

had access to their ears, their affections and to their contributions; and he made use of all, not for his own aggrandizement, or to secure for himself a name, but for the glory of God and the progress of the Cause of the Master.

There was at this time no Regular Baptist Church in New York City. There were a number of Baptists there who were members of the Fish-kill Baptist Church, and elsewhere. These being recommended to do so, united themselves in church relationship with this church and were frequently visited by Rev. James Carman pastor of the Cranberry church (now Hightstown) and by Rev. Mr. Miller, who by authority of the Scotch Plains Church regularly administered the Communion once every quarter, and baptised when necessary. The congregations there increased so that no private dwelling house could accomodate them, and they found it necessary to hire a rigging loft in Cart and Horse Street, now William St. where they held their meetings for a number of years. They then erected their first church edifice on Gold Street. On the 19th of June 1762 twenty seven persons, namely, John Carman, Jeremiah Dodge, Andrew Thompson, Samuel Edmonds, John Degray, Elias Baylis, Jos. Meeks, Wm. Colegrove, Samuel Dodge, Catharine Degray, Mary Stillwell, Hannah Hayton, Hannah French, Mary Murphy, Margaret Dodge, Sarah Meeks, Sarah Thompson, Jane Calwell, Mary Edmonds, Susannah Mires, Ruth Perine, Mary Smith, Eliza VanDike, Mary Simmons, Rachel Williams and Catherine Leonard who had received letters of dismission for the purpose from this church organized the First Regular Baptist Church of New York City. On the same