

MINUTES OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BAPTISTS OF
JESUS CHRIST

Fifty-Second Annual Session



HELD WITH THE
OVEN FORK CHURCH
Partridge, Letcher County, Kentucky

September 5, 6, and 7, 1947

Friday Morning, Sept. 5, 1947

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ in session assembled with the Oven Fork Church, Partridge, Letcher County, Kentucky Sept. 5, 6, and 7, 1947. After singing by the congregation, some touching remarks by Elder B. H. Barker, and prayer by Elder Dixie Ison; The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Pratt, from Heb. 11:1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.

The delegates then retired to the church house. After singing by the congregation, some brief remarks by Elder Thomas Mosley, and prayer by Elder Troy Nickles, 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 was handed in to the clerk. Then 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 F. C. Fields, Moderator; Elder Caleb Creech, Assistant Moderator; Bro. Dawson Dixon, Clerk, and Elder Kirby Ison, Assistant Clerk.

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

4. Called for newly constituted churches and received none.

5. Called for letters from corresponding sister Associations and received as follows: Union, by the hands of Lina Baker, H. E. Clark, C. A. Hurt, B. H. Baker, H. M. Mullins and Grant Epling. New Salem, by the hands of Alex Coburn, Squire Hamilton, James Caudill, Troy Nickles, M. C. Allen, Sherman Slone, Thomas Mosley, J. B. Hamilton, Jerry Hall, Billy Moore, Joe Dill and A. J. Tackett. With a request from New Salem which was referred to the Committee on Arrangements. Thornton Union, by the hands of Charles Cornett, T. R. Collier, James Collins, Jesse Holbrook, Dewey Sexton, Noah Couch, W. S. Akers, Harrison Craft, and Kelly Fields.

6. Called for transient Ministers and members of our

same faith and order and received Elders S. T. Wright, J. M. Webb, and Bros. Princess Caudill, Gideon Crase and Dave Standifer.

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 Oven Fork Church to wit: A. C. Craft, Hiram Amburgey, L. D. Francis, W. G. Caudill, J. D. Fields, J. M. Blair, Manis Ison, H. B. Hampton, Kelly Ison, France Maggard, Willie Fields, Cleveland Fields, V. T. Caudill, Herman Caudill, Willie Mullins, Dixie Ison, Millard Seals, Nathaniel Young, A. Whitaker, Harrison Williams, Cullen Sexton, H. L. Raleigh, Paul Clutts, Dan Gibson, Francis Owens, James Whitaker, W. E. Brown, Sam Combs, Claude Fleenor, Milton Napier.

9. Appointed same committee on arrangements as on ministry except just one delegate from Oven Fork Church together with Moderator and clerk. Also brethren from sister Association and transients invited.

10. On motion Bro. Dawson Dixon and Elder Kirby Ison were chosen to write corresponding letters to our sister associations. The Union, New Salem, Thornton Union, Sardis, Friendship, and Mud River.

11. Called on committee on ministry to report who reported the following ministers to preach. Friday evening 1 Troy Nickles, 2 B. H. Baker, 3 George Hagan. Saturday; 1 Alex Coburn, 2 T. R. Collier, 3 Thomas Mosley, 4 G. B. Adams.

12. On motion, the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday Morning.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 6, 1947

Met pursuant to adjournment; after singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder D. R. Caudill proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Called for transient ministers and members and received Elders Caleb Creech and Clay Crase and Brothers Gordon Caudill.

3. Ministers to preach on the stand were excused.

4. Called on the committee on arrangements to report; Whose report was as follows:

We the committee on arrangements for the Indian Bottom.

Association, recommend to the association that they rescind the work done last year in regard to ministers, having more than one living wife officiating in the ordinances of the gospel. Referred to on page 2 item 4 in our 1946 minutes.

We further recommend that the association comply with the request of the New Salem Association, and advise the several churches having double married preachers to deal with them according to the word of God."

Which request was as follows:

Dear Brethren we regret very much that it has so occurred that it is necessary for us to have to make this request; but in order that our fellowship may be more mutual and pleasant, and that we may let our light so shine before the world so they can see our good works. And after prayerful consideration:

We hereby request that you rid yourselves of all ordained preachers having two living womn. That you advise all your churches to call in the credentials of all ordained preachers of such nature and not allow them to do any more work as ordained ministers.

Yours in love,

The New Salem Association
Done and signed by order of the same
Eld| F. A. Hopkins, Moderator
Eld. E. V. Hopkins, Clerk

The report of the committee, was accepted and approved by the association and ordered to become a part of our records. Then the committee was discharged.

5. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of James Whitaker, Tip Cornett and G. M. Caudill, who reported the sum of \$211.50 contributed by the several churches. By move and second Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 3500 minutes and reserve 300 copies for our corresponding sister associations and distribute the remainder among the several churches according to their contributions and that he receive a fee of \$35.00 for his services.

6. Appointed same committee on ministry as of yesterday who reported the following ministers to preach on the stand Sunday, 1. Billy Moore, 2. Ira McKnight, 3. L. D. Francis, 4. Roy Whitaker, 5 F. G. Fields.

7. The letters to our sister associations were read and ap-

proved and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

Union, George Hagan, Caleb Creech, Cullen Hogg, Mander Yontz, W. E. Brown and L. D. Francis, New Salem; Dixie Ison, E. A. Reedy, Lawrence Sumpter, Caleb Creech, Cullen Hogg, Riley Fouts, L. D. Francis, George Hagans and W. E. Brown.

Thornton Union, Caleb Creech, Cullen Hogg, F. G. Fields, Kirby Ison, Monroe Couch, W. E. Brown, Willie Walters, Marrell Slone, and George Hagans.

Sardis; Cullen Hogg, Caleb Creech, George Hagans, and L. D. Francis.

Friendship; Harrison Williams and Mander Yontz.

Mud River; Mander Yontz, Harrison Williams, Dan Gibson and Francis Owens.

8. Called on Brethens who were to attend union meetings to report. They reported and those who failed to attend were excused.

9. Called on treasurer to report, whose report was as follows:

Receipts: Balance on hand from last year	\$12.04
Contributed by several churches	\$197.10
From Tolson Creek Church	\$6.00
Total Receipts	\$ 215.14
Expenses: L. D. Francis Transportation to asocations	\$5.50
T. G. Cook transportation to association	5.00
George Hagans transportation to association	3.50
Mountain Eagle printing minutes	160.00
Mountain Eagle printing postage on minutes	4.82
Mountain Eagle 200 church letter forms	3.00
Clerks Fee	25.00

Total Expense

Debit

10. Appointed union meetings as shown under that heading.

11. Resolved that the biography of Elder John A. Caudill written by Elder James Dixon be printed in our Minutes.

12. Resolved; that item 3 in our Rules of Decorum be changed so as to read as follows: Only one member shall speak at a time and shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

13. Called on Elder Sam Combs who was appointed last year to write a circular letter, to report. The letter was

read and received by the Association to be printed in our Minutes.

14. On Motion Brother Dawson Dixon was appointed to write a circular letter for the 1948 session of this Association..

15. On motion it was agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the Mallet Fork Church, May, Knott County, Ky, to Commence on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept. 1948. And continue the two following days.

16. On motion Elder F. G. Fields was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year and Elder Henry Blair to be his alternate.

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

Done and signed by order of the Association
Elder F. G. Fields, Moderator
Elder Caleb Creech Assistant Moderator
Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison, Assistant Clerk

Sunday Sept. 7, 1947

The brethren met a very large and well behaved congregation.

1. Services were introduced by Elder Billy Moore.
2. Elder Willie Madden Text, Heb. 3:2 How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation etc.
3. Elder Caleb Creech Text, St. Matthew. Beware of false prophets.
4. Elder Roy Whitaker, Text Titus 2:11 for the grace of God which bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.
5. Our Moderator Eld. F. G. Fields concluded the service amid great rejoicing and praising the Lord.

This Association wishes to express our gratitude and appreciation for the hospitality shown us by the Oven Fork Church and surrounding community. So let us pray that peace and love may abound among the churches of this association.

Dawson Dixon, Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

MAY, 1948

LITTLE HOME CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: F. G. Fields, Elam Hale, Caleb Creech, Dixie Ison, and Alva Caudill.

MEADOW FORK CHURCH — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Willie Madden, L. D. Francis and Estes Cornett.

JUNE, 1948

REYNOLDS FORK CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Dan Noble, J. M. Webb, Riley Fouts, and Harrison Williams.

DRY FORK CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Dan Noble, Charlie Gibson, Crit Eldridge and H. D. Caudill.

DOTY CREEK CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Millard Morton, Dixie Ison, G. M. Caudill and James Caudill.

LITTLE DANIEL CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders, Willie Madden Tip Cornett, Henry Blair with the Moderator.

HURRICANE GAP—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: George Hagans, and L. D. Francis.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. C. Crase, Tip Cornett, Kirby Ison, Frank Fugate and George Hagans.

LITTLE ZION CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: F. G. Fields, C. M. Hogg and Kirby Ison.

POWELL CHURCH — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Crit Eldridge, Willie Madden, J. M. Fields, Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill George Hagans, and L. D. Francis.

MALLET FORK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Dixie Ison, Dan Gibson, Shermann Slone, R. E. Holbrook, T. R. Collier and E V. Hopkins.

LITTLE DOVE CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Riley Fouts, Caleb Creech, and F. G. Fields.

CLEAR CREEK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders S. T. Wright, J. M. Webb, Loy Maggard and Dan Gibson

CARRS FORK CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders, F. G. Fields, Tom Mosley, Caleb Creech, Cullen Hogg, T. R. Collier, Kirby Ison and G. B. Adams.

BIG COWAN CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Riley Fouts Caleb Creech, George Hagans, L. D. Francis and Kirby Ison.

JULY, 1948

NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Sam Combs, W. M. Madden and Sherban Slone.

BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Elam Hale, James Caudill, L. D. Francis; Cullen Hogg and Caleb Creech.

NEW HOME CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Cullen Hogg, Kirby Ison and Caleb Creech.

OVEN FORK CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: T. R. Collier, F. G. Fields, H. D. Caudill, Troy Nickles, Alex Coburn and Geo. Hagans.

POOR FORK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Sam Combs and Tom Mosley.

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

AUGUST, 1948

CONWAY CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Dan Gibson, Beckham Fields, Green Fields, Crit Eldridge, C. C. Bates and Caleb Creech, together with Moderator

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. D. Caudill, George Hagans, Alva Caudill, Beckham Fields and Sam Combs.

INGRAM CREEK CHURCH—No date given to the clerk. Elders, W. G. Hogg, Caleb Creech and Rily Fouts.

CIRCULAR LETTER

SUBJECT: LOVE

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association:

Being appointed by the Association to write a Circular Letter for your approval, I, at this time will try to begin this great responsibility, knowing that there were many more able brethren in the Association that could have written a better letter than I, but with the help of the great God, which is ruler over both heavens and the earth, and who is able to help the weak, I will go forward, praying and trusting that I will be guided by the never dying spirit to write this letter.

Now, dear brethren, I take you to Paul, teaching 1st. Cor. 1-10. "Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; that you all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Paul talking to the Church at Corinth, and he knew that there were

divisions among them, and there were things going on that should not have been, and Paul said if you will obey my instructions that perfect peace will abound. In Romans again 14:10 Paul says, "Why dost thou judge thy brother, or set at naught thy brother, it is written as I live saith the Lord, every Knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to the Glory of God". Let us therefore, not judge one another, or put a stumbling block in his way, but rather love one another and the strong bear the infirmities of the weak. The Psalmist David said, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity in love" and not in strife, so Brethren, let us lay aside all strife, hatred, malice, and fight the fight with love and forgive our brothers as Jesus would want us to do.

My precious Brethren and Sisters do you know that Love is just another name for God, and then sometimes we see a stubborn Brother with a stubborn will and an unforgiving heart among the Brethren, and we ask ourselves, would it not be different, if they had a heartful of love and sympathy for each other. God grant that we preserve the ties of love and the kind and tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. Are you willing, dear brethren, to let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to do this brethren you must follow after Paul's instructions. Let us follow after the things which make for peace.

Brethren and Sisters I hope you will pardon me for these next few lines, but there are not many days that pass but what I think of my precious Father, Eld. Ira Combs, who has now been sleeping in that bright sunny clime for 13 years, and whose body is lingering for the redemption morning when the Spirit and the body will unite and go home to God to die no more, and who fought the fight for unity and love for 65 years and who always was ready to forgive the little things we have in our Churches and Associations today, and when a sheep went astray you would see him, Uncle Dave Maggard and many others I could mention, come back carrying it on their shoulders, when I was a child Dad would sometimes spank us when we did things that were wrong. We would spare the rod, but in his 65 years of ministry I never heard or knew of him sparing the rod with his brethren, only in a loving manner and a forgiving heart. May God help us to be like those precious fathers that we once had with us.

Dear brethren when we come together in our Association,

if we all would be like the Apostles were on the day of Pentecost—all of one mind and of one accord praying that God's will be done among us and our own selfish desires laid aside, God would pour out his spirit among us and then we would be all of one mind and one accord, and shout and praise his holy name, and the people would be made to cry out as they did on the day of Pentecost, men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved? Finally, farewell dear brethren and sisters, with malice toward none but with a heart of love and good will to every brother and sister, I pray that peace and love will forever be in the Indian Bottom Association.

Your unworthy servant,
—SAM F. COMBS.

A Biography of Elder John A. Caudill

(Born January 1, 1798, North Carolina)

He was a minister of the Regular Baptist Church, of Christ, was born in Ash County, North Carolina of respectable parents, who immigrated with their family to Kentucky, (Perry County, now Letcher,) where Elder Caudill was brought up from his early boyhood, with a very common education, only after the ordinary manner and style of the early settlers of the mountains of Kentucky, breathing the free air of the healthful climate, he was robust and vigorous, yet moral and jovial, a love of truth inspired his youthful mind, which united in it the principles of virtue and piety (an example for all youths). But in order to make him useful in after life, and to enjoy future blessings to all eternity God who caused the light to shine out of darkness, pierced his heart and taught him that something more than morals was necessary to save his soul from second death; and after a sore and burdensome struggle, the penitential prodigal, stripped of self, shocked and mortified with the horrible sight of a helpless sinner, without strength or merit save in the blood of Christ, and through faith in his name.

About 1825 heard with the ear of understanding, a serious voice saying, "Arise from the dead, thou that sleepest and Christ shall give thee light". So Christ, the hope of glory, was found in his soul, which buoyed him up through another life; and united with faith in Christ, triumphed in death; and he being dead to sin and alive to God, to serve Him in newness of spirit, which spirit is of God and not of the world and

leads his people right, led his mind to the Regular Baptist Church of Christ at Sandlick, about December, 1826, where the writer believes he was immersed by Elder John Dixon. There he for some time lived a private member, with great zeal and earnestness, until God, who caused the light to shine out of darkness, shone in his heart and impressed him to preach the glorious Gospel of his son, and about 1837 he was advanced by his church to the rank of licentiate, when soon it became apparent to the minds of his brethren that his gift required further liberty. They called a presbytery about the year, 1838, consisting of Elder John Dixon, of Harlan County and others, who finding him orthodox in faith and principles of the Gospel, ordained and set him apart to full functions of the ministry. Elder Caudill possessed a large share of Christian affections and love for his denomination which soon brought him into high esteem, not only with his church, at home, but with his neighboring churches. They began to call for his services as a pastor, circumstances had caused vacancies; and God, who hears the righteous cry, supplies their wants. The Carr's Fork, Thornton and Indian Bottom churches all come under his watchful care as pastor, and he being a good disciplinarian, was generally enabled by the Lord to lead the churches in peace, when we hope, souls were added of the Lord to his ministry, and living witnesses were added by the Lord, to the Churches to proclaim the Gospel message which in time began to give relief to the wayworn and weary pilgrim's life,, by releasing him from the care of most of the churches, save the one at home and Cowan Church part of the time, which he served with his partner, Henry Day.

Although his mortal remains lie underground he yet lives in the minds of his brethren, who through life will cherish the fondest thoughts of his Christian affections and example which is worthy of imitation by all the brethren of the New Salem Association.

One thing particular Characteristic of his life! peculiar example was that when convinced of the slightest wrong, that might wound his brethren's feelings he would not put them to the trouble of asking him to acknowledge, but was ready to fall at their feet, and heal the wound. Oh! Brethren let us try to follow that Christian example.

His manner of preaching was plain, yet interesting sting, drawing a line of prophetic testimony into the New Testament, proving the former by the latter evangelistic testimony.

And now, my brethren of the New Salem Association, in answer to your request, I have briefly traced the humble pilgrim almost to the brink of Jordan. Do we not imagine that we can look back a little and see him as he rises in the pulpit, leaning upon his staff to study his tottering body until he might edify his brethren, and although upon Jordan's brink, when under the powerful influence of the Spirit of God, which seemed to bring him in view of the promised rest, he would stand erect and proclaim the Gospel.

Elder Caudill was an enterprising man, and looked well to the ordinary interest of his family, assisted by the united efforts of an industrious Companion who, now mourns her loss. He departed this life after a short illness, May 10, 1873, which ended his earthly suffering and was the beginning of his eternal rest, we hope.

—JAMES DICKSON.

Ordained Ministers

Henry Blair	Pinetop, Ky.
Wm. B. Smith	Litt Carr, Ky.
Caleb Creech	Cumberland, Ky.
Cullen Hogg	Cumberland, Ky.
David Maggard	Cumberland, Ky.
Denver Blair	Cumberland, Ky.
F. G. Fields	Day, Ky.
D. B. Day	Dongola, Ky.
Hays Shepherd	Big Stone Gap Va.
John D. Ison	Oscaloosia, Ky.
Albert York	Whitesburg, Ky.
Silas Frazier	Day, Ky.
Harrison Boggs	Kings Creek, Ky.
Frank Fugate	Fisty, Ky.
Martin Patrick	Tina, Ky.
Mander Yonts	Hazard, Ky.
Riley Fouts	Patridge, Ky.
Lawrence Sumpter	Patridge, Ky.
L. C. Riddle	Premium, Ky.
J. W. Pratt	Cornettsville, Ky.
Dixie Ison	Daisy, Ky.
G. M. Caudill	Hallie, Ky.
Roy Whitaker	Premium, Ky.
W. C. Dixon	Hyden, Ky.
Thomas Caudill	Holly Bush, Ky.

Willie Madden	Benham, Ky.
Evans Cloud	McWhorton, Ky.
Estes Cornett	Evarts, Ky.
Troy Shepherd	Gordon, Ky.
A. C. Craft	Millstone, Ky.
James Caudill	Dayton, Ohio
James M. Adams	Jeremiah, Ky.
Alva Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
H. B. Whitaker	Waynesburg, Ky.
Howard Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
Wesley Caudill	Letcher, Ky.
Monroe Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
David R. Caudill	Waynesburg, Ky.
George B. Ison	Skyline, Ky.
George Hagans	Vicco, Ky.
Paris Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.
Millard Morton	Smithsboro, Ky.
L. D. Francis	Red Fox, Ky.
L. D. Day	Smithsboro, Ky.
Dan Gibson	Vest, Ky.
C. C. Bates	Waynesburg, Ky.
W. B. Mullins	Crab Orchard, Ky.
A. C. Caudill	Waynesburg, Ky.
Kirby Ison	Whitesburg, Ky.
Crit Eldridge	Carsassonne, Ky.
Beckham Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.
James D. Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Carcassonne, Ky.
H. B. Fouts	Skyline, Ky.
Ira McKnight	Keokee Va. R. R. I.
Harrison Williams	Vest, Ky.
Dan Noble	Anco, Ky.
Isom Ritchie	Talcum, Ky.
Charlie Gibson	Colson, Ky.
W. M. Tyree	Crown, Ky.
Nathaniel Young	Crown, Ky.
Elam Hale	Brinkley, Ky.
Nelson Seals	Carr Creek, Ky.
Morrell Slone	Garner, Ky.
Tip Cornett	Linefork, Ky.
W. T. Francis	Summon, Ind.
Sam Combs	Jeff, Ky.
Walker Chaney	Jeff, Ky.
Austin Combs	Diablock, Ky.

STATISTICS

Name of Churches and Delegates

CARRS FORK—J. J. Sparkman, Nick Everidge, J. M. Blair, John Francis, and Henry Blair.
 POOR FORK—Cullen Hogg, Bradley Gilliam, Martin D. Collier, Manis Ison and Arthur Lloyd.
 BIG COWAN—Isaac W. Fields, W. E. Brown, D. B. Day, Hays Shepherd and Silas Frazier.
 CLEAR CREEK—Chalmer Barker, Francis Owens, Ance Engle, Silas Combs, and Mander Yonts.
 OVEN FORK—Lawrence Sumpter, Francis Maggard, Emit Stidham, Lawrence Jenkins and Alva Hubbard.
 BIG LEATHERWOOD—W. P. Pratt, Lige Ison, J. W. Pratt, Dixie Ison and Floyd Huff.
 INDIAN BOTTOM—G. M. Caudill, Leander Eldridge, Silas Caudill, Herman Caudill and Dawson Dixon.
 MALLET FORK—Hershel Sturgill, Denver Tolliver, K. Anderson, Ira Honeycutt and Willie Fields.
 HURRICANE GAP—Troy Shepherd, Willie Madden, Ester Cornett and Kelly Ison.
 SAND LICK—A. C. Craft, Curt Caudill, and J. D. Hampton.
 DOTY CREEK—Wesley Caudill, Monroe Caudill, Alva Caudill, Rich Caudill and Henry Hampton.
 CONWAY—D. R. Caudill, V. T. Caudill, Mrs. V. T. Caudill and Henry Caudill.
 CEDAR GROVE—George B. Ison, A. Whitaker, Squire Watts and Wm. Caudill.
 LITTLE HOME—George Hagans, Paris Hagans, Millard Morton, L. D. Francis and L. B. Hagans.
 NEW HOME—Dan Gibson, M. V. Slone, Ira J. Sparkman, Harlan Watts and Lee Mosley.
 POWELL—C. C. Bates, Willie Mullins, A. C. Caudill, Dewey Fields and Alamander Eldridge.
 CLOVER FORK—Paul Clutts, Grover Hamblin, Lige Adkins, Margaret Adkins and Zona Clutts.
 INGRAMS CREEK—James Whitaker, Kirby Ison, Silas Cox, Tip Cornett and Alsie Raleigh.
 JAMES MEMORIAL—H. B. Fouts, H. B. Caudill, James D. Fields, Wilson Fields and F. S. Caudill.
 MEADOW FORK—Ira McKnight, and Milton Napier.
 NEW BETHLEHEM—Harrison Williams, Grover Patrick, Dan Noble, Willie Walters and Sata Terry.

LITTLE DANIEL—John Madden, J. R. Maggard, Cullen Sexton and George Adkins.
 MAPLE GROVE—Troy Engle, Henry Raleigh, Edith Sturgill, Minnie Stidham and Mattie Engle.
 DRY FORK—Nathaniel Young, Wm. Tyree and Bud Brown.
 LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Steve Pratt, Monroe Couch, E. A. Reedy, Sol Mullins, and Hiram Amburgey.
 REYNOLDS FORK—Elam Hale, A. J. Taylor, Millard Seals, Morrell Slone and John P. Amburgey.
 TOLSON CREEK—Cleveland Fields, Frazier Hampton, Ted Crase and W. R. Crase.
 LITTLE DOVE—Jim Caudill, W. J. Francis, Marion Mullins, W. J. Caudill and Squire Eldridge.
 HOOVER HILL—Claude Fleenor, Rasco Holmes, Mary Kelly and Ambros Kelly.
 LITTLE ZION—Sam Combs, Brint Logan, Carson Cornett, Mason Whitaker and Dolly Logan.

Church Clerks and Addresses

Carr's Fork—J. J. Sparkman Litt Carr, Ky.
 Poork Fork—Flora Gilliam Cumberland, Ky.
 Big Cowan—W. E. Brown Whitesburg, Ky.
 Clear Creek—Mander Yonts Hazard, Ky.
 Oven Fork—Lawrence Jenkins Patridge, Ky.
 Big Leatherwood—Floyd Huff Cornettsville, Ky.
 Indian Bottom—Dawson Dixon Blackey, Ky.
 Mallet 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 Groove—Squire Watts Hallie, Ky.
 Little Home—James Hagans Sassafras, Ky.
 New Home—M. V. Slone Garner, Ky.
 Powell—Willie Mullins Crab Orchard, Ky.
 Clover Fork—Grover Hamblin Cloversplint, Ky.
 Ingrams Creek—James Whitaker Linefork, Ky.
 James Memorial—James D. Fields Carcassonne, Ky.
 Meadow Fork—Milton Napier Keokee, Va.
 New Bethlehem—Jennie Fugate Talcum, Ky.
 Little Daniel—Watson Sexton Sackett, Ky.
 Maple Grove—Troy Engle Eolia, Ky.
 Dry Fork—Reeda Tyree Crown, Ky.

Little Bethlehem—Monroe Couch Amburgey, Ky.
 Reynolds Fork—Morrell Slone Garner, Ky.
 Tolson Creek—Frazier Hampton Roxana, Ky.
 Little Dove—Rushia Combs Sassafras, Ky.
 Hoover Hill—Ambrose Kelly Keokee, Va.
 Little Zion—P. M. Whitaker Viper, Ky.

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 preservice 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 doctrines 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 and address the Moderator 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 proceeding 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 representation 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 so desired.

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 de-

viate 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

SILAS MARTIN

With a sad feeling I will write an obituary of my dear Father,

Silas Martin was born April 19th, 1873. He was married to Millie Hall in 1894 and to this union was born nine children. He died April, 1937 and lived a faithful Christian life until death. He joined the old Regular Baptist Church the 4th Saturday in April, 1947 and lived a faithful Christian life until death. He was sick about two months. While he was in the hospital we wanted him to stay and he said no, for me to stay here why should I stay here when Jesus is standing in the door, just waiting for me to come, he said. At home he was asleep and woke up and said some of the children of God says you don't know nothing, but I know I am going to die and going to heaven for the Lord has showed me my future home. He said the floor was full of little speckled birds. He has 7 children and a good Christian widow and 51 grand children and 3 sisters and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. But our loss is heaven's eternal gain.

Gone but not forgotten.

Written by Elder L. D. Francis and dictated by—

—Sis. Millie Martin, his wife, and

Bro. Cody Martin, his son.

ELLA ROBERTS

This is the obituary of Ella Roberts, the daughter of Jim and Ollie Roberts, Born April 15, 1926, Died August 17, 1946. Age 20 years, 4 months, 2 days at time of her death. Ella's mother died in 1935. Jim has done the best he could by his children. She has one sister and one brother. She said long before she died that she was prepared to go, that there was nothing in her way. She always liked to go to Church. seems like that was all her talk and all her desire through all her sickness. Ella was a sweet girl and is sadly missed in her home and by all her friends and neighbors, but no doubt she is gone on to rest. We all hope to meet her by and by.

BONY ISON, Sr.

Uncle Bony Ison, Sr. was 75 years, two months and 27 days old at time of his death.

When a young man, he was married to Martha Banks and to this union was born 8 children, Lisia, John D. (George and Howard, twins) (Jim and Floyd, twins), Myrtle, Henry, four of these children had preceded him in death. His wife, Martha died around 1910. He later married Sarah Adams and to them were born 3 children, Grant, Harve and one infant that preceded him in death. He had been sick about 4 years before his death. He lived hest years a good clean moral life and was loved by everybody. He had a stroke sometime before his death. He did a great deal of praying and talked awfully nice of meeting his Savior.

CORDELIA MULLINS STIDHAM

Cordelia Mullins Stidham was born April, the fifth, 1878, died June 6th, 1947. Was married to Jerry Stidham, Oct. 9th, 1907 and to this union was born four children, 3 of them preceded him in death in infancy, one still living, also her husband to mourn her loss. She professed faith in Christ about 1909. She joined the old Regular Baptists at Maple Grove and was Baptised in full fellowship about three years ago. She lived a faithful member until death. She told her husband she was ready to go and there was nothing in her way. She said Jesus told me He was coming after me to take me home and began to shout with joy. We feel our loss is her eternal gain. By the help of God we hope to meet her in heaven when Jesus calls for us.

Written by a

Bro. in Christ, —H. L. RALEIGH.

WILBURN CAUDILL

Wilburn Caudill, was born July the 28th, 1888. Deceased November the 27th, 1946, age 58 years, 3 months and 27 days. He married Louisa Crace, March the 6th 1907 and to this union was born 8 children (two died infants) one boy, Dewey, got killed in the mines October the 16th, 1939, Age 31 years, 4 months and 8 days. One daughter, Virgie Mae Bentley, died January the 12th, 1940, the other children living are Riley, Elmer, Vivian and James A., all of Red Fox, Knott County, Kentucky. He joined the Indian Bottom Church of Old Regular Baptists June 1928, and was Baptized the First Sunday in July, 1928, by his Brother, Eld. David R. Caudill,

now living at Waynesburg, Ky. He lived a good clean Christian life until death. He always attended his Church when he was able, and all the Sister Churches too. He would sit around his home and sing the Old Songs of Zion. He was sick 17 months but could stir around and go part of the time; on Sunday morning, the 24th of November, 1946, he called his wife and told her he had an awful headache. She got up and made a fire, then he got up, he said his head might get better, but he went to vomiting. She put him back in the bed and he threw up both hands and said, Honey pray for me, I have the awfulest pain over my eye, his hands began to tremble. I called for my closest neighbors which were Rev. and Mrs. Spencer. They came at once, he was getting worse, so we sent for the children, and Riley and Elmer Brug, Dr. Pigman. I asked him if he wanted me to call his brothers David and Henry, and he said, if you want too. He said David might pray for the Lord to stop the pain. I asked him if they was anything in his way to knock him out of a home in Heaven and he said, I have got my name in the box, he also said there isn't anything in my way. Now Children, Daddy is gone to ever be with our Savior; if you ever expect to meet Daddy you will have to make peace with God while you live in this world. We will miss poor old Daddy, but our loss is his Eternal Gain, I believe with all my heart that he is with the Other Children, Daddy and Four Children are gone to live with Jesus, while Mother is left with the other four to weep and mourn the loss of a good husband and father. God help us to live this life so we can be with Dad and the other four in Heaven where sorrow or trouble never comes, no tears or dimmed eyes will ever be and the circle will not be broken; he also left three brothers and 16 grand children, and a host of good brothers and sisters and kind friends. We want all the Christian people to remember us in their prayers. He told his wife a few days before he died where he wanted to be buried; he asked her to see about getting a Row in that Cemetery where he is now resting for the rest of the family. May God bless us and guide us to live more humble, I hope God watches over my boys, guide and direct them to walk in the foot prints of their Daddy, I pray God to guide my steps of life and my little grandson, Guy C., while we are so lonesome without Daddy; I know at the longest I will soon be gone and hope to join that Circle of God's love with Daddy where we can sing praises to our Savior.

God knows how we will miss Daddy, but Death is com-

ing to every home, so children I hope and pray that the family Circle will not be broken in Heaven.

(SONG)

—And must this body die — And must this body die

—I love my Savior, God—

—Will the Circle be unbroken—Song No. 59. Bye and bye.

(There are loved ones now in glory).

Written by his Heartbroken Wife—

—LOUISA CAUDILL.

P. O.: Red Fox, Ky.

LYDIA MARGARET CAUDILL

Lydia Margaret Caudill, wife of David Caudill was born Nov. 1, 1871, deceased Nov. 2, 1946, age 75 years and 1 day. To this union was born 8 children, four of whom passed on and four are still living. She professed a hope in Jesus Christ and joined the old Regular Baptist Church about the year of 1913 and remained a faithful member until death. She was a kind and affectionate mother. She was loved by all who knew her. We sadly miss her presence in the home, in the neighborhood and in the Sandlick. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain and by the help of God we'll clasp glad hands with mother upon the shores of sweet deliverance in the great and notable day of the Lord.

NANCY TYLER STIDHAM

It is with a sad and lonely feeling that I will try to write a short sketch of the life of my dear wife, Nancy Tyler Stidham. She was born July 9, 1874, deceased this life, Feb. 22, 1947, age 72 years, 7 months and 13 days. She was married to W. N. Tyler, Jan. 7, 1894. To this union was born 8 children, 5 boys and 3 girls, her husband and two girls preceded her in death, 1 girl, Laura Ellen Tackett lives at Eubank, Ky., Willard Tyler lives at Oscaloosa, Ky., Sylvan and James Tyler, Elmwood, Cincinnati; Hassel Tyler, Summerfield, Fla.; Lester Tyler, Jacksonville, Fla.. In 1940 she was married to E. H. Stidham. She was a good mother, a good wife, a good neighbor and a good church member. She joined the Big Cowan Church about 36 or 37 years before her death. Her fine walks and godly conversation proved beyond a doubt that she was a true Christian in every sense of the word. She became afflicted in many ways that caused her to suffer many pains and aches that rendered her very near helpless for more

than two years—at last she had to give up to her bed for four weeks.

Although untold suffering when she was so weak, she was often heard talking and singing in her weak voice of that happy home. She was heard singing of that great Judgment day and saying, I hope to meet my Jesus when I start home.

When sorrows encompass me around

And many distresses I see.

Written by a Brokenhearted Husband,

—E. H. STIDHAM, Deacon.

ELDER JOSEPH P. HAGANS

Elder Joseph P. Hagans, born Sept. 24, 1873 and departed this life April 2, 1947, age 74 years, 7 months, two days. He was married to Rachel Francis, May 3rd, 1894 and to this union was born 6 children, 1 boy and 1 girl preceded him in death. He joined the old Regular Baptist Church about 54 years ago and began to preach about 42 years ago. He lived a faithful life to his ministry and to the order of the Old Regular Baptist's faith and practice stood firm to the doctrine up until death. He lay on his death bed and helped sing grace, 'tis a charming sound, and preached and shouted in the close of the service. He was a beloved minister by all of his Brethren. He has 2 girls and 2 boys, 2 brothers and 3 sisters and a wife left with a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The Church and the neighborhood have missed him, but we believe our loss is heaven's gain. Gone but not forgotten.

Written by—

—ELDER L. D. FRANCIS.

MARTHA BACK DIXON

Martha Back Dixon was born June 20, 1872, died March 11, 1947, age 74 years, 8 months and 12 days. She was the daughter of David Back and Rachel Caudill Back. She was married to W. C. Dixon on December 21st, 1889 and to this happy union was born 13 children, four dying in infancy; a daughter, Alta, died at the age of 25 years. She leaves six sons and two daughters, sons are: Arthur, Whitesburg, Ky.; Hibert, Hazard, Ky.; Fred, Franklin, Ohio; Watson, Dayton Ohio; Bruce, Hyden, Ky.; Omar, at Home, Hyden, Ky.; Daughters: Mrs. Virgie Farmer, Hyden, Ky.; Mrs. Ada Fitzwater, Richmond, Ind. She leaves one whole brother, Stephen Back, Eolia, Ky., two half brothers, two half sisters, a bereav-

ed heart-broken husband, and children to mourn the great loss of a dear loving wife, mother and faithful Christian.

She has many friends and kinsfolk. To know her was to love her.

She joined the Conway Church of Regular Baptists the First Saturday in May, 1930, was baptised July first Saturday, 1930, together with her husband, by Elder Enoch Blair.

She and her husband were ordained Deacons of the Conway Church, faithfully performing her duty, saying the sacramental service was the most humble service she ever engaged in worship.

She obtained a hope over 30 years before she joined the church and told a rich experience of Grace that it seems would convince the Skeptics that Christ is the only means of salvation.

The husband has lost a dear loving sweet companion, the children a tender loving mother, the Church a true faithful member. She had been in ill health over 40 years. A paralytic stroke was the cause of her death. She bore her suffering with great patience of endurance, never complaining. She lived a devoted consecrated life. She loved her family with almost supernatural love, as the hen that gathers her children under her wings.

She took great pleasure in caring for church people, family and friends. Often with much suffering and pain.

She tried to make other people pleasant and happy regardless of what her suffering might be, with that great Love she had for her Family.

Brethren, Sisters and Friends, she said the love of sweet Jesus was greater to her than all love, because He gave her a hope that kept her and she was not afraid to meet death with.

Her daily life was an example worthy to be followed by any one, giving her children wise council, telling them they must make their calling and election sure with God, if they ever expected to see eternal glory.

She talked of her departure as one going to Church or on a visit. Said she was not afraid or excited about death or the judgment that she did not fear to meet either, not going to die but getting ready to begin to live, and be out of her troubles and suffering and be with sweet Jesus forever.

She was always calm never got excited about any thing not even in the hour of death. She calmly went to sleep in the arms of Jesus and is now mouldering in the dust awaiting

the coming of Jesus from the Resurrection of the body.

She preached her own funeral and is now in Heaven. I am still here in sorrow and affliction. But I have a hope I will soon join her again where we will be happy together forever in the presence of sweet Jesus.

There could be many pages written of the purest of her true sweet Christian life. We lived together 57 long Happy years, No one knows the awful grief and sorrow of my heart over the loss of my dear sweet wife. But one of us had to leave the other first and I must bow to God's will and say He does all things well. God blessed her more than I, He took her out of her suffering and this sinful wicked world, which she abhorred, and left me here to suffer and mourn her loss a little longer.

"The Righteous perish and no man regardeth the memory of them, they are soon forgotten", how true that is in this age of pleasure seeking and wickedness. But the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are open to their cries.

She said, Dad, don't grieve about me, for it won't be long till you and Omar (that's our Helpless Boy) will be with me and we will be happy together forever. Sleep on sweet Martha, I hope it won't be long until we are joined again in sweet reunion and forever.

Written by a grieved and heartbroken husband.

—W. C. DIXON.

MATILDA MULLINS EVERAGE

In compliance with the request of her husband, I will try to write a brief sketch of the life of a loving wife and mother, Matilda Mullins Everage. She was born August 2nd, 1881, died February 22, 1947, being 65 years, 6 months and twenty days old. She was married to Nick Everage sometime in the year of 1900 and to this happy couple was born eleven children, five of them preceded her in death, leaving six of them with their good father to mourn the loss of a good wife and mother. She joined the Carrs Fork Church of Regular Baptists in 1932, and was baptized the fourth Sunday in August by Elder H. D. Caudill. She lived a good and faithful life until God called her away. She bore her sickness with patience, never tired in the least. She had a humble disposition of meekness and kindness to all who knew her. She always went to her church meetings with unfaltering faith. Sister Matilda had been in failing health for some few years. She

met her troubles with a heart full of faith and confidence in her God, in her home she was a humble wife and a real mother, always giving her children good advice. In the passing of this mother the community has lost a good neighbor, her family has lost a good mother, her husband has lost a good wife, the Church has lost one of its best members. The entire brethren and sisterhood believes that her soul is safely housed in heaven where Jesus is and at day of all days her body will be raised from the grave, an immortal body by the power of God, never to die anymore—it will be a glorified body to give God the praise and feast eternally on the good things which God has got laid up in store for them that love him, which is more than mortal tongue can tell. Now a few words to her and companion: I know you did all you could to keep your beloved wife and mother with you, and tried to comfort her the best you could; I know how many lonesome hours you have since the passing of this good mother, but the Bible said: Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, that they rest from their labor and their works do follow them. So, dear children, if you ever want to live with your good mother anymore, you must fall in with the offered mercy of God, and be born again, not of an incorruptible seed, but by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. By grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves—it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.

Written by a Sister in hope—

—MARYLAND AMBURGEY.

CHRISTINA SLONE

It is with a sad feeling that I write a few lines in memory of my dear mother, Christine Slone. She was born October 5, 1863. Deceased August 29, 1945, age 82 years, 8 months and 24 days. She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for 32 years, and lived a faithful member until death. She was the wife of John P. Slone, and to this union was born ten children, six girls and four boys. Her husband and six children preceded her in death. Four children are left to mourn her loss. Darling precious little mother, how we loved her and miss her. She was always kind and good to every one and was loved by all who knew her. The Lord blessed mother in her last days to visit all of us children and spend a few days with us. Then she went back home where she lived with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Joda Adams. Then she was taken

sick and lived only a short time. To you, my dear Brother and dear Sisters, if you have never made peace with God, don't put it off too late. Mother never can be with us again on earth. But by the mercy of God we can go on to mother's Beautiful Home; that Home of Peace and Rest, where there will be no wars, no heartaches, or trouble. How mother would rejoice in heaven if she could know her children were all trying to do the Will of her Blessed Saviour. Children get ready.

Written by her daughter, and a sister in hope of eternal life.

—SUSANA WILLIAMS.

N. T. MAGGARD

It is with sadness that I try to write a sketch of my dear Father, who fell asleep April 25, 1947 at 4:00 A. M., at the age of 75 years, 10 days. He was married to Elizabeth Pratt, Oct. 25, 1888 and to this union was born seven children: Loy, Elbert, Erbie, Allie, May, Ruie, Teddy—all being married that are living. His wife and two children had preceded him in death. After mother died he tried to keep house a while by himself, until his health began to fail him. He first had two strokes of paralysis, he recovered from them well enough to go to church and visit his neighbors.

In October he took a dreadful disease, heart dropsy. He bore most of his sickness setting in a chair—after a while he saw he couldn't get well—he said he was ready to go and wanted to die. He always had hope and faith to believe that when his suffering was over his soul would be at rest. He lived with me the last 18 months, the day before he died. He said, Son, stay close with me today for something is going to happen tonight.

When Allie came to see him, he would always say to her God Bless your soul, I am glad to see your face once more. He loved all of his children dearly and asked them to meet him in a better world he had been preaching for about 58 years, and was Moderator of the New Home Church for the past 18 years. We feel so lonesome without him, he is missed by the Church.

Written by his son—

—LOY MAGGARD.

ORA CAUDILL

I will try to write a few lines telling of my dearest little sister, Ora Caudill, the daughter of Bill and Nancy A. Caudill,

Ora Caudill was born Feb. 20, 1930, died June 19, 1947, age 17 years, 3 months and 29 days. She told her mother she hated to leave us all. She had such a short stay with us; but a home in Heaven was worth it all. She said one morning Vina's little Earl came after her; but she told him she was not ready and he went back. said one night something came up before her and she prayed and it left. She didn't know where it went. She told her daddy she was ready to go. He asked her if the Lord called her was she ready to go? She said yes. After that she prayed for the Lord to come after her and let her die just like she went to sleep. The day before she died she was suffering so much she said, good Lord, looks to me like I have stood this awful punishment as long as I can. Her mother said, "Yes, honey, looks to me like you have stood it as long as you can. Then her twin sister, Cora stepped in; She said to Cora," your head will have to come as low as my head does, but you don't know how good you look to me standing there." As she talked on her mind seemed to be on the Lord all the time. Before she got through talking, the prettiest smile came on her face and she seemed to be so lively at that time. She could talk so sweet and was such a nice little girl. Oh how I do miss her, and I know the rest of the family miss her too. But, above all things I'm so proud that little Ora could tell that she was going to live with Jesus. Well, to the rest of us children before it's too late, I hope we all can get right with our Lord, so we can meet little Ora. She was so sweet to us while here on earth. Her favorite song: Tarry with Me, Oh My Savior.

Written by her brother—

—GEO. B. CAUDILL.

Requested also by her Father and Mother.

ELIJAH CREECH

It is with a sad heart that I try to write an obituary of my dear father and mother. Elijah Creech was born June 20, 1864, died May 20, 1939, age 74 years, 11 months.

Mary Elizabeth Creech was born March 12, 1868, died June 17, 1944, age 76 years and 3 months, 5 days. Father was a son of Elder John and May Creech, deceased. Mother was the daughter of Caleb and Nancy Huff. They were born and reared in Harlan County near Cumberland, Ky., and to this union was born 11 children. Two infants and one brother preceded them in death. In a short while after mother's death brother Irvin passed on and we hope he is with them

in peace. Our family circle is now broken, leaving here to mourn, their pasing Brothers, Arthur, J. R., myself, Isaac and 3 sisters: Mrs. Earnest Fields, Mrs. Bige Whitaker, Mrs. Bob Stanley, and a great number of grand children and great grand children and other relatives. Father and mother were converted early in life and taken fellowship in the old Regular Baptist Church and was baptised by his father Elder John Creech. They both often talked to us children of their eternal Home in Heaven and counseled us children how to live that we could all meet again and I feel the family has tried to keep their good advice. We miss them so much here on earth, but we hope and believe our loss here is their eternal rest. Our old family home here is broken up, no one there to welcome us in, no one there to shake our hands, no one there to speak kind words, but we hope to meet them in that eternal Home where some one will welcome us all in. Sleep on, Daddy and Mother, and by the help of God, we will all try to meet in heaven.

Written by their son—

—ELDER CALEB CREECH,
Cumberland, Ky.

POLLY ANN HOGG ISON

Polly Ann Hogg Ison was born Sept. 4, 1875, deceased March 3, 1942. She was 66 years and six months, lacking one day when she died. She passed away leaving husband, Mose and five children, Mallie Shepherd, Roosevelt Ison, Marlie Adams, William Bradley Ison and Navire Ison and one brother, George Hogg to mourn her loss.

When she went to leave this world she told Hettie Ison she ate at the new table. She died in full triumph of faith and she said, "if I should die tonight I would go to rest." The Lord has showed me enough that I am not much afraid to die. She had been praying all the time.

MOSE ISON

Mose Ison was born April 10, 1872 and deceased November 19, 1943. He was 71 years, 7 months and nine days old.

He took the dreadful disease known as heart dropsy. He was sick a number of years before his death. He was very patient through all his sickness and praying God to have mercy upon him. He said he felt like he hadn't done so much that he would have to go to a place of punishment, that

the Lord was too good and too just to let him go down.

Bradley told him to pray as long as he had his right mind and he did. He was praying and held both hands up to God and said, Oh Lord, I give it all up to you. I have done all I can do. Without your mercy I am lost. Then he ceased praying and in about five minutes he said, Gee boys, you ought to see what I see. Bradley, said what do you see, Pap? And he said I see the Lord,, help me praise him.

Mose left five children and one sister and one brother. Children—Mallie Shepherd, Roosevelt Ison, Marlie Adams, William Bradley Ison, and Navire Ison. Sister—Usley Frazier. Brother—Boney Ison. All these were left to mourn his loss.

DAVE MILES

Dave Miles was born November 6, 1875, died Wednesday March 20 at about 3:00 o'clock. He was 71 years, 4 months and 14 days old at time of his death. He was married to Rebecca Fields and to this union was born 7 children, three of whom preceeded him in death, 4 are still living. His wife preceeded him in death about 7 years. He was a member of the old Regular Baptist Church and loved his meetings dearly and was a faithful member as long as he was able to go. He was so patient and good, often he got disabled to go and bore his pain so patiently and talked about his sweet home where there was no pain. He would tell us all the time that he hoped how soon the day would come when he could go home where he wouldn't have to suffer no more. We miss him so much, but we hope our loss is heaven's gain and we ask the prayers of God's children for all the entire family, that they prepare to meet him in that sweet home where he is gone.

ELI ISON, SR.

Eli Ison, Sr., was born February 12, 1856, died February 16, 1942 age 86 years, 4 days. He was always a strong man, physically, nearly all his life. He was illiterate, that he was unable to read or write. He earned his living by the sweat of his face. He made a fairly good living, and always wanted to get what he owned in an honest way.

He was loved and respected by every one in his neighborhood. He loved to live and let live. He seemed to be always interested in the welfare of all He and his wife raised a large family of children.

There was born to them thirteen children, four of which

preceded him in death. Ira, Polly, David and Dr. W. M. Ison, Nine of whom are living: Dr. G. D. Ison, Mrs. Hannah Frazier. Ned Ison, Sherman Ison, Sallie Cornett, Margaret Frazier, Judith Sturgill and Armintha Stamper, and George Ison.

During his last seven or eight years, he was a praying man. He became very tender hearted and wished at times he could depart from this life and go on to rest. Some time before he died he fell and broke his hip and was an invalid for some months. He often told us how he was getting along with his Lord. One night he called to mother and told her to look out how light it was. He also called Judith to see the same thing. They could not see the light but he did.

During his sickness he said to Ned, one morning, "I have good news for you." Ned asked him what it was. He said, "I had a bad cough last night and thought I could not get over it". The Lord came to me and took the cough away from me and made a new man out of me. Said, "I am all right now." I'm not afraid to go." He suffered much in his latter years. We all miss his presence very much. He was a real father and companion. Before he died he said to mother, "I love you," and kissed her hand.

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Rec'd by Ex. & Bap.	Restored by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recommendation	Deceased	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Members	Church Time	Contributions
Carr's Fork	2	0	1	0	3	1	0	93	4	8.00
Poor Fork	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	107	3	10.00
Big Cowan	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	160	4	10.00
Clear Creek	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	77	3	7.00
Oven Fork	13	0	0	0	2	1	4	141	2	10.00
Big Leatherwood ..	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	88	2	10.00
Indian Bottom	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	54	1	12.00
Mallet Fork	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	47	3	5.50
Hurricane Gap	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	43	2	6.00
Sandlick	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	36	3	10.00
Doty Creek	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	101	2	15.00
Conway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2	3.00
Cedar Grove	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	30	4	5.00
Little Home	9	0	0	0	5	1	2	114	1	12.00
New Home	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	57	2	10.00
Powell	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	51	3	6.00
Clover Fork	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	34	4	4.00
Ingram's Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	34	1	3.00
James Memorial ..	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	39	3	10.00
Meadow Fork	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	2	1.50
New Bethlehem ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	5.00
Little Daniel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	2	7.00
Maple Grove	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	13	3	5.00
Dry Fork	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	15	1	3.00
Little Bethlehem .	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	24	2	6.00
Reynolds Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1	7.00
Tolson Creek	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	4	6.00
Little Dove	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	36	3	6.00
Hoover Hill	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	3	3.50
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	94	2	5.00
TOTAL	49							1639		211.50

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