

MINUTES
—OF THE—
Indian Bottom
Association
OF
REGULAR BAPTISTS OF
JESUS CHRIST



Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

HELD WITH THE
LITTLE DOVE CHURCH

Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky

August 31 and September 1, and 2, 1951

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ., in session assembled with the Little Dove Church, Sassafras, Knott Co., Kentucky, Aug. 31, and Sept. 1 and 2, 1951.

Met at the church house and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder G. M. Caudill, the Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Hogg, whose text was 1st Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

The congregation then moved out to the place arranged for preaching and the delegates remained at the church house and after prayer, led by Elder J. W. Pratt, proceeded to business as follows:

1. The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. C. Hogg, who then called for the letters from the several churches that composes the Indian Bottom Association, which were handed in to the Clerk. One letter was read then all the letters were received and delegates seated with all queries and requests referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by choosing Elder G. M. Caudill, Moderator; Elder J. W. Pratt, Assistant Moderator, Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk, and Elder H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly constituted churches and received one, The Pilgrins Home Church.

4. The Rules of Decorum were read, but omitted reading the Constitution and Articles of Faith.

5. Called for letters from corresponging sister associations and received as follows:

Union — By the hands of Elder Eddie Burke, Boyd Smallwood, and Brother John M. Justice.

New Salem — By the hands of Elders F. A. Hoskins, Alex Coburn, Billy Moore, R. E. Holbrook, Bill Martin, Baxter Osborne, E. V. Hopkins and Brother Millard Allen.

Thornton Union — By the hands of Elders Charles Cornett, Felix Fields, Dewey Sexton and Kernel Sexton.

Philadelphia — By the hands of Elders W. H. Gilliam, John Moore and Brethren J. N. Rose, Fred Akers and John Triplett.

Sardis — By the hands of Elders Donnie Lowe, George Fraley, and Ester Hopkins.

Friendship — By the hands of Elders N. J. Roberts, J. C. Widner, Mynion Justice and Brother Walter Anderson.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received as follows: Elders T. G. Bates, B. H. Baker, Ballard Hopkins, John Sexton, Allard Caudill and Brethren Noah Couch, P. W. Caudill, W. C. Mullins and Bob Blair.

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 the entire delegation from Little Dove Church.

9. Appointed same committee on arrangements as on ministry with only one delegate from Little Dove Church together with the Moderator and Clerk, also Brethren from the corresponding sister associations and transients invited.

10. On motion the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed to write corresponding letters to our Sister Associations and agreed to letter to the Union, New Salem, Thornton Union, Philadelphia, Sardis, and Friendship.

11. Called on the committee on ministry to report, who reported as follows: Friday evening, Elders, 1. John Moore, 2. John Widner, 3. Dewey Sexton.

Saturday: Elders, 1. Francis Hubbard, 2. Baxter Osborne, 3. W. H. Gilliam, 4. F. A. Hopkins, 5. B. H. Baker.

12. On motion, the Association adjourned until 9:00 a. m., Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning. Sept. 1, 1951—

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder Earl Howard of the New Salem Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order and received as follows: Elders Earl Howard, Paris Hagans, John C. Widner and A. D. Turner.

3. Ministers to preach on the stand for the day were excused.

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

1st. We, the committee recommend that the Mosley Memorial Church be granted the privilege of changing its name to

Ivy Point Church.

2nd. In regard to the query from Mosely Memorial Church regarding the case of Miles Thornsbury. We recommend that he go back to the church to which he one time belonged.

3rd. In regard to the Friendship Association we recommend that we send a request to the Friendship Association asking them to come to the Little Home Church and to the Indian Bottom Association and make an acknowledgement for what they have said about our colored Brethren.

4th. As to the query from the Clerk Creek Church in regard to sisters having short hair in any Associations. We recommend that a request be sent to the Thornton Union Association asking them to have all the Sisters in their churches who have their hair cut to let it grow out and if they fail to do so, to exclude them from their fellowship.

5th. In regard to preachers preaching with other denominations we recommend that they refrain from doing so at any time or place.

6th. As to the queries in regard to the exclusion of about fifteen members from the Oven Fork Church. We recommend that the Oven Fork Church receive all these members back into their church, who may come and make an acknowledgement and agree to abide by the order and practice of the church and this Association.

The above report was accepted and approved by the Association and the committee discharged.

5. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Brothers, Ellis Banks, J. B. Eversole, and Willie Hampton, who reported the sum of \$330.30 contributed by the several churches. By move and second Brother Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 3,000 Minute books and reserve 50 copies for each of our corresponding Sister Associations and distribute the remainder among the several churches according to their contributions, and that he receive \$35.00 for his services.

6. Appointed same committee on ministry as of yesterday, who reported the following preachers for Saturday night Elders 1. N. J. Roberts, 2. Ester Hopkins, 3. Earl Howard.

For Sunday, Elders: 1. Tip Cornett, 2. Ellis Hopkins, 3. Cullen Hogg, 4. G. M. Caudill.

7. Letters to corresponding Associations were read and approved and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

Union — To be held with the Lebanon Church, Omaha,

Dickenson County, Va., beginning on Friday, before the third Saturday in Sept. 1951. Delegates: Elder Caleb Creech, W. C. Hogg, Mander Yonts, Charlie Gibson, Dan Gibson, G. M. Caudill, and Brethren Hillis Reedy, Hiram Amburgey and Billy Day.

New Salem — To be held with the Little Salem Church, Dana, Floyd County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1951. Delegates Elders Frank Fugate, Caleb Creech, Mander Yonts, Riley Fouts, W. C. Hogg, and Brethren Hiram Amburgey, Hillis Reedy and Billy Day.

Thornton Union — To be held with the Combs Bend Church, Perry County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in September 1952. Delegates, Elders Herman Caudill, Caleb Creech Charlie Gibson, Steve Pratt, Beckham Fields, and Brother Hiram Amburgey.

Philadelphia — To be held with the Friendship Church, Flatwoods, Greenup County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1952. Delegates: Beckham Fields, Herman Caudill, Riley Fouts, L. D. Francis, George Hagans, Frank Fugate, and Brethren Roy Caudill and Willie Fields.

Sardis — To be held with the Rosa Church, Baisden, Mingo County, W. Va. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1951. Delegates, Elders G. M. Caudill, George Hagans, Dixie Ison and Brother Dewey Hagans.

Friendship — To be held with the North Spring Church, Blackey, Va. To begin on Friday before the First Saturday in Sept. 1952. Delegates Elders Mander Yonts and Dan Noble.

8. Called on the committee who were appointed to visit the Clover Fork, Hoover Hill and Meadow Fork Churches, to find out why they're not lettering to the Association and also to investigate the standing of the property of the Clover Fork Church to report.

The Brethren reported that said Churches had dissolved and all the members except about three had attached themselves to other churches in this Association.

The title of the Clover Fork Church was investigated and found it was deeded to the Clover Fork Church and its successors forever, but the United Baptists were holding services in the church house. Then by move and second appointed Elders Caleb Creech, W. C. Hogg and Riley Fouts and clothed them with authority to use legal proceedings to regain said property.

9. Called on the brethren who were to attend Union Meetings and Sister Associations to report. They reported and those who failed to attend were excused.

10. Treasurer's Report:

Receipts: Balance on hand from last year 5.31
Contributed by the churches 306.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$311.56

EXPENSES:

To L. D. Francis expenses to Association 14.00
To Alvin Hagans expenses to Association 2.00
To Dewey Hagans expenses to Associations 2.00
To Paris Hagans, expenses to Associations 5.00
To George Hagans, expenses to Associations 6.00
To G. M. Caudill & Geo. Hagans, expenses to Associations 10.68
To Hazard Herald Printing Minute Books 226.00
Postage 10.88
Clerks Fee 35.00
Total Expenses 311.53

11. Appointed Union Meetings as shown under that heading.

12. The Circular Letter written by Elder H. D. Caudill was approved by the Association to be printed in our Minutes.

13. On motion Elder Frank Fugate was appointed to write a circular letter for next year.

14. On motion it was agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the Hurricane Gap Church, Gordon, Letcher County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept. 1952, and continue the two following days. And that Elder Dan Gibson preach the introductory sermon and Elder Harrison Williams be his alternate.

14. Resolved that we the Indian Bottom Association advise all ordained ministers and churches to refrain from receiving members into their Churches for Baptism and Fellowship unless they tell a good experimental knowledge at grace.

15. On motion the Association was closed by prayer led by Elder L. D. Francis and adjourned to the time and place of our next Association. Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.

ELDER G. M. CAUDILL, Moderator.

ELDER J. W. PRATT, Assistant Moderator.

BROTHER DAWSON DIXON, Clerk.

ELDER H. D. CAUDILL, Assistant Clerk.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 2, 1951—

A large and orderly congregation met at the place arranged for preaching. The Brethren selected to preach on the stand were all present except Elder Tip Cornett, and Elder Alva Caudill took his place and introduced the services. Then Elder Ellis Hopkins preached from 1st. Timothy 5th chapter and 21st. verse, "I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

Next Elder W. C. Hogg preached, whose text was 1st. Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 44, "It is sown a natural body. It is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body." The Moderator then invited Elder Earl Howard to the stand who preached from John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

The Moderator, Elder G. M. Caudill concluded the services. The Brethren were wonderfully blessed to declare the glorious gospel of the Son of God. We wish to express to the Brothers and Sisters of the Little Dove Church, and to the entire community, our most heartfelt and sincere thanks for the kindness and hospitality toward us during this Association.

And so the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Indian Bottom Association closed with great rejoicing among the Brethren and Sisters expressing their thankfulness to the Lord. May God bless you all.

Yours in love,

DAWSON DIXON, Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

MAY 1952

LITTLE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Willie Madden, G. M. Caudill, Beckham Fields, Jim Pratt, and Alva Caudill.

HURRICANE GAP — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Beckham Fields, Alva Caudill, Alvin Hagans, Paris Hagans, Carvey Adams and Moderator.

CLEAR CREEK — Third Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Herman Caudill, G. M. Caudill, Francis Hubbard, M. C. Wright, John Sexton and B. H. Bevins.

NEW BETHLEHEM — Fourth Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Tip Cornett, Steve Pratt, Andy Bates, and Lewis Day.

JUNE 1952

INDIAN BOTTOM — First Saturday and Sunday; Elders: H. D. Caudill, J. W. Pratt, Alva Caudill and Beckham Fields.

DRY FORK — First Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Dan Noble, Willie Madden, Charlie Gibson, and Howard Caudill.

PILGRIMS HOME — First Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Steve Pratt, Millard Morton, L. B. Day, G. M. Caudill and J. W. Pratt.

OVEN FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Dewey Sexton, Beckham Fields, Frank Fugate, Alex Coburn and Tip Cornett.

DOTY CREEK — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Archie Craft, G. M. Caudill, H. D. Caudill, and Willie Madden.

LITTLE DANIEL — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Willie Madden, Elam Hale, and G. M. Caudill.

FRIENDSHIP — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Caleb Creech, Cullen Hogg, Beckham Fields, Crit Eldridge and G. M. Caudill.

NEW HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: London Francis, George Hagans, Frank Fugate, and Baxter Osborne.

REYNOLDS FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Frank Fugate, Dan Noble, Dan Gibson, and Bert Howard.

POOR FORK — Third Saturday and Sunday; Elders: George Hagans, Willie Bates, Tip Cornett, G. B. Ison, David Caudill, T. R. Collier, and Charlie Cornett.

POWELL — Third Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Beckham Fields, Crit Eldridge, Willie Back, Andy Bates, Alvin Hagans, Paris Hagans, Carvey Adams, Howard Caudill, and Frank Caudill.

MALLET FORK — Third Saturday and Sunday; Elders: L. D. Francis, Baxter Osborne, E. V. Hopkins, Willie Madden, Assistant Moderator and Moderator.

CARRS FORK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Cecil Mosely, W. C. Hogg, J. W. Pratt and Earl Howard.

BIG COWAN — Fourth Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Beckham Fields, G. M. Caudill, Monroe Caudill, and Moderator.

TOLSON CREEK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Steve Pratt, H. B. Reedy, Riley Fouts and Moderator.

JULY 1952

BIG LEATHERWOOD — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Riley Fouts, Willie Madden, London Francis, Caleb Creech, and Alvin Hagans.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM — Second Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Tip Cornett, George Hagans, Frank Fugate, and Moderator.

SANDLICK — Third Saturday and Sunday; Elders: G. M. Caudill, Jim Pratt, Willie Madden, Dan Noble and Dixie Ison.

MAPLE GROVE — Third Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Jim Pratt, Lewis Day, N. J. Roberts, Clayton Baker, Mynton Justice, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

JAMES MEMORIAL — Third Saturday and Sunday; Elders: L. D. Francis, Willie Madden, Riley Fouts, and Howard Caudill.

AUGUST 1952

INGRAMS CREEK — First Saturday and Sunday; Elders: Beckham Fields, W. C. Hogg, Caleb Creech, Riley Fouts, and H. D. Caudill.

CIRCULAR LETTER

TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

Dearly beloved, brethren and sisters in the Lord of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ. Since it was the desire of the delegates present at our last Association that I again write a circular letter to be submitted for your inspection at this Association.

Brethren and Sisters I feel my weakness and unworthiness as a man. Realizing that this letter will not be worth the paper on which it is written, unless the good Lord comes to my rescue. That I may be changed into another man and feel the guidance of His Holy and Divine Spirit. May God's will be done and not mine.

Thou are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church

(not churches) And the gates of hell shall not prevail against her. Jesus Christ was and is that rock. (The gates of hell opens to every way of death hell and destruction). This is the language of our blessed Lord, King and Redeemer while here on earth God's footstool. Peter was a man as we, with an earthly father and mother and no doubt that he had been a sinner in the sight and government of God. For the Bible tells us that all like sheep have gone astray. And I also feel assured that he was in the number who were baptized by John the Baptist. Because he came making ready the people prepared for the Lord. He came preaching upon the banks of Jordon saying repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. There is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance. They are born from above having their sins blotted out by the atoning blood of Jesus Christ and our names written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then we become an heir and a joint heir with Christ in his kingdom on high also ready to go home to our friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for us. Put our light upon the candlestick that it may give light unto the whole house which is the church.

The only just persons that need no repentance are infants, before they reach the years of accountability and persons of unsound mind. Where there is no law there is no transgression. The blessed Lord tells us that whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them I will liken him unto the wise man that dug deep and built his house on the rock. When the tempest raged and the rain beat the house fell not because it was builded upon the rock, but he that will not hear these sayings of mine I will liken him unto the foolish man that built his house on the sand. When the tempest rages and the rain beat the house fell and great was the fall. I believe that the light of God's Holy and Divine spirit is going to enlighten every man and woman that comes into the world, somewhere along life's journey. It will show them they are lost without hope and God in the world. This brought great fear upon your unworthy. I was not just going to be lost, but already lost. I had been desiring to live a better life for quite awhile.

I tried within myself to keep the commandments of God but when temptation came along I would find myself right in the same old rut doing things I should never do. I began to get worried and uneasy about my condition. I had a de-

sire to have that innocent look of God's people. To have that happy feeling they seemed to have. I was naturally a good singer but my voice fell far short of having the spirit to sing these old spiritual songs like they. While listening to the voices of those who have now been gone to their reward, Lo these many years. I was walking along the road that lonely evening in deep meditation. I stopped and my very soul cried unto the Lord and inquired. Lord God Almighty why is it that I can't feel like the people of God? The next moment it seemed that I was caught away in a trance.

It seemed that a smoky mountain rolled up before me. It reached from earth to heaven, and I was made to realize that these were my own sins. I had an awful feeling that death was near. I then saw myself standing one step from the brink of flaming torment. I began to call upon the name of the Lord as I had never called before. But it seemed that my prayers did not go as high as my head. It looked like I had already gone too far. I spent a restless night. The next morning I felt still worse but went down to church. Before this I had never bowed my head at church. I had felt that some one might call me a hypocrite. But this time when they said let us all bow in prayer, it seemed that my strength left me and I went down as low as I could go with a desire that the whole world pray for me. Time passed without relief. The more I prayed the worse my condition became. I tried to keep it hid from my companion and little children. I was afraid they would ask me what was the matter and all that I could have told them was that I felt like that I was sure going to die and that hell was my doom. I knew this would break their hearts. So I staved out in the field from early till late cleaning up ground. I'll never forget one evening. The Burden of my many sins just kept rolling upon me until I thought my time had come.

I remember looking a few steps from me and I said to myself I will never live to reach that grub. But in some way I did and there was another one near me, I said to myself I'll sure never reach it. Here they will find my lifeless body, but Oh my lost soul. It seemed that I could view my soul leaving my body to go like a flash into torment. I looked toward the sun that was bending low in the west. It seemed to say, he's gone, he's gone. All nature seemed to be bidding me farewell. In my anguish I cried to the Lord. "Lord take this body and let it die, but O Lord save my soul. I don't remember how I got to the house or to the bed. The next I

remember I was carried away in a trance or vision. It don't seem that I was asleep. I viewed myself out with my wild companions, and we were going a downward road until we came to the mouth of Elk Creek. There my wild companions disappeared and I fell in company of old Regular Baptist Church members, perhaps fifty or more all going to the Indian Bottom church upon Rockhouse above Rich Whitakers' place, and Old Uncle Jim Dixon was riding his mare along behind us. When we got to within about fifty yards of an oak tree that stands in front of the church house, "Old Uncle Jim started singing the second verse of "Children of the Heavenly King". It starts "Ye are traveling home to God. I had a feeling run over me, I looked straight ahead near the oak tree I saw a throne as white as snow, and on this throne stood Jesus. His smile was like the sun and his raiment was white as snow. There was also a path from where I stood to the throne. It was white. I didn't walk I ran to him. He reached down and took me by the hand and lifted me upon the throne with him. He then turned and led me down snow white steps to the edge of the creek. There was a blank space while we passed over. The next I realized, we stepped upon the other shore. He spoke and said "This is the Resurrection morning." The glorious light of heaven beamed down upon us, and I saw things that no mortal tongue can tell, and my burden was gone. I knew not where. I came to myself in that beautiful light and it seemed that everything was praising the Lord.

The next thought that entered my mind, I would give everything in this world if there was an Old Regular Baptist meeting going on right now so I could run right in and tell what great things the Lord had done for me, and go down and be buried in the liquid grave and follow in the footsteps of my savior. I had a love in my soul that knew no bounds. And the song seemed to continually linger upon my mind was "I love thy kingdom Lord. The house of thine abode. The church our blessed redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

Brethren and sisters I have nothing to boast about, but we have many things to be thankful for. When I joined the Old Regular Baptist ranks or church. It seemed in it was everything that my soul desired. I long for the sweet communion and fellowship of the good old fathers and mothers in Israel, although I felt to be the least among them. I have never claimed to be a perfect man. we all have our faults and

each one knows what his faults are. One trouble we find among church people, they see and talk about every body's faults, but never confess their own. We also find busy bodys, back-biters, tattlers in some churches. We find church members and even men who claim that the Lord called them to preach who loses a lot of sleep electioneering, to remove the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set. Many times kin-folks mean more in selecting moderators for our churches and Associations than Godly qualifications. Electioneering is a tool of the devil and has no place in the house of God.

Some churches don't even ask or require anyone to tell an experience of grace when they come to the church. The result is already manifest, go and see for yourself. Brethren and sisters the battle is on. Never before in my recollection has so many things sprung up to destroy the Regular Baptist people. Men you one time thought as solid as the rocks of Gibraltar are now being tossed to and fro by every wind and doctrine. We have some preaching brethren that it seems to almost choke them to say Old Regular Baptist. They will say the Baptist Church, or the Old Baptist Church. I believe that any member that is ashamed of the name Regular Baptist Church should be excluded from its fellowship.

I have always had it in mind if I should ever see the time that the Lord should show me that I was a mistaken man, yet in my sins or that for any other cause I might become dissatisfied with my fellowship being in her ranks, that I would quietly ask my church to take my name off the church book. Although these things will never happen with me. I have settled down with you to live and you to die. So my word to the dissatisfied members in the Regular Baptist ranks, if you prefer living in a house without order, there are denominations all around that you can get fellowship in without even wetting your clothes. Whenever we cease working for the upbuild of zion in the good old fashioned way, we soon become stumbling blocks that hinder those who would work for the upbuilding of the cause.

The devil has never been able to stop or destroy the work of the Lord. but he can hinder. I have never yet seen a man, no matter how highly esteemed he may have been that has departed from this old order, faith and practice. that has not made shipwreck. It is now rather like it was in the days of old. The cry should be made. "Who is on the Lord's side?" As for me and my house. we will serve the Lord. Brethren and Sisters I feel to bid you farewell. I feel my time of de-

parture may be near at hand. There is one blessed thought. I feel I have fought a good fight. I have stood for what I felt to be right, if I stood alone. If I should be called home, I am willing and ready to go. As we visit the mounds where our loved ones so quietly and peacefully sleep, we often long to be absent from this body to be present with the Lord.

If we should never meet no more, I trust we may meet far beyond this mortal shore where we may all join in singing the song of the redeemed. Sincerely your Brother in Hope.

—REV. H. D. CAUDILL.

OBITUARIES

DELL ELKINS

Obituary of Dell Elkins and one of his sons and two of his daughters. Notice and think how quick a family can be separated in this world. Dell Elkins was born Sept. 11, 1888, was mostly raised by Rev. and Mrs. Felix Fields. Sept. 28, 1909 he married Sarah Adams. To this union eight children were born. All lived to be grown, to-wit: Johnny, Annie, Nannie, Ethel, Willard, Winson, Elvin, and Eva. This was one of the most happy families you most ever seen.

The father and mother both being christians, living the life of faith before their children. Till February 12, 1946 when Johnny departed this life from injuries received in the mines, received four years previous to that date. Leaving a widow and two children. His wife was Cuba Day Elkins, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Day. His childrens' names were Billy Claude and Bobbie to be baptized after he was saved, but left all satisfaction that one could leave. That part of the family yet living can not ever feel happy as they once did any more in this life but we hope to some day all be together where we will not have to separate any more. As the obituaries prepared for each one giving a more fully description Johnny would take so much space we are just making it as of their lives and the comparison of Dell, Annie, Ethel and short as we can with a desire at heart, that those reading this would give a deep thought and consideration how quick you and your family can be separated on earth and how necessary it is to be prepared to meet again, this is a lonesome world for us left.

—THE FAMILY and REV. & MRS. F. G. FIELDS.

L. C. RIDDLE

With a sad and fearful feeling I'll try to write the obituary of my dad L. C. Riddle. He was born March 4, 1873 and died September 6, 1949. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Big Leatherwood some where around 40 years ago and soon after was ordained ministry. He was the father of nine children, four girls and five boys. One boy preceded him in death, the others are still living and 52 grandchildren to mourn his loss. He was a very strong man till the past few years. He rode horse back over mountains through snow and heat to fill his calling and promises. He stood firm in the Doctrine and Order. I believe he stood on the old land mark as close as a man could. I am sure that everybody that knew him misses him very much. But I believe his suffering is over and that he is resting today where there is no more trouble or sorrow. I am trying by the help of God to live day by day so I can meet dad again.

Bothers and sisters in flesh, if you want to meet dad any more, make peace with the Lord while living, for there's no repentance after death. Written by his oldest son,

—RUBIN RIDDLE.

MARTHA JANE RIDDLE

It is with a sad feeling I will try to write a short obituary of my mother Martha Jane Riddle, which went by the name Matt Riddle. She was born April 20, 1879, and died October 3, 1949. She professed a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ about 40 years ago and was baptized in the fellowship of Old Regular Baptist Church at Big Leatherwood. She was a Deacon of that church for many years. She was the mother of nine children, five boys and four girls. One boy had preceded her in death the other eight are still living. 52 grandchildren are left to mourn her loss. She was loved by them all and we miss her so. She was bed fast for five months before her death. She was in my home the last four months before she died and I tried with all my power to please her in every way I could. She was the humblest person during her sickness I ever saw. She was visited by friends and relatives. Day and night she wanted singing and preaching and her friends to pray with her every day. We miss her so but children if you see mother anymore mother's God your God is my prayer. Written by her oldest son,

RUBIN RIDDLE.

SISTER POLLY RIDDLE

Sister Polly Riddle, was born January 24, 1866. She deceased October 29, 1947. Age 79 years, 10 months and 16 days of age. She was married to the late Elder G. C. Riddle and to this union was born nine children, eight girls and one boy. Her husband and one girl proceeded her in death. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1910 and lived a faithful christian life. She was kind and true and was loved by all who knew her. She was a kind mother, and a true loving, faithful wife. She was good to everybody. She was clever to everybody that came to her house and she was strong in the Old Baptist faith and doctrine. So dear children cheer up mother is not lost but gone on to that happy land and if you want to meet mother again you must make mothers God your God. You must repent and be born again before you leave this world, if you want to meet your father and mother and dear sister in heaven. Written by,

—ELDER G. M. CAUDILL.

BRUCE KING DIXON

Bruce K. Dixon was born Nov. 29, 1910; died August 30, 1950. Age 39 years, nine months and one day. He was the son of W. C. and Martha Back Dixon. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Jessie Back Dixon, and a little daughter, Juda Carol, four years of age; five brothers, two sisters and his aged father.

During the last two months of his sickness he prayed almost continually during his waking hours. As he neared his end, which he said he knew was at hand, he got more earnest and fervent in his prayers and often on his knees. He said he felt that God could and would save him before he left this world.

We don't believe that God ever lets an earnest, praying man be lost. We believe he is resting in eternal glory with sweet Jesus and his mother.

P. S. This was read at Bruce's Funeral one year ago.

—W. C. DIXON.

MARY ADAMS

Mary Adams was born February 25, 1880, deceased March 29, 1951, being 71 years, 1 month and 4 days old. She was married to K. Adams, August 16, 1902, to this union was born 12 children, two died in infancy. Daddy died 35 years ago leaving mommie with 10 children, four not big enough to take care of themselves. The baby was not two years old at that

time. She raised her ten children until all were grown. The baby at the age of 18 joined the Army, just in nine months until he was drowned. So just leaves nine of her children and a granddaughter she raised. Also a number of other grand children. Two sisters, 2 brothers, to mourn her loss. I feel sure our loss is heavens gain for if there ever was a good mother she was one. She always give us good advice. Worked hard, us older children stayed with her and helped her, as she told us, we all had a hard time, and was good to each other and done as mommie told us. She give all of us a fair education. She was loved by all who knew her. She professed a hope in Christ several years before, joined the Mallet Fork church in February 1941. She lived a good faithful member and filled her seat both days, long as she was able to go. I have seen her going on her cane, not being able to walk that distance, after not being able to walk, went with some of her good neighbors. Sometimes not able to sit up all day but by the help of the good Lord she did, and sure did enjoy hearing the good preaching, and singing. She would begin to shout and praise the Lord, after sometimes not able to walk by herself and I would lead her through the stand. I am sure the members of Mallet Fork miss her, but not like I do for when I go, I can't keep from looking for mother, but some day I expect to see her again. Written by her daughter.

MANERVA INGRAM

Manerva Ingram, daughter of Sam and Eliza Halcomb and wife of Finley Ingram, who preceded her in death May 6, 1936. She died at her home on Kings Creek, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1948, making her stay on earth 74 years, 1 month and 20 days old. She is the mother of 12 children, three of which have preceded her in death. The ones left to mourn her loss are Mrs. Lorelle Sheppherd, Mrs. Alma Tyler, Anderson, Kid, Johnnie and Pete all of Kings Creek, Kirby of Defeated Creek, Everet of Cumberland and Ford Ingram of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. She has one brother left, Hiram Halcomb, of Cumberland, Ky.

Manerva had been ill for a year almost to a day. God alone knows how sad and heart broken we are in our loss. The loss of this dear mother is almost more than we can bear. We thank God for the host of friends and relatives who came to help us share our sorrows. We desire to extend our thanks to the neighbors who sat with us countless nights and gave us a helping hand. We also wish to thank Rev. Madden, Rev. B. Ison, Key Troy Shepherd, and others who officiated were

greatly appreciated and to those who gave many beautiful flowers. Manerva was loved by all who knew her and asked that her children do likewise. She joined the Hurricane Gap Church of Old Regular Baptist. She had frequently said to her family that she was ready and wanted to go on to that better land above. She was a true and faithful mother. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery on Dry Fork. That is located on Line Fork. Also thanks to the Craft Funeral Home and to Archie Craft, who was in charge.

—THE INGRAM FAMILY.

RACHEL WHITAKER

Rachel Whitaker, was borned June 15, 1874, deceased December 11, 1950, age 76 years, 10 months, 26 days. She was the daughter of Johnnie Miller and Rebecca Caudill Miller. She married Press Whitaker, June 5, 1894 and to this union no children borned. They raised one child Cecil Shepherd. She leaves to mourn her loss two brothers, and three sisters, Harvie Miller and Dixon Miller, Mary Caudill, Sarah Ison, Martha Whitaker. Her father and mother preceded her in death. She joined the Hurricane Gap Church of Old Regular Baptists March 11, 1911, and served as a Deacon, 39 years. Her husband Press Whitaker preceded her in death four months. Her passing was a great shock to the community, it was so quick. She was loved by all who knew her. She was a bright and a shining light to the church and to the community in which she lived. I feel she lived a life of great honor. Now to her brothers and sisters and to Cecil the boy she raised, Rachel is not dead just sleepeth awaiting the redemption of the body, if you ever want to see Sister Rachel prepare to meet her in a better world than this. She can't come back to you but by the grace of God you can go to her where there will be no parting. The church has lost a good member, the neighbors a great friend.

Now we feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by Harrison Cornett, as Requested by
Martha Whitaker.

The world may change from year to year
And our lives from day to day
But the loving memory of Sister Rachel
Shall never fade away
Sleep on Sister Rachel, sleep on,
You have been a soldier brave and true
But we hope to meet you where
Parting will be no more.

SARAH VINE FIELDS

With a sad and broken heart, but with the spirit of God, I would like to write a few words about our dear Mother, Sarah Vine Fields.

She was born on December 2, 1871 and died on November 20, 1950. She was 77 years, 11 months and 13 days old. She was united in marriage to John M. Fields, and to this union was born 9 children, 7 boys and 2 girls. One boy, William H. Fields, died at the age of 6 months. She left 6 boys and 2 girls to mourn her loss.

It was awfully hard to give mother up, but knowing that it was Heavens gain, helps us to bear the burden. Having a hope in Christ and feeling the spirit of God makes me feel more sure that I will see Mother in a better world above, where she will have no sickness or sorrow to bear and will be gladness and joy.

Mother and Father professed a hope in Jesus Christ April 15, 1911 and were baptized May 6, 1911. Living close to God 39 years 5 months and 9 days in the Old Regular Baptist Church at Hurricane Gap, Gordon, Kentucky. Shortly after they were baptized they were ordained as Deacon and Deaconess of the church. They served faithfully in that capacity as long as they lived. Mother attended church very regular, and attended her sister churches also until her health and age were against her. Many times I have heard her say that she would like to be at her church when she was too sick to go. Mother seemed to be praying for the church even though she could not be there. Mother was very dear to all of us and always tried to get us children to live for the Lord.

At the time of Mothers death I don't know if any of us children were christians, but since we have lost Mother we have started standing up for God, trying to fill Mother and Father's empty shoes. I feel like they can look down on us from Heaven now and rejoice in God's Prayers. I hope and pray that my other brothers and sisters who have not made peace with God will be touched by God through these few words and turn to the Straight and Narrow Way—The way that Mother and Father lived and died by.

Many times I have heard Mother say that she wished her day would hurry and come so she could go on to Heaven where there would be no suffering or sorrows and all would be Peace and Gladness.

May God Bless Everyone that reads this Message. This

is written by her son Alonzo Fields. But I feel that this would be from the hearts of all the rest of the children if they were writing it.

“When this Life is but a story
And She rests within the Tomb
She shall rise with Him in Glory
He will make the Flowers Bloom”.

P. H. WHITAKER

Bro. P. H. Whitaker was born Dec. 28, 1869, deceased Aug. 20, 1950, age 81 years, 7 months, 22 days. He was married to Rachel Miller June 5, 1894.

They had no children but raised one child which they took while very small, he was Cecil Shepherd.

He joined the Hurrigan Gap Church of Old Regular Baptists, March 11, 1911, and served the Hurrigan Gap Church as a Deacon for 39 years. He was a good and faithful member until death. He leaves a good and a loving wife and the boy he raised which seemed very near to him, one brother, and two sisters, Eli Whitaker, Susan Shepherd and Nancy Adams and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. The church has lost a good and faithful member. He was good and kind to all who knew him. He bore his sickness with great patience—his passing was quick and easy. He was born and reared on the head of Big Leatherwood and lived near his father's old home—his father was Enoch Whitaker. Bro. Press loved all who knew him and everybody loved him. Now, to his brother and two sisters, Bro. Press is not dead, but sleepeth, awaiting the redemption of the body. He can't come back to you, but you can go to him. By following in his foot steps.

We feel sure that our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by—

—BRO. HARRISON CORNETT.

The world may change from year to year,
Our lives from day to day,
But the loving memory of dear Bro. Press,
Shall never fade away.
Sleep on, Bro. Press, Sleep on, Bro. Press,
You have been a Soldier brave and true
But we hope to meet you where parting
Will be no more.

LETTIE FUGATE

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write a short sketch of the life of Lettie Fugate, daughter of Zack Fugate and Cynthia Fugate, who was born April 7, 1885, departed this life May 15, 1950, being 65 years, 1 month, and 8 days old. On July 15, 1898 she was married to John Fugate and to this union was born 15 children, 7 boys and 8 girls. Three boys and 1 girl preceded her in death, leaving 4 boys, Elmer, Merchant, Dewit, and French and 7 girls, Canzella, Florida, Myrtle, Clara, Crittie, Bonnie, and Ruby, a good husband with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

She joined the New Bethlehem Church of Regular Baptists October 1, 1943, and was baptized by Elder Dan Gibson, living a faithful member until her death. Sister Lettie was a light to her home, her community and her church, and always filled her seat in the church as long as she was able. Nothing delighted her more than to have her brothers and sisters in the Lord visit her and sing the good old songs of Zion. We miss her in the church and in the home, but God saw fit to call her out of this world of sorrow and pain and waft her soul to mansions on high. I want to say to John and the children the ones that have not made their peace calling and election sure, if you ever want to meet mother again you must be born again, not with a corruptible seed but with an incorruptible and by the word of God that liveth and abideth forever.

I never saw a sister with a more meek and humble spirit, she always met her brothers and sisters with a handshake and kindly smile and stood for the things that was for the upbuilding of God's kingdom on earth.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

Written by Mander Yonts for her husband, John.

BELLE HALE

With much sadness at heart, I will attempt to write an obituary of a beloved wife and mother, to-wit: Belle Hale. She was the daughter of Newton and Elizabeth Mullins. She was born September 5, 1879, in Knott County, Kentucky. On August 15, 1899, she was married to William Hale, son of John and Alsie Hale. To this union was born nine children, two of which preceded her in death. Still living are three

girls. Ida Hale, Ella Miller and Florence Breeding, all of Redfox, Ky., and four boys: Lawrence and Zelda of Redfox, Ky., Herman, Mt. Olivet, Ky., and Little C. Hale, Bardstown, Ky.; and a nephew, Archie Smith, Redfox, Ky., whom she raised from childhood. Four sisters: Nancy Calhoun, and Melda Hudson of Amburgey, Ky., Frona Combs of Bulan, Ky., and Allie Cornett of Sassafras, Ky., and one brother, John Mullins, Vicco, Ky., also to mourn our loss along with a host of friends.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in July, 1916, taking her fellowship in the Carrs Fork Church. She was a Deacon of Carrs Fork Church for about thirty years, and was a faithful member until her death, April 26, 1951. She spent about thirty-five years in the battle for the Lord. About half of her life was spent in church.

She was a good wife, Mother and neighbor. We miss her so much in our home, but we feel one of the family has gone to that glory world where she will not be afflicted any more. Mother cannot come back to us, but by the Grace of God we can go to her. May God bless William, her children, and Archie for caring for her so patiently through her sickness.

We did all we could to carry out her request by taking her to the Carrs Fork Church and having her funeral. This was what she wanted.

Ministers who attended: Elder Henry Blair and Charlie Cornett.

O, Mother how we miss her
In this cruel world below
And we hope some day we'll meet her
When there we are called to go.

—WILLIAM HALE AND FAMILY.

ALVERDIA CRASE ADAMS

August 27, 1951.

It is with an aching heart that I will try to write a short obituary of Alverdia Crase Adams. She was born January 14, 1897, deceased April 7, 1951, being 54 years, 2 months and 23 days old at the time of her death. She was married to R. B. Shepherd on August, 29, 1913. To this union was born 10 children. Her husband and 3 children preceded her in death many years ago. Later she married Lee Adams. There were no children. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, 7 children and 18 grand children and 4 step-children. Her mother and 7 brothers and 4 sisters and many relatives and

friends. The day she was taken to the hospital the first time she called her Mother to her bedside and said, "dear Mama I would like to tellyou we don't know what might happen, I might get all right, I hope I do, but if anything happens I feel I am prepared to die. If there is anything against me I can't see it. I have prayed with all my heart for God's will to be done." These are her own words. She was ill for 10 years before her Lord called her home. She bore her sickness with patience but prayed for the Lord to take her home. We believe she is resting with her Saviour awaiting the great judgment day

Dear Viridia we miss you so much. but want God's will to be done, I hope we will meet you in a better world than this. It was so hard to give you up.

Written by her mother who loved her so much—
—MRS. W. R. CRASE.

WILLIAM RILEY CRASE

August 16, 1951.

It is with sad and lonesome feelings that I will try to write a short obituary of my dear husband, William Riley Crase. He was born May 26, 1876, deceased October 13, 1950, being 74 years 4 months and 17 days old. He was married to Sallie Calihan, January 1, 1896. To this union was born 13 children: Alverdia, Laura, Ira, Bertha, John B., Mary, Tilford, Ellis, George, Isaac M., Evilla, and Henry. George preceded his father in death in 1918. Alverdia deceased April 7, 1951. Eleven children and his wife are still living to mourn the loss of a good husband and father. He has four brothers and one sister and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

He joined the Big Cowan Church of Old Regular Baptists in 1901 and lived a faithful member until his death. He was licensed to preach in 1908 in the Indian Bottom Church of Old Regular Baptists. At the time of his death he belonged to the Tolson Creek Church. He tried to teach his children to do right and serve the Lord. He would sit and sing for hours at a time for them to listen. His favorite song was, "Salvation O the Name I Love", which came from the Lord above.

We miss him, O how we miss him, but we believe that God has taken him home to rest. He had been ill for the last 10 years, but never complained until he had to.

Written by his heartbroken wife and his loving children,

—MRS. W. R. CRASE AND FAMILY.

LLOYD WENDELL STURGILL

Lloyd Wendell Sturgill was born July 23, 1914. He departed from this life May 15, 1950, making his stay on earth 35 years, 7 months and 23 days.

He professed a hope in Christ in 1947 and in August of that year he joined the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Since that time he has lived a faithful Christian life, and although his family and friends grieve his loss, we feel that he has only lost a life of struggle and toil to live in peace and happiness through eternity.

He leaves his wife and six children to mourn his loss, also his father and mother, five brothers and four sisters, besides a host of friends and relatives.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Wendell did this, so let us do the same and be ready to meet him in glory land.

BRO. JOHN P. AMBURGEY

Brinkley, Ky.

I will now, with a sad feeling, attempt to write a short sketch of the life and death of my father, John P. Amburgey, of Brinkley, Ky. He was born March 1, 1892 and was married to May Maggard, the daughter of Elder N. T. Maggard about the year of 1918, and to this union was born 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls, one boy and his loving companion preceded him in death; later on he was married to Myrtle Day, the daughter of Shelly Day, and to this union was born 11 children, 3 girls and 1 boy, leaving 10 children and his loving wife to mourn his loss. and Mother, also a host of brothers and sisters, and we do believe our loss is heaven's gain. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, at New Home, he was baptised by Elder N. T. Maggard and Charlie Baldrige about 15 years ago and he lived a faithful member. August 2nd Saturday, 1941, Bro. John P. Amburgey lifted his letters by arm to establish the Reynolds Fork Church. Aug. 4th Saturday, 1941. July first Saturday, 1948, appointed Church Clerk for Reynolds Fork Church, so death came on August 28th, 1951 and took him away from us..

Written by his son—

—N. T. AMBURGEY,

Directed by Bro. Millard Seals.

MARTHA HALL

Sister Martha Hall was born August 2, 1889, Deceased June 19, 1950, age 60 years, 8 months and 17 days. Sister Hall was the daughter of Noah and Maggie Reynolds. She was married to Joe Hall May 18, 1907, son of Jeff Hall and to this union was born 12 children: boys, 7; girls, 5; She joined the Carrs Fork Church, June 4th Saturday, 1938, and lived a faithful member until death. Just a few days before she left this life she called the writer to her bedside and told him that she had been with him in Heaven and that he had baptised her in a golden casket and she wanted to tell him of that before she left him and also told him she wanted him to preach her funeral which was done according to her request and I hope to see the time when we will meet around the throne of God in that City of pure gold, where no separation will ever come and where our sorrows will cease. I want to say to the children that you have lost a good mother and Joe a faithful wife, and if you all want to see mother again and Joe, his wife, you will have to make peace with the same God that your mother did while she was here and I am sure if she could speak to you that she is in perfect health now and at a real Home where she don't have to labor but sing the songs with the redeemed of the Lord. I know you children miss her as the church does, but I feel she has only exchanged a world of Sorrow to a Home of Joy. So may God Bless you children to prepare to meet mother again where no separation ever comes, is the prayer of your unworthy servant.

Written by—

—HENRY BLAIR.

ANDEW JACKSON CRAIGER

Andrew Jackson Craiger was born March 28, 1886, in Wise County, Virginia, departed this life September 13, 1949, making his stay on earth 83 years 5 months and 20 days. He met his death at his home at Partridge, Kentucky after a long illness, of which he bore with patience to the end.

He was united in marriage to Martha Ann Jenkins December 9, 1887. To this union was born 6 sons and 6 daughters. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, 5 sons, Johnie, Jesse, Howard, Cassel and Earl. 5 Daughters, Mrs. J. L. Parsons, Mrs. John Sturgill, Mrs. Williah Sexton, Mrs. Archie Hale and Mrs. Hillard Brown. Also 32 grand children, 32 great grand children, a host of relatives and other friends to

mourn his loss. Of twelve children, two preceded him in death.

He professed a faith in Christ in September, 1938, baptized united with the Regular Baptist Church, and lived a faithful, humble christian life until death.

He will be missed by his family, his church, and community, but we believe that our loss is heavens gain, that he is gone to be with him who has gone to prepare a place for his own.

So sleep on daddy till Christ shall call,
Then arise no more to fall,
And God shall wipe all tears away,
With life eternal on that day.

Preachers: D. C. Maggard, Lawrence Sumpter, Cullen Hogg, Riley Fouts, Bill Shepherd.

MILLIE HAMPTON

Millie Hampton was born, Sept. 20, 1898, deceased June 8, 1951, making her stay here on earth 53 years, 9 months, 8 days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Booker Mullins. She was married to Mr. Dee Hampton, Sept. 14, 1919, and to this union was born seven children, four girls and three boys. Shelby Ray Hampton, Billie Dee Hampton, Rosella Shanth, Hilma Sturgill, Cinda May Maggard. Phyllis Jean Hampton. She has left to mourn her loss, her husband, seven children and ten grandchildren which she loved and cared for so faithful. She also leaves a mother, two sisters and two brothers.

She made her confession to her Lord several years ago. She read her Bible regular and loved to hear the word of God preacher. Her belief was in the Old Regular Baptist Church. She bore her sickness with patience and often said she was ready to go when God called her. We feel our loss is Heavens gain. And I know her prayers was that her husband and children would meet her in Heaven.

SISTER CINDA CAUDILL

This morning I will try to write a sketch of the life of Sister Cinda Caudill, daughter of G. W. and Melvina Francis. Sister Cinda Caudill was born Feb. 3, 1903 and died Nov. 3, 1949. She was married to Solomon Caudill, and to this union was born, seven children—five boys and two girls. Her husband preceded her in death October 3, 1941.

In her last years Sister Caudill was stricken with that

dreadful disease T. B. This sickness she bore with great patience because of her trust and faith in the Lord. Not long before her death she called the brethren to her home to preach and to pray. It was during this meeting that she told the Brethren such a beautiful experience of Grace. She also asked to be baptized into the church.

The Brethren carried her out into the water and buried her by baptism in the watery grave. Thus she followed the commandment of her Lord by Grace through faith in His Name we can follow His holy commandments, and can have a part in that first resurrection, for over such the second death hath no power." How! Best we are to have a Saviour who hath all power both in heaven and earth; a Saviour who can command the winds and the waves to obey Him, a Saviour who has power over the clay to mold into his blessed will!

How little we are and how humble we should be in knowing we have a God who has the power to save, or the power to cast both body and soul into Hell. How great should be our love for those who are yet without the fold of safety and how fervent should be our prayers for those who have not yet overcome the world through the power of the risen Lord.

Sister Caudill took up her fellowship with the Little Home Church. I believe and trust that this Sister who has outstripped us and gone was a member of the household of faith, and that her soul is now resting under the altar of God awaiting that glorious resurrection morning of the redemption of the body! She left children, mother, brothers, and one sister to mourn her loss.

And now children, if you ever want to see your dear mother again, and that loving father also, you must prepare to meet them. Put on the whole armor of God, and get in THE WAY that leads to that glory world.

Written by a brother in the faith (I hope).

—ROBERT BLAIR.

DAVID STANDIFER

On Friday, April 29, 1949 as the shade of evening gathered around the home of my brother Dave near the mouth of Big Cowan, God called and Dave quietly and peacefully passed from this life to the Land of Promise, where afflictions and sorrow can never come. Dave was born May 13, 1886, at Pound, Va., and was reared in Cumberland, Ky. He was a son of Spencer and Nancy Standifer and a grandson of Elder

Dave Maggard on June 3, 1908. He was married to Flora Blair, daughter of Elihu and Ritter Blair.

To this union was born 11 children, William and Audra died in infancy. He was a good husband and father. He loved his children and wanted to see them all saved before he passed away. He had services in his home many times. He had been a member of The Baptist Church at Ovenfork for about 20 years. He was injured while at work five years ago at which he never recovered. He went to church every time he could. He also had a stroke last Association, he went home and just been there a few moments. He never went out to church anymore. Lived eight months, after he had his first stroke. He had suffered a lot for the past five years. But still praised the Lord for his blessings. He was strong in his faith for the Regular Baptist Church. I'm satisfied there was a crown waiting for him in Heaven as a reward for his righteous way of living. Oh! what a beautiful picture I see of him in my dreams. I miss the presence of my dear brother and always will remember his cheerfulness and kindness to everyone. He was loved by young and old.

I feel so lonely, Oh! so lonely, since brother Dave passed away
I hope by God's great mercy

That we will meet again some day

Just sleep on brother Dave

We will soon meet you on high

Where we will praise sweet Jesus, And never, never die.

—SISTER MARY, Elizabethton, Tenn.

W. J. SPRADLIN

W. J. Spradlin was born Dec. 28, 1878, died July 30, 1951, age 72 years, 7 months and two days. He was married to Zetta Lee Runyon, August 1915 and to them were born three sons, Chadwick, Gordon and Carson. She died several years ago leaving the small children with him to care for, which he faithfully did until they grew up to manhood. He leaves three sons, one brother, 3 grandchildren, many friends and relatives to mourn his loss. He was noted for his willingness and readiness to assist in sickness, and conditions of distress. He joined the Powell Church of Old Regular Baptist several years ago, where his fellowship remained till death. He is greatly missed by the members of the Church and also by the people of the county where he was known.

Written by his boys,

—CHADWICK, GORDON, and CARSON.

SISTER MAGGIE REYNOLDS

Sister Maggie Reynolds was born Nov. 9, 1865, deceased October 28, 1950. Age 85 years, 11 months and 11 days old. She was the daughter of Steve Sergent and Elizabeth Sergent. She was married to Noah Reynolds, son of Henry Reynolds, 1885. She received a hope in Christ in 1914 and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1914 and lived in the Carrs Fork Church for many years, a devoted Christian life. She attended the Church regular as long as her health permitted and went many times on her cane after she got so she could hardly go. Sister Reynolds was a good mother of 11 children, raised ten of them to be grown. Seven boys to-wit: Henry, Steve, Morgan, Marion, Minston, Albert, Noah, Milburn, four girls, Martha, Ida, Bertha, Bessie, who died in infancy at the age of two years. Sister Reynolds was loved by all who knew her. Just before she passed away, to the great beyond she shouted and said "Glory to God, Hallaluah, Hallaluah. Written by NOAH REYNOLDS, her husband.

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 NEW HOME—Robert SmithGarner, Ky.
 POWELL—Willie MullinsRt. 1 Crab Orchard, Ky.
 INGRAMS CREEK—James WhitakerRoxana, Ky.
 JAMES MEMORIAL—J. D. FieldsCarcassonne, Ky.
 NEW BETHLEHEM—Jennie FugateTalcum, Ky.
 LITTLE DANIEL—Watson SextnoSackett, Ky.
 MAPLE GROVE—Troy EngleEolia, Ky.
 DRY FORK—Bud BrownPremium, Ky.
 LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Steve PrattAmburgey, Ky.
 REYNOLDS FORK—J. P. AmburgeyMousie, Ky.
 TOLSON CREEK—Ted CraseRoxana, Ky.
 LITTLE ZION—Matt CaudillJeff, Ky.
 LITTLE DOVE—Rushia CombsSassafras, Ky.
 MOSELEY MEMORIAL—Lee MoseleyGarner, Ky.
 PILGRIMS HOME—Alonzo Allen, Rt. 1Milan, Ind.

STATISTICS

Name of Churches and Delegates

CARRS FORK—Henry Blair, W. M. Hale, Wm. B. Smith, John Sparkman, and Marion Francis.

POOR FORK—Caleb Creech, Arthur Loyd, J. B. Eversole, W. C. Hogg, Bradley Gilliam, and James Caudill.

BIG COWAN—Ellis Banks, W. E. Brown, Grant Banks, Steve Gilley, and Harrison Banks.

CLEAR CREEK—Frank Fugate, Silas Combs, Dan Gibson, Francis Owens, and Mander Yonts.

OVEN FORK—Riley Fouts, Francis Maggard, Silas Fouts, Elijah Maggard, and Sam Back.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—J. W. Pratt, L. B. Day, Millard Morton, Reuben Riddle, and W. P. Pratt.

INDIAN BOTTOM—Squire Whitaker, Willie Dixon, Henry Caudill, Dawson Dixon and G. M. Caudill.

MALLET FORK—Willie Fields, K. Anderson, Ira Honeycutt, Irvin Amburgey and T. G. Cook.

HURRICANE GAP—Willie Madden, Troy Shepherd, Harrison Cornett, Susie Shepherd and Bessie Madden.

SANDLICK—A. C. Craft Sr. Willie Hamilton, Dewey Cornett, Jim Brown and Lemuel Hale.

DOTY CREEK—Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill, Howard Caudill, Rich Caudill, and Stephen Brown.

FRIENDSHIP—David R. Caudill, H. B. Whitaker, Perry Tackett, V. T. Caudill and Armanda Caudill.

CEDAR GROVE—Hiram Campbell, George Caudill, G. B. Ison, Gid Watts, Wm. Ison.

LITTLE HOME—George Hagans, L. D. Francis, Arthur Madden, Nick Everidge and Dewey Hagan.

NEW HOME—Jerome Watts, Obus Aldridge, Wm. Ritchie, R. G. Sparkman and Robert Smith.

POWELL—Millie Mullins, Wallace Mullins, Leander Eldridge, Lewis D. Caudill and Levi Caudill.

INGRAMS CREEK—James Whitaker, Kirby Ison, Silas Cox, Dixon Miller and Bertha Miller.

JAMES MEMORIAL—Beckham Fields, L. F. Caudill H.D. Caudill, Estill Jent and Gardner Jent.

NEW BETHLEHEM—Richard Fugate, Grover Patrick, Isaac Creech, Harrison Williams and Dan Noble.

MAPLE GROVE—H. L. Raleigh, Troy Engle, Mattie Engle, Minnie Stidham and Charlie Church.

LITTLE DANIEL—Watson Sexton, John Madden, Cullen Sexton, J. R. Maggard, and Charlie Gibson.

DRY FORK—Nathaniel Young, Noah Marcum, Billie Tyree, Bud Brown, Alice Brown.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Hiram Amburgey, Hillis Reedy, McKinley McIntosh, Monroe Mullins, Steve Pratt.

REYNOLDS FORK—Millard Seals, Mrs. Millard Seals, Jay Taylor, Elam Hale, Corsie Pigman.

TOLSON CREEK—Noah Eldridge, Tip Cornett, John Collins, Dewey Eldridge and Lilly Ison.

LITTLE ZION—Matt Caudill, Bill Brock, Jerry Wells, Mervin Combs, and Sam Combs.

LITTLE DOVE—Dave Hampton, Squire Eldridge, Billy Day, Willie Hampton and W. G. Caudill.

MOSELEY MEMORIAL—Ed Moseley, Cephus Moseley, Lee Moseley, Reuben Moseley and Maryland Slone.

PILGRIMS HOME—Lawrence Day, John Fields, Bertha Fields, Bettie Allen, and Alonzo Allen.

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 rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and that men sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.
4. We believe in the impotency 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 other.
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 records 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. None 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 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 not 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. Amendments 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; inquiring 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.

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

The state of our church is as follows: Number of Ordained Ministers Names and postoffices

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

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County of State of

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

Done and signed by order of the Church

Elder Moderator

Brother Clerk

Statistical Table

NAME OF
CHURCHES

	Rec. by Eyp. & Baptism.....	Received by letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recommendation.....	Deceased	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Contribution
Carrs Fork	2	3	0	0	5	6	0	85	4	15.00
Poor Fork	4	0	1	0	0	1	5	117	3	10.00
Big Cowan	7	0	0	0	2	3	3	157	4	20.00
Clear Creek	11	0	0	0	6	0	2	94	3	10.00
Oven Fork	5	0	1	0	2	1	17	101	2	15.00
Big Leatherwood	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	87	2	15.00
Indian Bottom	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	86	1	20.00
Mallet Fork	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	40	3	8.00
Hurricane Gap	0	2	0	0	5	2	0	41	2	13.00
Sandlick	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	61	3	15.00
Doty Creek	6	0	0	0	1	4	1	110	2	20.00
Friendship	15	7	0	0	1	1	0	53	2	12.70
Cedar Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	4	8.00
Little Home	16	1	0	0	5	0	0	131	1	25.00
New Home	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	67	2	15.00
Powell	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	44	3	8.00
Ingrams Creek	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	7.60
James Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	37	3	10.00
New Bethlehem	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	40	4	10.00
Maple Grove	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	3	6.00
Little Daniel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	2	7.00
Dry Fork	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	1	5.00
Little Bethlehem	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	62	2	10.00
Reynolds Fork	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	14	2	5.00
Tolson Creek	14	2	0	0	3	2	1	50	4	10.00
Little Zion	30	2	0	2	1	0	0	146	2	5.00
Little Dove	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	50	3	15.00
Mosley Memorial	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	4	5.00
Pilgrims Home	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	5.00
Totals	154	38	3	3	37	31	38	1708		330.30

