

1865 to proceed in reference to said motions."

Which was referred to the following named Fairies to take into serious and careful consideration, and report to a future sitting of the Meeting, their judgment thereon viz: Prof. P. Allen, Edward Painter, Thomas W. Matthews, Samuel Townsend, Edward Thomas, Jacob Burrup, Elkana Tarrett, Saml M. Lawrence, Chalkley Gillingham, Wm. P. Steer, James M. Walker, Joseph D. Hanson, Joseph A. Smith, Thomas P. King, Isaac Linnis, David H. May, John W. Coates, John Marshall Rogers - Priest, Nathaniel Smith, Isaac Cook, Mrs. Hughes - Joshua Russell, Mel S. Wright, Joseph W. Spencer, Collet C. May, Jesse Underwood, Henry Liddings, Collet May, and John Underwood.

The Representatives were requested to confer together at the close of the sitting, and prepare at the opening at our next, the names of suitable Fairies to serve this Meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk the present year. They adjourned to 3 O'clock this afternoon.

Fairies gathered nearly present to adjournment, when Wm. P. Steer on behalf of the Representatives reported that they had conferred together, and had agreed to propose the names of Benjamin Hall, as for Clerk, and David Bacon for assistant Clerk, who being separately considered, were approved by the Meeting, and the Fairies named and accordingly appointed to those stations for the present year.

The following was contained in the report from - Fairfax Quarterly Meeting viz:

"A report was submitted in the report at this time received from Hopwood Monthly Meeting, from a committee of Central Preparatory Meeting upon the subject of the restoration and the prospect of rebuilding Central Meeting House in the town of Winchester, which report is as follows viz:

In tracing the history of the destruction of the Meeting House, we find it was first occupied as an hospital, for a few weeks by the Southern army, in the summer of 1864, but was left by them in a pretty good condition. Meeting was held there afterwards, and

the 13th of 3rd Mo 1862. in which day Genl. Banks' army arrived in Winchester. As soon as we saw resolute in the next day (the 13th) the Military authorities demanded the key, and took possession of the House. The house was occupied it afterwards.

The entire fencing around the lot, with a portion of the inside ends of the building, was destroyed by the soldiers during the time they occupied the town.

We find that in the winter of 1862. '63 whilst Genl. Gibbons' forces occupied the town the remainder of the inside woodwork including the windows and door frames, was destroyed by the soldiers.

The walls of the building remained standing until about the 9th of Mo 1863. when they fell down. After the fall of the walls the remaining materials were either used or destroyed by a portion of the citizens of the time.

There was no army here at that time.

Your Committee upon examining the premises find no part of the building left, but a small portion of the foundation wall.

With regard to the cost of the building your Committee would express the opinion, that considering the high prices of materials and labor it will require \$2500 or \$3000 to replace it.

We would also express the opinion, in which we believe the entire Meeting will unite, that the new Meeting House should be located in a more convenient, and central part of the town.

Winchester Va 8th Mo 9th 1865

Charles L. Woods

John W. Harris

"Upon consideration the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting was directed to forward a copy of the preceding report to the Yearly Meeting, thus recommending the subject to its consideration; the Members of Central Meeting not feeling able, under their present straitened circumstances to proceed in the matter without pecuniary assistance."

The subject claiming the consideration of the Yearly Meeting it was referred to the following Fairies viz:

Joseph Houlton, Joseph Matthews, John David D. J. Bunting, Hugh Linnis, Henry S. Taylor, James C. Lawrence, Thomas Wright, Cyrus Forest, Joshua Russell, Nathaniel Smith, Daniel Harris, David Pyle, Lord Smalley, Joseph Thomas, David Phillips, Nathan Brown, Joseph M. Spencer, Henry Liddings and Jesse Underwood who were directed to report to a future sitting, what action in their judgment, it would be proper for this Meeting to take in the case.