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## The G.B. Association in Bucks.

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At an Association of the Baptized Churches Mett by  
 Appointment at Aylesbury April 14: 1740  
 Aylesbury John Harding R. Desire supply  
 Ford W<sup>m</sup> Allen Elder

	Richard Dover R.	No Case	
Barkhamsted	Rich <sup>d</sup> Buttler	Elder	
	Francis Trustrum		
	James Young	Rs	No Case
	W <sup>m</sup> Adams		
	Thos. Wateris		
Leighton	Thos. Brittain	Elder	No Case
Sundon	John Yeomans	R	Supply
Amersham	Absent		
Wycomb	Absent		
Winslow	W <sup>m</sup> Wills	R	Supply

After seeking the Lord by prayer the following  
 Question was Left on Consideration till next Associa-  
 tion whether the Continuance of the Messengers office  
 can be Defended & maintained by Clear Scriptural  
 evidence

that Aylesbury be supplied as usual

that Sundon be Supplied as usual

that Winslow be Supplied as Usual if Bro. Beck Con-  
 sents

Agreed that no Church Belonging to this Association  
 Shall have their Cases Heard or Answered at any future  
 Association by any Letter without Elder or Represent-  
 ative being present & that Bro. Adams do apprise the

absent Churches both of this & the Foregoing Question.

Agreed that Letters be sent to the Absent Churches to Desire them to make good their places at the next Association & that this Association be adjourned to the Monday after Michalmas Day (Michaelmas day being on a Monday)

Also agreed that Something be Collected for the Widdow Fulks in the Respective Churches Belonging to this Association & that Bro. Thos. Brittain do preach a sermon Att the opening the Meeting which is agreed to be at Aylesbury Thos. Brittain Except 2 Last

Richard Butler

Articles

W<sup>m</sup> Allen

W<sup>m</sup> Wills

Francis Trustrum

Rich<sup>d</sup> Dover

James Young

John Harding

John Yeomans

W<sup>m</sup> Adams

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At an Association held at Wendover April 16 : 1750

Barkhamstead

Bro. Sexton Trustrum Elder

Ford

Bros Allen Elder and Goodwin

Wycomb

Bros. Phillips, Ayre

Amersham

Bro. Hobbs Representative

Aylesbury

Bro. Piety

Winslow

Bro. Hall Elder

Wendover

Bro. Goodchild

1<sup>st</sup> Agreed that Wycomb be Supplied from Barkhamstead as usual

2<sup>d</sup> Agreed also that Barkhamstead supply Wendover the last day of their Appointments and Bro. Piety 2 days in a month.

3<sup>d</sup> Agreed That Bro. Sexton Is Chosen and has Excepted of y<sup>e</sup> Messengers office and that Application be made Bro<sup>r</sup> Randall and Bro<sup>r</sup> Geere to ordain him to that office at Chessam: the time for y<sup>e</sup> ordination

to be fixed be ye Messengers at the next General Assembly: and that Bro. Piety by letter to ye General Assembly do acquaint them with ye Resolution of this Association

Agreed that this Association be held at Wendover the first Monday after St Michal—and that Bro. Sextor do Preach a Sermon at ye opening of the Meeting: to begin at ten a Clock. William Goodchild

Thomas Sexton

Wm Allen

Francis Trustrum

Jas. Hall

Thos. Piety

Jos. Goodwin

Francis Ayre

Henry Hobbs

John Harding

Edward Phillips

Elders  
&  
Repr.

\* \* \* \*

April ye 17<sup>th</sup> 1759

Whereas the Asosiation was appointed and none but Winslow Church appeared and therefore no asosiation held we require there atendance the first Monday after new St. Michalmas day next at Wendover

James Hall Eld.

Francis Cox

Joseph Keen

R<sup>d</sup> Cox

William Goodchild

Jos. Meakes

Benj. Brittain

Jos. Goodchild

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October ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1760 agreed that the Association be held at Chesham on The Monday after Easter next. The sermon to begin by eleven o'clock at farthest

}	Wittness	Thomas Sexton
		James Young
		Thos. Watts
		Jos. Goodchild
		Jonas Harding

Thus ended the Association's  
 None But Barkhamsted Church appearing  
 The other Sistr Churches being  
 Entirely Decay'd & Broke off from us  
 Because they were too stiff  
 in their mode of  
 Faith.

The Names of the Several Baptist Churches  
 That were once United in an Association  
 Held at Aylesbury in the County of Bucks  
 With ye names of their Elders & c in ye year 1722

Aylesbury Church the Elder	Bro Sturch	
Barkhamsted Do.—the Elders	{	
		Bro Cook
		Bro <sup>r</sup> . Widmer
		Bro <sup>r</sup> . Sexton m
	Bro. Young Sen	

Ford—Do. the Elders

Bro. Crips
Bro. Allen

Bro. Jas<sup>s</sup> Brittain  
 Bro Jas. Hall

Winslow Do.	Do Do	Bro. Geo. Wilkins
Wing	Do—Do—Do	
Stony Stratford	Do—Do—Do	Bro. Brittain
Sundon	Do—Do—Do	Bro. Thos. Brittain
Leighton	Do—Do—Do	Bro. Thos. Brittain
Wendover	Do—Do—Do.	Bro. Allen
Wycomb	Do—Do—Do	Bro Hobbs E <sup>d</sup> & Mess
Amersham	Do—Do—Do	Bro. Beck
May st		

1775 Now all ye Elders dead—But Jas. Hall of Winslow and his Church is dead & gone—& hes turn'd Calviné &c  
Barkhamsted Church remains but without an Elder or Mess<sup>r</sup> or Deacon &c

April 3<sup>d</sup> 1775

Barkhamsted Church

Now Settled under the pastoral Care of Bro. C<sup>r</sup> Cock & Bro<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Thrussoll &c which

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### Later Associations.

The despairing note with which the minutes are closed, points in two directions, the New Connexion, the Calvinists. Yet not till 1809 did Berkhamstead join the former, with Chesham and Tring; ten years elapsed before Ford and Wendover followed suit. Other churches collapsed or retired into isolation. In 1823 Ivimey gathered facts about only Chesham (Lower), Chenies, Olney, Colnbrook, Amer-sham; there were twenty-three others of which he recorded nothing. An association was formed in 1867, joined at once by nineteen churches, adding only nine by 1890; to-day it numbers thirty-three.

The Particular Baptist churches at Chenies, Chesham, Colnbrook and Woodrow, joined in 1775 with Hempstead, Hertford, Hitchin, New Mill, Cambridge and Harlow, to establish the Eastern Association. The manuscript minutes for five years are in the Angus Library: printed circular letters were issued till 1782.