

Minutes
of the
One Hundred Twenty-Sixth
Annual Session
OF THE
Original Mates Creek Regular
Primitive Baptist Association

ORGANIZED IN 1849

held with
Old Pond Church
BELFRY, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
September 1, 2, 3,
1978

Next session convenes with the Raccoon Church, Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1979 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

OFFICERS

Elder Teddy R. Ball	Moderator
Elder J. H. Blackburn	Asst. Moderator
Deacon Stearl Hatfield	Clerk
Brother Steve Hunt	Asst. Clerk



ELDER W. H. HIBBARD THACKER
Moderator Mates Creek Association
1931 - 1966

daughters: one preceded him in death named Sarilda. Four survive: Mrs. Oney Worrix, Burning Fork, Pikeville; Mrs. Rebecca Stanley, Mrs. Zettie Thornsberry, and Mrs. Verda Smith, all of Canada, Pike County, Ky.

His second marriage was to Virginia May. To this union were no children. His third marriage was to Mary Stanley Bird who survives his passing and to this union there were no children.

He also leaves 27 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful member and servant of the Old Primitive Baptist Church for 67 years. He united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church the second Sunday in October 1911. He served faithfully as their moderator from 1957 until his passing; served as moderator of the Mates Creek Association from 1935 until 1966, a total of 31 years. Books could be written of things he said and did. We believe he demonstrated his love and fellowship among Old Baptists.

We trust we shall never forget his sayings which does become sound doctrine: "You take a whole lot you don't like to get, a little you do like." "It's just as it 'tis — it's signed and sealed." We feel surely he is one that it can be said as it was by the Apostle Paul, "He has finished his course, he has kept the faith, he fought a good fight," which should be an inspiration to all he has left behind.

*Far from affliction, toil and care, the happy soul is fled.
 The breathless clay shall slumber here, among the silent dead.
 The gospel was his joy and song, even to his latest breath,
 The truth he had proclaimed so long was his support in death.
 Now he resides where Jesus is, above this dusty sphere.
 His soul was ripened for that bliss, while yet he sojourned here.
 The church's loss we all deplore and shed the falling tear,
 Since we shall see his face no more, till Jesus shall appear.
 But we are hastening to the tomb, Oh! May He bless us to stand,
 Then, Dearest Lord, receive us home, to dwell at thy right hand.*

The Family

Elder W.H. Hibbard Thacker departed this life Tuesday, March 21, 1978, 10:10 P.M. at the Williamson Hospital.

He was born December 7, 1884, making his stay on earth 93 years, three months and 14 days. He was the son of the late Greenville Thacker and Lydia Conway Thacker.

His first marriage was to Maggie B. Blackburn Thacker and to this union were born nine children: four sons, three of whom preceded him in death: Homer, Estil and Arlen. He is survived by one son, Raymond Thacker of South Lebanon, Ohio; five

Proceedings

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Old Pond Church

FRIDAY MORNING — September 1st, 1978

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Lawrence Jackson. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. H. Blackburn, no special text.

Called for letters from all the churches. Read the letter from the Old Pond Church. Moved and second that we accept the letters and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the Minutes.

Election of Officers: The Association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Assistant Moderator; Deacon Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Brother Steve Hunt, Assistant 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 fulfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondents from sister associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elder Franklin Viers and Elder Bobby Arrington.

Burning Spring Association: Minutes by the hand of Elder Roby Furguson.

Little Yadkin River: Elder Vance Jones and Elder Robert Lawson.

Union Association: Brother Dallas Adams

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Eddie Lyle, Elder Vernie Heath and Elder Eugene Blevins.

Rock Spring Association: Referred to Committee on Arrangements.

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

Visitors from associations and various churches received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick Association: Clayton Belcher, Lawrence Colley, Pauline Arrington, Cordie Delle, Addie Childers, Altie Breeding, Bobbie Viers, Trulie Davis, Joyce Viers, Johnny Viers, Shelby Anderson, Elder Arnold Childers and wife and Elder Bobby Mayhon

Mount Zion: Minnie White, Gertrude Harvey
Burning Springs: D. J. Blanton and wife, Paul Keaton, Resee Barker, Mary Webb, and Amanda Ferguson, Brother Jimmie Mann and wife, and Brother Loren Hensley
Little Yadkin River Association: Vance Jones and wife, Lillie Lawson and Robert Lawson
Zion's Rest Church: Henry Pameatis and wife
Saint Pedro Association: Lester Dixon and wife
Cedar Grove Church: Roy Hall and wife, Ray Flenchmen
Miami Church: Arnold Thompson and Sid Flemings
Mount Salem Association: Thurman Richey
Lebanon Association of Indiana: Lawrence Carter
Cincinnati Primitive Baptist Church: Elder Lassara Bradley and Brother Bob Brubaker
Sandusky Association: Brother Ellis and wife
Moved and second that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

They reported the following:

Friday afternoon at the Church: Elders Paul Keaton, Thurman Righy, Bobby Arrington, Roby Ferguson and Franklin Viers

Friday evening at Peter Creek Church: Elders Paul Varney, Reese Barker, Monroe Cantrell, Michael Smith, Jimmie Moore, Franklin Viers, and Teddy R. Ball

Friday evening at Big Creek Church: Elders Basil Hatfield, Arnold Thompson, Robert Lawson and Lester Dixon

Saturday at the stand: Elders Eli Moore, Lester Dixon, J. C. Hager, Vance Jones and Franklin Viers

Saturday afternoon at the Church: Elders Elbert Hunter, Millard Shelton, Lassara Bradley and Teddy Ball

Saturday evening at the church: Elders Arnold Childers, Bobby Mayhon, Lassara Bradley and Teddy R. Ball

Saturday evening at Calvary Church: Elders Glen Coleman, J. H. Blackburn, Monroe Cantrell and Jimmie Moore

Saturday evening at Little Union Church: Elders Paul Varney, Lawrence Jackson, J. C. Hager and Harrison Smith.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Noah Slone, Ray Harlow, Elmer Thacker, Linton Collins, Elsie Coleman, Arthur Stiltner, J. B. Ball, Jarvie Ward, Lonzie Blair, John Stiltner, Sid Varney, Lundy Childers, John Kirk, Harold Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Monroe Cantrell and Rufous Harvell.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Don

Hatfield, Clyde Looney and Hal Arms.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister associations are as follows:

Burning Spring Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Joe Slone, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith and Teddy R. Ball, and Brethren Teddy Floyd, Elmer Goff and Charles Bowe

New Liberty: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Don Hatfield and Harrison Smith

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elders Jimmie Moore, J.H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, and Brethren Anthony Coleman and Noah Slone

Little Yadkin River: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball and Jimmie Moore

Mt. Zion: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Don Hatfield and Jimmie Moore

Union: Elder Joe Slone and Brethren Noah Slone, Anthony Coleman and Elmer Goff.

Moved and second that our annual meeting be held with Peter Creek Church and to begin Friday evening before the last Sunday in March, 1979.

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

SATURDAY MORNING — September 2nd, 1978

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 on Arrangements met and was called to order by the Moderator. The committee took up the following items and asked that they be put before the association on Saturday for consideration.

The committee took up the question of receiving the brethren from the Rock Spring Association. After discussing the matter a move and second was made as follows: We the Mates Creek Association as of September 2nd, 1978 do declare a non-fellowship with Luther Bradley and William Littleton and their followers. And as of the same date we do advise Elder Charlie Littleton and his people to go ask and obtain membership from the Burning Spring Association before asking for a seat with the Mates Creek Association.

Moved and second that we give the Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerk each fifty dollars (\$50.00) for their services.

Moved and second that we discharge the committee that was appointed last year to find a permanent place for the association to be held.

Moved and second that moneys for the association that Elder Teddy R. Ball has in his care be given to the various churches as they need it for association expenses.

Circular letter read, approved and that it be put before the association to be printed in the minutes.

Agreed that the association carry on its work in the usual manner.

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 Arnold Childers; 1. Elder Jimmie Moore; 2. Elder Lassara Bradley; 3. Elder Bobby Mayhon; 4. Elder J. H. Blackburn.

Finance Committee reported \$835.00 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 — meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1979. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, John I. Smith, Paris Blackburn, Avery Lowe, Glen Coleman, Elmer Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Wheeler Thacker, Johnnie Jacobs, Ruffard Howell, and Kit Ratliff.

Old Pond — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1979. Elders to attend: Johnny Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Teddy Ball, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Fred Varney, Everett Brizendine. Also we invite Elder Paul Traunter.

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1979. Elders to attend: Everett Brizendine, Johnny Blackburn, Teddy Ball, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Basil Hatfield, and Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, and Joe Slone.

Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1979. Elders to attend: Johnny Blackburn, Teddy Ball, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kit Ratliff. Invited: Elder Franklin Viers.

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1979. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Johnny Blackburn, Michael Smith, Jimmy Moore, Elmer Brown, Kit Ratliff, Lawrence Jackson, and Lundy Coleman. We invite all other elders to attend.

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1979. Elders to attend: Lawrence Jackson, Glen Coleman, Elmer

Thacker, Elmer Brown, Arthur May, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine.

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1979. Elders to attend: All Mates Creek ministers are welcome.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1979. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Joe Slone, Jr., and Glen Coleman.

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1979. Elders to attend: Johnny Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Kit Ratliff, Robert Worrix, Jimmy Moore, and Frank Viers.

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1979. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Lawrence Jackson, Paul Varney, Johnny Blackburn, Mike Smith, all of our Preaching Elders are welcome to attend.

Johns Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1979. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Everett Brizendine, John I. Smith, Jimmie Moore, Troy Casey, Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Junior Coleman, Glen Coleman, Paul Varney, Jack Layne, Lundy Coleman, and Harris Smith.

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1979. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Robert Worrix, John I. Smith, Jimmy Moore, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Glen Vipperman, Jeff Chapman, Joe Slone, Jr., Paul D. Justice, Dan Adkins and Teddy Ball.

Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1979. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Eugene Blevins, Michael Smith, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1979. Elders to attend: Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Clarence Hopkins, Elmer Thacker, Teddy Ball, Ostil Smith, Mike Smith, Basil Hatfield, and Lundy Coleman.

Columbus — meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1979. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Robert Worrix, Clifford Thacker, John I. Smith, Jesse Tucker, Glen Coleman, Mike Smith, Onis Smith, Johnny Jacobs, Johnny Kirk, Don Hatfield, Paul Varney. We also invite Arnold Thompson, Ostil Smith, and all preaching brethren from the Pontiac Church.

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1979. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Ostil Smith, Monroe Cantrell, John

Click, Paul Varney, and Lundy Coleman. All others are welcome and all elders from the Pontiac Church.

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1979. Elders to attend: Arnold Childers, J. C. Hager, Teddy Ball, Leonard Barton, Ostil Smith, Lundy Coleman, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are welcome.

Bethel — meets the third Saturday in June, 1979. Elders to attend: Jerry Brown, Parley Cantrell, Ken Wilson, Bob Mayhon, J. C. Hager, Roscoe Wilson, Arcie Edwards, and Onis Smith. All others welcome.

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

Agreed that we have 2200 Minutes printed and our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following: Sisters Vada Ferrell Bolling, Mary E. Varney, Sarah Rebecca Collins, Mary Ester Justice, Margaret Hinkle Robinson, Sarah B. Runyon, Ella Jane Deskins, Bessie Runyon Bostic, Fannie Jane Ball, Dona Rutherford, Julia Dotson, Mary T. Williamson, Mary Alice Justice, Maggie P. Ray, Ethel Arrington Deel, Ethel Jackson Boyd, Martha Annie Nuckels Brown, Texie Blackburn, Rina Caroline Coleman, Pollie Blackburn Justice; Brethren Ferrel Thacker, John Hatfield, Joe B. Thacker, Mark Joseph Smith, Bennie Slone, Frank Lambert, Elza Pearl May, Mordecai Blackburn, John D. Worrix, John Clarence Madden, George Mullins Epling, Earnest Stanley, Noah Norman, Buford May, John Sherman Hatfield, W.H. Hibbard Thacker, Charley Sanders, William Robert Mullins, and Jonah Williamson.

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

The finances were disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$2,059.52
Amount received from the churches	835.00
Donations at the stand and pictures	255.00
Interest on moneys in the bank	42.09
Total cash on hand	\$3,191.61

CASH PAID OUT

Paid for Minutes for 1977	\$ 792.74
Give the Moderator	50.00
Give the Assistant Moderator	50.00

Give the Clerk	50.00
Give the Assistant Clerk	50.00
Paid Collins Lumber Company 9-2-77	140.00
Paid Collins Lumber Company 9-29-77	35.90
Total Cash Paid Out	\$1,168.64
Balance cash left on hand	\$2,022.97

Agreed that our next association be held with the Raccoon Church at Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1979.

Elder Lawrence Jackson was appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Michael Smith to be appointed to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayers 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
 Deacon Stearl Hatfield, Clerk
 Brother Steve Hunt, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 3rd, 1978

Singing and prayer by Elder Arnold Childers.

1. Elder Jimmie Moore, Text: Hosea 2:14, *Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.*

2. Elder Lassara Bradley, Text: Ecclesiastes 7:11, *For wisdom is good with an inheritance and by it there is profit for them that see the sun.*

3. Elder Bobby Mayhon, no special text.

Elder J. H. Blackburn, our Assistant Moderator, closed out after thanking God for another wonderful association and the members of the Old Pond Church and the brothers and sisters of the other churches for showing such kindness to our correspondents. We especially want to thank the Pike County Board of Education and the principal of Belfry High School for the use of the gymnasium and the cafeteria and the ladies that prepared the food. May God bless you all.

The Clerk

Note: We were sorry to hear of the death of Sister Elsie Owens of Haysi, Virginia. Elder Teddy R. Ball, our Moderator, attended the funeral on Sunday of our Association.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
that compose the Mates Creek Association:

Since I was appointed to write the Circular Letter for 1978, I will now proceed to make the attempt. I wish to thank each of you who has shown such confidence in one who feels unworthy of so great a task, but most of all I want to thank God who, I believe, led me to the Primitive Baptist Church. To Him be all honor, glory, and praise forever. Amen.

As I proceed, this scripture seems to bear on my mind. *Many are called but few are chosen.* (Matt. 20:16) I believe that God chose a people in Christ before the world began to show forth His praise. I read, in the record of the Prophets and Apostles, where there have always been a few, from the time that men began to call upon the name of the Lord, after Adam transgressed in the garden, who have ascribed all honor, glory, and praise to God. This is evident all through the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. In the days of Elijah, it seems that only about seven thousand men, out of all Israel, had not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. I read where Christ cleansed ten lepers on one occasion, but only one of these returned to give praise where it was due. On the day of Pentecost, only about one hundred and twenty disciples seem to have remained faithful to the following of Christ.

Peter called a people a chosen generation, chosen to show forth the praise of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light, not the praises of men (I Pet. 2:9). Had Israel obeyed the voice of the Lord, as they were instructed by God, through Moses (Exod. 19:5-6), could this have made them the only people who would ever live in Heaven? If so, then how could all the kindreds or nations of the earth have been blessed in Abraham's seed which is Christ? The promises were made to Abraham and his seed (Gal. 3:16) and Abraham was before Moses. By obeying God's voice, would not Israel have proven that they were the generation chosen to show forth God's praise? Israel, which is after the flesh, failed to obey the voice of God, but Israel, which is of the faith of Abraham obeys in Christ. Their faith is in Christ, as was Abraham's, for eternal salvation. Abraham saw Christ's day and was glad (John 8:56). Christ has not failed, and cannot fail.

Many are called from the pathways of sin, but only a few ascribe the honor, glory, and praise to God, for this calling. Others seem to want some of the honor, glory, and praise for men. We hear Peter, on the

day of Pentecost, instructing the believing Jews, that were gathered out of all nations, to repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call (Acts 2:38-39) Then all that are called from the dark pathways of sin must be God's children.

Primitive Baptists believe that by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:8-10). We believe that good works of the creature are not profitable to God in creating a new man, in Christ, but rather prove that the creator, God, has created, a new creature, in Christ, who is mindful of his duty toward God (Read Ecc. 12:13).

Somewhere in this world there is a generation chosen to show forth the praises of God, not the praises of men. If the Primitive Baptists do this, contending for the principles of doctrine and practice, as taught by Christ and His Apostles, then this should prove that they represent the chosen generation. I do not believe that these are all of God's children, but a chosen people out of God's children. If we believe this, then we should work for peace and joy among us, striving to be patient, long-suffering, temperate, and gentle with the brethren and sisters, letting the light of meekness and goodness shine among us that others might see our good works and glorify the Father which is in Heaven. We should strive to follow the examples set by the King of Zion, remembering that He instructed to watch and pray lest you enter into temptation, and to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. May God bless our every effort to walk in this straight and narrow way.

A brother in hope of eternal life in Christ,
Elder Lawrence Jackson

VISITING ELDERS

Franklin Viers
Bobby Mayhon
Arnold Childers
Roby Furguson
Eddie Lyle
Robert Lawson
Millard Shelton
Lassara Bradley, Jr.

Lester Dixon
Arnold Thompson
Bobby Arrington
Paul Keaton
Vance Jones
Thurmon Richy
Elbert Hunter
Eli Moore

D. C. Stover

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa — Robert Worrix, Clifford Thacker, Joe Slone, Jr., Noah Slone, Kedna Charles, Bradley Worrix, N. C. Runyon, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, Abner Justice, Anthony Coleman.

Old Pond — Andy Blackburn, Walter Daniels, Jake Runyons, Leroy Smith, Evans Breeding, Ray Harlow, Steve Hunt, Floyd Bostic.

Big Creek — Dan Adkins, Elmer Thacker, Daniel Roberts, Irland Coleman, Joe B. Stanley, Joe P. Stanley, Delmar Williamson.

Raccoon — Glenn Coleman, Clinton Justice, Alvis (Pat) Keene, Paris Charles, Elmer Goff, Rufus Goff, Bobby Collins, Dave Newsome, Linton Collins, Erwin Justice.

Peter Creek — Troy Casey, Floyd Stump, Elsie Coleman, Virgil Smith, Leo Coleman, Daris Kinder, Sterl Smith, Harrison Smith, Linton Linder, Elliot Casey, Earl Casey.

Sulphur Spring — J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, Arthur Stilner, Frank Dotson, Joe Blackburn, Tommy Lester, Frank Lester, Roosevelt Young, George Lester, Luther Blackburn.

Samaria — Fred Varney, Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Teddy Ball, Dana Hager, Luke Hatfield, Dennis Dotson, Luther Scott, James Hager, Larry Scott, Jarvey Ward, Stearl Hatfield, Estil Hatfield.

Little Union — Theodore Fuller, Ernest Blair, Lonzie Blair.

John's Creek — John Stilner, Harrison Smith, Lee Stilner, Noah Smith, Harvey Coleman, Plennie Coleman, Taylor Coleman, Earl Coleman, Carl Coleman, Elcania Smith.

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

Dry Fork — Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Harrison Street, Lundy Childress, Howell Arms, Clyde Looney, Arvil Owens.

Friendship — Avery Lowe, John Kirk, Martin Childers.

Columbus — Wheeler Thacker, John Bentley, Ted Floyd, Paris Blackburn.

Deerfield — J. C. Hager, Ray Anderson, Harold Blackburn, Ernest Hager.

Pleasant Hill — James Moore, Dallas Barker, Dean Moore, Gregg Moore, Jr. Barton, Kermit Barton, Bob Compton, Rupert Sparks, Charles Branham.

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

Bethel — Monroe Cantrell, Dan Robinson.

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CHURCH MODERATOR COMMUNION

Louisa — Elder Robert B. Worrix	July, 2nd Sunday
Old Pond — Elder Teddy Ball	June, 2nd Sunday
Big Creek — Elder Dan Adkins	June, 3rd Sunday
Raccoon — Elder J. H. Blackburn	July, 4th Sunday
Sulphur Spring — Elder J. H. Blackburn ...	August, 1st Sunday
Peter Creek — Elder Teddy R. Ball	June, 4th Sunday

Little Hope — Elder Michael Smith	July, 1st Sunday
Grapevine — Elder J. H. Blackburn	July, 3rd Sunday
Samaria — Elder Teddy Ball	June, 3rd Sunday
John's Creek — Elder J. H. Blackburn	July, 2nd Sunday
Little Union — Elder Teddy Ball	May, 1st Sunday
Calvary — Elder Kit Ratliff	June, 1st Sunday
Dry Fork — Elder Teddy Ball	May, 2nd Sunday
Columbus — Elder Teddy Ball and Lundy Coleman	April, 4th Sunday
Friendship — Elder Avery Lowe	August, 4th Sunday
Deerfield — Elders Robert Mayhorn and J. C. Hager	June, 4th Sunday
Pleasant Hill — Elder James Moore	April, 3rd Sunday
Bethel — Elder Monroe Cantrell	June, 3rd Sunday

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

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Pond Creek — Ray Harlow, Huddy, Ky. 41535, Rt. 1, Box 35	150
Big Creek — Elmer Thacker, Huddy, Kentucky 41535	135
Raccoon — Edward Bevins, 274 Kentucky Avenue, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	125
Peter Creek — Evelyn S. Smith, Phelps, Kentucky 41553 ...	125
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603 ..	125
Little Hope — Virgil A. Smith, Rt. 2, Box 42, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	50
Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554	80
Samaria — Luther Scott, Rt. 3, Box 6, Hardy, Ky. 41531	175
Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 54, Kimper, Ky. 41539 ..	80
Little Union — Earnest Blair, Steele, Ky. 41566	90
Calvary — Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539	90
Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Va. 24656	115
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, RR 2, 5010 Riley Road, Johnstown, Ohio 43031	150
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260	50
Deerfield — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak Street, Fenton, Mich. 48430	75
Pleasant Hill — Charles Branham, R.R. 1, Irwin, Ohio 43029 .	120
Bethel — Mrs. Betty Click, 5067 Caroline Street, Gary, Ind. 46409	40

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mount Zion — Allen L. Mann, Rt. 2, Box 252, Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970	25
Union — Tommy Adams, Eolia, Ky. 40826	25
Burning Spring — Elder Glen Lilly, 4016 Hughes St., Huntington, W. Va.	25
New Liberty — Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va. 25064	25
Sandlick District — Robert Jackson, Rowe, Virginia 24646 ..	25
Little Yadkin River — Curtis Harbor, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 24694 .	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
Moderator — Teddy R. Ball, Rt. 2, Box 42, McCarr, Ky. 41544	25
Clerk — R. Stearl Hatfield, Rt. 2, Box 45, McCarr, Ky. 41544	40
Total	2200

OBITUARIES

VADA FERRELL BOLLING



Born April 21, 1906, the daughter of the late Ail and Lydia Hatfield Ferrell passed from this life January 6, 1978. She was married to John Bolling early in life; however, he was killed in a coal mine several years ago.

To this union were born two children: one son, Troy, and one daughter, Joyce, both of Charlestown, Indiana. Her father, mother, husband, and three brothers preceded her in death. She leaves two sisters, her children and grandchildren to mourn her loss. To know her was to love her. She always had a smile and an old-time handshake for all she came in contact with.

She professed her hope and faith in Christ in the old original Samaria Church and was baptised by Elders Teddy Ball and Michael Smith. She lived a faithful Christian life and we the church and her family bow our head in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly

Father in calling her from our midst. We feel our loss is her eternal gain. May God watch over her loved ones till He comes again.

Written by request of the family,
Elder Teddy Ball

MRS. MARY E. VARNEY

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Varney, 77, of Belfry, Ky., died at the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born January 11, 1901, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Jake and Quillie Wolford.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Emzy Varney; six daughters, Mrs. Vicky Vanhooose of Ashland, Ky.; Mrs. Helen Sheppard, Mrs. Judy Woosley and Mrs. Claudette Dixon, all of Winchester, Ky.; Mrs. Patricia Slone of Louisville, Ky.; Miss Cleo Varney of Belfry; four sons, Bud Varney and Richard Varney, both of Cincinnati, Ohio; Bogar Varney and Eddie Varney, both of Belfry; three brothers, Claude Wolford and Junior Wolford, both of Cincinnati, and Okey Wolford of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Stella Varney of Belfry, and Mrs. Maggie McGuire of Dayton, Ohio; 50 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are a son, two daughters, two sisters and a brother.

Funeral services were held at the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church at Belfry with the Elders Teddy Ball, Mike Smith and others officiating.

Burial followed in the Varney Cemetery at Belfry.

SARAH REBECCA COLLINS

"Arise my love, my fair one and come away." Thus did our merciful Father call home our much loved and highly esteemed wife and mother.

Rebecca Collins passed from this earthly life March 1, 1978 at her home. She was the daughter of Julius L. Worrix and Lou Thacker Worrix born March 6, 1929.

She was married to Willard T. Collins and to this union were born two children: one son, Hassel T. Collins of Pikeville, and one daughter, Betty Lou Collins of home who survives her passing. She also leaves to mourn her passing



a daughter-in-law, Annetta Sue Coleman Collins; a grandson, Jonathan Thomas Collins; two brothers, John Worrix, Millard, Ky.; Julius Worrix, McArthur, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Bethel Coleman, Millard, Ky.; Ethel Worrix, Pikeville; Mrs. Betty Maynard and Josie Thacker of Ohio.

May we bow heads and thank God, for our comfort comes in realizing she went in answer to the call of God and is resting from her labor.

The Family

MARY ESTHER JUSTICE

With loving memory we write this obituary of our precious and sweet wife and mother, Mary Esther Justice, who left this world to join Jesus in His heavenly home on September 9, 1977. She was born on June 18, 1902 which made her life here on this earth a total of 75 years, two months and 21 days. She was the daughter of Martin and Caroline Thacker Justice who had preceded her in death by several years.



She was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church for five years. She was baptized by Elders Paul Dean Justice and Daniel Arlen Thacker.

She is survived by her husband, Abner L. Justice. They were married November 6, 1919, a union of 57 years and ten months. To this union she leaves to mourn her loss four children: two sons — Hassel Justice, Pikeville, Ky., and Victor L. Justice, Dayton, Ohio; two daughters, Hazel J. Pugh, Lexington, Ky., and Lorraine J. Coleman, Louisville, Ky. Two sons preceded her in death, Hazard Justice and Whitten Justice. Also left to mourn her loss are 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a sister, Jettie Maynard of Tazewell, Virginia, and a host of relatives and friends.

She was a loving and caring wife and mother. We'll always miss her, but with God's help and our faith in Him we'll meet her again someday in his heavenly home.

Written by her husband,
Abner L. Justice and children

MARGARET HINKLE ROBINSON

It is with sadness that we write the obituary of our dear and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Margaret Hinkle Robinson of Gary, Indiana.

She was born on June 8, 1912 in Clay County, Kentucky, the daughter of David and Lucinda Johnson Buttry, who preceded her in death. She died on June 29, 1978 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, making her stay on earth 66 years and 21 days.

Funeral services were held in London, Kentucky on Saturday, July 1, 1978 with Elders Monroe Cantrell and John Click officiating. Burial was in the Hinkle Family Cemetery in London.



She was first married on June 28, 1931 to John G. Hinkle, who preceded her in death in 1945. To this union was born one daughter and four sons: Mrs. Ruby Lee Adams and Rabon, Rondel, Raleigh, and Harold Hinkle, all of Gary, Indiana. In 1947 she married Daniel Robinson, who survives. To this union was born two daughters and one son: Mrs. Elaine Barnard and Joyce Robinson of Gary, and Danny Robinson of Clinton, Indiana. She also leaves 26 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two sisters, Maude Lindsey of Burning Springs, Kentucky, and Mayme Shelton of Highland Park, Illinois, and one brother, Robert Buttry of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preceded in death by three brothers.

She was united with the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church of Gary, Indiana on May 1, 1977, and was baptized by Elders Monroe Cantrell and John Click. She was a firm believer in the doctrine of grace and her faith sustained and comforted her until the end.

Written by her family

SARAH B. RUNYON



In memory of Sarah B. Runyon who departed this life two years and five months ago.

*The face is gone we loved so dear,
The voice is silent we loved to hear.
'Tis sad but true, we wonder why
So quickly and suddenly you had to die.
It is a lonesome house without you
here,
But our memory and love will keep
you near.*

Sadly missed by husband and children

ELLA JANE DESKINS

Sister Ella Jane Deskins was born October 31, 1897, daughter of Abraham Coleman and Litha (Thacker) Coleman.

She was married to Epperson Slone. Two infant daughters preceded her in death. Later she was married to Frank Deskins. To this union there were no children.

Ella Jane joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Raccoon.

I can say with all sincerity that she was a faithful and loyal sister — always filling her seat and doing any services required of her with all willingness, humbleness and gladness to be of service.

Her health began to fail in November 1974. The succeeding months, until her death in January 1978, were spent in nursing homes at Pikeville, Paintsville, Hazard and Columbus, Ohio.

She always looked forward to the time she might be able to come home and attend her church once more. We have missed Sister Ella Jane at our regular sessions of church.



BESSIE RUNYON BOSTIC



Bessie Runyon Bostic, 72, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Pinsonfork, Ky. died Friday, April 7, 1978 at her residence. Born in Mingo County, W. Va. on July 18, 1905 to the late Don and Agnes Dials Runyon, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Keith Underwood, and her second husband, Arthur Bostic.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Helen Weaver of Riverdale, Ga.; Francis Sturgis and Peggy Dotson, both of Chicago, Ill.; two sons, Alton Bostic and Douglas Bostic, both of Chicago, Ill.; five brothers, Cub Runyon, Woodrow Runyon, Jack Runyon, Fred Runyon and John Runyon, all of Pinsonfork, Ky.; one sister, Opal Thompson of Tucson, Arizona; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. One son, one daughter, one brother and one sister preceded her in death.

FANNIE JANE BALL



In memory of Fannie Jane Ball, better known as Aunt Fannie, who went to sleep in Jesus January 26, 1978.

*Our mother is lying asleep today!
Upon a hill — in a mound of clay.
Beside our dad, where she longed to
be!*

*Asleep in Jesus, until the resurrection
day.*

*We know she'll rise, in Jesus's love
To be carried to her home, in Heaven
above,
Where there'll be no trouble, sorrow,
or pain,*

When she arrives at that home, on judgement day.

*Our hearts are broken and filled with pain
At the loss of our mother — that faithful old saint.
We know our great loss!!
Is Heaven's eternal gain.*

*We're all looking forward to that wonderful day
When we'll meet Dad and Mom in Heaven
And we'll always — together — stay.*

*Sadly missed by all her family,
relatives and friends*

DONA RUTHERFORD

Many people from the neighborhood will miss the warm nature that surrounded the presence of my precious grandma. Her braided hair, homemade dress and flowered apron will never be greeted in this world any more; but I for one will tell you that none of these things about her would have stuck deeply in our minds as they do without first knowing the person who wore them. Dona Ruth-
erford was born on January 6, 1893 and was the daughter of the late Bud and Belldora Smith Blackburn. She was the faithful companion of her late husband,



Landon Rutherford for 63 years and gave birth to 12 children, four of whom preceded her in death.

Her surviving children include four sons: Autumn Rutherford, Link Rutherford and Rex Rutherford, all of Huddy, Ky., and Irvin Rutherford of Pikeville; four daughters, Mrs. Mallie (Opal) Scott of Pikeville; Mrs. Stan (Juanita) Jarusik of Chaldron, Nebraska, and Mrs. Van (Audrey) Murphy and Mrs. Johnny (Dean) Tiller, both of Huddy; also two grandchildren which she raised: Kenneth Rutherford of Huddy, and Mrs. Edd (Evelyn) Varney of McAndrews, Ky. She has one surviving sister, Mrs. Effie Blackburn of Belfry, Ky., and a half-brother, Perry Staton of Port Arthur, Texas.

We would surely have to say that Grandma Rutherford was blessed with a rare gift of life to live 85 years, have 29 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren and live to see the majority of them raised and have the pleasure of giving them a thought or helping hand to help mold our characteristics into what we are today.

It goes without saying that my Grandma Rutherford was a hard working and energetic woman who managed to stand firm on her morals and religion until the Lord came to claim His own on April 23, 1978. And to all who may say her ways were old-fashioned, I say to you that the world needs more like her.

It will be hard for us to see the sun and spring come again without remembering how she loved it, but I will think of her as a ray of sunshine in my life which will never sink or fade.

Sadly missed,
Your Granddaughter,
Angelia R. Thornsberry

JULIA DOTSON

Born July 21, 1890, Sister Julia Dotson was the daughter of the late George and Sarah Taylor. She deceased April 9, 1974, making her stay on earth 83 years.

She was married to Roland Dotson February 23, 1908 and to this union was born three children, Bessie Underwood, J. H. Dotson and Mae Irick.

She united with Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church November 1938 and they lived many happy years together in the church. Brother Roland served as deacon for about 40 years. They were faithful members at Peter Creek Church. But in their older years they lived a long distance from Peter Creek Church. They moved their membership to Old Pond Church for convenience, where they were faithful members until death. There were no more faithful Christian people ever lived

than Sister Julia Dotson and Brother Roland. I believe their spirit returned to God who gave it. Their body is resting in the grave 'til the glorious resurrection morning when the soul, spirit and body will be like Christ's most glorious body.

Written by one who loved them very much and served as pastor of both churches where they lived.

Written by request, Elder Teddy Ball

MARY T. WILLIAMSON

Mary T. Williamson was called to dwell with our Redeemer on July 15, 1978. The daughter of Walter and Orpha Thacker, she was born September 30, 1932 at Fishtrap, Kentucky. She was the oldest of eight children.

The wife of George J. Williamson, she had resided in Michigan for 25 years.

A graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, she had taught school in Michigan for the past ten years.

An avid lover of the Appalachian Mountains, she shared her heritage with everyone, especially her students. Along with her husband, George, she was very active in the field of old-time music. Together, they played various places and made several albums. The highlight of their music was being chosen to play in Washington, D. C. at the Bicentennial Celebration.

Loving memories fill our hearts and we praise God for giving us such a wonderful daughter, sister and wife. Our lives were richer because of her. Mary was ill for a long time. We prayed together a lot and talked about the goodness of God. Her faith seemed to grow stronger during those months of suffering. As the setting sun brings a day to the end, yet we look forward to a new day in the morning; so now we look forward to that resurrection morning — that new day when we will be together again.



The Family

MARY ALICE JUSTICE

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Alice Justice who departed from this life August 4, 1978.

She was born in Pike County, Kentucky, May 14, 1900, the daughter of Martin and Justine Justice.

She was married to the late Abner B. Justice who preceded her in death in March 1972. Survivors are one son, Allen Justice of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Ruth Fannin of Matewan, W. Va.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 27 years and 11 months.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Sleep on, Mother, until we meet again.



MARY ALICE JUSTICE

Written by her son, Allen Justice

MAGGIE P. RAY



Words cannot express the loss I feel for our mother, Maggie P. Ray, who departed this life September 5, 1977 at the age of 75 years. Though I feel she is better off than I, it seems like a dream that she is no longer with us.

Born in Pike County, she was the daughter of William and Nancy Jane (Blackburn) Peters. She was the wife of Elder Hiram B. Ray (Old Regular Baptist minister) who preceded her in death December 5, 1970.

Six children survive this union: Ernest B. Ray, Reed Ray, Cheri Rounsifer, Gayle Tawwater, Roosevelt Coleman, Kay Austin Henson.

Although she was not baptised, she left much evidence of her Christian faith and left several verses marked in my Bible that I'm sure she wanted me to read.

Many nights I'd get up to check on her to see if she was asleep to find her on her knees beside her bed. It was very hard to stand by and watch her suffer so much but I'm thankful that God was with us and gave me strength to care for and to be with her during the long illness. Memory is a gift of God that death does not destroy.

Written by Daughter
Roosevelt (Rosie) Coleman

ETHEL ARRINGTON DEEL



Ethel Arrington Deel was born December 10, 1902. Her parents were Neubern and Sarah Duty Arrington. Eight brothers and sisters preceded her in death, and five still survive. They are Martha Robinson and May Selfe of Detroit, Michigan; Bonnie Edwards, Birchleaf, Virginia; Graden Arrington of Honaker, Va., and Haskell Arrington, Haysi, Va.

On December 17, 1919 Ethel was united in marriage to Arthur Deel, and to this union were born two children, Faye Deel Blankenship and Curtis Edgar Deel.

During her many years of community service as merchant and post-mistress, Ethel became a pillar of strength not only to her own family, but she endeared herself to the community as well.

She was a mother not only to her own family but was like a mother to a great number of children who grew up in her community. She has given freely of herself to help many who were in need. Her life was spent in hard work.

She talked of death to her family after she knew she had cancer. She believed that her death would be a happy passing, she wanted no mourning for her, but that her funeral should be a time of rejoicing.

Ethel was a devoted member of the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church and went to church as long as she was able.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 the Bible tells us, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted." Ethel's time came on May 8, 1978 at the age of 75. She is survived by her husband, son and daughter, one granddaughter, Mrs. Gary (Janice) Owens, a grandson, Carlos Blankenship, all of Vansant, Va.; a grandson, James Blankenship, Columbia, S. C.; six great-grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors.

A great writer of poetry, Walter Savage Landor wrote on his 75th birthday:

*"I warmed both hands before the fire of life.
It sinks, and I am ready to depart."*

Written by
Her daughter and granddaughter

ETHEL JACKSON BOYD

Ethel (Jackson) Boyd was born December 9, 1908, in Buchanan County, Va., and departed this life July 19, 1978, making her stay on earth 69 years, seven months and 11 days. She was the daughter of Jacob and Martha Jane Jackson, who both preceded her in death.

Ethel was married to Fanning Boyd September 15, 1927. To this union were born 10 children, six girls and four boys. She was preceded in death by one son, Teddy Wayne, July 16, 1955, and her husband, Fanning, February 16, 1972.



Ethel leaves the following daughters: Martha Smith, Phelps, Ky.; Myrtle Harris, Waldo, Fla.; Marie Charles, Cathelene Lochart, Madeline Boyd, and Dorothy Hibbits, all of Vansant, Va., and sons, Ernest, Jennings, and David, all of Vansant, Va., also 26 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by the following brothers: Alex Jackson, Drill, Va.; Clarence Jackson, Oakwood, Va.; Robert Jackson, Rowe, Va., and Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Va., and sisters: Hazel Barton, Honaker, Va.; Biddie Breeding, Council, Va.; Jennie Stillwell and Trula Robinson, Vansant, Va., and Elsie Ball, Clinton, Md.

Sister Ethel joined the Primitive Baptist at Peter Creek Church on the fourth Sunday in August, 1954. She was baptised by Elders Teddy Ball and Paris Coleman, and remained a precious and faithful member until God called her spirit home.

She was loved by all who knew her and to her children and grandchildren, she was the most precious flower of the home. This flower, which bloomed for a little season here in the Lord's precious garden, has now been cut down by the mower's scythe of death. Although this flower must wither and mould back to the dust, from which it came, we believe she will bud to bloom forever, around God's glorious throne, when Jesus comes back and makes up his jewels. Surely the loss so deeply felt cannot be compared to her eternal gain.

Written at her request by
Elder Teddy Ball and
Deacon Robert Jackson

MARTHA ANNIE NUCKELS BROWN

In loving memory of our dear mother, Martha Annie (Nuckels) Brown, daughter of Henry and Katherin Nuckels.

Mother was born March 6, 1897, and departed this life June 11, 1978, making her stay on earth 81 years, three months, and five days.

She was married to William Arthur Brown November 21, 1918. To this union was born nine children, two daughters and seven sons. Her husband, one daughter, and one grandson preceded her in death, leaving one daughter, Lucille Pendell of Reston, Va.; Elder Elmer Brown and McKinley Brown of Oakwood, Va.; Garland of Rosedale, Va.; Carl, Earl, and Nelson of Alexandria, Va., and Ferrel of Woodbridge, Va. Mother and Dad also raised one grandson, Kermit Street of Honaker, Va. Also left to mourn their loss are 17 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one sister, Josie Ball of Council, Va., and one brother, Carl Nuckels of Lebanon, Va.

Mother joined the Primitive Baptist Church August 11, 1934, and became a member of Dry Fork Church on the second Sunday in November, 1964. She loved all her brothers, sisters and friends, and lived a true and faithful life in the church where we have heard her rejoice many times in the Lord. Her happiest days were spent at church.

She often said she was ready to go live with Daddy, but oh how we miss her! She asked us many times not to grieve when she was gone, but this great loss is so hard to accept.

The heavenly gates stood open.

He saw she needed rest.

God's house must be beautiful

For He always takes the best.

*Sleep on, Mother and Daddy,
It's sweet to breathe your name.
As in life we loved you dearly,
So in death we will do the same.*

All we can say now is sleep on, Mother and Daddy. We feel to know you are among the beautiful flowers God is gathering. All of us children's most humble prayer is to be with you, in Heaven, where there will be no more pain and suffering.

Written by Lucille and Elmer



TEXIE BLACKBURN

Texie Blackburn of Fishtrap, Ky., died on January 28, 1978, at the age of 78. She was born in Pike County, Ky., on February 2, 1899. She was the daughter of Alex and Nancy Jane Kendrick and was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Jemes Blackburn who died on January 27, 1962.

She was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

She will be remember and loved by her six children and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Written by her son, Elster Blackburn



RINA CAROLINE COLEMAN



It is with a sad and aching heart that I take pen and write this obituary of a most precious wife and dearest beloved mother.

She is so greatly missed by her husband, children and those that loved her so much.

Our home is so lonely since Mother was called away. That old vacant chair she occupied for so long makes our home so empty and cold.

Sleep on, Dear Mother, till Jesus comes to take us home. We miss you so. Someday we will meet you on God's beautiful shore to dwell there forevermore.

Though we know our loss is Heaven's gain, may we all bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Mother united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized September 1958. Despite her afflictions and tribulation which she bore with great patience, she lived faithful till she was called away.

She told me of a woman with a white dove in her hair. When I asked her about this she said she was at a distance. I believe God sent His

spirit in the form of a dove to receive our mother.

She was the daughter of John E. and Malinda Jane Thacker who preceded her in death. She was born November 3, 1900 and departed this life January 3, 1977, making her stay here on earth 76 years and two months.

She was united in marriage to Green Coleman September 20, 1917. Born to this union were seven daughters and five sons. One preceded her in death, leaving her husband and eleven children to mourn her loss.

Six daughters: Emogene Murphy, Meta, Ky.; Florisse Thomas, Newark, Delaware; Gladys tucker, Millard, Ky.; Rosetta Benner, Newark, Delaware; Bonita Stephenson, South Shore, Ky.; Betty Phillips, Mountain City, Tenn.

Five sons: Argus Coleman, Portsmouth, Ohio; William O. Coleman, Fairborne, Ohio; John K. Coleman, Portsmouth, Ohio; Eugene Coleman, Millard, Ky., and Bobby B. Coleman, Newark, Delaware.

Three brothers: David Thacker, Caney Creek, Ky.; Thomas Thacker, Millard, Ky.; Johnny Thacker, Pikeville, Ky.; three sisters, Martha Coleman, Darcus Coleman and Ortha Goff, all of Millard, Ky.

Sadly missed and written by her beloved family

MRS. POLLIE BLACKBURN JUSTICE

It is with a sad and aching heart I try to write the obituary of my dear mother I miss so much.

Mother was born May 15, 1895, and died September 24, 1977, making her stay here on earth 82 years, four months and nine days. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Blackburn and Missouri Daniels Blackburn. She was a housewife and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

She married early in life to John Anderson Justice. He was the son of Rev. Abner Justice and Mercy V. Slone Justice.

To Dad and Mother were born nine children. Four children preceded her in death. Dad died December 21, 1946. She leaves five children to mourn for: Fred Justice, Hayes Justice, Abner N. Justice, Octavia Coleman and Anderson Justice, Jr.; sixteen grandchildren,



twenty-one great-grandchildren and four sisters.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. I hope we'll meet you sometime, Mother and Dad, where we'll never part again.

Written by her daughter,
Octavia Coleman

FERREL THACKER

I will try by the help of God to write an obituary of my dear father, Ferrel Thacker. He was born March 4, 1897, departed this life March 15, 1978, making his stay here on earth 80 years and 11 days. He was born at Phyllis, Ky. He was the son of Ruben E. Thacker and Mary Jane Justice Thacker.



He was married to Ethel Irene Stiltner February 24, 1915. To this union was born five children, four girls and one boy. He has one grandson, Billy Ferrel Cisco, New Town, W. Va.; daughters: Loretta Ritters, Hungiton, W. Va.; Ineze Winchester, Belfry, Ky.; Lacy Cisco, New Town, W. Va.; Don Flanery Thacker, New Town, W. Va.; one brother, Russel Thacker, Hardy, Ky.; two sisters, Sarah Justice, Grundy, Va.; Bernie Stollings, Hardy, Ky. Our mother preceded him in death November 11, 1961. One daughter, Gay Thacker, preceded him in death. He later married Ethel Calhoun. She still survives.

Father and Mother were members of the Primitive Baptist Church for several years. He will always be missed by the ones he left. I have a hope of meeting him around the beautiful Throne of God. We thank God for the precious memories. I feel he is gone to a better home. I believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

By his daughter and sister in Christ,
Ineze Winchester

ELDER JOHN LEE HATFIELD

It is with great loss and much sadness we write the obituary of our dear husband and father, John Lee Hatfield, who passed away July 7, 1978.

Born in Pike County February 15, 1933, he was the son of Sarah Smith Hatfield and the late Howard H. Hatfield. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother.

He was married to Joyce Fowler Hatfield and to this union were born six children: one daughter, Deborah Lynn Hatfield, Sidney, Ky.; five sons, Gerald Keith, Larry Gene, Terry Joseph, and Gary Lee Hatfield, all of Sidney, Ky.; James Howard Hatfield of Hatfield, Ky., and four brothers, Bert and Joe Hatfield, Toler, Ky.; Roy Hatfield, Huddy, Ky., and James Hatfield of Michigan. He is also survived by two grandchildren: James Lee and Misty Dawn Hatfield, both of Sidney, Ky.

He was a retired miner of Eastern Coal Corp., and a member of UMW Local 5737.

He was a member and an elder of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was a faithful member until death.

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

Written by his wife and children



JOHN LEE HATFIELD

ELDER JOE B. THACKER



It is with tender, loving thoughts and a heavy heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear grandpa, Elder Joe B. Thacker. Grandpa was a quiet, humble man and a good leader. He was respected and loved by many people. He enjoyed having people around him and he usually sat back in a corner to listen to them talk with a little smile on his face. Grandpa never talked very much but I always thought what he said was well worth listening to.

The son of the late Albert and Polly Smith Thacker, he was born December 19, 1900, in Pike County, Ky., and died April 8, 1978, in Williamson Memorial Hospital. All through his sickness, I never heard him

complain. He humbly accepted whatever was to be.

Grandpa was a retired miner and held a rank of honorary Kentucky Colonel. He was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 41 years and served as moderator of that church for 30 years, beginning the third Saturday in August of 1947. He was assistant moderator for several years before that.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Ethel Fuller Thacker. Their union was blessed with eight children, three sons: J. B. Thacker, who preceded him in death; Harold Thacker of Canada, Ky., and Clifford Thacker of Tucson, Arizona, and five daughters: Mrs. Hazel Sturgill of Canada; Mrs. Joyce Fleming of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Polly Bishop of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Dixie Smith and Mrs. Marie Jacobs, both of Belleville, Michigan.

He is also survived by three brothers, Martin Thacker of Sidney, Ky., and John and Appy Thacker, both of Canada; 39 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. Also preceded him in death were one grandson, two brothers and three sisters.

He was laid to rest April 10, 1978, in the Thacker Family Cemetery at Canada. Funeral services were conducted by Otis Buell, Bob Mayhorn, Franklin Viers and Dan Atkins.

Our old gray monarch is gone, but he has set a good example for all of us to follow. And though we are deeply grieved for our loss, our memories of him are as beautiful as a rose in full bloom.

Written by his granddaughter
With all my love,
Carletta Thornsburg Bogar

MARK JOSEPH SMITH

It is with sadness and much aching in my heart that I attempt to write an obituary of my beloved little son, Markey Joe.

Mark was born in Ypsilanti, Mich., on October 28, 1974, to Elder and Mrs. Onis L. Smith. He was born with a heart disease and we knew almost immediately that he would have to undergo surgery to correct the condition.

I believe that Mark was blessed to live pretty close to a normal life other than turning blue at times and not having as much energy as other little children. He was a very happy little boy.



Mark had his surgery on February 27, 1978, but God saw fit to call him home the following morning, which made his stay here on earth three years and four months.

Left to mourn his passing are two sisters, Mrs. Sherry Visingardi of Belleville, Mich., and Miss Vicki Lou Smith of the home; one brother, Michael Onis Smith of the home; a brother-in-law, Richard James Visingardi; and one nephew, Richard James Visingardi, Jr., both of Belleville. His maternal grandparents are the late Elder Joe B. Thacker and Mrs. Ethel Thacker of Canada, Ky., and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Omer Smith of Sidney, Ky. Also surviving are a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

During the last month of Mark's life, he would often get the Bible and take it to his dad, sit on his lap and say, "Read the Bible, Daddy." He loved to sit on his daddy's lap and try to help him sing the good old songs.

On the morning Mark died, God blessed his sister, Vicki, to see Jesus holding Mark by the hand. He seemed so anxious to get started, but he did take time to come to her and place his little hands on her face assuring her that he was happy and going to a better place.

Funeral services were held at the Big Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Church on March 4, 1978, with Elders Elmer Thacker, John Click and Arnold Thompson officiating. Mark was laid to rest in Thacker Family Cemetery at Canada.

Although our home is so lonely without him, we know that there is another little rose blooming in Heaven because Mark is there. By the grace of God we can say:

*We'll meet again over yonder
On that blest and golden shore
We'll meet again where joys abundant
We'll meet again to part no more.*

Written by one who loved him more
than life, his mother,
Dixie Lou Thacker Smith

BENNIE SLONE

It is with much sorrow that I will try to write an obituary of my husband, Bennie Slone, who was born March 25, 1918 and died March 29, 1978, making his stay on earth 60 years and four days. He was the son of Matt and Gracie Slone and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Bennie was married to Nancy Thacker Slone who preceded him in

death. They were blessed with three children: one daughter, Grace Slone Mullins of Elizabethtown, Ky.; two sons, Matt Greenie Slone of Millard, and Jackson Slone who preceded him in death.

In 1946, Bennie was married to Maggie Thacker Slone who remains to mourn for him. To this union were born seven children: four girls, Barbara L. Johnson, Rosemary Slone, Debra J. Slone, and Maggie N. G. Slone, all of Millard, Ky.; three sons, Linton Lee Slone who preceded him in death; Joe Michael Slone and Richard Neal Slone both of Millard.

Bennie had nine grandchildren; seven brothers, Matt Jr. Slone, Curtis Slone, Perry Slone, all of Ohio; Keen Slone, Jesse Slone, Johnny Slone, of Millard, and Joe Slone of Fishtrap; three sisters, Stella Slone of Fishtrap, Nancy Harris of Raccoon, and Altie Boyd.

Bennie suffered nine years with the dreadful heart disease. The good Lord was merciful to grant him the many prayers through his illness. He talked so much of how much he loved his family, brothers, sisters, and his friends. He would say, "You know a thousand years will be just like one moment when we awake from our Peaceful Sleep."

The children and I feel like we have lost the most precious loved one in our home, but we find comfort in the memories he left with us and I believe our great loss was heaven's gain.



BENNIE SLONE

BROTHER FRANK LAMBERT



Brother Frank was born the son of James and Margaret Lambert who both belonged to the Primitive Baptist Church.

Brother Frank was born May 6th, 1908, and passed from this life January 8th, 1978, making his stay on earth 69 years, two months and 26 days.

He was married to Lillie Jones born June 10th, 1914, passed from this life January 4th, 1974, making her stay on

earth 59 years, seven months and 20 days. To this union were these God-given children, six sons and five daughters: Kilmer, Frank Jr., Nickie, Kent, Tony, Randy, and five daughters: Margaret, L. Margaline, Sylvia, Corinne and Ann. It's with much sadness that I try to write about my dear Uncle Frank and Aunt Lillie. She was like a mother to me as my mother died when I was only six years old. I depended on them so much for guidance and council. Uncle Frank joined the church and was baptized into the Columbus Primitive Baptist, and his blessed wife went to church all the time but never did join the church but she surely did love the church and attended as long as she could go.

Written by her niece in hope of eternal life as our great God showed me that without Christ you cannot have a hope of that eternal life, that God promised his people from the foundation of the world. At this writing I have that hope that I will meet them in a better world where no sickness nor sorrow ever can enter that blessed place that our God has prepared for His loved ones that love and serve Him.

Written by Magalene Hall Blevins, a niece

ELZA PEARL MAY

Elza Pearl May, born January 19, 1909, departed this life April 28, 1978, at the age of 69 years, three months and nine days. He was born in Pike County, son of the late Elsie Madden Slone and spent his entire life in this area.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loyal and devoted wife, Macel Moore May, who shared with him life's joys and sorrows for over 31 years; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Young, and one granddaughter, Angela Marie Young.



Mr. May was blessed with a good and useful life. He was a loving husband and father and a kind and thoughtful neighbor. He had a pleasant personality which won him a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

His working years were spent in the employment of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway as a car inspector, but he had retired from this line of employment in 1965.

He was always interested in the welfare of his fellow man and could be depended upon to relieve any situation that demanded his help. He served his country with honor during its time of need in World War II.

He was a member of the Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church where he was baptized in 1958.

Now, his earthly life is over. He has gone to receive his reward.

*People loved him and admired him
And will miss his friendly smile
But our faith knows we have lost him
Only for a little while.*

MORDECAI BLACKBURN

It is with much sadness and loving memory that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear daddy, Mordecai Blackburn.

He was born August 5, 1906, departed this life April 26, 1978, making his stay on earth 71 years, seven months and 21 days.

He was united in marriage to Ardelia Stanley on July 3, 1928. To this union was born one daughter.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Tom Chapman of Middletown, Ohio; one granddaughter, Mrs. Daniel Ballard and one great-granddaughter, Michelle Nicole Ballard.

Also three brothers, Gardner Hensley, Jethie Ball and Tom Ball, and one sister, Dorothy Arnold.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church the third Saturday of August in 1936. On the day he was baptised, six others were baptised. Among these were his mother, Milinda Ball, her sister Catherine Thacker, my great-grandmother, Nellie Blackburn, and a very close brother, Elder Joe Thacker who later became the moderator of the Big Creek Church. Daddy was clerk of the Big Creek Church from 1947 until death, making it 31 years.

Daddy loved to go to church and help sing the good old hymns and was often called upon to start the songs. In quiet hours at home, his clear voice would so often sing these good old songs. He loved to hear the gospel preached and was a strong believer in salvation by the grace of God.

For years, Daddy would invite the members home to eat at his table. Sometimes there would be thirty to fifty people to eat with us. Sometimes there would be singing afterwards.



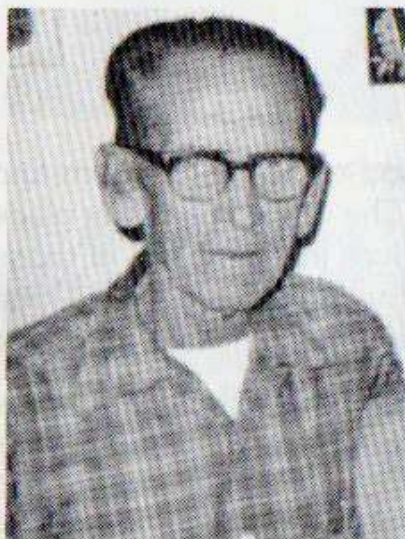
Daddy bore his sickness well. Many brothers of the church came to see Daddy in the hospital. He always asked for prayer. In his last hours, he asked that no one be slighted in his services. He was constantly thinking of God and eternal things and seemed to have a vision. He called out in a quiet moment and spoke of "That Good Land." He kept his faith in God and a hope of life beyond this world.

I believe that by the fruits he bore that my daddy is one in the number that the Lord gave His life a ransom for and I am consoled in my hope that my daddy will rise again in the resurrection of the last day.

We miss him so much, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his lonesome daughter,
Golessa (Blackburn) Chapman

JOHN D. WORRIX



It is in loving memory and with great sadness I write the obituary of my dear father, John D. Worrix. He was born April 18, 1904 to the union of the late William Worrix and Elizabeth Adkins Worrix. He departed this life January 5, 1978, making his stay on earth 73 years, eight months and 18 days.

He was united in marriage to Hettie Coleman Worrix on December 19, 1929. To this union was born 15 children, one of which preceded him in death at birth. Left to mourn his death are seven sons and seven daughters: Polly Pierce of McArthur, Ohio; Lola Barney of Ray, Ohio; John Worrix, Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; William Worrix of Belmont, California; Harold Worrix of Baltimore, Ohio; Thursie Bates of Canal Winchester, Ohio; Lonnie Worrix of Columbus, Ohio; Bradley Worrix of Columbus, Ohio; Bobby Worrix of Columbus, Ohio; Mary Worrix of Columbus, Ohio; Arthur Worrix of Columbus, Ohio; Laura Richardson of Columbus, Ohio; Leah Ewald of Columbus, Ohio, and Loretta Foresta of Columbus, Ohio. He was also survived by seven daughters-in-law and six sons-in-law, 33 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Alex and Bradley Worrix, and one sister, Ollie Thacker.

He was baptised into the Primitive Baptist Church in August of

1961. Through his love and devotion for the church he was later to become a deacon. At the time of our loss he was the oldest member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church which he helped Elder Lundy Coleman found. Although our hearts are full of sorrow, we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter, Loretta Foresta

JOHN CLARENCE MADDEN

John Clarence Madden was born April 3, 1907 in Pike County, Ky. He died January 19, 1978 in Columbus, Ohio. His father was Granville Madden, a Primitive Baptist preacher. Some people today can remember hearing him preach the Gospel. His mother was Rosetta Daniels Madden. She was a sister to Uncle Pete Daniels who is living in Louisville at age 92.



John Clarence was an honest hard-working Christian man. He always helped others and was a good neighbor to all. He had a special love for his many nieces and nephews. He tried to set a good example for them and hoped they would live as good Christians. The world is a better place because he was here. He is dead but he lives in the hearts of those who loved him. In our sorrow we turn to the Holy Bible — St. John 11:24: "I know he shall rise in the resurrection at the last day." We look forward to meeting him again.

Agnes, his wife for 40 years

EVANS EPLING



Brother Evans Epling, the son of Jess and Georgia Mullins Epling, was born August 22, 1912, departed this life April 1, 1978 in Columbus, Ohio. He was married to Gay Mullins Epling August 31, 1933. To this union was born seven children, two boys: Bill Epling, Beckley, W. Va.; Michael E. Epling, Columbus, Ohio; daughters: Shelby Presley, Davenport, Va.; Shirley Turner, Abingdon, Va.; Linda Allen, Columbus, Ohio; Emma Baisden, Marion, Ohio, and Sue Epling of the home.

He leaves his family, also his father,

Jess Epling, and five brothers, Fred, Ellis and Claude, Breaks, Va.; Arthur, Marbone, Ky.; Guy Epling, Bristol, Va. One brother, Albert Epling, and one sister, Mildred Reener, and his mother, Georgia Epling, preceded him in death.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Columbus Church April 1972 and was ordained a deacon July 4, 1972. He remained a faithful member until God called his spirit home to live with him.

Gay has given up a loving and faithful husband, his children the loss of a loving father, and the church a good and faithful member. He was a hard-working man who dearly loved his family, friends and church. We feel when the Death Angel came, he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, there to sleep that peaceful sleep from which none will ever wake to weep.

His family and all that knew him loved him, but God loved him best and called him home to lay down and rest from all his labors, so just sleep on, loved one. We feel you will be in that number to sing God's praises forever more. May God bless and comfort this lonely family.

Written by request of the family,
Carrie Deel

EARNEST STANLEY

In memory of a dear husband, loving father and devoted grandfather, the following obituary is written.

Earnest Stanley, 76, of Canada, Ky., died Sunday morning, April 9, in the Appalachian Regional Hospital following a long illness. He was born March 13, 1902 to the late Bud and Lizzie Stanley in Canada, Ky.

He was a retired miner and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Belfry, Ky.

Survivors include his wife, Mary L. Stanley of Hardy, Ky., to whom he had been married for 50 years; two sons, James E. Stanley, truck driver of McAndrews, Ky.; Gary M. Stanley, high school student, McAndrews, Ky.; three daughters, Gloria Lee Stanley, McAndrews, Ky.; Anis Marie Francis, Logan, W. Va.; Earnestine Smith, Stone, Ky.; three brothers, Clinton Stanley, McAndrews, Ky.; Willie Smith, Hardy, Ky.; Raymond Stanley, Ohio; two grandchildren, Earnest Ray Stanley, Stone, Ky., and Athony Blaine Francis, McAndrews, Ky.



Three brothers, two daughters and two sisters preceded him in death.

Written by his son, James E. Stanley

NOAH NORMAN

Mr. Noah Norman, 73, of McCarr, Ky., died Tuesday, September 13, 1977, at home following a lingering illness. Born January 23, 1904 at McCarr, Ky., he was a son of the late Jerry Mayer and Lula Williams Norman.



He was baptized July 21, 1945 at the Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom.

He is survived by his wife, Opal Marie Dotson Norman; nine daughters, Mrs. Lullie Smith at home, Mrs. Bascon (Barbara Sue) Stacey of Norton, Va.; Mrs. Tom (Janis) Davis of Twinsburg, Ohio; Mrs. Mark (Dinah) Emmry of Streetsboro, Ohio; Miss Debra Norman and Miss Sally Norman at home; Mrs. Jack (Lois) Hawken of Pomona, Calif.; Alma Jean Norman of Florida, and Mrs. Johnny (Gaye) White of Leesburg, Va.; six sons, Noah Nelson Norman of McCarr, Ky.; Bernard Norman of Manassas, Va.; Jimmy Norman of Woodbridge, Va.; Estill Norman of Lexington, Ky.; Walter Norman of Louisville, Ky., and Eddie Norman of McCarr, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Etta Boyd of McCarr, Ky.; one brother, William P. (Dock) Norman of McCarr, Ky.; 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sons, four brothers and one sister.

My love is gone but will never be forgotten.

Love always,
By Opal Norman

BUFORD MAY

Buford May, 67, of Red Jacket, died Friday, March 17, 1978 at 5:20 a.m. at the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born August 25, 1910 at McAndrews, Ky., he was the son of the late Basil and Dixie Hatfield May.

He was of the Primitive Baptist Faith and was a retired miner working for the Island Creek Coal Co. No. 17 Mine.

Surviving are his wife, Marie (Preston) May; three sons, Buford Ray May of Red Jacket; Robert Lee May of Columbus, Ohio, and Jerome

Herman May of Augusta, Ga.; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Ellen Parsons of Ft. Worth, Fla.; Mrs. Ruby Jean Weddington of Vinton, Ohio, and Mrs. Lessie Marie Huff of Bledsoe, Ky.; four brothers, Burgess May of Ashland, Ky.; Sherman May and Blain May, both of McAndrews, and Robert May of Pikeville, Ky.; a sister, Mrs. Mousie Vernie Staten of Venton and 18 grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were three daughters, four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m. at the Chambers Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Teddy Ball and others officiating.

Burial followed in the Mt. View Memory Gardens at Huddy. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Chambers Funeral Home.



JOHN SHERMAN HATFIELD



With aching heart and tear-dimmed eyes, I'll try to write the obituary of my dear husband, John Sherman Hatfield, who departed this life June 15, 1978, making his stay on earth 57 years, eight months and 11 days. He was baptized March 25, 1978 by two of his sons, Jimmie and Johnny, and Brother Don Hatfield.

He had four children who loved him so very much: Jimmie, Johnny, Jackie and Patsy, and 11 grandchildren who can't understand why you're gone, but God knows best. We love you and miss you

so very much. You have a lot of friends and loved ones who love and miss you, too.

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, till Jesus came and called you home.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and we'll meet you again some sweet day.

Written by his wife
Mary Elizabeth

CHARLEY SANDERS



Charley Sanders, known to many as "Uncle Charley", died January 11, 1978, at the age of 72. He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, and was the son of Neva Woods and Thomas Sanders. He leaves one sister, Myrtle McCoy of Lenore, W. Va., and several nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Uncle Charley made his home near us for several years and I never knew a more humble person. He never spoke ill of anyone and was always ready and willing to help anyone less fortunate than himself.

Written by Talitha S. Scott

WILLIAM ROBERT MULLINS

On January 16, 1978, William Robert Mullins, or better known as Bill, paid the debt that must be paid by each of us. He fell asleep, we feel sure, in the arms of Jesus, the Savior he adored and worshipped so many years.

He was the son of Matthew and Martha Mullins. He was born March 9, 1892, making his stay on earth 85 years, ten months, and six days. He was married to Sarah Garrett Mullins. To this union was born 15 children. His wife Sarah and four children preceded him in death.



He has three sons: Cline Mullins, Glade Spring, Va.; Ellis Mullins, Standardville, Va.; Junior Mullins, Emory, Va.; eight girls, Gay Epling, Columbus, Ohio; Marie Smith, Standardville, Va.; Beatrice O'Quinn, Glade Springs, Va.; Martha Wallace, Dearborn, Michigan; Nell Bailey, Haysi, Va.; Betty Deel, Fairborne, Ohio; Elizabeth Cantrell, Phelps, Ky., and Ruby Compton, Fairborn, Ohio. He has 52 grandchildren 49 great-grandchildren and eight step-children. He has two brothers, Grady and Bud Mullins, and four sisters, Mary, Prince,

Vina and Dove, with a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He joined the Sumac Grove Church the second Saturday in February, 1933 and was ordained a deacon of the church the second Saturday in April, 1935. He loved his church and was a devoted and faithful member as long as he was able to attend. He was a quiet, lovely person, so friendly and enjoyed so much meeting his friends. He attended his church and filled his seat as long as his health permitted.

He had been much afflicted for some time but bore it very patiently and appreciated the kindness of his good children, who saw that his every need was attended to. We feel sure they feel like his death has been a happy exchange from this vain world, to that lovely land to which he has gone. He will behold such beauty and enjoy such peace that we on earth can never imagine.

His body has been laid to rest in the Mullins Cemetery to wait the resurrection of the dead, when Christ comes again, at the last day to gather His saints from the four corners of this earth and take them home with him to live forever and ever.

May God bless and comfort his lonely family is my prayer.

Written by Carrie Deel

JONAH WILLIAMSON

Jonah Williamson, 86, of Stone, Ky., passed away late Friday evening, June 9, 1978 at the Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Born November 8, 1891, he was the son of the late A. T. and Sarah Blackburn Williamson. He was a retired miner.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Smith Williamson of Stone, Ky.; three sons, Truman Williamson of Rising Sun, Maryland; Raymond Williamson of Westland, Michigan, and Bob Williamson of Columbus, Ohio; four daughters, Anna Varney of Canada, Ky.; Irene Mullins, Magdaline Thacker and Jessie McDowell, all of Columbus, Ohio. He also reared one granddaughter, Geraldine Mullins of Columbus, Ohio. One brother, Claude Williamson of Lexington, Ky.; three sisters, Polly Smith of Belfry, Ky.; Katherine Fannin of Huntington, W. Va., and Cleo Naylor of Banning, California; 32 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by three children, Clayton Williamson, Laura Varney and June Williamson. Eight brothers and sisters also preceded him in death.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.
2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.
4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.
5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, 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 Sec-

retary 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 in 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 eter-

nal 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 as 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 dis-fellowship 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 on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as he can to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

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

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

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contribution
Louisa	Bradley Wiorix	4						7	117	2	\$50.00
Old Pond	Ray Harlow	4	2		1	2	2	8	133	2	75.00
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	1				3	1	3	87	3	75.00
Raccoon	Edward Bevins	3	1			1	1	2	88	4	65.00
Peter Creek	Evelyn S. Smith	1			3			2	122	4	40.00
Sulphur Spring	George W. Lester	1						1	102	1	40.00
Little Hope	Virgil A. Smith					1		1	29	1	25.00
Grape Vine	Miles Thacker	2				3	1	5	29	3	25.00
Samaria	Luther Scott	5				2	1	1	249	3	75.00
Little Union	Ernest Blair	2						1	23	1	50.00
John Creek	Carl Coleman	3			3		2		48	2	40.00
Calvary	Rush Chapman								39	1	40.00
Dry Fork	Lawrence Jackson	5						2	59	2	50.00
Friendship	Martin Childers	2						1	19	4	25.00
Columbus	Sandra Kay Harris	3	1		4		1	3	65	4	50.00
Deerfield	Ernest Hager					2	1		37	4	35.00
Pleasant Hill	Charles Branham	1						1	47	1	50.00
Bethel	Mrs. Betty Click								13		25.00
		37	4		11	14	9	36	1311		\$835.00

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