

**SEQUENCE OF EVENTS OF THE LETTER TO THE REVEREND
PARTICULAR IN ALBANY
ACCORDING TO
ANN BEVIER AND RACHEL WESTBROOK**

- **Sept. 3, 1814**
Reverend Murphy takes the position as minister to the Rochester, Clove and Wawarsing Churches.
- **Nov. 19, 1814**
Murphy visits his mother in Dutchess County-sends a letter expressing his grief over his mother's death.
- **Some time before 1823**
Ann Bevier & Rachel Dewitt bring witnesses claiming Murphy is not who he claims to be – ignored by consistory.
- The women send two people to Dutchess to get accounts of Murphy's early life. They bring back authentic accounts (Items B & C – one from John Johnston, the other from Jane Cox).
- Murphy finds out about the discovery and calls a meeting of the consistory and the two witnesses at his house – witnesses refuse to come and ask to meet at the Church. Murphy refuses.
- The two witnesses send a letter to the consistory revealing that Murphy's mother was still alive.
- Murphy tries to bribe one of the witnesses to bring a letter to his mother.
- Murphy delivers a sermon asking for sympathy from his consistory.
- Murphy obtains the signatures of 1700-2000 people in his support.
- **February 1823**
Women send complaint to the Classis
- **March 1823**
 - Judge Westbrook receives a note from Murphy asking him to appear.
 - Westbrook comes with friends and Murphy refuses to see him.
 - Murphy decrees that Judge Westbrook is not allowed the sacrament.
- **May 1823** -Meeting of Classis
Classis shows support for Murphy. They refuse to hear the complaints from Ann Bevier and Rachel Westbrook.
- **June 1823**
A Memorial is sent to the Synod in Albany, Synod does not read papers from complainants. Feel issue has already been discussed and dealt with.
- **December or January 1824**
Murphy refuses to meet with complainants & with the Classis.

- **Extra meeting of Classis is held in Shawangunk** for another matter
Discuss the Murphy issue and request him to hold a meeting of his consistory.
- **Murphy calls meeting** - He confesses & consistory forgives him. Consistory calls women involved "malicious and unchristian".
- **February 24, 1824 - Meeting of Classis in Wawarsing**
 - Complainants give Memorial
 - Murphy denies jurisdiction of Classis
 - Complainants make a proposal (Item G)
- **May 1824 – Meeting of Classis in New Paltz**
 - Discuss case. Murphy leaves the church during witness testimony.
 - Murphy proposes he will surrender his license to preach the gospel and all ministerial duties if complainants agree not to publish proceedings of this case. (He later states he never said this).
 - Complainants refuse to accept his proposal but agree not to publish any accounts if the Classis is satisfied.
- **June 1824 - Extra meeting is held in Hurley** to discuss another issue
 - Murphy's case is again discussed. Murphy's license is restored.
 - Complainants realize no minutes were retained from the New Paltz Classis meeting.
- **Meeting of Classis in Marbletown**
 - Classis decides they have no jurisdiction in the Murphy case.
- **Complainants appeal decision**
 - Request minutes from the proceedings at the Rochester, Clove and Wawarsing Churches.
 - Murphy as President- refuses
- **Judge Derek Westbrook dies.**
 - Prays for the Church, Reverend Murphy and the congregation.
- The Complainants claim they are two helpless and defenseless females and it is up to the Reverend Body to take action in this matter.