



The "Old Stone Church" built in 1799.

TWO CENTURIES  
IN THE  
HISTORY OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
JAMAICA, L. I.;  
THE OLDEST EXISTING CHURCH, OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
NAME, IN AMERICA.

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"One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth for ever."—*Sol. Ecc.* 1, 4.

"Nescire, quid anteaquam natus sis, acciderit, id est semper esse puerum."—*Cic. in orat.* c. 34.

With an Appendix,

CONTAINING DISCOURSES DELIVERED, AND AN ACCOUNT OF THE SERVICES  
HELD, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE FOUNDING OF SAID CHURCH, ON THE 7TH, 8TH  
AND 9TH DAYS OF JANUARY, 1862.

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under the blessed Redeemer's shadow with great delight. My late excursions upon Long Island, I trust, have been blessed. It would surprise you to see above one hundred carriages at every sermon in the new world." There are still remaining a few who remember the interest and gratitude with which they often heard their pious parents refer to this season of heavenly refreshing.

One of the methods which Mr. Mills adopted for doing good was the writing and distribution of small tracts. By the kindness of Mr. Thomas Baylis, an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, and a descendant of one of the former elders at Jamaica, I am enabled to present one of these tracts distributed by Mr. Mills, and preserved in Mr. B.'s family.

*The Happy Man's Pedigree.*

THE HAPPY MAN, was born in the City of Regeneration—in the parish of Repentance unto Life: he was educated at the School of Obedience, and lives now in Perseverance: he works at the trade of Diligence, notwithstanding he has a large estate in the county of Christian Contentment; and many times does jobs of Self-Denial; he wears the plain garment of Humility, and has a better suit to put on when he goes to Court, called the Robe of Christ's Righteousness; he often walks in the valley of Self-Abasement, and sometimes climbs the mountain of Spiritual-Mindedness; he breakfasts every morning upon Spiritual Prayer, and sups every evening on the same; he has Meat to eat that the world knows not of, and his Drink is the sincere Milk of the Word:—Thus, happy he lives, and happy he dies. Happy is he who has Gospel Submission in his will—due order in his affection—sound peace in his conscience—

Sanctifying Grace in his soul—real Divinity in his breast—true Humility in his heart—the Redeemer's yoke on his neck—a vain world under his feet—and a crown of Glory over his head. Happy is the life of such an one:—In order to attain which—Pray frequently—Believe firmly—wait patiently—work abundantly—live Holily—die daily—watch your hearts—guide your senses—redeem your time—love Christ—and long for Glory.

The following is an extract of a letter from Mr. Seabury to the Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of Religion in Foreign Parts, referring to Mr. Whitefield's visit to Jamaica :

JAMAICA, October 6th, 1764.

REV'D SIR,—Since my last letter to the Honored Society we have had a long visit from Mr. Whitefield in this Colony, where he has preached frequently, especially in the city of New York, and in this Island; and I am sorry to say I think he has had more influence than formerly, and I fear has done a great deal of mischief. His tenets and method of preaching have been adopted by many of the Dissenting Teachers, and this town in particular has a *continual*, I had almost said, a daily succession of Strolling Preachers and Exhorters, &c.

In 1767, Mr. Mills received an urgent call to the Second Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, but the Presbytery decided against it. An appeal was taken by the commissioners to the Synod, which was answered by a long remonstrance from the congregation of Jamaica, an address from the Presbytery, and a letter from the Rev. Ebenezer Prime, of Huntington. Mr. Mills also declared that he esteemed it his duty to remain in Jamaica. After a full hearing of the case,