

#### **General rules**

This item, titled General Rules for the regulation of the Fort Wayne Mission Family, details the various rules adopted by the Baptist missionaries at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in the winter of 1822. Essentially, this document establishes the guidelines by which the Baptist missionaries at Fort Wayne are going to live by as they work to spread Christianity among the Native Americans in the area. Robert Simerwell was among the first group of missionaries to Fort Wayne, and he was part of the group that established the rules governing their actions at the fort.

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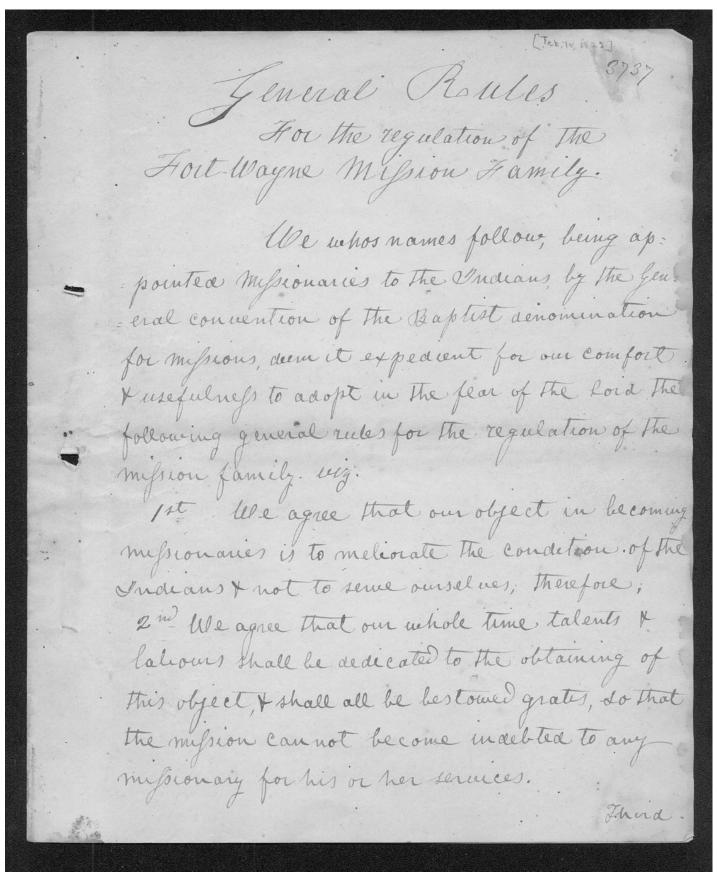
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Bra We agree that all remittances from the Board of mysions, & mones & property accruing to any of us by salaries from government, by schools by Smiths shops, by donalions, of from whatever = ter it may arise, shall be thrown into the com : mon missionary fund, I be sacrealy applied to the cause of this mission; and that no part of : erty held by us at our stations is ours or belongs any of us. But, texcepting The claims of The fourin ment of the U.S. fit belongs to the general conven : two which we serve I is held in hust by us so as the said society shall continue us in their en : playment. Trouded that nothing herein contained : clance re 4th lile agree to obey the instructions of our palrous & that the superentendant shall : der to them from time to time, a faithful account



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account, of our plans, proceedings, prospects, re= · Ceipts & expenditues; & that the accounts of the mission together with the mission acords shall at all times he open for the inspection of missionanes. of the Ule agree that all members of the my: : seon family have equal claims upon the mission for equal support in similar circum : slances. The claims of widows torphans not to be in the least affected by the death of the head of the Lamely. 6 th We agree that when any messionary shall not find employment in his particular branch of business, it shall be his duly to in some other employment as cir: : Cumstances shall declate. We agree that a greeably to their shength & ability all the female mession ares should be an an equal part of the business of domesteo



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domestic labours x cares lest some should such under the weight of severe & unremitted exertions. making the ne cessary allowances for the school mistrels. We agree to be industrious, frugal and economical at all times to the utmost extent of our abelities. It We agree that messionaries labouring at the stations different stations belonging to this mission, are under the same obligations to each other as though resident in The same establishment. 10 the We agree that it is The duty of my? : seonaries to meet statedly at their respective stations, for the purposes of preserving peace A harmony amoung Themselves, of charishing kind = ness + love for each other, love to god, & zeal in The cause of mysions. Eleventh.



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art. 11th We agree to feel one general concern for the success of every department of the my for the happeness of every member of the my (except in cases of bad health te in which The person thus under posed shall receive special attention, & shall be made as comfortable as au setuation well admit. We agree to cherish a sprint of kindness & forbearence towards each other, K as the success of our labours depends on the good providence of god, it is our duty to live near to him in public & private devotions I to walk before hem with fear, x in The integri: - Conscious that he ever sees us, & that by him actions are weighed, realizing that we are at best, only instruments in his hand I noping that when we shall have funished the work given us to do, we will duell together in Heaven, in company with fellow labourers from othe parts



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of the winey and - with those for whom we are now
strangers & sufferers in this wilderness, & to crown
our happiness, shall gaze eternally on him whos
religion we are now striving to propagate; to
whom shall be ascribed all the glory of the
accomplishment of our present undertaking.
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