

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

held with
Big Creek
Primitive Baptist Church
CANADA, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
September 2, 3, and 4th
1988

Next session convenes with Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church located at Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1989.

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, Ky., turn right on Route 1441 to the Association.

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - Teddy R. Ball, H.C. 76 Box 500, McCarr, Ky. 41544

ASST. MODERATOR - Robert B. Worrix, Burning Fork Rd.,
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****Elder J. H. Blackburn is our Honorary Asst. Moderator

Proceedings

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

FRIDAY MORNING — September 2, 1988

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Robert Worrix.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Lundy Coleman. Text: no special text was used but the Lord delivered Brother Lundy to preach a very uplifting sermon.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the Big Creek Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Association elected the following to serve for the coming year:

Elder Teddy Ball	Moderator
Elder Robert Worrix	Assistant Moderator
Deacon Stearl Hatfield	Clerk
Elder 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: Elders Bobby Arrington, Roger Rose, Roger Fuller, Bro. Fayne Viers

BURNING SPRINGS: None

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elders Billy Cook, Henry Hicks, Deacon Ed Presnell

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elders Vance Jones, Elbert Slaughter, Deacon Elmer Edwards

MT. ZION: Elder David Bailey

UNION: Elders William Adams, Corbin Hampton, Trillis Adams, Dallas Adams Jr., James Adams, Roy Adams, Deacon Tommy Adams

Moved and seconded to receive and seat correspondence from sister associations.

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

SAND LICK: Bro. Bufford Deel, Elder Leonard Barton, Elder Franklin Viers

BURNING SPRINGS: Elders Jerry Brown, Owen Blanton, Brothers Loren Hensley, Larie Howard, Leroy Gullett, Roby Gullett, Darrell Nickel; Sisters Maxine Gullett, Ruie Nickell, Edna Blanton, Peggy Gene Howard.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Sisters Hulda Jones, Nonnie Cooke, Myrtle Baker, Gipsy Norice, Annie Mae Slaughter, Veronica Edwards.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Bro. David Wockenfuss

UNION: Elder Jonah Stidham; Sister Jean Adams, Mary Adams, Bonnie Hampton, Mary Lou Adams, Connie Adams, Kathy Adams, Brother Garry Allen Adams, Garry Adams.

MT. ZION: Sister Ruby Bailey.

PILGRIM REST OF NORTH CAROLINA: Sister Nettie Presnell.

STONY CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Elbert Hunter and wife.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLORIDA: Elder Robert Mayhorn, Bro. Russell Hadley, Sister Jewel Hadley, Bonnie Hadley, Bonnie Clem.

CORINTH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLORIDA: Elder D. T. Harvill.

MT. ENON ASSOCIATION: Elders C. C. Crawford, Charles Godwin, George Hagen, Hulen Harville, Brothers and Sisters Louise Albritten, Gloffia Albritton, Myrtle Welch, Roger Welch, Jacqueline F. Singer, Bob Kilpatrick, Margaret Kilpatrick, Alma Deuane, Mary King, Delsia W. Kendrick, Christine Albrithon, Kennard Virginia Stone, Kathy L. Kelly, Lenora Burgess, Leonard Godwin, Elaine Godwin, Lewis Casey, S. M. Shepard, Louella Shepard, Mary Alexander, Nell Halsberry, Florida Martin.

MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION: Brother Eddie Lee Machen.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION: Elder Rubert E. Nobles Sr.

Moved and second to seat the visitors.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

A. Friday morning at Big Creek Church: Singing and prayer by Elder David Edwards; 1. Elder Corbin Hampton; 2. Elder Jonah Stidham; 3. Elder Dallis Adams; 4. Elder Roger Rose.

Friday afternoon at the stand: Singing and prayer by Elder Eddie Lee Mechin; 1. Elder Bobby Arrington; 2. Elder D. T. Harvill.

Friday Night at Little Hope Church: Singing and prayer by Elder Onis Smith; 1. Elder Greg Moore; 2. Elder Woodford Dulin; 3. Elder J. C. Hager.

Friday Night at Grapevine Church: Singing and prayer by Elder Eddie Lee Mechen; 1. Elder Robert C. Nobles Sr.; 2. Elder Noah Slone.

Friday Night at Raccoon Church: Singing and prayer by Elder Opa Thacker; 1. Elder Lundy Coleman; 2. Elder Jerry Brown; 3. Elder D. T. Harvill.

Friday Night at Peter Creek Church: Singing and prayer by Elder Harlen Harvill; 1. Elder Robert Mayhon; 2. Elder Billy Cook; 3. Elder C. C. Crawford.

Saturday Morning at the Stand: Singing and prayer by Elder Junior Barton; 1. Elder Elbert Hunter; 2. Elder George Hagen; 3. Elder Billy Cook; 4. Elbert Slaughter; 5. Elder Eddie Lee Mechen; 6. Elder Michael Smith.

Saturday Afternoon at the Stand: Singing and prayer by Elder Henry Hicks; 1. Elder Charles Godwin; 2. Elder Vance Jones; 3. Elder David Bailey.

Saturday Night at Louisa Church: Singing and prayer by Elder Elbert Hunter; 1. Elder Robert C. Nobles Sr.; 2. D. T. Harvell; 3. Elder Robert Mayhon

Saturday night at Calvary Church: Singing and prayer by Elder Elmer Brown; 1. Elder Paul Varney; 2. Elder Michael Smith; 3. Elder Franklin Viers.

Saturday Night at Old Pond Church: Singing and prayer by Elder Vance Jones; 1. Elder David Bailey; 2. Elder Harlen Harvill; 3. Elder Cromer C. Crawford.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Robby Worrix Jr., Floyd Bostic, Paul D. Justice, Leo Coleman, Arthur May, Gary Thacker, Frank Ball, Don Justice, Mike Smith, Ernest Blair, Elcana Smith, Lestel Varney, Hal Owens, Martin Childers, Paris Blackburn, Ray Anderson, Woodruff Dulin.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Eddie Harris, Elmer Thacker, Jim Anthony.

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

SAND LICK: Elder Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Paul Smith

UNION: Joseph Slone, Ulis Adkins, Elder Noah Slone

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elders Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker

BURNING SPRINGS: Joseph Slone, Eulis Adkins, Tom Robinson,
Elder Teddy Ball

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elders Elmer Thacker, Teddy Ball, Noah
Slone, Bro. Joseph Slone, Gary Thacker

MT. ZION: Elder Lawrence Jackson, Teddy Ball, Randal Thorns-
bury

NEW LIBERTY: Elders Don Hatfield, Randal Thornsberry.

Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00
A.M. Saturday Morning.

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SATURDAY MORNING — September 3, 1988

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to
order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Leonard Barton.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at The Big Creek Church House and was called to
order by the Moderator.

#1 We recommend that Peter Creek have the annual meeting for
1989.

#2 We recommend that the Raccoon Church have the Association
for 1989.

#3 Read circular letter, accepted, moved and seconded that it be
printed in the minutes.

#4 We recommend that we carry on the association in the usual
manner.

#5 We recommend that Elder Teddy Ball write the circular letter for
1989.

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 Peter
Creek Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1989.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday,
September 4, 1988: Singing and prayer by Elder Randal Thornsberry;
1. Elder Robert Mayhon; 2. Elder Cromer C. Crawford; 3. Elder
Franklin Viers.

Finance Committee reported \$1,575.00 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 1989. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Ernest Blair, Don Hatfield, David A. Thacker, Michael Smith, and Franklin Viers.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June 1989. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Michael Smith, Elmer Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsby, Mike Elswick, David May, Invite Paul Troutner.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1989. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Basil Hatfield, Joe Slone Jr., Kit Ratliff, Jeff Chapman, Opa Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Don Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Johnny Jacobs, Michael Smith, Paul D. Justice, Terry Thacker, Wheeler Thacker, Invite Ostil Smith.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July 1989. Elders to attend: Clifford Thacker, Wheeler Thacker, Rufford Howell, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone Jr., David Coleman Jr., David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Paul Varney, Jeff Chapman, and all Mates Creek ordained ministers are invited.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1989. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Rufford Howell, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Paul D. Justice.

SULPHUR SPRING: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August 1989. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Noah Slone, Glen Coleman, Paul D. Justice, Michael Smith, David Thacker, Lawrence Jackson, Robert Worrix, Teddy R. Ball, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsby, Ernest Blair, Harrison Smith. We also invite Vance Jones, Don Stacy.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July 1989. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmy L. Smith, Paul D. Justice, Basil Hatfield, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Ostil Smith, Teddy Ball, Lundy Coleman, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsby, Mike Elswick, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, Paul Varney, J. C. Hager, Michael Smith.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in July 1989. Elders to attend: Jeff Chapman, Paul D. Justice, Rufford Howell, Franklin Viers, J. H. Blackburn, Paul Smith, Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, Kit Ratliff, Ernest Blair, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown, Noah Slone, Harrison Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, David Coleman Jr.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June 1989. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Paris Blackburn, Bobby Blackburn, Don

Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Jimmy L. Smith, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsbury, Teddy Ball, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Walter Sullivan, Eddie Harris.

LITTLE UNION: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May 1989. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Michael Smith, J. C. Hager, Jimmy L. Smith, Robert Worrix, Randal Thornsbury, Paris Blackburn, Paul Varney, J. H. Blackburn, Paul D. Justice, Terry Thacker, Elmer Thacker, David A. Thacker, Johnny Jacobs, Rufford Howell, Monroe Justice, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown.

JOHNS CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in July 1989. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Michael Smith, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Brown, Rufford Howell, Larry Thornsbury, Onis Smith, Jeff Chapman, Robert Worrix, Johnny Jacobs, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Paris Blackburn, Ernest Blair.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June 1989. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Jeff Chapman, Glenn Vipperman, Noah Slone, Michael Smith, Michael Elswick, Elmer Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Don Hatfield, Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman Jr., Paul Varney, Joe Slone Jr., J. H. Blackburn, and Ernest Blair.

DRY FORK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May 1989. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Lee Smith, Garnell Gilbert, Don Stacy, Gerald Yates, Ostil Smith, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

FRIENDSHIP: Meets the fourth Saturday in August 1989. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Basil Hatfield, Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsbury, Robert Worrix, Noah Slone, Jeff Chapman, Jimmy Lee Smith, R. T. Thacker, David Coleman, Don Hatfield, Terry Thacker, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Michael Smith, and all Orthodox Primitive Baptist ministers are invited.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April 1989. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, David A. Thacker, Jess Tucker, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman Jr., Elmer Thacker, Johnny Jacobs, J. C. Hager, Randal Thornsbury, Glen Coleman, Clifford Thacker, David Edwards, Arnold Thompson, Woodruff Dulen, Walter Coleman, Eugene Blevins, Billy Cook, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith.

DEERFIELD: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1989. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsbury, Larry Thornsbury, David Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Ernest Blair, Greg Moore, Woodruff Dulen, Junior Barton, Jim Whittington, David May, Ivel Farmer, Estil Owens, Ostil Smith.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April 1989. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, J. C. Hager, David Jacobs, Johnny Jacobs, Millard Shelton, Jerry Brown, Ostil Smith, Leonard Barton, Ivel Farmer, Estil Owens, Bobby Arrington, Billy Cook, Crocket Howard, and all other Mates Creek elders welcome.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Elder Teddy Ball 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 - Harriet Scott Hager, Quinne Justice, Pearl Blackburn Jackson, Stella Jane Stollings, Goldie Justus, Jane Keen Chapman, Lillie Marie Coleman Hatfield, Glenda Carol Justice, Jettie Goff, Georgia Smith, Nancy Varney Chapman, Vadie Smith Kinder, Mary Charles, Mary L. Dotson Griffet, Cosby Alfoir Coleman Hatfield, Elzie Mae Ward, Violet Odel Smith.

BRETHREN - Perry Stanley, James Dwayne Coleman, Nathaniel Kendric, Chester W. Belcher, George Washington Lester, Luther Harold Chapman, Arthur James Pendell, Mathew Honaker, Roland Varney, James W. Price, Flem Justice, Arville Owens, Ferrell Maynard, Hansel Blackburn, and Robert W. and Opal Dotson.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that all funds left after paying for the minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next Association.

The finances was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year -----	\$4,186.42
Amount received from the churches -----	1,575.00
Donations and pictures -----	335.00
Total Cash on hand -----	\$6,096.42
Cash paid out	
Paid for the Minutes for 1987 -----	\$1,529.03
Give the Moderator -----	50.00
Give Asst. Moderator -----	50.00
Give the Clerk -----	50.00
Give Asst. Clerk -----	50.00
Cash Paid Out -----	\$1,729.03
Total Cash on Hand -----	\$4,367.39

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church of Raccoon, Ky., Pike County, to begin at 10:00

o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1989. Elder Robert Worrix was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Randal Thornsby to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Monroe Justice, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

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

SUNDAY MORNING — September 4, 1988

Singing and Prayer by Elder Randal Thornsby.

1. Elder Robert Mayhon - no special text.
2. Elder Cromer C. Crawford - text: The Miracle of the Resurrection of Lazarus.
3. Elder Franklin Viers - Text: 1 Corinthians 15:51. *Behold I shew you a mystery, we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.*
4. Elder Teddy R. Ball - closed out the Association with much singing and praises.

The members of the Association want to thank the Big Creek Church and the Community around it for the splendid way they took care of the Association.

CIRCULAR LETTER

As I have been chosen to write the circular letter to the Mates Creek Association for their inspection of the 135th annual session. I will by the help of God do the best I can. There has been a great misunderstanding as to how we are saved, but the Bible makes it plain. We are saved by the Blood of Christ. That Blood was shed for many, with the grace that was in Christ before the world was spoken into existence reserved in him. For the saving of his people. Who are his people? They are the ones that Romans 8:29 that Apostle Paul wrote about, beginning, for whom he did know he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son that he might be the first born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate them he also called, and whom he called them justified, them he also glorified.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us who can be against us?

Ephesians 1:4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

Having predestinated us into the adoption of the children by Jesus Christ himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. Verse 11: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will, that we should be the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 2:5-10: Even when we were dead in sin hath quickened us together with Christ, by the grace ye are saved. And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast, for we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 4:7: But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. God gave gifts to the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Predestination is not just a word - it is the knowledge of God looking into the future and saved his people, because he shed his blood for many. If we did know who the many was we would know who was going to heaven, but that is reserved in God the Father. We only know what God wants us to know, and reveals to us of his mighty works if we understand that God put Adam in the garden and gave him an order not to eat of the fruit. But God knowing what he would do prepared a remedy for salvation. Some people believe that the prodigal son was a type of a sinner returning to God. But this is not so, for he was a son, and when he left his father, he was a son when he returned home, he was a son all the time that just strayed away and came back. Some people believe when it speaks of sin that we are lost but we make our mistakes as long as we live. That was why Apostle Paul sought the Lord for the thorn to be removed from him but grace took care of that. So if Paul was given grace to take care of him, we are no better than Paul. We pray for our mistakes and suffer here in this time world but not in that great heavenly home. Some people believe where the Bible speaks concerning working out your own salvation will take them to heaven, but our eternal salvation was given when Christ hung on the cross and shed his blood. This common salvation is here on earth, we receive this salvation by the way we live and serve both God and Man. We show forth what we are by the way we live our lives. I know this has been a long letter but I wanted to let the Association know how I believe, and say that I believe that God knows all things before the world was

performed. Speaking of man he said that he need not that any should testify of man.

God made man and knew what was in him. Then Brethren, I believe that God knows every blood vein in our body. There is nothing at all hid from God. So brethren, let us live like little children of God and let our light shine before the world, and those that look on us may see that there is a difference in our lives. I love the old church with all my heart, but I love the Lord above all things. This may be the last letter I will be permitted to write, and I hope the association will receive it. I pray for the peace God has given us in our church. I am so happy to be one among you. Let my last days be like Christ and death rest with him. So pray for peace and love each other, and may we all rest in peace forever. Written in hope of eternal life. Your brother in hope. Your unworldly brother and servant.

Elder Chester Belcher

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: James Anthony, Bradley Worrix Jr., Joseph Slone, Robbie Worrix.

OLD POND: Leroy Smith, Clifford Hunt, Don Hatfield, Floyd Bostic.

BIG CREEK: David A. Thacker, David L. Cook, Luther Smith, Delmar Williamson.

RACCOON: Paul D. Justice, Monroe Justice, Larry Coleman, Richard Tucker.

PETER CREEK: Troy Casey, Leo Coleman, Opa Hatfield, Earl Casey.

SULPHUR SPRING: Ronald Moore, Luther Blackburn, Paul Smith, Arthur May.

LITTLE HOPE: Walter May, Luther Ball, Frank Ball, Virgil Smith.

GRAPEVINE: Donald Justice, Bradley Coleman.

SAMARIA: Walter Sullivan, Dennis Dotson, Dovel Scott, Edd Hatfield.

LITTLE UNION: Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Ricky Blair.

JOHNS CREEK: Harrison Smith, Edd Hunt, Elcana Smith, Monroe Smith.

CALVARY: Rush Chapman, Lestil Varney, Able Chapman.

DRY FORK: Elmer Brown, Howell Armes, Estil Vandyke.

FRIENDSHIP: Luther Vanhooose, Tom Robinson, Troy Wheeler, Martin Childers.

COLUMBUS: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Lonnie Worrix, Larry Stanley.

DEERFIELD: John Jacobs, Harold Blackburn, Ray Anderson, Charles Blackburn.

PLEASANT HILL: Herb Ferguson, Junior Barton, Woodruff Doolin, Jim Stacy.

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CHURCH

MODERATOR

COMMUNION

Louisa —
Old Pond —

Robert B. Worrix
Teddy R. Ball &
Don Hatfield

July 2nd Saturday
June 2nd Saturday

Big Creek —
Raccoon —
Sulphur Spring —
Peter Creek —
Little Hope —
Grapevine —
Samaria —

Elmer Thacker
J. H. Blackburn
J. H. Blackburn
Teddy R. Ball
Robert Blackburn
Kit Ratliff
T. R. Ball &
Michael Smith

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

Johns Creek —
Little Union —
Calvary —
Dry Fork —

Teddy R. Ball
Teddy R. Ball
Kit Ratliff
Teddy R. Ball &
Elmer Brown

July 2nd Saturday
May 1st Saturday
June 1st Saturday
May 2nd Saturday

Friendship —

Elmer Thacker &
David May

August 4th Saturday

Deerfield —
Columbus —
Pleasant Hill —

J. C. Hager
Lundy Coleman
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June 4th Saturday
April 4th Saturday
April 3rd Saturday

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OBITUARIES

VIOLET ODELL SMITH

Violet Smith, born February 8, 1921, passed away on November 23, 1987. She is survived by husband, Arlin Smith of Burton, Mich. and three daughters, Brenda Fahr of Burton, Mich.; Arline Hager of Flint, Mich., and Sherry Jacobs of Grand Blanc, Mich. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Michigan; three brothers and two sisters, all of Cullman, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her son, James Randall Smith in 1954.



She was the daughter of Elder Joseph Brock who preceded her in death in 1977 and Nellie Brock who preceded her in death in 1987.

Mama grew up in a Primitive Baptist home, her father being a Primitive Baptist preacher. She loved attending church. Even though she didn't join the church until May, 1961, she said she felt like she belonged there. She first joined the Pontiac Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Levi Saylor and Elder Robert Mayhorn. In 1971 she moved her letter to the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church when it was first organized.

She loved her Lord and she loved her church, proving it by the life she lived here on earth. She was a faithful member and a pillar in the church, always working to help her church in any way that she could. She fought a good fight, she kept the faith and now she is sleeping in Jesus and her spirit is gone to glory. When Jesus, who saved her by his own blood, comes again she will awake in his likeness to live forever in heaven. She was a loving wife and mother and was a friend to all who knew her. Whenever she was called upon she was there.

Sadly missed by her family.

Written by her daughters
Brenda, Arline and Sherry
and son-in-law, Elder J. C. Hager

ELZIE MAE WARD

With loving memories of my dear sweet sister, Elzie Mae Ward, I will try and write her obituary. She departed this life on February 18, 1988, making her stay on earth 61 years, seven months and 18 days. She was a long-time member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom, Ky.



She was the daughter of the late Bert and Lizzie Scott. She was married to the late Lawrence Ward. To this union was born six children: one son, Larry David Ward of Hopkinsville, Ky.; two daughters, Shirley Gail Blankenship, Hopkinsville, Ky., and Hazel Jane Parsons, Kissimmee, Florida; three babies which preceded her in death.

She has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She has one brother and sister, Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky., and Bertie Jane Ward, Ransom, Ky.

We are going to miss her very much but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

*"With the loss we deeply feel,
Hoping time will surely heal.
Of all the sorrow left behind
Only God has the power to bind."*

Written by her loving sister,
Bertie Ward

COSBY ALIFAIR COLEMAN HATFIELD

It is with a sad and aching heart I write this obituary for my mother-in-law. Born May 20, 1898, Cosby Alifair Coleman Hatfield was called away December 25, 1987. She was the daughter of the late Peter and Rebecia Coleman and the wife of the late Perry Hatfield. They were married in September of 1914 and to this union was born 14 children. Seven preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss five sons: Albert, Teddy and Curtis of Ransom, Ky.; Ance of Ballfork and

Ranpon of North Carolina; two daughters, Myrtle of Ransom, and Maggie of South Carolina; 54 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church September 16, 1934. For the last 10 years she was unable to go to church but I know in my heart she never quit praising the Lord because at night when we all went to bed she would slap her hands and laugh and try to talk. We couldn't understand but I know the good Lord could. She was like a second mother to me and along with her children I truly miss her. But our loss is

heaven's gain. I only hope someday to meet her again in heaven. God called her Christmas Day on His birthday to be with Him. Rest, dear Cosby, you deserve it now.



Cosby Coleman Hatfield

Written by her daughter-in-law,
Chelsea Hatfield

Paid for by her son, Teddy Hatfield

MARY L. DOTSON GRIFFEY

By request I will try to write the obituary of Sister Mary L. Dotson Griffey. Sister Mary was born December 1, 1905, and departed this life April 29, 1988. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Ferrell Coleman and Ereland Griffey. She leaves behind one daughter, Della Rae New, Maynardsville, Tenn.; a son, Jackie Griffey, Southpoint, Mich.; a stepson, Donald Roy Griffey of Phelps, Ky. Mary was a good member and was loved by all who knew her. She joined the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church July 23, 1977.



Written by Leo Coleman

MARY CHARLES

With much sadness and an aching heart, I will attempt to write the obituary of our dear sweet loving mother.

Mary Margaret Smith Charles was born August 25th, 1911 at Phelps, Ky., making her stay here on earth 76 years.

She was the daughter of the late Wilburn Smith and Marcellia Hackney Smith of Phelps, Ky.

Preceding her in death is our dear dad, Alonzo M. Charles in 1986.

Left to mourn her loss are three sons, Paul R. Charles and James H. Charles, both of Ypsilanti, Mich.; Thomas A. Charles and one daughter, Pauline C. Smith, both of Phelps, Ky.

Words can never express the love our mother had for her family and the love we had for her.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She had four sisters and eight brothers: Minnie Casey, Delphia Smith, Bithie Stevenson, all of Phelps, Ky., and Molly Blankenship of Majestic, Ky.; Harrison, Wheeler, Jessie, Floyd and Dallas Smith of Phelps, Ky.; Freeland and Phillip Smith of Ransom, Ky., and Richard Smith of Kimper, Ky.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

We will miss our mom and her sweet smile.

Sadly missed by her children, grandchildren and friends and relatives.

Written by her daughter



VADIE SMITH KINDER

In loving memory of our precious wife and mother, Vadie Smith Kinder, we write her obituary. Mom was born March 20, 1913. Jesus called Mom to be with him on April 14, 1988. God blessed Mother to live here on earth seventy-five years and twenty-four days.

Mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was.

baptized by the Elders Teddy Ball and Everett Brizendine on July 27, 1975.

Mom was the daughter of the late Noah and Caldonia Smith. Mother left behind a loving and devoted husband, Don Kinder, and eight loving children. Six sons, Linton, Daris, Dallas, Roger, Roy and Randall. Two daughters, Pricey Casey and Judy Griffith. Mom also left ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who loved her very much. She is survived by two brothers, J. R. and Roy Smith and many friends and loved ones who miss her dearly.



Vadie Smith Kinder

Since Mom left us nothing is the same. We miss her more than words could ever express. Mother was the sunshine of our world. There can never be another which could take her place. With each passing day we miss her more. Deep in our hearts we know that our loss was Heaven's gain, and that one day soon we will all be together again.

MOTHER

Mom, You were the best friend on earth we ever had, and when God called you to be with Him it left us all so very sad. Home will never again be the same place since we can no longer see your smiling face.

Honey, You were always there when we needed someone to talk to, no problem we had was too difficult for you. I guess that is why that no matter how hard we try we cannot seem to stop all these tears that we cry.

We can all remember your sweet voice, your gentle touch and your lovely smile. Oh Mom, if only we could see you again for just a little while. To once again say, I LOVE YOU, and to hear your voice say back, HONEY, I LOVE YOU TOO.

Darling, We will never forget you as long as time lasts, to us you will never be just part of the past. You will always live within our hearts and our minds each time we relive all of our wonderful times.

Mother, as much as we miss you and wish that we could have you with us still, we know that we will have to wait until it is God's will. But

it helps to know that you are at rest in God's beautiful land and someday, Mom, we will all walk together again hand in hand.

Written by the ones who loved you the most
Your Husband and Children

Nancy Varney Chapman

NANCY VARNEY CHAPMAN

It is with much sadness and a broken heart with the help of God I will write the obituary of my dear mother, Nancy Varney Chapman. She was born on December 13, 1905. She was the daughter of the late H. C. Varney and Ollie Hensely Varney. She died on March 28, 1988, making her stay on earth 81 years, three months and 25 days.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church on August 14, 1948. She was married to General Chapman. He preceded her in death on September 9, 1978; also three children preceded her in death.



She is survived by 11 children; 6 boys and 5 girls — boys: Tom Chapman of Middletown, Ohio; Elester Chapman of Columbus, Ohio; James Chapman of Batavia, Ohio; Denver Chapman of Cincinnati, Ohio; General Douglas Chapman of Rutland, Ohio; Dee Chapman of Pierceton, Indiana; girls — Helen Johnson of Ewington, Ohio; Mable Denthan of Lake City, Michigan; Mildred Deskins of Meta, Ky.; Marie Thornbury of Canada, Ky.; Christlene Chapman of Canada, Ky.; two brothers: Ance Varney of Sterling Ht., Michigan; Lestle Varney of Kimper, Ky.; one sister: Myrtie Morris of Pikeville, Ky. She has 34 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. We know she's asleep in the arms of Jesus. It's our hope to meet her in heaven some day. Our loss is heaven's gain. We sure miss her so much. Written by her daughter that loved her so much.

Christlene Chapman

Georgia Smith

GEORGIA SMITH

With much sadness I try to write the obituary of my mother who passed away October 21st, 1986. She was born April 11, 1918 at Ransom, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Hiram and Sylvania Smith. She was the wife of the late Harrison Smith.

She is survived by four children: one daughter - Mrs. Ernest Marcedas Taylor of Tampa, Florida; three sons - Mr. Donnie Harrison Smith and Elder Michael Smith of Ransom, Ky.; Everett Harvey Smith of Piqua, Ohio.

Mom was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for almost 40 years. She was strong in faith believing that salvation was free by God's grace. Mom, you suffered so much but it is over. I believe you are resting now. Sleep on, Mom, until Jesus comes. Then that great faith you had comes to reality that you will go home to live with Jesus and suffer no more. We will meet you then, Mom, so sleep on.

Written by Elder Mike Smith



HARRIET SCOTT HAGER

It is in loving memory of our precious mother that this obituary is written.

Harriet Scott Hager was born on December 17, 1914, in Ransom, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Alex and America Scott.

On March 7, 1929, she married Bradley Hager, and was married for over 50 years. To this marriage were born 14 children, 31 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bradley, and one daughter, Virginia May, and one son, who was still-born.

Surviving are her daughters, Edith Rose, Ann Mayhorn, Emma Whittington, Ruby O'Connell and Donna



Edwards, and her sons, James Ernest, Johnny, J. C., Douglas, David, Alex Edwards and Adrian.

She was baptized 40 years ago when she picked up her cross to follow Jesus. She was a faithful servant of the Lord and a pillar in the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church where she made her home and was loved by all. Her teachings will enlighten our lives for as long as we shall live.

In her home on December 19, 1987, at age 73, she left this world of pain and suffering for a home with our Precious Saviour, where no more will she endure the pain and suffering as she did her last days here on this earth. Her daughter was with her in her room that morning, holding her hand and telling her that it was alright, it's alright to go be with Daddy and Jesus, and she did, with tears of joy flowing down her cheeks.

There are no words to describe our loss. It has left all her children with an emptiness in their hearts that can never be filled again. Her love was the greatest love, and the love her family came to know will carry on forever in our lives, our mother's love was the heart of our family. Dad called her "Flower of the world", and now this perfect flower will bloom forever by his side, and with Jesus, never to die again. She was loved by all, every life she touched she gave love, joy and kindness. There were no strangers in her home.

One of her daughters had a dream about her, and when she woke, she put her dream into words, and called this dream "Angel in disguise," and that she was an Angel, but now she is no longer in disguise. God's perfect angel has been taken from our lives, but only for a while, for some great day we will be with Mom again. So, I close with these words:

Mom has left us for a little while, please do not grieve, or tears, and hug your sorrow to you. But go on bravely, with a smile, and for Mom's sake, and in her name, live on and do all things the same, feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each waking hour in useful ways, reach out your hand in comfort and love, and Mom in turn will comfort you, and hold you near, and never be afraid to die, for Mom is waiting for us in the sky.

Written by her daughter
For her children who miss her very much

PEARL BLACKBURN JACKSON

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PEARL BLACKBURN JACKSON

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious mother. Words could never express the love we had for Mother and the love she had for her children.

Mother was born October 19, 1914, and departed this life January 27, 1988, making her stay on earth 73 years, two months and 27 days. She was preceded in death by our father, Estil Jackson, and one son, Lawerance Jackson; two grandchildren, and two brothers, Joe Blackburn and Bill Blackburn. She leaves to mourn her loss five children: three boys - Willard Jackson, Johnny Jackson and Dean Jackson, all of Hurley, Va., and two daughters - Shirley Baker and Betty Hurley, of Hurley, Va., and one brother - Johnny Blackburn at Newtown, W. Va., and two sisters - Steilla Wolford and Ida Wilburn, and a host of friends and loved ones.



Everyone that knew Mother would have to have loved her because she was so humble. I believe our loss was Heaven's gain. And by the grace of God we will meet with Mother and Daddy again where we will never have to part for He said in His Word, "I'm the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live." If I could crown you, Mother, I'd crown you with a million stars, I'd place a robe around you Mother, the finest robe, there's no doubt, but Jesus knows that you love for Him was true, He'll place one on you, dear Mother, that will never wear out.

We know she's sleeping in the arms of Jesus where no pain or sickness or death can come. No coffins will be made up there. We will never have to say Goodbye because it will be free from pain and suffering. That is the place I want to go because in this world there is nothing but trouble and trials. When we go back home it is so lonesome because we can't see your smiling face with Daddy beside you. I know, Mother, you had so much pain and worries in this world. Your little hands worked so hard to raise your children. You were so precious to us. We wish we could have kept you with us but Jesus needed you more than we did. Each day there are tears for dear

sweet mother. It is so hard to go on without you, Mother, God knows that my hope is to meet you in heaven where there will be no sickness nor sorrow. I know you have a home where you are resting just waiting for your children to come home because you loved and cherished your family, and we will be a family where we'll never part again. By the grace of God that is where I want to go. In Jesus there is peace and joy, Mother. I hope to be one in that number because I miss you and Daddy more and more each day. I get homesick sometimes and I want to come home. It's going to be a glad meeting day when the family reunites to never part. If it was not for the Lord I could never have made it to give up both of you in such a short while but it seems like years to me. Your labor here on earth is done and you have gone to that bright city where Jesus can take care of you and you will never need any pills to take, for Christ Himself is the light up there. I know you're home and safe with Jesus and Daddy. Our loss is great but heaven's gain is greater.

Dear Mother and Daddy, how we miss you both. Oh, the world will never know but we thank God for the memories that you left us here below.

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. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith; hence fore there is a crown laid up for me and not for me only but every one that loves the Lord, and His appearance.

Written by daughter, Shirley Baker

Oh how I love and miss my sweet mother and daddy.

QUINNIE JUSTICE

In memory of Quinnie Justice who passed away September 14, 1987, at the age of 89 years. She was born May 16, 1898, making her stay on earth 89 years, three months and 29 days. She was the daughter of the late Link Justice and Angeline Williamson Justice.

She was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church. She was a faithful member and attended as long as she was able.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Landon Justice; four sons, Cecil, Clinton, Jim and Elmer Justice. She is survived by three sons: Monroe, Fonso, and Dennis Lincoln Justice, and four daughters: Edith May, Mary Gannon, Maggie Harris, and Angeline Helvey.

She was a loving wife and mother. She will be sadly missed by her

family and friends. She was loved by all who knew her. She always had a smile for everyone. She proved by the life she lived that she felt she was a child of God and had a hope she would live again some day where there would be no more pain and sorrow, but all would be peace and happiness.

Children, I know you loved your mother, but just thank God her pain and suffering is over. Just live in hope that some sweet day you'll all be together again where there will be no more pain and sorrow, for it will be so peaceful in the arms of our Lord. I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her sister-in-law,
Fannie Justice

STELLA STOLLINGS

Stella Jane Stollings, 93, of Lexington, Ky., formerly of Stone, Ky., died Saturday, January 16, 1988, in Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Born September 17, 1894 in Pike County, Ky., she was preceded in death by her parents, James E. and Lear (Hatfield) Dotson; and her husband, Maynard Stollings.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Clifford and Edsel Stollings of Stone, and Cecil Stollings of New Orleans, La.; two daughters, Irene Ratliff of Chattaroy and Jerri Bowen of Lexington; a brother, Robert Dotson of Jupiter, Fla.; two sisters, Gladys Coleman of Princeton, W. Va., and Kate Casey of Dayton, Ohio; 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 19, 1988, at the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church with Elders Don Hatfield and Mike Smith officiating.

Burial followed in the Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Ky.



GOLDIE HARRIS

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 Goldie Justus was born in Dickenson County, Va. She was a daughter of the late Elijah and Sylvia Mullins Wallace. She was born May 18, 1900, and passed away June 14, 1988, making her stay here on earth 88 years and 27 days. She was married to Isaac Justus, and to this union was born 12 children, eight boys and four girls. She was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac Justus, and two sons and one daughter. Survivors include her children, Granville Justus and Fitzue Justus and Robert Justus, John L. Justus and Linnard



Goldie Justus

Justus, all of Hurley, Va., and Herbert Justus of Grundy, Va., and three daughters, Mrs. Florence Spencer and Mrs. Cora Alice Charles, both of Hurley, Va., and Mrs. Magdalene Coleman of Christiansburg, Va., and one sister, Crecie Chambers of Grundy, Va., and 38 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and neighbors to mourn her loss, but I feel down in my heart our loss is heaven's gain.

I thank God for Brother Fitzue and Opil Justus and the children for taking such good care of Sister Goldie. We seek a rest beyond the skies in everlasting days. Through floods and flames the 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.

She was a member of the Sulphur Spring Church for about 52 years. She was a faithful Christian who looked to God for the strength to endure life's hardships. We were blessed to have our mother here on earth for 88 years and 27 days. She bore her sickness 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.

The Sulphur Spring Church has lost a wonderful old pilgrim's mother. Sister Goldie is at rest now. So be of good cheer. She has just gone home. We desire to bow in humble submission to our God's sovereign will by 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. And, dear Mother, I will meet you where

no sorrow shades my brow. Oh, how sad when I remember that I have no mother now. Oh, Mother, how sweet the meeting will be with Jesus and friends I once knew. I'm lonesome and sad but then I'll be glad in Heaven with Father and you, dear Mother. Tell me, for I'm anxious to know, are Sister and Brother there too. I want to meet them where the clear water flows in heaven with Father and you, dear Mother. How we miss you. Oh the world will never know but we thank God for the memories that you left us here below. OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN.

Written by request of the family,
Elder Arthur May

JUNE (KEENE) CHAPMAN

In loving precious memory of mother, June (Keene) Chapman, a dear person that we could never forget, a loving kind-hearted person to everyone she met.

Mom was born February 28, 1919 at Pound, Va. Her father and mother were John and Ellen Mullins of Pound, Va. She died December 24th, 1987. She is survived by her husband, Abel Chapman Jr. of Phyllis; one daughter, Delphia L. Stanley of Phyllis, and three sons, Jimmy Keene of Phyllis, Sam Keene of Goshen, Ind., and Jerry Keene of Morenci, Mich., and three granddaughters and four grandsons who all will miss her greatly.



Mom was a member of the Phyllis Primitive Baptist Church. She had been a member for several years. She loved going to church and worshiping the Lord for Mom was looking for her eternal home. And now Mom can rest, for she can rest in Jesus' arms. Our family circle is broken, but I pray that someday it will be whole again.

Written by her daughter,
Delphia L. Stanley

LILLIE MARIE COLEMAN HATFIELD



Lillie Marie Coleman Hatfield of Phelps, Kentucky, passed away December 3, 1987, following a long illness.

She was born February 10, 1935, in Pike County, Ky., to Bob R. Coleman of Phelps, Ky., and the late Sophia Blankenship Hurley of Phelps, Ky.

She was married to Fonso Hatfield on July 13, 1948. She was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Phelps, Ky. for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Fonso Hatfield of Phelps, Ky.; one niece who she raised, Sherry Hurley of Lexington, Ky.; seven half-brothers, Joe B. Coleman and James E. Coleman, both of Phelps, Ky.; Willis Hurley of Detroit, Mich.; Howard Hurley of Hurley, Va., and Leonard Hurley of Phelps, Ky.; Cecil Hurley of Russellville, Ky., and Valas Hurley of Phelps, Ky.; one half-sister, Maggie H. Blankenship of Clyde, Ohio, and a grandson, Matthew Hurley, and a step-father, Dwery Hurley, Phelps, Ky. She was preceded in death by one half-sister, Leonore Hurley, and her step-mother, Mary K. Coleman.

Lillie always filled her seat in the church. She is sadly missed by her husband, family and friends. She would always say, "God is great."

We hope to meet again in a better place where there will be no sickness or suffering. By grace through faith we are saved.

The following poem is in memory of my wife:

EVER CLOSE IN MIND AND HEART

*No further away than a picture, a smile or remembered phrase,
Our loved ones live in memory — so close in so many ways.*

*For how often does a sunset bring nostalgic thoughts to mind
Of moments that our loved ones shared in days now left behind!*

*How often has a flower or a crystal autumn sky
Brought golden recollections of happy days gone by!*

*Memory has a magic way of keeping loved ones near —
Ever close in mind and heart are the ones we hold most dear.*

(Marjorie Frances Ames)

Written by her husband, Fonso Hatfield, Phelps, Ky.

**GLEND CAROL JUSTICE MAY
AND
CHRISTOPHER TODD MAY**

We will try to write the obituaries of our daughter and sister, grandson and nephew. Oh how we miss them. They would light our home when they came to see us.

Glenda was the daughter of Flem Justice and Sylvia Vipperman Justice. She was married to Jessie James May on April 25, 1971. They had two sons, James Edward May and Christopher Todd May. Glenda and Chris were killed in a car accident on October 25, 1987. She was 34 years old and Chris was 8 years old. Glenda leaves one son, James Edward May, seven brothers and three sisters. Her husband was killed in a car accident on December 21, 1979.

Our home is not the same any more, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by Mother, Brothers and Sisters



JETTIE GOFF

With loving memories and a saddened heart I write the obituary of my loving wife, Jettie Goff, who departed this life August 3, 1988. She was born December 7, 1911 to the late Mattie Johnson Goff and George W. Goff of 58 Mile Road, Raccoon, Kentucky, making her stay on this earth seventy-six years, seven months and twenty-six days.

She was united in holy matrimony to Rufus Goff on April 12, 1933. This union was blessed with eight children: five daughters - Joyce Coleman, Mavis Coleman and Glenn Gay May, all of Raccoon, Kentucky; Linda Karen Thacker of Shelbyana, Kentucky; Lois Davis preceded her in death; three sons - Burton Goff and George Thomas Goff, both of Raccoon, Kentucky; Calvin Goff of Shelbyana, Kentucky; one sister, Lona Varney of Raccoon, Kentucky, and one brother, Wilson Goff of Raccoon, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by two sisters - Wadie, five years of age, and Zella, two years of age; two brothers - Lanson, one year of age, and Blake at the age of sixty-seven. She left to mourn her loss thirty-two grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren preceded her in death: one dead at birth and James Dwayne Coleman, in the morning of his days, with much love at the age of twenty-four, January 27, 1988, he passed away.



Jettie Goff

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church on August 14, 1960 at the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church. She loved the church and attended regularly. She and her daughter Lois Davis united with the Primitive Baptist Church on the same day.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 7, 1988 at the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church with Glenn Coleman, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Paul Dean Justice and others officiating. Entombment followed in the G. W. Goff Cemetery on 58 Mile Road.

The neighborhood will miss a great neighbor, the church a devoted member, the children a wonderful and caring mother and me a loving wife.

*Sleep, dear wife, and take your rest
God called you home
He knew it was best.*

Written by her broken-hearted husband,
Rufus Goff

ROBERT W. "BOB" AND OPAL DOTSON

Robert W. "Bob" Dotson of Jupiter, Florida, died August 25th, 1988, at the age of 80. He was born to the late James E. and Lear Hatfield Dotson on November 21, 1907 in Ransom, Kentucky.

A native of Pike County, Kentucky, he lived most of his life in Hardy, Kentucky, before moving to Jupiter, Florida in 1976.

He and his wife Opal united with the Primitive Baptist Church in April of 1939. They were baptized by Elder Teddy R. Ball. He was ordained to the office of deacon in the fall of that same year. He also served as church clerk for many years. His church membership has been with Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for most of that time. He was also a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

Survivors included two sons, William G. Dotson of Tallahassee, Florida, and Victor R. Dotson of Miramar, Florida; two daughters, Bobbie Jean Myers and Mildred June Sesco, both of Jupiter, Florida; two sisters, Katie Casey of Dayton, Ohio, and Gladys Coleman of Princeton, West Virginia; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; one step-son, Joe D. Ball of Jupiter, Florida, and one step-daughter, Billie Jean Brogan of Baltimore, Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal Bennett Dotson; a son, Charles E. Dotson, and his second wife, Bessie Ball Dotson.

Funeral services were held August 28, 1988 at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Kentucky, with Elders Don Hatfield and Teddy R. Ball officiating. He was buried at the Julius Scott Cemetery, Hardy, Ky.



Written by his family
Who loved him so very much

CHESTER W. BELCHER



It is with much sadness and an aching heart that I will attempt to write the obituary of my father, Chester W. Belcher. He died at 3:30 p.m. on October 23, 1987 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. He was born November 6, 1914 in Pike County to Basil and Emaline Hunt Belcher, making his stay here on earth 72 years, eleven months, and sixteen days.

Chester was a retired mechanic for the Pike County Board of Education and was a minister at the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. He was a World War II army veteran and was a chaplain

for the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 134, Pikeville, Kentucky.

Chester was preceded in death by his wife, Stella Short Belcher, who died June 22, 1987. They were married December 22, 1932 and had three sons: D. M. Belcher of Meta, Kentucky; Ray Belcher of Franklin, Ohio, and Roger Belcher of Springboro, Ohio.

Chester leaves behind these three sons and six grandchildren: Cheryl Belcher Gillis of Springboro, Ohio; Gia Belcher of Springboro, Ohio; Monica Belcher of Franklin, Ohio; Julie Belcher, Kathy Belcher, and Ronnie Lee Belcher of Meta, Kentucky. Three daughters-in-law, Phyllis, Patricia, and Sonya also mourn his loss.

Our father was in the Baptist church for many years and wrote books about church history and songs. He is sadly missed by church members, friends, and family. This is one of his last poems.

*I love the ones who don't love me
For Jesus gave that love to me.
I hope someday that I will be
With the one that hung upon a tree.*

*He came to me when I was lost
What a price He paid and what a cost
To give his life for those that were lost
While hanging on the rugged cross.*

*Our life on earth will soon cease
Then I can go to heaven in peace
Where pain nor death will be no more
Our lonesome hours will all be o'er.*

Written by D. M. Belcher

PERRY STANLEY

With deep sadness and a broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear and loving daddy.

Perry Stanley was born at Canada, Kentucky on February 14, 1903. It pleased our heavenly Father to take him from us on February 29, 1988, making his stay on this earth 85 years and 14 days. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 3, 1988 at the Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Kentucky. Perry was laid to rest at the Stanley Cemetery at Toler, Kentucky.



He was the son of the late George F. and Martha M. Stanley. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the U.M.W.A. and Local Union 5737. He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church and he was baptized on July 5, 1983 by the Elder Don Hatfield and Elder Basil Hatfield.

Perry married Gladys Opal Scites on July 26, 1925. They were the proud parents of seven children: two sons, Edgar Lee of Toler, Kentucky, and Bobby Verlin of Morristown, Tenn.; five daughters, Ruby Mae Hill of West Liberty, Kentucky; Bodine Jewell Stultz of Strawberry Plains, Tenn.; Nina Gayle Ritter of Wyoming, Michigan; Bonita Dale Ragas of LaPlace, Louisiana, and Judy Honaker of Toler, Kentucky; one brother, T. C. Stanley of Williamson, West Virginia; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Robinson of Roanoke, Virginia, and Mrs. Tillie Pope of Chattanooga, Tenn. One sister and three brothers preceded him in death. He had 16 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Daddy loved to go to church, but wasn't always able. He always liked for Elder Don Hatfield to come to the house and hold prayer for him.

Daddy was very loving and caring. He provided for his family by working all day in the mines and then coming home and would work in the garden.

He was named Kentucky Colonel. Also, Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Kentucky, requested that a tree be planted in Daddy's memory in a National Forest. The tree acknowledges the fulfillment of the Living Memorial.

Daddy was loved and respected by everyone.

I know that Daddy is in a place much better than here on earth.

We are all left in this world to mourn the loss of a good daddy whom we loved dearly. We miss him so much, but we know he is much better off than we are.

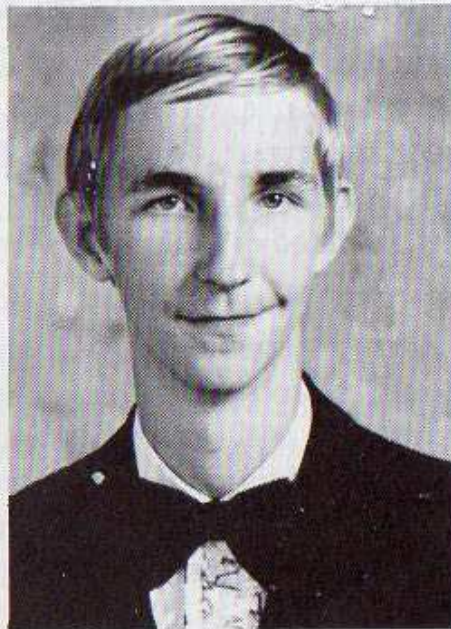
Our greatest hope is to meet him in Heaven, where there will be no parting. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly missed by all family and friends

Written by Judy Honaker, daughter of Perry Stanley

JAMES DWAYNE COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my precious son. James Dwayne Coleman was born June 3, 1963 and departed this life January 27, 1988, making his stay here on earth 24 years, seven months and 24 days. He was the son of Joyce Goff Coleman and the late James J. Coleman. He was preceded in death by one brother. He leaves to mourn his loss his mother Joyce, three brothers, Lundy Dale, Ronald Duran, Donald Eugene, and a nephew, Joshua Dale. He also leaves his maternal grandfather, Rufus Goff.



He enjoyed going to church and attended regularly. He will be missed by his many friends and relatives. All I can say is sleep on, Dwayne. By the grace of God I will meet you again.

Written by his mother,
Joyce Coleman

NATHANIEL KENDRICK

It is in much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Nathaniel Kendrick. Born November 14, 1918, he was the son of the late Cairo and Ebbie Caroline Chaney Kendrick. He passed away February 20, 1988, making his stay on earth sixty-nine years and three months.

He was preceded in death by one son, William R. Kendrick, who died in 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Jettie Kendrick; three sons, George Kendrick and Lawrence Kendrick, both of Pikeville, Bobby Kendrick of Owsley; five daughters, Linda Luster and Stella Marcum, both of Pikeville; Cinda Slone and Martha Gannon, both of Racoon; Jackie Kendrick of the home; four brothers, Ira (Ike) Kendrick and Carsel Kendrick, both of West Carrollton, Ohio; Tom Kendrick and Jesse Kendrick, both of Pikeville; one sister, Stella Anderson of Rochester, New York; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was a retired coal miner, a member of the United Mine Workers of America and a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

He no longer has to suffer through aches and pains or gasp for breath. So sleep on and by the grace of God we will meet again.

He is sadly missed by his wife, children and many friends.

Written by his loving wife,
Jettie Kendrick



GEORGE WASHINGTON LESTER

With memories reaching far back into my childhood, and with a sorrowed heart, I will try to write the obituary of my grandpa, George Lester.

Grandpa was the son of the late Issac and Nancy Dotson Lester. He was born December 13, 1902, at Big Rock, Va. He died February 25, 1988, making his stay on earth 85 years, two months and 12 days. He was out of a family of 12 children.

He was married to Elizabeth Hackney Lester in 1923. She preceded him in death on July 24, 1969. To this more than fortunate

family were born 15 children, five girls and ten boys. The girls are as follows: Matilda Jane Quinley of Tookland, Va.; Ethel Fern Justice and Edna Mae Ling of Big Rock, Va.; Martha Lou Charles of Welford, Va.; Pinkie Lester preceded him in death. The boys are as follows: Earl, James Henry, Jackson, Tommy, Tolby, Robert, all of Big Rock, Va.; Ira Lester of Feds Creek, Ky.; George Lester Jr. of Tookland, Va.; two sons preceded them in death, Hassel Lester of Steele, Ky., and Troy Lester of Big Rock, Va.



George W. Lester

Also to mourn our loss are fifty-eight (58) grandchildren and seventy-seven great-grandchildren and three (3) great-great-grandchildren and one (1) great-grandchild.

Grandpa (George) later married Nancy Bartley Lester who also preceded him in death on June 12, 1981.

He also leaves to mourn his loss two brothers, Elsie and Basil Lester of Big Rock, Va. He left one sister, Florence Lester to mourn his death but she followed him in death of August 20, 1988.

George and Elizabeth were two of the original members of the Old Union Primitive Baptist Church. They united with the Old Union Church in 1937 and remained members until the Old Church was closed in the 1960's. Then they moved their membership to Sulphur Springs Church. There he served as a deacon and a clerk for many years, up until his death.

He was a retired coal miner and great farmer. He was one of the pioneer farmers of Buchanan County.

When a person would give Grandpa a small amount of his time, he loved to talk about the old times. It seems like the old times were the better part of Grandpa's life. He lived a long life for a hard worker as we knew he was.

God knows he is only taking a rest from all his hard work, but to us living on earth, Grandpa will be sadly missed and our hope is that we will meet him on the other side of death and be satisfied with God and His chosen ones forever and forever.

Written by: Douglas M. Lester

LUTHER HAROLD CHAPMAN

Luther Harold Chapman was born August 23, 1939. He died February 28, 1988.

He was the son of Bud and Verna Chapman of Meta, Kentucky.

Luther was born and raised in Kentucky.

Luther was united in marriage to Fetta Honaker July 27, 1968.

Born into this marriage were three daughters and one son.

Luther was a deacon of the Varney's Branch Primitive Baptist Church and very much loved by all.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF LUTHER HAROLD CHAPMAN

*His hair has turned from light to gray,
His walk has slowed from day to day.
We loved this man, he's our dad.*

*His work had been hard throughout the years,
There were many heartaches and tears.
Sometimes we would make him mad
But we loved this man, he's our dad.*

*Many of the years had been unkind
But most of them were so divine.
His love made all the difference in our lives,
We loved this man, he's our dad.*

*Yes, he's our dad but not ours alone,
He had three girls and one son to call his own.
He loved us all one and the same.
He made us proud to bear his name.*

*We loved him each and everyone
And we're proud of all he's done.
These times were both good and bad,
We loved this man, he's our dad.*

*When the footsteps of time are no more
We have but hope to be together again.*

Very sadly missed by the children
and family of Luther Harold Chapman

ARTHUR JAMES PENDELL

Arthur James Pendell, son of the late Arthur and Helen Small Pendell of Syracuse, New York, was born December 1, 1928 and passed away August 10, 1988. He worked for the Geological Survey in Washington, D.C. for 35 years before retirement. He also served in the Korean War.

Art left behind his wife, Lucille Brown Pendell, and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

Darling, there is no way to describe the last 26 years of our life together. The love, the happiness, and the memories will outweigh the last year of pain you suffered. God knows we went the last step of the way together. Not being able to use your hands for the past five months did not stop the love you reached out to me and all our family and friends. How many times you said how merciful God had been. The night you said you walked by a beautiful stream with Kin in a green pasture and you could use your arms and were coming back to tell me.

God left you without a family when you were a little boy. When you grew up he gave you to me and my family and we all loved you. You have touched the lives of so many people. There is no way to thank each of the friends and neighbors for all the love and kindness they showed during your illness.

There was always a smile for everyone who entered our home. I know God will show his mercy on each one who did a kind deed for us.

God saw that you had suffered enough and called you home, as I was sitting by you as you were silently slipping away Wednesday night. What a wonderful God to let you fall asleep so peacefully. The many smiles were on your face that day and when you looked up and said you saw something beautiful, I will never forget that look of contentment on your face.

The beautiful gates you entered in I hope I can enter too.

There is a place in heaven reserved for you and I.

You left me with a broken heart, but God will see me through.

Sleep on, darling, with God's help, I'll see you again someday.



Your Loving Wife, Lucille

MATTHEW HONAKER

With much grief and sorrow, I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Matthew Honaker, who passed away July 5, 1988, making his stay on earth 77 years and five months and 15 days.

Born in Buchanan County on January 19, 1911, he was the son of the late Floyd and Louisa (Cline) Honaker.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church on May 12, 1953. He was baptized by Elder Paris Coleman and Elder Teddy Ball, and was a faithful member and went to church whenever he was able to go.



We married November 26, 1931. To this union was born four sons: Lundy Honaker, James D. Honaker, Franklin Honaker and Ray Honaker.

He is survived by one brother, Jess Honaker, and two sisters, Estil Gallegar and June Matsuiak.

A voice I loved is still, a place is vacant in our home which never can be filled, but we must bow in humble submission to the Lord's will. I have heard Matthew say many times that he had a hope of a better home. I believe our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his wife,
Dixie (Blair) Honaker

ROLAND VARNEY

Roland Varney, 73 years old, was born August 16, 1914, in Pike County, Ky. He died January 14, 1988, making his stay on earth 73 years, four months and 29 days.

He was the son of the late John and Ida (McCoy) Varney.

Surviving are two sisters: Minnie Coleman of Kimper, Kentucky, and Fannie May of Hardy, Ky.; a niece that was like a sister, Mary

Jane Stafford, and a nephew that was like a brother, Keen Varney Junior. Also surviving are two brothers-in-law, Roy Coleman of Kimper, Kentucky, and Everett May of Hardy, Kentucky, also nine nieces and 13 nephews.

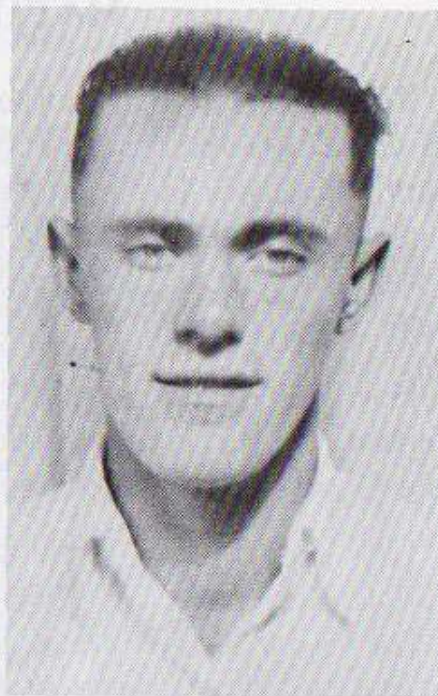
He leaves a great host of friends to mourn his loss.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

God bless you, Roland.

Rest in peace.

Written by his sister,
Mrs. Roy (Minnie) Coleman
Niece, Barbara Sue Coleman
Nephew, Jackson Coleman
Who loved him very much.



Roland Varney

JAMES W. PRICE

With a lonely heart I will try and write the obituary of my darling husband who passed away August 12, 1987.

James W. Price died at his home at 3604 Briggs Rd., Columbus, Ohio. He was born April 29, 1924. He was the son of Sam Wesley Price and Alice Bane Price of Chillicothe, Ohio.

He was married to Quella Smith on January 14, 1970. He has a son, Jim Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, and three daughters of Ashland, Ohio by a former marriage.

Jim was a true believer in the Lord and loved the Primitive Baptist Church. He had so much love for everyone.

He was a Marine Veteran of World War II and a member of VFW Post 3420. He was retired from the State of Ohio, Orient State Institution. He also worked as a doorman at Canterbury Apartments on Olentangy River Rd.

Jim, my darling, I miss you so much, I miss your sweet smile, the wonderful walks we took hand in hand and the way you would hold



my hand when we were driving. You see, you were my life and it is so hard to live without you. I just wonder why the Lord took you away from me when we were so happy together. The Lord knows best, He must have a purpose.

It is still hard to believe you are gone from my life when we had so much love for each other. The only thing that I can get any comfort in is the wonderful testimony you left the night before you died. You said you saw the door of Heaven open and let you see in. You said how beautiful it was and how you begged the Lord to take you on to that beautiful place.

I can still hear those wonderful words. Honey, I know you are with Jesus. But, oh how I miss you, my darling. I hope we can be together again.

Sadly missed by wife and family,
Written by wife, Quella Price

FLEM JUSTICE



We will try to write the obituary of our dear daddy and husband, Flem Justice. Flem was born March 18, 1918, to Abner and Liza Maynard Justice and deceased this life July 20, 1988, making his stay on earth 70 years, 4 months and 2 days. He attended the Primitive Baptist Church very often. He liked the old fashion way.

He was married to Sylvia Vipperman Justice on July 31, 1941. To this union were born 11 children, 7 sons and 4 daughters. He was preceded in death by one daughter and one grandson on October 25, 1987, leaving 10 children and 18 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

We miss him so much around the old homeplace, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his wife and children

ARVILLE OWENS

With a sad aching heart, I'll try to write the obituary of my dear father, Arvil Owens. He made his stay here on earth 76 years, nine

months, 28 days. He was married to Alty Viers for 54 years, one month, five days. To this union was born five children: one son, Ernest Owens of Fremont, Ohio, and four daughters, Vivian Imogene Clymer, Lorene Elswick and Wanda Janice Lauer, all of Fremont, Ohio, Philadene Deel, Route 2, Haysi, Va.

From these children came 12 grandchildren, one whom is deceased and 25 great-grandchildren. He has five sisters: Pearl Viers, Effie Compton, Easter Compton of Vansant, Va.; Vertie Deel and Nancy Deel of Maryland, all of whom are left to mourn the loss of their loved one. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and five brothers.



Arville Owens

He was a member and deacon of the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church for 11 years. Daddy was in so much pain he begged the Lord to have mercy on him. My dear mother, bless her soul, was so good to him. She waited on him every time he needed her, even when she wasn't able herself; because, at the time she felt he was more important than her.

It's so hard to write this. We will miss you so much, Daddy; but, I believe with all my heart that Heaven is now his home, where there is no more sorrow or pain. Sleep on, Daddy, I hope we will meet in Heaven some day.

Written by his broken-hearted wife, Alty Owens
Daughter, Philadene Deel; and
Daughter-in-law, Floria Owens

FERRELL MAYNARD

It is with a sad and aching heart I will write the obituary of my loving husband, Ferrell Maynard, 59, of Grundy, Va. He was born on October 2, 1928, son of the late Robinson and Minnie (Hatfield) Maynard at Williamson, W. Va., and passed away on November 18, 1987.

He married Ruth (Blackburn) Maynard on September 20, 1947 who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Connie Barnett; two sons, Andy Maynard and Larry Maynard of Grundy, Va.; five



Ferrell Maynard

grandchildren; one sister, Pricy Stotridge, Meta. Ky.; two half-brothers, Hi Maynard of Minford, Ohio, and Bobby Maynard of Steele, Ky., and several step-brothers and step-sisters.

He was a member of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church, Grundy, Va., a retired miner and member of U.M.W.A. Local 1568 at Oakwood, Va.

My home is so lonely now without him, but I know he is at peace and resting now until Jesus comes again. The children and I miss you so much.

Your loving wife,
Ruth

ANDY BLACKBURN

It is with much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my father, Andy Blackburn, 84, of Hardy, Ky. who passed away May 24, 1988. He was the son of the late Mitch and Octavia (Varney) Blackburn, Huddy, Ky., born on May 29, 1904.

He was married on January 14, 1925 to Noleeka (Meadows) Blackburn who preceded him in death on July 12, 1981. Survivors are two daughters, Madlyne Crandall, Circle Pines, Minnesota, and Ruth Maynard, Grundy, Va. Also five sons, Ernest Blackburn, Shinglehouse, Pa.; Joe Blackburn, Hardy, Ky.; Burl Blackburn, Scott Depot, W. Va.; Charles Blackburn, Bella Vista, Arkansas; and Edgar Blackburn, Vermillion, South Dakota; two sisters, Lydia Blevins and Agnes Stanley of Huddy, Ky.; 23 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Dad was a member and deacon of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church of Belfry, Ky., for thirty some years. Also a retired miner and member of the U.M.W.A.

Dad suffered for several years but now he is at peace and resting beside of Mother where he wanted to be until Jesus comes again.



Sleep on, Dad, but oh how I miss you.

Sadly missed by all his children and family.

Your Daughter,
Ruth

HANSEL BLACKBURN

Hansel Blackburn was born February 5, 1914, and passed away October 11, 1987, at his home. He was the son of Jake and Dolly McCoy Blackburn.

He was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom, Ky.

He was married to Blanche Blackburn on August 11, 1935, who survives. Other survivors include three sons and one daughter. They are Robert H. Blackburn of Lexington, Ky.; Eddie Blackburn of McCarr, Ky.; Jack C. Blackburn of Corbin, Ky., and Mrs. Walter Clinton (Kathy) Layne of Ransom, Ky.



He is also survived by ten grandchildren and three great-granddaughters. His sister, Pearl Hatfield, preceded him in death January 31, 1987. He was also preceded in death by one brother, one half-brother, and one sister.

Hansel is sadly missed by all who knew him, especially his family.

He suffered so much and so long, but I feel like he is in a place where he is free of pain.

I feel like our great loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his wife,
Blanche S. Blackburn

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

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	14	1					2	144	2	\$110.00
Old Pond	Ray Harlow	1			1	1	1	4	109	2	150.00
Big Creek	David Cook	2	3					3	81	3	125.00
Raccoon	Marie Coleman	1			2			5	88	4	100.00
Peter Creek	Leo Coleman		1		1		1	5	104	4	125.00
Sulphur Springs	Arthur May					2		3	70	1	100.00
Little Hope	Frank Ball					3	1	1	26	1	80.00
Grapevine	Olen J. May	4			1	1	2	1	22	3	50.00
Samaria	Elder Eddie Harris	4	1			2		7	162	3	125.00
Little Union	Margie Lester					1			15	1	100.00
Johns Creek	Bonnie S. Rhodes				1				32	2	50.00
Calvary	Rush Chapman	2	3		1		3	1	40	1	100.00
Dry Fork	Harold Cline	2						4	60	2	100.00
Friendship	Martin Childers				1	1			27	4	25.00
Columbus	Sandra Harris		1					1	85	4	75.00
Deerfield	Ernest Hager	2	2				2	2	44	4	100.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder Grey Moore	1				1			32	1	60.00
	Totals	33	12		8	12	10	38	1,141		\$1,575.00

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