

THE FIRST FREE CHURCH

June 23, 1849

For a considerable time past, there has been a growing inclination among the people of Westminster for having a place of worship built on the fifth concession, and on Sabbath last, a meeting for taking this into consideration was intimated from the pulpit of the Free Church, London, to take place on the evening of the Monday following. The meeting took place and unanimously agreed to build a place of worship in connection with the Free Church and appointed the following committee to carry the object of the meeting into effect -viz- John Glendening, Wm. Murray, Alex Kerr, John Cochrane, Ninian Elliott, John Wilson, Malcolm McInnes, Wm. Dark, Robert Nicol, George Murray, Walter Crawford, and James Nicol.

The meeting agreed that the money be paid, the one half on November 1st and the other half - six months thereafter.

John Glendinning	12	Dyer Walters	5-0 paid in full
Alex Kerr	10	David Jackson	5-0 paid 2-6
James Ireland	8	James Beaty	1-0-0 paid 10
Ninian Elliott	12	Thomas Grieve	5-0 paid 2-6
John Cochrane	5	Wm. Carrothers	5 paid in full
M. McInnes	5	Thomas Turnbull	5 paid in full
Thos. Nicol	4	James Blair	5 paid 2-6
Andrew Rae	4	Wm. Anderson	5 paid in full
Wm. Wetherson	5	Wm. Rae	5 paid 2-6
George Murray	5	H. Anderson	7-6
Walter Crawford	5	George Carrothers	5 paid in full
Wm. Murray	5	James Carrothers	5 paid in full
James Nicol	2	Thomas Blair	2 paid 5
John Wilson	12	William Armstrong	5
Mrs. Ireland	1	Donald Fraser	5 paid in full
Isabella Ireland	1	George Laidlaw	5 paid
John Cruickshank	2-6		

This is copied from the original minutes found in a bible belonging to Robert Kirk, formerly John Glendinning's Bible. The original paper is at the University of Western Ontario.

After the union of the Free and the United Presbyterian Churches in Canada in 1861, The Free Congregation at Hubrey united with the First Church, Westminster. After the great Presbyterian Union of 1875, St. Andrew's, South Westminster (Church of Scotland) and the First Church became one charge.