

Minutes
of the
One Hundred Twenty-Fifth
Annual Session
OF THE
Original Mates Creek Regular
Primitive Baptist Association
ORGANIZED IN 1849

held with
John's Creek Church
KIMPER, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
September 2, 3, 4
1977

Next session convenes with the Dry Fork Church,
Vansant, Buchanan County, Virginia, to begin Friday
before the first Sunday in September, 1978 at 10:00 a.m.

OFFICERS

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

Proceedings

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the John's Creek Church

FRIDAY MORNING — September 2nd, 1977

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. H. Blackburn. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Teddy R. Ball, Text: Saint Matthew 1: 18, *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise*, etc.

Called for the letters from all the churches. Moved and second that we receive all the letters and have the letter from the John's Creek Church read before the Association.

Election of Officers: The Association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Elder Robert B. Worrix, Asst. Clerk.

Newly constituted churches called for: none reported.

Moved and second 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:

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elder Andrew McGlothin, Elder Bobby Mayhon and Elder Franklin Viers.

Burning Spring: Elder Roby Furgeson, Elder Luther Haye and Brother D. J. Blanton.

Little Yadkin River: Elder Vance Jones.

Union — Elders Jonah, Tommy Adams and Dallas Adams.

St. Clair's Bottom — Elders Eddie Lyle and Brethren Henry Puckett and Vernie Heath.

New Liberty: Elder Monroe Harmon.

Mount Zion — Elder Dowell Stover and Elder Owen Harvey.

Received Minutes from the following Associations: Mount Zion Regular Primitive Baptist, Sand Lick of Virginia Regular Primitive Baptist, Senter District of Regular Primitive Baptist, Little Yadkin Regular Primitive Baptist, St. Clair's Bottom Regular Primitive Baptist, Union Regular Primitive Baptist, New Liberty Regular Primitive Baptist, Burning Spring's Regular Primitive Baptist.

Visitors from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia: Sister Pearl McGlothin, Emma Whittington and Anna Mayhon, Brethren Buford Conaway, Elder Arnold Childress and wife, Elder Joe Edwards and Elder Ostil Smith.

Mount Zion: Sisters Minnie White and Nellie Harvey and

Brother Boyd Stover.

Burning Spring's: Sister Anna Lee Blanton and Sister Loren Hensley.

Zion's Rest Church of Jacksonville, Fla.: Brother H. E. Pameatis and wife.

Little Yadkin River: Elder Robert Lawson and Sisters Hulda Jones and Naomi Carroll.

Union: Sisters Verdie Day and Mrs. Dallas Adams, Jr.

St. Clair's Bottom: Brother Jacob Hartzog.

New Liberty: Sister Julia Harmon.

Wilson Church of Walnut Grove, N. C.: Elder Millard Shelton and Deacon Howard Sisk.

West Point, Miss.: Elder Clyde Blair and wife and children.

Epoca, Miss.: Brother Bedford Truell and wife.

Atahans, Ala.: Sister Edith Horn.

Moved and second that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers from the John's Creek Church, was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand. They reported the following:

Friday afternoon at the stand: To open, Elder Andrew McGlothlin; 1, Elder Elmer Brown and Elder Roby Furgeson.

Friday evening at John's Creek Church House: To open, Elder Harrison Smith; 1, Elder Jimmie Moore; 2, Elder J. H. Blackburn; 3, Elder Monroe Cantrell.

Friday evening at Peter Creek Church House: To open, Elder Elmer Brown; 1, Elder Arthur Barkley; 2, Elder Roby Furgeson; 3, Elder Michael Smith; 4, Elder Teddy R. Ball.

Friday evening at Louisa Church: To open, Elder Larry Thornbury; 1, Elder David Coleman, Jr.; 2, Elder John Jacobs; 3, Elder Wheeler Thacker.

Saturday at the stand: To open, Elder Vance Jones; 1, Elder Ray Flinchum; 2, Elder Owen Harvey; 3, Elder Jimmie Moore.

Saturday evening at Fed's Creek Church: To open, Elder Paul Varney; 1, Elder Elmer Brown; 2, Elder Harrison Smith; 3, Elder Michael Smith; 4, Elder Teddy R. Ball.

Saturday evening at Calvary Church: To open, Elder Arthur Barker; 1, Elder Arnold Childress; 2, Elder Monroe Cantrell; 3, Elder Jimmie Moore; 4, Elder J. H. Blackburn; 5, Elder Bobby Mayhon.

Saturday evening at Raccoon Church: To open, Elder Junior Coleman; 1, Elder Clifford Thacker; 2, Elder Wheeler Thacker; 3, Elder Joe Slone.

Saturday afternoon at the stand: To open, Elder Arnold Childress; 1, Elder Monroe Harmon; 2, Elder Franklin Viers.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Calvary Runyon, Joe Stanley, Alvis Keen, Stirl Smith, George Lester, John I. Smith, Miles Thacker, Michael Smith, Oliver Blair, Johnny Stiltner, Sid Varney, Harrison Smith, Junior Coleman, Ray Anderson, Jimmie Moore, Monroe Cantrell and Ray Harlow.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Dirres Kinder, Paris Charles and Harrison Smith.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Burning Spring Association: Elders, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Michael Smith, Monroe Cantrell, Brethren Alvis Keen, Paris Charles, Charles Branham, Herman Furgeson, Homer Coleman, M. B. Blackburn and Johnny Stiltner.

New Liberty Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn and Don Hatfield, Brethren M. B. Blackburn and Jo' any Jacobs.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elders Harrison Smith, Michael Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Thacker, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore, Brethren Johnny Stiltner, Paris Charles Homer Coleman, Arthur May, Anthony Coleman, M. B. Blackburn, Clyde Looney and Noah Stiltner.

Little Yadkin River Association: Elders Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, Harrison Smith and J. H. Blackburn, Brother Lawrence Jackson.

Mount Zion Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith, Don Hatfield and Teddy R. Ball, Brethren Alvis Keen, Paris Charles and Harrison Street.

Union Association: Elders Don Hatfield and Clifford Thacker, Brethren Noah Slone and Anthony Coleman.

St. Clair's Bottom Association: Elder Elmer Brown and Brethren Alvis Keen, Paris Charles and Homer Coleman.

Moved and second that our annual meeting be held with the Samaria Church and to begin Friday evening before the last Sunday in March, 1978.

Moved and second that the Association be adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING — September 3rd, 1977

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

Roll called and absentees marked.

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

1. Read Circular Letter and approved it and asked the association to have it printed in the Minutes.

2. Committee agreed that the Association be held with the

Dry Fork Church in 1978.

3. Moved and second that the Association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

Moved and second that the Moderator appoint a committee to look for a permanent site for our Association to be held and report to the Association when we meet in 1978. The following were appointed: Elders Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Harrison Smith, Virgil Smith, Robert B. Worrix, J. H. Blackburn, Avery Lowe and Monroe Cantrell, Brethren Alvis Keen, Sid Varney, Leo Coleman, Joe Stanley, Ray Harlow, Lundy Childress, Oliver Blair, Miles Thacker, Charlie Branham, Ted Floyd and Harold Blackburn.

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

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following: To open, Elder Joe Edwards; 1, Elder Millard Shelton; 2, Elder Clyde Blair; 3, Elder Dowell Stover; 4, Elder Bobby Mayhon.

Finance Committee reported the following: \$840.00, and were discharged.

Called on Union Meeting Appointees to report. They reported, and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Union Meetings and their appointees are as follows:

Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1978. Elders to attend: Elders Lundy Coleman, John I. Smith, Paris Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Avery Lowe, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, John Kirk and Johnnie Blackburn.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1978. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Johnnie Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Dan Adkins, Elmer Brown, Kit Ratliff, Michael Smith, Don Hatfield, Fred Varney, Everett Brizendine, Paul Varney and Jimmie Moore.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1978. Elders to attend: Joe Slone, Basil Hatfield, Elmer Brown, Don Hatfield, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Johnnie Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Robert Worrix and Clifford Thacker.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1978. Elders to attend: Paul D. Justice, J. H. Blackburn, John Kirk, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Lundy Coleman,

Robert Worrix, Jimmy Moore, John I. Smith, Elmer Thacker.
Invited: Elder Paul Keaton, Jerry Brown and Franklin Viers.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1978. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Jimmy Moore, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Johnny Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Harrison Smith and Avery Scott.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1978. Elders to attend: Everett Brizendine, Elmer Brown, Johnnie Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Thacker, Arthur May, Paul D. Justice and Robert Worrix.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1978. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Dan Adkins, Basil Hatfield, Fred Varney, Elmer Thacker and Paul Varney.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1978. Elders to attend: Johnnie Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Avery Lowe, Joe Slone, Jr., Paul D. Justice, Elmer Thacker, John Kirk, Everett Brizendine, Elmer Brown.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1978. Elders to attend: Johnnie Blackburn, Joe Thacker, Elmer Thacker, Elmer Brown, Harrison Smith, J. C. Hager, Kit Ratliff. Visiting: Elder Bobby Mayhon.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1978. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Paul Varney, Lawrence Jackson, Harrison Smith, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, John I. Smith, Elmer Brown, Glen Coleman, Paul D. Justice and Teddy R. Ball.

Johns Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1978. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Franklin Viers, Teddy R. Ball, Troy Casey, Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, Harrison Smith, Everett Brizendine, John I. Smith, Joe Slone. Invited: Bobby Mayhon.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1978. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Joe Slone, W. H. Thacker, Joe Thacker, Paul D. Justice, Troy Casey, Jeff Chapman, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, John Hatfield, Jimmie Moore, Bobby Mayhon, Fonso Justice, Paul Varney, John I. Smith, Franklin Viers and Glen Vipperman.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1978. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Johnnie Blackburn, Michael Smith, Harrison Smith, Paul D. Justice, Glen

Coleman, Elmer Brown, John Looney, Eugene Blevins, Lewis Allen Hill, Joe Edwards, Franklin Viers. Invited: Ostel Smith.

Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1978. Elders to attend: Paul Keaton, Robert Worrix, Clarence Hopkins, Elmer Thacker, Ostel Smith, Avery Lowe, John Kirk and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

Columbus Church meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1978. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, Robert Worrix, Clifford Thacker, Paul D. Justice, Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Glen Coleman, Jesse Tucker, John Kirk, Woodruff Doalin, Robert Mayhon, Onis Smith, Johnnie Jacobs, Elmer Thacker and Eugene Blevins. We invited all preaching brethren from Pontiac Church.

Deerfield Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1978. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney, Monroe Harmon, Monroe Cantrell, John Click, Eugene Blevins, J. C. Hager. All elders from the Pontiac Church and all others are welcome.

Pleasant Hill Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1978. Elders to attend: Arnold Childress, Bobby Mayhon, Otis Buell, Leonard Barton, J. H. Blackburn, Ostil Smith, Harrison Smith, Arnold Thompson, and all other orderly orthodox Primitive Baptist Elders are welcome.

Bethel Church meets the third Saturday in June, 1978. Elders to attend: Johnnie Blackburn, Kenneth Wilson, Bobby Mayhon, Onis Smith, Roscoe Wilson, R. C. Edwards, Franklin Viers. All others are welcome.

Circular letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Elder Lawrence Jackson prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2200 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following: Sisters Lizzie Stevens, Vada Justice, Sarah Thacker, Juanita Blackburn, Mary Lottie Presley, Sarah Runyon, Grace O'Bryan, Sarah Jane Smith, Anna Hall Bentley, Polly Hatfield Runyon, Jettie Coleman, Alafair Owens, Malta Howe Preston and I. D. Preston, Darren Randall Keene, Brethren Jessie Edward Blair, Joe Sammy Slone, Lee A. Varney, Ballard Blackburn, Ike Williamson, Thomas Hunt, Stephen Roy Hunt, David Akers, David Boyd Hunt, Marvin Ferguson and Rean Owens.

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 expense 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 -----	\$2,081.13
Amount received from the churches -----	840.00
Donations at the stand and pictures -----	111.00
Total cash on hand -----	\$3,0321.13

CASH PAID OUT

Paid for the Minutes for 1976 -----	\$ 781.95
Give the Moderator -----	15.00
Give the Clerk -----	25.00
Lumber for seats -----	150.66
Total Cash Paid out -----	\$ 972.61
Balance cash left on hand -----	\$2,059.52

Agreed that our next association be held with the Dry Fork Church at Vansant, Virginia, Buchanan County, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1978.

Elder J. H. Blackburn was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Lawrence Jackson be appointed to be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Michael Smith, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

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

SUNDAY MORNING — September 4th, 1977

Singing and prayer by Elder Joe Edwards.

1. Elder Millard Shelton, no special text.
2. Elder Dowell Stover, Text: St. Luke 10:25: *And behold a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*
3. Elder Clyde Blair, Text: Hebrews 6:20: *Whether the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made a high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*
4. Elder Bobby Mayhon, Text: Revelation 1:7, *Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him.*
5. Elder Teddy R. Ball closed out amid much rejoicing and praising the Lord.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters that compose the
Original Mates Creek Association,

As I with great fear and trembling will try and write this circular letter I would love to describe all glory, honor and praise to God the one who created heaven and earth and all that is in it, saying my council will stand and I will do all my pleasures.

We therefore believe it to be our duty as in the presence of the great God who in the searches of all hearts do covenant and agree one with another to maintain the great duties of religion. First our duty toward God, secondly our duty toward one another. I hope God will lead my mind as I continue to write. If I am, I am quite sure it will meet your approval. If we prove our doctrine by the word of God we are not ashamed of it. The Apostle Paul said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." As it is written the just shall live by faith in Romans 5. Also beginning with the first verse, "therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." One writer said, if I had hope in this life only, I'd be of all men most miserable, but I have a hope of living again. I believe God sent his only begotten Son down here, went to the cross, groaned, bled and died that the true believer in him would live with him in glory.

I hope it will be in the minds of the Association to receive this letter as I have written it — in love to everyone of you.

May the grace of all glory be with you all.

Written by one in hope of eternal life,
Elder Elmer Brown

VISITING ELDERS

Millard Shelton
Bobby Mayhon
Eddie Lyle
Franklin Viers
Ray Flinchum
Vance Jones
Clyde Blair
Joe Edwards

Dallas Stover
Owen Harvey
Monroe Harmon
Luther Hayes
Robert Lawson
Arnold Childress
Paul Keaton

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa — Robert B. Worrix, Joe Slone, Jr., Clifford Thacker, Noah Slone, Jessie Tucker, Kedna Charles, Bradley Worrix, Harry Thacker, Calvary Runyon, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, Clyde Sanders, Abner L. Justice, Anthony Coleman, Brad Worrix, Jr., George Coleman, Carl Justice and Arlen Adkins.

Old Pond — Clifford Hunt, Walter Daniels, Sherman May, Jake Runyon, Ray Harlow, Floyd Bostic and Steve Hunt.

Big Creek — Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, Opa Thacker, Johnny Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Daniel Roberts, Joe B. Stanley, Joe P. Stanley, Delmar Williamson and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon — Paul D. Justice, Glenn Coleman, William Johnny Slone, Homer Coleman, Clinton Justice, George McCoy, Alvis (Pat) Keene, Paris Charles, Edward Bevins and Linton Collins.

Peter Creek — Troy Casey, Elsie Coleman, Leo Coleman, Virgil M. Smith, Floyd Stump, Doris Kinder, Harrison Smith and Sterl Smith.

Sulphur Spring — J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, George W. Lester, Arthur Stiltner, Tommy Lester, Luther Blackburn, Frank Lester, Ron Moore, Burlin Blackburn, Rosevelt Young and Sam May.

Little Hope — John I. Smith, J. B. Ball, Bobby Blackburn and Virgil Smith.

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

Samaria — Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Don Hatfield, Dennis Dotson, James Hager, Luther Scott, Larry Scott, Clayton Smith, Freeland Smith, Stearl Hatfield, Ronnie Crawford, Warren Scott and Ed Varney.

John Creek — Harrison Smith, John Stiltner, Lee Stiltner, Elcanie Smith, Carl Coleman, Noah Smith and Plennie Coleman.

Calvary — Kit Ratliff, Glenn Vipperman, Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Homer Coleman, Bradley Coleman, Wayne Varney, Ernest Thacker, Ben Chapman and Andrew Hunt.

Dry Fork Church — John Looney, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Harrison Street, Howell Arms, Lundy Childress and Clyde Looney.

Friendship — A. B. Lowe, John W. Kirk, Martin Childers.

Columbus — David Coleman and Ted Floyd.

Deerfield — J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, Ray Anderson and Harold Blackburn.

Pleasant Hill — James Moore, Arthur Barker, Herbert Ferguson, James T. Dotson, Kermit Barton, Dallas Barker, Ballard Bryant, Bob Compton, Charles Branham, Twis K. Barton, Jr. and Mike Moore.

Little Union — Elza May, Ernest Blair, Oliver Blair and
E. P. May.

Bethel — Monroe Cantrell.

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Elder Kit Ratliff ----- Phone 437-4815, Kimper, Ky. 41539
Elder Dan Adkins ----- Phone 353-4963, Huddy, Ky. 41535
Elder Green Coleman ----- Millard, Ky.
Elder Opa Thacker ----- Phone 625-7705, Goshen, Ohio 45122
Elder John Looney ----- Grundy, Va. 24614
Elder Glen Vipperman ----- Kimper, Ky. 41539
Elder Don Hatfield ----- Phone 353-7912, Hardy, Ky. 4153
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Elder Jeff Chapman ----- Kimper, Ky. 41539
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Elder Michael Smith ----- Phone 427-7188, Ransom, Ky. 41558
Elder Paul D. Justice ----- Raccoon, Ky. 41557
Elder Curt Elliott ----- Austinburg, Ohio 44010
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Peter Creek — Elder Teddy R. Ball	June, 4th Saturday
Little Hope — Elders W. H. Thacker and Michael Smith	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine — Elder J. H. Blackburn	July, 3rd Saturday
Samaria — Elders Teddy R. Ball and Michael Smith	June, 3rd Saturday
John's Creek — Elder J. H. Blackburn	July, 2nd Saturday
Little Union — Elder Teddy R. Ball	May, 1st Saturday
Calvary — Elder Kit Ratliff	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork — Elder Teddy R. Ball	May, 2nd Saturday
Columbus — Elder T. R. Ball and Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Friendship — Elder Avery Lowe	August, 4th Saturday
Deerfield — Elders Robert Mayhon and J. C. Hager	May, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill — Elder James Moore	April, 3rd Saturday
Bethel — Elder Monroe Cantrell	June, 3rd Saturday

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa — Bradley Worrix, 340 Burning Fork Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	140
Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Huddy, Ky. 41535, Rt. 1, Box 35 ..	175
Big Creek — M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519	125
Raccoon — Edward Bevins, 274 Kentucky Ave., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	140
Peter Creek — Evelyn S. Dotson, Phelps, Ky. 41553	125
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603 ---	125
Little Hope — Virgil A. Smith, Rt. 2, Box 42, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	70
Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554	80
Samaria — Luther Scott, Rt. 3, Box 6, Hardy, Ky. 41531 ----	190
John's Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 54, Kimper, Ky. 41539 --	70
Little Union — Earnest Blair, Steel, Ky. 41566	90
Calvary — Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539	90
Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Va. 24656	125
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211	100
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma Ky. 41260	40
Deerfield — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak St., Fenton, Mich. 48430	90
Pleasant Hill — Charles Branham, R.R. 1, Irwin, Ohio 43029	110
Bethel — Mrs. Betty Click, 5067 Caroline St., Gary, Ind. 46409	40

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mount Zion — Allen L. Mann, Rt. 2, Box 252, Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970	25
Senter — Earl W. Severt, 4798 Cherry St., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27100	25
Union — Tommy Adams, Eolia, Kentucky 40826	25
Burning Spring — Elder Teddy R. Ball, Rt. 2, Box 42, McCarr, Ky. 41544	25
New Liberty — Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va. 25064	25
Sandlick District — Robert Jackson, Rowe, Va. 24646	25
Little Yadkin River — Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 27017	25
St. Clair's Bottom — Elder E. G. Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694	25
Mountain — Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 139, Galax, Va. 24333	25
Teddy R. Ball, Rt. 2, Box 42, McCarr, Ky. 41544	20
Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, Route 2, Box 45, McCarr, Ky. 41544	30

OBITUARIES

LIZZIE STEVENS



Mrs. Lizzie Stevens, 79, of Matewan, W. Va., formerly of McCarr, Ky., died Thursday, June 2nd, 1977 in the Williamson Memorial Hospital after a long-time illness.

Born at McCarr, Ky., she was a daughter of the late Jeremiah and Lula Williams Norman.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Blackberry for eighteen years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Stevens, in 1958.

Survivors are one daughter, May Stevens of Matewan, W. Va.; two brothers, Noah Norman, of McCarr, Ky., and W. P. Norman of McCarr, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Eddie Boyd of McCarr, Ky.; two grandchildren, Arnold Tilley of Matewan, W. Va., and Roger Tilley, address unknown; one great-grandchild, Amy Tilley of Matewan, W. Va.

She had many friends and loved ones left to mourn her loss. Though she is gone, her memory and love will always re-

main a part of us.

Written by May Stevens and Opal Norman

IN MEMORY OF VADA JUSTICE

Deceased April 26, 1967

For ten long years, Mother, you've been gone
And I am left here all alone.
I think of you from day to day
And wonder how much longer here I have to stay.
I've been so lonesome since you've been gone
The house you lived in is not a home.
It's just a place you used to stay
While you waited for Jesus to call you away.
Sometimes I call you in my sleep,
Then I awake and start to weep.
I have no mother to comfort me,
You're gone away with Jesus to be.
I go to church and see your empty seat
And think of the tears I've seen you weep.
But now, Dear Mother, you'll weep no more,
You're resting peacefully on that beautiful shore.
A loving mother you were to me,
Just how dear I could not see.
Till you were gone and left me here
I never knew you were so dear.
I loved you here, but now you're gone
But Jesus' love continues on.
Death will take my love away
But Jesus' love is here to stay.
Your presence here I long to see
But I hope you're in Heaven waiting for me,
To join you there with Jesus to be
That's the day I long to see.
I sit by my fireside thinking of you
When I was a child as we used to do.
But it's so different now, than it was then,
I not only had a mother, but a good friend.
Mother, Daddy's getting old, he's ninety-two
With tear-filled eyes he speaks of you.
Someday he will join you on that beautiful shore,
Then you'll be together to part no more.
Mother, I am waiting for Jesus to say
"Come home, Child, with your mother to stay.
You'll be happy up here with her, I know,
Not like that troublesome world below."
For the past ten years your family's been sad
But you're with Jesus and I know you're glad.
As sad as we may feel, we're happy to say

Our mother's in Heaven with Jesus today.
So, goodbye Mother, I'll see you no more
Till we meet again on that beautiful shore.
Where our love will continue to be
That's the land for you and me.

Composed by her daughter, Mrs. Ireland Justice

SARAH THACKER

Sarah Thacker, 63 years of age, passed from this earthly life June 10, 1977 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Born in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Joe Slone and Mrs. Lizzie Chaney Harmon of Fishtrap, Ky.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 35 years.

Survivors included her husband, Dock Thacker, Sr., Fishtrap, Ky.; six sons, Burbon, Cecil, Jimpy, Steve, Lunner D., all of Fishtrap, and Dock, Jr., of Kimper, Ky.; six daughters, Zettie Slone, Millard, Ky.; Zola Slone, Daisy Thacker, Opal Harmon, Ernestine Thacker and Beatrice Thacker, all of Fishtrap, Ky., and two brothers, Mitchell Slone and Ira Slone, both of Fishtrap, Ky.

36 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren also survive, and a host of friends and relatives.

Written by Doris Thacker



JUANITA BLACKBURN



A lifelong resident of Pinsonfork, Ky., Juanita Evelyn Blackburn was born August 18, 1925. She is survived by her parents, Lunda and Melda (Ball) Charles of Pinsonfork, Ky. She departed this life August 17, 1976 making her stay here 51 years.

Being of the Primitive Baptist faith she is survived by her husband, William Bobby Blackburn; one son, William Clinton of Pinsonfork; three daughters, Juanita Wolford of Farmington, Mich.; Gail Chall of Brighton, Mich., and Bob-

bie Childress of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, John Allen Charles of Louisville, Ky., and Clinton Charles of Pinsonfork, Ky.; one sister, Cleo Davis of Pinsonfork, and six grandchildren. One brother preceded her in death.

She is deeply missed by her husband, children, parents, sister and brothers, as well as friends and neighbors, while taking a restful and peaceful sleep.

Bobby Blackburn, Husband

MARY LOTTIE PRESLEY

Mary Lottie Presley, born March 29, 1886 at Oakwood, Va., departed this life March 22, 1977, making her stay here on earth 90 years, eleven months and 22 days. She was married to Harmon P. Presley who preceded her in death at Davenport, Virginia, where they made their home for 67 years.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Dry Fork, Vansant, Va.

She was in ill health for many years, but Mother, you were dear to us. Your memories will live on just as the fragrance of a rose still lingers when it's gone; your kind and endearing ways and thoughts are with us still and in the hearts that loved you you live and always will.



Written by her children

SARAH RUNYON

With a loving memory, we write this obituary of our dear wife and mother. Sarah Runyon was born August 13, 1897 and was called home April 9, 1976, making her stay 79 years, eight months and 26 days.

She was married to Jacob Runyon and to this union God blessed four sons and four daughters.

A lifelong resident of Pinsonfork, Ky. and a faithful member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, my Sarah for some fifty years demonstrated the loving kindness and



tenderness she had for each of her brothers and sisters in Christ.

I feel as the heavenly curtain has fallen for my loving wife, we are assured our loss is her eternal gain. We look to the blessed day when the circle will be complete and peace and love reign.

Written with all our love,
Jake Runyon and children

GRACE O'BRYAN

Mrs. Grace O'Bryan of Huddy, Ky., died on June 27, 1977 at the age of 67. She was born at Ransom, Ky. on April 25th, 1910 and was the widow of Brown O'Bryan, who preceded her in death in February, 1949. Mrs. O'Bryan was well known and loved by all who came in contact with her. She had the responsibility of raising her eleven children and was proud of the fact that they had all graduated from high school.



Mrs. O'Bryan will be remembered and loved by her children:

Mrs. Howard "Mae" Stallard, Mrs. Bobby "Mary Lou" Runyon, Mr. Frank O'Bryan, Mrs. Harold "Sue" Scott, Mrs. Mark "Shirley" Turner, Mrs. James "Janet" Runyon, Mrs. John "Barbara" Abshire, Mrs. Alva "Margaret" Stanley, Miss Linda O'Bryan, Mr. Joe O'Bryan and Mr. Johnny O'Bryan and eighteen grandchildren. She was expecting her first great-grandchild in October.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

SARAH JANE SMITH



Sarah Jane Smith departed this world at 12 P.M. December 28, 1976 at her home at Phelps, Kentucky.

She was born at Home Creek, Virginia on August 25, 1891 and was the daughter of the late Alex and Mary Reynolds Hackney. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Phelps, Ky.

Her husband, William Anderson Smith, preceded her in death February 20, 1946.

She is survived by the following: two sons, Ersel Smith, Phelps, Kentucky; Ora Mitchell Smith, Spruce Wood, Illinois; six daughters, Mrs. Elsie Coleman, Phelps, Kentucky; Mrs. Claudia Kellion, Freeburn, Kentucky; Mrs. Matilda Patty, Niles, Ohio; Mrs. Pearl Coyer, Ranson, Kentucky; Mrs. Cora Carter, Phelps, Kentucky; Mrs. Madgaline Smith, Phelps, Kentucky; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Blair, Feds Creek, Kentucky; Mrs. Marcella Smith, Phelps, Kentucky, and 34 grandchildren, 82 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

ANNA HALL BENTLEY

Anna Hall Bentley was born the 29th day of September, 1901. She was the daughter of Day and Rosa Martin Hall. Anna was united in holy matrimony to John M. Bentley on April 2nd, 1920. Born to this union were these children: Myredia Armstrong, Junior Bentley, Myrtle Newsome, Corinne Bentley, and Magdalene Little. Corinne passed into eternity as an infant of four months and Junior passed into eternity at the age of 35. The most precious gift to any mother is her children.



Anna was baptized into the Primitive Baptist Church and the Union Association in 1935 at McDowell, Kentucky. Later she moved her membership to the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. She enjoyed the church so much that she would have the brethren come to her home and have a meeting for her. Her delight was the church.

Anna passed from this life the 6th day of May, 1977 at the age of 75 years, seven months and seven days.

Written by her loving husband,
John M. Bentley

POLLY RUNYON

With aching heart and tear-dimmed eyes, I'll try to write the obituary of our beloved mother, Polly Hatfield Runyon, who departed this life February 17, 1977. She was the daughter of George and Martha Hatfield of Ransom, Kentucky. She was born November 16, 1896, making her stay on earth 80 years, three months and one day.

She was married to George D. Runyon who preceded her in

ter, Emogene Anderson. She leaves six children to mourn her passing: Willie Runyon of Charleston, South Carolina; Pauline Runyon Hensley of Shelbyville, Kentucky; Ira Runyon of Louisville, Kentucky; Fairisene Runyon Harmon, Lorene Runyon Williamson and Ivadene Runyon Dotson, all of South Williamson, Kentucky. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Mother united with the Primitive Baptist Church in 1939 and lived a faithful and true life. When the hours were darkest in her last days the only thing that brought her relief was our humming and singing the old songs of Zion. Many times she rejoiced and praised the Lord when she ate the bread from Mother Jerusalem's table.

Her sweet face and bright smile will be remembered and missed as time goes on, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter,
Ivadene Runyon Dotson



JETTIE COLEMAN

With grateful hearts we will attempt to write the obituary of our mother, Jettie Coleman, who went to rest with Jesus on Sunday, September 12, 1976. Mom was the daughter of the late Wilburn Coleman and Nancy Elizabeth (Plymale) Coleman. Mom was born August 22, 1916. She lived for 60 precious years and was able so many times to brighten the days of so many people with her cheerful ways.

Mom was married to our daddy, Bailey Taylor Coleman, for 44 years. To this union was born eight children, five who preceded her in death, leaving three daughters, Edith Blair, Dixie Carol Nichols and America Hazel Stiltner. Mom had eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Our mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 40 years. She was baptized by the Elders Paris Coleman



and Tommy Mounts in July, 1936. Words cannot express our loss here on earth, but the Lord left with us and all her friends so many precious memories.

We truly feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written in loving memory by her daughters

ALAFAIR OWENS



Alafair Owens, the daughter of the late George and Nellie (Deel) O'quin, was born July, 1887, and departed this life May 16, 1977, making her stay here on earth 90 years.

She was united in marriage to Floyd Morgan Owens in 1907, and to this union was born 12 children, six boys and six girls. One daughter and four sons preceded her in death.

Surviving are five daughters, Effie Compton, Pearl Viers and Easter Compton of Vansant, Va., and Vertie Deel and Nancey Deel of Elkton, Md.; two sons, Arvil and John Owens, both of Haysi, Va. She also has 43 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends who loved her dearly. To know her was to love her.

She was a member of the Big Prater Primitive Baptist Church, where she remained faithful until death. She loved to go to church and hear the gospel of salvation by the grace of God being preached.

We feel that when the death angel came, she just fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to sleep that peaceful sleep from which none of God's children will never awake to weep. So all we can say now is "Sleep on, loved one, for a little while, and by the grace of God, we hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain, nor death can ever enter there."

Written by the request of the family
By Bobbie Viers

I. D. PRESTON

I. D. Preston, being 88 years, one month and seven days old, departed this life October 10, 1976. He was born September 3, 1888. He was one of ten children and the son of G. L. Preston and Julie Pack Preston. He had resided at Williamsport all his life.

He was converted in April 1915 and lived a consistent Christian life and was a faithful member of the Regular Primitive Baptist Church and he was respected and loved by all his relatives and friends who knew him. He was a loving husband and a good father and a real neighbor.

Malta Howe Preston, being 86 years, three months and 28 days old, departed this life July 22, 1977 at Williamsport where she had resided most of her life. She was born March 24, 1891. She was one of ten children and the daughter of James Henry Howe and Minta Spears Howe.

She was converted in December 1911 and lived a good Christian life. She was a loving wife and mother and a good neighbor.

I. D. Preston and Malta Howe Preston were married September 30, 1908. They leave to mourn their loss three sons and three daughters: Virgil Preston, Cincinnati, Ohio; Paul R. Preston, Vero Beach, Fla., and Harold L. Preston of Williamsport; Leona Wallen, Betty Wallen, both of Williamsport, and Patty Schwartz of Dayton, Ohio. Another daughter, Edith S. Hill, died in 1975. They also leave ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Two loved ones from us are gone, voices we loved are still, a place in our home is vacant which never can be filled. And the church has lost a beloved member, but our loss is heaven's gain.

By the family

DARREN RANDALL KEENE



It was God's will to call a precious Blossom for the home of Gary and Shirley Coleman Keene, their darling son, Daren Randall Keene. He was born June 1, 1974 and was called away August 5, 1977. His short stay on earth which was three years and two months, was filled with pain and suffering, since he was afflicted from his birth, but he was so patient, humble and submissive to anything. A few weeks before his departure his mother took

him to church, and he was so sick, yet the little one tried to sing.

He is survived by his parents, a little sister, Amy; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Truby Coleman; his paternal grandmother, Sister Minnie Keene, several aunts and uncles and many friends.

May God bless this family to realize that some day this little one will bloom again, together with all the redeemed of God, to never fade anymore. May his family be made able to say as David said, I know he can't come back to us, but by the Grace of God we can go to him.

Written by Sister Vicie Blackburn

JESSIE EDWARD BLAIR

It is with great sorrow that we write the obituary of our beloved brother, Jessie Edward Blair, who passed away August 27, 1977, making his stay on earth 55 years, 11 months and five days.

Born in Pike County September 22, 1921, he was the son of Elizabeth Hackney Blair and the late George Blair.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church July 6, 1958. He served as a deacon in the Little Union Church and was a faithful member until death. He was a veteran in World War II.



He was married to Betty Lewis Blair and to this union were born six daughters: Sue Hackney, Louise Curd, Rachael Thacker, Georgia Harris, Helen Henry and Jeannie Bartley; also surviving are: four brothers: Oliver, Lonzie, Ernest and Oscar Blair, all of Steele, Kentucky (a brother, Lundy Blair, preceded him in death 14 years ago in October); three sisters: Lakie Fuller, Callie Miller and Dixie Honaker; six grandchildren and a beloved mother to mourn his loss and a great host of friends and relatives. Brother Edward was a true and faithful brother and we feel our loss is our eternal gain.

Sleep on, dear brother in peace, we hope to meet with you again when Christ comes in a cloud of glory to join all of us together again.

Sadly written by a family who loved him

JOE SAMMY SLONE



With much grief and sorrow, I will try to write the obituary of my dear brother in the Lord, Joe Sammy Slone of Powells Creek, Ky. He was the son of Jacon Slone and Rosa Slone. Brother Joe had two brothers, Lunis Slone, Raccoon, Ky.; Vano Slone, Painsville, Ky.; one sister, Kelsey James, Powells, Ky. He had seven grandchildren. Brother Joe married Zettie Thacker Slone July 31, 1946. They have three boys and four girls: Jane Slone, Rosa Fay Slone Raine, Powells Creek; Joe Junior Slone, Fred

Slone, Shelba Gap; Delphia Slone, Lee Roger Slone, both at home, and Erma Jean Slone Miller, deceased.

He joined Church Primitive Baptist September 28, 1973, and was baptized the second Sunday in October, 1973, by Joe Slone and Paul Dean Justice. Brother Joe was a faithful member. He filled his seat every time he was able to go.

Brother Joe was a wonderful father and husband to his family. Sleep on, Brother Joe, if it is God's will we'll meet you some sweet day and have a complete family.

Written by the request of his family
Dixie Honaker

LEE A. VARNEY



MARION — Lee A. Varney, age 68, died Thursday afternoon, January 6, 1977, in a Marion hospital. He was born in Pike County, Ky., on June 3, 1908. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, Fedcreek, Ky.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Bostic Varney, Marion; five daughters, Mrs. Emma Thacker, Hazel Park, Mich.; Mrs. Irene Griffith, Mouthcard, Ky.; Mrs. Madeline Downing, New Haven, Mich.; Mrs. Joann Pruitt, Miss Phyllis Vern Varney, both of Mar-

ion; four sons, Bobby Gene Varney, Hairel Dean Varney, both of Hazel Park, Mich.; Ronald Lee Varney, Wytheville; Fred-

die Varney, Marion; one sister, Mrs. Truda May, Charlotte, N. C.; three brothers, Garland Varney, Canada, Ky.; Wayne Varney, Kimper, Ky.; Lonnie Varney, Charlotte, N. C.; 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 9, at 1:00 p.m. from Barnett's Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Sam Viars officiating. Burial was in Wassum Cemetery.

BALLARD BLACKBURN



It is with a great loss and sadness to write the obituary of our dear loved one.

Born November 2, 1886 in Pike County, Kentucky, he was the son of the late William and Lottie (Williamson) Blackburn. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gusta Varney Blackburn; one son, Dock Blackburn, and a daughter, Flossie Blackburn Hays.

He is survived by two sons, Willie Estil of Pinsonfork, and Raymond of Michigan; a sister, Mrs. Virginia Louisa Varney of Canada,

Ky.; 10 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

A retired miner of Eastern Coal Company, he was a member of UMWA Local 5737.

He was united with Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church in April 1968, being baptized by Elders Teddy Ball and Frank Wheeler.

He is truly missed by brothers and sisters of the church along with all his family and a host of friends who loved him so.

The Family

IKE WILLIAMSON

Ike Williamson, age 75, died August 13, 1977. Born February 10, 1902, he was the son of Oliver Williamson and Rose Lee Ball Williamson. His father and mother died at an early age and his Uncle Isom and Aunt Charity Williamson raised him.

He had two brothers that were raised by their grandparents, Martin and Margrett Blackburn Ball. His brothers were Jim Williamson, now deceased, and Tom Williamson of Ransom, Kentucky.

Ike was first married to Virginia Lee Gear. To this union were born three boys: Oliver Glen, Roy Edward and Kelly

Williamson.

His first wife died when the boys were small. Later he married Edith Reed who preceded him in death. He was always friendly and kind to all he came in contact with. His kind smile will always be remembered by all who knew him. He was a believer in Christ and always attended the Primitive Baptist Church.

Our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his cousin
who loved him very much
Elder Teddy R. Ball



THOMAS HUNT



With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Thomas Hunt. He was born January 8, 1918 and passed away November 11, 1976, making his stay here on earth 60 years, 11 months and three days.

He was the son of the late Tom Hunt and the late Callie Dotson Hunt. He had one brother, Ed Hunt, and three sisters, Pearlie Smith, Jane Stiltner and the late Thana Farley.

We were married 42 years. We had six children: five sons, Leroy

Hunt, Andrew Hunt, Billy Hunt, Earl Hunt, all of Kimper, and Thomas D. Hunt of Ewington, Ohio; one daughter, Ocie Irene Abbott of Kimper.

He leaves behind 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild and a host of friends.

I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife, Ethel Hunt

STEPHEN ROY HUNT

It is with much sorrow and grief in my heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved son, Stephen Roy Hunt. He was born December 12, 1962, and died July 24, 1977, making his stay here on earth 14 years, seven months and 12 days.

He was the darling son of Lee Roy Hunt of Kimper, and Jetty (Yates) Knight of Fords Branch, Ky.



He leaves to mourn one brother, Timothy Hunt; two sisters, Betty A. Hunt and Wilma Kramarczyk and one half sister, Cricket Knight of Chicago, Ill.; also one sister, Darlene Thacker of Johnican.

The paternal grandparents are Thomas Hunt who preceded him in death and Ethel (Hunt) Coleman of Kimper.

The maternal grandparents are Charles Yates, Sr., who preceded him in death, and Palis Yates of Fords Branch, Ky.

Darling Stephen, we miss you and although your flower will no longer bloom here on earth, it will surely bloom again in Heaven.

We know you believed in Jesus Christ our Savior and we feel with all our hearts that "you are asleep in Jesus" and our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his loving father, Lee Roy Hunt
and aunt, Dorothy Hunt

DAVID AKERS

With a sad heart I will attempt to write an obituary of my beloved husband and father, David Akers. He was born July 14, 1918 at Robinson Creek, Ky. He departed this life January 7, 1977.

He belonged to the Old Regular Primitive Baptist for many years. His home was with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church at Millard, Ky.

He loved to go out and meet with his brothers and sisters in the good old church.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Oma Akers, and ten children: seven boys, McKinley Akers, David Akers, Jr., Levi Akers, all of Virgie, Ky.; Robert Lee Akers of Road Creek; Billy, Jay Lee and Joseph Edgar Akers, all of the home at Virgie; three daughters, Sarah Basham of Virgie, Ky.; Susie and Artie Hazel Akers of Virgie, Ky., and ten grandchildren.

We believe our loss is Heaven's gain. I believe that we will



meet again some glad day.

Written by his broken-hearted wife and girls

DAVID BOYD HUNT

It is with a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved son, David Boyd Hunt. He was born in 1960 to Boyd Hunt and Lizzie Varney Hunt. He departed this life March 16, 1976, making his stay on earth 16 years and eight months. He leaves to mourn his loss a sister, Phyllis Hunt, still at home, and three brothers, Roger Lee Hunt of Phyllis, Ky.; Willis Hunt of Phyllis, Ky., and Danny Hunt at home. One brother preceded him in death.



He was a firm believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and we miss him so much we feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by his father and mother,
Boyd and Lizzie Hunt

MARVIN FERGUSON

Marvin Ferguson was born July 9, 1927, and died Friday night, July 22, 1977 at Mercy Medical Center, Springfield, Ohio, age 50 years and 13 days. He was the son of Henderson and Della (Perry) Ferguson.

He was married to Elois Flannery October 16th, 1948. To this union was born four children: one son, Ricky, and one daughter at home, Tammy Lynn; two daughters married, Brenda St. John, Springfield, Ohio; Linda Campbell, Moraine, Ohio.



He is survived by four sisters and one brother, Mrs. Etta Skaggs, Mrs. Hattie King, Mrs. Tera Ross, Mrs. Lexie Pettit, and brother, Elmer Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his father and mother and two sisters and two brothers: sisters, Grettie Skaggs and Eloise Ferguson; brothers, Ferd Ferguson and Donald Ferguson.

He was a member of the Pleasant Hill Church of Jesus Christ

of Old Regular Primitive Baptist. We loved him and did not expect to lose him so soon. He was a faithful member. We knew he was sick but didn't know how serious it was. He was a cheerful brother and a light among us. I'm glad God blessed us to be together for awhile in this world, and surely the Lord blessed us to sing a sweet old hymn at his grave that: We shall sleep but not forever. We shall rest beneath the trees. We shall wake to live forever in the land where Jesus is.

Prepared by Elder Jimmie Moore and wife

REAN OWENS

At the request of my sister, Melster, and after much prayer, God has granted me the strength and assurance to write the obituary of my beloved brother-in-law, Rean Owens.

Rean was born February 29, 1928, and passed from this life December 30, 1976, making his stay here on earth 48 years, 10 months, and 30 days.

Rean was the son of Morgan and Alafair Owens.

He was united in marriage to Melster Yates May 4, 1945, when he was only 17 years old. God blessed this union by giving them two little daughters, who were their daddy's pride and joy. They are grown and married now. They are Lois June Wright of Bristol, Tennessee and Kay O'quin of Vansant, Va. Each one has two children.

Besides his wife, children and grandchildren, Rean leaves to mourn his loss his mother, Alafair Owens of Vansant, Va.; five sisters, Pearl Viers, Effie Compton, and Easter Compton of Vansant, Va.; Vertie Deel and Nancey Deel of Elkton, Md., and two brothers, John and Arvil Owens, both of Haysi, Va., and a host of friends and other relatives. His father, three brothers and an infant sister preceded him in death.

We all love Rean and miss him so much, but not one of us would have him back in the shape he was in when Jesus came and gently lifted him from his hospital bed and escorted him to his beautiful mansion he had prepared for him.

As I write this, my memory goes back to when Rean was a picture of glowing health, and oh! how he loved to work and provide for his family. He gave them everything that was within his power to give. God's word teaches that it is better



to give than to receive, and I know Rean was the happiest when he could give or help someone.

Rean enjoyed life so much and I've heard him say so many times that he'd had a happy life. I believe that all who knew him were blessed by having known him.

After Rean gave his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, he was truly God's servant. The humble life he lived was a true witness for God. He was a member and a deacon of the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church.

I've never known a person who loved God more, or who walked closer to the Lord than Rean. He loved to talk about the church and discuss the Bible more than anything else in the world. If anyone ever enjoyed the abundant life the Bible speaks of, I believe Rean did.

His life was devoted to his church and to serving his blessed Saviour. He always looked forward to the meeting times even when he was so sick he could hardly sit up.

The church has lost a dear and faithful member and his family has suffered the loss of this loved one, but the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. God had a vacant spot in Heaven that only Rean could fill, and God's spirit will call us too, if we live for him, and some sweet day we'll see Rean in his new and glorified body, with not a trace of the dreadful cancer that slowly took him in the prime of his earthly life.

Dear God, we know you have all power, and we pray for strength to endure the pain and sorrow we are all suffering during this time of bereavement, and help us to vision Rean rejoicing with God on the sun-lit peaks of His Holy mountain.

Written by his sister-in-law
Emma Jean (Yates) Aikens

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers 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 appellation but the title of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light

on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

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

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

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES										Contribution
Louisa -----	10	1		3	2		4	120	2	40.00	
Pond Creek -----	3	2		1			2	145	2	75.00	
Big Creek -----	1						2	93	3	75.00	
Raccoon -----	3	1		1	2		2	88	4	75.00	
Peter Creek -----	4	3		1		4	2	120	4	40.00	
Sulphur Spring -----	2			1				101	1	50.00	
Little Hope -----							1	30	1	35.00	
Grape Vine -----							1	28	3	25.00	
Samaria -----	6				2	3	4	248	3	75.00	
Little Union -----	1			3			3	22	1	70.00	
John Creek -----				2			1	43	2	25.00	
Calvary -----						1		39	1	40.00	
Dry Fork -----	2						2	56	2	45.00	
Friendship -----							1	18	4	25.00	
Columbus -----	2	2					1	61	4	25.00	
Deerfield -----						3		37	4	35.00	
Pleasant Hill -----	4	4	1		3		2	49	1	60.00	
Bethel -----	3	13	1	12	9	14	28	14	1	25.00	
	41	13	1	12	9	14	28	1312		\$840.00	
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