# **Minutes**

of the

# One Hundred Thirty-Second Annual Session OF THE

# Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association

**ORGANIZED IN 1849** 

held with

Little Union
Primitive Baptist Church
STEEL, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
August 31, September 1st and 2nd
1984

Next session convenes with Peter Creek Church, located at Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1985.

# OFFICERS

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

# **Proceedings**

## Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association Held with the Little Union Church

FRIDAY MORNING — August 31, 1984

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Harrison Smith. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Teddy R. Ball. Text: Acts 4:12, Neither is their Salvation is any other. Called for the letters from all churches. The letter was read from the Little Union 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.

Newly constituted churches called for. None reported.

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

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

Correspondence from sister associations received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK OF VIRGINIA: Elder David Edwards, Elder Bob Arrington, Deacon Robert Jackson and Elder Ostill Smith.

UNION ASSOCIATION: Elder Dallass Adams and Elder J. R. Smith.

ST. CLAIRS BOTTOM: Elder Billie Cook, Elder Henry Puckett, Deacon Vernie Heath, Brother Jerry Fisher and Brother Blain Owens.

BURNING SPRINGS: By Letter and Deacon Edgar Rudd, Deacon Walter Perkins and Brother J. Blanton.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elder Robert Lawson and Elder Vance Jones.

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

SAND LICK OF VIRGINIA: Brethren Leonard Barton, Joe

Turner, Johnny Viers, Harry Owens, Sisters Paulene Arrington, Tarr Church, and Brother Fayne Viers and Wife, and Eshmul Owens and Wife.

UNION ASSOCIATION: Brethren Richard Boggs and Roy Adams.

MT. ZION: Sister Ora Watson.

ST. CLAIR'S BOTTOM: Sisters Gladis Heath, Eulie McGlothin and Mae Fisher.

BURNING SPRING: Sisters Nora Rudd, Leona Wallen.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA: Elder Robert Mayhon.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Sisters Hulda Jones, Myrtle Baker, Gipsey Nance, Lillian Lawson, Pearl Sunford, Naona Carol and Sister Lana Sasher.

WILSON CHURCH OF N. C.: Brother Henry Smith, Sisters Jennie Smith, Rhoda Smith, Melissa Smith, Elder Millard Shelton.

STONY CREEK CHURCH OF N. C.: Sister Allie O'Neal, Elder Elbert Hunter and Wife.

THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Franklin, Ohio: Elder Eddie K. Garrett and Elder Millard Boggs. SUGAR GROVE CHURCH: Elder J. Hanry Hicks.

RECTOR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH of Rector, Ark.: Licentiate David Kenney.

PINE HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH of Wolf County, Kentucky: Elder Glenville Powell.

MEADOW FORK CHURCH of North Carolina: Brother Samuel Whittker.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

FRIDAY at the Stand: Elders 1. Millard Boggs, 2. Eddie K. Garrett, 3. David Kenney, 4. Robert Mayhon.

FRIDAY EVENING: Sulphur Spring Church — Elders 1. Vance Jones, 2. Robert Lawson, 3. Jimmie Lee Smith, 4. Elmer Brown, 5. John Jacobs, 6. Teddy R. Ball; Johns Creek Church — 1. Glen Coleman, 2. David Edwards, 3. Dave Coleman, 4. Lunday Coleman, 5. Harrison Smith.

SATURDAY at the stand: Elders 1. Vance Jones, 2. Lundy Coleman, 3. Eddie K. Garrett, 4. Millard Shelton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON at the Stand: Elders 1. Elbert

Hunter, 2. Eddie Lyle, 3. Robert Mayhon.

SATURDAY EVENING at Brother Sid Varney's Home: Elders 1. Paul Dean Justice, 2. J. C. Hager, 3. Robert Mayhon, 4. Teddy R. Ball.

SATURDAY EVENING at Big Creek Church: Elders 1. Paris Blackburn, 2. David Edwards, 3. Jim Whittington, 4. Lundy Coleman, 5. Robert Warrix.

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Abner L. Justice, Floyd Bostic, Leo Coleman, Arthur May, Virgil Smith, David Coleman, Walter Sullivan, Earnest Blair, John Stiltner, Lester Varney, Clyde Looney, Luther Vanhoose, Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, James Barton, Glen Coleman and Luther Smith.

Committee on finances was appointed as follows: Kenith Ball. Ishmell Fletcher and Lawrence Jackson.

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

Messengers who agreed to visit sister associations as

correspondence are as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia: Brethren Gary Thacker, John Jacobs, Elmer Brown, Lundy Coleman, James Barton, Harrison Smith and Teddy R. Ball.

Little Yadkin River: Brethren Noah Slone, J. H. Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Lundy Coleman, Robert Worrix, Teddy R. Ball.

Union: Brethren David Coleman, Noah Slone, Wheeler Thacker, and Jess Tucker.

St. Clair's Bottom: Brethren Elmer Brown, Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Robert Worrix, Glen Coleman, Paul D. Justice, J. C. Hager and Teddy R. Ball.

Burning Spring's: Brethren Harrison Smith, James Dotson,

Bobby Arrington, Tom Robinson and Teddy R. Ball.

Mt. Zion: Brethren Elmer Brown, J. H. Blackburn and Don Hatfield.

New Liberty: Elder Don Hatfield.

Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

# SATURDAY MORNING — September 1st, 1984

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

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following:

Committee met after dinner and was called to order by the Moderator. We recommend that the Annual Meeting be held with the Big Creek Church. We recommend that the Association in 1985 be held with the Peter Creek Church. We recommend that the Association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

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

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Big Creek Church. And to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1985.

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported the following: 1. J. C. Hager, 2. Elder Michael Smith, 3. Elder Robert Mayhon, 4. Elder Teddy R. Ball.

Finance committee reported \$1,791.00 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, 1985. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, Elmer Brown, Glen Coleman, Paul D. Justice, Kit Ratliff, David Coleman, Teddy R. Ball, Earnest Blair, J. R. Smith, Paul E. Keaton and Franklin Viers.

Old Pond — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1985. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Walter Sullivan, Elmer Brown, David Coleman, Michael Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield and Basil Hatfield.

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1985. Elders to attend: All ministers of the Primitive Baptist Church that are in faith and order are invited.

Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1985. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, Clifford Thacker, Joe Slone, Jeff Chapman, Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Kit Ratliff, Wheeler Thacker, David Coleman, Franklin Viers and all Mates Creek ministers are invited.

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1985. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Harrison Smith, Lawrence Jackson, Joe Slone, David Coleman, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, Avery Scott, Franklin Viers, Robert

Worrix, Glen Coleman, Eddie Harris and Paul D. Justice.

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1985. Elders to attend: Lawrence Jackson, Paul Dean Justice, Glen Coleman, Robert Worrix, J. H. Blackburn, Earnest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, Elmer Brown.

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1985. Elders to attend: John I. Smith, Eddie Harris, Jimmie Lee Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Raymond Stanley, Bobby Blackburn, David May, Virgil Smith, Michael Smith, Elmer Thacker.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1985. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, David Coleman, Paul D. Justice, Earnest Blair, Chester Belcher, Jeff Chapman, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown, Noah Slone, Joe Slone, Harrison Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Franklin Viers.

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1985. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Walter Sullivan, Eddie Harris, Paul Varney, Paris Blackburn, Jimmie Lee Smith, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Robert Worrix, Basil Hatfield, Earnest Blair.

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1985. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Lawrence Jackson, Harrison Smith, J. C. Hager, Paul Varney, Paul Dean Justice, Robert Worrix, Earnest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, Glen Coleman, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Ellis Owens.

John's Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1985. Elders to attend: Harrison Smith, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Jeff Chapman, Paul D. Justice, Elmer Thacker, Dave Coleman, Paul Varney, Jimmie Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Joe Slone, Earnest Blair.

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1985. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Slone, Elmer Brown, Junior Coleman, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Paul Dean Justice, Jimmie Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Jeff Chapman, Glen Vipperman, Michael Smith, J. C. Hager, Robert Worrix.

Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1985. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Earnest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith. We also invite Elders Ellis Owens, Ostill Smith and Franklin Viers.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1985. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Paul Varney, Paul Dean Justice, Robert Worrix, Walter Sullivan, Joe Slone, Larry Thornsbury, David May,

Jerry Brown, John Jacobs, Onis Smith.

Columbus — meets the fourth Saturday in April. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Wheeler Thacker, Glen Coleman, Jess Tucker, Paul Dean Justice, David Coleman, Noah Slone, Don Hatfield, J. C. Hager, Elmer Thacker, Johnny Jacobs, Clifford Thacker.

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1985. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, David May, Onis Smith, Earnest Blair, Ostil Smith, Elmer Thacker, Glen Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Larry Thornsburry, J. C. Hager.

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1985. Elders to attend: Harrison Smith, Ostil Smith, J. C. Hager. All other brothers and sisters are welcome.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Ronald Thornsburry prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2150 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Sisters Mae Daniels Goff, Lessie Marie May, Hettie Margaret Coleman Worrix, Daisy Smith, Annie Kendrick McQuire, Arminda Runyon Charles, Octava Coleman, Ruth Warrix Coleman, Nancy Coleman Scott, Florence Runyon Browning, Callie Lowe Hearld, Birchie Howell Hurley, Anna Ball Hatfield, Lidia May Spencer, Jenette Elswick Bevins, Ora Myrtle Justice, Thursie Justice Worrix.

Brethren Joseph Frederick Eggers, Basil Dedford Acord, Darell Dean Payne, Robert Lee Hurley, Frank Stump, William A. Coleman, Harrison Street, Dock Thacker, Fairchild Runyon, Blake and Flora Elizabeth Goff.

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	\$3,223.85
Amount received from the Churches	1,791.00
Donations at the stand and pictures	230.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$5,244.85

Cash Paid Out:	
Paid for minutes for 1983	\$1,375.85
Give the Moderator	50.00
Give the Asst. Moderator	
Give the Clerk	
Paid for Check Book	
Total Cash Paid Out	\$1,530.69
Balance cash left on hand	\$3,714.16

Agreed that our next association be held with the Peter Creek Church of Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1985. Elder Harrison Smith was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Wheeler Thacker to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Earnest Blair, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

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

# SUNDAY MORNING — September 2nd, 1984

Singing and Prayer by Elder J. C. Hager.

- 1. Elder Michael Smith, Text: Never Man Spake Like This Man.
- 2. Elder Robert Mayhon of the Mount Enon Primitive Baptist Association. Text: Revelation 22:16, I Jesus have sent mine Angel to testify unto these things in the Churches.
- 3. Elder Teddy R. Ball, no special text, but well blessed in the Spirit.

Dismissed by Elder Glenville Powell of Pinville Primitive Baptist Church.

We would like to thank Elder Earnest Blair and the members of the Little Union Church for the wonderful place they fixed for the Association, and for the way they cared for the visitors.

Church Sunday Evening at Big Creek Church. Elders to attend:

- 1. Walter Sullivan
- 2. Elmer Brown
- 3. Robert Mayhon
- 4. Michael Smith

#### CIRCULAR LETTER — 1984

Dearly Beloved in Christ Jesus our Lord. It is indeed an honor and privilege to write the circular letter for the Mates Creek Association. Though unworthy of the task, I appreciate Brother Coleman allowing me the opportunity to write about our Sovereign God. Since the last time the association convened I have spent countless moments in prayer and mediation about what I would say to the brethren in this letter. When we are about the Father's business, the work I feel should be done with a contrite spirit. As I write and seek the Lord's divine wisdom, I pray the following will not be a multitude of words, but an article that will be, in some small way, edifying to the church and laborers in the vineyard.

William Cowper once said in a song GOD MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM, (hymn #1 in the Goble). These words have pondered on my mind for a duration of time; and, as I keep meditating on them, the Sovereignty of our Lord and Master yields a richer fragrance each time. Two verses seemingly are appropriate to add to these words: FOR SO IT SEEMED GOOD IN HIS SIGHT and IT WAS THE FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE. This phrase of scripture carries with it a host of additional references that closely relate to the doctrine and teaching of the New Testament church and those who feel to be a part of the remnant according to the election of grace.

First of all, my brethren, I am thankful within my heart that God hath planted my footsteps among a people who are settled in their mind that Salvation commences with God, and not with man.

The popular idea that now prevails in the majority of pulpits is that man has a freewill and that salvation comes to the sinner through his will cooperating with the Holy Spirit. Yet the scriptures are plain in Rom. 9:16, It is not of him that willeth and Phil. 2:13, It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do. Who shall we believe, God or the failing creature. The word of God never contradicts itself; it further capstones the issue in Rom. 3:11 when the apostle stated that there was none that seeketh after God. And, it is not the surrendering of their wills nor the believing of their hearts that brought us in favor with God. If so, we should sing "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a good worker like me." But, the totally depraved sinner knows within his heart that salvation is an unmerited favor, something for which he had no claim upon God whatsoever.

Election, redemption, and calling are of the same persons. Those

whom God hath chosen in Christ and redeemed by Christ, are called because they have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be til I die. The truth is, election is an injustice to none, while it is an unspeakable blessing to many. It takes a multitude which no man can number, out of the fallen race of Adam, and raises them up to a Hope in Heaven. Zech. 10:8 — I will hiss for them and gather them for I have redeemed them. And, it is putting of the cart before the horse, to affirm that God elects because He foreknows people. Truth is he foreknows because he has elected. This removes the ground or cause of election from outside the boastful creature and places it in God's own Sovereign Will. Why? For so it seemed good in His sight.

There are in the religious world many theories of atonement. But there is no atonement but in the doctrine of substitution. He died in our room and stead. He did not die in vain, he died for the seed of Abraham, and shed His blood a ransom for many, my brethren. To say that Christ died for the entire human race would be believing that the damned in Hell were as much an object of His love as the redeemed in Heaven.

Brethren, we are bound to give thanks as the apostle so greatly informs us for His irresistible grace. The Holy Word states as many as were ordained to eternal life believed (past tense). We believe because we were ordained to eternal life. According to His declaration, all that the Father gave Him shall come (no ifs, ands, or buts.) unto Him. Ye believe not because ye are not of my sheep. Thus, believing on Him does not make us sheep, but is an evidence that we were so considered in the sight of God, and given into the Hands of the Great Shepherd. How sweet the sound, to hear that in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead and that we are complete in Him.

Brethren, there is a Man in Glory; And, by virtue of His blessed presence in glory, it just might be that you and I could be there, too. The law condemns us, but God sent His Son, Christ Jesus, to make His people complete in Him.

Predestination meaning to foreordain to an eternal lot is widely misunderstood by many. But, I love to lay down at night and embrace the sweet thought that someday, by God's free grace, I will be conformed to the image of His Son. To me, it is comforting, restful, and provides me with a blessed assurance. God did not elect any sinner because He foresaw that he would believe and possess faith,

for the simple reason that no sinner ever does believe until God works a divine operation in his heart. Just as no man sees until God gives him sight. Tell me, how can you have apples without first having the tree to bear the fruit.

Christ often is referred to as the Shepherd of Israel, chosen by the Father. The good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. The shepherds of Palestine, as well as those of England and Scotland in our day, have the sheep counted out to them in the Spring, and for the safety of these they become personally responsible. So that in the fall, when they are returned they are counted back and they are compelled to pay for all they lose. The loss of a part of the flock is an implication of unfaithfulness. Christ magnifies His office of Shepherd. He is faithful and true. He is omnipotent. No one is able to pluck the least lamb of the flock out of His Hands. His sheep are those His Father gave to Him in the Covenant of Redemption.

Thus in closing, let me say to the Old Baptists, don't be ashamed when someone refers to you as a hardshell. Stand up and give an account of the Hope that is within you. Webster defines the term — Hardshell — as one who is steadfast and unmovable. Truly, we should possess those traits and be ready to defend the cause and the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Even though we are small in number, my dear brother, remember that numbers alone do not represent truth. The Lord on many occasions admonishes us by saying, ye little flock.

Brethren, let us walk in peace and love. Our conflicts ceasing, and hope, joy, and love increasing. While we journey homeward, let's help each other in the road and try diligently to bear our brother's load. Think how much our Father forgives and far remove all that might offend or grieve. Let's each esteem our brethren better than we to be, and try not to be guilty of expecting higher standards for your brother or sister than what you can measure up to yourselves. I truly believe, that if we were found more often at our brother's feet, the manifold blessings would be overwhelming. By God's grace the sister churches may begin baptizing more each year than they are burying. Finally, in word, deed, and mind let us pray for sweet fellowship and communion among the saints of God.

By His Mercy,

Brother Steve Hunt Member - Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church

# MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

Louisa — Abner L. Justice, Ireland Adkins, Joseph Slone and Bradley Worrix, Jr.

Old Pond — Don Hatfield, Floyd Bostic, Leroy Smith and J. B.

Richardson.

Big Creek — Gary Thacker, Delmer Williamson, Luther Smith and David Cook.

Raccoon — Rufus Goff, Dave Newsom, Fred Pinson and Glen Coleman.

Peter Creek — Opa Hatfield, Leo Coleman, Earl Casey and Troy Casey.

Sulphur Springs — George W. Lester, Tommy Lester, Ronald

Moore and Luther Blackburn.

Little Hope — J. B. Ball, Kenith Ball, Bobby Blackburn and Virgil Smith.

Grape Vine — Don Justice, Miles Thacker, Chester Ray Varney and David Coleman, Jr.

Samaria — Dennis Dotson, Tom Robinson, Walter Sullivan and

Eddie Harris.

Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, John Stiltner, Edd Hunt and Elcanie Smith.

Calvary — Martin Thacker, Rush Chapman, Luther Chapman and Lester Varney.

Dry Fork — Carl Vandyke, Lundy Childress, Clyde Looney and Ishmael Fletcher.

Friendship — Luther Vanhoose, Martin Childers and Elmer Thacker.

Deerfield — Ray Anderson, Estle Hackney, Charles Blackburn and John Jacobs.

Pleasant Hill — Timmy Dotson, Junior Barton, Tennis Dotson and Avery Scott.

Little Union — Ricky Blair, James Oscar Blair, Douglas Blair and

Edward Blair.

Columbus — Lundy Coleman, Ruffard Howell, Paris Blackburn and Larry Stanley.

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J. R. Smith
Billy Cook
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Ostill Smith
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April 3rd Saturday

CHURCH	MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa	Robert B. Worrix	July 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Teddy R. Ball Don Hatfield	June 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	June 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	J. H. Blackburn	July 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring	J. H. Blackburn	August 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Teddy R. Ball Michael Smith	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope	Michael Smith	July 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Kit Ratliff David Coleman	July 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Teddy R. Ball Michael Smith	June 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek	Teddy R. Ball	July 2nd Saturday
Little Union	Teddy R. Ball	May 1st Saturday
Calvary	Kit Ratliff	June 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Teddy R. Ball Elmer Brown	May 2nd Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April 3rd Saturday
Friendship	Elmer Brown	August 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J. C. Hager	June 4th Saturday
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Little Hope — Virgil Smith,	
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Little Union — Margie Lest	er, Steel, Ky. 41566 150
Calvary - Rush Chapman,	
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Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Va. 24656	100
MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS	
Mt. Zion — Tommy Joe Pack, 402 Cedar Ave	
Hinton, W. Va. 25951	25
Union - Tommy Adams, Box 48, Eolia, Ky. 40826	25
Burning Springs — 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, Va. 24333	25
Moderator — Elder Teddy R. Ball, H.C. 76, Box 500	
McCarr, Ky. 41544	25
Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, H.C. 76, Box 515, McCarr, Ky. 41544 -	30
Total 2	150

# **OBITUARIES**

#### JOSEPH FREDERICK EGGERS

It is with loving memory and a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear father, Joseph F. Eggers. He was born August 6, 1934 and de-



parted this life April 8, 1984, making his stay here on earth 49 years, eight months and two days. He was born to Roy and Nola Eggers, who preceded him in death along with two sons, Billy Joe and Frederick Micheal Eggers. One surviving son, Jerry Lee Eggers; daughter-in-law, Carol Eggers; two grandchildren, Zachariah and Derek Micheal Eggers; sister, Mable Ann Eggers; brothers, Bud W. and James C. Eggers, all of Columbus, Ohio, and many family and friends.

He was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, for many years.

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

He loved the church and its many wonderful people. He loved to travel to communion meetings to share with friends and family alike. What we all have in common, loving and worshiping our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

The world may change from year to year,
And friends from day to day.
But never will the one we love
From memory pass away.
Do not ask us if we miss him,
There is such a vacant place,
We cannot forget his footsteps,
Nor his dear and loving face.
Broken is the family circle,
Our dear one has passed away,
Passed from earth and earthly darkness
Into bright and perfect day;
But we all must cease to languish
Over the grave of him we love,

Strive to be prepared to meet him
In the better world above.
Only the memory's left,
Of the happiness we knew,
But the love which kindled memory's torch
Will feed it our whole life through.
He had a smile, a pleasant way,
A helping hand to all he knew;
He was so kind, so generous and true,
On earth he did his very best,
Grant him sweet Jesus,

Heavenly Rest.

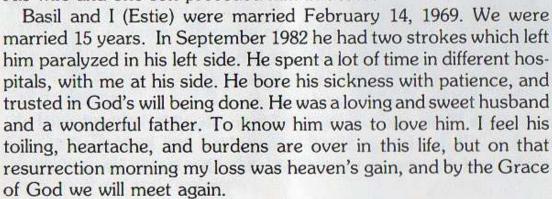
Written by his loving son, Jerry Lee Eggers

#### BASIL BEDFORD ACORD

With much sadness and an aching heart, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear sweet loving husband, Basil Bedford Acord, born June 10, 1922, at Beckley, West Virginia, and departed this life April 23, 1984, making his stay on earth 61 years, 10 months and 13 days, leaving to mourn his loss his wife, Estie Blackburn Acord; son, Dewey; two grandchildren, two brothers, five sisters, and a host of friends.

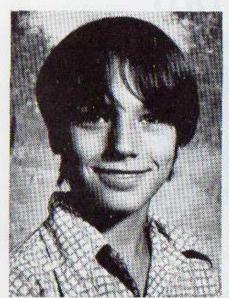
He was the son of John Jerdon and Emma Pack Acord. At an early age he

was married to Ada Massey and to this union were born two sons. His wife and one son preceded him in death.



Written by his loving wife, Estie Acord

#### DARRELL DEAN PAYNE



In loving memory I will try to write the obituary of my grandson, Darrell Dean Payne. He was born August 13, 1966, and died on July 6, 1982, making his stay here on earth 15 years, 10 months and 23 days. He was the son of Lee Payne and Louanna Hurley Payne, and the grandson of Minnie Hurley and the late Melvin Hurley. He was a student at Grundy Junior High School.

He leaves behind his parents; two sisters, Sherry and Barbara, and two brothers, Billy and Jerry; several aunts

and uncles and cousins, and many friends to mourn his loss. To love him was to know him. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his grandmother, Minnie Hurley

#### ROBERT LEE HURLEY

In loving memory I will try to write the obituary of my grandson, Robert Lee Hurley. He was born September 26, 1956, and died June 6, 1983, making his stay here on earth 26 years and eight months and 11 days. He was the son of Robert and the late Birchie Howell Hurley, and the grandson of Minnie Hurley and the late Melvin Hurley.

He leaves to mourn his loss his father, Robert Hurley, and three brothers: Steve and Michael and Jackie Hurley, all of Hurley, Va., and three sis-



ters, Rose Marie and Dorthy and Donna Sue Hurley, and one halfbrother, Chris Hurley, all of Hurley, Va., and several aunts and uncles and cousins, to mourn his loss. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

> Written by his grandmother, Minnie Hurley

#### FRANK STUMP

I will try by the help of the Lord to write the obituary of my dear dad, Frank Stump. He was born February 7, 1895, at Coleman, Ky. He deceased October 6, 1982. He was a son of the late Harrison Stump and Martha Jane Coleman Stump. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Ann Dotson Stump, August 22, 1943, and one son.

He made his stay here on earth 87½ years. He was survived by three sons and seven daughters: Glen Stump, Phelps, Ky.; Frank Stump, Jr., Detroit,



Mich.; Oscar Stump, Charleston, W. Va.; Pauline Smith, Virginia Ann Smith, Shelby Jean Campbell, Justine Hickman, all of Phelps, Ky.; Jeanette Densmore of Bessemer, Ala.; Racine Hassard of Grover, Calif.; Janice McLauglin, of Detroit, Mich.

He belonged to the Primitive Baptist Church. He was a good father and a good man. We all loved him.

He is asleep in Jesus now, waiting for that homecoming day. We all hope to meet him in Heaven some sweet day. The old home place is not the same since Dad and Mom are gone.

Sadly missed by all the children and friends.

Written by Pauline Stump Smith

#### WILLIAM A. COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear brother, William A. Coleman. Born June 6, 1928, passed from this earthly life July 20, 1984, at the age of 56 years, one month and 14 days.

William was the son of the late William Thomas and Darcus Thacker Coleman. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Bill leaves to mourn (our loss) his wife, Jean Smith Coleman; four sons, Ronnie, Donnie, Johnnie and William



A. Coleman, Jr.; two daughters, Billie Jean Jewell and Dinah Sue Monk; seven grandchildren, eleven brothers and eight sisters, and a host of friends.

In my visits and talks with Brother Bill, I was made to believe, even in his sickness and pain, that his last years on earth were his happiest. By the grace of God we'll meet brother Bill again.

Written by David Coleman, Jr.

#### HARRISON STREET

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of our precious brother, Harrison Street.

He was born January 3, 1904, and died March 31, 1984, making his stay here 80 years, 2 months and 28 days. He was married to Martha Jane Vandyke on December 1, 1926. To this union was born five children — four sons and one daughter: Roy Street



of Tazewell, Va.; Paul Street of Vansant, Va.; Claude Street of Richlands, Va.; Ralph Street of Vansant, Va., and Ida Mae Childress of Bluefield, Va.

He also leaves behind 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are one brother — Joe Street of Vansant, Va., and three sisters — Bertha Shortridge of Rowe, Va.; Linnie Looney of Bluefield, W. Va., and Gertrude Church of Rosedale, Va. He leaves a host of friends and relatives who loved him so dearly.

Brother Harrison came to the Mates Creek Association by letter the second Saturday in November, 1961. He was a charter member in organizing the Dry Fork Church. At the same date, he was ordained a deacon and served faithfully until his death.

Brother Harrison was afflicted in body for a long period of time but bore his grief and pain with patience, always abounding in peace and love. He always had a smile and a kind word, no matter where you met him.

He was a kind and loving father, husband, grandfather, neighbor

and friend. We feel our loss will be heaven's gain.

Written by request of the family by a brother in hope of eternal life, Elder Elmer Brown

#### **FAIRCHILD RUNYON**

It is with much sadness that I try to write this, the obituary of our dear father and husband, Fairchild Runyon. He was born at Belfry, Ky., in Pike County, on June 24, 1896. He was the son of Thomas and Louise Scott Runyon. He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for 36 years, serving as a deacon and clerk for many of those years.

He was married to Grathel Maynard Runyon for 67 years, who still survives. Next to his family, his church meant more than anything on this earth. He

attended faithfully, until he was unable to go. The Lord blessed him for 88 years and one month.

Surviving are his wife and two children: one daughter, Ruth Chapman of Lexington, Ky., and Harry Runyon, of Dallas, North Carolina. Preceding him in death were two sons, two daughters, two sisters, and four brothers. He has two surviving brothers, Wheeler Runyon, of Columbus, Ohio, and Willie Runyon, of Rawl, W. Va. He left 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry was in charge of all arrangements. The funeral service was held in their chapel with Basil Hatfield and Michael Smith officiating. Both messages were marvelous and comforting which helped the family during their grief. Dad would not have wanted it any other way. Burial followed in Mountain View Memory Gardens.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Now, he is resting and we will all see him again when the Lord comes to get his children. He is our loss, but Heaven's gain.

Grathel Maynard Runyon Ruth Chapman Harry Runyon

#### DOCK THACKER

Dock Thacker, 82, of Fishtrap, died at 2 a.m. Monday, July 30, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born in Pike County on April 13, 1902, a son of the late Nathaniel and Belle Slone Thacker.

He was employed by the C & O Railroad and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Thacker.

He is survived by six sons, Burbon Thacker, Cecil Thacker, Jimpy Thacker, Steve Thacker and Lunner Thac-



ker, all of Fishtrap; Dock Thacker, Jr., of Kimper; six daughters, Opal Harmon, Daisy Thacker, Zola Slone, Beatrice Thacker, and Ernestine Thacker, all of Fishtrap; Zettie Slone of Millard; one brother, Burbon Thacker of Millard; two sisters, Betty Harris and Price Slone, both of Fishtrap; 40 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 1, in the Primitive Baptist Church at Raccoon with Paul Dean Justice, Joe Slone, Robert Worrix and Paul Varney officiating, and burial following in the Thacker Cemetery at Fishtrap. Arrangements were under direction of Justice Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Written by his broken-hearted family

#### BLAKE AND FLORA ELIZABETH GOFF



It is with a very sad and lonely heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear father and mother.

Daddy was born April 14, 1916, and passed away from this life November 12, 1983, making his stay here on earth 67 years, six months and 29 days. He was a disabled and retired miner, the son of George and Mattie Johnson Goff who preceded him in death.

He leaves one brother, Wilson Goff of Raccoon, Ky., and two sisters, Mrs. Jettie Goff and Mrs. Lona Varney, both of Raccoon, Ky.

Mother was born May 6, 1918, and passed away from this life July 2, 1984, making her stay here on earth 66 years, one month and 26 days. She was the daughter of George and Sophia Thacker Daniels, who preceded her in death.

She leaves two brothers, Kelly Daniels of Pikeville, Ky., and Delano Daniels of Jacksonville, Florida; one sister, Mrs. Arlene Freeman of Indianapolis, Ind.

She united with the Regular Primitive Baptist April 19, 1972.

There is only seven months and 19 days between Dad and Mother's deaths.

Mother and Daddy united in marriage March 4, 1939. To this lovely union were born eight children — five boys: Elmer, Paul, Johnny, Vernon, all of Raccoon, Ky., and Carnes of Akron, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Coleen Bevins and Mrs. Brenda May, both of Raccoon, Ky.; Dolores who preceded them in infancy, and nine grandchildren.

They also leave a host of friends and relatives who share with us our great loss while here we live. We are ever so grateful of a father and mother such as we feel the God of Heaven and earth blessed us with.

We know not and have not within us expression to tell or even show to those that shared with us in our great loss of how thankful we are of them.

Though Daddy never united with a church, but the evidence was there enough to show how he loved the church and enjoyed it. He was much afflicted in the last few years.

Mother also enjoyed the church very much and attended at times when she could hardly go.

We know this that they believed in the grace of God. That there will be a time coming when God's people will raise from their sleep and evermore be with him in glory. They had brought us up in this

manner. May we ever thank God for it.

They had much suffering and afflictions, but God said his people is a poor and afflicted people. This now gives much comfort.

#### **PSALM 128**

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

By God's grace and great mercy we'll live again together.

Written with love from their children

## MAE (DANIELS) GOFF

In loving memories and with great loss and sadness I will try to write an obituary of my precious and loving mother, Mae Goff.

She was born June 7, 1914, and passed away March 15, 1984, making her stay on earth 69 years and nine months and eight days. She was the daughter of George W. Daniels and Shophia Thacker Daniels. They also preceded her in death.

She was married to Hubert Goff and to this union was born nine children — six daughters: Neva Jo Cartmell of



Dayton, Ohio; Phyllis Hamilton of Pikeville, Ky.; Justine Fuller of Farmington, New Mexico; Ival Price of Bellbrook, Ohio; Nell Ruth Brooks of Raccoon, Ky.; and Vivian Kay Goff of Pikeville, Ky., and three sons: Edward Kelly Goff of Warner Robins, Georgia; Kellous Goff of Hazel Park, Michigan, and Donna Ray Goff of Raccoon, Ky.

Mae also left 13 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, Rhonda Lynn Long, and one grandson, Clint Wayne Gordon, Jr. She also left many friends who will miss her very much.

Mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church where she was a faithful member until her death.

Mother was a very kind and gentle woman who always made you welcome in her home.

Mother is only sleeping in the arms of Jesus until he comes again to take his children home where we will be in his presence forever.

Written by her daughter, Vivian Kay Goff

#### LESSIE MARIE MAY

With a sad heart and loving memories, I'll try with the help of God to write the obituary of a grand lady, our dear sweet precious mother, Lessie Marie May, who departed this life July 30, 1984. Born March 21, 1915, at Auxier, Ky., she was the daughter of the late R. B. and Tellie (Sayers) Preston. She was of the Primitive Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buford May; three children, four sisters, two brothers, and one great-grandchildren.



She is survived by three daughters,
Mary Ellen Parsons of Fort Worth, Texas; Ruby Weddington of
Vinton, Ohio, and Lessie Marie Huff of Bledsoe, Ky.; three sons,
Buford Ray May of Red Jacket, W. Va.; Robert Lee May of Columbus, Ohio, and Jerome Herman May of Augusta, Ga.; one brother,
Espie Preston of Ragland, W. Va.; five sisters, Letha Varney, Lesta
Maynard, Naomi Colegrove, and Juanita Lapresti, all of Greenup,
Ky., and Etta Ruth Hall of Fort White, Fla.

She is just away — I cannot say, and I will not say that she is dead — she is just away! With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand she has wandered into an unknown land, and left us dreaming how very fair it needs much be, since she lingers there. So think of her faring on, as dear, in the love of there as the love of here; think of her still as the same, I say; she is not dead — she is just away! We love her and miss her.

Written by her son, Buford Ray May

## HETTIE MARGARET (COLEMAN) WORRIX

My heart is full of sadness, my eyes full of tears, as I attempt to write the obituary of our dear sweet mother, Hettie Margaret (Coleman) Worrix. She was the daughter of the late Polly and Grant Coleman. She was born March 19, 1914 and departed this life September 10, 1983, making her stay on earth 69 years, 5 months, and 22 days.

On December 19, 1929 she was united in marriage to John D. Worrix who preceded her in death. To this strong and loving union was born 15 children.



One daughter preceded her in death at birth. Left to mourn her death are seven daughters and seven sons, five sons-in-law, seven daughters-in-law, 46 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. Her children are as follows: Polly E. (Betty) Pierce, McArthur, Ohio; Lola M. Barney, Ray, Ohio; John D. Worrix Jr., Columbus, Ohio; William G. Worrix, Belmont, California; Harold E. Worrix, Baltimore, Ohio; Thursie M. Bates, Canal Winchester, Ohio; Lonnie B. Worrix, Lockbourne, Ohio; Bradley J. Worrix, Nelsonville, Ohio; Bobby G. Worrix, Columbus, Ohio; Mary E. Worrix, Columbus, Ohio; Arthur D. Worrix, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Laura A. Richardson, Columbus, Ohio; Leann Ewald, Galloway, Ohio; Loretta R. Foresta, Columbus, Ohio. She is also survived by four brothers, David Coleman, George Coleman, Henry Coleman, Lora Coleman, McArthur, Ohio; two sisters, Isabelle Thacker, McArthur, and Eveline Hall, Kentucky.

She was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist Church and during the last three years of suffering, she never stopped praying. She is at peace, sleeping in Jesus' arms. We know she is in Heaven singing with the angels.

Sadly missed by the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, many relatives, and a host of friends of Hattie M. Worrix.

Written by Daughter, Loretta R. Foresta

#### DAISY E. SMITH

It is with many good memories I will try and write the obituary of my precious mother, Daisy E. Smith.

Born February 26, 1900, and departed this life December 5, 1983, making her stay 83 years, 9 months and 9 days. She was blessed with a wonderful husband and father, Richard D. Smith, and twelve children, two which preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Peter Creek for many years and was a faithful member

and to each who knew her and those who didn't she bore the good fruits. She was a wonderful friend.

I believe with all my heart Mom is asleep in Jesus and some day on that great resurrection day we will meet again, and give Jesus all the praise and glory forever.

Sadly missed by husband and children.

Written by a thankful daughter Ruby Hatfield

She was different, she was special, unique in a thousand ways;

She was giving, she was loving, and we'll miss her all our days.

#### ANNIE KENDRICK McGUIRE

With great sadness, I will try to write my mother's obituary.

Annie Kendrick McGuire was born March 20, 1900, and died April
9th, 1954.

She was the daughter of Jeff Kendrick and Lottie Goff Kendrick. She was married to George McGuire in 1922. To this union was born (now living) 10 children. My mother joined the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church in June 1945 and was baptized July 1945 by Elder Ronnie Worrix and Elder Tommy Mounts. She dearly loved her church and people. She would take her small girls and walk across the mountain, from Chloe Creek where she lived, and come to the Raccoon Church. She loved to hear the Word of God. She taught

her children about God. I can still hear her beautiful voice singing "The Lights Are Hanging High in Heaven."

Her life here on earth was not an easy one, with hard work and sickness, but not once did I hear her complain. She knew when her life was over she had a better home awaiting her in Heaven. She always had nice things to say about people. They could see the love of God in her. People have always told me what a nice person she was.

My dear loved ones, if you have someone gone on, you can meet them in Heaven, if you repent and accept the Lord as your Savior.

John 3:16.

Sleep on, dear mother, we miss you and long to be with you. Her youngest son is a Primitive Baptist minister of Lexington, Ky. His name is Elder Charles McGuire.

The children of Anna and George McGuire are: Orville McGuire, Defiance, Ohio; Willie McGuire, Temple, Tex.; Harvey McGuire, Columbus, Ohio; Fonso McGuire, Statesville, N. C.; Sterling McGuire, High Point, N. C.; Charles McGuire, Nicklesville, Ky.; Pearlie Coleman, Defiance, Ohio; Bertha Smith, Country Club Hills, Ill.; Fern Petey, Defiance, Ohio; Monroe McGuire, Defiance, Ohio. Richard, Marie, Ora and Laura are deceased.

Written by her daughter, Pearlie Coleman

#### ARMINDA RUNYON CHARLES

With loving memories in my heart I will try to write this obituary of my dear mother, Arminda Runyon Charles.

She was born on December 29, 1893, making her 90 years old on the date of her death, April 16, 1984. She was married to Fred Runyon and to this union God blessed three sons and three daughters. She was a life-long resident of Huddy, Kentucky, for 88 years. Then, being so ill, she was taken to Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, Kentucky. When she could be



moved again I took her to Oberlin, Ohio, to the Welcome Nursing Home. There I had her to love and care for with the help of my children until her death.

She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for

several years and went often till taking her bed six years before her death. She loved her church and always spoke of its members and preachers.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, three sons, two daughters, seven brothers and four sisters. She leaves behind a daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Since you have left and gone on, my life and days aren't the same. God took you out of all your pain and great trouble to join his circle where life can be complete and pain free for you, dear Mother.

Written with my love, Daughter, Eloise Bowersock

#### NANCY COLEMAN SCOTT

With a sad heart, I try to write the obituary of my mother, Nancy Coleman Scott. She was born on February 14, 1906, in Pike County, and the daughter of the late Lewis and Mary May Coleman. She departed this life on September 8, 1982.

Nancy was married to the late Bradley Scott. To this union was born six children: Sterl Scott of Williamson, West Virginia; Betty Jo Justice of Ransom, Kentucky; Bobbie Jean Smith of Winnabow, North Carolina; Dave



Scott of Cincinnati, Ohio; John Scott of Fairfield, Ohio, and Burland Scott preceded her in death. Also left to mourn her death, a brother, Daniel Coleman of Floral City, Florida, and two sisters, Edna Scott of Floral City, Florida, and Gladys Griffey of Warren, Michigan.

Nancy also left 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews and many friends who loved her dearly. She always had a smile and a hug for us, and made people feel welcome.

She was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, where she loved to go and worship and sing praises to the Lord.

She was placed to rest beside her husband in the Hunt Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky, until our Lord comes.

A place is vacant that no one can fill, but I am left with many sweet memories to rejoice. I feel my loss is heaven's gain and I will see Mom again some sweet day.

Written by her daughter. Bobbie Jean Smith

#### OCTAVA COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear sister, Octava J. Coleman. She was born January 19, 1924, and departed this life September 15th, 1983, making her stay here on earth 59 years, seven months and 26 days.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was the wife of Alvin Coleman. She has three children living to mourn her loss. They are Martha Sue Chapman, Frona Lee Justice and Alvin Coleman, Jr. She has four brothers liv-



ing: Fred A. Justice, Hayes Justice, Abner Nathaniel Justice and Anderson Justice, Jr., and many friends to mourn her loss. She is missed by all who knew her. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her brother, Hayes Justice

#### **CALLIE LOWE HERALD**

Callie Lowe Herald was born April 14, 1907, and departed this life March 31, 1983. Daughter of Lark and Maggie Lowe. Wife of Andrew Herald who preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing three children: Lafayette, Larry, and Peggy, a host of grandchildren, brothers, sisters and friends. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, baptized by Elders Dan Atkins and Teddy Ball.

"She is in a land of pure delight, somewhere beyond the blue, a Home that



can never be duplicated by man, — for God was the architect —

designed and built by His hand. A place of many mansions, she has a permanent lease with God always watching over her — in a land of joy and peace.

Mrs. Peggy Thompson

#### **BIRCHIE HOWELL HURLEY**

With a sad heart and in loving memory I will try to write the obituary of my daughter-in-law, Birchie Howell Hurley. She was born March 15, 1932, and died November 16, 1976, making her stay here on earth 44 years, eight months and one day. She was preceded in death by her parents and two children.

She was married to Robert Hurley and to this union was born nine children. Two preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Robert Hurley, and three daughters, Rose



Marie and Dorthy and Donna Sue, all of Hurley, Va., and four sons: Robert Lee and Steve and Michael and Jackie Hurley, all of Hurley, Va., all of whom she loved. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

> Written by her mother-in-law, Minnie Hurley

#### ANNA BALL HATFIELD

Anna Ball Hatfield, 90, of Ransom, Ky., died Friday at her home of a sudden illness.

Born November 27, 1892, in Pike County, she was a daughter of the late James Harvey and Nancy Jane Hatfield Ball. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Willie P. Hatfield, three sons, two brothers and three sisters.

She was an active homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jack Hatfield of Lawrenceburg; four daughters, Hazel Scott and Gardner

Waller, both of Ransom; Grace Dillon of West Hamlin, W. Va., and Ruth Samland of Jansen, Neb.

Additional survivors include three sisters, Georgia Whitt of Pinsonfork; Grace Atkins of Roanoke, Va., and Hattie Nichols, address unknown; 26 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Written by The Family

#### **ORA MYRTLE JUSTICE**

It is with much sadness, but trusting in God for guidance as we write the obituary of Mom, sleeping peaceably in the grave waiting for God to call her name. We feel her suffering is over. Mom has left us wonderful memories and thankful hearts to have a mom so gentle and kind.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Grapevine for many years. She was born in Pike County March 28, 1908, to the late Isaac and Rebecca Justice.



She departed this life December 31, 1983, making her stay on earth 75 years, nine months and three days. Mom was married to Faris Justice on October 13, 1927. To this union was born eleven children. Two preceded her in death: Janice and Charles, both infants; four sons: Phillip Justice of Miller's Creek Road; Bobby Lee Justice of Lower Johns Creek; John E. Justice of Fort Pierce, Florida, and Elster Justice of Cow Pen Road; five daughters: Audrey Adkins of Cow Pen Road; Ernestine Johnson of Abingdon, Va.; Anna Gay Damron of Little Creek; Marion Smith of Paintsville, Ky., and Linda Charles of Cow Pen Road.

Mom's old Bible will be our guide here on earth. Her God can be our God, if we will trust in Him.

Sleep on, Mom, no more worrying about your children, no more suffering and pain. You have paid your debt. A crown is waiting for you. Mom's new home can be our new home. Be faithful, little children, until the end. We will meet again.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Joyce Justice

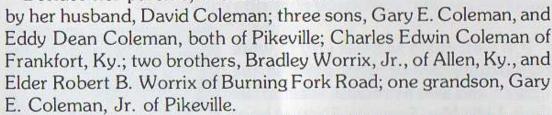
#### **RUTH WORRIX COLEMAN**

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.

Ruth Worrix Coleman, 57, of Mullins Addition, Pikeville, died at 11:35 A.M. Saturday, October 1, 1983, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was born at Fishtrap on October 9, 1925, the daughter of William Bradley and Oney Thacker Worrix of Burning Fork Road, Pikeville, Ky.

Besides her parents, she is survived



Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, October 4, 1983, at the Justice Funeral Home Chapel with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Annie E. Young Cemetery at East Shelbiana.

Ruth was a true believer in Jesus Christ, the son of God, and certainly "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Written by Elder Robert B. Worrix





Our mother, Mrs. Florence Runyon Browning, was born April 7, 1894, in Pike County, Ky., and was called away August 6, 1984.

She was the daughter of Moses and Eliza Emma Bevins Runyon (deceased).

She was married to Richard A. Browning. They had eight children who they loved very much and were loved by all of them. Mrs. Louise E. Pinson, Charlie Browning (deceased), Anna Bell Browning (deceased), Bertha Cochran (deceased), Olive Parrigan,

Richard Junior Browning, and James P. Browning. She had nineteen grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Our mother was united with the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church April 10, 1949, and was baptized by Elder Teddy Ball and Elder Dan Adkins. She loved her church and brothers and sisters. She was loved by everyone.

She was a true loving mother to all of us children. We will never forget her.

We believe our loss is heaven's gain and we will meet Mom some sweet day.

Her Children

#### LIDIA MAY SPENCER

#### REST IN PEACE

It is with much sadness I try to write an obituary of our dear sister in the church and also a precious sister in the flesh, Lidia May Spencer. She was born September 12, 1911, and departed this life November 30, 1983, making her stay on earth 72 years, two months and 17 days. She was the daughter of the late James Bazel and Daisy Dotson May.

She was married to Elmer Spencer May 20, 1938, and to this union was born two children, Elsie Mounts and Alpha Jackson, both of Hurley, Va. In



addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Spencer, and one grand-daughter, Diann Jackson, and three brothers, Theodor May, and Joeie May, and Jessie May, and two sisters, Margie Allen May and Sherry Elizabeth May. Survivors are two daughters, Elsie Mounts and Alpha Jackson, both of Hurley, Va., and 11 grandchildren, and one grand daughter-in-law, Louise Justus Jackson, and two great-grandchildren; and three brothers: Elder Arthur May and Elder Herbert May, both of Hurley, Va., and Howard May of Ransom, Ky., and four sisters: Lucy Justus, Bertha May, Virgie Young, and Minnie Hurley, all of Hurley, Va., and a host of friends and neighbors, to mourn her loss.

She was bedfast for the past 14 or 15 years but she bore her sickness with patience. She was singing that song she loved so

much, "The Orphaned Girl," just about five or six hours before she passed away. I feel like when she was singing that old song she sang it in the spirit. I believe she was viewing Heaven's Golden Shore while she was singing it.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church the first Saturday in December, 1946. She always filled her seat as long as she was able to go. We miss her so very much. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain. She believed in the Grace of God. That was her hope of living again.

Psalms 116:7 and 8: Return unto thy rest: O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death; mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted. We believe this was her hope because of the life she tried to live.

Though she is gone from this life but surely not forgotten. Sister lies sleeping in the May Family Cemetery beside Mama and Daddy, asleep in Jesus, a blessed sleep from which none ever awakes to weep. Oh, what a beautiful consolation to her children who have lost a wonderful mother. Our sorrow is because we can no longer see her smiling face nor hear her sweet voice here below. But we grieve not as those without hope. Sister is at rest now, so be of good cheer. She has just gone home. We desire to bow in humble submission to our God's sovereign will.

By His hand the boon was given. He hath taken but His own. Our loss is Heaven's gain. May God bless and comfort her lonely family is my prayer. I am living in hope of seeing my mother and daddy along with all of my sisters and brothers and all the family of God some sweet day by the grace of God. When He calls our sleeping dust from the rock-bound tomes and takes us home to the Lord without the loss of one is my prayer. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

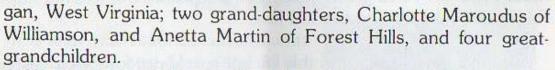
Funeral service was conducted at the Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church House with Elder Johnny H. Blackburn and Elder Teddy R. Ball and Elder Arthur May and Elder Elmer Brown officiating.

#### GENETTE ELSWICK BEVINS

Genette Elswick Bevins, age 88, of Forest Hills, Kentucky, died Tuesday at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital after a lingering illness. She was married to the late Press T. Bevins.

Born February 23, 1896, in Pike County she was a daughter of the late Lewis and Polly Statton Elswick. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Charlene) Pauley of Forest Hills; one sister, Birdie Cisco of Lo-



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

Written by The Family



With aching heart and tear-dimmed eyes, I'll try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Thursie Justice Worrix, who departed this life February 23, 1984.

She was the daughter of Jeff and Lottie Chaney Justice of Fishtrap, Kentucky. She was born on June 1, 1906, making her stay on earth 77 years, eight months and 23 days.

She was married to Lonnie B. Worrix January 18, 1928, and preceded her in death in 1977. She was preceded in



death by three children also: one son, Lonzo Clinton Worrix, and two daughters, Lacy Zinnie Worrix and Lottie Elizabeth Worrix. She leaves one daughter to mourn her passing: Cesterine M. Blackburn of Shelbiana, Kentucky. She is also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mother united with the Primitive Baptist Church on July 12, 1981,

and was baptized August 9, 1981, by Robert B. Worrix and Joe Slone, Jr. Mom was a faithful member and attended church every time she was able to go.

I feel that when the death angel came Mother fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. The look in her eyes told me of that love and she was ready to go.

Her sweet face and loving smile will always be remembered and her presence missed by myself, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and sisters as time goes on. The only thing I can say now is, "Sleep on, Mother, for a little while, and by the grace of God I hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain, nor death can enter there."

Sleep on, Mother. While taking your restful and peaceful sleep your memory and your love will always remain a part of us. I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

> Written by and sadly missed by her daughter, Cesterine Marie Blackburn

#### 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.
- 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.
- 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 Christin God.

 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 atonemen made by Christ was full and complete

and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

 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 right eous 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 disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

# **RULES OF DECORUM**

The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

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

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 appelation but the title of "Brother."
- 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.
- 11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.
- 12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.
- 13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

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