

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

*held with*  
**Little Hope**  
**Primitive Baptist Church**  
PINSONFORK, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
**September 5, 6, and 7th**  
**1986**

Next Session convenes with Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church located at Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1987.

**Directions:** From Williamson, W. Va., take Route 119 South to Zebulon, Ky., turn left on Route 1441 to the Association. From Pikeville, Ky., take Route 119 North to Zebulon, turn right on Route 1441 to the Association.

**OFFICERS**

MODERATOR - Teddy R. Ball, H.C., 76, Box 500, McCarr, Ky. 41544  
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ASST. MODERATOR - J. H. Blackburn, Newtown, W. Va. 25692



# Proceedings

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

FRIDAY MORNING — September 5th, 1986

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Teddy R. Ball.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Elmer Thacker. Text: Isaiah 45:5, *I am the Lord and there is none other*. Called for the letters from all churches. The letter was read from the Little Hope 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 Randal Thornsby ----- 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 Ostill Smith, David Edwards, Roger Rose, Bobby Arrington and Deacon Johnny Viers

*Little Yadkin River* — Elder Vance Jones

*Union* — Elder Trillis Adams, Deacon Tommy Adams, Brother Bobby Adams

*Mt. Zion* — Elder Orville Neeley

*Burning Spring* — Minutes and Letter by Brother Edgar Rudd, Loren Hensley, Crocket Howard and Frank Gullett

*St. Clairs Bottom* — Elder Eddie Lyle

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

*Sand Lick of Virginia* — Elder Gearl Yates; Brethren Fayne Viers, Darell Mullins, Shelby Anderson, Elder Franklin Viers, Brethren Joe Edwards, Chad Barton, Clyde Rasnic; Sisters Pearl Rasnic, Jean Edwards, Julie Woods, Nora Owens and Ata Childers

*Burning Spring* — Brethren Ray Kelly, Mut Mullins, Louie Howard and Wife and Sister Rissie Webb



*Little Yadkin River* — Sisters Hulda Jones, Nannie Jones, Lillian Lawson, Gertrude Hill, Lonna Sasher, Brother Bernard Sasher  
*Union* — Sisters Gene Adams, Ruby Adams and Phylis Eldridge  
*St. Clairs Bottom* — Brother Ed Presnell  
*Mt. Zion* — Brother Tommy Pack  
*Pilgrim Rest of North Carolina* — Licentiate Henry Hicks and Sister Nettie Presnell

*Pilgrim Rest Church of West Virginia* — Elder Ed Murphy

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

*Friday Afternoon at the Church House:* To Open - Roger Rose. 1. Gearl Yates, 2. Bobby Arrington, 3. Vance Jones

*Friday Evening at Raccoon Church:* Elders Edd Murphy, Rufford Howell, Ostill Smith and Lundy Coleman

*Friday Evening at Peter Creek Church:* Elders David May, Tennis Dotson, Woodruff Dulen, J. C. Hager and Teddy R. Ball

*Saturday Morning at the Stand:* Elders Earnest Blair, Woodruff Dulen, Edd Murphy and Elmer Brown

*Saturday Afternoon at Stand:* Elders David Edwards, Vance Jones, Eddie Lyle and Michael Smith

*Saturday Night at Big Creek Church:* Elders Ostill Smith, David Edwards, Franklin Viers and Teddy R. Ball

*Saturday Night at Little Union Church:* Elders Paris Blackburn, Rufford Howell, J. C. Hager and Lundy Coleman

*Saturday Night at Calvary Church:* Elders Noah Slone, Lawrence Jackson, Don Hatfield, Elmer Brown and David Coleman, Jr.

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows:  
Brethren Raymond Slone, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Paul Dean Justice, Leo Coleman, Tommy Lester, Michael Smith, John Justice, Dennis Dotson, Earnest Blair, Edd Hunt, Harold Chapman, Elmer Brown, Luther Vanhoose, Lundy Coleman, J. C. Hager and Woodrow Dulen.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Paris Blackburn, Eddie Harris and Harold Blackburn.

Call for correspondents to Sister Associations to report. Received their report, excused those unable to attend.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations as correspondence are as follows:

SAND LICK — Elders Michael Smith and Teddy R. Ball; Brethren



Kermit Barton, Gary Thacker, Tom Robinson.

UNION — Elders Noah Slone and Larry Thornburry; Brethren Joseph Slone and John Smith.

ST. CLAIRS BOTTOM — Elders J. C. Hager, Noah Slone, Lawrence Jackson, Arthur May, Elmer Thacker and Teddy R. Ball; Brethren Elmer Goff, Tommy Lester and Paul Smith.

BURNING SPRING — Elders Tennis Dotson, Rufford Howell, Paris Blackburn; Brethren James Stacy and Tom Robinson.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER — Elders Larry Thornburry, Noah Slone, Elmer Thacker, John Jacobs, David May, Jimmie Lee Smith and Teddy R. Ball; Brethren Gary Thacker, David A. Thacker, and David Jacobs and Elders Rufford Howell and Brother Joe Slone.

MT. ZION — Elders Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker and Larry Thornburry.

NEW LIBERTY — Elders Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsbery and Michael Elswick.

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

#### SATURDAY MORNING — September 6th, 1986

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

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following:

Committee met in the home of Elder Virgil Smith and was called to order by the Moderator.

#1: We recommend that the Association be held with the Raccoon Church in 1987.

#2: We recommend that the Annual Meeting be held with the Big Creek Church, and to begin at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Friday before the last Saturday in March 1987.

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

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

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Big Creek Church, and to begin at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Friday before the last Saturday in March 1987.

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported the following: Elders Ostill Smith, Crochet Howard, Orville Neely, Michael Smith and Teddy R. Ball.

Finance Committee reported \$1,487.00 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 1987. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, Franklin Viers, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Paul Dean Justice, Glen Coleman, Earnest Blair, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney.

*Old Pond* — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June 1987. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Everett Brizindine, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsbury, Mike Elswick and Lundy Coleman.

*Big Creek* — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1987. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, Johnny Jacobs, Lundy Coleman, Ostil Smith, Rufford Howell, Basil Hatfield, Joe Slone, Kit Ratliff, Paul Varney, Don Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, Glen Coleman, Paul Dean Justice, and all orderly Primitive Baptist.

*Raccoon* — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July 1987. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, Robert Worrix, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Joe Slone, Jerry Brown, David Coleman, David Allen Thacker, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul Varney and Jeff Chapman.

*Peter Creek* — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1987. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Robert Worrix, Earnest Blair, Glen Coleman, Don Hatfield, Everett Brizendine, Paul Dean Justice, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Joe Slone and Jimmie Lee Smith.

*Sulphur Spring* — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August 1987. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, Everett Brizendine, Lawrence Jackson, Robert Worrix, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Earnest Blair, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Vance Jones.

*Little Hope* — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July 1987. Elders to attend: We cordially invite all Elders of the Mates Creek Association.

*Grapevine* — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July 1987. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Kit Ratliff, Chester Belcher, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jeff Chapman, Joe Slone, J. H. Blackburn, Earnest Blair, Elmer Brown, Harrison Smith, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Lawrence Jackson.

*Samaria* — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June 1987. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Paul Dean Justice, J. H. Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, Earnest Blair, Kit Ratliff, Jimmie Lee Smith, Don Hatfield.

*Little Union* — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May 1987. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Paris Blackburn,



Robert Worrix, Jimmie Lee Smith, Jerry Brown, J. C. Hager, David Jacobs, Vance Jones, Glen Coleman, Paul Varney, Rufus Howell, Paul D. Justice, Randal Thornsberry, Terry Thacker, Elmer Brown.

*John's Creek* — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July 1987. Elders to attend: Harrison Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Paul Varney, Jimmie Lee Smith, Michael Smith, Glen Coleman, Earnest Blair, J.H. Blackburn, Jeff Chapman, Paul D. Justice, Don Hatfield, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, David May and Joe Slone.

*Calvary* — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June 1987. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Jeff Chapman, Glen Vipperman, Chester Belcher, Joe Slone, Noah Slone, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Thacker, Michael Elswick, Paul D. Justice and Robert Worrix.

*Dry Fork* — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May 1987. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Ostil Smith, Earnest Blair, Franklin Viers, Jimmie Lee Smith, Don Stacy and all other Elders welcome.

*Friendship* — meets the fourth Saturday in August 1987. Elders to attend: Michael Elswick, Basil Hatfield, Lundy Coleman, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Jimmie Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, R. T. Thacker, Don Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone and Walter Sullivan.

*Columbus* — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1987. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, Clifford Thacker, David Thacker, Jess Tucker, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, Elmer Thacker, John Jacobs, J. C. Hager, Paul Varney, Michael Smith, Michael Elswick, Elmer Brown, Glen Coleman, Ostil Smith. We invite Elders from the Little Yadkin River Association.

*Deerfield* — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1987. Elders to attend: Ivel Farmer, Estill Owens, Ostill Smith, David May, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsberry, Larry Thornsberry, David Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Earnest Blair and Monroe Cantrell.

*Pleasant Hill* — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April 1987. Elders to attend: We invite all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Elder Earnest Blair 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 — Luna Ball, Anna May, Goldie Webb, Dora Thacker,



Pricy McCoy, Goldie Bevins, Oney Thacker Worrix, Lydia "Sister" Smith, Womena Dotson, Belvadora Smith, Frona Hackney White, Betty V. Slone, Zetta Belle May, Josie Collins Pinson, Verna Chapman Coleman, Edna Mutter, Jennie Varney, Dorthy Cochran Blackburn, Flossie W. Coleman, Dora Thacker, Ada Hurley.

BRETHREN — Hubert Goff, Daniel Coleman, Bob Scott, Jonah Hatfield, Elsie Coleman, Roy Dotson, Don Smith and Teddy Edwin Smith, Paris Ramey, John M. Bentley, John I. Smith, Fernnie Stanley, Flem Justice, Ireland Coleman, Junis E. Thacker, Fred Robert Pinson, Nathaniel C. Runyon, Preston Thacker, Jessie Justice, Raymond Goff, Allen Coleman, Daniel Roberts, J. B. Richardson, Pembroke St. Clair, David 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 were disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year .	\$3,971.00
Amount received from the Churches	1,487.00
Donations and pictures .....	345.00
Total Cash on hand .....	\$5,803.00

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for Minutes for 1985 .....	\$1,448.08
Give the Moderator .....	50.00
Give the Assistant Moderator .....	50.00
Give the Clerk .....	50.00
Give the Assistant Clerk .....	50.00

Total Cash Paid Out .....	\$1,648.08
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Balance Cash left on hand	\$4,154.92
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Agreed that our next association be held with the Raccoon Church of Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1987. Elder Paris Blackburn was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Lundy Coleman 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: Teddy R. Ball, Moderator  
J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator  
Stearl Hatfield, Clerk  
Randal Thornsby, Asst. Clerk



SUNDAY MORNING — September 7th, 1986

Singing and Prayer by Elder Ostil Smith.

1. Elder Crockett Howard — Text: "Salvation by the Grace of God."

2. Elder Orville Neely — Text: *Redeemed by the Blood of Christ.*

3. Elder Michael Smith — Text: *Resurrection.*

4. Elder Teddy R. Ball — Text: *Salvation in none other than the Lord.*

This closed out the One Hundred Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of our Association.

We want to thank all our Correspondents and Visitors for attending.

We want to thank the Pike County School Board for the use of the school building.

We want to thank the members of Little Hope Church for their kindness and services. They did a real good job.

Most of all, we want to thank the Lord for making all this possible.

The Clerk

### CIRCULAR LETTER

I will try to write the circular letter for the 134th Annual Session of the Mates Creek Association. I hope this finds us all in peace and love and in one accord.

The subject that has been in my mind is "Who is the Judge or Who has Judgment over the Lord's People?" I feel the Lord has directed my mind on this subject, because we hear so many people trying to determine, Who is the Lord's Children? I feel that man has no judgment over the eternal resting place of the people.

Jesus said in the Book of St. Matthew 7:1-5, Judge not that ye be not judged.

For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

My brethren, we have no right to judge. There is but one righteous judge. In Isaiah 64:6 it says: But we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.

In St. John 7:24 it says: Judge not according to the appearance, but judge "righteous judgment."



Romans 3:10 says: There is none righteous, no, not one. So that leaves us out of the judging in this world, or that eternal world.

Back in the Old Testament, it also tells us very plainly, who is the judge or gives judgment.

1 Deut. 1:17: Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

In Proverbs 29:26 it says: Many seek the Ruler's favor but every man's judgment cometh from the Lord.

St. John 5:22&23 says: For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son. That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

I think often of the verse in Romans 14:10: But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

We find in the Book of Acts 10:15&28: Verse 15 says, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common; Verse 28 says God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. I believe that if Peter didn't have the right, neither do we.

In Rev. 5:9 it says, For thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Brethren, this is just a small portion of this subject. I hope it is enough to show us who is the righteous judge. May God bless you all, is my prayer.

Hopefully your Brother in Christ,  
Elder Jimmy Lee Smith

### **MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES**

LOUISA — Raymond Slone, Jesse Tucker, Elmer Goff and John Smith.

OLD POND — Mike Scott, Floyd Bostic, Leroy Smith and Bryant Deskins.

BIG CREEK — David A. Thacker, Mike Elswick, Gary Thacker and David Cook.

RACCOON — Paul D. Justice, Richard Tucker, Clifton Preece and Chalmer Bentley.

PETER CREEK — Leo Coleman, Stearl Smith, Doris Kinder and



Harrison Smith.

SULPHUR SPRING — Tommy Lester, Paul Smith, Arthur Stiltner and Arthur May.

LITTLE HOPE — Luther Ball, Walter May, Wade Smith and Kenneth Ball.

GRAPEVINE — David Coleman, Jr., Chester Ray Varney, Don Justice and William K. Bevins.

SAMARIA — Michael Smith, Walter Sullivan, Dennis Dotson and Tom Robinson.

LITTLE UNION — Earnest Blair, Douglas Lester, Rickey Blair and James Oscar Blair.

JOHNS CREEK — John Stiltner, Edd Hunt, Elcana Smith and Carl Coleman.

CALVARY — Rush Chapman, Lester Varney, Luther Chapman and Glen Vipperman.

DRY FORK — Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Howell Arms and Harold Cline.

FRIENDSHIP — Luther Vanhooose, Martin Childers and Troy Wheeler.

COLUMBUS — Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Lonnie Worrix, Jr., and Henry Zimmerman.

DEERFIELD — David Jacobs, Estle Hackney and Harold Blackburn.

PLEASANT HILL — Tennis Dotson, Kermit Barton, Timothy Dotson and Jim Stacy.

### VISITING ELDERS

David Edwards  
Vance Jones  
Bobby Arrington  
Orville Neely  
Franklin Viers  
Crockett Howard  
Trillis Adams

Ostil Smith  
Roger Rose  
Edd Murphy  
Eddie Lyle  
Gearld Yates  
Henry Hicks

### CHURCH

Louisa  
Old Pond

Big Creek  
Raccoon  
Sulphur Spring

### MODERATOR

Robert B. Worrix  
Teddy R. Ball  
Don Hatfield  
Elmer Thacker  
J. H. Blackburn  
J. H. Blackburn

### COMMUNION

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



<b>Church</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Communion</b>
Peter Creek	Teddy R. Ball Michael Smith	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope	Michael Smith	July 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Kit Ratliff	July 3rd Saturday
	David Coleman, Jr.	
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 4th Saturday
Friendship	Elmer Thacker David May	August 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J. C. Hager	June 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Woodruff Dulin	April 3rd Saturday

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## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

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Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Route 1, Box 35, Huddy, Ky. 41535	150
Big Creek — David Cook, Box 162, Canada, Ky. 41519 .....	175
Raccoon — Marie Coleman, Box 71, Ponsom Fork Road, Raccoon, Ky. 41557 .....	180
Peter Creek — Leo Coleman, Phelps, Ky. 41553 .....	135
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Virginia 24603	90
Little Hope — Virgil Smith, H.C. #64 Box 540, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555 .....	75
Grapevine — William K. Bevins, Phyllis, Ky. 41544 .....	90
Samaria — Eddie Harris, Box 370, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	125
Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 762, Kimper, Ky. 41539	90
Little Union — Margie Lester, Steel, Ky. 41566 .....	75
Calvary — Rush Chapman, H.C. 35 Box 230, Kimper, Ky. 41539 .....	100
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, 14250 Havens Corner Road, S.W. Pataskala, Ohio 43026 .....	120
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, Kentucky 41260 .....	75
Deerfield — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak Street, Fenton, Mich. 48430 .....	75
Pleasant Hill — Greg Moore, 8881 Canoe Dr., Gallaway, Ohio 43119 .....	70
Dry Fork — Clyde Looney, Route 2, Box 55, Oakwood, Va. 24631 .....	100



## MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

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Union — Trillis Adams, HC 67 Box 1709, Eolia, Ky. 40826 ---	25
Burning Spring — Jimmie Mann, Route 2, Salyersville, Ky. 41465	25
New Liberty — Finley Ratliff, Rt. 1, Box 111A, Union, W. Va. 24983 .....	25
Sand Lick — Johnny Viers, Haysi, Virginia 24256 .....	25
Little Yadkin River — W. H. Johnson, Rt. 4, Box 146, East Bend, N.C. 27018 .....	25
St. Clairs Bottom — Elder Eddie Lyle, West Jefferson, N.C. 28694	25
Mountain — Roy L. Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, Virginia 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, Kentucky 41544 .....	40
Total .....	2150

## OBITUARIES

### HUBERT GOFF

I will try by the help of the Lord to write the obituary of my dear father, Hubert Goff.

He was born May 2, 1912 and passed away March 23, 1986, making his stay on earth 73 years and ten months and twenty-one days. He was the son of Rudolph Goff and Hester Collins Goff who preceded him in death. He was a retired coal miner.

He was married to Mae Daneils Goff who also preceded him in death. To this union was born nine children, six daughters: Neva Jo Cartmell, of Dayton, Ohio; Phyllis Hamilton of Pikeville, Ky.; Justine Fuller of Framington, New Mexico; Ival Price, of Bellbrook, Ohio; Nell Ruth Goff of Raccoon, Ky.; and Vivian Goff also of Raccoon, Ky., and three sons: Edward Kelly Goff of Warner Robins, Michigan; Kellous Goff of





Hazel Park, Michigan, and Danna Ray Goff of Raccoon, Ky. Hubert left one brother to mourn his loss, his twin brother, Rufus Goff.

Hubert also left 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, Rhonda Lynn Long, and one grandson, Clint Wayne Gordon, Jr. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

He was a kind and loving father, husband, grandfather, neighbor and friend. Now, he is resting in the arms of Jesus. We will all see him again when the Lord comes to get his children. He is our loss, but Heaven's gain.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want, he maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Written by his daughter,  
Vivian Kay Goff, his daughter-in-law,  
Judy Goff, his son, Danna Ray Goff

### DANIEL COLEMAN

On April 6, 1986, it pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst, Daniel Coleman of Floral City, Florida, the son of the late Lewis and Mary May Coleman. Born October 5, 1912, he leaves behind one sister, Edna Coleman Scott of Floral City, Florida, and a host of nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were two brothers, Dave and Anthony, and four sisters, Lear Scott, Nancy Scott, Martha Scott, and Gladys Griffey.



With a strong faith in God, Dan was always a good friend to all who knew him. Through the years, he extended a helping hand to many people and was truly a man who believed it was more blessed to give than to receive. For his generosity, we're all grateful.

His request was to be taken to Rogers Funeral Home at Belfry, Kentucky and to be buried in the family cemetery at Calloway Fork of Peter Creek.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Our prayer is that one day we will all be together again singing and rejoicing around the throne of God.

Written with love by his nieces



## BOB SCOTT

*In memory of Bob Scott, 81, of Ransom, Ky.*

Bob Scott was born in Pike County December 26, 1903, the son of the late Wayne and Rosie Hensley Scott. He deceased this life December 10, 1985.

Survivors include his loving wife for over 62 years, Hazel Hatfield Scott, two sons, James Earl Scott of Belfry, Ky.; Burl R. Scott of Wheelersburg, Ohio; six daughters, Dorothy Lawson of Piqua, Ohio; Ada Jean DeHart of McCarr, Ky.; Bobbie Sue Zimmerman of Birmingham, Ala; Betty Cisco of Vienna, WV; Pasty Ruth May of Huddy, Ky.; Margaret Ann Dotson of Ransom, Ky.; also a foster daughter, Maggie Duty of McCarr, Ky.; four brothers, Charlie and Jonah Scott of Ransom, Ky.; Toney of Hardy, Ky., and Dewey Scott of Piqua, Ohio; two sisters, Jenny Sword of Pikeville, Ky., and Hazel Sword of Nampa, Idaho; 21 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Dolly Marie Scott.



He was a faithful member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Ransom, Ky., for many years and attended regularly far and near in the 'old Baptist family'. A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend — a gentle man whose kindness, sincerity and deep respect for his family and neighbors made our lives more complete.

He loved God and expressed it in his every day life. We the family mourn the loss and miss his presence and hope to meet him again in a land where sorrow and pain is unknown.

By one who loved him very much,  
Walter DeHart

## JONAH HATFIELD

It is with a great deal of sadness that we write this tribute to our beloved husband and daddy. Words can never express the love he had for his family and the love they had for him. We will always love him and miss him.

Jonah Hatfield was born in Pike County, Ky. on April 5, 1907 to the late Landon and Anna McCoy Hatfield. He deceased on December 12, 1985 following a long illness. His life here on earth was



78 years, 8 months and 7 days long.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mable McCoy Hatfield, and eight children: four sons, Everette, Dock, Don and Dorse Hatfield; and four daughters, Phylada Smith, Lilly Crawley, Nancy Dotson, and Patsy Salmons. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

He became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in December, 1981 and was baptized by Elders Teddy Ball and Michael Smith. He loved going to church those last years of his life and we take great comfort in knowing that he is now at peace with his Heavenly Father whom he trusted with his eternal salvation.

Sadly missed by Wife and Family

Written by his Wife and Children



Jonah Hatfield

### ELSIE COLEMAN



It is with a sad and broken heart that we try to write the obituary of our dear husband, father, brother, and friend, Elsie Coleman of Phelps, Ky. Dad was born April 5, 1922 at Big Rock, Va., making his stay on earth sixty-four (64) years - four (4) months and twenty-one (21) days. He was a son of the late Elder Leck and Betsy Ann Smith Coleman. He was a member and former deacon of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Elsie was preceded in death by one son, Roger Lee Coleman, on December 18, 1956.

On May 16, 1942 he was united in marriage to Tavie Wagner Coleman. This union was blessed with nine children, eight of which survive. In addition to his wife, Elsie leaves five sons to mourn their loss, Robert Lee Coleman, of Hellier, Ky.; Floyd Coleman, L. C. Coleman, and Raymond Clayton Coleman, all of Phelps, Ky., and Larry Joe Coleman of Martin, Ky.; three daughters, Mildred Ann Spears, of Radnor, Ohio; Patty Ann Coleman, and Tammy Coleman



Robinett, both of Phelps, Ky.; a brother, Taylor Coleman; a sister, Kelsie Brown, both of Beconton, Ga., also survive. Twelve grandchildren, numerous loved ones and friends remain to mourn his passing.

Elsie will be remembered by his family and friends for his brotherly greeting, as he would wave to both friends and strangers wishing for them a nice day. Daddy always enjoyed joking, teasing, and pranking with his friends, and the special times of laughter he often initiated with his family.

With the shock, and feeling of loss words seemed to fail us, but the words of his grand-daughter, Chrystal, which she shared with us at the funeral in the form of a letter to "Paw-Paw" seemed to comfort and reassure as perhaps no others could.

*"Dear Paw-Paw,*

*We can't explain the pain and sorrow you have went through, but we all know how much you love us. We love you just as much as you loved us. You can't believe the pain and sorrow we are going through, but we all know you will make it to heaven. We are sad because you are gone, but we are happy because the pain is released from you. We all loved you, and still do more than ever. I have many other things to say but I believe you think this is enough.*

*Love your family,*

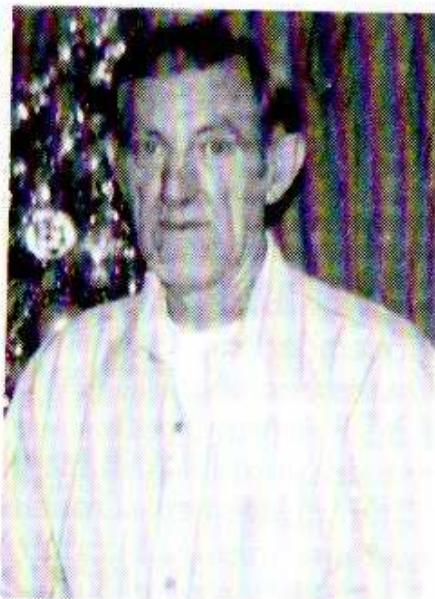
*Written by Crystal age 10"*

Sadly and lovingly missed by his family and friends. We all feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by Tavie and Children

## ROY DOTSON

With much sadness and broken hearts, we will try and write the obituary of our wonderful husband and father, Roy Dotson, who passed away May 16, 1986, making his stay with us 62 years, 10 months, 16 days. He was born June 27, 1923. He was the son of the late Paris and Mary Dotson of Phelps, Ky. He was married to Lizzie Coleman Dotson of Phelps. He was blessed with eleven children, Phyllis Coleman, Linda Coleman, Timmy Dotson, Sherry Dotson and Tony Ward of Ransom, Ky.; Brenda Coleman, Clinton Dotson,





Bryan Dotson, Gary Dotson, Michael Dotson and Clintina Faith Dotson of Phelps, Ky. Roy supported his wife and family working 26 years in the coal mines at Kentland Elkhorn Coal Co.

We have to say we were blessed with one of the greatest dads in the world. To Mom he was very special. We miss him ever so much. There's no words that can describe the way we feel.

Faith, trust, obedience, honor, respect, dedication, kind, gentle and above all "Love," are a few words that describe his character. We are most honored and proud to say that he played a big part in our lives. We have so many loving memories of him that we will never forget. He left us with warm loving thoughts.

After one year of illness, God decided to take him away from us. Daddy is asleep and resting now. He is no longer suffering. We lost a very special person. But, God had a reason for taking him. He is now one of God's angels is our hope.

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*Daddy, you're no longer with us,  
Instead you're with the Lord, we trust,  
We miss you, Daddy, we can't explain  
We still have so much pain;  
We will always remember you  
We will always love you too.  
You're with Jesus and his angels now  
We'll miss you, but we'll have to manage somehow.  
Jesus chose you to be in His land  
We'll respect his decision,  
But He's to lend us a hand.*

### **LON SMITH AND TEDDY EDWIN SMITH**

It is with much sadness and a lot of loving memories that I will try to write the obituaries of our beloved dad and brother.

The loss of our loved ones has left a lot of sadness, but a lot of loving memories still linger.

LON SMITH, age 55, of Freeburn, Kentucky, was born November 26, 1923 at Edo, Kentucky, and departed this life on December 11, 1977. He was the son of the late William A. and Angeline May Smith.

Daddy was a true member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He was a Disabled American Veteran of World War II. He was a retired mail carrier serving the area for 28 years.

He left behind a loving wife, Martha (Boyd) Smith and four loving





Lon Smith



Teddy Edwin Smith

children.

The children are: Jimmy Lee Smith, Mary Janetine Fannin, Lonetta R. Hunt, and Teddy Edwin Smith.

Daddy is missed by many friends and loved ones.

TEDDY E. SMITH, age 20 of Freeburn, Ky., departed this life March 10, 1986.

Born August 19, 1965, he was the son of the late Lon Smith and Martha (Smith) May.

He was a 1983 graduate from Phelps High School. Teddy had great faith and trust in the Lord, and believed in the Primitive Baptist Church.

Left to mourn his passing is his mother, Martha (Smith) May and step-dad, Walter May. Also surviving is one brother, Elder Jimmy Lee Smith and two sisters, Mary Janetine Fannin and Lonetta R. Hunt, along with many friends and loved ones.

We feel that they are of the Elect of Jesus Christ, and their names are written in Lamb's Book of Life.

So they shall sleep, but not forever. Then we shall meet in the land where Jesus is to live forever.

Through and by the shed blood of Jesus, and His love and mercy we shall meet on that noble Resurrection Day is our prayer.

May God's blessings be with you all,  
Elder Jimmy Lee Smith



## PARIS RAMEY

It is with a sad heart that I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of my dear father-in-law, Paris Ramey. He was born on March 7, 1903 and departed this life on July 4, 1986, making his stay on earth 84 years, 3 months and 28 days. He met Rissie Justice and in the year 1927 they were married. And unto this union was born nine children, four which preceded him in death, leaving him three sons and two daughters living: Willard Ramey of Colora, Maryland; Sybil Kelley of Lookout, Ky.; Jake Ramey of Pikeville, Kentucky; Paris Ramey, Jr. of Pikeville, Ky., and Almeda Adams of Pikeville, Ky. He also leaves one sister: Arvey Blackburn of Pikeville, Ky. He has 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren to mourn his leaving.

Paris was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years but was unable to attend church for about 15 years because of bad health.

Rissie died in 1967 and Paris became very sad and lonesome. Many times Brother James Kelley would comfort him by talking about the good things of the Lord.

Brother Paris loved to sing the old songs of Zion and I have spent many hours talking with him about the love of God. Brother Paris professed a hope in Christ many years ago and I have heard him tell of his experience many times.

Paris will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and I feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

I would like to say to my companion and wife Almeda, and to Junior, and to everyone who helped Brother Paris that your work was not in vain. So sleep on, Brother Paris, and we all hope to meet you in heaven where we will part no more.

Written by Elder Willard Adams  
By request of family

## JOHN M. BENTLEY

Obituary written by John M.  
Additions by daughters

John M. Bentley was born August 18, 1899, on Hood's Fork of Frasure's Creek. He was the son of Samuel and Polly Jane Orsborn Bentley. He was the seventh child in a family of 10 children. He departed this life the 7th day of February, 1986, making his stay on this earth, God's footstool, 86 years, 5 months and 20 days.

He was married to Anna Hall, daughter of Day and Rosa Martin



Hall for 57 years. His wife Anna and son Junior preceded him in death. He is survived by three daughters, Myredia Armstrong, LaRue, Ohio; Myrtle Newsom, Marion, Ohio, and Magdalene Little, Columbus with whom he made his home. He leaves 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was a retired barber, having had shops at McDowell, Wheelwright, Drift, Prestonsburg, Portsmouth, Dayton, and Columbus. He also spent three years in Springfield, Ohio, during World War 2 as a machinist.

He was a former member of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge. At the time of his death he was a member of Humbolt Lodge #476 of Columbus, Ohio.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1957 at Pine Creek, Ohio. He was baptized by Elders Taylor Hall and Lawrence Harper. He joined the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church in 1967 and was a deacon at the time of his death. He has been a faithful member of this church.

He leaves many relatives and friends in Kentucky, Ohio, Idaho, Oregon, Arizona, Florida and California.

He leaves his mortal body in the hands of Hall Funeral Home. Burial to be made in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell.

To my children, I leave you in God's hands. Put your trust in one that holds all Power both in heaven and on earth.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 10, 1986 in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rufford Howell and Robert Worrix officiating.



John M. Bentley

### **ELDER JOHN I. SMITH**

In memory of our dear husband and father, Elder John I. Smith, 76, of Forest Hills, Kentucky. Dad died Friday, June 13, 1986, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, making his stay on earth 76 years, 3 months and 22 days.

Dad was born February 21, 1910, in Pike County, Kentucky, a son of the late Henry and Bertha Smith. He was preceded in death by one son, Paul Blake Smith; four brothers, French Smith, Will Smith, Winfrey Smith, and Andy Smith; one sister, Amanda Smith.



Dad is survived by his widow, Flora Smith of Forest Hills Kentucky; a son, Drexel Darrel Smith of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; a daughter, Patsy Queen of Pataskala, Ohio; two brothers, Clive Smith of Canada, Kentucky, and Ostel Smith of Birchleaf, Virginia; two sisters, Marie Scott of Chicago, Illinois, and Dorothy Webb of Williamson, West Virginia; four grandsons, Donald L. Queen, Jr., Allen Craig Smith, Kurt Nicholas Smith and Eric Wayne Smith; son-in-law, Donald L. Queen, Sr., and daughter-in-law, Ollie Smith.



Elder John I. Smith

Dad joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1951 and became an Elder in 1958. Dad had been in bad health for a

long time and was not able to attend church very often, but Dad loved for people to come and visit him and talk about the Bible.

He was a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Corp.

God knew how much pain Dad was in for the past few years and took him home to be with him where he would not suffer any more. A very special part of our life is not here in person any more, but the memories of Dad and the love he had for us will live on as long as we live.

Written by his daughter,  
Patsy L. Queen

### FRINNIE STANLEY

In loving memory of Frinnie Stanley, who was born August 18, 1917. He was the son of the late Joe B. and Lizzie Thacker Stanley.

Dad departed this life on February 26, 1986, at 4:05 p.m. in Lexington, Ky. at the Central Baptist Hospital, making his stay on earth 68 years, 6 months and 8 days.

He was married to Rebecca Thacker May Stanley October 6, 1939. Also surviving are Leon May, Yvonne Tibbs of Pikeville, Ky.; Raymond Stanley of Louisville, Ky.; Lillian Stanley of Pikeville, and William Estil Stanley of Virgie; four brothers, Willie, Landon, James of Canada, and Quincy Stanley of Sidney; two sisters, Mary





Stanley of Canada, and Ruby Mamms of Trenton, Mich. Also preceding him in death was one brother, Joseph Ferel Stanley, and one sister, Eula Marie Stanley.

Frinnie was a member of the UMWA for 45 years and a retired miner of Eastern Coal Corp.

Frinnie was a true believer in Jesus Christ and attended services at the Old Primitive Baptist Church as long as his health permitted.

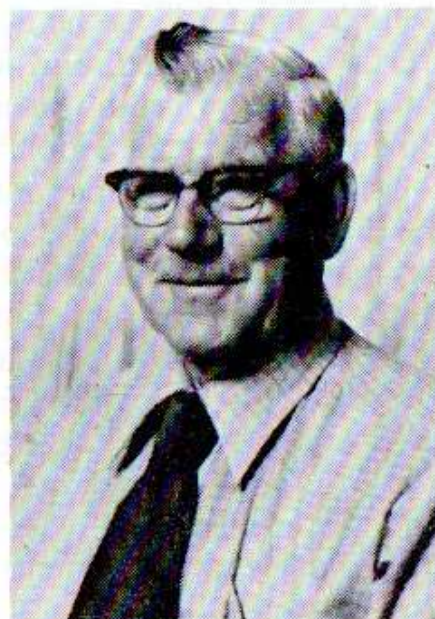
## **FLEM JUSTICE**

With many memories we will try to write the obituary of Flem Justice. He was born March 24, 1905 and deceased this life December 1, 1985, making his stay here on earth 80 years, 8 months and 7 days. He was the son of the late Green Justice, Sr. and Lila Adkins Justice.

He was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church for many years, which he attended as long as his health permitted.

He was married to Fannie Justice who preceded him in death July 29, 1949. Thirteen children were born to this union. The two following ones preceded him in death: Jerry C. Justice and Gerldine Justice. Three daughters, Lassie Coal of Port Richey, Fla.; Frona Bevins of Manassas, Va., and Glenna Sue Kunz of Fairfax, Va.; eight sons, Rufus C. Justice of Phyllis, Ky.; Bobby C. and Dolan C. Justice of Rocky Road, Pikeville, Ky.; Flem Danzel, Malcolm Dean, Kenneth Darrell, Phillip Green and Fon Blake Justice of Virginia.

This leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Madge Justice; eleven children, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.



Written by his lonely wife,  
Madge Justice and his children  
whom he loved very much

## **IRELAND COLEMAN**

It is with much sadness that I will try and write the obituary of my dear husband.

Ireland was born July 8, 1912 and departed this life November 8, 1984, making his stay on earth 72 years and four months.



He was the son of the late O. T. and Lucy Coleman. He is survived by his wife, Flossie Williamson Coleman; two sons, Gerald and Donald Coleman, and a daughter, Janet Evans; two grandchildren, Pamela Mosley and Brenda Coleman, and two great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by one son.

He is also survived by two brothers, Curtis and Howard, and four sisters, Rina Bevins, Bertha Bevins, Maggie Coleman and Hazel Hopkins.

Ireland was a member and deacon of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church for many years. He was a good husband and father and attended his church as long as he was able.



Ireland Coleman

Ireland was a miner for 35 years and a victim of black lung disease. He suffered much in this world. God in His infinite mercy took him home to rest. We miss him more than words can ever express, but we must try to go on until the Lord calls. We hope to meet Ireland in that sweet and happy land where there will be no more pain and sorrow.

Written by his wife and children,  
Flossie, Janet, Gerald and Donald

## CHARLIE WILLIAMSON

With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my dear brother.

Charlie was the son of the late James and Allie Thacker Williamson. He was born October 17, 1910, and departed this life January 3, 1985, making his stay on earth 74 years, 2 months and 17 days. He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

He was married to Ethel Blackburn who preceded him in death. They were the parents of six children. He is survived by three sons, Bruce, David and Harold Williamson, and two daughters, Joyce Sims and Helen Smith. One daughter preceded him in death.





He was later married to Emma Elswick and is also survived by five step-sons, Lawrence, Floyd, Bill, Lewis and Sonny Elswick, and two step-daughters, Emogene West and Ina Gay Ray.

He is survived by one brother, Eugene Williamson, and two sisters, Flossie Coleman and Marie Williamson.

He had a very hard life in this world and suffered much pain and heartache, but God in His mercy called him from the shores of time to rest from all his trials and suffering.

Sleep on, Dear Brother, and take your long awaited rest. By the grace of God we hope to meet you in that fair and happy land where there will be no more pain and sorrow.

Written by his sister,  
Flossie Coleman

### **JUNIS E. THACKER**

It is with a sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our beloved brother, Junis E. Thacker, who passed from his earthly life September 17, 1985, at the age of 72 years, 1 month and 2 days.

He was born in Pike County, the son of the late T. J. and Rebecca Thacker. He was a devoted brother, a dedicated worker, and a loving friend to all.

He leaves to mourn his loss three brothers: Clifford Thacker and Wheeler Thacker, both of Shalbiana, Ky.; Everett Thacker of Pennington Gap, Va.; also five sisters: Avonelle Ray of Greasy Creek, Ky.; Irene Castle of Sutton, Ky.; Ocie McIntyre of Columbus, Ohio; Josie West of Homestead, Fla., and Goldie Patrick of Baltimore, Maryland, and a host of loving relatives and friends.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by:  
The family of T. J. and Martha Thacker



### **FRED ROBERT PINSON**

It is with a sad aching heart that we will try and write the obituary of our loving father.

Dad and his wife Josie were killed in an automobile accident August 18, 1985.





Fred Robert Pinson

He was born February 6, 1916, making his stay on earth 69 years, 6 months, and 12 days. He was the son of the late John and Mary McGuire Pinson. He is survived by two sons, Fred V. and Fairley Pinson, both of Lorain, Ohio; a daughter, Betty J. Coleman of Shelbyana, Ky.; a brother, Clinton Pinson of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Jeanette Corns of Chicago, Ill.; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bertha Thacker Pinson, and their daughter Inos Pinson.

Dad was baptized into the Primitive Baptist Church of Raccoon, Ky., on May 17th, 1980, where Dad was also deacon.

Dad and Josie are loved and missed dearly by their children, family, friends, the Primitive Baptist Church members and their community. They were always there when needed and have left beautiful memories that will never be forgotten.

*"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)*

Their light surely did shine for others to see.

We could write a book on the suffering and the loneliness we have endured this past year, and each day that passed without them, as each person suffers at losing their loved ones.

There are so many questions one asks themselves of such a tragic accident. God is the only one with the answers. The only comfort, is knowing they are at peace, until they are called home on The Resurrection Day.

Written by His Children

### **NATHANIEL C. RUNYON**

In loving memory of Nathaniel C. Runyon, born August 11, 1903, departed this life February 23, 1986, at the age of 82 years, 6 months, 12 days.

He was united in marriage to Myrtle Sammons on July 29, 1927, and leaves his companion of 58½ years, and eight children to honor his memory. Three daughters: Avonelle R. Slone, Maggie R. Nichols, and Patty R. Justice; five sons: Willie Runyon, Calvary Runyon Jr., Gene H. Runyon, Bradley T. Runyon and Bud E. Runyon.



He was preceded in death by one son, James F. Runyon, on April 24, 1952.

He was united with Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on August 11, 1968, along with his wife. He was ordained a deacon on April 13, 1969, and served as a steadfast and worthy officer until his passing.

The legacy he left his family we heard in his last prayers; that we stay closer and love one another. For the church his prayer was that the Lord would guide, and it would continue to grow.

We believe he viewed his Eternal Home and he was anxious for it. We grieve for ourselves, for we believe our dad is at rest.



Nathaniel C. Runyon

The Family

## PRESTON THACKER



It is with a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Preston Thacker.

Preston was born March 4, 1915, in Pike County, Kentucky, the son of General Lee and Louisa Coleman Thacker, who preceded him in death. He entered into eternal rest September 2, 1984, making his stay on earth 69 years, 5 months and 29 days.

He was married October 24, 1937, to Ellen P. May. To this union was born three sons and two daughters: Clinton Thacker and Lloyd Thacker of Spencer, TN; Lee Thacker of Jacksonville, N. C.; Nina Dunlap of Spencer,

TN, and Arlene Higdon of Cleveland, TN.

He is survived by three brothers, Woodrow Thacker of Lorain, Ohio; Elmer Thacker of Elyria, Ohio, and Willie Thacker of Columbus, Ohio, and three sisters, Ida Justice, Lula Thacker and Maggie Slone, all of Millard, Ky., and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church with Elders Paul Dean Justice, Glen Coleman, and Joe



Slone officiating. Burial was in the Collins Cemetery, Frozen Creek, Ky.

Preston was never a member of the Primitive Baptist Church but he was a firm believer in God's grace and salvation.

Written by his loving wife,  
Ellen Thacker

## JESSE JUSTICE



With a sad and aching heart, and with the help of our loving God, I will try to write an obituary of my dear husband, Jesse Justice.

He was born on December 1, 1931, to Floyd and Emma Charles Justice, at Fishtrap, Ky.

He deceased this life on July 5, 1986, making his stay here on earth 54 years, 7 months and 4 days.

He served his country for 6 years and 5 months in the Korean Conflict.

On September 28, 1957, he married Gloria Faye Bevins, and to this union one son, Charles B. Justice, was born.

He is survived by one brother, Wade C. Justice; five sisters, Thelma Bailiff, Florence Boyle, Jaynet Ballard, Deloris Copeland, and Helena Traham, all of Texas.

One half sister, Beverly Pine of Illinois and three half brothers, Billy Ray Justice, Phillip Martin Justice and Timothy Justice, all of Michigan.

He was a hard worker and tireless in his efforts to provide for his family.

He was forced to retire in March 1975, because of a serious heart attack and a pacemaker was implanted.

He never joined any church, but was a believer and prayed to our almighty God. He loved everyone and everyone that knew him loved him.

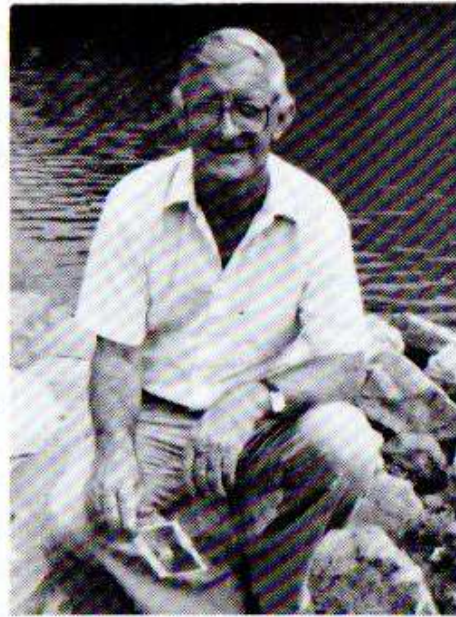
We cherish his memories, and oh, how I miss him, but feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his lonely wife,  
Gloria F. Justice



## RAYMOND GOFF

Raymond Goff, son of the Late Rodolph and Vannie Justice Goff, was born on October 28, 1922. He finished his race with peace and the love of God on November 5, 1985, making his stay here on earth 63 years and 8 days.



He was married to Dorothy Janelle Strouth on August 11, 1943. She preceded him in death on July 7, 1981. To this union was born five children. Three sons: Johnny Ray who preceded them in death on October 8, 1946; Billy Wayne of the U.S. Air Force, and David Gene of Racoon; two daughters, Brenda Carol Kendrick and Shirley Sue Honaker, both of Racoon.

He was blessed with three grandsons and one granddaughter: James Michael Goff, Chadwick David Goff, James Alex Honaker, and Rebecca Janelle Honaker.

On August 20, 1984, he married Juanita Lewis. She made his last months happy and loved him. She was always there for him when he needed her.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. He was shortly followed in death by three brothers leaving one brother and one sister, and a host of friends.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Grapevine. He loved to go to church when his health allowed. When he didn't go he always listened or watched preaching on TV or the radio. He studied the Word, often seeking its advice, always hungry for the spiritual food of God's Word.

We thank God for the influence of our father and his love. Dad said he was always proud of his children but he couldn't compare it as to how proud we were to have him as a father. We all greatly miss his face that always shined with a big smile that even made his blue eyes twinkle. I thank God that he blessed us children with our precious mom and dad as long as he did and I pray our family will be together again with Jesus.

Written by one of his loving children,  
Shirley Honaker

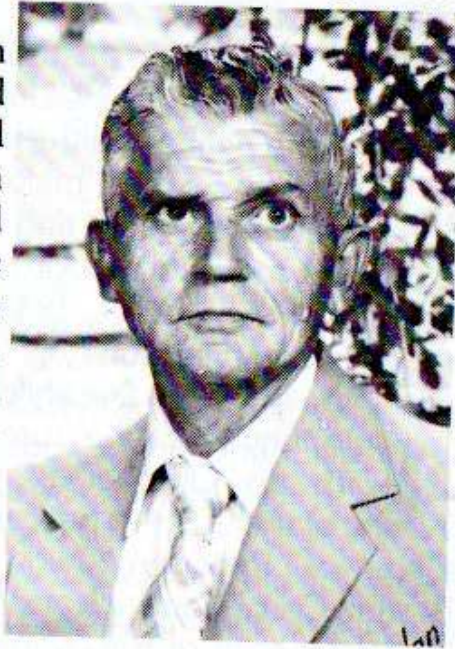
## ALLEN COLEMAN

It is with a lonely and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Allen Coleman.



He was born June 11, 1926, and God called for him Monday, April 21, 1986, making his stay on earth 59 years, 10 months and 10 days. He was the son of the late Riley B. Coleman and Lucy Pearl Coleman.

He was married to Marie Coleman November 2, 1950. We were blessed with seven children, two daughters and five sons. One daughter, fourteen months old, Denise Gaye, preceded him in death September 24, 1964. He leaves behind his wife, Marie and his children. His daughter, Carol S. Thompson and his sons, Irvin, Ronald, Franklin, Wayne, and Gary all of Raccoon, Kentucky. His much loved grandchildren, Anthony Craig and Pamela Denise Coleman. His sisters, Sarah Coleman of McArthur, Ohio; Sylvia Thacker of Shelbyana, Kentucky; Frona Coleman of Raccoon, Kentucky, and Flossie Coleman of Raccoon, Kentucky. His brothers, Alva Coleman and Alvin Coleman of Raccoon, Kentucky. He also leaves behind a host of friends and relatives.



Allen Coleman

Allen was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church, a Deacon and Clerk, which he loved very much. He was a World War II Veteran, disabled coal miner of Eastern Coal Corporation and a member of Local 5737.

By the grace of God we will meet him in the air and be taken home to live forever. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his loving wife,  
Marie Coleman

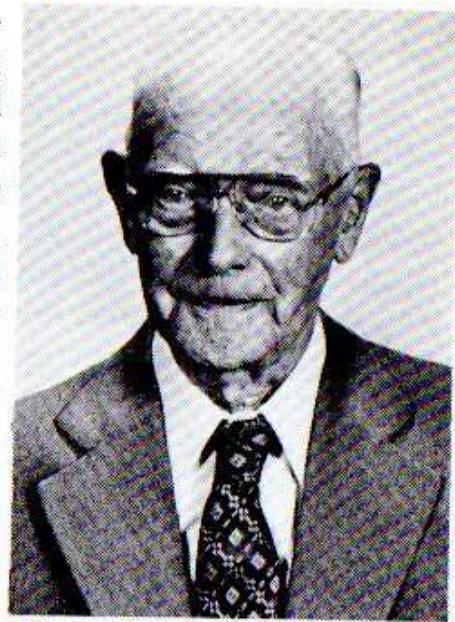
God Bless You All

### DANIEL ROBERTS

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of my dear dad, Daniel Roberts, born July 26, 1892, to the late Daniel Roberts and Virginia Adkins Roberts at Virgie, Ky. He departed this life September 11, 1985, making his stay here on earth 94 years, 1 month, and 16 days. He was united in marriage to Ettie Newsome Roberts of Virgie, Ky., August 17, 1909. To this union were born nine children: Maudie Green, Sidney, Ky.; Mellie Slater, Slaters Branch, Ky.; Millard Roberts, Sidney, Ky.; Millis Roberts, Virgie, Ky.; Melphie Smith, Sidney, Ky., and Lalor Ann Dotson, Toler, Ky. Four children preceded



him in death: Margie Maggard, Lake-wales, Fla.; Merlin Roberts, Ocala, Fla.; Maxie Mae Odom, Carebelle, Fla.; and Milford Roberts (infant), Robinson Creek, Ky. He had 25 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren. Mommy preceded him in death March 5, 1960. He later married Delilah Smith Lydelle, who preceded him in death June 13, 1982.



Daniel Roberts

Dad (Poppie) and Mommy joined the Primitive Baptist Church July 28, 1952, at home in a called meeting. They both took their membership to Big Creek Church. Poppie was ordained as a Deacon November 22, 1953. He was made treasurer of the church in 1954, and did a good job until he became unable to be so active. He was an active trustee of Big Creek Church until his death.

His vivid interest in the things of God, his heavenly conversation, gave him the evident marks of the child of God, who through Grace was blessed to praise His great name here in this life, and to set an example to his children, grandchildren, and friends — an example of honesty and faithfulness seldom equaled by humanity. His friendly smile and kind expression to the sisters and brethren of the church, and to everyone else, made him many friends. As David said in his Psalm: "Let those who would have friends first show themselves friendly."

Job said, "Through the scent of water which is the Spirit of Almighty God, it shall break forth and come out of the dust in the resurrection and bloom again. Then by the Grace of God will be carried to that heavenly home where John said neither shall they die any more." Poppie has paid the debt that we all must sooner or later pay. There is no escape from this judgment. Poppie was strong in the doctrine of salvation by grace and the resurrection of the dead, and he died in full faith and in hope of eternal glory.

*Dear Poppie, how we miss you.  
Oh, the world will never know.  
But, we thank God for the memories  
That you left us here below.*

Written by one who loved him  
Melphie R. Smith (daughter)



## J. B. RICHARDSON

It is with much sadness as I try to write this obituary of my beloved husband. J. B. Richardson, 73 years old, departed this life May 9th, 1985. Born April 5, 1912, in Henriette, Okla., he was the son of James and Josie Richardson. He was married to Pauline Blackburn Richardson for 47 years. To this union was born three children: Betty Parks of Huddy, Ky.; James Jr. of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Larry Richardson, Fort Wayne, Ind.; five grandchildren.

He was a deacon and member of Old Pond Church, that he loved very dearly. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Sadly missed by those who loved him very much.

Written by his wife,  
Pauline



## DAVID COLEMAN

David Coleman, 61, of Mullins Addition, Pikeville, died during the afternoon of September 10, 1985, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Dad was born on February 15, 1924, at Fishtrap, Kentucky. He was the son of Oliver Tivis and Lucy Coleman, both deceased.

He was married to Ruth Worrix for forty-one happy and fruitful years until her death on October 1, 1983. This union produced three sons: Gary E. Coleman of Pikeville, Charles Coleman of Louisville, and Eddy D. Coleman of Pikeville, and one grandson, Gary E. Coleman, Jr.

Dad is survived by two brothers and four sisters: Curtis Coleman of Biggs Branch; Howard Coleman of Millard; Rina Bevins of Collins; Bertha Bevins of Melbourne, Florida; Hazel Hopkins of Daniels Creek; and Maggie Coleman of Elkhorn City. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Ireland Coleman of Belfry; O. T. Jr. of Fishtrap, and Herbert Coleman of MacArthur, Ohio; as well as five infant brothers and sisters.





Dad spent much of his life serving his customers through his service stations at Fishtrap and Mullins. He felt these people to be friends more than customers and enjoyed being with them. Although he is gone he will be long remembered for the advice he gave and the stories he told. Dad served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He believed in the goodness of man, but had a much stronger belief in the goodness of God. It would be remiss to not include his favorite passage from the Bible: John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M., September 14, 1985, at the Justice Funeral Home Chapel with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating. Dad was laid to rest beside our mother in the Annie E. Young Cemetery at East Shalbiana.

Dad found great satisfaction in being with the people of the Primitive Baptist Church, and we, his survivors, appreciate the compassion, assistance, and support that this great family of people have given us throughout our lives, and especially during our times of bereavement.

Written by his sons

### PEMBROOK ST. CLAIR

PemBrook St. Clair, a dear old father in Israel, was born at Mouth Card, Ky., October 4, 1894, the son of the late William Henry and Elizabeth Williams St. Clair. He passed away September 11, 1985, at the age of 91 years. He was married to Oma Hurley August 23, 1916, at Paw Paw, Ky. They were the parents of nine children, three of them having preceded him in death. Brother Pem was a member of Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church for many years. He was a faithful and true member, always filling his seat at church, even though he had to hitch a ride much



of the time. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Oma Hurley St. Clair, and the following children: Loyale Estepp, Hurley, Va.; Ermal Sellers, Fenton, Mich.; Brooke Whitman, Holly, Mich.; Ida Michael, Fenton, Mich.; Ruth Amos, Fenton, Mich., and Eleanor Elkins, Waco, Texas. He leaves 24 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren



and 3 great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

The church has lost a faithful member, the community a good neighbor, the wife a loving husband and the children a precious dad.

May God bless his family to look forward to a great reunion day where parting will be no more.

By request,  
Vicie Blackburn

### **LUNA BALL**

In loving memory of Luna Bell Ball, who died June 12, 1986. She was born July 10, 1906, to the late John E. and Eva Mae Stanley. She was married to the late Robert Ball. They both were of Primitive Baptist faith for many years. To this marriage were five children: one son, John B. Ball, and four daughters, Leola Ball, Bobbie Jean Ratliff, Lluellyn Smith and Glenna Jean Hatfield. She was also survived by several grandchildren and also several great-grandchildren.

She is sadly missed by all.



Written by her daughter,  
Leola Ball

### **ANNA MAY**

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear foster mother, Anna May.

She was born on February 20, 1908, and died on August 4th, 1986, making her stay here 78 years, 5 months and 4 days. She was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She was the daughter of Elijah and Caroline (Brown) May, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her were 8 brothers and 2 sisters. Surviving her are one foster daughter, Linda Daniels, with whom she made her home at Isom,





Ky.; two foster granddaughters, Leshia Daniels and Rhonda Combs; one foster great-granddaughter, Tiffania Combs; one brother, Thomas May of Canada, Ky.; three sisters, Alabama Williamson and Pricy Varney, also of Canada, Ky.; Lizzie Billiter of Sidney, Ky. Also a host of nieces and nephews.

Anna made her commitment to God on May 12, 1969, and was baptized on May 20, 1969. She attended church as long as she was able to go. She was sick a long time but bore her sickness with patience. She was a true, faithful Christian till the end. She never failed to pray and read her Bible daily. She left this world whispering praises to God. She never was married, but spent her life loving and taking care of others.

Our home isn't the same without her, but I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. She had a very hard life here on earth, but all her troubles and trials are over, and I feel sure she is happy in her bright Heavenly home.

Written by one who loved her,

Her foster daughter,  
Linda Daniels

### **GOLDIE WEBB**

Goldie Webb was born to David Bevins and Sophia Thacker Bevins in Pike County, Ky., April 9, 1904. She deceased this life June 1, 1986, at age 82 years, 1 month and 23 days old. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Landon Webb. They were united in marriage May 21, 1921.

To this union were born four children, Okie Ward, Phyllis, Ky.; Arlie Webb, Zion, Illinois; Doris Thacker of Fishtrap, Ky., and Delano of Phyllis, Ky.

She united with Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church in 1942 and was a true and a faithful believer until God called her spirit home.

Also surviving are one brother, Troy Bevins, Phyllis, Ky.; two sisters, Gracie Reynolds and Myrtle Stiltner of Phyllis, Ky. Two sisters preceded her in death, Gladys Kendrick and Gurnie Anderson.

Sister Goldie leaves 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

We feel in heart she was to all that knew her a most precious person. We love you and our hope is we meet you again on that day





when God calls His children home.

Sleep on, we love you, Mother.

Written by W. K. Bevins who loved her dearly

### **DORA THACKER**

With so much sadness and sorrow in my heart I will make an attempt to write the obituary of our dear mother, Dora Thacker. She was mom, maw and grandmaw to this family. But most of all she was love and dear to our hearts when we needed her, she was always there to care for us.

Mother was born November 19, 1901, and departed this life April 21, 1986, making her stay here on earth eighty-four years, five months and two days.

Maw united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek on the second Sunday in February, 1940, and was a faithful member for over forty-six years. It is our hope that our loss is her eternal gain for we believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will redeem her from the grave on the resurrection morning to take her home to heaven and immortal glory, Amen.



Written by her loving son  
and Brother in Christ I hope,  
Ralph Williamson

### **PRICY McCOY**

Pricy McCoy was born September 19, 1904, and departed this life December 8, 1984. She was married to Carson McCoy May 19, 1921.

She leaves to mourn her passing six children: Georgia Alice Bolden, Dorton, Ky.; Mary McCoy, Virgie, Ky.; Willie McCoy, Shelbiana, Ky.; Victor McCoy, Harold, Ky.; Sammie McCoy of Ohio, and Orville McCoy, Detroit, Michigan; also 31 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church which she loved so much.





## GOLDIE BEVINS

With much sadness in my heart I'll attempt to write the obituary of our mother, Goldie Bevins.

She was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on September 24, 1904, making her stay on earth 81 years, eight months and 16 days.

She was the daughter of the late David and Barbara Justice. She departed leaving her husband, Wayne Bevins, son of the late Lonzo and Minnie Bevins; two daughters, Pauline Hatfield, Belfry, Ky., and Elegene Griffith, Feds Creek, Ky.; five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; one sister, Flossie Justice, Millard, Ky. She was preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Our mother belonged to the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on Rocky Road. We know she's asleep in the arms of Jesus. It's our hope to meet her again in heaven. Our loss of our precious mother is Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter, Elegene Griffith



## ONEY THACKER WORRIX

*Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea.*

Oney Thacker Worrix was born January 28, 1906, and passed from this earthly life June 8, 1986, at the age of 80 years, 5 months, and 20 days old.

She was born at Fishtrap, Ky., the daughter of the late Elder W. H. and Maggie B. Blackburn Thacker.

Oney was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church - Rocky Rd., Millard, Kentucky. She had been a faithful member since September 13, 1941.

She was preceded from this life by one daughter, Ruth Worrix Coleman, in 1983.





Oney was a devoted wife, a dedicated mother, and a loving sister. *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.*

Her survivors include: her husband, Bradley Worrix of the home; two sons, Bradley Worrix, Jr., of Allen, Ky.; Elder Robert B. Worrix of Pikeville, Ky.; one brother, Raymond Thacker of S. Lebanon, Ohio; three sisters, Rebecca Stanley of Canada, Ky.; Zetta Thornsby of Canada, Ky.; Verdie Smith of Canada, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Sleep on for a little while.*

Written by the family

### LYDIA "SISTER" SMITH

Lydia "Sister" Smith, 80, who resided with Thomas and Emma Trout of Hardy, died Sunday morning at the Williamson Memorial Hospital following a lingering illness.

Born March 20, 1905, in Pike County, she was a daughter of the late Jeff and Jane Varney Smith.

She is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Johnny Smith of Canada, and Sid Smith of Toler, Ky., and a host of nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

### WAMENA DOTSON

With sadness and a broken heart I will try to write this obituary of my mother, Wamena Dotson, 59. Born February 6, 1926, she was married to Daddy on April 8, 1946. She passed away October 31, 1985.

She was the daughter of the late Buck and Fernie Scott. She had eleven children and 19 grandchildren. One child preceded her in death. She was a kind and loving mother. I remember when I was a child I would be asleep and wake up and hear her singing as she cooked and cleaned. She always loved when spring came so she could plant flowers and make the homeplace look nice. But now since she has gone, the old homeplace isn't the same. She loved us



kids and Dad dearly. She raised us kids to help one another and be good to one another. She told us kids if you know that the other needed help, help that one if you can. She was kind-hearted to anybody. She would forgive easily.

Mommy is gone from us forever until the day we are laid at rest with her. The way Mommy lived here on earth and by the grace of God, I'm sure she's with our Father who art in heaven. The night she was leaving her last words were to her daughter Debbie and Daddy to tell us that she loved us and she would meet us over in the promised land. I know Daddy is looking forward to that. Daddy loved Mommy more than words could say and he's so empty without her. But Daddy knows Mommy is happier up there with our Lord because she always would talk about the valley of flowers and the streets of gold and she would be waiting for us kids and Daddy to meet her in that heavenly shore. There are so many things I would like to say, but there are no words to describe the way I feel. I miss her. I'm so lonely without her. I pray to God to guide me the righteous way so we can meet her someday.

She was a member of Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church. She went from our arms to the arms of Jesus. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her husband  
James T. Dotson and Daughter, Patty



Wamena Dotson

### **BELVADORA SMITH**

It is with a deeply sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dearly departed grandmother, Belvadora Smith. Grandma was born May 3, 1925. She departed from this life on January 6, 1986, making her stay here on earth 60 years, 8 months and 3 days.

She was the daughter of the late Willard and Luna Blackburn. She was married to Harold Smith in the year of 1940. To this union was born three children, two sons, Clinton Smith of Greenup, Ky., and Walter Smith of Huddy, Ky.; one daughter, Loretha May of Pinsonfork, Ky.; eight grandchildren and three great-granddaughters. In addition, she is survived by three brothers: Luther Blackburn of Kimper, Ky.; Rufus Blackburn of Flatwoods, Ky., and Tracy Blackburn of Lynchburg, Ohio; five sisters, Beatrice Thacker of



Huddy, Ky.; Mae Fern Fowler of Stone, Ky.; Lois Thacker and Alfreda Stollings, both of South Lebanon, Ohio, and Goldina Thacker of Milford, Ohio.

Grandma belonged to the Primitive Baptist Church of Big Creek to which she was a faithful member for 35 years. She had a deep love for her church and loved to sing of His praises. To me, to hear her sing sounded like the bells in a church steeple. During the days of the funeral, my sister and I heard a song that seemed to remind us of her. To sing this song at Grandma's funeral was one of the hardest things I had ever done, but I could see Grandma's face and I knew she loved it.



Belvadora Smith

### *"Memories of Grandma"*

*Grandma had no castle, just a little mountain home  
She had no crown upon her head or no throne to sit upon  
But I heard her sing of heaven and praying to her king  
She had no earthly riches, but to me she was a queen.*

#### *Chorus*

*Loving memories Grandma gave me I still have them  
with me everyday  
Old time singing and praying by the fireside  
Grandma gave me loving memories everyday.*

*Grandma had no silk or satin, just a plain print dress  
she wore,  
Instead of rings upon her hands from working hard  
they were calloused and sore  
But late at night to my fevered bed her hands felt  
so good to me  
Standing by my bed with an old oil lamp she was  
praying to her king.*

*Grandma had no lacy pillow, just a feather one made by hand  
But the peace I saw on Grandma's face, I knew on Jordan  
she would stand  
And as the years passed swiftly by "Precious Memories"  
I could hear her sing  
Jesus rolled out the golden carpet and my Grandma met  
her king.*



### Chorus

*Loving Memories Grandma gave me, I still have them with  
me everyday,  
Old time singing and praying by the fireside  
Grandma gave me loving memories everyday.*

We all miss her but with hope in our hearts that by God's grace we  
will meet her in the air and be taken home to live with her forever.

Written by her Granddaughter and Sister in Faith,  
Mrs. Lesia Ann (May) Cook

### FRONA HACKNEY WHITE

In memory of Frona Hackney White, born June 27, 1906, at Pinsonfork, Ky., died May 17, 1986. She was a daughter of James P. and Columbia (May) Hackney and granddaughter of the late Elder William Jefferson May.

Sister White loved the Old Baptist Church and was of the Primitive Baptist faith.

Survivors are: daughters - Barbara Mobley, Bessie Maynard and Joan Chapman; sons - Phillip White, Robin White and Cody White; 24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

We feel our loss is her eternal gain.



Elder Don Hatfield

### BETTY V. SLONE

With loving memories and a saddened heart, we'll write the obituary of our beloved mother, Betty V. Slone, who departed this life August 30, 1986, at her residence on Raccoon, Ky. She was born May 29, 1896, to the late William Anderson Slone and Gusta Collins Slone, making her stay 90 years, 3 months and 1 day. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She joined the church April 18th and was baptized April 19, 1986.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Epp Slone. She is survived by three sons, Leanord Slone of Raccoon, Ky.; Loria Slone of Lower Johns Creek; Jim Slone of Kimper, Ky.; two daughters, Stella



Justice of Raccoon, Ky., and Marie Barton of Haysi, Virginia, and three sisters, Jane Ball, Mary Honaker and Virgie Varney, all of Stone, Ky. She also leaves 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. But we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

*A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.  
We loved you here but now you're  
gone,*

*But Jesus's love continues on.  
Death will take our love away  
But Jesus's love is here to stay.  
Loss of a loved one causes us grief and makes our courage fall,  
But let's have faith in our Dear Savior, someday we'll be with  
Jesus one and all,  
Our tears will all be dried away, our broken hearts will mend,  
By the help of God, we'll all be together never to part again.*

From her children who loved her very much



Betty V. Slone

### ZETTA BELLE MAY

Zetta Belle May, 84, of Huddy, Ky., died Saturday morning, August 2, 1986, in St. Francis Hospital, Charleston, W. Va.

She was born August 20, 1901, in Pike County, Ky., the daughter of the late Freeman and Matilda May May. She was retired from Sears Roebuck in Williamson, W. Va., and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include two nephews, Willie James Smith of Charleston, W. Va., and Billy Lowe Smith of Anawanda, Calif. She was also preceded in death by one sister.

We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Willie James Smith





## JOSIE COLLINS PINSON



It is with great sadness that I try to write the obituary of our loving mother, Josie Collins Pinson. Mother was born August 30, 1918. She was the daughter of the late Alex and Julie Thacker Worrix.

Mom was first married to Robert Collins who preceded her in death July 10, 1972. Mom and Dad had thirty-five beautiful and loving years together.

Mom later married Fred Pinson July 21, 1975. They had ten enjoyable years together. They enjoyed going to church

and visiting the sick. They were both killed in an automobile accident on their way to church Sunday morning, August 18, 1985.

Mom lived 66 years, 11 months and 18 days on this earth. She joined the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church September 25, 1949, and was baptized October 23, 1949, and was a faithful member until death. We feel our loss is heaven's eternal gain.

Mom is survived by three sons, Andy Talmage, Leroy and Lonnie Gene Collins; two daughters, Audrie Whitridge and Kathleen West; two brothers, Irvin and Luther Worrix; four sisters, Ethel Coleman, Goldie McIntosh, Jenette Edmonds and Jettie Combs, and twenty grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by one son, Willie Paul Collins. Mom was a loving mother and grandmother. We will always cherish the years we had with her.

This world is so lonesome since Jesus called Mom home. She was such a sweet and loving mother. She always had a sweet smile for everyone to see. Mom was always there whenever we needed her. Mom left behind a lot of beautiful memories that will never be forgotten. She is loved and missed dearly by her children, family, friends and the Primitive Baptist Church members. I feel when Mom left us part of us left, too. There could never be another so precious as she was. It was so hard for us to give up Mom. Everyday that goes by we think of her. The homeplace is so lonesome without Mom, but it was God's will to call her home. I hope and pray by the grace of God that we will all be together again some sweet day. Sleep on, Mom, until that great resurrection.

### *"IF I COULD CROWN YOU MOTHER"*

*I remember your love, Mother, it was strong as the wind, as it blowed among the trees, and the lonesome pines, I remember the touch, of your gentle hands, it was strong as the breeze, as it floats among the trees.*



*I remember the day, that Jesus called you away, it left a memory in our minds, that can never go away, I remember the smiles, on your face dear mother, for we know in our hearts there will never be another.*

*If I could crown you mother, I would crown you with a million stars, I would place around you mother, the finest robe there is no doubt, but Jesus knows that your love for him was true, he'll place one on you dear mother that will never wear out.*

Written by her loving children

### **VERNA CHAPMAN COLEMAN**

Verna Chapman Coleman, born April 26, 1913, departed this life December 21, 1986. She was born in Pike County, Kentucky, the daughter of Flem and Victoria Varney Chapman and was married to Roosevelt Coleman on March 17, 1928. Of this union she was blessed to have 14 children, four of whom preceded her in death. They were David, Bobbie Gene, Willis Ray and Virgil.



Left to mourn are ten children, one brother, three sisters, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and relatives.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Raccoon, Ky., on September 24, 1949, and was baptized one month later on October 24, 1949.

Our home is lonely without our mother but we feel that our loss is His gain.

Written by a loving daughter and son-in-law,

Robert and Janice

### **EDNA MUTTER**

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear aunt, Edna Mutter.

She was born October 25, 1911, and departed from this life February 22, 1986, making her stay here on earth 75 years, 3 months and 28 days.

She was married to the late Fred Mutter on August 30, 1932. He preceded her in death on October 20, 1965. She had one daughter, Carrie Sue Mutter, who preceded her in death in infancy.

She leaves one sister, Girtie Bentley of Pikeville, and one brother,



Millard Slone of Shelbiana, and a host of friends.

Her love and peace is still here but she left many sorrows behind. I thank God for the faith she had and the faith she taught me. Someday she will sing with the Angel Band.

Written by her loving nephew,  
Milford Chalmer Bentley

*Have you had some kindness shown,  
If so, pass it on.  
'Twas not given for you alone,  
Pass it on, let it travel down the years,  
Let it wipe another's tears,  
Till in Heaven the gift appears.  
Pass it on.*



Edna Mutter

### JENNIE VARNEY

It is with much sadness in my heart I try to write the obituary of my dear sweet mother, Jennie Varney. She was born June 28, 1909 and died October 10, 1985, making her stay here on earth 76 years and four months. She was the daughter of the late A. J. and Phoebe (Trout) Varney, and was married to Bill Varney who preceded her in death in 1974, and one grandson.

To their union were born 7 children: 5 sons - Haskell, Bruce, Jim, Donald Lee, and Selmer; 2 daughters - Mae Williamson and Pheobe Dae Crigger. She had 3 sisters and 5 brothers. All preceded her in death, but one sister Dora Lee Blevins, who survives. She has 25 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

She united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church in January 1941. She was a true and faithful member of the church. When church time came she was ready to go. She loved her church.

I miss my mother so much. She was the dearest thing on earth to me. I miss her more than words can tell. She was the most wonderful mother children wish for. We were very fortunate and thankful to God he let us keep her for 76 years. Now she is resting beside Daddy in the arms of Jesus. I hope to be with them. We feel our loss is





heaven's gain.

Sadly written but with loving memories of Mom,  
Her daughter, Mae Williamson

### **DORA THACKER**

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Dora Thacker. She was born November 19, 1901, and departed this life April 21, 1986, making her stay here on earth 84 years, 5 months and 2 days. She was the daughter of Jim Varney and Jenny (Blackburn) Varney. Both preceded her in death.



Mom was married to John Williamson on December 20, 1919, who preceded her in death in 1959. To this union were born nine children — three daughters, Dixie Hockman, Stella Smith, and Jean Williamson; six sons, Herman Williamson, who preceded her in death; Ernest, Ralph, Luther, Paul, and Blake Williamson. She also raised a granddaughter - Rhonda.

She later married Joe Church and Martin Thacker. Both preceded her in death.

Besides her children, she had one brother, Frity Varney. Two sisters and four brothers preceded her in death. She also leaves 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

She loved all of her brothers and sisters in the church.

Mother, I know your sorrow and pain is over, and you're at rest with Jesus now. I miss you so much, but I'll always have my wonderful memories of you.

Written by her daughter,  
Jean Williamson

### **DORTHY CROCHRAN BLACKBURN**

Dorthy Crochran Blackburn of Orlando, Florida, passed away August 20 of a massive heart attack. She was the daughter of the late Clearnce Crochran and the late Carrie Slaton King, of Yazoo City, Mississippi. Dorthy was born September 17, 1924, making her stay on earth 61 years, 11 months and 13 days.

She was married to Albert Blackburn April 1945, who still survives. They were blessed with one daughter, Donna Jean, who



preceded her in death at the age of 16. She leaves four sisters: Hazel Nicklos of Yazoo, Miss.; Mildred Hob of Angleton, Texas; Emma Seberen of Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. Shirly Hodges of Jackson, Miss.; one brother, Walter Lee King, Jr., of Jackson, Miss.; a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Dorthy was a member of Sulphur Springs Church of Hurley, Va. for many years. She was a loyal and devoted wife to her husband. She always was glad to see to his care and needs and was a good and loving friend to all who knew her. So it's with much sadness that we write these few things in memory of Dorthy, but we feel that some day when God comes in all His glory to take us home, that we will meet with Dorthy again up there around the great white throne — so

*Sleep on dear one, and take your rest,*

*You're in the arms of the One who loves you best.*

We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by The Blackburn Family

### IDA HURLEY COLEMAN



Ida Hurley Coleman, a dear old sainted mother, has been called from our midst. Sister Ida was born at Paw Paw, Ky., May 6, 1893, the daughter of the late Marr and Lena Coleman Hurley. She departed this life January 4, 1986, at the age of 92 years and nine months. She was married to J. Wallace Coleman August 17, 1917, and to this union was born nine children, two of them having preceded her in death. Her husband also preceded her in death.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Springs many years ago and was a faithful member as long as she was able to be about. We were always happy to see her at church, or any other place. It was a pleasure to know her and an honor to be called her friends. She was a wonderful person and a precious and loving wife and mother.

She leaves to mourn her passing seven children - Loyd Coleman of Hurley, Va.; Wallace and Ted Coleman of Michigan; Oma Slone, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Virginia Justice, Fenton, Mich.; Minnie Dotson, Hurley, Va., and Dolly Gordon, Michigan. She leaves 27 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters and a great number of relatives and friends.



May God bless this family to be submissive to His will and look forward to a better day where there will be no tears or sad farewells.

By request, Vicie Blackburn

### FLOSSIE W. COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Flossie Williamson Coleman.

Born November 15, 1913, her stay on this earth was 72 years and 5 months. She was the daughter of James and Allie Thacker Williamson.

Mother devoted her life to her family and friends, and they always came first in her life. She loved nature and the beautiful handiwork of God's creation.

She found great satisfaction in her career as a teacher, and grew to love the many young people she had the privilege of caring for and training and always referred to them as her children.



Whatever I know of love, beauty, caring and the fair and decent treatment of our fellowman, I learned from the training she gave us daily throughout her lifetime even until the end.

Just a few short months ago, I sat with Mother as she wrote the obituaries of her beloved husband, our father, and her eldest brother. Little did I realize what a short time it would be before I was attempting to write Mama's.

She always said people wrote their own obituaries by the life they led. I have no reason to doubt her word as the way she lived her life was an example of the Christian virtues she believed in so firmly.

She leaves behind three children: two sons, Gerald L. and Donald R. Coleman, and a daughter, Janet C. Evans. One son, Larry E. Coleman, preceded her in death. Two granddaughters, Pamela Mosley and Brenda J. Coleman and two great-grandsons, Stephen and Donovan Mosley; one sister, Marie Williamson and one brother, Eugene Williamson.

Five brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

We shall forever miss her loving presence knowing that our loss is her eternal gain. Mother had the sweet hope of a better home, and we believe she is resting in the Lord until the day of resurrection.

Dated:  
May, 1986

Written by her daughter, Janet C. Evans  
in loving memory



## 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.



**STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE  
ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contributions of each church
Louisa .....	Bradley Worrix .....	10	2		1	1	2	4	125	2	\$ 100.00
Old Pond .....	Ray Harlow .....				1	1		3	115	2	150.00
Big Creek .....	David Cook .....	1					1	8	77	3	100.00
Raccoon .....	Marie Coleman .....	9	1					6	85	4	152.00
Peter Creek .....	Leo Coleman .....	1			1		1	1	105	4	125.00
Sulphur Springs .....	George W. Lester .....							3	79	1	75.00
Little Hope .....	Virgil A. Smith .....						1	1	32	1	75.00
Grapevine .....	William K. Bevins .....		1					6	26	3	50.00
Samaria .....	Elder Eddie Harris .....	2						5	163	3	125.00
Little Union .....	Margie Lester .....	1							19	1	100.00
Johns Creek .....	Carl Coleman .....							1	39	2	50.00
Calvary .....	Rush Chapman .....				1		6		41	1	50.00
Dry Fork .....	Clyde Looney .....	1	1					2	63	2	100.00
Friendship .....	Martin Childers .....	2				1			25	4	25.00
Columbus .....	Sandra Harris .....	12			1			2	84	4	75.00
Deerfield .....	Ernest Hager .....			1			2	1	45	4	75.00
Pleasant Hill .....	Grey Moore .....	2							29	1	60.00
	Totals .....	41	5	1	5	3	18	45	1,152		1,487.00



