

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

held with

Johns Creek
Primitive Baptist Church
KIMPER, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

September 3rd, 4th, and 5th
1982

Next Session convenes with Friendship Church, located
at Thelma, Johnson County, Kentucky, Friday before the
first Sunday in September, 1983.

OFFICERS

Teddy R. Ball, Moderator	McCarr, Ky.
J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator	Newtown, W. Va.
Stearyl Hatfield, Clerk	McCarr, Ky.
Chester Ray Varney, Asst. Clerk	Kimper, Ky.

Proceedings

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association Held with the Johns Creek Church

FRIDAY MORNING — September 3rd, 1982

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Teddy R. Ball. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Michael Smith. Text: no special text. Called for the letters from all churches. The letter was read from the Johns Creek 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 Johnny Blackburn	Assistant Moderator
Brother Stearl Hatfield	Clerk
Brother Chester Ray Varney	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 — Elders Andrew McGlothlin, Franklin Viers, Bobby Arrington and Elder Ostill Smith

Little Yadkin River — Elders Vance Jones and Robert Lawson and Deacon Norman Jones

Union — Elder Dallas Adams and Brother James Adams

Burning Spring — Elder Roby Ferguson and Brother Edgar Rudd and D. J. Blanton

Mount Zion — Elder Franklin Oresta

St. Clairs Bottom — Elders Eugene Blevins, Billy Cook and J. C. Wancer

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

Sand Lick — Elder Arnold Childers and Wife, Brethren Shelby Anderson, Robert Jackson, Johnnie Viers, Clayton Belcher, Sisters Pearl McGlothlin, Paulene Arrington and Elder Robert Mayhon and Elder Ted Floyd and Sister Wanda Thacker, Elder Onis Smith and Sister Dixie Smith

Mount Zion — Elder Owen Harvey and Wife, Sisters Ora Watson,

Minnie White, Annalene Oresta and Brother John Cumpton

Burning Spring — Sisters Annalee Blanton, Rora Rudd and Leona Waldon, Brother Kermit Waldon and Wife

Little Yadkin River — Elder Robert Lawson, Sisters Hulda Jones, Myrtle Baker, Lana Sacher, Gertrude Hill, Gipsev Nance, Lillian Lawson and Pearl Lunsford

Miamia Church — Elder Arnold O. Thompson, Brethren Sid Fleming and Wife and Garland Edwards and Wife

Pilgrims Rest Church — Brother Henry Hicks

Valenteer Church — Sisters Mary Lois Sisk and Addie Long

Wilson Church — Brother Henry Smith and Wife, Brother Jessie Cassidy and Elder Millard Shelton

Cedar Grove Church — Elder Ray Flinchum

Stony Creek Church — Elder Elbert Hunter and Wife

Tueson Primitive Baptist Church — Clifford and Gay Thacker and Garlora Brakke

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers from the Johns Creek Church, was appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

Friday at the stand — 1. Elder Andrew McGlothlin, 2. Elder Franklin Oresta, 3. Elder Vance Jones, 4. Elder Bobby Arrington, 5. Elder Roby Ferguson.

Friday Evening —

Raccoon Church: 1. Elder Eugene Blevins, 2. Elder John Kirk, 3. Elder Lundy Coleman, 4. Elder Billy Cook

Calvary Church: 1. Elder Vance Jones, 2. Elder Junior Coleman, 3. Elder Harrison Smith, 4. Elder Arnold Childers, 5. Elder Michael Smith

Peter Creek Church: 1. Elder Paul Varney, 2. Elder Teddy R. Ball, 3. Elder Owen Harvey, 4. Elder Michael Smith

Saturday at the Stand: 1. Elder Dallas Adams, 2. Elder Arnold O. Thompson, 3. Elder Robert Lawson, 4. Elder Millard Shelton

Saturday Afternoon at the Stand: 1. Elder Elbert Hunter, 2. Elder Bobby Mayhon

Saturday Night at Johns Creek Church: 1. Elder Owen Harvey, 2. Elder Michael Smith, 3. Elder J. C. Hager, 4. Elder Bobby Mayhon

Saturday Night at Little Union Church: 1. Elder Paul Varney, 2. Elder Lawrence Jackson, 3. Elder Elmer Brown, 4. Elder Junior Coleman

Saturday Night at Big Creek Church: 1. Elder Arnold Childers, 2. Elder Millard Shelton, 3. Elder Teddy R. Ball

Saturday Night at Brother Mat Blankenship's Home: 1. Elder Paris

Blackburn, 2. Elder Lundy Coleman, 3. Elder John Kirk

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Leo Coleman, David Coleman, Jr., Ray Harlow, Paul Dean Justice, R. T. Thacker, George Lester, Kenith Ball, Landon Webb, Paul Varney, Earnest Blair, John Stiltner, Rush Chapman, Shorty Vandyke, John Kirk, Lundy Coleman, Harold Blackburn and Kermit Barton

Committee on finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Earnest Dotson, Luther Smith and Lawrence Jackson.

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

Sand Lick Association — Brethren Elmer Brown, Clyde Looney, Junior Bartley and Shorty Vandyke

Mount Zion Association — Brethren J. H. Blackburn, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown and Teddy R. Ball

Burning Spring Association — Brethren Junior Barton, Rupord Sparks, Leo Coleman, Darris Kinder, Teddy R. Ball, Grover Smith and Ray Thacker

St. Clairs Bottom Association — Brethren J. C. Hager, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball and Jimmie Lee Smith

Union Association — Brethren Noah Slone, Joseph Slone and Elmer Goff

Little Yadkin River Association — Brethren J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Lee Smith, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Junior Barton, Noah Slone and Elmer Goff

New Liberty Association — Brethren Teddy R. Ball and J. H. Blackburn

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Little Hope Church; and to begin Friday evening before the last Sunday in March, 1983. Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING — September 4th, 1982

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

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following:

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

Committee advises the following:

1. The Annual Meeting be held with the Little Hope Church.
2. That the Association go to the Friendship Church in 1983.
3. That the Association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

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

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported the following:

To open — Elder Arnold Childers by singing and prayer.

1. Elder Michael Smith, 2. Elder Robert Mayhon, 3. Elder Franklin Viers, 4. Elder J. H. Blackburn

Finance committee reported \$1,178.00 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, 1983. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Glen Coleman, Elmer Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, John Kirk, Ostill Smith, J. R. Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul Dean Justice, Franklin Viers

Old Pond — Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1983. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Basil Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Paul Varney, Walter Sullivan, Avery Lowe, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Dana Hager and Eddie Harris

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1983. Elders to attend: David Coleman, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, Noah Slone, John Kirk, Ostill Smith, Johnny Jacobs, Basil Hatfield, Otis Buell, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney, Franklin Viers and Onis Smith.

Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1983. Elders to attend: Lawrence Jackson, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Joe Slone, John Kirk, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Kit Ratliff, Paul D. Justice and Rufous Howell

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1983. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Troy Casey, Michael Smith, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, Lawrence Jackson, David Coleman, Dana Hager and Eddie Harris

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1983. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Glen Coleman, Robert Worrix, Jimmie Lee Smith, Arthur May, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, Harrison Smith and Paul D. Justice

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1983. Elders to attend: We invite all Mates Creek Ministers.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1983. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, David Coleman, Joe Slone, Elmer Thacker, Glen Coleman, Robert Worrix and Lawrence Jackson

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1983.

Elders to attend: David Coleman, J. H. Blackburn, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Elmer Brown, Franklin Viers and Kit Ratliff

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1983. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Paul Varney, Glen Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Lawrence Jackson, J. H. Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Junior Coleman and Robert Worrix

John's Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1983. Elders to attend: Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Paul Varney, Jimmie Lee Smith, Jeff Chapman, Joe Slone, Elmer Thacker, J. C. Hager, Michael Smith, Wheeler Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Glen Coleman and Robert Mayhon

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1983. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, Joe Slone, Junior Coleman, Teddy R. Ball, Harrison Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Dean Justice, Glen Coleman, John Kirk, Elmer Thacker, Jimmie Lee Smith, Noah Slone, J. C. Hager, Jeff Chapman, Glen Vipperman

Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1983. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn and Paul Varney. We invite Elder Franklin Viers and Elders Ellis Owens. We also invite all Mates Creek Ministers.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1983. Elders to attend: We invite all peace-loving and orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers.

Columbus — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1983. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, John Kirk, Robert Worrix, Glen Coleman, Jesse Tucker, Wheeler Thacker, Paul Dean Justice, Robert Mayhon, Otis Buell, Arnold Childers, Arnold Thompson, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., Onis Smith and Johnny Jacobs

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1983. Elders to attend: Paul Varney, David May, Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Larry Thornsby, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, all Elders from the Pontiac Church

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1983. Elders to attend: Arnold Childers, Arnold O. Thompson, J. C. Hager, Leonard Barton, Vance Jones, Bobby Mayhon

Bethel — meets the third Saturday in June, 1983. Elders to attend: All orderly peace-loving Primitive Baptists are welcome.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Elder Glen Coleman prepare the next one. Agreed that we have 2,150 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following: Brethren Finis Compton, Joe B. Stanley, Lundy Collins, Jim Bartley, George H. Coleman, James E. Dotson and Alta Dotson,

Ireland Justice, George Robert Ball, John C. Looney, Harvey Coleman, Bud Chapman, Fredrick Michael Eggers, John M. Slone, Earnest Thacker, Floyd Stump, Joe Johnson, and Sisters Pearl Smith, Vadis Dotson Haynes, Eunice W. Runyon, Bethel West Thacker, Bernie Hess McCoy, Deliah Roberts, Lois Goff Davis, Mollie Coleman, Jettie A. Maynard, Mercie Justice Hunt, Gladis Bevins Kendrick, Evelyn Ball, Aldie Slone, Lillie Dotson, Oma B. Justice, Jewell Hinkle Ball, Nellie Coleman Dotson, Delphia Justice, Anthony D. Coleman, Hi Williamson.

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	\$2,939.33
Amount received from the Churches	1,178.00
Donations at the stand and pictures	279.00
Interest on money in the Bank	53.19
Total Cash on Hand	\$4,449.52

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for Minutes for 1981	\$1,555.59
Give the Moderator	50.00
Give the Assistant Moderator	50.00
Give the Clerk	50.00
Give the Assistant Clerk	00.00
Total Cash Paid Out	\$1,705.59
Balance Cash Left on Hand	\$2,743.93

Agreed that our next association be held with the Friendship Church of Thelma, Johnson County, Ky., and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1983. Elder Paul Varney was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Harrison Smith to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Paul Varney, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Teddy R. Ball, Moderator
J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator
Stearl Hatfield, Clerk
Chester R. Varney, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 5th, 1982

Singing and Prayer by Elder Arnold Childers

1. Elder Michael Smith, no special text
2. Elder Robert Mayhon, no special text

3. Elder Franklin Viers, text: We know that all things work together for good for them that love the Lord.

4. Elder J. H. Blackburn closed out the services.

We wish to thank the brethren, sisters and friends for caring for the association. They did a wonderful job.

CIRCULAR LETTER

By the request of the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Mates Creek Association, I will try in my weakness and by the direction of the Spirit of our God to write to you as I feel the good Lord has revealed to me by Revelation.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that who so ever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, and it pleased God to choose out of his people a little flock and give them the Kingdom or the Church and there is a remnant according to the election of Grace that will never bow to any image.

These people have I formed for myself and they shall show forth my praise.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation that ye should show forth his praises, and I believe that the people are kept by the power of God in time, but that Christ died on Calvary and by his own blood redeemed every one that God the Father gave Him.

He saved them by his life all at one time, on the Cross of Calvary and obtained eternal redemption for all of his children, and they will all live with him in Heaven some time in the future at the last day in the resurrection of the Bodies of all his and he will know them all. Paul said behold I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep but we shall be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet, for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.

In Adam all die so in Christ shall all be made alive, every man in his own order, Christ the first fruit of them that slept afterward, they that are his at his coming.

So if our hope did not reach beyond the grave we would be a miserable people, but Paul said in hope of eternal life which God that cannot lie promised before the world began, so I believe that he knew every one of them and cannot fail.

So Brethren in Christ, let us be steadfast in the truth and love one another, looking over one another's faults and live in peace and love.

I know my time is not much longer here with you. I may not ever write another Circular Letter. But may the God of all Grace keep you all in the way of righteousness is my prayer.

Your unworthy brother in hope of eternal life beyond the grave, what Christ did for me and all his family on Calvary's Cross.

Elder Teddy R. Ball

VISITING ELDERS

Andrew McGlothlin
Franklin Oresta
Eugene Blevins
Billy Cook
Millard Shelton
Ostil Smith
Arnold O. Thompson
Dallas Adams
Woodruff Dulin
Ted Floyd

Franklin Viers
Roby Ferguson
Arnold Childers
Robert Mayhon
Owen Harvey
Ray Flinchum
Robert Lawson
Vance Jones
Elbert Hunter
Onis Smith

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

Louisa — Robert B. Worrix, Clifford Thacker, Joe Slone, Jessie Tucker, Noah Slone, Wheeler Thacker, David Coleman, Jr., Terry Thacker, Eulis Adkins, Kedna Charles, Bradley Worrix, N. C. Runyon, Joseph Slone, Ireland Adkins, Abner L. Justice, Bobby J. Collins, Elmer Goff, Dean Thacker, Bradley Worrix, Jr., Haze Justice, Jack Coleman, Flem Justice and Elster Blackburn

Old Pond — Leroy Smith, Jake Runyon, Floyd Bostic, Ray Harlow and Tony Scott

Big Creek — Larry Thornberry, Elmer Thacker, R. T. Thacker, Quincy Stanley, David May, Luther Smith, Delmer Williams, Irlene Coleman, James Stanley, Gordon May and Burgess May

Raccoon — Paul Dean Justice, Glen Coleman, Allen Coleman, Roger Coleman, Linton Collins, Clifford Collins, Rufus Goff, Alvis Keen, Henry Henderson, George McCoy, Fred Pinson and Raymond Goff

Peter Creek — Troy Casey, Jimmie Lee Smith, Daris Kinder, Stirl Smith, Leo Coleman, Earnest Dotson, Earl Casey, Sidney Smith, Elsie Coleman, Opa Hatfield, Harrison Smith, Danny Smith, Ray Smith, Dave Estep and John Dotson

Sulphur Spring — J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, Luther Blackburn, Burlin Blackburn, Sam May, Ron Moore, Tommy Lester, George W. Lester, Franklin Dotson and Roosevelt Young

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

Grapevine — Harrison Smith, Landon Webb, Bradley Coleman, Miles Thacker and Donald Justice

Samaria — Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Walter Sullivan, Stearl Hatfield, Dennis Dotson, J. E. Hatfield, Dana Hager, and Frank Smith

Little Union — Earnest Blair

Johns Creek — Harrison Smith, Elcana Smith, Johnny Stiltner, Bailey T. Coleman, Chester Ray Varney, Emsey Smith, Plenie Coleman, Frank Coleman, Harold Abbitt, Paul Miller, Edd Hunt, and Ricky Hunt

Calvary — Kit Ratliff, Jeff Chapman, Glen Vipperman, Harrison Smith, Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Bradley Coleman, Homer Coleman, Wayne Varney, Able Chapman, Ben Chapman, Elster Varney, Andrew Hunt and Lory Slone

Dry Fork — Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Shorty Vandyke, Lundy Childers, Howell Arms, Clyde Looney and Ishmael Fletcher

Friendship — John W. Kirk, Luther Vanhooose and Martin Childers

Columbus — Ruffard Howell, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn and Ralph Williamson

Deerfield — J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, Estill Hackney, Harold Blackburn, Earnest Hager

Pleasant Hill — Woodruff Dulin, Junior Barton, Herbert Ferguson, Ruppard Sparks, Eugene Deel and Kermit Barton

Bethel — No messengers

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

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Larry Thornsburry	Ph. 353-9456, Canada, Ky. 41519
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LICENTIATES

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CHURCH	MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa	Robert Worrix	July, 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Teddy R. Ball	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Larry Thornsburry	June, 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	John H. Blackburn	July, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring	John H. Blackburn	August, 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Teddy R. Ball	June, 4th Saturday
Little Hope	Michael Smith	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	John H. Blackburn	July, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Teddy R. Ball	June, 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek	John H. Blackburn	July, 2nd Saturday
Little Union	Teddy R. Ball	May, 1st Saturday
Calvary	Kit Ratliff	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Teddy R. Ball	May, 2nd Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April, 4th Saturday
Friendship	John Kirk	August, 4th Saturday
Deerfield	Robert Mayhon, J. C. Hager	June, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Woodruff Dulin	April, 3rd Saturday
Bethel	Raleigh Hinkle	June, 3rd Saturday

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa — Bradley Worrix, 340 Burning Fork Road, Pikeville, Ky.	160
Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Rt. 1, Box 35, Huddy, Ky. 41535 .	150
Big Creek — R. T. Thacker, Canada, Ky. 41519	135
Raccoon — Edward Bevins, 274 Kentucky Ave., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	150
Peter Creek — Evelyn S. Smith, Phelps, Ky. 41553	125
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603	115
Little Hope — Virgil Smith, Rt. 2, Box 42, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555.	80
Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554	75
Samaria — Ronald Crawford, Ransom, Ky. 41558	150
Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 54, Kimper, Ky. 41539	90
Little Union — Earnest Blair, Steele, Ky. 41566	90

Calvary — Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539	90
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, RR 2, 5010 Riley Road Johnstown, Ohio 43031	120
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260	50
Deerfield — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak St., Fenton, Mich. 48430	75
Pleasant Hill — Woodruff Dulin, Troy Sidney Rd., Piqua, Ohio 45356	90
Bethel — Mrs. Betty Click, 739 McCool Rd. Valparaiso, Indiana 46383	10
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	25
Little Yadkin River — Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 24694	25
St. Clairs Bottom — Elder Eddie Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694	25
Mountain — Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 139, Galax, Va. 24333	25
Moderator — Elder Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky. 41544	30
Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, Route 2, Box 45, McCarr, Ky. 41544...	40
Total	2150

OBITUARIES

HI WILLIAMSON

Hi Williamson was born June 24, 1894, making his stay upon this earth eighty-seven years, eight months and four days.

He was preceded in death by two sons and one daughter, and his first wife, Peggy Varney. To the above union were born three sons and three daughters.

A second marriage was entered into by Hi and the author of this obituary, lasting until his death on February 28, 1982.

Hi was a hard-working man, providing well for his family up to and including his retirement years. He went faithfully to his church in spite of poor health and was able to operate his automobile up until one month before his death.

Hi was a member in good standing with Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church and was in full fellowship at the time of his death.

He will be and is sadly missed by his family, his friends and the church and a great number of grandchildren and one boy, Mike McCoy, he loved like his own.

I miss him. It is very lonely without him.

Written by his wife,
Mazzie

ANTHONY D. COLEMAN

It is with a sad and aching heart, I try to write an obituary of my dear husband, Anthony Coleman. He was born March 26, 1905, and departed this life April 26, 1982, making his stay here 77 years and one month.

He was married to Bessie Justice Coleman September 16, 1926. To this union was born eight children, four sons and four daughters. He leaves one brother, George Coleman, all to mourn his loss.

Our home will never be the same. Although he didn't belong to any church, he was a strong believer and he was so humble the last year he lived. I believe he just went to rest to wait for that great coming. I



believe I will meet him some day. I pray all the children will do the same.

Written by his lonely wife,
Bessie Coleman

FINIS COMPTON

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dear step-father, Finis Compton. He was born April 14, 1910. He was 71 when he died October 16, 1981.

He was married to Dollie Charles in 1937. She preceded him in death in 1964. They both belonged to the Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

He later married Lois Bogar who preceded him in death a few years after they were married. Then he came to live with me, Ruby Beatty, Largo, Fla. He lived a devoted Christian life. He loved his many brothers, sisters in church, and everyone else. He missed them so much when he was unable to go to church.

Although my loss is great, I know in my heart that it was God's will and Heaven's gain, and his rest will be eternal.

Written by his step-daughter,
Sister Ruby Beatty



JOE B. STANLEY



It is with much sadness and emptiness in my heart that I attempt to write the obituary of Joe B. Stanley, born May 4th, 1897, in Pike County, the son of the late Elder W. M. and Deliah Staton Stanley. He died July 7, 1982, making his stay on earth 85 years, two months and three days.

In 1916 he wed Lizzie Thacker, who survives. To this union were born nine children. Six sons: Frennie, Willie, Landon and James Stanley, all of Canada, Ky., and Quincey Stanley of Sidney, Ky. One son, Joseph Ferrel, preceded him in death. Three daughters, Mary Lee Stanley at home, Ruby

Mammo of Grosse Ile, Michigan, and one daughter, Eula Marie, preceded him in death. In addition to these children, Brother Joe has 31 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren surviving. Truly the Lord our God united these wonderful saints and continually showered his blessings upon them during their 65 years of marriage.

Brother Joe was a farmer by trade and reared his family by the grace of God and the sweat of his face, realizing that through the transgression of Adam, God pronounced this sentence upon us all and living in that blessed hope that one glorious day there would be no more pain, suffering and heartache to endure. Yes, a child of Jehovah and a subject of grace. Brother Joe had this countenance about him in serving the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, where he was an active member for 47 years and served as an ordained deacon for 44 years. As our Lord Jesus said unto the Centurion (I have not found so great a faith, no not in Israel). Of the many years we were blessed to know Brother Joe, we were a witness to this faith. As Apostle Paul taught us (I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.) This is the glorious day of Jesus Christ and surely this is the blessed hope that Brother Joe possessed and his testimony.

Yes, this beloved brother will be sadly missed as a father, grandfather, great-grandfather and above all as a brother in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We realize that our loss is Brother Joe's eternal gain. Sleep on, precious brother, until the glorious and noble resurrection day.

A brother who loved him for the cause of Christ,
Elder Michael Elswick

LUNDY COLLINS

Lundy Collins was born August 28, 1893. He was the son of Mont and Hester Maynard Collins. He departed this life October 10, 1968. Both parents preceded him in death.

March 11, 1918 he was united in marriage to Emma Goff Collins, who survives.

Lundy's early career began as a teacher in the Pike County Schools.

He was a veteran of World War I and was later engaged in mining and timbering.

He was a merchant and assistant



postmaster for thirty years.

Lundy requested baptism and membership in the Primitive Baptist Church. Due to Lundy's physical condition, he was never baptized.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit that they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Just with the awakening life of a new day he went to sleep like a tired child. Surely a most fitting time for a pure spirit to take its flight heavenward.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints." May we be mindful and bow reverently to the will of God. May we also never cease to thank God for the influence of a tried true servant of the kind, who by the grace of God, was able to finish his race in peace.

JIM BARTLEY

Jim Bartley, the son of the late Jack and Martha Bartley, was born October 16, 1903, and departed this life July 7, 1982, making his stay here on earth 78 years, eight months and 21 days.

He was married to Ollie Francis Yates on December 31, 1923, and to this union were born six children.

After the death of his first wife, he married Rosie Barton. There was no children to this union.

After her death, he was married to Emma (Goff) Collins of Raccoon, Ky. April 15, 1968.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Bartley, Raccoon, Pike County, Ky.; two daughters, Aileen Fassanello, Germantown, Md., and Ada Wallace, Haysi, Va.; four sons, Carroll Bartley, Haysi, Va.; A. J. Bartley, Haysi, Va.; Denver Bartley, Chicago, and Wade Bartley, Chicago; one step-daughter, Virginia Thomas, Bristol, Tenn.; two sisters, Susie Marshall, Honaker, Va. and Mary-Jane Taylor, Honaker, Va. He also leaves 30 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends who loved him dearly.

He always had a smile and kind word no matter where you met him. He was a kind loving father, husband and grandfather, neighbor and friend.

Brother Jim was a member of Sand Lick Primitive Baptist Church. He loved to go to church and went as long as health permitted. He loved to hear the Gospel of Salvation by the Grace of God preached and got so much joy out of going to church to be with his brothers and sisters. We feel that God overshadowed him with his great love.



This life seems as a fleeting breath. It is so hard to give our loved ones up, but by the Grace of God, we must somehow find the strength to go on.

The sadness of death has brought a great sorrow but God has a purpose in all things. May the Lord direct our lives and enable us to live a life of sacrifice, humility and service to our fellow man, such as he was blessed to have.

So all we can say now is sleep on, loved one, for a little while, and by the grace of God we hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain, or death can ever enter there.

May the Grace of our Almighty Father rule, reign and abide with his loving wife and family is our prayer.

Written by the request of the family,
By Bobbie Viers

GEORGE H. COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our father-in-law, George H. Coleman. He was born January 1, 1898, and departed this life September 4, 1981, making his stay on earth 83 years, eight months and four days.

He was the son of Joseph and Louisa (Goff) Coleman. He married Ida Coleman in 1924 who preceded him in death February 29, 1936. To this union was born six children, four sons, Jenis Coleman of Racoon, Emmitt Coleman of Shelbinia, Bradley Coleman of Phyllis, James Coleman who preceded him in death February 16, 1981, two daughters, Mary Coleman of Lower Pompey and Frankie Prater of Pikeville. He had 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Dad is sadly missed. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughters-in-law,
Mavis and Joyce Coleman



JAMES E. DOTSON

James E. Dotson was born June 22, 1918, to W. B. and Alta Goff Dotson, and passed from this veil of tears on April 29, 1982, making his stay on earth 63 years, ten months and seven days.



James E. Dotson and Alta Dotson Taylor

He was united in marriage on November 3, 1935 to Gladys Phillips of Johns Creek, Kentucky, and now of Columbus, Ohio. To this union was born two sons, Billy James and Robert Wendel, both of Columbus, Ohio. He was later married to Jenny Canterbury, who preceded him in death in 1956.

He made his home for the last several years with our dear mother, Alta Dotson Taylor, whom we lost 26 days before his passing.

He is survived by his two sons, several grandchildren, two brothers - Fonso Dotson of Logan, West Virginia, and Leo Dotson of Columbus, Ohio, and two sisters - Leah P. Venters of Orlando, Florida, and Alma D. Thompson of Seminole, Florida.

I will repeat the short poem that my mother wrote for our father's obituary 24 years ago:

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unfold the canvas,
And show the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
In the skillful weaver's hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern that he planned.

Written by his sister, Alma Thompson

ALTA DOTSON TAYLOR

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Alta Dotson Taylor.

The daughter of William (Billy) and Isabell Goff, she was born April 26, 1897 at Raccoon, Kentucky, and left this life of grief and toil for a happier place on April 3, 1982, making her stay on earth 84 years, 11 months and eight days.

She was united in marriage on August 16, 1917 to W. B. (Bradley) Dotson, who preceded her in death on October 31, 1958. To this union was born five children: James E. Dotson, Raccoon, Kentucky (now deceased), Fonso W. Dotson, Logan, West Virginia, Leo V. Dotson, Columbus, Ohio, Leah P. Venters, Orlando, Florida, and Alma D. Thompson, Seminole, Florida.

She remarried on November 4, 1965, to R. L. Taylor, Sr. of Meta, Kentucky, who passed away January 9, 1968.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years, and a faithful supporter of that church all her life.

She is sadly missed by her children, 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren, two sisters, Emma Bartley, Raccoon, Kentucky, and Bessie Ratliff, Pikeville, Kentucky, all her brothers and sisters in the Church, and a host of friends.

Written by a grieving daughter, Alma Thompson

IRELAND JUSTICE

In memory of Ireland Justice, born January 20, 1907, deceased December 26, 1981. He is survived by his wife, Fannie Justice; three sons, Paul Dean, Foster Ireland, and Randall, all of Raccoon; two daughters, Bonnie Santon of Lexington and Dorothy Jean of Raccoon; three sisters, Mary Bevins and Maggie Deskins of Millard, and Nora Justice of Pikeville; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn our loss. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.



Composed by his loving wife,
Mrs. Ireland Justice (Fannie)

GEORGE ROBERT (BOB) BALL

George Robert (Bob) Ball, 73, of Pinsonfork, Ky., died Friday, April 30, 1982, at the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital following a lingering illness. Born in Pike County, Ky., on May 21, 1908, he was the son of the late John B. and Elziann May Ball. He was a retired miner.



He is survived by his wife, Luna Stanley Ball; one son, John B. Ball of Delbarton, W. Va.; four daughters, Leola Fay Ball, L. Luellyn Smith and Glenna Jean Hatfield, all of Pinsonfork, Ky.; Bobbie Jean Ratliff of Ransom, Ky.; four sisters, Pearl Goff of McVeigh, Ky.; Byrd Blackburn and Pricy Blackburn, both of Pinsonfork, Ky.; Judy Bratcher of Jackson, Ohio; 17 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, five step-grandchildren. Seven brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He was of Primitive Baptist faith. Burial followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Huddy, Ky.

ELDER JOHN C. LOONEY



Elder John C. Looney was born April 19, 1903, and departed this life October 24, 1981, making his stay on earth 78 years, six months and five days.

He was united in marriage to Lacy Mae Looney on February 22, 1924. To this union were born seven children. Two of these preceded him in death. Also preceding him in his departure of this life was the wife he loved so dearly.

Surviving are five children; two girls, Marcline Lester of Roanoke, Va., and Sue Grace of Bluefield, and three sons, Jim and Larry of Grundy, Va. and Harold of Castlewood, Va.

Elder Looney became a charter member of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church when it was organized on the second Saturday in Novem-

ber, 1961, where he continued faithfully in attendance until God called him away.

His walk in life was a shining example to family and friends alike. Although many hearts are saddened by his passing, our loss is surely Heavenly gain to him.

Written for the family by Elder Lawrence Jackson

HARVEY COLEMAN

With sad hearts and tear-dimmed eyes, we write the obituary of our dear loving husband and precious father, Harvey Coleman. He was born December 25, 1913 at Kimper, Ky., and passed from this life March 29, 1982. He was the son of the late Elder Paris Coleman and Lottie Smith Coleman. He was married to Pearlie Coleman November 16, 1933. God blessed them with nine lovely children, three of them having preceded him in death.



He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Long Fork November 1946. He was ordained as a deacon of that church many years ago. He served that office well and faithfully, always ready and willing to help the church at all times until he was called away. A short time before his passing he was blessed to see a beautiful place where all was joy, peace, happiness and love and he seemed so happy when telling us about it.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Pearlie Coleman; four sons, James Coleman, Hammond, Ind.; Earl Coleman, Bellview, Fla.; Roland Coleman, Louisville, Ky., and Robert Coleman, Kimper, Ky.; two daughters, Betty Lou Carter, Macon, Ga., and Bonnie Sue Rhodes, McLamorisville, Tenn., and ten grandchildren. He also leaves six brothers and three sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a wonderful step-mother, Sister Missouri Coleman.

The neighborhood has lost a good neighbor, the church a faithful member, we children a wonderful father and the wife a loving husband.

May God bless us to be submissive to His will, and may He help us

to say, Sleep on, Daddy, until that Great Resurrection Morning, when by the Grace of God we will be reunited to live in that beautiful country where there will be no tears nor sad farewells.

Written by wife, Pearlie Coleman
and children

ERNEST THACKER

Ernest Thacker, our beloved father, was born on February 12, 1917, and deceased this life February 26, 1982, making his stay here on earth 65 years and 14 days. He was the son of Martin and Lozzie Smith Thacker who preceded him in death.



He was married to Hazel West Thacker who survives and to this union 14 children were born, 11 sons: Ervin Martin, Danny Larry, Ernest Jr., Lafie, Jackie, Johnny, Kenneth, James Edward, Billy Joe, William Franklin and David Clinton, all of Sidney, Ky., and three daughters, Janice Gail Church and Connie Smith, both of Canada, Kentucky, and Lora Ann Williams of Carlisle, Kentucky. He is also survived by a daughter, Eunice Perry of a previous marriage. 25 grandchildren and one great-grandchildren will also feel a great loss and vacancy at home.

He is also survived by eight brothers - App and Oscar of Sidney, Ky.; Irvin of Canada, Ky.; Luther of Texas; Thomas of Lorrain, Ohio; Arthur of Elyria, Ohio; Raymond and Robert Lee of Pikeville, Ky. One brother, Johnny, and two sisters, Gladys and Lora, preceded him in death.

Daddy was a member of the Calvary Regular Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ for many years and was a faithful member. He often told us of his love for his brothers and sisters and always made them welcome in his home.

We know he will be missed by everyone who knew him, for he had nothing but love to give to all. If Daddy could talk he would tell us and Mommy to not weep for him — for by the Grace of God we can meet him again on the day that God has appointed when all the blood-

washed band will meet the Lord in the air.

Written by his children who all loved him dearly and will miss him. We feel our loss is Heaven's Gain.

FLOYD STUMP

January 25, 1910 - October 19, 1981

It is with much sadness and a broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband.

Floyd departed this life to be with Jesus on October 19, 1981, after much suffering in this world. Floyd was blessed to live 71 years. He was a member of the Phelps Primitive Baptist Church and a deacon for six years.

Floyd was born January 25, 1910 at Phelps, Ky. He was the son of the late Harrison and Matilda Jane (Coleman) Stump. He was married to Hazel (Dotson) Stump and survived by four sons, James Stump of Kimper, Ky.; Russell Stump of Worthington, Ohio; Robert Stump of Phelps, Ky., and Cledis Stump of Hardy, Ky.; three brothers, Frank Stump, Phelps, Ky.; Lewis Stump, Edgerton, W. Va., and Garfield Stump of McVeigh, Ky.; two sisters, Lend and Virgie Casey of Phelps, Ky., and six grandchildren. Two brothers, three sisters and one son preceded him in death.



Floyd was always ready to help anyone who needed him. He loved everyone, especially our little church at Phelps. He loved for people to come to our home and eat at our table, but most of all he loved our dear Saviour. I feel with all my heart, Floyd is asleep in Jesus, just waiting for that great homecoming day when we can give our precious Savior all the praise He so sweetly deserves.

So children, just trust in the Lord and some sweet day you will be with your daddy to never depart again. The circle is broken now, but not forever.

Written by his broken-hearted wife, Hazel Stump

BUD CHAPMAN

It is with much sadness I write the obituary of my dearest husband, Bud Chapman who passed away May 6, 1982 in the Methodist Hospital, Pike, Ky. at 9:05 P.M. He was the son of Willilandson Chapman and Matilda Straw Chapman. He was married to Verna Varney Chapman December 17, 1932, and to this union was born one son, Luthe Chapman, Meta, Ky., and seven daughters: Matilda Thacker, Sharon Chapman, Wanda Sue Thacker, all of Meta, Ky.; Mae Anderson and Edith Hunt of Kimper, Ky.; Kathy Burnett of Stone Cool, Pikeville, Ky., and Delores Cheryl Chapman who preceded him in death.



Gone but not forgotten,
No length of time will heal our grief.
Our love for you lies too deep,
No one knows the heartache we try so hard to hide,
No one knows how many times we have broken down and cried.

To each of us, there comes a time when loved ones have to part. To us the parting came too soon and left us all broken hearted. Still loved, still missed and still most precious to us all.

Written by his loving wife, Verna Chapman and children

FREDERICK MICHEAL EGGERS

With very sad and broken hearts and spirits, we will try and write the obituary of our most precious loving and beautiful son, Frederick Micheal Eggers.

Born June 15, 1961, he departed this life July 17, 1982, making his stay here on earth 21 years, one month and two days.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio.

Moderator, Elder T. R. Ball and Lundy Coleman.

He was the son of Joseph and Corrine Eggers.



The ones left in mourning are one son, Derek Micheal Eggers; one brother, Jerry Lee Eggers; one brother deceased, Billy Joe Eggers; sister-in-law, Carol J. Eggers; nephew, Zachariah Eggers, and many family and loved ones and friends.

We love and miss him very much and hope to meet him again in that beautiful resting place some glad morning forever, where we'll all be together again in love with our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Written by his Loving Family, The Eggers

We love you, Brethren and Sisters in Christ our Lord.

JOE JOHNSON

With much sadness and precious memories, I'll try to write the obituary of my dad, Joe Johnson.

He had lived at Hardy, Ky. most all his life. It pleased God to call him out of this troublesome world October 13, 1982, at 8:30 p.m., making his stay here on earth 82 years, seven months and 22 days. He was born February 8, 1898 at Stone Cool, Ky. He was the son of Joe Johnson, Sr. and Ella Gilliam Johnson. He was married to Truley Farley Johnson for 66 years. To this union was born six children, three girls and three boys. Girls: Mrs. Toney (Magalene) Scott of Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. (Grayson) Maxine Hinkle of Hardy, Ky., and Arlene Anderson of Hardy, Ky.; boys: Clifford Johnson of Hardy, Ky., and Anderson Eugene Johnson of Wyandotte, Mich.; one son, Raymond, preceded him in death.



Dad and Mom took two of our cousins after they were left orphans, raised and schooled them till they were called to the Army. They are Sidney Johnson of Wyandotte, Mich., and Bud Johnson of Wayne, Mich.

Dad joined the Primitive Baptist Church. He took fellowship with the Old Pond Primitive Church at Belfry, Ky., was baptized by Elder Teddy Ball and Elder Don Hatfield. Dad loved his brothers and sisters in the Lord and filled his seat at church. He had to use a walker by the help of the Lord, and my husband and I, one of us of each side to keep him from falling. Our brothers and sisters were so good to help us. We

thank God for their love they showed us. He was bedridden the last 2½ years before God called him away. He wanted church at his house. He enjoyed it so much. I've seen the tears flow down his face and he would clasp his hands up and shout and praise God.

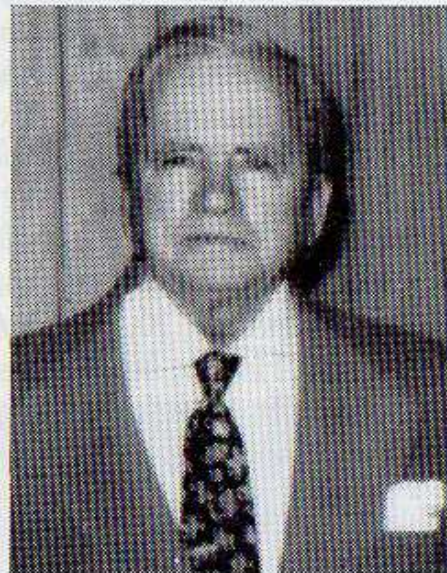
Just before he died he called us all to his bedside and hugged us all and told us he was going to Heaven. Then he closed his eyes and God called him away till the resurrection day, when he will have a new body just like Jesus and be satisfied.

Daddy suffered so much day and night, but took it with patience. We are heart broken, his suffering here on earth can't be compared with the joy he will have when God awakens him from that peaceful sleep he is now taking. Sleep on, Daddy, it won't be long till Jesus comes. We feel our loss down here will be your eternal gain up there.

Written by your daughter,
Magalene Scott, Hardy, Ky.

JOHN M. SLONE

It is with loving memory and much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear brother, John M. Slone. He was born to Hibbard and Cora Blackburn Slone on September 17, 1908, and departed this life January 10, 1982, making his stay on earth 74 years, three months and 23 days. He is survived by the following: his wife, Hester Childers Slone, and his mother, Cora B. Slone; two brothers, Noah and Joseph Slone, and one sister, Missouri Thacker; also six children by a former marriage to Stella Thacker Slone; three sons, Nathaniel Slone, Joe Slone and Ellis Slone; also three daughters, Lurcy Kendrick, Sarah Bryant and May Howard; ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



He united with the Louisa Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church August 10, 1952, and was ordained as deacon on April 9, 1958, and lived faithfully until his death.

Sleep on, Brother John, until that great and noble Resurrection Day when by the grace of God we hope to meet you and all the Saints

of God. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his brother,
Elder Noah Slone

PEARL SMITH

In memory of Pearl Smith who departed this life February 3, 1982. Born September 4th, 1906, her stay on earth was 75 years.

We were married April 6th, 1929. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church February 20th, 1949.

Surviving are four boys and three girls and her husband to mourn her death. Our sons are Charles, Bill and Carlyle. Our daughters are Ruth, Margaret and Bertie; 33 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

She was loved by all who knew her. We all miss her so much but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her husband who misses her so much,
Freelian Smith



VADIE DOTSON HAYNES



Vadie Dotson Haynes, 86, of Phelps, Ky., died Tuesday, September 29, 1981 at 9:05 a.m. at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital following a lingering illness.

Born April 7, 1895 in Coleman, Ky., she was the daughter of the late George B. Dotson and Nancy Coleman Dotson. She was married to the late Thomas P. Haynes.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Phelps.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Grace Miller of Phelps and Mrs. June McCoy of Goody, Ky.; a sister,

Mrs. Mary Griffey of Taylor, Mich.; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Phelps Primitive Baptist Church with Elders Teddy Ball, Johnny Blackburn, Michael Smith and the Rev. Everett Brizendine officiating. Burial followed in the Sanders Cemetery at Phelps with the following serving as pallbearers: Ricky Waddell, Michael and Mitchell Miller, Dennis Mills, Rick Blackburn and Mac Ruble.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Phelps Funeral Home.

EUNICE W. RUNYON

With loving memories and a saddened heart, I'll try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Eunice Wheeler Runyon, who departed this life December 31, 1981. She was the daughter of Elder Frank Wheeler and Mary Blackburn Wheeler of Stone, Kentucky. She was born July 24, 1915, making her stay on earth 66 years, five months and seven days.

She was married to Elder Walter G. Runyon on December 21, 1935. He preceded her in death on September 24, 1974. She was the mother of one daughter, Joyce G. Runyon Slater. She leaves two grandchildren, Stephanie and Wesley Slater; her daughter; a nephew, Lacy P. Wheeler, Jr., and many other family members and friends to mourn her passing.



Mother lived to see her grandparents, parents, two brothers, and her husband laid to rest before the Lord called her home. Her faith in God seemed to give her strength to endure every hardship of this world as each came. She never lost her sense of humor and tried to smile through the pain and suffering.

She joined the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church many years ago and remained a true believer.

I'm so grateful God has let me share part of my life with her. Her love has been an inspiration to each member of our family. I'm left

alone again, but her spirit will always be near. God, in Heaven, knows best and I know we'll meet again where there's no sorrow.

Written by her daughter,
Joyce G. Runyon Slater

BETHEL WEST THACKER

Bethel West Thacker was born in Pike County, Ky. on May 29, 1910. She was the daughter of the late Amos and Polly Smith West. She was married to Willie B. Thacker on April 2, 1927. They were blessed with ten children, 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was a member of Big Creek Church.



We children want to pay final tribute to our cherished mother. From God's Word we find the commandment, "Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God have given thee." We honored her because she was worthy of our honor. Her life set before us an example that was more compelling than any admonishing. We saw in her daily an unfailing faith in her Creator, an appreciation of and a joy in His handiwork and a great love for her family and friends. She gave meaning to the scripture, "If you don't love man whom you have seen, how can you love God whom you have not seen?"

We believe that shortly after midnight on September 1, 1982, she fell asleep to rest peacefully, joining her first-born sons, Lester, Ed, and Albert Benton. We who eagerly await being reunited with them are: Doug, June, Violet, Polly, Patsy, Brenda, Kathy, and our wonderful daddy.

Upon this earth there have been many great mothers. We humbly acknowledge that we were blessed with one of the best. We realize the inadequacy of our words but in God's Word we find a scripture that is most fitting to all that she was —Proverbs 31:10-31.

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Many daughters have done virtuously, thou excellest them all.
Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

*May the peace and joy that surpasses all understanding be yours,
Dear Mother. We will forever cherish and treasure your memory.*

DELILAH ROBERTS

With a sad and lonesome heart I will try to write an obituary of my dear wife, Delilah Roberts. She passed away June 13, 1982. She was born January 2, 1907. Her mother and father, Perry and Ollie Smith, preceded her in death. She has three children to mourn her loss: Emogene Whitker, Ohio; Eual Lydell, Ohio; Perry Lee Lydell, Virginia; five step-children: Maudie Green, Millard Roberts and Melphe Smith, Sidney, Kentucky; Mellie Slater, Turkey Creek, Kentucky; Millis Roberts, Virgie, Kentucky, and one adopted daughter, Lalor Ann Dotson, Williamson, W. Va; one brother, Verlin Smith, Canada, Kentucky, and five sisters, Clima Gilkerson, Ohio; Gertrude Abshire, Lola Johnson and Ada Rolan, Florida; Alta Blackburn, Sidney, Kentucky.



Delilah joined the Primitive Baptist Church June 18, 1961, and was baptized by Dan Adkins.

How I miss her. She was so good to me.

Written by her sad and lonesome husband,
Daniel Roberts

LOIS GOFF DAVIS

With loving memories I will write the obituary of my precious mother and a loving grandmother, Lois Goff Davis, who departed this life February 22, 1982, making her stay on earth 48 years, 11 months and five days. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Born in Pike County, Ky., March 16, 1934, she was the daughter of Rufus and Jettie Goff. She was married to Herman Davis who preceded her in death April 3, 1974. They were united in marriage on August 30, 1952. To this union was born six children. Three daughters: Roberta Thacker,



Patricia Miller and Renee Davis, all of Raccoon, Ky.; three sons, Randall, Herman, Jr., and William Davis, all of Raccoon, Ky. Mother leaves three grandchildren who love and miss her deeply, Shawn and Shannon Thacker and Stacey Miller. She leaves three brothers, four sisters and a host of friends.

Mother suffered from cancer for eight years. No one knows, but God, how much she suffered at the end. Our sorrow is because we can't see her smiling face or hear her sweet voice. But we know that our mother is cured and at rest now, for she is only a-sleeping. She has gone on home as I have heard her beg to God so many times in her pain for. We feel that our love and our loss for our mother is heavenly gain. We love and miss our mother and daddy who we feel are together again in the arms of Jesus.

Written by her daughter who loved her very much,
Roberta D. Thacker

BERNIE HESS McCOY

Bernie Hess McCoy passed from this earthly life July 3, 1982, at the age of 72 years. She was the daughter of the late Harvey and Anna Chaney Hess. She was preceded in death by her husband, Abraham McCoy on March 25, 1972. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She is survived by five sons, James, Curtis, Palmer, Charles and Woody, and five daughters, Elgie, Edna, Blanche, Virgie and Emma; 28 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn our loss, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.



A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.
We loved you here, but now you're gone
But Jesus's love continues on.
Death will take our love away
But Jesus's love is here to stay.
Loss of a loved one causes us grief
And makes our courage fall.

But let's have faith in our Dear Savior,
Someday we'll be together, one and all.
Our tears will all be dried away,
Our broken hearts will mend.
By the help of God, we'll all be together
To never part again.

From her children
who loved her very much

MERCIE JUSTICE HUNT

Sister Mercie was born in Pike County, Ky., June 12, 1922, the daughter of Flem Justice of Garden Village, Ky., and the late Vada Smith Justice. She departed from this life August 2, 1982. She was married to the late Ertle Hunt and they were the proud parents of five lovely children: two daughters, Bonnie Sue Justice and Janice Kostyk, both of Laurel, Maryland; three sons, Billy Hunt of Biggs, Ky.; Sonny Hunt of Phyllis, Ky., and Ronnie Hunt of Louisville, Ky. She also leaves five grandchildren.



Sister Mercie joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Grapevine. She, along with Brother Ertle, were very active in the church, always willing and ready to do all they could to help. Many thorns and thistles sprung up and grew in her pathway, causing many heartaches and disappointments. She was a believer in Salvation by the Grace of God, and in her very last days talked so much about the goodness and mercy of the Lord. She longed to go to church again and mingle with the people of the church.

Other than her children and grandchildren, she leaves one brother, Taylor "Doc" Justice of Garden Village, Ky., and seven sisters, Sarah Jane Billiter of Peytons Creek, Ky.; Fannie Justice, Raccoon, Ky.; Cleo Chaney, Clara Lee Ramey, Delphia Branham, Velma Childers and Teena Prater, all of Pikeville, Ky. She also leaves a host of relatives and friends. May God bless her children to look forward to a better day, when they will meet to part no more. She was a dear sister and a devoted, loving mother. We feel when the flowers of God shall bloom to fade no more, she will be a rose in that garden.

Johnny and Vicie Blackburn

MOLLIE COLEMAN

In memory of our mother, Mollie Coleman, who deceased February 14, 1981.

Born August 12, 1890, she was the daughter of the late Green and Rachael Thacker. In 1905 she married James T. Coleman who preceded her in death in 1934. To this union was born twelve children. Eight preceded her in death. Surviving children are three daughters and one son. They are: Bessie Brewer, Emma Charles, Madge Slone, and Everette Coleman.



Mommy devoted her life to her children. When any one of them was sick or needed help she was always wanting to do what she could for them.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church a few weeks before her passing, although she had a belief in the Primitive Baptist for years.

We miss her very much, but we are consoled with the belief that she has a better home waiting.

Written by her daughter,
Madge Slone

JETTIE A. MAYNARD

Jettie A. Maynard was born February 25, 1900. She was the daughter of Martin and Caroline Thacker Justice. She was married to W. Hereford Maynard on September 28, 1922. Born to this marriage were six sons, Clayton, Clifford (deceased), Chester, Jack, Virgus and Bobby Maynard, and four daughters, Madelyn Greer, Virginia Justice, Melster Lucille (deceased), and Blanche Childers.



Jettie resided at Fishtrap 63 years, then moved to Tazewell, Virginia where she lived the remainder of her life.

Although not a member of the church, she was of the Primitive Baptist Faith and expressed to us many times her belief in God.

A loving mother and a kind friend to all, she is sadly missed by her children, grandchildren and many friends.

She departed this life May 21, 1981, at the age of 81 years, two months and 21 days.

OMA B. JUSTICE

In loving memory, I write this obituary for the family of Oma B. Justice, who departed from this earth October 3, 1981, being the age of 87 years, four months and six days. She was the daughter of Thomas Isaac and America (Runyon) Blackburn. She married James Madison Justice who everyone knew as "Matt" on December 21, 1911. He departed this life August 17, 1961.



Oma and Matt have twelve children, eight of which are still living: Ballard, Ellis, Fleming, Martha, Maxie, Elva, Ruby, and Cephus. Four are deceased: Jessie, Ocie, Thomas, and Bessie Marie. They are both sadly missed by their children and families.

Oma was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church, to which she was faithful to attend as long as she was able. Her brothers and sisters in Christ were very precious to her.

I do not have to tell you how great this person was, because everyone knows and most of all our Saviour knows. It seems I can hear Him say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Written by her daughter-in-law,
Bessie Marie (Karg) Justice

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God.
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God.
A place where we our Saviour meet, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God.
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

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EVELYN BALL MAY

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my dear mother-in-law, Evelyn (Ball) May of Raccoon. She was born September 16, 1921, and she departed this life on November 6, 1980. She was 59 years old at the time of her death.



Evelyn was the wife of Earsel May of Raccoon. They were blessed with seven children. She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Lillian Thacker, Mary May, and Shirley West, all of Raccoon, Ky.; also four sons, Jack May of Louisville, and Randy May, Arnold May, and Robert May, all of Raccoon, Ky. She had 14 grandchildren.

Evelyn didn't belong to church, but she was the sweetest and dearest friend to all who knew her. She is greatly missed by all of her family and friends. I know I shall meet her one day again soon, up in the heavens with our Lord Jesus. Until that time, I shall carry her memory forever in my heart.

Written by her daughter-in-law,
Bonnie May

GLADYS BEVINS KENDRICK

Sister, there was mild and lovely, gentle as the summer breeze, pleasant as the air of evening as it floats among the trees.

Sister Gladys Bevins Kendrick was born at Phyllis, Ky., June 28, 1908, the daughter of the late David Bevins and Sophia Thacker Bevins. She passed from this life July 12, 1982. She was married to George Kendrick and the Lord blessed them with five children, four having preceded her in death.



Sister Gladys joined the Primitive Baptist Church at the Louisa Church May 15, 1950 and was a faithful and devoted member as long

as he lived. She always had a pleasing smile and a kind word for all. She was sick for several months, but she bore it all so patiently. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Brother George Kendrick of Paris, Ky.; one son, George B. Kendrick of Lexington, Ky.; two grandsons; one brother, Troy Bevins of Phyllis; three sisters, Grace Reynolds, Myrtle Stiltner and Golda Webb, all of Phyllis; several nieces and nephews, and a great host of friends and relatives.

She was a dear sister, a devoted and precious mother and a faithful, loving wife. We know her pain was great and heartaches and disappointments many, but they are not to be compared to the Glory that awaits her on that Great Resurrection Morning, when the whole family of God shall meet to part no more.

May God bless her family.

Vicie Blackburn

JEWEL HINKLE BALL

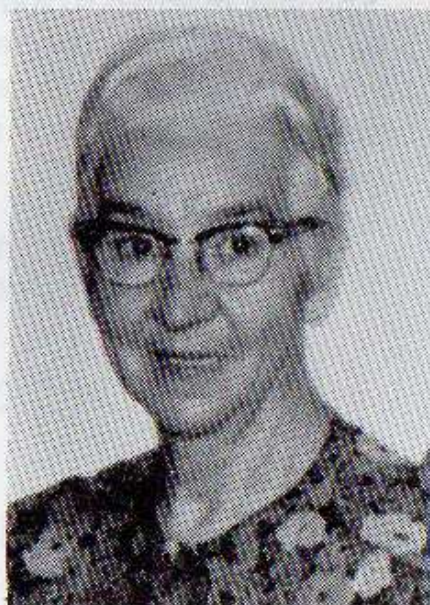
Jewel Hinkle Ball, 72, of 2219 Parkwood Road, Louisville, Kentucky, died Sunday, October 4, 1981, at S.S. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. She was born June 30, 1909 at Chattaroy, W. Va.

She was a native of McAndrews, Kentucky, most of her life, and she was a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. She was the daughter of the late Fred Hinkle and Laura Bell Dials Hinkle.

Survivors besides her husband of 59 years, George Ball, include a son, George L. Ball of Valley Station, Kentucky; two daughters, Mrs. Laura B. King and Mrs. Howard Helms, both of Louisville, Kentucky; five sisters: Mrs. Allene Wilson and Florence Burkett, both of Vancouver, Washington; Mrs. Eula Brown of Ocean Park, Washington; Mrs. Wilma Varney of McAndrews, Kentucky, and Mrs. Roberta McCloud of Sebring, Florida, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, 1981, at Highlands Funeral Home, 3331 Taylorsville Road, with Elders Darrell Risner and Paul Trautner.

Entombment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.



This is written in loving memory of a special mother that has sadly been missed by her family each day since she passed away.

Written by her daughter,
Laura B. King

NELLIE COLEMAN DOTSON

It is with great sadness that we try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Nellie Coleman Dotson. She was the daughter of the late Rubin and Lina Coleman.

She was born August 2, 1914, and died August 8, 1982, making her stay on earth 67 years.

She was married to Rant Dotson. To this union was born several children. We miss Mother very much, but by the help of our God we will meet Mom in Heaven some day.



Written by her daughter, Julia Dotson
and two sons, Dallis Dotson and Donald Dotson

DELPHIA JUSTICE

With much sadness in my heart I'll attempt to write the obituary of our precious mother, Delphia Justice.

She was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on December 26, 1906. She expired on February 14, 1982, making her stay on earth 75 years, one month and 19 days.

She was the daughter of the late David and Barbara Blackburn Justice. She was married to the late Roy Abner Justice who preceded her in death July 29, 1940. He was the son of Flem and the late Vada Smith Justice. To this



union was born five children. An infant son, Roger Blake Justice, preceded them in death. Left to mourn her loss are two sons, Lawson Justice and Clinton Justice of Pikeville, Kentucky, and two daughters, Blanche Branham of Pikeville, and Berniece Newsom of Rt. 4, Pikeville; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mother has one brother, Carl Justice of Raccoon, who survives her and two surviving sisters, Goldie Bevins of Sidney, and Flossie Justice of Millard.

We feel our mother has gone to Heaven. She spoke often of going to the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on Rocky Road. She preached her own funeral through the life she lived. We know she's asleep in the arms of Jesus, so sleep on, sweet Mother. It's our hope, we'll meet again in Heaven. It's our loss of our precious mother, but Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter,
Berniece Newsom

LILLIE DOTSON

It is with much sadness and an aching loneliness that we try to write the obituary of our beloved mother, daughter, and sister, Lillie Dotson. She was born September 20, 1931 in Phelps, Kentucky, and left this life April 24, 1980, in Columbus, Ohio. She departed leaving behind her husband, Ray Dotson; four daughters and four sons: Lillie Marie, deceased; Norma Jean, Mona Gail, Peggy Sue, Virginia Ann, James Darrell, Kenneth Ray, Craig Steven, and Donald Ray; nine grandchildren; father Joe Dotson, deceased; mother, Myrtle Dotson; six sisters and three brothers. Member of the Primitive Baptist Church, she has been a member of the church for many years.



We know that our beloved mother, daughter and sister is at rest now. Her sorrow, trials and tribulations are over with and she is at peace with her father, daughter, sister and brother.

Mom, we know we will meet you in heaven, so rest, dear mother, and wait for us. You will always be the sunshine of our lives.

Sadly written by her beloved family

ALDIE SLONE BOYD

With much sadness I will try to write an obituary of my sister, Aldie Slone Boyd. She was the daughter of M. C. Slone and Gracy Thacker Slone. She was born October 15, 1936, and deceased February 27, 1982, making her stay on this earth 47 years.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, Asbury Boyd, and two daughters and two grandchildren, seven brothers and two sisters, and a host of friends.

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



Sis, we miss you, but we hope our loss is your gain.

Written by her brother,
Joe Slone, Jr.



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 -----		1					5	115	2	\$ 80.00
Old Pond -----	Ray Harlow -----		2					5	122	2	100.00
Big Creek -----	Elder R. T. Thacker -----	1	2		1		7	5	82	3	100.00
Raccoon -----	Edward Bevins -----	4			1			4	86	4	134.00
Peter Creek -----	Evelyn S. Smith -----	5					7	8	110	4	85.00
Sulphur Springs -----	George W. Lester -----	1				2	1		89	1	40.00
Little Hope -----	Virgil A. Smith -----	3						1	31	1	35.00
Grapevine -----	Miles Thacker -----	2			1			2	31	3	35.00
Samaria -----	Ronald Crawford -----	3	2			2	3	4	183	3	100.00
Little Union -----	Ernest Blair -----						2		16	1	100.00
Johns Creek -----	Carl Coleman -----	4			1		10	1	52	2	50.00
Calvary -----	Rush Chapman -----							1	39	1	50.00
Dry Fork -----	Elder Lawrence Jackson -----	6						1	65	2	85.00
Friendship -----	Martin Childers -----				2	2	2		24	4	24.00
Columbus -----	Sandra K. Harris -----	1				2		1	62	4	40.00
Deerfield -----	Ernest Hager -----				1				39	4	50.00
Pleasant Hill -----	Rupert Sparks -----								20	1	50.00
Bethel -----	Betty Click -----					1	1		7	1	20.00
	Total -----	30	7		7	9		38	1173		\$1178.00

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