

*Minutes*  
OF THE  
One Hundred Fourteenth  
Annual Session  
OF THE  
Original  
Mates Creek  
REGULAR  
Primitive Baptist Association  
HELD WITH  
*Sulphur Spring Church*  
KELSA, BUCKANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
SEPTEMBER 2, 3, AND 4,  
❧[1966]❧

Next session convenes with Calvary Church, Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1967 at 10:00 a. m. Elder Guy Campbell is to preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. R. Ball to be his alternate.

**OFFICERS**

ELDER T. R. BALL - Moderator ..... McCarr, Ky.  
ELDER DAN ADKINS - Ass't Moderator, Huddy, Ky.  
STEARL HATFIELD - Clerk ..... McCarr, Ky.  
J. E. HATFIELD - Assistant Clerk, McCarr, Kentucky



## *Proceedings*

OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR  
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD WITH SULPHUR SPRING CHURCH,

FRIDAY MORNING, September 2, 1966

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Guy Campbell. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. H. Thacker, text Eph. 2:8: "By grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

Called for the letters from all the churches.

Moved and seconded that we receive all the letters and have the letter from the Sulphur Spring Church read. And have the names of the messengers enrolled in the Minute.

Election of officers: The Association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder Dan Adkins, Assistant Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Brother J. E. Hatfield Assistant Clerk.

Newly constituted churches called for: none reported.

Moved and seconded that we have our 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:

Mt. Zion Association: Elder Henry Smith.

Rock Spring Association: Elders W. M. Littleton and Luther Bradley and Letter.

New Liberty Association: Brother John C. Gregory.

Received minutes from the following Associations.

Senter Association, Mt. Zion Association, Union Association, Rock Spring Association, New Liberty Association, Mountain Association, Burning Spring Association, United Primitive Baptist of Virginia.

Visitors from sister associations received and seated as follows:

Mt. Zion Association: Elders A. L. Neely and J. R. Lilly, Sisters Ola Smith and Charity Lilly.

Senter Association: Elder Floyd South and wife and daugh-



ter, Elder Dewey Roten and Brother Jim Walters.

Rock Spring Association: Brother Albert Littleton.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary arrangements.

A messenger from each Church, together with all the messengers from the Sulphur Spring Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand. They reported the following:

For Fiday: 1. Elder Homer Blackburn to open; 2. Elder Henry Smith of the Mt. Zion Association; 3. Elder W. M. Littleton of the Rock Spring Association.

For Saturday: 1. Elder W. M. Littleton; 2. Elder Floyd South; 3. Elder Dewey Roten.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren W. H. Thacker, Bradley Warrick and Harrison Street.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows:

Brethren Frank Wheeler, Avery Lowe and Andy Blackburn.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister Association follow:

Mt. Zion Association: Elders Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins and Oda Hall.

Rock Spring Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Avery Lowe, and Teddy R. Ball, Brethren M. B. Blackburn and Ira Smith.

Senter Association: Elders Frank Wheeler Dan Adkins and J. H. Blackburn.

Union Association: Elders Guy Campbell and Teddy R. Ball and Brethren Ransom Scott and Andy Blackburn and Roby Lewis.

New Liberty Association: Elders Frank Wheeler.

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

## SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Floyd South of the Senter Association.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at the Church House and was called to order by the Moderator. Committee studied the work of the Associa-



tion and agreed that the Association should carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner, and to adopt the following items.

1. That item six of our Constitution be changed to read as follows: The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present and that by a secret ballot.

2. That the Association through its Moderator admonish all the Churches against trying to run or meddling in their sister Church's affairs.

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

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following: To open, Elder J. R. Lilly. 1. Elder W. M. Littleton; 2. Elder A. L. Neely; 3. Elder Luther Bradley.

Finance committee reported the following, \$264.25, and was discharged.

Called on Union Meeting appointees to report. They reported. Those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Union Meeting and their appointees as follows:

Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in Augus, 1967. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff and Everett Brizendine.

Pone Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1967. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins and Oda Hall and all ministers invited.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1967. Elders to attend: Oda Hall, Avery Lowe, W. H. Thacker, Kit Ratliff and Everett Brizendine, and Frank Wheeler.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1967. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Avery Lowe, Oda Hall, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler and Joe Thacker.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1967. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Kit Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn and Homer Blackburn.



Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1967. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Oda Hall, Avery Lowe, Everett Brizendine and Eli Estep.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1967. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, and J. H. Blackburn.

Joppa Church meets the first Saturday in June, 1966 Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Oda Hall, Don Hatfield, Everett Brizendine and Dan Adkins.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1967. Elders to attend: Guy Cambell, Frank Wheeler, Kit Ratliff, Oda Hall and Homer Blackburn.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1967. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Oda Hall, Frank Wheeler, Avery Lowe, Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn and Dan Adkins.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1967. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Avery Lowe, Oda Hall, Frank Wheeler and Lonzie Blair.

John's Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1967. Elder to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Oda Hall, Dan Adkins, Kit Ratliff, Joe Thacker, Frank Wheeler and Avery Lowe.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1967. Elders to attend, Kit Ratliff, Oda Hall, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Avery Lowe, Frank Wheeler and Eli Estep.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1967. Elders to attend, Teddy R. Ball, Avery Lowe, Lundy Coleman, J. H. Blackburn, John Looney, Oda Hall, Lonzie Blair and Kit Ratliff.

New Friendship Church: No union meeting.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that all funds left after paying for the printing of the minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next association.



The Finance was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year .....	\$277.60	
Amount received from the Churches .....	264.25	
Donations at the stand .....	71.05	\$612.90
Cash Paid Out:		
Paid for the Minutes (1965) .....	\$199.00	
Paid for moving the seats .....	35.00	
Give the Moderator .....	15.00	
Give the Clerk .....	10.00	
Give Correspondents .....	48.00	\$307.00
Balance cash on hand .....		\$305.90

Moved and seconded that we pay \$20.00 to Homer Blackburn for lumber for the stand.

Agreed that our next association be held with the Calvary Church at Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky and to begin at 10:00 a. m. Friday before the first Sunday in September 1967; and that Elder Guy Campbell is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder Teddy R. Ball be his alternate.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Elder W. H. Thacker prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 1400 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following: Sisters Sarah Blackburn, Polly Jane Lester, Emma Bostic Vipperman, Sarah A. Deel, Folsom Honaker Coleman, Ella Jane Webb and Pricy Farley Scott.

Brethren Bud Stiltner, Noah Smith, Ervil Smith, Willy Carter, Thomas S. Scott, Asis Miller, O. T. (Tivis) Coleman and Ballard Ball.

Minutes read, approved, closed by Prayer by Elder Luther Bradley. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Teddy R. Ball, Moderator, McCarr, Ky; 427-8788  
Dan Adkins, Ass't Moderator, Huddy, Ky.; 353-4963  
Stearl Hatfield, Clerk, McCarr, Ky.; 427-9887  
J. E. Hatfield, Ass't Clerk, McCarr, Ky.; 427-8658



## SUNDAY MORNING—September 4, 1966

Singing and prayer by Elder J. R. Lilly of Mt. Zion Association. The first sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Littleton of the Rock Spring Association. Text: Jeremiah 21:8, And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord: Behold I set before you the way of life and the way of death.

The second sermon was preached by Elder A. L. Neely. No special text.

The third sermon was preached by Elder Luther Bradley of the Rock Spring Association. Text: Revelation 19:13; And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called the Word of God.

May we give thanks, first to God; then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this our One Hundred Fourteenth Annual Session of Old Mates Creek Association.

—The Clerk

### Evening Meetings:

Saturday evening at the Sulphur Spring Church House. Singing and prayer by Elder Homer Blackburn. First Elder to preach was Elder Luther Bradley. Second Elder to preach was Elder J. H. Blackburn.

### CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren,—As I was appointed to write to you in a form of a Circular Letter, I will try at this time if the Lord will bless me. I believe in a God that has all power, and I believe that His Son was back there in the covenant of grace and it was God's purpose that His Son come down into this world and die upon the cross for His children. And brethren, I believe that everyone that He shed His blood for will live with Him in glory.

The Lord has an everlasting love for His children and He made many wonderful promises to them, and every one will come to pass for He is a God that cannot lie and He said I go away and prepare a place for you. If I go away I will come again. My brethren, just as sure as He went away He is coming again.

Brethren, I have a hope in my breast that I will live with Him in glory.

Brethren, I hope you receive this letter with a hope of living again.

Written by an unworthy brother,

—Lundy Coleman

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.; Ph. 353-7627

Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky.; Ph. 427-9886

Joe Thacker, Canada, Ky.; Ph. 353-7669

John Fuller, Canada, Ky.

W. H. Prater, Hardy, Ky.

Lonnie Warrix, Rt. 1, Shalbiana, Ky.

W. N. Smith, Kimper, Ky.

J. H. Blackburn, Kimper, Ky.; Ph. 835-2183

Kit Ratliff, Kimper, Ky.; Ph. 437-4815

Dan Adkins, Huddy, Ky.; Ph. 353-4963

Frank Wheeler, Stone, Ky.; Ph. 353-4910



James E. McIntosh, Hardy, Ky.  
 Green Coleman, Millard, Ky.  
 Guy Campbell, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.  
 Eli Estep, Phelps, Ky.; Ph. 456-3688  
 Eldon Thacker, Phyllis, Ky.; Ph. 835-4896  
 Opa Thacker, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 S. B. Justice, Paintsville, Ky.  
 Lonzie Blair, Steele, Ky.  
 John Looney, Grundy, Va.  
 Glen Vipperman, Kimper, Ky.  
 Don Hatfield, Hardy, Ky.; Ph. 353-7912  
 L. M. Sammons, Ft. Gay, W. Va.  
 Newton Daniels, Thelma, Ky.  
 Homer Blackburn, Kelsa, Va.  
 Monroe Sammons, Incz, Ky.  
 Everett Brisendine, McCarr, Ky.  
 Avery Lowe, Williamson, W. Va.  
 Oda Hall, Hardy, Ky.; Ph. 353-7921  
 Lundy Coleman, Columbus, Ohio  
 John I. Smith, Belfry, Ky.

#### Licentiates:

Shorty Vandyke, Vansant, Va.  
 Paris Ramey, McCarr, Ky.  
 Willard Dotson, Redjacket, W. Va.  
 Clark Owens, Pinsonfork, Ky.  
 Jeff Chapman, Kimper, Ky.  
 Troy Casey, Phelps, Ky.  
 Kedna Charles, Phillis, Ky.

CHURCH	NAME OF MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa—Elder W. H. Thacker and Guy Campbell .....		July 2nd Sat.
Pond Creek—Eld. Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler ....		June 2nd Sat.
Big Creek—Elder Joe Thacker .....		June 3rd Sat.
Raccoon—Elder Dan Adkins .....		June 4th Sat.
Sulphur Spring—Elder J. H. Blackburn .....		July 1st Sat.
Peter Creek—Elder Teddy R. Ball .....		June 4th Sat.
Little Hope—Elder W. H. Thacker .....		July 1st Sat.
Joppa—Elder Dan Adkins .....		June 1st Sat.
Grapevine—Elder J. H. Blackburn .....		July 3rd Sat.
Samaria—Elder Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler .....		June 3rd Sat.
Johns Creek—Elder J. H. Blackburn .....		July 2nd Sat.
Calvary—Elder Kit Rathiff .....		June 1st Sat.
Little Union—Elder Teddy R. Ball .....		May 1st Sat.
New Friendship—Elder S. B. Justice .....		July 4th Sat.
Dry Fork—Elder Teddy R. Ball .....		May 2nd Sat.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa—Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. ....	85
Pond Creek—Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. ....	150
Big Creek—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. ....	100
Raccoon—George McCoy, Racocon, Ky. ....	90
Peter Creek—Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky. ....	100
Sulphu Spring—J. B. May, Star Rt., Box 197, Hurley, Va. ....	75
Little Hope—Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky. ....	75
Joppa—Mrs. Ermia Varney—Nolan, W. Va. ....	20



Grapevine—William K. Bevins, Phillis, Ky. ....	100
Samaria—J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. ....	140
Johns Creek—Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. ....	70
Little Union—Earnest Blair, Feeds Creek, Ky. ....	60
Calvary—Rosco Varney, Meta, Ky. ....	60
Dry Fork—Garland Childress, Vansant, Va. ....	90
New Friendship—Roby Lewis, Boons Camp, Ky. ....	10
Total .....	1225

### MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mt. Zion—J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va. ....	20
Senter—Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winton-Salem, N. C. ....	20
Rock Spring—Eld. Charles Caudell, 520 Anderson, Franklin, Ohio ....	20
Mountain—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C. ....	20
Union—J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. ....	20
Burning Spring—Goable Ratliff, West Liberty, Ky. ....	20
Total .....	120
To the Clerk—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. ....	55
Grand Total .....	1400

### CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

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

Pond Creek—Elder Frank Wheeler and Brethren Ransom Scott, Andy Blackburn, Grant Blackburn, F. C. Runyon, Walter Runyon, Walter Daniels, C. C. Dotson and Robert Dotson.

Big Creek—Elders Joe Thacker and Opa Thacker, Brethren Ireland Coleman, Landon Thacker and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon—Brethren George McCoy, Dare May and Johnnie Coleman.

Peter Creek—Brethren Troy Casey, Philip Dotson, Adrian Dotson, Richard Smith, Virgil Smith, Paul Smith, Sidney Smith, Elliott Casey and Roland Dotson.

Sulphur Spring—Elders J. H. Blackburn and Homer Blackburn and Brethren George Lester, Junior Blackburn, Bill Blackburn, George Edd Lester, Harold Blackburn, Claude Stiltner and Arthur May.

Little Hope—Brethren Jake Runyon, Roy Ball, George Ball and Dewey Dotson.

Joppa—Elder Dan Adkins.

Grape Vine—Brethren Arville Justice, Landon Webb, Ertle Hunt and W. K. Bevins.

Samaria—Elders Teddy R. Ball, Avery Lowe and Don Hatfield, Brethren Ransom Prince, R. S. Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Richard Hatfield and Virgil Smith.

Little Union—Brethren Theo Fuller and Paul Miller.

Johns Creek—Brethren William I. Smith, John Stiltner and Floyd Smith, Elder James McIntosh.

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

New Friendship—Brother Robie Lewis.

Dry Fork—Elder John Looney, Brethren Harrison Street, Elmer Brown, Shorty Vandyke, Joe H. Looney and Amos Dotson.



## OBITUARIES

### POLLY JANE LESTER



She was born in the year 1900; deceased July, 1966. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Lester and Carline McLanahan Lester, who preceded her in death.

She was married to Dorsie Lester. To this union were born 10 children; four sons and six daughters. Sons: Carson Lester, Virgil Lester, Donald Lester, Perry Leser. Daughters: Lola Stiltner, Jean Helton, Marie Matney, Bertha Heard, Berchie Stiltner, Osie Lester.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church August, 1945 and lived a faithful member until death. We feel our loss is her great gain. May we say, Sleep on, Mother, till Jesus comes to take us home.  
—Written by her family

### SARAH A. DEEL



Sarah A. Deel, wife of John A. Deel, lived in this troublesome world nearly 84 years. She was the mother of 15 children, 9 living, 6 preceded her in death.

Mama Deel, as everyone knew her, was a mother to everybody and a mother in Israel. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church forty years ago and was baptized by Elder W. B. Southern. Her husband preceded her in death some few years ago. Her children are as follows: Ida Bell Counte, Verni Patton, Goldia Ellie, Olzie Rose, Mary Moore, Nell Belcher, Orpal Deel, Emory Deel, Burns Deel and many grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her passing. Mamma

Deel was a wonderful Christian woman and the good Lord made her what she was by His grace. So often we have heard her shout the praises of the eternal God, and seems like it made the old church light up when she was made to praise her heavenly master who bought her with his own precious blood. So may the church bow their heads with her little family to the will of our heavenly King and say Thy will be done. I am sure in the resurrection morning we will meet mamma Deel with all the blood-washed family and our loss is great in this world without her. But it is Mama Deel's heavenly gain.

—Written by her request by Teddy R. Ball



## FOLSOM HONAKER COLEMAN



of friends.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church about 15 years ago and was a devoted member until death.

—By the Family

## ELLA JANE WEBB



The daughter of George and Martha Hatfield, born April 25, 1892. Deceased this life August 11, 1966, making her stay on earth 74 years.

She was united in holy matrimony to Mark Webb in the year of our Lord May, 1913. To this union were born six children. One preceded her in death, leaving five children, four boys and one girl, and her beloved husband to mourn their loss. Children's names: George Webb, Mary Phillip, Eppe Webb, Mark, Jr. Webb, Jeffie Webb. One sister, Mrs. Pollie Runyon, and several grandchildren and many friends to mourn their loss.

She united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church January 1, 1938, and was baptized by Elder Teddy R. Ball, in which profession she lived faithful until death, always filling her seat in the church until the last years of her life which she was bedfast and couldn't go. But she never lost sight of the precious hope of living again with her Savior who redeemed her by His precious blood.

May the family and the grand old church where she is missed so much bow our heads in humble submission to the will of our heavenly King and say Thy will be done. Her spirit has returned to God who gave it. Her body is sleeping in the family cemetery until Christ shall bid it rise. Then we shall see our sister again with all the redeemed family of God.

May I say to her children, be good and live godly as near as you can and by the grace of God you will meet Mother again.

—Written by her unworthy pastor, Teddy R. Ball, by her request.



## PRICY (FARLEY) SCOTT



Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father to call Pricy (Farley) Scott, my only sister in the flesh, from this unfriendly world to await that great and noble day when our blessed Savior returns to take his waiting children home where they will be with Him forever.

Aunt Pricy, as she was most commonly known, was the daughter of Ali and Nancy (Bevins) Farley. She was born July 20, 1869, and departed this life September 19, 1965, making her remain here on earth 96 years, 1 month, and 29 days. She was married to Crit Scott, son of Evans Scott and to this union were born the following children: Daisy married J. B. (Dock) Scott and he passed away recently in Texas. Myrtie, not married, Alice, married Fred Scott, and

Manerva married Jobe Grene. Her husband (Crit) preceded her in death on May 7, 1932.

Pricy was received into the fellowship of the Primitive Baptist Church at Old Pond on October 15, 1933; baptized by the late Elder Jackson Prator, and remained true, loyal and faithful to the Church until her passing. She was a faithful mother and wife devoted to her family and church, and lived a life that should be emulated not only by her children but by all who knew her.

Her loyalty to the Church was not confined exclusively to Old Pond but her loyalty was extended to many other churches in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, and she would return with a favorable report that she received always a wonderful blessing.

She not only leaves her four children, their families and me, to mourn her loss, but a host of relatives and friends, and the entire membership of the church in which she was affiliated.

We have a hope that our loss is heaven's gain and that in the great resurrection morning she will come forth from her resting place and join with the redeemed family of God and hear that welcome approbation and enter that house that Christ said had many mansions.

May God richly bless the entire family is my sincere prayer in the name of our blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ.

—Written by her only brother, Roland T. Farley

## BUD STILTNER

Bud Stiltner, age 73, Feds Creek, Ky., died at 12:40 p. m. at the Pikeville Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Bud Stiltner, a retired miner, born in Va. He was a son of Jasper and Pricie Yates Stiltner. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Martha Stilner, children: Lee, Clestie, Vicie, Lelian, Kelsie, Marie, Thurman, and Herman, Ample, Mildred, John Henry Ford, Ray, Imogene, and Willie June; 36 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Bud followed four children: Lee, Ray, Clestie, Lelian.

Papa lived a true and faithful life what time he stayed with us here on earth after he joined the Primitive Baptist Church.

—Written by his daughter, Mrs. Imogene Gibson



## NOAH (W. N.) SMITH



The obituary of our dear father, grandfather and brother Noah (W. N.) Smith. He was born Nov. 2, 1880. He was 85 years, 6 months old. He was the son of the late Jim Smith and Katie Katherine Smith. He was married to Ruthie Hess and to this union was born eight children; four preceding him in death. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church about 34 years ago, and was an ordained Elder for many years. He was a faithful member of the church, and was always willing and ready to do all he could until he became unable to go. He leaves four children, all members of Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Ira Smith, Emma Lee, Laura Norman and Vicie Stiltner, all of Kimper, Ky. Twenty grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. He also leaves three stepchildren, Alex Varney, Lydia Williams and Matilda McCoy. He leave one sister, Cordella Adkins and one brother, Floyd Smith, both of Kimper, Ky. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing, but we feel sure our loss is his eternal gain.

## ERVIL SMITH



Brother Ervil Smith, the son of Richard and Daisey Smith, born June 27, 1928; deceased this life March 11, 1966, making his stay in this world 37 years.

He was married to Marie Smith, the daughter of Brother and Sister Sidney Smith and to this union were born four children. One preceded him in death, leaving three children and his wife, his father and mother and brother and sister and many friends to mourn his passing.

He united with Peter Creek Church of Primitive Baptists a few years ago and was ordained Deacon of that church and was one of faithful ones as I ever knew, always filling his seat in the church and was a great supporter of the church. May the church at Peter

Creek join with her little mourning family and bow our heads and hearts to the will of our heavenly Master's will. May I say, My brother, sleep on until Christ comes again. Then we will meet Him with all the blood-washed band. I am sure by his fruit that he was a child of God, and our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his unworthy pastor by the request of his family,

—Teddy R. Ball



## EMMA BOSTIC VIPPERMAN



It is with a sad and aching heart I will try and write an obituary of my dear Mother, Emma Bostic Vipperman. She was born May 9, 1898 of George and Elizabeth Hess Bostic; deceased this life Dec. 9, 1965, making her stay on earth 68 years, 6 months.

She united with the church with the Primitive Baptists at Peter Creek about 6 years ago and was baptized by Eli Estep and her stepson, Glen Vipperman and lived a faithful member until death.

She was married to Robert Vipperman Aug. 31, 1922. To this union were born seven children. She was preceded in death by her husband and one daughter.

She leaves six children and four step-children and a host of relatives and friends. But we feel assured that our loss is her eternal gain. We feel so lonesome in this world without her but we live in hope of meeting her in that upper and better world.

—Written by her daughter, Sylvia Justice

THOMAS S. SCOTT



It is with a sad and aching heart that I try to write the obituary of our dear beloved father, Thomas S. Scott, son of Anderson T. Scott and Barbara Jane Bevins Scott. He was born at Hary, Ky., Jan. 21, 1890 and died June 7, 1965, making his stay on earth 75 years, 4 months and 10 days. He was married to Georgia Ann Stafford in 1910 and to this union were born (9) nine children, four sons and five daughters. His wife and one son preceded him in death.

He was later married, on Oct. 9, 1947, to Pina Golf who survives.

Dad joined the Primitive Baptist Church on August 9, 1953, and was baptized by Elder Teddy R. Ball. He enjoyed the times that he could attend church and lived a faithful members until death. Dad was good and kind and was loved by all that knew him. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter,

—Mrs. Guy W. Hatfield

WILLIE CARTER

Brother Willie Carter, born April 3, 1900, the son of Jeff Carter and Sylvania Goff Carter. He was married to Emma Hess Carter. To this union was born five sons and three daughters, namely Lorene Thacker, Bonnie Carter, Brenda Carter, Robert Carter, Jim Carter, Charles Carter, Richard Carter, Michael Carter; threre sisters and his wife, grandchildren, many friends to mourn his passing from this world. May we all bow our heads in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father. Brother Willie professed faith in Christ



and united with the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church Ffiday before the third Sunday in August, 1966 and never got able to be baptized but showed all evidence of a child of God. So I feel like his Spirit has returned to God who gave it. His body to the dust to await till the great resurrection. When Christ calls he will answer and be caught up to meet the Lord in the sky to ever be with the One that bought him with His own precious blood.

His funeral was preached in Coon Creek Church in the presence of a large congregation by Elders Guy Campbell, Johnnie Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball. By his request.

Written by one who loved him,

—Teddy R. Ball

#### ASIE MILLER



With much sadness I try to write an obituary of my beloved husband, Asie Miller of Feds Creek. Asie united with the Primitive Baptist Church July 12, 1964. He was married to Ida Pugh Miller in 1919. To this union were born 6 sons and 6 daughters. Sons are Ernie Miller, Kernie Miller, Donald Lee Miller, Asie Jr. Miller, Paul Miller, Earl Miller.

Daughters: Bertha Thomas, Marie Phillips, Stella Carrol, Jeweldine Sammons, Rose Marie.

Asie was born February 27, 1895. We feel our loss is heaven's gain. He leaves two brothers, John and Walter M., both of Feds Creek.

Written by his broken-hearted wife,  
Ida Pugh Miller

#### O. T. (TIVIS) COLEMAN



O. T. Coleman was born November 30, 1886, and deceased March 30, 1965, making his stay on earth 78 years and 4 months. He was the son of Nathaniel Coleman and Ebby Slone Coleman. He was married to Lucy Jane Coleman, who preceded him in death April 9, 1946. To this union were born 15 children, 8 boys and 7 girls, six of whom preceded him in death.

Surviving children are: Howard, Ireland, Herbert, Curtis, Rina Bevins, Bertha Bevins, Hazel Justice, and Maggie Coleman.

Brother Coleman united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized November 11, 1956. Despite his afflictions and tribulations

which he bore with patience. He lived a faithful member till he was called away.

Brother Coleman is greatly missed by all, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain.



## BROTHER BALLARD BALL



Brother Ball was born August 20, 1902, in Pike County, Kentucky. He was the son of Oscar and Alabama Goff Ball, and was married to the former Didema Slone. To this union were born 3 children. He joined the church Feb. 13, 1949, and lived a faithful member until his death. He was a member of Little Hope Church.

He lived a devoted husband and father to his family, and is missed and was loved by all who knew him.

Written by Frank Wheeler.

## SARAH BLACKBURN



Mrs. Sarah Emma Blackburn, 73, of Huddy, died Wednesday at 8:45, at her home, following a nine-month illness.

Mrs. Blackburn was born Sept. 22, 1892, in Pike County, the daughter of Michell and Nellie (Trout) Blackburn, who preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lell Blackburn; the following children: Rush of Belfry, and Clarence Blackburn of Huddy; Mrs. Nolecca May, Mrs. Meldia Newsome, Mrs. Effie Harlow of Huddy, Mrs. Helen Chapman, of Canada, Mrs. Rosett Williams, of Kemper, Ky., Mrs. Lucillia Perron, of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Thelma DeLong, of Portsmouth, O.;

two sisters, Mrs. Marah Stegulf, of Hardy, and Mrs. Peggy Dalton, of Nolan; 34 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. Three children preceded her in death.



## CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original 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 baptized, 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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by a secret ballot.

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.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

### 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 of the person who spoke before so as to mak remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can 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 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 to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Sat. of Meeting	Contribution
Louisa .....	Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. ....	7	...	1	...	1	1	5	64	2	\$15.00
Pond Creek .....	Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky. ....	19	...	...	2	1	2	4	157	2	25.00
Big Creek .....	W. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. ....	6	2	...	1	...	1	1	64	3	25.00
Raccoon .....	George McCoy, Raccoon, Ky. ....	2	1	...	...	...	...	2	37	4	23.00
Peter Creek .....	Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky. ....	4	...	...	...	...	2	3	101	4	25.00
Sulphur Spring ..	J. B. May, Star Rt., Box 197, Hurley, Va. ....	2	...	5	3	...	...	1	61	1	12.00
Little Hope .....	Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky. ....	3	2	1	...	1	...	3	32	1	10.50
Joppa .....	Ernia Varney, Nolan, W. Va. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	5.00
Grape Vine .....	W. K. Bevins, Phyllis, Ky. ....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	32	3	11.75
Samaria .....	J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. ....	8	...	...	1	1	4	2	160	3	25.00
Little Union .....	Ernest Blair, Feds Creek, Ky. ....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	36	...	25.00
John Creek .....	Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. ....	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	41	2	20.00
Calvary .....	Roscoe Varney, Meta, Ky. ....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	1	17.00
New Friendship ..	Robie Lewis, Boones Camp, Ky. ....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	23	4	5.00
Dry Fork .....	Garland Childress, Vansant, Va. ....	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	2	20.00
	Totals .....	54	5	7	8	6	13	25	864	...	264.25



