

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

held with
**Friendship
Primitive Baptist Church**
THELMA, JOHNSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY
**September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
1983**

Next Session convenes with Little Union Church, located
at Feds Creek, Pike County, Ky., Friday before the first
Sunday in September, 1984.

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 Friendship Church

FRIDAY MORNING — September 2nd, 1983

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Harrison Smith. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Paul Varney. Text: no special text. Called for the letters from all churches. The letter was read from Friendship 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 Chester R. 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 of Virginia: Elders Bobby Arrington, Andrew McGlothlin, Teddy Floyd and Ostil Smith.

Union: Elders James Adams, Dallass Adams, J. R. Smith and Deacon Tommy Adams.

Mount Zion: Elders David Bailey and Franklin Oresta.

St. Clairs Bottom: Elder Schultz Pratt.

Burning Springs: By Letter, and Elders Frank Gullett, Paul Keaton, Edward Skaggs, Luther Haye, Robie Ferguson and Jerry Brown. Brethren D. J. Blanton, Walter Perkins, Paul B. Gullett and Jimmie Mann.

Little Yadkin River: Elder Vance Jones

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

Sand Lick of Virginia — Elder Franklin Viers, Brethren Harry Owens and Wife, Sisters Paulene Arrington, Pearl McGlothlin and Pat Smith.

Burning Springs — Brethren P. F. Mullin, Edgar Rudd, Walton Jones, Walter Willis, Mart Moore and Kermit Wallen, Sisters Loren Hensley, Anna Lee Blanton, Susana Perkins, Darel Nickles, Nora Rudd, Clustine Moore, Myrtle Mullins and Mary Webb.

Little Yadkin River — Elder Robert Lawson, Sisters Hulda Jones, Myrtle Baker, Lona Sasher, Lillian Lawson and Gertrude Hill.

Mount Zion — Sister Minnie S. White, Sister Ora Watson and Elder David Bailey.

Union — Brethren Trillis Adams, William Adams and Bobby Adams, Sisters Ruby Adams, Jean Adams and Sue Adams.

St. Clairs Bottom — Elder Billie Cook and Deacon Vernie Heath.

Stoney Creek Church, Mt. Airy, N. C. — Elder Elbert Hunter and Wife, Deacon Paul O'Neal and Wife.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

Friday afternoon at the stand — To open, Elder J. R. Smith. 1. Elder Robert Lawson. 2. Elder Walter Wilson. 3. Elder Lundy Coleman.

Friday Evening at the Friendship Church — 1. Elder Lundy Coleman. 2. Walter Wilson. 3. Elder Vance Jones. 4. Elder Elbert Hunter. 5. Elder Robert Lawson.

Saturday at the stand — 1. Elder Don Hatfield. 2. Elder Elbert Hunter. 3. Elder Franklin Orests. 4. Elder Robert Lawson.

Saturday Evening at Calvary Church — 1. Elder Harrison Smith. 2. Robert Lawson. 3. Elder Glen Coleman. 4. Elder Kit Ratliff.

Brother Mart Moore's Home — 1. Elder Junior Barton. 2. Elder Greg Moore. 3. Vance Jones. 4. Elder Woodruf Doolin.

Little Union Church — 1. Elder J. C. Hager. 2. Elder Vance Jones. 3. Elder Robert Lawson. 4. Elder Paul Varney.

Big Creek Church — 1. Paris Blackburn. 2. Elder Lawrence Jackson. 3. Elder Lundy Coleman. 4. Elder Elbert Hunter. 5. Elder Michael Smith. 6. Elder John Jacobs.

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Robert Warrix, Ray Harlow, Larry Thornsburry, Paul D. Justice, Doris Kinder, Ron Moore, J. B. Ball, Chester Ray Varney, Dennis Dotson, Earnest Blair, John Stiltner, Lester Varney, Shorty Vandyke, Martin Childers, Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, Junior Barton.

Committee on finances was reported as follows: Brethren Earnest Dotson, Gordon May and Doug Lester.

Called for correspondents to Sister Associations to report and received their report.

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

Sand Lick: Elders Teddy R. Ball and Harrison Smith, Brethren Kenith Ball, Kermit Barton and Thomas Robinson.

Little Yadkin River: Elders J. H. Blackburn and Paul Varney, Brother Thomas Robinson.

Union: Elder Noah Slone and Terry Thacker.

St. Clairs Bottom: Elders J. C. Hager and Johnny Jacobs.

Burning Springs: Elders T. R. Ball, Paul Varney, and Harrison Smith and Junior Barton, Brethren Martin Childers and Kermit Barton.

Mt. Zion: Elders T. R. Ball, Don Hatfield and Harrison Smith.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Old Pond Church; and to begin Friday evening before the last Sunday in March 1984. Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING — September 3rd, 1983

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

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following:

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

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

We recommend that the Association in 1984 be held with the Little Union Church.

We recommend that the association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

We recommend that it was agreed to by the Moderators of each Church that they would send only four messengers to the association.

A question was brought before the committee about the admonishment in our 1947 Minutes about using ministers that have two living wives. We recommend that the question of double marriage be discarded among our people and never to be mentioned again.

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 Ostill Smith, 1. Elder Paul Keaton, 2. Elder Franklin Viers, 3. Elder Teddy R. Ball.

Finance committee reported \$1,640.00 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, 1984. Elders to attend: J. R. Smith, Elmer Brown, Glen Coleman, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, John Kirk, Ostill Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul D. Justice and Franklin Viers.

Old Pond — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1984. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Basil Hatfield, Mike Smith, Elmer Thacker, Walter Sullivan, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Jimmie Lee Smith and J. H. Blackburn.

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1984. 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, Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager and Franklin Viers.

Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1984. Elders to attend: Clyde Shelton, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Mike Smith, Kit Ratliff, Wheeler Thacker and David Coleman.

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1984. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Lee Smith, Mike Smith, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, J. H. Blackburn, Lawrence Jackson, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Brown, Vance Jones and Franklin Viers.

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1984. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, Jimmie Lee Smith, Glen Coleman, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, Harrison Smith, Lawrence Jackson, Paul D. Justice.

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1984. Elders to attend: We welcome all Elders from the Mates Creek Association.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1984. Elders to attend: Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Jimmie Lee Smith, Jeff Chapman, David Coleman, Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, John Kirk, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Elmer

Brown, Mike Smith, and Elmer Brown.

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1984. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Eddie Harris, Walter Sullivan, Paul Varney, Paris Blackburn, Jimmie Lee Smith, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn and Robert Worrix.

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1984. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Paul Varney, Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Harrison Smith, Lawrence Jackson, David Coleman, Don Hatfield, Paul D. Justice and Glen Coleman.

John's Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1984. Elders to attend: Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Paul Varney, Jimmie Lee Smith, Jeff Chapman, Joe Slone, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Wheeler Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Glen Coleman, David Coleman, Earnest Blair, Teddy R. Ball and Paul D. Justice.

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1984. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Slone, Elmer Brown, David Coleman, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Robert Worrix, Paul D. Justice, Glen Vipperman, Jimmie Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Jeff Chapman, Elmer Thacker, J. C. Hager and Michael Smith.

Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1984. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Paul Varney, Jimmie Lee Smith, Harrison Smith, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown, Earnest Blair. Invite Elder Ellis Owens and Franklin Viers.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1984. Elders to attend: Basil Hatfield, David Coleman, Don Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone, Clarence Hopkins, Elmer Thacker, Franklin Viers, Walter Willis, Glen Lilly and Jerry Brown.

Columbus — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1984. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, John Kirk, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, Glen Coleman, Jess Tucker, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, Noah Slone, Otis Buell and Johnny Jacobs.

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1984. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, David May, J. H. Blackburn, Robert Mayhon, Larry Thornsburry, Elmer Thacker, Lundy Coleman and all Pontiac Church Elders are invited.

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1984. Elders to attend: All Elders in correspondence are welcome.

Bethel Church from Valparaiso, Indiana, withdrew from the Association on September 2nd, 1983.

Circular Letter called for, read, received, and to be printed in the

Minutes and that Steve Hunt 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 Lakie Fuller, Heather Reenee Justice, Mary Thacker, Caroline Coleman, Mary Alice Fuller Dotson, Lena Casey, Fern Deskins Chapman, Roxie Stump Casey, Lizzie Thacker Stanley, Gracie Scott, Francise McClanahan, Nancy Jane Hatfield Blackburn, Rachel V. (Price) Hagy, and Claudia Coleman Williamson, Brethren Thomas Williamson, James Estill Hatfield, Elcana Chapman, Frank A. Dotson, Oscar Blair, Oliver Blair, Paris Sagraves, George Ball, Flem Justice, Sr., Clayton Smith, Frank Coleman, J. R. Smith, Bradley Casey, Sr., Luther Scott, Henry Williams, Elbert Scott, Rit Street, Johnny Thacker, Ireland Justice, Kermit Goff, Rexall Coleman, Willie Estill Blackburn, and Green Coleman.

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 was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$2,743.93
Amount received from the churches	1,640.00
Donations at the stand and pictures	332.00
Total Cash on hand	\$4,715.93

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for minutes for 1982	\$1,342.08
Give the Moderator	\$ 50.00
Give the Assistant Moderator	\$ 50.00
Give the Clerk	\$ 50.00

Total Cash Paid Out	\$1,492.08
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Balance Cash Left on Hand	\$3,223.85
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Agreed that our next association be held with the Little Union Church of Feds Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1984. Elder Teddy R. Ball was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Harrison Smith to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Elmer Thacker, then adjourned

until the time of our next Association.

Signed by Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator

Elder J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator

Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk

Brother Chester Ray Varney, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 4th, 1983

Singing and prayer by Elder Ostil Smith of the Sand Lick Association.

1. Elder Paul Keaton of the Burning Spring Association. Text: no special text.

2. Elder Franklin Viers of the Sand Lick Association. Text: Revelation, chapter 19, verse 12 - His eyes were as a flame of fire.

3. Elder Teddy Ball, no special text. Then closed out the Association by thanking the members of the Friendship Church for the wonderful way they cared for the association, and thanking the Johnson County Board of Education for the use of the school building, and the cooks for the good meals they prepared.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Precious brothers and sisters of the Mates Creek Association, it gives me great honor and privilege to be chosen to write the circular letter. As I begin to write with a prayer in my heart asking Jesus to give me sound words as the Bible teaches it.

I believe it wasn't any good works that I have done, but God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ. By grace ye are saved. Eph. 2:4,5. This is the work of God. Moreover, whom he did foreknow he did predestinate and he also called, and this is the work of God who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. II Tim. 1:9,10. For I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth to the Jews first and also to the Greeks. Rom. 1:16.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and fadeth not away reserved in

heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. I Peter 1:3,4,5.

I believe that we ought to walk together in peace and love towards each other as Christ has loved us. Look over each other for good and not evil. We must meet in love to enjoy the blessing while we walk on this earth. God is not the author of confusion.

God bless each and every one of you for Christ's sake.

Your brother in hope of eternal life,
Elder Glen E. Coleman

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

Louisa — Robert B. Worrix, Joe Slone, Noah Slone, Wheeler Thacker, David Coleman, Terry Thacker, Eulis Adkins, Kedna Charles, Joseph Slone, Ireland Adkins, Abner L. Justice, Dean Thacker, Brad Worrix, Jr., Elster Blackburn, Ireland Kendric and Bradley Charles.

Old Pond — Don Hatfield, Jake Runyon, Leroy Smith, Floyd Bostic, Ray Harlow, Tony Scott and Steve Hunt.

Big Creek — Larry Thornsburry, Elmer Thacker, R. T. Thacker, Onis Smith, David May, Quincey Stanley, David Cook, Luther Smith, Delmer Williamson, Gordon May, Randell Thornsburry, David Thacker, Tim Thacker, Johnny Smith, Joe Stanley and Sid Fleming.

Raccoon — Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Fred Pinson, Clifford Collins, Allen Coleman, Roger Coleman and Dave Newsom.

Peter Creek — Troy Casey, Leo Coleman, Earnest Dotson, Daris Kinder, Earl Casey, Opa Hatfield, Randy Smith, Lee Ratliff and Elsie Coleman.

Sulphur Springs — J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, Tommy Lester, Ron Moore, Luther Blackburn, Rosevelt Young and Burlin Blackburn.

Little Hope — Virgil Smith, William Dotson and Grover Smith.

Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Don Justice and Chester R. Varney.

Samaria — Teddy R. Ball, Walter Sullivan, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris, Tom Robinson, Stearl Hatfield, Dennis Dotson, James A. Hager and Dana Hager.

Little Union — Earnest Blair, Ricky Blair, James Oscar Blair and Douglas Lester.

Johns Creek — Harrison Smith, Johnny Stiltner, Bailey T. Coleman, Plennie Coleman, Carl Coleman, Edd Hunt, George Coleman, Larry Coleman.

Calvary — Kit Ratliff, Glen Vipperman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Bradley Coleman, Homer Coleman, Able Chapman, Ben Chapman, Lester Varney, Andrew Hunt, Roby Turnmire and Ed Chapman.

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

Friendship — John Kirk, Luther Vanhooose, Robert Wallen, Martin Childers, Troy Wheeler and Fontaion Lewis.

Columbus — Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Bill Epling, Matthew McIntosh, Fred Burton and Larry Stanley.

Deerfield — J. C. Hager, Johnny Jacobs, Estill Hackney, Harold Blackburn, Ray Anderson and Edgel Lester.

Pleasant Hill — Woodruff Dulin, Tivis Barton, Herb Ferguson, James T. Dotson, Greg Moore, Kermit Barton and Rupert Sparks.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elbert Hunter
Ostil Smith
Vance Jones
David Bailey
Schultz Pratt
Dallas Adams
Billy Cook
Paul Keaton
Bobby Arrington

Teddy Floyd
J. R. Smith
Robert Lawson
Franklin Orests
James Adams
Roby Ferguson
Franklin Viers
Andrew McGlothlin
Walter Wilson

CHURCH

Louisa
Old Pond
Big Creek
Raccoon
Sulphur Spring
Peter Creek
Little Hope
Grapevine
Samaria
Johns Creek
Little Union
Calvary
Dry Fork
Columbus
Friendship

MODERATOR

Robert B. Worrix
Teddy R. Ball
Larry Thornsburry
John H. Blackburn
John H. Blackburn
Teddy R. Ball
Michael Smith
Kit Ratliff
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Lundy Coleman
John Kirk

COMMUNION

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

Deerfield
Pleasant Hill

J. C. Hager
Woodruff Dulin

June 4th Saturday
April 3rd Saturday

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa — Bradley Worrix, 340 Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	160
Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Rt. 1, Box 35, Huddy, Ky. 41535 --	125
Big Creek — David Cook, Box 162, Canada, Ky. 41519	150
Raccoon — Edward Bevins, 274 Kentucky Ave., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	125
Peter Creek — Leo Coleman, Phelps, Kentucky 41553	125
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603 ----	100
Little Hope — Virgil Smith, Rt. 2, Box 42, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555 --	125
Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554	75
Samaria — Eddie Harris, Rt. 3, Box 119, Rt. 3, Box 119, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	150

Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 54, Kimper, Ky. 41539	100
Little Union — Earnest Blair, Steele, Ky. 41566	200
Calvary — Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539	90
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, RR2, 5010 Riley Road, Johnstown, Ohio 43031	120
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260	50
Deerfield — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak St., Fenton, Mich. 48430	50
Pleasant Hill — Rupert Sparks, 2692 Tecumseh Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45503	80
Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Virginia 24656	125

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mount Zion — Tommy Joe Pack, 402 Cedar Ave., Hinton, W. Va. 25951	25
Union — Tommy Adams, Box 48, Eolia, Kentucky 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 — Johnny Viers, Haysi, Virginia 24256	25
Little Yadkin River — W. H. Jackson, Rt. 4, Box 146, East Bend, N. C. 27018	25
St. Clair's Bottom — Elder Eddie Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694	25
Mountain — Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 139, Galax, Virginia 24333	25
Moderator — Elder Teddy R. Ball, Rt. 2, Box 42, McCarr, Ky. 41544	25
Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, Rt. 2, Box 45, McCarr, Ky. 41544	25
Total	2200

OBITUARIES

CLAUDIA COLEMAN WILLIAMSON



Claudia Coleman Williamson, 79, of Belfry, Kentucky, died at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital on November 15, 1982. Funeral services were held at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Don Hatfield and Michael Smith officiating. Entombment followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Huddy, Kentucky.

She was born at Ransom, Kentucky, on February 15, 1903, the daughter of Ferrell and Lear Hatfield Coleman. She was married to Jim Williamson who was killed in a mining accident in 1940. Six brothers and one sister preceded her in death. Her surviving children are Charles Williamson of Belfry, Kentucky, with whom she made her home; Lurlie W. Hatfield of McAndrews, Kentucky; Lear W. May of Canada, Kentucky; and Rosa W. Wolfe of McAndrews, Kentucky. Two sons, Jim "Tud" Williamson and Stearl Williamson preceded her in death. Additional survivors include eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for approximately forty years. She was a faithful member and attended church regularly until she was unable to do so.

She was a devoted mother to her children. She leaves a heritage in her devotion and her interest in educating her children that will always be treasured by them. We feel that the memory of her life will enrich the lives of all who knew her.

God has her in his keeping, but we have her in our hearts.

Written by her daughters: Lurlie W. Hatfield
Lear W. May
Rosa W. Wolfe

LAKIE FULLER

I will try to write the obituary of my grandmother, Lake Blair Fuller. She was born October 5, 1907 to the late George W. Blair and Elizabeth Hackney Blair. She passed away at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital November 17, 1982, making her stay on earth 75 years, one month and 13 days.



Lakie Fuller

Lakie was one of nine children. She leaves to mourn her loss one brother, Ernest Blair of Steele, Ky.; two sisters, Callie Miller of Mouthcard, Ky., and Dixie Honaker of Splendora, Tx. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Lundy, Edward, Oliver, and Lonzie Blair, all of Steele, Ky. She was followed in death by her brother, Oscar Blair of Steele, Ky. Her husband, Jim Henry Fuller, preceded her in death February 4, 1968. They are survived by four children, Willard Fuller, Kerry Fuller, Phyllis Freeman of Feds Creek, Ky.; Liz Potter of Elkhorn City, Ky., and 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Ma united with the Primitive Baptist Church July 6, 1958. She was baptized by Elders John Fuller and Teddy Ball.

She leaves behind many friends and family members whose hearts are grateful because she has found a place that will bring her peace and joy.

Written by her granddaughter,
Kay Fuller

HEATHER RENEE' JUSTICE

In loving memory of our precious little angel, Heather Renee' Justice, daughter of Jerry Michael and Judy Blair Justice. She was born July 29, 1974. Her little spirit was called away February 7, 1983. Her stay on earth was eight years, six months and seven days.

Heather had one sister, Ashley Lenee' Justice, three years old.

Heather's paternal grandparents, Clarence and Lois Justice of Phyllis, Kentucky. Her maternal grandparents, Ernest and Edith Blair of Steele, Kentucky.



She leaves a great host of family and friends to mourn her loss.

We thank the Lord for His precious countless blessings that He has granted Heather. She lived a normal, happy, and active life.

Heather's asleep in Jesus, and her little spirit is happy and at peace.

Written by her parents

MARY THACKER

Mary Thacker was born February 25, 1909. She deceased this life May 15, 1983, making her stay on earth 74 years, two months, and 20 days. She was the daughter of the late Hibbard Thacker, and Nancy Jane Justice Thacker. She was married to Tom Thacker who preceded her in death April 28, 1956.

She was a member of The Calvary Primitive Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn her loss two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Martin and Missouri Thacker of Zebulon, Ky.; Miles and Doris Thacker of Phyllis, Ky.; also two sisters and one brother-in-law, Ollie Ratliff of Meta, Ky.; Sarah and Elster Blackburn of Phyllis, Ky.; several nieces and nephews who were very close to her, the Church, and many friends.

Mary never had any children, but I have never seen a mother who was taken care of any better by her family than she was during her long illness. Even now it's still hard to face the fact that she's gone. She was dearly loved, and although her loss is deeply felt, I know we all share the same feeling, that she is far better off than we are, and that our loss is Heaven's gain, for it is our feeling she was a true believer in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our hope is to meet her again in the air, and go home together with our Lord, to be separated no more. Now so long, Sis, for a little while.

Written by her niece, and I hope a sister in Christ,
Bertha Bolden

CAROLINE COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of our loving wife and dear mother, Caroline Coleman, who was born July 14, 1926, and departed this life December 13, 1982, making her stay on earth 56 years.

She was the daughter of Welfrono and Petro Vielma Cerceres, who preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage to George W. Coleman December 25, 1940, and to this union were born 13 children: six sons and seven daughters



— Buster Coleman and Lewis Coleman, both of Michigan; Clyde Coleman, Maynard Coleman and Clarence Coleman, all of Kimper, Ky., and Harold Coleman of Varney, Ky.; Helen Campbell and Judy Taylor, both of Illinois; Fronah Williams of Pikeville; Brenda Williamson, Alice Williamson, Elaine Coleman and Sandra Coleman, all of Kimper, Ky.

Two brothers, Jesse Cerceres of Columbus, Ohio; Franscio Cerceres, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Five sisters, Eloise McNaulty, Alice Miller, Hortensia Langbird and Esther Ash, all of Cleveland; Delores Carter of Louisville; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She united with the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church at Long Fork of Johns Creek, February 5, 1950, and lived a faithful member until death. We feel Mother has a home in glory, and we feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by her
loving husband and children

MARY ALICE FULLER DOTSON

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of our death mother, Mary Alice Fuller Dotson. She was born June 6, 1900, at Feds Creek, Kentucky, and she departed this life on February 18, 1983, at South Williamson, Kentucky. God blessed her to live 82 years, eight months and 12 days upon His footstool.

Mother was the daughter of George and Rena Hackney Fuller of Ransom, Kentucky. She was married to Philip Dotson on September 25, 1921, at the home of her parents. To this union, eleven children were born. Five preceded her in death. They were Harold Dotson, James Paul Dotson, Emogene Dotson, Anna Dotson McArter and Rena Dotson Dotson. Dad also preceded her in death on October 21, 1971.

Mother united with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church in June, 1937, at a Friday evening meeting at the home of Aunt Jane Dotson. She was baptized by Elder Teddy Ball and Elder George Smith. She served the church faithfully until her health began to fail her.

Mom lived with us the last twenty-six months of her life. She was



truly a blessing. Even after she became totally bedridden, she was just as humble as a child. She enjoyed her family and friends' visits. She loved to hear the Songs of Zion sung and the Word of God preached.

Mom became ill on February 9, 1983, and was admitted to the hospital. On Friday evening, February 18, 1983, at about 7:30 p.m., Mother's breathing became much harder. Brother Donnie Williamson prayed with Mother at about 7:45 for God's will to be done. Seconds after prayer her spirit was carried home on Angel's wings.

Six children are left to mourn her death: Ethel Dotson Estep of Harold, Kentucky; Burl, Philip Junior, Earl and Tommy Dotson, all of Phelps, Kentucky, and Ernest Dotson, of Hardy, Kentucky. She also leaves three sisters, Tilda New and Louise Fuller of Ransom, Kentucky, and Roxie Coleman of Freeburn, Kentucky; twenty-three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren are left behind as well as a host of friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Our home is lonely and barren now but we rejoice in the fact that we'll see Mom again some day on the other side of life. I feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law,
Ernest and Ivalene Dotson

LENA CASEY

It is with a sad and aching heart I try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Lena Casey. I miss her so much and loved her so dearly.

Mother was born August 13, 1900, and died August 17, 1983, making her stay here on earth 83 years and four days. She was the daughter of the late Harrison and Tilda Jane Stump. She was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church for fifty-one years.

She was married to Elder Anderson Casey who preceded her in death September 6, 1958.

To Mom and Dad were born fourteen children. Two sons preceded her in death. She leaves three daughters and nine sons to mourn her loss and fifty-one grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren.

The old home place will never be the same without our dear mother who we loved so much.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. And hope someday to meet our



precious mother. Sadly missed by her family.

Written by: Sharlene Taylor (daughter)

FERN DESKINS CHAPMAN

In loving memory of my mother, Fern Deskins Chapman, born January 1, 1895, died February 2, 1964, leaving one daughter and seven sons.

She was a true believer of the Primitive Baptist doctrine. She always helped the sick as well as when someone had a death in their family. Even when she was sick herself. You could hurt her feelings but she never got angry.

She was an inspiration to all of us children. Her teaching has stayed with us all, then and now. It's hard to write how I really feel about Mother. We all miss her and always will. She'll never be forgotten. It is hard to write with tears in your eyes. It is with sadness that I write this.

Written by a son,
Otto Chapman



ROXIE (STUMP) CASEY

Although it pains me deeply, I will try to write this obituary of my mother, Roxie Casey, whom I loved and cherish with all my heart, and hope and pray to meet again in Heaven.

Mother was born in 1912, the daughter of George and Vacey Stump, Phelps, Ky. She was married to Andy James Casey who preceded her in death in 1953.

Mother loved and raised eight children: seven boys and one girl, and had about 27 grandchildren and approximately 15 great-grandchildren. She also had three sisters and one brother still living.

Mother loved church. She was a member of Peter Creek Primitive Baptist. She could often be found reading her Bible.

She lived alone and had many years of illness before her death.



Mother left this troubled world and went on to be with God on July 4, 1982. She was 70 years old.

Seventy years here on earth. However, I'm sure she is resting in peace now with Jesus and when that great judgement day comes she will be with God forever.

LIZZIE THACKER STANLEY



Lizzie Thacker Stanley was born March 31, 1899, the daughter of the late Wallace and Rebecca Coleman Thacker. She departed this life on August 10, 1983, making her stay on earth 84 years, three months and 10 days.

Preceding her in death was her husband of 66 years, the late Joe B. Stanley. Brother Joe and Sister Lizzie were blessed with a wonderful experience of grace in that they were united to the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church in 1935 and were baptized at the same time. We

feel God's dove-like spirit comforted and blessed them throughout their life, as we all are aware their fruits manifest this. They were blessed to have a large family and to experience the love as only parents can feel for their children.

Surviving are five sons: Frennie, Willie, Landon, and James Stanley, of Canada, Ky., and Quincey Stanley, of Sidney, Ky.; two daughters: Mary Stanley of Canada, Ky., and Ruby Mammo of Trenton, Michigan; four brothers: Louie Thacker of Trenton, Michigan; George Thacker of Pikeville, Ky.; Ireland Thacker of Fishtrap, Ky., and Virgil Thacker of Florida; one sister: Laurie Stevenson. Also surviving are 31 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was one son, Joseph Ferrel Stanley, and one daughter, Eula Marie Stanley, and three brothers.

As our beloved brother, Apostle Paul, said, "We are persuaded in our own mind" that our loss is Sister Lizzie's eternal gain. John The Revelator was blessed to write unto us, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow after them. Surely this beloved Sister was an inspiration and a light to the church and to all those that were blessed to have known her, in that she has shown her light before men, that we could see her good works and glorify our Father who art in Heaven. Yes, surely her works do follow after her.

Sleep, on Sister, until the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Written by one who loved her for the cause of Christ.

Elder Michael Elswick

GRACE SCOTT

With loving memories and a saddened heart, I write the obituary of my dear sweet mother, Grace Scott.

She was born February 22, 1914, and deceased this life on May 19, 1983, just 15 days after my daddy passed away. God must have known one didn't want to live without the other and chose to take them close together.

She was the daughter of James Lee and Pearl (Stanley) Blackburn. She was married to Luther Scott.

She was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and filled her seat as often as she could. The last few years of her life were very painful and many a time she got ready and went to church when she could hardly sit up. She said it made her feel better.

There have been many good mothers born upon this earth, but I feel I was blessed with one of the best. She was so caring and giving — not only to me, but to others as well.

I miss her more than words can say. I feel so lost and lonely without her. No one knows the tears that I've shed because God took her from me to be with Him and my daddy. I at least have the comfort of knowing they are together in death as they were in life.

Written by her daughter,
Glenna Simpson



FRANCISE McCLANAHAN DOTSON

In memory of Francise McClanahan Dotson, who was born February 14, 1898, and departed this life August 13, 1983, making her stay on earth 85 years, five months and 30 days.

She was the daughter of the late Robert Justus and Sindestia McClanahan Justus, born in Buchanan County. She was a member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church at Hurley, Va. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Dotson, in 1962, and one son, Clell Dotson, and two daughters, Patty Mae Dotson and Mary Dotson.

Survivors include five sons, Anthony Dotson of Freeburn, Ky.; Lawrence Dotson of Meadow, Va.; Walter Dotson of Round Lake Beach, Ill.; William Dotson and Elwood Dotson, both of Hurley, Va., and two daughters, Mrs. Fannie Sargent of Paw Paw, Ky., and Mrs. Bernice Spencer of Hurley, Va., and 53 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, and a host of friends and loved ones to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 16, at 11 a.m. at the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church at Hurley, Va., with Elder Johnny Blackburn, Elder Arthur May, Elder Ellis Owens, and Elder Elmer Brown officiating. Burial followed in the Dotson Cemetery near Paw Paw, Ky. Virginia Funeral Home in Grundy was in charge of the arrangements.

Mother was loved by all who knew her and we feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. Sleep on, Dear Mother, until we meet again at that sweet home where we can't die any more is my prayer.

Written by Elder Arthur May

NANCY JANE HATFIELD BLACKBURN

Nancy Jane Hatfield Blackburn of Pinsonfork, Kentucky, died Sunday, June 5, 1983, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, following a lingering illness. She was born March 20, 1894. She was the daughter of the late Jacob Hatfield and Margaret Whitt Hatfield. She was preceded in death by three husbands: Thomas Jefferson Ball, Barney Crabtree, and Floyd Blackburn. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Ball, and three sons: Chester Ball, Jake Hatfield, and William Jefferson Blackburn. Three brothers, four sisters, and one great-grandson also preceded her in death.



Survivors include two daughters: Lula B. Hatfield of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and Inis B. May of Pinsonfork, Kentucky; one brother, Jake Hatfield, of Ransom, Kentucky; 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Julia Ball of Warsaw, Kentucky, and Mrs. Lurlie Hatfield, of McAndrews, Kentucky, and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for approximately fifty years. She attended church faithfully as long as she was able. She was dearly loved by her family, relatives, and friends. She will be missed by all who knew her, but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

RACHEL V. (PRICE) HAGY



Rachel V. (Price) Hagy was born June 1, 1893, and departed this life March 27, 1983, making her stay on earth 89 years, nine months, and 26 days.

She was the daughter of William and Matilda (Cook) Price of Deskins, Virginia, who both preceded her in death.

Rachel was married to John Henry Hagy October 8, 1912, who preceded her in death on May 11, 1964.

She united with the Prater Creek Primitive Baptist Church many years ago, and remained a faithful member until death took her away.

She leaves to mourn her passing five daughters, Mrs. Pearl Davis of Vansant, Va.; Mrs. Edna Poulos, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Lettie Marie DeLong, Prestonsburg, Ky.; Mrs. Agnes Opal Owens, Pontiac, Mich., and Mrs. Faye Matilda (Hagy) Childress, Richlands, Va., and four sons, Denton M. Hagy, Chicago, Ill.; Elmer C. Hagy, Vansant, Va.; John Hagy, Huntington, W. Va., and Richard Lee Hagy Blankenship, Houston, Texas. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Ada Greer, Clinchco, Va.; Mrs. Ida Hodge, Vansant, Va., and Mrs. Naomi Ball, Davenport, Va.; 26 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends who are saddened by her passing.

I say to those whose hearts are heavy with sorrow from the passing of this friends and loved one: Take courage. The flower that has bloomed and faded in earth's garden has promise, from a God that cannot lie, of a glorious resurrection to bloom in life eternal when Jesus comes to make up his jewels.

Written by request of the family by
Elder Lawrence Jackson

JAMES ESTILL HATFIELD

James Estill Hatfield was born July 31, 1897, at McCarr, Ky. He was a son of the late W. J. and Polly Runyon Hatfield. He died April 30, 1983, at the age of 85 years.

He was married to Pearl Blackburn July 2, 1918, who survives. Additional survivors include two daughters, Mrs. John (Josephine) Anderson and Mrs. Herschel (Pauline) Morgan; one granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

He had two brothers, Clyde Hatfield and W. J. Hatfield, Jr.; three sisters, Mrs. LeEtta Norman, Mrs. Leroy (Jeanette) Smith and Mrs. Dovel (Katherine) Scott.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for years. He served as clerk of the church, then served as deacon until his death.

Written by the family



ELCANA CHAPMAN



Elcana Chapman, born October 26, 1893, passed away April 28, 1983, making his stay here on earth 89 years, six months and two days. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Fern Deskins Chapman; his father, Morgan Chapman, and his mother, Virginia Bell Vipperman Chapman.

He left behind sixteen children, over one hundred grandchildren, great and great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

He was a firm believer in the Primitive Baptist Church and its doctrine.

His funeral was held at Kimper Grade School, Kimper, Ky., on May 1, 1983.

He was well liked by many people. They showed their friendship in attending his funeral.

I feel my dad has a home in Heaven.

Written by his son,
Otto Chapman

FRANK A. DOTSON

With a sad and aching heart I will try and write an obituary of my dear husband, Frank A. Dotson. He was born February 26, 1902, and deceased this life March 15, 1983.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized in 1973 and placed his membership with the Sulphur Spring Church, and was ordained a deacon April first Saturday 1975. He lived a faithful member until death.

He was the son of the late John P. Dotson and Alifair Dotson. Until ill health prevented him from attending like he wanted to. He loved his church and his brothers and sisters.

Frank was sincerely dedicated in whatever he pursued and was an inspiration to his family, as well as to his community and friends. He always greeted the public with a smile and seldom met anyone whom he considered a stranger. He was married the first time to Victora McClanahan, and was blessed with eight children — seven daughters and one son. His wife and one daughter preceded him in death.

Frank was very proud of his family and loved them very much. I met Frank in 1975. He was very lonely and so was I. We were both living alone. I had lost my husband and had no children at home. After we met and saw each other for several months he asked me to marry him. He told me how happy he was, that it had to be God that let him find me, and I'm sure it was God's will, for we were so happy. I loved him so much and my life is an empty shell without him. I hated to see him suffer and no one knows how I hated to give him up. I sincerely believe that all of his suffering which he endured is now over. He is resting in Paradise of God and is sharing the love and the day which none of us on earth presently know. For he told me the morning he went to the hospital he was not afraid to die, but just hated to leave me. Oh, how I miss him.



He was my shining star and my guiding light.
A world full of tears for my darling will last,
But his sorrow and pain are over and past.
He now sleeps in Jesus with sweet love and peace
Where his praises to God will never cease.

Frank 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 Frank could talk he would tell us and all his family 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 wife

THOMAS WILLIAMSON

It is with much sadness and a broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of our father, Thomas Williamson. He was born July 12, 1899, and departed this life on earth after 83 years, nine months and nine days. He was the son of the late Oliver and Rosa Lee Ball Williamson. He was married to Maudie Coleman Williamson. She preceded him in death in 1968. To this union three children were born. He is survived by one son, Virgil Williamson, of Ransom, Ky.; one daughter, Magdalene Williamson of Ransom, Ky. One son, Clinton, preceded him in death in 1965, and two brothers preceded him in death. Daddy and Mommy joined Samaria Primitive Baptist Church October 21, 1956. Daddy was a faithful member and went as long as he was able to go. We loved him and miss him so very much.



We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. By the grace of God we will meet again some sweet day where there will be no tears nor sad farewells.

Written by his daughter, Magdalene,
and son, Virgil Williamson

BRADLEY CASEY, SR.

Bradley Casey, Sr., 59, of Freeburn, Ky., died Saturday night at his home following a short illness.

Born August 2, 1923 at Coleman, he was a son of the late Albert and Deliah Smith Casey.

He was a disabled miner of the Emperor Coal Co. of Freeburn.

Survivors include his widow, Eloise Farley Casey of Freeburn; four sons, Willis, Danny, Randall and Bradley Casey, Jr., all of Freeburn; two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Harris of North Matewan, W. Va., and

Mrs. Patricia Smith of Freeburn.

Additional survivors include three brothers, Troy Casey of Phelps; Johnny and Elliott Casey, both of Freeburn; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Charles of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Dema Charles of Toledo, Ohio, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Elders Teddy Ball, Johnny Blackburn, Jimmy Smith and the Rev. Everett Brizendine officiating.

Burial followed in the Billie Dotson Cemetery at Phelps. Pallbearers were Darrell Fannin, James, Raymond and Bobby Farley, Jerry Campanella, Roger, Joe and Larry Smith, Ronnie Tibbs, Eugene Bowling and Russell Blackburn.

The body was at the church where friends called. There were special services there one night.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Phelps Funeral Home of Phelps.



Bradley Casey, Sr.

OSCAR BLAIR

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear brother-in-law, Oscar Blair. He was born at Steele, Ky., on June 5, 1913, to the late George W. Blair and Elizabeth Hackney Blair. Oscar deceased this life June 14, 1983, making his stay here on earth 70 years and nine days.

Oscar was never united in marriage but to mourn his loss he leaves one brother, Ernest Blair of Steele, Ky.; two sisters, Callie Miller of Mouthcard, Ky.; Dixie Honaker of Splendora, Tx., and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

Four brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Although Oscar wasn't united with a church, he enjoyed going when he was able. He was a strong believer in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Oscar was fortunate to walk his first nine years. Sixty-one years he



spent in a wheelchair unable to walk.

I feel that when the Death Angel came Oscar fell in a peaceful sleep in the arms of Jesus. So by the Grace of God we hope to meet him where there will be no sickness or cripples. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written in loving memory
by his sister-in-law, Edith Blair

OLIVER BLAIR

It is with much sadness and precious memories, I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband.

Oliver departed this life on September 26, 1982, making his stay on earth 63 years and 11 months. He was a member of Little Union Primitive Baptist Church and served as a deacon for many years. He united with the church in May 1958.

Oliver was born October 26, 1918, in Pike County. He was the son of the late George and Elizabeth Hackney Blair of Steele, Ky. He was married to Della Coleman Blair and they were blessed with four children: one daughter, Margie Lester, and three sons, Edward, Jesse and Ervin Blair, all of Steele, Ky. Also to mourn his death were eight grandchildren and one brother, Ernest Blair of Steele, Ky.; two sisters, Dixie Honaker, of Texas, and Callie Miller of Mouthcard, Ky., and a host of friends.

To all of us there comes a time of parting, to us the parting came too soon, but we feel it was the Lord's good pleasure to call my husband and relieve him from all his troubles and sickness of this world, to a peaceful sleep, and will raise him again on that bright and glorious morning, when we will all join that family circle and be with the Lord forever.

Written by the family



PARIS SAGRAVES

We, the family, sorrowfully report the death of Paris Sagraves on April 16, 1983. He was born December 14, 1895, to Alemander and

Sena (Skaggs) Sagraves.

Leaving his native state of Kentucky at age 12, he lived the remainder of his 87 years in Franklin and Champaign Counties, Ohio. He was a retired rail-roader and a farmer.

He married Florence Cheek September 16, 1916. To this union were born three daughters.

He requested baptism in Laurel Hill Church of Burning Spring Association by Elder Proctor Lyon at Blaine, Ky.

When health no longer permitted his traveling from Urbana, Ohio, he joined Pleasant Hill Church of Mates Creek Association at Springfield, Ohio.

He was a faithful member and was loved and respected by everybody.

He was loved and sadly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren. We all miss him so much.



Paris Sagraves

The Family

GEORGE BALL

George Ball, 89, of 2219 Parkwood Road, Louisville, Ky., died Sunday, February 27, 1983, at S. S. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. He was born January 16, 1894, at McAndrews, Ky.

He was a native of McAndrews, Ky., most of his life, and he was a member of Little Hope Primitive Church at Ballfork, Ky. He was the son of the late Andy J. Ball and Polly Ann May Ball. He was married to the late Jewel Hinkle Ball in 1922.

Survivors include a son, George L. Ball of Valley Station, Ky.; two daughters, Mrs. Laura B. King and Mrs. Emma Grace Helms, both of Louisville, Ky.; a sister, Mrs. Isabelle Blackburn of McAndrews, Ky., and a brother, Ferdinand Ball of Troy, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 1983, at Highlands Funeral Home, 3331 Taylorsville Road, with El-



ders Darrell Risner and Paul Trautner.

Entombment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

This is written in loving memory of a very special dad that has sadly been missed by his children each day since he passed away.

Written by his daughter
Laura B. King

FLEM JUSTICE, SR.

With sadness and broken hearts, we will try to write the obituary of our dear daddy.

Flem was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on July 7, 1885. It pleased our Heavenly Father to call him from our midst September 6, 1982, making his stay 97 years, one month and 30 days.

He was the son of Rev. Abner Justice and Mercy V. Slone. He was the last surviving member of his family of five brothers and three sisters. On October 11, 1906, Flem married Vada Smith who preceded him in death April 26, 1967. They were proud parents of fifteen children. Five sons and two daughters also preceded Flem in death: William E. Justice, Roy Abner Justice, Myrtle Justice, Ransom and Anderson, Leo Justice, and Mercie Justice Hunt.

Survivors are one son, Taylor "Doc" Justice; seven daughters, Sarah Jane Biliter, Fannie J. Justice, Cleo J. Chaney, Clara Lee Ramey, Delphia J. Branham, Velma J. Childers, Clotine J. Prater; 38 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, 30 great-great-grandchildren.

Daddy was a member of the Old Primitive Baptist Church and a deacon. He joined the church July 10, 1937, and was baptized July 31, 1937, by Rev. A. P. Justice, making him a member of forty-five years. He was a faithful member and loved to go to church as long as he was able. He loved the old hymns such as "I'm Going Home to Die No More" and "Oh Sing to Me of Heaven." His seat is vacant and cannot be filled.

We all are left here in this world to mourn the loss of a good daddy whom we loved dearly. We miss him so much that we cannot express the deep loss each of us feel.

Our greatest hope is to meet him in Heaven, where there will be no parting. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly missed by all family and friends
Written by Sarah Jane Biliter
Daughter of Flem Justice, Sr.



CLAYTON SMITH

It is with a sad and aching heart we will try to write the obituary of a loving husband and a loving father. Clayton Smith was the son of the late Ballard and Alice (Keese) Smith. He was born at Ransom, Ky., July 4th, 1903, and departed this life May 29th, 1983, making his stay on earth 79 years, ten months and 25 days.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church the third Saturday in June and was baptized the third Sunday in June, 1972. He also served as deacon. He dearly loved the church, and attended as long as he was able.

He was married to Ocie Hatfield Smith in the year of 1922, and to this union was born two children. One child and his first wife preceded him in death. He is survived by one daughter, Sally Smith, Walled Lake, Mich.

He later married Lydia (Hatfield) Smith. To this union was born six children, three daughters and three sons: Lassie Jean Smith, Ransom, Ky.; Hazel J. Smith (deceased); Marie Buseman, Miami, Fla.; Landon and James Ballard Smith, both of Ransom, Ky.; Clayton Smith, Jr., Union Lake, Mich.

Other survivors include two brothers, Frank and Jimmy, both of Ransom, Ky.; two sisters, Nora Elswick, Celina, Ohio; Vina Scott, Piqua, Ohio; also nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sleep on, Darling, we know you are at rest.
We miss you more and more each day,
But we know God knew best.

The Family

Written by by Wife, Lydia, and Daughter, Jean



FRANK COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that we write the obituary of our beloved husband and father, Frank Coleman. He was born August 4, 1931, and taken from us on September 13, 1982, making his stay here on earth 51 years, one month and nine days.

He was the son of Elder Paris Coleman and Missouri Coleman

who preceded him in death.

He was united in marriage to Irene Hunt Coleman on November 12, 1955. To this union was born two children. One son, Bruce Allen Coleman (who preceded him in death), and one daughter, Kimberly Lynn Coleman.

He is survived by his wife and daughter; also five brothers and three sisters: Arnold Wayne Coleman of Elyria, Ohio; Don Coleman,

Larry Coleman, Carl Coleman, Plennie Coleman, all of Kimper, Ky.; Daisy Miller of Steele, Ky.; Gracie Newton of Sidney, Ky., and Faye Coleman of Elyria, Ohio, and a host of friends.

Frank united with the John's Creek Primitive Baptist Church in September, 1979, and lived true and faithful until the end.

Frank will be dearly missed by all who knew him, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his loving wife and daughter,
Irene Coleman and
Kimberly Lynn Coleman



Frank Coleman

J. R. SMITH

With loving memory, we write this obituary of our dear father, J. R. Smith, Jr., who Jesus called home on May 28, 1982. He was born on October 26, 1925, making his stay here on earth 56 years and seven months. He was the son of the late Bradley and Bertha Smith. He was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Marie Smith; six sons: Jacky, Gary, Jenis, Danny, Stevie, and Mark Smith, of Phelps, Ky.; two daughters, Sharlene and Linda, of Chicago, Ill. He was preceded in death by two sons, Larry and Glen Smith. There are seven grandchildren left who miss their grandpa.



Dad was a loving and understanding father. He is sadly missed by all of his family and friends. We know that Dad is gone for now, but Jesus has provided a way for us to be reunited.

Written by his son,
Jenis Smith

LUTHER SCOTT

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I write the obituary of my kind, humble and precious daddy.

He was born December 23, 1912, and deceased this life on May 4, 1983.

He was the son of Freeland and Vicie (Wolford) Scott. He was married to Grace (Blackburn) Scott.

He was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for several years. Daddy loved his church and always filled his seat.



He is gone but not forgotten,
No length of time will heal my grief,
My love and devotion runs too deep,
No one knows the sadness I try so hard to hide.
No one knows the many times I have broken down and cried.

He was a joy in my life and I have no words to describe how precious he was to me and how much he meant to me. I miss him more and more every day. My heart is as sore today as it was the day I was told he was gone.

Written by his daughter,
Glenna Simpson

HENRY WILLIAMS

Henry Williams, age 93, of Belfry, Kentucky, died Monday evening at the Appalachian Regional Hospital after a lingering illness. He was married to Lydia Varney Williams.

Born February 22, 1890, in Pike County, he was a son of the late Melvin and Almer Vipperman Williams. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.



Henry Williams

In addition to his wife he is survived by daughters, Gracie Deskins of Belfry, Kentucky; Bubbie Smith of Kimper, Ky.; Helen Jean Blackburn of Hardy, Kentucky; Loretta Allen of Elgin, Ill.; sons, Don Williams of Chandler, Arizona; Jack T. Williams of Ashland, Ky.; Scott Williams and Harry Williams, both of Belfry; sisters: Mrs. Brady Collins of Chatteroy, W. Va., and Mrs. Havanah Blackburn of Richwood, Ohio; thirty-nine grandchildren, one hundred-one great-grandchildren and twenty-one great-great-grandchildren.

ELBERT SCOTT

Elbert Scott, age 83, of Hardy, Kentucky, died Monday in the Appalachian Regional Hospital at South Williamson, Ky. He was married to Lydia Farley Scott.

Born December 23, 1899 in Pike County, he was a son of the late William and Nancy Jane Runyon Scott. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife he is survived by one daughter, Margaret Wiedel of Port Orchard, Washington, and one son, Charles E. Scott of Hardy; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Sadly missed but lovingly remembered
By wife and family

RIT STREET

Rit Street, son of the late John H. and Vashti Ball Street, was born September 30, 1896, and departed this life August 19, 1983, making his stay on earth 87 years, 11 months and 19 days.

He was married to Lou Armes on July 4, 1919. She preceded him in

death on June 25, 1969. To this union was born one son, Charlie E. Street, of Abingdon, Va., who survives.

Also surviving are two granddaughters; one brother, John A. Street; two sisters, Vada Shortridge and Nannie Cook. Four brothers and four sisters preceded him in death. He also leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing. Brother Rit joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Dry Fork in the year 1967. He was a faithful member as long as he was able to go. We feel our loss is his eternal gain. On that glorious morning when the family of God meet in the air we hope to go home to live forever with our Blessed Redeemer.



Rit Street

Brother-in-law
Howell Armes

JOHNNY THACKER

Johnny Thacker, 78, of Raccoon, Ky., died September 19, 1982, at home following a long illness.

Born in Pike County March 15, 1904, he was the son of the late Jasper and Emily Thacker. Johnny was a farmer most of his life. He was never married.

He leaves to mourn his loss one brother, Erie Thacker of Meta, Ky.; one sister, Nancy Harmon of Raccoon, Ky., and a host of friends.

Johnny never joined any church but he believed in the Primitive Baptist Church. Johnny loved and believed in God. We believe he is at rest with God. Johnny is sadly missed by his family and friends.



Written by his sister,
Nancy Thacker Harmon

IRELAND JUSTICE

IN MEMORY OF IRELAND JUSTICE

DECEASED 12-26-81

*Jesus has called you, my Darling,
And I am left alone —
The house I now live in
Will never be a home.
Without you I'm so lonely
I don't know what to do
Except pray to God to guide my foot-
steps
Till I'm laid at rest with you.
Life was such a pleasure, Darling,
When you were here with me
But someday I'll be with you
And together we'll always be.
Your children, they all loved you
But Jesus loved you more
We feel that you are happier now
Than you've ever been before.
We know that you have left us —
But you are not alone.*



*You're up there with Jesus
In our Father's Home.
So rest in peace, my Darling,
We all pray from day to day
That the next time we meet
We'll all be with Jesus to stay.*

COMPOSED BY: His loving wife,
Mrs. Ireland Justice (Fannie)

KERMIT GOFF

With sad hearts and tear-dimmed eyes, we attempt the difficult task of writing the obituary of our precious and loving husband and father, Kermit Goff, born June 11, 1919, and departed this life October 12, 1982. He was the son of Columbus Goff and Mellie Justice Goff.

It is impossible to find words to express how very much we love and miss him. Words cannot describe the loneliness and emptiness we feel. We feel sure God needed another Rose for his garden, and he picked a beautiful one.



He was a firm believer in God and attended church regularly, but he never united himself to any church.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Opal E. Goff; six children, Harold D. Goff, Paris, Ky.; Jeffrey R. Goff and Ricky N. Goff, Richmond, Va.; Anna J. Stewart and Betty J. Epling, Elkhorn City, Ky.; Lisa R. Coleman, Richmond, Va.; eleven grandchildren; one brother, Charles G. Goff, Raccoon, Ky.; three sisters, Creetie Justice, Opal Justice, Raccoon, Ky.; Faye Ratliff, Columbus, Ohio, and a host of relatives and friends.

The community has lost a good neighbor, the children a loving father, the wife a devoted husband.

We submit ourselves to God's will, and pray he will help us to say "Sleep on, dear loved one, until we live out our lives here on earth and we too, by the grace of God can join you, where there will be no more heart-breaking farewells."

Written by —

His wife: Opal E. Goff

Daughter: Lisa R. Coleman

REXALL COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear brother, Rexall Coleman. He was born August 22, 1936, and left us February 8, 1983, making his stay on earth 46 years, five months and 17 days.

He was the son of the late Tom Coleman and Darcus T. Coleman. He was the father of three children. His one son, David Coleman, preceded him in death. Rexall is survived by wife, Mary, and two daughters, Debbie Smith of Sunbury, Ohio, and Dianna Coleman of Westerville, Ohio; three grandchildren, 12 brothers, eight sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

He believed that salvation was by grace, and that he would meet Mom and Dad again someday.

Written by his brother,
David Coleman, Jr.



WILLIE ESTILL BLACKBURN

Willie E. Blackburn, the son of the late Ballard and Gusta Varney Blackburn, departed this life on August 5, 1982, in the University of Kentucky Hospital following a lingering illness. Born December 22, 1914, to the union of Ballard and Gusta Blackburn, making his stay here on earth 68 years, seven months and 13 days.

Brother Will was united in holy matrimony to Gertrude May Blackburn on November 7, 1944, the daughter of the late Jeff and Nancy May, making this blessed union 38 years. To this union is one foster son, Robert L. Varney of Hager Hill, Ky. In addition to these survivors are two grandchildren; one brother, Raymond Blackburn of Detroit, Mich., and 27 nieces and nephews.

Brother Will was a retired miner and a member of Local Union No. 5737 and a member of the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church. He united with the church on December 26, 1979, in the Appalachian Regional Hospital. What rejoicing we were blessed to witness of this blissful occasion, when Brother Teddy Ball and Brother Dana Hager lay him in the watery grave and he was raised to walk in newness of life. Surely this was another miracle of God when he takes a dead alien sinner and makes a new creature alive in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Brother Will was ordained to the office of Deacon in April of 1980 and remained faithful to his calling until he was stricken with illness.

He rejoiced in the doctrine of salvation by the Grace of God and of the sovereignty of the Most High God, and the sacred songs that the Brothers and Sisters sang. His favorite song was "Once I Stood at the Foot of a Great High Mountain." Yes, surely we that have been born again, stood at this mountain also and were blessed to hear what Brother Will heard, a voice saying, "Child, put your hand in mine." The voice of God calling his children home.

As it is written saith "the spirit of God, blessed are they that dieth in the Lord for henceforth they do rest from their labor and their works do follow after them." Yes, we believe that this precious brother is asleep in Jesus and that his words do follow him. Realizing that our



loss is his eternal gain and that he lives on in our lives through the most wonderful and glorious memories that we possess of him. Sleep on, Brother Will, until we meet again.

Written by one who loved him for the cause of Christ.

Elder Michael Elswick

GREEN COLEMAN

It is with sad and aching heart we try to write this obituary of our dear dad, Green Coleman. Born February 9th, 1896, he departed this life August 30th, 1982, making his stay on earth 86 years, six months and 21 days.

He was the son of William Coleman and Florina Thacker. His wife, Riney Caroline, preceded him in death January 3rd, 1977; also three infants and two grandchildren, leaving one brother, John Coleman, and eleven children to mourn the loss. Five sons, Argus Coleman of Portsmouth; William O. Coleman, Fairborn, Ohio; John K. Coleman of Portsmouth; Eugene Coleman, Shelbiana, Ky.; Bobby Coleman of Newark, Delaware, and six daughters, Emogene Murphy, Meta, Floressie Thomas, Newark, Delaware; Gladys Tucker, Shelbiana, Ky.; Rosetta Benner, Newark, Delaware; Bonita Stephenson, South Shore, Ky.; Betty Phillips, Mountain City, Tennessee. Dad united with the Regular Primitive Baptist Church in 1931. He was ordained to full ministry March 8th, 1953.



Oh, how sad and lonely our home place without Dad and Mom since God has taken them away, but we know our loss is Heaven's gain. They taught us to love and respect others and to live by the Golden Rule. Our dad was a good man and lived by the Word of God — a good example for all of us children and grandchildren to follow. Oh, how great the love was in our home and oh, how great the loss is since Dad and Mom are no longer there.

Written by the
Children of Green Coleman

ELCANA CHAPMAN, SR.



Elcana Chapman, Sr., son of Morgan and Virginia Bell Vipperman Chapman, was born October 26, 1893, and deceased Thursday, April 28, 1983, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was greatly blessed to stay with us 89 years, six months and two days.

He was a farmer, a homemaker, a business man and a merchant.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Fern Deskins Chapman, and his second wife, Zella Damron Chapman.

He is survived by his wife, Minda Justice Chapman; three daughters: June C. Sparks of Kimper, Ky.; Genieve Kilburn of Flint, Michigan, and Madgaline Burris of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and thirteen sons: Tony Chapman of Zanesville, Ohio; Bill Chapman, E. C. Chapman, Jr., Jack Morgan Chapman, Roger Chapman, Fon Chapman, Curley Chapman, Cleo Chapman and Leura Varney of Kimper, Kentucky; Otto Chapman and Russell Conley Chapman of Pikeville, Ky., and Ivan Chapman of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

He was a firm believer in the Primitive Baptist Faith and read his Bible constantly.

I feel our loss was Heaven's gain. His loving memory will be with us always. We loved him dearly.

By the grace of God I hope we'll all meet again some sweet day.

Written by his daughter,
June C. Sparks



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 Worrrix -----	4		2	1	1	1	2	118	2	80.00
Old Pond -----	Ray Harlow -----	6	3		1		1	2	129	2	150.00
Big Creek -----	David L. Cook -----	5	4		2		2	2	86	3	100.00
Raccoon -----	Edward Bevins -----	3	1			3			87	4	75.00
Peter Creek -----	Leo Coleman -----	6						4	112	4	100.00
Sulphur Springs -----	George W. Lester -----						3	2	85	1	40.00
Little Hope -----	Virgil A. Smith -----	4			1			2	34	1	105.00
Grapevine -----	Miles Thacker -----		2						33	4	40.00
Samaria -----	Eddie Harris -----	2		2	1			8	179	3	150.00
Little Union -----	Margie Lester -----	3			1			2	18	1	300.00
Johns Creek -----	Carl Coleman -----	1				1	1	3	46	2	100.00
Calvary -----	Rush Chapman -----	4	1			4		1	46	1	100.00
Dry Fork -----	Lawrence Jackson -----								65	2	125.00
Friendship -----	Martin Childers -----	1							25	4	25.00
Columbus -----	Sandra Harris -----	2	2	2		1			67	4	50.00
Deerfield -----	Ernest Hager -----	1	1						41	4	60.00
Pleasant Hill -----	Rupert Sparks -----	2				2	2	1	21	1	40.00
	Total -----	44	14	6	7	12	9	29	1192		1,640.00

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