

**Petition, SC, York, Bethel Meeting, New Election Place, 1820**

State of South Carolina  
York District

To The Honorable the speaker and the member of the House of Representatives.

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of Bethel Congregation and its & vicinity in York District sheweth that the distance to any place of election from where your petitioners reside is so great and the water courses, especially in the winter season, are frequently so high that they are prevented from giving their suffrages.

The privilege of election we esteem a most invaluable, one, but from the indifference of some and the inability of others to have, and for various other reasons, we are convinced that the sense of the great body of the people cannot be collected otherwise than by establishing places of election to be convenient to every citizen has almost to invite this suffrage.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable body would take their case into consideration and appoint a place of election in the this action of see District. And we would recommend the house of **JOHN FARIES** and **JAMES FARIES** as a proper place for that purpose.

And your petitioners will pray & c.

**THOMAS CAMPBELL**  
**SOLOMON HILL**  
**R. HILL ?**  
**ROBERT JOHNSTON Sr.**  
**JAMES DULEN ?**  
**A. [ALEXANDER] HILL**  
**WILLIAM REEVES**  
**MATTHEW STENSON**  
**EDWARD MOORE**  
**GEORGE RIDDLE**  
**JOHN RIDDLE**  
**JOHN JACKSON**  
**JAMES GLENN**  
**ANTHONY KENDRICK**  
**JOSEPH MCKENZIE ESQ.**  
**JOHN L. KENDRICK**  
**JOHN HORSLEY**  
**JOHN HENRY**  
**ELWIN [LEROY] GINGLES**  
**EDWARD AVERY**  
**JAMES MCCULLY**  
**JENNINGS ROOKER**  
**WILLIAM BIGGERS**  
**JOHN DAVIS ?**  
**JACOB ROOKES**  
**JOHN WADDLE**  
**ROBERT L. ARMSTRONG**  
**ZACHARIAH STANTON**

**JAMES O. MOORE**  
**JAMES BRIAN**  
**JOSIAH PATRICK**  
**GEORGE SUGGS**  
**THOMAS WILSON**  
**JOHN MASON**  
**JOSEPH CLINTON**  
**ROBERT JACKSON**  
**WILLIAM STEWART**  
**AARON WOOD**  
**HENRY SMITH**  
**JOSEPH WOOD**  
**JOHN CLARK**  
**JOHN SMITH**  
**WILLIS REEVES**  
**WILLIAM JONES**  
**WILLIAM CLOVER**  
**JOSEPH LAWRENCE**  
**ISAAC A. CAMPBELL**  
**JOHN FARIES**  
**JAMES FARIES**  
**ROBERT CAMPBELL**  
**THOMAS BOYD**  
**JOHN JACKSON HICK**  
**WILLIAM KENDRICK**  
**JOSEPH BRANDON**  
**JAMES DUFF**

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