discharged the duties of his office that his Salary should be increased - and that the Salary of the Rector be therefore increased to yearly sum of one thousand dollars to commence on the first day of November next.

Resolved

That Messrs Whittelsey & Rochester be a Committee to communicate the above Resolution to the Rector.

adjourned

A. D. Rochester  
Clerk.

Meeting in  
relation to  
Rector's call  
to St Paul's Ch.  
to  
Rector of Pews.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Ch.  
held at the Vestry-room Decr 9<sup>th</sup> 1831.

Present -

Rev. Mr. Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Field  
Mr Lathrop Mr Seabury } Vestry  
Mr Talman Mr Rochester }

The Rev. Mr. Whitehouse presented the following communication & resolutions - which he submits to this Vestry for their decision -

"Rochester Decr 6<sup>th</sup> 1831"

"Rev Mr Whitehouse"

Letter of  
Committee of  
St Paul's Ch.  
to Mr Whitehouse

accompanying resolutions of the Vestry of which we are the Committee - allow us to express our approbation of the views & policy exhibited by

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yourself during your connection with St Luke's Church  
And it is the understanding of the Gentlemen of the Vestry individually and the members of the Congregation whose sentiments we have an opportunity of knowing that both Churches be pleased on the same footing."

"respectfully yours"

"Elihu Johnson"

"Sam<sup>l</sup> J. Andrews"

"E. B. Strong"

Resolutions by the  
Vestry of St Paul's  
Church - inviting  
Mr Whitehouse to  
take charge of St Paul's  
as Rector, in connection  
with St Luke's:

"At a meeting of the Vestry, Wardens & Vestry of St Paul's Church Rochester, held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Decr 1831. It was unanimously  
Resolved - That the Rev Mr Whitehouse be invited to become the Rector of St Paul's Church Rochester, to be held in connection with his present Rectorship, at a salary of One Thousand Dollars a year payable quarterly from the date of the acceptance of this call; - And if the Vestry of St Luke's Church concur herein that the salary be increased to one thousand and two hundred dollars, one half thereof to be paid by each of the said Churches -  
Resolved -

That the choice of an assistant to aid in the duties of the united Churches be left to the Rector; and the expense of such assistant paid on the order of the Rector, one half by each of the said Churches. -

Resolved

That this arrangement is, in no way, to affect the separate and independent existence of this Church and congregation, and that the services of the Rector and his assistant respectively are to be equally divided between the two Churches. -



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Resolved

That it is the intention of this body that the arrangement with the Rev Mr Whitehouse shall be permanent, so long as he may remain the Rector of the United Churches of St Luke's & St Paul's; and that in the event of a depopulation of this congregation, by his own wish, or the wish of the congregation of St Luke's Church Congregation, then he is to be Rector of St Paul's only, and that it shall be subject to dissolution, so far as concerns this Corporation, only by the means provided by the Canons for the separation of an instituted Rector from his congregation -

"Copy

Isaac P. Elwood  
Secretary -

Decision

The foregoing resolutions having been considered by the Vestry and their unanimous opinion given in opposition thereto - a Committee consisting of  
Committee to report Resolutions  
Mr Pitkin &  
Mr Child - was appointed to report resolutions expressive of the declared sentiments of the vestry upon the Resolutions of St Paul's Church Vestry, submitted as above stated by our Rector -

On motion it was Resolved

Pews to be rented 26<sup>th</sup>

That the pews in this Church be rented for one Year from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> next - on the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. - & that the Vestry be a committee of sale for that day -

Resolved  
Standing Committee on pews -

That Mr Pitkin & Mr T. Rochester be a Standing Committee for the Sale & Renting of pews for the ensuing year -

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Resolved

John Bingham  
has his pew forfeited

That the pew of John Bingham be forfeited for non-payment of the annuity - & that the same be rented at the annual sale on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst - & that the clerk notify him that his pew is forfeited & that if the amt due is paid before the day of sale or secured to be paid he can redeem it -

Resolved -

That the Vestry will after the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> next forfeit and re-rent upon all such Pews in the Church as shall have expired by reason of the non-payment of any purchase money or annuity - when the same shall have been due more than one year - & that the clerk send those involved with a copy of this notice -

Resolved -

That the Vestry adjourn till tomorrow after noon at 4 o'clock at the Church

N. T. Rochester

Attest

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church pursuant to adjournment Dec<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1831.

Present

Rev: Mr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Mathews  
Mr Seabury Mr Bishop } Vestry men  
Mr Field Mr Rochester }

The Committee appointed at the last meeting in relation to the Communication from the Vestry of St Paul's Ch. submitted by the Rector - made the following

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Report & submitted the following resolutions -  
 Mr Whitehouse having retired -  
 Rev. Mathews in the Chair -

Report of Committee  
 in relation to Mr  
 Whitehouse's call  
 to St Paul's with  
 Resolutions

The Rector having submitted a communication from the Vestry of St Paul's Church Rochester bearing date the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. containing overtures to him for associating the two churches under his parochial charge as Rector of both, with authority to procure an assistant Minister. Stipulating for an equal division of the services of the Rector between the two Parishes, and in the event of a dissolution of the association by his desire or that of the Vestry of St Luke's, that then he shall remain the Rector of St Paul's exclusively &c. -

Resolved

As the sense of this Vestry, that the connection of associate churches under the Ministry of a plurality of Clergy, is attended with exposure to serious embarrassments and jealousies, destruction of the peace and happiness of the Ministers; and is incompatible with that identity of interest, confiding care, and affectionate regard, which must constitute the bond of union between a Minister and People -

Resolved -

That the proposition Ministry of our present Rector under existing arrangements secures the most perfect unanimity - cordial approbation, and affectionate attachment of the congregation -

Resolved -

That the proposition to him by the Vestry of

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St Paul's, involves the relinquishing on our part of privileges and advantages which God in his Providence has conferred and equally blessed; and which we regard as vitally essentially under the same blessing, to the future harmony and prosperity of our church -

Resolved

That this Vestry cannot as the Guardians of the interests of the congregation consent to any arrangement involving an association of St Luke's Parish with St Paul's, or the stated relinquishment of any part of the services of our present Rector -

Resolved -

That this Vestry receive with much gratification the expression of the Committee of St Paul's to our Rector, of their "approbation of the views and policy exhibited by him during his connection with St Luke's Church" and sincerely hope it is an earnest of the desire and determination of that congregation to be governed (hereafter) by the same sound and consistent views and policy, as they are calculated to present our Episcopal Institutions under one form, establish harmony, and engage the cordial cooperation of the members of our respective congregations -

On Motion Resolved

Resolution adopted - That the foregoing resolutions be & are hereby adopted - & that the Clerk read a present the Rector with a Copy of the same -

The Rev. Mr Whitehouse Rector - being now present resumed the Chair -

The Clerk having presented a Communication from Rev Mr Cumney addressed to the

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Coporation of this Church in answer to the Report R. adopted Oct 1. 1831. which having been read it was on motion of Gent Mathews - unanimously

Resolved -

Resolution in relation to Communication of Mr Buning - That this Vestry see no reason from any thing in the communication of the Rev Mr Buning <sup>dated Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1831</sup> just read to lead them to alter the opinion expressed in the report of the Committee appointed on the previous application as unanimously adopted by this body - (born: on file).

Resolved

That the Clerk send Mr Buning a copy of the foregoing resolution -

adjourned

N. T. Rochester CLK  
Decr 10<sup>th</sup> 1831

At a meeting of the Vestry Wed: evng Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1831. Present Rev: Mr Whitehouse Rector Mr Pitkin, Mr Mathews, Mr Child, Mr Field, Mr Lathrop & Mr Rochester - In compliance with the suggestion of the Rector that the last resolution of this Vestry on the communication to him from the Vestry of St Paul's is misconstrued by that Vestry - and that the essence of the word "hereafter" was in the estimation of the Vestry of St Paul's some that misconstruction

Therefore Resolved - That the word "hereafter" be stricken out of said resolution -

N. T. Rochester

Decr 14<sup>th</sup> 1831

CLK.

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at the Vestry-room pursuant to regular notice Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> 1832 -

Present - Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector

Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens

Mr Mathews Mr Talman

Mr Lathrop Mr Child Vestrymen

Mr Rochester

Resolved -

Committee to settle with Treasurer } That a committee be appointed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer whereupon the chair appointed Mr Smith & Mr Talman -

Resolved

Statement of debts to & from Ch } That the Treasurer furnish at the next Vestry meeting a statement of the debts due to & from the Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst together with a statement of the probable receipts and expenditures for the year 1832

Resolved

Resolution to purchase Eggleston pew - } That the Treasurer be instructed to make Mr Thomas Eggleston of New York - the offer of \$200 for Pew No 3 in St Luke's Church - pre-dicated upon the offer of Mr E to the Vestry last Fall - The said \$200 payable at the end of four years - interest annually & Contract to be dated Apr: 1. 1832 & for this Resolved

That if the above offer be accepted the Treasurer is hereby empowered to make a note for the same -

adjourned till Saturday Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 1832

N. T. Rochester CLK



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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry-room Saturday morning pursuant  
to adjournment. Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1832

Present Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr S. O. Smith Mr W. Pitkin Wardens  
Messrs J. Child J. Field  
J. T. Talman C. G. Lathrop } Vestry-men  
A. J. Rochester

Treasurer  
a/c

The committee appointed to audit the accts  
of the Treasurer presented a report making  
due to the Treasurer on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst the sum  
of \$333.32. which report was accepted -  
(Report filed)

Debts

In pursuance of a resolution passed at  
the last meeting the Treasurer presented  
the following statements of debts &c: which  
were ordered to be entered on the minutes -

Statement of Debts due St Luke's Church  
Apr 1. 1832.

on a/c Pans sold

Rich. B. Jones	183.15	
Gene Mathews	147.30	
P. Cleveland	115.75	446.20

Income

Estimated income to Jan 1. 1832	
Pew rents for 1832	1400
Old accts say	150
Sub: of Oct 1831	250
Collections say	200
	\$2000.00

Estimated Expenses for 1832

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Annual Expense	Income	\$2000.00
Rector to Feb 1. 1832	1000.00	
Organist to Dec 10 1832	200	
Interest - May 1. 1833	315	
Heaton - Jan 1. 1833	125	
Wood - Insurance &c	100	
Collector	40	
Extra	20	1800.00

Debts due from Church Apr. 1. 1832

Rich & Vanech	4.500	
Church Stock	1.200	
Ladies Mifflin Society	50	
Essex	50	
Treasurer	333	6.133.32
debts due ch: from Pope 117.		446.20
		5.687.00

Statement of Cost of Church &c:

J. T. McGeorge	9.267.93
Organ	1.300
Sub. bap to do	300
Addition to Ch: 1828	3.000
Bell	850
Extra Work - Furniture &c	1.558.98
Extra Lamp (for addition)	60.
Vestry room	30.
Painting Sinner &c	150.
Repair on ch: say	100
Smoods Bell	138
	16.754.91



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Statement Bal. over. Cost of Ch. 16: 16.754 91

There have been sold - Apr 1 1832

Pews Sold	{	36 Pews	}	for	9.410	
		5 1/2 do				
		Bids on do at first sale				1.000
		Subscription for Organ				1300
		do decr 1829				2.000
		Col Fitzhugh's Lot toward Bell	500	14.210.		
Bal.		difference between Cost of Ch. & receipts	{		2.544.91	
	other than Pews rents & annuities					

on

Annuities on Sold Pews \$660

Debt due by Ch. from Pap 108 5.687.

Bal from above 2.544.91

Amt of funds rec'd from \$3.142 09

Sales of Pews &amp; Subscriptions:

used for annual Expenses from 1823 to 1831 -

Resolved -

Committee on } That Mr. Field & Mr. Pitkin be a com-  
debts due Ch. } mittee to attend to the collection of the  
- } outstanding debts -

Adjourned

N. S. Rochester

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April 21<sup>st</sup> 1832.

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## Election of Wardens & Vestrymen Easter Monday 1832:

At the annual Meeting of the members of the Congregation of "St Luke's Church Geneva Falls" held at the Church immediately after Morning Service Monday after Easter April 23<sup>d</sup> 1832:

due notice having been given thereof by the Rector -

The following named persons were duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of St Luke's Church for the ensuing year - viz

William Pitkin }  
Delas O. Smith } Wardens -

Jonathan Child	}	Vestrymen -
Frederick Whittelsey		
Charles C. Lathrop		
John T. Talman		
Joseph Field		
Vincent Matthews		
Thomas H. Rochester		
Walter White		

I hereby certify that the above election was duly held & the above named persons duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of St Luke's Church for the ensuing year - dated April 23<sup>d</sup> 1832.

HENRY WHITEHOUSE  
Rector.

N. S. Rochester  
Clerk of the Vestry

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry-room May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1832.

Present Mr Whitehouse Rector

Mr S. & Smith Wardens

Mr Child Mr Lathrop

Mr Matthews - Field

Mr White J. H. Rochester

} Vestrymen

Resolved -

That Nathaniel J. Rochester be & is hereby  
appointed clerk of the Vestry and also Treas-  
urer of St Luke's Church -

Resolved

That Mr Child & Mr Field be a committee  
to raise money by subscription to erect  
a room for the use of Sunday Schools - Sec-  
tary - Charity School &

adjourned till Friday morning the 4<sup>th</sup> inst at  
9 o'clock N. J. Rochester Clk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's  
Church held at the Vestry-room pursuant  
to adjournment May 4<sup>th</sup> 1832

Present Rev Mr Whitehouse - Rector

Mr Smith Mr Pitkin Wardens

Mr Child Mr Field

Mr Lathrop Mr Matthews

Mr White

} Vestrymen

Mr Child presented the subscription for  
Building a room for Sunday Schools &c:  
which amounting to nearly \$1200 it was

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Resolved

That the Vestry proceed immediately to  
the erection of a Building in rear of  
the Church for the use of Sunday Schools  
Lectures a Charity School &c:

Resolved

That Mr Field and Mr Thomas H  
Rochester be a committee to superintend  
the erection of said Building -

N. J. Rochester Clk.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held in the Vestry room Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1832

present

Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector -

Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens

Mr Field - Whittelsey

Mr Lathrop - J. H. Rochester

} Vestrymen

Resolved - That the Treasurer settle with the Collector  
Collection of & that the Vestry hereafter will collect the  
Church Rents & contributions -

Resolved

That Daniel D. Barnard Esq be  
& is hereby appointed one of the delegates  
to the next Convention of the P. E. Church  
to be held in the City of New York.

adjourned until Monday morning the 24<sup>th</sup> inst  
at 9 o'clock A. M.

N. J. Rochester Clk

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At a meeting of the Vestry held at  
the Vestry-room ~~January~~ September 24<sup>th</sup>  
1832 pursuant to adjournment.

Present Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Pitkin Mr Smith Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Field  
Mr Whitley Mr Lathrop } Vestry<sup>men</sup>  
Mr White Mr J. A. Rochester }

Resolved

That Seth C. Jones  
Delegate to } be & is hereby appointed a Delegate to  
Convention } the next Convention of the Prot Epis Ch.  
to be held in the City of New York.

adjourned till Thursday the  
27<sup>th</sup> inst at 2 o'clock P. M.

N. T. Rochester  
clerk

At a meeting of the Vestry pursuant to ad-  
journment Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1832:

Present The Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector

Mr Child Mr Field  
Mr Lathrop Mr Rochester } Vestry<sup>men</sup>  
Mr White }

Mr Warden being present the Vestry adjourned  
on their Saturday next the 29<sup>th</sup> inst at  
4 o'clock P. M.

N. T. Rochester  
clerk

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry pursuant to adjournment  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 1832

Present Rev Mr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Smith Mr Pitkin Wardens  
Mr Child Mr Field  
Mr Whitley Mr Lathrop } Vestry<sup>men</sup>  
Mr J. A. Rochester Mr White }

Resolved

Committee to } That Mr Field & Mr J. A. Rochester be a  
build fence } committee to have made a fence in rear  
of the Church and also a picket fence  
between the Church & School Lot.

Resolved

That John Raymond be a delegate  
to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal  
Church to be held in New York in Oct next  
& that the Rector have power to fill any  
vacancy that may occur in the delegates.

St Pauls Ch: } The Rector of the Church read a com-  
munication made to him by the Vestry of St Pauls  
Church Rochester in relation to the Embarrassed  
state of their affairs wherein the following resolu-  
tions & resolutions were adopted - (Communication  
on file).

Whereas certain statements of the af-  
fairs and condition of St Pauls Church in the  
village of Rochester from the Vestry thereof have  
been submitted to the consideration of the Vestry of  
this Church - from which it appears that the pecu-  
niary affairs of said Church are in a condition  
so embarrassed that they entertain no hope of being



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*Circular at  
Franklin*

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able to extricate themselves, and that without means, without a Rector and burdened with debt, they fear that they must sink under their difficulties, the Church be borne down the congregation dispersed, and the building sold, to the great injury of the Episcopal interest in this Section, unless some new arrangement can be made for their relief and the benefit of the Church in general and suggesting that the corporation of this Church should purchase the building of St Pauls Church as a Chapel of St Lukes, as the only practicable measure of saving it from entire sacrifice and averting a serious & permanent injury to the prosperity of the Episcopal Church generally - therefore

Resolved -

That the interests of the Episcopal Church demand that St Lukes Church should make an effort to purchase the building at present known as St Pauls Church as a chapel to this church, if it can be done without too great a burden upon its resources and funds -

Resolved

That the Rector of this Church be empowered to ascertain what foreign resources can be depended upon for the above object - and to this intent if necessary present the matter to the Vestry of Trinity Church -

Resolved

That Messrs Child & Whittelsey be a committee to communicate the above proceedings to the Rector of this Church -

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The Rector having retired the choir was taken by Mr Pitkin Maudslow when the following proceedings were had -

Proceedings in relation to the call of the Rector of St Lukes Ch: to St Peter's Ch: Albany

Whereas it has been communicated to the Vestry of this Church that the Rector has been urgently solicited to take charge of St Peter's Church in the City of Albany and that such solicitations tho' hitherto declined, will probably be still more urgently renewed and this Church exposed to the danger of losing the services of its esteemed Rector under whose charge it has so eminently prospered - therefore

Resolved -

That the Vestry of St Lukes Church entertain a grateful sense of the value of the services of the present Rector of this Church - & a just estimate of their beneficial influence upon the character & prosperity of the Church & Congregation - in building up that which was running to waste - in greatly increasing the number of worshippers - in introducing and nourishing a spirit of perfect harmony and union of action - in successfully encouraging a spirit of benevolent enterprise for every good work - in promoting beyond former precedent the interests of vital piety - in securing to the Episcopal Church a commanding & beneficial influence and in attaching to himself the hearts of all his hearers - thus manifesting that his services during the continuance of his Rectorship have been eminently blessed both to the temporal prosperity of the Church and its spiritual good.

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Resolved

That in the belief of the Vestry - the sentiment of attachment towards our Rector pervades the whole congregation - and still continues strong & unabated and that such sentiment has hitherto been and still promises to be a bond of union - and that the same distinguished success and prosperity of his Rectorship and promises to give him the capacity for much future usefulness here -

Resolved

That a removal of our present Rector to any other field of duty would be deprecated both by the vestry and the whole congregation as serious injury to the harmony & prosperity of this church and the Episcopal interest in this section of the Country -

Resolved

That we fully appreciate the extent of the sacrifice which our Rector makes in publicly consenting to remain with this people - from a sense of duty - and we entertain the firm belief that the whole congregation will in like manner appreciate such sacrifice - and manifest by renewed evidence of their attachment their sense of its importance & the disinterestedness of its motive -

Resolved - That the Clerk communicate to the Rector a copy of these Resolutions -

Resolved - That the Vestry adjourn to meet again on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> Oct next at 4.0 o'clock P.M.

A. J. Rochester  
Clerk

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At a meeting of the Vestry held pursuant to adjournment Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1832 at the Vestry room -

Present Mr Pitkin  
Mr Smith } Wardens

Mr Child Mr Lathrop  
Mr W. J. Rochester Mr White } Vestry-men

It was Resolved

Treasurer } That Mr William Pitkin be and is  
appointed } hereby appointed Treasurer of St Luke's  
Church -

Treasurer -

(The former Treasurer having previously resigned in consequence of expected absence for a length of time) -

Resolved

Subscription } That Mr Child Mr Smith & Mr Lathrop  
} be & are hereby appointed a Committee to  
} circulate a Subscription to enable raise money  
} to enable the Vestry of the Church to pay  
} the Rector \$1000 per annum -

adjourned

W. J. Rochester - Clerk

settlement  
with  
Treasurer

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin be & is hereby appointed  
a committee to settle with the former Treasurer

adjourned

A. J. Rochester Clerk

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, held in the Vestry Room, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1832.

Present- The Rector

Mr. Pitkin and

Silas O. Smith } Wardens.

Meos Child, Whiteway, Field,

Lathrop, & T. H. Rochester } Vestry men.

T. H. Rochester was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The Rector presented a verbal report of the progress of the application to the Corporation of Trinity Church, New York, for relief in the proposed purchase of St. Paul's Church, as a Chapel to St. Luke's.

On motion- Resolved, That Meos & O. Smith & Lathrop be a Committee for the purpose of arranging the mode of heating the Church, School-Room, &c.

On motion.

Resolved, That the same gentlemen with Mr. T. H. Rochester be a Committee to direct the cleaning of the Church.

On motion of Mr. Whiteway, it was

Resolved, That the Rector be empowered to execute a paper in behalf of this Corporation, making over the Policy of Insurance on its property as collateral security to the Estate of Shepard Tarick deceased, on the Bonds & mortgage held from this Corporation, by said Estate.

The office of Clerk of the Vestry being vacant by the resignation of Mr. Nathaniel T. Rochester, on nomination it was unanimously

Resolved, That Henry C. Rochester be the Clerk of this body.

A Bill from Messrs J. & J. Swords for printing the Sermon of the late St. Ab. J. P. Hobart, delivered at the Institution of the Rector of this Church was audited, and handed to the Treasurer for payment.

Adjourned.

Thos. H. Rochester  
Clerk *pro tem*

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held in the Vestry Room, Decr 3<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1832.

Present- The Rector.

Mr. Silas O. Smith- Warden

Messrs. Matthews, Field, White, Lathrop,

Talman, Child & T. H. Rochester } Vestry men.

On Motion of Mr. Thos. H. Rochester it was-

Resolved- That the 12 western Pews in each Gallery be offered for rent at the next meeting of the Pews of the Church; and that the annual rent of the front Pews be \$7. and those in the rear \$5.

On Motion of Mr. Child it was

Resolved- That the Pews of the Church be divided into Five Sections, and that each Section be assigned to a Vestryman whose duty it shall be to see to the Collection of rents & annuities from the several Pew-holders, in their respective Sections, for one year from the First day of January next-

Whereupon, the Pews of the Church were divided into Sections as follows:

Section 1. to Comprise the Gallery Pews

" 2. " " " South wall Pews

" 3. " " " South body Pews

" 4. " " " North body Pews

" 5. " " " North wall Pews

On Motion

Resolved That the Rector nominate a Collector for each Section-

Whereupon the following named gentlemen were appointed for the Sections placed opposite their names respectively

Mr. White - Section 1.

" Child - " 2.

" Rochester - " 3.

" Smith - " 4.

" Field - " 5.



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On Motion

Resolved. That the unsold Pews of the Church be rented on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. at 10 O'Clock A.M. for the Term of one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January next, & that the Rector give notice thereof in Church on the two Sundays next preceding.

The Committee appointed on the 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. last to circulate a subscription report progress-

On Motion

Resolved. That a Committee of four, including the Treasurer and Clerk, be appointed by the Chairman to attend to the Selling & Leasing of Pews on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

Messrs Lathrop & T. H. Rochester were thereupon appointed to constitute, with the Treasurer & Clerk, such Committee-

On Motion it was

Resolved. That it is expedient that exertions be made to sell as many as possible of the Pews of this Church, and that hereafter all monies received for Pews sold hitherto and now due, or to be received, with all interest accruing thereon, shall be appropriated solely to the liquidation of the funded debt of this Corporation.

Adjourned

Henry E. Rochester  
Clerk-

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the vestry room Decr. 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1832.

Present- The Rector

Mr. Pitkin } Marden

Messrs. Child, Field, T. H. Rochester, White, &amp; Lathrop. Vestrymen.

The Rector presented a letter received by him from William Johnson Esq. Controller of Trinity Church, enclosing the following resolution of that body, granting certain assistance in the proposed purchase of St. Paul's Church.

(Copy)

" At a meeting of the Corporation of Trinity Church in the City of New York, held at their vestry office on the tenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

" The Standing Committee made a report on the application of St. Luke's Church at Rochester, recommending that this Corporation, should assume the payment for two years of the interest on such debt, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, as the Corporation of St. Luke's Church may incur, in the purchase of the Church Edifice at Rochester, called St. Paul's Church, with the ground thereto belonging, provided that such Church be associated with, or be made a Chapel of St. Luke's, and that upon the completion of such purchase, it be clear of all incumbrances, & claims except the said debt of ten thousand dollars. It was thereupon resolved, that under the peculiar circumstances of the Case, and with a view to prevent the said Church Edifice and ground, from passing into the hands of some other denomination of Christians, this Corporation will assume, for two years, the payment of the said interest at the rate of six per centum per annum upon the conditions specified in the said Report.

(Original on file)

Extract from the minutes  
(Signed) T. L. Ogden. Clerk of the Vestry of St. Church

Whereupon on Motion it was

Resolved. That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject, & especially in its relation to the present offers of

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of assistance from abroad.

This Committee to report on Wednesday Evening next.  
Messrs J. H. Rochester, Child & Field were appointed said  
Committee.

The Treasurer was requested to present, if convenient, at  
the next meeting of the Vestry, a statement of the fiscal concerns  
of this Corporation.

Adjourned to Wednesday Evening next at 8 & 6 o'clock.

Henry C. Rochester.

Clk of Vestry.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry room at 8 & 6 o'clock in the evening of  
Decr 19<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1832.

Present. The Rector.

Mr. S. C. Smith } Wardens

Messrs Mathews, Child, White, Lathrop, Talman, Field  
& J. H. Rochester - Vestrymen.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Vestry, on the  
subject of the proposed purchase of St. Paul's Church by this  
Corporation presented a written Report which was read.

Whereupon on motion of Mr. Mathews it was

Resolved. That the report be laid on the Table and that a Committee  
of two with the Rector be appointed a Committee of Conference  
with the Vestry of St. Paul's, to ascertain the views of that  
Body on the proposed assistance by Trinity Church and  
report to this body at a meeting to be held tomorrow at  
3 o'clock P. M.

Messrs Mathews & Field were appointed to act with the  
Rector as such Committee.

The following Preamble & resolution were proposed and  
adopted.

Whereas the Rector has signified to this Body the establishment  
of a Charity School in connection with this Church, and the  
desire of the parties concerned that it should be placed under

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Vestry of this Church as its permanent Trustees *Ex officio*.  
Therefore Resolved.

That this Body accept the trust thus tendered to them and  
recognize the Charity School of St. Luke's Church as under  
their charge to the extent that the same may be committed  
to them by its By-Laws and regulations, provided that  
no expense shall accrue to the funds of this Corporation  
from this recognition.

The Rector presented an account received from Mr. Henry  
Eaton of New York for organ Pipes. The same was referred  
to the Treasurer & Clerk with power to settle with Mr. Eaton.

On motion

Resolved. That a Committee of two be appointed to report  
to this body tomorrow on the expediency of altering the rent  
of certain unsold Pews in this Church.

Messrs Smith & J. H. Rochester were appointed said  
Committee.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Henry C. Rochester

Clk.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry room December 20<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1832.

Present. The Rector

Messrs Pitkin & }  
Smith } Wardens

Messrs Mathews, Child, J. H. Rochester, Field, Lathrop and  
White - Vestrymen.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Vestry to report on the  
valuation & rent of certain Pews, recommend the following valuations &  
rents of Pews viz:

Pews nos 1 & 104. valuation \$260. each

Pews nos 105 & 106. " \$260. each



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Pews Nos 27, 32, 73 & 78 Rent \$6. each  
 Pews Nos 23, 24, 35, 36, 38, 72 }  
 79, 81, 82 } Rent \$8. each  
 Pews Nos 37 & 68 Rent \$24. each  
 Pews Nos 38 & 67 Rent \$28. each  
 Pews Nos 39 & 66 Rent \$32. each  
 12 Pews at west end of each Gallery " \$4 each -  
 Which Report was agreed to -

### On Motion

Resolved - That the Committee on renting Pews assign seats to those families & individuals who have occupied Pews the past year from rent by & paid for mission of the Vestry -

The Pastor, as Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Vestry to confer with the Vestry of St. Paul's Church & ascertain their views on the proposed assistance by Trinity Church New York, presented the following Report which was read and accepted -

The Committee of Conference appointed last evening by leave to Report

That they have been favored with a meeting with the Standing Committee of St. Paul's Church, on the proposed union, in which the following results appear -

1. That no assistance could be rendered by that Corporation or individuals, equivalent to the balance to be paid immediately, in order to secure the conditional gratuity of Trinity Church.

Consequently there may be considered an agreement of opinion between the two Corporations, as to the impossibility of availing ourselves of the offer of assistance, without modification of the conditions

2. That in the opinion of the Committee of St. Paul's Church, the Chapel, in the event of a transfer of the property to St. Luke's Church, could sustain itself on its own resources, and that personal or cognizance could be procured to that effect, which should be satisfactory to our Corporation.

Your Committee understood this to cover only the current expenses of the Chapel without recognizing the outlay for any furniture or appurtenances necessary to put it upon a comfortable footing. The whole, named as likely to be raised at present as income from that Church amounted to one thousand dollars. A question might arise whether this amount would cover the current expenses to such an extent as to leave St. Luke's Church as safe at the year's end, as she would be without the addition -

3. It was agreed by that Committee that an application should be made to Trinity Church to obtain a release from that condition - and that a meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's should be held as soon as practicable to communicate to this body more specifically, the mode in which a conveyance of that property could be effected, and the definite end or the alteration to be proposed to Trinity Church to secure their indulgence.

Your Committee agitated the advantages of making that an Independent Congregation, released from all obligations but the ten thousand, and obtaining the payment of the interest of that for two years. To this they found many objections, started, some of them of weight and moral importance -

Your Committee were professed as to the willingness of this Vestry to consent to a union of interest and parochial relation between the Churches, provided the certainty could be established that no obligations should rest upon this Church for the expenses of its Chapel - To this your Committee declined answering, not conceiving that the power was bestowed upon them to commit their constituents on that point - all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Henry S. Whitehouse }  
 T. Mathews } Con.  
 Joseph Fields }

(original on file)

The following Report, which was laid on the table at the last





such as to preclude the least prospect of Success should the pecuniary but then be increased, with a Mortgage of \$4500. requiring the payment Semi-annually of a 7 per cent interest. \$2000. of unredemmed Scrip, becoming due in less than two years, with a Cash debt of \$500. beside - it would seem attended with the hazard of Complete Bankruptcy to the Episcopal interest, if the obligations and engagements were so widely and fearfully extended -

Other Particulars have contributed to strengthen the opinion of your Committee unfavorable to the purchase, but upon them, they do not think it necessary to dwell - The doubt, must be confined in the member, whether in the event of the Insurance Company requiring the Bond of this Corporation in connection with their Mortgage on a part of their property (which they presume would be the expectation of the Company), this Corporation has any moral right - so to extend the responsibility of this body, as to endanger the solvency of the whole, which might reasonably be apprehended to be the result of such an undertaking -

In conclusion your Committee beg leave to acknowledge the kindness of the Vestry of Trinity Church in extending the contemplated relief, and to express the belief that if the same could be extended to St Paul's Church without a connection with the Corporation of St Luke's, that in two years, with proper exertions & prudence, that Church might be placed on as good a footing in funds & worshippers as the majority of the other Churches in this Place -

The apparent inconsistency of such an opinion with the previous suggestions will be removed, if it be remembered with how much more vigor than plans would be prosecuted under the stimulus of an independent enterprise, and how much more readily the emigration, that may be collected, would come forward at the end of two years

to meet the debt by the purchase of Pews, or the interest of it by voluntary subscriptions, when they have no one else to depend upon but themselves, and their religious privileges are staked upon their energy and liberality -

Your Committee sum up their remarks in proposing the following resolutions -

Whereas the Rector of this Church has exhibited to the Vestry a resolution of the Vestry of Trinity Church, New York, copied by their Clerk O. L. Ogden Esq: promising, under certain conditions, aid in the purchase of the edifice known as St Paul's Church, as a Chapel to St Luke's Church, by the payment of the interest of ten thousand dollars for two years - therefore,

Resolved That this Vestry recognize with due gratitude the favor proffered to them -

Resolved That notwithstanding this relief, it is beyond the power of this Corporation to become the purchasers of St Paul's Church on the terms proposed, and that such an attempt could not be made without endangering the solvency of our own Corporation -

Resolved That a copy of this Report be handed by the Clerk to the Rector of the Parish, with the request that he will communicate so much of its gist as he may deem expedient to the several parties concerned in the negotiation -

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

Thos. H. Rochester

Joseph Field

Jonathan Child

Committee

(original on file

St. L. & St. S.

Clerk &c

The Rector laid before this body a Communication received by him from the Vestry of St Paul's Church on the same subject of the two preceding reports. The following extract embraces the material part of the Communication:

"From the nature of the proposal from Trinity Church & from the disclosure of the present ruins of St Luke's rectory, it appears to us that the only method to save St Paul's Church from passing into the hands of some other Congregation is one of the modes we are about to propose. The course we suggest is, that the Insurance Company foreclose their mortgage & bid in the property for the amount of their claim: and to enable them effectually to do this, an assignment to them of one or both of the subsequent mortgages to Messrs Johnson & Atkinson can be procured for a nominal consideration. So as to preclude the possibility of any competition at the sale. When the Company have thus perfected their title, a new Corporation could be formed out of the old Congregation that would agree to purchase the Church in the course of two years for the amount of the Company's claim, give a mortgage for the same at six per cent. Trinity Church in the mean time paying the interest for two years as in their previous proposal - or else instead of a new Corporation being created, that St Luke's Church purchase the building on the terms above stated & thus make St Paul's a Chapel to St Luke's."

The Vestry of St Paul's finally believe either of these modes will meet the approbation of a very large part of their Congregation and eventually in the substantial promotion of the Episcopal interests in this place - they also believe that in view of all the circumstances, one or the other of these methods is the only practicable project of carrying into operation the object which seems to be the ardent desire of yourself & the three Churches concerned in this arrangement.

If you shall deem it advisable to submit these views to your Vestry & to Trinity Church you will please add such suggestions as the nature of the case requires. Your desire to promote the great objects of this negotiation and your intimate knowledge of the affairs of the Episcopal Church in this village enable you to make all necessary explanations; and the Vestry of St Paul's

have full confidence that your conduct in the premises will be governed by the soundest discretion & purest motives. Please do them the favor to communicate the temporary engagement of the Rev. Mr. Hickox as pastor in contemplation of consummating the project under consideration - & generally the prospects of the Congregation -

Very Respectfully Yours &c  
(Signed) Wm Atkinson

E. Smith Lee } Wardens

Dr. H. Gregory

Horatio Stevens

Isaac B. Elwood

J. Frouse Post

Arson Rud

Vestrymen.

(Original Communication on file)

On Motion the following Preamble & Resolution were adopted -

Whereas a Communication has been laid before this body by the Rector proposing on certain Conditions, endeavouring to re-establish St Paul's Church as a new & independent Corporation, therefore

Resolved - That this Vestry approve of the endeavour of St Paul's to re-establish themselves on an independent footing and that the Rector be requested to use his influence in obtaining such an arrangement from Trinity Church as may promote this undertaking -

The Treasurer having presented a report of the state of the finances of the Church, it was on Motion

Resolved - That the Treasurer proceed to collect the debts due the Church in such manner as he may deem best.

On nomination the following named gentlemen, were appointed to act with this body as Trustees of the Charity School of this Church until Easter Monday next, viz. Messrs Seth C. Jones, John Haywood, Matthew Mead & William Brewster.

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*On motion*

Resolved. That the Rector & Messrs Rochester & Field be a Committee to put the Lecture room in order for the Charity School.

*Adjourned*

H. E. Rochester

Clerk &amp;c -

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held in the Vestry room, after due notice given, at ½ past 4 O'Clock on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1833.

*Present* - The Rector

Messrs Pitkin &amp; Smith - } Wardens

Messrs Field, Lathrop, White, Mathews, Child, Rochester, and Whittney, Vestrymen.

The Rector stated to this body that he had received an appointment from the Bishop of this Diocese, as an agent of the Theological Seminary in New York, for the purpose of visiting the several Churches in twelves Counties lying South & East of this place, to make collections in aid of the funds of said Institution - whereupon the Vestry unanimously gave their consent that the Rector fulfil the appointment at such time as he should deem best.

*On motion it was*

Resolved. That a Committee of three including the Rector be appointed, with powers, to employ an organist to succeed Mr. Stanton.

*On motion of Mr. Silas O. Smith it was*

Resolved. That this body entertain a grateful sense of the Christian Courtesy and kindness of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of this place, in proffring this Church edifice for the use of our Congregation on the recent occasion when St. Luke's was rendered unfit for occupancy in consequence of the injury it sustained by fire.

Resolved. That the Clerk furnish a copy of the foregoing resolution to the Rector to be by him communicated to the

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*Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society -**On motion it was*

Resolved. That this body will sign the Certificates of Messrs William Stanton Jr., Orasmus Spalding, & Ethan Allen, Candidates for the Holy order of Deacons.

Resolved. That the Sexton of this Church be allowed the sum of Five dollars for extra services while repairing the injuries done the Church edifice by the late fire -

*Adjourned*

H. E. Rochester.

Clerk.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held in the Vestry room at 12 O'Clock noon on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1833

*Present* - The Rector

Messrs Pitkin &amp; Smith

} Wardens

Messrs Field, Child, Lathrop, White &amp; Rochester - Vestrymen

The Rector laid before this body a communication received from Mr. Samuel Seranton, Sexton of the Church, in which he expressed his intention of relinquishing the office of Sexton after the Season of Lent; Whereupon on motion of Mr. Rochester it was

Resolved. That the Rector & Wardens be a Committee with powers to employ another Sexton -

*Adjourned*

H. E. Rochester

Clerk of Vestry



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Election of Wardens & Vestrymen  
Easter Monday A.D. 1833.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Congregation of St. Luke's Church "Genesee Falls" held at the Church on the Monday after Easter April 8<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1833; due notice having been given thereof by the Rector; the following named persons were duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church for the ensuing year: viz:-

William Pitkin }  
 Elias O. Smith } Wardens.

Jonathan Child  
 Frederick Whittelsey  
 Charles C. Lathrop  
 John T. Talman  
 Joseph Field  
 Vincent Mathews  
 Walter White  
 Thomas H. Rochester } Vestrymen.

I do hereby certify that the above election was duly held, and the above named persons duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church for the ensuing year.

Dated April 8<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1833

Henry J. Whitehouse

Rector of St. Luke's Church

Witnessed  
 Henry C. Rochester  
 clerk of Vestry }

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry room May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1833 at 4 O'clock P.M.

Present- The Rector

Mr. Pitkin - Warden

Mr. Mathews, Child, Field, Whittelsey, Lathrop, White, and Talman - Vestrymen.

On motion of Mr. Whittelsey it was

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the line of the Church Lot & to receive from Mr. Rufus Marsh or the owner of the Lot next south of this Church an instrument in writing recognizing the title of this Corporation to such part of the Church Lot as may be covered by the buildings on the said Lot south of this Church - and also that such Committee draw up an instrument proper for this Corporation to give to the Trustees of School District No. 2 acknowledging the title of said District to such part of the School Lot as may be enclosed by the fence immediately north of this Church.

Mr. Mathews & Whittelsey were appointed such Committee

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of this body to employ a Sexton for this Church by Mr. Pitkin

Report- That Thomas Watson is employed for the term of three months from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May last with a salary at the rate of \$125. per annum.

Resolved. That the Treasurer receive from Mr. John T. Talman a surrender of Pew No. 58, and execute with him a Lease for one half of Pew No. 6.

Resolved. That the Lease to Elisha B. Strong for Pew No. 101 be cancelled and that the Treasurer execute a new one with Alcott, Watts & Langworthy.

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to superintend and direct the cleaning of the Church edifice at such time as they may deem best.  
 Mr. C. C. Lathrop & Th. C. Rochester, the Committee.



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The Rector having retired from the meeting Mr. Pitkin, Warden, took the Chair, and stated to the body, that at a meeting of some of the members of the Congregation of St. Luke's Church convened to take into consideration the expediency of a temporary absence of the Rector on a tour to Europe, Mr. Mathews & himself were requested to wait on the Rector to express the views and feelings of the Congregation on the subject, and to ascertain his wishes in relation thereto. That from an interview had with Mr. Whitehouse they believe he would be glad to avail himself of an early opportunity to go to Europe, if the situation of the Congregation would not render it inexpedient - whereupon it was

Resolved. That Messrs Mathews, Pitkin & Whillsey be a Committee to prepare an address to the Rector expression of the views of this body on the subject of such temporary absence, and also a further address to be signed on the part of the members of the Congregation generally, & that said Committee report at the next meeting of the Vestry -

Adjourned to Saturday next (May 25<sup>th</sup>) at 8 O'clock A.M.  
St. E. Rochester - Clerk  
of Vestry &c.

At an adjourned meeting of the  
Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry-  
Room May 25<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1833.

Present Mr. Pitkin - Warden

Messrs Mathews, Field, White, Lathrop, Whillsey  
& Child - Vestrymen.

On motion it was

Resolved. That the Clerk be a Committee to employ a lad to blow the bellows of the organ.

Mr. Whillsey, from the Committee appointed for that purpose at the last meeting of the Vestry, reported an address to the Rector relative to his temporary absence on the tour of Europe, which was

accepted.

Resolved. That the address to the Rector be signed by the members of this body, and that it also be presented to the Parisholders in the Church for their signatures.

Resolved. That Mr. Pitkin be a Committee to present the address, when signed, to Mr. Whitehouse.

Adjourned to Wednesday next (May 29<sup>th</sup>) at 4 O'clock P.M. -  
St. E. Rochester - Clerk &c.

At an adjourned meeting of the  
Vestry of St. Luke's Church, held at the Vestry-  
Room May 29<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1833.

Present Messrs Pitkin & Smith - Wardens.

Mathews, Field, White, Lathrop, Whillsey and Child -  
Vestrymen.

On motion it was

Resolved. That the address to Mr. Whitehouse on the subject of his making the tour of Europe, be copied into the minutes of the proceedings of this body, with the names thereto signed -

(Copy address to the Rector.)

" To the Rev Henry S. Whitehouse, Rector of St. Luke's Church.

Sir & Dear Sir -

" The Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church having  
" received some intimation from individual members, that you had  
" at some, and not distant time contemplated a voyage  
" across the Atlantic they have to offer you an expression  
" of their sentiments in relation to this subject -

" We cannot but be deeply sensible of the fidelity with  
" which you duties as Rector of this Church have been discharged,  
" and while we have witnessed with satisfaction the increasing pros-  
" perity both temporal and spiritual which has blessed this Church

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"under your ministry, we have at times been alarmed with fears  
 "that your unwearied and constant labors might have a serious  
 "effect upon your health and Constitution. The interest man-  
 "ifested by the entire Congregation in their general attendance  
 "on all occasions of worship both testifies their sense of the  
 "value of your services and is proof of the benefits which  
 "those services have conferred. The union and harmony which  
 "prevails among the Congregation, appears to us to be alike the  
 "proof and the fruit of their attachment to their Pastor and  
 "we can add our own confident belief that few Churches are  
 "so united and satisfied: few so attached to their Pastor as  
 "the Church and Congregation of St. Luke's. But for you  
 "have now labored with us near four years, and your  
 "labors have been great, constant, and unceasing, and of  
 "a nature calculated to impair the most vigorous  
 "Constitution, and which may well demand some span  
 "for respite and relaxation. If you have it in your  
 "temptation to visit Europe, we entertain the belief that three  
 "years of such labor make the present season as one  
 "likely to be most beneficial to yourself for the  
 "performance of the journey, while the general spirit of  
 "harmony in the Congregation equally indicates the same time as  
 "auspicious. Should you view of expediency as to time concur with  
 "ours, much as we should regret under ordinary circumstances to  
 "part with you even temporarily, we should now, as an act of  
 "justice towards yourself and a well deserved testimonial of  
 "gratitude on our part, cheerfully render you every facility in  
 "our power for the accomplishment of the object, believing as we  
 "do that the voyage in its consequences may be alike profitable  
 "to you and us. Your health which we are happy to perceive is not  
 "now impaired, may easily become so by an uninterrupted  
 "prosecution of your parochial labors, we should hope might  
 "thus become strengthened. You would also have an opportunity of  
 "visiting scenes interesting to the Christian and philanthropist and  
 "something more of time for study and greater facilities for  
 "mental improvement than your present duties allow. We can  
 "scarcely doubt but your Congregation would also most readily

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"concur with us in this respect, in the belief that by thus consenting  
 "to a temporary separation they would again be more restored to them  
 "with increased & extended physical and mental capacities fitting you  
 "for increased & extended usefulness. We entertain no apprehensions  
 "that such temporary absence will in any degree mar the spirit  
 "of harmony & union which now exists in the Congregation, but  
 "ful entire confidence that you will on your return find as now  
 "adhering to their plan of worship, the institutions of the  
 "Church, and their bond of union.  
 "In the event of your making such a voyage it will  
 "be necessary to employ an assistant in your absence, in the  
 "selection of whom we shall solicit & request your advice and  
 "assistance. In case of your absence our prayers will attend  
 "you for your health, happiness, and comfort & a safe  
 "return to your Church and Congregation.  
 "Rochester May 25<sup>th</sup> 1833 (Signed)

Wm. Pitkin  
 Silas O. Smith & Mardens

T. Mathews  
 Jonathan Child  
 Joseph Field  
 G. Whittelsey  
 Jas. D. Talman  
 Chas. C. Lathrop  
 Walter White  
 Thos. H. Rochester }  
 Vestrymen  
 of  
 St. Luke's

"We the undersigned, members of the Congregation of St. Luke's  
 "Church, concur in the sentiments expressed in the above address.  
 "Rochester May 25<sup>th</sup> 1833.

St. Montgomery	St. H. Packard	John Caldwell
St. Wm. Wright	Henry C. Rochester	Richard Temple
John Allen	E. Darwin Smith	L. B. Langworthy
L. C. Jones	Marion Morse	William M. Abbott
John B. Elwood	Jonathan King	William M. Knight
J. S. Monroe	St. Hawks	Thos. J. M. Knight

Joseph Christopher	Thom <sup>s</sup> Soden	William Stanton Jr.	At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry- Room May 31 <sup>st</sup> A.D. 1833.
James A. Walker	D. Hoyt	Robert S. M <sup>c</sup> Collum	
Charles Smyth Jr.	J. M. Fish	Edw. Crane	Present- J. B. Smith - Warden Messrs Mathews, Child, Valman, Rochester, White, Lathrop, Field & Whittelsey. Vestrymen.
Geo. Brown	Darius Cole	James Andrews	
Leith Saxton	Charles Denton	Wm. H. White	The following Communication was received by this body from the Rector in reply to the address of the Vestry & Congregation adopted at a former meeting of the Vestry. (Copy)
Beman Loomis	J. P. Waldo	Wm. Sherman	
Jasper M. Gilbert	D. W. Patterson	Amos Sawyer	" To the Wardens & Vestrymen of " St. Luke's Church. " Gentlemen.
J. Childs	Palmer Cleveland	Russell Lockwood	
Stephen Charles	J. B. Bishop	William Kidd	" I have had the pleasure of receiving this afternoon from " the Vestry, a communication, with the signatures attached of " the Freeholders of the Congregation in relation to an absence " for some months from my parochial duties for the purpose of " traveling in Great Britain and other parts of Europe.
W. C. Lathrop	A. S. Alexander	Ariel Wentworth	
Hiram Nash	Isaac W. Congdon	John C. Nash	" I cannot be too grateful for the affectionate tenor " of its remarks and offers, indicating such flattering " confidence in myself, and the state of the Congregation. " These very circumstances render a decision upon its " suggestions the more a subject of anxiety & hesitation, " lest through any self-indulgence injury should accrue to " a Church to which I am bound by every tie of gratitude, " duty and interest. I trust, I may be permitted to state " very frankly, the points that have suggested themselves.
William Winne	John Haywood	William Brewster	
Theron Taylor	David Griffith	Moses Syer	" regarded simply as a question of personal gratification, a " voyage, like that proposed, would be hailed by me with the " highest interest, and would meet with no obstacles in my " private relations and circumstances. I have for years " indulged the hope that the time would come, when consistently " with my professional & personal obligations, I should be " placed in contact with local associations calculated to
John M. Winslow	Henry Gill	J. Moody	
A. Weston	R. H. Van Rensselaer	Robert King	" I have for years " indulged the hope that the time would come, when consistently " with my professional & personal obligations, I should be " placed in contact with local associations calculated to
John P. Chapin	J. E. Congdon	Geo. King	
E. W. Scrantom	Everett Watts	John Thompson	" I have for years " indulged the hope that the time would come, when consistently " with my professional & personal obligations, I should be " placed in contact with local associations calculated to
E. B. Smith	Daniel Loomis	Thomas Thorn	
Isaac Loomis	Richard Demick	L. H. Faulkner	" I have for years " indulged the hope that the time would come, when consistently " with my professional & personal obligations, I should be " placed in contact with local associations calculated to
St. Grou Jr.	Lavin Legle	J. C. Frink	
B. M. Smith	Chas. Hotchkiss	J. A. Tyler	" I have for years " indulged the hope that the time would come, when consistently " with my professional & personal obligations, I should be " placed in contact with local associations calculated to
Erastus Spaulding	David Richardson	Sophia Rochester	
Richard Barry	William Myers	Frederick I. Norton	" I have for years " indulged the hope that the time would come, when consistently " with my professional & personal obligations, I should be " placed in contact with local associations calculated to
Wm. B. Montgomery	W. J. M <sup>c</sup> Cracken	B. H. Brown	
Wm. Griffith	W. Haywood		

Adjourned to Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> inst at 4 o'clock P.M.

W. E. Rochester - Clerk  
of Vestry &c



"awaken such exalted feelings, and so materially to advance the mental energies. In my own case, too, the anxiety common to most minds on this subject, is increased by many family ties in the nation land of my parents. The one has however, I confess, been indulged rather as a pleasing dream, than with much sober conviction of a speedy fulfilment."

"The unexpected turn of events within the last few weeks, has produced material change - what before seemed indefinitely remote, has become matter for present reflection - what appeared opposed by a thousand considerations of duty and affection, wears now the aspect of compatibility."

"The state of my health has for the last year been such as to make me apprehend that some temporary relaxation would be essential for the restoration of my physical energies. The kind solicitude of my friends, and the individuals of your own body, have contributed not a little to make me give credence to this fact."

"But both these considerations, (and I may say all that could be suggested,) must be esteemed altogether subordinate to the far higher claim of my responsibility to the Church, and its great Head - and especially to those of every kind upon me, from the beloved flock to whom it has been my privilege to minister. Personal indulgence, I trust to such an extent as your suggestions involve, could not be allowed to exert a momentary influence, if injury were to be done from it to the cause of Religion, & the woe of the Congregation."

"I must cast it then Gentlemen upon you, as Guardians of the interests of the Church, and as my own tried and trusted friends, to advise me candidly and explicitly on the great fact, whether my duty to my flock warrants the acceptance of your generous overtures. Do not let me ignorantly or unadvisedly take any step, which your feelings and judgment cannot command, and which might spoil the prosperity and harmony which have so signally rested upon our society. The alternative is not whether I must leave Rochester permanently or for a time, in which of two evils, you select, what your kindness extenuates the least. But simply whether the circumstances, in my own health, the condition of the Congregation, its relations to other denom."

"nations, and the ultimate benefit of both Pastor and People would lead you to originate and recommend, with confidence, such a measure as a voyage to Europe, involving of course the absence of many months. If Gentlemen, you consider, that propriety and a due regard to our mutual responsibilities warrant this step, I receive the offer with deep gratitude, and with the fervent prayer (which shall be seconded by my anxious endeavours) that I may return to my duties better qualified in body and mind to do justice to them, and fulfil the ministry which I have received."

"May God direct all our hearts to seek his will and further us in the execution of it, with his gracious favor; that the whole "begun, continued and ended in Him," may be made conducive to his glory and our own salvation."

"The plan, which I have proposed to myself, in the event of these intentions being fulfilled, is to leave Rochester, early in September, visiting some few places of interest in my own Country - attending the Convention in N. York & embarking from that Port about the 15th of October."

"Again for the tenor of your Communication, and for your uniform unwearied respect and kindness, the repetition of my sincere gratitude."

"remaining

"with aff<sup>te</sup> individual regards

"Gent."

"Your attached friend & Pastor

"May 30<sup>th</sup> 1833."

"Henry J. Whitehouse."

"The foregoing Communication having been read on motion of Mr. Whittlesy the following Preamble & Resolutions were unanimously adopted -

"Whereas the Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church and the Pew holders of the Congregation recently addressed a Communication to the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, their Pastor in



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relation to his temporary absence from his Congregation and pastoral charge on a European voyage; and wherein the said Rector in his answer to said Communication referred it to the Vestry to decide whether the whole circumstances of the case would induce the Vestry to originate & recommend such a voyage, and the said answer having been submitted to the Vestry -

Resolved - That said Communication and the answer thereto be entered at large upon the minutes of the Vestry.

Resolved - That the opinion of the Vestry of this Church, the prosperity and harmony which at present prevail in the Church and Congregation will not be injuriously affected by the temporary absence of our Rector -

Resolved - That the situation of the health of our Rector, the condition of the Congregation, and the ultimate benefit which may be anticipated both for Pastor & People justify us in recommending to our Rector a temporary absence from his pastoral duties for a sufficient length of time to enable him to make a voyage to Europe.

Resolved - That we do therefore recommend to our Rector to take such voyage in the belief that the improvement of his physical & mental energies by such absence will be to the ultimate advantage both of himself and Congregation -

Resolved - That as the Guardians of this Church and the friends of our Rector we advise him to make such voyage, and to enable him to do so hereby consent to his absence from this Congregation for such time as he shall deem necessary to attain the object thereof -

Resolved - That in case of the absence of our Rector upon such tour an assistant be employed to officiate during such absence and that our Rector be invited to assist in the selection of

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a proper person to officiate in that capacity.

Resolved - That the present salary of our Rector be continued to him during such absence -

Resolved - That the Vestry will also pay the assistant who may be employed during such absence of our Rector -

Resolved - That a copy of these Resolutions be communicated to the Rector.

Mr. Whittelsey was appointed a committee to present the foregoing Resolutions to the Rector -

Adjourned

H. E. Rockwell - Clerk of Vestry &c

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry-room on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1833 -

Present - Messrs Pitkin &

Smith - J. Hardum

Messrs. Mathews, Whittelsey, Field, Lathrop & H. E. Rockwell - Vestrymen

On motion of Mr. Elias Edsmith it was unanimously

Resolved - That the Rector be authorized to employ an assistant to officiate in this Church during the absence of the Rector, and that the Vestry will ratify any contract or engagement in relation thereto which may be made on their behalf by the said Rector -

Mr. Pitkin presented an account from the Rector for extra services in cleaning the Church edifice, whereupon

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it was  
Resolved. That the same be referred to the Treasurer with power to  
settle with the Sexton.

The term for which the Sexton was employed being about  
to expire, it was on motion

Resolved. That the Treasurer be a committee with full power  
to renew the engagement with the present Sexton, or  
to employ another on such terms as he may deem best.

Adjourned

H. C. Rochester - Clerk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry Room on the Fifteenth day of  
August A.D. 1833 -

Present:

Mrs. William Pitkin & } Wardens  
Saml. D. Smith }

Mrs. Mathews, Child, White, & J. H. Rochester - Vestrymen -

Whereas the Vestry did not engage an assistant minister  
for this Church agreeably to a former Resolution of this  
Body therefor

Resolved. That the Rev. Mr. Bolles of New York be and is hereby  
invited to take charge of this Parish as Assistant Minister  
thereof for one year from the first day of September  
next.

Resolved. That in case Mr. Bolles accepts such invitation that his  
Salary be the sum of Six Hundred dollars.

Resolved. That the Senior Warden communicate this invitation to  
Mr. Bolles.

Adjourned

H. C. Rochester

Clerk &c

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry Room on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of  
September A.D. 1833

Present

The Rev. James A. Bolles, Assistant Minister of the Parish

Mrs. Pitkin & Smith - Wardens

Mathews & Lathrop - Vestrymen -

Mrs. Henry Lockwood, Betta White, & Seth C. Jones were duly  
elected Delegates to attend the annual Convention of this Diocese to be  
held in the City of New York next month.

The following is a copy of the reply of Mr. Bolles to the invitation  
given him by the Vestry to take charge of this Parish as Assistant  
Minister thereof for one year from the first day of Sept. 1833. viz:

New York August 21. 1833

To William Pitkin Esq.

My Dear Sir,

"I am deeply grateful for the kindness  
with which the Congregation of St. Luke's parish received my services, and  
for the call which the Vestry have given me to become the Assistant  
Minister during the absence of Mr. Whitehouse.  
Please make my grateful acknowledgments to the gentlemen of  
the Vestry.  
I cannot hesitate in accepting the invitation, - for it seems to me a plain  
duty. Indeed, I will say, that this determination is very agreeable to  
my feelings, for I was highly pleased with your warm-hearted and  
Christian reception of me when I visited your Town.  
True, the charge proposed is one of unusual magnitude, but then the  
consolation of a Christian Minister is very delightful, when he is  
enabled to participate in the experience of St. Paul as expressed in  
this summing paradox "Whom I am weak, thus am I strong." Besides  
it was the shining commendation of the woman who cast her  
mite into the Treasury. That "she did what she could" and it is  
the grand object of the Gospel, to conform the wise by the foolish  
and the mighty by the weak, that in all things God may be



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"glorified through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 "May this be the result of my labours and the crown of my  
 rejoicings among you -  
 I regret to add that it will be impossible for me to be with  
 you so soon as the time proposed. I think you may expect me  
 the Sunday after  
 My respects to the gentlemen of the Vestry & to yourself individually  
 Yours truly  
 James A. Bolles

On motion it was  
 Resolved. That the Clerk is authorized to dispose of the organ  
 in the Church at a sum not less than \$12.00.

Adjourned

St. E. Rochester -

Clerk &amp;c

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church  
 held at the Office of this Clerk on the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
 of January A.D. 1834

Present: Rev. J. A. Bolles, Assistant Minister

Messrs. Pitkin &amp; Smith - Wardens

Mathews, Child, Field, Lathrop, White,

Talmun &amp; Thos. H. Rochester

Vestry men.

On motion of Mr. Pitkin it was

Resolved. That it is expedient to adopt a systematic plan for raising funds in  
 our church to aid the several benevolent & charitable Societies connected  
 with it and the Protestant Episcopal Church generally.

Resolved. That the Assistant Minister with Messrs. Pitkin & Child be  
 a Committee to draw up & report to this body at its next meeting  
 a plan in furtherance of the view expressed in the foregoing  
 resolutions.

Mr. Field having stated to the Vestry that some difficulty existed  
 in reference to a settlement with Dr. Faulkner for rent of the  
 leased by him last year, it was on motion

Resolved. That the Treasurer be authorized to settle with Dr. Faulkner

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on such terms as he may deem just & proper.

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to make such repairs on the  
 Church as they may deem necessary.

Messrs. Field & St. E. Rochester, were appointed the Comtee

Whereas it has been stated to this body that an anonymous letter  
 has been written to Mr. Albert N. Seranton Chorister in St. Luke's  
 Church which has been deemed by him a sufficient cause for his  
 withdrawal from the Choir of Singers, therefore it is  
 Resolved. That this body very much regret the steps which Mr. Seranton  
 has taken & highly disapprove of the means which were used  
 to induce him to take it.

Resolved. That this body tender to Mr. Seranton the expression of their  
 approbation of the manner in which he has discharged  
 the duties of Chorister, and thank him for his long and  
 valuable services to the Church in that situation.

Resolved. That the Clerk be directed to communicate to Mr. Seranton  
 these resolutions.

On motion it was

Resolved. That it is deemed one of the duties of the Sexton to ring  
 the Church Bell at times of Fairs, & that he be directed  
 to do so in all cases of Fairs.

Resolved. That Messrs. Pitkin & St. E. Rochester be a Committee  
 to ascertain whether a new Sexton can be employed, and  
 if so, that they have power to do so & that the same  
 Committee be authorized to settle with Watson the present  
 Sexton for removing the superfluous gongs.

Adjourned to Tuesday next at 3 O'Clock P.M.  
 at same place

St. E. Rochester Clerk



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At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the office of the Clerk the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1834.

Present.

Rev. S<sup>r</sup>. A. Bollen - Assistant Minister

Messrs Pitkin & Smith - Wardens

Matthews, Field, White, Sathrop, Child & T. H. Rochester - Vestrymen

Rev. Mr. Bollen from Committee appointed at last <sup>meeting</sup> to report a plan for systematizing the contributions of the Congregation to the several Charitable & benevolent Societies of St. Luke's Church & the Protestant Episcopal Church generally; reported a plan which with some amendments was adopted. and which plan is to have one Subscription Book in which every individual of the Congregation shall have an opportunity to ~~the~~ subscribe in aid of the following objects viz: "The Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church" - "The Sunday School of St. Luke's Church" - "The Female Missionary Association of St. Luke's Church for Monroe County" - "The Charity School of St. Luke's Church" - "The Contingent Expenses of St. Luke's Church" -

Messrs Child & T. H. Rochester were appointed a Committee to carry this plan into effect & to appoint individuals to circulate the Subscription Book -

Mr. Field from Committee on repairs, reported a plan which the Committee thought best to adopt in reference to warming the Church, whereupon on motion it was

Resolved that the Committee be authorized to carry into effect the plan proposed -

The Clerk laid before the Vestry a communication received from Chas. Sladon of Cooperstown applying for the situation of organist in St. Luke's Church - whereupon it was

Resolved - That the Clerk be authorized to reply to Mr. Sladon letter, informing him of the salary paid & requesting him to furnish the Clerk with the testimonials of his qualification - and also to

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ascertain from Mr. Randall the present organist on what terms he will consent to continue in his situation.

Adjourned

H. E. Rochester - Clerk

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### Election of Wardens & Vestrymen Easter Monday A.D. 1834

At the annual meeting of the members of the Congregation of St. Luke's Church "Easter Fally" held at the Church on the first Monday after Easter March 31<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1834 due notice thereof having been given by the assistant minister, the Rector being absent, the following named persons were duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church for the ensuing year viz:

William Pitkin }  
Fincutt Matthews } - Wardens

Frederick Whittlesey  
Matthew Mead  
Robert L. M. Bollen  
Joseph Field  
~~Robert L. Bollen~~  
Jonathan Child  
John Haywood  
Charles C. Sathrop

Vestrymen -

I do hereby certify that the above elections was duly held, and the above named persons duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church for the ensuing year

Dated March 31. A.D. 1834

Witness

Henry E. Rochester  
Clerk of Vestry

James A. Bollen

Assistant Minister of  
St. Luke's Church.

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Lukes Church held at the house of the Rev. Mr. Bolles  
assistant Minister &c. at 4 O'Clock P.M. April 18 1834

Present

Rev. Mr. Bolles  
Mr. Matthews  
Mr. Pitkin  
Mr. Child  
Mr. Sathrop  
Mr. Mead

Resolved. That Mr. Child, Mr. Field, Mr. Mead, & Mr. Jones to be appointed collectors for the ensuing year.

Resolved. That the account of Mr. Watson late Sexton for attending four days at the church assisting to clean the same be disallowed.

Resolved. That a call be given to Mr. Warner to serve as organist for the church on a yearly salary of \$700 and that \$50 be raised and paid him in addition by subscription or otherwise.

Resolved. That the new psalms in meter be adopted for use in the Church & to be introduced on the first Sunday in June of which timely notice be given to the congregation.

Resolved. That it be referred to Mr. Bolles to correspond with Mr. Warner & consummate a bargain with him.

Resolved. That Mr. Sathrop be appointed a committee to raise the \$50 for Mr. Warner above mentioned.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Lukes Church held August 29 1834

Resolved. That whereas the Rev. James A. Bolles has accepted an invitation to become the Rector of St. James Church Batavia and designs retiring upon his duties in that Parish immediately after the second Sunday in September, the termination of his engagement with us as assistant Minister it is determined that application be immediately made to the Rev. Edward M. Mead of New York to take charge of the Parish of St. Lukes as assistant minister from the termination of that engagement, to the first of January next, on a salary of six hundred dollars per annum and that the Rev. Mr. Bolles be requested to communicate this proposition & endeavor to obtain his acceptance of the same.

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Lukes Church Sept. 19 1834

Resolved. as the sense of the members of this Vestry that the Rev. Mr. Bolles has during the time he has been assistant Minister of St. Lukes Church given the most satisfactory evidence of his ardent piety & correct deportment as a Gospel Minister; that his manner of preaching and doctrine has been entirely acceptable and satisfactory to the Vestry & congregation. The Vestry tender to Mr. Bolles their sincere thanks for his ministerial services in St. Lukes & their best wishes for his happiness & the success of his ministry.

Resolved. That the treasurer remit the sum of twenty five dollars to the Rev. Mr. Bolles as a continuation of his salary from the first of the present month, the time of settlement of his account for the past year to the time of his leaving the charge of this Parish.

Resolved. That it is expedient to continue open the Church for Divine Service morning and evening of each Sunday until the return of the Rector to be conducted by laymen in the absence of clergymen and that Mr. Josiah Sney be requested to read the service and sermons.

Resolved. That Matthews be requested to transmit to Mr. Bolles a copy of the preceding resolution & that he also be request to transmit a copy of the same to the Vestry of St. Michaels Church Batavia.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Lukes Church on Sunday Nov. 10 1834

Resolved. That door number thirty one (31) and seventy four (74) be removed from the Church.

Resolved. That the treasurer pay the Rev. Mr. Allen forty dollars for the six Sundays he has officiated.

Resolved. That the clerk as attorney for the Vestry give notice to all the owners of pews that are in arrears for annuity due previous to the second day of January 1835. That unless all dues are paid within one month from the time from the time of serving such notice the Vestry will enter & take possession of such pews agreeably to the condition of their leases and that the clerk cause notice as aforesaid to be immediately served upon Jacob Howe owner of No. 22. William J. Coupler owner of No. 98 & John Tenckridge owner of one half of No. 56. That entry and possession will be taken on the first day of January next and said

155. *Shall will then be sold or rented as the property of the corporation.*  
 Resolved That the treasurer place in the hands of Messrs Smith & Rochester attorneys the several debts due the Vestry that became due before the second day of January last with instructions to take the necessary legal measures for collecting the same with as little delay as possible.

At a meeting of the Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church held at the Church on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1834

Mr Pitkin presented and read the following resolution which he has received from the Vestry of Grace Church Rochester. "At a meeting of the Wardens & Vestrymen of Grace Church held on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst it was Resolved that we proffer to St. Luke's Vestry the use of our Edifice for one or more Sundays at their election should their absent rector return before their Church shall be ready for occupancy & that our clerk send a copy of this Resolution to the Wardens of said Church

Rochester 25 Oct. 1834

J. G. T. Clerk of Grace Church Vestry

Whereas a Resolution And offered the following Resolution which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas a Resolution of the Vestry of Grace Church has been presented to this body proffering the use of their Edifice for one or more Sundays should our Rector return before our Church is ready for occupancy - therefore -

Resolved That although the improvements now being made in our Church are in such a state of forwardness as to render it unnecessary to avail ourselves of the proffered kindness of the Vestry of Grace Church yet sustaining a due sense of the courtesy of that body we do hereby tender them our sincere thanks for the favor intended us.

Resolved That the clerk communicate the foregoing resolution to the Vestry of Grace Church. On motion of Mr. Pitkin Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to devise ways & means to pay off the debts of the church or such of them as said committee should deem advisable to report at some subsequent meeting of the Vestry whereupon Mr. Child, Mr. Jones & Mr. Haywood were accordingly appointed such committee.

at a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the vestry room on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. A.D. 1834

Present

The Rector

Mr. Pitkin

Vincent Matthews } - Wardens

Lathrop, Haywood, and Child - Vestrymen

On Motion it was

Resolved - That Pew No. 106 be conveyed to Mrs. Henry Mattingly subject to the annuity on its valuation of \$200 upon his relinquishing to the Vestry his claim to Pew No. 101 -

Resolved - That a Committee of Three be appointed to sell & rent the remaining pews not sold on Monday next - whereupon Messrs Pitkin, Haywood and Jones were appointed such Committee -

Resolved - That the Pews in the rear of No. 37 be rented at a price below the valuation at the discretion of the Committee on the Treasury -

Resolved - That a Committee be appointed to sell or exchange the stores or such of them as they deem proper belonging to the Church & to take such other measures as may be expedient to warm the Church

The Rector appointed Messrs Pitkin & Jones such Committee

Resolved - That a Committee of four be appointed to circulate the general subscription book of the Church to meet the contingent expenses of the Church for the next year and for other purposes - The Rector appointed Messrs Pitkin, Matthews, Haywood & Lathrop - such Committee -



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Election of Wardens & Vestry men 1835

At the annual meeting of the members of St Luke's Congregation on the first Monday after Easter (20<sup>th</sup> April) 1835 due notice thereof having been given by the Rector - the following named persons were duly elected Wardens & Vestry men for the year viz

William Pitkin &  
Vincent Mathews } Wardens -

Immanuel Child Frederick Whittlesy Joseph Field Mathew Mead Charles C. Lathrop Seth C. Jones John Allen Nathaniel J. Rochester	} } } } } } } }	Vestry men
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I hereby certify that the above election was duly held and the above named persons duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of St Luke's Church Geneva Falls for the ensuing year -

Dated Easter Monday      Henry J. Whitehouse.  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 1835.      Rector.

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At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Vestry room pursuant to regular notice  
October 27<sup>th</sup> 1835

Present

Rev H. J. Whitehouse D. D. Rector  
Mr Pitkin Mr Mathews - Wardens.  
Mr Lathrop Mr Mead  
Mr Whittlesy Mr Rochester } Vestry men -

Resolved

Carpet in  
Chancel

That Rev H. J. Whitehouse & W. J. Rochester be a committee to have the carpeting in and about the chancel arranged, & for this purpose are authorized to get new carpeting at their discretion

Resolved

Painting  
Windows

That if the subscription now circulating in the Congregation, should be made up to the amount proposed at the meeting of the Congregation, that then in that case, all the windows in the church be painted similar to the window in the rear of the church

Resolved

That Rev H. J. Whitehouse & W. J. Rochester be a committee to carry into effect the last resolution -

Octo 27<sup>th</sup> 1835

H. J. Rochester  
Clerk pro-tem

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1835

At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Vestry room February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1835 pursuant to regular notice.

Present Rev: H. J. Whitehouse D. D. Rector.

W. Pitkin Warden

J. Child M. Mead

S. B. Jones N. J. Rochester } Vestry men  
C. C. Lathrop F. Whittelsey }

Resolved

Notes due Vestry { That the unpaid notes now due to the Vestry be put into an attorney's hands for collection within 10 days if not paid after notice is given to the debtors -

Resolved

M. Lee - { That the balance of rent due on M. Lee's lease for 1835 be remitted -

Resolved

Bingham's of tuning organ { That M. Bingham's fee for tuning organ to Jan 1. 1836 be allowed

Resolved

B. Montgoye to Varich { That the Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a transfer of the Bonds and Montgoye to Richard Varich to realize money to pay the same -

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1835

N. J. Rochester  
Attest

1836.

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## Election of Wardens & Vestrymen 1836.

At the annual meeting of the congregation of "St. Luke's Church Geneva Falls" held at the church Easter Monday (April 4<sup>th</sup>) 1836. due notice thereof having been given in church by the Rector - the following named persons were duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church for the ensuing year - viz

Vincent Mathew }  
William Pitkin } Wardens

Jonathan Child  
Frederick Whittelsey  
Giles O. Smith  
Nathaniel O. Rochester } Vestrymen  
Mathew Mead  
John Allen  
Seth B. Jones  
William Brewster }

I do hereby certify that the above election was duly held and the above named persons duly elected Wardens & Vestrymen of "St. Luke's Church" for the ensuing year

Rochester Easter Monday  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1836  
N. J. Rochester  
Attest

Henry J. Whitehouse  
Rector.

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's church, held at the Vestry Room (pursuant to regular notice) at the on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1836 -

Present  
 Rev H. J. Whitehouse D. D. Rector  
 Genl Mathews - Mr Pitkin Wardens -  
 Mr S. O. Smith Mr Meade  
 Mr Allen Mr Whellaway } V. men  
 N. J. Rochester

At a meeting of the Vestry of the Vestry }  
 Resolved. That N. J. Rochester be the Clerk of the Vestry.

Resolved  
 That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Bonds & make use of notes given on sale of pews pro. to int of for the purpose of paying a Bond due the Estate of Richd Vander for \$1000.

Resolved  
 That pew No purchased by Jacob Home be forfeited for non-payment of annuity & that the Vestry re-enter upon the same for said non-payment agreeably to the provision of the lease.

Resolved  
 That pew No 83 purchased by Berthrong be forfeited for non-payment of annuity, & that the Vestry re-enter upon the same according to the condition of the lease.

Adjourned  
 N. J. Rochester  
 Clerk

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's church held at the Vestry room September 16<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present  
 The Rector -  
 Genl Mathews Mr Pitkin Wardens -  
 Mr Jones Mr Smith  
 Mr Meade Mr Brewster } Vestry men  
 Mr Allen Mr Rochester

Resolved  
 That Matthew Mead be appointed collector of the church, with such compensation as shall be allowed by the Vestry at the end of the year services -

Resolved  
 That the Treasurer pay to J. H. Rochester \$50 to Mr Allen fifty dollars for amount advanced Rev Ethan Allen for services -

Resolved  
 That Mr S. O. Smith be a committee to attend to the repairs necessary in the church -

Resolved  
 That Mr Pitkin & Mr Long be a committee to get new stoves for the last row of the church -

Resolved  
 That the clerk be authorized to make an org arrangement with Mr Dana as organist & allow him such a salary as he shall deem best -

Adjourned  
 N. J. Rochester  
 Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church, held in the Vestry room Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1836.

Present Rev H. J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector

Vincent Matthews - Warden

Mr Whittlesey Mr Jones

Mr Allen Mr Brewster

Mr Rochester Mr S. O. Smith

Vestry men

Resolved.

That Seth C. Jones, John Haywood, William Brewster & Ebenezer Watts be & hereby appointed delegates to the next <sup>annual</sup> Convention of the Prot Episcopal Church to be held in Trinity Church in the City of New York in Oct next

Resolved

That the Rector be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in the delegates to Convention

Resolved

That it is expedient to build another Church, in connection with St Luke's Church and that the Rector, with two of the vestry be a committee to report a plan for carrying the same into effect. Whereupon the Rector appointed Mr Whittlesey & Mr Jones on said Committee -

N. T. Rochester

Wk.

delegates to Convention

New Church in Frankfurt

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Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at the Vestry room September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the year of our Lord One thousand eight and thirty six -

Present Rev H. J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector

Mr Matthews Mr Pitkin Wardens

J. Whittlesey John Allen

S. C. Jones

N. T. Rochester

W. Mead

S. O. Smith

Vestry men -

Dr Whitehouse from the committee appointed for that purpose at the last meeting, on the subject of a new church, in this city, which being read and amended was adopted as follows: viz.

Report of Com:  
mittee on building  
new church in  
Frankfort

The committee appointed in relation to a new church edifice in Frankfort beg leave to report the following plan & resolutions -

A plan for the erection of an edifice for public worship, according to the rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S.; and for the management and disposition of such edifice when erected -

1<sup>st</sup> A subscription shall be circulated for the purpose of obtaining funds for the purchase of a lot, in that part of the City called Frankfort, and the erection thereon of an edifice for public worship, according to the Rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S.; the cost of which lot shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars, and the expense of which edifice shall not exceed ten thousand dollars -

2<sup>nd</sup> One fourth part of of the subscription of each subscriber

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shall be payable on the first day of November next; one fourth part on the first day of April next, one fourth part on the first day of July next and the remaining fourth part on the first day of September next, and when the subscription shall be filled, each subscriber shall execute and deliver his several notes to the Trustees hereinafter named, for the amount of his subscription, payable at the several times above mentioned.

3. Such persons as shall individually contribute fifty dollars or over to the above plan or object shall be denominated proprietors of the said ground and edifice, and each of the said Proprietors at all meetings in relation to the object of this plan, shall be entitled to as many votes as he has contributed sums of fifty dollars to this object; i.e., one vote for every fifty dollars so contributed.
4. The Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St Luke's Church Rochester, shall be the Trustees of said property, take measures for the subscription and collection of monies, and open over the edifice & property, while under their charge, the same control as is possessed by them over the corporate property of St Luke's Church, subject only to the limitations contained in this Instrument.
5. That when in the opinion of the Vestry of St Luke's Church due efforts have been made for the collection of monies for this object, they shall call a meeting of the Proprietors, of which meeting, and all subsequent meetings of the Proprietors the Rector Church Wardens & Vestrymen of St Luke's Church for the time being shall be 'ex officio' members, and the Rector shall preside, and be entitled to a casting vote, and the said Church Wardens and Vestrymen shall be entitled to one vote each, that it shall be determined in said meeting, whether it is expedient to proceed to the erection

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of said edifice; whether any portion of the ground shall be appropriated to the construction of vaults for the interment of the dead, and under what restrictions or terms this shall be done; to inspect and approve plans for the proposed buildings, and otherwise direct the said Trustees, in the execution of their trust.

6. That when the building shall be completed, there shall be held a meeting of the Proprietors to determine, in what manner it shall be opened and used for divine worship; and which the choice shall be between the following alternatives.
  1. Whether it shall be decided perpetually as a chapel to St Luke's Church Rochester, and become part of the property of that corporation on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon.
  2. Whether it shall be temporarily opened as a free church, subject to the control of that body, until such time as some one other of these alternatives may be ordered by the Proprietors.
  3. Whether a new corporation shall be organized, according to the statutes and canons governing the organization of new churches in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. and the edifice be disposed of to that body on such terms as may be agreed upon by the Proprietors, in regular meeting.
7. That all proceeds from the sale of the church; from the sale of vaults if erected, or from any of the pews of said church, shall be equally divided among the subscribers in the ratio of their several interests, until they shall have received the amount of their respective subscriptions with interest thereon; or shall agree to receive any part thereof in satisfaction for the whole. And if the avails from any of these sources shall exceed the

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amount of said subscriptions with interest, or any communication for them, said surplus shall be considered part of the property of said Church edifice, and be disposed of in same manner as said edifice itself by vote of the Proprietors.

8. That meetings of the Proprietors shall be called at any time at the request of the Vestry of St Luke's Church or any five subscribers being Proprietors, said request being addressed in writing to the Rector for the time being, & if there be no Rector to one of the Wardens, whose duty it shall be to provide for the due publication of the same.

That a notice of three days from the desk of St Luke's Church on some occasion of public worship shall be considered a legal call for such meeting, and a majority of votes present, shall decide all questions raised at any such meeting.

9. That the Corporation of St Luke's Church, while acting in these premises, is to be considered in no way responsible for more than the monies actually paid in for the objects herein named; and that the other property of the Corporation is in no way to be implicated or held responsible in their exercise of the special trust thus committed to them.

To the Report of the above plan your committee append the following Resolutions -

Resolved

1. That this plan be entered at length upon the Records of this Vestry -

2. That a committee of three be appointed to solicit subscriptions and take proper means for procuring pecuniary contributions for the purpose above named.

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3. That in the opinion of this Vestry it is expedient that if practicable the said church edifice should be commenced this Fall, and completed by Sept 1. 1836, and that so far as lies in them, they will use due diligence to accomplish both these objects -

all which is respectfully submitted

Henry J. Whitehouse

T. Whittlesey

Leah C. Jones. Committee

The above being adopted with the resolutions the following persons were named by the chairman as a committee under the 2<sup>d</sup> resolution - viz:

Committee on Sub- scriptions for New Ch:		Mr Whitehouse
		Mr Child
		Mr Jones

adjourned

A. S. Rochester. Sec.

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held in the vestry Oct 24. A.D. 1836.

Present

Mr Mathews Mr Pitkin. Wardens.

Mr Child Mr Jones

Mr Whittlesey Mr Mead } Vestrymen.

Mr Brewster Mr Rochester

Mr Smith

Communication from Rector in relation to visit to Palestine -	}	Mr Whittlesey presented the following communication from the Dr Whitehouse Rector of this church - viz: "Rochester Oct 24 1836"
		"To the Wardens & Vestry of St Luke's Church, Rochester"
		"Gentlemen"

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by myself, make me anxious to obtain a leave of absence from my parish during the ensuing winter. They are in part of such a nature as to render it improper to detail them in a formal communication, but they will be fully explained to you by the member of your body who will present this request. My intention during the interval, is to visit Palestine, and I hope in doing so, to acquire information which will enable me in future ministrations in some degree to repay your kindness, by their increased interest and fidelity.

I should beg leave to defray the expense of an apitast for that period, and will assume any responsibility in procuring one that you may suggest."

"Very respectfully & faithfully,

Your friend & Pastor,

Henry J. Whitehouse."

Leave of absence to Dr Whitehouse. - Committee - { The said letter having been read & the Vestry being unanimously of opinion that such leave of absence should be granted. It was thereupon Resolved - that Genl Matthew M. Whillsey be a committee to draft resolutions expressing the views of the Vestry & a reply to Dr Whitehouse

Resolutions of Letter to Dr Whitehouse Rector of this Church in relation to leave of absence to visit Palestine { the following resolutions & reply to Dr Whitehouse were reported by the committee appointed for that purpose. ~~and~~ adopted viz:   
 whereas an application has been made by the Rev Henry J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector of this Church to the Wardens and Vestrymen of this Church for leave of absence from his parish during the ensuing winter. and whereas the Wardens & Vestrymen are unanimously of opinion that such leave should be cheer-

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fully granted therefore

Resolved

That in the opinion of this body the temporary absence of our Rector on a visit to Palestine of the Holy Land will be attended with beneficial consequences to the Rector, his physical health, his religious & mental improvement and to the cause of Religion in this section of the State - and that it will not be attended with injurious consequences to the prosperity and harmony of this church -

Resolved

That this body cheerfully comply with the request contained in the aforesaid application of our Rector

Resolved

That our Rector be authorized & requested to select & employ an Apitast Minister to officiate in this church during his absence -

Resolved

That a copy of the reply of this body to our Rector herewith submitted, together with copies of these resolutions be presented to our Rector.

Resolved

That the present salary of our Rector be continued during his absence.

Resolved

That the said application of the Rector and the Reply thereto be entered upon the Minutes of the Vestry -

Letter from the Vestry to the Rector in relation to his absence

To the Rev Henry J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector of St Luke's Church, Rochester New York

Dear Sir -

Your note of this date requesting

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Letter of  
Vestry to  
Rector in  
relation to  
leave of  
absence

leave of absence from your Parish during the ensuing winter has been received by the Wardens and Vestrymen of St Luke's Church, and they have given it that attention which the importance of the matter demands. We are aware that during your visit to Europe & the Mediterranean some three years since it was a matter of regret both to yourself and your congregation that circumstances then prevented the extension of your journey to Palestine and the Holy Land. We are now happy to say, on comparing individual opinions, that the Wardens & Vestrymen of St Luke's Church are unanimous in their belief that it would be profitable to you & to themselves, and to the cause of the Church in general that you should have an opportunity of visiting that portion of the world, most interesting in its associations and recollections to Christians of every age and every clime. In this opinion we can scarcely doubt but your Congregation will also most readily concur. Your services in this field of your labours have been unwearying & constant, and are of themselves of a nature that may well require some relaxation and change to repair the exhaustions of wearied physical nature.

The temporal and spiritual prosperity of the Church under your charge and the union & harmony of the congregation are alive evidences of your faithful labours and proof that those labours may be temporarily dispensed with without injury to either. Under these circumstances all should be wanting in the duties due from a people to their Pastor, and in the gratitude due from this Church to their Rector to think for a moment of withholding our assent to your request, and we do cheerfully and unanimously give such assent and believe that it will meet with an equally unanimous concurrence on the part of the congregation.

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We cannot however withhold the expression of our hopes & wishes that that separation between this Church & their Rector will be but temporary and we also add our prayers that you may return with increased physical and mental capacities for even more extended usefulness.

The circumstances of this separation are such as to make it absolutely necessary for this Church to depend entirely upon you for the selection and employment of an assistant during your absence, or any other dependence might be attended with a deprivation of regular Church services, and to this subject we must beg your early and prompt attention.

Our prayers for your health and happiness and your safe return to your Church and Congregation will attend you.

Rochester Octr 24<sup>th</sup> 1836.

It was Resolved

That a copy of the above Letter to the Rector be signed by the Wardens & Vestrymen, & that it together with a certified copy of the Resolution be handed to the Rector by the Clerk.

assented

J. J. Rochester Clerk.

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At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held in the Vestry room October 29<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Rev A. J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector  
 Mr Matthews Mr Pitkin Wardens  
 Mr Whelan Mr Jones  
 Mr Brewster Mr Mead  
 Mr Allen Mr S. Smith } Vestrymen  
 Mr M. J. Rochester

In consequence of the intended absence of the Rector of this church, and whereas, without his presence a legal & regular meeting of this body cannot be held, it was upon the suggestion of the Rector -

### Resolved

Committee of the whole Vestry appointed to transact business in the absence of the Rector

That the Wardens & Vestrymen for the time being be appointed a committee to act during the absence of the Rector upon any business of this Corporation - to keep minutes of their proceedings at the next or any subsequent regular meeting of this body - such acts of said Committee to be subject to the sanction of this body -

The Rector after taking leave of the vestry in a few remarks left the following communication and withdrew -

Whereupon Mr Pitkin, Warden took the chair -

The following communication was then read & ordered to be recorded - viz:

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To The Wardens and Vestrymen of St Luke's Church Rochester -

Gentlemen -

I have received by the hands of your Clerk, the reply to the request made by me for leave of absence during the ensuing winter, for the purpose of visiting Europe & Palestine - and the resolutions submitted, which were passed by your Body in reference to this event.

The tenor of both, merits the expression of warmest gratitude, while according to my fullest wishes on the subject you have done it in a manner the most flattering to my professional character, and gratifying to my personal feelings. The whole is characterized by indulgence, liberality and attachment which have marked all your relations and those of the dear flock you represent - towards myself.

I anticipate great personal gratification in this tour among scenes so thrillingly interesting to a Christian minister, but at the same time and not without hope that an improvement could be derived from it, which will make it my continued ministry more commensurate with your claims upon my exertions and effecting.

Permit me to say that at no time during our existent relation as Pastor and People, have I been able to look forward more confidently to permanency in it. My intentions all now have reference to a permanent residence in Rochester, and no matter of ordinary consequence shall be allowed on my part to interfere with it -

Your wishes in regard to an assistant, as expressed in your resolutions on the subject, shall be faithfully attended to. Measures have already been taken by me to supply this demand.



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 of the success of which immediate information  
 shall be conveyed to you.  
 May I beseech the continuance of your  
 prayers - and the interest and fidelity ever  
 manifested by you in the prosperity of the con-  
 gregation - believing me very gratefully & faithfully  
 Your obliged Friend & Pastor  
 Henry J. Whitehouse.

adjourned

N. J. Rochester

OK of the Vestry  
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 At a meeting of the committee of the vestry  
 held at the vestry room on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1836  
 Present  
 Mr Pitkin Mr Mathews Wardens -  
 - Child - Jones  
 - Brewster Mead } Vestrymen  
 - Whitelsey Rochester  
 - Smith Allen  
 being all the members of Wardens & Vestrymen.

Resolved  
 To Employ } That the Wardens be a committee to make  
 Rev Mr Bruce } an arrangement with the Rev Mr Bruce to  
 supply the pulpit of this church in  
 the absence of the Rector - and that they  
 be authorized to contract to pay him  
 for such services at the rate of \$1000. per annum  
 such salary to commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> November  
 last -

Resolved  
 Committee to } That Messrs Pitkin Jones & Smith be a  
 Rent-payers. } committee to attend to the annual ac-  
 counting of the pews in this church -

Resolved  
 Curstains } That Mr Brewster be a committee  
 to } to have curtains put to the South gallery  
 windows } windows -

Resolved  
 plans of } That the Clerk be authorized to  
 pews - } get printed 200 plans of the pews in  
 this church -

adjourned N. J. Rochester  
 OK.

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At a meeting of the committee of the Vestry of St Luke's Church - held at the Vestry room - February 13<sup>th</sup> 1837.

Present Mr. Pitkin Warden  
 Mr Child Mr Whittelsey }  
 Mr Smith Mr Jones } V-men  
 Mr Mead Mr Rochester }

Teacher  
 for  
 Charity  
 School -

It was Resolved That Thos. H. Rochester & N. J. Rochester, be and hereby appointed a committee to procure a suitable Teacher for the charity School of this church -

adjourned

N. J. Rochester.

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### Election of Wardens and Vestrymen -

At the annual meeting of the Congregation of "St Luke's Church Kenesaw Falls" held at the church Easter Monday 1837.  
 due notice thereof having been given in church by the Minister - The following named persons were duly elected Wardens and Vestry men of this church for the ensuing year - viz:

Vincent Mathews }  
 William Pitkin } Wardens -

Jonathan Child  
 Frederick Whittelsey  
 Nathaniel J. Rochester  
 Matthew Mead.  
 Seth C. Jones  
 John Allen  
 William Brewster -  
 David Hoyt

Vestry  
 men -

We do hereby certify that the above election was duly held and that the above named persons were duly elected Wardens & vestry men for the ensuing year -

Henry J. Whitehouse. Rector.

N. J. Rochester

At of the Vestry

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At a regular meeting of the Vestry of  
St Luke's Church held at the vestry room  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1837.

New Stones

It was resolved that Mr. Pitkin  
be authorized to procure Stones for  
the church: & for this purpose may  
employ Mr. E. Watts to purchase the  
same in New York.

At J. Rockwell

Clerk:

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of  
St Luke's Church, held in the vestry room  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1837.

Present -

Mr. Pitkin Rev. Warden - Warden  
Mr. Whittelsey Mr. Mead  
Mr. Allen Mr. Hays } Vestry men  
Mr. Rockwell

Resolved -

That the Treasurer be authorized to  
pay to the Rev. Dr. Bruce, his salary up  
to the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. -

At a regular meeting of the Vestry  
of St Luke's Church held in the vestry room  
September 25<sup>th</sup> 1837.

Present - Rev. Warden, Mr. Pitkin - Warden

Mr. Whittelsey Mr. Allen  
Mr. Mead Mr. Brauer } V. Men  
Mr. Hays Mr. Rockwell

E. Watts &amp; J. J. Tolman

Delegates  
to Convention

Resolved That John Falden & John Maynard, be  
& hereby appointed delegates to Convention  
& that the Warden may hire any vacants

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Resolved -

That the conduct of the Rev. Dr. Bruce  
as a gentleman and minister of the gospel dur-  
ing the time he has been the assistant min-  
ister in St Luke's Church for now nearly  
a year as well as his faithful and able  
services as parish minister merit as they justly  
deserve the entire approbation of the congre-  
gation of St Luke's Church -

Resolved - That this vestry consider it a duty as  
well as a pleasure to present as they now do to  
Dr. Bruce the sincere thanks of this vestry for  
his valuable and devoted services to the congre-  
gation of St Luke's Church during the absence  
of their Rector and also to tender to him  
a. They now do their prayers and best wishes  
for his health and happiness -

Resolved

That the Senior Warden present of  
copy of the above resolutions to Dr.  
Bruce -

adjourned

At J. Rockwell  
Clerk:



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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at the vestry room pursuant to notice  
Novr 18-1837 -

Present Rev Dr Whitehouse Rector  
T. Mathews. William Pitkin Wardens -  
Jm. Child Mr. Whitley  
J. C. Jones Mr. Mead  
N. J. Rochester

Consent

Resolved That the present committee for  
selling and renting pews be continued &  
that they be authorized to sell or rent  
pews & that the last Monday in Decr  
be the day for annual renting this yr.

Sew  
Committee

Mr Pitkin claim

The clerk presented a communication from  
the Rev James Polley addressed to the Vestry  
in relation to a claim against the Vestry  
whereupon -

Rev Mathews, Mr Whitley & Mr Pitkin  
were appointed a committee to confer with  
Mr Polley on the subject, & if they should  
deem proper to arbitrate the matter -

Resolved

That the Rector, Mr Whitley & Mr  
Jones be a committee to confer with  
the common council in relation  
to a lot in the new burying ground  
with power to purchase -

Burying  
ground  
Committee

adjoin

N. J. Rochester  
clerk

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At a meeting of the Vestry held at the  
vestry room pursuant to notice Jan'y 8-1838

Present Rev Dr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Pitkin Warden  
Mr Child Mr Mead  
Mr Jones Mr Hays  
Mr Brewster Mr Rochester  
Mr Allen

Resolved

That Mr Pitkin Mr Jones & Mr Rochester  
be a committee to examine into the accts  
due to and from the church & make a  
report to the Vestry -

adjoin

N. J. Rochester

clerk

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held March 12-1838 -

Present

Rev Dr Whitehouse Rector  
Mr Pitkin Warden  
Mr Child Mr Whitley  
Mr Jones Mr Allen  
Mr Hays Mr Rochester

Vestry men -

Collectors  
fess -

Resolved That Mr Mead be allowed \$100 for collecting  
to the Warden 1838

Boughton  
pew

Resolved That the Treasurer be authorized to  
settle with Mr Boughton & take back  
his pews in his paying or giving his  
note for the Balance of his ap.

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Resolved

Organist

That the Rev be authorized to pay Mr. Dana by turning out any note in his hands - & that \$200 per annum be allowed him from the end of the present quarter.

Mortgage to Trust Co

Resolved

That the Rev appropriate \$1500 of note in his hands to pay on the Mortgage due by the Church to the Trust Co

N. J. Rochester etc

At a meeting of the Vestry held March 19 - 1838

Resolves

Rev. Dr. Whitehouse

Mr. Matthews Mr. Pittkin

Whittemore

Chittenden

Jones

Mead

Barnes

Allen

Rochester

Vestrymen

Report of Committee on finances - Mr. Pittkin from the Committee from the Association appointed 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 1838. presented a Report in relation to the finances of the Church - which was accepted & ordered to be filed. & further action postponed at present.

N. J. Rochester etc.

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## Election of Wardens &amp; Vestrymen

At the annual meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Congregation, on Monday in Easter Week (Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 1838) due notice thereof having been given by the Rector. The following named persons were duly elected Wardens and Vestrymen for the ensuing year viz.

William Pittkin

Vincent Matthews } Wardens

Jonathan Child

Frederick Whittelsey

Nathaniel T. Rochester

Matthew Mead

Seth C. Jones

John Allen

William Breckster

David Hoyt

Vestrymen

We hereby certify that the above named persons were duly elected Wardens and Vestrymen for the ensuing year & that said Election was duly held -

Henry L. Whitehouse, Rector.  
Rochester April 16 - 1838

N. J. Rochester

etc of the Vestry.

1838

At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Vestry Room April 10 - 1838.

Present Rev Dr Whitehouse Rector

Mr Pitkin Mr Matthews Wardens.

Wm Chas. Jones, Brewster, Hought, Messrs L Rochester

Vestry men

On motion of Mr Pitkin

To erect  
Transcripts

Resolved That it is expedient to erect transcripts to the church according to the plan, presented

Committee

on mo: of the same

Resolved - That a committee of two be appointed to get proposals for said erections whereupon the church appointed Mr Jones Mr Pitkin

adjourned

N. J. Rochester clerk.

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at a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held Apr 22 - 1839 -

Resolved

delegates to  
convention

That Mr Chas. Jones, Mr Hawks Mr Ward & Mr Arnold be delegates to the special convention to be held at Auburn.

Font -

Resolved That the Rector be authorized to procure a suitable font for the church

Finance &  
Comm

Resolved That Mr Chas. Jones Mr Hawks be a committee on the state of the funds & report to the Vestry.

Resolved

Organist -

That Henry E. Rochester be a committee to employ an organist, & that he be paid for and for Mr Jackson for playing organ -

N. J. Rochester

clerk.



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## Annual Election of Wardens &amp; Vestrymen

At the annual meeting of the Congregation of 'St Luke's Church Genesee Falls' on Monday in Easter week May 1839 due notice having been given thereof by the Rector for the purpose of electing Wardens & Vestrymen for the ensuing year the following persons were duly elected viz:

William Pitkin &  
Vincent Mathews & Wardens.

J. Whittelsey  
Jonathan Child  
Matthew Mead  
John Allen  
Seth C. Jones  
David Hoyt  
John Hawkes  
Moses L. yer

Vestrymen -

We hereby certify the above to be correct

Henry Whitehouses. Rector.

N. J. Rochester

Atk of the Vestry.

1839.

At a Meeting of the Vestry held Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> 1839.

Mrs Child, ~~James~~ Mathews, Hawkes & Mead were appointed delegates to attend the special convention to be held in autumn.

Resolved That the Rector be authorized to procure a new font for the church.

Resolved - That Messrs Hawkes, Child & the others be a committee on Finance to devise means to raise the income of the church.

§20 voted James Mathews for his Expenses to Convention in August.

N. J. Rochester

Atk

At a regular meeting of the Vestry held July 27 - 1839 -

Mr Whittelsey, Resigned the office of Treasurer of the church.

~~Resolved~~ That Mr Pitkin & the Clerk were appointed a committee to recommend a Treasurer.

Mr John Allen was added to the Finance committee.

N. J. Rochester Atk -

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At a Meeting of the Vestry held September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1839 -

The Finance Committee made a Report which was Read to a Meeting of the Congregation -

A Committee was appointed, with power to consent to <sup>the</sup> erection of the Gallery in front of the Gallery Organ -  
Refer to the Pastor & Mr. Jones

At a Meeting of the Vestry held December 10<sup>th</sup> 1839 -

On Motion of Mr Pitkin

Resolved That the unsold pews be offered for Sale the Sunday previous to renting -

On motion of Mr Hawkes

Resolved That Gallery slips be sold at \$100 each or \$175 for Two front & rear - subject to an annuity of 7 per cent or \$100 for each slip -

Resolved

That all accounts of one year standing be placed in the hands of Smith & Rochester for settlement -

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At a Meeting of the Vestry held October 1, 1839  
Messrs Mathams

Pitkin

Hawkes &

F. C. Rochester were appointed delegates to the Convention of the Part Episc Church to be held in St Luke's Church in this City on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst of the Session of Western New York.

W. T. Rochester

clerk

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held at the Vestry-room 27<sup>th</sup> January 1840 -

Clarendon Moore, was elected Treasurer of St Luke's Church -

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church, held at the Church February 16<sup>th</sup> 1840 -

Resolved - That a Committee be appointed to audit & settle against the Church whereupon

Messrs Pitkin, Hawkes & Rochester

were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr Jones -

Resolved That the Vestry will purchase from Mrs Saxton pew No 84 in the Church on the following conditions viz 1<sup>st</sup> to receive said pew in part of & in full satisfaction for all annuity due on the said pew & also for annuity due on pew No occupied now by Mrs Saxton -

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Mrs. Parsons {  
new { 2<sup>nd</sup> that Mrs. Parsons shall give up the lease now held for her now occupied by her & take a new lease subject to an annuity of \$35 per annum but conditioned that while the said lease is owned & occupied by her, she shall continue to pay the present annuity of \$19 -

On motion of Mr. Jones  
Resolved

That the Rector be a committee to have the slips in the West End of the North gallery newly arranged & with additional slips provided the same shall not cost over \$25 -

adjourn  
N. T. Rochester  
Clerk.

At a meeting of the Vestry held on April 8<sup>th</sup> 1840 at the Vestry-room

It was Resolved - That Clarendon Moore be appointed Collector of the Church for the ensuing year -

Resolved that a committee be appointed to agree with the collector the terms on which he will collect & which shall not exceed 2 1/2 per cent.  
Referred to Messrs. Pitkin & Hawkes.

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On motion of Dr. Hawkes

Resolved - That the feasts salary be \$125 per annum for which he shall perform all the duties required by the Rector & stewards -

N. T. Rochester  
Clerk.

It was also Resolved that the sexton be allowed to charge \$1. for opening the church for a marriage & to receive that sum for any marriage in the church and that he be not authorized to charge for any other special occasion -

N. T. Rochester  
Clerk.

Annual Election of Wardens & Vestry men

at the annual meeting of the congregation of St. Luke's Church - held Easter Monday 1840 due notice thereof having been given by the Rector the following persons were duly elected Wardens & Vestry men for the ensuing year viz:

William Pitkin &  
Vincent Mathews } Wardens  
Jonathan Child  
Frederick Whittelsey  
Seth C. Jones  
John Allen  
John Hawkes  
Marshall Mead

David Hoyt Silas O. Smith -

N. T. Rochester Clerk. I certify the foregoing to be correct -  
Henry D. Whitehouse, Rector.



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At a meeting of the Vestry held  
at the Vestry-room Sept 21. 1840  
Present. The Rector, Messrs Pittsford & Matthews  
Wardens: Messrs: Chas Jones, Mead, Hoyt  
& Hankes Vestry men -

Delegati  
to Conferenza

On motion - The following persons were appointed  
delegates to the Convention of the Prot. Epis.  
Church to be held at Buffalo, the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in  
Oct: viz. Messrs V. Matthews, H. E. Perkins,  
T. H. Rochester, John Hawkes & Erasmus  
Edgworth (Moderator) -

Finca:  
Cora:

On motion the following persons were appointed  
a committee to examine into the finances of  
the Church - to get subscriptions on the Psalter  
salary &c:  
Messrs Pitkin, Hawkins Jones Hoyt, &  
the Treasurer, Mr Morse -

At a meeting of the Vestry held  
December 21<sup>st</sup> 1840.

Present. Messrs. Picken & Mathews Wardens  
- Child, Hawks, }  
Jones, Allen, } Vestry men  
Mead, Hoyt, }  
& S. O. Smith }

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com

The Committee, on Finance thro' Mr Pitkin made a report on the state of the finances reported by which it appeared that the income last year fell short of the exps. so that there would be a deficiency of about \$300 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y.

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They further repaid the estimated receipt  
for the year open at about \$5300 from  
Rents & Subscriptions - & the Excess at \$3000  
the Com miller submitted the following res-  
olutions which were passed -

Resolved

Sending Friend  
Love Affection

That for the purpose of raising here-  
after the appropriation of all the proceeds of  
the Sales of Pews to the reduction of the debt  
created by a loan from the late Richard Van-  
rick Esqr of the sum of \$3,500 - it is ex-  
pedient to deposit all such proceeds in trust,  
with a person other than the Treasurer,  
to be annually appointed by the Wardens & Vestrymen,  
as a Comptroller of the Sinking Fund, and remova-  
ble at pleasure - Whose duty it shall be to receive  
all monies, notes obligations or contracts now in the  
hands of the Treasurer, that have been and are that  
shall hereafter be received for the sale of Pews, or de-  
rived from any other source for that object, giving  
a receipt therefor - and shall collect or convert into  
money as soon as practically without sacrifice  
and apply the same to the payment of the aforesaid  
bond but to no other purpose whatever -

Resolved - That Nathaniel D. Rochester be appointed such form as follows -

Resolved - That no pew or parts of Pew shall here-  
after be rented to any person who is at  
the time of applying for the same, indebted  
to the Vestry for rent or annuity. That  
shall have been due for one or more  
years; unless such indebtedness shall

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192 have been satisfactorily been arranged by note or otherwise -

Resolved - That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to send a copy of the preceding resolution on or before the first day of December in each year to such persons as will be excluded by the provision thereof -

Resolved - That the Wardens be authorized to appoint a Sexton & fix his salary, not exceeding \$125 for the year 1841 -

Resolved That the Treasurer & Clerk prepare duplicate copies for all who have consented to the Exchange, with additional annuity and immediately call upon all such persons for the execution of the same, and the surrendering of the old leases -

N. J. Rochester

Chk:

Decr 21. 1840

Resolved That a committee be appointed for the sale and renting of Pews, and that the committee be authorized to sell at the valuation for 20 per cent in 3 months and the residue in annual installments not exceeding three -

The chain appointed Messrs Pitkin, Jones & Hawkey -

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At the annual Meeting of the Congregation of St Luke's Church held on Sunday for the Election of Wardens & Vestry men of said Church for the ensuing year the following persons were duly elected viz: Easter Monday (April 12<sup>th</sup>) 1841

William Pitkin &  
Vincent Matthews } Wardens

Jonathan Chace  
Frederick Whittelsey  
John Allen  
Seth C. Jones  
David Hoyt  
John Hawks  
Matthew Mead  
Silas O. Smith } Vestry-men

We hereby certify that the above election was duly held, & the above named persons duly elected:  
Henry J. Whitehouse, Rector.

N. J. Rochester

Chk of the Vestry -

at a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church held April 19<sup>th</sup> 1841:

Present. The Rector - Messrs Pitkin & Matthews -  
Wardens -

Messrs: Whittelsey, Allen, Jones, Hoyt, Mead & Smith  
Vestry men.

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Rector's Call  
to  
Trinity Church  
Boston  
proceeding  
on

The Rector presented to the Vestry, a  
Communication from the Corporation of  
Trinity Church Boston, inviting him to  
become the Rector of that Church.  
The Rector having retired  
five minutes in the Chair  
Said Communication having been read, to-  
gether with several letters & documents  
in relation thereto:  
On motion of Mr Whillans  
Resolved  
That the indications of duty  
presented by the call of our Rector to Trinity Church Boston  
are such that we cannot in the proper discharge of our  
own duty without a too selfish feeling, withhold our as-  
sent to the temporary absence of our Rector for the purpose  
of visiting Boston -  
Resolved: That the Warden, communicate the above to the Rector  
N. J. Rochester Clerk:

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held in August 1841 -  
Ben Mathews  
Henry E. Rochester & } Delegates  
Graham H. Chapin  
were duly appointed delegates to the  
annual Convention of the Church of the Sacrament of  
Western N. Y. to be held at Utica this month  
N. J. Rochester -  
Clerk  
at the same meeting Messrs Jones & Mead were  
appointed a committee to erect a wood house:

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Ch:  
held at the Vestry-room pursuant to regular  
notice Sept 27-1841  
Present:  
Messrs Pitkin, Warden  
Messrs. Smith Allen  
Hawks Jones } V. Men  
+ Hoyt

On motion of Mr Smith  
Resolved  
That the Vestry of St Luke's  
Church, & re-enter into possession of Room  
No 64 in said Church, purchased by Martin  
Clapp, for non-payment of dues, Rent and  
annuity, agreeably to the terms of the  
purchase & lease - & that the Clerk give  
notice to Mr Clapp of the same -  
At  
Mr Pitkin <sup>Mr Jones</sup> was appointed a committee to  
raise the subscription towards Rector's salary  
N. J. Rochester  
Clerk:

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's  
Church held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December  
1841 -  
Present: Rev Dr Whitcomb Rector  
Mr Pitkin Warden  
Messrs: Smith, Mead,  
Hunt, Allen,  
+ Jones -

Messrs Pitkin, Jones & Hawks, were appointed a committee  
to rent & sell the pews of the Church & that  
the sale be made to any, agreeably to notice



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Dec 27<sup>th</sup> -

On motion of Mr Pitkin

Resolved that the Committee, have authority,  
to see pews, in the Gallery -

Resolved -

That the unsold pews shall hereafter  
be rented on the following conditionsviz. Every person taking a pew or part of a  
pew is required to take a lease from theTreasurer, within one week from the time of seeing,  
and in every case the omission to take a lease within  
the time specified, will be regarded as a relinquishment  
of the occupancy of the Pew, and the same may be  
rented to other applicants -Resolved - That no lease shall be given by  
the Treasurer to any person who is delinquent in the  
payment of Pew rent that has been more than three  
months due, until such arrearages shall have been  
satisfactorily paid or arranged -

adjourned

N. T. Rochester

etc.:

At a meeting of the Vestry of St Luke's Church  
held at the Vestry Room June 9<sup>th</sup> 1842

Present - Mr Matthews Mr Pitkin Wardens,

- Talmun, Hawks, Allen &amp; Child &amp; Men

On mo. of Gene Matthews - Resolved.

That a meeting of the  
Male Members of the Congregation be held at  
the Church on Monday Evening the 27<sup>th</sup> inst at  
1/2 past 7 o'clock, in relation to the Finances  
of the Church -

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Resolved - That the Decon be authorized to have  
printed notices distributed for said meetingResolved - That a Com: of three be appointed  
to present the subject of the Fi-  
nances of the Church to the ensuing  
com: appoint Messrs. Pitkin,  
Chapin and Hawks -At a regular meeting of the Vestry  
held at the Vestry Room - August  
8<sup>th</sup> 1842

Present The Rector

Messrs Pitkin Warden

Smith Child

Hawks Talmun

Chapin Jones

Allen Vestry-men

On mo. of Mr Pitkin.

Resolved - That the Vestry - re-enter, &  
take possession of Pew No 9. on the ground  
floor of the Church, which was deeded to  
Joseph Strong, for non-payment of An-  
nuities, according to the Condition of the  
deed or Lease for said pew, & that the  
Decon give notice thereof to Mr StrongResolved, that Vincent Matthews, William  
Pitkin & Henry E. Rochester, be appointed  
delegates to the annual Con: of the Church  
to be held at Syracuse on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst

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At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Vestry Room Decr 5<sup>th</sup> 1842

Present - W Pitkin Warden

Meys Smith, Talcum, Hawks, Hoyt & Child

Vestry men -

An m<sup>o</sup>: of Mr Hawks Resolved - That the Wardens be a committee to procure suitable Collection Boxes to be placed in the Church, agreeably to the recommendation of the meeting of the members of the Congregation lately held in relation to the finances

The subject of Halloway has purchased by Mr Hall refers to sending Committee with power to act

The following appointing a committee to visit the poor the next year -

Meys Pitkin, Jones, & Hawks -

N. S. Rochester Act

### Election of Vestry 1843

At the annual Election of Warden & Vestry men held at the Church Easter Monday April 17 1843 the following person were duly elected for the ensuing year viz:

William Pitkin	Vincent Matthews	Wardens
Jonathan Child	David Hoyt	
John Hawks	John T. Talcum	} Vestry men
Henry E. Rochester	Thomas H. Rochester	
Jonathan King	Darius Cole	
	Henry A. Whitehouse	
		Rector.

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At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Vestry-room April 20<sup>th</sup> 1843 Present -

Rev Dr Whitehouse Rector

Wm Matthews Warden

Meys: Hoyt, J. T. Talcum, H. E. Rochester, J. Hawks, J. King & D. Cole Vestry men

At being absent - J. Hawks appointed to act pro tem.

Nathl. T. Rochester, appointed Clerk of the Vestry & Almond Morse - Treasurer -

Dr Hawks from Committee to examine account of the Treasurer made a report of his of embracing the last 8 years to Jan 1. 1843. which was accepted & ordered filed -

Sexton William Myers, the Sexton resigned - his resignation accepted to take effect 1<sup>st</sup> June next -

Resolved That the Rector & Meys Pitkin & Hawks be a committee to employ a Sexton, with full powers as to duties to be rendered & compensation -

Resolved

That the salary of the Sexton, be \$125 per annum including Beer Rights, & all duties, including Sunday School room -

Resolved That H. E. Rochester have the privilege of giving away the Charity School apparatus -

(over)

1843 -

The following resolution was passed

Resolved that the Vestry accept the resignation of William Myers, Rector of St Luke's Church Rochester, this day ~~having~~ tendered in consequence of his intended removal to Detroit & add the expulsion of their confidence in him as a man & a Christian and that he has faithfully discharged for the last 10 years the duties of his office

Resolved that the Clerk give Mr Myers a copy of the above -

W. Hawks - Rector

At a regular meeting of the Vestry held at the Vestry-room June 29<sup>th</sup> 1843 -

Present -

Dr. Whitehorn Rector  
Mr. Pitkin - Ward  
Jonas King. D. Cole  
J. H. Rochester J. J. Talman  
M. E. Rochester D. Hoyt  
Jas Hawks

D. Hoyt elected for Justice

On motion of M. E. Rochester a Committee of three appointed to examine the Church and report what repairs are necessary & if here & there same

Committee on repairs generally - J. H. Rochester, J. King &

Mr Pitkin -

On repair & cleaning the Church -

M. E. Rochester, D. Cole, D. Hoyt -

1843

Resolved - That the Treasurer be requested to furnish a statement of dues for Poor Rent & subscriptions to July 1. 1843 -

Resolved - That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be instructed to effect immediate collection of the interest due to said fund to the first day of July next & also such part of the principal as can be realized -

adjourned until July 6<sup>th</sup> 1843

The Vestry met pursuant to adjournment July 6<sup>th</sup> 1843 -

Present as at last meeting -

The Treasurer presented a list of the amounts due on subscriptions and for poor rent -

On motion of M. E. Rochester -

Resolved That a committee of four members of the Vestry be appointed to collect the church dues -

The Committee on Repairs reported that a new roof be put on immediately -

Resolved That the Church be cleaned, & that the same committee be continued to procure it done

Committee on Collections of poor rent -

Mr Cole Mr Child, Mr Fallman, Mr Hoyt & T. H. Rochester supplementary -



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Present-

Rov. H. J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector.  
 Vincent Mathews }  
 William Pitkin } Wardens  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> H. Rochester }  
 Darius Cole }  
 Jonathan King } Vestrymen  
 John T. Talman }  
 David Hoyt }

On motion it was

Resolved. That a Committee of three be appointed each year to enforce the collection of arrears for rents and annuities, and to ascertain the ability of individuals indebted to this Vestry to meet the claims, with power to compromise in all cases for the immediate payment of such proportion of the debt as in their discretion shall be deemed judicious, and release the balance - and that it shall be the duty of this Committee to cause notice to be directed by the Treasurer on the first of December to all Pew owners whose indebtedness for annuities are of more than six months standing, that the Pew is declared forfeited, and that unless all dues, up to the first day of October, are previously paid such Pew will be sold or rented by the Vestry at the next annual renting of Pews in this Church - And also that it shall be the duty of such Committee to enforce the collection, on the first day of December, of all dues for Pew rents and subscriptions that are of more than six months standing -

Tho<sup>s</sup> H. Rochester, Mr. Pitkin & the Collector, were appointed the Committee for the present year -

Resolved. That Mathew Mead be & is hereby appointed Collector for the present year, to receive 2½ per cent on the amount that shall be collected by him.

Adjourned - H. E. Rochester Clk pro tem

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1843 at the Vestry room -

Present - Rov. H. J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector.  
 Rufus Mathews + }  
 Pitkin - } Wardens  
 Talman }  
 King }  
 Cole } Vestrymen -  
 Hoyt + }  
 H. E. Rochester }

Mr. Pitkin, stated that he held in his hands a paper delivered to him for the purpose of laying the same before the Vestry, & which accordingly he now presented - On motion it was Resolved, that said paper be read.

The following is a copy thereof -

" We the undersigned hereby agree to pay to the Treas<sup>r</sup> of St. Luke's Church the sums by us respectively subscribed, provided the aggregate amount of good and collectible subscriptions shall in the opinion of the Vestry be sufficient to cover the expense of the improvements contemplated; the same to be payable on the first days of April and June next in equal payments, for the purpose of making necessary and suitable repairs on and about the exterior of the Church edifice, and for meeting Chancel rail, alteration in Gallery, cleaning and painting ceiling & walls, varnishing wood work, Carpentry cibles, procuring trimmings for Desk & Pulpit &c &c.

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Henry J. Whitehouse -	one hundred dollars,	to be paid when arrears	$\frac{2}{3}$ of salary an <sup>d</sup>
David Hoyt -	one hundred dollars -		\$100.
William Kild -	one hundred dollars -		\$100.
Mr. Pitkin -	one hundred dollars -		\$100.
John T. Talman -	Fifty dollars		\$50.
John Allen -	Fifty dollars		\$50.
Darius Cole -	Twenty dollars		20.
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Isaac M. Hall & Co.	Twenty five		\$ 25.
William M. Knight	Twenty five		\$ 25.
J. L. Lucas	Ten		\$ 10.
J. R. Bishop			6.
Jonathan King			5.00
M. F. Delano	Twenty five dollars		25.00
Ebenzer Prath			25.00
A. J. Brackett	Five dollars		5.00
Gro. R. Clark	Ten dollars		10.00
E. Pitkin Smith	Ten dollars		10.00
E. Darwin Smith	Twenty five		\$ 25.00
Washington Gibbons	Fifteen		\$ 15.00
Vincent Matthews	Fifteen		\$ 15.00
William Brock	Five		5.00
E. Moore	5.00	George Arnold	5.00
Daniel Loomis	5.00	John Haywood	10.00
W. E. Lathrop	10.00	S. H. Packard	10.00
John Caldwell	20.00	Arman Loomis	5.00
J. B. Van Emory	5.00	J. A. Eastman	10.00
J. H. Goodman	5.00	Marcus Morse	10.00
J. C. Child	5.00	Roswell Lockwood	Ten dollars. 10.00
E. Whalen	10.00	Samuel B. Dewey	10.00
Joseph Strong	25.00	C. C. Lathrop	6.00
Mathew M. Hall	5.00	M. Mead	10.00
William Churchill	5.00	Thos. Hawks	5.00
A. Bronson	10.00	John Hawks	10.00
N. R. Child	15.00	Jacob Anderson	2.00
A. Montgomery	25.00	Wm. Brewster	10.00
Leth C. Jones	Twenty five	A. Pardee	3.00
S. Anderson	5.00	Henry Cady	10.00
Rufus Kessler	10.00	Gro. J. Whitney	5.00
N. L. Rochester	25.00	S. Whittelsey	20.00
Jonathan Child	aprl 12.50 Jun 12.50	Alfred Ely	5.00
Joseph Christopher	5.00	A. E. Rochester	20.00
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Resolved. That a Committee consisting of the Rector, two members of the Vestry and four members of the Congregation be appointed to make the necessary inquiries & estimates in regard to the proposed repairs and improvements contemplated by the foregoing subscription and report to this body as soon as convenient.

Committee. The Rector & Messrs Pitkin & Hoyt of the Vestry, and Messrs Kild, Jones, Delano & J. M. Hall of the Congregation.

Resolved. That a Committee of three be appointed to sell & rent pews for the ensuing year.

Com. appointed - Messrs Pitkin, Cole & Talmun -

Mr. Pitkin, from the Com<sup>tee</sup> to whom was referred the subject of unpaid annuities, under resolution of the 2<sup>d</sup> day of October last, report the following persons as in arrear for annuities of more than six months standing:

Joseph Strong	on Pew No 9
Richard Temple	" " " 15
George Ketchum	" " " 18
A. Wentworth	" 1/2 " " 42
Moses Dyer	" Pew " 47
J. D. Hawks	" " " 60
D. Moody	" 1/2 " " 94
Walter White	" 1/2 " " 97
H. Stanton	" 1/2 " " 98
John Hawks	" Pews Nos 53 & 44

Resolved. That the Com. on sale & renting of Pews for ensuing year be instructed to carry into effect the resolution of 2<sup>d</sup> Oct. last in respect to the Pews & parts of Pews mentioned in the report of Mr. Pitkin.

W. H. E. Rochester, said he was requested by the Clerk of this body to state to the Vestry that his business engagements are

such that he is under the necessity of tendering his resignation of the office of clerk -

On motion of Mr. Pitkin it was

Resolved - That the resignation of Mr. A. S. Rochester as Clerk of this body be accepted, and that the thanks of the Vestry be tendered to Mr. Rochester for his long & faithful service -

On motion -

Resolved. That Henry E. Rochester be appointed clerk pro tem. of this body -  
adjourned -

H. E. Rochester  
Clerk pro tem.

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry room Jan<sup>y</sup> 4. 1844 -

Present -

The Rector - Rev. A. J. Whitehead D.D.

Messrs Mathews &  
Pitkin - } Wardens

Messrs. Talman -

Child

J. H. Rochester

Cole

Hoyt

H. E. Rochester &

King -

Vestrymen

The Rector stated that he had requested a meeting of the Vestry for the purpose of presenting to them a communication in regard to a call he had recently received to the Rectory of St. Thomas' Church N.Y. - He had handed such communication to the clerk of the Vestry; & would ask leave to withdraw while the Vestry should consider the subject of the communication - The Rector having retired on motion Sen<sup>r</sup> Mathews was appointed chairman pro tem -

The Clerk then read the communication of Dr. Whitehead. whereupon it was Resolved - That the same be ~~appointed~~ referred to a committee of three to report, at an adjourned meeting of this body, such action as they may deem called for on the part of the Vestry, & resolutions also & plans in of the views of the Vestry -

The Chairman appointed on each committee

Messrs Pitkin.

Talman &

H. E. Rochester

On motion of Mr. Pitkin, Sen<sup>r</sup> Mathews was added to the com<sup>tee</sup>

On motion the Vestry adjourned to meet at the house of Sen<sup>r</sup> Mathews on Saturday evening the 6<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> at 6 O'clock

H. E. Rochester -

Clerk pro tem.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry held at the House of Sen<sup>r</sup> V. Mathews Jan<sup>y</sup> 6. 1844 at 6 O'clock P. M.

Present -

Messrs Mathews &  
Pitkin - } Wardens

Messrs Talman

Child

Cole

Hoyt

J. H. Rochester

King &

H. E. Rochester

Vestrymen -

Mr. Pitkin, on behalf of the Committee appointed on the 12<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> to make estimate &c in regard to improvements on Church Edifice, presented the following report viz -

The Committee appointed to obtain & report estimates for the repairs in and about the Church Edifice contemplated by the subscribers to the fund raised for that object, Report, that from the best information that has been obtained the necessary and most desirable improvement and repairs desired by the subscribers can be accomplished at an expense of about



one thousand dollars, which is within the amount presented on the subscription and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved. That the subscription for providing the necessary means for improvements and repairs in and about the Church edifice is in the opinion of this Vestry, adequate to accomplish the objects contemplated, and that it is expedient to proceed to carry out the wishes and intentions of the subscribers by the appointment of a committee for that purpose.

On motion the above Report & Resolution were unanimously adopted.

Mr. H. E. Rochester on behalf of the Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Rector, respecting his call to the Rectorship of St. Thomas Church N.Y. made a following report, which with the Letter of Dr. Whitehead of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant, was ordered to be entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the Vestry.

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To the Vestry of St. Luke Church Rochester  
Gentlemen

It becomes my duty to invite your attention to a subject of anxious interest to myself and not without important relations to your own charge. I have received a Call from St. Thomas' Church in the City of New York, unanimous in its expression, and gratifying to my feelings in the details of its overtures and claims.

You are aware that this is not the first of such opportunities afforded me to change my pastoral relations; and that hitherto, I have not thought it a claim of duty, as it certainly was not the dictate of my feelings to separate from the congregation of St. Luke's.

There is nothing in the present offer of any peculiar advantage over other calls that have been presented and declined. Nor have my affections undergone any change. The whole subject of a separation from you, is regarded by me personally, as it ever has been through my long Rectorship. I have coveted nothing larger in salary, more influential in station, more gratifying in all

its relations to my social and domestic life, than the place, which for so many years God's goodness has permitted me to retain as your pastor. I beg then that you will believe me, when I say most solemnly that no comparative incidents of any personal convenience or any secular advantage influence me in the suggestions which I venture to make.

It has been for some time my conviction that a change of Rector would be to the interest of St. Luke's Congregation. The present amount of salary paid, exceeding by some hundred dollars what the income of the Church, with its present debt would allow, and made up by voluntary subscriptions, could by that step be reduced to an amount that would secure it easy and certain payments. The Congregation is in a state to require more extensive pastoral visiting, and perhaps desiring that of somewhat different character, than from my circumstances of health, and the various desultory claims upon me, I am able to fulfil.

As my time has been indeed given to my Church. I have had no other engagements than the duties of my parish and the care of my household, and have at no time suffered my interest to be diverted from you by claims extrinsic to the City. Hence I can scarcely promise myself a larger leisure for social intercourse with the families of my Congregation, although satisfied that if such were judiciously exercised good would result. The claims upon my time and attention from the poor and our floating population increase rather than diminish from year to year. The unending deficiency in this vast and indefinite charge of a minister has been to me a source of constant sorrow & self-reproach.

The contemplated erection of a third Church in Frankfurt as an independent organization, which might perhaps if necessary to separate some from St. Luke's that have been very valued by me as parishioners, and may in the course of events (as these things are apt to do) excite some unpleasant feelings, has occupied my thoughts as another incident, when my own resignation would leave way for a freer action on the part of those whom duty may call to the new Church, while affection might draw them to remain in their old parochial ties.

The condition of Grace Church has also inclined me

20<sup>th</sup> to believe that although the present effect might be temporarily to some extent, unfavorable to St. Luke's, the great interest of the Church collectively would be advanced even the pastoral influence of each of the ministers more equalized, than could be the case when (known unworthy of it intrinsically) one of them should possess like myself, the influence and sympathies of many years of residence and labor.

(The single motion I may perhaps with propriety say) to remain and have done with the parish of St. Luke's, - declining calls which to other eyes appeared so much more weighty has been the confidence in the united unvarying and constant affection of the congregation, which found its full response in my own heart, and has made the hearts voice louder than any possible appeal from without. How far it is right and safe to rest on this presumption for the long future is not for me to say. The attitude of it, is however of vital importance to my right decision.

The present call from its own character and from the additional circumstances of bringing us back to family connections, from whom we have been for years separated is one gratifying to our feelings; and if from the necessity, or the propriety of the case, you should concur with me in the expediency of my resignation of St. Luke's would be preferable to any other that we could select.

I beg leave to commit the subject to your reflection and to solicit an expression of your opinion and wishes either with or without a consultation with the congregation as you may in your judgment, deem best.

I would solicit also that if you concur with the expediency of a resignation on my part for the purpose of accepting the call to St. Thomas' Church N.Y. that you will so far regard this communication of that import. as to favor me with your suggestions as to the time and mode of it; formally taking effect.

Allow me to repeat the assurance, that as much as ever before it is in my heart to live and die with you: that no situation will ever be to me more honorable, than your Rector or association dearer than your loved "household of faith" -

that it must be very long before I can feel at home in any other change or cease to regret what I leave behind. And that my contemplated resignation in receiving thus the sanction of my deliberate judgment principally on the ground adverted to is opposed to the deepest feeling of my heart.

May the God in whom we trust direct us all to what may best subserve the cause of our Lord and Savior and favor our own accounts "in the great day of his appearing and glory."

With sentiments of deepest respect and attachment

I am Gentlemen

Your Friends and Pastor

Henry L. Whitehouse.

Rochester Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1844.

To the Vestry of St. Luke's Church Rochester

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Dr. Whitehouse's call to the Rectorship of St. Thomas' Church N.Y. feel the duty devolving upon them to be weighty & responsible.

The expressions of anxious solicitude felt by our Esteemed Rector, on the subject, and the assurance of his abiding desire "to live and die with us meet a response in our own hearts & of the congregation generally we doubt not of reciprocal anxiety and attachments. We have every reason to believe that the mutual regard and attachments, which have, now for fifteen years, characterized the relations of Pastor and people of St. Luke's, are not exceeded, if indeed they have a parallel in a congregation of equal size, in the whole Episcopal Church of this Country. Your Committee cannot adequately express their feeling in contemplating the possibility of a severance of those relations. The great improbability of obtaining a successor of equal piety, talent, and influence of character, and one who can secure so fully and unitedly the affectionate respect of his parishioners & the community generally, induces the apprehension that such separation would result very disastrously to the welfare of St. Luke's and detrimentally to the interests of the Church collectively in this City and Diocese.

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Your Committee is induced to believe, by the tenor of Dr Whitehouse's Communication, that he entertains feelings of distrust in regards to the attachment owing to the fact that some delay has been experienced in collecting the Church dues and meeting promptly the pecuniary obligations resting upon the Corporation, for two or three years past. Our Church is not alone in suffering such difficulty; the almost universal embarrassment which has paralyzed the commercial & other business interests of the whole country has been felt with peculiar force in our community, when so large a proportion of the citizens are embarked in commercial pursuits. Many of our congregation have been entirely frustrated in their pecuniary affairs, while all have suffered more or less. This then only affords a ready & as your Committee believe a true solution of the difficulty; and that it is in no degree to be attributed to a want of interest in the Church or affection for our Rector.

Your Committee believe this state of things to be temporary, and that as the present encouraging prospects of returning business prosperity are realized, the members of the congregation will one and all meet their pecuniary obligations to the Church with their wonted cheerfulness and promptitude. Your Committee begs leave to suggest in this connection, that they have the fullest confidence in the belief that if a just and equitable plan of contribution can be devised to raise the amount requisite, in addition to the sinking fund now on hand, to pay off the mortgage debt of the Church, that the congregation will most willingly subscribe by way of gift or loan without interest the necessary amount to effect so desirable an object, thus relieving the Corporation from the drain upon its annual income. Nor can we conclude our remarks on this head without expressing our conviction that the resignation of Dr Whitehouse would so depress and cripple the condition of our Church, that it would be much more difficult to pay his successor \$1500. or even \$1200. than

it is to pay him his salary of \$2000.

In regard to the contemplated erection of a third Church in Frankfort on an independent organization, your Committee feels fully authorized in saying, that the design has not originated in any feeling of dissatisfaction growing out of the relations of any members of the congregation with the Rector of St Luke, but is attributable rather to the rapidly increasing population of the city & the successful labors of our Rector in so building up and strengthening the Episcopal Church here as to require, in the opinion of those desiring to erect such third Church greater church accommodations and designed as a measure of relief from the increasing parochial labors devolving upon Dr Whitehouse. The gentlemen particularly interested themselves in this enterprise, voice their preference of an independent organization over that of a Chapel, on the grounds that the brethren and supports in such case resting upon those who may attend worship there, will be better calculated to call into action exercise their zeal and liberality, than if, by the relations of a Chapel, they might rely upon the bounty of St Luke for its support. This discernment entirely being prompted by any design to affect injuriously the interests of St Luke or to mar the existing relations of harmony among the members of the congregation & between them & their highly esteemed Rector, and they claim to be ranked among those who esteem him most, and sincerely desire his continuance in his present post of successful & blessed labors.

As a large and increasing domestic household in the order of Providence, is called to sever the family associations the dearest on earth, - and the sons and daughters go forth from the parental roof to occupy new places, and rear up new & separate families often far removed from the scenes of early and strong attachment, so with the household of faith by the blessing of God on the labors of his faithful minister, built up and enlarged, is frequently called to separate in love and go forth to build up new churches and enlarge the borders of the Redeemed Kingdom. While thus to separate is painful, yet we may <sup>rejoice</sup> ~~depress~~ that the church is so blessed and prospered that she may



"lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes."

The only remaining point suggested by the communication of Dr Whitehouse, seeming to require the expression of our views is that of "pastoral visiting". Your Committee are aware that expressions of regret are made by some of the Congregation that Dr Whitehouse does not visit his people more. We believe that if such persons knew the amount of labor he has to perform in visiting the poor and sick and in discharging the diversified & arduous labor of his office in so large a congregation, and the much that is required of him extrinsic to his own peculiar charge, and superadded to these the extraordinary duties devolving upon him by reason of his residence in so large a city and his prominent position in the Church, they would readily concede that they were asking more than is just or reasonable in expecting Dr Whitehouse to make social visits to the several families of his Congregation. When this subject fully understood by the members of our church, we have no doubt it would remove the only subject of complaint affecting the relations of our Rector with his charge. Such family visits by a Pastor, should in their legitimate design, be employed for the religious counsel and instruction of his people - and on this point we beg leave to say, that the Bible Class exercises, established and most faithfully and ably conducted by our Rector during the whole period of his Rectorship, with the view of imparting to his flock a thorough knowledge of the scriptures and their individual responsibilities as accountable beings have not been so generally attended by the Congregation as they ought to have. It is a means calculated, by an admirable economy of time to both Pastor and people, to afford an amount of religious counsel and instruction in one evening of each week, which would consume, on the plan of family visits, the whole time of the Rector, if indeed he were able at all in this way to accomplish so much good.

Your Committee believes that the Congregation as fully as ever appreciate the claims which Dr Whitehouse has upon their esteem for his private virtues - respect for his

talents - and gratitude for his devoted zeal & labors for their spiritual welfare, which he has ever evinced, not only by his whole course of ministerial duties among us, but by his frequent declination of calls to other churches, holding out far greater inducements of a secular kind, than we have been able to offer, and which could not have failed to attract one less devotedly attached to his people.

In conclusion your Committee would suggest that the subject is one involving so deeply the interests of St Luke, that they deem it expedient & important to obtain an expression of opinion & feeling generally in regards to the several particulars presented in the communication of Dr Whitehouse as entering into his consideration of the call, and for that purpose recommend the calling of a meeting of the male members of the congregation to be held at as early a day as practicable.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution. Resolved, that the foregoing report be adopted as expression of the views & feeling of this body; and that the Clerk prepare a notice requesting a meeting of the male members of the congregation to assemble on Tuesday Evening the 9th inst at 6 1/2 o'clock in the Sunday School room, to take into consideration the call of Dr Whitehouse to the Rectorship of St Thomas' Church New York. and that he request the Rector to read such notice from the Desk on the morning and afternoon of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted

T Mathews

Wm Pitkin

John T. Talman

N. B. Rochester

} Com

Dated Jan'y 6 1844

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved - That the foregoing Report & Resolution be adopted.

Resolved. That Henry E. Rochester be a committee to lay before the contemplated meeting of the Congregation the subject of

217 Dr. Whitehouse's call, his communications and the proceedings of the Vestry thereon.  
On motion it was  
Resolved - That when this body adjourns, it do adjourn to meet at the Vestry room on Wednesday morning the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. at 9 o'clock.  
Adjourned accordingly.  
Henry E. Rochester. Clk  
Geo. T. Jan.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's held at the Vestry room Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 1844 at 9 o'clock A.M.  
Present - Messrs Mathews & Pitkin } Marsden  
Messrs. Salaman, Hoyt, King & H. E. Rochester. Vestrymen.  
The clerk laid before the Vestry the proceedings of the Congregational meeting held last evening, which being read, were directed by vote of the Vestry to be entered on the minutes of the proceedings of this body.

(Copy)

At a very large meeting of the male members of the Congregation of St. Luke's held in the Sunday School room on the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1844 convened upon the call of the Vestry.  
Genl. W. Mathews was appointed Chairman &  
Mr. John T. Salaman Secy.

Mr. Henry E. Rochester on behalf of the Vestry, stated the object of the meeting - read the Communication of Dr. Whitehouse made to the Vestry on the subject of his call to the Rectorship of St. Thomas' Church N.Y., and the report of the Committee of the Vestry thereon.

Whereupon on motion of E. Darwin Smith Esq: it was unanimously Resolved - That in the opinion of this meeting Dr. Whitehouse does possess the undiminished affection of his people and may rely upon their permanent attachment and support.

Fredrick W. Hittlesday Esq. Submitted the following Resolutions

which were unanimously adopted.

(Copy)

That the male members of the Congregation of St. Luke's Church Rochester, after listening to the communications relating to the call of our beloved Rector to St. Thomas' Church New York, do unanimously declare and resolve as follows:

That the courteous deportment, intellectual ability, tried fidelity and eminent piety uniformly manifested by our Rector during the fifteen years for which he has held that relation to his Congregation, have so endeared him to his people that they cannot contemplate the dissolution of that relation without the deepest and most heartfelt emotions of sorrow and regret.

That the pastoral duties have been so well and faithfully performed by our Rector that we cannot in justice conscientiously withhold our assent if he desire it to his transfer to a more influential and desirable station, but we feel that we shall be seriously suffered by such a change.

That it is our solemn and earnest conviction that there is nothing in the circumstances of the Congregation of St. Luke's which would render such a change in any manner or to any degree ~~desirable~~ <sup>advisable</sup> to them but on the contrary that it must be attended with serious if not fatal consequences to their prosperity and no little injury to the general interests of the Episcopal Church in this City.

That we have engaged of each other earnestly and anxiously with a view to elicit the exact truth and can find no evidences which would warrant in saying that there was any existing dissatisfaction either in Church or Congregation with the Rector.

That we have coolly and deliberately examined the pecuniary affairs of the Church and have come to the deliberate conclusion that there will be less difficulty in meeting the current expenses of the Church under the present Rector than would be the case under any other Rector at even considerably less salary.

244 and that therefore true economy would demand no change.

That there is no change in the united unwavering and constant affection of the congregation of St. Luke's towards their Rector & except that which is produced by time yearly strengthening their gentle ties, which bind this people to their Pastor and that the future so far as it is permitted to mortals to read it affords a promise of continued durability of such feelings with increasing force.

That we cannot with justice hold out inducement to our Rector to decline a call to a very desirable position without an assurance of our continued attachment and of a permanent and durable support, and while feeling the full force of this obligation and the peculiar circumstances of the present occasion we deliberately avow our belief that the attachment of the congregation to their Rector was never stronger or gave greater promise of permanence and that the ability and will to provide regularly and punctually for the Rector's support will be fully and satisfactorily provided by their alacrity to meet engagements pledged. That in any event we desire to give this public evidence of our attachment to our Rector and of our grateful acknowledgements for his long tried and faithful services in his pastoral relations to this people, and in whatever place his lot may be cast our best wishes will attend him with our earnest petitions to Providence to scatter blessings in his path.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

John C. Palmer Secy. W. Mathews Chairman

On motion of N.E. Rochester, the following preamble and Resolutions were thereupon adopted.

Whereas the Vestry do not now feel authorized to give such assurances to Dr. Whitehouse as they deem due to him on the subject of his salary and as seemed to be con-

templated by the resolutions adopted by the meeting last evening, therefore

Resolved, That another meeting of the congregation be called to convene tomorrow evening to adopt some definite action on the subject of placing the support of Dr. Whitehouse on a permanent basis.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to carry out the provisions of the foregoing resolution.

Messrs. Pitkin, Hoyt & N.E. Rochester were appointed

such committee.

On motion of Mr. Pitkin it was

Resolved, That General Mathews & N.E. Rochester communicate to Dr. Whitehouse the proceedings of this body & of the meeting of the congregation held last evening, and that they make known to Dr. Whitehouse the design of this body to make a further communication to him on the subject after the meeting to be held tomorrow evening.

Adjourned to meet at the house of Gen. Mathews at four o'clock P.M. on Friday next the 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

Henry E. Rochester

Clerk pro tem.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the house of Gen. Mathews on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1844 at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Mathews & Pitkin Wardens

Messrs. Salaman, Hoyt, Cole, King, Childs, J.H. Rochester, N.E. Rochester Vestrymen

Mr. Pitkin from the committee appointed at the last meeting reported that, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Vestry at their meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. a meeting of the congregation was held at the Sunday School room last evening, that at such meeting the committee of the Vestry presented the form of a permanent subscription for the payment of a portion of the Rector's salary, & called the attention of the meeting to the importance



and necessity of such permanent subscription in order to warrant the Vestry in giving an assurance to Dr. Whitehouse that his salary would in future be fully & promptly paid. That thereupon the members of the congregation present signed such new subscription, which during today it was presented to the other members of the congregation. That such subscription was made up to the required amount, with the other resources of the Corporation, to meet fully the annual expenses of the Church, including the Rector's Salary of \$2000.

Mr. Pitkin also presented a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of last evening, which on his motion were read & ordered to be entered on the Record of the proceedings of this body.

The following is a copy of said proceedings:

At a meeting of the Male members of St. Luke's Church on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1844  
Vincent Matthews Esq. was called to the Chair and  
John T. Talman appointed Secretary

Mr. Pitkin Esq. on behalf of the Vestry made a full statement of the Finances of the Church and presented the form of a subscription for the consideration of the meeting which on motion of H. Montgomery was laid on the table for signatures.

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to present the new subscription to the members of the congregation not present at this meeting and report the same to the Vestry on Friday Evening -  
Committee appointed by the Chair. H. Montgomery &  
E. H. Packard

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to devise a plan for paying off the standing debt of this Church and report such plan when matured, to the Vestry

Committee appointed by the Chair F. Whittlesey, H. E. Rochester,  
Geo. B. Clark, Wm McKnight  
John T. Talman

adjourned

Jos. C. Talman Secy

V. Matthews Chairman

Mr. Cole moved the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this body based upon the recent action of the congregation, the resources of the Church to meet its annual expenses are sufficiently reliable & abundant to authorize the assurance to Dr. Whitehouse that his salary will be in future fully and more promptly paid.

On motion it was

Resolved That a committee of three be appointed to draw up & present to Dr. Whitehouse an answer to his communication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst in relation to his call to the Rectorship of St. Thomas Church New York, and that such Committee also furnish Dr. Whitehouse a copy of all the proceedings of the Vestry and congregation in relation thereto.

Messrs Matthews, Pitkin & H. E. Rochester were appointed such

Committee  
The Vestry then adjourned sine die

Henry E. Rochester. Secy. pro tem.

N. B. The following is a copy of the Letter delivered to Dr. Whitehouse by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Rochester Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 12. 1844.

Rev. H. J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector of St. Luke's Ch. Rochester.

Dear Sir

The undersigned, a Com. of the Vestry, are instructed by that body to reply to your communication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. - to report that circumstances have prevented an earlier answer. We send you with this communication copies of the proceedings of the Vestry and of the congregation relating to the subject of your call to the Rectorship of St. Thomas Ch. - The views of the Vestry you will find partially expressed in the report of this Com. to whom was referred your letter. At the time of the adoption of that report the Vestry deemed it due to you to obtain an expression of the views & wishes of the congregation. Although the Vestry entertained no doubt of the abiding attachment of the people of St. Luke's to yourself they thought it might be more satisfactory to

you to receive that assurance from the members of the Congregation themselves, accordingly a meeting of the Congregation was convened on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., the earliest day practicable. The meeting was fully attended and was probably the largest meeting of the male members of the Church ever convened for business purposes. The object of the meeting was stated by one of the Vestry, and your Communication and the report of the Com. of the Vestry, above alluded to, were read. The meeting was called upon to consider the subject with deliberation - to allow no feelings of the moment to prompt expressions & assurances which were not warranted by their cool judgment & permanent attachment - and it was earnestly requested that if any individual entertained feelings of dissatisfaction growing out of the relation of yourself with the Church, that they would then make them known - No feelings of dissatisfaction were expressed, and all seemed impressed with the solemn duty resting upon them of acting deliberately, and of frankly expressing their views and feelings. Such views and feelings of the meeting you will find embodied in the resolutions herewith furnished - It may not be improper to add that we have the fullest assurance for saying that the female members of the Congregation coincide in the expression of these resolutions - We have no reason then to doubt the entire unanimity and good faith of the Congregation in the expression of those resolutions, and thus form perfectly to adhere to those assurances and pledges of attachment and support. Let regarding the fact that the subscription towards your salary was not in a permanent form and that it was as well due to you, as to the wishes of the Congregation to place that subscription on a more permanent basis, the Vestry deemed it proper to call a second meeting of the Congregation to adopt some definite action on the subject. Such meeting was convened on Thursday evening last and adopted a form of subscription, rendering the engagement of each subscriber unconditional, except that he is to be exempted on his withdrawal from the Congregation of St. Luke's. Such subscription was then presented to the individuals composing the meeting, and during yesterday to others not present at the meeting, and the result was such that the Vestry felt warranted in adopting the resolution of last evening, giving you the assurance "that in future your salary will be fully and more promptly paid." In your Communication you remark that the

single motive to remain as I have done with the parish of St. Luke's, - declining calls which to other eyes appeared so much more weighty - has been the confidence in the united, unwavering and constant affection of the Congregation, &c. &c. How far it is right and safe to rest on this presumption for the long future is not for me to say; - the certainty of it, is however of vital importance to my right decision. We confidently trust that what might have rested on "presumption for the long future" is founded morally, certainly by the pledges & assurances expressed in the proceedings of the Vestry & Congregation.

You solicit an expression of the opinion & wishes of the Vestry on the subject, - Such we regard as sufficiently voiced in the proceedings herewith furnished you and therefore need not be reiterated in this Communication - We have come to the conclusion under all the circumstances & proceedings above detailed, - not considering your Communication a definite intimation of your design to resign the the Rectory of our Church - to refer the whole subject back to you for your deliberate consideration & decision, and we trust that in coming to such decision you will not be influenced in the remotest degree by any apprehension of a want of attachment to you personally or as Rector by the Congregation of St. Luke's, or that they are unable or unwilling to provide for the payment of your salary, fully & promptly.

We shall earnestly invoke for you the direction of Providence to guide you to such decision as may conduce to his glory - the good of his Church & your own happiness.

We remain your attached friends & parishioners  
(Signed) Vincent Matthews }  
Wm. Pitkin } Corrs.  
H. E. Rochester }

Attest.

H. E. Rochester. Clk. pro. tem.

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At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Rochester, held at the Vestry room on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1844 at 3 O'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Mathews & Pitkin, Wardens  
" Hoyt, Saluan, Cole, J. H. Rochester, King, Child, Hawkes,  
& H. E. Rochester - Vestrymen.

The Clerk read the following communication received from the Rector.

" To the Vestry of St. Luke's Church Rochester.

Gentlemen.

Since I had the honor of receiving, through your Secretary, Copies of the proceedings of the several meetings of the Vestry & Congregation on the subject of my call to St. Thomas' Church N. Y. I have visited New York, and have felt compelled by conviction of duty, (though opposed to my strongest inclination) to accept the call to that City.

In consequence, it becomes my painful task to tender to you my resignation of the Charge I now hold as your Rector, to take effect on the first day of May - which I beg leave thus to submit.

Remaining with the greatest respect  
Gentlemen

Your Friend & Pastor

Henry J. Whitehouse."

Rochester Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1844."

Adjourned to Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> inst at 3 O'clock P. M.  
to meet at the Vestry room -

Henry E. Rochester.  
Clerk pro tem.

St. Whitehouse's resignation of the  
Rectorship of St. Luke's

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry room on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1844 at 3 O'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Mathews & Pitkin, Wardens.  
" Hoyt, Saluan, Cole, J. H. Rochester, King, Child,  
Hawkes, & H. E. Rochester - Vestrymen.

On motion it was

Resolved. That the Communication of St. Whitehouse of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst tendering his resignation of the Rectorship of this Church be referred to a Committee of three to report, at an adjourned meeting, a proper reply to said Communication for the adoption of this body -

Messrs Pitkin, Hawkes & H. E. Rochester were appointed  
such Committee -

Whereupon the Vestry adjourned to meet again at the house of  
Genl. Mathews on Monday evening next, the 26<sup>th</sup> inst at 7 O'clock.

H. E. Rochester.  
Clerk pro tem.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the house of Genl. Mathews on Monday evening the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1844 at 7 O'clock -

Present Messrs Mathews & Pitkin, Wardens -  
" Hoyt, Saluan, Cole, J. H. Rochester, King, Child,  
Hawkes, & H. E. Rochester - Vestrymen.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of St. Whitehouse of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst tendering his resignation of the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, recommend the adoption of the following letter in answer thereto.

Rev. and Dear Sir.

We learn with regret and disappointment  
the failure of the efforts of this body, in connection with the



measures of the Congregation as set forth in the proceedings already communicated to you, to secure the continuance and render more permanent the affectionate and harmonious relations which have for so many years most happily existed, supposing, as we did, that the considerations appended in your communication of the 3<sup>d</sup> of Jan<sup>r</sup> as rendering a separation expedient, had been satisfactorily answered and removed. We do however sincerely trust that other and more conclusive reasons have subsequently impressed your mind with the solemn conviction, that duty to God and the Church of the Redeemer, clearly require your acceptance of the call that is to separate you from an attached people -

The Vestry therefore feel constrained to accept and do hereby accept the resignation tendered by you on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst as Rector of St. Luke's Church to take effect, as therein proposed, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May next. And in the Spirit of Godly faith and devotion would fervently invoke for you the blessing of God and the guidance of his Holy Spirit in the field to which your labors and affections are to be transferred, - And that the change may result in the promotion of his glory - the building up of his Church - and in securing happiness to yourself and family in every relation attending your the future years of your life -

Respectfully Submitted -

Wm. Pitkin }  
T. Matthews } Com.  
A. E. Rochester }

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved. That the form of letter reported by the Committee be adopted - and that the Chairman & Clerk furnish Dr. Whitehouse with a copy thereof signed by them in behalf of the Vestry.

On motion of Mr. Pitkin it was

Resolved - That the Rector & Messrs Hoyt & King of the Vestry be a Committee on repairs to procure the contemplated improvements in the Chancel, Communion table and hangings for the Pulpit and Desk, being restricted in the expenditure to the sum of two hundred dollars, to be derived

from the means provided by the subscriptions for that object.

Resolved. That the Clerk furnish Dr. Whitehouse with a copy of the last mentioned resolution -

Adjourned sine die

A. E. Rochester.

Clerk J. S. Ten.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, held at the House of Genl. Matthews on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1844 at 7 O'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Matthews &

Pitkin - } Wardens

" Child, Hoyt, Thos. H. Rochester, King, Cole, Hadden, Salaman, & A. E. Rochester. Vestrymen -

On motion it was Resolved. That the income of the Church, arising from the rents & annuities on the Pews not to exceed the sum of \$2000. be pledged to pay the salary of the Rector who shall be elected to succeed Dr. Whitehouse.

Resolved. That the deficiency in the income to meet the other & contingent expenses of the Church be raised by weekly collection in the Church & by Subscriptions -

Adjourned

A. E. Rochester. Clerk

Pro. Ten.

## Election of Vestry 1844

At the annual election of Wardens & Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church Rochester held at the Church on Easter Monday April the 8<sup>th</sup> 1844 the following named persons were duly elected for the ensuing year, viz:—

William Pitkin }  
Vincent Matthews } Wardens

David Hoyt

Frederick Whittlsey

Seth C. Jones

John J. Talman

William Kidd

Jonathan Child

S. H. Packard &

Henry C. Rochester

Vestry men.

Henry Whitehouse.  
Rector.

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry room on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1844

Present. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse D.D. Rector.

Messrs Matthews & }  
Pitkin } Wardens

" Hoyt, Whittlsey, Jones, Talman, Kidd,

Child, Packard & Rochester. Vestrymen.

On motion the Vestry proceeded to the election of a treasurer & clerk. George R. Clark, was duly elected Treasurer & S. E. Rochester. Clerk.

On motion it was

Resolved. That a com. of three be appointed to care

the necessary repairs to be made in the tower of the Church including the fixtures for ringing the bell, & that the expense of such repairs be paid out of the fund subscribed for repairing & cleaning the Church.

Messrs Jones, Rochester & Packard. were appointed com.

On motion it was also

Resolved. That a com. of three be appointed to attend to all the other necessary repairs contemplated by the subscribers of the fund for repairs, & not embrace in the duty assigned the last mentioned com., & the com. appointed at the last meeting of the Vestry.

Messrs. Pitkin, Hoyt & Kidd were appointed the com.

Resolved. That the several coms on repairs of the Church make estimates of the expense & report at the next meeting of this body.

Resolved. That William Kidd be & he is hereby appointed Special Treasurer for the purpose of receiving & disbursing the fund subscribed for repairing & cleaning the Church.

Resolved. That Messrs Child & Talman be a com. to collect & pay over to W. Kidd the subscriptions for repairs &c

Adjourned.

S. E. Rochester. Clerk.

At a regular Meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry room on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1844.

Present. The Rector— Mr. Pitkin, Warden &

Messrs. Whittlsey, Packard, Hoyt & Rochester. Vestrymen

& quorum not being present, the Vestry adjourned to meet on Friday evening the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. at the office of Messrs Smith & Rochester.

S. E. Rochester.

Clerk.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the office of Messrs Smith & Rochester on the evening of April 26<sup>th</sup> 1844 at 7 1/2 O'clock.

Present

Mr. Pitkin - Warden &  
Messrs Child, Jones, Whittling, Packard & Rochester - Vestrymen.

The Clerk stated to the Vestry that Mr. Geo. R. Clark declined his appointment as Treasurer of the Corporation of St. Luke's Church whereupon on motion of Mr. Whittling it was

Resolved. That James M. Fish be and he is hereby elected Treasurer of the Corporation for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jones from Com. on repair & improvements of the lower of the Church reported the estimated expense thereof at \$75.

Dr. Whitehouse from Com. on new chancel, Pulpit & Desk trimmings &c reported the estimated expense thereof at \$265.

Mr. Pitkin from Com. on cleaning & painting Church & carpeting the Aisles &c reported the estimated expense of such cleaning, painting, varnishing, repairing windows & the scaffolding at \$650.

On motion it was

Resolved. That the said several Committees be allowed the respective amounts above estimated, from the fund subscribed for repairs &c on Church edifices. the aggregate amount being \$990.

Resolved. That the present outside Blinds of the windows be removed & disposed of, and that a Com. be appointed to estimate the expense of curtains for all the windows. and that the same Committee report upon the mode of improving the front yard of the Church & the expense thereof.

Messrs Packard, Whittling & Jones were appointed such Com.

Adjourned H. E. Rochester. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church held at the Vestry room May 6<sup>th</sup> 1844 at 9 O'clock A.M.

Present

Messrs Matthews &  
Pitkin - Warden &  
Jones, Hoyt, Packard, Child, Saluan, Whittling & Rochester - Vestrymen.

The following Resolutions & Letter to Dr. Whitehouse were submitted by Mr. Whittling for adoption by the Vestry.

The Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse D.D. having officiated as Rector of the Church for nearly fifteen years and having resigned that station in consequence of his acceptance of the Rectory of St. Thomas Church New York to take effect on the first day of May instant, and such resignation having been accepted by the Vestry of this Church and in consequence thereof the relation which had so long existed between him and this Congregation having been dissolved The Wardens & Vestry men of St. Luke's Church Rochester in reference to that event do resolve:

1. That the fidelity and signal ability with which the late Rector of this Church has discharged his duties towards this Congregation demands our warmest acknowledgements and that such devoted services have deserved as they have received their full reward with affectionate gratitude of this whole people.
2. That the labors of the late Rector the great almost beyond precedent have been crowned with gratifying and abundant success the blessed fruit of which we have witnessed in a constantly increasing congregation - in added temporal prosperity - in enlarged spiritual advancement and in the harvest which have been periodically gathered into the garner of the Church.
3. That we regret that the ties which have so long bound this people to their late pastor and which for so many years have been increasing & strengthening should be severed by any event. Yet the relation having been dissolved by his resignation accepted by the Vestry, we tender to our late Rector renewed assurances of our continued kindness and respect.



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226 That our best wishes will attend our late Rector to the new field of labor upon which he is about entering and wherever he may go he will be accompanied by our earnest prayers for his personal prosperity and happiness and for abundant success to his future labors in the Vineyard of his Divine Master.

Rev. A. A. B. Letter

The relation which for nearly fifteen years has existed between yourself as Rector and St. Luke Church Rochester has been dissolved. The endearing ties which for so long a time have been growing and strengthening have been finally severed - and you go to join a new people and we remain to look for a new Pastor. Tho' this event has long since been determined upon and known and our sentiments in relation to yourself have been before fully expressed - yet now that it has actually happened the Church Warden and Vestry men of St. Luke Church cannot refrain from again bearing testimony to the fidelity and ability with which you have discharged your duties as Rector of this Church. We cannot forbear to repeat our acknowledgements that your devoted and unceasing labors for so many years have been under the favor of heaven the principal cause of the temporal prosperity and spiritual advancement of this Church and Congregation. To those faithful services is it chiefly due that a church which you found comparatively feeble & weak you have strong, prosperous and influential.

We reflect with pleasure upon the harmony and unanimity which has characterized our whole long relationship as Rector and people and we regret that such a relationship has been terminated by any event. As however the dissolution has taken place and you are about to leave this field of your labors for a new sphere of duty we desire to tender to you in parting renewed assurance of our deserved esteem and affectionate respect. You will find them embodied briefly and faintly in resolutions herewith enclosed.

In the field of labor upon which you are about entering we wish you every success and wherever you go you will

be attended by our best wishes for your personal prosperity and happiness. May the God of Peace ever be with you and the Holy Spirit crown your future labors with success until you shall be called to receive that heavenly reward for those who have well done their Master's service.

On motion it was unanimously  
Resolved - That the said resolutions & letter be adopted by this body & that the clerk communicate copies thereof to Dr. Whitcomb.

Resolved - That Dr. Whitcomb be requested by the clerk to furnish this body with the statistics of his services as Rector of this Parish contained in his farewell sermon of yesterday.

Resolved - That the Treasurer & Mr. Pitkin be authorized to settle the amount due to our late Rector, & when the balance is liquidated, that the Treasurer execute a note therefor on behalf of this Corporation to Dr. Whitcomb bearing interest from the first day of May inst. payable at such time as Dr. W. may require.

Resolved. That when this body adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Thursday evening next (the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.) at the house of Gen. Matthews at 7 O'Clock, & that the clerk give due notice of such meeting.

Adjourned

A. G. Rochester

Clerk &c

