

MINUTES OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BAPTISTS OF
JESUS CHRIST

Fifty-first Annual Session



HELD WITH THE
BIG COWAN CHURCH
Day, Letcher County, Kentucky

September 6, 7, and 8, 1946.

PROCEEDINGS

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ in session assembled with the Big Cowan Church, Day, Letcher County, Kentucky, Friday, Sept. 6, 7, and 8, 1946.

Met under the trees near the Church house. After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Riley Fouts the introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. R. Caudill from Prov. 11:14. "In a multitude of counsellors there is safety." Then the delegates retired to the church house. After singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder F. A. Hopkins proceeded to business as follows:

1. The house was called to order by the Moderator, who then called for the letters from the several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association which were handed in to the clerk. By move and second one letter was read by the assistant clerk. Then all were received and delegates seated as shown in the table of statistics. All queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by electing Elder G. M. Caudill, Moderator. Elder Caleb Creech, Assistant Moderator, Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk, and Elder Kirby Ison, Assistant Clerk.

3. In order to redeem time the reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith was omitted.

4. Called for newly constituted churches and received none.

5. Called for letters from corresponding sister associations and received one from New Salem Association by the hands of her delegates to-wit: Elders F. A. Hopkins, Jerry Hall, Squire Hamilton, Billy Moore, Sam Justice, E. V. Hopkins, Jesse Osborne, C. F. Conn, J. P. Hall and Jack Hall, and Brothers Levi Page, David McCown and Ermine Hall.

One from the Union Association by the hands of her delegates to wit: S. T. Wright, D. C. Church, W. T. Swindall, R. L. Baker, W. F. Hubbard and Henry Webb.

And one from the Thornton Union Association by the hands of her delegates to-wit: Elders W. B. Hall, T. R. Collier, Clay Crase and Dewey Sexton with file of minutes from each association.

6. Called for transient ministers and members and received Wilburn Caudill, Charles Cornett, Sidney Johnson, George Paragon, J. M. Webb, Tip Cornett, F. F. Sumner, A. J. Bates, H. G. Blair, M. D. Collier, Kelly Osborne, and Willie Bates.

7. On motion the moderator was authorized to make all

temporary appointments during this session of the Association.

8. Appointed a committee on ministry consisting of one delegate from each church with all the delegates from Big Cowan Church to-wit: Hiram Amburgey, Dan Gibson Willie Mullins, Manis Ison, A. C. Craft, Nick Everidge, Willie Fields, Nathaniel Young, Henry Raleigh, Squire Eldridge, John Back, Millard Seals, W. G. Caudill, Silas Cox, J. H. Brewer, Claude Fleenor, Charlie Gibson, Milton Napier, A. J. Croger, V. T. Caudill, H. D. Caudill, L. D. Francis, Squire Watts, Sam Combs, Tip Cornett, Dan Noble, J. W. Pratt, Silas Combs, Silas Caudill, D. D. Holcomb, F. G. Fields, Isaac W. Fields, W. E. Brown, Dan Day and John D. Ison.

9. Appointed same committee on arrangements as on ministry except just one delegate from Big Cowan Church.

10. On motion Elders Kirby Ison, H. D. Caudill and Bro. Dawson Dixon were chosen to write corresponding letters to our sister associations: The New Salem, Union and Thornton Union.

11. Called on the Committee on ministry to report who reported the following ministers to be on the stand Saturday: 1. Francis Hubbard; 2. T. R. Collier; 3. Wm. Madden; 4. G. B. Adams and 5. F. A. Hopkins.

12. On motion the association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 7, 1946

Met pursuant to adjournment; after singing by congregation and prayer by Elder Charles Cornett, proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Called for transient ministers and members and received G. B. Adams, Kelly Fields and G. D. Crase.
3. Ministers chosen to be on the stand were excused.
4. Called on the committee on arrangements to report whose report was as follows: 1. In regard to the query from Little Zion Church. We, the Committee, do agree and advise this church that the only way by which Boone Cornett can be received into the fellowship of the Church must be by experience and baptism, which report was accepted and adopted by the association. 2. The report of the committee in regard to the query from Little Home Church was rejected by the Association. Then by move and second the association ruled and adopted: That if a man put his wife away for fornication and marry another he may receive or retain his fellowship in the

church and also his credentials to officiate in the ordinances of the Gospel.

5. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of D. R. Caudill, J. W. Pratt and Leonard Whitaker who reported the sum of \$197.10 contributed by the several churches. By move and second Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 3000 minutes and reserve 100 copies for each corresponding association. The Union, New Salem and Thornton Union. By move and second the Association authorized that the clerk receive a fee of \$35.00 for his service.

6. Appointed same committee on ministry as of yesterday who reported the following ministers to preach at the stand Sunday. 1. Ted Swindall; 2. W. C. Hogg; 3. Caleb Creech; 4. G. M. Caudill.

7. The request from the Tolson Creek Church asking for a letter of dismission from this Association, in order that they may join the Thornton Union Association, was read. Then by move and second the request was rejected by this association.

8. The letters to our sister associations were read and received and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

To the New Salem; Caleb Creech, George Hagans, L. D. Francis, Henry Blair, T. G. Cook, Morell Slone, Hiram Amburgey and Joe Hagans. To the Union: Caleb Creech, George Hagans, Felix Fields, W. C. Hogg, L. D. Francis, W. E. Logan, A. C. Craft.

To the Thornton Union: Kirby Ison, W. E. Brown, George Hagans, Saleb Creech, L. D. Francis, Hiram Amburgey, W. C. Hogg, Silas Caudill, Tip Cornett and A. C. Craft.

9. Called on brethren who were to attend Union meetings to report. They reported and those who failed to attend were excused.

10. Called on the treasurer to report whose report was as follows:

Sept. 1, 1946 received from former Treasurer	\$22.74
Contributed by the several churches	\$183.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$206.54
Expenditures for the years 1945-46:	
Sept. 14, 1945, L. D. Francis to Union	\$ 3.50
Dec. 8, 1945, Mountain Eagle, Printing Minutes	150.00
Feb. 19, 1946, Mountain Eagle, Mailing Minutes	6.00
Clerk's Fee	35.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$194.50
Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$12.04

11. Appointed Union Meetings as shown under that heading.

12. Called on Elder C. C. Bates who was appointed last year to write a circular letter, to report. The letter was handed in by Bro. Willie Mullins, as Bro. Bates wasn't present due to ill health. The letter was read and received by the association to be printed in our minutes.

13. On motion Elder Sam Combs was appointed to write a circular letter for the 1947 session of this association.

14. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Oven Fork Church, Partridge, Letcher County, Kentucky, to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1947 and continue the two following days.

15. On motion Elder J. W. Pratt was appointed to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Dixie Ison to be his alternate.

16. On motion the Association ordered that members who receive letters of admission shall not hold same longer than three months except in cases of sickness or misfortune.

17. On motion the association was closed by prayer by Elder Caleb Creech and adjourned to the time and place of our next association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER G. M. CAUDILL, Moderator

ELDER CALEB CREECH, Assistant Moderator

BRO. DAWSON DIXON, Clerk

ELDER KIRBY ISON, Assistant Clerk.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 8, 1946

The brethren to preach at the stand on Sunday, met a large and well behaved audience of people and preached as follows:

1st. Elder J. W. Pratt introduced the services as Elder Ted Swindall was not present.

2. Elder W. C. Hogg, Text Cor. 15:47. The first man is from the earth, earthy.

3. Elder Caleb Creech, Text St. John 3:16, For God so loved the world, etc.

4. Elder G. M. Caudill. Text 2nd Tim. 4:2, Preach the word.

The brethren were wonderfully blessed to preach to a large congregation. Every one were very attentive, and well behaved. The preaching was in harmony and those present were made to say surely it was good for us to be there.

This Association wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to

the good people of Cowan Creek and the surrounding community for the hospitality shown us. Surely they will receive many fold blessings for their kindness. So may God's blessings rest upon us all till we meet in another session of The Indian Bottom Association.

DAWSON DIXON, Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

MAY, 1947

LITTLE HOME CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Hays Shepherd, G. M. Caudill, W. C. Hogg, and Caleb Creech.

POOR FORK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: George Hagans, Dixie Ison, J. W. Pratt and H. D. Caudill.

JUNE 1947

DRY FORK CHURCH: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Dan Noble, John D. Ison and A. J. Bates.

NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Morell Slone, Frank Fugate, Martin Patrick, and Charles Baldrige.

LITTLE DANIEL CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Tip Cornett, A. J. Bates, and Henry Blair.

LITTLE DOVE CHURCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Bob Baker, W. C. Hogg, Kirby Ison and Charles Cornett.

MALLET FORK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Dan Gibson, N. W. Meade, Willie Tolliver, T. R. Collier, Kirby Ison and Wesley Caudill.

HOOVER HILL CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: L. D. Francis, F. G. Fields, George Hagans and Willie Madden.

CARR'S FORK CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Kirby Ison, Caleb Creech, Dave Maggard, W. C. Hogg and Tip Cornett.

BIG COWAN CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: George Hagans, L. D. Francis, Caleb Creech and W. G. Caudill.

JULY 1947

INGRAMS CREEK CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: J. W. Pratt, H. D. Caudill and W. G. Hogg.

BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: H. D. Caudill, G. M. Caudill George

Hagans, and Parris Hagans.

MEADOW FORK CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Caleb Creech, and F. G. Fields.

NEW HOME CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: George Hagans, L. D. Francis, Parris Hagans, Joe Hagans, Charles Cornett and Kirby Ison.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Caleb Creech, Tip Cornett, Bob Baker, Kirby Ison and Charles Cornett.

SANDLICK CHURCH — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Dan Noble, Nelson Seals and W. C. Hogg.

POWELL CHURCH — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Beckham Fields, Dan Gibson, T. G. Bates, A. J. Bates, Willie Bates and Crit Eldridge.

REYNOLDS FORK CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: A. J. Bates, Mat Webb, John Sexton and Kirby Ison.

AUGUST, 1947.

CONWAY CHURCH — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: Caleb Creech, Hays Shepherd, G. M. Caudill and F. G. Fields.

OVEN FORK CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders to attend: L. D. Francis, Parris Hagans, George Paragon, Francis Hubbard and F. G. Fields.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association:

Having been appointed to write a Circular Letter for your inspection, I will try to comply with your request by addressing you from Zechariah 9:11—"As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant, I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water."

The first thing I would have you notice that the covenant here referred to is the covenant entered into between God the father and the Son in behalf of man or Adam and all his posterity who by the transgression of Adam became transgressors, a depraved and fallen generation, and as a result the penalty of death was pronounced. Both soul and body were subjected to death. The soul to death in trespasses and sins and the body to a natural death.

Now we must admit that God, the great law giver is a holy being and that any law coming from him is holy and he the law-giver demands obedience to his law, but, Adam did not obey or keep the law, but, rather disobeyed and brought sin and death upon him and all his posterity.

Adam, the legal representative of the human family, by the fall became involved in sin, both soul and body, and thereby lost his ability to keep the divine law of God.

We see him (Adam) in his fallen condition a chief wrath and not a child of promise, and before this man, corrupted, sinful and fallen could ever be reinstated to his original standing before God, the law must be fulfilled and the penalty paid.

We see that the first man, Adam violated the law, so he was not able to satisfy the demand of the divine law which he had violated. Now in accordance with the covenant between God and the Son, the son takes human nature and thereby assumes the low place of the first man, Adam, in order to redeem man from under the law. In order to accomplish the redemption of men, Christ must become a perfect man and perform the work of mediator between God and man, in order that a reconciliation be made between them, (God and Man) The Apostle says, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. We conclude that Jesus Christ was not only a mediator between God and Adam, but, between the entire human family and God also.

In obedience to the conditions of the covenant, Christ, the son of God, comes unto the world and says to the father, sacrifice an offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me.

He took not on him the nature of angels, but, he took on himself the seed of Abraham. He was born of a woman made under the law to redeem them that was under the law. We see him approaching Mt. Calvary to make the offering of his body and blood, for without the shedding blood there is no remission.

When he was nailed to the Cross, the sun refused to shine and soon he cried with a loud voice, "It is finished." I have offered my body and this my blood of the covenant, the demand of the law has been met, and now Father into thy hands I commend my Spirit.

The Bible teaches that he by the grace of God tasted death for every man.

He gave his blood of the covenant by which God said, he sent forth the prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. That blood yet has its cleansing energy, and God's will is that all come to repentance. The love of God is so great that His mercy is extended to poor sinners and a privilege given for them to turn from darkness into light, to repent a godly sorrow for sin, that their souls may be cleansed by the washing of regeneration, for sinners can be justified before God

only through the atoning merits of Jesus Christ.
Brethren and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association,
if I am never blessed to meet you again on earth I hope to
meet you in heaven where afflictions, pain nor death can
enter.

Yours in bonds and afflictions,

—C. C. BATES.

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, the Son and the 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 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 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 of inability of man 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 that 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 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, the Son and the 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 there unto.

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 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 as to make God partial directly or indirectly 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 with 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 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 same.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission of the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty to laugh during the sitting of the 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 names of the several members shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association may require.

11. 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.

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 casting 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 Union 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 them in 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 full number in 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 powers over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of 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 the 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 repre-

sentation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by the church to the Association, being first debated in their own churches 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 it 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 before the Association arises.

14. Amendment to this plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they 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 the majority of the members present except in receiving and dismissing churches and 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 churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; inquiry 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 to adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

OBITUARIES

CALLIE MAGGARD

Callie Maggard was born April 7, 1901, died March 24, 1946. She was married to Franklin Maggard October 3, 1919. To this union was born two daughters and one son, Bertha, Edith and Earl all still living.

She was converted August 12, 1930 and joined the Bethel Church of Old Regular Baptists, October 9, 1938 and was baptized November 13, 1938.

She lived a true Christian life and always attended her meetings when able to do so, but was sick quite a lot of her time which deprived her of attending her meetings as she wished to do. But she liked for her brothers and sisters of the church to visit her and talk of Heaven and Heavenly things, and also wanted them to sing and when there were any ministers present, she wanted them to pray and preach.

She lived a life that was a light to her children and neighbors and neighbor's children and was always giving them good advice.

On the fourth Sunday in March, when she was so very sick, she called for the preachers and brothers and sisters to come. After they come, she asked them to sing the song "Give me Jesus", and while they were singing the song she passed from this world of trouble to her sweet home above.

While she was living and able to be up, she wrote part of her own obituary as it is written below and placed it where she thought her children would find it and reads as follows:

"Oh, if you all outlive me and find this have it put in t minute. Dh, children, always be good and try to live and serve the Lord for He is wonderful. What would it be to gain the whole world and lose your soul? So children, beg and plead to the Lord to just let you all live with him. For a home in Heaven means sweet Jesus will be coming after your soul when death comes, and when you get to Heaven, there will be no sorrow, nor trouble there, it will be full of joy and happiness, but Oh, Lord, just look what it would be if you die in your sins. Oh that awful lake that burns with fire and brimstone for ever and ever, no end. So blessed children, try to live for the Lord. Tell sweet Daddy the same. God loves every one that will call on him in the right way, for he loves all his children.

I know I have tried hard to live for the Lord, and have seen nothing but trouble in this world, but when I die and leave this world, I don't want no one to worry about me, just give thanks and praise God for giving me a home so I can live

where there will be no sorrow, no pains, no trouble or sickness. There everybody will be happy.

Oh,, I rather have one hour with my Lord than a whole year here in this world. For we who try to live for the Lord don't see nothing but trouble. So Papa, Bertha, Edith, Earl all try to meet me up in Haaven above.

Every one try to remember the advice I have always given you, and Oh, how I want you to everyone try to live for the Lord. He sure has helped me to bear my sickness and troubles. No one knows what I went through with but the Lord and I, and I feel like I have a home prepared for me and ready to go any minute the Lord calls me. So my dear husband, children may God take care of you all, and let us meet in Heaven above Oh, what a happy day that will be up there.

—CALLIE.

ELIZABETH MADDIN

It is with sadness that I'll attempt to write an obituary of my dear mother, Elizabeth Maddin. She was born May 19th. 1863, age 83 years, 4 months and 17 days old. Departed this life Oct. 5, 1945. She was married to Jackson Maddin and to this union was born 12 children, 2 preceded them in infant age. So it was 10 grown-ups of age. Then by the enemy of death, five more were taken. So it left a father and five children and a host of grand children to mourn the loss of a good mother. She was so good and kind to everybody that I don't think she ever had an enemy.

She joined the Little Home Church in 1939. She lived a good and kind christian life, always. She loved to see the time for her to go to church until she was taken sick. She was ill for about five months. Then she was called from us. It was so sad to give up an aged mother, that had lived a life so good and kind to her children. She was all the time thinking of Dad, wanting us children to take care of him. So one evening she told us she was sick, wanted us to help her if we could but nothing we could do wouldn't do her any good. So she finally went to sleep. She was quite ill about 9:00 o'clock, then she awoke and told us that there was a dead woman in the house, and I told her that there wasn't. She said it was and it was her. She died at 6 o'clock and was taken in the prettiest place she ever saw, it was filled with little children and they were so pretty. She wanted to go back. She asked dad and all the children to meet her in that Beautiful home. So I aim to meet her again if it is the Lord's will and I hope

the others children and grand children will live the life that it takes to meet her again.

Written by—

—MRS. IDA AMBURGEY.

MATTIE GILLEY

It is with a sad heart that we try with the help of my Saviour to write a short sketch of the life of my dear Mother, Mattie Gilley. She was the daughter of Ronald and Martha Adams. She was born March 27, 1881, age 65 years, nine months) days. She was married to Steve Gilley and to this union was born ten children, 6 girls, four boys, Marion, Howard, James, and Londie Gilley; Mrs. Alice W. Day, Mrs. Callie Hampton, Mrs. Reaniva Caudill, Mrs. Meldie Stanford, Mrs. Allie Boggs, Miss Edna Gilley, all living except Edna, who died in infancy. We feel the loss of a dear and loving mother.

She also leaves a good Christian husband, three brothers and two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

She was a hard working woman, and loved by all who knew her. She joined the Regular Baptist Church in her early days—she lived a true and faithful member until her death.

She had two sons who went through the battles of World War II and we thank God one got back home in time to see her again before she had to go, and the other one came home about a month after her death, and we hope and pray he will see her again in the sweet by and by, and children we can all see her again, if we will put all our trust in Jesus, just as mother has always taught us.

We believe our loss is her eternal gain. Sleep on Mother, until we meet again.

Written, by her daughter—

—MRS. CALLIE HAMPTON.

NANCY MULLINS

Nancy Mullins, the subject of this sketch, born Oct. 1, 1870, Died Sept. 21, 1945. Age 74 years, 11 months and 20 days. She was a daughter of Wilson Caudill and Mahaly Caudill. She was married to Eld. W. B. Mullins April 12, 1896 and unto this union was born ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Five sons and two daughters still survive.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, 1916, and lived a faithful Christian life until death. She was a model Christian, a pious mother, a kind and affectionate friend and neighbor. She was loved by all who knew her.

She had left her seven children, three step-children, four

sisters, and many relatives and friends to mourn on account of her death, but, we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. Now to her children and especially to those that have never made peace with God, consider the consecrated life your precious mother lived and that she has received a reward that can never be taken away from her. Close in with the offered mercies of God, beg to him for pardon that you all might meet in heaven where no happiness, where no sick beds are seen, where no deaths nor separation ever come in that glorious heaven above the skies.

Written by—

—C. C. BATES.

(By request of her children).

N. M. ELDRIDGE

It is with much loneliness and a broken heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my loving husband, N. M. Eldridge.

He was born Dec. 16, 1891. He died Nov. 3, 1945, age 54 years, 10 months, and 17 days. He was married to Cora Day July 4, 1909. To this union was born 12 children, 7 boys and 5 girls. One boy and one girl died in infancy. His wife, 10 children, an aged father, and 4 brothers are left to mourn his loss, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. He was kind to everybody. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, the first Sunday in April, 1928. He was baptized by Elder Buddy Caudill the first Sunday in May, 1928 at the Indian Bottom Church. He was ordained a deacon in May, 1930. He lived to see his oldest daughter, Vergie, baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was sick for two years. He often called his brethren in to pray and preach. One day when he was smothering so bad he told Vergie he saw a little girl and she came and laid her hands on him. He said he knew she was coming again after him. Oh, what a lonesome home we have to go there and can't see papa any more. He told me he was just waiting for the Lord to call him out of his suffering and all he dreaded was the sting of death, but he hated to leave his family in this cold hearted world, and he wanted us all to put our trust in the good Lord and he would take care of us, but oh, how we do miss him. It was on the third morning of November, 1945 when the Death Angel entered our home and took his tired spirit to rest with his little family that had gone on before. Our home is so lonesome—only those who have had this ex-

perience know how much we do miss him.

He was a good father. He would call his children to his bedside and give them such good advice and ask them to meet him on the other short. He is just resting from his labor. Children I want you to try and meet him. More and more each day we miss him. Friends may think the wound is healed, but they little know the sorrow that lives in our hearts concealed. —Written by his Wife and Children.

THEE EVERIDGE

With much unworthy feelings I will try to write an obituary of Thee Everidge. He was born Aug. 11, 1874, deceased Dec. 8, 1945, being 51 years and 4 months old when he took his departure from this life—leaving a wife and five children to mourn his loss, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain, as he professed a hope in Christ and his desire was that he would get well enough to be at the Carrs Fork Church and join and be baptised as he was shown in a vision he said he saw in his vision he joined the Church and was baptised by Elder Henry Blair and he hoped to see the time he would get well enough to do as the Lord had shown him. I, the writer went to his place some several times and had church for him and he told me that he saw the heavens open and me and him was walking the golden streets which was the most beautiful place he ever saw and said I have no doubts but what we will be together at that home.

So may God bless his children and companion prepare to meet him in that world where no sickness ever can come is

the prayer of your unworthy writer—by Elder Henry Blair. Composed by Bro.

—NICK EVERIDGE.

PARIS CLEVELAND MULLINS

It is with a sad heart I try to write an obituary of my loving husband. Paris Cleveland Mullins. He was the son of Martha Mullins was born June the 30th, 1888. Died June 19th, 1945, age 56 years, 11 months and 19 days old.

He was married to Nola Mullins May the 20th, 1933 and to this union was born two children, first James Arlington Mullins born April 1st, 1935 who preceded him in death. Second Clara Ellen Mullins born Jan. 23, 1940.

Jeane, as he was known, was a good kind and loving husband, father and friend and was loved by all who knew him. He was just sick about three months. He bore his suffering with patience. We took him to the Hospital in Charlottes-

ville, Va. he was there over three weeks. While he was there he seemed to see some men up in Heaven and they had their Bibles open and looking in them. I asked him where he thought he was and he said he was standing on the earth looking in at them. He said I feel like I'm alright, then a few days before he died he looked at me so pleasing and said I never was much to worry about the dead and I don't want no worrying about me. All I want is home and to go to church and hear preaching and if I get able I want to be baptized. I asked him who he wanted to baptise him and he said, just any of the baptist ministers. I asked him what church he wanted to attach himself to and he said, we might as well be together, and I belong to the Maple Grove of Old Regular Baptists.

I never will forget that sweet humble look and words he said to me. I never will forget how he looked when the last breath left him, it seemed that he had his eyes set on me. I miss him so much, I feel like he is at rest while I am left here in this troublesome world with one little girl. I hope to meet him where parting will be no more. He said, It won't be long till you will come on after me.

Written by his wife—

—MRS. NOLA MULLINS.

Ordained Ministers

Henry Blair	Pinetop, Ky.
Wm. B. Smith	Litt Carr, Ky.
Caleb Creech	Cumberland, Ky.
David Maggard	Cumberland, Ky.
W. C. Hogg	Cumberland, Ky.
Denver Blair	Cumberland, Ky.
F. G. Fields	Partridge, Ky.
D. B. Day	Dongola, Ky.
John D. Ison	Oscalooza, Ky.
Hays Shepherd	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Harrison Boggs	Kings Creek, Ky.
Albert York	Whitesburg, Ky.
Silas Frazier	Dongola, Ky.
Frank Fugate	Fisty, Ky.
Martin Patrick	Tina, Ky.
Mønder Yonts	Hazard, Ky.
Riley Fouts	Partridge, Ky.
Lawrence Sumpter,	Partridge, Ky.

L. C. Riddle Premium, Ky.
 J. W. Pratt Cornettsville, Ky.
 Dixie Ison Cornettsville, Ky.
 G. M. Caudill Hallie, Ky.
 Roy Whitaker Premium, Ky.
 W. C. Dixon Hyden, Ky.
 Thomas Caudill Holly Bush, Ky.
 Willie Madden Benham, Ky.
 Evan Cloud McWhorten, Ky.
 Estes Cornett Evarts, Ky.
 Troy Shepherd Gordon, Ky.
 A. C. Craft Millstone, Ky.
 James Caudill Dayton, O.
 Wesley Caudill Letcher, Ky.
 James M. Adams Jeremiah, Ky.
 Alva Caudill Jeremiah, Ky.
 H. B. Whitaker Waynesburg, Ky.
 Howard Caudill Jeremiah, Ky.
 D. R. Caudill Waynesburg, Ky.
 George B. Ison Skyline, Ky.
 L. D. Francis Red Fox, Ky.
 George Hagans Vicco, Ky.
 Paris Hagans Red Fox, Ky.
 Joe Hagans Red Fox, Ky.
 Millard Morton Smithsboro, Ky.
 N. T. Maggard Leburn, Ky.
 Dan Gibson Vest, Ky.
 C. C. Bates Waynesburg, Ky.
 W. B. Mullins Crab Orchard, Ky. Rt. 1.
 David Boggs Highsplint, Ky.
 Kirby Ison Whitesburg, Ky.
 H. D. Caudill Carcassonne, Ky.
 Crit Eldridge Carcassonne, Ky.
 Beckham Fields Carcassonne, Ky.
 James Fields Carcassonne, Wy.
 H. B. Fouts Skyline, Ky.
 Ira McKnight Keokee, Va.
 Harrison Williams Vest, Ky.
 Dan Noble Anco, Ky.
 Isom Ritchie Talcum, Ky.
 Charlie Gibson Colson, Ky.
 Wm. Tyree Crown, Ky.
 Nathaniel Young Crown, Ky.
 Nelson Seals Carr Creek, Ky.

Elam Hale	Bath, Ky.
Morrell Slone	Garner, Ky.
Tip Cornett	Blackey, Ky.
W. T. Francis	Summon, Ind.
Dewey Hampton	Red Fox, Ky.
Baxter Bolling	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Sam Combs	Jeff, Ky.
Austin Combs	Diablock, Ky.
Walker Chaney	Jeff, Ky.

Church Clerks and Addresses

Carr's Fork—J. J. Sparkman	Litt Carr, Ky.
Poor Fork—Flora Gilliam	Cumberland, Ky.
Big Cowan—W. E. Brown	Whitesburg, Ky.
Clear Creek—Mander Yonts	Hazard, Ky.
Oven Fork—Lawrence Jenkins	Partridge, Ky.
Big Leatherwood—Floyd Huff	Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom—Dawson Dixon	Blackey, Ky.
Mallett Fork—Willie Fields	May, Ky.
Hurricane Gap—P. H. Whitaker	Delphia, Ky.
Sandlick—A. C. Craft	Millstone, Ky.
Doty Creek—Oscar Back	Jeremiah, Ky.
Conway—V. T. Caudill	Eubank, Ky.
Cedar Grove—Squire Watts	Hallie, Ky.
Little Home—James Hagan	Sassafras, Ky.
New Home—Charles Baldrige	Leburn, Ky.
Powell—Willie Mullins	Crab Orchard, Ky.
Ingrams Creek—James Whitaker	Roxana, Ky.
James Memorial—James D. Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.
Clover Fork—J. H. Bewer	Highsplint, Ky.
Meadow Fork—Milton Napier	Keokee, Va.
New Bethlehem—Jennie Fugate,	Talcum, Ky.
Little Daniel—Watson Sexton	Colson, Ky.
Maple Grove—Troy Engle	Eolia, Ky.
Dry Fork—Reeda Tyree	Crown, Ky.
Reynolds Fork—Morrell Slone	Garner, Ky.
Little Bethlehem—Monroe Couch	Amburgey, Ky.
Tolson Creek—Ted Crase	Roxana, Ky.
Little Dove—Sam Combs	Sassafras, Ky.
Hoover Hill—Ambros Kelley	Keokee, Va.
Little Zion—Mason Whitaker	Viper, Ky.

STATISTICS

Names of Churches and Delegates

- CARRS FORK—Henry Blair, Wm. B. Smith, D. H. Tolliver, Nick Everidge and J. M. Blair.
- POOR FORK—W. C. Hogg, Caleb Creech, Bradley Gilliam, Manis Ison, and Wilson Eldridge.
- BIG COWAN—F. G. Fields, Isaac W. Fields, W. E. Brown, Dan Day and John D. Ison.
- CLEAR CREEK—Francis Owens, Ance Engle, Silas Combs, Frank Fugate and Mander Yonts.
- OVEN FORK — David Standifer, Herman Collier, France Maggard, Jack Crogur and Riley Fouts.
- BIG LEATHERWOOD—W. P. Pratt, J. W. Pratt, Dixie Ison, Reuben Riddle and Bob Logan.
- INDIAN BOTTOM—G. M. Caudill, G. C. Crase, Silas Caudill, Leonard Whitaker and Dawson Dixon.
- MALLETT FORK—Willie Fields, Denver Tolliver, Hershel Sturgill, K. Anderson and T. G. Cook.
- HURRICANE GAP—Willie Madden, Estes Cornett, D. D. Holcomb and H. C. Cornett.
- SAND LICK—A. C. Craft, Steve Cornett, Curt Caudill, J. D. Hampton, and Elzie Franklin.
- DOTY CREEK—Mose Adams, Sylvester Jent, John Back, Monroe Caudill and Alva Caudill.
- CONWAY — D. R. Caudill, Mrs. J. E. Callahan, V. T. Caudill, Amanda Caudill and J. P. Callahan.
- CEDAR GROVE — G. B. Ison, Squire Watts, Manon Holcomb, A. Whitaker and Harve Whitaker.
- LITTLE HOME—Joe Hagans, George Hagans, Millard Morton, L. D. Francis and Lewis Day.
- NEW HOME—Dan Gibson, Harlan Watts, R. G. Sparkman, M. V. Slone and Charles Baldrige.
- POWELL — A. L. Eldridge, Dewey Fields, W. B. Mullins, A. C. Caudill and Willie Mullins.
- CLOVER FORK — J. H. Brewer, Billie Stanton, Shelby Griffith, Paul Clutts, and Grover Hamblin.

- INGRAMS CREEK—James Whitaker, George Whitaker,
Susan Whitaker, and Silas Cox.
- JAMES MEMORIAL — H. D. Caudill, Beckham Fields, James
D. Fields, Green Fields, and John Eldridge.
- MEADOW FORK—Ira McKnight and Milton Napier.
- NEW BETHLEHEM—Harrison Williams, Grover Patrick,
Dan Noble, and Isaac Creech.
- LITTLE DANIEL—Charlie Gibson, George Atkins, Blaine
Amburgey, John Madden and J. R. Maggard.
- MAPLE GROVE—Henry Raleigh, Martha Engle, Troy Engle,
Geneva Roberts and Cordelia Stidham.
- DRY FORK—Nathaniel Young and Jesse Cornett.
- REYNOLDS FORK—Elam Hale, Nelson Seals, Morrell Slone,
John P. Amburgey and Millard Seals.
- LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Hiram Amburgey, Emory Reedy,
Monroe Couch, Sol Mullins and George Combs.
- TOLSON CREEK—W. R. Crase, Cleveland Fields, Cleveland
Stephens, Frazier Hampton and Ted Crase.
- LITTLE DOVE—W. G. Caudill, Jimmie Caudill, Squire Eld-
ridge, W. T. Francis and Dewey Hampton.
- HOOVER HILL—Hays Shepherd, Claude Fleenor, Ambrose
Kelley and Mary Kelley.
- LITTLE ZION — Sam Combs, Mason Whitaker, Brint Logan,
Carson Cornett and John Mullins.

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 greetings, 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, received 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

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 of State of

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

Done and signed by order of church,

Elder Moderator

Brother Clerk

Table of Statistics

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Rec. by Ex. & Bapt.	Rec. by Letter	Rec by Restoration	Rec. by Recomm.	Died	Dis. by Letter.....	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Money Sent
1. Carr's Fork	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	93	4	\$8.00
2. Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	104	3	10.00
3. Big Cowan	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	162	4	10.00
4. Clear Creek	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	85	3	5.00
5. Oven Fork	0	0	0	0		1	1	131	2	10.00
6. Big Leatherwood	4	0	0	0		1	1	91	2	8.00
7. Indian Bottom.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	58	1	10.00
8. Mallet Fork	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	3	5.50
9. Hurricane Gap	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	43	2	5.00
10. Sandlick	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	38	3	10.00
11. Doty Creek	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	95	2	10.00
12. Conway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2	5.00
13. Cedar Grove	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	4	4.10
14. Little Home	10	1	0	0	3	1	0	113	1	10.00
15. New Home	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	53	2	5.00
16. Powell	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	52	3	6.00
17. Clover Fork	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	59	1	5.00
18. Ingrams Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	1	8.50
19. James Memorial .	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	3	5.00
20. Meadow Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0		6	2	2.00
21. New Bethlehem ...	0	1	0	0	0	0		39	1	5.00
22. Little Daniel	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	48	2	7.00
23. Maple Grove	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	3	5.00
24. Dry Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	3.00
25. Little Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	23	2	6.00
26. Reynolds Fork ...	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	7.00
27. Tolson Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	4	6.00
28. Little Dove	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	36	3	5.00
29. Hoover Hill	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	4.00
30. Little Zion	5	1	0	0	1	1	0	99	2	6.00

