

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

*held with*  
**Calvary Primitive Baptist Church**  
KIMPER, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
**September 4th, 5th, and 6th**  
**1981**

Next Session convenes with John's Creek Church, located Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1982, at 10 o'clock a.m.

**OFFICERS**

Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator . . . . . McCarr, Ky.  
Elder J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator . . Newtown, W. Va.  
Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk . . . . . McCarr, Ky.  
Brother Ronald Crawford, Assistant Clerk . . . Ransom, Ky.

# ***Proceedings***

## **Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association Held with the Calvary Church**

FRIDAY MORNING — September 4th, 1981

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Paul Varney. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Don Hatfield. Text: Saint John 1:4, "In Him was life, etc." Called for the letters from all churches. The letter was read from the Calvary 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 elected the following to serve for the coming year:

Elder Teddy R. Ball .....	Moderator
Elder J. H. Blackburn .....	Assistant Moderator
Brother Stearl Hatfield .....	Clerk
Brother Ronnie Crawford .....	Assistant 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 fulfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from sister associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia — Elder Franklin Viers, Andrew McGlothlin, Bobby Arrington and Claud Epling.

Little Yadkin River — Elder Vance Jones

Union — Elder Dallas Adams

Burning Spring — Brother D. L. Blanton, Elder Robie Ferguson, Brethren Edgar Rudd, Woodrow Howard, Walter Perkins and Elder Parley Cantrell.

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

Sand Lick of Virginia — Deacon Shelby Anderson, Robert Jackson, Elder Darnell Gilbert, Brethren Harvey Owens, John Viers and wife, Sisters Truly Davis, Pearl McGlothlin and Paulene Arrington, Arnold Childers and Ostil Smith

Mt. Zion — Sisters Minnie White, Pearl Price and Alfred Morgan and wife, Elder Owen Harvey and wife and son

Burning Spring — Sisters Mary Webb and Nora Rudd

Salem Church — Deacon Thomas Robinson

Cedar Grove Church — Elder Roy Flenlain and Milton Shelton

Miamia Church — Brother Sid Fleming  
Stoney Creek Church — Elder Elbert Hunter  
Wilson Church — Elder Roy Hall  
Senter Association — Elder Floyd South  
St. Clair's Bottom — Elders Eddie Lyle and Billy Cook, Brother  
Bernie Heath and Sister Mary Fisher

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

A messenger from each church together with all the messengers from the Calvary Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

Friday Afternoon at Calvary Church — Elders Jamer Adams, Elbert Hunter and Roby Ferguson

Friday Night at Sulphur Spring Church — Elders John Jacobs, Vance Jones, Elmer Brown and Jimmie Moore

Friday Night at Louisa Church — Elders Franklin Viers, Monroe Cantrell and Parley Cantrell

Friday Night at Big Creek Church — Elders Roger Parker, Paris Blackburn and Lawrence Jackson

Saturday at the Stand — 1. Elder Arnold Childers, 2. Elder Vance Jones, 3. Elder Wheeler Thacker

Saturday Afternoon at the Church House — 1. Milton Shelton, 2. Billy Cook, 3. Elder Roy Hall

Saturday Night at Feds Creek Church — 1. Elder J. C. Hager, 2. Elder Bobby Mayhon, 3. Elder Don Hatfield

Saturday Night at Johns Creek Church House — 1. Elder Monroe Cantrell, 2. Elder Arnold Childers, 3. Elder Milton Shelton, 4. Elder J. H. Blackburn

Saturday Night at Little Hope Church House — 1. Elder Jimmie Moore, 2. Elder Franklin Viers, 3. Elder Teddy R. Ball.

Saturday Night at Raccoon Church House — 1. Elder Glen Coleman, 2. Elder David Coleman, Jr., 3. Elder Robert Worrix

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Robert Worrix, Ray Harlow, Luther Smith, Paul D. Justice, Leo Coleman, George Lester, Virgil Smith, Miles Thacker, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Lester Varney, Elmer Brown, Avery Lowe, Paris Blackburn, Charlie Branhan, John Jacobs and Roger Parker.

Committee on finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Elmer Goff, Gordon May and Noah Slone.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister associations as correspondents are as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia — Elders Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown and Arthur May.

Burning Spring — Elders Harrison Smith and Paul Varney.

Mt. Zion — Elders J. H. Blackburn and Jimmie Moore.

New Liberty — Elders J. H. Blackburn and Brethren Elmer Goff and Noah Smith.

Little Yadkin River — Elders J. H. Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Jimmie Moore, Elmer Brown and Brother Elmer Goff.

Union — Elders Joe Slone, Clifford Thacker, Junior Coleman and Brother Elmer Goff.

St. Clair's Bottom — Elders Jimmie Lee Smith, Elmer Brown, J. H. Blackburn and Arthur May.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Johns Creek Church; and to begin Friday evening before the last Sunday in March 1982. Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

#### SATURDAY MORNING — September 5th, 1981

The association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Floyd South.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following:

Committee met in the Calvary Church House and was called to order by the Assistant Moderator.

A question was brought up about the song books in Big Creek Church. It was moved and seconded that each church go along like they have been. Moved and seconded that the Association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

Moved and seconded that we sing as in the past and advise Big Creek Church to get rid of the song book that is in question. This advice is to all of our churches, too.

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

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported the following: To open — Elder Owen Harvey, 1. Elder Bobby Mayhon, 2. Elder Franklin Viers, 3. Elder Jimmie Moore.

Finance committee reported \$1,170.00 and was discharged.

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

Union Meetings and their appointees are as follows:

Louisa — Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1982. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, John Kirk, Kit Ratliff, Glen Coleman, J. R. Smith, Paul Varney and Jimmie Lee Smith.

Old Pond — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1982. Elders to attend: We invite all orderly and peace-loving ministers of the Primitive Faith.

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1982. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, Joe Slone, Paul Varney, Johnny Jacobs, Paul Dean Justice, Ostil Smith, Franklin Viers and Otis Buell.

Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1982. Elders to attend: Lawrence Jackson, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Fonso Justice, Elmer Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Kit Ratliff, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman and others.

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1982. Elders to attend: We invite all ministers of the Mates Creek Association to attend.

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1982. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Lee Smith, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Robert Worrix, Glen Coleman, Teddy R. Ball, Harrison Smith and Paul Varney.

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1982. Elders to attend: John Kirk, Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Thacker, Basil Hatfield, Walter Sullivan, and Don Hatfield.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1982. Elders to attend: Lawrence Jackson, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Jimmie Lee Smith, Glen Coleman, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone and Jeff Chapman.

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1982. Elders to attend: We invite all orderly and peace-loving Primitive Baptist ministers.

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1982. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Paul Varney, Lawrence Jackson, David Coleman, Jr., Johnny Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Mike Elswick and Michael Smith.

John's Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1982. Elders to attend: Harrison Smith, Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Paul Varney, Jimmie Moore, David Coleman, Jr., Michael Smith, Elmer Thacker, Joe Slone, Jeff Chapman, Glen Coleman and Jimmie Lee Smith.

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1982. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, John I. Smith, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Jeff Chapman, Glen Vipperman, Teddy R. Ball, David Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Fonso Justice, Paul Varney, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, John Kirk, Joe Slone.

Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1982. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Michael Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Ellis Owens and Franklin Viers.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1982. Elders to attend: All ministers of the Mates Creek Association and correspondence associations are welcome.

Columbus — meets the fourth Friday in April, 1982. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Glen Coleman, Jess Tucker, Bobby Mayhon, Wheeler Thacker, Paul Dean Justice, Jimmie Moore, John I. Smith, Otis Buell, Arnold Childers, John Kirk, Arnold Thompson and Dallas Barker.

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1982. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney, Dana Hager, Larry Thornburg, Ostil Smith, John Jacobs and J. C. Hager. All ministers of the Pontiac Church.

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April 1982. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Rufus Howell, Michael Smith, Lenord Barton, Ostil Smith, Owen Harvey, Paris Blackburn, Arnold Childers, Otis Buell, J. C. Hager, Arnold Thompson and Harrison Smith.

Bethel — meets the third Saturday in June, 1982. Elders to attend: Jimmie Moore, Dallas Barker, Ostil Smith and all Deerfield, Oak Grove Churches are invited.

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

Agreed that we have 2200 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the obituaries of the following:

Sisters Nancy B. Lester, Jennie Varney, Sarah Williamson, Nancy Ball May, Nora Belcher Looney, Ida D. Bevins, Martha C. Thacker, Gernie Bevins Anderson, Inis Vipperman May, Sopha Thacker Daniels, Ester Johnson Ramey, Ollie Fields, Mary B. Wheeler, Ethel Smith, Vady B. Varney, Lear Scott, Minnie Bertha Cochran, Noleeka Meadows Blackburn, Mary Bird Thacker, Nova Blevins, Daisy Dotson May, Gusta Coleman McCoy,

Brethren Randolph Varney, Sherman May, William J. May, Harry R. Stamper, Daniel T. Robinson, Milvin Hurley, Thomas K. Jackie Hurley, Walter L. Thacker, Ertel Hunt, Clyde Sanders, Harry Thacker, Bobby Joe Stiltner, Ervin Justice, Thomas Trout, Lonzie Blair, James Lucas Hatfield, Guy W. Hatfield, Elder Dan Adkins, James J. Coleman, Willie Smith, W. Clarence Bogar, Frank Lester, Alex Worrix, Virgil M. Smith, Orville Ace Coleman, Noah Smith,

Bascum Lester, Bradley Hager, and Jake Hatfield, Sisters Pearl Hatfield Blackburn and Hazel Hatfield Blackburn Pauley.

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

The finances were disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year .....	\$2,294.77
Amount received from the churches .....	1,170.00
Donations at the stand and pictures .....	719.00
Interest on money in the bank .....	53.19
Total Cash on hand .....	4,236.96

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for minutes for 1980 .....	\$1,147.63
Give the Moderator .....	50.00
Give the Asst. Moderator .....	50.00
Give the Clerk .....	50.00

Total Cash Paid Out .....

Balance cash left on hand ..... \$2,939.33

Agreed that our next association be held with the Johns Creek Church of Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1982. Elder Jimmie Moore was appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Michael Smith to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Milton Shelton. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Teddy R. Ball, Moderator  
John H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator  
Stearl Hatfield, Clerk  
Ronald L. Crawford, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 6th, 1981

To open — Elder Owen Harvey.

1. Elder Bobby Mayhon. Text: St. Mark 10:35, "And James and John the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

2. Elder Franklin Viers. Text: Song of Solomon's 2:1, I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

3. Elder Jimmie Moore, Text: By Grace through Faith we are saved.

4. Elder Teddy R. Ball closed out the services.

We wish to thank the brethren, sisters and friends for caring for the association. We wish to thank Pike County Board of Education for the use of the school building. We want to thank our corresponding brethren for attending.

## CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Mates Creek Association:

It is with much unworthiness that I try to write to you in the form of a circular letter.

I realize that I am a young brother among many wise men, and my concern is to God, my father, and the old Primitive Baptist Church and her people.

I have always loved the scripture found in Paul's writing to the church at Ephesians. Chapter 4, verse 1: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." I feel and believe that we should walk in the vocation that we are called, whether it be a minister, deacon, or layman. And that we do not think more highly of ourself than of our brother.

I believe that we, the Old Primitive Baptist People, should do as the Lord commanded in Jeremiah, the 6th chapter, 16th verse: "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." If we fail to do this, the Lord has promised to lay stumbling blocks before this people.

I therefore believe that we should with joy draw water out of the wells of salvation that our forefathers have dug. I hope that these wells will never be stopped up again. For these wells bring forth good water for our people.

I have heard for the past 15 years that I've been with the Old Primitive Baptist Church, many of the older ministers say, "You can not sing the Songs of Zion in a strange land." I also believe that we can not sing a strange song in Zion.

I believe that we should work hard toward preserving the ways and tradition of the Old Primitive Baptist people, not only for us today, but much more for my children, and your children.

May God continue blessing you forever is my prayer.

Your Brother in Christ, I hope  
Elder David Coleman, Jr.

## VISITING ELDERS

Franklin Viers  
Bobby Arrington  
Roby Ferguson  
Vance Jones  
Arnold Childers  
Owen Harvey  
Roy Hall  
Billy Cook  
John Jacobs  
Floyd South

Andrew McGlothlin  
Dallas Adams  
Parley Cantrell  
Darnell Gilbert  
Ostil Smith  
Ray Flenlain  
Eddie Lyle  
Elbert Hunter  
Milton Shelton

## MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

Louisa — Robert Worrix, Clifford Thacker, Joe Slone, Jessie Tucker, Noah Slone, Wheeler Thacker, David Coleman, Jr., Kedna Charles, Jack Coleman, Bradley Worrix, N. C. Runyon, Joseph Slone, Irland Adkins, Abner L. Justice, Bradley Charles, Bobby J. Collins, Elmer Goff, Dean Thacker, Brad Worrix, Jr., Alden Goff, Raymond Slone and Haze Justice.

Old Pond — Andy Blackburn, Jake Runyon, Clifford Hunt, Leroy Smith, Ray Harlow, Berlin Thacker, Tony Scott, Hi Williams and Floyd Bostic.

Big Creek — Elmer Thacker, Fonso Justice, Michael Elswick, R. T. Thacker, Larry Thornsby, Delmer Williamson, Luther Smith, Joe B. Stanley, Joe Stanley, Clive Smith, James Stanley, Gordon May, Johnnie Smith, Daniel Roberts and Quincey Stanley.

Raccoon — Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Richard May, Wm. Johnnie Slone, George McCoy, Dave Newsom, Alvis Keen, Edward Bevins, Danny R. Scott, Henry Henderson, Rufus Goff, Fred Pinson and Linton Collins.

Peter Creek — Troy Casey, Jimmie Lee Smith, Leo Coleman, Daris Kinder, Stirl Smith, J. R. Smith, Ray Smith, Opa Hatfield, Paul Smith, Sidney Smith, Allen Estep.

Sulphur Spring — J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, Grover Blackburn, Frank Dotson, George W. Lester, Arthur Stiltner, Sam May, Tommy Lester, Luther Blackburn and Roosevelt Young.

Little Hope — Walter May, Ray Thacker, Virgil Smith, J. B. Ball, Will Blackburn, Grover Smith.

Grapevine — Sam Lowe, Landon Webb, Bradley Coleman and Miles Thacker.

Samaria — Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Don Hatfield, Paul Varney, Frank Smith, Stearl Hatfield, Dennis Dotson, James Hager, J. E. Hatfield, Ronald Crawford and Frank Dana Hager.

Little Union — Oliver Blair, Earnest Blair and Theo Fuller.

Johns Creek — Harrison Smith, Elcana Smith, Johnnie Stiltner, Baley Coleman, Harvey Coleman, Chester Ray Varney, Emcey Smith, Don Coleman, Plennie Coleman, Frank Coleman, Carl Coleman, Harold Abbott and Paul Miller.

Calvary — Kit Ratliff, Jeff Chapman, Glen Vipperman, Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Bailey Coleman, Homer Coleman, Earnest Thacker, Wayne Varney, Able Chapman, Andrew Hunt, Jimmie Coleman, Ben Chapman and Elster Varney.

Dry Fork — Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Shorty Vandyke, Harrison Street, Lundy Childers, Carl Vandyke, Howell Arms, Clyde Looney, Arvil Owens and Ishmael Fletcher.

Friendship — A. B. Lowe, John Kirk and Luther Vanhooose.

Columbus — Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Rufford Howell, Mike Blankenship, Mathew McIntoch, Bill Epling, Ray Dotson, Theodore Floyd.

Deerfield — J. C. Hager, John Jacobs.

Pleasant Hill — Jimmie Moore, Dallas Barker, Woodruff Dulin, Tivis K. Barton, Herb Ferguson, Arthur Barker, Bob Cumptom, Dean Moore, Charles Branham, Kermit Barton, Ballard Bryant, Eugene Deel, Greg Moore, Mike Moore, Jim Stacy.

Bethel — Roger Parker.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

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## CHURCH

## MODERATOR

## COMMUNION

Louisa	Robert Worrix	July, 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Teddy Ball	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Fonso Justice	June, 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	John H. Blackburn	July, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs	John H. Blackburn	August, 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Teddy Ball	June, 4th Saturday
Little Hope	Michael Smith	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	John H. Blackburn	July, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Teddy Ball	June, 3rd Saturday
John's Creek	John H. Blackburn	July, 2nd Saturday
Little Union	Teddy Ball	May, 1st Saturday
Calvary	Kit Ratliff	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Teddy Ball	May, 2nd Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Friendship	Avery Lowe	August, 4th Saturday
Deerfield	Robert Mayhorn, J. C. Hager	June, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Jimmie Moore	April 3rd Saturday
Bethel	Monroe Cantrell	June, 3rd Saturday

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa — Bradley Worrix, 340 Burning Fork Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501 .....	150
Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Rt. 1, Box 35, Huddy, Ky. 41535 ..	150
Big Creek — Larry Thornsburry, Canada, Ky. 41519 .....	135
Raccoon — Edward Bevins, 274 Kentucky Ave., Pikeville, Ky. 41501 .....	125
Peter Creek — Evelyn S. Smith, Phelps, Ky. 41553 .....	125
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Virginia 24603 .....	125

Little Hope — Virgil Smith, Rt. 2, Box 42, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555.	50
Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554 .....	75
Samaria — Ronald Crawford, Ransom, Ky. 41558 .....	150
Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 54, Kimper, Ky. 41539 ..	100
Little Union — Earnest Blair, Steele, Ky. 41566 .....	100
Calvary — Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539 .....	90
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, RR 2, 5010 Riley Road, Johnstown, Ohio 43031 .....	130
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260 .....	50
Deerfield — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak St., Fenton, Mich. 48430	75
Pleasant Hill — Charles Branham, RR. 1, Irwin, Ohio 43029 .	110
Bethel — Mrs. Betty Click, 739 McCool Road, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383 .....	30
Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Virginia 24656 ....	125

### 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
Sand Lick — Robert Jackson, Rowe, Virginia 24646 .....	35
Little Yadkin River — Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 24694 .....	25
St. Clair Bottom — Elder E. G. Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694	25
Mountain — Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 139, Galax, Va. 24333	25
Elmer Thacker, Huddy, Kentucky 41535 .....	10
Moderator — Elder Teddy R. Ball, Route 2, McCarr, Ky. 41544..	35
Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, Route 2, Box 45, McCarr, Ky. 41544....	50
TOTAL .....	2200

## OBITUARIES

### PEARL HATFIELD BLACKBURN AND HAZEL HATFIELD BLACKBURN PAULEY



Pearl Hatfield Blackburn and Hazel Hatfield Blackburn Pauley were the daughters of Ransom R. and Dixie Scott Hatfield. Pearl was born January 6th, 1906, and deceased June 17th, 1981. She was married to Johnny Blackburn and they had two children, Mrs. Loretta Henson and Edmond Gene Blackburn, both of Toler, Ky.

Hazel was born June 30th, 1909, and deceased July 21st, 1981. She was first married to Okey Blackburn and they had five children: Aggie Lee Hager of Chataroy, W. Va.; Paul Blackburn of Williamson, W. Va.; Ron G. Blackburn of Melborn, Fla.; Jack Blackburn of South Williamson, Ky., and Peggy Tussey of South Williamson, Ky. Later she married Oscar Pauley who preceded her in death.

Their other survivors include one brother, Stearl Hatfield of McCarr, Ky., and one sister, Fannie Norman of McCarr, Ky.; one half-sister, Paula Fae Carriger of Pontiac, Mich.; two half-brothers, Tennis Hatfield of Ransom, Ky., and Trivette Hatfield of Lenora, W. Va.

Written by Stearl Hatfield

## GUSTA COLEMAN McCOY



Gusta Coleman McCoy, born February 16, 1909, passed from this earthly life July 31, 1981, at the age of 72 years, five months and 15 days. She was born in Pike County, daughter of the late William Thomas and Linda Thacker Coleman.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, George M. McCoy, Raccoon, Ky.; one son, Robert McCoy, Taylor, Mich.; two step-sons, Fred McCoy, Cleveland, Ohio, and Bud McCoy, Walkerton, Indiana; three daughters, Hester Anderson, Raccoon, Ky.; America Fordham, Atlanta, Georgia, and Pauline Brant, Clyde, N. Y.; one brother, Russell Coleman, Hudson, Ohio; two sisters, Edith Pennington, Ironton, Ohio, and Stella Thacker, Lower Pompey; 29 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## DAISY DOTSON MAY

In loving memory of our mother and father, I will try and write this obituary. It has been God's will to call from our midst a precious old sainted Mother in Israel Daisy Dotson May. She was born March 2, 1881, and departed this life February 17, 1981, making her stay on earth 99 years, 11 months and 15 days.

She was the daughter of the late Eligh and Lizzbith May Dotson. She was married to the late James Bazel May March 15, 1901, and to this union was born 13 children, 6 boys and 7 girls. Her husband and three boys and two girls preceded her in death. She leaves three boys and five girls to mourn her passing: Elder Arthur May and Elder Herbert May, both of Hurley, Va.; Howard May of Ransom, Ky.; Minnie Hurley, Bertha May and Lidie Spincer, Virgie Young and Lucy Justus, all of Hurley, Va. She leaves 46 grandchildren and 78 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and neighbors to



mourn her loss.

She was blind for the past three years but she bore her sickness with patience. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church several years ago but before she joined she always filled her seat as long as she was able to go, at the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church.

To love her was to know her. She was a mother to a host of children whom she raised beside her own. She fed every child that came along. Mom was a fine and a wonderful loving mother who loved all she came in contact with. The day before she went away she jumped out of bed and I caught her and asked her what was wrong and she said "I saw that old ship of Zion passing by and I wanted to get on board."

She lived by the grace of God and trusting in Him from day to day to lead and guide her through this life. Her hope was strong that she had a better world to live in after this life was over. She loved to talk to her brothers and sisters in the Lord. She had a wonderful experience to tell everyone she talked to. She had been much afflicted for some time but she bore it with much patience and appreciated the kindness of her good children, who saw that her every need was attended to. We feel sure they feel like her death has been a happy exchange, from this vain world to that lovely land to which she has never imagined.

Her body has been laid to rest in the May 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.

Our loss is Heaven's gain. May God bless and comfort her lonely family is my prayer. I am living in hope of seeing Mother and Daddy and all the family of God some sweet day by the grace of God, when He calls our sleeping dust from the rock-bound tombs and takes us home to the Lord without the loss of one is my prayers.

Written by her son,  
Elder Arthur May

## **NOVA BLEVINS**

I will try in my weakness to write the obituary of my beloved Aunt Nova Blevins, age 64. She passed from this life April 4, 1981, at the home of her daughter, Opal Newsom at McDowell, Kentucky. She was born February 15, 1917 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late James and Margaret Lambert. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 15 years.

She is survived by husband, Emmitt Blevins, and two daughters,

Opal Newsom and Mertie Newsom, all of McDowell, Kentucky; one brother, Ellis Lambert of Minford, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Rilda Mosley, Minnie, Kentucky; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren to mourn their loss. We feel that our loss is her heavenly gain.

Written by her niece,  
Magdalene Hall Blevins  
and John M. Bentley



**Nova Blevins**

### **MARY BIRD THACKER**

With a sad and aching heart, I'll try with the help of God to write an obituary of a grand lady, our precious mother, Mary Bird Thacker, whom God called away January 11, 1981. She was born May 13, 1892, daughter of the late Elder W. M. Stanley and Delilah-Staton Stanley. We were blessed to have her with us 88 years, seven months and 28 days.

On Sunday, November 2, 1913, she was married to Elder G. B. Bird, who passed from this life January 8, 1957. To this union were born one son and three daughters: Creed W. Bird and Violet Rollason, both of Columbus, Ohio; Ina Baldwin of Canada, Ky., and Iva Adkins, Huddy, Ky., who are left to mourn her loss along with a granddaughter, Anita-Nelson Carden of Toler, Ky., whom she raised; also 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; a brother, Joe B. Stanley, Canada, Ky.; a host of relatives and friends and brothers and sisters in the church. Mama united with the Primitive Baptists and was baptized by the late Elders Frank Wheeler and Dan Adkins on Sunday, August 18, 1968. She remained a true and firm believer and filled her seat as long as health permitted.



She married Elder W. H. (Hibbard) Thacker on January 10, 1968,

who departed this life on March 21, 1978. One grandchild, two brothers and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Mama lies sleeping in the Memory Gardens, Huddy, Ky., beside our daddy.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep  
From which none ever wake to weep."

Oh, what a beautiful consolation to us children who have lost a wonderful mother. Our sorrow is because we can no longer see her smiling face, nor hear her sweet voice here below; but we grieve not as those without hope. Mama is at rest now, so be of good cheer. She has just gone home.

We desire to bow in humble submission to our God's sovereign will.

"By His hand the boon was given,  
He hath taken but His own."

Written by a daughter who loved her very much,  
Iva Adkins

### **NOLEEKA MEADOWS BLACKBURN**



It is with sadness and a broken heart I write this obituary of my beloved mother. Noleeka Meadows Blackburn was born October 11, 1908. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Polly Blackburn Meadows. She departed this life July 12, 1981 at the age of 72 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She leaves to mourn her loss her loving husband, Andy Blackburn; two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Madaline) Crandall of Circle Pines, Minn., and Mrs. Ferrell (Ruth) Maynard of Grundy, Virginia; also five sons, Ernest of Bay Shore, New York; Joe of Hardy, Ky.; Burl of Scott Depot, W. Va.; Charles of Dayton, Minn., and Edgar of Anoka, Minn., and three brothers, Jack Meadows of Richmond, Ind.; Paul Meadows of Indianapolis, Ind., and Blake Meadows of Prestonburg, Ky.; 24 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons and a daughter; also two sisters and two brothers. She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for many years and always ready and willing to help the church in any way.

Her funeral was held July 16 at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Elders Teddy Ball, Johnny Blackburn and Fonso Justice officiating. She was laid to rest at the Mt. View Memory Gardens.

Dad and all of us children miss her so, but sleep on, Dear Mother, until Jesus comes again.

Written by your loving daughter,  
Ruth Maynard

### MINNIE BERTHA COCHRAN

Minnie Bertha Cochran, 61, of Huddy, Ky., died Thursday morning, April 9, 1981, at the Jewish Hospital, Louisville, Ky., following an illness of six months. Born in Pike County, Ky., on April 24, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Richard Browning and Florence Browning of the Goodman Manor, Williamson, W. Va. She was married to Marvin Cochran who survives her.



She is survived by her husband, mother, two daughters, Barbara McCoy and Alma Cochran, both of Huddy, Ky.; three brothers, Roy Browning of Louisville, Ky.; Richard Browning, Jr., of Bedford, Ky., and James Browning of Pennsylvania; two sisters, Ollie Parrigan of Louisville, Ky., and Louise Pinson of Huntington, W. Va., and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

### LEAR SCOTT

With loving memories I will write the obituary of our dear sweet mother, Lear Scott, who departed this life December 18, 1980, making her stay on earth 83 years, eight months and 12 days.

She left six children who loved and miss her very much, but we know she has a better home than she had here on earth. Her children are: Verdie Adkin, Canton, Ohio; Mary E. Hatfield, Hardy, Ky.; James Lewis Scott, Hardy, Ky.; Alex Edward Scott, Hardy, Ky.; Edna Grace Wellman, Hardy, Ky.; Billie Joyce Adkins of Canton, Ohio.



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

Written by her daughter  
Mary E. Hatfield

### **VADA B. VARNEY**

Vada B. Varney, 85, of Toler, Ky., died Saturday, June 27, 1981, following a lingering illness. Born in Pike County, Ky., on April 11, 1896, she was the daughter of the late Roland T. and Parlee Scott Blackburn. She was married to Lewis Varney who preceded her in death.



She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She is survived by five sons, Benny Varney of Pinsonfork, Ky.; Willie Varney of Raccoon, Ky.; George Thomas Varney of Wabash, Ind.; Roland T. Varney of Hardy, Ky., and James Lewis Varney of Merrow, Conn.; four daughters, Virdie Bostic of Pikeville, Ky.; Marie Justice of Toler, Ky.; Vicy Maynard of Belleview, Florida, and Ruby Blackburn of Metter, Ga.; two sisters, Flossie Haynes of Whittman, W. Va., and Vestia Blackburn of Columbus, Ohio; 68 grandchildren, 104 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one daughter, four brothers and one sister.

### **ETHEL SMITH**

It is with a sad heart that we write the obituary of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ethel Smith, who left us on May 20, 1981. She was born on this earth August 9th, 1911, which made her stay on earth 69 years, nine months and 11 days. She was the daughter of Howard and Amy Smith Hatfield who preceded her in death. She was united in marriage on August 16, 1928 to Frank Smith of Ransom, Kentucky who is still living at Ransom. To this union was born three children: one daughter, Martha Chand-



ler of Blakley, Ga.; two sons, Frank B. Smith of Matewan, W. Va., and Kermit J. Smith of Highland Park, Ill.

She had two sisters, Minnie Hatfield of Williamson, W. Va., and Esta Smith of Piqua, Ohio. She also had eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Ethel was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom, Kentucky. She had been sick two years and nine months and did her suffering with much patience, never complaining.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and there's a crown laid up for her. We shall miss her loving face and sweet smile. She has gone from a world of trouble but she shall never be forgotten. We will miss her very much. She was always a kind wife, mother and grandmother. It's not goodbye, Mom, but farewell for a short while, when we meet again we will all be together and have a family reunion where we will never have to part:

Written by,  
Joann and Frank B. Smith

### MARY B. WHEELER

With a loving memory and an aching heart, I'll try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Mary Blackburn Wheeler, who departed this life February 1, 1981. She was the daughter of J. W. Blackburn and Elizabeth Smith Blackburn of Stone, Ky. She was born March 7, 1897, making her stay on earth 83 years, ten months and 23 days.

She was married to Elder Frank Wheeler who preceded her in death in 1974. She was the mother of two sons, Lacy Perl Wheeler and Troy W. Wheeler, and one daughter, Eunice W. Runyon. Her sons also preceded her in death. She leaves one daughter, four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren to mourn her passing.

Mother lived to see all her family — Mother, Dad, ten brothers and sisters, her husband and two sons, laid to rest before the Lord called her home. She never lost her ability to endure. She suffered a great deal before her passing, but her courage and bright smile always left someone more able to face life. To know her was to love her.

She joined the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church in 1946 and re-



maintained a true believer, filling her seat as often as she could make it to church.

My loved one is gone, her voice is still. Another place in our home is vacant that no one can fill, but I am left with many sweet memories to rejoice. I feel my great loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter,  
Eunice W. Runyon

### **OLLIE FIELDS**

I will try to write the obituary of my dear sister, Ollie Fields, who passed away June 1, 1981.

She was born December 21, 1897, making her stay on earth 83 years, five months and 10 days. She was the daughter of Amos West and Polly Smith West.

She is survived by five sons, 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, four brothers and two sisters.

She was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church for about 13 years. She always rejoiced in good preaching and singing. Our hope is we will meet her again, where sorrows are not known.

We loved her and miss her.

Written by her sister,  
Bethel Thacker



### **ESTHER JOHNSON RAMEY**

The Death Angel came this morning for our precious wife and mother, Esther (Johnson) Ramey, who departed from this life October 7, 1980, making her stay here 60 years, six months and three days.

It is with much sadness and aching hearts that we will try to write this obituary of Esther who was born April 4, 1920. She was the daughter of the late Albert Johnson and Ida (Breedlove) Johnson. She was the last of Albert's and Ida's children. All of her brothers and sisters preceded her in death.



Esther is survived by her husband, Wheeler Ramey; a son, Leon Ramey, Alexandria, Va.; three daughters, Faith Coleman, Norton, Ohio; Kathleen Coleman and Carlene Scott, both of Akron Ohio; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandson, three sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law, and some step-brothers and sisters.

She is going to be also missed by a great host of friends and neighbors. It made our hearts feel comforted to see so many come to be with us during this time of sorrow. Mom left a lasting impression on everyone she came in contact with. Mom was a loving and devoted wife and mother. There could be a book written on the good deeds that Mom did, but we feel the life she lived from day to day, the love and kindness she showed for others proved more than words could say. Our God was merciful that he didn't let her lay and suffer. This is one call that all of us are going to have to answer, so children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors, let's be ready.

Esther held to the Primitive Baptist Church. We feel she is at rest now and our loss is Heaven's gain. Her toiling and burdens and heartaches are over in this life, so rest now, Mom, until that resurrection morning.

Written by her Broken-hearted Husband and Children

### **Safely Home**

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;*

*Oh, so happy and so bright  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.*

*All this pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for  
you,*

*So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remain-  
eth —*

*You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all com-  
pleted,*

*He will gently call you  
Home:*

*Oh, the rapture of that meet-  
ing,*

*Oh, the joy to see you  
come!*

## SOPHIA THACKER DANIELS

With a sad and lonely heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear mother. She was born April 21, 1887, and passed away from this life September 9, 1980, making her stay on earth 93 years, five months and 18 days.

Mother joined the Primitive Baptist Church June 27, 1946. She was in poor health much of the time, but went to church when she could.

She was the daughter of Greenville Thacker and Lydia Conway Thacker. A family of nine children, a sister to the late Elder Hibbard Thacker who was moderator of the Mates Creek Association for 31 years.

Her husband, George W. Daniels, preceded her in death February 2nd, 1947. To this union were born eight children of whom three preceded her in death. Laura died in infancy, B. Daniels passed away May 9, 1965, Mrs. Ora Morris October 23, 1966.

She is survived by five children: two sons, Kelly M. Daniels of Pikeville, Kentucky; Delano D. Daniels of Columbus, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Mae Goff of Pikeville, Kentucky; Mrs. Arlene Freeman of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Flora Goff of Racoon, Kentucky.

She is also survived by 36 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

Mother — we miss her so very much. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain. She believed in the Grace of God, that was her hope of living again.

Psalms 116:7 and 9: *Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully unto me.*

*I will walk before the Lord in the Land of the Living.*

We believe this was her hope because of the life she tried to live. Though she is gone from this life, but surely not forgotten.

Written by her daughter and grandson  
In living hope of meeting again.  
Mrs. Flora Goff and Elmer Goff



## INIS VIPPERMAN MAY

This is the obituary of Inis Vipperman May of Pinsonfork, Kentucky. Inis was born October 6, 1910, and died January 27, 1980, at

the Williamson Appalachia Regional Hospital from a short illness. She leaves her husband Jeffrey May and one son, Donnie May, and two grandchildren.

Inis was the daughter of the late Robert Vipperman and Sally Anne Smith Vipperman, both of whom preceded her in death. She left two whole sisters and one whole brother, Ennis Dotson, Eunice Coffee and Glenn Vipperman. She also left one half-brother, Meldon Vipperman, and five half-sisters, Sylvia Justice, Bonnie Smith, Genny Smith, Bertie May and Elizabeth Reynolds and several nieces and nephews.

**Inis V. May**

Inis never joined the church but often attended when she was able.

Funeral services were conducted at the Belfry Funeral Home by Teddy Ball and Mike Smith. She was buried in the family cemetery at Pinsonfork, Kentucky. We love and miss Inis very much but we hope to meet her in a better place some day.

Written by her family who loved her very much



### **GERNIE BEVINS ANDERSON**



A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still.

Gernie Bevins Anderson, a loving mother, sister and wife was called from this life March 20, 1980. She was born August 24, 1910 at Phyllis, Ky., the daughter of the late David Bevins and Sophia Thacker Bevins.

She was married to Carl Anderson who survives. They were blessed with fourteen children, one son having preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing seven daughters, Helen Short, Pauline Fields, June

Grace, Linda Mowery, Patty Smith, Nell Justice and Judy Thomas; six sons, Ralph Anderson, Bruce Anderson, Harold Anderson, Raymond Anderson, James David Anderson and Chester Anderson. She leaves one brother, Troy Bevins, and four sisters, Goldie Webb, Grace Reynolds, Gladys Kendrick and Myrtle

Stiltner. She also leaves nineteen grandchildren.

She was a wonderful mother, a faithful and loving wife and a very dear sister. To know her was to love her. She was much afflicted in this life, but bore her afflictions with much patience. She is greatly missed by her loved ones and many friends, but we feel sure our loss is her great gain.

Vicie Blackburn

### MARTHA C. THACKER

It is with a sad and aching heart we try to write the obituary of our beloved mother, Martha C. Thacker.

She was the daughter of the late Mary Collins and William May. She was the widow of T. J. Thacker who preceded her in death in 1972. Two sons also preceded her in death, Clinton Thacker and J. U. Thacker. She was survived by three sons, Wheeler Thacker, Everett Thacker, and Clifford Thacker; one step-son, Junice Thacker; four daughters, Ocie McIntyre, Goldie Patrick, Irene Costler, Avonelle Ray, and one step-daughter, Josephine West; 47 grandchildren and 70 great-grandchildren.

Mom was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church where she was a faithful member and went as long as she was able. We will miss her but feel she is at rest and we will meet her again.

Written by her family



### IDA D. BEVINS

It is with much sadness we will attempt to write the obituary of our dear loving mother (Nan).

Ida Daniels Bevins (Nan) was born in Pike County August 29, 1894, the daughter of J. P. and Mary Smith Daniels of Chloe Creek. Nan passed from this earthly life June 4, 1981 at the age of 86 years, nine months and five days.

"Nan" married Grover C. Bevins August 17, 1916, who preceded her in death October 26, 1979, and to this

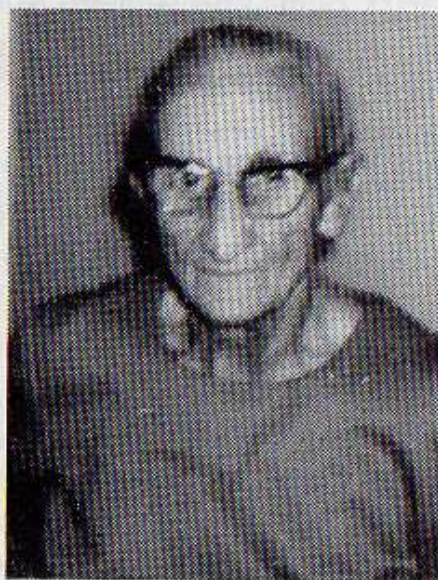
union were born four children: three sons, Julius and Chester who preceded her in death, and Don Bevins of Shelbiana, Ky.; one daughter, Violet Price of Lexington, Ky. She also leaves 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves two brothers, Tilden and Ira Daniels, both of Pikeville, Ky., and one sister, Elva Conway of Pikeville, and a host of other relatives and friends who share in our loss.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church October 17, 1971 and was baptized July 8, 1972. We love and miss her very much.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law,  
Don and Leona Bevins

### **NORA BELCHER LOONEY**

It was God's will to call from us our dear mother, Nora Looney. She was born June 10, 1887, making her stay here 94 years. She was the daughter of Abraham and Ellen Taylor Belcher. Nora Belcher married Joseph Looney in 1905 and they lived happily together until God called him home on July 13, 1960. To this union was born one son, Ules. She is survived by six grandchildren whom she has helped raise and two great-grandchildren. Her family loved her very much and mourn her death.



She united with the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church at Dry Fork where she was a faithful member for more than 30 years. The family thanks Lundy Childress and his wife Leona for always taking her to church and looking after her and bringing her safely back home.

She departed this life in the Grundy Hospital on August 29, 1981. She leaves many friends and neighbors who miss her very much. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter-in-law  
to whom she has been a mother  
Lois Looney

### **SISTER NANCY (BALL) MAY**

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of this beloved wife, mother, grandmother and above all, sister in the Lord.

Sister Nancy was born October 18, 1898, to the late George and

Pricy Jane (Varney) Ball. The Lord of all grace called her home out of her afflictions on August 28, 1980, making her stay on earth 81 years, ten months and ten days.

She was married to William Jefferson May on May 6, 1915, and to this union they were blessed twelve children: seven sons, Bud and Harold May of Canada, Ky.; Kelly May of Pikeville, Ky.; Walter May of Pinsonfork, Ky., and three preceded her in death. There are five daughters, Mrs. Pricy Stanley of Canada, Ky.; Mrs. Maude Gent of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Gertrude Blackburn, Mrs. Jeannette May, Mrs. Ruth Blackburn, all of Pinsonfork, Ky. Also surviving are seventeen grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren.



**Nancy Ball May**

In the twelve years that I was blessed to know her, I've never witnessed so great a love that she had for her children, family, friends and brothers and sisters of the Lord. This love, I believe, came from the Divine source of all love. Sister Nancy rejoiced in the Songs of Zion and the preaching of the gospel of her salvation. Although in the latter years of life, the afflictions kept her from her house of worship which was the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church where she was a member for forty-two years, she rejoiced in the visits of the elders, brothers and sisters and to hear about Zion.

In my years that I was acquainted with Sister Nancy, I never witnessed so great a faith, no not in Israel. The faith and the love that she possessed was beyond description.

*The love that shone upon your face  
Came from the Divine Throne of Grace  
We miss you so very much,  
There'll be no one to take your place.*

*The hope she possessed her living days  
Kept her looking in our Savior's ways,  
The hope showed forth so naturally  
She waited for that day that it would become reality.*

*The hope became reality  
The day she saw the land so beautifully,  
Now she looks upon His face  
And dwells in His beloved embrace.*

With an empty spot in my heart, I sign this and realize that one day my emptiness will be filled and that Sister Nancy lives on each day in the hearts of those that loved her. That our loss is her eternal gain.

Elder Michael Elswick

### **SARAH SMITH WILLIAMSON**

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my dear grandmother. Sarah was the daughter of the late Martin and Jenny Varney Smith. She was born September 19, 1881, making her stay on earth 89 years, eleven months and 13 days.



Sarah was married to the late Jonah Williamson on July 14, 1909, and to this union was born ten children; four sons, Truman of Rising Sun, Maryland; Raymond of Westland, Michigan; Bob of Columbus, Ohio, and Clayton deceased; six daughters, Anna Varney of Canada, Ky.; Irene Mullins, Magdalene Thacker and Jessie McDowell of Columbus, Ohio; Laura Varney and June Williamson, both deceased. She also reared one granddaughter, Geraldine Mullins of Columbus, Ohio. She was also preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers. Sarah left 32 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She also left a host of nephews and nieces. All will miss her very much and feel her loss deeply.

Sarah was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her death. Sarah believed the doctrine Salvation by the Grace of God and that someday she would live again after this life is over.

Sarah was a kind and gentle woman who always met you with a smile and made you welcome. We will miss her so very much but we will live in hope of meeting her again in the Kingdom of God.

So weep not, children, for Mother is only sleeping in the arms of Jesus until He comes again to take his children home where we will be in his presence forever.

Written by: Ellen Sue Smith,  
at the request of the family

## NANCY J. BARTLEY LESTER

Nancy J. Bartley Lester was born in Pike County, Ky., the daughter of Ples and Oclaiice Sifers Bartley. She was born August 14th, 1895, and died June 12, 1981, making her stay on earth 85 years, nine months and 28 days.

At an early age she married Dr. Earl Lewis. To this union was born three children; one girl, Mrs. Beulah Elswick of Mouthcard, Ky., and two sons, Paul Lewis of Michigan, and Earl Lewis of Mouthcard, Ky., and one adopted son of Indiana.

At an early age, date unknown, she joined the Old Regular Baptist and remained a dear lover of the Old Primitive Baptist Church until death and requested Elder J. H. Blackburn and Elder Elmer Brown to preach her funeral.

Mother was always loving and kind to all around her, so just sleep on, Mom, just a while.



Written by her husband  
George W. Lester

## JENNY VARNEY

My heart is very sad as I write the obituary of my dear grandmother.

Jenny was the daughter of the late William and Charalotta (Williamson) Blackburn. She was born September 22, 1878, and departed this life on April 20, 1980, this making her stay on this earth 101 years, six months and 28 days.

Jenny was married to the late James Varney in October 1894. To this union was born eight children; three daughters, Dora Thacker of Canada, Ky.; Gracie and Peggy, both deceased; five sons, Fritz of Canada, Ky.; Dock, Fred, Bill and Lewis, all deceased. She reared one grandson, Billy Ray Varney of Michigan, and one granddaughter, Loretta Heirs of Canada, Ky.

Jenny was preceded in death by five brothers, three sisters and 11



grandchildren.

Jenny was the grandmother of 58 grandchildren, 111 great-grandchildren, approximately 39 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild. We all miss her very much and feel her loss deeply.

Jenny was a member of the Samaritan Primitive Baptist where she was a faithful member until her death. She had been a member for approximately 40 years. She loved the Lord with all her heart, and rejoiced when she heard those old religious songs she loved so dearly.

Jenny believed in the Doctrine Salvation by the grace of God. She believed that there would be life again when this old world was over.

Jenny was a kind and loving person. She loved everybody. Her strong beliefs in Jesus helped her live to become very old. I know our loss in 1980 was heaven's eternal gain. I know we will see her on the other side.

These were the words of a song she sang just a few days before she died,

*"Jesus is my savior, when you are ready for me,  
Just call, and I will come."*

*So, dear family, don't weep, because I'm sure Jenny is sleeping in the arms of her sweet Jesus and waiting patiently for Him to come and take His children home where they will live together forever.*

*Here thy loss we deeply feel;  
Hoping time will surely heal;  
Of all the sorrow left behind  
Only God has the power to bind.*

Written by: Ellen Sue Smith

So dear family, don't weep, because I'm sure Jenny is sleeping in the arms of her sweet Jesus and waiting patiently for Him to come and take His children home where they will live together forever.

### **DANIEL T. ROBINSON**

It is with sadness that we write the obituary of our dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Daniel Robinson of Gary, Indiana.

He was born on October 30, 1907 in Knox County, Kentucky, the son of Nathaniel and Molly Johnson Robinson who preceded him in death. He died on August 8, 1981, at home, making his stay on earth 73 years, nine months and eight days.

Funeral services were held in London, Kentucky at the Mt.



**Daniel T. Robinson**

Salem Primitive Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 11, 1981, with Elders John Click and Raleigh Hinkle officiating. Burial was in the Hinkle Family Cemetery in London.

He was first married in 1927 to Effie Hall who preceded him in death in 1929. To this union was born one son, Daniel Robinson, Jr., who preceded him in death in 1977. In 1947 he married Margaret Buttrey Hinkle. To this union was born one son and two daughters, Danny Robinson of Clinton, Indiana, and Mrs. Elaine Barnard and Joyce Robinson of Gary, Indiana. He also

leaves one step-daughter, Mrs. Ruby Lee Adams; three step-sons, Rondel, Raleigh, and Harold Hinkle; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Shelby Hinkle, all of Gary, Indiana; 29 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Minnie Cobb and Mrs. Margaret Stuart of London, Kentucky; Mrs. Nannie Don of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Thelma Hood of Bellflower, California, and two brothers, Mr. R. C. Robinson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Nathaniel Robinson, Jr. of London, Kentucky.

He was united with the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church on June 20, 1976, and was baptized by Elders Monroe Cantrell and John Click and was ordained a deacon on October 29, 1977.

He was a faithful member from the time he took membership until his death.

## **JAKE HATFIELD**

Jake Hatfield, 56 years of age, of McAndrews, Kentucky, died Thursday, March 26, at his home. Born September 9, 1924, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Barney Crabtree and Nancy Hatfield Blackburn of Pinsonfork, Kentucky.

He was married to Lurlie Williamson Hatfield who survives, and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was a retired miner of Eastern Coal Corporation and was a member of Local Union 5737 at McAndrews, Kentucky. He was also a member of Stone Masonic Lodge Number 890 and Stone Council Number 110.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by one daugh-



**Jake Hatfield**

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 29, 1981, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Elders Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, and Teddy Ball officiating.

Entombment followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Huddy, Kentucky. Graveside rites were conducted by the Stone Masonic Lodge. He is sadly missed, but lovingly remembered.

Written by his wife, Lurlie W. Hatfield

### **FRANK LESTER**



Frank Lester was born in Buck County on January 15th, 1896, and passed away on June 15th, 1981, making his stay on earth 85 years and five months.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Springs. A retired coal miner, he was the son of the late Joe Lester and Carolina McClohen Lester. He was preceded in death by one son, Ritte Lester, in 1946. He is sadly missed by his wife, Cosby Lester; four sons, Roy Lester, George Edd Lester, Homer Lester and Johnny Lester; six daughters, Roxie Skeens, Eunice Lester, Mable Davis, Rose Jean Greene, Gracie Ratliff and Josephine Charles. He had 42 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. We all loved him so very much but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

In loving memory, Wife, Children and Grandchildren

## ALEX WORRIX

I will now try by the help of God to write the obituary of our dear daddy, Alex Worrix. He was born the 15th of January, 1892, and departed this life the 7th of June, 1981, making his stay on earth 89 years, four months and 23 days.

Daddy never joined any church but he was a true believer in the Primitive Baptist. He went to church as long as he was able.

He was first married to Julia Thacker. To this union was born seven children. Three died in infancy. Four are still living: Irvin, Josie, Goldie and Eathel. The second marriage was to Darkis Slone to which ten children were born. Five preceded him in death. Five are still living: George, Jr., Janettie, Calvin, Luther and Jettie.

It is so lonesome around the old homeplace. By the grace of God we will meet again some sweet day. Sleep on, Daddy, until that great resurrection.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter, Josie C. Pinson



## BASCUM LESTER

With much sadness in my heart I will try to write an obituary of a loving and wonderful father, Bascum Lester. Dad was born in Buchanan County, son of Paris and Zenia Fuller Lester. He was born November 22, 1917, and departed this life October 23, 1980, making his stay here on earth 63 years, eleven months and one day.

He was united in marriage to Cora Lester on August 13, 1945. To this union was born ten children, six daughters and four sons. Left also to mourn his loss were three sisters and three



brothers and eighteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and many friends.

He was a member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church for several years and lived a faithful member until death. He was also a member of Local Union UMW 1578 at Whitewood, Va., and a retired miner.

Our family seems so empty, we miss your smiling face.

We all pray to God that one day we will all be together in that happy and wonderful place.

As long as we are here on earth things will never be the same without you.

We are left here to serve Jesus, and will try our best to do. With Him we will all dwell and wait for you.

The time you spent with us was as precious as gold, but Jesus called him to his home on high, and then he had to go.

But we'll miss our wonderful dad everyday that goes by. So we say, dear father, sleep on to that great resurrection day. We all know in our hearts we will all meet again.

We feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by his wife and family

## NOAH SMITH

It is with much sadness that I will by the Lord Jesus try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Noah Smith, who the Lord Jesus called away April 4, 1981. Noah was born September 18, 1907, making his stay on earth 73 years, leaving to mourn his loss his wife, Zellie Smith, and eight children, Melda Layne, Pikeville, Ky.; Lassie Coleman, Belview, Fla.; Cecil Smith, Fannie Layne, Floyd Allen Smith and Wilburn Smith, all of Kimper, Ky., and Jeffie Sawyer Smith and Alfred Smith of Chicago, Ill.



Noah joined the Primitive Baptist Church October 2, 1949, and was ordained as a deacon July 15, 1956. He was a faithful member as long as he was able to go. He leaves his wife and children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We hope our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his loving wife, Zellie Smith

## ARVILLE ACE COLEMAN



It is with much sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our beloved father, Arville Ace Coleman, born February 1, 1929. He was taken from us April 14, 1981, making his stay here on earth 52 years.

He was the son of Paris and Missouri Coleman. Both preceded him in death.

He was the father of three sons born to him and Magdelene Coleman, one of which preceded him in death: Billy Gene Coleman. Two sons are still living to mourn his death: Glenn Coleman and Jack Edward Coleman, both of

Chloe Creek, and seven brothers and three sisters: Harvie Coleman of Kimper, Ky.; Arnold Wayne Coleman of Elyria, Ohio; Frank and Don Coleman of Bridgeview, Ill.; Larry, Carl and Plennie Coleman, all of Kimper, Ky.; Daisy Miller of Feds Creek, Ky.; Gracie Newton of Sidney, Ky.; Faye Coleman of Elyria, Ohio, and four grandchildren and a host of friends.

Dad was sick for a very short time. While on his bed of afflictions Dad wanted to join the Primitive Baptist Church.

Dad will be dearly missed by everyone, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his loving sons,  
Glenn Coleman and Jack Coleman

## VIRGIL M. SMITH



This is written in memory of a very special father that has been missed each day since he passed away.

Virgil M. Smith was born February 8, 1907, the son of Elder Ballard Smith and Sister Cordella Smith of Coleman, Ky. He departed this life September 11, 1980. He was 73 years old.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sister Pearl Boyd Smith. They are survived by two children, Christine S. Dotson and Evelyn S. Smith, of Phelps,

Ky.; three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

Daddy joined the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church the 4th Saturday in November, 1931. He was the oldest living member of the Peter Creek Church. He became a deacon in 1970, and was a faithful member until his death.

He is also survived by his second wife, Mae Smith, Steele, Ky.; four brothers, and three sisters.

Daddy is missed by his family very much, but our loss is his gain.

Written by his family

## WILLIE SMITH

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write an obituary of a dearly loved brother-in-law and a dear friend, Willie Smith.

Will was the son of the late Henry and Bertha Smith. Will was born October 1, 1904, and departed this life March 28, 1981, making his stay on earth 76 years, five months and 27 days.

Will was married to Vada Chapman on October 4, 1928 and to this union was born three children: two sons, Wade Smith of Canada, Ky., and Rosevelt Smith of Leland, North Carolina; one daughter, Armanda Smith, who preceded him in death many years ago. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Vada.

Will later married Virginia Mahaffy who he leaves to mourn his loss.

Will also leaves his two sons, and four brothers, Winfred Smith, Stone, Ky.; Clive Smith, Canada, Ky.; John Smith, Forest Hills, Ky., and Ostil Smith of Nora, Va.; two sisters, Mary Marie Scott and Dorothy Webb of Williamson, W. Va.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. All will miss Will very much and feel his loss deeply.

Will was a retired miner and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until his death. Will believed the Doctrine Salvation by the Grace of God and that someday he would live again after this life was over.

Will was a kind and gentle man who always had a sweet smile and a kind word every time you saw him. I never went to see him, but what



he hugged my neck and told me how glad he was that I came to see him. I will miss you so much, Will, but I live in hope of meeting you again in midway air.

So weep not, children, for Dad is only sleeping in the sweet arms of Jesus, until He comes again to take His children home, where we will live with Him forever.

Written by Sister-in-law, Pat Smith

### **JAMES J. COLEMAN**

It is with great sorrow that we write the obituary of our beloved husband and daddy, James J. Coleman, who passed away February 16, 1981, making his stay on earth 47 years, five months and 22 days.

James joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Louisa the second Sunday in August. He was baptized the fourth Sunday at Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church by Brother Paul Dean Justice and Brother Glen Coleman.

He was married to Joyce Goff June 30th, 1962. To this union was born five sons. One preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his loss four sons, Dwayne, Dale, Ronald and Donald, and his loving wife who was so faithful to him all through his sickness, and a host of relatives and friends.

Sleep on dear, and take your rest. We hope to meet you again when Christ comes in a cloud of glory to join all of us together again.

Written by his wife and sons



### **ELDER DAN ADKINS**

Our dear father, Dan Adkins, was born June 6, 1902, and departed this life May 1, 1981. He was the son of the late William Hayes and Martha (Justice) Adkins of Regina, Ky.

He married Bertha (Morris) Adkins on December 23, 1922. To this union ten children were born. Bertha and a daughter, Gherldene Stanaland, preceded him in death. Three brothers also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Iva B. Adkins; five daughters: Emogene Browning, Racine Daniels, Karoldean Smith of Louisville, Ky.; Arlenus Dillender, Sugar Land, Texas, and Jacqueline Pearson of Houston, Texas; four sons, Edgar Ray, Bill Joe and Harold L. Adkins of Louisville, and Alvis B. Adkins of Redondo Beach, Calif.; three sisters: Mercy Thacker, Carrie Coleman and Mary Ann Coleman, Millard, Ky. He also had 13 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives and brothers and sisters in the church.



**Elder Dan Adkins**

Dad's first job was teaching school. During the 1920's, he moved to Pond Creek and worked on the railroad. Later he was employed by Fordson Coal Co., which became Eastern Cal Corp. He worked as an electrician for Eastern and retired 14 years ago. He was a member of the Stone Lodge 390, F & AM, and a Kentucky Colonel.

Dad united with the Primitive Baptist Church April 20, 1941. He had two grandfathers that were elders. Dad served as an elder for almost 40 years. Some excerpts from his written thoughts are: "God is holy, pure, without iniquity and is not connected to wickedness and the sins of man and devil. Holy and reverend is His name. God Almighty, from everlasting to everlasting truth, God can only be worshipped in spirit and truth. Brethren and Sisters, that is what I believe to be the truth. I have enjoyed some fruitful seasons, while on the other hand, I have suffered many heartaches and pains. Brethren, think of the difference in salvation and obedience. In obeying, we are promised a blessing and in disobeying, God's wrath is poured out upon us. May God bless us to meet in peace and love and continue the same way."

We believe our loss is his eternal gain.

His Children

## **GUY W. HATFIELD**

With a sad and aching heart, I write this obituary of my beloved husband, Guy W. Hatfield, son of the late William J. Hatfield and Polly Margaret Hatfield. He was born October 4, 1914, deceased April 15, 1981, making his stay on earth 66 years, six months and 11 days. He was married to Lilly S. Hatfield in 1935 and to this union

was born four children: two sons, Thomas J. Hatfield and Stephen K. Hatfield; two daughters, Phyllis J. Blackburn and Janet Gail Bowe.

Guy had two sisters, three brothers, his father and mother to precede him in death, living his wife, Lilly, four children, three sisters, three brothers, 10 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Guy joined the Primitive Baptist Church on June 16, 1972. He was baptized by Elders Teddy R. Ball and Dan Adkins. He was faithful to his church as long as he was able to attend.

**Guy W. Hatfield**

Guy was a good husband, father and friend to all he knew. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Sleep on, Guy, we hope to meet you someday.

Written by his wife, Lilly S. Hatfield

### **JAMES LUCAS HATFIELD**

It is in loving memory and with great sadness that I write the obituary of my father, James Lucas Hatfield. He was a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, and a friend to everyone he met. He was born January 1, 1912 in Pike County. He was a son of Anna B. Hatfield of Ransom, who survives, and the late W. P. Hatfield. He was a lifetime resident of Ransom, Ky.

At the age of 69, he died August 1, 1981 in the afternoon at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington, Ky., following a short illness and death caused by cancer.

He was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church and a retired National Guardsman where he spent 20 years of service. Daddy retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1977 after serving 43 years as postmaster at Ransom where he acquired many friends.

He was married to Gladys Hager Hatfield who survives, in addition to one daughter, Mrs. Burl (Marie) Estep of Ransom, and five sons, Bob L. Hatfield of Hardy, Ky.; Lucas Hatfield, Jr. of



Sidney, Ky.; Billy Joe Hatfield of Ransom; Danny Ray Hatfield of Madisonville, Ky., and Ronald Dale Hatfield of McCarr, Ky.

He also is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Bob (Hazel) Scott and Mrs. Tivis (Gardner) Wallen, both of Ransom, Ky.; Mrs. Joe (Ruth) Samland of Jansen, Nebraska, and Mrs. Grace Dillon of West Hamlin, W. Va., as well as one brother, Jack R. Hatfield of Lawrenceburg, Ky. He leaves behind 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren who loved him and miss him. Two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a kind and loving person and always willing to go out of his way to help other people. Daddy, we will always love you and miss you.

Your loving daughter, Marie Estep

### LONZIE BLAIR



It is with much sadness in my heart that I try to write the obituary of my darling husband, Lonzie Blair. He was born June 1, 1924, passed away March 1, 1981, making his stay on earth 56 years and ten months. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Fuller Blair; two sons, James Oscar Blair of Steele, Ky., and Staff Sergeant Jerry Blair of Frankfort, Germany; two daughters, Kathy Ann Bevins of Kimper, Ky.; Janice Sue Good of Phyllis, Ky.; three brothers, Oscar, Oliver, and Ernest, all of Steele, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Lakie Fuller of

Steele, Ky.; Mrs. Dixie Honaker of Pikeville, Ky.; Mrs. Callie Miller of Mouthcard, Ky. Two brothers preceded him in death, Lundy and Jessie Edward Blair. He also had nine grandchildren.

He was the son of the late George Washington Blair and Elizabeth Hackney Blair. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church the first Sunday in July of 1958, where he saw much pleasure and rejoiced with all his friends. Lonzie knew many heartaches in this world and suffered a pain that only God could heal. In the last days of his sickness he wanted all his friends and loved ones around, he didn't want to be alone. I know at last God called him home and gave him peace and rest. So, sleep on, my dearest, and take your rest in the arms of the one who loved you best. We will miss your smile and your happy ways, but by the grace of God, we will meet again some day. We know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly written by his wife

## IN MEMORIAL



### **The True Gentleman**

The true gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

Submitted by friends who  
loved him because of Christ.

Steve and Darla Hunt

## OBITUARY OF W. CLARENCE BOGAR

Clarence was born July 16, 1897, at Sidney, Kentucky. It pleased our Heavenly Father to call him from our midst on July 25, 1981 at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was the son of the late A. M. Bogar and Sarah (Varney) Bogar. He was the last surviving member in his family of two brothers and two sisters. His brothers were Leonard and Mack Bogar and his sisters were Bessie and Esta Bogar, all of Sidney, Kentucky.

He was married to Dixie Smith on May 30, 1923. She died February 7, 1974. He has three surviving children: one daughter, Helen B. Moore, Fredericksburg, Va.; two sons, Ralph C. Bogar and Harold F. Bogar, both of Sidney, Kentucky.

Two children, Lois Compton and Joseph V. Bogar, preceded him in death.

He had six grandchildren, three grandsons and three granddaughters. They are: Dwight Bogar, Sidney; Chad and Chris Moore, Fredericksburg, Va.; Rita Scott, Hardy, Ky.; Deborah Sparks and Clarissa Totten, both of Sidney; two great-grandchildren, Gina Sparks and Amanda Totten, both of Sidney, Ky.

From a young man until his death, Clarence enjoyed life and had very high standards which he lived by and taught his family to live by the same.

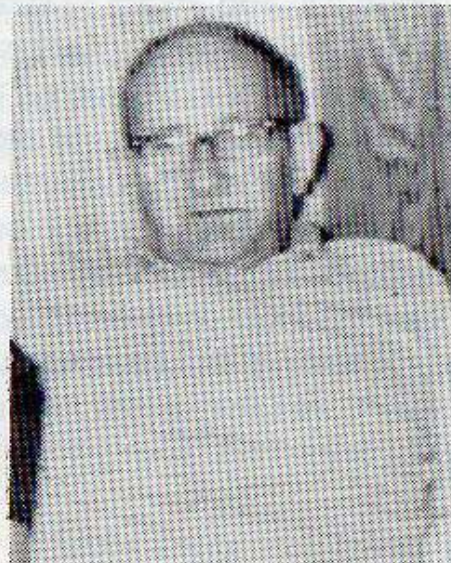
For many years he believed in a true and living God. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Easter Sunday, 1976. He remained a faithful member until death. He will truly be missed by his family, friends and his church.

His family's thoughts are "that he is not dead but only sleeping, and some day they will all who love the Lord unite with Jesus in Heaven and forever be together."

Written by his children

## ERVIN JUSTICE

With a sad heart, we will try to write the obituary of our husband and step-father-in-law, Ervin Justice. He was born December 31, 1915 at Phelps, Ky., and departed this life January 9, 1981, making his stay on earth 65 years and nine days. He was the son of the late Stewart Justice and Polly Adkins Justice. They were the father and mother of nine children, three of whom preceded them in death. Besides Ervin, there are three brothers living: Blain Justice of Roadcreek; Avery of Florida, and Jerry of



Pikeville, and two sisters: Irene Wolford of Ohio, and Eleen Bush of Winchester, and one daughter, Delores Brewer of Ohio, and one step-daughter and four step-sons, and 16 step-grandchildren.

Ervin joined the Old Primitive Baptist June 16, 1976, and was baptized June 17, 1976. He was a firm believer in the Bible.

We feel that when the Death Angel came that day that Ervin fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to await the coming of our Lord, where there is no more pain and cancer there. We feel he is at rest, in the arms of Jesus.

Written by his wife, Martha Justice  
and step daughter-in-law, Mandy Ramey

### **THOMAS TROUT** **1909 - 1981**

Thomas Trout, 72, was born June 22, 1909 to Lew and Nellie Trout and departed this life on May 25, 1981, after a long illness.

Thomas, a retired miner, was married to Emma (Smith) Trout who preceded him in death on December 20, 1979, and to this union was born six children, namely: Buddy L. Trout, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. G. C. (Goldie) Carter of McAndrews, Ky.; Floyd B. Trout of Point Pleasant, W. Va.; Gene Joseph Trout of Stone, Ky.; Faye Mullins of Hardy, Ky., and T. J. Trout of Burnwell, Ky. He is survived by 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Coria West of Canada, Ky. One half-brother, Woodrow Williamson, preceded him in death.

Thomas has been a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for 15 years prior to his death.

Written by his children  
who miss him very much



### **BOBBY JOE STILTNER**

Joe Stiltner, 44, of Feds Creek, died January 21, 1980, in Pikeville. The son of Myrtle Stiltner and the late Ballard Stiltner, he was born October 25, 1935.

He was a foreman for Canada Coal Co., a member of Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375, Pikeville Chapter 133, Council 96, Pikeville

Commandy No. 45, Indira Consistory of Covington and El Hasa Temple in Ashland.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Bonnie Reynolds Stiltner; two sons, Johnny D. Stiltner and James K. Stiltner, and one daughter, Joe D. Stiltner, all of Feds Creek; two brothers, Jim Stiltner and Jack Stiltner, both of Phyllis; four sisters, Garnet Justice of Jamestown, Tenn.; Betty Blackburn of Pikeville; Sue Estepp of Columbus, Ohio, and Brenda Spears of Kimper.



**Bobby Joe Stiltner**

Bobby Joe Stiltner and Bonnie Reynolds Stiltner were married December 5, 1956. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother.

He is sadly missed by a host of relatives and friends.

## **HARRY THACKER**

### *With Loving Memories:*

I will attempt to write the obituary of my precious husband. I miss him so much. He has gone where he doesn't have to suffer any more. I hated to give him up but God knows best. He told me so many times when God got ready for him he was ready to go, he only hated to leave his wife.

Harry loved his church so much and was an inspiration to all who knew him and we feel he fought a good fight, he kept the faith, always standing firm in the old grace doctrine. He was a deacon for several years and lived a good and faithful life. He loved his sisters and brothers in the church everywhere.



Harry had two daughters, one deceased seven years ago; four step-daughters, two step-sons and lots of friends and relatives. Harry loved the songs so much. He said, "Just One Rose Will Do." **PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.** I thank God for our loving memories.

Written by his wife, Ann Thacker

## CLYDE SANDERS

In the midst of my sorrow I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Clyde Sanders. He was born September 12, 1901, and departed this life November 17, 1980. He was the son of Wiley D. Sanders and Roxie (Johnson) Sanders

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Grace Sanders; two children, Burton Sanders and Blanche Shell; six grandchildren, one brother and two sisters and a host of friends and relatives.

He told me while in Lexington Hospital he had made peace with his Lord and was ready for death, there was nothing in his way and that he only needed his Jesus.

He also said God had blessed the two of us to live a long life together. We were married for forty-five years. He said it had been a hard life for us, but also a wonderful and sweet life. We shared many heartaches, but many more blessings together.

It is lonely here without him and I miss him so much, but I feel I shall meet him again in a land where parting shall be no more.

Written by his wife,  
Grace Sanders



## ERTEL HUNT



It is with much sadness that I try and write the obituary of my beloved husband, Ertel Hunt. He was born November 17, 1916 and passed from this life October 11, 1980, making his stay on earth 63 years, ten months and 23 days. He was the son of the late Frank and Tennessee Coleman Hunt. He joined the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized July 19, 1964.

He leaves to mourn his loss three sons, Ron Hunt, William Tracy Hunt, and Sonny Hunt; two daughters, Bonnie Justice and Jan Kostyk. Also one step-son, Larry E. Thacker;

two step-daughters, Ann Thacker and Jean Thacker; five grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and his wife, Nona Mae Hunt. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife and brother-in-law,  
Nona Mae Hunt and Elder David Coleman, Jr.

### WALTER L. THACKER

Walter L. Thacker, age 71, of Fish-trap, Ky., died May 28, 1981, following a long illness.

Born in Pike County June 29, 1909, he was the son of the late William Bailey Thacker and Florence Williamson Thacker. He was a member of the Primitive Church and a retired coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, Orpha Runyon Thacker; two sons, Bob Thacker of Herndon, Va., and William Dean Thacker of Pikeville, Ky.; five daughters, Norma Hunt of Grosse Point Park, Mich.; Pauline Craft, Nancy Craft, Faye Davis and Sue Wright, all of Fort Wayne, Ind. One daughter, Mary Williamson, preceded him in death. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, two brothers, Albert Thacker and Willie B. Thacker; two sisters, Martha Justice and Rebecca Parsons.

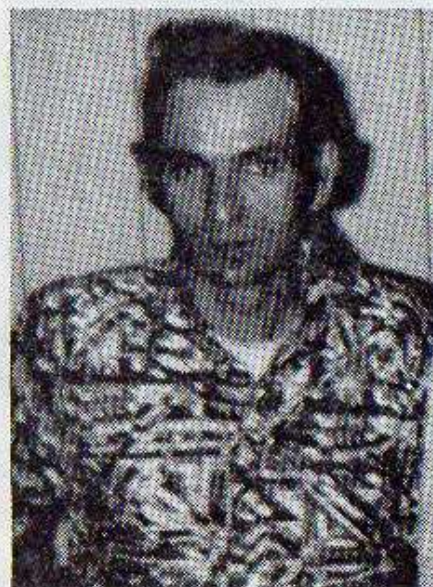
We feel our loss is Heaven's gain and look forward to being reunited with him in Heaven.



The Family

### THOMAS K. JACKIE HURLEY

In loving memory I will try to write an obituary of Thomas K. Jackie Hurley. He was born March 27, 1943, and passed away August 22, 1981, making his stay on earth 38 years, four months and 26 days. He was the son of the late Jim and Dora Hurley Blankenship. He was married to Merry Ellin Young Hurley, and to this union was born three children: 2 boys and 1 girl. He had one son, Jackie Dean Hurley. He leaves his wife, Merry Ellin, and three sons,



Thomas and Ricky of the home, and Jackie Dean Hurley of Route 1, Grundy, Va., and one daughter, Cindy Rose Hurley of the home, and one half-brother, Clarence Blankenship of Moundsville, W. Va., and one half-sister, Margaret Johnson of Pineville, W. Va., and his mother, Cora Blankenship, and his step-father, Troy Blankenship of Long Pole, W. Va., to mourn his loss, and a host of friends and neighbors.

He joined the Regular Primitive Baptist Church several years ago, and was baptized by Elder Elmer Brown and he was a faithful member until death.

The church has lost a good member and the country a good neighbor and friend, and his widow a wonderful husband, and his children a wonderful father. So all I can say is to sleep on, Brother Jackie, and take your rest, until God calls for his family to come home, and Jesus brings His Spirit and it unites with his sleeping dust, and brings his body from the rock-bound tombs, and flashing it like his most glorified body, and takes it home to the Lord, without spot or blemish. Then you won't be crippled any more, you will have a perfect body, one that can't get sick or suffer any more.

It was Brother Jackie that went down into the grave, and it will be Brother Jackie that comes out of the grave, changed from a natural body to a spiritual body and caught up to meet King Jesus in the Midway Air, to go home forevermore, to sing the praises of the Lamb. Won't it be a happy day when all the family of God gathers around the great white throne to sing God's praises forever and evermore. So I would like to say to this family, "Hold up your head and sorrow not as those that have no hope, for by the grace of God you, too, can meet Brother Jackie on that glorious cloud, and go home to gather with all the saints of God, to live forevermore.

Written by request of the family,  
Elder Arthur May

### **MILVIN HURLEY**

In loving memories and with a sad and broken heart I will try to write an obituary of my precious and loving husband, Milvin Hurley.

He was born February 15, 1910, and passed away September 23, 1980, making his stay on earth 70 years and seven months and eight days. He was the son of the late Frank and Clarnda Lester Hurley.

He was married to Minnie May Hurley in 1935 and to this union was born 12 children: seven boys and five girls. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, Minnie Hurley, and his children, Robert Hurley

and Harold Hurley, Randel Hurley, Lonnie Hurley, Bill Hurley, Jimmie Hurley and Garry Wayne Hurley, all of Hurley, Virginia, and Ruby Collins, Ida Jean Hurley and Betty Ann Hurley, all of Hurley, Va., and Nell Roe Fuller of Big Rock, Virginia, and Lounnia Payne of Grundy, Va., and two brothers, Johnan Hurley of Big Rock, Va., and Londy Hurley of Logan, West Virginia, and two sisters, Doria Blankenship of West Virginia, and Rosie Harden of Hurley, Va., and 35 grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and



**Milvin Hurley**

neighbors to mourn his passing. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Spring at Kelsa, Va., May 5, 1968, and was baptized by Elder J. H. Blackburn and Homer Blackburn. He loved the church and all the members and always filled his seat every time as long as he was able. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone he met. He didn't try to put on a show with his fancy clothes. He was just himself and looked so good in his overalls he wore. He was a light to the church. He was loved by all who knew him. He was what he was by the grace of God. The church has lost a good member and neighbor and the family a good husband and the children a wonderful daddy.

I was called from home one evening as the sun was sinking low, called to see my dear sweet husband, for his time had come to go. Oh, how I will miss him in this cruel world below but I will meet him up in Heaven when I am called to go. When I reached his silent bedside, then to me he couldn't speak. God had called him home to glory. He had sweetly gone to sleep.

Sleep on, Daddy, till that sweet day when Jesus comes again and we'll all go home together to live forever and evermore in that city that lies four square with all the saints of God forever and evermore. God bless all his family is my prayer.

Written by his widow Minnie Hurley  
And Elder Arthur May

### **SHERMAN MAY**

It is with great loss and sadness we write the obituary of our dear husband and father, Sherman May, who passed away April 3, 1981.

Born April 18, 1913, he was the son of Basil and Dixie Hatfield

May. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Varney May, and one son, Sherman D. May; one sister, Vernie Staton of Vention, Ohio; two brothers, Blain May of McAndrews, Ky., and Robert May of Pikeville, Ky. He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

One brother, Burgess (Doc) May of Maryville, Tenn., passed away 23 hours after Sherman. He was married to Anna Meril Reed May, leaving one son, Larry May. Preceding him in death was one daughter, Opal Joyce Barber of Ashland, Ky. We feel our loss is God's gain.

Sadly missed by wife Virginia  
And son, Sherman D.



**Sherman May**

### **In Memory of Uncle Sherman May**

With sadness I will try to write the obituary of my Uncle Sherman May. It has been God's will to call him from our midst to a better home in which he was living in hope of when he parted this life.

Uncle Sherman was like a father to us boys while we were growing up. He loved to tease us more than anything.

Uncle Sherman had a smile for everyone. It was a smile that shined like the sunshine.

I could stand here and read for a year or more about all the good things Uncle Sherman did and stood for.

He was a good and faithful member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. I feel that God blessed Uncle Sherman for his deeds of honor and love. I feel sure that our loss is his gain. So to Uncle Sherman and my brother in the Lord we will not say goodbye but farewell for a little while.

Written by his nephew with love,  
Gordon May

### **RANDOLPH VARNEY**

In the mist of our tears of sorrow and a broken heart, if God will bless me and lead me I will try and write the obituary of my precious loving husband and father, Randolph Varney. He was born February 22, 1915. By God's love and mercy called him from his long suffering February 18, 1981 at 7:20 P.M., making his stay here on earth 66 years and 27 days.

Preceding him in death were a loving father and mother, Levi and

Betty Varney, and two brothers and one sister and one son, Engling Varney.

Left to mourn over this loss are his wife, Thelma Varney of Huntington, Ind.; four sons, Randolph Varney, Jr., of Meta, Ky.; Paul William Varney of Kimper, Ky.; Paris Rufus Varney of McVeigh, Ky.; Bobby Leon Varney of Huntington, Ind.; eleven grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church (Samaria), the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. I feel he is to our loss but to our God Eternal Heaven's gain. The time is drawing nigher when Jesus is coming again to ransom His redeemed family. I hope to meet him again by the grace of God and the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, family and brother and sisters and a host of friends.

*My tears shall all be dried away,  
My broken heart shall mend,  
My sorrows shall all be over,  
I shall meet my husband again  
And the family circle shall never be broken again.*

Written by his wife, Thelma H. Varney



**Randolph Varney**

## **HARRY R. STAMPER**



Harry R. Stamper was born March 7, 1936, and departed this life December 17, 1980 at the age of 44 years. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky, the son of Exie Mullins Stamper and the late Daniel Harrison Stamper, Sr.

Harry was united in marriage April 16, 1959, to Mary Francis Jones Stamper. Born to this union were two daughters, Betty Frances and Harria Renee. We shared with him life's joys and disappointments. Alone now, we grieve and shed tears of loneliness in each waking hour.

Harry was a knowledgeable man who served his fellow man with compassion and respect. He received a B.S. Degree in Education from Pikeville College in 1960. He earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University of Tennessee in 1967, and then served as an attorney in the Kelsey E. Friend Law Firm. In 1977, Harry was appointed as the first District Judge in Pike County. At the time of his death he was a partner in the Lowe, Lowe and Stamper Law Firm.

To those who came to him for help he never turned away. He offered to them his time, sincerity and understanding.

Harry read his Bible for many years. A preacher asked him if he ever asked God to come into his heart. Harry told him he had asked God to come into his heart many times. The last words Harry said were, "God, help me." We hope by the grace of God to meet him someday.

In addition to his wife, children and mother, Harry leaves to mourn his passing one brother, Dr. Daniel Harrison Stamper, Jr. and six sisters: Geneva Hamilton, Virginia Lowe, Betty Hobson, Shirley Justice, Nancy Barrowman, and Carolyn Johnson.

Harry was called to add a spot of beauty, a needed flower in the Heavenly Garden, a blossom that will grow in greater beauty there.

*"Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,  
And make our courage faint or fall?  
Nay, let us faith and hope receive;  
The Rose still grows beyond the wall."*

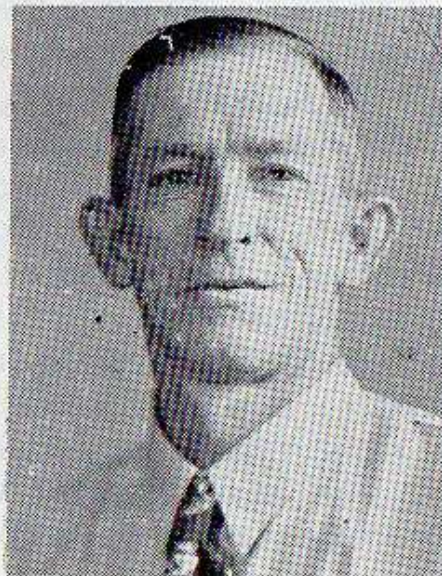
*Sadly missed,  
His wife, mother and family*

### **WILLIAM JEFFERSON MAY**

As I attempt to write the obituary of Brother Jeff May, my heart's prayer is that the Lord will give me words to write.

William Jefferson May was born August 17, 1896, to the late Ace and Jane (Ball) May. The Lord called him home on December 31, 1965, making his stay on earth 69 years, four months and 14 days.

Brother Jeff was married to Nancy (Ball) May on May 6, 1915, and to this union were born twelve children, Bud, Kelly, Walter, and Harold May, Mrs. Pricy Stanley, Mrs. Maude Gent, Mrs.



Jennette May and Mrs. Ruth Blackburn, and three sons who preceded him in death.

Although I never knew Brother Jeff, from the things that I've been told he was a child of the Divine King. Brother Jeff never gave his hand to the church but believed in the Primitive Baptist doctrine of salvation by grace. He was blessed to view his long-awaited home. What an experience he was blessed to receive from the God of eternity.

*Although I never knew this man,  
The love that I've seen from his family and friends  
Tells me that he was a kind and touching man,  
I long to see him for myself.  
Then I won't have to depend upon the facts they tell.  
It's been sixteen long years since he was called away  
And his family and friends long to see him again some day.  
We feel our loss is Brother Jeff's eternal gain.*

Elder Michael Elswick

## DEACON BRADLEY HAGER

Deacon Bradley Hager was born May 28, 1910, in Pike County, Kentucky, to J. C. (Bud) Hager and Doan (Dotson) Hager.

He departed this life at noon on December 6, 1980, at the age of 70 years, six months and 12 days. This dear soldier of the cross of Jesus Christ fell asleep in the arms of his beloved Captain and Saviour. The day before he died, he told his daughter, Emma, "I can see the river. It's pretty, and it's not very big." We have the testimony from him on the morning of his passing, "It's all right," which he pronounced three times. So we are persuaded in our hearts, dear mother and children, that it is indeed all right.

Brother Bradley united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on the third Sunday in January, 1950. He was ordained a deacon the third Saturday in June, 1951. After moving to Michigan, he later joined the Pontiac Primitive Baptist Church and later the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church was organized, he made his home there until his deceased. He was an able deacon and a great teacher. His advice was always seasoned with grace and manifested enlight-



ment of the Holy Spirit and the word of God. He was a great man in Israel and a pillar in the church. He was loved by all who knew him. He set an example, not only for his brethren and sisters, but also for his children.

As we sit here this night, trying to write this obituary by his son and sons-in-law, words are weak things. And with all the powers of earthly expression, we cannot fully tell all that the soul of man feels. We have been closely and very intimately associated with Brother Bradley for many years and we came to know and understand him for what he really was in the Spirit, and there was not the slightest difference between us.

On Tuesday before his passing, he called each of his children to his bedside, counseling them, and telling them to go to church.

On March 7, 1929, he married the girl of his dreams, Harriet Scott. To this union were born 14 children. Two preceded him in death — one daughter, Virginia, and one son who was still-born. Surviving are: his wife, Harriet, and sons, James Ernest, Johnny, J. C., Douglas, David, Edward and Adrain; and daughters, Edith Rose, Annie Mayhorn, Emma Whittington, Ruby O'Connell, and Donna Edwards, plus 26 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ransom, James and William; and one sister, Nellie Whitt.

In closing we would wish to say, "BLESSED ARE THE DEAD THAT DIE IN THE LORD, HENCEFORTH THEY REST FROM THEIR LABORS, AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM." Amen.

Written in love by Elders: Robert Mayhorn  
J. C. Hager  
James Whittington



## 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 ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contributions of each church
Louisa -----	Bradley Worrix -----	6	5				1	4	119	2	\$ 75.00
Old Pond -----	Ray Harlow -----	2	1					14	125	2	100.00
Big Creek -----	Elder Larry Thornsby -----	2	2		1			4	93	3	100.00
Raccoon -----	Edward Bevins -----	7				5		6	83	4	100.00
Peter Creek -----	Evelyn S. Smith -----	1						1	120	4	85.00
Sulphur Springs -----	George W. Lester -----						3	6	92	1	40.00
Little Hope -----	Virgil Smith -----	3						1	30	1	50.00
Grapevine -----	Miles Thacker -----							2	29	3	25.00
Samaria -----	Ronald Crawford -----	3	1			1	2	4	187	3	100.00
Little Union -----	Ernest Blair -----							1	19	1	100.00
Johns Creek -----	Carl Coleman -----	3			1			1	58	1	50.00
Calvary -----	Rush Chapman -----					1			41	1	50.00
Dry Fork -----	Elder Lawrence Jackson -----	4					1		60	2	75.00
Friendship -----	Martin Childers -----	2							26	4	25.00
Columbus -----	Sandra Kay Harris -----	1				3	1		64	4	40.00
Deerfield -----	Ernest Hager -----	2					1	1	38	1	50.00
Pleasant Hill -----	Charles Branham -----					1			52	1	75.00
Bethel -----	Betty Click -----				1		1	1	9	1	30.00
	Total -----	36	9		3	13	9	47	1245		\$1170.00

