Minutes

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association

ORGANIZED IN 1849

HELD WITH Calvary Church KIMPER, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 7,

Next Session convenes with the Peter Creek Church, Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1976 at 10:00 a.m.

1975

- OFFICERS -

Elder Teddy R. Ball Moderator
Elder J.H. Blackburn Asst. Moderator
Deacon Stearl Hatfield
Elder Robert B. Worrix Asst. Clerk

Proceedings

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular

Primitive Association, Held with the Calvary Church

FRIDAY MORNING - SEPTEMBER 5, 1975

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Kit Ratliff. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Joe Slone. The text was St. John 5:21, "For as the Father raiseth the dead, etc. . . ."

Called for letters from all the Churches. Moved and seconded that we receive all the letters and have the names of the Messengers printed in the Minutes.

Moved and seconded that we have the letter from the Calvary Church printed in the Minutes.

Election of officers: the association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J.H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator; Deacon Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Elder Robert Worrix, Asst. 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 fullfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Burning Spring - By letter and minutes, Brethern Roby Furgeson, Jerry Brown, Raymond Kannard, Frank Hamilton, D.J. Blanton, Walter Perkins and Luther Hay.

Rock Spring - Elders Luther Bradley, Gale McGuire, W.M. Littleton, and Brother Albert Littleton. With letter and minutes.

Mt. Zion - Elders Don Lily and James Booth.

St. Clair's Bottom - Elders Eddy G. Lyle and Brother Henry Pucket.

Sand Lick of Virginia - Elder Josh Vires.

Received Minutes from the following Associations:

Rock Spring Regular Primitive, Burning Spring Regular Primitive, Mt. Zion Regular Primitive Baptist, Sand Lick of Virginia Regular Primitive Baptist, Senter District of Regular Primitive Baptist, Little Yadkin River Regular Primitive Baptist, St. Clair Bottom Regular Primitive Baptist, Union Primitive Baptist, New Liberty Primitive Baptist, Mountain District of Regular Primitive Baptist.

Visitors from Sister Associations received and seated as follows: Sand Lick of Virginia - Elder Franklin Vires and Ostil Smith. Brethren - Claude Epling, Clayton Burchett, Otto Vandyke and Shelby Anderson. Sisters Truley Turner and Bobby Vires.

Rock Spring - Sister Panzey Bradley.

Burning Spring - Sister Mandy Ferguson.

Mt. Zion - Sisters Mazie Farley and Sister Myrtle Lilly and Shelby Booth.

St. Clair's Bottom - Sisters May Fisher and Bell Johnston.

Wilson Church of Wilson, N.C. - Brother James Wilkins and wife.

Stony Creek Church - Elder Elbert Hunter and wife.

Cedar Grove Church - Brother Roy Hall and wife.

Zions Rest Church of Jacksonville, Fla. - Brother H.E. Pameatis and wife and Brother B.G. Dial and Elder Orie W. Thomas.

Mt. Enon Association of Fla. - Elder Lester Dixon.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

They reported the following:

Friday at the stand: Elder William Littleton to open; Elder Lester Dixon of the Mt. Enon Association of Fla.; Elder Franklin Viers of the Sand Lick Association of Virginia.

Friday night at the Church House: Elder Gail McGuire to open; Elder Luther Bradley of the Rock Spring Association; Elder Jimmie Moore.

Friday evening at Louisa Church House - Elders Ostle Smith, Don Lilly, Franklin Viers.

Saturday morning at the stand: Brother Albert Littleton to open, Elder Orie W. Thomas and Don Lilly to follow.

Saturday afternoon at the stand: Elders Luther Bradley and Elbert Hunter.

Saturday evening at Louisa Church: Elders William Littleton, Don Lilly, and Franklin Viers.

Raccoon Church: Lundy Coleman, Ostil Smith and Robert Worrix.

John's Creek Church: Elders Luther Bradley, Jimmie Moore and J.H. Blackburn.

Sister Vernie Chapman's Home: Elders Harrison Smith, Jimmie Moore and Kit Ratliff.

Big Creek Church House: Elders Albert Littleton, William Littleton, Gale McGuire and Elbert Hunter.

Samaria Church: Elders J.C. Hager, Lester Dixon and Michael Smith.

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Harrison Street, Bradley Worrix, Ray Harlow, Joe Stanley, Sid Varney, Alvis Keen, Floyd Stump, George Luster, Roy Ball, Miles Thacker, Noah Smith, Roby Lewis, Paris Blackburn, Ballard Bryant and Michael Smith.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Larry Scott, Dennis Dotson and Elder Dan Adkins.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Rock Spring - Elders J.H. Blackburn, Opa Thacker, Elmer Thacker, Brethern Charles Branham, M.B. Blackburn and John Kirk. Burning Spring - Elders Opa Thacker, Joe Slone, Teddy R. Ball, and Elmer Thacker. Brethren M.B. Blackburn.

New Liberty - Elders Don Hatfield, J.H. Blackburn and Brother M.B. Blackburn.

Sand Lick of Virginia - Elders Opa Thacker, Joe Slone, and Robert B. Worrix, Brethren Alvis Keen, Paris Charles and Harrison Smith, Harrison Street and Elders J.H. Blackburn and Clarence Jackson.

Little Yadkin River - Elders Teddy R. Ball and Brother Ray Harlow and John Kirk.

Mt. Zion - Elders J.H. Blackburn, Robert B. Worrix and Clifford Thacker. Brethren Alvis Keen, Paris Charles, Elmer Goff and Bradley Worrix.

Union - Elders Joe Slone, Robert B. Worrix and Clifford Thacker. St. Clair's Bottom - Elder Elmer Brown and Brethren Lundy Childress, Rean Owens and Elder Lawrence Jackson.

Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with the Raccoon Church, and to begin Friday evening before the last Sunday in March, 1976.

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

SATURDAY MORNING - SEPTEMBER 6, 1975

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator, Prayer by Elder J.C. Hager.

Roll Called and absentees marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following:

Committee on arrangements met in the home of Brother Sid Varney and was called to order by the Moderator. The following items were brought before the Committee.

1. We advise all our Churches to counsel their Ministers as to the Introductory of the Services. We advise that the one called to Introduce take only time to say a few words before song and prayer. We refer you to I Timothy 2:1.

2. We the Committee advise all our Churches to take the Bread and the Wine in the way our forefathers took it, and we know that they drank from the same cup.

3. It came to the attention of the Committee that some of our Churches have deviated from the Articles of Faith printed in our Minutes. We advise that they abide strictly by these Articles.

4. Circular Letter was read and approved. We ask that this letter be printed in our Minutes.

5. We ask that the Association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual way.

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 Elbert Hunter, 1. Elder Luther Bradley, 2. Elder Jimmie Moore, 3. Elder Franklin Viers. Finance Committee reported the following \$635.00 and were 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 follow:

Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1976. Elders to attend: John I. Smith, Lundy Coleman, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Auery Lowe, Kit Ratliff, Paul D. Justice, Glenn Coleman, Ruffard Howell, Johnny Blackburn.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1976. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, W.H. Thacker, Dan Adkins, Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, Johnny Blackburn, Elmer Thacker.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1976. Elders to attend: Basil Hatfield, Everett Brizendine, Glenn Coleman, Joe Slone, Jr., Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith, Invite Franklin Viers.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1976. Elders to attend: Johnny H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Wheeler Thacker, Robert B. Worrix, John I. Smith, Elmer Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Paul D. Justice.

Sulpher Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1976. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, Everett Brizendine, Elmer Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Johnny H. Blackburn and Robert B. Worrix.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1976. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Eli Estep, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore, Michael Smith, Johnny H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Everett Brizendine, Don Hatfield, Joe Thacker.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1976. Elders to attend: Fred Varney, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, W.H. Thacker, Basil Hatfield, Paul D. Justice, Joe Thacker.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1976. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, Robert B. Worrix, Johnny H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Paul D. Justice, Eli Estep, Troy Casey.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1976. Elders to attend: Johnny H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Robert B. Worrix, Jimmie Moore, Paul D. Justice, Paul E. Keaton, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Kit Ratliff.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1976. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Johnny H. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Fonso Justice, Everett Brizendine, Fred Varney, Robert B. Worrix, Paul D. Justice, Elmer Brown.

Johns Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1976. Elders to attend: Eli Estep, Troy Casey, Johnnie H. Blackburn, John Hatfield, Robert B. Worrix, Joe Slone, Jr., Everett Brizendine, Michael Smith, John I. Smith, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore. Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1976. Elders to attend: Kit C. Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball, Johnny H. Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Eli Estep, Joe Thacker, W.H. Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Bobby Mayhon, Paul D. Justice, Jimmie Moore, John I. Smith, Eli Estep, Joe Slone, Jr.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1976. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Johnny H. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Jimmie Moore, Joe Edwards, Eugene Blevins, Bobby Arrington, Franklin Viers, Clarence Boyd. All orderly Elders are invited.

New Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1976. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Johnny H. Blackburn, Paul Varney, Joe Slone, Jr., Paul E. Keaton, Elmer Thacker, Johnny Kirk, Proctor Lyons, Herbert Burton, Michael Smith, Jerry Brown.

Columbus Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1976. Elders to attend: W.H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, Robert B. Warrix, Clifford Thacker, Paul D. Justice, Joe Slone, Jr., Don Hatfield, Fonso Justice, Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Mayhon, Jesse Tucker. We also invite Elder Arnold Childers, Otis Buell, Elder Wilson and preaching brethren from Pontiac Church.

Deerfield Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1976. Elders to attend: Johnny H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker, Jimmie Moore, Lundy Coleman, Monroe Hammen, Franklin Viers. All others are welcome.

Pleasant Hill Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1976. Elders to attend: Leonard Barton, Clayton Edwards, Arnold Childers, Don Hatfield, Roby Ferguson.

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

Agreed that we have 2000 Minutes printed and Annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following: Sisters Opal Bennett Dotson, Martha E. Stiltner, Martha Justic, Toy Ellen (Vandyke) Childress, Paris and Thelma Blackburn, Betty Chapman, Ollie Justice, Myrtle Estep, Sallie Daniel, Edith Short Hill, Ellen Keesee, Sarah E. Justice, Tennessee O. Hunt, Nettie Davidson, Ocie Alafair, May Dotson, Bettie Honaker Varny, Dolly McCoy Blackburn, Jennie May Runyon, Ethel Williamson, Bertha Dotson, Sarah Ann Greer. Brethren: Jesse Hager, Walter Runyon, Joe Ralph Broadhead, Grant Blackburn, Authur Henry Blackburn, Jackie L. Mounts, Hiram Smith, Bradley Scott, John Slone, B. Harold Eades, William Smith, Andy Dotson, Henry Bostic, Claude Steltner, Lonnie Anderson, Oliver Charles.

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

The Finances were disposed of as follow:

Balance left on hand from last year \$1,593.18
Amount received from the Churches 635.00
Donations and Pictures
Total cash on hand
Cash Paid Out:
Paid for minutes for 1974
Paid for moving seats
Give to Moderator
Give to Clerk
Balance cash left on hand \$1,779.13
Agreed that our next Association be held with the Peter Creek
Church at Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock

a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1976.

Elder Kit Ratliff was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Teddy R. Ball was appointed to be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder J.H. Blackburn then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator Elder J.H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator Stearl Hatfield, Clerk Robert B Worrix, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING - SEPTEMBER 7, 1975

To open Elder Elbert Hunter.

1. Elder Luther Bradley. Text: Psalms 118:22: "The Stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner."

2. Elder Jimmie Moore. Text: Thessalonians 4:13: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren concerning them which are asleep...."

3. Elder Franklin Vires. Text: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter...."

4. Elder Teddy R. Ball (Our Moderator) closed out the Association amid much singing and rejoicing. An open door was published. Five came asking for a home with the Church. We feel we should be thankful to the Heavenly Father for the privelege of being able to meet together again.

The Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTERS

Dear Brothers and Sisters that compose of the Original Mates Creek Association:

As I try to write this circular letter, I would love to describe all glory, all honor and praise to the God of glory; Who has no beginning and no end; Who declared the end from the beginning from ancient times to things that are not yet done, saying: "My counsil will stand and I will do all my pleasure."

That this true and living God, before the earth was placed on its axis or the stars were hung in the heavens, that all His family stood complete scantified (set apart) redeemed, regenerated and most of all glorified through His infinite wisdom and foreknowledge.

Because God looked and there were none to redeem us for we had separated ourselves from God by our sins. But God loved us with an everlasting love even when we were dead in sin. For this love He sent His only begotten son, The Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from that state in sin. As we read the prophesy of the writers there

shall be a fountain open for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanliness. And we believe the Blood of The Lord Jesus Christ was that fountain when He hung on Calvary's Cross and the soldiers rushed a spear in His side.

One writer said, "The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, and without the shedding of His Blood, there is no remission of sin." So, I believe the Primitive Baptists will support me when I say, that nothing short of the Grace of The Almighty God and the shed blood of Jesus Christ, that we will sing His praise in Heaven.

Brethren, it is not my intention that this be a long letter, but I feel it needful to write to you concerning the church. I feel the church today is the same when Christ set it up. And I feel it needful that you and I honor that institution of rules and regulations and principles and doctrine of just what the Old Baptist offered when we unite with the church.

For one writer said, "Not to depart from the ancient landmark that our forefathers set." And brethren notice, that when the Old Baptist is in peace and there is no disturbance, how wonderful the Lord will bless us. But when the Old Baptist is disturbed with any new brought in, you can feel a sense of resentfulness.

So, I feel it is my duty to God and my love to you to take nothing from you that you were doing in the way of worship when I joined the Primitive Baptists. And I hope, by God's Great Mercy, that He will give me a sound mind to never bring nothing new.

So, Brethren, I close in saying, if you want to enjoy what is in the church, love one another; do for one another, and the Lord of Glory will always richly bless you.

Written by one in hope of eternal life,

Elder Michael Smith

VISITING ELDERS

Roby Ferguson Don Lilly Orie W. Thomas Elbert Hunter Charlie Littleton Arnold Thompson Ostil Smith E.G. Lyle James Booth Gale McGuire Albert Littleton Franklin Viers Lester Dixon Josh Viers

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa - Elders W.H. Thacker, Robert B. Worrix, Joe Slone, Clifford Thacker, Jess Tucker and Arlen Thacker. Brethren Noah Slone, Kedna Charles, Bradley Worrix, Albert Justice, Calvary Runyon, Harry Thacker, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, Clyde Sanders, Abner L. Justice, Anthony Coleman, Ulis Adkins, Brad Worrix and Joe Sammy Slone.

Pond Creek - Elder Basil Hatfield, Brethren - John Kirk, Andy Blackburn, Ray Harlow, Jake Runyon, Evans Breeding, Clifford Hunt, Robert Dotson, Steve Hunt.

Big Creek - Elders Dan Adkins and Elmer Thacker. Brethren -Daniel Roberts, Luther Smith, Joe B. Stanley, Delmor Williamson, Joe P. Stanley and M.B. Blackburn.

Raccoon - Elders Paul D. Justice and Glenn Coleman. Brethren-Clinton Justice, Rufus Goff, Alvis Keen, Homer Coleman, Paris Charles, Linton Collins, Elmer Goff, Vernon Goff, Neil Scott, George McCoy, Kermit Coleman, Ed Bevins.

Peter Creek - Elders Eli Estep and Troy Casey. Brethren - Richard Smith, Harrison Smith, Adrian Dotson, Floyd Stump, Leo Coleman, Virgil Smith, Elliott Casey, Earl Casey and Paul Smith and J.R. Smith.

Sulpher Spring - Elders J.H. Blackburn and Arthur May. Brethren-Frank Dotson, Tommy Lester, George Lester, Burlin Blackburn, Joe H. Blackburn, Frank Lester and Ron Moore.

Little Hope - Elder John I. Smith. Brethren - Roy Ball, J.B. Ball and Virgil Smith.

Grapevine - Brethren Arvil Justice, Landon Webb, and Miles Thacker.

Samaria - Elders Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Don Hatfield, Brethren Paul Varney, J.E. Hatfield, Stearl Hatfield, Luther Scott, James Hager, Dennis Dotson, Jarvie Ward, Clayton Smith, Ballard Smith, Larry Scott and Warren Scott.

John's Creek - Brethren Plennie Coleman, Henry Smith, Carl Coleman, Victor Smith, John Stiltner, Lee Stiltner, Elcanie Smith, Earl Coleman, Bailey T. Coleman, Harrison Smith, and Noah Smith.

Calvary - Elder Kit Ratliff. Brethren Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Bradley Coleman, Homer Coleman, Earnest Thacker, Glen Vipperman, Able Chapman, and Wayne Varney.

Dry Fork - Brethren Lawrence Jackson, Harrison Street, Carl Vandyke, Lundy Childers, Howell Arms, Rean Owens and Walter Owens.

Friendship - Elder Avery Lowe. Brethren Martin Childers and Roby Lewis.

Columbus - Elders Lundy Coleman and Wheeler Thacker, Brethren Paris Blackburn.

Deerfield - Elder J.C. Hager and Brother Bradley Hager.

Pleasant Hill - Elder James Moore, Brethren Ballard Bryant, Avery Scott and Charles Branham.

Little Union - Brother Earnest Blair.

We the Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called by name Calvary now in session this the first Saturday of August, 1975.

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association when it convenes with the Calvary Church at Kimper Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1975.

Dear Brethren:

We hope we are glad of the privilege of informing you by this letter of love and salutation and our beloved Brethren to-wit: Elders Kit Raltiff, Brother Rush Chapman, Sid Varmy, Martin Thacker, Rily Honoher, Jeff Chapman, Bradly Coleman, and Brethren Bradly Coleman, Homer Coleman, Earnest Thacker, Glen Vipperman, Able Chapman, Andrew Hunt, Wayne Varney, Ben Chapman, Ed Chapman, to bear this our Church Letter to you, hoping you will receive them to sit with you in counsel in all you Godly Consultations and to work for the peace of Zion.

Dear Brethren we are in peace and love among ourselves at this time.

Since our last Association we have received by:

Letter	0
Experience and Baptism	4
Relation	0
Restored	0
Dismissed by Letter	0
Excluded	0
Deceased	0

Total Membership

Done and signed by the order of the church Kit C. Ratliff, Moderator Rush Chapman, Clerk

Contribution \$40.00

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Union Meeting appointees for next year: Kit Ratliff, T.R. Ball, J.H. Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Eli Estep, Joe Thacker, W.H. Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Don Hatfield, Glen Vipperman, Bobby Mahon, Paul Dean Justice, Jimmie Moore, John I. Smith, Joe Slone.

Please list the names and address of your Ministers and Licentiates: Ministers: Kit Ratliff, Glen Vipperman, Jeff Chapamn, U.V. Justice. Licentiates: None.

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Elder Curt Elliott
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Elder Johnnie Hatfield
Elder Glen Coleman,
Elder Lawrence Jackson Box 206, Vansant, Va.
Elder Auther May
Elder Basil Hatfield
Elder Tennis Dotson
Elder Jess Tucker
Elder Arlen Thacker
Elder Johnny Slone
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LICENTIATES

Brother	Kedna	Charles	. Phelps, Ky.
Brother	Walter	Branham	Vansant, Va.
Brother	Lonnie	Worrix, Jr	olumbus, Ohio

Brother	Paris Blackburn
Brother	R.T. Thacker
Brother	Virgil A. Smith, Ph. 353-4761, Rt. 2, Box 42, Pinsonfork, Ky.
Brother	Elzie May
Brother	Harrison Smith Phelps, Ky.

CHRUCH	MODERATOR	COMMUNION
	Thacker & Robert B.	
Pond Creek- Elders 7	r.R. Ball & Michael Sm	nith June, 2nd Sat.
Big Creek - Elders Jo	oe Thacker & Dan Adkin	ns June, 3rd Sat.
Raccoon - Elder J.H.	Blackburn	June, 4th Sat.
Sulpher Spring - Elde	r J.H. Blackburn	August, 1st Sat.
Peter Creek - Elder	Teddy R. Ball	June, 4th Sat.
Little Hope - Elders V	W.H. Thacker & Michae	1 Smith July, 1st Sat.
Grapevine - Elder J.H	Blackburn	July, 3rd Sat.
Samaria - Elders Teddy	y R. Ball & Michael Smith	h June, 3rd Sat.
Johns Creek - Elder J.I	H. Blackburn	July, 2nd Sat.
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Columbus - Elders T.R.	Ball & Lundy Coleman.	April, 4th Sat.
Friendship - Elder Aver	ry Lowe	May, 4th Sat.
Deerfield - Elders Rob	ert Mayhon & J.C. Hagen	r May, 4th Sat.
Pleasant Hill - Elder J	ames Moore	April, 3rd Sat.

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OBITUARIES

NETTIE DAVIDSON

Nettie Davidson was born May 9, 1916 and departed this life July 29, 1975, making her stay on earth 59 years, 2 months, and 20 days. She was first married to E.A. Mullins and to this union was born six children. She later married Clarence Everett Davidson and to this union was born one daughter.

She leaves to mourn her loss six children, Thelma Dalton, Evalene Fleming, Jimmie Mullins, Garnett Robinson, Pauline Burton and Fonnie Davidson. One daughter, Edna Mullins and her husband Clarence Everett Davidson preceded her in death.



She leaves also four step children, Betty Deel, Lucille Meed, Patsy Austin and Junior Davidson. One brother, Tony Smith, one sister, Jettie Hicks. Fourteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and five step grandchildren. She was a kind and loving mother and a friend to all who knew her. She did not belong to the Old Primitive Baptist Church, but she went regular with her daughter and son-in-law, and she believed the doctrine, salvation by the grace of God. We have seen her rejoice and the tears of joy run down her face when hearing her salvation preached. To us she is dead but to Christ she is only asleep until he comes again. So loved one sleep on, we live in hope that we will meet again on that great day when Christ shall come again to take His children home. A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still, a place is vacant in our home which never can be filled.

Written by the request of the family, Pat Smith Sarah Ann Greer, 76, of Belfry, Kentucky, died Sunday night at the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born June 22, 1898, in Pike County, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Andrew Jackson and Phoebe Varney. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, James L. Greer of Belfry, Kentucky, three daughters, Emogene Mustar, Madeline Guzzo and Louise Cowan, all of Cleveland, Ohio; four sons, Estill Greer of Tacoma, Washington; Daniel, Franklin and Joseph Greer, all of Cleveland, Ohio; three sisters, Jenny and Nancy Varney, both of Belfry, Kentucky; and Dora Lee Blevins of Stone, Kentucky; 22 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, two daughters and five brothers.

By Rogers Funeral Home

EDITH SHORT HILL

Edith Short Hill, 63 years of age, was gorn August 30, 1911, in Johnson County, Kentucky. The daughter of I. D. and Malta Howe Preston, she departed this life May 25, 1975, after several months illness. She was educated in Johnson County Schools, attended Alice Lloyd College and Pikeville College. She taught in the Johnson County Schools for thirty years before her retirement three years ago.

She was a member of the Regular Primitive Baptist Church and remained true to its teachings. She numbered her friends by her acquaintance and was an example of the finest in Christian womanhood.

She first married James L. Short, who died December 6, 1953. She later married Lloyd Hill, who survives, also her mother and father, I.D. and Malta Preston; three sisters, Betty Wallen, Leona Wallen, both of Williamsport, Ky., and Patty Schwartz of Dayton, Ohio; three brothers; Virgil Preston of Cincinnati, Ohio, Paul R. Preston of Vero Beach, Florida, and Harold L. Preston of Williamsport, Kentucky.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28, 1975, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jones and Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville, Kentucky. Elders Teddy Ball, Avery Lowe, and Paul Keaton officiated and interment followed in the family cemetery at Williamsport, Kentucky.

Pallbearers included two stepsons; John D. Hill and Dallas McCarty; nephews, Kevin Wallen, David Preston, Bobby and Barry Schwartz and Wendell and Michael Wallen.

She has gone to her reward and with the poet we can say; I cannot say and I will not say that she is dead, she is just away, with a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, she has wandered into an unknown land and left us dreaming how fair its needs must be since she lingers there.

Written by the family

ETHEL WILLIAMSON

Ethel Williamson was born March 6, 1917 at Canada, Ky., deceased March 17, 1975, making her stay on earth 58 years. She was the daughter of Hi Williamson of Belfry, Ky. and the late Peggy Williamson. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for twenty years.

Others survivors include her husband, Delmer Williamson of Canada, Ky.; one son, John L. Willia also of Canada, Ky.; one brother, P.D. Williamson of Belfry, Ky.; and two sisters, Maxie Thomas of Williamson, W. Va., and Bertha Williamson



of Toler, Ky. Four grandchildren, Mickey Delmer, John L., Jr., Vickie Jean, and Ryan Kelley Williamson all of Canada, Ky.

Written by one who loved her very much, Mordecai Blackburn

WILLIAM SMITH

It is with much sorrow we write an obituary of our dear daddy, William Smith. He was born Jan. 16, 1912 and departed from this unfriendly world September 19, 1974. He was never baptized but had requested that Elder Johnny Blackburn baptize him if he ever became able, which he did not. He also told Elder Blackburn that if he was not able to preach at his funeral just sing Amazing Grace. His father and mother, Joe and Polly Prater Smith, preceded him in death. He leaves six daughters and four sons and fourteen grandchildren and many more who loved him to mourn their



loss. He had a numerous host of friends and was a veteren of World War II.

Sleep on daddy in your peaceful sleep. No more pain or suffering from which to weep. By the Grace of God we hope to meet you, where the family will be complete.

Written by his daughters, Evelyn Smith and Helen Lester

OPAL BENNETT DOTSON

Born August 10, 1908, in Barborsville, Ky., daughter of the late George and Lula Bennett. Departed this life August 2, 1975. She was married to Robert (Bob) Dotson on May 10, 1928, who survives.

Surviving children are two daughters, Miss Bobbie Jean Dotson, Hardy, Ky., and Mrs. Mildred Sesco, Jupiter, Florida; two sons, Victor R. Dotson, Fort Lauderdale, Florida and William G. Dotson, Tallahassee, Florida; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

One son, Charles E. Dotson, preceded her departure of this life. Other survivors are: one brother, Victor Bennett, Harlan, Ky., four sisters, Myrtle Bennett, Mrs. Georgia Collins, Oakridge, Tenn., Mrs. Blanch Dingess, New Port, Ky., and Mrs. Helen Lewis, Albion, Michigan.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church in April, 1939 and has remained a faithful member. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Funeral services were held August 4, 1975 at Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. Officiating ministers were Elders Dan Adkins and Teddy Ball.

Written by

Her son, William G. Dotson

PARIS AND THELMA BLACKBURN

Paris was born February 19, 1906, deceased June 11, 1968. Thelma was born December 11, 1908, deceased October 16, 1974.

They were married in May, 1928. To this union were born nine children, Alva Gene, Chester Ray, Billy J., Roger Lee, Richard Clay Blackburn, Ina Gay Thacker, Clair Nell Maynard, Flo Ann Ables and Sarah Jane Hastings. They left 25 grandchildren and five great grandchildren, one son, Alva Gene, preceded them in death.

Although paris never united with the church, he was a strong



believer in the Primitive Baptist doctrine and was willing to help the church in any way he could. Thelma joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek in Oct., 1953 where she lived a faithful member until death.

She began teaching school at age 18 and taught at Canada, Kentucky for 33 years. She taught three generations and each generation was represented at her funeral.

Written by Janet G. James & Geraldene Thacker Tucson, Arizona With tears in my eyes and an ache in my heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Walter Runyon.

He was born January 5, 1915 at Huddy, Ky. the son of Minnie Charles and the late Fred Runyon. He was married to Eunice Wheeler Runyon. He also leaves one daughter, Joyce Gaye Slater and one grand daughter, Stephanie Michelle Slater of Columbia, S.C. Two sisters, Tilda Reedy of Huddy, Ky. and Eloise Bowersock of West Satem, Ohio and one brother Edward Runyon of Huddy, Ky. He was preceded in death by his father one brother and one sister.



He became a member of Old Pond Primitive Church on April 30, 1966 and was an Elder for several years before he left this old world. He was one of the kindest, gentlest and most loving husband, father and grandfather. He never grew tired of talking about the goodness and mercy of our loving Saviour. He was a firm believer in Salvation by the Grace of God, and did not hesistate to declare and defend the great doctrine of Jesus Christ.

He was in ill health many years before his death and is sadly missed by all who knew him. The churches and association that he so gladly and joyfully attended, giving his service to each without one thought of himself, asking only to be blessed to praise the God he so strongly believed in.

His family lifts up their heads, though our burdens be great and our grief so hard to bear, ever looking forward to the blessed promise given by Christ that we'll meet again beyond the river of death. Sleep on, my darling, your sleep and our grief is not without hope.

Written by his wife, Eunice Runyon

JACKIE L. MOUNTS

Jackie L. Mounts of Majestic, Ky., was born January 6, 1889, and died March 18, 1975, making him 86 years old.

He was a son of the late David and Polly Hatfield Mounts. He was married to Dora Riddle Mounts, who survives.

He was a retired miner and a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Phelps, Kentucky.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, Portland, Oregon, a neice and two nephews.

He is greatly missed by his family and many friends. The family

TOY ELLEN (VANDYKE) CHILDRESS

Toy Ellen (Vandyke) Childress departed this life February 12, 1975, in the Grundy Hospital, after a long illiness.

She was born February 1, 1905 on Dry Fork, the daughter of the late George W. and America (Phillips) Vandyke. She was married to Jesse L. Childress of Little Prater on March 21, 1923 at 11:30 a.m., by the late J.J. Childress. Sadie Reedy and E vans Edwards witnessed this Holy Matrimony. To this union were born fourteen children, eight sons and six daughters.



She is survived by her loving husband, Jesse, daughters, Lena Dahanyos, Lorain, Ohio; Glena Boyd, Rt. 2, Grundy, Va.; Shirley Mullins, Royal City, Va.; Mary Kerr, Columbus, Ohio; and Linda Bowman, Rt. 2, Grundy, Va., and sons, Cecil C., Vermilion, Ohio; Kenneth, Russellville, Ark.; Ted, Lorain, Ohio; Thomas J., Fairfield, Calif.; Roger, Rt. 2, Grundy, Va.; Virgil (Bo), Roanoke, Va.; and Billy J. Childress, U.S. Army in Turkey. Also surviving are one sister, Laura McGlothlin, Rising Sun, Md.; one brother, Bill Vandyke, North Tazewell, Va.; thirty-six grandchildren; and two great grandchilren. Preceding her in death was one daughter, Carol Sue, and one son, Franklin P. Childress.

On the fourth Sunday in August, 1936 she was baptized by Elder A.R. Singelton, a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church, of the Bill Sutherland Faction. She was a charter member of the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church, which was organized in 1961. Her faith never faltered, the church being a part of her life she treasured most. Even though at times she didn't feel well enough to attend the services, if she could sit up at all, she made a point of being there.

The road of life led to many hardships and struggles, but being the christian wife and mother that she was, she overcame each burden with added strength and preceded on the journey of life. Through the '70 years and 11 days of her life, she met many people, who from that time on were considered dear friends to her, that loved her and were loved by her. This shining star has left this old dark world, but adds a brightness around God's Great Throne forevermore.

Dear mother we miss you. Your loving husband, Jesse, and children.

Written by her daughter,

JESSE HAGER

Jesse Hager, 72, of Hardy, Ky., died Friday, December 14, 1973 at his home after an long illness. Born 9, 1901 at Ramson, Ky., hewas the son of the late Bud Hager and Done Dotson Hager. He was a retired coal miner and had been a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for approximately 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Himess Smith Hager; four sons, Pierce and Willie Hager both of Ramson, Henry Hager of Columbus, Ohio and Acie Hager of Toler, Ky.; five daughters, Mrs. Ethel Jenkins and Mrs. Marie Pompie, both of Josephine, W. Va., Mrs. Anna Coleman of Toler, Mrs. Lois



Jean Justice of Ramson, and Janice Hager at home; five brothers, Ransom Hager, Dewey Hager, James Hager and William Hager all of Ramson, and Bradley Hager of Fenton, Mich.; one sister. Mrs. Nellie Whitt of Ramson; thirty grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Written by his wife, Himess Hager

BERTHA DOTSON

Bertha Dotson departed this world April 5, 1975. She left one son, eight grandchildren and many friends. We love her so and miss her, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

> Sadly missed, By her family



MARTHA E. STILTNER

In memory of our beloved mother, Martha E. Stiltner was borned March 29, 1896 making her stay here on earth 78 years and 4 months old.

She was borned to the late John and Sarah (Lester) Blair. She was married to the late Bud Stiltner in 1909, who passed away in October, 1963. Mother bore daddy, 14 children, 4 of which preceded her in death.

Mother was baptized in the Primitive Baptist Church in June 9, 1946. Mother is gone but not forgotten, because we have a hope we will meet again. Her children names are as



follows: Thurman Stiltner of Yalyn, W. Va., Herman Stiltner of Fed's Creek, Ky., Henry Ford Stiltner of Lorado, W. Va., Visie Maynord of New Town, W. Va., Kelsic Slone of Varney, W. Va., Marie Irons of Vonsand, Va., Ample Vanover of Vansand, Va., Mildred Girhard of Fed's Creek, Ky., Inogene Evans of Fed's Creek, Ky., and Willa June May of Peck's Mill, W. Va. Also thirty-six grandchildren and thirty-nine great grandchildren.

Mother when we had to give you and dad up we lost the best friends on this earth but we are so thankful to God that your death was not the end but only the beginning.

Written by your youngest daughter, Willa June May

LONNIE ANDERSON

I will with a sad and aching heart try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Lonnie Anderson. He was born June 5, 1918 and deceased the life January 21, 1975. He was the son of Jack and Betty Collins Anderson. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Dolly Anderson, and six sons, Albert, Connel, Robert, Micheal, Roger, Chris and two daughters Gaynell and Patricia and five grandchildren. I miss him so much it almost more than I can bear, but I hope too meet him some sweet day.

> Written by his wife, Dolly Anderson



OLLIE JUSTICE, WIFE OF T.F. JUSTICE

Loving thoughts and solemn tears have marked the passing months. Tears may dry and fade away but in our hearts you will always stay. Memories are treasures that no one can steal. Death is a heartache that no one can heal. In our hearts your memories linger sweetly tender. fond and true. There is not a day dear mother, that we do not think of you. You have passed beyond the river and God let you come to a saving knowledge of His dear son whom you served here with us for several years while you remained with us. We hear your voice no more you are resting. Sweetly resting over



on the other shore. A better wife and mother no one will ever know. Sadly missed by your children.

SARAH E. JUSTICE

With great sadness I write the obituary of my dear mother, Sarah E. Justice. She was born April 10, 1885, daughter of Alfred and Martha Justice; deceased March 25, 1975, at the age of 89 years, 11 moths and 16 days.

She was married to James H. Justice, June 10, 1910. To this union were born four children. She was preceded in death by one daughter and two sons.

Survivors include her husband, one daughter, nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, four sisters, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss.



She united with the Primitive Baptist Church in 1934 and lived a faithful member until her death. Our loss is great without her, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her daughter, Olen J. May

OLIVER CHARLES

Obituary in memory of a dear husband and a loving father. Oliver Charles known as "Hobby." He was born August 31, 1908 and died Feb. 28th, 1975, 67 years old. He was the son of Calahon Charles and Nancy Goff Charles.

He was a retired miner and been in poor health for sometime. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Maynard Charles, two sons, Julian and Gary Charles; two daughters, Joyce Clark and Imal Day; and three grandchildren. Also he has



five sisters, Regania Charles, Ollie Brown, Kelsic Childress, Octavia Maynard, and Elsie Daughtery; and three brothers, Geames Charles, Rennie Charles, and Irland Charles and a host of friends. We know he is gone to a better home. My hope is to join him at the end of my journey.

Written by his wife, Norma Charles

OCIE ALAFAIR MAY DOTSON

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dear aunt and sister in the Lord Jesus Christ,

Ocie Alafair May Dotson was born April 9, 1891 and deceased Dec. 17, 1974 making her stay on earth 83 years, 8 months and 8 days. She was the daughter of John Henry and Sarrah Jane May. She was married to Willie Dotson and to this union were born no children but she had three children by previous marriage. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Spring April, the first Saturday in 1911. She left three children and two brothers and



a host of friends to mourn her loss. We feel sure that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by a brother in hope, Arthur May

JENNIE MAY RUNYON

In loving memory of Jennie May Runyon, who was born March 29, 1895 at Huddy, Ky. She departed this life December 1, 1974 making her stay on earth 79 years, 8 months and 1 day. She was the daughter of the late T.J. May and Lydia Varney May. She was preceded in death by her husband and an only son, Walker Runyon. Also preceding her in death are ten brothers and sisters. Surviving are one sister, Armrid W. Charles of Huddy, Ky. and several nieces and newphews.

She was a member of the old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. She joined October 12, 1952 and baptized



the same day by Elders Frank Wheeler and Dan Adkins. She was a firm believer in Salvation by the Grace of God, a faithful attender of church until the last three years, being unable to go on because of her health. She is very much missed by her friends, as she had many. The family

JOE RALPH BRAODHEAD

Joe Ralph Broadhead was united with the Samaria Regular Primitive Baptist Church, January 13, 1974.

He was happy in the Lord and loved all the people in the church. He was ill so much that he did not get to attend church regular but he tried to live right. He departed this life on June 24th, 1975.

He was married to Elizabeth Tye on July 14, 1936. He is survived by his wife and four children. They are Bonnie Lou Lewis, Madge Ree Slate, Nancy Jill Joyce and Joel H. Broadhead.



We will miss him so much but we believe he is resting with the Lord and we hope to be with him again some day.

Written by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Broadhead

MRS. DOLLY MCCOY BLACKBURN

Mrs. Dolly McCoy Blackburn was born September 10, 1880. She was the daughter of the late Ace and Nancy Hatfield McCoy. She died December 28, 1974 at the age of 94 years.

She was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Hatfield and one son, Hansel Blackburn. Other survivors include six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Her husband, Jacob Blackburn preceded her in death January 9, 1968.

One son, one daughter, one sister and three brothers preceded her in death.



She united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, September 15, 1973 and lived a faithful member until her death. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her family

B. HAROLD EADES

B. Harold Eades, born at Lick Creek, W. Va. August 17, 1922, passed away May 27th, 1975. He was the son of the late J.R. Eades and Lula Harvey Eades. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church August, 1974 and was a faithful member until death. He was a disabled veteran of World War II. He was called from this life.

He leaves his wife, Hazel Conn Eades, two daughter, Rita at home and Rebecca of Princeton, W. Va., two sons, one step son, two brothers, several nieces and newphews and many many friends.

May God bless his family to be reconciled to God's will and may



He give them Grace to look forward to a great reunion day where the family will be complete.

By family

TENNESSEE C. HUNT

It is a sad job to write the obituary of my mother Tennessee Hunt. She was born into this old world of trouble in June 17th, 1893 and passed away October 11, 1974. Making her stay here 81 years. Being an only child here living, we were very close to each other. She was the wife of Frank Hunt who preceded her in death over 25 years ago. Mother belonged to the Primitive Baptist Church ever since I was a child. She has one living brother out of all her family, Anthony Coleman at Red Creek near Shelbiana, Ky. Mom was sadly missed by about all who knew her.



She prayed many prayers through out her life and surely believed in Christ. Home is not complete without mother, but some day, if it being God's will, we can have a complete home again.

Written by her only living child, Ertle Hunt

HENRY BOSTIC

Henry Bostic, born at Kimper, Ky. August 16, 1899, the son of the late William Bostic and Elza Jane Cochrane Bostic, He was called from this life January 21, 1974. He was married to Pearlie Thornsbury, who survives. They were the parents of fourteen children, one daughter preceded him in death leaving nine sons, three of them being ministers, and four daughters. He was a retired miner and member of U.M.W. Henry never united with any church but proved he was a true believer in Salvation by Grace, by his being so faithful to attend church and help in every way possible. He



was a highly esteemed citizen, a good neighbor and a thoughtful and loving father. May God grant His children hope and faith to look more than ever to that great resurrection morning where the family will be complete.

Vicie Blackburn

MRS. MARTHA JUSTICE

It is with deep sadness and an aching heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear and loving mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Justice. She was born July 17, 1914 and departed this life December 31, 1974, making her stay on earth 60 years, 5 months and 14 days. She was born at Fishtrap, Ky., and was the daughter of the late John and Laura Ramey. She was married to Carl Justice and to this union was born eight children, six boys and two girls. She also leaves 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



Three sisters and three brothers, one brother preceded her in death. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for thirty some years and lived a faithful member to her death. She was a loving wife and mother and the best mother-in-law in the whole world. Sleep on Mom, we all love you and will never forget you. I know you're gone to be with Jesus and maybe we'll meet again when he comes to call his children home. Rest in peace.

Written by her loving daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clayton Justice

HIRAM SMITH

I will try as best as I can to write the obituary of my brother inlaw, Hiram Smith. He was born October, 1880, making his stay here on earth 95 years. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for several years before he died leaving a wife, three boys and five girls, and two brothers. We miss him very much and are hoping to meet him again in the Resurrection where they want ever past again.

> Written bt his sister in-law Daisy Smith



ANDY DOTSON

It's with a sad an aching heart, we try to write the obituary of our dear loving father, Andy Dotson born October 18, 1889 and departed this life December 26, 1974.

He joined the Primitive Baptists several years ago and lived a faithful member until his death. He was a strong believer in salvation by the Grace of God. He was a true believer in Primitive Baptists. I have heard him say many times if it ever comes a time that old Baptists didn't have a preacher to hold church at the church house he would go down on church time and sit on the steps for a while and come back home.



He was one that couldn't be blown around by winds of doctrines.

His wife, Viola, and two sons preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his loss four sons and one daughter, several grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of friends. We feel our loss is his heavenly gain.

Written by his son and daughter-in-law Willis and Jane Dotson

JOHN SLONE

It is with a sad and aching heart that I undertake to write the obituary of my loving husband, John Slone. He was the son of Harrison Slone and Mary Smith Slone. He was born December 22, 1901 and deceased this life December 9, 1974. During this time he lived a full and happy life. John was a believer in the old Primitive Baptist Church. He was willing to do his part in any way to help the church. He welcomed all church members into his home. He is survived by his loving wife, Zettie Slone, two daughters, Carrie Mahan of Red Jacket, W.Va. and Elsie Slone of Freeburn, Ky. He was



also the step father of four stepchildren. Sadie Williams of Crestwood, Ill., Grace May of Hights, Mich., Bob Leedy of Lavonia, Mich., and Condrell Slone at home. He was the grandfather of fourteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. He was the brother of four sisters and one brother. He also left a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. We feel our loss is heaven's gain and his eternal life. He has fallen asleep in our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless and keep him.

> In a little mountain grave yard, Sleeping in the grave so low A smiling face my heart has cherished God called and he had to go.

When the stars shine like silver, And the sun sinks in the west I long to hold him to my bossom Good bye darling, God loved you best.

A beautiful flower he was, while he bloomed. Written by his loving wife.

Zettie Slone

GRANT BLACKBURN

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my great uncle, Grant Blackburn. He was born at Pinsonfork, Ky., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Blackburn, on March 28, 1906 and deceased this life October 20, 1973 making his stay here on earth 67 years and seven months.

He was married to Birdie Ball Blackburn, who survives, and to this union were born six children. His surviving children are as follows: Helen Jean Ball, Gloria Joyce Douglas, Eugene Blackburn, Carlenis Blackburn and Adrene Gallow.



He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Ann Blackburn and a brother, Arthur H. Blackburn. He left a sister, Stella Wolford along with a host of relative and friends. He was a member of the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church. His wife and children have lost a wonderful husband and father.

We feel our lost is his eternal gain. Written by, Virgil A. Smith

BETTY CHAPMAN

With a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear sweet and precious mother, Betty Chapman, who departed this life October 5, 1974. Mother was better known by "Aunt Betty" and was loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband and 3 sons. Her husband was the late Elder Thomas J. Chapman. She leaves seven children to mourn her loss. Two sons, Fred Chapman and Jonah Chapman. Five daughters, Bertha Schmitt, Della Vance, Ruth Allen, Sarah Dotson and Mona Ball with whom she made her home with the past 22 years.



Mother was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was a good and faithful member as long as her health permitted her to go. Mother was shut in for about ten years. She never had the privilege of going but she often spoke of the church and all of the good people she loved. Mother was the sweetest mother any children could hope for.

Mother, you are so sadly missed by your children and grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives and we feel our loss is heaven's gain. Goodbye dear mother, I hope to meet you in a better world some sweet day. Written by your lonely and broken hearted daughter.

Mona Ball.

BETTIE HONAKER VARNEY

Bettie Honaker Varney passed away Saturday, January 25, 1975 at 9:10 p.m. at the Methodist Hospital. She was born July 30, 1890 making her stay on earth 84 years, 5 months, and 25 days. She was the daughter of John and Luvinna Caroline Honaker. She was married to Levi Varney who preceded her in death. Born to this union were nine children, three which preceded her in death. Six surviving children are Rodulph Varney of Huntingdon, Indiana, Hermie Varney of Zabulon, Ky., John Varney of Meta, Ky., and Zella May, Annie Chapman, and Octavia Chapman all of Kimper, Ky.



And two sisters, one brother Diademie Miller, of Swords Creek, Va., Octavia Justice of Stone, Ky. She had thirty-one grandchildren, fortynine great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Even though she wasn't united with a church in this life she was faithful to attend church as long as she was able to go. She was a strong believer in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our loss is her eternal gain. She left behond a host of many friends.

We the children of Bettie Varney greatly appreciate the love and kindness of her friends in the time of need. I feel our loss is her eternal gain. By the grace of God. We shall meet her again.

Written by her children

ELEN KEESEE

In memory of my mother, Elen Keesee, I will attempt to write her obituary. She was born September 22, 1894, the daughter of James P. and Margaret Maynard Lowe at Heenon, Kentucky. Deceased on July 5, 1975 making her stay on earth 80 years, 9months and 14 days.

She was married to my father, Dallas Keesee, who survives, March 30, 1912 making this marriage last 63 wonderful years of love and care for each other.

To this union was born seven children, four sons and three daughters.



Lenora Todd of Mt. Orab, Ohio, Dorothy Mae Sullivan of Ransom, Kentucky, Mary E. Cochrane of Huntingdon, West Virginia, Wayne M. Keesee of Mt. Orab, Ohio, James F. Keesee of Ransom, Kentucky and Bobby Keesee of Cincinnatti, Ohio. One son, K.L. Keesee preceded her in death. She also was the grandmother of fifteen children and the great grandmother of fourteen.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church of Belfry, Kentucky. Elders Michael Smith, Fred Varney and Teddy Ball officiated. Internment followed at the Mountain View Memory Garden, Huddy, Kentucky, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Kentucky.

Mother joined the Primitive Baptist Church 46 years ago and was a faithful member until death. I am very thankful God granted her 80 years here on earth with her family, relatives and many friends. I believe that she lived her appointed time here on earth and is now resting where time has no meaning, the dust has returned to the earth as it was and the spirit has returned to God who gave it. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her son, James Ferrell Keesee Sallie Daniel passed away in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martin Childers of Thelma, Kentucky, May 25, 1975.

Mrs. Daniel was the daughter of the late Asbury and Laura Bell Price Ward, and was born March 24, 1888. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Troy Daniel in 1946.

Surviving are three sons, J.R. Daniel of Jacksonville, Florida, A.B. Daniel of Williamsport, Kentucky, Virgil D. Daniel of Cincinnati, Ohio, two daughters, Mrs. Opal M. Ward of River, Kentucky, and Mrs. Ena Mae Childers of Thelma, Kentucky, one sister, Mrs. Ella Johnson of Thelma, 21 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Regular Primitive Baptist Church since 1921 and remained a faithful member until her death.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Thelma. Officiating ministers were Elders Avery B. Lowe, Paul Keaton and Teddy R. Ball. Interment followed in the family cemetery in Thelma.

She left a wonderful testimony of her faith in the Lord, for in her last hours she rejoiced in His wonderful Spirit; as the writer of the song that so beautifully tells it, She's Gone To Heaven A Shouting. By the family

MYRTLE ESTEP

In loving memory of Myrtle Estep who departed this life October 16, 1974. Born January 1, 1914 at Coleman, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Hiram and Sylvania Smith. She was a faithful member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and a longtime resident of the Freeburn, Ky. area.

Her husband, Harve Estep, preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, James M. Estep of Freeburn, Ky., and Dennis H. Estep of Elgin, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Edna Maxine Collins of Pine City, New York and Mrs. Jane Ann Siciliano of Hanover Park, Ill.; two



brothers, Stewart Smith of Ransom, and Virgil Smith of Piqua, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Georgia Smith and Mrs. Tilda Akers, both of Ransom; fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

"Stirring Memories"

In the quietness of night, when the leaves are silvered with dew, I catch a glimmer of her smile in a mist-shrouded view; And memories begin stirring fragile and quiet,

Like tendrils of mist drifting on a mid-summer night.

Oh, we miss her so very much; her bright warm smile and kind gentle touch.

I hope to meet that dear sister of mine and sing songs of joy upon the hills of Zion.

Tilda S. Akers

ARTHUR HENRY BLACKBURN

It is with a sad and aching heart I write the obituary of my foster father, Arthus H. Blackburn.

He was born January 6, 1893 and departed this life October 10, 1973 making his stay here on earth 80 years, 10 months and 4 days. He was the son of the late Mitch and Katherine (Smith) Blackburn.

He was married to Pricy (Ball) Blackburn, who survives. He left one sister, Stella Wolford of Pinsonfork, Ky. and one brother, Grant Blackburn of Pinsonfork, Ky. He was a member of UMWA Local 5737.

He united with the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church June, 1953, where he was a faithful member.



He served for a number of years as a deacon.

He is sadly missed by his family, friends, sister and brothers of the church. No words could ever describe the many things he did for us. I feel he is now resting peacefully from all suffering and sorrow. Thou sadly missed, his memory will always remain with me. He was truly a precious father to me. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Written by, Virgil A. Smith

BRADLEY SCOTT

On November 18, 1974, it was the Lord's will to call from our midst Brother Bradley Scott of Hardy, Kentucky, making his stay here on earth 66 years, 9 months, and 18 days.

Born January 25, 1908 at Ransom, Ky., he was the son of the late Alex and America Scott. On April 22, 1929 he was united in marriage to Nancy (Coleman) Scott who survives, and to this union were born six children: four sons, Sterl Scott of Williamson, Dave and Johnny Scott of Cincinnati, Ohio and Burland Scott who preceded him in death; two daughters, Betty Jo Justice of Ransom Kentucky and Bobby Jean



Smith of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Other survivors are two brothers, Bert Scott and Doc Scott, and two sisters, Dora Smith and Harriet Hager. Also surviving are three half brothers and four half sisters. Four brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

On July 26, 1964 Bro. Bradley was buried in baptism by Elder Hibbard Thacker and Bro. Ransom Scott. He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church and served it faithfully until sickness confined him to his home. Memories surround us when we hear the song "Amazing Grace" 'how sweet the sound,' which he loved so dearly to hear and was a comfort to his heart.

And on that resurrection morning, when God splits those eastern skies and declares that Time shall be no more, I feel Bro. Bradley had an eternal hope that he would enjoy the scenes of Heaven, and that he would meet his Saviour in the midway air to live with him forever in the beautiful mansion above, eternally in Heaven.

Sadly missed by his wife, children, family and friends.

Written by

Nancy Scott and family

Claude Stiltner was born August 11, 1901, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stiltner. He departed this life August 16, 1975. He was married to Mae Stiltner who preceded him in death. He also had one son who preceded him in death, leaving three sons, four daughters, 21 grandchildren, several half brothers and sisters, and his present wife, Sylvia Lamb Stiltner.

He joined the Primitive Baptists in 1938 and was ordained a deacon the same year. He was a faithful member until death.

His request was that Elders Johnny Blackburn, Elmer Brown and Teddy Ball preach his funeral. We feel our loss is his gain.

Written by the family

CONSTITUTION

l. 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 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. 1. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that He is selfexistent, 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. 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 make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter 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 appelation 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.

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