

MA: Nantucket – 2 Centre Street – Methodist Church Building Contract from:
Methodist Church Minutes: 1815-1906 [Nantucket Historical Association, Collection 84 – Book 19 – pp. 10-14]

[NOTE: punctuation, capitalization and spelling have been transcribed as written in the minutes; **red font** indicates words that are unclear in the original manuscript]

- p. 10 This instrument witnesseth an agreement made and entered into by the Trustees of the Methodist Society in Nantucket on the one part & Perez Jenkins on the other part & is as follows

The Said Perez Jenkins doth by this instrument agree build & erect a new Methodist Meetinghouse for the said trustees on a piece of land Dr. O C Bartlett bought for the Trustees of Peleg Mitchell for that purpos said house is to be placed and erected on a wall or foundation built by the sd Trustees for the reception of said house together with a sutible [sic.] number of pillers [sic.] on the inside to support the trimmers

Said house is to be sixty three and a half feet North and South and seventy six and a half feet east and west the frame is to be of the size and Dimensions Drawn by the Committee and now in their hands with the ecception [sic.] of being one and a half feet narrower and one and a half feet longer than the first Drawn Dimentions

- p. 11 The frame to be of good pine timber boards for Covering the outside to be one inch thick squair edged and put close together the shingles on the roof are to be layed to the wether five inches in Lime Morter the first Corse at the eves to be Double the roof is to be four pitched with led on each hip six inches wide and a scuttle in the ridge, the shingles on the uprights are to be layed to the wether five & a half inches the edges jointed and the face smoothed and layed by a Coarse bound with a Double Course at the bottom all to be of the first Quality of shingles the roof is to be so framed as to admit of no sag to this [sic.] beams nor [**f partly erased scrivener's error**] rafters, there is to be a **Set (?)** and spouts all round the house, with one trunk and [**indecipherable ampersand?**] led pipe at each Corner leading the water to the ground

There shall be three outside Doors in the east front each to be six paneled with eleven by fifteen inch over them agreeable to the Draft and plan, to make three neat frontises with a suitable lock to the North & South Doors the Middle Door is to have bolts or bars on the inside, each of the above mentioned Doors shall be accommodated with steps built in Common form of wood, there shall be twenty Nine windows twenty three of which shall be twenty four lights of eleven by fifteen glass and six of twenty lights eleven by fifteen all to be Boston glass first Quality, the frames to be made of Clear [Sois? – first letter resembles first s of double s] four by six for jams four by seven for Caps & five by seven for stools with w false Cap on the top and suitable moldings under it the mins(?) of the Sashes are to be 2½ inches wide for all but the meeting rails they are to be 1¾ inches wide lock^t together the sashes are to be 1½ inches thick the top sashes to all the windows in the lower part of the house must rise and fall with Iron weights & [thivs? indecipherable]

- p. 12 And patent Springs in the lower sash of every window in the house. all the windowpanes and sashes must have one good Coat of paint, the Corner boards Door Caseings & window frames are to be striped with Cedar, the outside Doors are to be two inches thick, the two Doors leading from the porch to the main body of the house are to be one and a half inches thick and six paneled with suitable latches, there is to be a stone base in each end of the porch leading in to the gallery, the Pulpit is to be built in manner and form as Described in the plat with the addition of a Mahagony scrawl & rail to each stare case, the altar is to be an elliptic Circle elevated, there is to be one hundred and twenty six slips on the lower floor all to be paneled with a Door to each hung with suitable hinges, the slips are to be three feet from the floor to the top of the Casing, which is to be an oval of 1½ by 2½ Inches, there is to be plain Ceiling from the top of the floor to the top of the slips and the

boards for it are to be matched together, forty five feet of the lower floor is to be an inclined plain rising of two feet & six inches, a Double floor above and below, all the boards for the slips Pulpit Alter Doors Caseings, post Caseings, window Caseings Doors Corner boards together with all other Caseings and molding shall be Clear lumber, there is to be a Closet and Door under each Stair Case in the porch, and one Door under the Pulpit, the east gallery is to be in an elliptic Circle with two or three Circle seats behind the Pulpit All the rest of the seats will be plain and **Strategy(?)** the floors above and below are to be plain, there is to be two Chimneys built from the top of the garret floor beams a suitable height above the roof with led on the roof

- p. 13 And a stone in the garret floor under each Chimney for the reception of the stove pipes, the house shall be lathed with Courses and plastered, the garret beams shall be Covered with mortar or plastering, it shall also be plastered from the top of the gallery sills to the Caping of the front seat, the Columns which support the gallery sills shall be turned from the top of the slips up, the three outside Doors shall have good oak thresholds with iron on the horizontal part, All the stock for the above Described building is to be of a good Quality, and the labor to be Done in a neat workman like manner, and under the inspection of a Committee Chosen for that purpose by the trustees of the Methodist Society the above Described house is to be Completed on or before the first Day of August in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three –
- And for which labor and Stock as above Described the said Perez Jenkins shall receive the sum of seven thousand eight hundred Dollars the payments to be as follows all the money that is Collected on the first installment **[pewholders' payments]** accept what has been paid for the foundation, at the Commencement

of his purchasing the materials, and all
the money Collected on the second install
ment when the house is finished on
the out side, and the residue that is
not paid to be paid at the Completion of
said house as above Discribed say enough
in all to make the sum of seven
thousand eight hundred Dollars
as above mentioned, & [indecipherable initials?]
the word Superintendency

p. 14 was erased before this instrument was signed
Nantucket Septr 15 – 1822
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Perez Jenkins
Nathaniel Rand
Jonathan Smith
John Jenkins
Frederick Worth
Walter Casey
Solomon Folger
Oliver C Bartlett