

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

held with
Raccoon
Primitive Baptist Church
RACCOON, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
September 4, 5, and 6th
1987

Next session convenes with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Canada, Kentucky (Pike County) Friday before the 1st Sunday in September (2, 3, and 4th), 1988.

DIRECTIONS: From Williamson, W. Va. take Route 119 south to Canada, Kentucky. From Pikeville, Kentucky take Route 119 north to Canada, Kentucky.

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - Teddy R. Ball, H.C. 76 Box 500, McCarr, Ky. 41544
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CLERK ----- Stearl Hatfield, H.C. 76 Box 515, McCarr, Ky. 41544
ASST. CLERK ----- Randal Thornsby, Huddy, Ky. 41535

***Elder J. H. Blackburn was appointed Honorary Asst. Moderator.

Proceedings

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

FRIDAY MORNING — September 4th, 1987

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Lundy Coleman.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Paris Blackburn. Text: Psalms 25:4, *Show me thy ways, oh Lord*. Called for the letters from all churches. The letter was read from the Raccoon 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 Robert Warrix	-----	Assistant Moderator
Brother Stearl Hatfield	-----	Clerk
Brother Randal Thornsby	-----	Assistant Clerk

Newly constituted churches called for. None.

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 — Brethren Roger Rose and Roger Fuller. Deacon Johnny Viers and Brother Fayne Viers, Elder Franklin Viers, David Edwards and Ostil Smith.

Burning Springs — Elder Jerry Brown. Brethren Roby Gullett, Edgar Rudd, Owen Blanton, Loren Hensley, Paul B. Gullett, Lonnie Howard and Leroy Howard.

St. Clairs Bottom — Elder Billie Cook, Elder Eddie Lyle, Licentiate Henry Hicks and Deacon Ed Presnell.

Little Yadkin River — Brother Bun Sasher, Elder Vance Jones and Deacon Elmer Edwards.

Mt. Zion — Elders Robert Mabe and David Bailey.

Union — Elder Trillis Adams, James Adams, Brethren Tommy Adams, James Stevens.

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

Sand Lick — Elders Lenord Barton, Roger Fuller, Brethren Glen

Compton and Evans Duty, Estill Owens, Sisters Anita Adkins, Flossie Owens, Ellen Yates and Sona Smith.

Little Yadkin River — Sisters Lona Sasher, Gertrude Hill, Monnie Jones and Jipsey Nance, Myrtle Barker, Nonnie Cook and Brethren Floyd Barker, Willie Inman and Harlin Jones.

Burning Spring — Brethren Mut Mullins, Roy Kelly, Avery Isom, Ruie Nickle and Mrs. Edgar Rudd, Anne Lee Blanton and Mary Webb.

Union — Sisters Ruby Adams, Mary Adams and Jean Adams.

Pilgrim Rest Church of West Virginia — Elders Edd Murphy and George Justice.

Rich Creek Church — Elder Lewis Lester and Wife.

Pilgrim Rest Church of N.C. — Sister Nettie Presnell

New Hope Salem Primitive Baptist Church of Richmond, Va. — Elder Clyde Shelton and Wife.

Hopewell Primitive Church of Fla. — Elder Robert Mayhon, Deacon Arthur Oaks and Wife from Mt. Enon Primitive Church of Fla., Deacon Roger Welch and Wife.

Corinth Primitive Baptist Church of Fla.: Elder D. T. Harvill, Brother Ben Magee of Frost Proof, Fla.

New Laurel Spring Church — Elder Sam Flipp and Wife, Brother Paul Flippen and Wife, Brother Paul A. Lawson and Sister Eva L. Perrell.

Wilson Church of N. C. — Brother Henry Smith, Sisters Jinnie Smith and Sister Melissia Smith.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

Friday Afternoon at the Raccoon Church: Elders Billy Cook, J. C. Hager, Robert Mayhon and Jerry Brown.

Saturday Morning — Elders Trillis Adams, David Bailey, Robert Mabe and Don Stacy.

Saturday Afternoon — Elders Estill Owens, William Adams, Ostill Smith and Jeorld Yates.

Saturday Evening

Big Creek Church — Elders Luther Minnix, J. C. Hager, Robert Mayhon, D. T. Harvill and Elmer Thacker.

Calvary Church — Elders Rufford Howell, Paris Blackburn, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Lundy Coleman and Kit Ratliff.

Elder Noah Slone Home — Elders Trillis Adams, Clyde Shelton, David Coleman, Jr., Lawrence Jackson, Wheeler Thacker and

Robert Worrix.

Little Union — Elders Arthur May, Jimmie Lee Smith, David Edwards, Michael Smith and Teddy R. Ball.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Don Hatfield, Delmer Williamson, Paul Dean Justice, Leo Coleman, Kermit Barton, Tommie Lester, Wade Smith, Walter Sullivan, Bradley Coleman, Earnest Blair, Edd Hunt, Lester Varney, Ishmal Fletcher, Luther Vanhose, Lundy Coleman and Estill Hackney and Ulusius Adkins.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Gary Thacker, Doval Scott and Richard Tucker.

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

SAND LICK — Elders Elmer Brown, Earnest Blair, and Arthur May and Brother Gary Thacker.

UNION — Elder Elmer Brown and Brother Carl Coleman.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM — Elders Teddy R. Ball, J. C. Hager and Harrison Smith.

BURNING SPRINGS — Elder Harrison Smith and Brethren Tom Robinson and Elvis Adkins.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER — Elders John Jacobs and Elmer Thacker and Brother David A. Thacker.

MT. ZION — Elders Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker and Bobby Blackburn.

NEW LIBERTY — Elders Don Hatfield and Randal Thornsby.

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

SATURDAY MORNING — September 5th, 1987

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

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met in the Lunch Room of the Raccoon Church and was called to order the Moderator.

#1: We recommend that Deerfield Church have the Annual Meeting for 1988.

#2: We recommend that Big Creek Church have the Association for 1988.

#3: Read the letters from all the churches and accepted them.

#4: Circular Letter read, accepted and moved and seconded that it be printed in the Minutes.

#5: Elder Sam Flippen from the new Laurel Spring Primitive Baptist Church of Mount Airy, N.C. presented a letter to the Committee asking for privileges of visiting, preaching and communion. After consideration the committee voted by move and second to pass it over until Saturday.

#6: Committee recommended that we carry on the Association 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 Deerfield Church, and to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1988.

Moved and seconded that we grant visitors' privileges to the members of the New Laurel Spring Primitive Baptist Church.

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following: Elders Sam Flippen, D. T. Harvell, Franklin Viers, Robert Mayhon and Teddy R. Ball.

Finance Committee reported \$1,545.00 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 1988. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Earnest Blair, Jerry Brown, and David A. Thacker.

Old Pond — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June 1988. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Mike Smith, Evert Brizendine, Elmer Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Brown, Mickel Elswick, Randal Thornsby, Jimmy Lee Smith and invite Frank Viers.

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1988. 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, Franklin Viers, Bobby Arrington, Ivel Farmer, Micheal Smith, Leonard Barton, Alex Edwards, and all orderly Primitive Baptist.

Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July 1988. Elders to attend: Clifford Thacker, Wheeler Thacker, Rufford Howell, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone, David Coleman, Jr., David Allen Thacker, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul Varney, Jeff Chapman and all Mates Creek ordained ministers are invited.

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June

1988. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Mike Smith, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Joe Slone, Paul D. Justice, Robert Worrix, Rufford Howell, Paris Blackburn, and Franklin Viers.

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August 1988. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Lawrence Jackson, Robert Worrix, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Jimmy Lee Smith, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsby, Earnest Blair, Noah Slone, Vance Jones, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Arthur May, and Harrison Smith.

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July 1988. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmie L. Smith, Paul D. Justice, Basil Hatfield, Paris Blackburn, Ostil Smith, Elmer Brown, Teddy Ball, Lundy Coleman, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsby, Mike Elswick, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, Paul Varney, J. C. Hager, and all Mates Creek Association.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July 1988. Elders to attend: Jeff Chapman, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, Rufus Howell, Kit Ratliff, Earnest Blair, Chester Belcher, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown, Noah Slone, Joe Slone, Jr., Harrison Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Franklin Viers, Johnny Blackburn.

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June 1988. Elders to attend: Basil Hatfield, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy L. Smith, Everett Brizendine, Don Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Kitt Ratliff, Lundy Coleman, Earnest Blair, Bobby Blackburn.

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May 1988. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, Robert Worrix, Jimmy Lee Smith, J. C. Hager, Vance Jones, Rufus Howell, Glen Coleman, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsby, Terry Thacker, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, and Everett Brizendine.

Johns Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July 1988. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Kitt Ratliff, Michael Smith, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Brown, Jeff Chapman, Robert Worrix, John Jacobs, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Paris Blackburn, Earnest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, David May, David Jacobs, Joe Slone, Jr., Glen Coleman, Paul D. Justice, J. C. Hager.

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June 1988. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Jeff Chapman, Glen Viperman, Joe Slone, Noah Slone, Michael Smith, David May, Michael Elswick, Elmer Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Wheeler Thacker, Don Hatfield, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy Ball, Robert Worrix, Paul D. Justice, Randal Thornsby, Elmer Thacker and David Coleman, Jr.

Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May 1988. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Franklin Viers, Earnest Blair, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Don Stacy, Harrison Smith, Gerald Yates, Michael Smith.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August 1988. Elders to attend: Michael Elswick, Basil Hatfield, Lawrence Jackson, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, R. T. Thacker, Don Hatfield, Lundy Coleman, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone, Walter Sullivan, Elmer Brown, Onis Smith and all Orthodox Primitive Baptist Ministers are invited.

Columbus — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1988. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, David Thacker, Jess Tucker, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, Jr., Elmer Thacker, John Jacobs, J. C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Larry Thornsberry, Ivel Farmer, Randal Thornsberry, Glen Coleman, Clifford Thacker, David Edwards, Arnold Thompson, and Bill Graham.

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1988. 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, Greg Moore, Woodruff Dulen, and Junior Barton.

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April 1988. Elders to attend: Leonard Barton, Ivel Farmer, Estil Owens, Bobby Arrington, J. C. Hager, Millard Shelton, Jerry Brown, Ostil Smith, Arnold Thompson and all others are also welcome.

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

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

SISTERS: Cosby Lester, Polly Jane Coleman McClanahan, Myrtle Slone, Drucie Prater Zimmerman Sisco, Wilma Thacker Eckstein, Mollie Justice, Florence Slone, Bessie Sexton, Stella Belcher, Lula Carol Rose, Alabam Williamson, Eloise Runyon Bowersock, Mable Hatfield, Mary Jane Scott, Naoma Thacker, Della Blair, and Pearl Hatfield

BRETHREN: Andy Honaker, Dave Jackson, Jerry Wayne May, Issac McClanahan, Bailey Taylor Coleman, Burlin Coleman, Lloyd (Tubby) Smith, Vertie V. Justice, Glen Davis Thacker, Greenie Thacker, Herbert McKinley Brown, James Wesley McCown, Alonzo M. Charles, Charlie Smith, Linkous Vandyke, Robert Frank Bilen,

Homer Goff, Martin Thacker, Paul Charlie Hager, Lee Chapman, Clyde Henry Looney, Estill Jackson.

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 -----	\$4,154.92
Amount received from the churches -----	1,545.00
Donations and pictures -----	365.00
Total Cash on hand -----	\$6,064.92

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for minutes for 1986 -----	\$1,678.50
Give the Moderator -----	50.00
Give the Asst. Moderator -----	50.00
Give the Clerk -----	50.00
Give the Asst. Clerk -----	50.00

Total Cash Paid Out ----- \$1,878.50

Balance cash left on hand ----- \$4,186.42

Agreed that our next association be held with the Big Creek Church of Canada, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1988. Elder Lundy Coleman was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Robert B. Worrix to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Robert Worrix, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Teddy R. Ball, Moderator
Robert B. Worrix, Asst. Moderator
Stearl Hatfield, Clerk
Randal Thornsby, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 6th, 1987

Singing and Prayer by Elder Sam Flippin.

1. Elder D. T. Harvill — Text: The Purpose of God - Deliverance from Egypt.

2. Elder Franklin Viers — no special text.

3. Elder Robert Mayhon — no special text.

NEXT — Our Moderator Elder Teddy R. Ball closed out the services.

The Officers of the Association would like to thank all of our Cor-

respondents and Visitors for your attendance, and we welcome you again anytime.

We want to thank Elder Paul Dean Justice and all the members of the Raccoon Church for the splendid way they took care of the Association. May the Lord bless us all to meet again with the Big Creek Church in 1988.

The Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Mates Creek Association

Dear Brethren in Christ,

I will try to write to you a short letter since I was chosen to do so. I'll be as brief as possible.

I think a lot on the love God has for His children. Brethren, I believe that the Blood of Christ reaches all the way back to Adam and Eve, and that it will take care of every child that is to be born into this world. Brethren, that is love with no ending. Only God can love without end.

When I see a ring placed on someone's finger, I think of Genesis 41:40, 43, that it signified authority and to be a ruler; Luke 15:20, 22, under Grace truth is a symbol of love.

I believe that we are kept by the power and love of God.

Jeremiah 10:23, O Lord I know that the way of man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps, so if man has ever taken a good step in this world it is ordered of God. If it was not for that unmerited favor of God we would all go astray.

But though I have oft forgotten, His love and kindness changes not. Unworthy though I be, if saved at all, saved by the Grace of God.

Ernest Blair

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA — Robert Worrix, Arlin Adkins, Elster Blackburn and Ulusius Adkins.

OLD POND — Don Hatfield, Floyd Bostic, Leroy Smith and Mike Scott.

BIG CREEK — David Thacker, Gary Thacker, Delmar Williamson and Luther Smith.

RACCOON — Edd Chapman, Roger Coleman, Clifton Preece and Paul D. Justice.

PETER CREEK — Leo Coleman, Stearl Smith and Opa Hatfield.

SULPHUR SPRING — Tommy Lester, Paul Smith, George Lester and Luther Blackburn.

LITTLE HOPE — Kenneth Ball, Walter May, Luther Ball and Bobby Blackburn.

GRAPEVINE — Jeff Chapman, Donald Justice, Bradley Coleman and David Coleman.

SAMARIA — Walter Sullivan, Dennis Dotson and Dovel Scott.

LITTLE UNION — Earnest Blair, Douglas Lester and Ricky Blair.

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

CALVARY — Carl Coleman, Lester Varney, Rush Chapman and Kit Ratliff.

DRY FORK — Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson and Ishmael Fletcher.

FRIENDSHIP — Tom Robinson, Luther Vanhooze, Troy Wheeler and Martin Childers.

COLUMBUS — Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Lonnie Worrix and Larry Stanley.

DEERFIELD — Earnest Hager, Ray Anderson, Harold Blackburn and Charles Blackburn.

PLEASANT HILL — Junior Barton, Kermit Barton and Jim Stacy.

VISITING MINISTERS

Leonard Barton
Roger Fuller
Robert Mayhon
Eddie Lyle
D. T. Harvill
Ostill Smith
David Bailey
Edd Murphy
Vance Jones
George Justice
William Adams
Don Stacy

Roger Rose
Jerry Brown
Billy Cook
Henry Hicks
Clyde Shelton
Robert Mabe
David Edwards
Estill Owens
Jeorld Yates
Trillis Adams
James Adams

CHURCH

Louisa —
Old Pond —

Big Creek —
Raccoon —
Sulphur Spring —
Peter Creek —

Little Hope —

MODERATOR

Robert B. Worrix
Teddy R. Ball &
Don Hatfield
Elmer Thacker
J. H. Blackburn
J. H. Blackburn
T. R. Ball &
Everett Brizendine
Robert Blackburn
Moderator Protem

COMMUNION

July 2nd Saturday
June 2nd Saturday

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

July 1st Saturday

Grapevine —	Kit Ratliff & David Coleman, Jr.	July 3rd Saturday
Samaria —	T. 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 —	T. R. Ball & Elmer Brown	May 2nd 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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 Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Route 1, Box 35, Huddy, Ky. 41535 150
 Big Creek — David Cook, Box 162, Canada, Ky. 41519 ----- 190
 Raccoon — Marie Coleman, 139 Lynn Lane, Raccoon, Ky. 41557 - 140
 Peter Creek — Leo Coleman, Phelps, Ky. 41553 ----- 135
 Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603 --- 90
 Little Hope — Wade Smith, 502 Pigeon Roost Rd.,
 Canada, Ky. 41519 ----- 70
 Grapevine — William K. Bevins, Phyllis, Ky. 41544 ----- 90
 Samaria — Eddie Harris, Box 370, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570 125
 Johns Creek — George Coleman, Kimper, Ky. 41539 ----- 90
 Little Union — Margie Lester, Steel, Ky. 41566 ----- 150
 Calvary — Rush Chapman, H.C. 35 Box 230, Kimper, Ky. 41539 -- 90
 Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, 14250 Havens Corner Rd. S.W.,
 Pataskala, Ohio ----- 120
 Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 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 — Harold Cline, Box 152, Vasant, Va. 24656 ----- 100

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 Union — Trillis Adams, H.C. 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, Va. 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, Va. 24333	25
Robert Mayhon ----- 104 Capri Isles #304, Venice, Fla. 34292	20
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Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, H.C. 76 Box 515, McCarr, Ky. 41544	30
Total	2200

OBITUARIES

POLLY JANE COLEMAN McCLANAHAN



With precious, loving memories we write the obituary of our beloved mother, grandmother and mother-in-law.

Polly Jane Coleman McClanahan, known to those who loved her as Granny, was born December 16, 1893 in Pawpaw, Virginia. God's hand of mercy took her from her suffering on the evening of February 7, 1981, making her stay on earth eighty-seven years, one month and twenty-two days.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Issac McClanahan, and 9 of her 13 children. She was survived by one son, Cecil McClanahan and three

daughters, Pauline Coleman, Omie Hutchinson and Georgia Fraley, all of Grundy, Virginia. She had sixteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

In 1944, she gave her life to Christ and became a member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church. For forty-three years, she was a faithful Christian who looked to God for the strength to endure life's hardships.

She spent her life as a devoted wife, loving mother and a humble servant of God. She knew no stranger, for to her everyone was a friend. She gave a warm smile and hug to all that came her way. Her kindness and love will always be remembered.

Our loss is great but Heaven's gain is greater since Granny was called away. We miss her so, but with God's grace we'll be able to see her in Heaven someday.

Lord, bless us to live our lives as she lived hers, near to thee.

Written by her son, Cecil McClanahan, her daughter-in-law, Betty McClanahan, her daughter, Pauline Coleman and her granddaughter, Pauline Wimmer

MYRTLE SLONE

It is with much sadness and by the Grace of God, I will try to write the obituary of my sister-in-law, Myrtle Slone. She was born in Pike County, KY, January 5, 1912 and departed this life on May 18, 1987, making her stay on earth 75 years, 4 months and 13 days. She was the daughter of Ruben and Jimmie Dales (deceased). She was united in marriage to Sam Slone, who preceded her in death. To this union was born five children, one daughter, Beulah Justice of Shelbiana, KY, and four sons, Cecil Slone of Myra, KY, Samuel Blake Slone, Montie Slone, and George Slone all of Shelbiana, KY. She



leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Vicie Thacker of Red Creek Road, Pikeville, KY, and Maude Reynolds of Phyllis, KY. She raised one grandchild, George Clayton Slone, as her own. Myrtle also leaves to mourn her loss 12 other grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Myrtle was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. Myrtle is sadly missed by her relatives and friends, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. We hope by the Grace of God to meet Sister Myrtle in the air and be taken to a better world, where we will part no more.

Written at the request of the family by:
A Brother in Hope
Elder Noah Slone

DRUCIE ZIMMERMAN SISCO

*I have fought a good fight
I have finished my course
I have kept the faith
II Timothy 4:7*

March 3, 1907 - December 6, 1982



Drucie A. Prater Zimmerman Sisco was born to the loving union of the late Elder William J. Prater and Caroline McCoy. Preceded in death by husband, Henry (1961), sons, Roland (1939) and Troy (1979).

Survivors include: husband, W. "Bud" Sisco, Williamson, West Virginia; three sons, Henry J, Henry Jr., and Paul, and two daughters, Venurma Dotson and Anna L. Owens; a sister, Mazzie

Slone Williamson, Williamson, West Virginia; 28 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was a lifelong member of Old Pond Church.

The Holy Spirit came to live in her and she was a child of God. Sealed by His promise, living now as always in the eternal presence of God.

*"And thou shalt be blessed
for they cannot recompense thee;
for thou shalt be recompensed
at the resurrection of the just."*

Luke 15:14

A Wonderful Mother, A Loving, Dutiful Wife,
A Serving Saint Sadly Missed by Family and Friends.

Author: Paul Zimmerman

WILMA (THACKER) ECKSTEIN



With loving memory of my Mommy, Wilma (Thacker) Eckstein, I write her obituary.

Mommy was born April 2nd, 1938, in Pike County, Ky., to Berlin Thacker and the late Cassie (Fuller) Thacker. She departed us on October 21st, 1986, making her stay on earth 48 years, 6 months and 19 days.

Mommy is survived by husband, John E. Eckstein; son, Joe E. Eckstein; and myself, Jan K. Eckstein. She is also survived by one brother, David Thacker; three sisters, Irene New of

Daytona Beach, Fl.; Ivalene Varney of Matewan, W. Va.; and Bonnie Ball of Pinsonfork, Ky. Mommy did not get to live long enough to see either of her children marry and produce grandchildren, but they will know her through memories.

Those of you who knew Mommy as a nurse at the Appalachian Regional Hospital will remember her as a devoted, caring nurse who did whatever needed to be done to help those that needed her. We, her family, will remember her for the love, care, understanding, help and devotion she gave us so unselfishly.

Through the years I grew to understand and love my mother very much. Then, so quickly, she is taken away to be with her Lord, God's lent child.

I was there with Mommy when she died, and the mental picture of her taking her last breath will never leave me. I know a good part of me died with my Mommy. Unfortunately, though, those left behind must go on.

Life dealt Mommy some pretty hard times and she dealt with them the best way she knew how. Now those of us that are left have to deal with her passing as best we know how.

Mommy loved poetry and she hid this poem in a place knowing I would find it. I would like to share it with you in honor of her memory.

*Do not stand by my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am a diamond glint of snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awake in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starshine at night.
Do not stand by my grave and cry,
I am not there . . . I did not die.*

Anonymous

Sleep peacefully, Mommy. We all love and miss you.

Jan Kimberly

MOLLIE JUSTICE

With much sadness I'll try to write the obituary of my cousin, Mollie Justice. She was born March 9, 1920 to the late Nelson and Victory Blackburn Justice in Pike County, Ky. She passed away April 11,

1987 in Buchanan County, Va. She was 67 years old. She is survived by two brothers, Dick and Lon Justice, both of Phyllis; two sisters, June Justice of Phyllis, and Mae Slone of Rittman, Ohio. She had eleven sisters and brothers who have preceded her in death: Lillie Rowe, Elsie Harrison and Rose Perison, Pearly Hunt, Jim, Burt, Bowen, Orville, Effert, Ora and Malcom Justice. She never belonged to any church. I talked to her often. She was hoping for a better home when she left here. By her request Teddy Ball preached her funeral. I hope we will meet in heaven on that resurrection morning.



Mollie Justice

Written by Magdalene Varney

FLORENCE SLONE

Sadly I try to write the obituary of my mom, Florence Slone. Mom was born December 16, 1919, at Fishtrap, Ky., the daughter of Owen and Perlle (Thacker) Slone.

God called for Mom November 19, 1986, making her stay on earth 66 years and 27 days.

She was preceded in death by four children, her father, and three brothers.

On January 6, 1936, she was married to Johnnie Slone. This union was blessed with ten children, six of which survive. In addition to her husband and her mother, Mom leaves four sons to mourn her loss: Johnnie, Jr. of Millard, Ky.; Leo of Elkhorn City; Donnie of Ashland, Ky.; Dennie of Rocky Road, Millard; two daughters, Liza Morrison, Evelyn Thornsby of Sidney, Ky.; her mother, Perlle Slone, Elkhorn City; two brothers and four sisters, 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Mom was a member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church of Rocky Road of Millard. Mom became a member of Primitive September 9, 1950. Mom loved going to church as long as she was able. She loved



to hear the old-time singing. Mom always had a smile, that I'll always remember. Mom loved all her children. We all are proud to have had a wonderful mother like her. We will cherish her memory. Our hope is to meet Mom some sweet day. Our loss is her gain as I believe Mom now has a better place free of this troublesome world.

Sadly missed by her family and friends

BESSIE SEXTON

In memory of Bessie Sexton, born June 1, 1906 and passed from this life October 20, 1986. She was the daughter of the late John and Sarah Justice.

Bessie was married to Floyd Justice who preceded her in death. They were the parents of three children: one son, Paul Dean Justice of Shalbiana; two daughters, Edith Lust of Carl D. Perkins Apts., and Maxine Thompson of Van Lear, Ky.

On May 10, 1965 she was married to Gene Sexton who was a faithful and devoted husband.

Bessie joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized October 1976 and remained a faithful member.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, children and friends. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her loving husband, Gene Sexton



MRS. LULA CAROL ROSE

It is with a sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our beloved sister, Mrs. Lula Carol Rose, daughter of the late Mr. William Ira Smith and Mrs. Bessie Coleman Smith. Lula was born February 28, 1946 in Pike County. She departed this life June 16, 1987, making her stay on earth 41 years, three months and 18 days. She was a member of the Samaria Church Primitive Baptist at Blackberry. She was married to Mr. William A. Rose June 1, 1963. They were blessed with two daughters, Mrs. Annetta Carol Park,

Vada Sue Rose, and two sons, Victor Allen Rose and William D. Rose. She is survived by three brothers, Elder Harrison Smith, Victor Smith, Henry Smith; three sisters, Mrs. Bobby Steveson, Mrs. Gaynell Smith and Mrs. Frances Barnes.

She leaves behind many friends and family members that loved her, but I believe with all my heart she is asleep in Jesus and someday on that great resurrection day we will meet again.

Written by Elder Harrison Smith
and his wife Virginia Smith

ALABAM WILLIAMSON



With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my mother whom I love so dearly, Alabam Williamson.

She was born at Canada, Ky. in Pike County on July 26, 1890.

She was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She went to church as long as she was able to go. She believed in the grace of God. She passed this life July 26, 1987, making her stay on earth 96 years and five months.

Our prayer is that we will meet her again in Heaven some day. We believe our loss is her eternal gain.

Written with love
Her son, Delmer Williamson

ELOISE RUNYON BOWERSOCK

Eloise Runyon Bowersock, age 71, of Wellington, Ohio, died July 11, 1987, after an illness of eight months.

Born January 27, 1916 on Pond Creek, she was the daughter of Fred Runyon and Arminda (Runyon) Charles.

She moved to Ohio in 1953, and returned often to the area to visit and attend church. She had been a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church since 1966.



She is survived by two children, Bonnie Witbeck and Bill Harrison, both of Wellington, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and three brothers, she has joined those she loved so well.

Loved and sadly missed by
Her Family

MABLE HATFIELD

It is with a great deal of sadness that we try to write this tribute to our beloved mother. Words can never express the love she had for her family. We will always love, miss, and remember her.

Mable (McCoy) Hatfield was born in Pike County, Ky. on July 11, 1910 to the late Phillip and Ella Jane (Smith) McCoy. She deceased on March 26, 1987 following a brief illness. Her life here on earth was 76 years, eight months, and 15 days long.

She is survived by eight children: four sons, Everette, Dock, Dorse, and Don, and four daughters, Phylada Smith, Lilly Crawley, Nancy Dotson, and Patsy Salmons. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers and six sisters.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jonah Hatfield, and one brother.

She became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in December 1981 and was baptized by Elders Teddy Ball and Michael Smith. She loved attending church and we take great comfort in knowing that she is now at peace with her Heavenly Father whom she trusted with her eternal salvation.

Sadly missed by her family.

Written by: Her Children



MARY JANE SCOTT

Mary Jane Scott, 76 years of age, of Huntington, W. Va., passed away August 26, 1987 at the Cabell Huntington Hospital after a sudden illness.

Born November 18, 1910 at Hardy, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Thomas Scott and the late Georgia Stafford Scott.

Sister Mary Jane was a devoted wife, a kind and loving mother to her children and grandchildren and a special friend and gentle neighbor to all who knew her, always available in a time of need. She was so unselfish and was always giving but never expecting anything in return.



Mary Jane Scott

She was preceded in death by her husband Sherman Scott in 1963. Survivors include: two sons, Gene Scott of Huntington, W. Va., and James F. Scott of Cornelia, Ga.; three daughters, Mildred Hinerman and Melda Hinerman, both of Orville, Ohio, and Louella Gregg of Holiday, Fla.; two brothers, Doval Scott of McCarr, and Stirl Scott of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters, Lilly Hatfield of McCarr, Ky.; Gracie Stacy of Hardy, and Olleana Robinson of Oceanea, W. Va. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

COSBY LESTER

It is with a deeply sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dearly departed mother. A dear old sainted Mother has been called from our midst. Sister Cosby was born in Buchanan County, the daughter of the late Issac and Nancy Dotson Lester. She was born February the 19th, 1900, and passed away June 14th, 1987, making her stay here on earth 87 years, four months and five days. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years at Sulphur Springs. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to be about.



Her husband, Frank Lester, preceded her in death June 15th, 1981. Also her son preceded her in death in 1946. She was the mother of four daughters, Grace Ratliff, Mable Davis, Rose Jean Greene, and Josephine Charles; four sons, George Edd Lester, Roy Lester, Homer Lester, and Johnny Lester, and 42 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren.

It's very sad around the old home place since Mom and Dad are

gone. We missed and loved them so very much. Words can't express just how much we all loved them. Life goes on and we must make the best of it and pray some day the family circle will be complete once again, where we will never have to part again.

IF I COULD CROWN YOU MOTHER

I remember your love, Mother, it was strong as the wind as it blew 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 a robe 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.

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.

In Loving Memory, Children and Grandchildren

STELLA BELCHER



It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I will try by the help of God to write an obituary of my dear companion, Stella Belcher. She was born March 29, 1915, the daughter of William Short and Louisa Griffy Short, and was one of twelve children.

Making her stay here on earth seventy-two years and two months, Stella joined the Old Baptist Church July 15, 1956. We were married December 22, 1932, and to this union was born three boys: D. M. Belcher of Meta, Ky.; Raymond Belcher of Franklin, Ohio, and Roger Belcher of Springboro, Ohio. She also left behind on this earth three sisters: Florence Sawyers of Lick Creek, Ky.; Virgie Hess of Richwood, West Va., and Ida Watts of Michigan; and one brother, Bill Short of Meta, Ky. Stella also left behind five granddaughters and one grandson: Cheryl Belcher Gillis of Springboro, Ohio; Gia Belcher of Springboro, Ohio;

Monica Belcher of Franklin, Ohio; Julia Belcher, Kathy Belcher, and Ronnie Lee Belcher of Meta, Ky. Three fine daughters-in-law, Phyllis, Patricia, and Sonya also mourn her loss.

We were blessed to have our wife and mother here on earth for fifty-four years and six months. She bore her sickness and handicap with the most patience and endurance of any person I have ever known. You would never know how she was suffering because she would not complain. I fed her in the hospital for the last time. She ate a dish of pudding, a cup of ice cream, and a half pint of milk. About six o'clock, I could see that death was upon her and I called the nurse and doctor. They said there was nothing more they could do for her. We had to just wait and let God's work be done.

My wife is buried across from our house at the Bent Ridge Cemetery. We bought our headstones about ten years ago and set them up. When I go outside, I can look across the valley and see her headstone.

Stella was the best woman I ever knew. During all our married life we never had a fight. She never quarreled at me until she got real sick. I go over on the hill to her grave real often and talk to her, although I know she can't hear me. No one knows how much I loved her. Only God knows that. My hope is to meet her in heaven where there are no cripples, no sickness and no sorrow. I say just sleep on, darling, until that Judgement Day when we will all arise to meet God.

In Memory of Stella

Chester Belcher

*Your labor here on earth is done
And you have gone to that bright home.
You left me, Honey, with a broken heart,
While I am sitting here all alone.*

*I see your headstone on the hill,
A place in my heart that can't be filled.
I think of you, Mama, as on the hill you lay,
But we, by grace, will meet some day.*

*There will be no cripples in that land,
Where we will join that Heavenly band.
I'll not feed you, darling, any more,
Christ will feed on that bright shore.*

NAOMA THACKER

Naoma Thacker, born January 15, 1920, passed away July 29, 1986. She is survived by husband, Appy Thacker, and children.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Williamson

and one son, Larry Williamson, mother and father, John Fuller and Annie Rowe Rowe Fuller and brother and sisters. She was a member of Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church for a short time but always had the faith and belief of that church.

She was a mother to a lot of children who had none and a friend to all who knew her.

Gone but not forgotten, but she is with Jesus, home and safe.

Written by
Mike Thacker (Son)



Naoma Thacker

DELLA BLAIR



Although it pains me every moment I think of this duty, I will try with an aching heart and many loving memories to write the obituary of my loving mother whom I loved and cherished with all my heart.

Della Coleman Blair was born June 27, 1926 in Pike County, Ky. Mom was the daughter of the late Roland and Margie (Dotson) Coleman, of Phelps, Ky.

Della Blair (Mom) departed this life on March 26, 1987, making her stay on earth 60 years, 9 months and 30 days. She was a member of The Little Union Church. She served as clerk of the church for many years. Mom and Dad united with The Little Union Primitive Baptist Church in 1958, and they both were a great asset to the Church.

Della Blair was married to the late Oliver Blair for 46 years. This marriage was blessed with four children, one daughter, Margie (Blair) Lester; three sons, Edward, Jesse, James Ervin Blair, all of Steele, Ky. Also to mourn her death were eight grandchildren; three sisters, Myrtle Smith of Phelps, Ky.; Zella Casey of Ohio, and Annie Coleman of Pinsonfork, Ky.

Preceding her in death were one grandchild, Lori Michelle Lester; one sister, Alice Thompson, and one brother, Bob Coleman.

Mom retired as a store merchant and post-mistress a short time before her death.

To all of us there comes a time our hope is not to be a burden to anyone. This was Mom's desire, and we feel that God granted her wishes for she departed this life before we realized how afflicted she really was.

To us living upon God's footstool, we feel Mom's crown should be a million times brighter than ours, but that is not God's plan, for departing is just for a season, then we live in hope of being one of the joint-heirs of promise that we will meet God and his host of angels and live throughout eternity.

Written by the Family

MRS. PEARL B. HATFIELD

Mrs. Pearl B. Hatfield was born October 10, 1899 and passed away at her home January 31, 1987. She was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for about 45 years. Her husband, J. E. (Estil) Hatfield preceded her in death on April 30, 1983.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. John (Josephine) Anderson and Mrs. J. Herschel (Pauline) Morgan, both of Matewan. She also has one granddaughter, Mrs. Bill (Susan) Neil, and two great-grandchildren, Billy and Laura of New Orleans, La.

One brother, Hansel Blackburn of McCarr, Ky., and a host of friends who dearly loved her, and we are sure that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her two daughters,
Pauline Morgan and Josephine Anderson



Estil and Pearl Hatfield

ANDY HONAKER

In loving memory I will try to write the obituary of my Uncle Andy Honaker. He was born December 16, 1903. He departed this life on March 4, 1986, making his stay here on earth 82 years, two months and 16 days. Born at Kimper the son of the late Alice and Jim Honaker, he was married to Zettie Williamson that ended in divorce.

He never remarried. They had one son, Riley Honaker of Stinking Branch Road, Kimper, Ky. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his son, three sisters, Cora Justice, Phyllis, Ky.; Myrtle Anderson, Phyllis, Ky.; Gommie Thacker, Canada, Ky. He was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church.

Sadly missed and loved by his son, sisters, nieces, nephews, and all who knew him. Sleep on, Uncle Andy. We hope to meet you again some day. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his niece
Dolly Anderson



Andy Honaker

DAVE JACKSON



By request of the family we will try to write the obituary of our dear friend and brother in Christ. As we write this it will be one year ago tomorrow that our Heavenly Father called Brother Dave Jackson from this life.

Brother Dave passed away on September 3, 1986 at the age of 64 years. He died at Marymont Hospital in London, Ky.

He is survived by his loving wife of many years, Myrtle Jackson of London, Ky., and five children, Dave Jackson, Jr. of Miracle, Ky., Donnie Wayne Jackson, Nannie Faye Phillips, Terry Joe Jackson, all of London, Ky., and Jesse Hazel Gates of Holly, Mich. He is also survived by one brother, Everett Jackson of Harts Branch, Ky., and three sisters, Nancy Smith of Manchester, Ky., Edith Goins and Edna Hibbard of Fenton, Mich. Eleven grandchildren also survive.

He worked and retired from General Motors Corp. in Mich. He also served in World War II.

Brother Dave united with The Deerfield Primitive Church on August 1, 1971 and lived a faithful member until his death.

Dave was a soft spoken, gentle and kind man who lived and walked in the fear of God. He loved his Lord, the church and his family, and seems like he always had a smile and kind word for everyone. He read his Bible very often and was very knowledgeable in the scriptures. He often went through the day humming an ole hymn, singing with grace in his heart praises to his Saviour.

Brother Dave often spoke of going back home to Kentucky where he was born and raised and this he did in 1985.

So to his loving wife and family I say, Brother Dave was a soldier of the cross and a great man in Israel and I feel your loss is his eternal gain. I know your hearts are filled with sorrow and you miss him very much, but always remember this, the God that loved him and called him by his grace has already been through the grave, therefore Brother Dave is resting from his labors, and his spirit has returned to God who gave it. When the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout and the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, He will remember that body that is buried thereon a little hillside in Kentucky.

Written by Elder J. C. Hager

JERRY WAYNE MAY



It is with much sorrow that I try to write an obituary for my dear friend, and cousin, Jerry Wayne May. He was born on January 23, 1964. He departed this life on November 10, 1985, making his stay on this earth 21 years and nine months and 18 days. He never united with the church but he was a strong believer in the Old Regular Primitive Baptist faith.

He was the grandson of the late James Bazel and Daisy Dotson May, and Ashland and Ellie Cole. He was the son of Howard May and Virginia May Johnson, his step-mother, Magelene Stell May, his step-father, Doug Johnson. His adopted parents are Walter Ray and Lillian Smith. He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters, deceased at birth.

Survivors include his father, Howard, and Virginia May Johnson, and five brothers, Randy May, Junior May, David May, Roger May, Larry Dean May, all of Pike County, Ky.; two half-brothers, William Paul Raines of Washington, D.C., and Joe Raines, of Florida; three step-brothers, Roy Eugene Stell of Grundy, Va.; Anthony Stell of Pike

County, Ky., and Jony Stell of Delorme, West Va., and three half-sisters, Anna Ray Aowley, residence unknown; Lucille Kendall of West Alexandria, Ohio, and Lillian Smith of Pike County, Ky., and one sister, Rosanna Maree Justus, also of Pike County, Ky.

Jerry was a dear friend to all who knew him. He had a love which is very seldom seen. Not everyone has that blessing. Even though he's gone he lives on in the hearts of those who loved him. He is sadly missed by myself and a host of friends and relatives. We all pray to meet you again, Jerry, someday, on Heaven's bright shore. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Rebecca Gale Branhan

ISSAC McCLANAHAN

With a saddened heart, I write the obituary of my dear grandfather.

Issac McClanahan was the son of Elish and Frances McClanahan. He was born in 1895. Our merciful Lord called him home on November 25, 1944. In 1916, he married Polly Jane Coleman McClanahan. From this union were born 13 children of which nine are deceased.

He was survived by one son, Cecil McClanhan; three daughters, Pauline Coleman, Omie Hutchinson, Georgia Fraley; one brother, Wiley McClanahan, and one sister, Pearly Breeding. He had sixteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He became a member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church in 1944. He is sadly missed by all who loved him.

Written by his granddaughter, Pauline Wimmer



BAILEY TAYLOR COLEMAN

It is in much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Bailey Taylor Coleman. Born on April 7, 1910, he was the son of the late Haze Coleman and Luma Smith Coleman. He passed away March 16, 1987, at home, making his stay on earth seventy-six years, eleven months, and nine days.

He was married to the late Jettie Coleman Coleman on June 18, 1932. Born to the union was six daughters and two sons. He is survived by three daughters, Edith Blair of Steel; Dixie Nichols of Gulnare, and Hazel Stiltner of Kimper. He was preceded in death by three daughters and two sons. He is survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by three half-sisters, Minnie, Nettie, and Luma. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charlie, Leck and Anthony. Lastly, he is survived by his last wife, Ethel Thornsby Hunt Coleman. They were united in wedlock on January 16, 1977.



Bailey Taylor Coleman

Bailey was a member of Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He and his last wife, Ethel, were baptized on April 3, 1949 at Long Fork Primitive Baptist Church by Brothers Teddy Ball and Johnny Blackburn. He was a faithful member and he loved to go to church when he was able. He was also a retired coal miner of Harmon Coal Company.

My prayer is, Sleep on, Darling. I will meet you again some day. There we will be happy forever and forever.

Written by: Wife, Ethel Coleman

BURLIN COLEMAN

As I sadly write this memory of my dear husband, father of my children, Burlin Coleman: Amos Coleman, Zettie Hunt, Nora Hunt, Mable Blackburn, and our in-laws, and a lot of grandchildren to mourn his loss. He was born February 17, 1906., making him 80 years old. He was a coal miner. He went to church all of his life and belonged to the Primitive Baptist 6 years before he died. He was a faithful member till he was too sick to go. We were married 64 years, four months and two days. He was the son of Jackson Coleman and Minnie Coleman.



One brother: Roy Coleman, and a sister, Perlie Coleman. He is badly missed by his loving wife and children. Many tears have been shed since he's been gone but he'll never be forgotten as he lays in his final resting place. We all love him more than tongue can ever tell. He was so humble and good through his sickness. That night he turned and looked me in the eyes, closed them, went to sleep in my arms never to wake till Jesus calls us all home and by God's tender mercy me and my children will meet him again.

Written by his loving wife
who cared for him so long,
Katherin Coleman

LLOYD (TUBBY) SMITH

In memory of Lloyd (Tubby) Smith who departed this life on January 18, 1987, in Canton, Michigan, making his stay on earth 44 years, three months and eight day. He was born October 10, 1942 in Pikeville, Ky.

He was the son of Elcanie and Birtie (Stiltner) Smith. Left to mourn his loss are his wife, Shirley (Swindall) Smith of Canton, Mich.; one son, Michael, and one daughter, Pamela Sue Smith, both of the home, and his dad, Elcanie Smith, and his mother, Birtie Smith, both of Kimper, Ky.



He also leaves five brothers, Willie, Monroe, Tilden, Anthony and Troy Smith, all of Kimper, Ky. He also leaves three sisters, Flora Bittofker of Wayne, Mich.; Beulah Lockhart of Kimper, Ky., and Eula Hunt of Meta, Ky.; also a host of friends;

Tubby had faith and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. He loved gospel singing.

He may be gone from our sight, but he will never be gone from our memories.

Our circle is broken here and a part of us is gone. It's heart breaking to know we will never meet again on this earth anymore, but by the grace of God, I feel we will meet again where no sorrow or heartaches will be. But singing and praising God forever and ever.

He is no longer here on earth with us, but he will always be with us in our hearts.

By grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves. It is a gift of God.

We will miss him and love him forever.

Written by Family

VERTIE V. JUSTICE



I will try to write the obituary of my dear nephew, Vertie V. Justice, who passed away April 3rd, 1987, making his stay 65 years, eleven months and 17 days.

He was the son of Clayborne and Della Adams Justice who preceded him in death. He leaves three children, one brother, two sisters, and lots of friends to mourn his loss.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, and he believed in the grace of God. I believe some day we will all be together where parting will be no more.

Written by his aunt, Ora Justice

GLEN DAVIS THACKER

Glen Davis Thacker, 52, of Hatcher Court, Pikeville, died Sunday, October 26, 1986, at home.

He was born in Pike County July 5, 1934, the son of Ollie Octavie Worrix Thacker of Pikeville and the late Matt Thacker.

He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by two sons, Glen Davis Thacker, Jr. and Steve Thacker, both of Phyllis; one daughter, Ollie Jane Thacker of Robinson Creek; one step-daughter, Roxie Justice of Fishtrap; three brothers, John D. Thacker of Fishtrap; Gemes Thacker of Raccoon; Lee Roger Thacker of Croton, Ohio; and four sisters, Kelsie Kendrick of Pikeville, Victoria Slone of Raccoon, Dixie Thacker of Phyllis, and Rebecca Abshire of Lick Creek, Kentucky.

Glen was a devoted father and neighbor. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by the Family



GREENIE THACKER

Greenie Thacker, age 64, of Burning Fork Road, Pikeville, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, January 18, 1987. He was born March 11, 1922, a son of the late Green and Dulcenia Coleman Thacker.



He was united in marriage to Lora (Justice) Thacker on November 8, 1941. To this union were born nine children; three sons, Foster Thacker, Otis Thacker, and Brian Keith Thacker, all of Burning Fork Road; six daughters, Virgie Curry of Banner, Ky.; Eloise Sparks of Burning Fork Road; Loretta Harville of Stone Coal; Geraldine Sullivan of Pikeville; Kathy Thacker of Burning Fork Road, and Pamela Kaye Worrix of Harold; fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He has one surviving brother, Otis Thacker of Raccoon, Ky.; four sisters, Lou Beirns of Ohio (deceased July 1987), Ocie Daniels of Stanville, Ky.; Josie Reynolds and Bessie Thacker, both of Lower Pompey, Ky.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Dewey Thacker, Estil Thacker and Miles Thacker; one sister, Martha Thacker Slone.

Greenie was a disabled retired coal miner of Kentland Elkorn Coal Corp. and a member of the U.M.W.A. He was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

He will be missed by many friends and relatives.

Written by the Family

HERBERT McKINLEY BROWN

Herbert McKinley Brown, son of the late Arthur and Annie Brown, was born November 4, 1928. He passed away August 21, 1987, leaving to mourn his loss, his wife, Pauline Ratliff Brown; daughter, Vicki Ratliff; granddaughter, Dena Ratliff; one sister, Lucille Pendell, Bristol, Va.; six brothers, Elder Elmer Brown, Prater, Va.; Garland Brown, Rosedale, Va.; Carl Brown, King George, Va.; Ferrill Brown, Woodbridge, Va.; Earl Brown, Alexandria,



Va.; Nelson Brown, Bluff City, Tn., and a host of nieces and nephews who loved him so much.

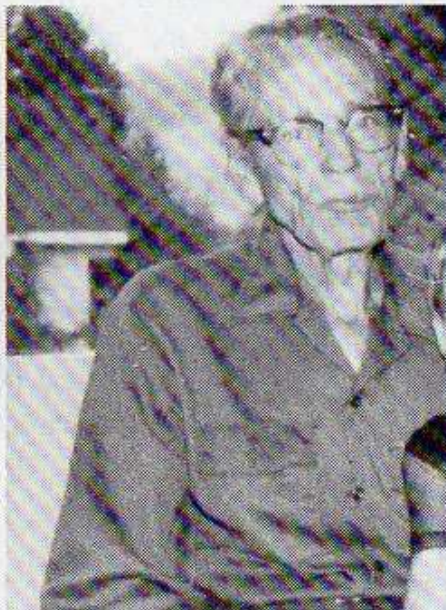
Many, many friends have shown so much love and kindness all through his long illness which he bore with so much patience and faith in Christ. The family has heard him say many times, "God has been so good to me." He will be greatly missed by many. He was a coal miner for 37 years. He worked hard to make a good life for his family and was loved by everyone who knew him. Sleep on, Brother, 'till we meet again where there will be no more pain or suffering.

*"The garden gates stood open
He saw you needed rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
For he always takes the best."*

Peace will be thy rest, dear brother.

Your loving sister, Lucille Pendell

JAMES WESLEY McCOWAN



It is with loving memory and a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear precious sweet husband, James Wesley McCowan.

He was born March 4, 1909 in Dickenson County, Va., and died March 19, 1987, making his stay on the earth 78 years and 15 days. He was the son of Oscar and Sara Fuller McCowan. He was a retired miner, a veteran of World War II and a member of the Baptist Church. He was married to Mae Ratliff on April 6, 1956. We were married 30 years.

He was a loving and sweet husband and wonderful father. He leaves behind two daughters and three sons, five sisters, one brother, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

To know him was to love him. I feel his suffering is over. I believe my loss was Heaven's gain, and by the grace of God we will meet again.

Sadly missed by the wife, children and the many friends that he had.

Written by his loving wife
Mae R. McCowan

ALONZO M. CHARLES

Alonzo M. Charles was born in Buchanan County, Virginia, at Kelsey, making his stay on earth 79 years. He believed in the Primitive Baptist. He was the son of the late Sally Dawson Charles and Tom Charles.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Smith Charles; four children, Pauline Smith, Phelps, Ky.; Thomas A. Charles of Phelps, Ky.; also Paul R. Charles of Ypsilanti, Mich., and James H. Charles of Ypsilanti.

He has one whole sister, May Lester, and three half-sisters, Rittie Lester, Pauline Justice and Cathern Justice, and two half-brothers, Raymond Justice and Edd Marrs.

He's sadly missed by his wife and children, relatives and friends.



CHARLIE SMITH

With much sadness, and an aching heart, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear sweet loving husband. Charlie Smith, born August 23, 1908 at Phelps, Ky., departed this life March 25, 1987, making his stay on earth 78 years, six months and two days. Left to mourn his loss is his wife, Lakie Sullivan Smith; three sons and two daughters, one brother, Clarence Smith, and 19 grandchildren, and a host of friends. He was the son of the late Willie Smith and Mary Coleman Smith.

Charlie and I were married October 14, 1925. We were married 61 years, five months and five days. He bore his sickness with patience and trusted in God's will being done. He was a loving and sweet husband and a wonderful father. To know him was to love him. I feel his toiling, heartache and burdens are over in this life, but on that resurrection morning my loss will be Heaven's gain, and by the grace of God we will meet again.



Written by his wife, Lakie Smith

LINKOUS VANDYKE

With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my dear friend, Linkous Vandyke.

He passed away Thursday afternoon in the Humana Hospital at Richlands, Va., after a brief illness, making his stay here on earth 72 years, three months and two days. He was the son of the late Arther and Polly Sisk Vandyke.

He was a retired miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America. He was also a veteran of World War 2.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Hunt Vandyke in September 1974.

Linkous was a kind person and loved by everybody that knew him. He bore his afflictions with patience, believing God was merciful to him unto death.

Mr. Vandyke is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lillie Cantrell, Grundy, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Belle Anderson, Mrs. Pauline Copenhaver, Mrs. Martha Street and Mrs. Cindy Auxter; four brothers, Junior Vandyke, Estil Vandyke, Clearance Vandyke and Carl Vandyke. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Vires and Mary Cox.

Mr. Vandyke will be missed by his family and friends, but will be greatly missed by his only daughter, Mrs. Lillie Cantrell.

So all we can say is sleep on, 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 to bear.

Written by Elder Elmer Brown



ROBERT FRANK BILEN

Robert Frank Bilen was born September 11, 1916. He died October 20, 1986. He was 70 years old.

He is sadly missed by his wife, Marie Bilen, and his daughter, Roberta Bilen; one step-son, Kenneth Hurley, all of Raccoon, Ky.; one son, Robert P. Bilen of Indiana; two brothers, Joseph and Peter U. Bilen, both of Indiana, and six sisters, Rose Mendoza, Sally Veloch, Betty Jakubowicz, all of Indiana; Marlene Gigliotti and Ann Gigliotti, both of



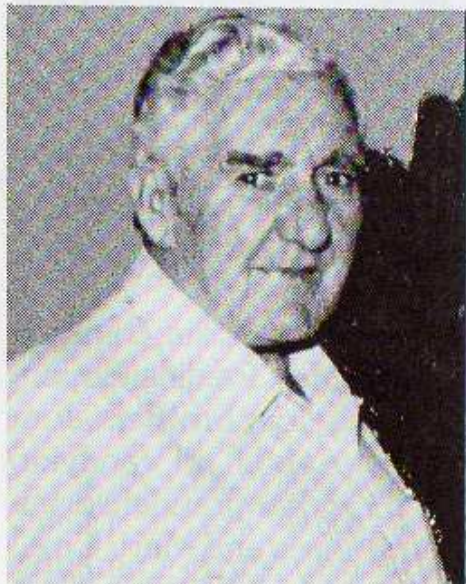
Portland, Oregon, and Peggie Palmateer of East Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his brother, John Bilen, and two sisters, Kathryn Miksich and Helen Bobin.

He will live on in our hearts forever by his loving wife and daughter, Mavie and Roberta Bilen. We would like to thank the Primitive Baptist Church for their kindness.

The Family

HOMER GOFF



It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Homer Goff. He passed from this life September 24, 1986 at 8:40 a.m. at home.

He was born June 8, 1915, to the late Paris Goff and Lydia May Goff, making his stay here on earth 71 years, three months and 16 days. He was a retired coal miner from Kentland - Elkhorn Coal Company and a member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local 8288.

He married Ermel Morris Goff July 6, 1961, who survives him. He is also survived by one brother, Velma Goff, Harman, Va.; four sisters, Vagie Vanover, Burdine, Ky.; Virdie Smith, McVeigh, Ky.; Sadie Harmon, Dayton, Ohio, and Goldie Price, Tampa, Fla.; also a host of other relatives and friends.

Homer never joined with any church, but was a firm believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. He read his Bible many, many times each day. He only missed two days in four years, reading his Bible. That was after he got so sick just a few days before his death. He had read the New Testament eleven times and only lacked 16½ books in the Old Testament having the whole Bible read eleven times. His Bible reading was one thing that came before anything else.

I know he is now resting in peace where there is no more breathing problems and aches and pains, waiting for Jesus to come for his children. He was a good, kind and loving husband and I hope to meet him in Heaven some sweet day. So, sleep on, dear husband, until Jesus calls his children home.

Written by his broken-hearted wife,
Ermel Goff

MARTIN THACKER



It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of Brother Martin Thacker.

Martin was born October 24, 1905 in Pike County. He was the son of the late Hibbard and Nancy Jane Thacker. He was a carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hassie Thacker, and three children.

He is survived by his second wife, Missouri Slone Thacker; two sons, Robert Clinton Thacker and James Edward Thacker; four step-sons, Ruey Kendrick, John and Noah Kendrick, and Ray Kendrick; four daughters, Kathryn Mullins, Imogene Curry, Philistine Goff and Mae Curry; a step-daughter, Ada Ray; two sisters, Ollie Ratliff and Sarah Blackburn; 17 grandchildren, 17 step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

I have tried for weeks to think of words I could say, in the short space I am allowed in this minute, to describe the man and the mark he left here on earth.

Brother Martin's love for his family, church and friends was so great that it was a joy just to be around him.

I am proud to be able to say, Brother Martin was a friend of mine for many years. When I had a problem, I could talk to him, and knew he would advise me, as he would his own son. I know that Sister Missouri and all the children miss Brother Martin even more than I, but I would like to say to them and all his many friends, each day when we think of him, we should think of the love he had for us and the blessed hope he had, that he'd meet us again. When you find yourself lonely, sad and missing Brother Martin, think about the song he loved so much:

"A child of Jehovah, a subject of Grace, I'm of the seed Royal a dignified race, an heir of salvation redeemed with blood, I'll own my relation, my Father is God."

Song 245 in the Goble Song Book

Written by a brother and friend,
Elder David Coleman, Jr.

PAUL "CHARLIE" HAGER

It is with much sadness I shall try to write the obituary of my husband, Paul David "Charlie" Hager. He was born June 18, 1938, the son of the late Dewey Hager and Vicy Whitt Hager of Ransom.

Charlie and I were married July 3, 1965. We were blessed with two children, James Gregory Estep and Tammy Hager Rudisill, both of Ransom, Ky.

Also left to mourn his death are two brothers, Stril and Bill, both of Ransom, and two sisters, Glenna Mae Dotson and Norma Jean Dotson, also of Ransom.

I'm sure he is sadly missed by his many friends. He was a good husband and father. The only thing that makes my life bearable is to know that someday we shall meet again in Heaven.

With loving memories
His wife Alice



LEE CHAPMAN



I hope God will give me the courage to write the obituary of my loving husband, Lee Chapman. He was the son of the late William A. Chapman and Tilda Strough Chapman. He was born June 15, 1902; departed this life June 9, 1987, making his stay here on this earth 84 years, 11 months and 22 days.

Preceding him in death was his second wife, Sallie Thacker Chapman; one son, three daughters, and one brother brother, Bud Chapman; one half brother, Garland Hunt.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie Justice Chapman; five sons, Willie A. Chapman, Wallace Flem Chapman, Scottie Chapman, Tom Jeff Chapman, Garland Chapman; two daughters, Bertha Smith, Linda Wheeler; three sisters, Annie Cassity, Bertha Justice, Ora Harris; nine grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives who will miss him, but God's will will be done.

Darling, I sit and look at your vacant chair and pretend you are still there.

Written by your loving wife,
Bessie

CLYDE HENRY LOONEY

Clyde Henry Looney, 68, of Oakwood, Va., Rt. #2, passed away Wednesday evening in a Richlands, Va. hospital following a long illness. He was born in Dickenson County, Va. and he was the son of the late Sherman and Vacey Childress Looney. He was a retired coal miner and he was a member of the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church at Dry Fork, Va. for nine years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Vercil Deel Looney June 27, 1985. Survivors include: three daughters, Mrs. William (Jaunita) Price of Raven, Virginia; Mrs. Benny (Joyce) Stacy of Wolford, Virginia; Miss Janice Looney, of the home; four sons, Roger Paul Looney of Lorton, Virginia; Warren Looney of Tucson, Arizona, Don Looney of Woodbridge, Virginia, and Gary Looney of Oakwood, Virginia; three sisters, Mrs. Edna Breeding Hale of Davenport, Virginia; Mrs. Elsie Ratliff of Davenport, Virginia, Mrs. Margaret Faye Stephenson of California; two brothers: Clarence Looney of Caretta, West Virginia, and Herman Looney of Springfield, Virginia; one half-brother, Jack Vandyke of Circleville, Ohio; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



ESTIL JACKSON

It is with a great deal of sadness that we write this tribute of 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.

Brother Estil Jackson was born June 23, 1913, and departed this life November 4, 1986,



making his stay here 73 years, four months and 12 days. He was born in Buchanan County. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church. He was the son of the late Ben and Victoria Jackson. He was married to Pearl Blackburn and to this union was born six children, four boys and two girls. He was preceded in death by one son, Lawrence Jackson, and two grandchildren and three brothers, Joe Jackson, Glenn Jackson, and Charlie Jackson, all of Hurley, Va., and three sisters, Louise, Josie, and Dory, all of Hurley, Va.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl Jackson; three sons, Johnny Jackson, Willard Jackson and Dean Jackson, all of Hurley, Va.; two daughters, Shirley Baker and Betty Hurley, all of Hurley, Va.; one brother, Burelson Jackson, of Hurley, Va., and one sister, Julie Slone of Kentucky, and 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and neighbors to mourn his loss.

To love him was to know him. I want to thank God I was blest to be with him in his sickness, and her, and talk with him and to hear his testimony, of what God had done for him that he could not do for himself.

We seek a rest beyond the skies, in everlasting days, through floods and flames and passage lies, but Jesus guards the way, the swelling flood and raging flame hear and obey His word. Then let us triumph in His name. Our Savior is the Lord.

Estil was a very kind and gentle man who always made you welcome in his home. By God's grace and great mercy we'll live again together. Estil is only sleeping in the arms of Jesus until He comes again to take his children home where we will be in His presence for ever more. Except the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the lord keeps the city, the watchman awaketh but in vain. It is by the grace of God that I'm what I am. Not for anything I've done but a gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways, for thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like an olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the men be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion; and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel. Psalms 116:7 and 8: Return unto thy rest: O my soul: For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death: Mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted.

We believe this was his hope because of the life he tried to live. Asleep in Jesus, a blessed sleep from which none ever awakes to weep: Oh, what a beautiful **CONSOLATION TO HIS CHILDREN**, who have lost a wonderful husband and father. Our sorrow is because we can no longer see him, or see his smiling face nor hear his sweet voice here below, but we grieve not as those without hope. Brother Estil is at rest now, so be of good cheer. He has just gone home. We desire to bow in humble submission to our God's sovereign will by the Grace of God when He calls our sleeping dust from the rock bound tombs and takes us home to the Lord without the loss of one is my prayer. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

(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 request of the family,
Elder Arthur May

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.
2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.
4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.
5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.
7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.
9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.
10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.
11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.
12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.
13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Sec-

retary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that He is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fulness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eter-

nal and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing as an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and dis-fellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as he can to convey his ideas.

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

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.

12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.

13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contributions of each church
Louisa	Bradley Worrix	12					1	5	131	2	\$110.00
Old Pond	Ray Harlow	1	1		1			1	110	2	150.00
Big Creek	David L. Cook	7	1				4	1	79	3	100.00
Raccoon	Marie Coleman	5	3					1	91	4	150.00
Peter Creek	Leo Coleman		1		1				107	4	125.00
Sulphur Springs	George W. Lester	1						4	75	1	75.00
Little Hope	Wade Smith	2			1	4	1		30	1	75.00
Grapevine	William K. Bevins						2		17	3	50.00
Samaria	Elder Eddie Harris	5				2	2	5	159	3	125.00
Little Union	Margie Lester					1		2	16	1	150.00
Johns Creek	George Coleman					2	1	2	33	2	50.00
Calvary	Rush Chapman		2			2		1	38	1	50.00
Dry Fork	Bro. Harold Cline							1	62	2	100.00
Friendship	Martin Childers		2						27	4	25.00
Columbus	Sandra K. Harris	1							85	4	75.00
Deerfield	Ernest Hager	2			1		1	1	44	4	75.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore								32	1	60.00
	Totals	36	10		4	13	10	24	1136		\$1,545.00

