

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

Held with

**The Louisa
Primitive Baptist Church**

MILLARD, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

**September 4, 5, and 6
1992**

Next Session convenes with the Old Pond Church, located at Belfry, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1993.

DIRECTIONS: From Pikeville, Ky., take Route 119 N. to Belfry, Kentucky and (follow signs).

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Proceedings

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

FRIDAY MORNING — September 4, 1992

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Jimmy Lee Smith.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Hager. Text: Hebrews 3:1.

Brother J. C. Hager was wonderfully blessed to preach the sound and uplifting doctrine.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the Louisa Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder Lundy Coleman serve as Moderator Protem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Brothers Stearl Hatfield and Randal Thornsberry serve as Clerks Protem for the election.

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

ELDER ROBERT WORRIX	Moderator
ELDER MICHAEL SMITH	Assistant Moderator
ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY	Clerk
DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD	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: Elder Joshua P. Viers, Elder Roger Fuller, Elder Ostil Smith

BURNING SPRINGS: Elders Loren Hensley, Roby Gullett, Leroy Gullett, William Littleton, Jerry Brown

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elder Billy Cook, Elder J. Henry Hicks, Eddie Lyle

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elder Vance Jones

MT. ZION: Elder Alford Compton

UNION: Elder Dallas Adams, Jr., Elder Corbin Hampton, Elder Trillis Adams, Deacon Tommy Adams, Bro. Garry Adams

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

SAND LICK: Jimmy Counts, Thelma Elswick, Earnest Newberry, Jaunita E. Newberry, Ellen Yates, Elder Lawrence Jackson, Elder Jerold Yates, Elder Elmer G. Compton, Elder Clayton Stacy, Ray Van Dyke

BURNING SPRINGS: Paul B. Gullett, Paulene Howard, Edna Blanton, Maxine Gullett

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Hulda Jones, Floyd Baker, Myrtle Baker, Nonnie Jones

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: None

UNION: Bro. Ray Adams, Sisters Mary Adams and Jean Adams

MT. ZION: None

MT. ENON ASSOC. OF FL.: James Green, Jenny Green, Millie Jordan, Bro. and Sister S. M. Shepherd, Donald Hudson, Mary Hudson, Joyce Cook, Edwin Cook, Linda Albritton, Roger Welch, Myrtle Welch, Howell Jordan, Elder Hollis Albritton, Jr.

BLUE SPRING CHURCH: Elder Sammy Harris and Sister Faye Harris

MIAMI PRIM. BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Hesker Gillum

BETHEL CHURCH: Brother Steve Hunt

WILSON CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA: Sister Betty Bostic

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

A. Friday morning at Louisa Church:

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| 1. Elder Eddie Lyle | 2. Elder Franklin Viers |
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B. Friday Afternoon at Louisa Church:

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| 1. Elder Jerry Brown | 2. Elder Billy Cook |
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C. Friday Night at Peter Creek Church:

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| 1. Elder Jimmy Moore | 4. Elder Sammy Harris |
| 2. Elder J. C. Hager | 5. Elder Hollis Albritton, Jr. |
| 3. Elder Vance Jones | |

D. Friday Night at Old Pond Church:

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| 1. Elder Paris Blackburn | 3. Elder Henry Hicks |
| 2. Elder William Littleton | 4. Elder Howell Jordan |

E. Friday Night at Coon Creek Church:

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| 1. Elder Jerry Brown | 3. Elder Lundy Coleman |
| 2. Elder Owen Blanton | 4. Elder Robert Worrix |

F. Friday Night at Grapevine Church:

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| 1. Elder Woodruff Dulin | 4. Elder Billy Cook |
| 2. Elder Joshua Viers | 5. Elder Noah Slone |
| 3. Elder Eddie Lyle | |

G. Saturday Morning at Louisa Church:

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| 1. Elder Clifford Thacker | 4. Elder Mike Smith |
| 2. Elder Sammy Harris | 5. Elder Robert Worrix |
| 3. Elder Hollis Albritton, Jr. | |

H. Saturday Afternoon at Louisa Church:

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| 1. Elder David Bailey | 3. Elder Robert Worrix |
| 2. Elder Vance Jones | |

I. Saturday Night at Calvary Church:

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| 1. Elder Jimmy Moore | 4. Elder Greg Moore |
| 2. Elder Franklin Viers | 5. Elder Harrison Smith |
| 3. Elder Noah Slone | |

J. Saturday Night at Big Creek Church:

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| 1. Elder Greg Moore | 3. Elder Paris Blackburn |
| 2. Elder David Bailey | 4. Elder Michael Smith |

K. Saturday Night at Little Union Church:

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| 1. Elder J. C. Hager | 4. Elder Vance Jones |
| 2. Elder Hollis Albritton, Jr. | 5. Elder Elmer Brown |
| 3. Elder Sammy Harris | |

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Arlan Adkins, Clifford Hunt, Luther Smith, Paul Dean Justice, Leo Coleman, Ronald Moore, William Dotson, Noah Slone, Stearl Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Harrison Smith, Wallace Vipperman, Hal Arms, Martin Childers, Lundy Coleman, Harold Blackburn, Woodruff Dulin, Elbert Church.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Frank Ball, Clifton Preece, Elmer Thacker.

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

SAND LICK: Elders Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Elmer Goff, Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Rufford Howell

UNION: Elders Elmer Brown, Noah Slone, Joseph Slone, Elmer Goff

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Due to the change in time of the convening of St. Clair Bottom Association to the 2nd weekend in October, 1993, no messengers can be sent until Mates Creek's next association.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elders Harrison Smith, Joseph Slone, Elmer Brown, Estil Van Dyke, Paul Varney, Rufford Howell

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elders Don Hatfield, Harrison Smith, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Brown, Noah Slone, Buddy Blackburn, Elmer Goff, Paul Varney, Elmer Thacker

MT. ZION: Elders Don Hatfield and Elmer Thacker

NEW LIBERTY: Elders Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Elmer Thacker

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

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SATURDAY MORNING — September 5, 1992

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

Prayer by Elder Michael Smith.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at tents at Louisa Church and was called to order by the Moderator.

#1 We recommend that Samaria Church have the annual meeting for 1993.

#2 We recommend that Old Pond Church host the association for 1993.

#3 Called for the circular letter which was read by Elder Noah Slone, accepted, moved and seconded that it be printed in the minutes.

#4 We recommend that Brother Stearl Hatfield be named Honorary Clerk of the Association.

#5 We recommend that Item #2 of the Rules of Decorum of the Association be edited to read the same as Article #6 of the Constitution.

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

Moved and seconded that the committees work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Samaria Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1993.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and Prayer by Elder Noah Slone.

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| 1. Elder Roger Fuller | 4. Elder Jimmy Moore |
| 2. Elder Sammy Harris | 5. Elder Franklin Viers |
| 3. Elder Hollis Albritton, Jr. | 6. Elder Robert Worrix |

Finance Committee reported \$1,525.00 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, 1993.

Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Paul D. Justice, David A. Thacker, David May, Ernest Blair, Rufford Howell, Jimmie L. Smith, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, Owen Blanton.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1993. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Walter Sullivan, Elbert Church, Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Quincy Stanley, Randal Thornsberry, Jimmy L. Smith, Bobby Blackburn, Basil Hatfield, David May. Invite Elder Lonnie Mozengo of Bethel Church, Nashville, TN.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1993. Elders to attend: Basil Hatfield, David Edwards, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Jimmie Lee Smith, David Jacobs, Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Johnny Jacobs, Elbert Church, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Bobby Blackburn, Henry Price Viers, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1993. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Elmer Brown, David Coleman, Jr., Clifford Thacker, Randal Thornsberry, Walter Coleman, Robert Worrix, David A. Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Ernest Blair, and all other elders invited.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1993. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Mike Smith, Kit Ratliff, Paris Blackburn, Robert Worrix, Lundy Coleman, Don Hatfield, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Harrison Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Mike Elswick.

SULPHUR SPRING: Meets the first Saturday in August, 1993. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Billy Cook, J. C. Hager, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Henry Price Viers, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, David May, Randal Thornsberry, Michael Smith, Don Stacy, Ernest Blair, Vance Jones, Lawrence Jackson, and Larry Thornsberry.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1993. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmy L. Smith, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Mike Elswick, and we invite all others to attend.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1993. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Harrison Smith, Monroe Justice, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, Rufford Howell, J. C. Hager, Allen Coleman, Henry Price Viers, and Argie Kendrick and Dallas Adams.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1993. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Walter Sullivan, Don Hatfield, Jimmy L. Smith, Randal Thornsberry, J. C. Hager, Ernest Blair, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff.

LITTLE UNION: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1993. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, J. C. Hager, Harrison Smith, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsby, Jimmy Lee Smith, Mike Smith, Kit Ratliff, Paul Varney, David Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, and all other Mates Creek elders are welcome. We invite Roger Rose, Price Viers, and Jimmy Moore.

JOHNS CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1993. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Jimmy L. Smith, Noah Slone, Larry Thornsby, Elbert Church, Henry Price Viers, Franklin Viers and all visiting preaching brothers in Mates Creek.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1993. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Monroe Justice, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Mike Smith, Elmer Thacker, Elbert Church, Kit Ratliff, Glen Vipperman, Jeff Chapman, Ernest Blair, Harrison Smith, Jimmy Moore, Jimmy Lee Smith.

DRY FORK: Meets the second Saturday in May, 1993. Elders to attend: Lawrence Jackson, Price Viers, Larry Thornsby, Elmer Thacker, Gerald Yates, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ernest Blair, Don Stacy, Paul Varney, Ostil Smith, Mike Smith, J. C. Hager, Randal Thornsby, Frank Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Elmer Brown, Bob Arrington.

FRIENDSHIP: Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1993. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Basil Hatfield, Mike Elswick, Walter Sullivan, J. C. Hager, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Michael Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ernest Blair, R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church. All others welcome.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April 1993. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Dean Justice, Clifford Thacker, Elmer Thacker, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, David A. Thacker, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Opa Thacker, Ernest Blair, Woodruff Dulin, Ivel Farmer, Arnold Thompson, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsby, Vance Jones, Walter Coleman, Greg Moore.

DEERFIELD: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1993. Elders to attend: David May, Jimmy Moore, Ostil Smith, Quincy Stanley, Homer Blackburn, David Thacker, Greg Moore, Woodruff Dulin, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Ernest Blair, Vance Jones, Paul Varney. All other orderly elders welcome.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April 1993. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Ivel Farmer, Jim Duty, Hester Gilliam, Estil Owens, David Thacker, Rufford Howell, Leonard Barton, Arnold Thompson.

NEW HOPE: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1993. Elders to attend: Randal Thornsby, Jimmy Lee Smith, Quincy

Stanley, Paul Varney, Bobby Blackburn, Noah Slone, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Harrison Smith, Mike Smith.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Elder Clifford Thacker prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2,100 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following: Elder Teddy Ball, Thomas May, Everette May, Don Coleman, Floyd Bostic, Van Murphy, Howard May, Dewey Delano Daniels, Merritt Williams, Jr., Billy Joe Varney, James E. Coleman, James Ballard Hurley, Arthur Dale Worrix, Bud Coleman, Earnest A. Mullins, Sidney Smith, Ermel Casey, Ervin Slone, Thomas R. Thacker, Willie Hunt, Pearl Breeding, Bessie Hatfield, Ina Delilah Baldwin, Mary Elizabeth Williamson, Hines Hager, Roxie L. Coleman, Mary Rowe, Dixie Honaker, Minnie Sparks, Elizabeth Smith, Gladys Hicks, Ines Hurley Allison, Mae Coleman, Rina Coleman Bevins, and Faye C. Allison.

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 as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$4,265.37
Amount received from the churches 9-5-92	1,555.00
Amount for Obituaries	360.00
Donations	174.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$6,324.37
Cash Paid Out	
Paid for 1991 Minutes	1,720.29
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Asst. Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	50.00
Gave Asst. Clerk	50.00
Total Cash Paid Out	\$1,920.29
Balance Left on Hand	\$4,404.08

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Old Pond Church of Belfry, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1993. Elder Jimmy Lee Smith was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Homer Blackburn to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Ernest Blair, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by Elder Robert B. Worrix, Moderator
Elder Michael Smith, Assistant Moderator
Elder Randal Thornsby, Clerk
Deacon Leslie Hatfield, Assistant Clerk

INTRODUCTION — Singing and prayer by Elder Noah Slone.

1. Elder Roger Fuller of the Sand Lick Association. Text: Isaiah 40, Comfort ye, Comfort ye my people, saith your God.
2. Elder Sammy Harris of the Bluesprings Church of Florida. Text: No special text. Brother Sammy was blessed to preach a wonderful sermon.
3. Elder Hollis Albritton of the Mt. Enon Association. Text: We have an altar that we can go to.
4. Elder Jimmy Moore. Text: God's Elect Children.
5. Elder Franklin Viers of Sand Lick Association. Text: The tree is before the fruit.
6. Elder Robert Worrix, Moderator of our own Association, closed out this session of our Association amid much rejoicing.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Mates Creek Association:

Since being chosen to write the circular letter for this one hundred and fortieth session, I have tried to beg God to bless me to this end. For I feel so unworthy to do this, being so unlearned but knowing God is able to bless me. My mind seems to stay on the thought of what great love and mercy God has for His children, that He sent His only son to die for our sins. That by His love and mercy, we will live again when this life is over, in a land where we will have no more heartaches and pain. Where we can praise God for evermore. For if we had hope in this life only, we would be of all men most miserable, but thank God our hope reaches beyond the grave. For our hope is Jesus: He formed in us the hope of Glory. So if we have that hope, it's all we need while we live in this world and all we need when death comes and all we need on that great morning when Jesus comes to take us home. I often say that I am a poor man in this world but I am also the richest for I believe Jesus died for my sins, and my Father owns Heaven and Earth and the fullness thereof.

I am so thankful to be a part of the Regular Primitive Baptist Association and that God called me out of the World and gave me a Home in the Church Kingdom of the old Baptist. I am thankful that He has blessed me to walk in a way that they will welcome me in and let me sit with them. I Pray God that He will bless me what days I have to live on Earth to be able to go out and be with God's children. I love all of God's children because He first loved me, and by His mercy called me out of the darkness of this world into a world of light and love, and set my feet on the Solid Rock . . . This rock being Jesus.

So brothers and sisters, my prayer to God is that He will bless us to meet in peace and love and that He will bless us to look to Him where all our help comes from. I pray that He will continue to bless us on through the journey of this life.

I hope you will receive this in love and overlook my weakness. Pray for me and my family and also pray for one another. God's Grace and Mercy be with you all I pray.

A brother in hope of Eternal Life,
(Elder) Noah Slone

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LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Joseph Slone, Jack Coleman, Abner L. Justice — Alternate: Keen Slone

OLD POND: Don Hatfield, Clifford Hunt, Mike Scott, Avery Lowe — Alternate: Stearl Hatfield

BIG CREEK: R. T. Thacker, Onis Smith, Orville Deskins, Luther Smith — Alternate: Elmer Thacker

RACCOON: Monroe Justice, Roger Coleman, Milford C. Bentley — Alternate: Joe Slone

PETER CREEK: Leo Coleman, Wade Ratliff, Stearl Smith, Daris Kinder — Alternate: Randy Smith

SULPHUR SPRING: Paul Smith, Homer Blackburn, Luther Blackburn, Ronald Moore — Alternate: Grover Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Frank J. Ball, Walter May, John B. Ball, William Dotson — Alternate: None

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, John Smith, Bradley Coleman, Donald Justice — Alternate: Gary Slone

SAMARIA: Dennis Dotson, Larry Scott, Leslie Hatfield, Opa Hatfield — Alternate: Ronald Crawford

LITTLE UNION: Ernest Blair, Douglas Lester, Ricky Blair, Oscar Blair — Alternate: Paul Varney

JOHNS CREEK: Harrison Smith, John Stiltner, Ed Hunt, Elcanie Smith — Alternate: none

CALVARY: Andrew Hunt, Able Chapman, Lestel Varney, Wayne Varney — Alternate: Glen Vipperman

DRY FORK: Estil Vandyke, Howell Arms, Carl Vandyke, Lundy Childers — Alternate: Elmer Brown

FRIENDSHIP: Martin Childers, Andy Stamper, Troy Wheeler, David May — Alternate: None

COLUMBUS: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Rufford Howell, Bobby Kennedy — Alternate: Lonnie Worrix

DEERFIELD: Harold Blackburn, Grafton Stanley, John Holyfield, Charles Blackburn — Alternate: None

PLEASANT HILL: Jim Moore, Gale McGuire, Junior Barton —
Alternate: Greg Moore

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Louisa	Robert Worrix	August 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Don Hatfield	June 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	August 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	July 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring	Elmer Brown	August 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy L. Smith	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope	William Bobby Blackburn	July 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Kit Ratliff	July 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Michael Smith	June 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	July 2nd Saturday
Little Union	Paul Varney	May 1st Saturday
Calvary	Kit Ratliff	June 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Elmer Brown	May 2nd Saturday
Friendship	Elmer Thacker	August 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J. C. Hager & John Jacobs	June 4th Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Woodruff Dulin	April 3rd Saturday
New Hope	Elbert Church	May 4th Saturday

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OBITUARIES

ELDER TEDDY R. BALL

Moderator of the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst our beloved pastor, leader, brother and servant on November 30, 1991, but his eternal hope is only begun. His soul is resting in the presence of the Lord, where we all can witness with the words of the Apostle Paul to the Roman brethren: Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and rejoicing in the Hope of the Glory of God.

Elder T. R. Ball (Brother Ted, as many knew him) was born September 16, 1913 at Pinsonfork, KY, the son of MARION BALL and ELIZABETH BALL.



At the youthful age of 17, the Sovereign God was pleased to reveal His Son in Brother Teddy, bestowing upon him tender mercy, and the love of God was shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost.

On March 6, 1936, Elder Ball was married to Dollie Deel, who preceded him in death on August 22, 1964. During their marriage there were three children born, two daughters: Ida Bell Alliman of Toledo, Ohio and Katie Neel Belcher of Conaway, Virginia, one son: James Clyde Ball, of Abingdon, Virginia.

During April, 1933, he expressed his experience of grace to the dear saints of God at the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Phelps, Kentucky. They received him and he was laid beneath the liquid grave by Elder W. J. Prater. Since that time he has shown his love and good works with regard to the prosperity of God's militant kingdom, endeavoring faithfully to keep house in the name of the Lord for many of the Old Baptist Churches in this area. Those Churches that he has pastored for many years include Old Pond, Samaria (his home church), Peter Creek, Feds Creek, Dry Fork, and the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. Not only has he served those churches, but he also assisted in the establishment and organization of four churches within the Association. He gave of himself, that the local churches would continue to be added to, and flourish in the gospel. He possessed a

caring attitude, and prayed that more and more of God's people would be brought into the light, liberty, and knowledge of the truth. Some over 2000 have been baptized into the church kingdom by Elder Ball, of which a total of 38 have been called into the ministry themselves.

Not only was he about his Father's business in the Old Baptist faith, but others in different denominations would call upon him often to assist in funerals throughout Kentucky and the surrounding states. He has been called during his stewardship to assist in numerous funerals and as many as 40 during a one month period, sometimes totaling three per day.

Hope, with its unbreakable cord, was rooted deeply in his soul, and reaches all the way into the veil of the glory world. He believed, preached, and affirmed that our only Hope of Heaven was in the finished work of Christ, and looked to the future, with a sweet hope of meeting his Lord in the air (I Thess. 4:17) and ever being with Him.

His family and church will truly miss his presence, but by God's Grace will be reconciled to the Father's will, by knowing that one day death will be swallowed up in victory. His last farewell address to the children of God was to press on toward the mark and the high calling in Christ Jesus and to contend for the faith that was once delivered, and to seek and ask for the old paths wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Funeral Location: Samaria Church

Wednesday, December 4, 1991 10:00 a.m.

Funeral Director: Rogers Funeral Home

Ministers Requested: Primitive Baptist

Burial Location: Anderson Hatfield Cemetery

THOMAS J. MAY

In loving memory of Thomas J. May of Sidney, Kentucky who passed away at his home on March 21, 1991 at the age of 80.

Thomas was born on April 15, 1910 at Sidney, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents: Elijah and Caroline (Brown) May; several brothers and sisters, and three grandchildren.

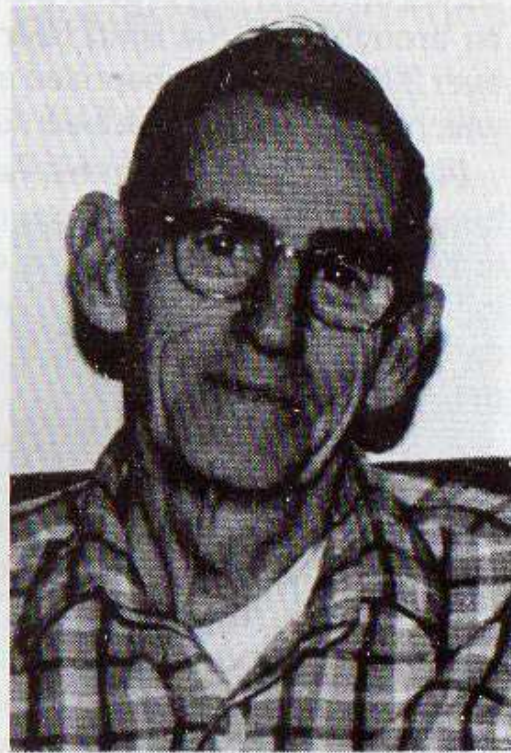
A member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Canada, Kentucky, Thomas joined the Church in August 1989 and was baptized the following month by Elders Elmer Thacker and David May.

Thomas was a lifelong resident of Dix Fork, Sidney, Kentucky. He began his working career in road construction. In the following years toiled diligently as a hillside farmer to provide a comfortable home and food for his family and visitors while employed by the Norfolk & Western Railway, he then retired as a coal miner with Sycamore Coal Co. His dedication to honesty and hard work were witnessed by all his

family, friends and neighbors throughout his life.

Survivors: his wife, Goldie (Murphy) May; Sons, Estil May, Kenova, W. Va., and Harold May, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Daughters, Mrs. George (Ruby) Johnson, Toler, Ky., Mrs. David (JoAnn) Maynard, Belfry, Ky., Mrs. Lester (Pricie Irene) Lucas and Mrs. Charles (Donna) Webb, Sidney, Ky.; Sister, Pricy Varney, Sidney, Ky.; nine (9) grandchildren and four (4) great-grandchildren.

Sadly Missed by
Goldie May and
family



Thomas J. May

EVERETTE "EBB" MAY



Everett "Ebb" May, 78, of Hardy, Ky., died July 13, 1992 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Kentucky. Ebb was the son of Nelson and Sly Vania Norman May.

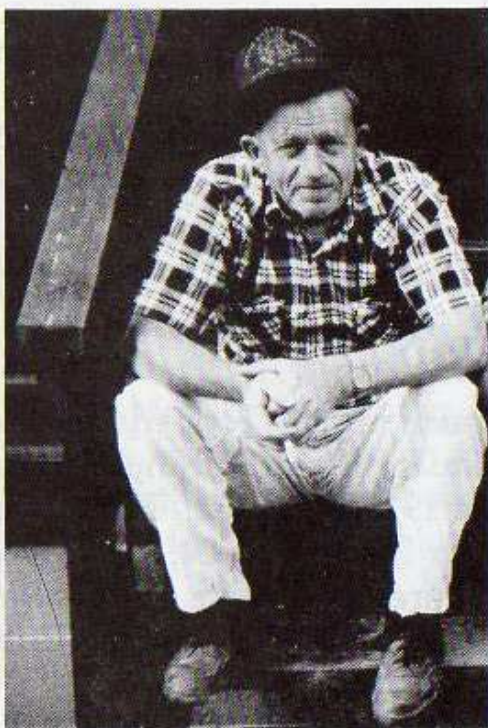
Ebb was a retired coal miner and was married to Fannie Varney May. To this union was born two sons: John Nelson May of Hardy, Ky., and William Everett May of McCarr, Ky., and four daughters: Peggy Sue Stanley of Sidney, Kentucky, Susie Robinson of Adamville, Ala., Barbara Ann Dotson of McCarr, Ky. and Sharon Rae Murphy of Hardy, Ky. Ebb was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. He is survived by 16 wonderful grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

By wife, Fannie May and Family

DON COLEMAN

With deep regret, I write the obituary of Don Coleman.

Don was born to the late Elder Paris and Missouri Coleman on December 28, 1932, and departed this life on August 6, 1992, making his stay here on earth 59 years, 7 months and 9 days. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, two



Don Coleman

grandchildren and other relatives and friends who mourn his loss. His memory will always remain in the hearts and minds of everyone that knew him.

brothers: Arvil Coleman and Frank Coleman; two half-brothers, Harvey Coleman and Ralph Coleman.

He is survived by two sons: Donnie Darrell Coleman of Robinson Creek, Ky. and Raymond Gary Coleman of Phyllis, Ky.; two daughters, Linda Mullins of Robinson Creek, Ky. and Deborah Wolford of Kimper, Ky.

He is also survived by four brothers: Arnold Coleman of Elyria, Ohio; Larry Coleman of Kimper, Ky.; Carl Coleman of Ocala, Florida, and Plennie Coleman of Canada, Ky.; three sisters, Daisy Miller of Steele, Ky.; Gracie Newton of Sidney, Ky., and Faye Coleman of Ocala, Florida; twelve

Written by: The Family

FLOYD BOSTIC



Floyd Bostic, 78, of Huddy, Ky., died Wednesday, July 29, 1992.

Born May 16, 1914 in Kimper, Ky. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Ella Varney Bostic; his wife, Reva Maynard Bostic; a daughter, Mary Lorain, and a brother, Claude Bostic.

Dad and Mom were united in marriage on August 12, 1933. They were blessed with three daughters, Maggie Florine Yates of Sheffield Lake, Ohio; Alice Francis of Huddy, Ky., and Charlene Troute of Delarton, W. Va.

Daddy was survived by six brothers, two sisters, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Daddy was a member and deacon of the Primitive Baptist Church at

Old Pond at Belfry, Ky. One of his favorite songs was "Amazing Grace."

Daddy, I love and miss you so much. Sitting here with tears in my eyes, how I would love to be with you.

Your loving daughter,
Alice

VAN T. MURPHY



In much sadness I will try to write the obituary of Van Murphy. He was born in 1915 June 21st. He passed away on September 24, 1991. He was a retired coal miner. He was well liked by everybody. He was of Baptist faith always.

He left behind his wife of 53 years, Audrey Rutherford Murphy. Also three children, Gail West of Orange City, Florida; Judy Chapman, Roanoke, Va.; Lanny Murphy of Huddy, Ky.. He leaves six grandchildren, also five great-great-grandchildren, which he loved very much.

He left sisters, Irene May of Belfry; Goldia May of Sidney, Ky.; Texie Blackburn of Delaware; Glumel

Whitener of Ohio; Pauline Williamson of Va.; one brother Chas. H. Murphy of Florida. He left a host of friends. His parents are deceased for many years. He had one brother and one sister also deceased.

Van, you left a lonely home which no one can fill. We all miss and loved you much.

Written by Audrey (Wife)

HOWARD MAY

With loving memories I will try to write the obituary of my beloved brother in the flesh, Howard May. He was born December 8, 1922 at Hurley, Va., and departed this life on March 10, 1992, making his stay here on earth 69 years, three months and two days. He was the son of the late James Bazel and Daisy Dotson May, who preceded him in death. He was married to Dolly Young May in 1948 and they separated in July 1949. He later, in 1954, married Virginia Coal May, and to this union were born ten children. Two girls and one son preceded him in

death at an infant stage. He and Virginia separated in 1974. Later on, in 1975, he married Magieline Dotson May, and in 1987 they separated and he made his home with his brother, Arthur May, and his sister, Virgie Young, and his step-daughter, Lillian Smith, until his death. He was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Wayne May, on November 10, 1985. He also was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters. He is survived by five sons, Howard May Jr., David May, Roger May, Larry Dean May, and Randy May, and one daughter, Rosiemaree Justice, and five step-sons, William Paul Rains, Joe Rains, Roy Eugin Stell, Anothony Stell and Jhorney Stell, and three step-daughters: Lillian Smith, Anna Howley, and Lucille Kendell, and ten grandchildren and 20 step-grandchildren, and five great-step-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Elder Arthur May and Elbert Herbert May, and four sisters, Bertha May, Minie Hurley, Lucie Justus, and Virgia Young, and many friends and loved ones to mourn his passing. He wanted Elder Elmer Brown and Elder Arthur May to baptize him just as soon as he got out of the hospital, but he never got to. He was so bad off that he could not be baptized.



Howard May

He leaves many friends and loved ones to mourn his passing, but I feel that we will meet again in a land that flows with milk and honey where there will be no cancers to take our loved ones away. If you have friends in Gloryland who left because of pain, thank God up there they'll die no more. They'll suffer not again, no coffins will be made up there, no graves on that bright shore. The doctors will not have to call. The undertaker. No. there'll be no pains up there to bear, just walk the streets of gold. Won't it be wonderful to live in a place that knows no pain or trouble, but Jesus said in this world you will have trouble but in Me you shall have rest and peace. That peace no man can take away from you. Blessed be the name of the Lord, God giveth and God taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Howard went to sleep at Ray's and Lillian's home the 10th day of March, 1992, at about 9:30 A.M. Tuesday morning. He was a retired coal miner and a timber man all his life. He worked hard for his family and he was always willing to help any way he could. He wrote a song about three or four months before he died. I'm going to take a long

vacation. I'm leaving right away. My Savior is coming back for me. He'll be here any day. Oh, how I miss him here on the earth but God knows best. Howard was called to add a spot of beauty: a needed flower in the Heavenly Garden, a blossom that will grow in greater beauty there. By the grace of God we live in hope that we will meet again in that Glory World; where all God's children will live and never die again. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Do not stand by my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die. Only resting in a peaceful sleep. Howard, we loved you. Gone but not forgotten. You still live in my heart.

Written by a brother
in hope of seeing you again some sweet day,
Elder Arthur May

DEWEY DELANO DANIELS

Dewey was born November 25, 1934, to the late George and Sophia Thacker Daniels. He resided in Pike County for several years where he worked as a miner and a carpenter. He was married to Loretta Charles of Raccoon. To this marriage were born seven daughters: Beverly, Teresa, Rose, Kulah, Loletta, Patricia, and Angela. He moved to Ohio for better wages and a better living for his family. He was a member in the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church for several years. After the failure of his marriage to Loretta, he met and married Carol of Somerset, Ohio, where she now resides.

Dewey was preceded in death by two brothers: Kelley Daniels of Pikeville, and B Daniels of Raccoon. Five sisters: Floria Goff of Raccoon, Ora Morris of Pikeville, Arlene Freeman of Indiana, Mae Goff of Raccoon, and Laura who died in childhood.

We believe Dewey lived a life close to God and he believed in Salvation by the Grace of God. We feel our loss is Dewey's gain. For on that Great Resurrection morning we hope to meet him and be taken home to live eternally with Jesus our Brother and God our Father.

May God's Grace and His everlasting Mercy abide with his family is our prayer.

Written by nephew Elmer Goff

MERRITT WILLIAMS, JR.

Merritt Williams, Jr., 64, of Paris, Ky., formerly of Kimper, Ky., died Tuesday, May 19, 1992 at Mary Chiles Hospital, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Born May 22, 1927, in Kimper, he was the son of the late General Merritt Williams and Pearl Litters Williams.

A retired coal miner, a logger and a farmer, he was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors: wife, Lori Thacker Williams, Paris, Ky.; daughter, Donna Snapp, Paris, Ky.; sons, Lawrence Williams, Kimper, Ky.; Paul Williams, Paris, Ky., and Hank Williams, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; brother, G. T. Williams, Kimper; sisters, Lois Chapman, Meta, and Lenore Frutchey, Pensacola,



Merritt Williams, Jr.

Fla.; half-brother, Ike Williams, Zebulon; half-sister, Barbara Joyce Reed, Kimper; five grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Merritt Williams, Jr. was married to Etta Bowman who preceded him in death. To this union, God gave him two sons, Lawrence and Paul Williams.

Junior and Lori were married April 1, 1967 and to this union God gave one daughter, Donna Snapp, and one son, Hank Williams.

Junior will be missed by all who knew him. We feel our loss is heaven's gain. His love will tarry on as long as we live.

Written in love by his wife,
Lori Ann Thacker Williams
and by his brother-in-law,
Elbert Church

BILLY JOE VARNEY



In loving memory of our precious son, Billy Joe Varney. It is with great sorrow and a heavy heart, that I will try to write the obituary of my precious son, Billy Joe Varney, who went to heaven to be with Jesus, on October 7, 1989. Billy Joe was born on June the 4th, 1976, making his stay on earth 13 years, four months and three days. He was a son of Carl Douglas Varney and Martha Faye Coleman Varney. He also left surviving one brother, Carl Douglas Varney, Jr. and two sisters, Angela Carol Varney and Sabrina Gail Varney Slone, all of Raccoon, Ky. He is also survived by his grandmother, Martha Jettle Smith.

Billy lived out his young life in the Ransom, Ky. area, making friends with everyone, young and old alike. He had a special way of making everyone laugh, either with him or at him, because he loved to tell jokes and would often laugh at himself. I honestly don't believe anyone that ever met will forget him. He loved being a union man because that is

what his father is. It really did our hearts proud that Local 5737 conducted a union funeral for our precious son. Billy loved God and spoke of him often. I do know that October 7, 1989 was the hardest day of our lives, when we realized that Billy was called home. But, I feel too that there was a great reunion that night. Because the Bible says your body goes back to dust and the spirit goes back to the father who gives it. Billy was preceded in death by his grandfather, Wade Coleman, grandmother and grandfather, Josephine Hatfield Varney and Ance Varney.

Sometimes it is hard to understand the things that happen in this life. But I do know that God had a greater need for him than we did, and some day we will understand the reason why? So, my little angel, you are safe with God. But, we will always love you and you will forever live on in our hearts and mind.

Written with love
Your mother, Martha Varney

JAMES E. COLEMAN AND ROXIE LEE COLEMAN



In loving memory of Dad and Mom, James E. Coleman and Roxie Lee Coleman. Home was when you entered, there was Mom with her sweet smiling face and hug. Dad and Mom would help anyone in need. Now today there are two vacant chairs and home isn't home anymore. Mom and

Dad, we love and miss you more than anyone will ever know.

The family of
James and Roxie Coleman

James E. Coleman

FREEBURN, Ky. — James Earnest Coleman, 65, of Freeburn, died Thursday at 1:46 a.m. in the University Medical Center in Lexington.

Born May 6, 1920 in Ransom, he was the son of the late John and Mazie Akers Coleman.

He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Roxie Fuller Coleman of Freeburn; three sons, George Coleman of Hamtramck, Mich., John H. Coleman of Lebanon, Tenn. and James Elmer Coleman of Freeburn; a daughter, Phyllis Coleman Daugherty of Freeburn; two brothers, Johnny Coleman of Toler and Tommy Coleman of Pikeville; four sisters, Mrs. Sadie Whitt of Ransom, Mrs. Margaret Hatfield of Newtown, W. Va., Mrs. Rebecca Justice of Pontiac, Mich., and Mrs. Alice Hager of Ransom; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church with the Elders, Kit Ratliff, Teddy Ball, Michael Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith and Everett Brizendine officiating.

Burial will follow in the family cemetery at Ransom.

The body will be taken to the church at 2 p.m. with special services each evening at 7 p.m.

Phelps Funeral Home of Phelps is in charge of arrangements.

Roxie Lee Coleman

SOUTH WILLIAMSON, Ky. - Roxie Lee Coleman, 86, of Freeburn Ky., died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1991, in Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, following a lingering illness.

Born September 20, 1905, in Ransom, Ky.; she was preceded in death by her parents, George and Rena Hackney Fuller; her husband, James E. Coleman, who died November 14, 1985; and a daughter, Corena Coleman.

She was a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom for 39 years.

Survivors: sons, George W. Coleman, Hamtramck, Mich., John H. Coleman, Lebanon, Tenn., James E. Coleman, Freeburn, Ky.; a daughter, Phyllis Jean Daugherty, Freeburn; sister, Louise Fuller, Phelps, Ky.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral: Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Ransom, Saturday, November 2, 1991, at noon with Elders Teddy Ball, Mike Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith and others officiating.

Burial: Family cemetery, Ransom.

Pallbearers: B. J. and Steve Wolford, Donald, Eddie and Michael Coleman, Eddie Honaker, Barry Price, Sam Daugherty, Joey Layne, Marvin Mayhorn, George Fragkie.

Visitation: Anytime today at the church with special services tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Phelps Funeral Home of Phelps, Ky., is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES BALLARD HURLEY

In loving memory of James Ballard Hurley, a good friend and precious brother in Christ.

Brother Ballard was born in Virginia on May 13, 1912, and departed this life on March 25, 1992, at the age of 79 years. He had lived in Holly, Michigan for the past six years. He married Garnette P. Dotson August 7, 1942 in Kentucky. He was retired from Fisher Body in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

He is survived by wife, Garnette; six children, Edward and Becky Hurley of Alabama, Christine and Don Burdick, Judy and Dr. Joseph Trollman, Wanda and Robert Shumate, Larry and Sharon Hurley and Sharon and Stephen Fessler, all of Fenton, Michigan; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his son, Gary P. Hurley in 1986.

Funeral services were held at the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church with Elders J. C. Hager and John Jacobs officiating. His body was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton, Michigan.

Brother Ballard was a faithful member of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church until his death. He was a man who was full of the love of God, believing that salvation is by the free grace of the God that first loved him.

Jesus said: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." These words described the kind of man Brother Ballard was, and the kind of life he lived here in this world. He loved his God with all his heart and he loved the church, and is very much missed by his brothers and sisters that met together to worship with him. Brother Ballard had a way about him, that when you met him it would brighten your day, therefore he made many friends on this life's journey.

He was blessed with a loving and wonderful wife and family, that loved and miss him very much. I thank God that he has blessed me to know Brother Ballard and his family.

His body is now resting in hope of the resurrection of the dead and his spirit has returned to God who gave it. We are persuaded that our loss is his eternal gain and when Christ our Saviour shall come again,



he will raise to live forever, with a body like unto Jesus, his Saviour.
We close with words of Brother Ballard's favorite song,

"When I heard about a better home,
I would leave this ole world with all its own.
Goodbye, ole world, good morning there around the throne.
What a meeting there will be, when I get home."

Written by request,
Elder J. C. Hager

ARTHUR DALE WORRIX



With great sadness I will attempt to write the obituary of my brother. Arthur Dale Worrix was born on July 26th, 1951 and passed away on July 19th, 1992, making him 40 years, 11 months, 23 days old. Manager of the Dairy Mart in Columbus, Ohio, he came to his sudden death by being shot by an intruder who we believe came in to rob the Dairy Mart.

He was preceded in death by son Jason and parents, John D. and Hettie Worrix. Survived by Karen Worrix and two daughters, Alisa and Leann Worrix, all of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and six brothers,

John D. and Martha Worrix of Columbus, Ohio; William G. and Judy Worrix of California; Harold E. and Patricia Worrix of Baltimore, Ohio; Lonnie B. and Edith Worrix of Columbus, Ohio; Bradley J. and Nora Worrix of Nelsonville, Ohio; Bobby G. and Beverly Worrix of Grove City, Ohio; seven sisters, Betty and Hiram Pierce of McArthur, Ohio; Lola Barney of Ray, Ohio; Thursie and Jim Bates of Canal Winchester, Ohio; Mary E. Worrix of Hillard, Ohio; Laura and Mike Richardson of Columbus, Ohio; Leah Ann and Dan of Galloway, Ohio; Loretta Foresta of Nelsonville, Ohio, and many nephews and nieces, uncles and aunts and cousins and friends will all miss him. He was loved by everyone. We know our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his brother
Elder Lonnie B. Worrix

BUD COLEMAN



Bud Coleman, 72, of Lower Pompey, died Sunday, May 31, 1992, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born in Pike County, January 2, 1920, to the late James and Melvina Coleman.

He was a retired coal miner, a member of the United Mine Workers of America, and a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church since October 14, 1988.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Coleman, and two sons, Ronnie and Reaford Coleman, and by his second wife, Rhoda Thacker Coleman.

He is survived by five sons, Ralph Coleman of Wolfpit, Bruce Coleman of Upper Chloe, Ivan and Randy Coleman, both of Elkhorn City, Bud Allen Coleman of Hurricane; two daughters, Erma C. Lucas of Columbus, Ohio, and Diana L. Adkins of Lower Pompey; one step-son, Phillip R. Bevins of Ligonier, In.; one step-daughter, Jessie Faye Morris of Zebulon; eight brothers, Scott Coleman of Upper Chloe; Harless Coleman of Lower Pompey; Stuart Coleman of Ewington, Ohio; Clell Coleman, Albert Coleman, Ray Coleman and Clinard Coleman, all of Haysi, Virginia; Lee Coleman of Fredericksburg, Virginia; two sisters, Elvis Poole of Goldbond, Virginia, and Becky Jones of Pearisburg, Virginia, and 14 grandchildren.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain and that by the grace of God we will meet again. Sleep on and take that peaceful rest.

Dad will be sadly missed around the old homeplace by all who knew him and loved him.

Written by his daughter,
Diana Lynn Adkins
and brother, David Coleman Jr.

EARNEST A. MULLINS

Earnest A. Mullins, 82, died Tuesday, December 24, 1991, in Dickenson County Medical Center of Virginia. He was a life long resident of Dickenson County and was of the Baptist faith. He was a retired coal miner and a former deputy sheriff. Survivors include three sons, James V. Mullins of Huntsville, Ala., Jimmy R. Mullins of Chesterfield,



Earnest A. Mullins

I have only seen him a few times after I married into the family. I remember the most about the family reunions I went to a few times. It has caused me to think about the family reunion that is yet to come for the children of God. When we will arise to never be sick anymore or die, but to live forever more in the beautiful land where Jesus is. May God bless and comfort the family is our prayer.

Written by request of "Mom" Barton
and family

Elder Greg Moore

SIDNEY AND ELIZABETH BOYD SMITH

It is with great sorrow that we try to write the obituary of our Father and Mother, Sidney and Elizabeth Boyd Smith.

Mother was the daughter of the late Turner and Rosie Boyd. She was born June 17, 1910, and departed from this earth March 21, 1977. She was married to our beloved father who passed away October 27, 1991 following a lingering illness. He was the son of the late Ballard and Cordella Smith. He was born May 26, 1908 at Coleman, Ky.

Dad was a retired miner and a hard working man who loved his family, friends, and church. Our



parents were both members of the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek.

Dad and Mom were preceded in death by one son, John Sidney Smith, leaving behind twelve children: Della M. Baker, Pauline Stump, Anna M. Chapman, Francis J. Michaliszyn, Patty R. Wagner, Billie J. Hatfield, Betty S. Proietto, Robert L. Smith, Virginia Lea Hawkins, Audrey J. Smith, Johnny Smith, Jacqueline Smith, 31 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren and many friends and relatives who loved them both very much. They are sadly missed by all.

Written by his daughters,
Anna Marie Chapman and
Patty Rose Wagner

ERMEL CASEY



In loving memory of our brother, Ermel Casey. He was born May 20, 1933 and died February 26, 1992 making his stay here on earth 58 years, nine months and six days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elder Anderson Casey and Lena Casey, and three brothers.

Ermel is survived by his wife, Nancy Casey; three daughters, Rhonda, Ramona, and Valerie; one son, Randall Casey. Eight brothers, Ernest, George, Junior, Earl, Glen, Clinton, James, and Clifford.. Three sisters, Sadie Thorpe, Hazel Smith, and Sharlene Taylor

Ermel will always be remembered because he had a special place in our hearts. We all miss him and loved him dearly.

Written by:
Sharlene Taylor (sister)

ERVIN SLONE

Ervin Slone, age 62, of Raccoon, Kentucky, passed away August 31, 1992, in the St. Joseph Hospital at Lexington, Kentucky.

He was born January 18, 1930, a son of Maudie Justice Slone of Raccoon, Kentucky, and the late Sterling Slone. Besides his father, he was preceded in death by one son, Ervine Dale Slone, in 1958.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Madge Coleman Slone; one daughter, Emma Sue Phillips of New Castle, Kentucky; two sons, Emery Slone of Raccoon, Kentucky, and Sterling Arnold Slone of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Raymond Slone and Otis Slone, both of Raccoon, Kentucky; five sisters, Minnie Rowe of Flint, Michigan; Susie Justice, Gladys Morris, Jeanette May, and Glema Adams, all of Raccoon, Kentucky; two grandchildren Karen Jean Phillips and Bethany Ann Slone.



Ervin Slone

Ervin was a good husband and father who worked very hard to provide for his family. He worked in the coal industry since the age of seventeen.

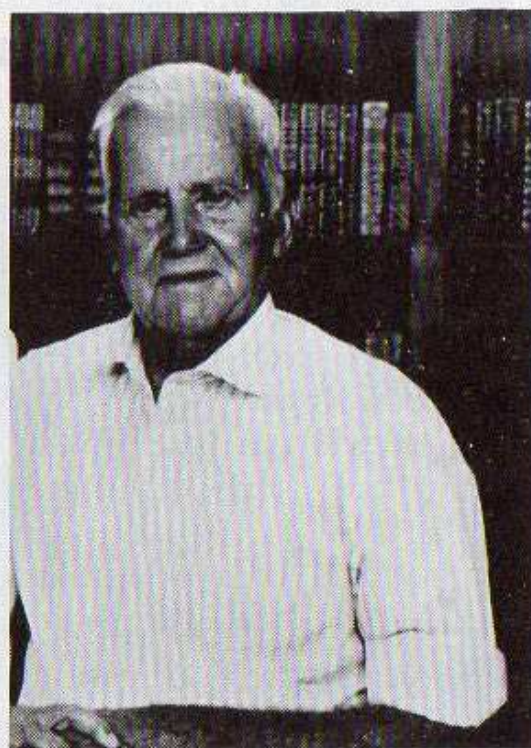
He will be missed by his family, but they truly believe that he is at rest and hope to meet him again someday.

Written by his wife,
Madge Slone

THOMAS R. THACKER

It is with much sadness we try to write an obituary of our beloved husband and father, Thomas R. Thacker. He was born September 27, 1904 to the late John Epp and Melinda Thacker. He departed this life August 11, 1992, making his stay on earth 87 years, 10 months and 15 days.

He was married to Lula Thacker on January 5, 1938. To this union was born six children: four sons, Herbert Reed Thacker of Ashville, Ohio; Marvin Thomas Thacker of Pataskla, Ohio; Robert Garry Thacker of Shelbiana, Ky., and Larry Patrick Thacker of White House,



Tn.; two daughters, Phyllis Downs of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Edith Jewell Rowe of Shelbiana. He also leaves 22 grandchildren, one sister, Ortha Goff, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death. I feel it necessary to mention his son-in-law, Grover "G. G." Rowe. He and Robert Garry spent many hours helping to care for Daddy. "G. G." treated him as if he was his daddy also. We all want to express our appreciation and thanks to him.

Thomas was a retired miner and a member of UMWA Local 2288. He worked 54 years in the coal mines before retiring. After his retirement, he worked as a farmer, even after being in the hospital in March 1991, at which time the doctors found he had lung cancer he still worked hard in his garden until the fall of 1991.

Daddy became very sick in Febraury 1992 and was in and out of the hospital until his death. Many times he told us that he wanted to go home. At first we thought he was talking of going home with Mother, but after we brought him from the hospital he still talked many times about wanting to go home. We feel certain he has now gone home to Heaven where he was speaking of going those last few months of his life.

He bore his sickness in patience, never complaining of the pain he had.

No words can explain how much I miss him. I feel as if part of me went with him. But we feel some comfort knowing that he is at a place where there is no more pain or sorrow.

Daddy is sadly missed by all who knew him, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his broken-hearted wife,
Lula Thacker and Children

WILLIE HUNT



With much sadness I will try to write this obituary. Willie Hunt passed away May 29, 1991, in Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born in Pike County December 23, 1923, he was a son of Mose Hunt and Stella Varney Hunt. He was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church and a retired coal miner.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Willetta Hunt and Avonelle Hunt Varney.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Deskins Hunt; two sons, Billy Lee

Hunt and Ruford Hunt, both of Meta; daughters, Lorraine Hunt Thacker of Burning Fork; Phyllis Hunt Dorton of Meta; Brenda Kaye Hunt Watts of Pippa Passes, Knott County; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother, Fred Hunt of Meta and three sisters, Blanch Sandy, of Remco, Mich.; Imal Sloan of Kimper, Ky.; Eunis Maynard of Meta, and lots of friends who loved him.

We miss him very much and God's will, we will all meet again some day.

Written by his wife,
Pearl Hunt

PEARL BREEDING



With much sadness I attempt to write the obituary of our beloved mother, Pearl Breeding.

She was born on October 13, 1906 in Buchanan County, Virginia, to Harmon and Mary L. Presley. She departed this life on August 29, 1991.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Evons Breeding; two grandsons, and one great-granddaughter.

She is survived and sadly missed by five sons: Erwin Breeding and H. B. Breeding of Hardy, Ky.; Clair (Joe) Breeding of Ransom, Kentucky; Beechel Breeding of Longsville, Ohio, and Robert Breeding of Alexandria, Ohio.

Two daughters: Mildred Joyce Moorman of Hardy, Ky., and Lorali Dutton of Kokomo, Ind.; three brothers, Corbet Presley of Springboro, Ohio; Marshall Presley of Flatswood, Ky.; Russell Presley of Oakwood, Virginia; and four sisters, Floria Ball and Venia Boyd of Rowe, Va.; Missouri Turner of Masselon, Ohio, and Stella Hurt of Ashland, Ky.

The empty place in our hearts can never be filled but we are comforted with precious memories. Mother was never happier than when surrounded by her children and church members. She had been a faithful member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church since May 9, 1948.

We try to remember what she has gained and not what we have lost. We hope, by the grace of God, to join her some blessed day.

Written by her daughter,
Mildred Joyce Moorman

SISTER BESSIE HATFIELD



Sister Bessie was born February 24, 1908 in Pike Co., Ky., the daughter of the late George and Anna Hatfield Sullivan. She was preceded in death by husband, Sherman; two sisters, three brothers, one daughter and one son.

She was married to Sherman Hatfield November 11, 1925, by Elder Caudill Hatfield. To this union were born eleven children, seven sons: Elder Don Hatfield, Francis Hatfield and Clifford Hatfield of Hardy, Ky.; Floyd Hatfield, Sherman Hatfield, and Clinton Hatfield of Cols. Ohio.

Daughters, Ruby Severt of Georgia, Gaye of Cols, Ohio, and Gaye Huddle of Hardy, Ky. She is survived by one sister, Georgia Ann Scott of Ransom, Ky.

She was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for forty-two years and a faithful member to fill her seat until the last seven years when she became ill.

Sister Bessie was baptized the last Sunday in April 1950 by Elders Teddy Ball and Frank Wheeler.

Mom went to church for years before she asked for a home with the church. She would walk from the head of Mud Lick, over the hill, up Blackberry Creek and take all her children to church. She was dear mother!

Mother died in the skill nursing at the A.R. Hospital, South Williamson, Ky., July 23, 1992. Thanks to Elder Jimmy Moore and wife.

We bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father who called our dear mother home to suffer no more.

Though her afflictions were great she would sing No. 279, OH SING TO ME OF HEAVEN, WHEN I AM CALLED TO DIE, and after her sleep to Love Amazing Grace, What a Friend in Jesus, We Shall Sleep But Not Forever.

We want to thank Elders Basil Hatfield, Michael Smith and all the elders that visited mother. Thanks to Helen Jean Blackburn for the job done in taking care of Mother.

By the Grace of God we will meet again.

Your son.

Elder Don Hatfield

INA DELILAH BALDWIN



With much sadness and with the help of God, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear sister, Ina Delilah Baldwin. She was born January 8, 1918, and passed from this life June 9, 1992, at age 74 years, five months and one day. She was daughter of late Elder G. B. and Mary (Stanley) Bird. Also preceding her in death were two daughters, Vio Derossett who died 27 Oct. 1987 and Dreama Gay who died 25 Nov. 1942 at age of one week. Left to mourn her loss are her husband of almost 56 years, Walter L. Baldwin of Canada; one son, Walter Lester Baldwin, II, of

Tennessee; one brother, Creed W. Bird, Gallatin, TN; two sisters, Violet Rollason, Columbus, Ohio, and Iva Adkins, Huddy, Ky.

Sister Ina was very ill since March 2 when she suffered a severe heart attack, followed by a stroke on March 26th, from which she never fully recovered her speech. On Friday, March 6th, she spoke to Elder Don Hatfield of her desire to unite with the Primitive Baptists. She wanted to be baptized 'right now' by Elders Don Hatfield and Robert Warrix; with membership in the Big Creek Church at Canada. She was never able to see this wish granted, but we saw a Blessed Peace and Happiness that came over her, a change that was manifested through all the confusion of the stroke that followed. She bore her suffering with much patience, never complaining. She was always smiling.

I believe that Ina is in a better home where there are no more sickness, trials or troubles. She is basking in a Peaceful Sleep. I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a lonely sister,
Iva Adkins

*With a pen in my hand and sorrow in my heart
I'll try to write the obituary of my Loving Mother,*

MARY "LIB" WILLIAMSON

Mary Elizabeth Williamson, 67, of Stone, Kentucky, died Thursday, August 6, 1992, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Born at Stone, Kentucky on January 14, 1925 to the late Tom and Fannie Blackburn Ball. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim "Tud" Williamson and



Mary "Lib" Williamson

principal of Williamson High School; daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Williamson; three grandchildren, James Floyd Williamson, Michael Thomas Williamson, and Elizabeth Ellen Williamson, all of Stone, Kentucky; and a sister, Rosetta Blackburn of Stone, Kentucky.

Her body was laid to rest at the Mt. View Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Huddy, Kentucky August 9, 1992.

Mom's most valuable possession was "family." But most important are the *memories* that will live forever in the hearts and minds of the family she left behind. Memories are timeless and endure through the strife and tragedy of the ages.

Now, two jewels are re-united and live forever the abundant life — the Promise Kept. We, who are left behind continue our journey seeking Him — the Giver of Eternal Joy.

Looking Forward to our Reunion,
Your Son and his family

HINES HAGER

It is in loving precious memory with sadness and a heavy heart, I attempt to write the obituary of my loving mother, Hines Hager, who left this life July 17, 1992. She was 78 years old. He was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Hager who died December 14, 1973.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss one son, three daughters, four step-children, 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of friends; two brothers and three sisters; also brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mommy was a wonderful Christian and attended church for many

a sister, Jeanette Hackney.

She was a retired school teacher with the Pike County School Board. She taught at McVeigh Grade, Stone Grade, and at Runyon Elementary until her retirement in 1972 due to illness. She will long be remembered by those students who shared part of her life.

She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. Even though she was unable to attend church, she communicated with members and preachers by phone praising God for all her blessings.

She is survived by her son, James "Bo" Williamson of Stone, Kentucky,

principal of Williamson High School; daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Williamson; three grandchildren, James Floyd Williamson, Michael Thomas Williamson, and Elizabeth Ellen Williamson, all of Stone, Kentucky; and a sister, Rosetta Blackburn of Stone, Kentucky.

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Mommy was a wonderful Christian and attended church for many

years as long as she was able.

She left behind a wonderful testimony of the visions she saw.

Her desire was that her children and grandchildren would live right and we could all be together in Heaven someday.

Written by
Your Loving Family



Hines Hager

MARY ROWE



Mary Rowe, 87, of Feds Creek, died March 4, 1992, at the Mt. View Health Care Center in Elkhorn City.

She was born in Pike County May 9, 1904, a daughter of the late Harrison and Nancy Hackney Reynolds.

Mary was a devoted homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 32 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lundy as well as two sons, Dempsey and Virgil.

She is survived by two sons, Kellie and Larry Rowe, both of Feds Creek; four daughters, Florence R. Dotson of Gainesville, Fla.; Myrtle Hunt of

Feds Creek, Oeda R. Darnell of Mouthcard, and Sara R. Lawson of Williamsburg, Ky., 24 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Written by Family

DIXIE HONAKER

Dixie Honaker, 81, of Feds Creek, died Monday, April 27, 1992, at home.

She was born in Pike County May 23, 1910, a daughter of the late George W. and Elizabeth Hackney Blair.



Dixie Honaker

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew Honaker.

She is survived by four sons, Lundy Honaker of Shelbyana, Kentucky; James Dallas Honaker of Lindsey, Ohio; Frank Delano Honaker of Conroe, Texas and Douglas Ray Honaker of Splendora, Texas; one brother, Ernest Blair of Feds Creek; one sister, Callie Miller of Mouthcard; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Written by Family

MINNIE SKAGGS FERGUSON SPARKS

Minnie Skaggs Ferguson Sparks, 83, 2692 Tecumseh Ave., Springfield, Ohio, went to be with the Lord in St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, 1992, following 3 weeks illness. She was born October 22, 1908 in Mazie, Ky., the daughter of Elder John H. and Laura Bell Estep Skaggs. She retired from Amco Products in 1973, following 26 years of service.

Minnie was converted during a revival at Old Paint Primitive Baptist Church January 16, 1926, then baptized January 30, 1926, by her father and joined Sugar Grove Primitive Baptist Church, later joining Laurel Hill Primitive Baptist Church. In 1971 she got her letter from Laurel Hill and went in Pleasant Hill as a charter member.



She was married May 17, 1928 to Cassie Ferguson. After his death in 1946 she married Reopert Sparks March 30, 1952. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, four sons and daughters-in-law, John H. Chester and Darlene Ferguson, Larry and Janice Sparks, Bill and Carolyn Sparks, all of Springfield, Farrell and Sharon Sparks of Beavercreek, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Darlene and Steward Ross, Willa Jean and Elwin Segraves, Edith Anna Bell and Fred

Williams, all of Springfield, Ohio; four brothers, Luther Skaggs, Springfield; John Skaggs, Centerburg, Ohio; Larry Skaggs, West Liberty, Ky.; Darrel Skaggs, Leesville, South Carolina; three sisters, Malissa Edwards, Blaine, Ky.; Corilda Lyon, Houston, Texas; Kathy Renner, Nashville, Tenn.; 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends of relatives.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, two sons, Eugene and Jo Lon Ferguson; two brothers, James O. and Charles Skaggs; one sister, Edna Hubbard, two great-grandchildren, Randy Ferguson and Wendy Hoyt.

Written by her family
With all of our love

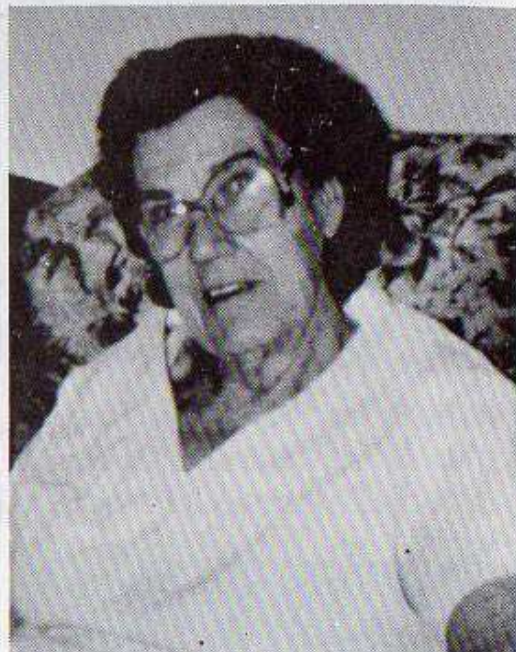
GLADYS HICKS

With much sadness and a great loss to me, I will try and write the obituary of my dear sister, Gladys Hicks.

Born December 12, 1921 and departed this life February 21, 1992. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Daisy Smith, three brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Hicks; one son and one daughter, and five grandchildren.

She is sadly missed by all her family, but we feel that Sis is resting until Jesus comes, and by the grace of God we will meet again on that day.



Written by Ruby Hatfield
and sadly missed by her husband and family

INES HURLEY ALLISON

It is in loving precious memory and with much sadness and an aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious mother, Ines Hurley Allison. Mother was born to the late Issac and Jane May Hurley on November the 2nd, 1934. She passed away on April the 24, 1991. She was 56 years old.

She was married to Ed Allison and to this union was born four children, James, David, Bonnie and Terry Allison. She was preceded in death by her father and mother and two brothers, Wayne Hurley and



Ines Hurley Allison

Samuel Ray Hurley, and Sara Estep, and two sisters, Rozella Dotson and Ella Ling. She is survived by three sons, James Allison, David Allison and Terry Allison, all of Hurley, Va.; one daughter, Bonnie Allison of Grundy, Va. She is survived by five grandchildren, Anthony, Jason, Susan, Angel, and Amanda, and one sister, Delphia Catron of Roanoke, Va., and three brothers, John May, Henry Hurley and Waymon Hurley, all of Hurley, Va.

She is sadly missed by all who knew her and loved her. She has gone from our home, but not from

our hearts. Someday by the grace of God we will meet and never to part; no one knows the silent heartaches. Only those who lost can tell of our grief borne in silence, for the one we loved so much.

Well, when Mother died a part of us died too. Our lives seem empty without her. We loved each other so much. The only thing that gives us comfort now are our precious memories of our life together and the knowledge that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her loving daughter
Bonnie and Family

MAE COLEMAN



It is with much sadness and an aching heart that I try to write the obituary of my loving, sweet wife. We were married 47 years and to us were born eight children. One preceded her in death. Mae united with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church on May 17, 1976, and lived a Christian life. She loved her church at Peter Creek. I never heard her say a bad word.

I miss her so much. The days and nights are so lonely without her. Mae loved everybody. She would meet them with a smile. All I can say is sleep on, and with God's help I will meet you in Heaven someday. I

loved you so much, Mae.

Written by your husband who loved you so much, and I miss you so much.

Leo Coleman

RINA COLEMAN BEVINS

In loving memory of Rina Coleman Bevins who passed away November 6, 1991 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Mother was born June 16, 1915, making her stay here on earth 76 years, four months and twenty-one days. She was the daughter of Oliver Tivis and Lucy Jane Coleman of Fishtrap, Kentucky. She was married to Oscar Bevins October 23, 1940. To this union were six children born: Mrs. Glenn (Ruth) Thacker of Lower Pompey, Mrs. Homer (Bonnie) Coleman of Rocky Road, Mrs. Alex (Joyce) Coleman of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mrs. Larry (Patty) Rowe of Collins, and Mrs. Bobby (Barbara)



Justice of Rocky Road. One son, Randy Blake Bevins, was born March 12, 1955 (deceased March 12, 1955). There are seven grandchildren: Vickie Lynn Tonak, Micheal Coleman, Christopher Coleman, Deborah Johnson, Randall Justice, Brian Justice, and Brandon Justice. There are five great-grandchildren: Joseph and Benjamin Tonak, Timothy and Cody Coleman, and John Robert Branham II.

Mother is survived by three sisters and one brother: Maggie Coleman of Mountain View Nursing Home in Elkhorn City, Hazel Hopkins of Daniels Creek, Bertha Bevins of Melbourne, Florida, and Curtis Coleman of Largo, Florida.

Mother was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church of Rocky Road. She made her home with the church on June 10, 1972.

Funeral services were held at the Primitive Baptist Church on Rocky road at Millard, Kentucky on November 9, 1991. Burial followed at the Anna Young Cemetery at Pikeville, Ky. Mother is greatly missed by each of us, as well as by her many friends and relatives. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

In loving memory,
Daughters: Ruth, Bonnie,
Joyce, Patty, and Barbara

FAYE COLEMAN ALLISON

It is with precious memories we write the obituary of our dearest sister, Faye Coleman Allison of Toms River, New Jersey. She was born on Lower Pompey, August 17, 1942, a daughter of the late Dave and Pearl Coleman of Raccoon, Kentucky. She departed this life at 11 P.M. Monday, February 10, 1992 at the Bricktown Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Donald W. Allison; three daughters, Tammy Leigh Denton and Terri Lynn Fitzgerald of Toms River, New Jersey, and Tina Louise Allison of Liverpool, New York; four brothers, David Coleman of Castalian Springs, Tennessee; Allan Coleman of Raccoon, Kentucky; Roy Coleman of Saratoga, New York; Riley Coleman of Shelbyana, Kentucky; four sisters: Marie Coleman and Eathel Slone of Raccoon, Kentucky; Blanche Sanders of Sprott, Alabama; June Anderson of Albert Lea, Minnesota, and three grandchildren: Jessica Leigh and Brandon William Limpert and Jeffrey Allen Fitzgerald.

Funeral services were held at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, February 13, 1992 in the Kedz Funeral Home of Toms River, New Jersey.

Sleep on, dear sister. By the grace of God we will meet you in the morning.

Brothers and Sisters

Marie Coleman, David Coleman, Eathel Slone, Blanche Sanders, Allan Coleman, Roy Coleman, June Anderson, and Riley Coleman

Faye's favorite Bible Verse: Twenty-third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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 and 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 Secretary 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 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 fullness, 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 eternal, and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

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

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

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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.

ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON

(Work of Presbytery)

- 1st Organized by choosing Moderator and Clerk.
- 2nd Select one to question candidate.
- 3rd Select one to make prayer.
- 4th Select one to give charge.
- 5th Call for candidate from spokesman for church.
- 6th Examine candidate. Any one of Prebytery has right to ask questions if he desires.
- 7th If candidate is found satisfactory, then proceed with prayer and laying on of hands.
- 8th Charge is now delivered.
- 9th Candidate is now returned to the spokesman for the church as an ordained Elder or Deacon.
- 10th Minutes of proceeding read.
- 11th Adjourn.

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	4				3	3	2	✓ 122	4 2	\$ 125.00
Old Pond	Shelby Hill	1			1			5	75	122	125.00
Big Creek	Luther Smith	1	2		1	2	3	2	73	4 13	100.00
Raccoon	Marie Coleman							3	75	4 14	150.00
Peter Creek	Leo Coleman							✓ 3	✓ 96	4	100.00
Sulphur Springs	Arthur May								59	1	65.00
Little Hope	Frank Ball	3						✓ 29	✓ 29	1	80.00
Grapevine	Olen J. May	1						1	24	3	50.00
Samaria	Leslie Hatfield		1			1	3	5	145	143	125.00
Little Union	Margie Lester							1	13	1	145.00
Johns Creek	Bonnie Rhodes				1		2		32	1 2	50.00
Calvary	Rush Chapman								✓ 33	1	50.00
Dry Fork	Ruth Maynard							1	✓ 57	2	75.00
Friendship	Martin Childers					2			✓ 23	4	25.00
Columbus	Sandra Harris				1			2	✓ 84	4	75.00
Deerfield	Ernest Hager	5	2					1	✓ 49	4	75.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	1				3		1	✓ 31	1	60.00
New Hope	Stella F. Thacker	16	5		4	11	11	27	✓ 10	4	50.00
	TOTALS								1,030		\$1,525.00

