

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

held with
Raccoon Church
RACCOON, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
August 31 and September 1-2,
1979

Next session convenes with the Samaria Church, Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1980 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

Proceedings

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

FRIDAY MORNING — August 31, 1979

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Michael Smith. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Lawrence Jackson. No special text.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS — The association then elected the following: Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Brother Steve Hunt, Asst. Clerk.

Newly constituted churches called for: None reported.

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the minutes.

Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations reported, and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Correspondents from sister associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia — Elders Franklin Viers and Bobby Arrington.

Burning Springs — Elder Roby Furguson and Brethren Edgar Rudd and D. J. Blanton.

Little Yadkin River — Elder Vance Jones.

Union — Elder Dallas Adams and Brother James Adams.

St. Clairs Bottom — Elder Eddie Lyle.

Visitors from Associations and various Churches received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick Association — Elder Andrew McGlothlin and wife, Elder Arnold Childers and wife, Elder Ostil Smith and Sister Pauline Arrington.

Mount Zion Association — Elder A. L. Neely and Brethren W. A. Davidson, Paul Lilly, Millard B. Willis and son, John Compton and D. W. Harvy; Sisters Ocie Harvy, Panzy Mabe, Nellie Harvy, Ora Watson, Pearl Price, Lilly East and Minnie White.

Burning Spring Association — Kermit Walters and Wife, Sisters Dora Rudd, Susanna Perkins and Annalee Blanton.

Little Yadkin River Association — Sister Hulda Jones.

Miami Church — Elder Arnold Thompson and Brother Sid Flemings and Brother Bill Farley and wife and Sister Kate Casey.

Lexington Primitive Baptist Church — Elder Paul Troutner and Brethren Harold Fletcher and Roy York; Sisters Cora Lee Myers, Bertha Arnold and Lealer Maynard.

Sandusky Association — Brother Ellis Atkins.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. A messenger from each church together with all the messengers from the Raccoon Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand.

They reported the following:

Friday afternoon at the stand — Elders Vance Jones, Arnold Childers and Roby Furguson.

Friday evening at the Louisa Church — Elders Johnny Jacobs, Lundy Coleman, Lawrence Jackson and Elmer Brown.

Friday evening at Samaria Church — Elders Franklin Viers, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Michael Smith and Teddy R. Ball.

Friday evening at Peter Creek Church — Elders Vance Jones, Arnold Childers, Bobby Arrington and Andrew McGlothlin.

Saturday at the stand — Owen Harvey, A. L. Neely, Arnold Thompson, and Paul Troutman.

Saturday evening at Big Creek Church — Elders Elmer Brown, Terry Thacker, Arnold Thompson, Walter Sullivan and Lawrence Jackson.

Saturday evening at Little Union Church — Elders J. C. Hager, Paul Varney, Robert Worrix, Clifford Thacker and Teddy R. Ball.

Saturday evening at Calvary Church — Elders Jimmie Moore, Harrison Smith and John C. Click.

Saturday afternoon at the stand — Elders John Click, Eddie Lyle and Arnold Thompson.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Robert Worrix, Walter Daniels, Elmer Thacker, Paul Dean Justice, Doris Kindrick, Frank Dotson, J. B. Ball, Dane Hager, Harrison Smith, Lester Varney, Lundy Childers, John Kirk, Lundy Coleman, J. C. Hager and Jimmie Moore.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Michael Smith, Elmer Brown and Elsie Coleman.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister associations are as follows:

Sandlick: Elder Jimmie Moore and Harrison Smith

Burning Spring: Elders Avery Lowe and Paul Varney and Harrison Smith

New Liberty: Elders J. H. Blackburn and Larry Thornsby

Mount Zion: Elders Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn and Jimmie Moore.

Little Yadkin River: Elders Jimmie Moore, Paul Varney and Elmer Brown.

Union: Elder Clifford Thacker and Brethren Anthony Coleman and Jess Tucker

St. Clair Bottom: Elders Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson and Lundy Coleman.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Calvary Church and to begin Friday evening before the last Sunday in March, 1980.

Moved and seconded the association be adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING — September 1, 1979

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

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. We recommend that the Association be held with the Johns Creek Church in 1980.

2. We recommend that the Annual Meeting be held with the Old Pond Church in 1980.

3. We ask that the Association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

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

The Rock Spring Association brought before the Committee a grievance about the New Burlington and Miami Churches preaching an excluded Elder from their association.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter it was decided to let them try to make peace among themselves.

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported the following: Elder Lundy Coleman to open with song and prayer. 1. Elder Owen Harvey; 2. Elder Jimmie Moore; 3. Elder Franklin Viers; 4. Elder Teddy R. Ball.

Finance Committee reported \$950.00 and were discharged.

Called on Union Meetings 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, 1980. Elders to attend: Paul Varney, John Kirk, Elmer Brown, Kit Ratliff, Avery Lowe, Lundy Coleman, Everett Brizendine, Paris Blackburn, Johnny Jacobs, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn and Glen Coleman.

Old Pond — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1980. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Dan Adkins, Elmer Thacker, Don Hatfield, Basil Hatfield, J. H. Blackburn and Kit Ratliff.

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1980. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff and Joe Slone.

Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1980. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, John Kirk, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kit Ratliff, Clifford Thacker and Wheeler Thacker.

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1980. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Paul Varney, Michael Smith, Kit Ratliff, Everett Brizendine, J. H. Blackburn and Lawrence Jackson.

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1980. Elders to attend: Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, Paul Dean Justice, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson and Teddy R. Ball.

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1980. Elders to attend: We welcome all Mates Creek Ministers.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1980. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, David Coleman, Michael Smith, Lawrence Jackson, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone and Teddy R. Ball.

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1980. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Franklin Viers, J. H. Blackburn, J. C. Hager, Robert Worrix, Lawrence Jackson, Paul Dean Justice, Elmer Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Paul Varney and Fred Varney.

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1980.

Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Everett Brizendine, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Clifford Thacker, Lawrence Jackson, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix and J. H. Blackburn.

Johns Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1980. Elders to attend: Jimmie Moore, Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Junior Coleman, Kit Ratliff, Paul Varney, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, Elmer Brown, Jeff Chapman, Troy Casey, Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith and Elmer Thacker.

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1980. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, John I. Smith, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Joe Slone, Jimmie Moore, Teddy R. Ball and Jeff Chapman.

Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1980. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, John Looney, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, J. H. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Everett Brizendine. We invite Bufford Conaway, Joe Edwards and Franklin Viers.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1980. Elders to attend: Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Thacker, Ostil Smith, Walter Willis, Avery Lowe and John Kirk.

Columbus — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1980. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Glen Coleman, John Kirk, Jess Tucker, Johnny Jacobs, Elmer Brown, J. H. Blackburn and Fonso Justice, all preaching brethren from the Pontiac Church and Elder Eugene Blevins.

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1980. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Paul Varney, Paris Blackburn, J. H. Blackburn, Monroe Cantrell, John Click, Larry Thornsburry, Jimmie Moore, all brethren from the Pontiac Church.

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1980. Elders to attend: Arnold Childers, Leonard Barton, Ostil Smith, Monroe Cantrell, John Click, Otis Buell, and Garnet Gilbert.

Bethel — meets the third Saturday in June, 1980. Elders to attend: Kin Wilson, J. C. Hager, Rosco Wilson, Robert Mayhon, Parley Cantrell, Clyde Blair and Ostil Smith.

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

Agreed that we have 2300 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the

Obituaries of the following:

Brethren Ralph Casey, General Chapman, Albert C. Justice, Paris Charles, Landon Clinton Justice, Joe F. Morris, Joseph H. Blackburn, Peter Daniels, Noah Mullins, James H. Justice, Martin P. Thacker, Willis (Bill) Allen, Morgan Coleman, Roland T. Smith and Arvil Justice.

Sisters Celia A. Thacker, Mary Easter Justice, Bertha Keesee McCoy, Sarah Jane Smith, Macel Moore May, Octava Coleman Hunt, Elizabeth Blair, Bessie Smith, Martha Elizabeth Conn Turner, Pauline Marie McCoy and Columbia Murphy.

Brother and Sister Thomas Collins and Hazel Slone Collins.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution for 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	\$2,022.97
Amount received from the churches	950.00
Donations at the stand and pictures	404.00
Interest on money in the bank	52.75
Total cash on hand	\$3,429.72

Cash paid out:

Paid for Minutes for 1978	\$1,002.94
Give the Moderator	50.00
Give the Asst. Moderator	50.00
Give the Clerk	50.00
Give the Asst. Clerk	50.00
Total Cash Paid Out	\$1,202.94
Balance cash left on hand	\$2,226.78

Agreed that our next association be held with the Samaria Church of Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1980. Elder Michael Smith was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Don Hatfield is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Harrison Smith. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Teddy R. Ball, Moderator
J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator
Stearyl Hatfield, Clerk
Steve Hunt, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 2, 1979

Singing and prayer by Elder Lundy Coleman.

1. Elder Owen Harvey, Text: St. John 18:37, Art Thou a King.
2. Elder Jimmie Moore, Text: Romans 1:5; By whom we have received Grace and Apostleship.
3. Elder Franklin Viers, Psalms 124:4; then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul!

Our Moderator closed out another wonderful association amid much praising and singing. May the God of all Grace be with us until our next association.

The Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

September 5, 1979

Mates Creek Association
Primitive Baptist of Jesus Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

My thoughts at this time are expressed in Paul's letter to the saints and faithful brethren at Colosse beginning at the third chapter of the epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

So then, Brethren, we understand that Paul is telling us that we have passed from death to life, and have become a new creature. He then tells us how we should live here in this present world, that we

might have a pure and undefiled church, that the church should be a resting place for the children of God while they sojourn in this world. Let us then pray for the peace of each other, passing the time with fear and doing to others as we would have them to do unto us.

Pray for me when you are blessed with prayer.

Elder Paul D. Justice

Elder Clifford Thacker will write the circular letter for 1980.

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Eddie Lyle

Elder Roby Furguson

Elder Bobby Arrington

Elder Vance Jones

Elder A. L. Neely

Elder Arnold Thompson

Elder Ostil Smith

Elder Andrew McGlothlin

Elder Arnold Childers

Elder Dallas Adams

Elder Franklin Viers

Elder Owen Harvey

Elder Paul Troutner

Elder Terry Thacker

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa — Robert Worrix, Joe Slone, Clifford Thacker, Jessie Tucker, Noah Slone, Kedna Charles, Bradley Worrix, Calvary Runyon, Harry Thacker, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, Ireland Adkins, Abner Justice, Raymond Slone, Alden Goff, Anthony Coleman.

Old Pond — Tony Scott, Bob Dotson, Steve Hunt, Walter Daniels, Ray Harlow, Andy Blackburn, Jake Runyons.

Big Creek — Elmer Thacker, R. T. Thacker, Delmar Williamson, Joe P. Stanley, Joe B. Stanley, Arlen Coleman, Daniel Roberts, Quincie Stanley, Clarence Bogar, Larry Thornsby.

Raccoon — Glenn Coleman, Alvis (Pat) Keene, Homer Coleman, Paul D. Justice, Wm. J. Slone, Bobby Coleman, Bobby Collins, Linton Collins, Rufus Goff, Elmer Goff, Erwin Justice, Dave Newsome, Brian Collins, Edward Bevins.

Peter Creek — Troy Casey, J. R. Smith, Junior Casey, Ray Smith, Leo Coleman, Floyd Stump, Daris Kinder, Elsie Coleman, Earl Casey, Fonso Hatfield.

Sulphur Springs — J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, George W. Lester, Arthur Stiltner, Frank Lester, Frank Dotson, Luther Blackburn, Burlin Blackburn, Sam Mays.

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

Ball.

Grapevine — J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith.

Samaria — Teddy Ball, Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Dana Hager, Lucas Hatfield, Walter Sullivan, Stearl Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Andy Herald, Larry Scott, Dennis Dotson, James Hager, Ed Hatfield, Ronnie Crawford, Ronnie Bailey.

Little Union — Ernest Blair.

John's Creek — Harrison Smith, Lee Stilner, Noah Smith, Eleanice Smith, Baley T. Coleman, Harvey Coleman, Plennie Coleman, Carl Coleman.

Calvary — Kit Ratliff, Jeff Chapman, Andrew Hunt, Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Wayne Varney, Martin Thacker, Able Chapman, Earl Chapman, Homer Coleman, Lester Varney, Bradley Coleman.

Dry Fork — Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Lundy Childress, Clyde Looney, Arvil Owens, Jennings Boyd.

Friendship — Avery Lowe, John Kirk, Martin Childers.

Columbus — Lundy Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Ray Dotson.

Deerfield — J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, Ray Anderson, Charles Blackburn, Ernest Hager.

Pleasant Hill — Jimmy Moore, Tivis K. Barton, Eugene Deel, Bob Compton, Kermit Barton, Charles Branham.

Bethel — John Click, Jr.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

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Glenn Vipperman	Kimper, KY 41539
Don Hatfield	Ph. 353-7912, Hardy, KY 41531
Everett Brizendine	Ph. 456-3473, Phelps, KY 41553
Michael Smith	Ph. 427-7188, Ransom, KY 41558

Avery Lowe	Ph. 237-6361, Turkey Creek, KY	41570
Lundy Coleman	14230 Havens Corner Rd., Pataskala, OH	43062
John I. Smith	Ph. 237-6668, Forest Hills, KY	41527
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Jeff Chapman	Kimper, KY	41539
Troy Casey	Phelps, KY	41553
Joe Slone	437-7000, Fishtrap, KY	41525
Robert Worrix	Ph. 432-1752, 338 Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, KY	41501
Clifford Thacker	Ph. 432-5127, Rt. 1, Shelbiana, KY	41562
Paul D. Justice	Raccoon, Ky	41557
Curt Elliott	Austinburg, OH	44010
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Homer Blackburn	Kelsa, VA	
Glenn Coleman	Raccoon, KY	41557
Lawrence Jackson	Box 206, Vansant, VA	24656
Arthur May	Kelsa, VA	
Basil Hatfield	Ph. 353-4194, Belfry, KY	41514
Jess Tucker	437-7833, Millard, KY	41501
Wm. J. Slone	Raccoon, KY	41557
Paul Varney	427-7929, Ransom, KY	41558
Harrison Smith	Ph. 456-3567, Phelps, KY	41553
John Click, Jr.	Ph. (219) 884-7667, 5067 Caroline St., Gary, IN	46409
George Fuller	Ph. 353-4360, Canada, KY	41519
R. T. Thacker	Ph. 625-9608, Goshen, OH	41522
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James T. Dotson	11534½ Peters Pike, Ph. 667-4293, Tipp City, OH	45371
Arthur Barker	RR 3, West Liberty, KY, Ph. 743-4941	
Herbert Ferguson	Ph. 878-5598, 1936 Zimmerman Rd. Fairborn, OH	45324
J. C. Hager	16320 Hi-Land, Fenton, MI	48430, Ph. 738-2143
Paris Blackburn	3290 Trenton Rd., Galena, OH	43021
William B. Blackburn	Pinsonfork, KY	41555
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LICENTIATES

Brother Kedna Charles	Phyllis, KY 41533
Brother Noah Slone	Rt. 6, Pikeville, KY 41501
Brother Tivis K. Barton	1120 Hally Ave., Dayton, OH 45420
Brother Charles Bowes	Ransom, KY 41558
Brother Frank Hager	Ransom, KY 41558
Brother Charles Branham	RR 1, Irwin, OH 43029, Ph. 857-1647
Brother Larry Thornsby	Ph. 353-9456, Canada, KY 41519
Brother Virgil Smith	Ph. 353-4761, Pinsonfork, KY 41555
Brother Lonnie Woorix	Columbus, OH
Brother Theodore Floyd	Columbus, OH
Brother Walter Sullivan	Ransom, KY 41558

CHURCH MODERATOR

Louisa	Robert Worrix
Old Pond	Teddy R. Ball
Big Creek	Dan Adkins
Raccoon	John H. Blackburn
Sulphur Springs	John H. Blackburn
Peter Creek	Teddy R. Ball
Little Hope	Michael Smith
Grapevine	John H. Blackburn
Samaria	Teddy Ball
John's Creek	John H. Blackburn
Little Union	Teddy R. Ball
Calvary	Kit Ratliff
Dry Fork	Teddy R. Ball
Columbus	Teddy R. Ball, Lundy Coleman
Friendship	Avery Lowe
Deerfield	Robert Mayhorn, J. C. Hager
Pleasant Hill	Jimmie Moore
Bethel	Monroe Cantrell

COMMUNION

July, 2nd Saturday
June, 2nd Saturday
June, 3rd Saturday
July, 4th Saturday
August, 1st Saturday
June, 4th Saturday
July, 1st Saturday
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June, 3rd Saturday
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May, 1st Saturday
June, 1st Saturday
May, 2nd Saturday
April, 4th Saturday
August, 4th Saturday
June, 4th Saturday
April 3rd Saturday
June, 3rd Saturday

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

	No. Min.
Louisa — Bradley Worrix, 340 Burning Fork Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	160
Pond Creek — Ray Harlow, Rt. 1, Box 35, Huddy, Ky. 41535	150
Big Creek — Elmer Thacker, Huddy, Ky. 41535	135
Raccoon — Edward Bevins, 274 Kentucky Avenue, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	225

Peter Creek — Evelyn S. Smith, Phelps, Ky. 41553	125
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603	125
Little Hope — Virgil A. Smith, Rt. Box 42, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	50
Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554	80
Samaria — Ronald Crawford, Ranson, Ky. 41558	175
Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 54, Kimper, Ky. 41539	80
Little Union — Earnest Blair, Steele, Ky. 41566	100
Calvary — Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539	90
Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Virginia 24656	125
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, RR 2, 5010 Riley Rd., Johnstown, Ohio 43031	100
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260	50
Deerfield — Earnest hager, 846 N. Oak Street, Fenton, Mich. 48430	65
Pleasant Hill — Charles Branham, RR. 1, Irwin, Ohio 43029	150
Bethel — Mrs. Betty Click, 5067 Caroline Street, Gary, Indiana 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. 25700	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 Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 24694	25
St. Clairs Bottom — Elder E. G. Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694	25
Mountain — Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 139, Galax, Va. 24333	25
Moderator — Elder Teddy R. Ball, Rt. 2, Box 42, McCarr, Ky. 41544	30
Clerk — Stearl Hatfield , Rt. 2, Box 45, McCarr, Ky. 41544	45
Total	2300

OBITUARIES

THOMAS AND HAZEL SLONE COLLINS

In memory of my father and mother, I will try and write this obituary of Thomas Collins and Hazel Slone Collins.

Hazel Slone Collins was born February 24, 1911 and died August 6, 1973.

Thomas Collins was born July 28, 1906 and died May 29, 1979.

They were united in marriage May 19, 1930. To this union was born thirteen children: Bernice Figliola, Buffalo, N.Y.; Bobby J. Collins, Pikeville, Ky.; Dollie S. Parker, Raccoon, Ky.; Charles T. Collins, Raccoon, Ky.; Barbara G. Thompson, Raccoon, Ky.; Ruey W. Collins, Muskogee, Okla.; Jeff Collins, Carleton, Mich.; Ronnie Collins, Raccoon, Ky.; Jewel C. Clark, Raccoon, Ky.; Steven Collins, Raccoon, Ky.; Danny Collins, Pikeville, Ky.; Sharon J. Adkins, Raccoon, Ky., and George M. Collins who died in infancy.

There are 30 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition, Mother is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mallie Maynard, Pikeville, Ky.

Daddy is survived by three brothers, Wade Collins, Earl Collins and Ruey W. Collins, and three sisters, Lurlie Billiter, Lizzie Pickens and Ella McClanahan.

They were united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Raccoon, Ky. January 1972.

Mother was the daughter of Charlie and Sophia Thompson Slone.

Daddy was the son of William Jeff Collins and Carrie Blackburn Collins.

Rest in peace, God be with you,
Your son, Bob



COLUMBIA MURPHY

It is with much sadness I write the obituary of my mother, Columbia Murphy. Mother was born December 21st, 1884 in Buchanan County, Va. She was the daughter of William and Dianna May Hackney. She died October 6th, 1978, making her stay here on earth



COLUMBIA MURPHY

almost 94 years. She was married to Cleave Murphy who preceded her in death in 1939. She was the mother of eleven children. Three daughters and one son preceded her in death. Seven children survive. they are: Mrs. Bess Layne of Belfry; Mrs. Ida Varney, Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Mary Blackburn, Canada, Ky.; Ilene Bevins of Logan, W. Va.; Evelyn Weddington, Anthony, Florida; two sons, Woody Murphy, Stone, Ky.; Ed Murphy, Belfry, Ky., and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren to mourn her loss.

Mother was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church for more than thirty years and always took her seat in church until declining health. We miss her very much but feel our loss is heaven's gain, and our hope is to see Mother again.

Written by her daughter,
Ida Varney

PAULINE MARIE COLEMAN

Pauline Marie Coleman, 52 years of age, passed away from this life May 20, 1979, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, Ky. She was born at Raccoon August 18, 1926. She was the daughter of Nancy Jane Coleman and Ernest R. Coleman. She had been ill for about three years. She was not a member of the Primitive Baptist Church although she was well thought of by the membership as well as congregation. We all believe she is with God on the right hand.



She is survived by her mother, Nancy Jane Coleman; sisters, Josephine Coleman of Columbus, Ohio; Myrtle Coleman of Arlington, Virginia; Georgette Morris of Delaware, Ohio; Eleanor Leitch of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and nine nieces, nine nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

We all regret the loss of our sister but we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her family

MARTHA ELIZABETH CONN TURNER

In precious memories of my dear sister, Martha Elizabeth Conn Turner, who passed away October 6th, 1978 in a nursing home at Cle Elum, Washington. She was born March 8, 1904 at Kelsa, Virginia, the daughter of the late Joseph N. Conn and Mary E. Dotson Conn.

She was married to George Turner, who preceded her in death. They were the parents of two daughters and one son: Mrs. Jean Ganz of Columbus, Ohio; Irene Hart of Redmond, Washington; George Turner of Cle Elum, Washington.

She united with the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church while visiting parents here at Kelsa, Virginia.

She is survived by her three children, eleven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Arthur Conn of Freeburn, Ky.; Joe Conn, Jr., and Richard P. Conn of Kelsa, Virginia; four sisters, Delsa (Coleman) Wean, Kelsa, Va.; Lydia Pearl of McDowell, W. Va.; Elsie Smith and Hazel Eades of Kelsa, Virginia.

We have the loving memories of our childhood days together. May we all meet again to never part anymore.

Written by a sister,
Delsa Wean



BESSIE SMITH VARNEY



It has been God's will to call from our midst a precious old Sainted Mother in Israel, Bessie Smith Varney. She was born November 26, 1915 in Pike County, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Hibbard and Folsom Honaker Coleman. She was married to the late Ira Smith in 1930 and to this union was born eight children. One child preceded her in death. She is survived by three sons, Victor Smith, Henry Smith, both of Kimper, Ky., and Elder Harrison Smith of Phelps, Ky.; four daughters, Ruthie

Frances Borem of South Dakota; Bobbie Mae Stevens of Clincho, Va.; Gay Nell Walker of Lenore, W. Va., and Lula Carol Rose of

Sulphur Well, Ky.; 22 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one brother, Homer Coleman of Sidney, Ky. She also leaves a husband, Keen Varney, and a host of friends and relatives.

Sister Bessie united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Long Fork October 1943. She was a faithful member until death. We feel sure our loss is her gain.

Written by
Johnny and Vicie Blackburn

MISSOURI COLEMAN



In loving memory of our mother, Missouri Coleman, who was born on October 15, 1911, and departed this life on October 23, 1978, making her stay on earth 67 years and eight days.

She was the daughter of the late Hibbard Coleman and Fossom Honaker Coleman, who preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage with Elder Paris Coleman on April 5, 1928. He preceded her in death in February, 1956. To this union were born 14 children of which four preceded her in death.

She is survived by the following: one step-son, Harvey Coleman of Kimper, Ky., and seven sons and three daughters: Arvil Coleman and Arnold Coleman of Elyria, Ohio; Frank Coleman and Don Coleman of Bridgeview, Illinois; Larry Coleman of Pikeville, Ky.; Carl Coleman and Plennie Coleman of Kimper, Ky.; Mrs. Daisy Miller of Feds Creek, Ky.; Mrs. Gracie Newton of Sidney, Ky., and Mrs. Faye Pugh of Vermillion, Ohio. She had 39 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Bessie Coleman Smith of Suffer Wells, Ky., and one brother, Mr. Homer Coleman of Sidney, Ky., and a host of friends.

She united with the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church in October, 1939, and lived faithfully until her death. We feel she has a home in glory and our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by the family

ELIZABETH BLAIR



It is in loving memory and with great sadness we write the obituary of our dear mother, Elizabeth Hackney Blair. She was born September 17, 1887, to the late Alex and Mary Reynolds Hackney. She departed this life October 12, 1978, making her stay on earth 91 years and 29 days.

She was united in marriage to George Washington Blair, who preceded her in death 32 years ago. To this union were born nine children, of which two sons preceded her in death, Lundy and Edward Blair. Left to mourn her death are four sons and three daughters: Ernest, Oscar, Lonzie, and Oliver Blair, all of Steele, Ky.; Callie Miller of Mouthcard, Ky.; Lakie Fuller of Steele, Ky., and Dixie Honaker of Millard, Ky.

She was also survived by 29 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Mother joined the Primitive Baptist at Feds Creek Church on the fourth Sunday in April, 1952. She was baptized by Elders Teddy Ball and Paris Coleman, and remained a precious and faithful member until God called her spirit home.

Mother was loved by all who knew her and we feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. Sleep on dear mother, until we meet again.

Written by her children

OCTAVIA (COLEMAN) HUNT

Octavia (Coleman) Hunt departed this world at 12:01 A.M. October 19, 1978 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at Pikeville, Ky. She was born in Pike County on June 5, 1886 and was the daughter of the late Rube and Mary Coleman.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, Long Fork of Johns Creek.

Her husband, Frank Hunt, preceded her in death on July 21, 1963. She is survived by the following: six sons, Jesse



Hunt and Will Hunt, both of Kimper, Ky.; Epp Hunt, Phelps, Ky.; Scott Hunt, Dave Hunt and Andy Hunt, all of Kimper, Ky.; a sister, Fronia Fuller, Haysi, Va.; 19 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

MACEL MOORE MAY

Macel Moore May was born April 1, 1929. She was the daughter of Hobert Moore and the late Parcie Moore Moore. She departed this life March 12, 1979 at the age of 49 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elsie Pearl May, April 28, 1978. Surviving is one foster daughter, Mrs. Helen Garbash and one granddaughter of Avon Lake, Ohio. Also, her father, Hobert Moore of Wheelwright, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Sylvia Lawson of Price, Ky.; one brother, Lawson Moore, Sturgis, Mich.; half-brother, Cecil Moore, Orkney, Ky., and a half-sister, Mrs. Asia Tackett, Beaver, Ky.

Macel was a member of the Little Union Primitive Baptist Church at Feds Creek, Ky.

Written by the Feds Creek Church

SARAH JANE SMITH

In memory of Sarah Jane Smith who was born September 19, 1888, and departed this life April 4, 1979, making her stay on earth 90 years, six months and four days. She was the daughter of Bud and Vicy Trout Varney. She was married to Jeff Smith who preceded her in death. To this union was born eight children, three preceded her in death, leaving Lydia Smith, W. Va.; Emma Trout, Hardy, Ky.; Vicy Evans, W. Va.; Johnny Smith, Canada, Ky., and Sid Smith, Toler, Ky., with whom she made her home, to mourn her death.



She united with Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church August 9, 1942. She was a faithful member till God called her away. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by one who loved her very much.

Ray Harlow

BERTHA KEESEE McCOY



It is with much sadness I'll try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Bertha Keese McCoy.

She was born December 25, 1889 and departed this life March 26, 1978.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1945. She lived a faithful member until death.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sons, Hassell of Detroit, Mich., and Paul H. McCoy, and one daughter, and a number of grandchildren.

We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

Her daughter, Geraldine M. Fought

MARY ESTHER JUSTICE

Our Mother

M is for our blessed mother who has gone to Heaven;

A is for her aim to please everyone;

R is for her righteousness;

Y is for the years she served us.

E is for her eyes that twinkled with laughter;

S is for her smile that shown like sunlight;

T is for the tears she shed for her loved ones;

H is for her heart of purest gold;

E is for the earnestness in which she did her work;

R is for her ruthlessness to protect her family.



J is for the just way she treated everyone;

U is for the unity she kept in her family;

S is for her silvery hair that glistened;

T is for the times she helped us see our mistakes;

I is for her idol, our father, whom she always praised and loved;

C is for her children she loved dearly;

E is for Eternity in Heaven where she is asleep in Jesus.

Written in memory of "Mary Esther Justice"
by her daughter, Lorraine J. Coleman

CELIA A. THACKER

Celia A. Thacker, 81, of Canada, Ky., died November 29, 1978 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital following a lingering illness. She was born June 4, 1897 in Pike County, Ky. to the late Albert and Matilda Smith Blackburn. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was married to Absolun E. Thacker, who preceded her in death. She is survived by one sister, Sarah Jane Hunt of Canada, Ky., and one brother, Albert Blackburn of Canada, Ky.

We are sure our loss is her eternal gain.
Sleep on till we meet again.



One who loved her,
Elder Elmer Thacker

ARVEL JUSTICE



It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Arvel Justice. He was born on April 18, 1901, making his stay on earth 78 years and 21 days. He was the son of Green Justice, Sr. and Lila Adkins Justice. He is survived by his wife, one son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1937 and was a deacon for 40 years at the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church. He was a strong believer in the Grace of God. The Church has given up a faithful member who was always ready to help the Church and his door was always open for the Church. I miss him so bad when I go to Church and his seat is vacant, but it won't be vacant in Heaven. A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled. When the stars shine like silver and the sun sinks in the West, I long to clasp him in my arms. Goodbye, darling, God loved you best.

Written by his loving wife,
Ora Justice

ROLAND T. SMITH

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear papa, Roland T. Smith. He was born February 12, 1877, and died April 1, 1978, making his stay on earth 101 years. The Good Lord blessed him with a good long life. He was a good honest man but he never joined any church. He believed in the Good Lord. My hope is I'll meet him, by the grace of God, some sweet day when the Lord comes to gather his children.

Written by his daughter,
Stella Thacker



MORGAN COLEMAN



Brother Morgan Coleman, 57, of Raccoon, Kentucky, died at 9:00 A.M. Sunday, January 22, 1978, at the Methodist Hospital following an extended illness.

Born in Pike County January 29, 1920, he was the son of the late Milton and Rossina Slone Coleman. He was a retired miner. Survivors are his wife, Polka Smith Coleman; two sons, Morgan Coleman, Jr. and Virgil Coleman, both of Raccoon; four daughters, Mrs. Ethelene Coleman of Raccoon; Mrs. Christine Keathley and Mrs. Racine Keathley, both of Pikeville, and Mrs. Patricia Worrix of Fishtrap, Kentucky; five brothers, Estell B. Coleman, Johnny Coleman, Homer Coleman, King Coleman and Marvin Coleman, all of Fishtrap; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Coleman will be sadly missed by his many friends and family.

WILLIE (BILL) ALLEN

Brother Willie (Bill) Allen was born in Pike County, Kentucky, July 1, 1898. He died November 13, 1978, making his stay with us 80 years, four months and 13 days.

He leaves to mourn his loss: his wife, Nancy Morris Allen; two daughters, Zinna Blackburn and Lawuna Gannon; two sons, Eugene Allen and Jennings Joe Allen, and one step-son, Roy Morris and several grandchildren.

He had one step-son who preceded him in death.

Bill united with the Primitive Baptist Church many years ago. He was a strong believer, and was saved by the Sovereign Grace of God.



Written by: Sister-in-law,
Dixie Keene

WILLIE (BILL) ALLEN

MARTIN P. THACKER



Martin P. Thacker, 82, of Sidney, Ky., died Friday night, June 15, 1979 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital following a lingering illness. Born January 10, 1897 at Pompey, Ky. to the late Albert and Polly Smith Thacker, he was a deacon of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, and a retired miner.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lozzie Thacker. He is survived by his wife, Dore Thacker; nine sons, Ernest Thacker, Appy Thacker and Luther Thacker, all of Sidney, Ky.; Arthur Thacker and Thomas Thacker, both of Loraine, Ohio; Oscar and Ervin Thacker, both of Canada, Ky.; Lee Thacker of Williamson, W. Va., and Raymond Thacker of Ypsilanti, Michigan; one daughter, Lora Anderson of Nashville, Tenn.; two brothers, Appy Thacker and John Thacker, both of Canada, Ky.; host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One son, one daughter, three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Sleep on, Brother Martin, until that noble and resurrection morning. We hope to meet you and all the saints of God. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Signed: Elder Elmer Thacker

JAMES H. JUSTICE

With loving memories and sadness of heart I will endeavor to write the obituary of my dear father, James H. Justice.

He was born December 13, 1885 and passed this life May 6, 1979, making his stay on earth 93 years, five months and 23 days.

He was the son of Doss and Nancy Keene Justice. He had five sisters and four brothers.

In 1910 he was married to Sarah E. Justice. Four children were born to this union. The three following ones preceded him in death: Julius, James T. and Janie Justice. One daughter, Olen J. May of Phyllis, Ky.; a sister, Ella M. Justice of Pikeville, Ky.; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives are left to mourn his loss.

He was a true and faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church, Phyllis, Ky. which he attended as long as his health permitted.

My father's parents deceased at an early age, leaving five young children at home, three sons and two daughters. Dutifully, my father assumed the position of rearing his brothers and sisters. With my mother's help and tender loving care, the children were kept together until they married or were able to support themselves.

I feel that God greatly blessed my parents for their deeds of honor and love.

Mother preceded my father in death March 25, 1979. After 65 years of dear companionship it was sad and lonely for him. He missed her so much. He was so humble, patient and considerate.

He was a kind and devoted husband and a wonderful father.

He showed special love for little children and sympathy and concern for the poor and underprivileged. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

I feel sure our loss is his eternal gain.

By the grace of God I hope to meet my loving parents some sweet day where parting and sorrow will be no more.



Written by his daughter,
Olen J. May

NOAH MULLINS

With loving and sad memories, I will try to write the obituary of my father, Noah Mullins. He was born April 19, 1863, at Jane, Virginia, now Breaks, Virginia.

He was the son of John and Mariah Reed Mullins.

He was united in marriage with Belle Owens Mullins. To this union was born 13 children. Five children preceded him in death.

He was a merchant and in the logging business. In 1910 he moved to Pike County, Kentucky, where he bought a farm and became a farmer.

Today, Mullins Addition and the Mullins School are named in his memory and both are located on the site of his farm.

He united with the church many years ago. I remember well Dad, the preachers, and his brethren sitting on the porch discussing the Bible and quoting scripture.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, Breaks, Va.

He died August 13, 1947, making his stay on earth 84 years, three months and 25 days.

Even though he has been gone over 30 years, his loving memory still remains with his three surviving children, Scott Mullins and Exie Mullins Stamper, both of Pikeville, Kentucky, and Flora Mullins Jackson, Grundy, Virginia.

Written by his daughter,
Exie Mullins Stamper



PETER DANIELS

Our dear father, Peter Daniels, was born January 26, 1886 at Millard, Ky. and passed away August 1, 1979 at Louisville, Ky.

He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Adkins Daniels of Pike County, Ky. and was married to Ella Coleman Daniels, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by nine children: Joseph T. Daniels, Blaine Daniels, Betty Bralley and Rita Little of Louisville, Ky.; Edith Burchett, Jackson, Ohio; Zettie



Ricketts, Lakland, Fla.; Thurman Daniels, Indianapolis, Ind.; Edward Daniels, Pikeville, Ky., and Paul Daniels, Belleville, Mich. Other survivors include 23 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Prior to moving to Louisville, he was a lifetime resident of Pike County. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Our loss is his eternal gain.

His Children

JOSEPH H. BLACKBURN

It is with much sadness we try to write an obituary of our dear brother in the church and also a precious brother in the flesh, Joseph H. Blackburn. He was the son of the late Elder Andy Blackburn and Syrena May Blackburn. He was born at Kelsa, Va. October 18, 1909 and was called away June 25, 1979 at the age of 69 years.



Brother Joe was a member of Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church for more than twenty years. He served as clerk and treasurer as long as his health permitted. He had been in very bad health for many years, but pressed on, trying to help all those he could and do his share in all undertakings until about a year before his passing, when he became a complete invalid.

He was married to Alta Cooke Blackburn, who survives. He leaves four children by a former marriage: one daughter, Beatrice Atkinson; three boys, Homer, Joseph and Roger. He also has one adopted son, Jeff; eleven grandchildren; one brother, Elder John H. Blackburn; three sisters, Ida Wilburn, Stella Wolford, Pearl Johnson, and a host of relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family, especially his wife, Alta, who cared for him with so much love and tenderness through all his afflictions.

The last part of Brother Joe's life was spent trying to help the people who needed him and most of all he was interested in the church.

May God bless his family to be submissive to His will, and to say by the Grace of God we shall meet again to part no more, in a land that knows no pain nor sorrow.

By Johnny and Vicie Blackburn

JOE MORRIS

Almost a year, but yet an eternity, since our dear father and husband, Joe P. Morris, was called to meet his dear Lord. We loved him very much, and yet, God loved him more, as He eagerly called him home on November 7, 1978.

Joe P. Morris, son of the late McKenzie Morris and Matilda Ramey Morris, was born May 6, 1898 and lived to be 80 years of age. He was raised on Raccoon Creek, moving to Route #6, Pikeville, Kentucky, to spend his later life.



Joe graduated from Pikeville High School, attended Pikeville Junior College, graduating from Eastern Kentucky University. Joe taught school for 43 years, retiring to spend his remaining life with his family, always giving them good advice.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Myrtie Varney Morris, Route #6, Pikeville, Kentucky; five sons, Tracy Morris of Raccoon, Kentucky; Jan Morris of Regina, Kentucky; Radus Morris of Meta, Kentucky; Curtis Morris of Pikeville, Kentucky; Danny Morris of Millard, Kentucky; three daughters, Zuann Morris of Route #6, Pikeville, Kentucky; Lojean Williams of Lookout, Kentucky; Nadine Collins of Stanville, Kentucky; six sisters, two brothers, a host of grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Joe was a sincere man with high moral principles and character — a truly steadfast example to his children and others. Always holding to the beliefs of The Old Primitive Baptist Church, he became a member August 24, 1946, and was baptized into the faith of The Old Primitive Baptist Church, Raccoon, Kentucky. There he served faithfully as clerk and deacon. He loved his brothers and sisters of the church and attended church as long as his health prevailed.

The earnest prayer of his family is that the family circle will be unbroken when we are reunited in Heaven.

Written by his wife and children

LANDON CLINTON JUSTICE

Landon Clinton Justice was born August 21, 1926, in Pike County and departed this life on December 17, 1978, making his stay on earth

52 years. He was the son of Landon B. and Quinnie Justice of Raccoon, Ky. Survivors other than his parents are his wife, Isabelle Slone Justice; four sons, Roy Justice, Bill Justice, Fred Justice, and Bennett Justice, all of Raccoon; three daughters, Mrs. Angeline Clevenger, Mrs. Louise Coleman, and Mrs. Elouise Tucker, all of Raccoon; four brothers, Fonso Justice, Tampa, Florida; Monroe Justice, Canada, Ky.; Elmer Justice, Fishtrap, Ky., and Dennis Justice, Raccoon, Ky.; four sisters, Mrs. Edith May and Mrs. Maggie Harris, both of Raccoon; Mrs. Mary Gannon, Bradford, Ohio, and Mrs. Angeline Helvey, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Jefferson Justice and three brothers, Cecil, Jim and Lawrence Justice.



CLINTON JUSTICE

Clinton was a member and deacon of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church and an honored man in his community. He lived for his church and was truly loved by everyone who came in contact with him. Clinton's strong beliefs in righteousness made him willing to fight for these beliefs. He accepted everyone just as they were and could forgive others for their wrong doings. He had a rare sense of humor which made others laugh and a smile that was present even when he was ill or down-hearted.

His beloved family has suffered a great loss and even though their hearts are breaking, they have the comfort of believing that he awaits them and a hope to be re-united with him in God's Kingdom. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his beloved family

PARIS CHARLES

It is with precious memories we try to write this obituary of a dear brother, husband and father, Brother Paris Charles. He was the son of the late Allen Charles and Elon Blackburn Charles. He was born at Zebulon, Ky. May 22, 1905 and departed this life July 16, 1979 at the age of 74 years.

He was married to Vicie Collins Charles who survives, and they were blessed with two sons, Arnold and Ronald, both of Zebulon, Ky. Brother Paris was a member of Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church

and was also an ordained deacon. To this office he was very dedicated and loyal, always striving for love and peace in the church. He had been in very bad health for many years, but bore his afflictions with much patience. He always met his friends with a kind word and a smile and to his special friends there was tears of joy in his eyes. He was willing and ready to help his fellow man at all times. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Vicie; two loving sons, Arnold and Ronald; two daughters-in-law, Anna Margaret and Jeanne; one grandson, Paris Lee Charles; three granddaughters, Mary, Paula and Pamela; one great-granddaughter, Laura Ellen; three sisters, and a numerous host of relatives and friends.



PARIS CHARLES

This family has lost a loving husband and father and the church a good member, but we feel his Spirit is resting in the Paradise of God, waiting for that Great Resurrection Morning when it shall be reunited with the body to be carried home to forever be with the Lord. May God bless this family to be reconciled to His will and to look more sincerely for the time when, by the Grace of God, they shall be reunited to live where there will be no sad farewells.

We feel it a great honor and blessing to have known such a man as Brother Paris Charles.

Johnny and Vicie Blackburn

ALBERT C. JUSTICE



It is with loving memory that we attempt to write this obituary of a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Albert C. Justice was born July 24, 1913, at Fishtrap, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Green F. Justice and Rebecca Blackburn Justice. His call for the departure from this life came on the morning of June 26, 1979, at the age of 65 years.

Those left to mourn his passing are many: his loyal and devoted wife, Martha E. Justice; step-mother, Mrs. Green F. (Lizzie) Justice; two sons,

Albert Donald Justice of West Carrollton, Ohio, and Douglas McArthur Justice of Millard, Kentucky; five daughters, Alma Faye Cartt, London, Ky.; Wanda Lou Blackburn, Millard, Ky.; Phyllis Gaye Stamper, Miamisburg, Ohio; Joyce Gail Reed and Sharon Lynn Helvy, both of Pikeville, Ky. He had twelve grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He is also survived by three brothers: Jesse F. Justice, Dandridge, Tenn.; Arson Justice, Justiceville, Ky.; and Marvin Hassell Justice, Millard, Ky.; and six sisters, Flora Kendrick, West Carrollton, Ohio; Carrie Coleman, Justiceville, Ky.; Pearlie Coleman, Millard, Ky., Dorothy Hunt, Wellington, Ohio; Ruby Hall, Gallipolis, Ohio, and Stella Coleman, Pikeville, Ky.

Albert was a devoted member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. He was baptized August 11, 1968 and became a Deacon on April 13, 1969. He loved his Church and the brothers and sisters of the Church.

Albert was a retired building contractor. For his labors in this earthly life, God has called Albert to spend an eternal life in that Heavenly Home not made by man, there to rest and to sing the old hymns he had sung at church and at home.

Although he is dead, he lives in the heart and minds of the family and friends who loved him. We thank God for the wonderful memories left us and we shall all meet again some glad day.

The Family

GENERAL CHAPMAN

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try and write the obituary of my beloved daddy, General Chapman. He was born August 15, 1897. He departed this life September 9, 1978, making his stay on earth 81 years and 25 days. He was the son of the late Ed Shamon Chapman and Mary Justice Chapman. He was preceded in death by two sons and one daughter. He was married to Nancy (Varney) Chapman. To this union was born 14 children, seven sons and seven daughters: Tom Chapman, Monroe, Ohio; Elister Chapman, Columbus, Ohio; James Chapman, Botavia, Ohio; Denver Chapman, Mt. Carmel, Ohio; General Douglas Chapman, Canada, Ky.; Dencil Chapman, Pierceton, In-



diana; Helen Johnson Ewington, Ohio; Mable Donthan, Detroit, Michigan; Mildred Deskins, Meta, Ky.; Marie Thornbury, Canada, Ky.; Miss Christlere Chapman, Canada, Ky.; four sisters, Lora Coleman, Hardy, Ky.; Lucy Anderson, Canada, Ky.; Gladys Rhodes, Chicago, Illinois; Lessie Chapman, Virginia; 34 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and a retired coal miner. Daddy left an empty place in all our hearts and homes that can never be filled. I believe my daddy has gone to a better home. He was so good to everybody and we loved Daddy so much. I pray I will see my daddy again. Written by his daughter that loved him dearly,

Mildred Deskins

RALPH W. CASEY



On Tuesday, May 29, 1979, just past noon, a call was sounded from the Courts of Glory. It was time that another Saint should leave these Mundane Shores of time, to be wafted home on the Wings of Grace. A Silver Cord was broken and a Spirit was then set free.

Brother Ralph W. Casey answered this call and rose victorious in Christ Jesus.

Ralph W. Casey was born January 1, 1905 at Corbin, Ky., the youngest of 11 children born to the late Frank and Mary

McFarland Casey. Brother Casey's stay on earth was 74 years, five months and 28 days.

On February 20, 1926, he was married to Katie Dotson. To this union was born one son and four daughters. One daughter, Betty Jo, preceded him in death as an infant, also one son-in-law, Harold Varney. He is survived by his wife, Katie; son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Francis Casey, three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Billie Farley of Tipp City, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon and Joann Napier of Waynesville, Ohio, and Mrs. Janice Varney of West Middleton, Ind.; one brother, Howard of Detroit,

Mich.; 11 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and a great host of friends.

Brother Ralph joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1951. At the time of his passing he was a faithful and devoted member of the Miami Primitive Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. He was also a World War I Veteran. To know Brother Casey was to love and respect him.

We must bow before the mighty hand of an Everlasting God. Our hearts are sad with his passing, yet our lives are far richer, just to have known him.

Rest in peace, Brother Ralph, until that Great Day of God shall come, when all the family of God will ever be enthroned together in Glory to never part again.

Brother Ralph's gain will ever be our loss.

Written in Love by
Elder Arnold O. Thompson



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 reprov'd 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 Worrix -----	2						3	116	2	50.00
Old Pond -----	Ray Harlow -----	3					1	2	137	2	75.00
Big Creek -----	Elmer Thacker -----	7			1			3	91	3	75.00
Raccoon -----	Edward Bevins -----	1	1				1	5	84	4	125.00
Peter Creek -----	Evelyn S. Smith -----	8		1			4	3	125	4	40.00
Sulphur Spring -----	George W. Lester -----	3	1					3	103	1	40.00
Little Hope -----	Virgil A. Smith -----						1		28	1	40.00
Grape Vine -----	Miles Thacker -----	3						2	30	3	25.00
Samaria -----	Ronald Crawford -----	2					3	5	187	3	75.00
Little Union -----	Ernest Blair -----							2	21	1	70.00
John Creek -----	Carl Coleman -----	2	1				1	3	48	1	40.00
Calvary -----	Rush Chapman -----	5					1	1	40	1	40.00
Dry Fork -----	Lawrence Jackson -----	2				1			59	2	60.00
Friendship -----	Martin Childers -----	3					1		22	4	25.00
Columbus -----	Sandra Kay Harris -----	4			1				70	4	30.00
Deerfield -----	Ernest Hager -----	1			1	3			36	4	35.00
Pleasant Hill -----	Charles Branham -----	1					3		45	1	75.00
Bethel -----	Mrs. Betty Click -----								13	3	20.00
		46	3	1	2	4	16	32	1255		\$940.00

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