

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Tenth
Annual Session
OF THE
Mates Creek
REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
Association

HELD WITH

Peter Creek Church

COLEMAN, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 1, 2,

❧[1962]❧

Next session convenes with Dry Fork Church, located Vansant, Buccannan County, Virginia, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1963 at 10:00 a. m. Elder Kit Ratliff is to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder V. V. Justice is to be his alternate.

OFFICERS

ELDER W. H. THACKER - Moderator, McAndrews, Ky.
ELDER DAN ADKINS - Ass't Moderator, Huddy, Ky.
STEARL HATFIELD - Clerk McCarr, Ky.
J. E. HATFIELD - Assistant Clerk McCarr, Ky.

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Proceedings

OF THE MATES CREEK DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE PETER CREEK CHURCH

FRIDAY MORNING—August 31, 1962

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Luther Bradley.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Teddy R. Ball, text: To the saints which are at Ephesus and to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

Ministers left on the stand for Friday: 1. Elder John I. Smith. 2. Elder W. H. Prater. 3. Elder Opie Thacker. 4. Elder Charlie Littleton.

Messengers assembled in the Smith Fork Church House and were called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Dewey Roten of the Senter Association.

Called for letters from all the Churches.

Moved and seconded that we have the letter from the Peter Creek Church read.

Moved and seconded that we receive all the letters and seat the delegates and have their names enrolled in the Minutes.

Election of officers for the next year: The Association then elected Elder W. H. Thacker, Moderator; Elder Dan Adkins, Assistant Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer and Brother J. E. Hatfield, Assistant Clerk.

Newly constituted Churches called for.

The Dry Fork Church of Dry Fork, Virginia came asking for admittance into the Association.

Moved and seconded that we accept the Dry Fork Church and seat their delegates.

By move and second that we have the Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the minutes.

Messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations. Reported, and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Rock Spring Association: Letter and minutes by the hands of Elders Luther Bradley, Charlie Littleton and Brother Dan Reynolds.

New Liberty Association: Elder Wallace Justice.

Mt. Zion Association: Elder Henry Smith and Owen Harvey.

Visiting Brethren and Sisters received and seated as follows:

Senter Association: Elder Dewey Roten and Brother Tom Severt, and Millicue Burgess.

Rock Spring Association: Elder Floyd Hall.

Mt. Zion Association: Sister Nellie Harvey, Brother Nathan Lilly and wife, Brother Harvey Sturgell and Brother E. J. Sturgell and wife.

Powells Valley: Brother John Jackson and wife and Brother Robert Jackson.

The Moderator is to make all temporary arrangements.

A delegate for each Church, together with all the delegates from Peter Creek Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand.

They reported for Saturday.

1. Elder Charlie Littleton of the Rock Spring Association.
2. Elder Wallace Justice of the New Liberty Association.
3. Elder Luther Bradley of the Rock Spring Association.
4. Elder Dewey Roten of the Senter Association.

Delegates who agreed to visit sister Association are as follows:

Mt. Zion Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins and Frank Wheeler.

Senter Association: Elders T. R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Brethren Roby Lewis, John Looney, Don Hatfield, Andy Blackburn, Ransom Scott and Andrew Hearld.

Rock Spring Association: Elders V. V. Justice, Kit Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball, Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, Lonnie Warrix and Brethren Andrew Hearld and J. E. Hatfield.

New Liberty Association: Elders Frank Wheeler, Sam Justice, Roland Justice, V. V. Justice, and Eli Estep, Brethren J. E. Hatfield and M. B. Blackburn.

United Primitive Baptist of Virginia Association: Elders Teddy R. Ball, V. V. Justice, and Fonso Justice.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Brethren Joe Thacker, Frank Wheeler and Roland Dotson.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Brethren Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice and Frank Wheeler.

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

SATURDAY MORNING—September 1, 1962

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Floyd Hall of the Rock Spring Association.

1. Roll called and absentees marked.

2. Committee on Arrangements reported the following: Committee met in the Peter Creek Church House and was called to order by the Assistant Moderator.

- A. Committee examined the Circular Letter and agreed that it should be presented to the Association for approval and to be printed in the Minutes.

- B. The question of the obituaries and pictures for the minutes was brought before the committee. Committee agreed to ask the Association to have a Memorial Page for all deceased members instead of the obituaries and pictures.

- C. Examined the bill of items for Saturday and agreed that the Association should carry on its work in the usual manner.

Moved and seconded that the Committee's work be accepted and that the Committee be discharged.

Moved and seconded that we have the Obituaries and pictures printed in the minutes the same as we have in the past.

Finance Committee reported \$257.50 and was discharged.

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported as follows.

1. Elder Henry Smith to open by song and prayer. 2. Elder Floyd Hall. 3. Elder Owen Harvey. 4. Elder Oscar Rateliff. 5. Elder Luther Bradley.

Called on union meeting appointees to report. Union Meetings and their appointees as follows:

Louisa Church meets the second Saturday in August, 1963. Elders Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Sam Justice, Fonso Justice and Opa Thacker to attend.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday

in June, 1963. Elders W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn, and Joe Thacker to attend.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1963. Elders Guy Cambell, Kit Ratliff, Frank Wheeler, W. H. Thacker and Fonso Justice to attend.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1963. Elders Dan Adkins, John I. Smith, Kit Ratliff, Guy Cambell, Opa Thacker, Teddy R. Ball and Fonso Justice to attend.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1963. Elders V. V. Justice, Teddy R. Ball, and Eli Estep to attend.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1963. Elders Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn, V. V. Justice, Kit Ratliff, Eli Estep and Dan Adkins to attend.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July 1963. Elders W. H. Thacker, Fonso Justice, T. R. Ball and Joe Thacker to attend.

Joppa Church meets the first Saturday in June, 1963. Elders Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Opie Thacker, Sam Justice, Guy Cambell and Dan Adkins to attend.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1963. Elders Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Fonso Justice, Eli Estep, Kit Ratliff, Elden Thacker, and J. H. Blackburn to attend.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June 1963. Elders Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, Opa Thacker, Sam Justice, W. H. Thacker to attend.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May 1963. Elders Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, John Fuller, Kit Ratliff, V. V. Justice and Frank Wheeler to attend.

John's Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1963. Elders Lonzie Blair, Eli Estep, Kit Ratliff, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn and Teddy R. Ball to attend.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1963. Elders Fonso Justice, Frank Wheeler, Kit Ratliff,

J. H. Blackburn, Joe Thacker, Eli Estep, Monroe Justice, and Glen Vipperman to attend.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1963. Elders Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, John Looney, Lonzie Blair, Kit Ratliff, Frank Wheeler, and V. V. Justice to attend.

New Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in July, 1963. Elders Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler and Dan Adkins to attend.

6. Secretary report work all up and cash left on hand \$257.50.

7. Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes, and that Elder Frank Wheeler to prepare the next one.

8. Agreed that we have 1650 copies of our Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum, and the Obituaries of :Sisters Louise Scott Runyon, Lizzie Coleman, Florence Varney, Rena Fuller, Mary Bevins Runyon, Mintie Hatfield, Ethel Stiltner Thacker, Columbia Varney, Polly Dotson Smith, Nancy Jane Smith, Rosa Coleman, Melvina Dotson, Cordella Smith Wolford, Lidie Coleman, and Frankie Coleman Thacker. Brethren: Weldon Coleman, Morgan T. Davis, Henry Zimmerman, and Mitch Hensley.

Agreed that the brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and that all funds left after paying for the Minutes and moving seats be left in his hands until our next Association.

The finance was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year -----	\$256.00	
Amount received from the churches -----	257.50	
Donations -----	13.15	\$526.65
Cash paid out:		
Printing Minutes for 1961 -----	\$205.00	
Moving seats -----	20.00	
Moderator -----	15.00	
Clerk -----	10.00	
Balance cash left on hand -----	276.65	\$526.65

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Dry Fork

Church at Vansant, Buchanan County, Virginia, and to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1963, and that Elder Kit Ratliff is to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder V. V. Justice is to be his alternate.

Minutes read and approved. Closed by prayer by Elder Joe Thacker. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

W. H. THACKER, Moderator
DAN ADKINS, Assistant Moderator
STEARL HATFIELD, Clerk
J. E. HATFIELD, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING, September 2, 1962.

Singing and prayer by Elder Henry Smith of the Mount Zion Association.

Elders on the stand:

1. Elder Floyd Hall of the Rock Spring Association. Text, Isa. 66:12: For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.

2. Elder Owen Harvey of the Mount Zion Association. Text Dan. 4:1: Nebuchadnezzar the king unto all people nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; peace be multiplied unto you.

3. Elder Oscar Ratliff of the New Liberty Association. Text, John 1:12: Power to become the sons of God.

4. Elder Luther Bradley of the Rock Spring Association. Did not consume any time.

Elder W. H. Thacker (our Moderator) talked a few minutes and thanked the members of the Peter Creek Church and everybody of the community for the splendid way that they took care of the Association.

Evening Meetings:

Friday Evening at Peter Creek Church house at 7:30 p. m. Elders Luther Bradley and Dewey Roten.

At Landon Webb's home 7:30 p. m. Elders J. H. Blackburn and V. V. Justice.

Saturday Evening at Coon Creek Church house at 7:30 p. m.
Elders Luther Bradley and Opie Thacker.

At Broad Fork Church house at 7:00 p. m. Elders Floyd Hall, Charlie Little, Frank Wheeler, and Teddy Ball.

At Johns Creek Church house, 7 o'clock. Elders J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, and V. V. Justice.

At Dell William's home at 6 o'clock. Elders Henry Smith, Owen Harvey, and Eli Estep.

CIRCULAR LETTER

A small thought of mine, by Dan Adkins

To Mates Creek Association:

"The God of salvation, truth, and wisdom. Therefore God is able to know, understand, and comprehend all of His creation as He has perfect understanding. God knows why and how they act for God's word is truth. It has been and will be forever truth. He said, "I am the truth, the way, and the life." Everything God has spoken or will speak is the truth. The word of God that was revealed to man the scriptures are the truth. Everything that Christ spoke while on earth is the truth and all the things that He said would take place are sure to take place.

The truth never fails. God is holy and pure and apart from all corruption, wickedness, vice, and all iniquity. How then can a corrupt sinner ever live with God if something is not done for and in them, they will not. Jesus Christ is doing the will of the Father and when it is complete the elect family of God will be holy and without blame before Him in love. The sinner by nature only has a carnal mind and the carnal mind is enmity against God, contrary, and even hates God. As it is written, "There is none righteous, no, not one." "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." "Make the tree good and the fruit will be good. There must be a change of heart which is the seat of affections for the sinner to have a heart of love. The hard and stony heart must be removed and a heart of love given them that is done in and by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. The sinner is given a pure and holy life. The nature of Christ but still has the nature of earthly man in the same body. The corrupt nature will be left in the grave, but not the body and in the resurrection they will be immortal and incorrupt. In the likeness of the Son of God then the children of mercy. The elect all of them will be holy and dwell with God forever in Spirit, soul and body.

Righteousness does not cause unrighteousness neither does holiness cause sin and wickedness. Corruption does not come from God. He certainly is not the cause of sin and wickedness that men and devils engage in and practice. If God is not the cause of such, then God is not the cause of all causes. Christ said, "They hated Me without a cause." Wisdom knows what sin and wickedness is, but knowing what it is does not make God a party to it. Knowing sinners will commit sin and wickedness does not cause them to do it. God forbid

such a guilty sinner will have to suffer forever unless Christ suffered for them Himself. Every sorrow and trouble man is involved in is on the account of sin. God's people suffer because of sin, but in their life only. It is sin for man to say in their hearts that God pre-fixed, predestinated, determined, unalterably designed, and causes each and every act of men and devils and each act must and shall be brought to pass as God causes each act to be as is and cannot be any other way. God is glorified in all the sin and wickedness that takes place on earth it being according to His will, purpose and pleasure of God. Remember that which is according to the will of God is in harmony with His nature. How can God hate with a perfect hatred that which is according to His will, purpose and pleasure of God? How can anyone say that God is the cause of all corruption, sin, and wickedness? Either God is the cause of all causes, or He is not. If He is the cause of all causes, we will have to say He is the cause that did cause man to sin. If we say He is not the cause of all causes, then we are in harmony with Christ who said, "They hated Me without a cause," certainly no one would say God was the cause of that cause. God is holy, pure, without iniquity, and is not connected to wickedness and the sins of man and devil. Holy and reverend is His name. God almighty, from everlasting to everlasting is presented in love and in hope.

Elder Dan Adkins

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.	James E. McIntosh, Hardy, Ky.
Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky.	Green Coleman, Millard, Ky.
Phone GA 7-9886	Monroe Justice, Canada, Ky.
Joe Thacker, Canada, Ky.	Phone EL 3-7679
John Fuller, Canada, Ky.	V. V. Justice, Fishtrap, Ky.
W. H. Prater, Hardy, Ky.	Guy Campbell, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.
Lonnie Warrix, Fishtrap, Ky.	Eli Estepp, Phelps, Ky.
W. N. Smith, Kimper, Ky.	Phone GI 6-3688
J. H. Blackburn, Redjacket,	Eldon Thacker, Phillis, Ky.
W. Va.; Ph. GE 7-4686	Opa Thacker, Cincinnati, Ohio
Kit Ratliff, Phillis, Ky.	John I. Smith, Belfry, Ky.
Dan Adkins, Huddy, Ky.	R. P. Justice, Rt. 5, Louisa, Ky.
Phone EL 3-4963	S. B. Justice, Paintsville, Ky.
Frank Wheeler, Stone, Ky.	Lonzie Blair, Steele, Ky.
Phone EL 3-4910	John Looney, Grundy, Va.
George Hunt, Hardy, Ky.	Glen Vipperman
Fonso Justice, Stone, Ky.	
Phone EL 3-7911	

LICENTIATES

Willard Dotson, Redjacket, W. Va.	Clark Owens, Pinsonfork, Ky.
Don Hatfield, Toler, Ky.	

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 Fonzo Justice, Stone, Ky.	June 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs—	Eld. J.H. Blackburn, Redjacket, W.Va.	July, 1st Sat.
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, Red Jacket, W. Va.	July, 3rd Sat.
Samaria—	Elder Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky.	June 3rd Saturday
John's Creek—	Eld. J. H. Blackburn, Red Jacket, W. Va.	July, 2nd Sat.
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.	July, 4th Sat.
Dry Fork—	Elder Teddy R. Ball	May 2nd Saturday

CHURCH AND DELEGATES

Louisa—Elders W. H. Thacker, Guy Campbell, Green Coleman, Lonnie Warrix; Brethren Abner L. Justice and Bradley Warrix.

Pond Creek—Elder Frank Wheeler; Brethren Grant Blackburn, F. C. Runyon, Willard Blackburn, C. C. Dotson, Ransom Scott, Andy Blackburn and Bob Dotson.

Big Creek—Elders Joe Thacker; Brethren Joe Stanley, Daniel May, Luther Smith, Daniel Roberts, Ireland Coleman, and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon Church—Elders Fonzo Justice, and Monroe Justice; Brethren Roosevelt Coleman, Joe Morris, Milton Cloeman.

Sulphur Spring—Elder J. H. Blackburn; Brethren Ira Simpkins, J. B. May, Junior Blackburn, Arthur May, and Charles Blackburn.

Peter Creek—Elder Eli Estep; Brethren Philip Dotson, Leo Coleman Virgil Smith, Dave Smith, Troy Casey, Richard Smith and Roland Dotson.

Little Hope—Brethren Lee Stiltner, Dewey Dotson, Will Runyon, Bobby Blackburn, A. H. Blackburn, and Ballard Ball.

Joppa—Elder Dan Adkins; Brethren Henry C. Blevins, Sisters Ermia Varney, Virgie Stepp and Amy Chapman.

Grape Vine—Elders Elden Thacker, V. V. Justice; Brethren Sam Lowe, Landon Webb, Arvil Justice, Stewart Justice, Kenner Bevins and J. H. Justice.

Samaria—Elder Teddy Ball; Brethren Don Hatfield, J. N. Hale, R. S. Hatfield, Willie Hatfield, Andrew Hearld, Bob Scott, Tilden Chapman, Jessie Hager, Dave Smith, Richard Hatfield, Tolbert Smith and J. E. Hatfield.

Little Zion—Elder Lonzie Blair; Brethren Edward Blair, Phinis Slone, and Ernest Blair.

Johns Creek—Brethren Harvey Coleman, William I. Smith, Wilburn Coleman, and Johnnie Stiltner.

Calvary—Elders Kit Ratliff, Glen Vipperman; Brethren Rosco Varney, and Sid Varney.

New Friendship—Elders S. P. Justice, R. P. Justice; Brethren Robie Lewis and I. D. Preston.

Dry Fork—Brethren Ralph Street, John Looney, Memphis Vandyke, Harrison Street, and Garland Childers.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa—Bradley Warrix, Fishtrap, Ky.	115
Pond Creek—Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky.	175
Big Creek—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	125
Raccoon—Lawrence Morris, Raccoon, Ky.	140
Peter Creek—Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky.	125
Sulphur Spring—J. B. May, Kelsey, Va.	65
Little Hope—Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky.	75
Joppa—Ermia Varney, Hatfield, Ky.	35
Grape Vine—Stewart Justice, Fishtrap, Ky.	75
Samaria—J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	150
Johns Creek—Noah Smith, Jr., Coleman, Ky.	75
Little Union—Ernest Blair, Feeds Creek, Ky.	75
Calvary—Roscoe Varney, Meta, Ky.	75
New Friendship—R. P. Justice, Rt. 5, Louisa, Va.	35
Dry Fork—Garland Childers, Vansant, Va.	75

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mt. Zion—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.	25
Senter—Earl W. Severt, West Jefferson, N. C.	25
Rock Spring—Elder Luther Bradley, 117 Blair Ave., Morehead, Ky.	25
New Liberty—Thos. D. Robertson, 802 Kanawha Blvd. Charleston W. Va.	25
Powell Valley—Charles Hensley, Pineville, Ky.	25
Mountain—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.	25
United P. B. of Virginia—Elder E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va.	25
To the Clerk, Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	Balance

LOCATION OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1963

The Mates Creek Association will be held at Vansant, Virginia. This is near Grundy in Buchanan County. Dry Fork Church on Prater Creek, and will begin Friday before the first Sunday in Sept., 1963.

Senter District will be held near West Jefferson, North Carolina at River View Church, and will begin Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1963.

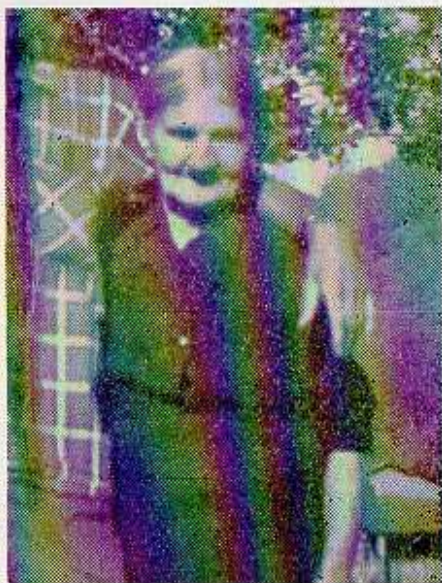
Mt. Zion will be held with the Ronceverte Church at Ronceverte, W. Va. State Route 219, and will begin Friday before the last Saturday in August, 1963.

Rock Spring will be held with the Poplar Grove Church at West Morehead, Kentucky, and will begin Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1963.

United Primitive Baptist of Virginia will be held near Hillsville, Virginia.

OBITUARIES

Melvina Dotson



Melvina Dotson united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek July 1907. Died February 23 on Friday.

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Brother Mitch Hensley



Mitch Hensley, 75, of Huddy, Ky., died at 5:05 a. m., today at a local hospital following an illness of two weeks.

Hensley, a retired carpenter, was born August 2, 1886, at Stone, Ky., son of the late J. C. and Polly (Blackburn) Hensley, and was married to the former Phoebe Trout, who survives.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Hensley is survived by three children, Gardner of Cleveland, Ohio, Tommie of Hardy, and Mrs. Hazel Reynolds of Huddy, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a brother, Ballard of Canada, Ky., and two sisters, Mrs. Grover Blackburn of Huddy, and Mrs. Henry Varney of Stone.

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Henry Zimmerman

Henry Zimmerman, 54, of Hardy, Ky., died Wednesday at 2:40 p. m. at a Cincinnati, Ohio hospital.

Zimmerman, formerly of Yolyn, was a retired miner, employed by the Amherst Coal Corp. He was born March 2, 1907 at Hanley, son of the late Anthony and Anna (Pauline) Zimmerman, and was married to the former Drucie Ann Prater, who survives. Zimmerman was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by six children, Jack of Hutchinson, Henry Jr., of Matheny, Mrs. Harold Dotson and Mrs.

Ray Simpson of Cincinnati, Ohio, Troy Douglas of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Key West, Fla., and Paul of the U. S. Air Force, stationed in Columbus, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters: Herbert, Sophie and Frank of Detroit, Mich., Anthony of Ford's Branch, Ky., Walter of Kenton, Ohio, Joe and Minnie of Rico Colorado.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Old Pond Church at Belfry, with Elders Teddy R. Ball, John Blackburn and Frank Wheeler officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. View Memory Gardens at Huddy, Ky, with Ball Funeral Home in charge. Additional services will be held at the late residence at 7:30 tonight.

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Morgan T. Davis



It is with much sadness we attempt to write the obituary of Morgan T. Davis. He was born December 5, 1881 and departed this life July 2, 1961, making his stay on earth 79 years, 5 mos. and 23 days. He was the son of Henry and Charlotte (Muncey) Davis, and was married to Ella Harmon, who preceded him in death May 16, 1919. To this union were born 7 children. Then he was married to Martha Williams who also preceded him in death, Feb. 23, 1951. To this union were born 7 children, five preceded him in death, four boys and one girl. The surviving children are: Dewey of Kermit, W. Va., Cecil of Charleston, W. Va., Warren, Wallace and Rufus, all of Lovely, Ky;

Mrs. Mable Litteral of Hatcher, Ky., Mrs. Brookie Davis, Mrs. Dora Kirk of Lovely, Ky.

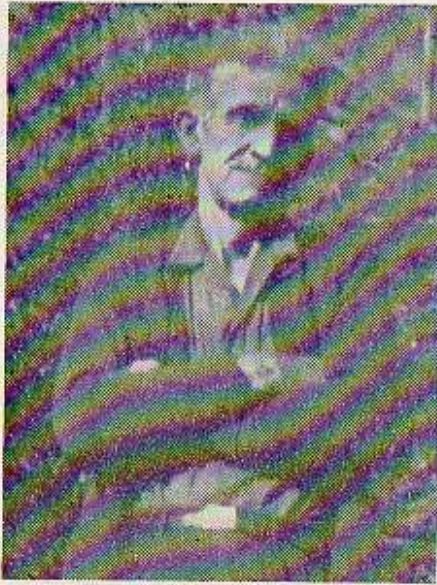
He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He joined the church the first Sunday in Aug. 1954, and was baptized by Elders John Fuller and Dan Adkins. His funeral was preached at Wallace Webb, by Elders Frank Wheeler, John Fuller and Dan Adkins. He lived a faithful member until death. We feel our loss is his eternal gain. Ostil Smith.

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Lidie Coleman

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of Sister Lidie Coleman. Her stay on earth was 79 years. She was married to Johnny Coleman and to this union were born 9 children, 6 boys and 3 girls to mourn her loss. She departed this life Dec. 24, 1959. She joined the old Regular Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Spring the first Saturday in October, 1909. She lived a faithful member until death. She is sadly missed by her children and all who knew her, but we feel assured that our loss is her eternal gain. Written by a brother in Christ, I hope, Arthur May

Weldon G. Coleman



It is with a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write an obituary of my loving husband, Weldon G. Coleman who was born March 19, 1885 and departed this life November 24, 1961. He left a wife, three sons, Garfield Coleman, Ray Coleman, Johnny Coleman, four daughters, Nellie Runyon, Goldie Bartarm, Helen Hunt, and Jean Fowler. He left 2 step-sons and 5 step-daughters, and 19 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church since 1947 until death. Our earthly loss was his eternal gain. He is sadly missed by his loving wife and children.

Perlina Coleman

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Frankie Coleman Thacker



It is with a sad heart that we will try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Frankie Thacker.

Mother was born Feb. 1, 1896. She passed away Oct. 7, 1961, making her stay on earth 65 years, 8 months and 6 days.

Mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Raccoon. She was baptized in the year 1923. She was a faithful member until death, and was a member of the church for 39 years. She was the daughter of Marion and Mary Jane Deel Coleman, and is survived by her husband, one daughter and and three brother, James, Josh, and three brothers, James, Josh, and Nathaniel Coleman, all of Millard, Ky.

Mother was married to Nelson Thacker April 29, 1915. To this union were born two children who died in infancy.

I feel Mother has gone to rest. She was always faithful to attend church, walking several miles when the weather was bad.

It is a lonesome home without Mother, but thank God she didn't have to suffer long. I am taking this opportunity to thank each and everyone that was so thoughtful during our lonesome hours.

Sadly missed by her daughter and husband, Frankie Jane Thacker, and Nelson Thacker..

Cordella Smith Wolford



Cordella Smith Wolford was born Aug. 13, 1876, deceased Oct. 5, 1961 at the age of 85 years. She was married to John Wolford, Sr., who preceded her in death. To this union were born 11 children. She is survived by 8 children, 5 daughters and 3 sons, and 3 brothers.

At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of Sulphur Springs Church. She was a faithful church member, a good neighbor, loved by all who knew her. We feel our loss is her gain. Written by a daughter.

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Rosa Coleman



It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of our dear mother, Rosa Coleman. She was the daughter of Ruben and Mary Coleman. She was born April 5, 1891, making her stay on earth 70 years 9 months, and two days. She was married to James L. Coleman, and to this union were born 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls: Lawrence, Ransom, George, and Jimper Coleman of Kemper Ky., Claudia Coleman of Louisville, Ky., Leo Coleman, Louisville, Ky. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, 7 children, 16 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1952 and lived a faithful life till she was called to meet Jesus, and I hope some day we can all be with her again.

Written by her daughter-in-law,
Daisy Lee Coleman

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Sister Mintie Hatfield

Sister Mintie Hatfield, the daughter of Billie Morris, was married to Tom Hatfield early in life. She joined the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church in 1936, and was baptized by Teddy R. Ball, and was a good Christian woman and mother. May her family and church bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly King.

Written by Teddy R. Ball.

Mrs. Nancy Jane Smith



grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. She left us behind to mourn for the love and the loss of a loving, sweet mother, gone to rest.

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Columbia Varney



Sister Columbia Varney, the daughter of Butler Smith and Judy Smith, the wife of Keen Varney, was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for over 15 years and was baptized by T. R. Ball. May Her family bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly King.

Written by T. R. Ball.

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Sister Ethel Stiltner Thacker

This is the obituary of a beloved sister, Ethel Stiltner Thacker. She deceased this life November 11, 1961, making her stay here on earth 64 years, and three days. Sister Ethel was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for a number of years and was a faithful member. She was the daughter of Jasper and Pricy Yates Stiltner. She was married to Ferrel Thacker in 1915. To this union were born 5 children, one preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Ferrel Thacker and three daughters, Loretta Thacker, Huntington, W. Va., Inez Thacker at home, Mrs. Lacy Cisco, New Town,

W. Va., and one son, Don Thacker at home, and one grandson.

She reared Billy Ferrel Cisco, New Town, W. Va. She had two sisters, Vicey Slone, New Town, W. Va., Delman Slone, Steele, Ky., and one brother, Bud Stiltner, Steele, Ky., and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

We feel our loss is her eternal gain. Sister Ethel was loved by all who knew her

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Polly Dotson Smith



Sister Polly Dotson Smith, the wife of Dave Smith joined Samaria Primitive Baptist Church May 3, Sunday, 1959 and was baptized by T. R. Ball. May her family and the church bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly King.

Written by T. R. Ball.

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Aunt Mary Bevins Runyon



Aunt Mary Bevins Runyan lived in this world 98 years, 6 months. She joined the Old Baptist Church 78 years ago. She lived a faithful member all those years.

May her church at Old Pond bow in humble submission to the will of the heavenly King.

Written by Teddy R. Ball.

Rena Fuller



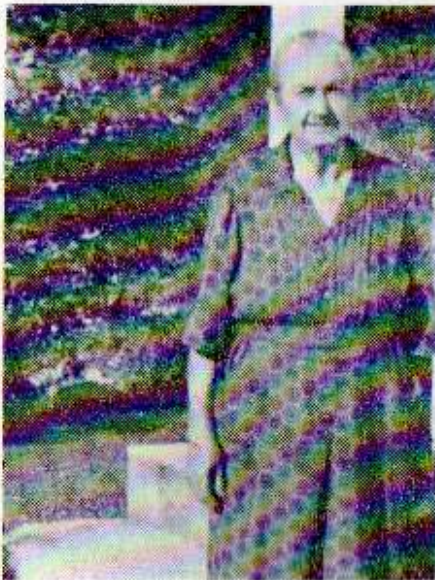
Rena Fuller, wife of George Fuller, joined the Primitive Baptist Church March fourth Sunday in 1933, and was a faithful Christian and always filled her seat in the church.

May the family and her church which is Samaria, bow in humble submission to the will of the heavenly King.

Written by Teddy R. Ball.

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Sister Florence Varney



Sister Florence Varney the wife of Henry Varney, joined Old Pond Church 26 years ago and lived a faithful member. She was baptized by Elder Teddy R. Ball.

Much could be written about Sister Varney, but she told it all herself. Her Christian life told it all.

May her church and family say, Thy will be done.

Written by Teddy R. Ball.

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Louisa Scott Runyon

I will try to write an obituary of our beloved mother, Louisa Scott Runyon who passed away July 13 1962, making her 83 years and 11 months, and 20 days old. She was married to Thomas Runyon July 14, 1892. Thomas preceded her in death in 1937. To this union were born 13 children, four of whom preceded her in death, 42 grandchildren, 67 great grandchildren and 13 great, great grandchildren. She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for 67 years. She was baptized by Elder Anderson Hatfield, and placed her membership with the Old Pond Church where she was a faithful member until death.

She is sadly missed by her children and all who knew her, but we feel assured that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her son, Fairchild Runyon.

Lizzie Coleman



It is with much sadness I try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Lizzie Coleman. She was born March 16, 1889 and departed this life Sept. 20, 1961, making her stay on earth 72 years 6 months and 4 days. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church Feb. 6, 1961, and was baptized March 5, 1961. She lived a faithful member until death. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband Melburn and 7 children, 22 grandchildren and a host of friends. We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her unworthy daughter in Christ I hope. Jettie Coleman

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called 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 gen-

eral 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-existent, 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.
13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES		CLERKS AND ADDRESSES											
Louisa	Bradley Warrix, Fishtrap, Ky.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Sat. of Meeting	Contributions	Year of Asso.	
Pond Creek	Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky.	9			4	14	1	73	2	\$26.00	1965		
Big Creek	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	4					4	183	2	25.00	1970		
Raccoon	Roosevelt Coleman, Raccoon, Ky.	1	1	4			5	61	3	22.00	1968		
Saiphur Spring	J. B. May, Kelsa, Va.						1	54	4	26.00	1971		
Peter Creek	Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky.						2	86	4	20.00	1973		
Little Hope	Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky.						3	37	1	10.25	1969		
Joppa	Ernia Varney, Nolan, W. Va.						1	7	1	5.00			
Grape Vine	Stewart Justice, Fishtrap, Ky.						1	38	3	15.00			
Samaria	J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	4		3			1	145	3	25.00	1964		
Little Union	Ernest Blair, Fed Creek, Ky.	2		4	17		7	28	1	15.00			
John Creek	Noah Smith, Coleman, Ky.	1					3	58	2	20.00	1967		
Calvary	Roscoe Varney, Meta, Ky.							12	1	12.25	1936		
New Friendship	R. P. Justice, Rt. 5, Louisa, Ky.							20	4	10.00			
Dry Fork	Garland Childress, Vansant, Va.	1						18	2	16.00	1963		
Totals		22	111	417	33	25	897	257.50					

