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**The Indian Bottom
Association**

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PROCEEDINGS

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists met with the Big Cowan Church, Dongola, Letcher County, Kentucky, September 4th, 5th and 6th, 1936. After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder F. G. Fields, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Elam Hale, (alternate for Elder G. C. Hoffie, deceased).

The congregation remained at the stand near the church house, where preaching was conducted by visiting brethren, while the delegation assembled in a school building near by and was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. R. Boggs.

After singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder Wm. Scott, 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 shown in the table of statistics, except Maple Grove church letter which was referred to committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by re-electing Elder W. R. Boggs, Moderator; Elders W. C. Hogg and F. G. Fields assistant moderators; Bro. I. N. Lewis, clerk; and Bro. Henry Blair, assistant clerk. Owing to illness of Elder W. R. Boggs, the assistants took charge.

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 Union Association by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: J. B. Stallard, Arlie Brown, S. T. Wright, John A. Damron, McKinley Giles pie, T. R. Collier, Elbertson Bentley, and P. J. Adkins. One from the New Salem Association by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: Elder E. V. Hamilton, Bro. Willie Bates and Wm. Moore. Received letter from clerk of Salem Association. It was referred to committee on arrangement. (See separate sheet).

6. Called for transient ministers and messengers and received R. L. Baker and Lloyd Day.

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 Big Cowan Church. Their report was as follows for Saturday: 1st, Tip Cornett; 2nd, J. A. Damron; 3rd, C. C. Bates; 4th, Landon Francis, and 5th, McKinley Gilispie.

9. Appointed the clerk and assistant clerk to write corresponding letters to sisters the Union and New Salem Associations.

10. Appointed a committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church together with the Moderators and clerks. Corresponding delegates and transient ministers and members were invited as follows: W. M. Hale, Mose Adams, Nathaniel B. Smith, Caleb Creech, Green Williams, Riley Fouts, M. V. Eldridge, L. D. Everidge, J. P. Sloan, R. C. Shepherd, Squire Watts, Joe Hagans, Perry Tackett, J. H. Brewer, George Whitaker, Crit Eldridge, Evan Cloud, Milt Napier, Harrison Williams, and Arch Craft. On motion the Association adjourned until Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5TH

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing by the delegation and prayer by Elder Robert Combs, 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. It reported that the letter from the Maple Grove Church to the Association is illegal, and that she should get herself in order. It also reported that it recommended that this Association appoint a committee to investigate and find out if the Salem Association, of Jenks, Oklahoma, is orthodox and report at our next Association. The following named Elders were appointed on this committee, to-wit. F. G. Fields, Cullen Hogg, and Wm. Scott.
3. Called for transient ministers and members and received Bros. Price Caudill, A. R. York, B. C. Day and John Sparkman.
4. On motion, the ministers chosen for the stand were excused for the day, as was also the committee on arrangements.
5. Appointed a committee on finance composed of James Whitaker, David Maggard and B. C. Day.
6. Appointed the same committee on ministry as of yesterday. They reported as follows: 1st, Billie Moore; 2nd, Ira McKnight; 3rd, Wm. Scott; 4th, George Hagans, and 5th, F. G. Fields.
7. Called for Secretary and Treasurer to report (owing to illness he was not present. He later sent in a report to the clerk which will appear in this record later).
8. Authorized the printing of 2,000 minutes and appointed Bro. I. N. Lewis to superintend the printing of same. Bro. I. N. Lewis was also appointed Treasurer for the Association.
9. Called on clerk to read letters to our sister Associations and appointed delegates to attend the same, to-wit: To the Union Association, Elder Wm. Scott, Elder L. D. Francis, Elder George

Hagans, Elder G. M. Caudill, and Brother Nelson Seals and Wilson Francis. Letter and minutes in hands of Bro. Nelson Seals.

To the New Salem Association, Elder J. W. Caudill, Elder L. D. Francis, Brethren Alva Caudill, Nick Everage, J. P. Sloan, Nelson Seals, Elder George Hagan, Bro. Henry Blair, John Sparkman and Wilson Francis. Letter in the hands of J. W. Caudill.

10. Called on brethren appointed last year to attend Associations and Union Meetings to report. Same reported and those failed to attend were excused.

11. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported that they had received in contributions from the several churches \$96. Twenty dollars of which was turned over to Brother I. N. Lewis.

12. Appointed Union Meetings as follows: 1st, Mallet Fork, June, 3rd Saturday and Sunday, 1937. Elders Nelson Seals, J. W. Caudill, Alva Caudill, George Hagans and Landon Francis to attend. 2nd—Poor Fork, August, 3rd Saturday and Sunday, 1937. Elders L. C. Riddle and G. M. Caudill to attend. 3rd—Indian Bottom, July, 1st Saturday and Sunday, 1937, Elders L. C. Riddle, Elam Hale, Nelson Seals, James Caudill and Joe Hagans to attend. 4th—Doty Creek, July, 2nd Saturday and Sunday, 1937, Elders Elam Hale, Nelson Seals, James Caudill and Joe Hogans to attend. 5th—Carrs Fork, July, 4th Saturday and Sunday, 1937, Elders L. C. Riddle, Roy Whitaker, Tip Cornett, George Hagans, Alva Caudill and G. M. Caudill to attend. 6th—James Memorial, July, 3rd Saturday and Sunday, 1937, Elders Elam Hale, Alvy Caudill, Nelson Seals, J. W. Caudill and Roy Whitaker to attend. 7th—Big Cowan, May, 4th Saturday and Sunday, 1937, Elders Ira McKnight, Hays Shepherd, Wm. Scott and W. C. Hogg to attend. 8th—Ingrams Creek, July, 1st Saturday and Sunday, 1937, Elders Bob Baker, Elam Hale, Nelson Seals, Bro. Wilson Francis and J. W. Caudill to attend. 9th—Cedar Grove, August, 4th Saturday and Sunday, 1937, G. M. Caudill and Roy Whitaker to attend.

13. Called on Clerk to read circular letter written by Elder W. C. Hogg, which was read and approved.

14. At this point Elder Robert Combs, one of the committee appointed to secure former Record Books of this Association, made his report and was granted further time. On motion an amount equal to ten cents for each church member was assessed against each church in this Association to aid in defraying expenses of the lawsuit. The following named brethren volunteered to attend Court with Elder Robert Combs on the 10th day of September, 1936, at Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

15. On motion the minutes of our last Association were read

and approved in part, but, on motion of Elder Robert Combs were amended so as to include the following, viz: "The Association advises that her Elders and preaching Brethren take no part in revivals held by men of other faiths who are not in fellowship with us, or take any part any way to assist or encourage them in this work."

16. Resolved that Brother Henry Blair write a circular letter to be read for approval at our next Association.

17. Resolved that our next Association be held with the Indian Bottom Church, Blackey, Letcher County, Kentucky, to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1937, and the two following days, and that the introductory sermon be preached by Elder Wm. Scott, Tip Cornett to be his alternate.

18. On motion, after prayer by Elder Robert Combs, the Association adjourned to the time and place of our next Association.

Done, signed by order of the Association.

ELDER W. R. BOGGS, Moderator

ELDER W. C. HOGG, Assistant Moderator

ELDER F. G. FIELDS, Assistant Moderator

BRO. I. N. LEWIS, Clerk

BRO. HENRY BLAIR, Assistant Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6TH

A large and well ordered congregation met at the stand near the church house. After singing some of the old time spiritual hymns, the services were introduced by Elder Billie Moore who after a few well used words advised his hearers to "Put on the whole armor of God." Then made a few remarks about our departed brother, Elder D. M. Maggard, and then led the congregation in prayer.

He was followed by Elder Ira McKnight, whose text was, "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

The next to speak on the stand was Wm. Scott whose text was, "Suffer it to be so now."

Next, Elder George Hagans appeared on the stand whose text was a part of the 26th verse of the 12th chapter of John, "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor."

Next came Elder F. G. Fields who led in the song, "Oh Sing to Me of Heaven."

All were laden with good news from a far country and many were the tears of joy that fell while the cups of joy ran over during the last minutes of singing and hand shaking.

Thus, the forty-first annual session of the Indian Bottom Association passed into history.

CIRCULAR LETTER

As it has fallen to my lot I will now endeavor to comply with the request of the Association by writing the Circular Letter.

It is well said, I feel my inability to write such an exquisite letter. I realize I cannot write this document in an acceptable way, except someone guides me, as the Eunuch was when Philip expounded the Gospel of Christ to him.

I must depend upon the one who never fails, and the one who enlightens the mind and heart of all men, that is God Almighty.

I have been pondering and asking God to give me that special mind, heart and words to inscribe in this letter. The scripture that impressed me most will be found recorded in 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter and 12th verse. "Now if Christ be preached, he arose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

13th verse, "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen?"

14th verse, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain and your faith also vain?"

15th verse, "And we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God, that he raised up Christ whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not?"

16th verse, "For if the dead rise then is not Christ raised?"

17th verse, "And if Christ be not raised your faith is vain. you are yet in your sins."

18th verse, "Then they which are also fallen asleep in Christ are perished."

This is what he left the glory world for; that we may live again after death, this is the children of God's hope in this life that after death we will live again in the eternal heaven.

Christ said from his own lips after he had conquered the grave, "As I live ye shall live again."

Brethren I believe the scripture supports the same, that in as much as Christ's death on the cross of Calvary reconciled thee to God again. His resurrection wrought redemption of our bodies from the grave.

As Paul said, "Oh grave where is thy victory, oh death where is thy sting?" Then death is swallowed up in victory.

Brethren understand me this body that goes down will not come forth in that morning of sweet eternity to the children of God, but it will be a spiritual body fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body. You remember that Christ could be spiritual or natural as he chose. He could appear in nature or in the spirit,

and did so upon various occasions. You remember, after he arose from the grave all power was given into his hands, both in heaven and in earth. Would it be incredible then to believe that he had power to raise the dead.

Now, Brethren allow me to explain myself a little further. I believe God Almighty will speak to the dust of our bodies and from that dust will come forth a spiritual body. It will be just as possible for God to do this as it was for him to form the first man from the dust of the earth.

Brethren why do some say there is no resurrection of the dead? Take the hope of the resurrection away from me, and you have all the hope I have, this hope of the resurrection of both the soul and body is the only anchor we have. I believe in the resurrection of the soul from a dead state to a lively hope in Christ. By being born again of the seed of Christ, and this seed remains in us, principalities or powers. Things present or things to come nor is any other creature able to remove it from us. Paul said, "Because the seed of Christ remaineth where he plants it, and it will bring forth fruits if it falls in good ground, some thirty, some sixty, some one hundred fold.

Let's get back to the subject. John said or asked the question, "If a man die shall he live again?" and answered by saying, "After the skin worms have destroyed this body yet in my flesh shall I see God and see him for myself and not another."

Christ said to Mary and Martha and the congregation, "I am the resurrection and the life he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live and he called Lazarus from the tomb and he lived, walked, talked and ate thereafter.

Read carefully and see if this is right.

Daniel, 12th chapter, 2nd verse, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake. Some to everlasting life and some to everlasting shame and contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

Now, Brethren, let us press on in the hope of the resurrection and fight the good fight of faith. Let's take our guns off each other and turn them on the enemy, because we do know that sin and Satan are rampant in our land and country in this generation. If we fail to hold up the doctrine of Christ and the Apostles, the enemy will devour our works and it ought to be devoured if we or any other man fails to contend for the faith, doctrine and practice of Christ and the Apostles, and the resurrection of the dead is the doctrine of Christ and the Apostles.

Now, Brethren, let us come to the Association with our big hearts full of love for God and his children and his church. God help us to pay due respect to all of his commandments that we may be exceedingly happy. Let us dwell together as David said, in unity it is like the precious ointment that was poured upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aarons beard, that went down the skirts of his garment as the dew of Sharon and as the dew that descended upon the Mountains of Zion, for it was there that the Lord commanded the blessing even life forever more.

May the Lord of Host bless and prosper the Old Regular Baptist Church in this world and keep us ever humble down at the foot of the cross of Christ is your unworthiest prayer now and forever.

REV. CULLEN HOGG.

OBITUARIES

MARTHA ADAMS

Feeling it would be a dishonor for an obituary of my dear Mother to never appear in the minutes of the Old Regular Baptist Church, since she was a faithful, devoted member for nearly 50 years; I shall endeavor to give a short sketch of her life here:

Martha Adams, Daughter of Mannon and Polly Jenkins, and wife of Stephen Adams who preceded her in death twenty-three years.

She died at the age of 86, January 2, 1933. She raised ten children to be grown and often talked and rejoiced in her latter years that she had been blessed to live to hear them all and her husband profess a hope in Christ which according to scriptures, was one of her great rewards for her faithful, obedient, Christian life, others were to be blessed to keep sufficient eyesight and mentality to read the Bible through several times in her last years, and to be active enough to attend her church meetings. As well as the Association often, and at last to attain that greatest reward, when she suddenly fell asleep in the Arms of Jesus.

We miss Mother here but I truthfully submit the following poem in her memory:

She taught us songs of Zion,
She told us of that home,
Where we can live together,
Where partings never come.

MATTIE ADAMS FIELDS.

IDA HUBBARD

Feeling it our duty we shall endeavor to write an obituary of our sister, Ida Hubbard, to be printed in the minutes of the Old Regular Baptist Church of which she was a devoted, faithful member for several years.

She was the daughter of Loranza and Polly Ann Boggs.

The wife of Walter Hubbard, the mother of three children, one of which joined her in death shortly after her decease.

Sister Ida has been sadly missed in the church, and by her little orphan children in her home, but we are sure our loss was her gain, and that she will be one of the number to answer the call, "Come."

MRS. D. M. FIELDS

MRS. SAMPSON HALCOMB.

POLLY ANN ROARK

I will now endeavor to write an obituary of my beloved mother, Polly Ann Roark. She was born April the 6th, 1880, deceased October the 28th, 1935. Age 55 years.

She was the daughter of Stephen and Millie Hogg, and was first married to Jasper Mitchell. To this union was born one son, Jasper, Jr.

After the decease of her first husband, later she was married to Jonah Roark, my father. To this union was born eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, four of which, and her husband preceded her in death.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Cedar Grove many years ago and lived a faithful member until God saw fit to remove her from all her sufferings.

Often she advised us children to prepare to meet her in Heaven, and when talking to us and her friends while around her bed-side of her Heavenly home, would clap her hands and shout and ask God at his will to take her home.

We children have lost our best friend on earth, but we realize our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

So children, don't weep for mother, but for yourselves and the welfare of your souls. We cannot and would not call her back again, but we can by the help of God go to her to be with her forever and ever.

Oh dear Mother how we miss you,

In this world of sin and pain;

But to save us all these heart aches,

We would not call you back again.

PEARLIE (ROARK) HALCOMB.

ARVIL BOGGS

Little Arvil Boggs was the son of Bro. Benton and Sister Rosie Boggs. Arvil was born October 26, 1919, and died the 3rd day of November, 1934. At the age of 15 years and 7 days.

Little Arvil was lingering along in sickness for several months before he had to depart from this present world. He told his mother the day he took sick that this had struck him to kill him, but he said he didn't know why he had to suffer so. His mother told him to leave it in the hands of the Lord, and it seemed that he didn't have anything to say for some time. Then he said, "Maanma, I see the prettieset little birds you ever saw flying around the room waiting for me.

Little Arvil leaves his mother and father, three brothers and four sisters to mourn for him but we hope that our loss is Heaven's gain.

RILEY FOUTS.

POLLY ANN CRAFT

It is with sad heart that I try to write a short sketch of my dear old mother, but with great joy to tell of the good life she lived.

Polly Ann Craft was born April the 15th, 1847, and died February 11th, 1936. Age 88 years and two months and four days. She was married to Enoch A. Craft May 2, 1867. To this union was born twelve children, nine of which grew into manhood and womanhood, and three died in infancy. Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Sandlick, Kentucky, some time in March, 1863. She lived as a faithful member as long as she lived. On July 3, 1929, she got her leg broken and was an invalid from then until her death, but she attended her meetings and filled her seat the same in her wheel chair when she was able to go.

Mother lived to see her children all profess a hope in Christ, and to see them all baptized and to see her oldest boy, A. C. Craft, preach. Now, dear brothers and sisters let us answer mother's request and prepare to meet her on the blessed shore. Written by her heartbroken daughter.

MRS. SARAH FRANKLIN.

FRANKIE HUGHES

It is with a sad feeling that I attempt to write a short sketch of our beloved sister, Frankie Hughes. I do not know anything about her life prior to October 3, 1916, for it was then that

sister Hughes came to Sandlick Church by recommendation, being an old member of Caney Creek Church. Sister Hughes lived a devoted Christian life all these twenty years that she had her membership with us. I have often seen her raise from her seat with screams and shouts clapping her feeble hands in worship to her Creator.

Sister Hughes had the misfortune to fall and break her hip in February, 1936, and died from effects of same in her 94th year. She died February 13, 1936.

Your unworthy brother in hope,
A. C. CRAFT.

A. B. KELLY

Guide me, oh thou great Jehovah, as I attempt to write a short sketch of the life of my father, A. B. Kelly, who was born January 8, 1855, and died September 25, 1935. He was first married to Sarah Fields then Nancy Dixon. Both of his wives preceded him to the great beyond. He raised a large family by both of his wives.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about the year 1929, and lived a faithful Christian life until the death angel came and took him from us. He suffered only a short time for he had pneumonia. During his illness he sang the same graceful old songs that he sang during his life. He also quoted many scriptures, one in particular being, "Salvation is of the Lord." He continued to pray as long as he was able.

About five hours before his death he shook hands with me and asked me how I was getting along. These were the last words he spoke before he left this world of toils and care to God, the creator of man.

To the six children who survive him by his last wife, I want you to consider your case and if all is not well, make peace with Jesus, for life is uncertain but death is sure.

AMBROS KELLY.

RILDA AMBURGEY

It is with much unworthy feelings I try to write the obituary of our dear beloved sister, Rilda Amburgey. She was born December 22, 1861, and deceased November 23, 1935.

She was married to Wiley J. Amburgey. To this union was born nine children of which six boys are still living to mourn her. But their loss is her eternal gain. Sister Rilda is missed by the church as well as by her children. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Carrs Fork, October 4, 1899. She lived a faithful member until November 23, 1935, when the pale horse

and his rider entered her home and called her from the unfriendly world where she had enjoyed life in this church for 36 years, and 17 days. Sister Amburgey was a kind and affectionate mother and was loved by all who knew her. I am quite sure that sister Amburgey's soul is around the Paradise of God awaiting the redemption of the body. She is just sleeping and taking her rest from her labor. For we read where our Blessed Saviour told his disciples that Lazarus sleepeth and I feel to say with a clean conscience that sister Amburgey was and is one of his blessed children.

I was very much acquainted with sister Amburgey for I belonged to the same church that she belonged to for 17 years, and I have seen her come to fill her seat many times when she would tell me she was hardly able to be on her feet but God blessed her to come and be with us until a few days before her death.

Now, we children have lost a good mother and a faithful sister. Let us all settle down in our minds that we will meet mother again in the sweet bye and bye where she will not have to walk with a cane, where there is no pain nor sickness and where the circle will not be broken any more. I am sure that our mothers are looking for us and if we ever see them again we will have to make our peace with God in this life, for my Bible tells me that as a tree falls so shall it be and if we die in our sins we will be resurrected in our sins. I am sure that if the children and the daughters-in-law have still the same minds that they had on that cold and chilly day when sister Amburgey was taken from the home where she stayed for so many years, as it seems to me now, I can see them in my mind carrying her to where they laid her in the silent dust to take her rest till Jesus comes again.

So, may God spare the children and the neighbors of sister Amburgey and teach them that if they continue in their sins that where God and his son, Jesus Christ, are, they never can appear in peace.

Written by your unworthy brother in hope of eternal life,
HENRYBLAIR, Church Clerk.

MARTHA FIELDS

With an unworthy feeling I undertake to write a short sketch of the life of my sister, Martha Fields, daughter of A. B. and Nancy Kelly. Martha was born about April, 1904, and died November 23, 1935.

It was hardly two months from the time our father died until we saw Martha placed in the earth to await the call of resur-

rection. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Clover Fork, Kentucky, at the same time that our father did. Judging from the prayers she prayed we believe she had been regenerated and born again.

She was the mother of eleven children, seven died in infancy. Three girls and one boy live to morun her loss. She died suddenly after giving birth to a baby who died a few days afterward.

The last time I saw her was at our father's funeral. I have often heard her say, "People ought to pray for one another." Her life was a hard struggle but she never wavered from the faith. She often said that she did not get to attend church as often as she wanted to.

I am going to say to her husband and children that they will have to humble themselves at the feet of Jesus. The same Jesus who pardoned her sins is able to save the whole world. I will do what Job said, "All the days of my appointed life time will I wait till my change comes."

Remember us in your prayers.

By AMBROSE KELLEY and Wife.
(abridged).

ELIZABETH FRAZIER HALCOMB

Elizabeth Frazier Halcomb, daughter of the late Sol Frazier, and wife of S. E. Halcomb, was born March 8, 1856, and deceased October 28, 1935.

She joined the Regular Baptists Church more than forty years before her death and lived a faithful member as long as she lived. She was hurt by reason of a fall several years before her death. This accident left her a cripple and deprived her from attending her church. She requested the preaching brethren to preach in her home as often as they would. Many sermons were preached by her bedside and she rejoiced greatly. She bore her afflictions with great patience and continually expressed her thankfulness that her suffering would end when her natural life ended. She was cared for and respected by her children. After she reached the point where she needed close attention her son, Andrew, was seldom out of the sound of her voice.

She was dearly beloved by all who knew her. Her children, of course, miss her most but we all morun her loss. When we pass the door of her old home that was vacated first by her husband who preceded her in death, and last by her, we feel like their presence should still be there. They are both gone from us but we believe, present with the Lord.

ELDER F. G. FIELDS.

RODA SPENCER

It is with a sad heart that I write an obituary of my dear mother, Roda Spencer, wife of Johnie Spencer, who died April 20, 1929, of gallstone in a Lexington hospital. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom are dead, the others all grown.

She was the daughter of Joel and Rebecca Pratt. Was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for about 15 years before her death.

She had been in ill health for some time, but bore her sickness with patience. Was a kind and faithful mother, never tiring when any of her family was sick. She loved to fill her seat in the Leatherwood Church and to fix for meeting when able, and loved for folks to stay with her. She has been sadly missed in the home, church, and the neighborhood, but we hope our loss is heaven's gain.

By her son,
JOEL SPENCER.
(abridged)

AMANDA CAUDILL

By request of a bereaved daughter I attempt to write a sketch of her mother's life. Amanda Caudill, was a daughter of William Newson. She was born on Beef Hide Creek, Letcher County, Kentucky, April 17, 1873. Died August 20, 1936. Age 63 years, four months and three days. She was married to William Caudill, and unto this union was born two children, one son and a daughter. Her husband preceded her in death. She leaves her two children, a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

About twelve days before her death she was stricken with paralysis and was not able to talk during the time of her illness. She had never joined any church but to the knowledge of the writer she was one among the most orderly walking women that lived. She was greatly interested in the Powell Church and was very faithful in attendance and from expressions which she made to members of the church we are constrained to believe it was her desire and intention to join the little band.

Now in conclusion let me say to the children, you have had to give up mother, you cannot go to mother any more for counsel or comfort but will you try to follow Jesus who can comfort you and lead you to fountains of living water.

By C. C. BATES.

GRANVILLE RIDDLE

It now becomes my sad duty to write the obituary of Brother Granville Riddle, the son of Isom and Susan Riddle, who was preceded in death by father and mother and baby sister, Mattie Riddle. He left to mourn his loss, his dear wife and eight children, three brothers, Lee, John and Jim, and one sister, Nerva, and a host of friends. He was born February 27th, 1871, married to Polly Griffey May 20, 1891. To this union was born 11 children, two died in infancy, the oldest died an adult. He died January 18, 1936. Age 64 years, 10 months and 21 days. He professed a hope and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1912. Was ordained to the full function of the Gospel in 1913. He lived a faithful member and preached the doctrine of Christ and the Apostles. He was always mild and humble and seemed to love everybody and was loved by everybody. But God called him from the battle field.

He said to Uncle Will Cornett, before he died, "My time is spent, your time is short, I will be waiting for you." He said he felt like he had lived the life it took to get there. He said he loved all his children and that he hated to die and leave them. He said, "Bless Johnnie and Alta, they are so far away." So his soul sleeps today in the paradise of God. So children, if you ever expect to meet Father again you must make the preparation in this life and come home in the sweet bye and bye. So brothers, sisters, wife and children, I feel our loss is heaven's gain. So, brothers and sisters in the Lord, pray for us that Zion may travel and add to the kingdom of God such as is saved by grace through faith.

So, Brother John and Sister Nerva, if you ever expect to meet Brother Granville and Sister Polly, Brother James and Dianah and myself and wife and our blessed old mother that joined this old church in 1869, so children one and all let us be looking upward to that great judgment, when everyone shall receive a great recompense of reward.

Written by your unworthy brother,
L. C. RIDDLE.

FRANK CALAHAN

These services are held in loving memory of Frank Calahan, beloved son of Andrew and Lucy Calahan, who was born April 26, 1917, and departed this life March 18, 1936, aged 18 years, 11 months and 8 days.

He was the second of a family of five sons, Rolland, 22, Roy, 16, Dennis, 12, Robert, 4, four of whom with his father and mother are left to mourn an affectionate brother and a loving and

dutiful son.

In addition he leaves a host of relatives and friends. He was a member of the class of 1936 of the Monroe High School, where he was held in high esteem by his teachers and school mates.

Since childhood he had been an attendant of the Sunday School and Church of Franklin. He had been taught to pray at his mother's knee and there has learned from the word of God.

The words of Proverbs, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it," is well exemplified in the life of Frank Calahan, for in his young manhood he followed the precepts learned as a child, was upright and honorable, a thoughtful and obedient son. Although quiet and unassuming his fine character made him many friends who will cherish his memory.

To Frank the Lamb of God has said, "Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." With sorrowing yet trusting hearts we give this well loved son and brother into the care of the all loving Heavenly Father, who notes even the sparrow's fall.

Written by,

EMMA And MARGARET HAZLEWOOD.

GORDON BOGGS

Gordon Boggs was a son of Brother Benson and Sister Rosie Boggs. Gordon was born February 22, 1917, and deceased April 25, 1936. He was nineteen years, two months, and three days old. It is a fact that little Gordon was known to be one of the most sober and gentle of young men in this community. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to his dad and mother, and was willing to take their advice.

His sickness was sudden. He took sick one morning and died the following morning. As they were leaving his home, taking him to the hospital, his mother asked him if he would pray. It seemed that Gordon spent the remainder of his short hours calling on the Lord to have mercy on him and calling on the preaching brothers. And it seemed that the Lord gave him a peaceful hour in which to leave this present world.

Gordon always liked to see good behavior in the place of worship. So, as the scripture says, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

We would have loved to have kept little Gordon, but the Lord needed him more than we.

RILEY FOUTS.

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.

1. 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 contribute to the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of the same, never neglecting the poor, according

to their several abilities.

13. 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 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 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.
1. 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 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 Associations

CARRS FORK—

Elam Hale	Bath, Ky.
James W. Caudill	Carr Creek, Ky.
W. C. Hogg	Cumberland, Ky.
Caleb Creech	Cumberland, Ky.
F. G. Fields	Whitesburg, Ky.
Albert R. York	Whitesburg, Ky.
R. B. Day	Dongola, Ky.
Frank Fugate	Hardburly, Ky.
Robert Combs	Carrie, Ky.
Wm. R. Boggs	Conway, Ky.
Wm. Scott	Cumberland, Ky.
Riley Fouts	Lynch, Ky.
L. C. Riddle	Hot Spot, Ky.
G. M. Caudill	Hallie, Ky.

Indian Bottom Association

Henry B. Caudill	Blackey, Ky.
Roy Whitaker	Hot Spot, Ky.
Thomas Caudill	Holly Bush, Ky.
David R. Caudill	Waynesburg, Ky.
James M. Adams	Jeremiah, Ky.
J. E. Callihan	Conway, Ky.
W. C. Dixon	Mt. Vernon, Ky.
Geo. B. Ison	Defeated Creek, Ky.
N. T. Maggard	Leburn, Ky.
Harden Sloan	Malley, Ky.
W. B. Mullins	Waynesburg, Ky.
C. C. Bates	Waynesburg, Ky.
Ira McKnight	Keokee, Va.
R. L. Baker	Keokee, Va.
Kirby Ison	Jenkins, Ky.
Harrison Williams	West, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Gander, Ky.
Isaac Ritchie	Talcom, Ky.
Dial Williams	Hindman, Ky.

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Henry Blair	Pine Top, Ky.
Hiram Fields	Cumberland, Ky.
B. C. Day	Dongola, Ky.
Ance Engle	Dwarf, Ky.
I. N. Lewis	Whitesburg, Ky.
N. M. Eldridge	Gander, Ky.
G. C. Crase	Blackey, Ky.
Nathanfel B. Smith	May, Ky. (Knott County)
P. H. Whitaker	Delphia, Ky. (Perry County)
A. C. Craft	Millstone, Ky.
Oscar Back	Jeremiah, Ky.
W. C. Dixon	Mt. Vernon, Ky. (Rockcastle County)
Squire Watts	Hallie, Ky.
James Hagans	Sassafras, Ky. (Knott County)
W. B. Pratt	Leburn, Ky. (Knott County)
Neva Bates	Waynesburg, Ky. (Lincoln County)
H. H. Dixon	High Splint, Ky.
James Whitaker	Roxana, Ky.
Crit Eldridge	Gander, Ky.
Wilbourn Turner	Kenvie, Ky. (Harlan County)
W. E. Woodard	Leona Mines, Va. (Lee County)
Dial Williams	Hindman, Ky. (Knott County)

TABLE OF STATISTICS
NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

	Rec'd by experi- ence and baptism	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed by letter	Recommendation	Died	Membership	Meeting time	Contribution
Carrs Fork—Nick Everidge, Wilson Seals, Wm. Smith, W. M. Hale and James W. Caudill	15	1	0	1	1	0	1	111	4	\$ 8.00
Poor Fork—W. C. Hogg, Jeff Whitaker, Jim Creech, Cobb Creech and Bradley Gilliam	2			2	1			124	3	4.00
Big Cowan—F. G. Fields, D. B. Day Isaac Fields, W. E. Brown and David Maggard	11	1	1	2	5		5	132	4	12.00
Clear Creek—Frank Fugate, Ance Engle, Robert Combs, Frances Owens and Green Williams	9		7			7	2	103	3	5.00
Oven Fork—Wm. R. Boggs, Wm. Scott, Riley Fonts, E. H. Stidham and I. N. Lewis	12	6	1	1			5	96	2	5.35
Big Leatherwood—L. C. Riddle, N. M. Elderidge, Jim Pratt, Elijah Cornett and Reuben Riddle	8	3	1	2	1		1	62	2	3.00
Indian Bottom—G. C. Crase, Leander Eldridge, Dawson Dixon, Roy Whitaker and G. M. Caudill	2	1	1				3	67	1	5.00
Mallet Fork—Richard Vance, Henderson Collins, Ira Honeycut, Thomas Caudill and N. B. Smith	8					2		32	2	4.00

Hurricane Gap—Ell Shepherd, R. C. Shepherd, Johnny Whitaker and P. H. Whitaker		1	1	1	1		4	36	2	2.35
Sandlick—A. C. Craft, Ben Franklin, Jesse Cornett, Tip Delph, John Collins and David Caudill	1			1			3	32	3	5.40
Doty Creek—Mose Adams, John Hampton, Alva Caudill, Oscar Back and Wesley Caudill	9							46	2	5.00
Conway—W. R. Boggs, J. E. Callihan, Enoch Blair, W. C. Dixon and David Callihan	1							15	1	3.00
Cedar Grove—George Bolson, Squire Watts, Alamander Whitaker, Hiram Campbell and Bill Caudill					1			32	4	3.80
Little Home—Joe Hagan, L. D. Francis, Richard Morton, Millard Morton and John Collins	8	4			1	1	1	59	1	5.00
New Home—S. D. Maggard, John P. Sloan, L. C. Sloan and Hiram Watts	3	3				1	2	59	2	5.00
Powell—Henry Sims, Perry Tackett, C. C. Bates, David Caudill and W. R. Boggs								42	3	4.85
Clover Fork—Ira McKnight, J. H. Brewer and L. H. Creech	1			2	1		2	60	1	3.50
Ingrams Creek—James Whitaker, Tip Cornett and George Whitaker		1				1	1	32	1	2.70
James Memorial—Preston Eldridge, John Eldridge, Noah Eldridge, Crit Eldridge and H. D. Caudill				1				18	3	3.00
Pilgrim's Rest—G. B. Cloud and Evan Cloud	2							20	4	2.00
Meadow Fork—Milton Napier, Levi Collins, Claud Flenor, Ambrose Kelly			2	1				19	2	2.00
New Bethlehem—Harrison Williams, Isaac Ritchie and Abner Combs	7	1						19	1	2.00
TOTAL	99	22	14	14	13	10	31	1224	51	\$96.95

