

Record

of the

Proceedings

of the

Trustees

of the

Great Seminary

June 1821

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At a meeting of the trustees of the Grant  
County Seminary held at the house of Wm  
Arnold on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1821 a majority  
of s<sup>d</sup> Trustees being present - ordered that  
William Arnold be & he is appointed Pres-  
ident of s<sup>d</sup> Board. John Sherwin Treasurer  
& H B Smith Clerk of s<sup>d</sup> Board

Resolved that advertisements shall be put  
up at one or more public places notifying that  
Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> inst will be the day appointed  
for a reconvention of s<sup>d</sup> Board & also to notify  
those who <sup>wish to</sup> undertake the locations of s<sup>d</sup> Lands  
to convene on s<sup>d</sup> day

By order of the Board

attest

William Arnold President

A Henderson C. K. Proctor

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Resolved that the Board adjourn until Satur-  
day the 27<sup>th</sup> inst at 11 o'clock of s<sup>d</sup> day

Wm Arnold

At a reconvention of the Trustees of the Grant  
Seminary held at the house of William Arnold  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 1821. Present William Arnold  
President, John Sherwin Tho. McPherson  
James Gouge Nathan Henderson

The trustees proceeded to let the location of  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Seminary Land which is as follows

Resolved that William Littell be and is here  
by appointed to locate sa Land & to bring the  
same into Grant County the Quantity of  
vacant Land being 6000 acres for the use  
of 5<sup>th</sup> Seminary of which the said Littell is to  
have  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the sa Land by the 5<sup>th</sup> Littell faithful  
discharging his duty in locating the same & bring  
ing it into Effect

Resolved further that the Grant Seminary be  
Built in Town of Williamstown

Resolved that the Board Adjourn until a  
Convenient time by order of the board

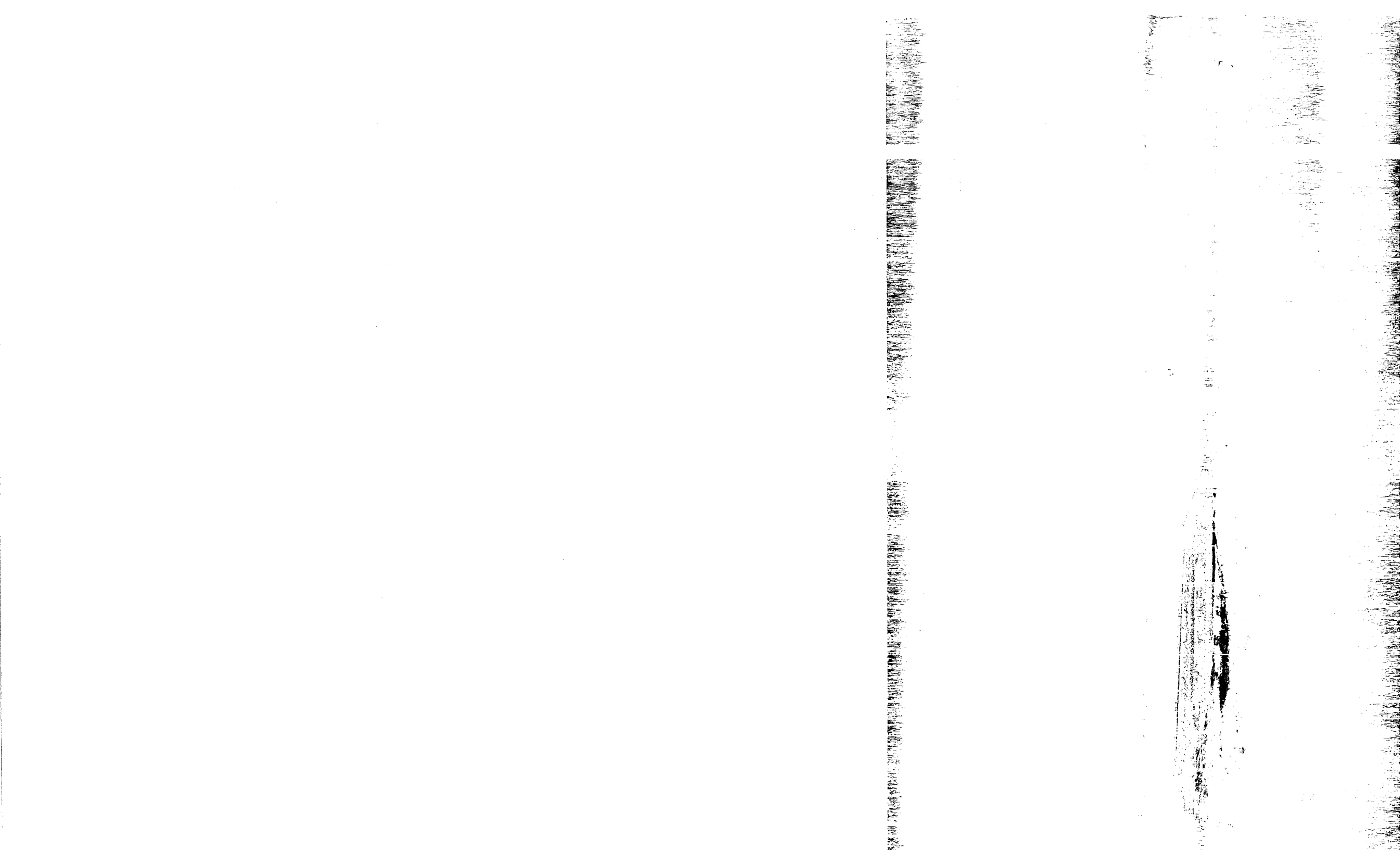
N. Henderson C. H. Proton } Wm Arnold

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Grant Acad  
emy at the house of Capt Wm Arnold in William  
stown on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1822

Present Wm Arnold Chairman Nathl Hender  
son James Gauge & Hubbard Smith

Resolved unanimously that Messrs Henderson,  
Gauge & Smith be a committee to draw up a subs  
cription & circulate it in order to obtain funds  
to build a suitable house for the Grant Seminary

Resolved unanimously that measures be taken  
immediately to carry into effect the building



of the Grant Seminary and that Messrs

Henderson & Smith

be a committee to draft a plan for the said building & lay the same before the board on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of March next for inspection and for the approbation of this board

H B Smith resign his office as clerk to this board

Resolved unanimously that Doctor W Dully be & he is appointed clerk to this board

Resolved that the board adjourn ~~at~~ till Saturday the 2<sup>d</sup> of March next

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Grant Academy at the Court house in Williams town on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1822

Present Wm Arnold <sup>Chairman</sup> H B Smith Thomas Wilson James Gouge John Sherwin

H B Smith was this day qualified as a member to this board also

W Dully was this day duly qualified a clerk to this board of Trustees of the Grant Academy

The plan of the Grant Academy was this day read by the committee to the board and was approved of

Resolved unanimously that the plans shall  
be put into a workmans hand that he is requested  
to make out a bill of the work and lay it be-  
fore the board at the next meeting

Resolved that the board adjourn till Sat-  
= urday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March next Wm Arnold Pres

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Grant  
Academy at the house of Wm Arnold  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1822

Present Wm Arnold Chairman John  
Shervan Thomas Wilson & Ppmit  
N. Henderson

Order 1<sup>th</sup> Resolved unanimously the Grant acad-  
emy is to be let out the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1822  
provided the board agree that day on the plan  
of letting

Order 2<sup>nd</sup> Res. unanimy the ~~work~~ House shall  
be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> next

Order 3<sup>rd</sup> that William Arnold James Gough  
& John Shervan be a committee to let out the  
building of <sup>the</sup> Grant Academy

Order 4<sup>th</sup> that John Shervan be & is  
appointed Treasure to this board by his  
giving bond & approved security

Order 5<sup>th</sup> that the board adjourn  
till munday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April next at  
3 o'clock

At a meeting of the trustees of the  
Grant Academy held at the house of  
William Arnold's <sup>the</sup> 5 of July 1829 Present  
Wm Arnold De<sup>t</sup> John Sherwin James Gouge  
Thomas Willson The Trustees Proceed in business  
Resolved unanimously that John Sherwin  
is reappointed Treasurer to this Board  
<sup>by the</sup> ~~by the~~ <sup>given Bonds & approved security</sup>  
Order that Messrs Littel & Newbold be  
notified to attend <sup>the</sup> 12 of July for one or  
the other to be appointed to locate the  
Seminary lands for Grant County &  
give bond in some penalty to per-  
form their contract when appointed  
order that the board adjourn till  
Friday <sup>the</sup> 12 of July next at 9 o'clock

At a meeting of the trustees of the Grant  
Academy held at the house of Wm Arnold's  
the 19<sup>th</sup> of Octr 1829.  
Present Wm Arnold James Gouge Thomas  
Willson & Nathaniel Henderson  
Resolved unanimously that William Newbold  
be & is appointed to locate the <sup>new</sup> seminary lands  
for Grant County <sup>seminary</sup>

2 Resolved unananimously that James Gough  
H B Smith & John Merwan be <sup>withholding</sup> ~~appointed~~ <sup>appointed</sup>  
a committee to take bond & security from Mr Newbold ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> the penalty  
as the Law describes

1 ordered that S Henderson & M. Tully be  
is hereby appointed a committee to let out the  
building of the Grant Seminary to the low  
est bidder & take Bond & approved secur-  
ity for the faithful performance of sd building

2 Ordered the house to be 40 feet long &  
20 wide ~~wide~~ one story of nine feet  
high the wall to be Eighteen inches thick  
the sd Building to be covered with  
good joint shingles the under floor  
to be laid with good Ash plank the upper  
floor to be lathed & plastered the sd House  
to have 6 nine light windows viz. 4 in front  
& 2 in rear the sd House to be finished in  
side with Chain & wash boards round sd wall  
& two in side lockers or Cases in sd wall for  
the purpose of depositing the necessary apparatus  
such as books scales &c &c. the sd house to  
have 2 doors 1 in front & the other back  
to be made Pattern sd Doors to be hung with  
good strong hinges sd doors to have a lock  
& key to each the sd Seminary to be built  
of good merchantable brick the foundation  
of sd House to be raised with stone one  
foot above the surface of the ground  
sd House to have two fire places one in each end  
of the house the whole work to be done in a work-  
man like manner



The 2<sup>d</sup> House to be completed on or before the  
first day of October 1823.

3 Ordered that the undertaker of 2<sup>d</sup> seminary  
after first given bond with approved security for  
the faithful performance of 2<sup>d</sup> work shall have the  
benefit of all <sup>the</sup> fines which is now in the hands of  
the different offices also all fines that may hereafter  
accrue to gether with the benefit of a superscription  
now made up & which may be hereafter  
It is to be understood that the undertaker after  
receiving all fines & superscription now made up  
& hereafter will be made up <sup>to</sup> wait for the res-  
idue of Payment untill such times as it can  
be made up out of the money arising out of  
the seminary lands

Order that the Clerk of this board send a  
letter to the secretary of seminary informing him  
of the situation &c of the Grant seminary

Order that this board adjourn till further  
orders —

\$1193.00

Wm Arnold

at a call meeting of the trustees  
of the Great Seminary on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of  
March 1823 Present Wm Arnold  
Thomas Miller Hubert Belmont  
John Sherwin Resolved remain all  
things the board ~~to~~ appointed  
William Little a commission to  
locate 6000 acres of land for the use  
of the Great Seminary & since Little  
found so doing now be it Resolved  
that Clayton Sherwin be appointed  
a Commr to locate s<sup>d</sup>. 6000 acres of land  
such as will come within the meaning of  
the act of assembly passed on the subject  
of cessions in the year 1820 and  
that he be truly authorized to call  
at the office in Fairport for warrants  
for that purpose & that he execute  
bond for the performan of the same  
by or be paid the . . . day after next  
for the performan of the s<sup>d</sup>. services  
In witness they agree to give s<sup>d</sup>. Sherwin  
2000 acres of s<sup>d</sup>. Land to be divided  
agreeable to quantity & quality

Resolved that H. Bennett & J. S.

Henderson be appointed Comptroller to take bond from Clayton Shevan for the performance of his duty in locating the land for the Grant Seminary in sum - atty of \$12000

Order that the board adjourn until further orders

At an Extra Meeting of the Trustees of the Grant Seminary held at the House of Thomas Wilson Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823

Present Messrs Arnold J. M. John Shevan James Gouge Thomas Wilson H. Henderson

Order that John Shevan Treasurer of this Board be authorized to have the several Excutions in the hands of the different Magistrates be placed in the hands of proper officers for collection & receive & Receipt for the same as Treasurers to the Board

Ordered that W. Lilly & W. H. ...

and he and they are hereby appointed a committee to fix on a site on the quantum of ground donated by Mrs. Arnold to the said Board to build said seminary and Report the same to the undertaker thereof ordered that the Board adjourn until further orders

Wm. Arnold Pres.

At a meeting of the board of Trustees of the Grant  
academy at the house of J. J. Lully in Williamstown  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1824

Present Nathaniel Henderson

Thomas Wilson John Shirvin and James Gange

Resolved unanimously that J. J. Lully be appointed  
as Deputy clerk to this Board. ~~and that~~  
of William Arnold that the report of exam-  
-iners for the reception of the Academy  
should be received which was ~~referred~~ in  
Examined and ordered to be record.

Williamstown Grant County April the 25<sup>th</sup>  
- 1824 We the undersigned commissioners appointed  
- ted by the board of Trustees of the Williamstown  
- un Seminary have this day Received said  
Seminary awarding the order of said Trustees  
given under our hands this day and do  
above mentioned Nathaniel Henderson, W.  
Lully, Thomas Wilson, & John Shirvin, ordered  
that the board adjourned till further ordered

John Shirvin Pres.

Order to the Treasurer of this  
Board March 15<sup>th</sup> 1825



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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Grant Academy at the Court house in  
Williamstown on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1824

Present  
William Arnold Chm  
Nathaniel Henderson }  
Absalam Skewin } Trustees.  
Thomas Wilson & }  
Hubbard Pophitte }

There being no business before the  
Board, It is resolved that they adjourn  
till ~~the~~ meeting in course  
Wm Arnold  
B B T

H. H.

At a meeting of the Board of the Trustees of the Grant academy at the Court house in Williams town on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 1825

Present

William Arnold, Chairman  
H P Smith  
Thomas Wilson  
Thomas Hubbard  
Nathaniel Henderson

~~Order that~~

~~Resolved unanimously~~

~~Resolved~~ that Clayton Sherwood this day assigned the patents for the 6000 acres of Land which he located for the Grant academy in Number Eight patents and the Trustees agree to convey to sd Sherwood in discharge of there Contract with him the Land contained in two of the Patents to wit one of thirteen hundred and forty three acres and one of six hundred and seventy three acres by special warranty

order that the deed be conveyed as special warranty to S<sup>d</sup> Sherwood the amt of Number one of acres above written <sup>in</sup> two patents containing 1343 ac & one 673 when called for according to the Law prescribed

Resolved that the Board adjourn till meeting in course

Wm Arnold P. B. G. S.

Attest  
29 July 1825

at a call meeting at the house  
of Mr. Lacey, of the grant secondary on the  
10th of Sept 1824

Present  
Wm. Appleton } President  
H. P. Smith -  
Thomas Wilson  
N. Henderson

The resignation of <sup>was handed off</sup> Thomas Hubbard  
as Trustee of the Board of the trustees of  
the grant secondary and also a Trustee  
and D. O. Lully was appointed in his place  
by his not giving bonds and seeing the  
Law is made. Both as Treas and  
Trustee

and that the Board adjourn till the  
Board is call in case Wm. Arnold

at an extra meeting of the Trustees  
of the grant secondary met at the Court house  
on the 10th of August 1826

Present  
~~Wm. Arnold~~ } Chairman  
H. P. Smith - }  
Wm. Appleton }  
T. Shevon }  
N. Henderson }  
D. O. Lully }  
Thos. Wilson }



Resolved unanimously the presence of <sup>Blayton & Co.</sup>  
the grant <sup>committee</sup> ~~committee~~ is to make, <sup>him</sup> his  
Deeds to the lands, which he is intitled  
to ~~the different~~ <sup>purpose of the</sup> for locating said  
lands for the <sup>grant</sup> ~~grant~~ <sup>committee</sup> ~~committee~~

Resolved unanimously that there shall be  
~~is~~ <sup>a committee</sup> appointed to <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>one</sup> Arnold  
for building the ~~committee~~ <sup>committee</sup> ~~committee~~  
the report to the next meeting <sup>the</sup>  
to <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>one</sup> Henderson. A <sup>committee</sup> ~~committee~~  
Thomas Nilson

Resolved that the board of Trustees  
have a deed written and present  
it to him <sup>&</sup> signed

~~On~~ the resignation of D. Lilly,  
was presented and received and, a  
motion, and seconded that Abram  
Loris be and is appointed in D. Lilly  
place, as Trustee & Treasurer

Ordered that the board adjourn  
until the 2 Monday in September  
1826

H. J. Smith Ch. P. J.

At a meeting of the board of the Trustees  
of the Grant Seminary at the office of  
B H Covans in Williamstown on  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1841

Present A. Sherman & N. Henderson

L. Kendall & M. Draper being appointed by  
an act of the Legislature to fill the places of  
others by death.

Being duly qualified & took their seat as Trustees

~~and~~ A. Sherman took the Chair as  
presiding member & it became that L. Kendall  
be appointed Chairman to the board which was  
unanimous appointed as such

order that M. Draper be and is appointed  
Treasurer to this board

order the Board adjourn till Saturday next  
at two o'clock & the Clk will notify the  
members thereof Lewis Kendall P.

W. Lully Clk

at a meeting by order of a journal  
of the Trustees of the Grant Seminary held  
at the office of B. H. Evans in the Town of  
Williams Town on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 1841

Present. L. Kendall Chairman A. Stearns  
J. V. Henderson

Thomas Caldwell being one of the late Trust-  
ees appointed by an act of the Legislature to fill  
a vacancy was duly qualified and took his  
seat as Trustee

Order that L. Kendall be and is appointed  
a Committee to try to make some disposal of  
the ground where the Seminary stood and make  
a report of the same if any should be made  
at the next meeting

order that the Clerk ~~effects~~ up Notices at the  
most publick places in Ypres Town Notify all  
those person who have taken away any of the  
remains of said building to give an account  
for the same at the next meeting of sd Board

order that the regular stated meeting of  
this board to be on the <sup>fourth</sup> Saturday in each month  
at that 2 o'clock P. M.

order that the Board adjourn <sup>untill</sup> the second Saturday  
in June being the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the same month. A  
W. Lully Clerk. Lewis Kendall

at a Extra meeting by order of the Board  
of the Trustees of the Grant Seminary held  
at the Off of B. H. Evans in Williamstown  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1841 President A. Sherwin  
N. Henderson & M. Draper not being a  
sufficient quorum to transact business  
it is ordered the board adjourn until  
Monday next at 2 o'clock P.M.

M. Draper P. Pinner  
W. Lully Ck

at a Extra meeting by order of the board  
of the Trustees of the Grant Seminary held  
at the office of W. Lully in Williamstown  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1841 present A. Sherwin  
N. Henderson M. Draper I. Coldwell

Resolved unanimously that Henry Hall be  
appointed a member to this board in place  
of N. Henderson removed being duly sworn  
and took his seat as Trustee

Resolved unanimously that Seth Doud  
be appointed in the place of M. Draper Treasurer  
resigned who come forward qualified & took  
his seat.

Resolved unanimously that Peter Ireland  
be appointed in the place of A. Sherwin  
resigned who come forward qualified & took  
his seat.

Resolved unanimously that Agnew Lucas  
be appointed in the place of Thos Caldwell  
resigned who come forward qualified & took  
his seat

order that the board adjourn till  
meeting in course

Lewis Kendall

W<sup>o</sup> Tully Clerk

Williamstown Grant County N.Y. 1871

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed  
by the Board of Trustees of the Williamstown  
Seminary have this Day Paid \$50  
Seminary according to order of sd trustees  
General Order our hands this Day and  
Date above mentioned

N. S. Peridender  
W. D. Gully  
Wm Wilson  
John Mearns

To the President and members of  
the Grant County Seminary I hereby  
assign my seat in your honorable  
body as a trustee also as an  
Trustee of the same Corporation  
I am with due respect Yours  
July 16 1871 Thomas Hubbard

State of N.Y.  
Grant Co Court  
Nov. Term 1871.

It is hereby ordered that  
Wm Smith & W. N. Hogan be appointed a Committee  
to investigate the title to any lands in which  
the County of Grant may be interested, And to  
search for and demand of any person holding  
any title paper or evidences of title and to  
report the result of their investigations to the

I know all and by these presents that we William  
Arnold, John Shirwin & James Gauge Commissioners  
appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Grant  
Seminary, for & on the behalf of the said Trustees  
promise & bind ourselves to pay to James Howe  
the sum of Two hundred and sixty dollars  
in the following manner to wit; the said  
Howe is to take a subscription paper now in  
the possession of Capt. William Arnold with the  
amount that is now subscribed on it, & what  
may be subscribed to it, and the balance to  
be paid out of the fines that now is, and hereafter  
may be assessed within the County of Grant as  
soon as those fines may be collected & put into  
the hands of the Treasurer of the Trustees, or that  
amount to be paid out of the donation Lands of  
the Trustees as soon as they can be located &  
sold; In consideration of which said Howe is  
to build a Seminary the description of which  
may be seen by application to the clerk to the  
Board of the Trustees in an obligation which  
the said Howe hath executed for the completion  
thereof dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 1822; the subscription  
paper above named is to be assigned over & delivered  
to said Howe when he accepts the said  
work & he is to collect the amount subscribed  
thereon himself, & the amount subscribed on it is  
to be considered as that much paid of the  
Two hundred & sixty dollars. Given under our  
hands this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1822.

Test  
W. Lully

Wm Arnold  
James Gauge

Seal

Know all men by these presents that we James  
Hawe

are held & firmly bound unto William Donald  
John Sherwin, Nathaniel Henderson, James Gage  
William Sanders, Thomas Wilson & Silsbee D.  
Smith Trustees of the Grant Seminary & their  
successors in office, in the just & full sum of  
five hundred and twenty Dollars current  
money to which payments well & truly to be  
made we bind ourselves & every of our heirs  
Executors & Admors jointly & severally by these  
presents sealed & Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> April 1822

The Condition of the above obligation is  
that if the above bound James Hawe shall  
build or cause to be built a house which is  
intended for a Seminary of the following  
description to wit, To be of good sound Newed  
Logs, which shall make a house of thirty feet long  
and twenty feet wide in the clear, Two stories  
high, ten feet at least in the clear between the  
Lower & Middle Floor, and 8 feet in the clear  
between the middle & upper Floor, the foundation  
of the building to be of stone at least 18 inches above  
the surface of the ground to be covered with shi-  
-gls, To have two doors below facing each other  
& a good Lock on one of them, the other with a good  
iron bolt, & to have four twelve light windows  
below & glazed with glass two by twelve inches,  
one good stone or brick chimney with one  
fire place below four feet wide and one above  
three feet wide above, the cracks or openings  
between the logs to be well chinked with stone  
& plaistered with good white Lime mortar  
the Lower floor to be laid down in good order  
of white or blue ash plank one & an half inches  
thick, the middle floor to be laid with plank



...the plans on the third floor, the doors  
and windows to be nicely faced & eased & both  
doors being on good iron hinges, and the  
whole of the work to be done in a good workman  
like manner & the whole of the materials to be of  
a good & merchantable quality, and the whole  
of the building to be completed in or before the  
first day of November next; then the above  
obligation to be void, else to be & remain in full  
force & virtue in Law.

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