

CHURCH HISTORY

From an old paper in the custody of Mr. John Z. Hatfield, we learn that, in 1742, between thirty-five and forty men—head of families—decided to get together and build a meeting-house. The paper reads as follows: “Wee whose names and hands are hereunto subscribed think necessary that there should be built a First Day Baptist Meeting House in the Borough of Elizabeth on the East side of the green River and near to sd River at such a place as the major part of the Subscribers which shall be Mett on Thursday the sixteenth of September next ensuing at the dwelling house of Henry Lines (in sd Borough) for that purpose and shall nominate and appoint and on the sd sixteenth of September and at the house of sd Henry shall by a majority of votes appoint and choose two or more managers (as they shall think proper) for the carrying on and finishing the sd house and all to agree on the form and size that the sd house shall be built and to the intent that the managers may be Inabled to carry on finish of the sd house.

“Wee whose names and hands are hereunto subscribed do hereby bind and oblige ourselved severally and also our executors and ——— to pay or cause to be paid unto the managers the sum of ——— announced to each of our names in manner following that is to say that one equal third part of the sum so subscribed by each subscriber shall be paid or