

At the request of our Pastor the Rev^d Geo. Foskett and
the Members of the Baptist Church of X^t, at Blisworth
I give a brief account of the introduction and continuation
of the Gospel in the village of Blisworth Northmth Shire.
viz; John Goodridge of Hartwell Chapel in said County Married
Miss Ann Blunt of said Parish, Took a Farm of His
Grace the Duke of Grafton, and came to reside at
Blisworth in 1780. The Gospel had been Preached in
the village some years before but how long cannot be
ascertained, however there was no Dissenting Minister
Preached at that time, I having left the Established
Church he became a Dissenter and finding three or four
in the village we met together at each others Houses at
different times for prayer meeting with encouragement.
we at length henc'd a dwelling House for evening
Preaching, a Mr. Peotree with other neighbouring Ministers
were invited to preach on Sabbath evenings and
occasionally on a week day eve. this appeared to be
attended with the Divine blessing, in this good work
we met with much opposition and persecution. the
Rector of the Parish were very much offended at the
growing Interest and sent for us to have it put a stop too

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And said that He would leave no stone unturned to prevent our having preaching we not agreeing to his wishes. He made such interest to the Duke's Steward that he soon got the conventicle from us has he called it (though we believe it was unknown to the Duke) so that for a time we had no licence'd place to meet in. However we continued our prayer meetings committing our cause to the Lord. and he soon opened up a way for us, in the year 1789 we requested the Rev^d Mr^r Goode Independant Minister of Pottersbury to apply to His Grace the Duke of Grafton to let us have the use of a Barn in the occupation of Robt^r Campion after much consideration it was generously granted, a part of which was filled up for a place of worship being duly licence'd it was opened for Baptist Dissenters to worship in Oct^r 1789 the Rev^d Mr^r Goode of Pottersbury preached from Remiah 2 Chap, V.10, and the Rev^d John Ryland of North^r late of Bristol D. D. preached Acts 11 Chap. V. 23. ^d after this time Rev^d W^m Heighton of Road North^r shire Preached once a month on the Sabbath Day Evening and

occasionally on a week day evening and on those Sabbaths when we had no Minister we constantly met for prayer and read a sermon. The congregation still increasing it became necessary to have the whole of the Barn, and Mr^r Heighton preached in it three Sabbath evenings out of four every Month, and the congregation still increased. He then preached every Sabbath evening, in 1807 a Sabbath School was established, and though for the first two Sabbaths there was but six or seven attended in a few weeks the number of Children ~~was~~ 50 or 60, several adults became serious and joined the Church at Road. — Some of the Sabbath School Children gave ^{appearance} hopefull of conversion. The spirit of hearing continued to increase, the meeting became so thronged that we were obliged to dismiss the greater part of the Sabbath School Children before the publick Worship began, this grieved us very much, — being convinced of the necessity of a larger place to worship in we consulted Mr^r Heighton who was our Pastor at that time, likewise other neighbouring Ministers and Friends who favoured our views, we purchased a piece of Land of Mr^r Goodridge Sen^r for ten pounds and built a Meeting House in 1825 thirty six feet square and fixed desks for the use of the Sabbath School there being 100 Children, we then requested our dismission from

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The Church of Christ at Road which was readily granted,
and we were formed into a Baptist Church commonly called
Calvinistic Nov^r. 7th 1825 consisting of Eleven Members.
after this we were supplied three times a Day on the Sabbath
and had the ordinance of the Lord's supper administered to us
once a Month by neighbouring Ministers who were settled Pastors
of Baptist Churches, mean while the Rev^d Geo. Foskett of
Newport Pagnell preached to us as a probationer. He being
acceptable was requested to get his Dismission from the Church
of Christ at Leighton Buzzard under the pastoral care of
Rev^d Thos. Wake and become a Member with us. He having
received an Honourable dismission with W^r Foskett
became our Pastor, & being Ordained Sept^r 6th 1826
The Rev^d J. Simmons Honey Stratford introduced the
Service with reading and prayer, the Rev^d J. Simmons Honey
stated the nature of a Christian Church and asked the usual
questions, the Rev^d W^m Heighton Road offered the Ordination
prayer, the Rev^d T. P. Bull Newport Pagnell delivered an
affectionate and impressive charge from 2 Timothy second 8 &
remember Jesus Christ, the Rev^d W^m Gray North^{ton} preached to
the Church from Hebrews 13 Ch. V. 22 former part suffer the word
of exhortation, the Rev^d J. Barker Towcester concluded with
prayer, in the evening the Rev^d T. W. Wake Rislingbury

- commenced the service by reading and prayer, the Rev^d Clarke
Gilsborough preached from Luke 13 Ch. 29 V. The Rev^d W. Hawkins
Towcester independent concluded, - though the Day was unfavour-
able the congregation was large and respectable the services of
the day were highly interesting the prospect a source of
encouragement to Ministers and people. — Our number
of Church Members September 1828 is Twenty four.
John Goodridge Sen^r { Deacons
W^m Goodridge {
George Foskett Pastor

Died Oct 5 1820 W^m John Goodridge
Sen^r, Deacon of the Church from its
commencement, after having been a
Member of the Church of Christ at Road 43 years and
a Deacon of that Church 29 years, —

Dismis^d our Broth Benj Campion
dead to the Church at Roode Dec - 15 1828.

Dec 31 1828 Received into communion
after having been Baptized.—

John Correll
Richard Pinfold

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W^m Hannah Russell having received
an honourable Dismission from the
Church of Christ at Roode was received
into our communion Jan 7 1829.
dead Hannah Russell her Mark X

May 3 1829 received into communion
by Baptism.—
Elizabeth Soper
Benj " Clark

At a church meeting held June 1-2 1829,
Will Wood was excommunicated after having
been suspended 10 months.

Departed this life July 27 1829 Alice Beacon
after a short and painful affliction. — dead

Eleanor Woodhouse having received
an honourable Dismission from the Church
of Christ at Roode was received into our
communion Oct 4 = 1829 Eleanor Woodhouse