

ASSIGNED SEATING OF THE CONGREGATION OF PITTSFORD, VERMONT
“A True Draught of Pittsford Meeting House”
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I love this document! It was sent to me by Gayla Mae Hendee Stafford upon her return from a visit to Pittsford.

There are several interesting aspects to this document.

- We see the pews for the families of both Caleb Hendee, Sr. and Caleb Hendee, Jr. (starred by me).
- Judging by price, Caleb, Sr. is tied for third in importance, as Adams et al. paid £36, while the Kelloggs et al. paid £33 10 shillings. The Copleys paid the same as Caleb, Sr....£30.
- However, Caleb, Sr. and the Copleys apparently had the pew only for their own families, whereas, the others above shared among families. So, perhaps Caleb was more important or just had more children. However, we know that his oldest son, Caleb, Jr., was grown, having his own pew.
- At any rate, we see the importance of proximity to the pulpit in comparison with prices for those farther removed.
- Caleb, Jr. shared the booth with the B. Chaffee family for £12 10 shillings.
- It is always fun to be reminded that our families at this time were still part of Britain, using pounds and shillings.
- We see the familiar names from In the Shadow of Cox Mountain: William Cox, Cooley, Drury, Stevens, etc.
- People familiar to us also served on the committee.
- Note “Men’s Stairs” and “Women’s Stairs.” Was a choir loft upstairs?
- Caleb, Jr. states on page 10 of his MS that his father “was a religious man and for some years Deacon in the church.”
- Thanks to the research of John Robert Hendee, we know the relative value of the pews in today’s currency. John writes, “On page 7, Caleb says 300 pounds was 1000 dollars in 1773. So, 30 pounds was \$100. One hundred dollars in 1774 is worth about \$2,790 in 2011, according to www.measuringworth.com.”

Many thanks to Gayla for providing one of my favorite Hendee documents; we can practically picture our family at worship!

J. Powers, J. Hitchcock, I. Chatterton. Price, £15 10s. No. 6.	Eben. Hopkins & Co. Price, £22. No. 7.	Minister's Pew. No. 8.	PULPIT.		* Caleb Hendee & Co. Price, £30. No. 9.	Esqs. Drury and Ewings. Price, £29. No. 8.	D. Lee, Hitchcock, Lake and Lyman. Price, £16. No. 7.
	Wm. Cox and Abel Wright. Price, £16. No. 5.	Benj. Cooley. Price, £16. No. 6.	A. Kellogg, P. Ripley and Wm. Cox & Co. Price, £33 10s. No. 1.	Adams, Samuel and Thos., and Cooleys. Price, £36. No. 1.	Parmeley, Weed and Eli'a Woodruff. Price, £15. No. 6.	Daniel Stevens. Price, £18 10s. No. 6.	
West Door.	Thos. Hammond and P. Powers. Price, £13. No. 5.	C. Drury, Ab'r Drury and Ad't Lathrop. Price, £26. No. 2.	Sam'l Copley & Co. Price, £30. No. 2.	A. Leach and M. Buck. Price, £15. No. 5.	* C. Hendee, Jr., and B. Chaffee. Price, £12 10s. No. 5.		
M. Potter, S. Harwood, and Nath'l Kingsley. Price, £15 10. No. 4.	Newcomb and R. Ward. Price, £12 10s. No. 4.	Samuel Hopkins and Rosson. Price, £23. No. 3.	Bill'd Orcutt and Mat'w Hopkins. Price, £24. No. 3.	Sim'n Tupper, Jr., and John Woodruff. Price, £12. No. 4.	East Door.		
David Starks. Price, £7. No. 3.	Thos. Hammond and Wm. Spencer. Price, £13. No. 2.	Elz'r Warner and Elijah Brown, Jr. Price, £25 10s. No. 1.	John Barns, Stephen Mead, Mar'n Mead and Neh'm Hopkins. Price, £27 10s. No. 1.	James Ewing, Esq., and John Penfield. Price, £11. No. 2.	C. Cooley. Price, £13 5s. No. 4.		
Men's Stairs.					Thos. Avery & Co. Price, £7 10s. No. 3.		
					Women's Stairs.		

FRONT DOOR.

The above is a true Draught of Pittsford Meeting House.

Attest,

SAM'L COPLEY,
PHI. RIPLEY,
BENJ. COOLEY,
CALEB COOLEY,

} Committee.