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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 Wm Allen Elder
Richard Dover R. No Case
Barkhamsted Richd Buttler Elder
Francis Trustrum
James Young Rs No Case
Wm Adams
Thos. Wateris
Leighton Thos. Brittain Elder No Case
Sundon John Yeomans R Supply
Amersham Absent
Wycomb Absent
Winslow Wm Wills R Supply

After seeking the Lord by prayer the following Question was Left on Consideration till next Association 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 Consents
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 Representative 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 Articles
Richard Butler
Wm Allen
Francis Trustrum
James Young
Wm Wills
Richd Dover
John Harding
John Yeomans
Wm 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
1st Agreed that Wycomb be Supplied from Barkhamstead as usual
2d Agreed also that Barkhamstead supply Wendover the last day of their Appointments and Bro. Piety 2 days in a month.
3d Agreed That Bro. Sexton Is Chosen and has Excepted of ye Messengers office and that Application be made Bror Randall and Bror Geere to ordain him to that office at Chessam: the time for ye 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

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April ye 17th 1759
Whereas the Association was appointed and none but Winslow Church appeared and therefore no asosiation held we require there attendance the first Monday after new St. Michalmas day next at Wendover

James Hall Eld.
Francis Cox
Joseph Keen
Rd Cox
William Goodchild
Jos. Meakes
Benj. Brittain
Jos. Goodchild

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October ye 6th 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
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'. Widmer
Bro'. Sexton in
Bro. Young Sen

Ford—Do. the Elders
| Bro. Crips
| Bro. Allen

Bro. Jas 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 Ed & Mess
Amersham Do—Do—Do Bro. Beck
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1775 Now all ye Elders dead—But Jas. Hall of Winslow and his Church is dead & gone—& hes turn'd Calvine &c
Barkhamsted Church remains but without an Elder or Mess'r or Deacon &c

April 3d 1775

Barkhamsted Church
Now Settled under the pastoral Care of Bro. C. Cock & Bro'r Wm Thrussoll &c which

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, Amersham; 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.