

A Vote by the North East Baptist Church, Millerton, against slave holding, September the 24, 1778.

[In addition to the Oblong, Nine Partners an Oswego Friends Meetings, other religious institutions also expressed their concerns about the fact that slavery was incompatible with their beliefs. Amid the turmoil of the American Revolution, members of the North East Baptist Church undertook a debate that produced this remarkable document. The church still exists today at 1 South Maple Avenue in Millerton.]

September the 24, 1778, the Church being met together and after prayer to Almighty God for his Gracious presence and assistance the church proceeded to consider the matter Concerning the Slave Trade as Brother Reynolds and others had manifested their burden about it and after some considerable conversation about the manner of their being slaves and holding them as such the Church looks upon it to be depriving their fellow men of the liberty that Almighty God had given to all men Contrary to the gospel and vote that they would not have anything to do to uphold it.