

Movements Independent Of Campbell & Stone

- To Some Campbell & Stone Are Credited With Beginning Restoration
- Some Predate These Men In Restoring New Testament Christianity
- The Religious Freedom That This Country Was Built On Allowed Anyone With A Bible To Search The Scriptures And Obey Them

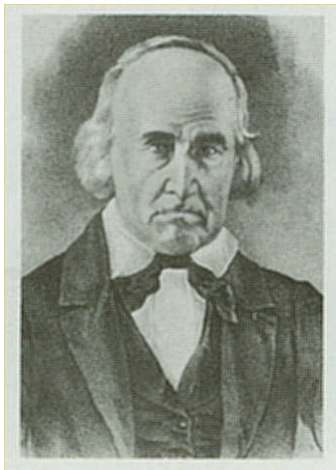
Earliest Restorers

Elias Smith



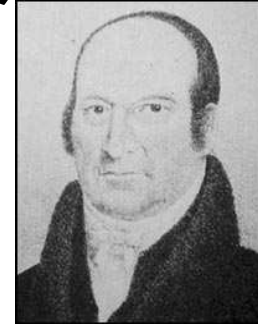
1769-1846

John Wright



1785-1851

Abner Jones

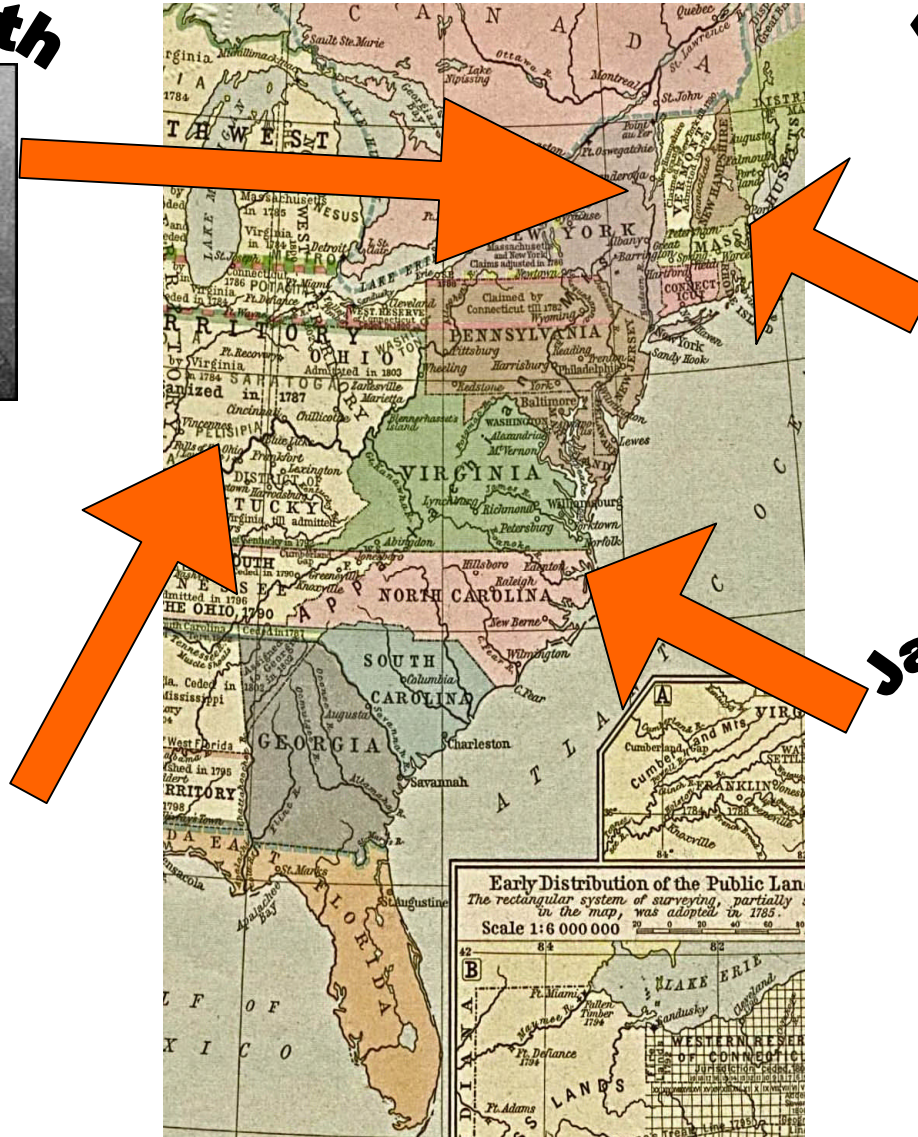


1772-1841

James O'Kelley



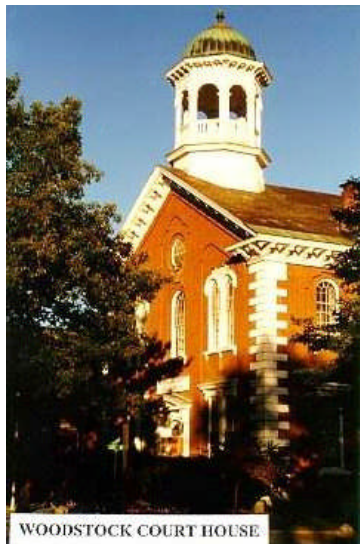
1738-1826



Elias Smith New England



1769-1846



- Broke With Sandamanian Congregationalists In New England
- 1789 Immersed A Baptist
- Early Leanings Toward Universalism
- Gave It Up By 1826
- 1802 – Taught That We Should Be Only Christians

Elias Smith



- Began Journal In 1808 – *Herald Of Gospel Liberty*, Later Called *The Gospel Proclaimer*
- 1810 – Started Christian Church Woodstock, VT
- 360 Baptisms Within A Short Time
- Met In Woodstock Courthouse
- Never Heard Of Campbell Or Stone

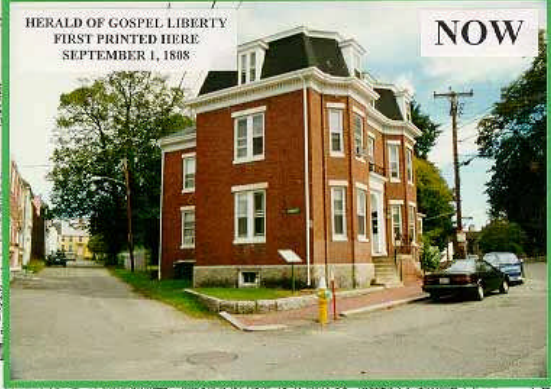


Elias Smith

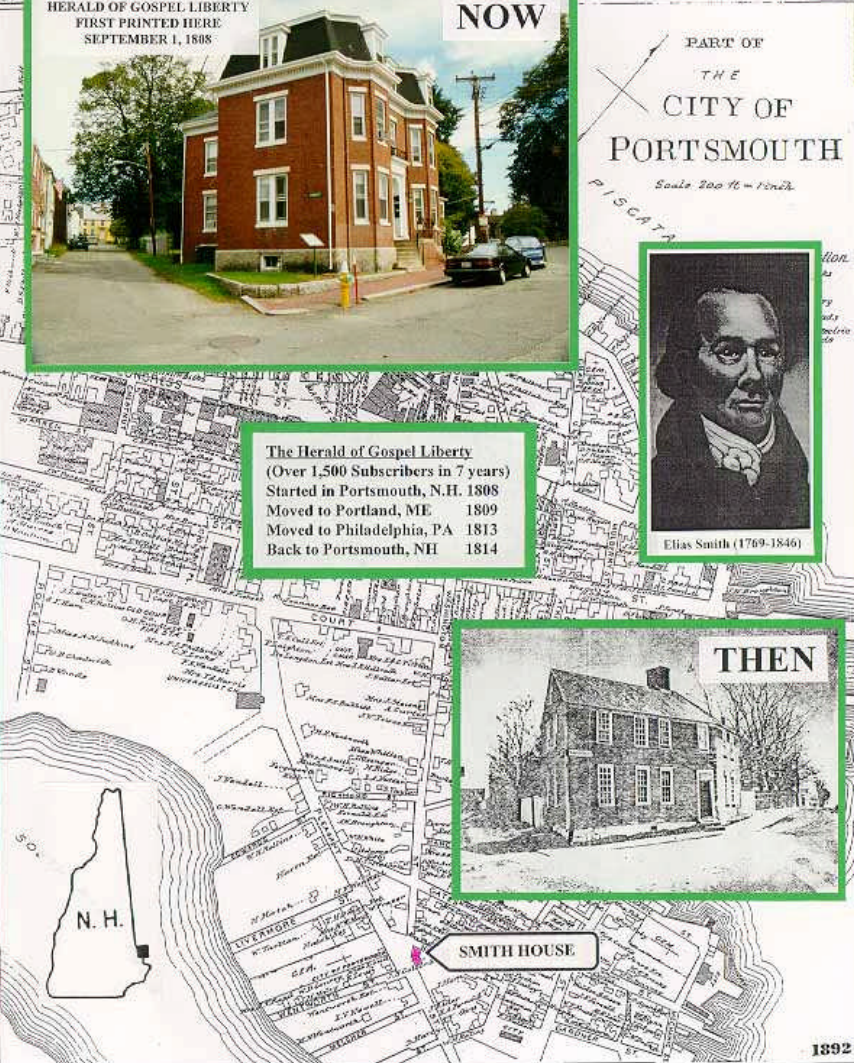
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HERALD OF GOSPEL LIBERTY
FIRST PRINTED HERE
SEPTEMBER 1, 1808


NOW



PART OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Scale 200 ft = 1 inch



THEN




SMITH HOUSE

1892

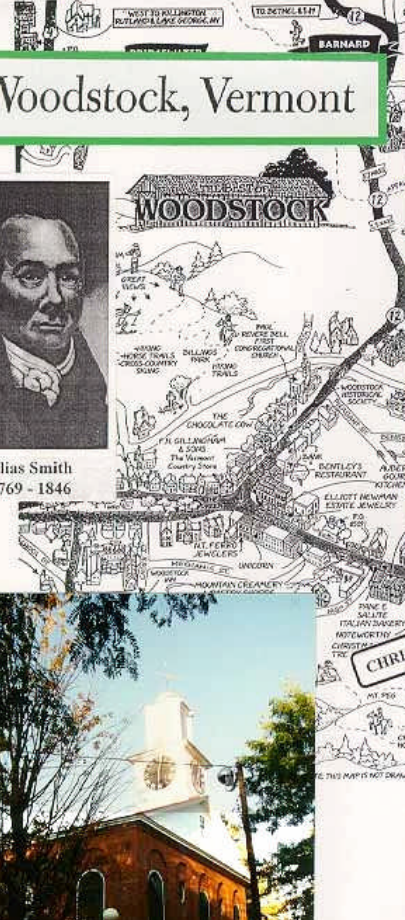
The Herald of Gospel Liberty
(Over 1,500 Subscribers in 7 years)
Started in Portsmouth, N.H. 1808
Moved to Portland, ME 1809
Moved to Philadelphia, PA 1813
Back to Portsmouth, NH 1814

Elias Smith (1769-1846)

Woodstock, Vermont




Elias Smith
1769 - 1846

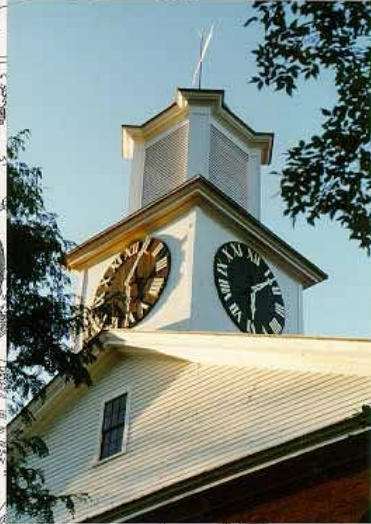



WOODSTOCK

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WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NOW THE MASONS HALL

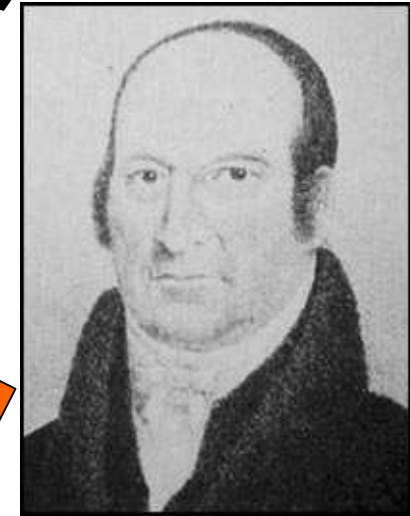



Woodstock Lodge No. 31
F&M
MEETS 2nd TUESDAY
MONTHLY EX. JULY & AUG
6:30 PM DINNER
7:30 PM MEETING
STAMBUKHOPE CHAPTER
BAIN No 21

Both Abner Jones and Elias Smith lived as young men at Woodstock, Vermont. Smith established a Christian Church in Woodstock in 1810 that flourished for many years. Within a few years of its organization, over 360 were baptized in the Woodstock area. The congregation first met in the courthouse and in 1825 built a building on Pleasant Street, the main street through town, and Abner Jones preached the dedicatory sermon on January 18, 1827. The building still stands and is being used by the Masons.

New England

Abner Jones



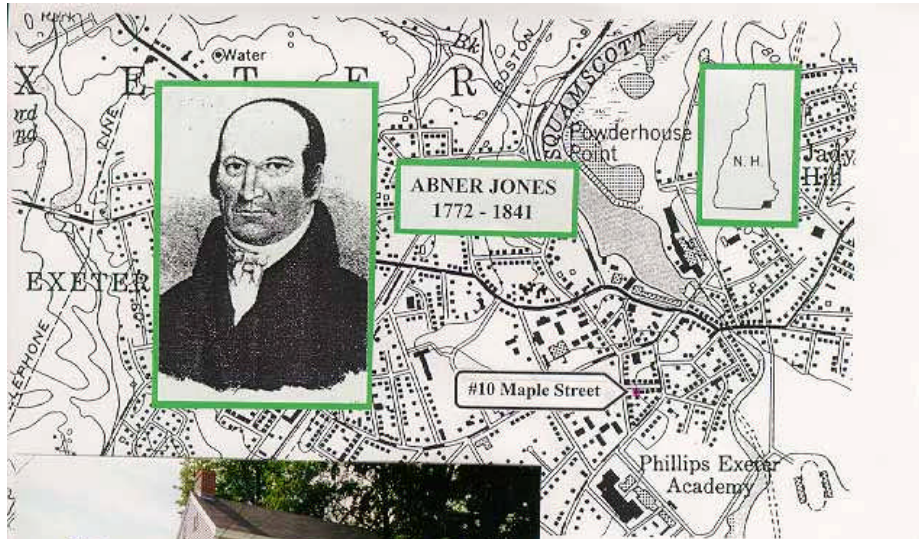
1772-1841

- Moved From Mass. When He Was 8 Yrs. Old To Vermont
- 1793 Baptized Into Baptist Church, Woodstock, VT
- Began To Preach 1801, Age 29
 - Began Planning At 21
 - Studied His Bible On His Own
 - Found Baptist To Be Unauthorized Name
 - Should Be A Christian Only
- Organized 1st Free Christian Church In New England
- Denied Calvinism And Branded As Heretic By Free-Will Baptists



- Studied And Practiced Medicine For Many Years
- Mastered Hebrew, Latin & Greek Grammars
- Started Christian Churches In Vermont, New Hampshire & Salem, Massachusetts

Abner Jones (1772-1841)



Abner Jones house 1830's
#10 Maple Street
Exeter, New Hampshire

