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We whose names are hereunto subscribed, inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield in New England, knowing that we are very prone to offend and provoke God the most high, both in heart and life, through the prevelancy of sin that dwelleth in us, and manifold temptations from without us, for which reason we have great reason to be heartily and unfeignedly humbled before him from time to time, do in the name of our Lord Jesus, with dependence on the gracious assistance of the Blessed Spirit, solemnly enter into covenant with God, and one with another as follows:

- 1. That having taken the Lord Jehovah to be our God, we will fear him, cleave to him in love, and serve him with all our hearts in truth, giving up ourselves to be his people, in all things to be at his direction and sovereign disposal, that we may have and hold Communion with him as members of Christ's Mystical Body according to his revealed will, to our lives end.
- 2. We also bind ourselves to bring up our children in the fear and knowledge of God, by his holy institutions, according to our best abilities, and in special by the use of Orthodox Catechisms, that the true religion may be maintained in our families while we live, and after we are dead.
- 3. Furthermore we promise to keep close to the truth of Christ with due affection towards it, and will heartily endeavor to defend it against all opposers of it, as God shall call us at any time thereunto; and that we may thus do, we promise to use the Holy Scriptures as our platform, whereby we may discern the mind of Christ, and not follow the new found inventions of men.
- 4. We also engage to have a careful inspection of our hearts, endeavoring by the virtue of the death of Christ, the mortification of all sinful passions, worldly frames, and disorderly affections which may draw us away from the living God.
- 5. Moreover we oblige ourselves in faithful improvement of our abilities and opportunity to worship God, according to all the particular institutions of Christ for his church under gospel administrations, namely to give reverent and diligent attention unto the word of God at His house, to pray unto him, to sing his praise, and to hold communion with each other in both the Seals, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- 6. We likewise promise peaceably to submit ourselves to the holy discipline of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to his gospel, and agreeable to the constitution of Congregational Churches.
- 7. We also bind ourselves to walk in love one towards another, endeavoring our mutual edification, visiting, exhorting and comforting one another as occasion serveth, warning any brother or sister who offends, not divulging offenses irregularly, but heedfully following the several precepts laid down for church discipline by Christ in Matthew 18: 15, 16, 17. Willingly forgiving all that manifest to a judgment of charity that they truly repent of all miscarriages.

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Brookfield May 29, 1752

At a meeting of a number of Brethren living in the Second Precinct in Brookfield in order to embody into a Church State. A sermon to the occasion was preached by [Minister] Eli Forbes after [which] prayers being made [said] Brethren chose [Joshua] Eaton who was at the request present moderator of [said] meeting. The Brethren then offered the Sitter of --- mission from the Respective Churches they did belong to which being Publickly read together with the Covenant above and no objection being made imbodying into a Church said Brethren Publickly and Solemnly owned and Subscribed said Covenant.

Attes, Joshua Eaton moderator

These Following Subscribed at the time:		The following are new members
Eli Forbes	Easter Watson	added to the Church since its Imbodying:
John Watson	Mary Tucker	Benjamin Gilbert 1753
Jabeth Ayers	Martha How	Peter Lamson
Ebenezer Witt	Sarah How	Samuel Gould, Jr.
Noah Barnes	Abigail Cutter	Jen Woodbury 1757
John Cutter	Rebeccah Witt	Jedediah Deland
Benjamin Adams	Mary Witt	Jeremiah Gould April 13, 1766
Abram How	Abigail Gilbert	Mat Bartlet 1753
Ammiel Weeks	Hannah Barnes	Daniel Gilbert
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Abner Tyler	Easter Gilbert	William Ayers 1754
Thomas Hall	Elizabeth Gilbert	Andrew Kimbal
Uriah Gilbert	Meriam Newal	Joseph Manning - May 7, 1763
Joseph Stone	Sarah Ayers	Nathan Gould 1757
Moses Ayers	Rebeckah Adams	William Watson 1752
Charles Adams	Persis Adams	Females:
Moses Barnes	Naomi Taylor died 1756	Susannah Watson 1752
Jason Bigelow	Annah Barnes	Hannah Bartlet 1754
Nathan Stevens	Phebe How 1756	Bothiah Witt
Thomas Taylor	Mary How	Make (sp) Lampson
Ephraim Cutler	Mary Stevens	Rebeccah Kimball
Daniel Newall	Hannah Bartlet	Abigail Bigelow 1753
Jonathan Gilbert	Anna Hayward 1764	Meriam Pickard
Aaron Barnes	Mercy Ayers	Rhoda Smith
Isaac Cutter	Abigail Witt	Rebecca Bartlet 1753
John Witt	Elizabeth Batchelor	Jerusha Woodbury 1757
	Mary Forbes	Rachel Ayers 1754
The Following withdrew Since	Mary How	Sarah Gould
admitted Church:	Abiel Slayton	Eliza. Barnes
Thomas Bartlet	Mary Beacon	Rachel Hain
Oliver Hayward	Patiane Brown	Dinah Hinds
Josiah Converse	Elesa Edmons	Abigail Woolcot
John Beacon	Elesa Cutter	Martha Rice
Tomas Slayton	Mary Watson	Ellis Hinds
John Batcheler	Mercy Hinckley	Males Omitted new members
Hubert Gould	Lucy Gilbert	Ruben Hamilton
Samuel Gould	Hannah Tyler	David Barnes
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