

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

Held with

**The Raccoon
Primitive Baptist Church
RACCOON, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

**September 1, 2, and 3
1995**

Next Session Convenes with the Peter Creek Church, located at Peter Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1996.

DIRECTIONS: From Pikeville, Ky., take Route 119 N. to Meta. Turn right on 194. Travel approx. 8 miles to Route 632. Turn left on Route 632 for 7 miles to church on right. From Williamson, W. Va.: take 119 S. to Meta and turn left on Rt. 194 and follow preceding directions.

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Proceedings

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

FRIDAY MORNING — September 1, 1995

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Fonso Justice.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Ernest Blair. Text: Salvation is in none other but the Lord.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the Raccoon Church was read. Moved and seconded that Elder Paul Varney serve as Moderator Protem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elder Ernest Blair serve as Clerk Protem for the election of officers.

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

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| 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: Garnell Gilbert, Teddy Floyd, Fayne Viers.

BURNING SPRINGS: Donovan Finch, Leeroy Gullett, Eulice Adkins, Lorin Hensley, Roby Gullett, Louie Howard

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Blaine Owens, Kenneth Presnell

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Vance Jones

MT. ZION: David Bailey, Alford Compton

UNION: Dallas Adams, Jr., Garry Adams, Teddie Stevans, Tommy Adams

NEW LIBERTY: Hubert Sears, Darius Underwood

WASHINGTON: Danny Smith, Ked Stacy, Larry Blevins, Perry Compton, Victor N. Church

FISHER'S RIVER: Willie Branch.

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

SAND LICK: Jerry Yates, Elmer Compton, Franklin Viers, Bobby Viers, Ellen Yates, Christine Stacy

BURNING SPRINGS: Owen Blanton, Edna Blanton, Peggy Howard, Pauline Howard

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Hulda Jones, Nomie Jones, Lona Sasher, William H. Johnson.

UNION: Jean Adams, Mary Lou Adams, Mary Stevans

MT. ZION: Ruby Bailey, Kenneth Bailey

WASHINGTON: Mattie Ward, Lola Church, Joe Edwards, Peggy Griffith, Clyde A. Griffith, Glenn Cress, Delford Ward, Mattie Ward

WILSON CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA: Millard Shelton

BETHEL CHURCH: Lana Duty, Pam Todd, Steve Hunt

MT. ENON ASSOC. OF FL.: George Thompson, Virginia Thompson, Ben Magee, Janet Magee

STONEY CREEK: Elbert Hunter, Louise Hunter

FISHER'S RIVER: Jo Ann Branch, Roy David Wilson, Nancy Wilson

MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST: Hesker Gillum

ROARING RIVER: Samuel Parrish, Sandra Parrish

GOOD HOPE: Tony Mazingo, Andy Mazingo, Ronald Mizfil

NORTH FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP: H. D. Bledsoe, Sarah Collis, W. D. Standland

BEECH GROVE CHURCH: Ellis Lynn, Mary Lynn, Alice Lynn

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH: Johnnie L. Duggins

LOUISVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST: Roy Browning, Emogene Browning

KNOXVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST: Otha Craig

Moved and seconded that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

The moderator appointed Fonso Justice, Daris Kinder, Don Hatfield, Paul Varney, and Ernest Blair on the preaching committee and they reported the following:

A. Friday morning at Raccoon Church: Larry Blevins, Lonnie Mazingo, Sr., and Garnell Gilbert

B. Friday afternoon at the stand: Lonnie Mazingo, Jr. and Billy Cook

C. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Greg Moore, Vance Jones, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Moore, J. C. Hager, and Elbert Hunter

D. Friday night at Samaria Church: Samuel Parrish, Lonnie Mazingo, Jr., Lonnie Mazingo, Sr.

E. Saturday morning at Raccoon stand: E. Elbert Hunter, Ellis Lynn and Willie Branch

F. Saturday afternoon at Raccoon stand: Victor Church and Gerald Yates

- G. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: William Dotson, Willie Branch, Gerald Yates and Michael Smith
- H. Saturday night at Louisa Church: Price Viers, Ellis Lynn, Lundy Coleman, and Frank Viers
- I. Saturday night at Little Union Church: Fonso Justice, Paris Blackburn, Vance Jones, and J. C. Hager
- J. Saturday night at Calvary Church: Greg Moore, Jimmy Moore, Millard Shelton, and Johnny Duggins

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Bradley Worrix, Clifford Hunt, David May, Clifton Preece, Monroe Justice, Wade Ratliff, Arthur May, Walter May, Noah Slone, Everett Smith, Rick Blair, Carl Coleman, Lestle Varney, Elmer Brown, Michael Elswick, Irvin Adkins, Estil Hackney, Jim Moore, Walter Sullivan.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Frank Ball, Ireland Adkins, Edd Hunt.

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

SAND LICK: Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Michael Smith, Richard Tucker, Elmer Goff, John Jacobs, Fonso Justice, Don Hatfield

UNION: Joseph Slone, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, Elmer Goff

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Harrison Smith, Rufford Howell, Carl Coleman, J. C. Hager, Elmer Goff, Greg Moore, Fonso Justice

BURNING SPRINGS: Harrison Smith, Rufford Howell, Jim Moore, Joseph Slone, Bradley Worrix, Jr., Elmer Goff, Richard Tucker, Fonso Justice

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Harrison Smith, Carl Coleman, Elmer Goff, Jim Moore, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, J. C. Hager, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Fonso Justice

MT. ZION: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone

NEW LIBERTY: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone

WASHINGTON: Elmer Goff, Richard Tucker, Rufford Howell, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Joseph Slone

FISHER'S RIVER: Harrison Smith, Greg Moore, Jim Moore, J. C. Hager, Noah Slone, Carl Coleman, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith and John Jacobs

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

SATURDAY MORNING — September 2, 1995

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

Prayer by Elder Elbert Hunter.

Roll called and absents marked.

Called for Petitionary Letters. Received one from Fisher's River Association and referred it to the Committee.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met under the tent at Raccoon Church and was called to order by the Moderator.

- #1 Recommend that we omit reading the letters from churches in our union.
- #2 Recommend that Samaria Church host the annual meeting in 1996.
- #3 Recommend that Peter Creek Church host the Association for 1996.
- #4 Called for the Circular Letter which was written by Elder Michael Smith. Elder Michael Smith read the letter. Accepted, moved, and seconded to print the Circular Letter in the minutes. Appointed Deacon Doug Lester to write the Circular Letter for 1996.
- #5 Read Petitionary Letter from Fisher's River Association on Saturday morning and recommend to accept letter and establish direct correspondence.
- #6 Recommend that the Association carry on its work on Saturday in the usual manner.

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

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Samaria Baptist Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1996.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

1. Song and prayer with Elder Delford Ward
2. Elder Johnny Duggins
3. Elder Robert Worrix
4. Elder Michael Smith
5. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Michael Smith.

Finance Committee reported \$1,725.00 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, 1996. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul D. Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy L. Smith, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsby, Michael Smith, John Jacobs, Michael Elswick, Rufford Howell, and Owen Blanton, Kit Ratliff.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1996. Elders to attend: David Coleman, Jr., Kit Ratliff, Paul D. Justice, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Don Hatfield, Basil Hatfield, Greg Moore, Frank Ball. Invite all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1996. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Ernest Blair, Jimmie L. Smith, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, David Jacobs, Walter Sullivan, Kenny Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Frank Ball, Basil Hatfield, David Coleman, Jr.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1996. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Clifford Thacker, David Coleman, Robert Worrix, David A. Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Mike Smith, Elmer Brown. All others invited to attend.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1996. Elders to attend: Ernest Blair, Paris Blackburn, Michael Elswick, Jim Moore, Harrison Smith, Frank Viers, Randal Thornsby, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Greg Moore, Michael Smith. All other Elders are welcome.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Meets the first Saturday in August, 1996. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, John Jacobs, J. C. Hager, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Don Stacy, Randal Thornsby, Ernest Blair, Everett Brizendine, Vance Jones.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1996. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmy L. Smith, Basil Hatfield, Noah Slone, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kenny Chapman, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsby, Larry Thornsby, Elbert Church. We invite all others to attend.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 1996. Elders to attend: Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, David Coleman, Paul

Varney, Ernest Blair, Monroe Justice, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, J. C. Hager, Allen Coleman, Don Hatfield, Fonso Justice, Greg Moore, Junior Adams, David Jacobs, John Jacobs.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1996. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris, J. C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Kenny Chapman, Paris Blackburn, David A. Thacker, Michael Elswick, Don Hatfield, Jimmy L. Smith, Kit Ratliff, Basil Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Bobby Blackburn, Randal Thornsbury, and All Orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

LITTLE UNION: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1996. Elders to attend: Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy L. Smith, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsbury, Paul D. Justice, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, David Thacker, John Jacobs, Rufford Howell, Robert Worrix, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Don Hatfield, Ernest Blair, J. C. Hager.

JOHNS CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 1996. Elders to attend: Fonso Justice, Jeff Chapman, Noah Slone, Jimmy Moore, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Jimmy L. Smith, Larry Thornsbury, Monroe Justice, Elbert Church, Ernest Blair, Kit Ratliff, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, John Jacobs, David Thacker, David May, Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsbury, Paul D. Justice.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1996. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, John Jacobs, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Jimmy L. Smith, Noah Slone, Quincey Stanley, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Michael Elswick, Jimmy Moore, Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Kenny Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, David May, Greg Moore. All orderly ministers.

DRY FORK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1996. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Robert Worrix, Jimmy Moore, Lawrence Jackson, Price, Viers, Frank Viers, Don Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Ostil Smith, Jerold Yates, Bobby Arrington, Ked Stacy, J. C. Hager, Randal Thornsbury, Elmer Brown. *Memorial services are held at our meeting time in July (Sunday) for Martha Street Family on Baldwin Mt.

FRIENDSHIP: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1996. Elders to attend: Randal Thornsbury, Don Hatfield, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Basil Hatfield, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Michael Smith, Jimmie L. Smith, R. T.

Thacker, Elbert Church, Owen Blanton, Kenny Chapman, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn. All Elders invited to attend.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1996. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Paul D. Justice, Clifford Thacker, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, David Thacker, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Woodruff Dulin, Onis Smith, Michael Smith, Elmer Thacker, Greg Moore, Jimmy Moore, Michael Elswick, David May, Randal Thornsburry. We invite all Mates Creek Elders.

DEERFIELD: Meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1996. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Homer Blackburn, Ernest Blair, Greg Moore, John Jacobs, David Thacker, Woodruff Dulin, Mike Elswick, Robert Worrix, Vance Jones, Billy Cook, Teddy Floyd, Ostil Smith, Elmer Goff, Jim Duty, Estel Owens, Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1996. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Bob Worrix, David Thacker, Jim Duty, Hester Gillum, Estil Owens, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Tim Brewer, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Elmer Goff, Estil Hackney, and all other orderly Primitive Baptist.

NEW HOPE: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1996. Elders to attend: John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Basil Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Mike Elswick, David May, Greg Moore, Onis Smith, David A. Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Randal Thornsburry, Paul Varney, Quincey Stanley. All orderly ministers of Mates Creek or corresponding associations are invited.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Deacon Doug Lester prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2,150 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Brothers: James Ernest Hager, Luther Vanhooose, Elder Troy Casey, Lora Slone, Delbert Underwood, Eddie Wolford, Lester L. Slater, Virgil Blackburn, Roger Coleman, Cecil Goff, Elcanie Smith

Sisters: Virginia Hatfield, Golessa Blackburn Chapman, Ida Church Runyon, Fern May, Alice Brackett Scott, Edna Coleman Scott, Edith Hager Rose, Fairy Opal Thacker, Chloie Caudill Howell, Denita Marie Thacker Kelker, Janet Evans, Iva Trent Adkins, Myrtle Sammons Runyon, Nova Jackson Burke, Garnette P. Hurley, Mary Lester, Vicie Stiltner, Vina Alice Dolly Anderson, Lucy Blackburn, Ermel Goff, Darkis Slone Worrix.

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 dispensed as follows:

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| Balance left on hand from last year | \$4,138.63 |
| Amount received from churches 9-2-95 | 1,725.00 |
| Amount for obituaries | 404.00 |
| Donations | 700.00 |
| Total Cash On Hand | \$6,967.63 |
| Cash Paid Out: | |
| Paid for 1994 Minutes | \$2,564.83 |
| Gave Moderator | 50.00 |
| Gave Assistant Moderator | 50.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 50.00 |
| Gave Assistant Clerk | 50.00 |
| Total Cash Paid Out | \$2,764.83 |
| Balance Left On Hand | \$4,202.80 |

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church of Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1996. Elder Fonso Justice was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Elmer Thacker to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder David Bailey, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Robert Worrix, Moderator
Michael Smith, Assistant Moderator
Randal Thornsby, Clerk
Leslie Hatfield, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 3, 1995

INTRODUCTION: Song and Prayer by Elder Delford Ward.

1. Elder Johnny Duggins - Text: "Comfort ye, Comfort ye, my people." Elder Duggins was wonderfully blessed.
2. Elder Franklin Viers: no special text; however, Brother Frank was blessed to preach and sing amid much praise and rejoicing.
3. Elder Robert Worrix: text, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us."
4. Elder Michael Smith: text, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."
5. Dismissed Association with prayer by Elder Michael Smith.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Brethren and Sisters and the Messengers of the Original Mates Creek Association, when it convenes at Racoon Primitive Baptist Church 1st, 2nd, and 3rd day of September, 1995.

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I would like to begin this circular letter by saying, "God has blessed us with all blessings; whether it be natural or spiritual. His mercy has endured down through time. And His promise is - His mercy will endure forever."

Primitive Baptists have been great recipients of His love and mercy and how thankful we should be, for the Scriptures tell us, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God!"

We are undeserving of this mercy but God loved us while we were dead in sin. We should always be ready to give praise to God for the gift of His dear son Jesus, who found us and resurrected us from a dead state of sin to a lively hope in Jesus Christ.

And by His Holy Spirit, adopted us in His family (the church) and blessed us with the spirit of revelation to see things the world can't see — not with natural eyes, but with spiritual eyes. Like John Newton, the author of the song "Amazing Grace", when he said, "I once was blind but now I see."

For we believe His Word and trust His grace that He is faithful, not slack, concerning His promise. His word to us is food to our soul. His promise to us is eternal life — to be with Him forever! In 1st Thessalonians 4:17, "And so shall we ever be with the Lord." When Jesus fulfills the promise He made in John 14:3, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

We live in hope of eternal life that God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began.

Brethren, our love to each other is a sign that we love Jesus. The Scriptures say, "We know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." There is a reward to do good to God's children and there is a penalty if we mistreat them. It is easy to love in word, but our love to each other should show by our deeds. The old saying, "Our feet should do more talking than our mouth."

Brethren, let me close in saying, "Pray for one another, do for one another, and let us always be down at one another's feet - esteeming our brother higher than ourselves when we look over one another for good and not evil. That same love to us is returned. We can walk in

peace and harmony and enjoy the great JOY OF THE SALVATION OF JESUS CHRIST!"

Written by your brother in the Lord,
Elder Michael Smith

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Joseph Slone, Jack Coleman, Bradley Worrix, Jr. Alternate: Keen Slone

OLD POND: Mike Scott, Clifford Hunt, Stearl Scott, Don Hatfield. Alternate: Leslie Hatfield

BIG CREEK: Johnny Jacobs, Michael Elswick, David May, Luther Smith. Alternate: Elbert Church

RACCOON: Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, Rufus Goff. Alternate: Larry Coleman

PETER CREEK: Daris Kinder, Wade Ratliff, Randy Smith, Stirl Smith. Alternate: Earl Casey

SULPHUR SPRING: Tommy Lester, Ronald Moore, Paul Smith, Arthur May. Alternate: Berlin Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Walter May, John B. Ball, Frank Ball, William Bobby Blackburn. Alternate: Virgil Smith

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, Donald Joe Justice, Bradley Coleman, Argie Kendrick. Alternate: Gary Slone

SAMARIA: Lonnie Simpkins, Everett Smith, Millard Whitt, Opa Hatfield. Alternate: Dennis Dotson

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

JOHNS CREEK: Edd Hunt, Carl Coleman, Larry Coleman, Harrison Smith. Alternate: Roger Dotson

CALVARY: Ben Chapman, Andrew Hunt, Lestil Varney, Wayne Varney. Alternate: Rush Chapman

DRY FORK: Carl Vandyke, Estel Vandyke, Howell Arms, Jennings Boyd. Alternate: Elmer Brown

FRIENDSHIP: Andy Stamper, Troy Wheeler, Martin Childers. Alternate: Michael Elswick

COLUMBUS: Paris Blackburn, Gary Justice, Ervin Adkins, Lonnie Worrix. Alternate: Bobby Kennedy

DEERFIELD: Danny May, Harold Blackburn, Estle Hackney, John Holyfield. Alternate: Donny Jackson

PLEASANT HILL: James T. Dotson, Earmel Dotson, Jim Moore, Gail McGuire. Alternate: Woodruff Dulin

NEW HOPE: Paul Lowe, Kennie Chapman, William Dotson,
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| Sulphur Spring | Elmer Brown |
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| Little Hope | William Bobby Blackburn |
| Grapevine | Kit Ratliff |
| | Noah Slone |
| Samaria | Michael Smith |
| Johns Creek | Paul Varney |
| Little Union | Paul Varney |
| Calvary | Kit Ratliff |
| | Michael Elswick |
| Dry Fork | Elmer Brown |
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| | David May |
| Deerfield | J. C. Hager |
| Columbus | Lundy Coleman |
| Pleasant Hill | Woodruff Dulen |
| New Hope | Elbert Church |

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

June 3rd Saturday
April 2nd Saturday
May 1st Saturday
June 1st Saturday

May 2nd Saturday
August 4th Saturday

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| Big Creek — | Luther Smith Box 45 Sidney, Ky. 41564 | 150 |

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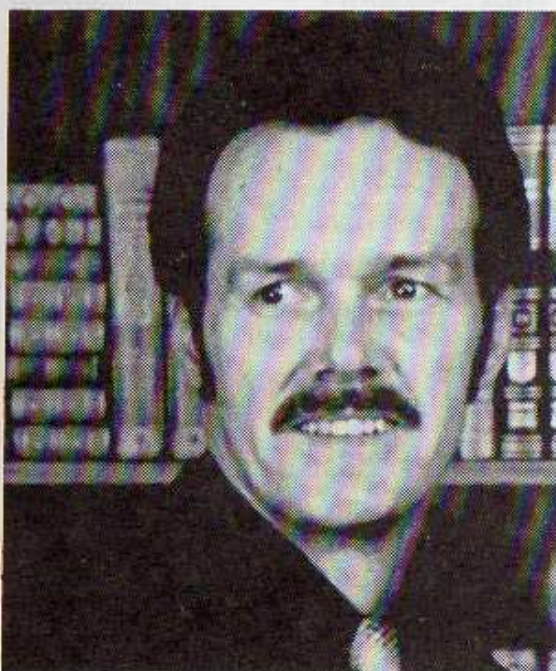
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| Sandlick — | Johnny Viers Haysi, Va. 24256 | 25 |
| Little Yadkin River | W. H. Johnson Rt. 4, Box 696 East Bend, N.C. 27018 | 25 |
| St. Clair's Bottom | Blaine Owens 103 Jefferson Dr. Bristol, Va. 24983 | 25 |
| Mountain — | Roy L. Truitt 102 Gentry St. Galax, Va. 24333 | 25 |
| Mount Enon — | Bob Kilpatrick 1617 Stephane Lane Lakeland, Fl. 33813 | 25 |
| New Liberty — | Elizabeth Jennings 235B Walters St. Ripley, W. Va. 25271-1542 | 25 |
| Fisher's River — | Caroll Gardner 1046 Greenhill Road Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030 | 25 |

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| Piney Grove — | S. O. Shelton Rt. 2, Box 226 Westfield, N.C. 27053 | 25 |
| | Leslie Hatfield P.O. Box 249 McCarr, Ky. 41544 | 12 |
| | Anita Carden P.O. Box 45 Belfry, Ky. 41514 | 6 |
| | Don Hatfield 3776 Highway 319 Hardy, Ky. 41531 | 20 |
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OBITUARIES

JAMES ERNEST HAGER



James Ernest Hager of Fenton, Mich., age 58, passed from this life on January 31, 1995. He was born in Pike County, Ky. on December 2, 1936, the son of Bradley and Harriet Scott Hager.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; four children, James Ernest Hager, Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; Teresa Brown of Fenton, Mich.; Jeremy and Elizebeth Hager, still at home; three grandchildren, four sisters, six brothers, many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, two sisters and one brother.

He was retired from G.M. Truck and Bus, Flint Assembly Plant, after 36 years of service and was a member of the U.A.W.

Our dear brother and friend was a man who was full of love and kindness toward others. He was a good husband, father and grandfather,

who loved his family so very much and I know they are left so sad, lonely and heartbroken, but I believe the way he lived his life and the example he set will ever leave a lasting impression on them and that their love for him and for each other and their faith in God will sustain them. So to his family I say we must bow in humble submission to God's will, for God loved him and God took him and our loss is his eternal gain.

Brother Ernest was a member of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as assistant clerk from June 1971 until November 25, 1972. He then served as clerk from November 25, 1972 until November 26, 1994, 22 years and one day. He then was made honorary clerk due to his illness.

Brother Ernest was a man of remarkable faith, being rooted and grounded in love and in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus his Saviour. During his long illness with cancer, through all his pain and suffering he never complained, but bore his suffering with patience, his faith and hope stayed upon his God. I heard him say many times, "It's all in God's hands, He knows best."

Brother Ernest is very much missed at church by his brothers and sisters. He always had a kind word, a friendly smile and a warm handshake for everyone. He loved to sing the ole songs of Zion and was gifted with a unique tenor voice. He loved the ole church as much as anyone I know. "Blessed are they that know the joyful sound, they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance." He knew it, he loved it and rejoiced in it, because the joyful sound of the gospel and the good ole time songs sung in the spirit fed his hungry soul that thirsted after righteousness.

Our brother is asleep in Jesus awaiting the glorious resurrection of the dead. This was his blessed hope, salvation by grace and grace alone, Jesus paid it all. When Christ shall come again our brother will be raised with a glorified body like Jesus. For when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. This was his sweet hope, while he lived here in this world.

So we close with these words from his favorite song No. 313 in the Gobel Song Book, For sinners Lord that camest to bleed
And I'm a sinner vile indeed
Lord I believe Thy grace is free
O magnify that grace in me.

Written by request of his family
by Elder J. C. Hager

LUTHER VANHOOSE



In memory of Luther Vanhooose who passed away October 4, 1994 after a long illness from Black Lung. Luther was born September 21, 1920 to Norman and Gustava Daniels Vanhooose. He was preceded in death by both parents and one brother.

On November 2, 1940 Luther was united in marriage to Verlie Wheeler. To this union was born four children: Roger and David Vanhooose both of River, KY; Gwynda Travis of Hager Hill, KY, and Brenda Ratliff of Whitehouse, KY.

Luther earned his living as a coalminer. He was a member and deacon of The Friendship Regular Primitive Baptist Church at Thelma, KY. He visited the sick and served the church well as long as he was able.

He is sadly missed but lovingly remembered by his wife, children and grandchildren and all who knew him. We feel he is resting from the labor and suffering of this world until that Great Resurrection Day when the dead in Christ shall rise to live forever with a body like unto Him.

Written by his wife and children

ELDER TROY CASEY

With many loving memories, we write the obituary of our dad, Troy Casey, who passed away April 22, 1995 at the age of 85 in St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va.

Dad was born May 21, 1909 in Phelps, Ky. and was the son of the late Albert Casey and Delilah Smith Casey. Our precious and loving mother Vicy Casey preceded Dad in death December 24, 1993. There were also five children who preceded him in death: three sons: Miles, Charles and Billy Harold Casey; two daughters, Gladys and Darlene Casey.



Left to mourn the loss are three sons: Ralph, Shorty, and Marvin

Casey; six daughters: Molly Casey, Betty Smith, Dorothy Justice, Barbara Kender, Virginia Smith and Mabel Anderson.

Dad was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church since July 25, 1939.

He was also a member of the United Mine Workers of America Local Union 8288.

We feel in our hearts we gave up the sweetest dad and mom anyone could have, and that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by: the children

LORA SLONE

It is with the greatest sorrow and with an aching heart that I attempt to write my dear loving father's obituary.

Lora Slone, 77 years of age, of Lower John's Creek, died at 5:13 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 1994 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born in Pike County March 26, 1917, a son of the late Epp Slone and Betty (Varney) Slone. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church.



He was preceded in death by two sons, Corbet Slone, born April 2, 1940, died March 4, 1944, buried in the Goff Cemetery of Raccoon, and Freddie Slone, born February 10, 1952 and died the same day and is also buried in the Goff Cemetery of Raccoon.

He is survived by his wife, Viola (Varney) Slone; two sons, Garland Slone of Sidney, Ky., and Clayton Slone of Raccoon, Ky.; three daughters, Nancy Marie (Slone) Ratliff of Kimper, Ky.; Vesta (Slone) Justice of Lower John's Creek; Barbara Sue (Slone) Blackburn of Belfry, Ky.; two brothers, Leonard Slone of Raccoon, Ky., and Jim Slone of Kimper, Ky.; two sisters, Stella (Slone) Justice of Raccoon, Ky., and Lerlie Marie (Slone) Bartley of Shelbyana. He had 15 grandchildren and they are Judith Ann (Justice) Maynard, Ruby Dean (Justice) Wallar; Dennis Eugene Justice, Sandra (Slone) Eppers, Thomas Clayton Slone, Clifford Douglas Slone, Garlena (Slone) Starr, Ricky Ratliff, Donna Gale (Ratliff) Adkins, Rhonda (Ratliff) Taylor, Monica Denise (Blackburn) Coleman, Bradley Blackburn, Gregory Blackburn, Clayton Thomas Slone, T. Slone.

He had 10 great-grandchildren. My daddy is missed so very much but he is resting in the arms of Jesus where there is no more pain, no more

tears, and no more sorrow. My dad saw a vision of a white horse and five women the evening before he died. He said he heard Jesus calling him. He said, "Come and get me, Jesus." Just before he passed away he saw a light and I knew my daddy was going home. I know he is a beautiful flower in God's bouquet, because he loved the Lord so much and gave such a wonderful testimony every time he talked about God. He loved everybody and would talk of how much he loved his sisters and brother in the Primitive Baptist Church. My dad was buried in the Varney Cemetery on Varney's Branch, Kimper, Ky. My sorrow lasts, but I know in my heart that Dad is rejoicing in the Lord.

With great love and precious memories and a great hope that I will be with my father in heaven someday. We will be together again. So until that day, I want to say I love you very much. We miss you so.

Written by your daughter, Vesta Justice

CECIL GOFF

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of a dear friend and neighbor, Cecil Goff, who passed away at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital April 15th, 1995.

He was born in Pike County July 24th, 1912, a son of the late Ellison and Rebecca Slone Goff.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ida May Goff who passed away October 26th, 1990.

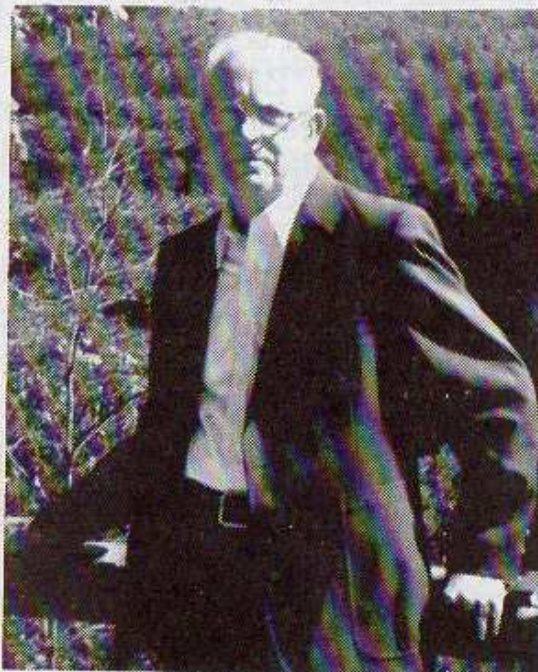
He is survived by two sisters, Alta May and Oma Justice, both of Raccoon, Ky., and a host of nieces and nephews.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him but our loss is Heaven's gain.

He suffered for many years but thank God he's at rest now with no more pain and sorrow.

Some day we hope to meet him in Heaven never to part again.

Written by Fannie Justice
by request of the family



DELBERT UNDERWOOD

ROME, Ga. — Delbert Ray Underwood, 86, of Rome, died Saturday, May 13, 1995, in a local hospital in Rome.

Born October 30, 1908, in Clay County, W. Va., he was a son of the

late Walter and Bessie Vaughn Underwood.

Prior to his retirement he was employed with the State of Ohio as a boiler maintenance man. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Old Pond.

Survivors: wife, Bessie Dotson Underwood; step son, Jess H. Hackney, Rome; daughter, Ann Buchanan, California; brothers, Dewey, Burl, Darrius and Fred Underwood, all of West Virginia; sisters, Velma Sargent, West Virginia; Macil Gandee, Ohio; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, May 15, 1995, Parkview Chapel of Fred Talley's Funeral Home with Elder J. Lawrence Mooney officiating.



Delbert Underwood

Interment followed at Oaknoll Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers: Larry Treadaway, Freeman Shellnut, Troy Lee, Kevin Lee, Dana Collum, Jimmy McKibben, Emmanuel Yates.

EDDIE WOLFORD

It is with very much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my precious son who left this world with a smile on August 20, 1995 at Johnson City Medical Center after a long illness. Born September 10, 1974 - making his stay on earth 20 years, 11 months and 10 days. He is survived by his father, Cecil Wolford; grandfather, Eugene Wolford and a host of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Alpha Fay Wolford (Matney) on July 3, 1994; one brother,



Cecil Wolford in April, 1971 and his grandparents, Harvey and Elsil Matney and Stella Wolford. Eddie was a 1994 graduate of Hurley High School and attended SVCC for one year. He was an humble child all his life and he loved everybody. To him, everyone was good. He was a firm believer in Christ and his faith was strong. Eddie is greatly missed

by his family and everyone who knew him. To us, he was the sweetest rose that ever bloomed and by the grace of God - we will meet him again someday.

In Remembrance of Eddie Wolford

*Eddie, sleep on in Jesus' care, where no pain or sorrow until,
Jesus gently took you home, you are with Jesus, around white throne,
Holding to your Mother's hand.*

*He needed you, Eddie, to brighten His garden,
God gave us strength to bear it,
A precious flower from us, he's gone, a place in our home is vacant.
We will never forget you, Eddie, your sweet smile and pleasant look,
Time will never heal our grief, we followed you as far as we would go,
But God went all the way.*

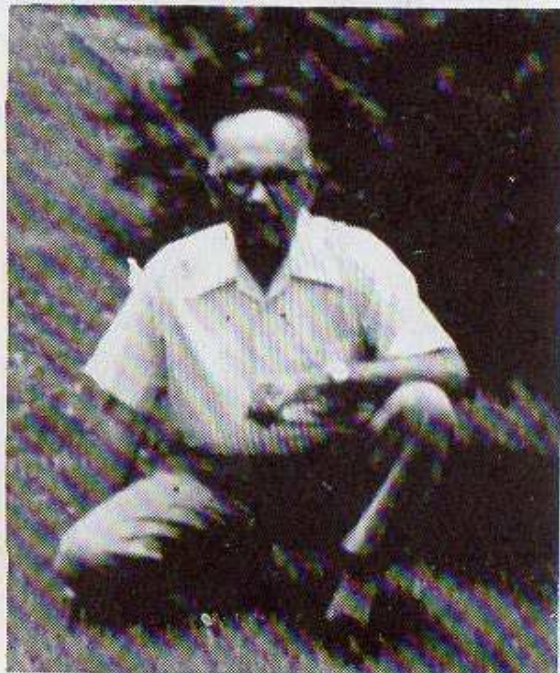
A parting time will come and leave us all in sorrow. You are still loved and missed and still the most precious son that anyone could have. Eddie was a special nephew to his family.

Written by his Father with love, Cecil Wolford

LESTER L. SLATER

I will try and write the obituary of my beloved husband, Lester L. Slater, Turkey Creek, Ky. He was born May 26, 1916, to the late Fred Slater and Myrtle Taylor Slater. He passed away August 24th, 1994, in Williamson Memorial Hospital. He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Ersel and Earl Slater. He is survived by his wife, Mellie Roberts Slater, Turkey Creek, Ky.; one brother, Edward Slater, Tavares, Fla.; two nieces and one nephew.

He was a disabled U.S. Army veteran of World War Two. He was a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Belfry, Ky. He joined the church on January 11th and was baptized on January 12, 1975 by Brother Don Hatfield and Brother Mike Smith. He loved going to church. He went a long time before he ever joined and on our way home he would say, "We sure did have good preaching." I wondered why he didn't join sooner and he told me he didn't think he was good enough. He went as long as he was able. He loved all of the good brothers and sisters of the church. When he



passed on he went like he just went to sleep in the Lord's arms and I think he did. And that helps me to think that.

I have so many beautiful memories of the 43 years, 4 months and 17 days we spent together and the most precious ones of all are when we had the privilege to be in the church and hear the good preaching and singing of all the good people we loved so much, and a lot of them are gone on, too. We always thought as long as we had the good Lord in our life that we had everything. He was sick a long time and suffered a lot. I believe his suffering is over. I believe he is in that beautiful home where there will be no more suffering. I believe my loss is his eternal gain. We both had it awful hard and there were times when he seemed down, and I would quote it over to him, The Lord said, "I won't leave you or forsake you and will stay with you to the end" and he would say, "I hope so." He loved so much when someone would come in and talk with him.

My home is so lonesome without him. I can only look forward to meeting him in Heaven where there will be no more parting or pain. He had to go at God's appointed time. He was always concerned about other people's problems and wanted to help in every way he could, even up until he passed away. I can look back and see all of this now more than then, and it makes me feel so proud that he was that kind of person. He would go out of his way to even help a stranger. I am so afflicted but this is what keeps me going. He would get up in the morning and thank God for letting him live through the night.

I am so thankful for the love and support that was shown me through his sickness and death by my family, friends and neighbors when I needed them the most. I thank God for everything.

Tears may dry and fade away But in my heart he will always stay.

Written by his broken-hearted wife, Mellie Roberts Slater



VIRGIL BLACKBURN

Virgil Blackburn of Fremont, Ohio, passed away July 3, 1988, making his stay here on earth 80 years, 2 months and 13 days. He lived his early life in Pike County at Stone and Mouth Card and was the son of "Big" Floyd and Cora Blackburn Blackburn. He married Lucy Belcher on August 20, 1927 and to this union was born Marie Ratliff, of Kimper, Audrey Lester and Rondall Blackburn of Fremont,

Ohio and Gearldene Curtis of South Branch, Michigan.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and two sisters. He has a sister, Gladys Scott of Degraff, Ohio and a brother Floyd, Jr. of McAndrews, Kentucky still living.

Virgil never united with any church, but when he did attend it was usually Old Pond Primitive Baptist at Belfry, Kentucky.

It is with sadness I write this obituary for Minutes 1995, but with joy and hope that someday we can meet our parents again when we all rise up to go home with Jesus some sweet day.

Written by his daughter,
Marie Blackburn Ratliff

ELCANIE SMITH



In loving memory of our precious dad and loving husband, Elcanie Smith who departed this life Monday, August 7, 1995, making his stay on earth 81 years, 6 months and 7 days. Dad was born in Pike County January 24, 1914, a son of the late Floyd and Annie Hess Smith. Dad was a retired coal miner, a member of United Mine Workers of America, and a member and deacon of the Long Fork Primitive Baptist Church.

Dad was preceded in death by one son, Lloyd (Tubby) Smith. Left to mourn his loss his loving wife, Bertie Smith. They were married for 63 years. Five sons, Willie, Monroe, Tilden, Anthony, and Troy Smith, all of Kimper; three daughters, Flora Bittikofer of Wayne, Mich.; Eula Hunt of Meta, Ky.; Beulah Lockhart of Kimper; two brothers, Charlie and Emzy Smith of Kimper; one sister, Katherine Coleman of Kimper; 24 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends. Dad is sadly missed by his wife and children.

The day God called Dad away I was standing by his bedside. Dad went into a coma at 3:00 in the morning. At 5:30 he came out of a coma. Dad looked straight up at me with a smile that glowed all over his face. I said, "Dad, you have a better place to go to." He shook his head yes. I said, "You're going home." He shook his head yes, with a beautiful smile on his face. I believe Dad viewed where he was going. There was a peace and calmness that filled that room all morning, and it left a peace

and joy in my heart that no one can take away. Just minutes before Dad died, Mom saw an angel at the window. She said it went across the window real slow and then it sparkled and went straight up. That's when Dad died, and I pray that when it's my time to go that God will send that same angel for me.

We love you so much, Daddy. Thanks to all the ministers and everyone who came to the house when Dad was sick and had prayer and singing. You'll always be in our hearts.

I thank God Dad's pain and suffering is over, but oh how we miss him. It's not the same anymore, but I hope some sweet day we'll all be together again where there'll be no more pain or sorrow, for it will be so peaceful in the arms of Jesus.

Written by his loving wife Bertie Smith
and daughter, Eula Hunt

ROGER COLEMAN



It is with much sadness we attempt to write the obituary of my beloved husband and friend, Roger Coleman. He was born January 5, 1938 and married to Gail Stratton on August 3, 1957. To this union was born two sons, twins, one daughter and three grandchildren. He was a brick mason by trade. He united with Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church on January 6, 1975, baptized June 29, 1975 and ordained as a Deacon on November 24, 1985.

Roger was a faithful member and believed in the doctrine of sovereign grace and the atonement made by Jesus Christ was full and complete for every heir of promise. He rejoiced greatly in this doctrine every time he heard it preached.

We believe our lives have been enriched by knowing him. He will be missed by his wife, family and all who knew him. We feel our loss is his gain.

Written by his lonely wife, children and
Elder Fonso Justice

DARKIS SLONE WORRIX

1900-1984

It is with lovely memories that we write the obituary of our beloved grandmother. She was born on June 30, 1900, to the late Gilmore and Sarah Kendrick Slone. She left this world on December 1, 1984, making her stay here 84 years, 5 months and 1 day.

Preceding her in death was her husband, George Alex Worrix, who died on June 8, 1981, and five children: Maggie, Gene Lincoln, Erman Wade, Everett Robert, and George Jr.

At the time of her death she was survived by eight children: Irvin Worrix, Calvin Gilmore Worrix, William Luther Worrix, Jettie Combs, Edith Jeanette Edmonds, Josie Pinson, Ethel Coleman and Goldie McIntosh, 41 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church. Grandma is dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Written with love by her granddaughters
Faye Smith and Jeralene Sturgill



VIRGINIA R. HATFIELD

Sister Virginia R. Hatfield, of McCarr, Kentucky, died February 14, 1995, at the age of 77. Born August 6, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Henry Ratliff, Sr. and Minnie Justice Ratliff, and the widow of Robert Ward Hatfield, who died November 10, 1963. She is survived by seven sons and daughters-in-law, fifteen grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren; four sisters, and one brother. Also mourning her loss are a multitude of friends who loved her dearly, each of whom was special to her.



Sister Virginia united with Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Kentucky on September 22, 1963, and was baptized, along with her husband, by Elder Teddy Ball. She was a faithful member of the church until her death. Strong in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in God's Doctrine of Sovereign Grace, she was quick to advocate and defend the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Her soul rejoiced in the Hope of the Glory of God.

Sister Virginia left us a rich legacy of Love, Faith and Compassion, her wealth was in the multitude of family and friends whom she loved dearly, and who loved her. She was known for her beautiful singing voice and sweet smile everywhere she went; even in affliction her voice was raised in songs of Hope and praise to God. She treasured every moment spent with her dear family and friends, yet even in her sickness, it was she who seemed to strengthen and cheer us. Surely God has been especially gracious to us in giving us such a mother, friend and sister.

Carried by her sons, the body of Sister Virginia was laid to rest in the Anderson Hatfield Memorial Cemetery at McCarr, Kentucky, alongside that of her husband. We believe, as she did, that her spirit has returned to God who gave it; that at the Great Resurrection Day of the Lord, that spirit will be re-united with that body; will be raised a glorified body, to be carried home to Heaven to spend eternity praising God. Amen.

Written in Love, Joy, Sorrow, and Hope by her son and brother in the Lord: Leslie D. Hatfield.

IN MEMORY OF GOLESSA BLACKBURN CHAPMAN



*The tears I've wept, the memories I've
kept since you passed away.
The flowers I bring each time in Spring,
To remember you on this day.
We had some bad times, we had some
glad times, as I remembered you.
Though I come here, at least three
times a year, as often as I do.
Though my heart aches, and my
knees shake,
as I stand by your grave.
Soon, I'll have to go, but first I have to
show that I can be brave.
I still remember the best, as you lay
there to rest, as I slowly walk away.*

*How I hate to cry, when I have to say good-bye,
until I come back another day.
The hills I'll climb, but there will be that time,
when I'll be resting beside thee.
That day will come, when my body goes numb,
then I too will be set free.*

Golessa died November 5, 1994, at the Middletown Regional Hospital in Middletown, Ohio, where she resided. Born August 19, 1929, at Canada, Ky., Golessa was the daughter of Mordecai and Ardelia Stanley Blackburn and was preceded in death by her father in 1978. Left to mourn her passing is her precious mother, Ardelia Blackburn of Canada, Ky., her loving husband, Tom Chapman of Middletown, Ohio; one daughter, Sharlene Chapman, and two granddaughters: Michelle and Lydia, all of Middletown, Ohio.

Golessa was a retired school teacher. She taught nine years at Bevins Grade School at Sidney, Ky., and twenty-three years in Middletown, Ohio. She was also a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Canada, Ky. where her funeral was held on November 8, 1994, with Elders Randal Thornsberry, R. T. Thacker, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Opal Thacker, and Mike Smith officiating. The burial followed at the Varney Cemetery at Kimper, Ky. under the direction of Roger's Funeral Home of Belfry, Ky.

By her actions, Golessa expressed the love which she felt for her family. Her daughter and granddaughters were the light of her life. Although Golessa was sick for a year before she died and I would have to help her to get through the house, she still desired to sit for hours and talk about God and His love. It was her belief that true love is forever.

I am thankful for the love and memories that I shared with Golessa. I will always cherish the sunshine, the laughter, and the dreams that we dreamed together. Our love for each other was a true love and will last forever.

I thank God for giving me Golessa, a faithful companion, for so many years. We were married for 42 years and it seemed that the longer we were together, the more in love we grew. I believe that Golessa was an angel sent down from Heaven to me for a little while and that when it was God's time, He called her back home. It is my hope that someday I will see Golessa again and I rest in the knowledge that God has all power in Heaven and earth and that His will shall be done. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Written by her husband,
Tom Chapman

IDA CHURCH RUNYON

Ida Church Runyon, 83, of Pinsonfork, Ky., died December 22, 1994 in St. Cloud, Fla., Hospital following a brief illness.

Ida was born July 14, 1911 in Canada, Ky., the daughter of Willie and Katharine Blackburn Thacker. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Garley Church and her second husband, Jacob Runyon; one



Ida Church Runyon

Thacker of Inez, Ky.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held at the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Elders Don Hatfield, Mike Smith and Elmer Thacker officiating.

Submitted by:
Elder Opa Thacker

FERN MAY

PINSONFORK, Ky. — Fern May, 77, of Pinsonfork, died Tuesday, March 14, 1995, at her residence.

Born January 18, 1918, in Williamson, she was a daughter of the late Thurston and Edith Ratliff Bevins. She was also preceded in death by: daughter, Alice May; brother, Allen Bevins; sisters, Hazel Bailey, Lennie Corder, Gracie Coleman, Bessie Titus, Dixie Evans, Verna Weddington.

She was a homemaker and a



member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Belfry.

Survivors: husband, Ralph May, Pinsonfork; daughter, Sara Smith, Pinsonfork; sons, William Ralph May Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., Johnny L. and Tommy May, both of Pinsonfork, Bobby H. May, Huntington Wood, Mich., Mike May, McAndrews; brother, Thomas Bevins, Ashland; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 1995, Rogers Funeral Home Chapel, Belfry, with Buddy Kendrick and Roger Blackburn officiating.

Burial: Jacob Runyon Cemetery, Pinsonfork.

Visitation: after 7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home with special services each night at 7:30 p.m.

ALICE BRACKETT SCOTT

1898 - 1993

In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Alice Brackett Scott, who left this world to be with her Lord on October 7, 1993 at the age of 95. She was the daughter of Henry Holcomb and Rachel Caudil Holcomb. She was not only preceded in death by her parents but also by her first husband, H. A. Brackett and her second husband, Ransom Scott. Her eldest son, Jack Brackett, and an infant daughter, Helen Marie, passed away before their mother, also.



Alice was a housewife and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. Due to a relocation to Louisville, KY, some years back she was not able to attend services on a regular basis; but did manage, however, to attend during visits back home with friends, loved ones, and members of the congregation for as long as she was able.

She is survived by a son, Charles G. Brackett, Milltown, IN; daughters, Cleo Hatfield, Hardy, KY; Gladys Fultz and Alma Rumsey, Louisville, KY; Robertine Hall, Jeffersontown, KY; Rachel Stephens, Georgetown, IN; Anne Lange, Lebon, OH; sister, Carrie Hollins, Fort Wayne, IN; 21 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren, variously located.

Alice was laid to rest at the Hatfield Cemetery at Hardy, KY and is sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Her children, grandchildren and family know that while she is no longer with them here on earth, that now she will be in a land where there is no more sadness, no crying, no

pain, no loss, for by God's infinite mercy, she will rest in peace in His Amazing Grace.

Sadly missed by: Her children, grandchildren, and friends.

OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN

We love you, "Mom"!

Written by her great-granddaughter, Sherri Mounts

EDNA COLEMAN (SCOTT)

Edna Coleman (Scott) was born June 7, 1909, the daughter of James Lewis and Mary May Coleman. She was preceded in death by her son, Raymond (Ray) Paul Scott; her parents; brothers: Anthony, Dave, and Daniel; sisters: Martha, Lear, Nancy, and Gladys. Her survivors include three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, plus a host of nieces and nephews.



Edna united with Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church on May 17, 1964.

Her smile and loving, winning ways brought joy to her family. Her keen memory was an amazement to all who knew her.

Aunt Edna died July 28, 1995 in Canton, Ohio, at the home of her niece, Verdie Adkins, with whom she made her home. She will always be missed by all her family who survive and who loved her very much.

Our hope is to one day meet our beloved aunt in our Heavenly home where there will be nothing but eternal happiness.

Written by her family

EDITH HAGER ROSE

12-23-31

9-25-95

It is with sad and heavy heart that I try to write the obituary of my dearest, beloved Mother.

Loving wife of John Rose and dearest Mother of Linda Foster and husband Jack, Brenda Kimball and husband Tom, Robin Holifled and husband Daniel, Michael Coleman and wife Sandy, Mark Rose, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.



Preceded her in death her son, James Coleman, parents Bradley and Harriet Hager and sister Virginia May Hager.

Eddie was the eldest of 14 children, born in Ranson, Kentucky and was a resident of Michigan for the past 40 years.

Eddie was a faithful member of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church until the Lord called her home.

How little did we know when we woke that morning, the sorrow the day would bring, for it's hard to part with one you love without a last good-bye.

Our hearts still ache with sadness and often the tears still flow, when I'm sad and lonely and everything seems wrong, I seem to hear Mom whisper, cheer-up and carry-on. That's the way Mom was, she would want us to carry-on.

Mom gave of herself to all those around her. She would do whatever she could for everyone, her family was the center of her life. All of them knew they could count on her.

One of her nieces, Sherry, told me "Aunt Eddie always made me feel special." That's the way Mom was with everyone who knew her.

The night before Mom died she said to her sister Ann "that when it came her time to die that she wished she would not have to suffer like some do and that she would just go to sleep." Praise the Lord, her prayers were answered, she didn't suffer. I believed that night Jesus whispered, "Come unto me Eddie and I will give you rest," so Mom is only sleeping in the arms of Jesus until He comes again to take all His children home. We shall see Mom again.

Kim shared with me that one night in a dream Grandma Rose came to her and sat on the side of her bed, took her by the hand and told her everything is all right and I love you. Mom was a comforter to all.

The saddest day of our lives was the day Mom passed away. No one knows the sorrow we share, when our families meet and Mom's not there. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but God will call us one by one to link the chain again.

God has Mom in His keeping. We have her in our hearts, her memory is our keepsake. With that we'll never part.

The world may change from year to year, and our lives from day to day, but the love and memories of Mom will never pass away.

You can only have one Mother, patient, kind, and true. No friend in all the world will be so true to you.

For all loving and kindness, she asks nothing in return. If all the world deserts us, to our Mother we can turn. To those who have a Mother treasure her with care, for you will never know the emptiness, until you see her vacant chair.

Mom was a wonderful mother, wife, and friend.

To us she was someone very special and we miss her more each day. It's lonesome here without her and life will never be the same, but Mom's loving memories will carry us through until we meet again. To us she was someone very special and even though we cannot see her, or hear her voice, our love for her will always remain.

Life is not forever, but love is.

Written by her daughter, Linda Foster
For all her family who love and miss her very much.

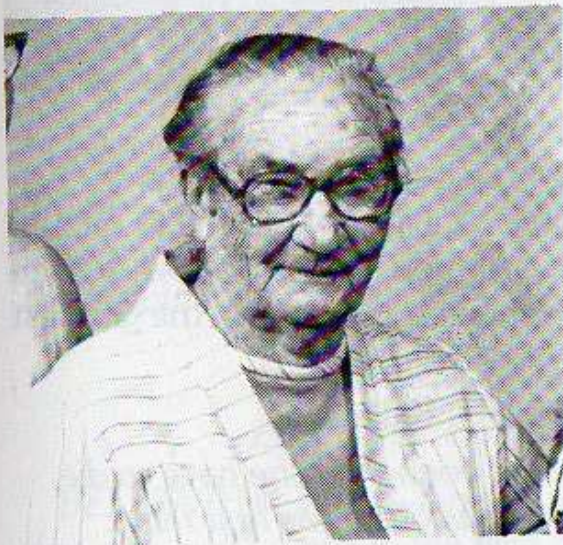
FAIRY OPAL THACKER



It is with a sad heart that I write this obituary of my mother. She was one of the most loving and caring persons I have ever known. She took the troubles of the world on her shoulders. Mom was truly a virtuous wife and a loving mother.

Mom was born in Pike County on April 16, 1914 to Thomas and Caroline Blackburn, Justice. She passed from this life on November 30, 1994. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Homer, Arnold, and Okreh Justice, and a daughter - Barbara Jean Hess. Her survivors are her husband, Eldon Thacker, and daughter, Brenda Hess.

Mother united with the church in 1953 at the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church. She was a faithful member until she became ill. I feel her soul has gone on to be with the Lord and will someday be united with a spiritual body. She is now at rest and free from pain. Surely our loss will be heaven's gain.



CHLOIE CAUDILL HOWELL

In memory of Chloie Caudill Howell, age 91, of Marysville, Ohio. Mrs. Howell was formerly of Floyd County, Kentucky.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of McDowell, Kentucky.

Mrs. Howell was born on March 24, 1903 at Beaver, Kentucky. She was the daughter of James and Sally McCoy Caudill. She was preceded

in death by her husband Pearlie Howell.

Survivors include four daughters: Arnetha Spencer of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Irene Horn of Hilliard, Ohio; Helen Reynolds of Beaver, Kentucky; Buna Bentley of Marysville, Ohio.

Three step-children: Elder Ruffard Howell of Columbus, Ohio; Ruth Jones Tackett of Price, Kentucky and Roberta of Martin, Kentucky.

She is also survived by one brother, Ritzy Caudill of McDowell, Kentucky, and twelve grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of Mother/Grandma

*God looked around His garden and found an empty place —
He then looked down upon the earth and saw Mom's tired face —
He put His arm around her and lifted her to rest —
God's garden must be beautiful — He always takes the best . . .*

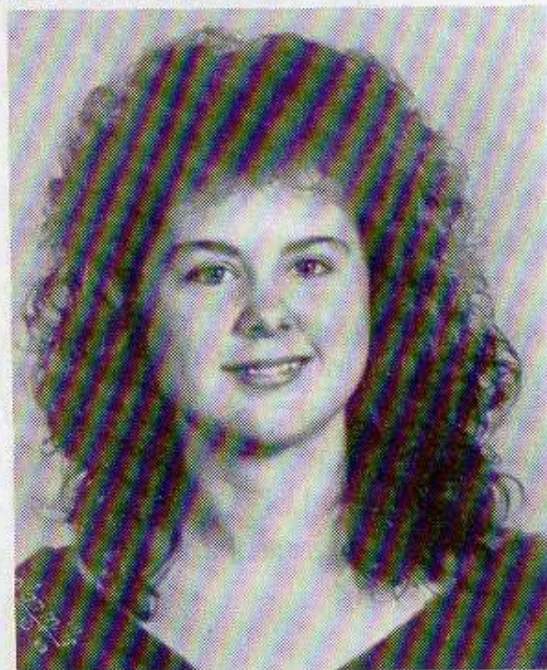
Submitted by:

Step-son and daughter-in-law,
Elder and Mrs. Ruffard Howell

DENITA MARIE THACKER KELKER

In loving memory of my daughter Denita Marie Thacker Kelker. She was born November 17, 1971, and passed from this life September 4, 1994.

Denita, a year has gone by but our heart still aches with emptiness and loss of not hearing your laughter, your voice, you . . . God has blessed us with sweet memories of you. You are sadly missed by all your family, friends and all who knew your laughter and your love. Sleep on, my little one for someday soon the trump shall sound and we'll all meet together on God's blissful shore.



Please, continue to keep us in your prayers. God's the lily of the valley and the only one to get us through whatever life holds. I've felt the strength of your prayers. Thank God for you all. God's love is even greater than a mom's. Oh! What a wondrous love this is, the greatest love of all.

Denita Marie (Thacker) Kelker

*Dear Lord, my mind does ask why? So! young did she have to die.
I know your will and not mine, my precious child was first thine.*

*I know you loved her even more than me. In my heart I wonder how?
Could that be.*

*You gave her to me for such a short while. Thank you, Lord, for this,
my precious child.*

*My precious, precious child, how I wish I could see your sweet smile . . .
To feel a warm hug from your arms . . . to see you with all your charms.*

*The twenty-two short years God gave you to me, I've been truly
blessed, I'm thankful as could be.*

*Your short life had joy; but also much pain. I know my deepest loss is
your wonderful gain.*

*The deepest pain . . . the deepest heart cry; is when I had to tell you
good-bye!*

To see you lying oh! so still . . . And saying, This . . . is God's will.

*The Lord wanted another one of His angels, He looked down and knew
you so well.*

*He said, "Let her suffering be o'er, come and join Me on My peaceful
shore.*

*(Denita), you now have that happiness you've longed for, you'll never
have to endure pain anymore.*

*Even though I have a mom's heartache and pain and there's no answer
when I call your name.*

*I know that day when the Lord did call your name . . . Denita, His (my)
precious angel . . . that said it all.*

*For you were happy to go to this peaceful rest, and to be in God's
everlasting happiness.*

*I'll not ask you to come back to me, I'll wait for the day . . . when with
God, and you, I'll be.*

*My precious daughter, you'll always be in my heart, I'll treasure our
time, and the thought someday we'll never part.*

*Denita, my precious, precious daughter — Lord, please tell her I love
her!!!*

I'll meet her again some sweet day, Oh! Lord, cradle in your arms, I pray.

*Thank you, Lord, for blessing one of your angels to touch my life and
be my daughter.*

I love you, Denita, Your mom, Wanda N. Thacker

JANET COLEMAN EVANS

By Charlotte Sanders for The Daily News

BELLEVIEW, Fla. — Janet Coleman Evans, a native of Pike County, Ky., and well-known in the field of broadcasting in Williamson, Logan



Janet Evans

casting. She attended Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community College.

Since moving to Florida, she was affiliated with Ocala Broadcasting Corp., licensee of WOCA-AM/WMOF—FM, Ocala, Fla. She also owned and operated businesses in Belleview and Wildwood, Fla.

Born June 3, 1935, in Pike County, she was a daughter of the late Ireland and Flossie Williamson Coleman. She also was preceded in death by an infant brother.

Evans was a member of the Broadcast Pioneers, Order of the Eastern Star, Kiwanis Club and National Association of Female Executives, and held an honorary commission as a Kentucky Colonel.

Surviving are two brothers, Donald R. Coleman of Sumterville, Fla., and Gerald L. Coleman of Columbus, Ohio; two nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 1995, at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Ky. Officiating ministers will be Don Hatfield, Mike Smith and Basil Hatfield.

Interment will be in the Coleman Cemetery at Huddy, Ky., under Rogers' direction.

Visitations will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday with special services set at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will include Don Hatfield, Don Anderson, Mike Smith, Gene Hall, Bob Scott, Gary Mosley and Stephen Mosley with Donovan Mosley as an honorary pallbearers.

and Huntington, W. Va., died Sunday, February 26, 1995, at her home in Belleview.

She was for several years the president and general manager of Harvit Broadcasting Corp., licensee of WBTH-AM/WXCC-FM in Williamson.

Prior to moving to Florida, she was general manager of radio station WLOG in Logan and general manager of WXVK-FM 97.1 in Huntington.

Evans had more than a quarter century of experience in broad-

IVA TRENT ADKINS

In loving memory of my precious aunt, Iva (Bird) Trent Adkins, 79, of Huddy, Ky. She was born on May 30, 1915, at Canada, Ky., and died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1994 at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W. Va. She was the daughter of the late Elder G. B. Bird and Mary Ellen (Stanley) Bird Thacker of Canada, Ky. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Fred M. Trent, her second husband, Elder Dan Adkins, and a sister, Ina B. Baldwin. A brother, Creed W. Bird, died two weeks



after Aunt Iva passed away. She is survived by a daughter: Ellen Trent Gall of N. Arlington, N.J.; step-daughters: Emogene Browning and Karol Dean Smith of Louisville, Ky.; Arlene Dillender of Stafford, Texas; Racine Daniels of Naples, Fla., and Jackie Pearson of Conroe, Texas; step-sons: Bill J. Adkins, Harned, Ky.; Alvis Adkins, Houston, Texas, and Harold Adkins of Louisville, Ky.; a step-grandson: Randy Stanaland of the U.S. Air Force, Guam; sister: Violet Rollason, Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church and attended church regularly as her health would permit until a stroke put her in frail health two years prior to her death. She always looked forward to visits or telephone calls from some of the members to tell her of the services held each weekend.

Funeral services were held at the Hatfield Funeral Chapel, Toler, Ky., on October 6, 1994, at 2 p.m., with Elders Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, and Elmer Thacker officiating. Burial was held at Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, Ky.

Aunt Iva's beautiful blue eyes lost their twinkle the last two years because of her health but now she is in the Heavenly Home where there is no more sickness, trials, or troubles for her to bear.

Written by her niece,
Anita Carden
and sadly missed by
her Family and Friends

IN MEMORY OF MYRTLE SAMMONS RUNYON



Born on April 19, 1911 in Wayne Co., West Virginia, Mom departed this life on October 8, 1994 at the age of 83½ years.

She was united in marriage on July 29, 1927 to Nathaniel C. Runyon and remained a true and constant companion until her death in February 1986.

To this union were born nine children: Willie Runyon, Calvary Runyon, Jr., Gene H. Runyon, Bradley Runyon, Bud E. Runyon, Avonelle R. Slone, Maggie R. Nichols, Patty R. Stewart. James

H. Runyon preceded his parents in death. Also, there are 24 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The wife of a coal miner, our mom never worked outside our home, but was always a strong, devoted wife, mother and homemaker. To all who ever knew her, Mom was a friend and a true lady, a virtuous woman. Proverbs 31:10.

Mom loved the Lord and in August of 1968 was baptized with our dad and both were united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church at Millard, Kentucky. Both remained strong in their faith and in their commitment to the church until death.

Our mom was a gentle yet strong person; quiet, but able to communicate her beliefs and convictions in her own gentle way. Although we are saddened and lonely here without her, we believe she is without pain in a peaceful sleep till Jesus comes.

Daughter, Patty Runyon Stewart

NOVA JACKSON BURKE

Nova Jackson Burke, daughter of Nelson and Stella Arnett Jackson, was born January 6, 1925, in Magoffin County, Salyersville, Ky. She died November 30, 1994, at her home in Leslie, Michigan, after a prolonged illness.

Nova was the oldest of four children. As a young girl, she became her mother's helper by taking over the care of her two younger brothers and sister. When she grew to be a young lady, she witnessed the beginning of World War II. During the war, she began to write to a young

soldier, Samuel Burke. This correspondence continued throughout the troubled times. When the war was finally over, Sam came home. They were united in marriage January 8, 1946, and were completely devoted to one another. So close were they in mind and heart that they became one. It was to this union that twelve children were born. All of them survive: Emma Fay Salyer, Ella Mae Malenfant, Stella Kay Lemar, Geneva Kennard, Joann Debruler, Connie Ramalia, Elmer Ray Burke, Robert Lee Burke, James Burke, Marvin Burke, Billie Burke, Johnnie Burke.



Nova Jackson Burke

She is also survived by her husband, Samuel Lee Burke; one sister, Evon Carty, 26 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents - Nelson and Stella Arnett Jackson, and two brothers - Noble and Ollie Jackson.

Nova became a member of the Licking River Primitive Baptist Church in 1963. In 1966, the family moved to Leslie, Michigan, and after a time, Nova transferred her membership to the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church. Here she became a faithful member, attending church despite ill health. Often, she was carried into church by her brothers and sisters, for this is where she wanted to be.

When the initial shock of Nova's death has begun to fade, then the kind carpet of pleasant memories will begin to unroll. We will recall her with a fond smile, as the wife, mother, and friend, who shared our laughter, tears and dreams throughout the years.

For no one dies as long as there is one person left in this world to remember and share a thought of them. Though Nova has gone ahead, her memory will always evoke a wistful smile upon the faces of those who knew her and loved her.

All, who have loved, and experienced love, have earned a piece of immortality. For *this* world is the land of the dying — the *next* world is the land of the living.

THE SOUL'S JOURNEY

*Today the journey is ended, I have worked out the mandates of fate;
Naked, alone, undefended, I knock at the Uttermost Gate,
Behind is Life and its Longing, its trial, its trouble, its sorrow;
Beyond is the Infinite Morning of a day without a tomorrow.*

*Go back to dust and decay, body grown weary and old;
You are worthless to me from today - no longer my soul can you hold.
I lay you down gladly forever for a life that is better than this;
I go where partings don't sever you into oblivion's abyss.*

*Lo, the gate swings wide at my knocking, across endless reaches I see
Lost friends with laughter come flocking to give a glad welcome to me.
Farewell, the maze has been threaded, this is the ending of strife;
Say not that death should be dreaded - 'tis but the beginning of life.*

*Written by her first cousins,
Marietta Flint and Martha Alice Beck*

GARNETTE P. HURLEY

Garnette P. Hurley, age 70, of Holly, Mich., passed from this life suddenly on May 7, 1995. She was born on March 22, 1925, the daughter of Glen and Josephine Jackson Dotson. She married James Ballard Hurley on August 7, 1942, in Kentucky.

She is survived by six children: Edward Hurley of Tenn.; Christine Burdick, Judy Trollman, Wanda Shumate, Larry Hurley, and Sharon, all of Mich.; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one brother, Wayne Estep, in Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one son, Gary, who died in an automobile accident.

Sister Garnette was a kind and loving person. I feel that she was as good a friend as I ever had in this world. She was so full of love for everybody and had many friends here in this life. She loved her family and was a wonderful wife and mother. I know that her family is sad and heartbroken and miss her smiling face so very much, but we must bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who does all things well.

Sister Garnette was a member of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church and a woman that lived very close to her God and Saviour Jesus Christ. I feel that she lived her life as an example for her children and others to follow, for she followed Jesus.



I have been in her home many times and had some joyful times in the Lord with her. We sang, prayed and talked of the goodness and mercies of our God, and many times I have heard her shout praises to her God. I know Jesus lived in her and she lived in him. For her to live was Christ and to die was gain. As I said before she lived close to her God.

I went to visit her just a few days before God took her home. Somehow this visit seemed different, because she told me that she loved everybody and that she was ready to go home, whenever the Lord called for her. I believe she knew that it would not be long until she would cross the river of death and she had that blessed hope that her Saviour would walk through the valley of the shadow of death with her. We had a wonderful time in the Lord that day, and as I was leaving, the last words she spoke to me were, "When I am gone, you tell the people what wonderful meetings you and me and Jesus had here in my home." So to her family, friends and whoever happens to read this, I say, "Jesus, Sister Garnette and me had wonderful meetings there in her lovely home."

I think of Sister Garnette as one of God's beautiful flowers. She bloomed so beautifully here in this life, being planted by God the Father's hand. God just picked her and took her home. In the glorious resurrection of the dead, this flower will bloom again, to be like Jesus, to live forever with her Saviour that she loved and served so faithfully while she was with us here in this world.

O, what a blessed hope, to live in a world where there will be no more sorrows, heartaches and from death forever free. Thank you, dear Jesus.

We feel it would be good to close with a verse from her favorite hymn, "In The Great Beyond."

In the great beyond, over in the land of Eden,
I'll meet my friends who left this world so long ago.
What a Hallelujah morning, when we gather over there,
We will praise our blessed Lord forever more.

Written by her friend and brother in Christ,
Elder J. C. Hager

MARY LESTER

It is with sadness and sorrow in my heart as I sit down to write of the passing of my dear wife. She died on early Friday morning, the 9th of December, 1994.

My lovely wife and help mate and the mother of our three children.

Mary was born in 1933 on the 25th day of December in Twin Branch, W. Va., making her stay on earth 60 years.

Mary passed away December 9, 1994, early Friday morning.

Mary was the daughter of Martha Ellen Wingate and the late Claude Franklin Wingate.

Mary left behind to mourn her death her loving husband, Edgel L. Lester; two sons, Glenn Lester of Emporia, Kansas, and Michael Lester of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and one daughter and son-in-law, Ronda and Jon Bowles of Virginia Beach, Virginia; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Doris Quillen of Wellston, Mi.; Harold & (Marie) Cox of Wellston, Mi.; John & (Margaret) Fletcher of Irons, Mi.; James & (Jean) Norton of Byron, Mi., and two brothers, Thomas Wingate of Muskegon, Mi.; Harold Wingate of Florida.

Mary was an artist and she enjoyed painting on woodcraft.

Mary was a member of Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church, Lindon, Michigan.

Mary asked for a home in the Primitive Baptist Church in September 1982 and was baptized.

Funeral services were held in the Herbert Funeral Home Chapel in Manister, Michigan, at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, 13 December, 1994 with Elder Dale Lester of Biloxi, Mississippi, and Lewis Lester of Jesse, W. Va.

Mary was a loving wife and mother. She loved her church and she liked to have good friends.

Mary had a good voice. She could sing good and her singing is going to be missed in church.

I miss her and get lonesome to be with her but I know that God has a plan for her in his Garden of Roses. But there are times that I feel like I would like for God to call me home so I could be with her there in God's



Garden, just to walk beside the river in the cool of the day and be able to walk and talk and be happy ever more, where there is no more pain and no more sorrow, no troubles, no trials and no tribulations. I know she is there and she is waiting on the streets of gold for me. When Jesus called me home we will be together again. When Jesus calls for me — then and only then we can be together again.

Written by her husband,
Edgel L. Lester

VICEY SMITH STILTNER

It is with a sad and broken heart that I with God's help to write the obituary of my loving wife, Vicey Smith Stiltner. She was born June 18, 1920 and she went to meet her Savior March 18, 1995 at the age of 74. She passed away at 9:33 p.m. Saturday at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She joined the Primitive Baptist church and was baptized February 10, 1952. She was the daughter of William Noah and Ruthie Hess Smith. Her survivors are husband, John H. Stiltner; sons, Billy Stiltner, Jimmie Stiltner, Woodrow Stiltner, T. J. Stiltner; daughters, Fannie Flemings, Pauline Robinson; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. By the grace of God we will meet again.

John H. Stiltner



VINA ALICE "DOLLY" ANDERSON

Dolly Anderson of Anderson Road, Phyllis, passed away at 11:36 A.M. Saturday, May 27, 1995 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital following an extended illness at the age of 67 years.

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

She was born in Pike County on March 3, 1928, the daughter of Cora Honaker Justice and the late Marshall Justice who died February 8, 1965.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Anderson, on January 21, 1975. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Earl Justice.

She is survived by her mother, Cora Justice; six sons, Albert Anderson of Cleveland, Tennessee; Connel Anderson, Michael Dean Anderson, Roger Anderson, all of Phyllis, and Robert Lee Anderson and Chris Anderson, both of Kimper; two daughters: Gaynell Turnmire of Phyllis and Patricia Dale Abbott of Kimper.

Five brothers: John L. Justice, William Justice and Brufford Justice all of Covington, Kentucky; Donald J. Justice and James Marshall Justice, both of Phyllis, Kentucky; five sisters: Bertha Robinson, Bonnie Sams and Ollie Sams, all of Covington, Kentucky; Rosie Caroline Palmer of Marion, Ohio, and Holly Slone of Red Creek Road, Pikeville.

She is also survived by 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dolly will be sadly missed by her many friends and family.

*Some day I'll meet my dear mother beyond the starry plains,
Where she'll not be afflicted; no, she'll be well again.
And I'll sit down beside her in that eternal day,
And I'll tell her how I've missed her since she's been gone away.*

LUCY BLACKBURN

Lucy Blackburn of Fremont, Ohio, passed away January 22, 1995, making her stay here on earth 88 years, 11 months, and 12 days. She lived her early life in Pike County at Stone and Mouth Card. She married Virgil Blackburn on August 20, 1927 and to this union was born Marie Ratliff of Kimper, Audrey Lester and Rondall Blackburn of Fremont, Ohio, and Gearldene Curtis of South Branch, Michigan.

Lucy was preceded in death by her parents, Basil and Hulda Church Belcher of Mouth Card; four brothers, four sisters, and her husband. She has one brother still living, Posey Belcher of Mouth Card.

Lucy never united with any church, but when she and Virgil went to church it was usually Old Pond Primitive Baptist at Belfry, Kentucky.

It is **with** sadness I write this obituary for Minutes 1995, but with joy



and hope that someday we can meet our parents again in their new home and be together with our Father, Jesus Christ.

Written by her daughter,
Marie Blackburn Ratliff

ERMEL (MORRIS) GOFF

It is with a sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our beloved daughter and sister, Ermel (Morris) Goff of Raccoon. She passed from this life at 9:15 p.m. Friday, April 28, 1995 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.



She was born in Pike County December 21, 1933 to Betty (Collins) Morris and the late Willie Lawrence Morris, making her stay here on earth 61 years, four months and seven days. She was retired from the Kentucky Dept. of State Highways. She was a homemaker and a member of the Zebulon Baptist Church.

Ermel was married to Homer Goff July 6, 1961, who preceded her in death September 24, 1986. There were no children born to this union.

She was survived by five brothers: Bobby G. Morris of Columbus, Ohio; Andrew J. Morris of Raccoon, K. Wendell Morris, Gordon K. Morris, both of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Lester R. Morris of Raccoon; three sisters: Nona M. Compton of Pikeville, Sylvia K. Covey of Lexington, and Lois G. Anderson of Raccoon. Preceding her in death one brother, Lawrence E. Morris.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 1, 1995 in the Johns Creek Funeral Home Chapel with Tom Harding of the Zebulon Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in the Morris Cemetery at Raccoon. Arrangements were under direction of the Johns Creek Funeral Home of Zebulon.

Our blessed daughter and sister is now resting in peace until Jesus comes for her. We hope to be with her in heaven someday for we trust our great loss is Heaven's gain. We know God always picks the prettiest flowers first for his garden, but we love and miss her so much.

Written by her broken-hearted mother,
Betty Morris and family

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 communion 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.

RULES OF DECORUM

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

2. 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.

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

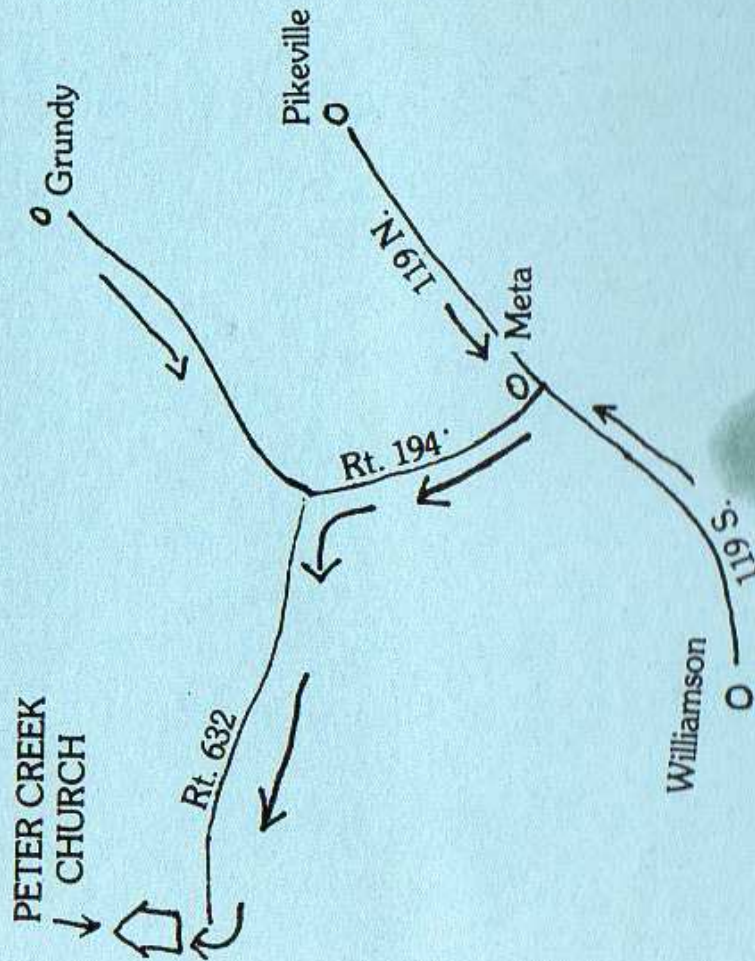
(Work of Presbytery)

- 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, Jr. ----- | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | | 2 | 111 | 2 | \$ 125.00 |
| Old Pond ----- | Shelby Jean Hill ----- | | | | | | | 4 | 65 | 2 | 125.00 |
| Big Creek ----- | Luther Smith ----- | 3 | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 76 | 3 | 150.00 |
| Raccoon ----- | Marie Coleman ----- | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 78 | 4 | 225.00 |
| Peter Creek ----- | Randy Smith ----- | 3 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 94 | 4 | 100.00 |
| Sulphur Springs ----- | Ronald Moore ----- | | 2 | | | | | | 52 | 1 | 75.00 |
| Little Hope ----- | Frank Ball ----- | 3 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 37 | 1 | 75.00 |
| Grapevine ----- | Olen J. May ----- | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | 2 | 23 | 3 | 50.00 |
| Samaria ----- | Leslie Hatfield ----- | 4 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 142 | 3 | 150.00 |
| Little Union ----- | Margie Lester ----- | | | | | | | | 13 | 1 | 100.00 |
| Johns Creek ----- | Bonnie S. Rhodes ----- | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | 2 | 34 | 2 | 60.00 |
| Calvary ----- | Andrew Hunt ----- | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | | 1 | 31 | 1 | 75.00 |
| Dry Fork ----- | Ruth Maynard ----- | 3 | | | | | | | 61 | 2 | 75.00 |
| Friendship ----- | Martin Childers ----- | | | | | | | 1 | 22 | 4 | 30.00 |
| Columbus ----- | Sandra Harris ----- | 4 | | | | | | 1 | 78 | 4 | 100.00 |
| Deerfield ----- | Barbara Holyfield ----- | 5 | 2 | | | | | 5 | 55 | 4 | 125.00 |
| Pleasant Hill ----- | Earnel Dotson ----- | 1 | | 8 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 60.00 |
| New Hope ----- | Stella F. Thacker ----- | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | | 14 | 4 | 50.00 |
| Totals | Totals ----- | 37 | 15 | 0 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 28 | 1,014 | | \$1,750.00 |

Map to Peter Creek Church 1996 Association



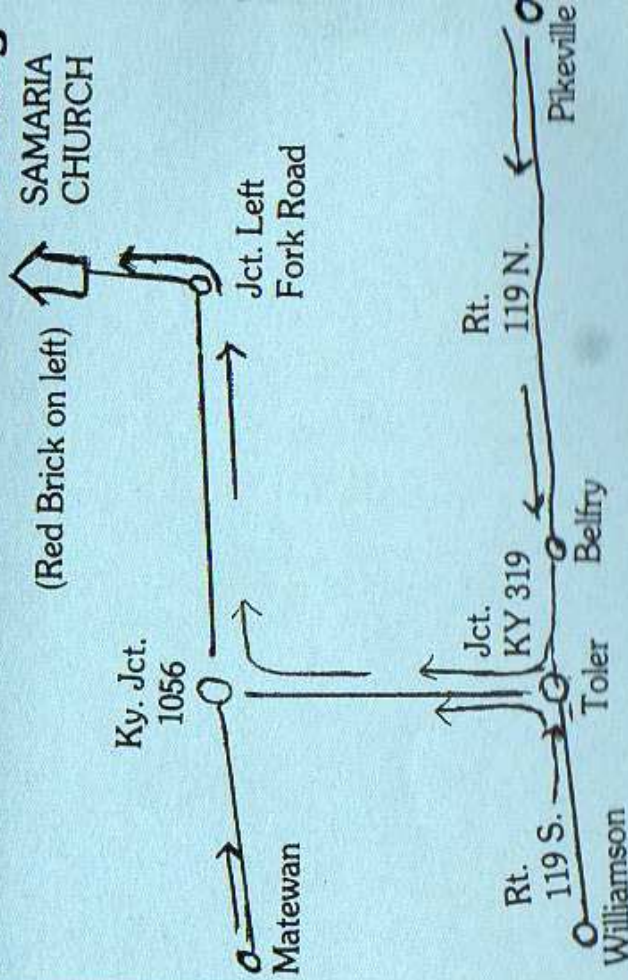
Directions:

From Pikeville — Take Route 119 North to Meta. Turn right on Route 194. Travel approx. 8 miles to Route 632. Turn left on Route 632 for 7 miles to Church on Right.

From Williamson, W. Va. — Take Route 119 South to Meta and turn left on Route 194 and follow preceding directions underlined.

Map to Samaria Church

1996 Annual Meeting



Directions:

From Pikeville - take Route 119 North to Jct. KY 319 (27 mi.) at Toler. Turn right on 319. Continue 7 mi. to Jct. KY 1056. Turn right on 1056 for 3 mi. to Jct. Left Fork Rd. and turn left. Continue 1.7 mi. to church on left at Jct. Old House Branch Rd.

From Williamson, W. Va. — Take Route 119 South to Jct. KY 319 (3 mi.). Turn left on 319 and follow preceding underlined directions.

From Matewan, W. Va. — Take KY 1056, 7.1 mi. to Jct. Left Fork Road. Turn left and continue 1.7 mi. to red brick Church on left.

