

MINUTES

Of The

Fortieth Annual Session of

THE INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION

Of

OLD REGULAR BAPTISTS OF
JESUS CHRIST

HELD WITH THE

Poor Fork Church

Harlan County, Kentucky

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PROCEEDINGS

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists met with the Poor Fork Church, Cumberland, Harlan County, Kentucky, September 7th and 8th, 1935. After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder W. M. Scott, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Boggs. Text: Acts, 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

The congregation remained at the church house where preaching was conducted by visiting brethren, while the delegation assembled in a building on main street and was called to order by the Moderator Elder W. R. Boggs. After singing, and prayer by Elder Ballard Baker, The Association proceeded to business in the following manner:

1 The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association. The letters received and delegates seated as is shown in the table of statistics.

2. The Association then organized by electing Elder W. R. Boggs Moderator, Elders W. C. Hogg and L. C. Riddle assistant Moderators, Elder H. D. Caudill Clerk and Elder G. M. Caudill Assistant Clerk.

3 In order to redeem time the Articles of Faith and Constitution were not read.

4. Called for newly constituted churches and received none.

5. Called for corresponding letters from sister Associations and received one from the New Salem by the hand of her delegate, to-wit: Elder F. A. Hopkins. One from the Union Association by the hands of her delegates to-wit: John A. Damron, McKinley Gilispie, B. H. Baker, E. M. Short and P. J. Adkins.

6. Called for transient ministers and messengers and received W. M. Smith, Nelson Seals, Alva Caudill, Bill Fields, Jim Pratt, John Amburgey, Leander Eldridge, Alvin Hagans, Hays Shepherd.

7. On motion the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during this Association.

8. Appointed a committee on ministry, consisting of one

delegate from each church, together with the entire delegation of the Poor Fork church. The report was as follows for Saturday.. 1 McKinley Gilispie, 2 J. A. Damron, 3 F. A. Hopkins, 4 David Caudill 5 B. H. Baker.

9. Appointed the Clerk and Assistant clerk to write corresponding letters to our sisters, the New Salem and Union Associations

10. Appointed a committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church together with the moderator and clerks. Corresponding delegates and transient ministers and members invited as follows: J. M. Blair, Caleb Creech, F. G. Fields, Nathaniel Smith, I. N. Lewis, Thomas Caudill, Lou Riddle, John D. Dixon, William Ritchie A. C. Craft, John Hampton, J. E. Calahan, Squire Watts, Millard Morton, W. H. Vanover, Ira Mcknight, James Whitaker, Noah Eldridge, Enoch Blair, Claude Fleaman, Isaac Ritchie, G. C. Riddle, Jack Turner.

On motion the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 7, 1935.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing by the delegation and prayer by Elder W. R. Boggs, the Association proceeded to business in the following manner:

1 Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2 Called for the committee on arrangements to report. Their report was received, adopted and the committee was discharged.

3. Called for transient ministers and members and received none.

4. On motion the ministers appointed for the stand were excused for the day.

5 Appointed a committee on finance composed of James Whitaker, I. N. Lewis and Eld. F. G. Fields.

6. Appointed the same committee on ministry as of yesterday. They reported as follows: 1-Enoch Blair To open, 2-D. J. Adkins, 3-George Hagars 4-W. R. Boggs.

7. Called upon the present Secretary and Treasurer to report which is as follows:

Balance brought forward from 1933	\$2.40
Contributions from the several churches in 1934	93.66
Total	<u>\$96.06</u>

Expenditures—

Printing 2000 minutes	\$65.00
Clerk's fee	10.00
Taxi fare for delegates	20.00
Postage	1.06
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	\$96.06

8. Authorized the printing of 2000 minutes and appointed H. D. Caudill to Superintend the printing of same.

9. Called on brethren to read the letters to our sister Associations and appointed the delegates to attend the same, to-wit: To the Union Association, Elder Tip Cornett, Elder W. M. Scott, Elder Caleb Creech, Elders L. D. Francis Joe Hagans and Riley Fouts. Bros. I. N. Lewis, E. H. Stidham and W. E. Brown.

To the New Salem Associatoin, Elders W. C. Hogg, and Caleb Creech. Bros. John Amburgey, W. M. Smith and John D. Caudill

10. Called on brethren appointed last wear to attend Associations and Union meetings to report. They reported and those who failed to attend were excused.

11. Called on the committee on finance to report. They reported that they had received in contributions from the several churches \$84.36.

12. Appointed union meetings as follows: Poor Fork, 3rd. Saturday and Sunday in July. Elders L. C. Riddle, G. M. Caudill and Henry Blair to attend.

Sandlick 3rd Sat. and Sun. in July 1936 Elam Hale, George Hagans, and L. D. Francis to attend, Carrs Fork, Fourth Sat. and Sun. in June, Elders B.H. Baker, W. C. Hogg, F. A. Honkins, George Hagans and L. D. Francis to attend. Doty Creek, 2nd. Saturday and Sunday in July, Elders Roy Whitaker, Elam Hale and Joe Hagans to attend. Ingram's Creek, 1st. Sat. and Sunday in July 193 . Elders Robert Combs, B. H. Baker and Riley Fouts to attend. Big Leatherwood, 2nd. Saturday and Sunday in July, W. C. Hogg, B. H. Baker and G. C. Riddle to attend. Clover Fork, 1st Sat. and Sun. in July, Elders G. C. Riddle, G. M. Caudill and W. M. Scott to attend. Ceder Grove 4th. Saturday and Sunday in August, Elders G. M. Caudill and L. C. Riddle to attend. New Home 2nd. Saturday and Sunday in July. Elders George Hagans,

L. D. Francis and Elam Hale to attend.

12. On motion, the circular letter written by Elder W. R. Boggs was read and approved to be printed in these minutes.

13. Called upon committee appointed last year to secure former record books of this Association, which are illegally held by Willie T. Francis an excluded member from the regular Baptist ranks. Their report was received and more time was granted. The Association also voted to defray all necessary expenses incurred by this committee through its legal proceedings.

14. This Association advises that any church's representation may consist of any number of delegates, not to exceed five in number.

15. The Mallet Fork Church reported that they had complied with the Association's advice to the best of their ability, as given them last year.

15. The Carr's Fork Church was requested to comply with the advisory counsel given them relative to dealing with Noah Reynolds. At this point the Association advises that no church has a right to exclude a member until by order of the church a reference is made against the accused person stating specifically the nature of the offence. Then the accused person must be invited to fill his or her seat to answer to the accusation. The church hears the evidence and God being their helper, are the sole judge as to whether the member is worthy of fellowship. We believe in receiving acknowledgements where acknowledgements are due, that are heart-felt.

16. Resolved that we the Association desire to express our sincere thanks to the good people of and in the vicinity of Cumberland for the extreme kindness shown to all who attended the Association this session. I know that the good Lord will bestow manifold blessings upon those who minister to the necessities of his little children.

There is no greater joy on earth than when we can meet once more in the name of the Lord. The house of God is a house of prayer and true devotion. We feel that this was one of the best Associations we have had the privilege of attending. A number of lively discussions, but all were disposed of by unanimous consent in the meekness of the Holy and Divine spirit. Again may we ask that God in all his wondrous love, unite us in an assembled capacity. And

above all, will it be pleasing to him that we may all humble ourselves before his mighty hand, that everything we attempt to do redound to his honor and glory.

And may the children be blessed everywhere to let that glorious light that was shed abroad in their hearts shine forth without spot or blemish that the whole world may see that there is great reality in the religion of the Lord. And should it be God's will that some of us should pass on and never be permitted to meet no more here below, I trust that we shall all in the sweet bye and bye clasp glad hands where congregations ne'er break up, nor Sabbaths never end.

—The Clerk.

17. Resolved that Elder Cullen Hogg write a circular letter to be read and approved at our next Association.

18. Resolved, that our next Association be held with the Big Cowan Church, Ice, Letcher County, Kentucky. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1936 and the two following days. The Introductory Sermon is to be preached by Elder G. C. Riddle and Elder Elam Hale is to be his alternate.

19. On motion, after prayer by Elder Caleb Creech the Association adjourned to the time and place of our next Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

Elder W. R. Boggs, Moderator.

Elder W. C. Hogg, Assistant Moderator.

Elder L. C. Riddle, Assistant Moderator.

Elder H. D. Caudill, Clerk.

Elder G. M. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1935.

A large and well ordered congregation met at the church house. After singing a number of the old time spiritual songs, the services were introduced by Elder Enoch Blair. Text: Let Brotherly Love Continue.

2nd. Elder Perry Adkins, Text: Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, But in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him.

3rd. Elder George Hagans, Text: Revelations, 2nd. Chapter 21 verse: "And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not."

4th. Elder W. R. Boggs, (closed the services) Text: St. John, 15th. Chapter and 5th. verse. "I am the vine, ye are the branches."

Amid flowing tears and hearts that were filled with that heavenly love, their cups ran over. The high domes of heaven were made to ring with shouts of praises. 'No wonder the poet of olden time wrote, "Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee."

Thus the fortieth annual session of the Indian Bottom Association passed into history.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and sisters of the Indian Bottom Association of Regular Baptist; it is with much weakness I undertake to comply with the orders of last year to write a Circular letter for your inspection this year:

Hoping that the Holy Spirit will guide me in the way of all truth that I may write only as the scriptures teach; I know of no better subject to write upon than the Second Coming of Christ: Resurrection and final Judgment. I believe and taught by all, Old Regular Baptist, everywhere so far as I know and rightly believe and taught according to the Scriptures as we shall see from the following Scriptures: John 14, 1, 3, Let not your hearts be troubled, Ye believe in God, believe also in me, in my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you I will come and receive you again unto myself, that where I am you may be there also. Here is a sure promise Christ made to His Disciples before He left them, we read Rev. I, 7, Behold He cometh with clouds and every eye shall see him and they also who pierced Him and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. From these Scriptures and many others we conclude this is going to be a terrible time especially for the unbelievers and the nations that forget God.

Acts I, II we read, Ye men of Galilee why stand ye gazing up into the Heavens? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into the Heavens shall so come in like manner as you see Him go into Heaven. These texts are sufficient to show that the same Jesus is coming the same way, we know not when He is coming but the Bible seems to be fast fulfilling and the time seems to be near, Mark 13, 32. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the Angels which are in Heaven neither the Son, but the Father, 33, take ye heed watch and pray for ye know not when the time is, 35

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Watch ye therefore for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even or at midnight or at the cock crowing or in the morning, 36 lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping, 37, and what I say I say unto you I say unto all, watch, Matt. 24, 44 Therefore be ye also ready for in such a hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh, Matt. 25, 31 When the Son of Mⁿ shall come in His Glory and all the Holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His Glory. All the Regular Baptists believe in the resurrection of the dead, John 5, 25 Verily, Verily I say unto you the hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live, understand this to apply to the souls that are dead in sin and shall live if they obey the voice of the Son of God and repent of his sins.

Paul said you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sin. Here they obtain a part in Christ the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power; It is called a new birth being freed from sin, we can not bury the soul or spirit in the grave, we have no power over the soul.

In Matt. 27, 52 we read, and the graves were opened and many of the bodies of the saints arose. In John 5, 28, 29 we read, marvel not at this for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth, they that hath done good unto the resurrection of life and they that hath done evil unto the resurrection of damnation, I understand this to mean the resurrection of the body, Job. 14: 14 If a man die shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come. Job 19: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God; Psa. 17; 15 As for me I will behold thy face in righteousness, I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness.

Isa. 26; 19; 20. Thy dead men shall live together with my dead body shall they arise, awake and sing ye that dwell in the dust for they dew is as the dew of the herbs and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Dan. 12; 2. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Jno. In 11:23 to 44, we read where Jesus commanded Lazarus to come forth from the grave, and he arose, In Acts 24:15 we read, and have hope toward God which they themselves show that there will be a resurrection both of the just and unjust, I Cor. 15,

51 Behold I shew you a mystery we shall not all sleep but we shall be changed. In a moment in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet, for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed for this corruptible must put on incorruptible and mortal must put on immortality, so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory, I Cor. 15, 42-44 So also is the resurrection of the dead, it is sown in incorruption it is raised in incorruption, it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in Glory, it is sown in weakness it is raised in power, it is sown a natural body it is raised a spiritual body, there is a natural body and there is a spiritual body, Rev. 20:12 And I saw the dead both great and small stand before God and the books were opened and another book was opened, which is the book of life and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works.

The foregoing scriptures proves conclusively that Christ is coming the second time and the dead will be raised up, the righteous will go home to God to eternal happiness and the wicked will be cast in the lake to be ever in pain and misery.

Oh what joy and comfort to the children of God to know that although their own loved ones have been sleeping for many years they will arise when the trumpet shall sound and the ones who are living at that hour shall be changed and go along with them to meet God in the air. If I never see your face in this world again, or address you in the form of a circular letter go on in the service of our Lord and keep humble at the feet of Jesus and I will meet you in that appointment in the air where we will ever be from sickness, sorrow, pain and death. May the Lord be with all our beloved brethren and sisters throughout the bounds of the Indian Bottom Association and sister Associations.

Written by your Elder Bro.

W. R. BOGGS.

Cody, Ky., Sept., 1, 1935.

I will try to write a short sketch of the life of our beloved Brother in hope of eternal life, to-wit—Elihue Blair. He was born the 12th day of February, 1863; Deceased this life the 10th day of January, 1935, age 71 years 10 months,

28 days, he joined the Carr's Fork Church Sept. 1st, Saturday, 1932; at the Association when held with the Owen Fork Church and lived a faithful member until death.

He leaves several children to mourn his loss but their loss is His eternal gain, and is missed by the churches as well as the home folks, as there is a seat that cannot be filled by any one like Bro. Blair as it seems to the children and also the church.

I feel to say to the children to seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near, and if you will call on him when he is knocking about your Heart he will come in and take up his abode with you for He said Knock and it shall be opened unto you, seek and ye shall find, for every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

So may God be with you all is your unworthy Prayer,
Written by your unworthy Bro. in hope of eternal life,

HENRY BLAIR, Church Clerk.

Pine Top, Ky., Aug. 28, 1935.

It is with much unworthy feelings and sad Heart I try to write a few lines of the sketch of the life of my dear Mother, to-wit, Martha Blair: She was born Nov. 16, 1857, and Deceased this life Feb. 20, 1935, Age 77 years, 2 months, and 4 days. She joined the Old Carr's Fork Church, Sept. 2nd, Saturday, 1900, and on the fourth Saturday, 1902, Her and S. R. Blair, her husband was Ordained as Deacons for the Old Carr Church. She lived a true and faithful member until death, a period of 34 years. She had the pleasure of seeing two of her children join the Old Carr's Fork Church before she departed this life. And I will say to the rest of the children to get ready to meet Mother in this life if you ever expect to meet her in a better world, than this for this is the only life you have to get ready to meet her, for there is no repentance after death, and this life is only compared as a dressing room for to get ready to meet your God and Mother, I am quite sure that you all want to meet your Father and Mother again, and by the help of God you can meet them again, in the sweet by and by, when the Angel Gabriel places one foot upon the land and the other upon the sea, and swear by himself that time will be no more, then the turfy graveyards will give up our dead which have held them for so many years and we shall meet with our loved

ones who has outstripped us in this life and gone on to that great beyond, and if we have made our peace calling and election sure with God, we will meet them to never part any more, children let's all try as much as lieth in us is to prepare to meet God before that awful and awful day overtakes us, and I will advise you if you have never thought upon your never-dying soul to get your mind settled down on the thing pertaining to life everlasting, for we know not when the Death Angel is coming to these homes of ours; as we hear of it coming to homes all over the country, and it might be that it will visit our homes next, and will it find us prepared or not, and the thing that I want to get you to thinking about is your never-dying soul.

I believe I will meet them again when this toilsome life is over, and I want to meet them and my Saviour I am looking for the Saviour to come again and I believe that we are living in the very eve of time, and my prayers is that the circle will not be broken there that we will all prepare to meet God at his second coming.

Your unworthy Brother in hope of eternal life,

HENRY BLAIR, Church Clerk.
Littcarr, Ky., Sept. 1st, 1935.

With much unworthy feelings I attempt to write a short sketch of the life of our beloved Sister in the Lord to wit: Nancy Combs. She was the widow of Bro. Andy Combs. She was born September the 12th, 1848; Deceased this life the 9th day of February, 1935. She joined the Carr's Fork Church about the year of 1889, and lived a faithful member until death. She was a member of the Carr's Fork Church for a period of 40 or 41 years. She leaves several Children to mourn her loss but her loss is her eternal gain.

Now children if you ever want to see mother again you will have to make your peace with God before you meet with death for we realize that this is the only time we have to meet him in a free pardon admission of our sins, for the Bible says for us to work while it is day, for night comes when no man can work, and that is the night of death, now it will be too late for to call on the Lord when night comes, let us work while it is day. I am quite sure that your Mother give you advice that if you would obey that it would be good for you, in this life and in the life to come, so may God bless you all to see that without a change you can't be

s^{aved}, that you must be borned again.

Written by your unworthy

HENRY BLAIR, Church Clerk.

OBITUARY OF NINNIE POWELL

It now becomes our sad duty, with a deep sensation of humility, love and affection, and we must say somewhat with rejoicing, to attempt to write an Obituary of our dearly beloved and departed sister, Ninnie Powell.

Born Oct. 24, 1889, joined the Providence Church of Old Regular Baptists, Laurel County, Ky., 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1908, at the age of 18 years, baptised 4th Sunday in October, 1908 by her Grand Father, the late Eld. D. M. Maggard, died May 20, 1935, aged 45 years 7 months and 4 days old, she was the daughter of Bro. J. E. and Sister Abbie Callahan, and wife of Bro. Bronce. She w^{as} the mother of 8 children 5 Girls and 3 boys, the last born an infant at the time of her death. At time of her death her membership was in Conway Church, where her Father, Mother and all her brothers and sisters (in the flesh) belongs.

To know sister Ninnie was to love her, her sweet loving dove-like disposition, Godly walks and d^{aily} conversations, her great devotion, Motherly love and care for her children, companion, Father and Mother and especially to her Church, was hard to equal and could not be surpassed, she seemed to be so filled with Motherly, Godly and Dove-like love that she wanted to gather under her wings of love as a Hen doeth her brood and comfort all deserving people.

She became suddenly afflicted. Doctors claimed with some kind of fatal brain trouble, only living one week. During this week of the most intense suffering, she never ceased, when her suffering was not too severe, pleading with her children, and all others who had never found Jesus precious to their never-dying Souls to pray for deliverance from sins, asking her children to kneel by her bedside th^{at} she might hear the words of them and Pray with them, all the time praising God and rejoicing in the bright hope of her future home, saying she had no fear of meeting God in Judgment. She often called on us to sing some of the old time songs and Bro. W. R. Boggs to pray at her bedside which he did often. She died rejoicing and praising God like Old Simeon with Christ in her arms, it is hard for her husband, children, Father, Mother and the Church to give up such a

consecrated Mother in Israel, but then we rejoice to know she is in the sweet paradise of God awaiting the redemption of her body, where eye hath not seen, ear heard, neither hath it entered the heart of man the things the Lord hath prepared for them that love Him, so time and space will not permit me to say all the good things that could be said about sister Ninnie.

To her children, if you ever expect to meet Mother in Heaven you will have to do as she told you,

She left a loving, devoted, Christian Companion to mourn her loss.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none never wakes to weep.

Written by a Brother, in hope of eternal life,

W. C. DIXON.

OBITUARY OF MARY E. BOGGS

Mary E. Hale Boggs, born June 18, 1862 in Russell County, Va., died May 9, 1935; age 72 years, 10 months and 13 days. She professed faith in Christ about the age of 19 years and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church soon after her confession and continued an active and faithful member until death.

She was married to J. A. Boggs March 11, 1896 to whom was born 6 children, 5 daughters and 1 son. Three of which preceded her in death: Litton Boggs, Tora Boggs and Mrs. Carrie Maggard. Of her children 3 daughters survive, Mrs. America Stamper, Mrs. Alva Koontz, and Mrs. Dona Blair, all three of which has professed a hope in Christ and is marching home and may the Lord still lead them on.

She leaves a loving husband, three daughters, three brothers, (C. W. Hale, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. Baxter Hale of Carlinville, Ill.; Sampson Hale of Meridosia, Ill.) Twenty-one grand children; the brethren and sisters of her church and the many friends who knew her to mourn her loss; for to know her was to love her; Yet we have to say that we believed that our loss is her eternal gain and that she has gone from evil to come. That sweet voice cannot be heard in the home nor the church but her soul is today, as we believe resting under the altar of God, awaiting the redemption of her body when she can sing the song of complete redemption forever and forever around the throne of God.

(A poem suggested by her husband):

Far from afflictions, toil and care,
The happy soul has fled;
The breathless clay shall slumber here,
Among the silent dead.

The gospel was her joy and song
Even to her latest breath;
The truth she had proclaimed so long
Was her support in death.

Now she resides where Jesus is
Above this dusty sphere
Her soul was ripened for that bliss
While yet she sojourned here.

The church's loss we all deplore
And shed the falling tear
Since we shall see her face no more
Till Jesus shall appear.

But we are hasting to the tomb,
Oh, May we ready stand
Then dearest Lord receive us home
To dwell at thy right hand.

(Poem can be sung to C. M. tune)

Written by J. A. Boggs, husband of Mary E. Boggs.

OBITUARIES.

SUSANA B. SMITH

It is with a sad heart that I try to write a short sketch of dear old Grandma, but with great joy to tell of the good life she lived. Susana B. Smith was born Oct. 24, 1851. Died Feb. 27, 1932, age 74 years 4 months and two days old. She was married to Andrew B. Smith May 22, 1875. To this Union was born ten children six are still living. Susana joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about eighteen years before she died. She was faithful until death and manifested a great love for the brethren and sisters and the Lord Saviour Jesus Christ. Now children let us answer mother's

last request, prepare to meet her on that blessed shore.
Written by the Granddaughter,

Mrs. M. V. Slone.

W. H. DAY

Brother W. H. Day was born Sept. 5, 1853. Died July 29, 1935. From my earliest recollections Bro. Day was considered as one of Letcher County's most loyal citizens. He became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a faithful member and his every-day life was in harmony with his profession in Christ. When he saw that the end was near he often told them that he had nothing to fear. His only regrets were, that he leave his friends. He said that he had been shown that when his suffering was over here, it was forever done. And when his time came with that heavenly serene smile, which marks the sunset of a righteous life, he quietly passed to the great beyond. No doubt he beheld that bright, shining crown, which fadeth not away. His wife and children loved him. His church loved him. His neighbors loved him. But God loved him better than all. Let all bow to the will of God.

His humble brother,

F. G. FIELDS.

NANCY C. DAY.

Nancy C. Day the wife of brother W. H. Day, born April 24, 1869, died Sept. 4, 1924. Sister Nancy professed a hope in Jesus Christ more than thirty years before her death. She lived a faithful member until death. There was no loving mother or truer member ever lived. Children I know that you miss father and mother like I miss mine, but come let us rejoice that in the near future we will meet again where reparations never come.

Your brother,

F. G. FIELDS.

SALLY WATTS

It is with a sad heart this Sabbath morning to write a short obituary of sister Sallie Watts, the wife of Harlan

Watts. She was born May 6, 1873, Died July the 21, 1934, age sixty-one years. To this union there were born thirteen children. Eleven are still living. She joined the New-Home Church about twenty years ago. She lived a faithful member until the death angel took her away. For about five years before her death she was afflicted with paralysis. I have often seen her hauled or carried in her chair to church by her good husband and friends. Now she is gone to that land where trouble nor sorrow can never come. She was an affectionate wife and a kind and loving mother. Now her dear husband has lost the one that was so near and dear to his heart. Never on earth to meet with him again. But he is looking forward to that good day when he can meet with her again to part no more. Blessed children, mother hated to leave you. If you want to see mother again, it is time to begin making preparations. While you are living is the time to get ready. God bless you, you can hear her sweet voice no more. She is gone to live with angels on that heavenly shore.

My prayers go out to all.

Your humble brother,

N. T. MAGGARD.

THOMAS FIELDS

Brother Thomas Fields was born March the 3, 1870—Died August 6, 1934. Age 64 years, 5 months and 3 days. He joined the Indian Bottom Church of Regular Baptist at the age of twenty-one and lived a faithful member for more than forty-three years. He was always steadfast in the faith that was once and for all delivered unto the saints. His last illness lasted about one year. He was in a helpless condition for about three months. It seemed his greatest desire, that his wife and children weep not for him. He said that the good Lord had need of him more than they. He was in his right mind until the end. When asked if he wanted to talk to his children he said, "I have prayed for them all their life and give them good counsel. When too weak to talk he gave them his hand bidding them all goodbye, but we trust not forever. We feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain. And that we shall all clasp glad hands with brother Tom on the shores of sweet deliverance beyond this vale of tears.

Susan Fields and Family, Eubank, Ky.

August 29, 1935.

It is with a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write a short obituary of my dear father, to-wit: John Owens. He was the son of Vencon Owens and Lucinda Owens, born June 18, 1877, died June 9, 1935, age 57 years, 11 months, and 21 days.

He was married to Helen Slone, March, 1892, unto this union was born fifteen children, nine girls and six boys. Four of the girls preceded him in death while eleven children and a dear wife are left to mourn his loss.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church, July, 1911 and lived a faithful member until death. He served the Regular Baptist Church as Deacon for several years. He was afflicted with the dreadful disease, T. B. for some time, but suffered severely for about 18 months. He said all the time he lay sick that he was ready to go and was just awaiting God's time.

Just a little time before he died he said, "O Lord haven't I suffered long enough to go home, take me on," and he seemed to suffer a very little more. As long as he lived he prayed for his children and gave us good advice. And that good counsel of my dear good father is still living in my heart today and I hope I never forget it.

I ask all the praying people to pray for us children that we may meet our dear father in Heaven where we will never have to part no more. How bad we do miss our dear father when we go to the table. We find a seat vacant there that can't be filled by our dear father any more. But while his seat is vacant in our home he is filling a seat in Heaven. The wife has lost a good husband, the children has lost a good father, the community has lost a good citizen, and the Church has lost a faithful member. So he is gone from us and is sleeping in the cold grave awaiting the great resurrection day when Jesus shall come again and awake the dead, then our dear father will arise in the first resurrection and body and soul will unite again and go on to that eternal Heaven where there will be no death, pain or sorrow. Oh how I hope to meet my dear father there.

Written by his sad and broken-hearted daughter—

ETHEL OWENS.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God; and notwithstanding there are Three that bear record in heaven, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle or practice.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God, and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction, and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and that men sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.

4. We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in; therefore, a Saviour is absolutely needed.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints, that through grace they are born again and adopted into the family of heaven; that they become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in glory, and He will raise them up at the last day.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances; that true believers are the proper subjects, and we admit of no others.

8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion, to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

9. We believe that washing of one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with His disciples, and ought to be practiced by his followers.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

12. We believe that no one has a right to administer the gospel ordinances but such as are legally called and qualified thereunto.

13. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting the same.

14. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to con-

tribute to the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of the same, never neglecting the poor, according to their several abilities.

15. We believe that any doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge the people in their sins or to cause them to settle down on anything short of saving grace in Christ for salvation is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

16. None of the above articles shall be construed as to hold with particular election or reprobation so as to make God partial directly, so as to injure children of men.

17. No one of the above articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat when he is about to speak.
4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but shall define his ideas on the proposition for debate as far as he can.
6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the same.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any one subject without permission of the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty to laugh during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.
9. No member shall address another by any other name or term than that of "brother."
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit a member from speaking until he gives his views on the subject, unless he shall have violated the rules of decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over 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, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

CONSTITUTION

Having by unanimous voice changed our organization from an annual meeting to an association, we therefore propose to keep the order and rules of an association according to the following form of government:

1. The Association shall be called The Indian Bottom Association.
2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last association.
4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the rights of any of the churches in the union.
5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. New churches may be admitted into this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, 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 representation in the Association.
9. Every query presented by the church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the Association.
10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.
11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an association fund for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute

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such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association, and the amount so received shall be deposited with the treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association and pay same out as the Association may direct.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept in which the proceedings of every association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and clerk of the Association.

14. Amendment to this plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when it may so desire.

15. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting same shall be determined by the Association.

16. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the members present except in receiving and dismissing churches and the associations, which shall be by unanimous vote.

17. The Association shall have power to decide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain of communion among same, giving the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; inquire into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself at any time in the Association; appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member, or members, by their consent, to transact any business which it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the union which may violate any of the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion, admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, and adjourn to any future time or place it may deem necessary.

Ordained Ministers and Their Addresses

W. R. Boggs	Conway, Ky.
W. B. Mullins	Waynesboro, Ky.
W. M. Scott	Cumberland, Ky.
George B. Ison	Skyline, Ky.
G. M. Caudill	Hallie, Ky.
N. T. Maggard	Hindman, Ky.
Ira McKnight	High Splint, Ky.
G. C. Riddle	Gordon, Ky.
George Hagans	Vicco, Ky.
L. C. Riddle	Daisy, Ky.
Joe Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.

Ben Adams	Mayking, Ky.
Enoch Blair	London, Ky.
Harrison Boggs	Roxana, Ky.
Robert Combs	Carrie, Ky.
David Caudill	Waynesboro, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Gander, Ky.
W. C. Hogg	Cumberland, Ky.
Tip Cornett	Roxana, Ky.
L. D. Francis	Red Fox, Ky.
David Kelly	Elic, Ky.
James W. Caudill	Carr Creek, Ky.
Caleb Creech	Cumberland, Ky.
Isaac Richie	Talcum, Ky.
Henry B. Caudill	Blackey, Ky.
Bob Baker	Evans, Ky.
C. C. Bates	Waynesboro, Ky.
F. F. Sumner	Vicco, Ky.
Roy Whitaker	Hot Spot, Ky.
Elam Hale	Litt Carr, Ky.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Carr's Fork—Henry Blair	Pine Top, Ky.
Poor Fork—Hiram Fields	Cumberland, Ky.
Big Cowan—Boyd Day	Ice, Ky.
Clear Creek—Joseph Everage	Fisty, Ky.
Oven Fork—I. N. Lewis	Whitesburg, Ky.
Mallet Fork—Thomas Caudill	Pine Top, Ky.
Big Leatherwood—A. F. Logan	Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom—G. C. Crace	Blackey, Ky.
New Home—W. B. Pratt	Hindman, Ky.
Hurricane Gap—P. H. Whitaker	Delphia, Ky.
Sandlick—A. C. Craft	Millstone, Ky.
Little Dove—E. W. Godsey	Vicco, Ky.
Doty Creek—Oscar Back	Jeremiah, Ky.
Conway—W. C. Dixon	Mt. Vernon, Ky.
Cedar Grove—Squire Watts	Hallie, Ky.
Little Home—James Hagans	Vicco, Ky.
Powell—Neva Bates	Waynesboro, Ky.
Clover Fork—H. H. Dixon	High Splint, Ky.
F. G. Fields	Whitesburg, Ky.
Liberty Bell—David Kelly	Elic, Ky.
Ingrams Creek—James Whitaker	Skyline, Ky.
James Memorial—Crit Eldridge	Gander, Ky.

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Providence—Mag Blair	London, Ky.
Pilgrims Rest—Preston Thomas	Dizney, Ky.
Meadow Fork—W. E. Woodward	Leona, Ky.
New Bethlehem—Dial Williams Clerk	Tina, Ky.
Maple Grove—J. P. Mullins	Flat Top, Va.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We, the church of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptist faith and order, now in session with the Church, being found in love and fellowship, sendeth greeting, our Christian love and salutation to the Ministers and Messengers that may compose the Association, when convened with the Church County, State of to commence on Friday before the Saturday in September, and the two following days.

Dear Brethren, we are glad that we can correspond with you, and we have chosen these, our beloved Brethren, to bear this, our letter, to you, to-wit:

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these, our brethren, to sit with you in all your advisory council. May the Lord bless you in all your work. We are at peace among ourselves.

The state of our church is as follows: Number of Ordained Ministers....., Names and postoffice address of Ordained Ministers Received by experience and baptism.....; Received by Letter.....; Restored.....; Excluded.....; Dismissed by Letter.....; by Recommendation.....; Died.....; Total membership.....; Money sent \$.....; Meeting time..... Saturday and Sunday in each month; Postoffice address Church Clerk County, State of

Dear Brethren, pray for us, that Zion may have travelling spirit among us.

Done and signed by order of church.

Elder..... Moderator
 Brother Clerk.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

Names of Churches and Delegates

	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dis. by Letter	Died	Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
Carr's Fork—Henry Blair, Wm. Hale, Nicholas Everage, John Sparkman, Elan Hale and H. M. Blair	4	0	0	3	0	4	93	4	00
Poor Fork—W. C. Hogg, Tip Cornett, Caleb Creech, A. B. York, Jim Maggard	2	0	0	0	0	0	125	3	15
Big Cowan—Isaac Fields, F. G. Fields, Bill Brown, H. Boggs, D. D. Day, B. C. Day	8	0	0	0	1	5	132	4	25
Clear Creek—Robert Combs, Frank Fugate, Francis Owens, Nathan Smith Green Williams	3	0	2	2	0	0	89	3	00
Oven Fork—Wm. Scott, W. R. Boggs, I. N. Lewis, H. Raleigh, Riley Fouts, E. H. Stidham, Dave Standifer, Joe McKnight	6	3	0	1	0	2	83	2	80
Maliet Fork—Thomas Caudill and Martin Hall	3	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	00
Big Leatherwood—L. C. Riddle, Dell Asher, N. M. Eldridge	12	0	2	3	0	3	54	2	61
Indian Bottom—G. M. Caudill, Roy Whitaker, J. D. Dixon, Lloyd Day, Dawson Dixon	4	0	1	0	0	1	67	1	40
New Home—William Ritchie, John P. Stone, L. C. Stone	0	0	0	1	0	3	51	2	10
Hurricane Gap—G. C. Riddle, John Whitaker, R. C. Shepherd	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	2	00
Sandlick—A. C. Craft	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3	05
Doty Creek—Oscar Back, John Hampton, H. B. Whitaker, Moss Adams, H. C. Whitaker	1	0	0	0	0	3	39	2	40
Conway—W. R. Boggs, J. E. Calahan, W. C. Dixon, A. J. Calahan	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1	20
Cedar Grove—G. B. Ison, Squire Watts, Mannon Holcomb, Harve Whitaker, A. Whitaker	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	4	30
Total	61	9	6	23	7	29	1155	84	36
Little Home—G. W. Hagans, Joe Hagans, L. D. Francis, Jno. Collins, Richard Mortary, Morton Millard	1	2	0	0	0	2	49	1	50
Powell—W. H. Vanover, C. C. Bates, David Caudill	0	0	0	0	0	2	44	3	70
Clover Fork—Ira McKnight, R. L. Baker, H. H. Dixon, David Boggs, J. H. Brewer	1	0	0	4	0	0	64	1	25
Ingram's Creek—James Whitaker, J. D. Cornett, Silas Cox, Tip Cornett, Kirby Ison, Walter Cornett	2	0	0	1	1	2	35	1	35
James Memorial—Nash Eldridge, John Eldridge, H. D. Caudill, J. W. Caudill, Crit Eldridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3	80
Providence—Enoch Blair	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	3	10
Pilgrim's—Jack Turner—Evan Claud, Homer Hensley, Isaac Madden	6	0	1	2	0	1	20	4	00
Meadow Fork—Milton Napier, Levi Collins, W. E. Woodward, Claude Flenor, Ambrose Kelley	0	0	0	4	0	0	18	2	00
New Bethlehem—Isaac Ritchie, Abner Combs	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	30

