



Bedfordshire Historical Record Society

Wesleyan Methodist Itinerant Preachers working in Bedfordshire 1755-1851

A list compiled by Dr Jonathan Rodell

Local Wesleyan societies were clustered into circuits and each year, at the annual conference in August, a number of full-time preachers were allocated to each circuit for the ensuing twelve months. Minutes of these meetings were published annually from 1765; information before that date is fragmentary. Preachers were usually based in the town which gave its name to the circuit and spent their weeks moving around the societies, preaching most evenings and several times on a Sunday. It was not uncommon for preachers to spend only one year on a circuit before being moved to another, and it was almost unheard of for them to stay more than three years.

Details of how the original Bedfordshire circuit was sub-divided over time, and how the Itinerant Preachers began to evolve into Ministers can be found in *The Rise of Methodism: a Study of Bedfordshire 1736-1851*, by Dr Jonathan Rodell. Woodbridge, Boydell & Brewer, 2014. Bedfordshire Historical Record Society, vol. 92.

Many Bedfordshire societies were in circuits centred outside the county. This list covers all circuits which included societies in Bedfordshire.

Ampthill circuit: 1814 -1819

Formed from Bedford circuit

1814	Hugh Ransom, Thomas Arnett (missionary)
1815	Hugh Ransom, John Hague
1816	James Gartrell, John Crowe
1817	James Gartrell
1818	William Theobald, William Langridge

Subsumed back into Bedford circuit

Bedfordshire (later Bedford) circuit: 1763-1851

Formed from the London circuit

1763	Not known
1764	Not known
1765	John Catermole
1766	James Glasbrook, Alexander McNab ¹
1767	James Glasbrook, Francis Asbury
1768	Thomas Hanby, John Duncan
1769	Richard Henderson, Francis Asbury ²
1770	John Easton, Richard Whatcoat, James Perfect
1771	John Easton, Martin Rodda, John M'Evoy
1772	Thomas Hanson, William Ashman, John M'Evoy
1773	Samuel Wells, William Ashman
1774	Richard Bourke, Joseph Harper
1775	Richard Bourke, William Tunney, William Moore
1776	Samuel Randal, George Shorter, William Moore
1777	Samuel Randal, William Percival, James Perfect
1778	John Pritchard, William Whittaker, Thomas Corbett

Western part of circuit separated off to form Northamptonshire circuit

1779	Charles Boon, William Barker
1780	Thomas Vasey, John Norris
1781	Thomas Vasey, Robert Swan
1782	Joseph Harper, Robert Empringham

Re-named Bedford circuit

1783	Joseph Pescod, Michael Moorhouse
1784	Joseph Pescod, John Ingham
1785	William Ashman, John Ingham
1786	Barnabas Thomas, William Horner
1787	Barnabas Thomas, Thomas T. Broadbent
1788	Robert Empringham, Thomas Ellis
1789	William Jenkins, John Ramshaw
1790	William Jenkins, Owen Davies, Edward Gibbons
1791	Thomas Tattershall, John Wittam, William Denton, Edward Gibbon
1792	Thomas Tattershall, Thomas Jones, Isaac Lilly, Francis Thoresby, George Dermott

¹ Initially sent to Newcastle, McNab was moved to Bedfordshire after two months. Atmore, *Memorials*.

² Asbury may have resided at Towcester.

Eastern part of circuit separated off to form St Ives circuit and north-western part to form Higham Ferrers circuit

1793	John Hickling, James Scholefield
1794	John Hickling, Henry Saunders
1795	Jonathan Cousins, Joseph Robins
1796	James Watson, John Furnace
1797	Joseph Harper, Jacob Stanley
1798	Joseph Harper, Jacob Stanley, Charles Martin
1799	Stephen Wilson, John Sandoe, John Jennings
1800	Stephen Wilson, William Howarth, James Burley
1801	John Leppington, James Burley, Benjamin Gregory ³
1802	John Leppington, Robert Finney, Joseph Hallam
1803	John Leppington, Robert Finney, Robert Pilter
1804	William Moulton, John Crickett, James Thom, Robert Pilter
1805	William Moulton, John Hodson, William Nother, George Lazenby
1806	John Aikenhead, Philip Rawlins, Thomas Fletcher, Thomas Padman; John Crickett (sup.) ⁴

South-eastern part of circuit separated off to form Luton circuit and Hertfordshire mission

1807	John Aikenhead, William France, Thomas Fletcher, Thomas Padman
1808	Benjamin Leggatt, William Rennison
1809	Benjamin Leggatt, Thomas Slugg
1810	John Brownell, William Pearson jun., William Theobald
1811	John Brownell, Henry Cheverton, William Theobald, Archibald M'Laughlin

South-western part of circuit separated off to form Leighton Buzzard circuit

1812	Isaac Bradnack, Thomas Jackson jun., John Jones
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Re-named Bedford and Newport Pagnell circuit

1813	Isaac Bradnack, Joseph Gostick, Isaac Phenix, Thomas Hall, Richard Eland
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Western part of circuit added to societies from Leighton Buzzard and Northampton circuits to form Newport Pagnell circuit. Societies south of Bedford separated off to form Ampthill circuit. Remaining societies re-named Bedford circuit, again.

1814	John Dean, John Fordred
1815	John Dean, John Cullen
1816	John Smith, sen., John Dredge

³ Gregory resided at Markyate and others may have done so after him.

⁴ Supernumerary, i.e. a preacher retired from active work on grounds of ill-health and financially supported from the connexional Worn-Out Preachers' Fund.

- 1817 John Smith, sen., Joseph Brougham
 1818 Richard Gower, James Rosser

Amphill circuit re-absorbed and circuit re-named Bedford and Amphill circuit

- 1819 Richard Gower, James Golding, James Rosser
 1820 Anthony B. Seckerson, Joseph Brittain, James Golding
 1821 Anthony B. Seckerson, James Jarrett, William Annetts; Joseph Brittain (sup.)
 1822 John H. Rowe, George Rowe
 1823 John H. Rowe, George Rowe
 1824 John H. Rowe, George Rowe
 1825 Daniel Campbell, Aquila Barber
 1826 Daniel Campbell, Aquila Barber; William Dixon (sup.)
 1827 Maximilian Wilson, Richard Cooper; William Dixon (sup.)
 1828 Maximilian Wilson, Richard Cooper; William Dixon (sup.)
 1829 Maximilian Wilson, John Nelson; William Dixon (sup.)
 1830 Joseph Lewis, John W. Pipe; William Dixon (sup.)
 1831 Joseph Lewis, John W. Pipe; William Dixon (sup.)
 1832 John Greeves, John W. Pipe; William Dixon (sup.)
 1833 John Greeves, Thomas Powell; William Dixon (sup.)
 1834 Thomas Powell, Thomas Baker
 1835 Thomas Staton, Thomas Baker
 1836 Thomas Staton, Robert Maxwell
 1837 Thomas Staton, Robert Maxwell
 1838 Maximilian Wilson, Robert Maxwell
 1839 Maximilian Wilson, Thomas P. Clarke, John Gostick
 1840 Maximilian Wilson, Thomas P. Clarke, John Gostick
 1841 William Bacon, Thomas P. Clarke, James P. Dunn
 1842 William Bacon, James Ray, James P. Dunn; Fred Calder (sup.)
 1843 William Bacon, James Ray, Philip Fowler.
 1844 John Pickavant, Thomas Rowe, Philip Fowler
 1845 John Pickavant, Thomas Rowe, Philip Fowler
 1846 Henry Fish, MA, James Clapham, John S. Risedale. Joshua Mottram
 1847 John Stephenson, James Clapham, John S. Risedale; William Dixon (sup.)
 1848 John Stephenson, James Clapham, John S. Risedale; Maximilian Wilson,
 William Dixon (sup.)
 1849 Joseph Entwistle, Walter Coates, James Hedges⁵; Maximilian Wilson,
 William Dixon (sup.)
 1850 Joseph Entwistle, Walter Coates, Thomas B. Goodwin; Maximilian Wilson,
 William Dixon (sup.)
 1851 William H. Clarkson, Walter Coates, Thomas B. Goodwin; Maximilian Wilson,
 William Dixon (sup.)

⁵ Hedges died of typhus November 1849, less than three months after arriving in Bedford.

Biggleswade circuit: 1810 -1851

Formed from St Neots circuit

1810	John Ward, John Coates
1811	Thomas Slinger, George Sykes
1812	George Sykes, James Jones jun.; David Mailen (missionary)
1813	John Sydserff, Francis Burgess; Joseph Smith (missionary) ⁶
1814	John Sydserff, Francis Burgess: Archibald M'Laughlin (missionary)
1815	Isaac Bradnack, John Crowe, John Brown jun.
1816	Isaac Bradnack, James Golding, Richard Eland
1817	Isaac Bradnack, George Taylor
1818	William Dixon, George Taylor
1819	William Dixon, John Piggott
1820	Richard Gower, Joseph Brougham
1821	Benjamin Millman, W.H. Clarkson
1822	Benjamin Millman, W.H. Clarkson
1823	Benjamin Millman, William Hicks
1824	James Baker, William Hicks
1825	James Baker, William Orson
1826	William Brocklehurst, James Golding
1827	William Brocklehurst, James Golding
1828	William Brocklehurst, James Golding
1829	John Bell, John Hall
1830	John Bell, Donald M'Pherson ⁷
1831	William Davis ⁸ , James Ray
1832	William Davis, John Pearce

Re-named Biggleswade and Hitchin circuit

1833	William Davis, Robert Maxwell (Hitchin), William Brooks
1834	Jonathan Turner, Robert Maxwell (Hitchin), Thomas Wood
1835	Jonathan Turner, Robert Maxwell (Hitchin), Thomas Wood
1836	Josiah Goodwin, James Taylor (Hitchin), John G. Cox
1837	Josiah Goodwin, James Taylor (Hitchin), John G. Cox

⁶ Although the area of missionary work is not defined in the published list of preachers and circuits, in the summary of membership in each circuit for 1813 and 1814 a distinction is drawn between the Biggleswade circuit and the Hertford mission.

⁷ M'Pherson was charged with intemperance but the case against was not proven. He was then charged with being intoxicated in the pulpit at Hitchin and found guilty by a special district meeting who recommended that the conference drop him from the work and give him £50 to set himself up in business.

⁸ There were three preachers of this name in this period. William Davis listed in 1831-1832 (St Neots), 1833 (Biggleswade and Hitchin) and 1828-1830 (section of St Ives that became the Huntingdon circuit) was the second and entered the ministry in 1822.

- 1838 Thomas Staton, Samuel Walker; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
Hitchin: Samuel H. Wardley
- 1839 Thomas Staton, John George (Hitchin), Isaac Harding; Francis B. Potts (sup.),
- 1840 Thomas Staton, William Sanders (Hitchin), Dixon Naylor; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
- 1841 Robert Sherwell, Francis Ward (Hitchin), Henry Young; Francis B. Potts (sup.)

Southern part of circuit separated off to form Hitchin circuit. Remaining societies re-named Biggleswade circuit.

- 1842 Robert Sherwell, Henry B. Botterell⁹; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
- 1843 Thomas Hickson, John F. England; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
- 1844 Thomas Hickson, Francis S. Keeling; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
- 1845 Thomas Hickson, Francis S. Keeling; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
- 1846 John Knowles¹⁰, Francis S. Keeling; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
- 1847 John Knowles, Edward B. Pinder; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
- 1848 Wright Shovelton, Robert W. Bloomfield; Francis B. Potts (sup.)
- 1849 Wright Shovelton, John W. Wilson
- 1850 Wright Shovelton, John W. Wilson
- 1851 Robert Maxwell, John W. Wilson

Dunstable circuit: 1843 -1851

Formed from Luton circuit

- 1843 John Knowles, William Way
- 1844 John Knowles, Thomas Flower
- 1845 Wright Shovelton, Thomas Flower
- 1846 Wright Shovelton, James Hedges
- 1847 Wright Shovelton, James Hedges
- 1848 Peter Cooper, James Hedges; Joseph Walker (sup.)
- 1849 Peter Cooper, John Vanes; Joseph Walker (sup.)
- 1850 Peter Cooper, John Vanes
- 1851 James Rosser, John Vanes

Hertfordshire mission: 1810-11

It is unlikely that either the Hertfordshire mission or the Barnet circuit included any societies in Bedfordshire but the stationing for these two short-lived circuits is included here because of the close relation of their story to that of the Luton circuit.

⁹ Botterell was taken ill almost immediately on arrival and died in the course of the year.

¹⁰ There were two preachers of this name in this period. John Knowles listed here and in the following year and in 1843 and 1844 in Dunstable was the first and entered the ministry in 1832.

Formed from Luton circuit

1810 John Thompson

Merged with societies from London (West) circuit to form Barnet circuit.

Barnet circuit: 1811 -1813

Formed by merger of Hertfordshire mission with societies from London (West) circuit.

1811 Thomas Padman; Moses Dunn (missionary)

1812 William Theobald

Circuit dissolved. Some societies to Luton circuit, others to London (West) circuit Wesleyan Methodist Preachers

Higham Ferrers circuit: 1793 -1851

Formed from Bedford circuit

1793 Thomas Rogerson, John Williams

1794 Joseph Robbins, Richard Hardacre

1795 Joseph Harper, Edward Towler

1796 Thomas Gill, Edward Towler

1797 Thomas Gill, James Scholefield

Re-named Kettering circuit

1798 Thomas Gill, Robert Finney

1799 Booth Newton, George Deverell, Isaac Turton

1800 Booth Newton, Edward Gibbons, Francis West, George Gilead

1801 Thomas Owens, William Howarth, Martin Vaughan, George Gilead

Southern part of circuit separated off to form new Higham Ferrers circuit

1802 David Deakins, Samuel Kittle

1803 William Sanders, George Gilead

1804 Robert Finney, George Gilead

1805 Robert Finney, William Barr

1806 John Ward, George Lazenby

1807 John Ward, Thomas Edman

1808 Thomas Graham, John Jones

1809 Thomas Graham, John Cullen

Re-named Wellingborough circuit

1810	John Hodson, John Rhodehouse
1811	John Hodson, William Wilson
1812	Henry Anderson, William Harding
1813	Henry Anderson, William Harding
1814	James Sydserff, Thomas Hayes, John Hobson
1815	James Sydserff, John Hobson

Northern part of circuit separated off to form new Higham Ferrers circuit

1816	John Ward, James Sheriff
1817	John Ward, James Sheriff
1818	George Wilson, William Hicks
1819	George Wilson, William Hicks
1820	George Wilson, William Hicks
1821	George Deverell, William Langridge
1822	George Deverell, Joseph Lisk
1823	John Cullen, James Rathbone; William Dixon (sup.)
1824	John Cullen, James Rathbone; William Dixon (sup.)
1825	John Cullen, Jonathan James Bates; William Dixon (sup.)
1826	John Sydserff, William Smithson
1827	John Sydserff, William White; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1828	James Hyde, Peter Wilkinson; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1829	Peter Wilkinson, John Cotton; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1830	William Mowatt, Edward Abraham; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1831	William Mowatt, Charles Currelly; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1832	John Wood, William Chambers; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1833	John Wood, Thomas D. Baines; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1834	Samuel Trueman, Thomas D. Baines; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1835	Samuel Trueman, Samuel H. Wardley; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1836	William Piggott, Samuel H. Wardley; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1837	William Piggott, William Limmex; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1838	Joseph Gostick, Thomas Standring; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1839	Isaac Aldom, Thomas H. Beswick; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1840	Moses Dunn, James Lees; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1841	Moses Dunn, William Bramford; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1842	John Brown ¹¹ , Samuel Wesley; Thomas Hewitt (sup.)
1843	John Brown, Samuel Wesley
1844	John Brown, Samuel Wesley
1845	John Keightley, Abel Burgess
1846	John Keightley, William O. Aldom

¹¹ There were two preachers of this name in this period. John Brown listed here and in the following two years was the second and entered the ministry in 1822.

1847	John Keightley, William O. Aldom
1848	Samuel H. Wardley, Richard Smailes
1849	Samuel H. Wardley, Henry Keet
1850	Samuel H. Wardley, William J. Dawson
1851	John Pearce, John Webb

Hitchin circuit: 1842 -1851

Formed from Biggleswade circuit

1842	James Cheesewright
1843	James Cheesewright
1844	Thomas Jones ¹²
1845	Thomas Jones
1846	Thomas Jones
1847	Charles Williams
1848	Charles Williams
1849	Thomas Dove
1850	Thomas Dove
1851	Dr Benjamin Andrews, John Dawson

Leighton Buzzard circuit: 1812 -1851

Formed from Bedford circuit

1812	James Gartrell, William Lord
1813	James Gartrell, George Cubit
1814	Caleb Simmons, John Bell
1815	Caleb Simmons, John Bell
1816	John Hodgson, John Hague
1817	John Sydserff, Benjamin Hiley
1818	John Sydserff, Joseph Robinson
1819	John H. Rowe, George Rowe
1820	John H. Rowe, George Rowe
1821	John H. Rowe, George Rowe
1822	Jonathan Williams, James Jarratt
1823	Jonathan Williams, James Jarratt
1824	John Furness, Richard Eland
1825	John Furness, Richard Eland
1826	James Baker, Thomas Steele
1827	James Baker, Thomas Steele

¹² There were two preachers of this name in this period. Thomas Jones listed here and in the following two years was the first and entered the ministry in 1832.

1828	Thomas Graham, John Lewis
1829	Thomas Graham, John Lewis
1830	Thomas Graham, John Lewis
1831	Joseph Walker, William Piggott
1832	Joseph Walker, William Piggott
1833	Joseph Walker, William Piggott, Peter Cooper ¹³
1834	Richard Cooper, Joseph Floyd
1835	Richard Cooper, Joseph Floyd
1836	William Brocklehurst, John Lambert
1837	William Brocklehurst ¹⁴ , John Lambert
1838	John Morgan ¹⁵ , John Rogers
1839	John Morgan, John Rogers
1840	Joseph Wilson, John Piggott, Joseph Gostick jun.
1841	Joseph Wilson, John Piggott, John Maysey
1842	Moses Dunn, Francis Ward, John Maysey
1843	Moses Dunn, James Golding, Thomas Standring
1844	Maximilian Wilson, James Golding, Thomas Rodham
1845	Maximilian Wilson, Thomas Rodham, William Ford (Stewkley)
1846	Thomas Rodham, William B. Dennis, William Ford (Stewkley)
1847	John W. Thomas. William B. Dennis, William Ford (Stewkley)
1848	John W. Thomas, Charles Carter, Henry Banks (Stewkley)
1849	John Wevill, Charles Carter, Henry Banks (Stewkley)
1850	John Wevill, Charles Carter, Henry Banks (Stewkley)
1851	John Booth, George Raynell (Stewkley), George Blencowe

London circuit: 1756 -1762

London preachers instructed to take Parker's Bedford society into their round July 1756

1755	John Murlin, Thomas Hanby, Thomas Olivers, Enoch Williams
1756	Not known
1757	Not known
1758	John Jones, Lawrence Coughlan, Joseph Jones, William Thompson, Nicholas Gilbert, James Morgan, Richard Lucas, W Harwood
1759	John Murlin
1760	Not known
1761	John Murlin
1762	Not known

¹³ Cooper was apparently sent to supply the place of Wilson whose health was failing.

¹⁴ Charges were brought against the 'moral character' of Brocklehurst but appear to have been dismissed.

¹⁵ Morgan was charged with having withheld a Mr Lambert's membership ticket without a verdict of the leaders' meeting. He appealed the case to conference.

Luton circuit: 1808 -1851

Formed from Bedford circuit

- 1808 Maximilian Wilson, John Coates
Hertfordshire mission: George Rowe
- 1809 Maximilian Wilson, Henry Cheverton
Hertfordshire mission: Joseph Gostick

Hertfordshire mission becomes separate circuit.

- 1810 John Rossell, Joseph Gostick
- 1811 William Pearson, jun., John Leppington, (Sampson Busby)¹⁶
- 1812 John Leppington, Isaac Phenix

Societies of Hertfordshire mission re-absorbed on dissolution of Barnet circuit.

- 1813 John Newton, Joseph Wilson, John Rowe
- 1814 John Newton, Mark Dawes,¹⁷ Samuel Blackburn; Henry Olver (missionary)
- 1815 Philip Jameson, William Hinson, Mark Dawes, James Shoar
- 1816 Philip Jameson, William Appleton, Thomas Thompson, Joseph Brougham
- 1817 William Moulton, Henry Cheverton, James Rosser
- 1818 William Towers, Henry Cheverton
- 1819 William Towers, James Dixon¹⁸
- 1820 William Towers, James Dixon
- 1821 John Jordan, Daniel Jackson jun.
- 1822 William Brocklehurst, George Taylor
- 1823 William Brocklehurst, Richard Eland
- 1824 Joseph Walker, Robert Morton
- 1825 Joseph Walker, John Piggott
- 1826 Joseph Walker, John Piggott
- 1827 Francis B. Potts, Richard Tabraham
- 1828 Francis B. Potts, Richard Tabraham
- 1829 Francis B. Potts, Josiah H. Walker
- 1830 William Pollard John Nelson,
- 1831 William Pollard, John Nelson
- 1832 Maximilian Wilson, Peter Wilkinson,
- 1833 Maximilian Wilson, Peter Wilkinson,
- 1834 Maximilian Wilson, Peter Wilkinson, Thomas Rogerson (Dunstable)
- 1835 Corbett Cooke, James Ray, William Chambers (Dunstable)
- 1836 Corbett Cooke, James Ray, Thomas Wood (Dunstable)

¹⁶ Busby worked on the circuit for several months as an evangelist prior to ordination, in August 1812, for missionary work in Newfoundland.

¹⁷ Dawes appears to have resided at Markyate, perhaps continuing an arrangement dating back to 1801.

¹⁸ Dixon and his family appear to have resided at Toddington.

1837	Samuel Hope, Samuel Trueman, Thomas Wood (Dunstable)
1838	Samuel Hope, Samuel Trueman, John Vanes (Dunstable)
1839	Samuel Hope, Robert Maxwell, John Vanes (Dunstable)
1840	George Taylor, Robert Maxwell, Samuel Wesley (Dunstable)
1841	George Taylor, James Cooke ¹⁹ (Dunstable), Robert Maxwell, Samuel Wesley
1842	George Taylor, James Cooke, John F. England, Thomas P. Clarke
1843	James Cooke, Thomas P. Clarke
1844	John Crofts, Thomas P. Clarke
1845	John Crofts, Peter Cooper; Joseph Walker (sup.)
1846	John Crofts, Peter Cooper; Joseph Walker (sup.)
1847	Peter Cooper, Benjamin John; Joseph Walker (sup.)
1848	Thomas Stephenson, Benjamin John
1849	Thomas Stephenson, Benjamin John
1850	Thomas Stephenson, Matthew T. Male
1851	Wright Shovelton, Matthew T. Male

Newport Pagnell circuit: 1814 -1851

Formed from Bedford circuit

1814	John Rowe; George Rowe (missionary)
1815	John H. Rowe, George Rowe
1816	Thomas Slugg, William Pollard
1817	Thomas Slugg, William Pollard
1818	James Gartrell, Francis Burgess
1819	James Gartrell, Francis Burgess
1820	William Dixon, Timothy C. Ingle
1821	William Dixon, John Wheelhouse
1822	William Dixon, John W. Thomas; John Wheelhouse (sup.)
1823	Thomas Simmonite, James Stott
1824	Thomas Simmonite, James Stott <i>Olney</i> : Edward Norwood
1825	John Stevens, James Floyd <i>Olney</i> : Thomas Steel
1826	John Stevens, James Floyd <i>Olney</i> : William H.L. Eden
1827	John Stevens, James Floyd <i>Olney</i> : Joseph Jennings
1828	Thomas Steel, Henry Jackson
1829	Thomas Steel, George Southern
1830	Richard Eland, George Southern
1831	Richard Eland, John M. Joll

¹⁹ There were two preachers of this name in this period. James Cooke listed here and in the following two years was the first and entered the ministry in 1833.

1832	William Mowat, John M. Joll
1833	William Mowat, Jarvis Cheesman
1834	William Mowat, William Chambers
1835	Thomas Twiddy, Benjamin Hurst
1836	Thomas Twiddy, Benjamin Hurst
1837	John Ingham, John Moore Kirk
1838	John Ingham, John Moore Kirk
1839	John Piggott, John Tucker
1840	Jonathan Williams, Charles Carter
1841	Jonathan Williams, Thomas Standring
1842	Richard Eland, Thomas Standring
1843	Richard Eland, John Bonsor
1844	William Darby ²⁰ , Uriah Butters
1845	William Darby, James Golding
1846	John Collier, James Golding
1847	John Ingham, James Golding
1848	John Ingham, William O. Aldom
1849	John Richards ²¹ , James Hartle
1850	John Booth, James Hartle
1851	Samuel H. Wardley, James Hartle

St Ives (later St Neots) circuit: 1793 -1851

Formed from Bedford circuit

1793	Thomas Broadbent, James Mort
1794	Thomas Broadbent, Thomas Linay, John Furnace
1795	Stephen Wilson, Thomas Linay, James Scholefield
1796	Edward Gibbons, Stephen Wilson, James Scholefield, John Wittam
1797	Edward Gibbons, Thomas Dunn, James Townley, John Wittam
1798	Francis West, Thomas Dunn, David Deakin, John Hawkshaw
1799	Francis West, Joseph Harper, Thomas Rogers

Re-named St Neots circuit

1800	Thomas Rogerson, Richard Thompson, William Pearson jun., Isaac Turton
1801	Thomas Rogerson, John Sandoe, Francis Collier, Isaac Turton
1802	Edward Towler, Edward Higgins, Isaac Clayton, George Russell
1803	Edward Towler, John Simmons, William Howarth, James Waller
1804	Thomas Simmonite, William Howarth, James Waller, William Barr

²⁰ Darby was voted £6 by the district meeting to meet the expense of consulting an oculist about his failing sight.

²¹ There were two preachers of this name in this period. John Richards listed here was the first and entered the ministry in 1836.

1805	James Bowes, George Gilead, Thomas Edman, Thomas Slugg
1806	James Bowes, Thomas Edman, Digory Joll, William Nother
1807	James Penman, Robert James, William Nother, John Bumstead
1808	James Penman, John Ward, John Bumstead, Joseph Gostick
1809	John Ward, Stephen Butler, John Coates, George H. Rowe

Southern part of circuit separated off to form Biggleswade circuit.

1810	George Deverell, Frederick Calder, Thomas Ludlam
1811	John Sydserff, Frederick Calder, Henry Tuck

Eastern part of circuit separated off to form Huntingdon circuit.

1812	John Sydserff, Robert Hayes
1813	Francis B. Potts, John Jones
1814	Francis B. Potts, James Golding
1815	Josiah H. Walker, James Golding
1816	Josiah H. Walker, Thomas Arnett
1817	John Griffin, James Baker
1818	John Griffin, Richard Eland
1819	Joseph Brittain, Richard Eland
1820	James Gartrell, Daniel Jackson jun.
1821	Joseph Walker
1822	Joseph Walker, Aquila Barber
1823	Joseph Walker, Aquila Barber
1824	William Brocklehurst, James Golding
1825	William Brocklehurst, James Golding
1826	John Cullen, James Loutit
1827	John Cullen, Samuel Rowe
1828	William Davis, Samuel Rowe
1829	William Davis, George Gover
1830	William Davis nd , James Ray
1831	Robert Melson, John Walker
1832	Robert Melson, John Walker
1833	Robert Melson, John D. Carey
1834	Joseph Wilson, Nathan Rouse
1835	Joseph Wilson, John Weatherstone
1836	Joseph Wilson, Isaac Harding
1837	John Roberts, Thomas Buddle
1838	John Roberts, Charles Rawlings ²²
1839	John Roberts, John Maysey
1840	Everard Vigis, John Maysey

²² Rawlings was called before two minor district meetings on an undisclosed disciplinary matter. In the light of the support he was given by his superintendent it was recommended that he receive a letter of reproof rather than public reproof before the conference.

1841	Everard Vigis, Edward Bramford
1842	Everard Vigis, Edward Bramford
1843	William J. Bullivant, William Swallow
1844	William Wedlock, William Swallow
1845	William Wedlock, James Hedges
1846	John Ingham, John W. Wilson
1847	Jesse Pilcher, John W. Wilson ²³
1848	Jesse Pilcher, John E. Cooke
1849	John D. Julian, John E. Cooke
1850	John D. Julian, James Sugden
1851	John D. Julian, James Sugden, John Dixon

²³ John W. Wilson married while still on probation 'and not to his fiancée'. His probation was extended by two years.