

*Minutes*  
OF THE  
One Hundred Seventeenth  
Annual Session  
OF THE  
ORIGINAL  
Mates Creek  
REGULAR  
Primitive Baptist Association  
ORGANIZED IN 1849  
HELD WITH  
*Samaria Church*  
RANSOM, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
SEPTEMBER 5, 6 AND 7,  
[1969]

Next session convenes with Louisa Church, located  
Millard, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first  
Sunday in September 1970 at 10:00 a. m.

OFFICERS

ELDER TEDDY R. BALL - Moderator, McCarr, Ky.  
ELDER J. H. BLACKBURN - Assistant Moderator,  
Redjacket, W. Va.  
BROTHER STEARL HATFIELD - Clerk, McCarr, Ky.  
BROTHER KEEN VARNEY, JR. - Assistant Clerk,  
Ransom, Ky.

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## *Proceedings*

### **Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association, Held With the Samaria Church.**

FRIDAY MORNING—September 5, 1969

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Joe Thacker. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Frank Wheeler. Text 1 John 3:1. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

Call for the Letters from all the Churches. Read the letter from the Samaria Church. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the Minutes.

Election of Officers: The Association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Assistant Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Brother Keen Varney, Jr., Assistant Clerk.

Newly Constituted Churches Called for. The brethren from the Cool Spring Church of Ash Camp, Ky. came and asked admission into the Association. After reading their letter a move and seconded was made to admit them into the Association.

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:

Burning Springs: Elders Mart Moore, Proctor Lyons, Will Carty, and Glenn Lilly.

Union: Brethren Booton Hamilton and Hat Bentley.

Mt. Zion: Elder D. C. Stover.

Rock Spring: Elders Luther Bradley, William Littleton and Gale McGuire, and Brother John Gregory.

New Liberty: Elder Rosco Ratliff.

Sand Lick: Brethren Shad Smith, James Fugette, Shafter Johnson, Larkin Holiday and Taft Napier.

Little Yadkin River Primitive Baptist: Elder Jessie Collins and Brother Leo Holder.

Received Minutes from the following Associations:

Senter, Mountain, New Liberty, Mt. Zion, Union, Sand Lick, Burning Springs, Rock Spring, and Little Yadkin River Primitive Baptist.

Visitors from sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick Association: Brethren Marion Williams, Jackie Richie and Sisters Mattie Williams, Mollie Patrick, Ida Napier, and Beckie Johnson.

Sand Lick Association of Virginia: Elders Franklin Viers, Jimmy Oquin and Andrew McGlothlin. Brethren Claude Eplin, Noah Yates, Chad Barton, Garlan Yates, Shelby Anderson, Jim Suthern, Kelly Edwards and Leland Owens and wife and Sister Ada Childers and Bessie Kiser.

Mt. Zion Association: Brethren Boyd Stoker, Henry Roles and Gerald Roles, Sisters Mandy Lilly and Dorothy Marshal.

Rock Spring: Sister Lucy Morgan, Brother Lurman McGuire and wife, Brother Gale McGuire and Family and Brother Robert Bradley.

Cedar Grove Church, Mayodan, N. C.: Elders Johnnie L. Duggins and J. Weldon Joyce.

Little Yadkin River: Brother Carlton Fulk and wife and Sister Jessie Collins.

Pleasant Grove Church: Elder Ray White.

Fellon Church, Baltimore, Md.: Brother Roy Marshal and wife.

Cincinnati Primitive Baptist Church: Elder Ernie Stump, Brother Shirly Littleton and wife and Sister Hugh Sawyer.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary arrangements.

A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers from the Samaria Church, was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand.

They reported the following:

Friday at the Stand: To open, Elder Jimmy Oquin;



1st Elder Mark Moore; 2nd Elder Ray White; 3rd Elder Franklin Viers.

Friday Night at the Church House: To open, Elder Proctor Lions; 1st Andrew McGlothin; 2nd Elder Jessie Collins; 3rd Elder Will Carty; 4th, Elder Franklin Viers.

Saturday at the Stand: To open, Elder Jimmie Oquin; 1st Elder Rosco Ratliff, 2nd Elder D. C. Stover, 3rd Elder Franklin Viers.

Committee on Arrangements: The letter bearers from all the churches were appointed to serve.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Brethren Walter Daniels, Luther Scott and Calvin Runyon.

Moved and seconded that we appoint a committee to choose messengers to visit our sister associations. The following were appointed. Brethren C. C. Dotson, Walter Daniels, Evans Breeding and Andrew Hearld.

The following were chosen:

Mt. Zion Association: Elders Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins and Walter Runyon.

Rock Spring: Elders Opa Thacker and John I. Smith and Brother M. B. Blackburn.

Senter: Elder Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn and Walter Runyon.

Union: Elders Joe Thacker, John I. Smith and Wheeler Thacker.

New Liberty: Elders Frank Wheeler, Walter Runyon and Dan Adkins.

Burning Spring: Elders Opa Thacker, Oda Hall and Walter Runyon.

Sand Lick: Lonzie Blair, Elmer Brown and Teddy R. Ball.

Little Yadkin River; Elders Teddy R. Ball and J. H. Blackburn.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker, and Oda Hall.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Raccoon Church and to begin Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. before the fourth Saturday and Sunday in March, 1970.

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

#### SATURDAY MORNING—September 6, 1969

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Dan Adkins.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met in the Samaria Church House and was called to order by the Moderator. After examining the bill of items for Saturday, Committee 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 they be discharged.

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following: To open, Elder Glenn Lilly; 1st Elder Earnest Stump; 2nd Elder Weldon Joyce; 3rd Elder Luther Bradley.

Finance Committee reported the following: \$370.00 and was discharged.

Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Union Meetings and their appointees are as follows:

Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1970. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Lundy Coleman, David Coleman, Jr, John I. Smith, Avery Lowe, James Moore, Everett Brizendine, Kit Ratliff and Oda Hall.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1970. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Oda Hall, Walter Runyon, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker and Dan Adkins, and Don Hatfield.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1970. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, W. H. Thacker, Elmer Brown, Oda Hall and Walter Runyon.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1970. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Elmer Brown, John I.



Smith, Wheeler Thacker, Avery Lowe, Kit Ratliff and Oda Hall.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August 1970. Elders to attend: Avery Lowe, Elmer Brown, John Looney, Everett Brizendine, Homer Blackburn and J. H. Blackburn.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1970. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Everett Brizendine, Elmer Brown, Oda Hall, J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Avery Lowe and Kit Ratliff.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1970. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker, Walter Runyon, and W. H. Thacker.

Joppa Church meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1970. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Walter Runyon, Oda Hall, Dan Adkins and Joe Thacker.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1970. Elders to attend: Wheeler Thacker, Oda Hall, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, John I. Smith, and J. H. Blackburn.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1970. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, W. H. Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Oda Hall, and Jimmie Moore.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1969. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Chester Bevins, Everett Brizendine, Lonzie Blair, John I. Smith, Wheeler Thacker, Robert Warrix, Avery Lowe, J. H. Blackburn and Clifford Thacker.

John Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1970. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Eli Estep, Kit Ratliff, Joe Thacker, John I. Smith, Troy Casey, Glen Vipperman and Frank Wheeler.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1970. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Eli Estep, John I. Smith, Oda Hall, James Moore, Glen Vipperman and Jeff Chapman.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1970. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Elmer Brown, Everett Brizendine, John Looney, Avery Lowe, John I. Smith, Oda Hall and Joe Thacker, and invite Franklin Viers.

New Friendship Church meets the first Saturday in June, 1970. Elders to attend: Every Lowe and Oda Hall.

Columbus Church meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1970. Elder to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Avery Lowe, Don Hatfield, Dan Adkins, Robert Warrix, Clifford Thacker, Jessie Tucker and Jimmie Moore and Elder Bruce Gullet invited.

Cool Spring Church meets the first Saturday in April, 1970. Elders to attend: Avery Lowe, Teddy R. Ball, Oda Hall, Wheeler Thacker, W. H. Thacker, Chester Bevins and Robert Warrix.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Elder Oda Hall prepare the next one. Agreed that we have 1600 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following.

Sisters Melda Morris, Mary Dotson Coleman, Tishie Kendrick, Vad Smith Justice, Elizabeth Hackney Lester, Ellen and Beverly Lynn Hamilton, Laura Smith Varney, Ester Lowe, Lue Street, Maudie Coleman Williams and Liza Justice.

Brethren: William Ira Smith, Thompson Coleman, Ira Coleman, Earl Blackburn, Bud Ball, and James Basil May. Elders: Guy Campbell Sr., W. H. Prater and Daniel Harrison Stamper, Sr.

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 Finances were disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	..	\$330.25
Amount received from the churches	..	370.00



Donations .....	73.00	\$773.25
Cash paid out:		
Paid for the Minutes (1968) .....	\$250.00	
Paid for moving the seats .....	25.00	
Give the Moderator .....	15.00	
Give the Clerk .....	10.00	\$300.00
Balance cash left on hand . . . . .		\$473.25

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Louisa Church at Millard, Pike County, Ky. and to begin at 10:00 o'clock a. m. Friday before the first Sunday in September 1970; and that Elder Joe Thacker be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder Dan Adkins be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Oda Hall. Then adjourned until the time of our next association.

Signed by:                      Teddy R. Ball, Moderator  
                                      J. H. Blackburn, Ass't Moderator  
                                      Stearl Hatfield, Clerk  
                                      Ken Varney, Jr., Ass't Clerk

#### SUNDAY MORNING—September 7th, 1969

Singing and prayer by Elder Glenn Lilly.

1. Elder Ernie Stump, text St. John 1:29. The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

2. Elder Weldon Joyce, text, One Lord, one faith and one baptism.

3. Elder Luther Bradley, text, Jude 1:3. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation.

4. Elder Teddy R. Ball, no special text. After a short discourse he offered thanks to God for so wonderful an association, and thanks to the brethren and sisters of our corresponding associations for being with us at this time, and to the member and friends for caring for the association. After singing several songs and much rejoicing, the association was dismissed until the time of our next Association. May it be God's will to watch over and keep us until that time.

## EVENING MEETINGS

### Saturday Evening at the Samaria Church House:

- Elder Jimmie Oquin to open
- 1. Elden D. C. Stover
- 2. Elder Johnnie L. Duggins
- 3. Elder Weldon Joyce

### Ira Simpkin's Home:

- Elder Willard Dotson to open
- 1. Elder Elmer Brown
- 2. Elder Lonzie Blair
- 3. Elder Jimmie Moore
- 4. Elder J. H. Blackburn

### Raccoon Church House:

- Elder Robert Warrix to open
- 1. Elden Gail McGuire
- 2. Elder Luther Bradley

## CIRCULAR LETTER

To my dear brethren, mesengers, elders, and deacons who compose the Mates Creek Association. Convened with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, September 5th, 1969 A. D., in the day of our Lord, in the County of Pike at Ransom, Ky.

My prayer is to God, that He will direct my mind to write the truth as the Scriptures sets forth. I believe that God has forever known his children, has chosen them from eternity to be His bride. In Genesis, we read that Abram would be the father, not only of the nation of Israel, but the father of many nations. He was chosen by His sovereign gnace, a peculiar people, and He states, "My people yet not born, I will make a covenant of grace with Abram's seed," when yet he is childless he has no children. Four hundred years before Israel became a nation, we find that God appears to Abram and changed his name to Abraham. Abraham meaning the father of many nations. God appeared to Abraham when he was ninety and nine (99) years old. He said: "I am the Almighty God; walk before me and be thou perfect." (Gen. 17:1-3). We notice that Abraham fell upon his face. We, too, feel that God appears in our lives today, and forgives our many sins. We are born again to live with Him after awhile.

We are still under God's law, but not under the Mosaic laws, but under grace and truth. This is a true picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. God did not see something good in us, to choose us in His Son, that we were better than anyone else. As we read in Romans 3:12, there is none that doeth good, no not one. Again He says it is by His sovereign grace. We read in Ephesians 1:1, Blessed be the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. According as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy with Him, without blame, before Him in love, having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

We find in St. John 3:16, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should have everlasting life. I have other sheep that are not of this fold that I also must bring.

Peter states God's sovereign elective grace according to the fore-



knowledge of God. He states in the 2nd chapter and 9th verse of Peter, "Be ye a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that we should show forth the praises of Him that has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Also we find in Deuteronomy 14:3, the Lord has chosen thee to be a peculiar people above all nations of the world. In Psalms 135:4 the Lord chose Jacob unto Himself and Israel for His peculiar treasure.

Let us not forget Jesus' mission was complete as we find our High Priest prayer in the 17th chapter of John and we find today that God not only calls His people Israel but also My people. I would not deny these scriptures as some might do. My prayer is to God that you will understand the truth and stand up for it as Elder Bradley stated in Old Pond Church, that some of our brethren might hit a sour note of Freewillism, but we have something better to offer you, God's sovereign grace. Man may destroy the body but cannot destroy the soul, thank God.

God has been so good to us in so many ways. In these last days God has permitted man to walk on the moon, for some reason unknown to us. Our hope is in the resurrection of the dead. God will raise our bodies, will be like him and be satisfied. There will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust. Happiness for the righteous will be eternal, punishment for the wicked will be everlasting. Do we spend God's time in Church services, visiting some lonely sick brother or sister, or do we spend it watching TV or another worldly pleasure or amusement. No, let us as Christians, ever be looking to the Lord Jesus Christ our blessed hope.

A brother in hope of an eternal life which God Who cannot lie gave before the world began, ever looking to His second coming. I have been sick and desire your prayer.

—Elder Don Hatfield

### CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa—Elder W. H. Thacker; Brethren Jessie Tucker, Albert Justice, Calvary Runyon, Bradley Warrix, Abner L. Justice, Harry Thacker, Robert Warrix and Chester Blevins.

Pond Creek—Elder's Frank Wheeler, Oda Hall and Walter Runyon, Brethren Ransom Scott, Andy Blackburn, Jake Runyon, C. C. Dotson, Walter Daniels and Bob Dotson.

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

Raccoon—Brethren Alvis Keen, Joe Morris, King Coleman, Paul Dean Justice, Rickey May, Homer Coleman, George McCoy, Johnnie Coleman, Glenn Coleman and Morgan Coleman.

Sulphur Spring—Brethren Claude Stiltner, George W. Lester, Willie Blackburn, George Edd Lester, James Lester and Frank Lester.

Little Hope—Elder John I. Smith, Brethren A. H. Blackburn, George Ball, George Slone, Ballard Blackburn and Roy Ball.

Peter Creek—Elder Willard Dotson; Brethren Adrian Dotson, Virgil Smith, Ray Smith, Elliott Casey and Richard Smith.

Joppa—Elder Dan Adkins and Brother Earnest Dotson.

Grapevine—Brethren Sam Lowe, Landon Webb, Arvil Justice, Ertle Hunt and Miles Thacker.

Samaria—Elder Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield and Everett Brizen-

dine; Brethren Willie Hatfield, Andrew Hearld, J. E. Hatfield, Andy Dotson, Richard Hatfield, Warren Scott, Fred Varney, Keen Varney, Jr., Bill Varney, Noah Norman and Luther Scott.

Little Union—Elder Lonzie Blair, Brethren Theo Fuller and Earnest Blair.

John's Creek—Brethren Johnny Stiltner, Lee Stiltner, Baily T. Coleman and Noah Smith.

Calvary—Elder Kit Ratliff; Brethren Rosco Varney, Jeff Chapman, Rush Chapman, Ben Chapman, and Verdir Justice.

New Friendship—Brethren Roby Lewis and I. D. Preston.

Dry Fork—Elders Elmer Brown and John Looney; Brethren Harrison Street, Shorty Vandyke, Carl Vandyke, Estel Vandyke, and Lundy Childers.

Columbus—Elder Wheeler Thacker.

Cool Spring—Brethren Clyde Sanders and J. L. Cantrell.

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Clifford Thacker, Millard, Ky.

Michael Smith, Ransom, Ky.



Robert B. Warrix, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Ky.  
 Abner Justice, Columbus, Ohio  
 Herbert Burton, Columbus, Ohio  
 Dave Dotson, Columbus, Ohio

CHURCH	NAME OF MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa—Elder W. H. Thacker .....		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 J. H. Blackburn .....		June 4th Sat.
Sulphur Spring—Elder J. H. Blackburn, .....		August first 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 Rathff .....		June 1st Sat.
Little Union—Elder Teddy R. Ball .....		May 1st Sat.
New Friendship—Elder Avery Lowe .....		July 4th Sat.
Dry Fork—Elder Teddy R. Ball .....		May 2nd Sat.
Columbus—Elder Teddy R. Ball .....		April 4th Sat.
Cool Spring—Elder Teddy R. Ball, .....		April 1st Sat.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa—Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. ....	125
Pond Creek—Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. 41531 .....	190
Big Creek—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 .....	100
Raccoon—Joe Morris, Raccoon, Ky. ....	90
Peter Creek—Leo Coleman, Star Route, Phelps, Ky. 41553 .....	90
Sulphur Spring—Geo. W. Lester, Kelsa, Va. ....	75
Little Hope—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519.....	75
Joppa—Mrs. Erma Varney, Nolan, W. Va. 25687 .....	20
Grapevine—Miles Thacker, Philis, Ky. 41554 .....	90
Samaria—J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544 .....	180
John's Creek—Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. 41539 .....	70
Little Union—Earnest Blair, Fed's Creek, Ky. 41524 .....	50
Calvary—Rosco Varney, Meta, Ky. ....	60
Dry Fork—Garland Childress, Vansant, Va. 24656 .....	100
New Friendship—Roby Lewis, Boon's Camp, Ky. 41204 .....	20
Columbus—Mrs. Mary Lynn Coleman, 2456 Dawnlight Ave. 43211 ..	50
Cool Spring—Robert Warrix, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Ky. ....	20
Total .....	1350

#### MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mt. Zion—J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va. ....	20
Senter—Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem, N. C. 20	
Rock Spring—Lurman McGuire, 639 East Ave., Hamilton, Ohio ....	20
Mountain—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C. ....	20
Union—Elder Alvin N. Proffitt, Ealia, Ky. ....	20
Burning Spring—Walton Jones, Cannel City, Ky. ....	20
Sand Lick—Muncy Campbell, Rowdy, Ky. ....	20
New Liberty—Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va. ..	20
Sandlick of Va.—Stearl Satfield, McCarr, Ky. ....	20
To the Clerk—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. ....	50
Little Yadkin River—Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. ....	20
Total .....	1600

## OBITUARIES

### MELDA HATFIELD MORRIS



She was the daughter of W. J. and Polly Runyon Hatfield. She was born March 27, 1912, at McCarr, Ky. Deceased May 14, 1969, making her stay on earth 57 years and 2 months.

She was married to Orville Morris September 14, 1935. To this union were born four children: two daughters and two sons, namely, Paul and William Morris and Polly Jane Breeze and Marlene Adams. Her father and mother, two brothers and one sister preceded her in death, leaving her husband and the following Brother and Sisters, J. E., Clyde, Guy and W. J. Jr. Hatfield, Lee Ettie, Norman, Jeanneta Smith and Katherine Scott; also four grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Sister Melda professed a hope in Christ and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Samaria and was baptized November 22, 1964, by Elder Teddy R. Ball.

She lived a true and faithful life and always filled her seat in the Church. She was ill for several months but she bore her affliction with Christian faith.

May the God of all grace bless her family to always remember the footprints she left in the sands of time.

—Written by Elder Teddy R. Ball

### LIZA JUSTICE



It is with a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Liza Justice. She was born March 2, 1890 in Zebulon, Ky. She was the daughter of Jim and Catherine Maynard. She died Nov. 30, 1968, making her stay on earth little over 78 years.

She was married to Abner Justice. To this union were born 12 children.

Three sons and her husband preceded her in death. Four daughters and five sons are still living: Jim Justice, Hellier, Ky., Willie Justice, Belfry, Ky., Curtis Justice, Big Rock, Va., Flem Justice, Zebulon, Ky., Lanzy Justice, McVeigh, Ky., Pluma Vipperman, Kemper, Ky., Nancy Stiltner, Cleveland Ohio, Evelyn

Kinney, Cleveland, Ohio, Jeweline Elam, Ill.

She has a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was baptized about 1950 at Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church. She took sick March 12, 1968. She spent her last few months with me. She was bedfast for 9 months before she died. We miss her



very much. May the good Lord ever bless us all till we meet again.

Written by her daughter-in-law and son,

—Sylvia and Flem Justice

### MAUDIE COLEMAN WILLIAMSON

It is with a sad and aching heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Maudie Coleman Williamson.

She was the daughter of Ferrell and Lear Hatfield Coleman. She was born December 19, 1891 and left this troublesome life December 11, 1968, making her stay here on earth 76 years, 11 months and 22 days. She was married to Thomas Williamson July 19, 1920. To this union were born three children. One son Clinton preceded her in death in 1965. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Williamson, one son Virgil Williamson, one daughter, Magdalene Williamson, all of Ransom, Ky. Also one sister, Mrs. Claudia Williamson of McAndrews, Ky. She professed a hope in Christ and united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church on October 21, 1956. Her illness kept her from attending church as much as she would have liked. She is sadly missed by her family. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

—Written by her daughter, Magdalene Williamson

### LUE STREET



Lue Street of Vansant, Va. died Wednesday afternoon in the Grundy hospital after a long illness. She was the wife of Rit Street. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, one son, Charlie E. Street, 2 grandchildren, her mother, Kate Arms, 4 brothers: Jim of New Point, Va., Kemp Arms, St. Paul, Va., Dock and Howell Arms, Vansant, Va., 5 sisters, Alice Jackson, Centerburg, Ohio, Florence Coleman, Drill, Va. Gusta Coleman of Lemaster, Va., Gertie Coleman of Rowe, Va., Virgie Osborne, Vansant, Va.

Aunt Lue, as we all knew her, professed a hope in Christ and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Dry Fork, January, the second Sunday, 1967. She was a faithful Christian to the church until death. So many times we have heard her shout the praises of her heavenly Master. We feel sure that our loss is her eternal gain. The last word she said to me in the hospital was that when the pearly gates were open that she would be in the number when the saints go marching in.

### MARY COLEMAN DOTSON

It is with a sad heart I try in my feeble and inexperienced way to write the obituary of a sister and dear friend, Mary Coleman Dotson. She was the daughter of Ruben Coleman and Nancy Carolyn Coleman and was married to John Dotson on the 16th day of January 1929. To this union were born 5 children, 2 boys: James

and Miles and 3 girls: Annie, Dorothy and Ruth. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church on August 18, 1968 and was baptized by Brother Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler on the third day of October. She died leavig her family and a host of friends to mourn her loss, but we feel our loss is heavens gain.

Written by request of Daisy E. Smith.

## EASTER LOWE



The obituary of a precious wife, mother and sister, Easter Lowe. She was born at Phyllis, Ky., June 11, 1893, the daughter of the late Elder Isaac Justice and Rebecca Honaker Justice. She deceased this life March 4, 1969 at the age of 75 years. She was married to Sam Lowe, August 11, 1919 and to this union were born six children. She is survived by her husband, Sam Lowe, one son, Eugene Lowe, four daughters, Kelcie Bevins, Dorothy Mercer, Edna Goff and Mavis Goff. One daughter, Yvonne, preceded her in death. She also leaves 23 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, one sister, Ora Justice, two brothers, Don and Ballard Justice and a host of friends. She joined the church

October 1951 and lived a faithful member until she was called away. She was a precious wife, a wonderful mother and a friend to all she knew. Her doors were always open to her friends and anyone else who needed her. She is greatly missed, but we feel sure our loss is her great gain.

—Written by the Family

## ELENE AND BEVERLY LYNN HAMILTON



We will try to write the obituary of our daughter, Elene and our granddaughter Beverly Lynn Hamilton who were called away on that unforgettable day, January 30, 1966. Elene was twenty one years old and Beverly was three years old. Elene was the daughter of John and Vicie Stiltner who survive. Other than her parents she is survived by her husband, Larry Hamilton, two sisters, Fanny Fleming and Pauline Hunt, four brothers, Woodrow, Jimmy, Billy and T. J. Stiltner and many relatives and friends. They were laid to rest in the same grave to await that great summons from on high when all the family will be united to never part again.

—Daddy and Mamma



## LAURA SMITH VARNEY



Laura Smith Varney was born May 17, 1911 and deceased this life February 12, 1969. She was born at Kimper, Ky. the daughter of the late Elder William Noah Smith and Ruthie Hess Smith. She was married to Johnny Griffey who passed away several years ago. There were no children to this union, but they kept a niece, Lauretta Williamson, who they loved as their own from her infancy. Sister Laura joined the church about 27 years ago and was a faithful member until death. She will be greatly missed in the church as well as in the community. Her brother, Ira Smith, passed away just five months before Sister Laura. Seven months before her passing she was married to Ken Varney

who survives. She leaves, other than her husband, four sisters, one brother and many relatives and friends.

We feel our loss is her great gain.

—J. H. Blackburn

## ELIZABETH HACKNEY LESTER



She was born March 27, 1904 and deceased this life July 24, 1969, making her stay on earth sixty-five years, three months and twenty-one days. She was married to George Lester November 8, 1923 and to this union were born fifteen children. She joined the Primitive Church January 1938 and to this she was faithful until death. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, nine boys and four girls. Two children preceded her in death. Mother was so loving and kind to all of us. How can we live without her, but may we say, Sleep on, Mother, just a few days and we hope to meet you.

—Written by her husband, George Lester

## TISHIE KENDRICK



Died January 8, 1969. She was the wife of the late L. B. Kendrick who died Feb. 21, 1956. They had 9 children.

Daughters: Irene Lane, Hathleene Lane, Barbara Arbough, Thelma Duncard, Emogene McQuirt.

Sons: Lee Jr., Fred, David, Grayson.

## IN MEMORY OF VADA (SMITH) JUSTICE

Deceased April 26, 1967

### OUR MOTHER

Xmas time is coming, we'll miss you so;  
The sadness in our hearts you never will know.  
This Xmas we'll miss you so very much,  
Your tender sweet smile, your loving touch,  
You're gone to Heaven with God above.  
I know you are happy for He is love.  
The gift we always gave you was a very small thing  
Compared to the gift you received last Spring,  
For 50 long years I had you, Mother  
But I wouldn't wish you back in this world of trouble.  
We should be happy that He loved you so  
That He made us stay but He let you go.  
But we miss you, Mother; you're still in our heart.  
We hope to meet again and never to part.  
Our daddy is lonesome, he misses you so;  
How dearly he loved you, you never will know.  
We try to comfort him; we do our best,  
But the only happiness he finds is knowing you're  
at rest.  
My brothers and sisters, they loved you, too;  
They say they miss you and I'm sure they do.  
Their faces look weary, their eyes look sad;  
We lost the best friend our family ever had.  
I sit by my fireside, my eyes filled with tears,  
Remembering you were a part of my happier years.  
I look at your picture, the tears starts to flow,  
How I loved you, Mother, I wish you could know.  
My heartaches are many, my joys are few,  
But I hope to be happy in Heaven with you.  
When my time comes to enter that great land,  
Please meet me, Mother, and give me your hand.  
We'll sing together around God's great throne;  
It will make you happy to see your child coming home.  
We'll be happy together and without fear,  
For God will be with us and always near.  
Five children are with you on that beautiful shore  
To complete your family you'll need eleven more.  
Sleep on, dear Mother, we'll meet you soon  
In God's great mansion there's plenty of room.  
We'll all be happy, He promised us so,  
In that great Book He left below.  
So mother, this Xmas your family will be sad,  
But you're with Jesus and I know you're glad.  
As sad as we will be we'll be happy to say  
Our Mother's with Jesus on this Xmas day.

—Composed by her daughter, Mrs. Ireland Justice



### DANIEL HARRISON STAMPER, SR.



Daniel H. Stamper, Sr., born November 15, 1894, was called home May 26, 1966, at the age of 71 years, 6 months and 11 days. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Exie Mullins Stamper, two sons, Dan H. Stamper, Jr., M. D. and Harry R. Stamper, Attorney; six daughters, Geneva Hamilton, Virginia Lowe, Betty Hobson, Shirley Justice, Nancy Marrowman, and Carolyn Johnson, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was married to Exie Mullins Stamper for 45 of his 71 years.

He united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church in 1955 and remained faithful until his death.

Why this life had to be taken from our midst at this time, it is hard for us to understand. But we must trust the Master, who doeth all things well.

The loving memory of our dear husband and father will be ours until we meet again.

—By wife and family

### JAMES BASIL MAY



It is with a sad and aching heart I try to write an obituary of my dear loving father, James Basil May. He was born October 2, 1880, deceased January 18, 1969, making his stay on earth 88 years, 3 months, 16 days. He was the son of John Henry and Sarrah Jane May. He was married to Daisy Dotson March 3, 1902 and to this union were born 13 children. Five preceded him in death: three boys and two girls. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and 8 children, 44 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren and 3 brothers and 2 sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Dad joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Springs the first Saturday in August 1910 and was baptized in December, 1918 and was appointed Clerk the first Saturday in July, 1946. He remained a faithful member of this church until his death and left a wonderful testimony of his faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

So I am sure that he had been born again and let me say to his loved ones that his spirit is waiting for us all over on the other shore and may the God of all grace bless us all to meet Dad in that glorious morning when the family of God will meet in the air

to live forever with our Redeemer. May we all ever look forward to that day. Dad seemed so happy when some of the Old Baptist would come around; his door was always open to any one at all times. Sleep on, dear Daddy, and take your rest, God called you home. He thought it best. We know you're happy in your new home. You've left us here to weep and mourn but weep not as those that have no hope. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Written by his son, Arthur May and family

### GUY CAMPBELL, SR.



It is with great sadness that we write the obituary of our husband and father Guy Campbell, Sr. He was born August 11, 1905 and passed away July 4, 1969, making his stay on earth 63 years, 10 months, and 23 days.

He was the son of the late W. H. and Berla (Biliter) Campbell. He was married to Cora Alice (Justice) Campbell June 11, 1925. To this union were born five children, two daughters and three sons, Arlena C. Slone, Berna C. Franklin, Guy Campbell, Jr., G. A. Campbell, and Billy Don Campbell. He is also survived by his step mother, Bessie (Thompson) Campbell, nineteen grandchildren, one great grandchild, one sister, Mrs. Lyda C. Gilmer, three

brothers. Homer Campbell, Ralph Campbell, and Rush Campbell, all of Ohio.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church March 25, 1951 and was baptized April 15, 1951. He was ordained as a minister May 12, 1956 and was assistant Moderator of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church for the past several years. He lived a true and faithful member until death.

Even though we have suffered a great loss, our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Written by wife and children

### BUD BALL



Brother Bud Ball was born July 21, 1899. Departed this life July 6, 1969, making his stay on earth 69 years, 11 months and 15 days. He was united in marriage to Mona Chapman, June 4, 1930. To this union were born three children. He also had three children by a previous marriage. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek the third Saturday in August, 1961 and lived a faithful member until death. We feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his widow and the Clerk of the Big Creek Church, Mordecai Blackburn



### EARL BLACKBURN



Brother Earl Blackburn was born May 18, 1890; departed this life May 11, 1969; making his stay on earth 79 years, 11 months, 21 days. He was united in marriage to Polly Blackburn early in life; to this union were born 10 children.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek in Sept., 1968 and lived a faithful member until death.

Written by one who loved him,

—Mordecai Blackburn

### THOMPSON COLEMAN

Thompson Coleman, the son of the late Harve and Rena Stump Coleman, was born November 6, 1900 and deceased this life July 30, 1969, making his stay on earth 68 years, 7 months and 24 days. He was married to Cynthia Hunt and to this union were born ten children. Brother Coleman united with the church about twelve years ago. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, four sons—Raymond, John W. Tommy and Warren Coleman; six daughters—Julie Griffith, Nellie Campbell, Judy Crisp, Ruby Coleman, Molly Holbrook and Emma Jean Coleman. He leaves forty-nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, one sister, Tennessee Hunt, one brother, Anthony Coleman and a host of friends. The wife has lost a good husband, the children a wonderful father and the community a good citizen and neighbor. We feel our loss is Brother Coleman's great gain.

—John H. Blackburn

### WILLIAM IRA SMITH



An obituary of William Ira Smith. He was born September 3, 1908 and deceased this life August 30, 1969. He was the son of the late Elder William Noah Smith and Ruthie Hess Smith. He was married to Bessie Coleman and to this union were born eight children. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife and the following children: Francis Borem, Bobbie Mae Stevens, Gay Nell Walker, Lula Carol Rose, Victor Smith, Henry Smith and Harrison Smith. One child preceded him in death. He leaves fifteen grandchildren, five sisters, one brother and a host of relatives and friends. Brother Ira joined the church 26 years ago and served as deacon 22 years. He was a faithful deacon and member until he was called away. He will be greatly missed by the church and all who knew him. We feel our loss is his great gain.

—J. H. Blackburn

## IRA COLEMAN

Seconds make minutes, minutes make hours, hours make days, days make years, and years make up one's life. Life may be short or it may be long depending upon God's grace. It is through His grace that I am sitting here writing the obituary of my father, Ira Coleman.

My father was born September 15, 1915 on Raccoon Creek in Pike County. He was the son of the late George and Eva Little Coleman. He was only one of thirteen children born to this union. Nine of the thirteen preceded him in death with only three of the thirteen remaining. Those brothers and sisters remaining include Branson Coleman of Elkhorn City, Kentucky, Bertha Chapman of Raccoon, Ky., and Annie Madden of Millard, Ky.

My father met my mother, Beulah Thompson Coleman, when he was twenty and they were married. To this union were born eight children, one of which died at the age of three months. The remaining children are James Lloyd Coleman of Boston, Mass., Buford, Billy Roy, and Jackie Lee Coleman, all of whom are at home; Lushion Ira, and Herless Coleman of Detroit, Mich. and myself, Hollis Coleman. Also surviving is my mother, Beulah Thompson Coleman, and three grandchildren, Jimmy Dean, Debora Lynn and Lushion Shawn Coleman.

At the time of my father's death, he was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church located at Belfry, Ky. Although my father didn't join the church until late in his life, he lived a good Christian life always. After joining the church he lived the rest of his life devoted to the Lord because he knew that only Jesus would give him eternal rest.

Missed dearly by your family,

—Your son, Hollis Coleman

## ELDER H. W. PRATER

Elder Prater deceased this life at the age of 70 years. He was joined in marriage to Tennessee Coleman Prater, and to this union were born three boys and one girl. One son preceded him in death.

In addition to his loving wife and dear children, he leaves two loving sisters and many friends to mourn his loss.

Elder Prater's deep-seated principles of Christian faith made him outstanding in the church. Wherever he went he was an inspiration. He was firm in his belief, never deviating, but strong in Salvation by Grace.

A loving voice from us is gone,  
Two busy hands have folded,  
They rest in peace in the Lord,  
In God's loving Hand unfolded.  
He sleeps on the hill at the back of the church,  
Resting in silent slumber,  
Waiting the voice of the God he loved  
To be one of that heavenly number.

—Written by Elder Wheeler



## 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, Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by 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 nec-

essary 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	Sun. of Meeting						Tot. Membership	Contributions	
			By Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded			Deceased
Louisa .....	Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. ....	2	7	.....	.....	1	1	78	\$30.00	
Pond Creek .....	Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky. ....	2	1	1	.....	2	1	6166	40.00	
Big Creek .....	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. ....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	78	25.00	
Raccoon .....	Joe Morris, Racoon, Ky. ....	4	8	4	1	1	.....	1	51	30.00
Peter Creek .....	Leo Coleman, Phelps, Ky. ....	4	7	2	2	1	3	3	99	25.00
Sulphur Spring ..	George W. Lester, Hurley, Va. ....	1	9	.....	.....	.....	3	80	20.00	
Little Hope .....	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. ....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	30	20.00	
Joppa .....	Mrs. Ermia Varney, Nolon, W. Va. ....	4	1	3	.....	.....	.....	9	5.00	
Grape Vine .....	Miles Thacker, Phylis, Ky. ....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	2	31	15.00	
Samaria .....	J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. ....	3	11	7	.....	.....	6	189	40.00	
Little Union .....	Ernest Blair, Fed Creek, Ky. ....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	25.00	
John Creek .....	Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. ....	2	3	1	.....	.....	1	2	43	20.00
Calvary .....	Roscoe Varney, Kimper, Ky. ....	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	20	15.00	
New Friendship ..	Roby Lewis, Boones Camp, Ky. ....	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	18	5.00	
Dry Fork .....	Garland Childers, Vansant, Va. ....	2	8	.....	.....	1	2	43	25.00	
Columbus .....	Marylynn Coleman, 2456 Dawnlight Ave. Columbus, Ohio ....	4	.....	2	.....	2	.....	22	20.00	
Cool Spring .....	Robert Warrix, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Ky. ....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	10.00	
Totals .....		61	23	3	6	11	28	991	370.00	



