

COLONIAL CHURCHES IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

(Contributed by Mrs. N. E. Clement, Chatham, Va.)

FROM THE VESTRY BOOK OF CAMDEN PARISH.

At a Vestry held for Camden Parish at Pittsylvania Court-house the 14th day of July 1769.

Present John Donelson, John Pigg, Hugh Innes, Crispen Shelton, George Rowland, John Wilson, Thomas Dillard Junr, Abraham Shelton, Theophilus Lacy, and William Witcher Vestrymen.

The Rev^d James Stevenson having offered himself as minister of this Parish the 21st day of February last, is received by the Vestry and it is ordered that the usual sallery be paid him From the 21st day of Feby last. (Present James Stevenson).

ORDERED that John Donelson, Crispen Shelton, Thomas Dillard Jr. and Abram Shelton do fix on a Proper place between Abrahm Sheltons and Thomas Musteen's to let a Church.

ORDERED that a Church be built near where the Chappell stands on Snow Creek.

ORDERED that Theophilus Lacy, John Wilson and John Pigg or any two of them fix on some convenient place to build a church near a good spring below Sam'l Harriss' not to exceed a mile from said Harriss.

ORDERED that a Church be built at the most best and convenient spring near the Road Foard of Leatherwood Creek.

ORDERED that a Chappell of Ease be built near to Captain Haman Critz's.

ORDERED that a Chappell of Ease be built near to John Wilcox's place on the Pigg River Road convenient to a good spring.

ORDERED that John Donelson, Crispen Shelton, Thomas Dillard, jr. and Abram Shelton do let to the Lowest bidder the

building of the church ordered to be built near Tho^s Musteens the size to be 24 by 32 feet. A framed house with a clapboard roof a Plank floor with a Pulpit and desk two doors, five windows in it 12 feet in the Pitch with a Small Table and Benches in it.

ORDERED that Theophilus Lacy, John Wilson and John Pigg do let to the lowest Bidder the building of the Church near Sam'l Harriss the same size of the other thats to be built near Tho^s Musteens.

ORDERED that Hugh Innes and William Witcher do let to the lowest bidder the building of the church ordered to be built near Snow Creek Chappell—the size of the Former—

ORDERED that George Rowland, Peter Perkins and Robert Chandler do let to the lowest bidder the Church ordered to be built near the Road Foard of Leatherwood thesize of the former—

ORDERED that Hugh Innes and William Wicher let to the lowest Bidder the Chappell of Ease ordered to be built near John Willcoxs place the size to be 24 feet by 20 Round loggs for the Body a clap board Roof with Benches &c.

ORDERED that George Rowland and Robert Chandler do let to the lowest bidder the Chappell of Ease ordered to be built near Captain Haman Critz the same size of the other thats to be built near Willcoxs place—

ORDERED that the Rev^d James Stevenson preach at Edward Smiths instead of Holms Winns, and at Thomas Farris instead of Abram Shelton.

ORDERED that Lewis Morgan tend at Snow Creek Chappell when the Rev^d M. Stevenson preaches there and that he read Prayers the other Sundays at Wm. Hirds and at Potters Creek Schoolhouse.

ORDERED that John King Read prayers at Benjamin Terrys.

ORDERED that Thomas Flowers attend the Rev^d James Stevenson when he preaches at the Mayo Chappell and that he read prayers the other Sundays at George Rowlands and the horse Pasture.

ORDERED that John Casterson attend the Rev^d James Stevenson when he preaches at Edward Smiths and that he read prayers the other Sundays at George Chadwells—

ORDERED that John Fulton Read the Service of the Church of England every Sunday at Sandy River Meetinghouse.

ORDERED that Thomas Dillard Jun^r Selicit the Gentlemen of the Vestry of Antrim Parish in the Joining them to build a house for the poor and nothing further being offered these orders were signed by

James Stenenson Clk.

George RowlandC. W.

Abram Shelton

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Ben Lankford C. V. C. P.

At a Vestry held for Cambden Parish at Pittsylvania Courthouse the 12th day of September 1769. Present John Pigg, John Donelson, Hugh Innes, Crispen Shelton, George Rowland, John Wilson, Peter Perkins, Thomas Dillard, Jun. Abram Shelton, and William Witcher, Vestrymen.

The Church to be built by a Former order of Vestry near Tho^s Musteens be now built at the old muster place between Abram Shelton's and Stinking River, if the undertaker will agree without any further cost to the Parish.

The Church that was ordered to be built near the ford of Leatherwood by a former order Vestry is now ordered to be built convenient to a spring near John Acopps that Robert Chandler & Peter Copland shall chuse.

The Chappell of Ease that was to be built by a former order of Vestry near Willcox place is now ordered to be built at the most convenient spring near the Cross Roads called the Carolina and Chiswells Roads.

The Chappell that was to be built near Captain Haman Crites by a Former order of Vestry is now ordered to be built convenient to the first good spring four miles above the said Crites. If the undertaker will agree without any further Cost to the Parish.

The Church that was to be built near Sam'l Harris by former order of Vestry is now ordered to be built at the most

best and convenient spring between William Munkuser and Jacob Whitter's place, if the undertaker will agree without any further Expense to the Parish, and nothing further being offered these orders were signed by

Geo. RowlandC. W.

Abra Shelton ...

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At a Vestry Meeting held Jan. 26, 1770, the accounts for building the above Stated Churches and Chapels were paid, showing that the orders for building the Churches were immediately carried out.

P. S. I recently found our old Parish Register down in the basement of the Courthouse, After 1785 it had been used to keep the minutes of the Overseers of the Poor, and up to 1850 when the book closes, the minutes read "the overseers of the Poor of Cambdens Parish."

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