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FOREWORD

The importance of a full knowledge of all the facts relating to WILLIAM TENNENT and the LOG COLLEGE in any study of the history of higher education in the Middle Colonies, is sufficient jusitification for this compilation of all the contemporary source-material that has come to light up to the present time.

One of the aims of the compiler is to stimulate others to discover additional material. For instance, where is the letter from which Richard Webster quotes in his HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, p. 365, in which James Logan states that he gave Tennent fifty acres on Neshaminy Creek "to encourage gim to prosecute his views, and to make his residence near us permanent?"

The main purpose, however, has been to gather together and arrange chronologically a vast amount of material that is scattered through various books and magazine articles or exists only in manuscript form, and thus make it available to the student who does not have access to the sources nor time at his disposal for any such exhaustive search.

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1673

In this year William Tennent was born.

The basis for the above assertion is that the inscription on his tombstone gives his age in 1746, the date of his death, as 73.

It has been asserted by all who have written of him that he was born in the north of Ireland. Recent research casts some doubt upon this statement, which seems to have no further evidence than that he was living in that Kingdom for some years before coming to America. He was related to James Logan through his mother Sarah Hume, and also to Jas. Greenshields,

The Logan, Hume and Greenshields were all Scotch families, and we know the occasion when both the Logans and the Greenshields left Scotland for Ireland.

The fact that Tennent attended the University of Edinburgh does not establish his nationality; but the fact that he was licensed in Scotland, and was received as a Probationer from Scotland by the General Synod of Ulster in 1701, upon presenting testimonials from several places, at least raises the question as to the country of his nativity.

It will be noted that he was married the following year (1702) by the Presbyterian minister at Comber, and that his first son, Gilbert was baptized in 1703, by the Presbyterian minister at Vinecash. The next year, 1704, when he was ordained Deacon, marks the occasion of his connection with the Established Church. TCP.

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1693

William Tennent graduated from the University of Edinburgh, July 11.

"He graduated at the University of Edinburgh July 11, 1695."
- Briggs, American Presbyterianism, p.186, Note.

JPHS, Vol. XIV. No.1. p.3. George H. Ingram:

"It used to be claimed that he was educated in Trinity College, Dublin. Dr. Briggs held that it was in Edinburgh University that he took his college course. A letter from the secretary of this institution to the writer of this article says that he graduated there July 11, 1693."

See also "A Catalogue of the Graduates in the Faculties of Arts, Divinity, and Law, of the University of Edinburgh, since its Foundation. Edinburgh:
Printed by Neill and Company. MDCCCLVIII."

Register of Laureations. Masters of Arts.
1587-1858.

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Gulielmus Tennent.

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1701

William Tennent received by the General Synod of Ulster as a Probationer from Scotland. ✓

Records of the General Synod of Ulster, from 1691 to 1820. 3 vols. Belfast. 1890.

Vol.I. p.52. A General Synod at Antrim, June 4th, 1701.

June 5th ... In this Interloquiter Mr James Stewart, a Minister, & Mr Wm Tennon, a Probationer, who came both to this Kingdom from Scotland, produc'd their Testimonials, the former one, the latter 3, from Severall Places, which were all read: &, after reading, the Brn met allow the Severall Presbytrys within their Bounds to invite & employ them as they shall find Clearness.

N.B. The above indicates that William Tennent had been licensed by a Scottish Presbytery. - TCP.

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1702

William Tennent married Katherine Kennedy May 15, 1702.

"In the year of our Lord 1702 May the 15: my wife and I was married, by Mr. Thomas Orr Presbyter in Comber in the Countie of Down in the north of Ireland at Greengraves."

- Hicse Libellus, p.9.

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1703

Gilbert Tennent was born February 5, 1703.

"My Eldest Son Gilbert was born in Vinnecash in the Countie of Ardmagh in the year of our Lord 1703 ffebr 5 about 12 a Clock at night and was baptized the day following by Mr. Alexander Bruce in Vinnecash in the North of Ireland."

- Hicse Libellus, p.11.

Note. Does the question of Old Style enter into the dates in Hicse Libellus? - TCP.

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1704

William Tennent was ordained as Deacon in the Anglican Church July 1, 1704.

"William Tennent sacris ordinibus Diaconatus Inchoatus ab Episcopo Dioecese (?) cognomine Smith. Machirgal (?) in septentrionali Hibernia parte mensis Julij primo die 1704."

- Hicse Libellus, p.5.

(William Tennent inducted into holy orders as Deacon by the Diocesan Bishop Smith by name, at Magherally in the north part of Ireland on the first day of the month of July 1704.)

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1705

William Tennent was born January 3, 1705.

"My second son William was born in Conmor in the Countie of Antrim in the year of our Lord 1705 Jany 3d about nine a Clock and baptized by the Revd Master John Manson minister of Connor Countie of Antrim north of Irland."

- Hicse Libellus, p.13.

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1706

Manuscript Sermon I.

endorsed: Collimenogh - Julie 21 past trin. 9 Sab. 1706.
Connor - Julie 28 past trin: sab^{h} 10. 1706.
Connor - August 4 - past trin. Sab.11th. 1706.

William Tennent was ordained as Presbyter September 22, 1706.

"Gulielmus Tennent presbuter ordinatus a Reverendo Episcopo Dounaij Lisburnij in septentrionali Hibernia parte anno Dom 1706 22 Sep^{ebr}."

- Hicse Libellus, p.7.

(William Tennent ordained Presbyter by the Reverend Bishop of Down in Lisburn in the north part of Ireland in the year of our Lord 1706 22 September.)

John Tennent was born November 12, 1706.

"My third son John was born at Connor in the Countie of Antrim; November 12, 1706 about four a Cloke in the morning: and baptized the following day by the Revrd Mr. Luck Greenshields minister at Dunagor.

"John was weened Ja^{y} 6 1707."

- Hicse Libellus, p.15.

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1708

Eleanor Tennent was born December 27, 1708.

"My Daughter Ellenor was born in Colrain in the Countie of Derrie Decembr 27 1708 Munday about 12, or one in the morning and baptized by the Revd Mr Griphith."

- Hicse Libellus, p.19.

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1711

Charles Tennent was born May 3, 1711.

"My fourth son Charles was born at Agherton in the Countie of Derrie and Liberties of Colrain May 3d: 1711 about six a Cloke at night and Baptized by the Revrd Richard Donnell of Miltenerd ... Town."

- Hicse Libellus, p.18.

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1714

Manuscript Sermon I.

endorsed: Agh(erton) Jun 27, 1714.

Agh Julie 4, 1714.

Agh Julie 18, 1714.

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1717

Manuscript Sermon II.

Sacramental Sermon - 1 Cor. 11:26.

Endorsed - "Agherton - Dec. 22, 1717."

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1718

William Tennent arrives at Philadelphia, September 6, 1718.

"September the 6th: 1718 we Landed safe at Philadelphia the head Town of Pensilvania and was Courteouslie intertained by Mr James Logan Agent and secretarie of all Pensilvania."

- Hicse Libellus, p.20.

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1718

William Tennent is received as a member of the Synod of Philadelphia, September 17, 1718.

At a Synod held at Philadelphia, which began September 16, 1718.

17th day at 3 o'clock

"Mr. William Tennent's affair being transmitted by the committee to the Synod, was by them fully considered, being well satisfied with his credentials, and the testimony of some brethren here present, as also they were satisfied with the material reasons which he offered concerning his dissenting from the established Church in Ireland; being put to a vote of the Synod, it was carried in the affirmative to admit him as a member of the Synod. Ordered, that his reasons be inserted in the Synod book ad futuram rei memoriam. The Synod also ordered that the Moderator should give him a serious exhortation to continue steadfast in his now holy profession, which was done.

"The reasons of Mr. William Tennent for his dissenting from the established Church in Ireland, delivered by him to the Reverend Synod, held at Philadelphia, the 17th day of September, 1718.

"Imprimis. Their government by Bishops, Arch-Bishops, Deacons, Arch-Deacons, Canons, Chapters, Chancellors, Vicars, wholly unscriptural.

"2. Their discipline by Surrogates, and Chancellors in their Courts Ecclesiastic, without a foundation in the word of God.

"3. Their abuse of that supposed discipline by commutation.

"4. A Diocesan Bishop cannot be founded jure divino upon those Epistles to Timothy or Titus, nor anywhere else in the word of God, and so is a mere human invention.

"5. The usurped power of the Bishops at their yearly visitations, acting all of themselves, without the consent of the brethren.

"6. Pluralities of benefices.

"Lastly. The Churches conniving at the practice of Arminian doctrines inconcistent with the eternal purpose of God, and an encouragement of vice. Besides I could not be satisfied with their ceremonial way of worship. These, &c have so affected my conscience, that I could no longer abide in a church where the

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"same are practised. Signed by

William Tennent."

- Records, pp. 51, 52.

September 20, 1718.

"The Synod recommended it to Masters Young and Tennent to apply themselves to what Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod they should think convenient."

- Records, p.54.

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1718

Rev. John Bartow to Secretary of Society of Propagation of the Gospel.

"Westchester, in the Province
of New-York, Nov. 18th, 1718.

"Worthy Sir,

"I am sorry that I have occasion to acquaint the Society that there are endeavours now on foot to bring in a Presbyterian minister at Eastchester. Some of their main agents have been with me and signified their design, from which I laboured to disuade them, but in vain, for they told me if I would undertake to come and preach every Lord's day in their town, they would be contented, otherwise, they would have a minister of their own. This has bred a division amongst the people, and some are for it and some against it, which schism, I think effectually be ended if they had a minister of the Church of England to reside amongst them."

- Bolton, History of Church in Westchester County, p.369.

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1718

William Tennent becomes pastor at East Chester, New York, Nov. 22, 1718.

"The Revrd Wm Tnt Came to the parech of East Chester Novembr 22 1718."

- Hicse Libellus, p.20.

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1718-1726

During this period William Tennent was a member of the Presbytery of Long Island.

The Records of the Presbytery of Long Island have been lost, but from the time of its erection in the year 1717, until the erection of the Presbytery of East Jersey in 1733, Long Island contained all the churches in New York State.

When Tennent went to Bedford in 1720, Long Island Presbytery was composed of the following ministers: George McNish, George Philips, Samuel Pumry, Samuel Gelston and James Anderson.

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1719

James Logan to William Tennent.

"Philad 11 June 1719

"Dear Cousin,

"I thought it most proper to defer writing to thee, till near ye time of my Departure from N York, that I might be more capable of doing it - effectually, but having delayed it so long I was so straitened in time that at length I could not write at all, I hope however it will not now be too late.

"That I might be ye more fully apprized of thy Concerns I discoursed both thy bro^{rs} McNish and Anderson concerning them, & find by them that ye cause of thy uneasiness is that Bertaut keeps from thee a little house of no value, & but of very little conveniency called a Church,being first designed tho' no way fit for it, for divine Service, & about eleven or as some say fifteen pounds p Annum, but I perceive ye most Judicious are of opinion that it will be thy Interest to insist as yet on neither of these, for that if thou minds thy Parish and keeps diligently to thy calling Bertaut in all probability will soon end his Visits & but rarely repeat them, and then both House & Stipend may fall to thee of course, without giving either the Govr or Governm^{t} or any person any trouble & this they think will contribute more to thy real Interest.

"I took an opportunity as thou desired to discourse ye Govr also about it, but I find is very desirous to be excused from intermedling in those Affairs which no way concern him, & from whence blame must accrue to Him without any manner of Advantage.

"He says he would willingly serve thee in anything reasonable, but would not willingly be made a party in such disputes. This is all I can Say on that head, save that ye above-named Gentlemen&s opinion seems to be very rational & judicious.

"I gott well home on ye 8th Inst, and found through God's Blessing my family all well, but little Sarah is very puny & weakly - I hope all thine continue in health. I heartily will thy prosperity in all things & am with mine and my wife's kind Love to you both

"Thy affectionate fr.
J.L."

- Logan Letter Book, Vol.II, p.212.
Pennsylvania Historical Society.

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1719

William Tennent was not present at the meeting of the Synod in Philadelphia, on September 16, 1719.

"Ministers absent: . . . . William Tennent."

- Records, p.55.

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1719

William Tennent appointed on special committee in re Fund for Pious Uses.

"It being overtured by the committee concerning the fund, that such a number of persons as the Synod thinks fit to be nominated, shall be empowered to receive the collection of the Synod of Glasgow and Air, if it arrives safe in goods, and put them into the hands of some substantial persons, to be sold to the best advantage for money, and to account with said persons for the sale thereof, and receive the neat produce for the use of the fund; and likewise after receipt thereof, to let the same to use upon good security, after paying to New York congregation what is allowed to them. This overture was approved of by the Synod. And the Synod appoints that if the said goods arrive at New York, that Messrs. McNish, Anderson, and Tennent, or any two of them; or in case the said goods arrive at Philadelphia, that then Masters Andrews, Jones, and Cross, or any two of them, have power to dispose of said goods as abovesaid. And that the two parties abovesaid, or a majority of them concert together about the letting out the money received for said goods to interest, for which they shall be accountable to the Synod."

- Records, p.57.

Synod Meeting, Sept. 17, 1719.

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1720

William Tennent was not present at the meeting of the Synod in Philadelphia, on September 22, 1720.

"Ministers absent: . . . William Tennent."

- Records, p.59.

"Mr. Hugh Conn and Mr. William Tennent, sent the reason of their absence by letter, which were sustained."

- Records, p.59.

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1720

William Tennent removes from East Chester to Bedford, New York, May 3, 1720.

"From thence (East Chester) to Bedford, May 3d, 1720."

- Hicse Libellus, p.20.

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1720

William Tennent writes his little book of remembrance.

"Hicse Libellus memoratu Continet digna, non tantum librorum Etatem; sed Nuptiarum nostrarum tempus; et rerum In Europia gestarum naratione(m).

"Hice Libellus In futuram Rei Memoriam Reservandus Et Posteritati Reverendi Gulielmi Tennent Relinquendus.

"Anno Do. 1720."

- Hicse Libellus, p.l.

(This little book contains matters worthy of being remembered; not only the age of the children, but the time of our marriage and the narrative of things which occurred in Europe.

This little book should be preserved for the future remembrance of the thing, and should be left to the posterity of the Reverend William Tennent.

Anno Dom. 1720.)

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1721

William Tennent receives 14 acres of land in the East Field from the Town of Bedford, Westchester County, New York, April 4, 1721.

"We whose names are under written being Inhabitants of ye Town of Bedford in Westchester County in ye province of New York & being propriators of old puchas and Cohomong purchas in ye Township aforesd doe give grant alienate & make over unto ye Red Mr William Tenant his heirs & assignes for ever all that fourteen acres of land in the East field on ye north side of a way & joyning to ye land of Thomas Chambers east & north the said Mr Tennant relinquishing his right to fourteen acres to be laid out in ye first hundred acres to be laid out to him by virtue of a grant from Joseph Holmes & Jonathan Miller juner &c as witness our hands this first day of March annoqe 172$\frac{1}{0}$ Jonathan Miller Cornelius Seely Joshua Jones Thomas Wescot Daniel Holly Nathan Clark Hezekiah Roberts Richard Waring Zach Mills Jonathan Miller Stephen Miller Jonathan Holmes Joseph Holmes James Chambers David Holmes

"At a Town meeting held at Bedford this 4th day of April 1721 this above subscription voted & confirmed

Recorded by me Zach Mills Cler"

- Baird, Bedford, pp.50, 51

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1721

William Tennent was present at the meeting of the Synod of Philadelphia, held at Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1721.

"Ministers: . . . William Tenent."

- Records, p.64.

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1721

William Tennent borrowed £ 30 0 0 from the 'Fund for Pious Uses," the Rev. George McNish going his bail.

"1721 - 28 Sept. By Cash Lent to Mr Wm Tennent

Mr McNish Bail . . . . . 30 0 0"

- Book for the Fund, p.6.

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1722

William Tennent receives 100 acres from the Town of Bedford.

"At a meeting of ye propriators of ye old & Cohomong purchases in ye Township of Bedford voted that ye Reverend Mr William Tennent shall have his hundred acres of land ye remainder of land mentioned in his deed laid out forthwith by ye Towns Committee not exceeding two pieces voted this 21st day of February 1721 (1722)

"Recorded pr Zac^{h} Mills Cler."

- Baird, Bedford, p.51.

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1722

William Tennent receives 80 acres from Town of Bedford.

"The Comitee appointed by y^{e} Sosiaty of Bedford for y^{e} measuring of lands appertaining to y^{e} abovsd Town have measured and laid out the subsequent parcel of land in favours of ye Reve^{d} William Tennent in Bedford in maner following - The norwest corner by ye road to ye fishing pools bounded by a red oak tree upon ye old purchas line runing southerly 24 rods to a black oak tree upon Joshua Hills bounds marked with a heap of stones about it from thence runing easterly 56 rods to a white oak tree upon Joshua Hills northeast bounds marked thence northerly by ye space of 16 rodds to a white oak tree marked upon ye old purchas bounds thence runing westerly 56 rodds to ye first tree from ye white oak upon ye old purchas line above specified runing easterly 168 rodd (to?) a swamp white oak marked upon ye old purchas bounds thence runing westerly 120 rodds to a red oak marked thence runing norhterly 216 rods to a white oak at Joshua Hills northeast corner thence to ye place of begining 16 rods from ye above mentioned swamp white oak tree at ye swamps side runing westerly 40 rodds to a white oak tree at ye swamps side runing westerly 40 rodds to a white oake tree marked thence northerly to a walnut stadle w^{t} a heap of stones about it thence easterly 40 rodds ye contents of w^{c} is 80 (acres?) Signed by us March ye 20th annodom 172½ John Miller Joseph Holmes Jonathan

"Recorded April y^{e} 20th 1722 pr Zac^{h} Mills Cler."

- Baird, Bedford, pp.51, 52.

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1722

William Tennent receives 20 acres from the Town of Bedford.

"The Committee appointed by y^e^ socity of Bedford for y^e^ measuring of lands appertaining to y^e^ abovad Town have measured and laid y^e^ following peice of land for ye Reverend William Tennant in Bedford as below specified ye norwest corner bounded by a black oak tree extending easterly 40 rodds to a white oak tree upon ye old purchas bounds thence runing southerly 93 rodds to a drie white oak tree thence westerly 39 rodds to a chestnut tree marked thence northerly 100 rodds to ye place of begining ye contents of which is 20 acres Signed by us April ye 13th annoq dom 1722 John Miller Zac^h^ Mills Joseph Holmes Jonathan Miller

"Recorded April y^e^ 20th 1722 pr Zac^h^ Mills Cler."

- Baird, Bedford, p.52.

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1722

William Tennent was absent from the meeting of the Synod at Philadelphia, Sept. 2o, 1722.

"Ministers absent: . . . William Tennent."

- Records, p.69.

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1722

William Tennent's pastorate at Bedford is referred to in the correspondence of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Robert Jenney to the Secretary

Rye, Dec. 15, 1722.

"There is a Presbyterian preacher at Bedford, and there was another at Rye, when I came here, but now he has left us, and settled in one of the towns in Connecticut."

- Bolton, History of the Prot.Epis. Chh. in the County of Westchester. p. 220.

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1722

Certain inhabitants of Stamford, Conn., released from paying the minister's rate in that town, and permitted to pay it to the minister of Bedford (William Tennent.)

"At a Town meeting in Stamford, Conn. 25 Dec., 1722, 'the request of James White of ye Long Ridg and ye rest of his neighbours concerning their minister's rate Desiring the Liberty of paying so much money as they are obliged to pay ye minister's rate in this town, to ye minister in Bedford' was granted 'to ym and ye inhabitants of ye Chestnut Ridg namely Dibble Conkling and Corey upon this consideration that they bring a note from under ye hand of ye Reverend Mr. Tenants, that they have paid the same to him before ye next town meeting.'"

- Bedford, Presbyterian Church 1681-1936, p.22. (Town Records of Stamford, Conn., Book No.2, pp.141,142.)

- Baird, Bedford, pp.46, 47, footnote.

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1723

Manuscript Sermon III.

endorse: "Bedford - June 4, 1723."

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1723

William Tennent was absent from meeting of Synod at Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1723.

"Ministers absent: . . . Tennent."

- Records, p.75.

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1723

Stamford again grants liberty to certain inhabitants to pay minister's rate to William Tennent of Bedford.

"At a Town meeting, 11 Dec. 1723, the town ' grants ye same liberty to ye inhabitants of ye Long Ridg and ye Chestnut Ridg of paying their ministers rate to Bedford as was granted ye last year they bringing from under Mr. Tenants hand that they have paid ye sd taxes to Bedford.'"

- Bedford Presbyterian Church 1681-1936, p.22.

- Baird, Bedford, p.47, footnote.

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1724

William Tennent was absent from meeting of Synod at Philadelphia, Sept. 16, 1724.

"Ministers absent: . . . William Tennent."

- Records, p.78.

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1724

William Tennent applies for assistance from The Fund.

"Mr. Tennent having written to the Synod for some supply out of the fund, his request was denied, and Mr. Moses Dickinson and Mr. John Budd ordered to write a letter to him giving the reasons thereof, and to bring it in to-morrow morning."

- Records, p.79

Synod Meeting, Sept. 16, 1724.

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1724

Manuscript Sermon IV

endorsed: 1 Nov. 1724 Bedford."

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1724

Permission again given to people of Long Ridge, &c. to pay minister's rate to Bedford, on receipt from William Tennent. (December)

- Baird, Bedford, p.47, footnote.

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1725

James Logan to James Greenshields.

Philad^{a}: 2^{d} of Jan^{ry} 1725

To Ja: Greenshields, (Dublin, Ireland)

Kind Cousin

Some months since I recvd thine of y^{e} 29 of March last giving me a very pticular & therefore an obliging Acco^{t} of thy family & fortune since we parted at Lond, wch last, thō it comes not up to what report rendred it, yet I find upon ye whole it is not much to be regretted, especially if I read ye first figure of ye yearly value of thy Benefice right viz: 250 lbs. King George indeed was willing I perceive to befriend thee to a degree that I dare venture to say few Gentlemen from Rome would doe to any Protestant in Ireland but no wonder if such a morsel opened mouth of ye best Interest to gafe fore it ye E(arl) of O(rrery) deserv'd ye title of a Wretch, I readily allow, because he was first false to his Countrey & y^{n} to its enemies where as 'tis stated Rule even wth High-way-men and Pirates that they are to use honour among y^{m} selves.

... Thy Cousin Tenent came over hither about 6 or 7 years since wth his family & after some months spent here found a living in his old & new way viz. ye Presbyterian (from which he complains y^{t} his Uncle & thee once unhappily misled) in ye Govm^{t} of New York. his eldest son was lately wth me here, & is now travelling on ye true call of the Gospellers viz. ye best price they can gett for ye word. He has entred in ye New Lond (sic) College in Conetticot, seems to have gott a pretty good stock at his trade for a beginner Only 'tis to be doubted he has more honesty than that required this however may wear off as he improves ye other but he seems at present a sweet youth & too good to be spoiled. His father has some hopes of being made principal of ye College I have mentioned, in room of one who they say has perverted to your church. If they be Pares cum paribus our American Collegiate Learning may ye more easily be judged off, his wife however is certainly a valuable woman - thence ye offspring may be improved. ...

The Loving Cousin & Hearty friend,

James Logan.

- James Logan's Blue Letter Book, Vol.II, p.26 in pencil
  Mr. Logan's # 51. Hist.Soc. Penna.

Fresh material brought to my attention by Mr. Charles B. Montgomery. Feb.1940. TCP.

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1725

Gilbert Tennent, William Tennent's oldest son, is licensed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in May, 1725.

- Webster, History of the Presbyterian Church, p.387.

Note. The above is upon the authority of We bster, as the Minutes of Philadelphia Presbytery for this period are lost. - TCP.

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1725

Gilbert Tennent, Probationer, is received by the Presbytery of New Castle, December 29, 1725.

"Mr. Gilbert Tennent Probationer coming wthin our bounds, producing Authentick credentialls, he att the desire of the people of Newcastle preach'd to them some few Sabbaths to their goodliking and satisfaction, the Comtee willing to promote religion among said people Mett as abovesaid, who hearing Mr. Tennent preach wth approbaon The People of New Castle att our psent meeting presented a Call to the Com^{ttee}; wch call by the Com^{ttee} was presented to Mr. Gilbert Tennant for his acceptance who took it under consideration for for some time."

- Mss. Records, New Castle Pby.

JPHS, Vol.XV, p.108.

Meeting of Presbytery, Dec.29, 1725

Note. This is the documentary reference to Gilbert Tennent's ministry, showing that he had left Bedford over a year in advance of his father's departure. - TCP

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1725

William Tennent was absent from the meeting of the Synod in Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1725.

"Masters Thomas Craighead, and William Tennent, delegated ministers, were absent."

- Records, p.81.

Synod Meeting, Sept. 15, 1725.

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1725

William Tennent receives 23 acres of land in Bedford Township.
November 8, 1725.

"Bedford November y^{e} 8th 1725 Then laid out to y^{e} Reverend Mr William Tenant 23 acres of land sised (sized) for 18 acres beginning at ye southeast corner of sd Mr Tenants fence at Cantito thence to run easterly 32 rods to ye adge of a swamp thence northerly 26 rods to a stake being William Hills northwest corner bounds thence easterly 28 rod to a stake being William Hills northeast corner bounds thence along ye rode northerly to a white oak tree marked ⊐| thence westerly 74 rods to ye corner of sd fence thence south to ye place of begining & also three acres to ye southward of y^{e} land (of) Benjamin Kellum adjoyning to his own land begining at a white oak stadle marked being sd Mr Tenants former bounds thence running northerly to a walnut stadle marked 20 rods thence westerly 24 rods to a red oak stadle marked thence southerly 24 rods to a stake thence easterly 24$_{h}$ rods to ye place of begining laid out by us Joseph Holmes Zac^{h} Mills Comitee

"Recorded y^{e} date abovsd pr Zac^{h} Mills Cler."

- Baird, Bedford, pp.52, 53.

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1725

Permission again given to people of Long Ridge, &c to pay minister's rate to Bedford, on receipt from William Tennent. (December)

- Baird, Bedford, p.47,,footnote.

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1726

William Tennent sells three parcels of land to Isaac Quintard.
Date of Indenture, August 16, 1726.

"This Indenture made this sixteenth day of August in y^e thirteenth year of y^e reign of our sovereign Lord George by ye grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King defender of ye faith &c and in ye year of our Lord Jesus Christ one thousand seven hundred twenty & six & between the Reverend William Tennent of Bedford in Westchester County in ye colony of New York of ye one part and Isaac Quintard of Stanford in Fairfield County in ye Colony of Conecticut merchant of ye other part witnesseth that he abovsd William Tenant for & in consideration of ye sum of forty pounds currant money of New York to him in hand paid by ye abovsd Isaac Quintard ... have sold ... unto ye abovsd Isaac Quintard ... one parcel or lost of land at a place called Bateses Ridg containing by estimation thirteen acres ... and also three acres of land adjoyning to said land ... and also one other parcel of land at a place cammed Kellums Ridg containing by estimation twenty acres .. To have and to hold (etc.)

"William Tenant."

- Baird, Bedford, p.53.

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1726

William Tennent sells several parcels of land to Theophilus Kellum and Hezekiah Roberts. Date of Indenture, August 23, 1726.

"This Indenture made this twenty-third day of August ... in y^e year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred twenty & six between ye Reverend Mr William Tenant of Bedford in Westchester County in ye Colony of New York of ye one part and Hezekiah Roberts & Theophilus Kellum of ye abovsd town, County and Colony yeo^n of ye other part witnesseth that ye abovsd William Tennant for & in consideration of the sum of one hundred twenty and two pounds currant money of New York ... have sold ... unto ye abovsd Theophilus Kellum & Hezekiah Roberts ... all these several parcels of land hereafter exprest in ye bounds of ye abovsd Bedford at a place called Cantitto & bounded as followrth one lot is bounded ye northwest corner by ye rode to ye fishing falls ... and also one other peice of land ... laid out for eighty acres ... and also one other peice of land laid out for forty-three acres ... To have and hold (etc.) Signed & sealed in the presence of us Will Bradford Gilbert Tennant

"William Tennant.

"These presents witnesseth that Mrs Cathrin Tenant wife to ye within Mr William Tennant doth ... make over all her right title interest claim or demand to ye within devised premises ... to ye abovsd Hezekiah Roberts & Theophilus Kellum (etc.) Sealed & delivered in presence of Zach Mills John Tennant."

- Baird, Bedford, p.54.

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1726

William Tennent absent from Synod meeting at Philadelphia, September 21, 1726.

"William Tennent - Minister delegated - absent; and Mr. William Tennent was absent also last year."

- Records, p.82

Synod meeting, Sept. 21, 1726.

"Mr. William Tennent, by his son, offered the reasons of his absence, which were sustained."

- Records, p.83.

Synod Meeting, Sept. 22, 1726.

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1726

The Synod insists on the McNish Estate standing bound for William Tennent's note for thirty pounds.

"Overtured, That a letter be wrote to Mr. Smith in answer to his to the Synod, letting him know, that the Synod will not remit that money for which Mr. McNish's estate stands obliged, and that he take care about it; and likewise a letter be wrote to Mr. William Tennent, of the same purport."

"Ordered, That Messrs. Jones and Andrews write the letter to the ministers of Boston; Messrs. Thomson ..... and Messrs. Gelston and Parris, those to Mr. Tennent and Mr. Joseph Smith, and that they be brought into the Synod to-morrow morning."

-Records, p.84.

Synod Meeting, Sept. 23, 1726.

"The letters mentioned in a former minute were all brought in and approved."

- Records, p.84.

Synod Meeting, Sept. 24, 1726.

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1726

Gilbert Tennent, ordained at New Brunswick by Philadelphia Presbytery , in the fall of 1726.

- Webster, p.387.

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1727

William Tennent present at the meeting of the Synod at Philadelphia, September 20, 1727.

"Ministers present: . . . William Tennent . . . Gilbert Tennent.'

-Records, p.85.

Synod meeting, Sept.20, 1727.

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1727

William Tennent builds the Church at Neshaminy, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

The corner stone of this first church, later set in the wall of the grave yard, bears thedate 1727.

Nathaniel Irwin, third pastor at Neshaminy, in his "Memoirs of the Presby^{tn}. Ch. of Neshaminey," (1794) states the following:

"In 1727 the foundation of a House for public worship was laid a few poles distant from the place where the Church now stands ... their first Church was an elegant stone building 40 feet by 30 fitted for galleries & the front of hewn stone - It was finished so that divine service began to be statedly performed in it in the summer of the year 1728."

- JPHS, Vol.II, pp.222, 223.

Mss. in Presbyterian Historical Society.

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1728

James Wetmore reports to the Secretary of the SPG the recent departure of William Tennent from Bedford.

James Wetmore to the Secretary

Rye, February 20th, 1727-28

"There are three meeting houses in the parish, one at Bedford, built for, and used by the Presbyterians."

* * * * *

"At Bedford they have had a Presbyterian minister, they gave him a house and farm to work upon, and £ 40 per annum, but finding it not sufficient to support him with a numerous family, he has left them, and they are now settled with another young man, to whom they give the same allowance."

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"At Bedford, there are about eight or ten families of the Church, and the rest Presbyterians or Independents."

- Bolton, History of the Prot.Epis. Chh. County of Westchester. pp. 249, 250.

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1728

James Logan to William Tennent, April 30, 1728.

"Cousin Tenant,

"Being Sensible of y^{e} great Difficulties thy family must necessarily labour under in thy present Situation, byliving in a rented house on a publick Road, where thy Visitants for their own conveniency cannot but be too numerous, & therefore too expensive for thy slender modicum in this world. Ffor thy Relief in this case, I have resolved to give thee for thy own & thy families use for ever fifty acres of Land, part of a tract I have adjoyning on Penington's on this side of Neshamineh and for' y^{t} purpose have now wrote to my good friend J Langhorn (being unable myself at present to attend it) to cause y^{t} sd q^{ty} to be run out & cutt off. I have directed five pounds to be p^{d} on my acco^{t} to some of ye workmen tow^{ds} building a Convenient house for thee. Provided always that thou canst prevail wth others, to contribute to ye sd building, by such methods as may best suit them, in such a manner, as y^{t} ye same may in some reasonable time be certainly finished. I therefore desire thee to try what may be done in this, and for' what I mentioned thou may firmly depend on me, who wth hearty wishes for thine and thy families welfare am

"Thy assured ffriend

"J(ames) L(ogan)

"Phil^{ia} 30th April 1728."

- Logan Papers, Vol.III, p.204.
Penna. Hist. Society.

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1728

James Logan to J. Langhorn, April 30, 1728.

"J. Langhorn

"My good Ffriend,

"Thou art Sensible I believe that I formerly purchased in England the remainder of Dove Wiggan & Sameway's 1500 acres above what is in thy Tract, and that this remainder was laid out somewhere on this side Neshamineh, and that E. Penington took what was truly Laid out for them to himself, but y^{t} there is still the complement viz. 616 acres remaining there which is confirmed to me by Patent.

"Having never seen this Tract I know nothing of its Location or Quality, but by report, and now I am in no Condition to view it. I request thee therefore in favour to this honest man the Bearer a very old acquaintance of mine, & nominal relation of my mothers to view it for me, and to pitch on some proper place in it, where fifty acres may be Cutt off for him, wthout incommoding ye rest of ye tract, give him some conveniency for water & Build a house &c.

"Be pleased also to give him thy best advice how he may most easily & advantageously gett a small house built, to wch tis hoped his Congregation will contribute & if thou wilt engage to any of ye workmen for five pounds, I will repay it to thee when thou pleases. But I beseech thee lett not this prevent or delay thy calling on Thomas Carby for we ought to have y^{t} affair at heart. We are now ordering ye furnace to blow out as soon as they have compleated 100 Tuns of Pig metal wch we hope will be by 2d day next, for they continually lessen in their quantity, so y^{t} in a little time ye metal would scarce pay ye cost. The Inducm^{t} to this trouble I give thee I hope will easily be excused, since 'tis to relieve a distress'd family, who now by their Situation on a public Road are much oppress'd whiles Strait-hardedness of his Congregation allow him but Scanty Supplies, to support ye Charge, especially since all this hard season, they have been forced to purchase from Philad^{ia} market all their Provisions, bread excepted.

"I am with Sincere Respect
"Thy affectionate ffriend
JL

"Philad^{ia} 30th April
1728."

- Logan Papers, Vol.III, p.203 f.
Mss. in Penna. Hist. Society.

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1728

William Tennent is present at the Synod meeting at Philadelphia, September 18, 1728.

"Ministers present: . . . William Tennent ... Gilbert Tennent."

- Records, p.88.

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1728

Interest on William Tennent's bond remitted, &c.

"Agreed that the interest of Mr. William Tennent's bond be remitted till this time. Agreed to take Mr. Tennent's own bond for that money due to the Synod for which Mr. McNish's estate was engaged."

- Records, p.88.

Synod meeting, Sept.19, 1728.

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1729

Deed of tract of land - 50 acres - James Logan to Katherine Tennent, dated January 11, 1728/9. (Northampton Township)

"Know all men by these Presents that I James Logan of the City of Philadelphia Merch^{t} in consideration of the Sum of five shillings to me in hand paid by Katherine Tennant wife of William Tennent of the County of Bucks & Province of Pensilvania Clerk and for divers other good & valuable considerations me hereunto moving Have Given Granted Enfoeffed & Released and doe by these presents fully and Absolutely Give Grant Enfoeff & Release to the said Katherine Tennant a certain Tract or parcel of Land Situate in the said County containing fifty Acres being part of a Tract of Six hundred & sixteen Acres formerly laid out to Robt Dove William Wiggan & Edwd Samway & by them convey'd unto me by Deeds of Lease & Release duly executed in London in the Year 1711. Which said fifty Acres of Land are cutt off from the whole breadth thereof viz about 195 Perches and run up the side Lines thereof about forty Perches and twelve feet bounded to ye eastward with John Baxters & Sarah (W)hiting's Land to the Southw^{d} by Robert Heaton's Land & to ye with the other part of ye s^{d} James Logans Tract together with all Woods Underwood Timber & Trees Wayes Waters Water-courses Meadows Swamps Cripples Quarries ffishing fowling Hunting & all & singular the Commodities and Appurtenances to the said fifty Acres of Land belong to Hold to the said Katherine Tennant her Heirs and Assigns to her & their only proper Use and behoof for ever. To be holden of the Proprietor of the said Province under the Yearly Quittr^{t} of one Silver English Sixpence from the first day of March last past. And I the said James Logan doe hereby Covenant & Promise to & with the sd Katherine her Heirs & Assigns that she and they shall & may Quietly & peaceably hold the said fifty Acres of Land free & clear from all other Cliams made or to be made from or under me and that at any time within thesenext three years I or my Heirs shall assume any other Reasonable Deed or Conveyance for the further Assuring of the said fifty Acres to y^{e} s^{d} Katherine her Heirs & Assigns for ever that in y^{e} said time shall be demanded. In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal y^{e} eleventh day of Jany 2^{d}o Georgij 2 di A D 172 $\frac{8}{9}$

James L

"Sealed & delivered in y^{e} presence of
Sarah Logan consenting
Mor: Lloyd Arnold Cassel."

- Logan Papers.
Penna. Hist. Society

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1729

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1729

Manuscript Sermon VIII.

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1729

William Tennent present at Synod meeting at Philadelphia, September 17, 1729.

"Present .... Gilbert Tennent .... William Tennent."

- Records, p.92.

Synod meeting, Sept.17, 1729.

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1729

William Tennent and Gilbert Tennent sign the Adopting Act, September 19, 1729.

"All the ministers of this Synod now present .... viz. .... Gilbert Tennent .... William Tennent ...., after proposing all the scruples that any of them had to make against any articles and expressions in the Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, have unanimously agreed in the solution of those scruples, and in declaring the said Confession and Catechisms to be the confession of their faith, excepting only some clauses in the twentieth and twenty-third chapters, concerning which clauses the Synod do unanimously declare, that they do not receive those art icles in any such sense as to suppose the civil magistrate hath a controlling power over Synods with respect to the exercise of their ministerial authority; or power to persecute any for their religion, or in any sense contrary to the Protestant succession to the throne of Great Britain."

- Records, p.94.

Synod meeting, Sept.19, 1729.

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1729

William Tennent is appointed on a committee of Synod, September 19, 1729.

"Ordered, that Masters William Tennent, and Gilbert Tennent, Wilson, and Elmer, be a committee to inspect into the business between Mr. Bradner and Samuel Nealy, which was transmitted from the committee to the Synod."

- Records, p.95.

Synod meeting, Sept.19, 1729.

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1730

Manuscript Sermon IV

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1730

James Logan to David Kennedy

To David Kenedy on Ffags Mann^{r}

ffr^{d} D Kenedy

I am much Surpriz'd to find by the Widow Lindly's Complaint made here to me by herself in person that the Indulgence I shew'd thee when in company with my Cousin Tenant is so unduly requited by thee as member of a Survey made many years since for another. I shall say no more than to observe to thee, that all Intruders within that Survey unless they retire in time will find themselves extremely in the wrong. I indeed expected such an Acco^{t} of thee as little as of any man living & I hope thou wilt immediately take care to rectify this very wrong step. Tis the Advice & desire of Thy fr^{d}

J. L(ogan).

Stent. 23 Mar. 1730.

- James Logan's Blue Letter Book, Vol.III. p.173. Penna.Hist.Soc.

James Logan to John Chapman

ffr^{d} Jno Chapman

I desire thee to survey 200 Acres of Land in y^{t} corner of ye Land above ye forks & between ye branches of Neshaminah where Thou was not long since surveying for Wm Allen & where ye bearer Wm Tennent will shew thee. Lett it be divided into two equal parts of 100 each & make a Return of it to me who am

Thy real friend

J L(ogan)

Philad^{a} 16th 6mo 1730

- J/Logan's Blue Letter Book, Vol.III. p.164. Penna.Hist.Soc.

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1730

James Logan to John Hoop (Lurgan, Ireland?)

Philad^{a} 18th of y^{e} 6th mo.th 1730

Jno Hoop

Dear fr^{d}

This last Spring by a vessel bound to that kingd. I gave thee a Lett^{r} wch I hope is long since come to hand. This present trouble is occasion'd by an application from a poor Relation of my Mother's W, Tennent, now here, who has this day recvd advice from his wife's Bro^{r} Gilb^{t} Kenedy a Presbyt Min^{r} at Donochelony, that their bro^{r} Dr. Kenedy of Armagh being dead, what he had at his Decease, which prov'd to be but about 140 lbs. clear feal to him ye s^{d} Gilb^{t} and his 3 Sisters of whom this Wm Tennent's Wife Katherine is one, and thereupon he desires him to appoint an Attorney there to receive their fourth of it But the man being absolutely unskilled in such Affairs has crav'd my direction. And I have now liv'd so long that there is not one person left whom I knew in my native place, besides thyself, that I can think fitt in such a case to be trusted, unless I should except the Squire & old Jno Wetherby, who in such points are not to be thought of. I hope therefore thou wilt at my request condescend to take this trouble on thee and receive Tennents Share, by vertue of ye inclosed Power of Attorney.

His Bro^{r} Gilbert Kenedy writes, that out of this man's fourth part, wch to his Acco^{t} should be about 35 lbs, there was 11 lbs to be paid in discharge of old Debts they left in ye countray, of wch both he and his Tennent's wife, the Decedent's sister, whom I take to be a very honest Woman, affirm they have not ye least Notion but they own they ow'd one Hamilton about 3 lbs which Gilb^{t} also mentions & then they desire it should be now paid, but this is no part of the 11 lbs what thou receives, deducting charges be pleas'd to remit by Bill as on my Acco^{t} to Nehemiah Champion Merch^{t} in Bristol whom I shall ord^{r} to return it hither to ye Peoples best Advantage for this place is now so glutted with Irish goods that are now importable from thence hither that I can at psent think of nothing that will turn to acco^{t} from Irel^{d}. Thy favour in this, tho' done to Strangers, will particularly oblige

Thy affect. fr^{d}
J. L(ogan)

- James Logan's Large parchment letter book, 1717 to 1731. p.646. Penn.Hist.Soc.

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1730

William Tennent is elected Moderator of the Synod, September 16, 1730.

"Present .... William Tennent .... Gilbert Tennent."

" Mr. William Tennent chosen Moderator."

- Records, p.96.

Synod meeting, Sept. 16, 1730.

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1730

William Tennent's allowance from the Fund

"Sept. 19	By Cash paid to Mr. Wm. Tennent being part of 15 £ allowed him pr the Commission of the Synod	2	0	0
29	By Cash pd Mr. Wm. Tennent being pt. of 15 £ allow'd him pr Synod	2	0	0

- Book for the Fund, p.14.

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1731

Manuscript Sermon V -

endorsed: "1731 - 23 May - Lower Shamonis."

endorsed: "1731 - 13 June - Upper Sam."

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1731

James Logan "from my House (call'd Stenton from y^e Village where my father was born) about 5 miles distans from Philad^ia 8th 6mo 1731" to John Hoop.

... thy last of y^e 6mo (or 6 $\frac{mo}{1}$) P Capt Cowman wch after a long silence on thy part came very acceptable about 4 weeks agoe But w^n I view'd thy prolix Acc^t of Tenants business I was really concern'd & ashamed that I should have occasioned thee So much trouble I acknowledge my Oblig^t to thy fr^d sp (friendship) & reg^d in condescend^g on my recommend^n only, to doe for another person what thou wouldst scarce undertake for any _____ (oy^r) besides in AM^ia I can only Say that should an occasion offer thou may assure thyself of the like dispos^n on my side tow^ds thee & thine tho now all y^e services I am capable of doing my fr^ds is in my chair. - Not seen W. Ten^t will acquiesce in what so good a judge & kind a fr^d thinks reasonable will acknowl^ge pticularly bro^r Gilb^ts kind proposal.

J. Logan

P.S. Pray give my respects to Esq Brownlow & to his Sister Fford if there. her Son Standish married a Widow here with very little consideration had of his own family I diverted Him once from it, but he flew to her again. She has no ill character, is industrious & I believe will take paines with him for a lively hood.

James Logan's Blue Letter Book
Vol. IV - p.282. - H.S.P.

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1731

James Logan "Stenton", 18th 7thmo: 1731 to Dear ffrd John Hoop."

... Yesterday & today Wm Tenant has at length been with me & given me the 2 inclosed with the Discharge his brot Kenedy desires of him. I was Surpriz'd when last in Ireland to observe the Diffidence that universally prevail'd amongst the people towds each other, to wch I was then so much a Stranger that I could not without amazemt hear it was a common practice there to take a Confession of Judgemt with a Bond, a method I had then scarce ever known taken in my Life. But the Numbers that of late years have crowded upon us from the same Countrey will render such measures less new to us. I think that Minister of the Gospel as he is term'd, if ye form of that Discharge thou sent over be of his own drawing, is deeply ting'd that way. Poor Tenant understands nothing of the kind, & therefore perhaps he is poor, but I have known many thrive very well in the world as 'tis call'd, and doe much business with very little Skill of that Sort. If the generality of the People there however, be like the large Sample we have of them from thence I must own no precaution can be too much, for af all men I have ever known in life, thay are ye most --------- of what for Countrey sake I am asham'd to say or name ... (Directions for remitting bequest follow.)

J. Logan

James Logan's Blue Letter Books
Vol. IV - p.289. H.S.P.

James Logan, "Stenton 30th mo 1734 to Jno Hoop."

... As I was sensible the trouble W. Tenants affair Gave thee was Great My acknowledgmts ought in Justice to be proportion'd to it. the remembrance of it remains and I thought of and I would Chearfully doe thee like for thee. ...

Thy Affectionate friend
J. L(ogan)

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Vol.LV. - p.389. H.S.P.

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1731

William Tennent present at meeting of Synod, Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1731.

"Present: ... William Tennent ... Gilbert Tennent."

- Records, p.99.

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1731

William Tennent opens Synod with sermon from 1 Pet. 1:21.

Records, p.100. Synod Meeting, Sept. 15, 1731.

"Mr. William Tennent, the moderator of the last Synod, opened the Synod with a sermon from 1 Pet. 1:21."

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1731

Man uscript Sermon VI -

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1731

William Tennent in account with the 'Fund for Pious Uses.'

			£	s	d
March	29 -	By Cash pd Mr. Wm. Tennent being part of ye above-mentioned 15£ allowed him pr ye Commission of the Synod. viz.	1	10	0
May	23	By Cash to Mr. Tennent part of ye above mentioned 15 £	1	5	0
June	9	By Cash pd Mrs. Pritch pt of Mr. Tennents 15 £ on acct of Mr. Tennt.		12	0
7br	11	By Cash pd to Mrs. Arthur pr ordr of Mr. Tennent being pt of y above 15 £	2	10	0
7br	23	By Cash paid to Mrs Arthur ord of Mr. Tennent being pt of ye 15 L allowed him as above mentioned	1	0	0
Oct	2	By Cash sent to Mr Wm Tennent by his srvt. pt of ye above 15 £		11	0

- Book for the Fund, p.16.

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1732

Manuscript Sermon VI -

endorsed: "Inter Batavos Janu 4 diebus Dominicis ended 6 Janu 1731/2."

Manuscript Sermon VII -

endorsed: "Upper Shamonis - Ffeb 20, 1731/2."

endorsed: "Ffreehold, March 13, 1731/2."

Manuscript Sermon VIII -

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1732

James Logan to John Hoop

Pensilv^{ia} I - 4mo 1732

To Jno Hoop in Lurgan (Ireland)

Dear fr^{d}

Since I was fav^{d} wth any from thee I have wrote twice y^{e} 1st a Long Lett^{r} of y^{e} 8th of y^{e} 6mo last by Ben Heartly ye other of ye 18th of ye following by ---- Chambers of Bellfast who promis'd if he arriv'd to take all due care of it.

That last inclosed ye necessary papers from Wm Tenn^{t} in order to issue his Small Affair with his bro^{r} in law Gilb. Kenedy & on his direction that what could be recvd should be remitted as I should ord^{r} it. I advanced near as much here to answer his then urgent necessities, as it was thought that money would am^{t} to. The Papers from him were a Discharge to his bro^{r} in law in y^{e} desir'd form & the direction to thee that I have mention'd upon wch I requested thee, if easily practicable to remit it to my bro^{r} in Bristol, or if not, then to my preent Corresp$^{d't}$ in Lond: S.Starke Merch^{t} - Tho' I could not say more than y^{e} case requir'd in acknowledging y^{e} unreasonable trouble was put upon thee by my means in that business of Wm Tenn$^{t's}$, yet as I spoke to it particularly in both those Lett^{rs} I shall wave Saying any more of it here. I wish indeed they may be both come to hand, especially the last of wch I begin to be somewhat dubious, as I have heard nothing from thee this year, for I hope Providence will so far continue its favour to that place (Lurgan) & ye first establish'd Meeting amongst fr^{ds} in Irel^{d} as to preserve thy Life & health for their Support for yet a long time amongst them ...

J.L(ogan)

P.S. I am really at fault that I have not wrote to ye window fford but what can I say to her? Standish has bestow'd himself unaccountably on a fat but not rich widow that keeps a publisk house on ye Road, I once broke it off between them but they rejoyn'd and this to her would prove but a very dull story. He is careful however as far as I can hear If thou shouldst happen to see her thou may say as much as is proper & pray excuse me.

Dickinson-Logan Letter Book,
M,D.Logan Coll: p.64. Hist.Soc.Pa.
Copied by Charles B. Montgomery.

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1732

William Tennent present at meeting of Synod, Philadelphia Sept. 20, 1732.

Records, p.101

"Present: ... William Tennent.

Absent - Gilbert Tennent."

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1733

William Tennent present as a member of the Committee of the Presbytery of Philadelphia at Abington, Nov. 9, 1733.

Mss. Records Pby. Philadelphia. p.1. (typed)

"At a Committee of the Presbytery of Philadelphia met at Abington Novr. 9th 1733 by appointment of the Presbytery commonly heretofore called the Presbytry of Philadelphia before its being divided per order of Synod into two Presbytrys ubi post preces sedurunt:

"Messrs.

Jedidiah Andrews		James Currey	
Wm Tennent		Benjn Jones	Eldrs"
David Evans	Minrs		
Richd Treat			

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1733

William Tennent present at meeting of Synod, Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1733.

Records, p.103.

"Present: ... William Tennent ... Gilbert Tennent."

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1733

The Presbytery of East Jersey erected. William Tennent to remain in Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Records, p.106. Synod meeting, Sept. 24, 1733.

"An overture from the committee upon a motion of a member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, that the said Presbytery be divided into two Presbyteries. The Synod approved of the said motion, and it is agreed that Messrs. Jedidiah Andrews, Morgan, Evans, William Tennent, Treat, Elmer, Goold, and Wales, be members of the said Presbytery of Philadelphia, and that the rest of the members now in said Presbytery be the Presbytery of East Jersey."

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1734

William Tennent chosen Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia at meeting held May 14, 1734.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. p.4. (typed)

"Wm. Tennent present.

"Mr. Tennent was chosen Mod^{r}."

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1734

Manuscript Sermon VIII -

endorsed: "Newtown - Jun 6 Last 1734."

endorsed: "Newtown - D D D - Concionaty - Last Julie 1734."

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1734

Manuscript Sermon XI -

endorsed: "Upper Sham 3 D D et finity penultima Sabatt.
August 1734."

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1734

William Tennent present at meeting of Synod at Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1734. He brought in a collection for The Fund. Appointed to a Committee.

Records, p.107. Synod meeting, Phila., Sept. 18, 1734.

"Present: William Tennent ... Gilbert Tennent."

"Inquiry being made who had brought collections from their respective congregations to the fund, it was found that Messrs. Andrews ... William Tennent .... and ...., had brought something."

p.109:

"An appeal being brought in by Masters John Kirkpatrick and John Moor from the Presbytery of Dunagall, the Synod appointed that Messrs. Jedidiah Andrews, William Tennent, Richard Treat, Alexander Hutchinson, George Gillespie, Thomas Evans, and Henry Hook, be a committee to meet at Nottingham on the first Wednesday of November next, to hear the said appeal, and to determine it by the authority of the Synod, they bringing an account of their transactions therein to the next Synod. And the Synod do also empower the said committee to hear any matter de novo, that shall be brought before them by the said John Kirkpatrick and John Moor, with relation to the affair aforesaid, and authoritatively determine thereupon, appointing also, that if either party do appeal from the determination of the said committee, they shall enter their appeal immediately, that it may be finally determined by the next Synod."

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1734

William Tennent present at pro re nata meeting af Presbytery of Philadelphia, at Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1734. Continued as Moderator, and appointed to preach once a month at Newtown.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. pp.6, 7. (typed)

"Willm Tennent present."

"Mr. Tennent Moderator of the last Presbry was continued."

"A Petition being presented to the Presbry from some People at and about Newtown supplicating y^{t} Mr. Willm Tennent might be appointed to come and preach to them one Lords Day every month, the Presbry agreed to grant the Desire of the said People, until there be other Measures taken hereafter with Respect to the said affair. And Mr. Treat was appointed to go and preach, on a week Day, to Mr. Tennents Upper Congregation, and signify the ord^{r} of ye Presbry to y^{t} People in this Matter, by Reading to them this Minute. The Presbry hoping y^{t} none of said Congregation will be dissatisfied at the Prosecuting so pious and necessary a Design in the Relief of y^{t} destitute People."

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1734

William Tennent, Jr. declares his assent to the Westminster Confession of Faith, Sept. 20, 1734.

Records, p.109 - Synod meeting, Sept. 20, 1734.

"Pursuant to act of Synod, Found upon inquiry that Mr. William Tennent, junior, Mr. Andrew Archbold ordained, and Mr. Samuel Blair licensed, did each and every of them declare their assent and consent to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, and Directory annexed, according to the intent of the act of Synod in that case made and provided."

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1735

Document 1, relating to the Log College property.
AM 8571 Deed Timothy Smith Sherif
to John White

August 30, 1735

"TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall come I Timothy Smith High Sherif of the County of Bucks send Greeting WHEREAS by a certain Writt a Tested the Day of September In the Eighth Year of his present Majestys Reign the Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia was commanded That of the Lands and Tenements Goods & Chattels which were of Joseph Howell Deceased at the Time of his Death in the Hands of William Howell and Martha his wife Executors of the last Will and Testament of Joseph Howell in his Bailiwick he should cause to be Levied Seventy One Pounds One Shilling and eleven pence which the said John White and Abraham Taylor lately recovered against the said William Howell and Martha his wife before the Justices of the County Court of Common Pleas at Philadelphia for their Damages which they sustained As well by Occasion of the non Performance of the Promise and Assumption lately made by the said Joseph Howell in his Life time to the said John and Abraham As for their Costs and Charges by themselves about their Suit in that behalf Expounded whereof the said William and Martha are Convict as appears of Record if so much in their Hands to be Administered they should not have then the Costs & Charges aforesaid of the Proper Goods and Chattels of the said William Howell and that he should have that Money before the Justices of the County Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia the fourth day of December In the Eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign to render to the said John White and Abraham Taylor for their Damages aforesaid And the said Sherif of the County of Philadelphia aforesaid at that Day did return to the said Jastices of the County Court of Common Pleas at Philad[a] That he had levied of the Goods and Chattels which were of the said Joseph Howell Deceased in the Hands of the said William Howell and Martha his Wife to the Value of thirty pounds of the said Seventy one Pounds One shilling & eleven pence which Goods & Chattels remained in his Hands unsold for want of Buyers And there were no other or any more Goods or Chattels nor any Lands or Tenements which were of the said Joseph Howell at the time of his Death in his Bailiwick whereof the residue of the aforesaid Seventy one Pounds one shilling & eleven pence or any part thereof at that time he could cause to be Levied AND WHEREAS of the part of the said John White and Abraham Taylor before the said Justices of the said County Court of Common Pleas at Philadelphia it was sufficiently testifyed that the aforesaid William Howell and Martha his Wife had sufficient Goods & Chattels Lands and Tenements which were of the said Joseph Howell in my Bailiwick whereof the residue of the Damages aforesaid I could cause to be levied THEREFORE I was lately

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Commanded That of the Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements which were of the said Joseph Howell in my Bailiwick in the Hands of the said William Howell & Martha his Wife to be administered I should cause to be levied Forty Pounds One shilling & eleven pence residue of the said Seventy one Pounds One shilling & eleven pence if so much in their hands to be administered they should have And if so much in their Hands to Be Administered they should not have then the Costs and Charges aforesaid of the proper Goods and Chattels of the said William and Martha and that I should have that money before the Justices of the County Court of Common Pleas there to be held the sixth Day of March then next following to render to the said John White & Abraham Taylor for the Residue of their Damages aforesaid And that I should then there have that Writ AND that I the said Sheriff of the County of Bucks Before the said Justices of the said County Court of Common Pleas at Philadelphia the same Day did return That by Virtue of the said last recited Writ I had seized and taken in Execution a certain Messuage Plantation & Tract of Land which were of the Lands and Tenements of the said Joseph Howell at the time of his Death in the Hands of the said William Howell and Martha his Wife Executors &c to be Administered Scituate at Warminster in the County of Bucks Bounded as hereafter is mentioned and described which Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land remained in my Hands unsold for want of Buyers and therefore I could not have that money ready as I was commanded AND WHEREAS it appears by a certain Inquisit ion to the said last recited Writ annext that the Rents and profits of the presime are not of the clear yearly Value beyond all Reprizes (?) Sufficient within the space of seven Years to satisfye the Damage aforesaid THEREFORE by a Writ of Testatum Venditioni Exponas Tested the ninth Day in ye Eighth year of his Majesty's Reign I was commanded that the said Messuage P lantation and Tract of Land by me in form aforesaid seized and taken in Execution I should Expose to sale and have that Money before the Justices at Philadelphia at the County Court of Common Pleas there to be held the third Day of September next to render to sale the same Messuage & Tract of Land after due and Publick Notice given of the time and place of sale and John White of the City of Philadelphia Merchant being the Highest Bidder for the same for the sum of One Hundred and twenty one pounds. NOW KNOW YE That the said Timothy Smith Sherif as aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred & twenty one pounds lawfull money to me in hand paid by the said John White the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge HAVE bargained sold released and confirmed & by force and Virtue of the said last recited Writt DO thereby bargain sell release and confirm unto the said John White ALL that Messuage P lantation and Tract of Land situate in Warminster aforesaid Beginning at a Spanish Oak

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"marked for a corner thence North East by George Harris's Land Forty two perches to a marked Hickery thence South East by the same Land One hundred and eleven perches to a post thence North East still by George Harris's Land One hundred and twelve perches to a post thence South East seventy three perches to a small Hickery thence Southwest One hundred and fifty eight perches to a small Spanish Oak thence North West by the Land of John Cadwalader and Nicholas Gilbert One hundred and Eighty three perches to the place of Beginning containing One Hundred Acres by me as aforesaid seized in Execution TOGETHER also with all and singular the Rights Privileges Liberties Members Hereditaments and Appurtenances hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with the Appurtenances unto the said John White his Heirs and Assigns to the only Use and behoof of him the said John White his Heirs and Assigns for ever According to the firm and Effect of the Law and Constitution of this Government in that behalf provided IN WITNESS whereof I the said Sherif have set my Hand and Seal hereunto Dated the thirtieth Day of August In the ninth Year of his Majesty's Reign: Annoq Dom One thousand seven Hundred and thirty five.

Tim° Smith Sher.

Sealed and delivered)
in this presence of us)

Samuel Chew
John Kinsey

ACKNOWLEDGED in the County Court of Common Pleas)
at Philadelphia for the City and County of Philadelphia the sixth)
Day of September Ao:Do: One thousand seven Hundred and thirtyfive)
Certifyed under my hand and seal of the said County.

James Hamilton G Cur.Proton.

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1735

Lease White to Tennent AM 8572

White)
to) Lease
Tennant) of Land in Bucks Co.ty

Sept 10th 1735

T h i s I n d e n t u r e made the Tenth Day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Thirty ffive B e t w e e n John White of the City of Philadelphia Merchant of the one part and the Reverend William Tennant of Northampton in the County of Bucks Clerk of the other part W i t n e s s e t h that the said John White for the consideration of ffive shillings to him paid by the said William Tennant h a t h Bargained and sold And by these presents D o t h Bargain and sell unto the said William Tennant A l l that Messuage Palantation and Tract of Land situate in Warminster in the aforesaid County of Bucks Beginning at a Spanish Oak marked for a Corner Thence North East by George Harris's Land forty perches to a marked Hickery Thence South East by the same Land One hundred and Eleven perches to a post Thence North East still by George Harris's Land One hundred and twelve perches to a post Thence South East Seventh three perches to a small Hickery Thence South West One hundred and fifty Eight perches to a small Spanish Oak Thence Horth West by the Land of John Cadwalader and Nicholas Gilbert One hundred and Eighty three perches to the place of Beginning containing One hundred Acres Together with All houses Outhouses Buildings Ways Woods Waters Water courses Rights Liberties Priviledges Improvements Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever the rents belonging or in any wise appertaining And the Reversions and Remainders thereof TO h a v e a n d t o h o l d the said messuage planatation and Tract of Land hereditaments and premises with the Appurtenances until the said William Tennant his Executors Administrators and Assigns from the Day of the Date hereof during the Term of One Year thence next ensuing I n W i t n e s s whereof the parties aforesaid to these presents have sett their hands and Seals the Day and year aforesaid

S e a l e d and delivered
in presence of us

Cha Read John White

John Richmond

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1735

Release White to Tennent AM 8573

endorsed: Sept. 11th 1735

White	)	
to	)	Release
Tennant	)	of Land in Bucks County

THIS INDENTURE, made the eleventh day of September, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and thirty five, BETWEEN John White of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, of the one part, and the Reverend William Tennant of Northampton in Bucks County, clerk, of the other part, WITNESSETH that the said John White, for the consideration of the sum of one hundred and forty pounds of lawful money of Pensilvania, to him paid by the said William Tennant, HATH granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed and by these presents DOTH grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unti the said William Tennant, his actual possession now being by virtue of a bargain and sale to him made by the said John White by indenture bearing date the day next before the day of the date hereof and made between the same parties as these present, and to his heirs, and assigns, ALL that messuage, plantation, and tract of land, situate in Warminster, in the aforesaid County of Bucks, BEGINNING at a Spanish Oak marked for a corner; thence northeast by George Harris's land forty five perches to a marked hickery; thence southeast by the same land one hundred and eleven perches to a post; thence northeast still by George Harris's land one hundred and twelve perches to a post; thence southwest seventy three perches to a small hickery; thence southeast one hundred and fifty eight perches to a small Spanish Oak; thence northwest by the land of John Cadwalader and Nicholas Gilbert one hundred and eighty three perches to the place of BEGINNING, containing one hundred acres, (which by Timothy Smith, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of Bucks, were taken in execution at the suit of John White and Abraham Taylor and were of the lands and tenements of Joseph Howell, deceased, at the time of his death in the hands of William Howell and Martha, hiswife, executors, etc., to be administered, AND by virtue of a writt of Testatum Venditioni Exponas, tested the ninth day of June in the eighth year of his Majesty's Reign, were exposed to sale and by the said Sheriff sold to the said John White, who was the highest bidder for the same, WHEREUPON the said Sheriff, by an instrument in writing bearing date the thirtieth day of August, last past, did for the consideration therein mentioned convey the said premises to the said John White, his heirs and assigns, according to the form and effect of the laws and constitutions of this government, in that case made and provided as by the said instrument relation being thereunto had appears.) Together with all and singular the house, outhouses, buildings, ways, woods, waters, water right,

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1735

AM 8573 (con.)

rights, liberties, privileges, improvements, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions and remainders thereof, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said messuage, plantation and tract of land, hereditaments and privileges hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said William Tennant, his heirs and assigns, to the only use of him, the said William Tennant, his heirs and assigns forever, under the yearly quir rent hereafter accruing for the same to the Chief Lord of the fee thereof, AND the said John White for himself, his executors, Administrators and assigns, doth covenant and agree to and with the said William Tennant, his heirs and assigns by these presents, that he, the said John White, hath not made, done, permitted or suffered any act of deed wherewith or by means whereof the said messuage, plantation, and tract of land, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned so to be within the appurtenances are, is, or shall or may be impeached, charged or encumbered in title, charge, estate or otherwise howsoever.

IN WITNESS whereof the aforesaid parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

John White

SEALED and delivered
in the presence of us
Cha. Read
John Richmond.

RECEIVED the day of the date above written from the above named William Tennant the sum of One hundred and forty pounds, being the consideration money above mentioned and in full thereof, Received I say.

John White.

"BE IT REMEMBERED that on ye fourth day of November, 1735 Charles Read & John Richmond personally appeared before me Thomas Lawrence Esq. one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Philadelphia & the sd. Charles being sowrn on ye Holy Evangelists of Almighty God & the sd John on his olemn affirmation according to Law did declare that they were present & saw John White within named Seal & as his Act * Deed deliver the within written Instrument in Release & that their names subscribed of Evidence thereto are of their Respective handwriting IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal ye day & Year above written.

Thos. Lawrence."

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1735

William Tennent absent from meeting of Synod at Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1735. Also reported as absent from meeting of special committee appointed at Nottingham, Nov. 6, 1734.

Records, p.112. Synod meeting, Phila., Sept. 17, 1735.

"Absent: ... William Tennent ... Gilbert Tennent ... William Tennent, junior."

Records, p.113 - Report of Committee that met at Nottingham, 6 Nov. 1734, to Synod.

" ... Two of the members that were appointed, namely Mr. William Tennent, and Mr. Henry Hook, were absent."

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1735

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. Sept. 19, 1735. p.15 (typed)

"Mr. Willm Tennent the present mod^{r} being absent Mr. Andrews was chosen Mod^{r} pro Tem."

"Mr. Treat according to y^{e} ord^{r} of the last Presbry did go & read the Minute of said Presbry, to Mr. Tennents congregation; but it had not its desired effect."

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1736

William Tennent places an "ad." in the Weekly Mercury, April 29, 1736.

"Stray'd or stolen in the Night between the 27th and 28th of last Month, from the plantation of the Rev. Wm. Tennent at Neshaminy, a black gelding, .. (Description follows) ... Whoever takes up said Horse and returns him to the Post Office in Philadelphia shall be rewarded."

- America Weekly Mercury,
Apr. 29 - May 6, 1736, p.4.
also May 6 - 13, 1736, p.4.

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William Tennent present at Presbytery of Philadelphia, May 11, 1736.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. p.18 (typed)

"Mr. Tennent present."

ibid. pp. 18, 19:

"Application being made vivavoce, by Daniel Hayes in behalf of the People of Norrington in order for Supplies, the Presbry do recommend it to Messrs. Andrews, Tennent, Evans and Treat to Supply them this Summer as often as they can, both on Sabbaths and other Days."

ibid, p.21:

:Application being made to take Mr Charles Tennent under Tryals as a Candidate for the Ministry, the members present agree to meet at the House of Mr William Tennent upon y^{t} affair the last Tuesday of June next by 12 of the Clock and do appoint him for part of his Tryals to make an Exegesis in Latin on y^{t} Question, An Christus sti solus mundi servator, and y^{t} he prepare a Sermon upon 2 Cor. 5:17 to be delivered there before them. And it was agreed y^{t} sd members shall have Power to proceed further in y^{t} affair as they shall see Cause."

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1736

William Tennent present at Trials of his son Charles Tennent.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. p.23. (typed)

"At a meeting of y^e Committee of y^e Presbry of Philad^a June 29.th 1736 according to appointm^t of last Pry, ubi post preces sed^t Mr Wm Tennent, Mr Jedh Andrews, Mr David Evans & Mr Richd Treat ... "

ibid. p.27. June 30th.

"Mr. Charles Tennent came under Tryals and after a previous Test of his ability in Prayer, examining him in the Languages, he read his Sermon upon 2 Cor. 5:17. and Exegesis on y^t Question An X^tus sit solus mundi servator? and various suitable questions on ye arts and sciences, especially Theology and out of Scripture were proposed to him the Com^tee not being able to finish all his Trials at this Time do defer the Remainder till to morrow morning."

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Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. July 1, 1736 - p.27, 28. (typed)

"July 1. at 8 o'clock A.M. ..... The Com^{tee} entering upon the Remaining part of Mr. Char. Tennents Trials examined him as to the evidences of the Graces of Sanctification in his Soul, of the Purity and Piety of his Intentions, to their entire Satisfaction at which time also they rec'd good evidence of his Christian and blameless Behaviour, and he adopted the westminst^{r} Confess^{n} of Faith and Catechisms according to order of Synod. Upon the whole the Com^{tee} having gone through the Trials of Mr. Char. Tennent do sustain them (wth Remarks) approve them unanimously.

"And for his further Trials do appoint him to make an Exegesis on y^{t} Question an Infantes Credertium sint Baptizandi. - and y^{t} he preach a popular Sermon upon Luk. 24.47. to be delivered at Phil;ada. the 3rd Wednesday of Fbr. next at 10 a clock A.M. "

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1736

William Tennent asks the Presbytery whether he may not be esteemed the proper Pastor of the Congregation at Neshaminy.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. p.31 (typed) July 1, 1736

"Mr. Willm Tennent for some Reasons proposed to the Com^{tee} whether he may not be esteemed the proper Pastor of the Congregat^{n} at Neshaminy where he now officiates: The Committee gave it as their Judgment that notwithstanding there was never a formal Enstalment of Mr. Tennent among y^{t} people, by sending a Minist^{r} to take the usual Engagements between him and them, yet on Consideration y^{t} he was formally called by them and accepted their Call hismaintenance owned him to be their Minist^{r}, that they did once, the body of them, when this Question was proposed to them, openly in the Meeting-House, own him as such; and y^{t} he has for 10 years past carried on all the Parts of the Gospel Ministry among them without opposition, as to the full Execution of it, and all have submittedd to it, He has been all along and still is the proper Gospel Minister and Pastor of said people."

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1736

William Tennent present at a pro re nata meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, September 15, 1736.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. Sept. 15, 1736. p.32 (typed)

"Ubi post preces sederunt Minist.rs ... Willm. Tennent ... "

ibid. p. 34 (typed) Sept. 16.

"There being brought into the Presbry a Supplicatn. from diverse Persons of Mr. Willm. Tennents Congregatn. insinuating yt Mr. Tennent was no more than a supply to ye sd. People, the Presbry put the matter to vote whether Mr. Tennent was to be esteemed ye proper legal Minister of sd. People, not withstanding the want of formal Enstalment, and, for many Reasons, it was carried in ye affirmative. Upon wch. the sd. Persons appealed to ye Synod."

ibid. p.34 (typed) Sept. 20.

"Mr. Charles Tennent having preached a popular sermon on Luk. 24.27. on ye Day and at ye place appointed, and now having delivered his Exegesis upon yt Question an Infantes Credentium Sint baptizandi to our satisfaction the Presbry did license him as a Candidate of the sacred ministry, to preach the Gospel where Providence may give him opportunity and Call."

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1736

William Tennent present at meeting of Synod, September 15, 1736.

Records, p.122. Synod meeting, 7br. 15, 1736.

"Ministers present: - William Tennent, Wm. Tennent, Jr.
absent - Gilbert."

ibid. p. 123. "Messrs ... William Tennent, senior and junior, report that they have brought something for the fund."

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1736

Neshaminy Congregation appeal William Tennent's case to Synod.

Records, p.127. Synod Meeting, Sept. 17, 1736.

"An appeal of some of Mr. Tennent's people from the judgment of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, was brought in and read; together with a supplication from said persons to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and their judgment upon it. After that Mr. Tennent, the appelants, and the members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, were heard at length, at last all parties were ordered to remove, and the Synod entered upon a debate upon this affair, and at last agreed in the following unanimous judgment, viz: That it appears evident to this Synod, that Mr. Tennent having in all respects acts, and been esteemed, and looked upon, not only by this Synod, but also by the congregation of Neshaminy, and particularly by the appelants themselves, as the minister and pastor of the people of Neshaminy, that he is still to be esteemed as the pastor of that people, notwithstanding the want of a formal instalment among them, (which omission, though the Synod doth not justify, yet it is far from nullifying the pastoral relation between Mr. Tennent and said people,) and consequently that the Synod doth justify the judgment of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in reference to that matter, and that said appelants had no just cause of complaining against or appealing from said judgment of the Presbytery."

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"Sept. 21 - To Mr. Tennent's Interest paid -	£	1	16	0
"Sept. 21 - To Mr. Tennents sen^{r} Collection		0	16	8
"Sept. 21 - A list of Synod's Bonds with the contents and Time when given, together with Interest now due, viz. Sept. 21, 1736, according to Account taken by the Committee of the Synod met at the same time.				
To Willm Tennents Bond dated Decembr ye 1st 1728	£	30	0	0

- Book for the Fund, pp.23, 33.

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1737

William Tennent present at Synod, May 25, 1737.

Records, p.130. Synod Meeting, Philadelphia, May 25, 1737.

Ministers, present - William Tennent, Gilbert Tennent
absent - William Tennent, junior.

ibid. p.131:

"Inquiry being made who had brought collections for the fund, it was found that Masters ... William Tennent ... had brought something."

ibid. p.134. May 30th:

"Mr. William Tennent, senior, having last year supplicated the committee to remit him the interest of his bond for four years then past, and the committee taking this into consideration, thought it not proper to grant him his request, but referred it to the consideration and determination of the Synod; which being now brought into the Synod, and Mr. Tennent renewing his petition, they taking it into consideration, agreed to grant his request, the said four years' interest amounting to the sum of seven pounds four shillings."

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1737

Contribution of William Tennent's Congregation to the Fund.

"May 27 - To Mr Tennent sen^{rs} Collection Money £ 1 3 3"

- Book for the Fund, p.25

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1737

Further complaint of a part of the Neshaminy Congregation against William Tennent.

Records, p.133. Synod Meeting, May 28, 1737.

"A supplication from part of the congregation of Neshaminy, containing matters of complaint against Mr. William Tennent, and also an answer to the several articles of said supplication from another part of the said congregation being brought in, and both of them read article by article, and both parties heard at length what they had to say, all parties were ordered to remove, and some time being taken upon the merits of that cause, Mr. Thomson was ordered to draw up an overture on that affair, and bring it in, in the afternoon."

"At four of the clock, P.M. Post preces sederunt qui supra.

"Upon the affair of Neshaminy overtured, That the reasons advanced by the disaffected party of that congregation in their supplication, in justification of their non-compliance with the Synod's judgment in relation to them last year, and their desire to be freed from Mr. Tennent as their pastor, are utterly insufficient, being founded, (as appears to us,) partly upon ignorance and mistake, and partly, (as we fear,) upon prejudice. It is therefore ordered, that the moderator recommend it to said people to lay aside such groundless dissatisfactions, and return to their duty, which they have too long strayed from, otherwise the Synod will be bound in duty to treat them as disorderly. Approved nemine contradicente."

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1737

William Tennent's attendance at Presbytery - 1737.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. p.57 (typed) - Phila., May 27, 1737.
Present - William Tennent.

ibid. - p.43. Meeting at Maidenhead - August 4th
William Tennent absent.

ibid. - p.66. Meeting at Philadelphia - 7br. 13, 1737.
William Tennent absent

ibid. - p.68. Pro re nata Meeting at Philadelphia, Nov.10, 1737.
William Tennent absent.

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1737

Mamuscript Sermon - VI -

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1738

Meetings of Philadelphia Presbytery March and May 1738.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. p.69 (typed) - Phila., March 1, 1737/8.

William Tennent absent.

ibid. p. 71 - Philadelphia, May 24, 1738.
William Tennent present.

ibid. p.75. - May 25th.

"A Motion being made by some Persons in behalf of the People of Newtown, supplicating y^t supplies may be provided for them, the Pry does appoint Mr McHenry to supply them every 3rd Sabbath if possibly he can, and Mr. Tennent once in 5 or 6 weeks if he can so as not to interfere with the Times when Mr. McHenry shall supply them, and whereas by all y^t we can do, ye s^d people will be likely to be often unsupplied, the Pry does, upon their Desire give them full Liberty to call any approved Minister or Candidate from the Neighbouring Presbrys to help them if they shall see Cause."

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1738

William Tennent present at meeting of Synod, May 24, 1738.

Records, p.135. - Synod Meeting, Philadelphia, May 24, 1738.

Present - William Tennent
Gilbert Tennent
William Tennent, junior
Charles Tennent

(Overture of Lewes Presbytery on Ministerial Qualifications)

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"July 8 - To Mr Wm Tenn^{ts} sen^{rs} Collect^{n} £ 1 0 0

- Book for the Fund, p.27.

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Part of Neshaminy Congregation vs. William Tennent at Meetings of Presbytery of Philadelphia, 1738.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby - p.75 (typed) - Pro re nata Meetings, Philadelphia Presbytery at Philadelphia

Sept. 19, 1738

William Tennent absent.

ibid. - p.77:

"A Paper was brought into ye Pry from some of the People of the Congregation of Neshaminy supplicating y^t ye Pry would appoint them supplies to assist Mr Tennent, signed by 66 hands, the Pry considering that neither Mr Tennent nor any of the other part of this Congregation being present to offer any Thing relating to the abovesd Request, They could not think it proper to come to a Determination at Present but do judge y^t for the Pry with Correspondents from ye neighbouring Prys to meet at s^d place, will be the most likely way to determine ye abovesd affair with safety and good order. And therefore do appoint the Pry to meet at s^d Mr Tennents Congregation on the 3rd Wednesday of next month Oct., and call Mr. Thompson, Mr Boyd, Mr Houston and Mr Alison as Correspondents and do appoint Mr Anderson and Mr Cross to take care and give noticeto the above Brethren and desire their assistance."

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Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. - Meeting at Neshaminy, October 25, 1738.
p. 79 ff. (typed)

"At a Meeting of the Presby of Philada according to appointment Octo.r 25th 1738 at Neshaminy ubi post preces Sederunt, Mr. William Tennent, Mr. Jedidiah Andrews, Mr. Robt. Cross, Mr. David Cowel and Mr. Richard Treat, together with Mr. John Thompson & Mr. Adam Boyd Correspondents. Mr. Treat chosen Clerk. Mr. Cross chosen Moderator pro tempore.

"Mr. Cross opened the Pry with a Sermon upon Heb.5.9. The occasion of this Present Session of the Pry being a Supplication of several persons members of Mr. Tennent's Congregation at Neshaminy requesting that an assistant might be granted to Mr. Tennent in s.d Congregation, The Pry being met according to appointment of our last in relation thereto, Entered upon the affair and the Supplicants being interrogated by the Mod.r whether they still insisted upon their request for an assistant to Mr. Tennent and they by their representatives informed the Pry that they did, whereupon the other part of s.d Congregation was interrogated whether they had anything to offer by way of objection against the request of their Brethren, and they replied, that they had, whereupon they with Mr. Tennent gave in a paper to the Pry containing their reasons why they would not have the above request granted, which was read, and s.d Paper of reasons being wholly new to the Supplicants & so not being prepared to give an answer to it at present, they desired a little time to consider it in order to make a reply to it, and withal to draw up their reasons to strengthen their supplication, which were granted them, and mean while the Pry having leisure proceded to other business awaiting them."

ibid. p.83 (typed) 26th day October, 1738.

"The affair of Neshaminy reassumed and after some papers read & some discourse had in relation to the affair before us, Mr. Tennent put an End to any more debate by freely & chearfully agreeing to have an assistant, which was very satisfying to all parties and to the Pry whereupon

"They recommended it to them to go together and agree upon the methods of prosecuting the above agreement & Settle things among themselves that they might maintain that peace & concord now so comfortably obtained -

"The Congregation of Neshaminy together with Mr Tennent having just now Amicably agreed to have an assistant with him they came into the Pry (after a Suitable consultation among themselves) & made report that they had come into the following heads or articles of Agreement - viz.t

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(Meeting of Presbytery of Philadelphia, at Neshaminy, October 25, 1738 - continued -)

p. 83, (typed)

"1. That Mr. Tennent and the assistant that Shall be regularly brought among them Shall preach in their meeting house day about or Every other Sabbath alternately, and Each of them have liberty to Supply any neighbouring vacancy when their turn is not to officiate there.

"2. That all the present members of the Congregation shall hold the Seats they now possess in s^{d} Meeting house and that all vacant places Shall be equally divided between the two parties and be Settled as their Committees Shall respectively agree.

"3. That Each part shall support their own Minister, vizt that those that adhere to Mr. Tennent shall continue their Salaries to him, and those that Supplicated for an assistant shall Support him without any attempt or Endeavours to Supplant each the other."

p. 84, (typed) - Oct. 26, 1738

"A Supplication was brought into the Pr^{y} Pursuant to the above agreement, requesting Supplies with Mr. Tennent untill the next Pr^{y} they after taking it into Consideration do appoint Mr. McHenry to Supply them Every third Sabbath, and at the same time in order that Newtown may not be damaned thereby they do appoint Mr. Tennent to Supply them as often as Mr. McHenry used to do, that is to say one Sabbath in three at Such times as Mr. McHenry is to officiate at Neshaminy.

"And with respect to a Supplication from the people of deep Run, brought into the Pry requesting Mr. McHenry might be ordained, the Pr^{y} considering that there is no present prospect of his Settling there, they do not think it proper to ordain him under these Circumstances, but yet that they may not be deprived of the use of Sealing ordinances administered to them the Pr^{y} do advise them to apply to some neighbouring Minister to exchange with Mr. McHenry to Supply that defect."

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Manuscript Sermon IX -

endorsed: "Concionaty Newtown, usque ad usum

Doctm circa . . . . . Decembris 1738."

Manuscript Sermon XII -

endorsed: "Concionaty upper Sham.

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..... 1738."

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1739

Supplications from Bensalem and Neshaminy

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. - Meeting Philada. Pby., May 22, 1739.
p. 87 (typed)

"William Tennent absent."

p.88:

"A Petit^{n} was bro't in by Messengers from Bensalem, requesting y^{t} they might be supplied once a Month; ye Consideratn whereof was deferr'd."

p. 89:

"In ans^{r} to ye Petition from Bensalem, it is ordered y^{t} Mr Treat supply y^{m} once a month for ye ensuing year."

p. 100:

"A supplication was bro't into the Pry by the People of Neshaminy setting forth y^{t} whereas by ord^{r} of Pry met at Neshaminy Octob last. supplies were granted to them every other sabbath, wch grant would not then be complied wth because Mr Mc Henry the Brother they chose was before ordered to preach two thirds of his Time at Deep run; they therefore now supplicate y^{t} Mr McHenry may preach one half of his Time with them. Accordingly he was ordered to do so, and it was also ordered y^{t} Mr McHenry preach y^{e} other half of his Time at Deep-run agreeably to ye desire of y^{e} People there."

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Records, p.143. Meeting of Synod at Philadelphia, May 23, 1739.

Present - New Castle Presbytery	- Charles Tennent
Philada. Presbytery	- William Tennent
New Brunswick Presbytery	- Gilbert Tennent
	William Tennent, Jr.

ibid. p. 145:

"Pby of New Brunswick bring in a Paper of Objections against two Acts of the Synod of the last year. Read, and the further consideration of it deferred till to-morrow morning."

ibid. p. 146. May 26th. Synod reviews the Acts:

"Mr. Gilbert Tennent protested in behalf of himself and such as should join with him, viz:

William Tennent, sen'r	Thomas Worthington
William Tennent, jun'r	David Chambers
Samuel Blair	William McCrea
Eleazer Wales	John Weir, elders;
Charles Tennent, ministers,	

against the above-mentioned act respecting the trial of candidates."

(N.B. The Minutes of the Synods of 1738 and following are important, containing actions in respect to the Acts which led to the Schism, and the plans for setting up a School, all of which can be consulted in the printed Records. TCP.)

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1739

Meetings of Philadelphia Presbytery 1739.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. p.94 (typed) - Phila. June 21, 1739.
William Tennent absent

ibid. p. 97. Philadelphia, July 12, 1739.
William Tennent absent.

ibid. p.99. Neshaminy, Sept. 18, 1739 - (by appointment of last Pby. to ordain McHenry.)

Present Mr. Jed. Andrews, Mr. Robert Cross, Mr. Wm. Tennent, and Mr. Richard Treat. Mr. Cross continued as Modr. and Mr. Treat, Clk.

"The occasion of the present meeting was, by appointment of our last, to ordain and set apart Mr. Francis McHenry to the work of the Ministry, which, after a sermon preached by Mr. Cross 2 Cor. 5.19.20, was performed with Fasting, Prayer and Imposition of the Hands of the Presbytery. And the Presbry do now receive ye s^{d} Mr. McHenry into their number as a Member with them."

Ibid. p.102, (typed). - Meeting Dec. 4, 1739.
William Tennent absent.

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1739

Charge brought against William Tennent by members of Neshaminy.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. Meeting at Neshaminy Sept. 18, 1739, for the Ordination of Francis McHenry.

p. 100. (typed)

"A Representation was brought into the Presbry sundry members of the Congregation of Neshaminy complaining of a late action of Mr. Tennent, viz. his bringing into his Pulpit Mr John Roland, who is not allowed by the Synod as a regular Candidate within their Bounds. Upon wch Mr Tennent was desired to speak w^{t} he tho't proper with Relation to his Conduct therein, which he accordingly did, and acknowledged y^{t} he did invite Mr. Roland as before mentioned, and withal justified the action, and after disclaiming the authority of the Presbry to take Cognizance of the Matter he contemptuously withdrew. After which the Presbry had much Discourse with the People, who had joined wth Mr Tennent in the forementioned action, admonishing them of the Irregularity of the sd conduct, and exhorting them not to encourage or consent to any like Conduct for the future. They came then to consider what to do w^{t} regard to Mr Tennent in this affair, and concluded they could do no less than condemn s^{d} conduct of Mr Tennent in inviting Mr Roland to preach as aforesaid, as irregular and disorderly, and especially when aggravated by justifying of s^{d} action, and indecently withdrawing from the Presbytery."

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Mss. Rec. New Brunswick Pby. p.16 (typed) at Amwell, Oct.11, 1739

"Mr. Wm. Ten.t Sen.r being present was invited by the Presb. to join with them as a Correspond.t"

(N.B. - At this meeting (Oct.12th) Mr. Rowland was ordained.-TCP)

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1739

William Tennent's first encounter with George Whitefield.

Whitefield's Fifth Journal - p.30 - Nov. 10, 1739 - Philadelphia.

"At my Return home was much comforted by the coming of one Mr. Tennent, an old grey-headed Disciple and Soldier of Jesus Christ. He keeps an Academy about 20 Miles off Philadelphia, has been blessed with four gracious Sons, three of which have been and still continue to be eminently useful in the Church of Christ. He brought three pious Souls along with him, and rejoiced me by letting me know how they had been evil spoken of for their Master's Sake. He is a great friend of Mr. Erskine of Scotland, and, as far asI can find, both he and his Sons are secretly despised by the Generality of the Synod, as Mr. Erskine and his Brethren are hated by the Judicatories of Edinburgh, and as the Methodist Preachers are by their Brethren in England. Though we are but few, and stand as it were alone like Elijah, and though they, like the Priests of Baal, are many in Number, yet I dount not but the Lord will appear for us, as he did for that Prophet, and make us more than Conquerors.

"About three went to the Prison, and preached on the Trembling Jaylor. The Place was crowded, and many wept. Returned home with the Swedish Minister and old Mr. Tennent. Conversed of the Things of God for a considerable Time, then preached in the Evening to as large a Congregation as there was last Night from the Court_house Stairs."

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1739

Whitefield visits the Log College.

Whitefield's Fifth Journal - Nov. 22, 1739 - p. 43 f.

"Thursday, November 22. Set out for Neshamini (twenty miles distant from Trent-Town) where old Mr. Tennent lives, and keeps an Academy, and where I was to preach to Day, according to Appointment. About Twelve we came thither, and found above 3000 people gather'd together in the Meeting-House Yard; and Mr. William Tennent, an eminent Servant of Jesus Christ, preaching to them, because we had stayed beyond the Time appointed. When I came up, he soon stopp'd, and sung a Psalm, and then I began to speak as the Lord gave me Utterance. - At first the People seem'd unaffected, but in the midst of my Discourse, the Power of the Lord Jesus came upon me, and I felt such a Struggling within myself for the People, as I scarce ever felt before. " The Hearers began to be melted down immediately, and cry much; and we had good Reason to hope the Lord intended Good for many. Atfer I had finished, Mr. Gilbert Tennent gave a Word of Exhortation to confirm what had been deliver'd. At the End of his Discourse, we sung a Psalm, and then dismiss'd the People with a Blessing. Oh that the Lord may say Amen to it! After our Exercises were over, we went to old Mr. Tennent, who entertain'd us like one of the ancient Patriarchs. His wife to me seemed like Elizabeth, and he like Zachary; both, as far as I can find, walk in all the Ordinances and Commandments of the Lord blameless. - Tho' God was pleased to humble my Soul, so that I was obliged to retire for a while, yet we had sweet Communion with each other, and spent the Evening in concerting what measures had best be taken for promoting our dear Lord's Kingdom. It happens very providentially, that Mr. Tennent and his Brethren are appointed to be a Presbytery by the Synod, so that they intend breeding up gracious Youths, and sending them out from Time to Time into our Lord's Vineyard. The place wherein the young Men study now is in contempt call'd the College. It is a Log-House, about Twenty Feet long, and near as many broad; and to me it seemed to resemble the Schools of the old Prophets. - For that their Habitations were mean, and that they sought not great Things for themselves, is plain from that Passage of Scripture wherein we are told that at the Feast of the Sons of the Prophets, one of them put on the Pot, whilst the others went to fetch some Herbs out of the Field. All that can be said of most of our publick Universities is, they are all glorious without. From this despised Place Seven or Eight worthy Ministers of Jesus have lately been sent forth; more arealmost ready to be sent, and a Foundation is now laying for the Instruction of many others. The Devil will certainly rage against them, but the Work, I am persuaded, is of God, and therefore will not come to nought. Carnal Ministers oppose them strongly; and because People, when awaken'd by Mr. Tennent, or his Brethren, see through, and there-

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1739

Whitefield visits the Log College (con.)

"fore leave their Ministry, the poor Gentlemen are loaded with Contempt, and look's upon (as all faithful Preachers will be) as Persons that turn the World upside down. - A notable War I believe is commencing between Michael and the Dragon, we may easily guess who will prevail. - The Seed of the Woman shall bruise the Serpent's Head."

ibid. p.45.

"Friday, Nov.23. Parted with dear Mr. Tennent, and his other worthy Fellow-Labourers, but promised to remember each other publickly in our Prayers. Rode to Abington about 10 miles from Neshamini .... "

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1739

Manuscript Sermon No. XIII -

endorsed: " . . . Nesham upper
Concionaty D.D.D. et
Finity December 2nd 1739."

Manuscript Sermon (Hist.Soc. Penna.)

endorsed: "Upper Sham.
Sab. May 1739."

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1740

William Tennant attends the important meeting of Synod in May 1740.

Records, p.150. Synod Meeting, Philadelphia, May 28, 1740.

New Castle Presbytery - Charles Tennent
Philadelphia Presbytery - William Tennent, Sr
New Brunswick Presbytery - Gilbert Tennent

(above all present)

p. 154:

"There being two representations brought into the Synod by Mr. Blair and Mr. Gilbert Tennent, representing many defects in our ministry ..."

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1740

William Tennent fails to attend meetings of Philadelphia Presbytery.

Mss. Rec. Phila. Pby. p. 104 (typed) March 25, 1740.
Norrington - Wm. Tennent absent.

Ibid. p. 106: April 22, 1740 -
Tredyffrin - Wm. Tennent absent.

Ibid. p. 112: May 27, 1740 -
Wm. Tennent absent.

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1740

Manuscript Sermon XIV -

endorsed: "Matt. 3:8

Upper Sham. Jun 3. 1740."

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1740

The Session of the Fagg's Manor Congregation recommends a contribution for the 'Log College.'

Mss. Records of the Session of New Londonderry.
Printed in the Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society, p.345 f.

"Dec. 8th, 1740. The Session, viz. the minister & Elders of ye Presbyterian congregation of New-Londonderry, being sensible y^t the coming of godly men into ye ministry, such as are experimentally acquainted w^t the renewing & sanctifying grace of God in their own souls, has ye most hopeful aspect upon ye interests of Christ's Kingdom & true vital godliness amonst us; and that upon ye other hand, the receiving men of a contrary character into that sacred office is ye great Bane of ye Church of Christ, and ye great reason of ye sad Decay of true lively experimental Religion, and being apprized that there are several very promising & hopeful youths under ye care & instruction of the Rev^d Mr. Tennent at Neshaminey, in order to their being educated & trained up for ye service of ye church in ye gospel-ministry, some of whom have not a sufficiency of their own to support them in ye course of their preparatory studies, We think the yielding them our Assistance by contributing to their support for their carrying on & obtaining their pious, and so very needful as well as useful Design, one of the best ways in w^t our charity can be bestowed; and therefore, being ready to contribute our own mite, we heartily recommend it to all such of our christian Brethren to whom these may come, to joyn us in ye same, promising, y^t upon their giving what they allow this way, to any of us, it shall be apply'd to ye fores^d purpose. And in so doing we hope ye Blessing of many souls ready to perish will come upon the givers, and y^e interest of our Glorious Redeemer be promoted in y^e world."

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1741

The Tennents, father and sons, withdraw from the Synod.

Records, p. 155. Synod Meeting, Philada., May 27, 1741.

New Castle Presbytery - Charles Tennent, present.
Philadelphia Presbytery - William Tennent, Sr., present.
New Brunswick Presbytery - Gilbert Tennent, William Tennent, Jr., present.

ibid. p. 157 - June 1, 1741.

"A protestation was brought in by Mr. Cross, read, and signed by several members, which is kept in retentis."

ibid. p.158 -

"Upon this it was canvassed by the former protesting brethren, whether they or we are to be looked upon as the Synod. We maintained that they had no right to sit whether they were the major or minor number. Then they motioned that we should examine this point, and that the major number was the Synod. They were found to be the minor party, and upon this they withdrew. After this the Synod proceeded to business."

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1741

May 27th To Mr Tennents sen^{rs} Collect^{n} £ 0 8 6

- Book for the Fund, p.31.

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1741

William Tennent joins with the Presbytery of New Brunswick in the schism of 1741.

Mss. Rec. New Bruns. Pby. - p.28 (typed)

"Att a Meeting of the Presb. held at Philada. pro re nata, June 2nd 1741, ubi p. p. Sederunt, Mess.rs G. Ten.t Wm. Ten.t Jun.r Elea: Wales, Jn.o Rowland, Elders David Chambers, Jn.o Henderson, together with Correspondents,

Mess.rs Wm. Ten.t Sen.r	Elders John Ramsay
Sam.l Blair	Sam.l Irwin
Charles Ten.t	Francis Alexander
David Alexander	Will.m M.cCray
Alexander Hutchison	Tho.s Flemmings
Alex.r Craighead	Rich.d Walker
Rich.d Treat	

M.r G. Ten.t chosen Mod.r and Jn.o Rowland Clerk p. Tempore.

Post Meridiam. Whereas the Aforementioned New B. Presb: and Correspondents have all along hitherto been in a state of Union with the other M.rs in these parts of the World who are professedly of the Presbyterian Persuasion, as Joint Members with them of one united Synod, and whereas the greater part of the other members of s.d Synod with us in Synod mett, did yesterday without any just ground protest against our continuing Members with them any longer, and so cast us out from their Communion, The Presb: and correspondents afs.d thus turned off and protested against, first came together to consider how they ought to Conduct themselves in their present Circumstances for the fulfilling the Work and Charge committed to them by the Lord Jesus Christ as M.rs and Rulers in His House, and they do agree to declare that y.e Protestation of their Bretgren agst them is most unjust and sinfull And do moreover agree that it is their bounden Duty to form themselves into Two distinct Presbyteries for the Carrying on the Government of Christ's Church and do accordingly agree and appoint that M.r W.m Ten.t Sen.r and M.r Richard Treat be joined to the Standing Presb: of N. Brunswick: And that Mess.rs Sam.l Blair, Alexander Craighead, David Alexander and Charles Ten.t be a distinct Presb: distinguished by the name of the Presb: of London Derry. M.r Geo: Gillespie tho' not present now, having declared to us his willingness and desire of joyning with us is likewise appointed a Member of s.d Presby: M.r Hutchinson having manifested his Inclination to join with the Presb: afs.d but desiring some further Time of Consideration his Desire was granted. And it was likewise Ordered that upon his Appicon he sho'd be rec.d as a Member thereof - Appointed that the s.d Presb: of London Derry, meet upon the 30th of this Ins.t June at White clay Creek, And M.r Blair to open the Presb: by a Sermon."

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1741

(Schism of 1741 - con.)

"It is further agreed and appointed that these Presbyteries of New Br: and London Derry do meet at Philad.a on the 2.d Wednesday of Aug.st next in the Capacity and Character of a Synod. Mr. G. Ten.t appointed to open the Synod by a Sermon at 3 o'Clock, P.M.

"Adjourned to 3 o'Clock afternoon. Concluded with Prayer."

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1741

New Brunswick Presbytery proposes a collection for the Log College.

Mss.Min.New Bruns.Pby. p.32 (typed) - June 2, 1741.

"Mr. Blair having bro't Some Money for the Synod's Fund wch was not given in, it was agreed that it Sho'd be applied to the Support of some Students at Neshamminey they being in need of Assistance. It was further agreed that a Letter Sho'd be drawn up to send to the Several Societies under our Care desiring they wo'd be pleased to make some provision for the Assistance of such Students and send their Bounty by their Ministrs or Commissioners to the Meeting of our Synod, which Letter was accordingly drawn up and approved."

ibid. p. 36 - Meeting of New Brunswick Pby. at New Brunswick, Aug. 3, 1741.

Wm. Tennent, Sr. absent.

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Malcolm McKnight provides for education of his son Charles at the Log College.

Clause in Malcolm McKnight's Will. (His death occurred between August 22 and September 5, 1741, the dates of the drawing and the probating of his Will.)

"Only allowing my son Charles to take the money he has had since he went to Tennents in the first part pay of his share."

- JPHS. Vol.VIII. p.57 f.

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1742

William Tennent retires from active service.

Mss. Rec. New Bruns.Pby. Meeting at Philadelphia, May 29, 1742. (typed) p.39 -

"Mr. Willm. Tennent Senr. present."

"Mr. William Tennent Senr. gave into t e Presb^{y}. a paper setting forth his inability by reason of advanced age to discharge the work of the ministry unto the Congregation of Neshamineh over which He has for diverse years past been an overseer, desiring the Presb^{y}. to grant s^{d}. Congregation of Neshamineh Such Supplies as they Can, the Presb^{y}. took into consideration to see what they could do."

ibid. p.41 -

"That M^{r}. Robinson Supply Neshaminey 3 Sabbatha & M^{r}. Treat as often as his conveniency will admit before our next."

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1742

William Tennent absent from Presbytery, and supplies provided for Neshaminy.

Mass. Rec. New Bruns. Pby. p.42 (typed) - New Brunswick, Aug. 2, 1742.

Wm. Tennent, Sr. absent.

"Mr. Robinson appointed to Supply Neshaminey & Hopewel each Sabbath alternately when not interfering with the above (Philadelpoia) appointment."

ibid. p.42. Meeting at Freehold - Oct. 12, 1742.

Wm. Tennent, Sr. absent.

Petition for supplies from Neshaminy.

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1742

William Tennent advertises his Plantation for sale.

"To be sold by the Rev. Wm. Tennent of Neshaminy the Planatation that he now lines upon, containing an hundred Acres, in the Township of Warminster (There follows a brief account of the improvements on the land.)

- Pennsylvania Gazette. Sept.20, 1742, p.3.

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1743

Attendance at Presbytery.

Mss. Rec. New Bruns. Pby. p.56 (typed) - Philadelphia, May 26, 1743.

Ministers absent - Mr. Willm Tennent Senr

ibid. p.59. Meeting at New Brunswick - Aug. 10, 1743

Members of the Pr^{y} absent - Willm Tennent Senr.

ibid. p.65 Meeting at Abington - Oct. 12, 1743

Ministers (present) Messeurs Willm. Tennent Senr. ...

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1743

William Tennent present at Meeting of Presbytery at Neshaminy for the purpose of ordaining his successor, Charles Beatty.

Mss.Rec.New.Bruns.Pby. p.69 (typed) - Neshaminy. Dec.14, 1743.

"December the 14th. 1743. Then Met at Neshamineh according to appointment, Mr. Gilbert Tennent Mr. Richard Treat Mr. James Campbel, together with Mr William Tennent Senr. Correspondent, when & where after publick notifying all present if they had any just objection against Mr. Beatty's ordination, & after a Sermon preached by Mr Gilbert Tennent upon Joh. 21.16. Suitable to the occasion & after Mr Beatty's Publick profession of his faith & adopting the Westminster Confession &c. the Committee proceeded by fasting prayer & Imposition of hands, before a numerous Assembly to ordain Mr. Charles Beatty to the Sacred Ministry of the Gospel & Special oversight of sd. Congregation. Concluded with Prayer & the Blessing. "

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1744

William Tennent excused from further attendance on Presbytery.

Mss.Rec. New Bruns. Pby. p.75 (typed) - Maidenhead, Sept. 11, 1744.

Wm. Tennent, Sr., absent

"Mr. Wm. Tennent sen^{r}. Excused from attending Presbyteries by reason of his age."

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1744

William Tennent's Plantation advertised for sale.

"To be sold

"A Plantation, containg above 100 Acres of good Land, part cleared, and a good Meadow already made, and more than may be made, a good bearing Orchard, a large Dwelling-house and Barn, and other Out-houses, with a Crop of Corn in the Ground, and a new apple-mill and Press; it being well seated by York Road, about eighteen Miles from Philadelphia, suitable for keeping Store or Tavern, or any other public Business; being all under good Fence, and a Part of it ditched and quicked. Any Person that designs to purchase the same, may apply to Mr. William Tennent, Senior, living on said Plantation, to know the Terms of Sale."

- Pennsylvania Gazette, Nov. 29, 1744, p.4.

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1745

William Tennent is not present at the first Meeting of the new Synod of New York.

Records, p.233. - Meeting of the Synod of New York
ElizabethTown, Sept. 19, 1745

Present - New Brunswick Presbytery, Gilbert Tennent,
William Tennent, Jr.

New Castle Presbytery Charles Tennent

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1746

May 6, 1746. Death of William Tennent.

Here Lyeth the Body of the

Revd Mr William Tennent Sen.

Who Departed this life

May the 6 Anno Dom.

1746. Annos Natus 73.

- Inscription of tombstone in Neshaminy Graveyard.

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1746

William Tennent's Death reported at Meeting of Presbytery.

Mss.Rec. New Bruns.Pby. - p.89 (typed) - New Brunswick
March 19, 1745/46 pro re nata

ibid. p.90 - Meeting of Presbytery at Maidenhead, May 21, 1746.

"IT IS REPORTED TO THE Pr.y THAT M.r WILLIAM TENNENT Sen.r DECEASED SINCE OUR LAST."

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1746

William Tennent's Will.

JPHS, Vol.XIV. No.1. p.24 ff.

(The will of Mr. Tennent is on record in the office of the Registrar of Wills, Doylestown, Pa.)

WILLIAM TENNENT
WILL

"This Sixteenth Day of February Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred & forty-five I William Tenant Senior Minister of the Gospel in the Township of Warminster in the County of Bucks and Province of Pensylvania being weak in Body but of sound Mind and Memory Thanks be to God therefore Call to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all once to Dy Do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form Following Imprimis I will that all my just Debts be paid & fully discharged Item I give and bequeath to Kathren my dearly beloved Wife all my Moveable Estate to be by her possessed and enjoyed and appoint and Constitute her my Executrix of all my s'd Moveable Estate so she may at her Death or any Time before give devise or dispose of the same as she may See Cause to my dear Sons William and Charles Tenant or to any of their Children. and also I will that my s'd well beloved Wife have Use, occupy and enjoy all the Rents, Issues and Profits whatsoever that may and shall arise or accrue from my Plantation whereon I now live or from any part thereof and that during her Natural Life and then I will that my well beloved son Gilbert whom I constitute make and appoint my only and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament as concerning all my Plantation, Messuage and Tract of Land so that I authorize and appoint him to sell and lawfully to convey away the same and the Money arising from said Sale I will that one hundred pounds Current lawfull Money of s'd Province be paid to my Grandson William Son of William Tenant Junr and Fifty pounds of like lawfull Money be paid to my grandson Son of Charles Tenant and after that my Exe'c hath paid himself for his trouble what may then remain I desire that he may at his own Disgression Divide among my Children and I do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke and Disanul all and every former Testament Wills Legacies and Executors by me in any wise before this Time named willed and bequeathed Ratifying & confirming that and no other to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day & Year first above written

William Tennent (Seal)

(Beneath the will under date of May 9, 1746, is the certificate of the executor and the executrix; and the statement is made "That William Tennent late of the County aforesaid died on May 6, 1746."*)

*Will Book 2, Registrar's Office, Doylestown, Pa.

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1746

Inventory of William Tennent's Goods

JPHS, Vol.XIV., No.1, p.25.

"An Invesntory of the Goods and Chattoles of the Rev. Mr. William Tennent of Warminster in Bucks County is as followeth

To apparel	£ 10	0	0
To a Desk Cubort and four Tables	4	0	0
To Eighteen Chairs and Looking Glass	1	13	0
To Watch and Tea Ware	5	10	0
To Puller and Tinn Ware	5	5	0
To Brass Iron and Copper Ware	6	4	0
To Barrels and all Wooden Ware	3	15	0
To Chests Boxes Cubert and Dough Trough	1	10	0
To Carpenters Tools Sickle Stylyards	2	0	0
To Bed Bedding and Two Spinning Wheels	5	1	0
To Implements of Husbandry	3	5	0
To Sadles and Bridles	3	0	0
To the Wagon Syder Mill and press	8	5	0
To the Corn in the Ground	8	0	0
To Two Horses	12	0	0
To the Cattle and Hogs	8	0	0
To the Three Negroes	40	0	0
To the Servant's Times	10	0	0

As the Several particulars Were prised this eighth Day of April 1746 by us as witness our hands

Jacobus C (Name obliterated)
Evan Jones."

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1747

Feb. 8, 1747

Date of deed executed by Gilbert and Catherine Tennent conveying Log College Property to John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife. See "Release Baldwin to Carrell," under date May 7th, 1748.

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1747

William Tennent's Account with the Fund.

Records, p.191. - Meeting of the Synod of Philadelphia, May27,1747.

"Upon a supplication from Mrs. Tennent to the Synod, desiring that the interest of the money due from her husband's estate should be remitted: the Synod agreed to remit eight pounds on condition the rest be paid on demand, and without further trouble or delay."

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William Tennent's Account with the Fund

Recapitulation

Debit (p.30)	£	s	d
Willm Tennent To his Bond dated Decr 1st, 1728	30	0	0
To Interest due upon sd Bond Decr. 1st, 1735	7	4	0
To more interest due to Dec. 1, 1737	1	16	0

Credit (p.40)			
By Cash r^{ecd} for Interest Septr 21, 1736	1	16	0
1737 May 30 - By Cash remitted p^{r} ord^{r} of Synod, being all ye Interest due on his Bond preceeding Dec.1.1736, viz. 4 years, Inc.	7	4	0

Debit (con. p.39)			
William Tennent senr. and Wm. Tenent, Jr. To their Bond dated Sept. 21st, 1736	30	0	0
To Int. due to Jan. 21, 1737/8 - being 1½ yrs.	2	14	0
To more Int. due Jan. 21. 1739/40	3	12	0
To more Int. due to Jan. 21. 1742/3	5	8	0
To more Int. due to Jan. 21, 1743/4	1	16	0
To more Int. due till May 30th 1746	4	4	0

Credit (con. p.40)			
By Interest remitted from Septr 21, 1736 to Decr. 1st ye same year	0	7	0
Interest remitted to Mr. Tennent	8	0	0
Cash received in full principle & Interest	42	11	0

- Book for the Fund, pp.39-40.

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1748

Lease - Baldwin to Carrell AM 8574

May 6th 1748)
Lease for a year)
John Baldwin & Uxr) 100 Acres
to)
James Carrell)

"THIS INDENTURE Made the Sixth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and firty eight BETWEEN John Baldwin of Warminster Township in the County of Bucks and Provinee of Pensilvania Mason and Elizabeth his Wife of the one part And James Carrell of Northampton Township in the s^d County and Province Yeoman of the other part WITNESSETH that the s^d John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife for and in consideration of the Sum of ffive shillings Lawfull Money to them paid by s^d James Carrell the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged HAVE Bargained and Sold And by these Presents do Bargain and Sell unto the s^d James Carrell A CERTAIN Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land Scituate in Warminster afores^d BEGINNING in a Road (leading to the Dutch Meeting House in Southampton) at Corner formerly a Spanish Oak which is now down Extending thence North East forty two perches to Marked Hickery thence South East one hundred and eleven perches to a post for a corner thence North East one hundred and twelve perches to a post in William Millar's Line (bounded on the s^d three Courses by land late Charles Inyards deceased formerly George Harris's) - Thence South East by the s^d Millar's Land seventy three perches to a small Hickery for a corner thence by Land late Joseph Todds Deceased one hundred and fifty eight perches to a post in the afores^d road Thence North West along the s^d road dividing from John Johnsons (formerly John Cadwaladers) and Nicholas Gilberts Land one hdundred and eighty three perches to the first mentioned Corner the place of BEGINNING Containing one hundred Acres Together also with all and singular the Houses Outhouses Barns Buildings Ways Woods Waters Water-courses Swamps Meadows Orchards Gardens ffields ffences Hawkings Huntings ffishings ffowlings Rights Rents Issues and Profits thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the s^d Messuage Palantation and Tract of Land Hereditaments and Premises hereby Bargained and Sold or mentioned to be Bargained and Sold with the Appurtenances unto the s^d James Carrell his Executors Administrators and Assigns from the Day of the Date hereof and during and until the fu ll s^d Term unto the s^d John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife and their Heirs one pepper-Corn only upon the last Day of the s^d Term if the same be lawfully Demanded To the Intent and purpose that by virtue hereof and of the Statute for Transfering of Uses unto Possession the s^d James Carrell may be in Actual Possession of all and singular the premises And may be Enabled to take and accept of a Release and Confirmation thereof to him his Heirs and Assigns for

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1748

(AM 8574 con.)

"ever IN WITNESS whereof the s^{d} parties to these presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals hereunto Dated the Day and Year first above written

John Baldwin
Elizabeth Baldwin

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Oliver Hart
John Hart."

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1748

Release Baldwin to Carrell AM 8575

May 7th 1748

Release	)	
John Baldwin & Ux^{r}	)	100 Acres
to	)	
James Carrell	)	

"THIS INDENTURE Made the Seventh Day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty eight BETWEEN John Baldwin of Warminster Township in the County of Bucks and Province of Pensilvania Mason and Elizabeth his Wife of the one part And James Carrell of Northampton Township in the s^{d} County and Province Yeoman of the other part: WHEREAS Gilbert Tennent and Catherine Tennant by a Deed Indented duly Executed for the Consideration therein mentioned did Grant Release and Confirm unto the sd John Baldwin his Heirs and Assigns A CERTAIN messuage Plantation and Tract of Land Scituate in Warminster afores^{d} by Meets and Bounds in the s^{d} Deed mentioned Containing One Hundred Acres with the Appurtenances to hold to him the s^{d} Deed Dated the Eighth Day of ffebruary in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty six Relation thereunto being had fully may appear Now this Indenture Witnesseth That the s^{d} John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Pounds Lawfull Money of Pensilvania to them in Hand Paid by the s^{d} James Carrell at or before the Sealing and Delivery hereof the Receipt whereof they the s^{d} John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife do hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part and parcel thereof do Acquit and for ever Discharge the s^{d} James Carrell his Heirs and Assigns by these Presents have granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released and confirmed And by these presents do grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the s^{d} James Carrell (in his Actual Possession and seizen, now being By Virtue of a Bargain: and Sale to him thereof made to the s^{d} John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife for the Term of one Year from the Day nexy before the Day of the Date by these presents by Indenture bearing Date the Day next before the Day of the Date hereof Made between the same parties as these presents And by force and virtue of the Statute made for Transferring of Uses into Possession) and to his Heirs and Assigns ALL That the s^{d} Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land Scituate in Warminster afores^{d} Beginning at a Corner formerly a Spanish Oak now down in a Road leading to the Dutch Meeting House in Southampton, Extending thence North East forty two perches to a Marked Hickery Thence South East One hundred and eleven perches to a post for a Corner Thence North East one hundred and twelve perches to post in William Millars Line (Bounded on all three Courses by Land late Charles Inyards deceased

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(AM 8575 - con.)

"formerly George Harris's) Thence by s^d Millars Land South East seventy three perches to a small Hickery for a Corner Thence South West by Land late Joseph Todd's Deceased One hundred and fifty eight perches to a post in the aforesaid Road Thence North West along s^d road Dividing this from John Johnsons (formerly John Cadwaladers) and Nicholas Gilberts Land One hundred and eighty three perches to the first mentioned Corner the place of BEGINNING Containing One Hundred Acres Together also with all and singular Houses Outhouses Barns Buildings Ways Woods Waters Water Courses Swamps Meadows ffishings ffowlings Hawkings Huntings Rights Liberties Priviledges Improvements Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land belonging or in any wise Appertaining and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof And all the Estate Right Title Interest Use Possession Property Claim and Demand whatsoever of them the s^d John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife of in or to the same And all Deeds Evidences and Writings concerning the Premises TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The s^d Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land Hereditaments and Premises hereby Granted and Released or mentioned to be Granted and Re leased with the Appurtenances unto the s^d James Carrell his Heirs and Assigns to the only proper Use and Behoof of him the s^d James Carrell his Heirs and Assigns for ever UNDER the Yearly Quitrent hereafter Accrewing for the hereby Granted Premises to the Chief Lord or Lords of the ffee thereof AND the s^d John Baldwin and his Heirs the s^d Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land Hereditaments and Premises hereby Granted and Released or mentioned to be Granted and Released with the Appurtenances unto the s^d James Carrell his Heirs and Assigns Against him the s^d John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife and his Heirs and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever Lawfully Claiming or to claim by from or under him her them or any of them shall and will WARRANT and for ever Defend by these Presents AND the s^d John Baldwin for himself the s^d Elizabeth his Wife and for his Heirs Executors and Administrators # # # doth Covenant Promise and Grant to and with the s^d James Carrell his Heirs and Assigns in manner and form following (that is to say) that he the s^d John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife at the time of Ensealing and Delivery of these Presents are Lawfully and Rightfully Seized of and in the s^d Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land Hereditaments and Premises with the Appurtenances As of a Good Sure Perfect Absolute and Indefeaseable Estate of Inheritance And now have in themsel ves good Right full Power lawfull and Absolute Authority to Grant Convey and Confirm the s^d Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land and Premises unto the s^d James Carrell his Heirs and Assigns according to the purpose true Intent and meaning of these Presents AND that it shall and may be

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"Lawfull to and for the s^{d} James Carrell his Heirs and Assigns from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter Peaceably and Quietly to Have Hold Possess and Enjoy the s^{d} Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land Hereditaments and Premises hereby Granted and Released or mentioned to be Granted and Released with the Appuretnances And receive and take the Rents Issues and Profits thereof without the Lawfull Let Suit Trouble or Interruption of him the s^{d} John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife and their Heirs or any other person or persons whatsoever Lawfully claiming or to Claim the same by from or under them AND that free and clear and freely and clearly Acquitted and Discharged of and from all and all manner of former and other Gifts Grants Bargains Sales Seals Indentures Dowers Wills Intails Annuities Rents Arrearages of Rents Titles Charges and Incumbrances whatsoever (the Quit rent before mentioned only Excepted) AND that he the s^{d} John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife and their Heirs and all and every other person and persons whatsoever Lawfully Claiming or that shall or may at any time or times hereafter so have or Claim any Estate Right Title or Interest of in or to the Premises or any part or parcel thereof by from or under him them or any of them shall and will at any time or times hereafter upon the reasonable Request Cost and Charges in Law of him the s^{d} James Carrell his Heirs or Assigns make execute and acknowledge or cause so to be all and every such further and other reasonable A ct and Acts Deed or Deeds Device or Devices whatsoever for the further and better Assurance and Confirmation of the s^{d} Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land Hereditaments and Premises hereby Granted and Released or mentioned to be Granted and Released with the Appurtenances As by him or them or by his or their council learned in the Law shall be reasonably Devised Advised or Required IN WITNESS whereof the s^{d} parties to these presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals

hereunto Dated the Day and year first above written

John Baldwin
Elizabeth Baldwin

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
Oliver Hart
John Hart"

"Be it remembered That on the seventh Day of May Anno: Domi: 1748 Before me Benjamin Jones one of his Majesties Justices for the County of Buck came the above named John Baldwin and Elizabeth his Wife and acknowledged the above written Indenture or Release to be their Act and Deed and desired the same may be Recorded as their Deed. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal.

Benj. Jones.

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(AM 8575 - con.)

"Received of James Carrell within named the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty pounds it being the full Consideration Money within mentioned WITNess our Hands the 7:th Day of May 1748.

Witness present
Oliver Hart
John Hart

John Baldwin
Elizabeth Baldwin."

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1749

Bedford Presbyterian Church, 1681-1836, p.27.

Town Records of Bedford, Vol.II, pp.69, 73, 95, 116, 105.

Other parcels of land which remained in Mr. Tennent's possession, were after his decease conveyed by his son Gilbert to the trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Bedford.

"May 16, 1749. Gilbert Tennent of Philadelphia, in the Colony of Pennsylvania, Gentleman: Son of and heir at law unto Rev. William Tennent formerly of Bedford in Westchester County in the Colony of New York, but lately of Neshamina in the Colony of Pennsylvania, Deceased, for the promoting and supporting of the gospel of Jesus Christ, according and under the Presbyterian Discipline in the above said Bedford - gave to John Holmes, John Miller and Zebediah Mills, trustees, and their successors, several pieces of land, formerly possessed by his Reverend Father, for the use and support of the ministry ... viz. one house and home lot containing by estimation about ten acres: two lots in the east field containing eight acres each: one piece on the south side of Mehanus River, containg by estimation twelve acres; three acres on a plain called South Plain; one acre and a quarter in a meadow called Theel's meadow: one and a half acre in a meadow called David's Hill meadow: two acres and a half in a meadow called the great meadow, &c. &c."

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APPENDIX

Contemporary and Early References
to the Log College, including
Irwin's Memoirs of Neshaminy,
A List of the Alumni of the Log
College, and List of Sources.

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1735

Testimony of Fra: Alison
In Letter addressed to President Stiles of Yale
Dated, Philadelphia, December 12, 1767

"At my arrival here (1735) there was not a College, nor even a good grammar school in four Provinces, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Jersey and New York; but on the other hand, all that made any pretensions to learning were branded as letter-learned Pharisees." *

*An obvious reference to Gilbert Tennent's famous Nottingham Sermon, The Danger of An Unconverted Ministry .... Preached at Nottingham ... March 8, Anno 1739,40. Philadelphia: Printed by Benjamin Franklin, In Market-street, 1740. See page 4. "But notwithstanding of the great Crowds of these Orthodox, Letter-learned and regular Pharisees, &c., &c." - TCP.

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1738

"An Examination and Refutation of Mr. Gilbert Tennent's Remarks, &c.

"It is true, we for Good Reasons never admitted Mr. R)owlan)d to be a member of our Body. ... Besides, was not Mr. R - - d remarkably deficient in many Parts of the useful Learning required, in our Directory, in Candidates: and did not he himself own this? And did not his tutor, Mr. William Tennent, frankly own this publiskly, at New-Castle Presbytery, just before his Licensing? And did not Mr.T. publickly and heartily, in Words, testify his Approbation of the Proposal then made by said Presbytery, of Mr. R - - d's going to Mr. Alison, in order to his further Improvement in Learning, because of his known Deficiencies? And yet was he not immediately Licensed by Brunswick Presbytery, in Contempt of the Synod's Act?"

Note: John Rowland was licensed at a meeting of New Brunswick Presbytery held Sept. 7, 1738. See Mss.Rec.New Bruns.Pby. p.3, (typed)

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1739

Whitefield Fifth Journal - Nov. 10, 1739. p.30

see Text under date above.

See also Whitefield's Fifth Journal - Nov. 22, 1739. p.43 f.
See Text under date above.

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1740

Collection taken for Log College by Session of the New Londonderry (Faggs Manor) Congregation. Dec. 8, 1740.

see Text under date above.

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1741

Collection authorized by New Brunswick Presbytery.

see Minutes of Presbytery under date
June 2, 1741.

See also above (JPHS - Vol.VIII, p.57f.)

Clause in Malcolm McKnight's will, allowing
his son Charles the money he had since "he went
to Tennents in the first part pay of his share."

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1742

An Examination and Refutation of Mr. Gilbert Tennent's Remarks, &c. p.13.

"We had no other Views or Designs in our late Act or Agreement, but to secure a learned Ministry in this Infant Church ...

... "Whereto, Mr. T. replies, That they desired and designed a well-qualified Ministry as much as we.

"We answer, But will Mr. T. explain himself, what he means by a well-qualified Ministry? If a learned Ministry, Why was he unwilling that their Candidates should be examined by others, either before or after their Admission? Besides, is it not well known, that Mr. T. hath publickly pronounced some Parts of useful Learning, pointed out in our Directory, as necessary in Candidates, meer Criticks, and consequently uesless? And when his professed Judgment leads him, to lay aside the Observation of the Rules of our Directory, for the Examination of Candidates, we cannot think that our Design is secured at all: And we know of no other Reason, why Mr. T. should pronounce such Parts of useful learning, such as Physicks, Ethicks, Metaphysicks, and Pneumaticks, &c. Criticks: but because his Father cannot or doth not teach them."

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1742

An Examination and Refutation, &c. (published, 1742) p.52.

"As to the Evil designed to be prevented by the other Act, viz. That which relates to the Admission of Candidates, it was an unlearned or an-unqualified Ministry. The Synod conceived, not without Ground, that there was some Slackness in particular Presbyteries, in the Examination of Candidates, at their Admission into the Ministry, and that some of late were admitted, who were remarkably deficient in some Parts of useful Learning, particularly Messrs. Alexander Craighead, Charles Tennent, and John Rowland (the last two graduates of the Log College - TCP): Some of our Number were dissatisfied at their Admission; and some that were then easy, by reason of their good Opinion of the Men, hoping they would improve, are in great measure disappointed of said Hopes, by reason of the Notions they have imbibed, and the Practices they have run into. And we appeal to their understanding Hearers, Whether their Deficiencies do not too visibly appear in their publick Performances? And if any doubt that the Grounds of our Jealousies herein are not well founded, we are willing, that the Matter be put to a fair Trial, by the Examination of said Persons, to whom we may add Mr. McCrey (another Log College graduate - TCP) by any impartial learned Men, who are not of our Number. Upon these Grounds, and the credible Reports we received of Mr. W.T's great Slackness in educating Scholars under his Care, together with the plain Indications of the great Industry of his Sons to promote their Father's Scholars, tho' never so unqualified: it was thought expedient (seeing we had no Colleges nor Professors to examine our Scholars, as is usual at Commencements, where there are Colleges before Credentials or Diplomas are given them) that such who were brought up privately, should appear before the Synod, or other Commission, in order to their Examination in the several Parts of useful Learning, previous to their Admission upon usual Trials by particular Presbyteries ... "

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1746

Records, p.187. Letter to President Clap, Phila., May 30, 1746.

"Some years ago our Synod found the interest of Christ's Kingdom likely to suffer in these parts for want of a college for the education of young men. And our supplies either from Europe or New England were few in proportion to the numerous vacancies in our growing settlements. Mr. William Tennent set up a school among us, where some were educated, and afterwards admitted to the ministry without sufficient qualifications as was judged by many of the Synod. And what made the matter look worse, those that were educated in this private way decried the usefulness of some parts of learning that we thought very necessary. It was therefore agreed to try to erect a college, and apply to our friends in Britain, and Ireland, and New England, to assist us. We wrote to the Association of Boston on this head, and had a very favourable answer. But when we were thus projecting the thing, the war with Spain was proclaimed, which put a stop to our proceedings then. The Synod then came to a public agreement to take all private schools where young men were educated for the ministry, so far under their care as to appoint a committee of our Synod to examine all such as had not obtained degrees in the European or New England colleges, and give them certificates if they were found qualified, which was to serve our Presbyteries instead of a college diploma, till better provision could be made. Mr. Gilbert Tennent cried out that this was to prevent his father's school for training gracious men for the ministry; and he, and some of his adherents, protested against it, and counteracted this our public agreement, admitting men to the ministry which we judged unfit for that office, which course they persisted in though admonished and reproved by us for such unwarranted proceedings. While these debates subsisted, Mr. Whitefield came into the country, who they drew into their party to encourage divisions. And they and he have been the sad instruments of dividing our churches. And by his interest Mr. Gilbert Tennent grew hardy enough to tell our Synod he would oppose their design of getting assistance to erect a college wherever we should make application, and would maintain young men at his father's school in opposition to us. This, with his and his adherent's divisive practices, obliged the Synod to exclude him and other of his stamp, from their communion. In this situation our affairs grew worse; for our vacancies were numerous, and we found it hard in such trouble to engage such gentlemen either from New England or Europe to come among us, as our best friends in those places would recommend as steadfast in the faith, and men of parts and education. Upon this the Synod erected a school in the year 1744. It was agreed that the said school should be opend under the inspection of the Synod, where the languages, philosophy, and divinity be taught gratis, to all that should comply with the regulation of the school, being persons of good character and behaviour."

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1761

"A Second Letter to the Congregation of the Eighteen Presbyterian Ministers, ...
Philadelphia: Printed by Andrew Steuart .. 1761 ."

p.17. ... "all the way from Neshaminy (a) to Boston."

"(a) A place in Pennsylvania, the original seat of the new-light Log-College, that is now become a great building at Pr-nct--n in New Jersey."

p.27. "Bishop. 'Pray Gentlemen, what college or university were you educated in?' -

3d Candidate. Ch-rl-s T-nn-nt, 'Please your Bishop-prick, we were learned in my father's own college and versity at Shameny.'

"Bishop. 'I never heard of it before - what part of the world is it in?'

"3d. Candidate. Ch-rl-s T-nn-nt. 'Why, it was in America, it was near twenty feet long, and almost ten wide - but the logs are all rotten long ago. Indeed, I think, I have heard lately, that the wicked people that live there, have made a hog-stye of it. Dear, Dir, what a wicked world is this?' - "

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Memoirs of the Presby$^{tn.}$ Ch. of Neshaminey.

Mss. in possession of Pres.Hist.Soc.
Printed in Journal of the Pres.Hist.Soc.
Vol.II. No.5. p.222 ff.

Handwriting of Nathaniel Irwin, who succeeded Charles Beatty as Pastor of the Neshaminy Church.

Date - 1793.

Note - This is the earliest and one of the most reliable accounts of William Tennent and Neshaminy. - TCP.

The Presbyterian Church of Neshaminey is so called from its situation on the South branch of the Neshaminey Creek. It has also been called "the Forks of Neshaminey," as the building is situated, and the worshippers generally reside, in the forks of that Creek. The house of public worship is in Warwick Township in the County of Bucks about three miles distant from the line of Montgomery County & about twenty miles nearly due North of the City of Philad$^{a.}$ A religious Society was first formed in this place about the year 1724 by the occasional preaching of the Rev$^{d.}$ W$^{m.}$ Tennent, (the oldest of that name.)[1]

This venerable Patriarch had been a regular Minister of the established Church of Ireland; which he left & came to America about the year 1715. His first permanent residence was at Bedford in the State of New-York, where he continued about three years directing his attention chiefly to farming. In the year 1718 he appeared before the Synod of Philad$^{a.}$ then the highest Court of judicature in the Presbyterian Church of America, & expressed his desire to join that body. The Synod after examining his credentials & receiving a profession of his faith & the reasons which induced him to renounce the Episcopal Church (which last are on record) received him as a Member.[2] Soon after this he was settled as stated Pastor of the Church of Bensalem near the Mouth of the Neshaminey Creek. Being thus naturally led to explore the sources of the Stream on which he resided, he came at length to minister occasionally in the forks & the vicinity. In the year 1725 (whether by private contract or presbyterial settlement does not appear) M$^{r.}$ Tennent undertook to preach statedly to the people collected there, every other sabbath. For two years & an half he continued thus to officiate at M$^{r.}$ James Cravens about three Miles and an half South East from the place where the Church now stands:

1. Erased.
2. It is supposed that his wife who was a Presbyterian & descended from a long line of Presbyterian Ministers had considerable influence in bringing her husband to embrace the Presbyterian faith. (Irwin's note)

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using the Barn in the summer, the dwelling House in the Winter.

M^r. Craven was a low Dutch man late from Long Island & had been connected with the Dutch Ch. subordinate to the Classis of Holland. Having now had "the Church in his house" for so long a time, he became a zealous Member of[3] the Presbyterian Ch. & his descendants & connections have formed a small but respectable branch of this Society ever since.

In 1727 the foundation of a House for public worship was laid a few poles distant from the place where the Church now stands - So vigorous did this Society appear, even in the Cradle, that this their first Church was an elegant stone building 40 feet by 30 fitted for galleries & the front of hewn stone * - It was finished so that divine service began to be statedly performed in it in the summer of the year 1728 - M^r. Tennent at this time lived on a farm which had been given him by his friend M^r. (Growden)[4] Logan - about equidistant from Neshaminey & Bensalem. But as he was now advanced in years & found the supplying two churches 14 Miles distant from each other too much for his diminished strength, he resigned the Charge of Bensalem & devoted his whole attention to the favourite Child of his gray hairs - the infant Ch. of Neshaminey. Suited to this plan, his generous friend (Growden)[4] Logan accomodated him with a new Plantation (in lieu, of the former) situated on the old York Road in Warminster Township about one mile & a quarter South East of the Church. This spot became famous as the Seat of an Academy called by some the Log College erected there by M^r. Tennent (about ye year)[5] in or near ye year 1730.[6] (This)[5] Such an Accademy (which)[5] would scarce be known at this day; but it was justly celebrated at a time when there was hardly its superior South of New-England.

M^r. Tennent was a Mastor (of)[5] in the latin & Greek languages & had some acqwaintance with the liberal Arts & Sciences. These he taught in person for a time: As the School increased he employed one or more assistants. Many of the Scholars after compleating at this Accademy such a course of liberal learning as the place afforded & the day required, studied divinity with M^r. Tennent or others & became eminent in the Church, especially as instruments in the Revival of religion which succeeded. Among these were a Robertson, a McKnight, a Campbell, a MeCrea, a

* Considering the numerous wants of the people & the general state of building at this day, such a Ch. was noble for the first effort of a Society scarcely founded. (Irwin's note)

3. Repeated.
4. Erased.
5. Erased
6. Originally written 1732 and subsequently altered to 1730.

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a Laurence a Roan a Rodgers & superior to all M^{r}. Tennents own sons* four of whom were devoted to the service of the Sanctuary. Foremost among these stood Gilbert Tennent late Minister of the 2^{d}. Presbyterian Church of Philad^{a}. whose fame is in all the Churches. John Tennent after preaching a few years & raising the fondest hopes of future eminence was translated to the Ch. triumphant above. Nor will the names W^{m} & Charles Tennent soon be forgotten by the friends of Zion.

About the year 1740 M^{r}. Tennent being very far advanced in years was desirous to resign the Pastoral Office, & signified to the Church his opinion that they ought to - - [7] aMinister to serve them in this place - This was not easy to do, considering the (division)[7] animosities that now (raged)[7] existed in the Presbyterian Church, in consequence of what was called the revival of religion. Neshaminey was the Nursery of the revival - Gilbert Tennent was among the first of M^{r}. Whitefield's admirers & successful imitators: He followed his steps; preached in his spirit & power; his crow-egg sermon ** delivered at Nottingham will long be remembered as a monument of his zeal - As he, his brothers & other Pupils of the aged Tennent (all favourers of the Revival) often preached at Neshaminey, the people in General caught ye holy fire & zealously espoused the cause of reformation. A Respectable number, however, of very respectable people favoured what was called the old side. Among the Ministers who occasionally supplied the (Church)[7] Pulpit at this time was the Rev^{d}. Francis McHenry. He came from Ireland in the fall of the year 1737 - Next year he was established at Deep Run whence he came to supply at Neshaminey. (These supplies from being occasional came about the year 41 or 42, to be stated every other sabbath -)[7] Some time after he accepted the pastoral Charge of a part of this Church & was to render one half his services at Neshaminey, the other at Deep Run. When the rent took place in the Synod in the year 1741 he adhered to the old side - He was however a very moderate and prudent man & declined signing the Protest that shibboleth of the party - But he did not please the warm spirits of Neshaminey, who, on the 1st day of Decr. 1743 setled the Rev^{d}. Charles Beatty as their Pastor (Soon after this the other part of the Congregation

**Text - Scribes & Pharisees sit in Moses seat &c. - Design - to expose certain Ministers of that day by comparing them to the Scribes and Phars. Having painted - the characters he said, they were as like as one crow egg - to another 'tis in print. (Irwin's note)

7. Erased.

*Several persons who became eminent in their secular profession recd their education in Arts & languages at this Academy. Distinguished among these stands Doctr. John Redman Prest. of the College of Physicians, Philada. (Irwin's note)

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sought and obtained the said M^{r}. McHenry to be their Pastor to preach half his time at Neshaminey and half at Deep Run)[8] (He)[8] M^{r}. McHenry continued to serve (them)[8] his flock with diligence fidelity & reputation till Jany. 24th 1757 when he died - The aged Tennent was already in possession of his reward on wch he entered May 6th 1746 having finished his 73d year.

Shortly (before)[8] after the settlement of M^{r}. Beatty some disputes arose between the parties respecting the property of the Church - the new side were the most numerous; but discouraged by some legal decisions in similar cases they attempted no forcible entry or legal process, but proceeded to build a house more large & more elegant than than the former. It was in full view of the other Church and on the same ground which is occupied by the existing house - Before the death of M^{r}. McHenry the Synod reunited: M^{r}. Beatty unsollicited delivered a pathetic funeral discourse in the Church of his deceased Brother. This was thought to have a considerable influence in bringing the people with a few exceptions to unite under the pastoral care of M^{r}. Beatty - M^{r}. Beatty was a man of a public Spirit and this perhaps was the chief reason of his being much inclined to travel & being much absent from his Pastoral charge - On one of these expeditions he died in the 1772 in the Island of Barbadoes whether he had gone to colicit benefactions for the College of New-Jersey - He was succeeded (Aug.)[8] October 1774 by Nathl. Irwin the present Pastor. The Stated worshippers at the time - of his settlement were near 200 families. They have been reduced, chiefly by migration to about 150. Of these however some are not Pew-holders - (The Church was incorporated by a Law of the State of Pennsy^{a}. passed Septr. 20th 1782 -)[8] Old & new side united with the utmost cordiality in his Call nor has the Spirit of party appeared among them ever since. The Church was incorporated by a Law of Pennsy^{a}. passed the 20th day of Septr. 1782 - The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Gellatly a seceding Minister of talents & character (married)[8] from Scotland, married into the family of Robt^{t}. Bready then a Member of this Church & attached to the party of Mr. McHenry - This event conspiring with the death of M^{r}. McHenry which happened about the same time, made a favourable opening for the Seceders coming in & establishing an altar in this place - They embrased the opportunity, & attached a few families to them & made use of the Old Church as their place of worship. M^{r}. Gellatly however died & altho' Mr. Marshal* endeavoured to keep the stream running, it is long since dried up - All the seceders have returned: the Bready family only excepted.

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* Now of Philadelphia (Irwin's note)

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A BRIEF Retrospect of the Eighteenth Century, &c. by Samuel Miller. 1803.

"About the year 1730 a spring was given to the progress of literature in Pennsylvania, and the adjacent colonies, by the exertions of some Presbyterian clergymen and others, most of whom had a short time before arrived from Europe, and who embarked with a laudable zeal in the promotion of knowledge. The first of these was the rev. William Tennant, an emigrant from Ireland, who, about the year last mentioned, established at Neshaminy, in the neighbourhood of Philadelphia, an academy, which was more particularly intended for the education of ministers for the Presbyterian chu rch.* This institution continued to flourish for some time, and was the means of forming a number of good scholars, and distinguished professional characters. When it began to decline, the rev. Mr. Roan, a learned and able divine, also of the presbyterian church, ere cted another academy at Neshaminy, in the vicinity of the former. Mr. Roan, as well as his predecessor, is entitled to grateful remembrance for his zeal and success in promoting useful knowledge.

"The rev. Samule Blair ...was one of Mr. Tennant's pupils, in his academy at Neshaminy."

*Mr. William Tennant had been a clergyman in the established church of Ireland before he came to America. Soon after his arrival he renounced his connexion with the episcopal Church, and joined the presbytery of Philadelphia. He was much celebrated for his accurate and profound acquaintance with the Latin and Greek classics, and taught them with great success in his academy on the Neshaminy, which was called at that time his Log College, from the edifice in which his instruction was carried on being built of logs. Mr. Tennant had four sons, Gilbert, William, John, and Charles, who were all distinguished and useful clergymen, and whose praise has long been in the churches.

- Retrospect, Vol.III, pp. 199, 200 note, 202 note.

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Another early account of William Tennent is found in The General Assembly's Missionary Magazine, &c. Vol.I, No.V, p.238 f. but as it adds no new facts it is not included in this compilation. - TCP

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1807

Mss. Letter in possession of Pres. Hist. Soc.
Ebenezer Hazard to Samuel Miller, March 30, 1807.

"Your venerable Colleague (John Rodgers) was educated at old Mr. William Tennent's academy at Neshaminy, which was "the School of the Prophets" of that Day, & you have perhaps frequently heard mentioned as the 'Log College.' He studied Divinity with Mr. Gilbert Tennent ... "

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Miller, Memoir of John Rodgers (con.)

"He (Gilbert Tennent) was the eldest son of the Rev. William Tennent, who had received Episcopal ordination in that country (Ireland), and emigrated to America in the year 1718. Soon after his arrival he renounced Episcopacy, and was admitted a member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He was one of the most eminently pious, useful, and learned ministers, especially in classical literature, that the American Church ever had. He educated his four sons Gilbert, William John, and Charles, (together with a number of other young men,) at his Log College, on the Neshaminy; and had the satisfaction of seeing them all useful ministers. This venerable man died at Neshaminy, May 6th, 1746, in the seventy-third yearof his age."

p. 27, footnote.

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Samuel Miller, Memoir of John Rodgers. Abridged edition.

"About the year 1741, he (john Rodgers) was removed to a grammar school, shortly before erected on the Neshaminy, a few miles from Philadelphia, by the Rev. Mr. Roan ... In this school he continued several years. ... In the summer of the year 1743, ... he was removed from Mr. Roan's school, with a view to his pursuing the higher branches of study at some other seminary ... was sent to an academy of high reputation at Fog's Manor, in Chester county, Pennsylvania, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Samuel Blair."

__pp. 22, 23.

Extract from letter of Benjamin Rush to Samuel Miller, dated, June 7th, 1811.

"Some years ago I was sent for to visit a Mrs. Kirkpatrick, of this city, (Philadelphia) who told me she had spent the early part of her life in the congregation of the Rev. Mr. Roan, of Neshaminy, at whose school Dr. Rodgers received his academical training ... "

__ pp. 203, 204.

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WILLIAM TENNENT MANUSCRIPTS

The literary remains of William Tennent, Sr., consist of his Mss. Journal, in the possession of the Pennsylvania Historical Society: and seventeen Mss. sermons, sixteen of which are in the Presbyterian Historical Society, and one in the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

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Endorsed: Collimenogh, Julii 21. past trin. 9 sab. 1706.
COnnor, Julii 28. past trin. sabath 10. 1706.
Connor, Agust 4, past. trin. sab. 11th. 1706.
Agh(erton), Jun 27, 1714.
Agh(erton), Julii 4, 1714.
Agh(erton), Julii 11, 1714.

II. 1 Cor. 11:26. Sacramental Sermon. 4to. 12 pp.
Endorsed: Agherton, Dec. 22, 1717.
Bedford, Nov. 1, 1724.

III. Outline of Sacramental Sermon. 8 mo. 7 pp.
Endorsed: Bedford, Julii 4th 1725.

IV. Rom. 6:12. 8vo. 16 pp.
Endorsed: Britanos Concionaty, Janu. 12, 1729.
Inter Batavos, March ... 1730.

V. Sermon outline. 8vo. 12 pp.
Endorsed: Lower Sham. May 23, 1731
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Upper Shamonis, Jun. 27, 1731.

VI. 2 Cor. 7:1. 8vo. 15 pp.
Endorsed: Lower Samonis inter Batavos (among the Dutch)
Decembr 18, 1731.
Inter Batavos Jan 4 diebus Dmonicis ended
6 Janu 1731/2
Upper Sam. Concionaty
2:d.d. et finit
2d Sabat. Decemris 1737

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Endorsed: Upper Samonis Ffebr. 20, 1731/2
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Newtown D D D Concionaty - Lasy Julii 1734
Newtown, Jun Last 1734

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Endorsed: bis D D D concionaty in loco super ... et finit
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Concionaty Newtown usque ad usum Doctm circa ...
Decembris 1738.

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In para ... Act 8 d.d. upp.Sham. 3 D.D. Con.

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Sabatt. August 1734.

XII. Rom.11:25. 8 vo. 12 pp.
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1738.

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Endorsed: Nesham. upper Concionaty d.d.d. at finity
Decembr 2nd 1739

XIV. Matt. 3:8. 8vo. 8 pp.
Endorsed: Upper Sham. Jun. 1740

XV. Backsliders. 8vo. 8 pp.
No endorsement.

XVI. Idols. 8vo. 12 pp.
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XVII. Rom. 10:17. 8vo.
Endorsed: Inter Batav. Dec. 22, 1729.
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