

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Seventh
Annual Session
OF THE
Mates Creek
REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
Association
OF JESUS CHRIST
HELD WITH
Little Hope Church
PINSONFORK, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 4, 5, AND 6,

❧1959❧

Next session convenes with Pond Creek Church, Belfry, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1960 at 10 a. m. Elder Dan Adkins is to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. H. Blackburn is to be his alternate.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER W. H. THACKER - Moderator, McAndrews, Ky.
BROTHER STEARL HATFIELD -Clerk, McCarr, Ky.
BROTHER J. E. HATFIELD - Ass't. Clerk, McCarr, Ky.

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Proceedings

OF THE MATES CREEK DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE LITTLE HOPE CHURCH FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1959

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Homer Little. The Introductory was preached by Elder Frank Wheeler, text, Ephesians 5:25; Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it.

Ministers left on the stand for Friday:

1. Elder J. C. Bolden of the Powells Valley Association.
2. Elder David Lilly of the Indian Creek Association.
3. Elder E. M. Robinson of the Union Association.
4. Elder Allen Smith of the New Liberty Association.
5. Elder Henry Viers of the Washington Association.

Messengers assembled in the Little Hope Church House and were called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder M. M. Edwards of the Washington Association.

By move and second the letters from the several churches were read.

Moved and second that we except the Church Letters and have the names of the delegates enrolled in the minutes.

Election of Officers: The Association then elected Elder W. H. Thacker, Moderator, Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Brother J. E. Hatfield, Assistant Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BUSINESS

1. Newly constituted churches called for. New Friendship asked for admittance. Moved and second that we receive the New Friendship Church into the Association and enroll the names of its Delegates.

2. Moved and seconded that the Abstracts of Principles, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution be printed in the minutes.

3. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations. Reported and those unable to fill their appointments were excused. Moved and seconded that we send Minutes and Delegates to the St. Clair's Bottom Association.

4. Correspondence from sister associations received and seated as follows:

Washington Association: Elders E. S. Stevens, A. R. Singleton and Henry Viers

Indian Creek Association: Elders Lowell Lilly and David Lilly

Union Association: Elders Sam Newsom and E. M. Robinson

Rock Spring Association: By Minutes only

Senter Association: Elder P. T. McNeill and Brethren W. E. Hester and Jim Walters

New Liberty Association: Elder Allen Smith

Fisher River Association: Elder Coy Sykes and Brother George White

Powells Valley Association: Elder J. C. Bolden

Visiting brethren received and seated as follows:

Washington Association: Elder M. M. Edwards

Fishers River Association: Elder Mat Edwards

Indian Creek Association: Brethren Harry Sturgill and Henry Mann

Senter Association: Elder G. D. Roten

New Liberty Association: Elders J. M. Whaling and J. N. Pendleton

St. Clair's Bottom Association: Brethren Elmer Heath and Andy Arrington

Mt. Enon Association: Brother M. W. Cowey

Rock Spring Association: Elder Floyd Hall

Powell Valley Association: Elders Raymond Slusher and Otis Thompson

5. The Moderator is to make all temporary arrangements.

6. A messenger from each church together with all the Messengers from the Little Hope Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand. They reported for Saturday:

1. Elder P. T. McNeill of the Senter Association

2. Elder Sam Newsom of the Union Association

3. Elder C. M. Pendleton of the New Liberty Association

4. Elder M. M. Edwards of the Washington Association

5. Elder E. S. Stevens of the Washington Association

Committee to choose Delegates to visit Sister Associations

was appointed as follows: Brethren C. C. Dotson, M. C. Slone and Dan Adkins. They reported the following:

Washington Association: Elders Teddy R. Ball and W. H. Thacker

Indian Creek Association: Elders Frank Wheeler and Fonso Justice

Rock Spring Association: Elders M. C. Slone and Monroe Justice

Powell's Valley Association: Elders Opie Thacker and Joe Thacker

Senter Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Guy Campbell

New Liberty Association: Elder Joe Thacker and Frank Wheeler

Union Association: Elders M. C. Slone and Joe Slone, Jr.

St. Clairs Bottom Association: Elders Dan Adkins and Frank Wheeler

Fishers River Association: Elders Fonso Justice and Frank Wheeler and Brethren J. E. Hatfield and Stearl Hatfield

8. Moved and seconded that the association send minutes to all the Associations that we are in direct correspondence with.

9. Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Reland Dotson, Willie Hatfield and Andrew Hearld

10. Committee on finance was appointed as follows: Brethren Frank Wheeler, Philip Dotson and Fonso Justice

Moved and seconded that the Association be adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1959

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator; prayer by Elder Mat Edwards of the Fishers River Association.

1. Roll called and absentees marked.

2. Committee on arrangements reported the following and were discharged.

Committee met in session in the Little Hope Church House and after studying the bill of items for Saturday agreed that the Association should proceed with its work in the usual

manner.

Moved and seconded that the work of the committee be accepted and that they be discharged.

3. Finance committee reported \$198.96 and was discharged.

4. Committee on preaching for Sunday reported as follows:

(1) Elder L. O. Walker

(2) Elder Lowell Lilly

(3) Elder J. M. Whaling

(4) Elder G. D. Roten

(5) Elder Mat Edwards

(6) Elder A. R. Singleton

5. Union Meeting and their appointees as follows:

Louisa Church: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August 1960. Elders Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, and Frank Wheeler to attend.

Pond Creek Church: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1960. Elders W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, J. H. Blackburn and Fonso Justice to attend.

Big Creek Church: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1960. Elders W. H. Thacker, Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball, Fonso Justice and Guy Campbell

Raccoon Church: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1960. Elders J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins and Guy Campbell

Sulphur Spring Church: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1960. Elders Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Kit Ratliff, Eli Estepp and Eldon Thacker

Peter Creek Church: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1960. Elders J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, W. H. Thacker, H. W. Prater and Teddy R. Ball

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1960. Elders W. H. Thacker, Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Joe Slone, Jr., Kit Ratliff and John I. Smith

Joppa Church meet the first Saturday in June, 1960. Elders Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, Ostill Smith, Kit Ratliff and Joe Thacker to attend.

Grapevine Church: Meets the third Saturday in July, 1960.

Elders Eli Estepp, Kit Ratliff, Frank Wheeler, H. W. Praitier, Fonso Justice and J. H. Blackburn

Samaria Church: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1960. Elders Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn, Roland Justice, Teddy R. Ball and W. H. Thacker

Little Union Church: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1960. Elders Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, John Fuller, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, and Frank Wheeler to attend.

John's Creek Church: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1960. Elders Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, Eli Estepp, and Fonso Justice to attend.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June 1960. Elders Kit Ratliff, Fonso Justice, Joe Slone Jr., Eli Estepp, Teddy R. Ball, and H. W. Praitier to attend.

New Friendship Church: Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1960. Elders Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker, Fonso Justice, and Monroe Justice to attend.

7. Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes, and that Brother Andrew Hearld is to prepare the next one.

8. Agreed that we have 1600 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the obituaries of Sisters Betsy Ann Coleman, Ruth Smith, Beulah Lewis, Florence Justice, Tennie Mc Coy Blackburn, Brethren Mitch Blackburn, William Albert Miller, Kenner Hatfield, Jack Collins, Amos West, Emsey Blackburn, Leonard Stanley, Anderson Casey, Will Slone, and Albert Hatfield. Brother Buddy Dotson and his wife Sister Laura Dotson.

9. Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

10. The finance was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year -----	\$ 302.78
Amount received from the church -----	198.96
Total cash on hand -----	501.74
 Paid the Moderator -----	 \$ 15.00
Paid the Clerk -----	10.00
Paid for moving seats -----	20.00
Paid for Minutes -----	105.00
Give to Little Union Church -----	125.00
Total cash paid out -----	\$ 275.00
Balance cash on hand -----	\$ 226.74

11. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Old Pond Church at Belfry, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1960, and that Elder Dan Adkins is to preach the Introductory Sermond, that Elder J. H. Blackburn be his alternate.

Moved and seconded that the Association give to the Grapevine Church \$50.00 to be spent on the Church House. Minutes read and approved, closed by prayer. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

W. H. THACKER, Moderator
 STEARL HATFIELD, Clerk
 J. E. HATFIELD, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6, 1959

Singing and prayer by Elder L. O. Walker.

Elders on the Stand:

1. Elder Lowell Lilly of the Indian Creek Association, text, The hour is coming and now is.

2. Elder J. M. Waling of the New Liberty Association; text, Psa. 66:6, Come and see the work of God etc.

3. Elder G. D. Roten of the Senter Association; text, The Act of the Apotles 7:1: Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

4. Elder Mat Edwards of the Fishers River Association; no special text.

5. Elder A. R. Singleton of the Washington Association; no special text.

Then our beloved Moderator came forward and closed out what we believe to be another wonderful Association.

On behalf of all members of the Association I would like to thank the Brethren, Sisters and Friends for the splendid way that they cared for the Association. May God bless all of you.

THE CLERK

EVENING MEETINGS

Friday Evening—Little Hope Church House: Elders W. H. Thacker and A. R. Singleton

Old Pond Church House: Elders A. R. Singleton, Charley Bolden and Lowell Lilly

Brother George Hager's Home: Elders M. M. Edwards, Henry Viers and E. S. Stevens

Saturday Evening:

Little Hope Church House: Elders Henry Viers, David Lilly, Wiley Hester, and Otis Thompson

Big Creek Church House: Elders M. M. Edwards: A. R. Singleton and G. D. Roten

Brother Ballard Ball's: Elder Fonso Justice, W. N. Thacker, Allen Smith and Raymond Slusher

Johns Creek Church House: Elders E. S. Stevens, J. H. Blackburn, and John I. Smith

Raccoon Creek Church House: Elders Lowell Lilly, J. M. Whaling, and Grover Pittman

Samaria Church House: Elders Charley Bolden, Mat Edwards, Coey Sykes, and L. O. Walker

CIRCULAR LETTER

According to the appointment of the Mates Creek Association last year it fell to my unworthy lot to address you in the form of a circular letter. I feel too poor, but I hope the Lord will direct my mind and give me a train of thought. I will call your attention to a portion of scripture in Job's language, 14th chapter, and the 14th verse—If a man die shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come. Yes, brethren, I believe in that Resurrection Morning when the dead in Christ shall rise. I believe all the family of God is going to live again. I believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust. A resting place for the righteousness, and a punishment for the wicked. I will call your attention to a portion of scripture, the 15 chapter, 51st verse of Corinthians, Behold, I will show you a mystery, we shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye at the last trump for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Yes, brethren the way that I look at it, we the people of God will have a body just like Christ's body, and that will be good enough for anyone.

May the blessings abide with all of us. Your brother in hope of living again,

PHILIP DOTSON

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

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LICENTIATES

Williard Dotson, Redjacket, W. Va. Clark Owens, Pinsonfork, Ky.

CHURCH AND DELEGATES

Louisa: Elders W. H. Thacker and M. C. Slone, Brethren Abner L. Justice, Flem Justice, Johnny Slone, Jess Thacker and Bradley Warrix.

Pond Creek: Elder Frank Wheeler and Brethren Grant Blackburn Willard Blackburn, C. C. Dotson, Bob Dotson, and F. C. Runyon

Big Creek: Elder Joe Thacker and Brethren Daniel Roberts, Daniel May, Ireland Coleman and M. B. Blackburn

Raccoon: Elder Fonso Justice and Brethren Lawrence Morris, Milton Coleman, and Roosevelt Coleman

Sulphur Spring: Elders J. H. Blackburn and H. W. Praiter, Brethren, Ira Simpkins and J. B. May

Peter Creek: Elder Eli Estepp and Brethren Philip Dotson, Roland Dotson and Richard Smith.

Little Hope: Brethren A. H. Blackburn, Ballard Ball, Dewey Dotson, George Ball, and Will Runyon

Joppa: Elder Dan Adkins and Brethren Adrian Varney and Estill Varney

Grapevine: Elder Elden Thacker and Brethren Arville Justice, Sam Lowe, Landon Webb, Kinner Bevins and Stewart Justice.

Samaria: Elders Teddy R. Ball and Brethren Andrew Hearld, Stearl Hatfield, Bradley Hager and J. E. Hatfield

Little Union: Brethren Earnest Blair, Edward Blair, Oliver Blair, Lonzie Blair and Jim Henry Fuller

Johns Creek: Brethren Harvey Coleman, William I Smith, Johnnie Stiltner and Noah Smith

Calvary: Brethren Sid Varney, Rosco Varney, and Glen Vipperman
New Friendship: Elders R. P. Justice and S. B. Justice.

Church	Name, Address of Moderator	Communion Meeting
Louisa Church—	Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.	July 2nd Sat.
Pond Creek—	Elder Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky. . .	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek—	Elder Joe Thacker, Canada, Ky.	June, 3rd Saturday
Raccoon—	Elder Fonso Justice, Raccoon, Ky.	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs—	Elder A. J. Blackburn, Ira, Va. . .	July, 1st Saturday
Peter Creek—	Elder Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky. . .	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope—	Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.,	July, 1st Saturday
Joppa—	Elder Dan Adkins, Huddy, Ky.	June, 1st Saturday
Grapevine—	Elder J. H. Blackburn, New Town, W. Va.	July 3rd Sat.
Samaria—	Elder Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky.	June 3rd Saturday
John's Creek—	Elder Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky. . .	July, 2nd Saturday
Calvary—	Elder Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky.	June 1st Saturday
Little Union—	Elder Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky. . .	May 1st Saturday
New Friendship—	Elder S. B. Justice, Paintsville, Ky. . .	4th Saturday

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa—	Bralley Warrix, Fishrap, Ky.	150
Pond Creek—	F. C. Runyon, Belfry, Ky.	190
Big Creek—	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	125
Raccoon—	Lawrence Morris, Raccoon	125
Peter Creek—	Rolad Dotson, Stone, Ky.	125
Sulphur Spring—	J. B. May, Kelsey, Va.	75
Little Hope—	Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky.	75
Joppa—	Estill Varney, Nolan, W. Va.	50
Grapevine—	Stewart Justice, Fishtrap, Ky.	75
Samaria—	J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	150
John's Creek—	Noah Smith, Jr., Kemper, Ky.	100
Little Union—	Della Blarr, Fedscreek, Ky.	50
Calvary—	Rosco Varney, Meta, Ky.	50
New Friendship—	R. P. Justice, Rt. 5, Louisa, Ky.	35

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Washington—	Leland Street, Stacy, Va.	25
Indian Creek—	J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.	25
Union—	J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Kentucky	25
Fisher's River—	O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.	25
Senter—	W. M. Miller, Clifton, N. C.	25
Rock Spring—	Isaac Caudill, Jr., Box 172, Morehead, Ky.	25
New Liberty—	Thos. D. Robertson, 802 Kanawha Blvd., W. Charleston, W. Va.	25
St. Clair's Bottom—	H. M. Blevins, Jr., Chillowie, Va.	25
To the Clerk,	Searl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	25

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OBITUARIES

BUDDY AND LAURA DOTSON



Brother and Sister Buddy and Laura Dotson of Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church in which they both were members for many years, and were faithful members. Bro. Buddy was afflicted for several years before his death. Sister Laura, the good Lord blessed her. She did not have to lay and suffer but one day and night. We feel sure their spirits have gone to God who gave it; their body to the dust, but in the Resurrection they will come forth with the likeness of the Son of God to sing his praise for ever and ever. They leave three children to mourn their loss. They are as follow-

ing: Clyde, Claude and Edd all of Phelps, Ky.

May the God of all grace bless their children and relatives and friends to bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly King.

This is a word of respect of the Peter Creek Church. Written by

TEDDY R. BALL

WILL SLONE



Brother Will Slone was born Dec. 24, 1878; deceased April 17, 1959, making his stay on earth 81 yrs. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church, April the 11, 1959. His request was to be baptized the second Sunday in May. He said he felt the Lord had forgiven him of his sins and wanted a home with Gods children. The life he lived proved it. Brother Will was not baptized because it pleased God to call him from this unfriendly world six days later. He was married to Tilda Harris, May 31, 1912. To this union were born no children. He leaves behind his dear companion, three brothers and one sister and many friends to mourn his loss, but we hope

our loss is his eternal gain.

JOE SLONE, Jr.

LEONARD STANLEY



Brother Leonard Stanley was born Aug. 1, 1883; departed this life May 6, 1959, making his stay on earth 75 years, 9 mo. and 3 days. He was the son of the late W. M. Stanley and Delilah (Stalan) Stanley. He was married to the former Lydia Blackburn who survived. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek the third Sunday in September 1955 and was baptized the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1955 by Elders Joe Thacker and John Fuller. He leaves to mourn his loss the following children: Irvin of Huntington, Mrs. M. B. Blackburn, Hagar and Leonard of Canada and Troy of Belfry; 22 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren one brother, Joe Stanley of Canada;

three sisters, Mrs. Cile Smith of Sidney, Ky., Mrs. Mary Bird of Canada and Mrs. Ona Ball of Pinsonfork, Ky. He was a faithful father and was loved by all who knew him. We will miss him in church and around our home, but we feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his son-in-law,

M. B. BLACKBURN

EMSY BYRON BLACKBURN



Emsy Byron Blackburn, born July 26, 1878; departed this life July 21, 1959, at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 25 days. He was born in Pike County, the son of the late Andy and Mary May Blackburn. He leaves to mourn his passing, his loyal and devoted wife, Mary Blackburn, whom he married July 4, 1901. They were blessed to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary together over eight years ago; fifty years of wedded bliss. He also leaves four sons: Erskine H., Blake, Angle and Everett; two daughters: Mrs. Flo Dare Ratliff, and Mrs. Joyce Scott; one sister: Mrs. Lydia Trout and 7 grandchildren.

Emsy united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek and was baptized the fourth Sunday of Aug. in 1956, by Elder Joe Thacker and A. P. Justice. He was a strong believer in salvation by the grace of God and lived a faithful member until death. We feel sure our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by:

ELDER JOE THACKER

WILLIAM ALBERT MILLER



It is with a sad and aching heart that I write the obituary of our dear father and grandfather, William Albert Miller, son of the late John H. and Mary Jane (Taylor) Miller.

He was born Jan. 27, 1885 and deceased Jan. 24, 1959, making his stay here on earth 73 years, 11 months, and 27 days.

He is survived by one son, Lawson Miller, Feds Creek and three step-daughters, Cleo Farley, Pricy Justice, Feds Creek; and Malinda Michaels, Big Rock, Va.; four step-sons, James, Wess, Frank, and Clell Miller all of Feds Creek. He has three grandchildren, Barbara Morton, Peggy Adkins, and Johnny Miller, and one great-grand-child Jennifer Lynn Mor-

ton all of Feds Creek. He is survived also by 8 sisters and one brother, Orpha Sullivan, Margaret Hamilton, Nancy Dotson, Faye Jenkins, Albert Morton all of Feds Creek, Matilda Sawyer, Regina, Maye Farley, Raven, Va., Sarah Tiller, Key-West, Fla., and John H. Miller, Feds Creek, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Regular Primitive Baptist Church of Feds Creek. He joined the church and was baptized in July, 1946 by Elder Teddy Ball, pastor of the church in which he belongs and lived faithful until death.

AMOS A. WEST



Amos A. West, age 87 years, 8 mos., and 15 days, departed this life Jan. 3, at 25 minutes till 9 o'clock A. M. 1959. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and a strong believer in salvation by the grace of God.

Left to mourn his decease were 10 children, 39 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives. But we are sure that our loss was his eternal gain.

He had a 2-week advance notice of the fact that his life on earth was soon to end, and he had not the least doubt of the certainty of it. But to our great comfort, he assured us by word and

action that he was happy in the thought and knowledge of it, that he was satisfied and unafraid. All this was clearly evident in every circumstance of his suffering until God's love and mercy took him home to rest forever. Written by,

KENNA L. WEST

KENNER HATFIELD



This is a word of sympathy of Samaria Church in memory Brother Kenner Hatfield who passed away Dec. 26, 1958. He was a member of the Baptist church about 50 years. He first married Gladis Bevins. They have 2 living children. Later in life he was married to Melvina Smith. He leaves his wife and 2 daughters to mourn their loss, but we feel our loss is his gain. He was always ready to help the church and friendly and kind to all who knew him. May the God of all grace bless his family and the church to bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly King.

Written by, TEDDY R. BALL

MITCH BLACKBURN



It has fallen my lot, feeling so unworthy, to write an obituary of my dear father-in-law, Mitch Blackburn.

Pa was born Oct. 15, 1879, passed away April 20, 1959, making his stay here on earth 79 years, 6 mo., 5 days. He was married early in life to Octavia Varney and to this union were born 10 children. 2 preceded him in death, leaving his wife and 8 children to mourn his loss: Andy of Hardy, Ky.; Toulby of Cincinnati, Ohio; Hagard and Lucy of Willington, Ohio; Peggy Williamson of Stone, Ky.; Lydia Blevins of Prickly, Ky.; Pollie Blair, North King, Ohio; Agness Stanley, Willington, Ohio; one brother E. B. Blackburn, Pikeville, Ky.; one sister,

Lydia Trout, with a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends to mourn his loss; but we hope our loss is his eternal gain.

Pa professed a hope in Christ Jesus and united with the Primitive Baptist church June 1952; was baptized in July at Old Pond Church by Brother Teddy Ball and Brother Frank Wheeler. He lived faithful to the end believing he would raise again at the coming of Jesus Christ.

He was a kind and loving father and will be missed by all of us children as well as all his many friends.

Pa told the night before he passed away, that he wanted to go home, that he had a much better home with Jesus then he had here on earth and was waiting to go home.

I believe he died in the Lord and at the last day his body will be raised from sleep and fashioned like Jesus and be taken home to glory to live forever with God. I pray we will all meet again some sweet day.

Written by his daughter-in-law, NOLEEKA BLACKBURN

TENNIE McCOY BLACKBURN



It is with a sad and lonely heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear sister, Tennie McCoy Blackburn who was born September 4, 1888 and died March 18, 1959, making her stay on earth 71 years, 6 months and 14 days. She was first married to James Madison Jude in 1906; and to that union one son was born who preceded her in death.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1941 in Jan.

Trust in Him ye saints in all your ways;
Your souls have peace with Him;
The monster Death will appear some day
And death will bring its sting.

Pour out your hearts before His face;
When all the rest has failed to aid,
God in His power never fails to appear
To come in time of that sad hour.

He lays thy gentle and powerful hand
Beneath thy sinking head
And with a ray of life divine
Illumines thy dying bed.

She was a strong and faithful believer in salvation by the grace of God. And she believed in the resurrection of those bodies, that we will come out of the grave wearing a body in likeness unto Jesus. I believe heaven will be her gain.

Surviving are one sister Amy Chapman and her husband Alfred Blackburn.

FLORENCE JUSTICE



Sister Florence Justice was born May 6, 1918; departed this life January 24, 1959 making her stay on earth 40 yrs., 8 mo., and 18 days. She was married to Ervin Justice. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, her father and mother, four brothers and two sisters. She united with the Primitive Baptist church at Old Pond on Easter Sun., April 10, 1955 and placed her membership at Big Creek. She was baptized by Elder Joe Thacker and Frank Wheeler. She is sadly missed by all who knew her, but we feel assured that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her sister-in-law who loved her so well, MRS. EMA WILLIAMSON

BEULAH LEWIS



It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of our sister in Christ. Beulah Lewis was born Jan. 23, 1895; deceased May 2, 1959, making her stay on earth 64 yrs., 3 mon., and 10 days. She was the daughter of Floyd and Julie Rowe Sanders of Hellier, Ky. She was married to Robie Lewis at the age of 14 yrs; to this union was born 7 children; two preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, 3 sons, Joe Fountain, and Arvil; 2 daughters, Dinah Kazee and Ester Ward. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and was a member of New Friendship Church of Primitive Baptist at the time of her death. Her funeral was preached at her home by

Elders Frank Wheeler and Dan Adkins. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by,

ELDER S. B. JUSTICE

RUTHA SMITH



It is with a sad and aching heart that I try to write an obituary of my dear mother Rutha Hess Smith, the daughter of the late Charlie Hess; was born May 29, 1876, deceased Feb. 5, 1959, making her stay on earth 84 years, 8 months, Days. She was married to Basil Varney. To this union was born 5 children; 2 preceded her in death; 3 still living. Their names, Alex Varney, Deel, Va.; Lydia Williams, Belfry, Ky.; Matilda Varney, Road Fork, Ky.

She was later married to Elder Noah Smith and to this union were born 8 children; 4 preceded her in death; 4 still living: Mrs. Emma Lee, Kemper, Ky. Mr. Ira Smith, Feds Creek, Ky.; Mrs.

Laura Griffith, Kemper, Ky.; Mrs. Vicy Stiltner, Kemper, Ky. and 40 grand children, 67 great grandchildren, 19 great great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Lizie Bastie, Huddy, Ky.; Mrs. Annie Smith, Kemper, Ky. She also leave her husband Noah Smith and a host of friends to mourn her loss. We feel our loss is her heavenly gain. She was a member of Primitive Baptist church for 41 years. She lived a faithful member until her death.

Written by her son,

IRA SMITH

BETSY ANN COLEMAN



Betsy Ann Coleman was born Oct. 3, 1878, the daughter of the late James and Catherine Smith; was married 19 years later to Elder E. Coleman; to this union were born 9 children of which 5 preceded her in death. She leaves the following two daughters, Mrs. Tennessee Prater of Kimper, Ky.; Mrs. Kelsa Stiltner of Evanston Ky., two sons Taylor Coleman of Elyria, Ohio, Elsie Coleman, Coleman, Ky., two brothers, both of Kimper, Ky.; one sister of Hardy, Ky., and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She passed this life Nov. 27, 1958 making her stay on earth 80 years, 1 month, 14 days. She was a member of Johns Creek Church.

Written by her son-in-law,

ELDER H. W. PRATER

She also leaves one step daughter, Mrs. Roso Freeman.

JACK COLLINS



It is with a sad and lonely heart that we will try in our weakness to write a sketch obituary of our dear father, Jack Collins.

Dad was born July 17, 1871 and departed this life April 1, 1947 making his stay here on earth 76 years, 3 months and 16 days. Dad and Mother were united in marriage March 15, 1894 and to this union were born 8 children of whom 5 children and mother preceded him in death.

Dad joined the Primitive Baptist church the 4th Sat. in Aug., 1941 and lived a true and faithful member until the death angel conveyed his spirit home. Dad was a true believer in the doctrine, salva-

tion by the grace of God and saved by his shed blood on the cross.

No one knows how much we missed our dear father. God blessed Dad to live a long life here on earth, then called him away from a world of trouble. Our humble hope is that some day by the grace of God, we will all live together again.

We are living in the lively hope that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his son and daughter,

ROBERT COLLINS AND BETTY MORRIS

ANDERSON CASEY



A word of respect and sympathy of Peter Creek Church in which he was a member for many years, and was a faithful soldier, always filling his seat in the church and ready to do for the church. He preached his last sermon at Brother Elonzie Brair's, and was wonderfully blessed of the work of his master who called him to be a soldier.

He leaves his loving wife and children and brothers, and sisters to mourn their loss, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain. May the good Lord bless his wife and children and all it may concern to bow in humble submission to the will of our eternal King.

Written by ELDER TEDDY R. BALL

ALBERT HATFIELD

Albert Hatfield, the son of Jacob Hatfield, and Margaret Whitt Hatfield, Nancy Albert Hatfield, the son of Jacob deceased at the age of about 68. Married Elzie Dotson. He joined the Primitive Baptist church and was faithful when able to attend church. He was crippled for many years. He leaves 5 living children, Mrs. Mary Dotson, Mrs. Frank Coleman, Mrs. James Hager, Mrs. Junior Justice, Mrs. Andy Coleman, and his wife, two sisters, Nancy Blackburn, Caroline Ball; two brothers, Jake Hatfield, Perry Hatfield and a host of friends to mourn their loss but hope our loss is heaven's gain. Written by his nephew,

TEDDY R. BALL

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be calld Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular

and proper decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that He is self-ex-

istent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church, from everlasting.

3. We believe the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fulness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eternal and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot-washing an example.

10. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can as to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or

prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.

18. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Sat. of Meeting	Contribution
Louisa	Bradley Warrick, Fishtrap, Ky.	6	..	..	1	7	2	..	87	2	\$ 16.75
Pond Creek	Fairchild Runyon, Belfry, Ky.	3	3	..	..	..	1	1	125	2	27.25
Big Creek	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	4	2	..	..	..	..	6	56	3	22.00
Raccoon	Lawrence Morris, Raccoon, Ky.	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	51	4	22.00
Sulphur Spring	J. B. May, Kelsa, Va.	7	..	..	1	1	..	4	40	1	5.00
Peter Creek	Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky.	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	88	4	15.00
Little Hope	Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky.	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	42	1	15.46
Joppa	Estel Varney, Nolan, W. Va.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	1	5.00
Grapevine	Stewart Justice, Fishtrap, Ky.	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	32	3	10.00
Samaria	J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	3	..	..	..	2	2	1	145	3	20.00
Little Union	Della Blair, Feds Creek, Ky.	7	2	..	..	..	..	1	22	1	6.00
John's Creek	Noah Smith, Coleman, Ky.	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	56	2	15.00
Calvary	Roscoe Varney, Meta, Ky.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	9.50
New Friendship	R. P. Justice, Rt. 5, Louisa, Ky.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	4	10.00
Totals	..	39	7	..	3	12	9	17	787	..	\$198.96

