

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

## REGISTERS AND RECORDS

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At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 13 Day of December 1812.

Present

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel White D.D. In the Chair -  
James Abel  
John Watts  
and  
Robert Watts

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed -

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees produced his account which was examined and found - and the Balance remaining in his Hands amounted to the sum of £171.11.1.

At this Meeting it was reported that Mr. Edward Page had resigned the Care and Management of the Roof of the Church and the copper it contained -

Ordered -

That Mr. Page Peppitt be appointed to such Care and Management in the Care of the said Roof at the usual Salary of £8.5.0 per annum from Lady Day last -

Ordered -

That Mr. Craggs the Organist do engage some Competent Pupil to keep the Organ in Tune and that the Pupil is to be engaged at the same the Annual sum of £4.4.0 from Christmas next -

Ordered -

That the Salary of Mr. Craggs the Organist be raised from £35.3.0 to £36 per annum from Christmas next and that in Consideration thereof the Organist do perform while the Congregation are quitting the Church after Divine Service in the Afternoon -

Affirmed -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1813.

Present

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel White D.D. In the Chair -

James Abel  
George Bogg  
John Watts  
Robert Watts  
George Payne... } Churchwardens.  
John Seccombe... }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed -

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and also on this Day - and to notice sent to the respective Trustees, on Special Business -

At this Meeting the Treasurer produced two Accounts, the one of Mr. John Grainge and the other of Mr. Thomas Hunt for the Inspection of the Trustees previous to the Payment thereof, but such Inspection was postponed until Sunday next -

The Treasurer produced a Letter which he had received from Mr. Henry Craggs the Organist and the same having been Read it was Ordered - That a Copy of the same should be entered among the Minutes of this Meeting as follows viz: "John Watts Esq<sup>r</sup>. Church Row. Hampstead - Saturday Dec<sup>r</sup> 19. 1812. Sir. D<sup>r</sup> White having communicated to me the Wish of the Trustees of Hampstead Church that a voluntary should be played on every Sunday afternoon after the Sermon for which the Salary of Organist is to be increased to £36 per annum to commence from this present Christmas. I address these lines to inform you that I agree to the proposed for the above mentioned Salary - I have informed Mr. Bell the Organ Builder that the Gentlemen the Trustees will allow the sum of Four Guineas annually for keeping the organ in Tune which he will attend to according to your W<sup>l</sup>ble Servt "Henry Craggs" -

This Meeting the Trustees took into Consideration the decayed State  
of part of the Stone on the North Side of the Church yard ....  
(immediately in front of part of the traditional Burial Ground)  
and Mr Henry White, Successor having prepared several  
Estimates of the Expense of a new fence and the Trustees having  
taken the same respectively into Consideration it was.

*Resolved*

That the fence on such part of the North Side of the  
Church yard be taken down and that such part be inclosed with  
Cast Iron Paliade Fencing on a Dwarf Brick Wall with ....  
Portland Stone Capping, the Expence of which according to the  
plan prepared is estimated at about £137 - That a Specification  
for such work be prepared by Mr Henry White and that notice  
thereof be sent by the Secretary to the respective Bricklayers -  
Stone Masons and Ironmongers residing within this Parish  
for their Consideration previous to the next Meeting of the  
Trustees and that the proportion for such work be sent to John  
Watt Esquire the Treasurer, /

The Trustees present at this Meeting took into ....  
Consideration the Propriety of electing Trustees in the  
room of such as are Dead, but as such election cannot  
take place until the Number of Trustees is reduced to Seven  
including the Minister and Churchwardens and five only  
of such Trustees being Dead the Number is not reduced to  
seven, but inasmuch as Sir Francis Weller Knight and  
Isiah Boydell Esquire two other of the Trustees having for a  
considerable Time, resided out of the Parish and it being  
inconvenient for them to attend the Meetings of the  
Trustees it was.

*Resolved*

That the Secretary do write to Sir Francis Weller  
Knight and Isiah Boydell Esquire and communicate these  
Circumstances to them and request to know if it is quite  
agreeable to them to resign their situations as Trustees in  
order thereby to enable the remaining Trustees to proceed to  
the election of other Gentlemen resident in the Parish in their  
room and in the room of such as are dead, /

At this Meeting the Trustees also took into Consideration  
the propriety of Paying off the sum of £150 owing by them  
to the Minister and Churchwardens of this Parish and  
secured upon certain Pews in the Church and for which  
sum the Trustees pay Interest at 4% per cent and  
thereupon it was.

*Resolved*

That such sum of £150 be paid off forthwith and  
that so much of the Stock in the Bank belonging to the Trustees  
as will be of the value of £100 Sterling be transferred unto  
and into the names of the Reverend Samuel White D.D. the  
Minister of this Parish and Mr George Payne and Mr John  
Severs the present Churchwardens. And that so much of ....  
such Stock as will be of the value of £50 Sterling be also  
transferred unto and into the names of them the said  
Samuel White, George Payne and John Severs as such  
Minister and Churchwardens aforesaid to be by them  
applied upon and for the Trust and Purposes thereof,

*Ordered*

That the Secretary do write to Mr Robt Broder  
for the arrears due from him for Pew Rent and to acquaint  
him that unless such Arrears, being one year and Half at  
Michaelmas last / are paid without further Delay the Trustees  
will take Possession of the Pew, /

*Adjourned to Sunday next, to meet in the  
vestry Room immediately after Divine Service  
in the forenoon, /*

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of  
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex.  
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday  
the 17. of January 1813.,

Present.

The Rev<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Wick - In the Chair -  
James Alice  
George Collings  
John Watts  
Robert Watts  
John Seans - Guardian -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were Read  
and Confirmed -

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment and  
to notice sent to the respective Trustees relative to a New...  
Fence on the North Side of the Church yard and on other  
specie Buildings.

At this Meeting the Account of Mr. John Gringe and  
the Account of Mr. Thomas Hunt, which were produced by the  
Surveyor at the last Meeting, were inspected by the Trustees and  
Gringe and Mr. Hunt advised respecting such respective  
accounts and thereupon it was -

Moved -

That the same be paid with the other accounts produced  
by the Surveyor on the 13<sup>r</sup> of December last.,

and upon taking into Consideration the Expenses lately paid  
to Mr. Thomas Hunt for keeping the Church yard Clean and in  
Repair, it was agreed that it be recommended to the Churchwardens  
to allow in future a Salary for that purpose -

In Henry White the Surveyor, attended and reported that  
pursuant to the Resolution of the Trustees made at their last  
Meeting he had prepared the Specification therein directed for  
the New Fence on part of the North Side of the Church yard.,

The Secretary reported that according to the Directions of the  
Trustees he sent Notice of such Specification to the following -

Bricklayers, Stone Mason and Ironmongers residing within the  
Parish, viz: - Bricklayers - Thos. Read, Geo. Alice, James Price -  
John Duncan, Wm. Harrison Edmund Price and Percy Peppiatt -  
Stone Mason, John Field and Ironmongers, Geo. Watson,  
Ralph Mathin, James Craft and Wm. Steaten and which Notice  
was sent on the 11. Instant and communicated to them that the  
Trustees would meet on Sunday the 17. Instant immediately  
after Divine Service in the Church to agree with some competent  
Persons for about five Acres of Cast Iron Palisade Fencing or  
a Door of Brick, late with Portland Stone Coping for inclosing  
part of the North Side of the Church yard, that such Communication  
was made to them for their Examination previous to such Meeting -  
that the Specification was with Mr. White Surveyor who would  
give any further Information required and that all proposals were  
to be sent to John Watts Esquire Surveyor to the Trustees -

John Watts Esquire the Surveyor laid before the Trustees the Proposals  
which he had received for making such Fence and of which the  
following is an account viz:-

Bricklayers -

Geo. Read - agreeable to Plan and Specification, at £10. 0. 0  
James Price - agreeable to Particulars, - - - - D. - - £21. 10. 0  
Stone Mason

John Field - agreeable to Plan and Specification, Viz: - £. S. D.  
Portland Stone Posts, Step &c. at £100 Cube ..... 6.  
Plain work ..... £100 Sq. Yds ..... 1.  
Sunk work ..... Diffr ..... 1. 3  
Chamfer ..... £100 Cub ..... 3  
Portland Stone Coping, Burned & Threaded, D. ..... 4. 6  
Stiles for Palisade ..... Each ..... 2  
D. for Slanted & Base Bars ..... D. ..... 3  
Portland Cop. to Posts ..... D. ..... 2. 2  
Setting in Posts and Steps for Gate Each ..... 1.  
Taking off old, replacing Old Cop. to Pier ..... 1. 6

Ironmongers.

George Watson - Palisade Fence, lead & fixing at £1000 per Run ..... 11. 6  
The gates with Lock & Stay Bar, at ..... 1. 5.  
Recommended Weight Iron Gates, difference about ..... 4. 4.

William Stanton - Cost from Railing including Gates  
agreement to Plan of Frost, raining - - - - } 13 .. 6.

And upon reading such respective Proposals and upon taking  
the same into Consideration it was.

Resolved -

That Mr. Thomas Reed be employed to do the Brick-  
work for such Service according to the Specification at £18 --  
After he engaging to use good hard grey Stocks -

That Mr. John Field be employed to do the Stone Masons  
Work for such Service according to the Specification at the  
respective Price mentioned in his Proposal -

And that Mr. George Watson be employed to do the  
Iron Work for such Service according to the Specification at  
11/6 of Frost Rent and that the Date be made of wrought Iron.

Resolved -

That all such Work be done by the respective  
Tradesmen under the Superintendance and Directions of  
Mr. Henry White, Surveyor -

The Secretary also reported that pursuant to the Orders  
of the Trustees at their last Meeting he on the 12 Instant -  
forwarded to Sir Francis Willes Knight and Josiah Boydell -  
copies the Communication directed to be made to them ---  
relative to their resigning their Situations as Trustees of the  
Church and had received no Answer thereto from each of them  
which were read and Copies thereof ordered to be inserted among  
the Minutes of this Meeting as follows viz - (Copy of Letter  
from Sir F. Willes Esq: - "Charles Street, Berkely Square Jan: 7  
1813. Sir - I take first opportunity of acknowledging the  
Rec: of your Letter of the 12 Instant and tho' I did occasionally  
as a Magistrate of the County of Middlesex at Hampstead and  
have not given up all thought of residing there, yet if it is  
thought proper & convenient for the present Trustees of the  
Church to Chase any Body else in my Room, I am ready to  
resign that Situation as I accepted of it without any Personal  
View, to take a Share in the Trouble & Duties of the Office as a  
Parochian, in Addition to those I discharged in my - - -

"Magisterial Capacity, but I must beg leave to remark that to the  
best of my Recollection if the Trustees will take the trouble of  
looking over their Official Book they will find Precedents of -  
"Trustees being Elected without their Number being reduced to  
"Seven. I am Sir, your very humble Servt J. Wiles - Mr. Wm.  
Masters Hampstead - Middlesex" / Copy of Letter from  
Josiah Boydell Esq: / "Stepherton, Mar: 7. 1813.  
"Dear Sir - It has been frequently in my Contemplation to have  
written to you upon the Subject of your Letter, but from  
"Illness and the Effect of the Medicines I unfortunately -  
"am obliged to have recourse to, and which I am sorry to -  
"say / when under their Influence / my recollection is not so  
"perfect, has unintentionally led me to forget the Subject -  
"I am perfectly of Opinion that Sir Francis and myself being  
"removed out of the Parish, it will be proper we should resign  
"our Trust, which I hereby do in Order that such may be -  
"appointed who reside on the Spot and who by that means -  
"may be of Service to the Concern - I beg you will present my  
"Respect to the remaining Gentleman of the Trust & advise him -  
"I shall always bear in Remembrance, let me be far or near of the  
"Friendship I have at all Times experienced from them, & that I do  
"not entirely give up my Hopes of one Day or other being again -  
"a Resident of that Parish its Inhabitants among whom I -  
"resided with Pleasure for so many Years. I remain Dr: S: Your  
"Obed: Sub: Serv: Josiah Boydell - Wm: Masters New Rd: Hampstead  
"Middlex."

The Secretary likewise reported that on the 12. Instant he wrote  
to Mr. Robert Brown for the Dues due from him for Pew Rent  
but had not received such Dues nor any Answer from him -  
thereon and therefore it was -

Resolved -

That the Secretary do send Notice to Mr. Brown that unless  
such Dues are paid on or before the 24 Instant, Possession of the  
Pew occupied by him will be taken on Behalf of the Trustees -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1813.

*Pastor.*

The Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> White... In the Chair -  
James Adel  
George Bellings  
John Watts and  
Robert Watts.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and also on this Day and to Notice sent to the respective Trustees or Special Friends

At this Meeting John Watts Esquire the Treasurer communicated to the Trustees that at Midsummer last the Front of the Pew No<sup>o</sup> 32 in the South Gallery was let to James Robison Esquire who took Possession of the same, and that at Christmas last the Front of the Pew No<sup>o</sup> 35 in the same Gallery became vacant which at Lady Day last was let to Miss Sister as being next in Rotation who took Possession thereof. That Mr Robison had since such letting to Miss Sister taken Possession of the Front of the Pew No<sup>o</sup> 35 without any Consent of the Treasurer or any other Trustee and claimed a Right to take the same in Exchange for his Front of the Pew No<sup>o</sup> 32 and upon taking such Communication into Consideration it was -

*Resolved.*

That Miss Sister do hold the Front of the Pew No<sup>o</sup> 35 as let to her at Lady Day last and that James Robison Esquire do hold the Front of the Pew No<sup>o</sup> 32 as let to him at Midsummer last, but that Mr Robison be at liberty to exchange such Front of the Pew No<sup>o</sup> 32 for any other Front or Pew in the Gallery which shall first become vacant and that the Secretary do communicate the same to Mr Robison.

At this Meeting it was Reported by the Treasurer that pursuant to the Resolution of the Trustees at their General Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January last the sum of £234:15:6 Three P<sup>c</sup>ents Consolidated Bank Annuities / Part of the sum of £900 £3 P<sup>c</sup>ents belonging to the Trustees had been transferred into the Names of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel White D<sup>r</sup> George Taylor and Mr John Isaacs the Minister and Churchwardens of this Parish which at the Market Price of £58:17:6 P<sup>c</sup>ents on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March last the Duty of such Transfer amounted to the two sums of £100 and £50. That £450 Three P<sup>c</sup>ents other Part of the said sum of £900 Stock had been transferred into the Names of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel White D<sup>r</sup> James Adel John Watts and Robert Watts Esquires as Trustees of the Church and that £195:4:6 Three P<sup>c</sup>ents residue of the said sum of £900 Stock had been sold and the produce thereof received by him the Treasurer -

At this Meeting the Bills of the respective Tradesmen employed to make the new Pews on the North Side of the Church Yard were produced to the Trustees and which had been examined by Mr Henry White the Surveyor and of which the following is an account viz: £: s: d:

Thomas Reed ... Bricklayer	- - - - -	21	- 4	- 10
John Field ... Stone Mason	- - - - -	35	- 16	- 10
George Watson ... Smith	- - - - -	56	- 1	- 11
Samuel Stadcock Painter	- - - - -	3	- 11	- 0
Total	£	116	- 15	- 3

and Whereupon it was -

That the Treasurer be requested to discharge such Bills.

*Resolved.*

*Adjourned.*

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 16. of May 1813.

Present

John Watts Esquire - In the Chair -  
James Abell Esquire  
George Collings Esquire  
and  
Robert Watts Esquire -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel this Day and to Notice sent to the respective Trustees on Special Business.

The Secretary reported that pursuant to the Order of the Trustees made at their last Meeting he, on the 26 of April last forwarded to James Robson Esquire the Communication directed to be made to him relative to the two Pews N<sup>o</sup>. 35 and N<sup>o</sup>. 32 and had received an Answer thereto, which was read and a Copy thereof ordered to be Entered among the Minutes of this Meeting as follows Viz: "Hampstead 26 April - 1813. Mr. Master. Sir - I am in Receipt of your Letter of this Days Date communicating to me a Resolution of the Trustees of the Church without assigning any Reason for their having departed from their previously prescribed Regulations as to Priority of Claim and of Application. I was left uninformed of the Motive of their Resolution - I beg to declare to you that I cannot accede to it. and - That I shall retain Possession of the Pew N<sup>o</sup>. 35 as --- previously permitted to do by the Treasurer on my - requesting it of him. I am Sir Your Obediently James. Robson" and such Answer and the Communication made by the Treasurer at the last Meeting respecting such Pew and the Resolution then made thereon ~~~~

having been taken into Consideration it was -  
Resolved unanimously -

That a Lock be put on the Door of the Pew N<sup>o</sup>. 35 and the Key given to Miss Master and that a Letter be written by the Secretary to James Robson Esquire in the following Words Viz: "Hampstead 16 May 1813. - Sir. The Tenant of the Pew N<sup>o</sup>. 35 in the South Gallery - having been disposed of by the Treasurer to the Trustees of the Church, to Miss Master and since confined to her by a General Meeting of the Trustees, of which you have been regularly informed by me at their desire, notwithstanding which you still persist to occupy it. - I am now advised by the Trustees to inform you that a Lock will be put on the Door of such Pew. - the Key given to Miss Master and the Pew Occupier desired not to admit any other Person into that Pew. - I am Sir. Your most Obedt. W<sup>t</sup>. Master. Secretary - James Robson Esquire"

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of  
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex  
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on --  
Sunday the 17 Day of April 1814.

Present

The Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> White Minister In the Chair.  
John Watts Esquire.  
Robert Watts Esquire  
and  
John Sturzett Church Warden.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and Confirmed -

The Secretary reported that pursuant to the Resolution  
of the Trustees passed at their last General Meeting he  
on the 17 of May 1813 wrote to James Robison Esquire the  
Letter directed by the Trustees to be sent to him respecting  
the Pew No: 35.

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees  
produced his account which was examined and Report  
and the Balance remaining in his Hands ---  
amounted to the sum of £69-10-7-1/2

At this Meeting it was represented to the Trustees by the  
Minister and Curate that the Heat of the Church was very  
offensive to them during the Summer Season and they  
applied to have the Church ventilated whereupon it was

Ordered -

That Mr Henry White the Surveyor be requested to view  
the same and to make his Report thereon and on the probable  
expence thereof -

The Collector of the Pew Rent reported that on Application to  
James Abel Esq<sup>r</sup> for the sum of the Pew No: 5 due at Michaelmas  
last he received a Message that such Rent would not be paid until  
he had an Account of the Pew which was promised him but the  
Trustees were unacquainted with any such Promise -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of  
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex  
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1814.

Present

The Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> White Minister In the Chair -  
James Abel Esquire  
John Watts Esquire  
Robert Watts Esquire  
John Harrett  
and William Nicholls } Churchwardens.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and Confirmed -

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in  
the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and also on  
this day and to Notice sent to the respective Trustees

At this Meeting it was again represented to the Trustees  
by the Minister and Curate that the inconvenience still  
continued respecting the Intense Heat of the Church  
and it was reported that two Ventilators had been ordered  
and procured the expence of which with Cylinders  
would amount to about £21 exclusive of the  
Bachplayers Work whereupon in consequence of the  
same having been procured it was

Agreed -

That such Ventilators be fixed in the most  
eligible Part of the Church under the Direction of  
Mr Henry White the Surveyor -

Ordered -

That a Copy of the first Deed relative to the Pew  
of the Church be made for James Abel Esquire so as to enable  
him to make any Claim he may have to a Pew in the  
Church -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held...  
in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday...  
the 8 Day of January 1805.

### Present

The Rev'd D'Wile Minister / In the Chair -  
John Watts Esquire  
Robert Watts Esquire  
John Harwell ...  
and  
Richard Hayford } Clerks or Readers

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed -

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and also on this Day and to notice sent to the respective Trustees.

At this Meeting it was reported by the Collector of the Pew Rent that the Rent of the Pew N° 5 occupied by James Noel Esquire was still in arrear and that no legal claim to such or any other Pew had yet been made by him and it appearing to the Trustees that the Pew N° 5 was allotted in the year 1747 to an original Subscriber, the Trustees on taking the matters into Consideration -

*R*esolved - That the Secretary do write to James Noel Esq: and communicate to him the several Circumstances affecting such Pew and his alleged Claim and to request him either to produce his legal Claim or pay the Pew Rent now in arrear -

At this Meeting it was stated to the Trustees by the Treasurer that the Expenses relative to the Church, - Church-gear and Incidents were considerably increased and were likely so to continue and it appearing to the Trustees that they had no means of meeting such

increased Expenses unless by raising the present Rent of the Pew Pews it was therefore -

### Resolved -

That the Trustees do meet on Sunday the 22<sup>d</sup> instant to take into Consideration the propriety of raising the Rent of the Pew Pews in Consequence of such increased Expenses -

At this Meeting Charles Holloft Esquire applied to the Trustees for leave for the Managers of the Parochial Schools to take part of two of the Pew Pews N° 46 and N° 51 in the West Gallery for the purpose of enabling sufficient Seats to be made at the end of such Gallery for the accommodation of the Children of such Schools but the consideration of such Application was postponed -

### Ordered -

That two convenient Benches be properly fixed at the back of the Pew N° 59 and N° 94 for the accommodation of Persons who have no Seats in the Church -

### Ordered -

That Enquiry be made by the Secretary respecting the small Pew N° 47 in the West Gallery and as to the Right of the present Occupier thereof.

Adjourned to Sunday the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant, to meet in the Vestry Room immediately after Divine Service in the Evening -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of  
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held  
in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 22<sup>d</sup>  
Day of January 1805.

Deputed

The Rev. D<sup>r</sup>. White Minister in the Church -  
James Abel Esq<sup>r</sup>  
George Collings Esq<sup>r</sup>  
John Watts Esquire  
Robert Watts Esquire  
and  
Richard Starford Churchwarden.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and Confirmed -

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment -  
and to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on  
Sunday last and also on this Day and to Notice sent to  
the respective Trustees -

The Secretary reported that pursuant to the Resolution  
of the Trustees passed at their last general Meeting he on the  
7<sup>th</sup> instant communicated to James Abel Esq<sup>r</sup> by  
Letter the several Circumstances dictated by the Trustees  
to be made to him respecting the Pews No<sup>r</sup> 5. and the  
areas of the said Pew of which had not received any  
Answer thereto - But at this Meeting Mr. Abel was  
present and stated to the Trustees that he was not  
as yet prepared to give his Answer -

The Secretary also reported that he had made  
Enquiry respecting the said Pew No<sup>r</sup> 5 in the West  
Gallery and had found that the present Occupier thereof  
had no legal Right thereto and therefore it was -

Resolved -

That the Trustees do immediately take  
possession of the same -

At this Meeting John Watts Esquire the Treasurer to the  
Trustees produced his Account which was examined and  
Passed and the Balance remaining in his Hands -  
amounted to the sum of £0-3-11-2

At this Meeting the Trustees took into Consideration the  
Necessity of raising the Rent of the Pew Dow in  
Consequence of the increased Expenses of the Church -  
Church-Yard and Incidents and thereupon it was -

Resolved -

That from Lady Day next the Annual Rents of  
the Pew Dow be increased as follows Viz. Such Dow  
as at present pay Three Guineas to pay Six Guineas such  
Dow as at present pay Two Guineas to pay Three Guineas  
and so in Proporation for all the other Pew Dow's. And  
that all Dow or Seats occupied by the Servants of ladies  
or gentlemen be also paid for in future by the Master or  
Mistress of such Servant -

That Double Seats be added to all the Windows in the  
Gallery to form a Line with the other Gallery Seats -

At this Meeting the Trustees took into Consideration the  
application made at the last Meeting for leave to take part  
of the two Pews No<sup>r</sup> 46 and 50 in the West Gallery for the  
accommodation of the Sunday, Parochial and Day Schools  
and thereupon and upon Inspection of such and other  
Pews in the Gallery it was -

Resolved -

That the Back Seats of the Pews No<sup>r</sup> 46 & 50 and the whole of  
the Pew No<sup>r</sup> 47 & 51 may be appropriated by the Managers of  
such Schools for the accommodation of the Children thereof  
and that the necessary alterations for the same be under  
the Superintendance of The Rev<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup>. White, Charles Starford  
Esquire and W<sup>r</sup> Henry White /

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1815.

Present

The Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> White Minister in the Chair.  
James Abel Esquire  
John Watts Esquire  
Robert Watts Esquire  
and  
Richard Hayford Churchwarden.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and also on this Day and to Notice sent to the respective Trustees on General Business.

Resolved That the Vacant Pews hereafter mentioned be offered in the following Rotation. Viz:

No 25 late Henry Carter Esq<sup>r</sup> to John Moore Jun<sup>r</sup> Esquire  
No 26 late John Miller Esq<sup>r</sup> to Mr Thomas Moore  
No 29 late J. C. M. Mar to W<sup>r</sup> George Payne and  
No 35 late W<sup>r</sup> C. Hovey to Paul Storr Esquire.

That the allowance to the Secretary for acting as such in future and for preparing the Receipts for the future Pew Rents be continued at Eight Guineas - £8<sup>r</sup> Ann<sup>r</sup>. And that John Adams be allowed Four Quincaff Ann<sup>r</sup> for receiving the future Pew Rents.

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1815.

Present

John Watts Esquire. In the Chair.

Robert Watts Esquire

Richard Hayford

and

Francis Colman } Churchwardens.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were Read.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and also on this Day and to Notice sent to the respective Trustees to Audit the Account of the Treasurer and on other Business but the purposes for which such Meeting was held, were adjourned until Sunday next.

Adjourned to Sunday next the 17<sup>th</sup> instant to meet in the Vestry Room immediately after Divine Service in the forenoon.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1815.

Present.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> White Minister In the Chair.  
George Collings Esquire  
John Watts Esquire  
Robert Watts Esquire  
Richard Harford  
and  
James Coleman } Churchwardens.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October last were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment to audit the Account of the Treasurer and on other Business.

At this Meeting John Watts Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees produced his Account which was Examined and Passed and the Balance remaining in his Hands amounted to the Sum of £29-11-6

Present.

That at the next General Meeting the surviving Trustees of the Church do nominate and appoint New Trustees in the Room of such as are Dead or have Resigned.

Adjourned so Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> instant to meet in the Vestry Room immediately after Divine Service in the Forenoon -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of December 1815.

Present

John Watts Esquire In the Chair.  
James Abel Esquire  
George Collings Esquire  
Robert Watts Esquire  
Richard Harford  
and  
James Coleman } Churchwardens.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and on this Day and to Notice sent to the surviving Trustees "To Nominate and appoint New Trustees in the Room of such as are Dead or have Resigned" in pursuance whereof the surviving Trustees present at this Meeting proceeded to such Nomination and Appointment and whereon it was -

Resolved unanimously

That the following Gentlemen being respectively Electors and Inhabitants in the Parish of Saint John Hampstead aforesaid and otherwise specially duly qualified to be and they are hereby elected nominated and appointed new Trustees of the Church of this Parish during such Time as they respectively continue to be Inhabitants in the said Parish that is to say - Charles Eastcote Esquire in the Room John Peacock Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased Charles Holford Esq<sup>r</sup> ... Ditto ... Geo<sup>r</sup> Glegg Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased Thomas Wilson Esquire ... Ditto ... Wm Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased Thomas Syfford Esquire ... Ditto ... Geo<sup>r</sup> Goodwin Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased Thomas Robert Esq<sup>r</sup> ... Ditto ... W<sup>r</sup> Hawker Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased R. Cumber & W<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> ... Ditto ... Thos Penney Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased

and Henry White Esquire in the Room of Josiah Boyce Esq: resigned.  
to be added to the surviving Trustees and it was-

*Ordered.*

That the Secretary do communicate to the  
said Charles Earlewright, Charles Holford, Thomas  
Wilson, Thomas Shippard, Thomas Roberts, Michael  
Cumberledge Price and Henry White such Notice  
of election, Nomination and appointment of Trustees  
of the said Church during such Time as they may  
respectively still continue to be Inhabitants in the  
said Parish.

Having been Resolved at a Meeting held on the  
29<sup>th</sup> of October last that the Allowance to the Secretary for  
acting as such in future and for preparing the Receipts  
for the future Pew Rents should be Continued at Eight  
Guineas & Pannum and that John Adams should be  
allowed Two Guineas & Pannum for receiving the future  
Rents and such former Resolution having been taken into  
consideration it was-

*Resolved.*

That the Secretary do act as such and as  
Collector and Receiver of the Pew Rents also that  
the allowance for the same be of Twelve Guineas  
& Pannum and that the Secretary be responsible for  
all the Money to be collected for such Pew Rents until  
paid over to the Treasurer.

*Adjourned.*

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of  
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex  
held in the vestry Room of such Church on  
Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June 1816.

*Present*

Charles Earlewright Esquire in the Chair.

Charles Holford Esquire

Thomas Shippard Esquire

John White Esquire

Thomas Wilson Esquire

Henry White Esquire

Richard Harpur

and } Churchwardens  
William Greening }  
William Greening

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in  
the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and also on this  
Day and to Notice sent to the respective Trustees to Audit  
the account of the Treasurer and on other Business.

John White Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees produced  
his account which was examined and Passed and thereupon  
it appeared that he was in Advance for the Trustees to  
the amount of 4/4/-

At this Meeting was read so much of the Three  
last Deeds of the Church as related to the Application  
of the Money arising by letting the Pew Rents and  
thereupon it was voted to the Trustees that various  
Charges and Expenses, whether expressed or implied in  
or by either of such Deeds, had for many years past  
been paid by the Treasurer to the Trustees out of such  
Money and that similar Claims were now made on  
the Treasurer and whereupon it was-

*Resolved.*

That the Payment of the present Claims

for such Charges and Expences be postponed until  
after the next general Meeting of the Trustees and  
that in the mean Time the Secretary do examine the  
Minutes and Proceedings of the Trustees and report  
to the Trustees whether any, and if any what  
Resolution Determination or Order has heretofore  
been made by the Trustees for Payment of similar  
Charges and Expenses.

Adjourned to Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of July next.  
To meet in the Vestry Room immediately after  
Divine Service in the forenoon.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church  
of Saint John Hampstead in the County of  
Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such  
Church on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1816,

Present

The Rev<sup>D</sup> White the Minister In the Chur-

George Collings Esquire  
Charles Holroyd Esquire  
Thomas Roberts Esquire  
Thomas Gaylard Esquire  
Robert Watt Esquire  
and  
Henry White Esquire

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment,  
to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last  
and on this day and to Notice sent to the respective  
Trustees on general Business.

At this Meeting it was reported by the Secretary  
that pursuant to the Resolution of the Trustees made at  
their last general Meeting he had examined all the  
former Minutes and Proceedings of the Trustees without  
finding any direct Resolution, Determination or Order of  
the Trustees for Payment of Charges and Expenses to those  
mentioned in the Minutes of the last Meeting but that  
he had found among such Minutes and Proceedings  
and in the Account of the Expenditure of the Parish Money  
Payments of similar Charges and Expenses for several  
of Past Years was not equal in amount to the late  
Charges and Expenses and whereupon it was -

Agreed.

That the present Claim for such Charges and  
Expenses be paid as herefore -

It having been resolved by the Trustees at a General Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1795 that when the Churchwardens perceived any Expenses wanting in or about the Church they should Report the same to the Trustees before the same were made agreeable to the constant Custom observed from the first Building of the Church and it being stated at this Meeting that considerable incidental Charges and Expenses had been incurred by some of the Churchwardens without previously reporting the same to or taking the Opinion of the Trustees thereon before the incurring thereof it was therefore -

*Resolved.*

That if in future any Churchwarden shall make or do any Expens or incur any incidental Charges or Expenses in or about the Church exceeding the sum of Five Pounds without previously reporting the same to and obtaining the Order or authority of the Trustees for the Making or doing thereof that the same shall not be paid by the Trustees out of the Trust Money and that the Secretary do send a copy of this Resolution to every succeeding Churchwarden.

At this Meeting it was stated that one quinea & 10 pence was the sum at present paid by the Trustees for Ringing the Bell on Sundays for Divine Service but that no allowance was made to any one for ringing the Bell on Prayer Days, Saint Days Thanksgiving Days or Days Days and on taking the same into consideration it was -

*Resolved.*

That the Bell Ringer be in future paid the sum of Three quineas & 10 pence for Ringing the Bell on all the occasions above mentioned & being also stated to the Trustees at this Meeting that there was no regular Salary for the Church of this Parish and it having been considered necessary by the Inhabitants in this Parish to have the

19<sup>th</sup> of June last and it being considered proper by the Trustees at this Meeting that some Person should be appointed to officiate at the Church as Vicar or at a Salary to be stipulated for that purpose it was therefore -

*Resolved.*

That some competent Person be appointed to officiate as Vicar at the Church that the Vicar so to be appointed be defined and that the Trustees do proceed to the appointment of such Person at their next general Meeting at a Salary to be then stipulated for the same -

Adjourned to Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August next to meet in the Parson Room precisely at 1 o'clock.