

*Transcription  
of  
The 1717 Petition From The Northern Farmers To Form A Separate Society  
From Branford*

To the Honorable General Court to be holden at Hartford May the 9th. 1717  
The Humble Petition of the Northern Farmers in the Town of Branford Humbly Showeth  
That Whereas your Petitioners Liveing very Remote from the Meeting House in Branford, are  
under great Difficulty in going to Attend the Publick worship of God there, and being by the Good  
Providence of God Increased to Such a Number of familes and Such Estates as we think our  
Selves able to Maintain a Minister and Set up the Worship of God amongst our Selves -  
We therefore Humbly Petition the Honorable Court to grant us Liberty to be a Distinct  
Society for maintaining the worship of God, and Let the bounds of our Society Extend on  
the East to Guilford Line, on the Southwardly Side begining at Roses Meadow, and So Running  
westward by the Rocks Called Rattle Snake Rocks, takeing in Some of Jonathan Roses land, and  
So to the Saw mill Near Jonathan Linlys, and So Westward taking in the farms of Sam'l Pond,  
Josiah Rogers, John Tyler, Benjamin Barns, and Isaac Barthellomew, and So on the West Side  
Northward to the Great Hill by Newhaven line and So Runing on the North Side of Sd Great Hill  
Eastward to Guilford Line; and So O n the Southwardly Side as to take in all the Lands of those that  
Belong to our Society, which Border upon the Line, and Leving out all the Lands of those  
Belonging to the Town Society, which Border upon the sd. Line; And we humbly Petition that  
when we shall have Occation to build a Meeting House, or Ministers House, within our sd Society,  
we may have power to Assess all the Lands within these Bounds for Raising a proportionall part of  
the Charges arrising for building the Sd Meeting House and Ministers House

Signed in Branford may the 7 1717

Nathaneill Johnson  
John Linsly

Amos Johnson

And Yor humble Petitioners shall Ever Pray

Isaac Bartholomew  
Jonathan Butler  
Josiah Rogers  
Joseph Frisbie  
Jonathan Rose  
Israel Baldwin  
Edward frishie  
John Byinsun  
Luk hil  
John herreson  
Sam herreson  
Jonathan linsly  
John Tyler  
daniel berker  
Henry cuk  
nethanel page  
Beniaman barns  
Daniel page  
sam tiler  
Isaac cook  
ebenezer elwel  
John palmer juner  
Benj amon linsly  
ebenezer tiler  
addam raner