

MINUTES
—of the—
INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION
—Of—
REGULAR BAPTISTS OF
JESUS CHRIST
SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION



— Held With The —
BIG COWAN CHURCH
Day, Letcher County, Kentucky
AUGUST 31, AND SEPT. 1-2, 1956

ELDER J. W. PRATT
Moderator

BRO. DAWSON DIXON
Clerk

ELDER GEORGE HAGANS
Asst. Moderator

ELDER H. D. CAUDILL
Asst. Clerk

ELDER MANUS ISON
Asst. Clerk.



OBITUARY OF ELDER G. M. CAUDILL

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I attempt to answer the request of our bereaved sister, Mrs. Minnie Caudill, the wife of our beloved brother, Elder G. M. Caudill. Sister Minnie came to me in tears and asked me to write the obituary of her husband who has finished his course here on earth and we feel assured that his soul today is resting in the Paradise of God. He was born September the 7th, 1881 and departed this life June 11th 1956. Age 74 years 9 months and 4 days. Leaving sister Minnie and her son Gladus by her first marriage to Rich Whitaker, and his children, Little, Less, Eva, Curt, Carl and Clyde together with a host of friends and relatives to mourn their great loss. His first wife, Mrs. Anna Holcomb Caudill, the mother of his children preceded him in death many years ago. His son, Carl, lost his life across the briny deep in World War Number Two. Later he married sister Minnie Hampton Whitaker Caudill who has been a faithful, loving companion to him indeed. She assisted

him in every way possible that he might go far and near, night or day, in rain, sleet and snow to publish salvation abroad, without money and without price.

He professed a hope in Jesus Christ, and joined the Big Leatherwood church of Old Regular Baptist 2nd Sun in August in 1910,—and was baptized into its fellowship by Elder Ira Combs 2nd Sun. in Sept. Later he went out in an arm to establish the Cedar Grove church. He was ordained a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and of the Old Regular Baptist faith and order on the 4th. Saturday in April 1915 by the following Elders as presbytery—Lou C. Riddle, Granville Riddle, George B. Ison, Ira Combs, moderator of presbytery and Watson G. Combs, clerk. About the year of 1924 he came by letter and took up fellowship with the Indian Bottom church and later became assistant moderator of this church until the death of our beloved moderator, Elder David M. Maggard. He was chosen moderator of the Indian Bottom church and through watchful care this church has remained strong in the good old Regular Baptist faith and order until his death. And we pray that God may give us another leader like Caudill and that grievous wolves may never be permitted to enter in and scatter the sheep. He preached his last sermon at the Indian Bottom church on the first Sunday in June 1956. This sermon reminded me of Paul's farewell sermon before he was put to death. It caused his brethren much grief to hear him say "You will see my face no more." Brother Buddy was wonderfully blessed (although very weak in body) to admonish the members of this church to go on, press on, to go straight on like we have in the past. Be faithful, go on in the good old way and God will bless you to prosper. We could but feel that this was the last time his voice would be heard in the old Indian Bottom church which he so much loved.

Throughout the many years of his ministry, he was wrapped up in the great cause of his master. The burden of lost souls was laid near and dear to his heart, and wherever he went he pleaded to persuade poor lost sinner men and women to forsake their evil ways, repent of their sins, be regenerated and be born of the holy and divine spirit of the Lord and become heirs and joint heirs with Christ in His kingdom before it was too late and escape the awful torments of a burning hell. He believed in a strong God and loved strong doctrine a clean church and clean preachers to do the preaching. With him, it was just genuine Old Regular Baptist or nothing. Regular in doctrine, regular in faith, regular in order and regular in practice. He loved the commandments of God. He loved all her precepts and ways and fought a great battle to preserve the ancient landmarks. Those who loved the way of the Lord, loved brother Buddy Caudill. Those who despised the

way of the Lord, despised brother Buddy Caudill. According to records I have, he served as moderator in eleven sessions of the Indian Bottom Association. Brother Buddy Caudill and me were great friends. We travelled together in the ministry for almost thirty two years. No one but us know how much we miss him. but we feel that our loss is his everlasting gain. He bore his afflictions patiently and enjoyed heavenly concersations with those who visited him in his home or hospital. No doubt his suffering was great, but Jesus can make our dying beds, feel soft as downy pillows are.

While on His bresat I lay my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

In passing to his great reward he is missed by thousands. At the time of his death, he was moderator of the Indian Bottom Association, and also the moedrator of the Indian Bottom church Doty Creek, and Big Cowan churches. As I remember he was also assistant moderator Big Leatherwood, Cedar Grove and Sandlick church. His bouy was laid to rest in the family cemetery at the mouth of Campbell's branch on Line Fork creek. Perhaps the largest congregation I have seen on an occasion of this kind were assembled to pay their last respects to this beloved brother who died at his post.

Written by a brother in hope of everlasting life.

ELD. H. D. CAUDILL.

PROCEEDINGS:

Proceedings of the Sixty First annual session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ in session assembled with the Big Cowan Church, Day Letcher County, Kentucky, August 31, and September 1 and 2, 1956.

The Association met at the place arranged for preaching and after singing some of the hymns of Zion by the congregation and prayer by Elder Lewis Day, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Willie Madden whose text was, St. Matthew Chapter 4 verse 4 "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The delegates then assembled at the church house and after singing and touching remarks of introduction by Elder Ballard Baker and prayer by Elder Elmer Church, proceeded as follows:

1. The house was called to order by Elder J. W. Pratt, assistant moderator, who then called for the letters from the several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association which were handed in to the clerk. One letter was read then all were received and delegates seated, with all queries and requests referred to the committee on arrangements. ,

2. The Association then organized by choosing Elder J. W. Pratt moderator, Elder George Hagus, assistant moderator, Brother Dawson Dixon clerk, and Elder H. D. Caudill and Elder Manus Ison assistant clerks.

3. Called for newly organized churches but received none.

4. On motion it was agreed to omit the reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

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

UNION — represented by the following delegates; Elders Earl Hogston, Elmer Church, W. F. Hubbard, B. H. Baker, Bros. Rufus Perrigon, Marshal Davis, Tyree Church and Fon Bowling.

NEW SALEM—Represented by the following delegates; Elders E. V. Hopkins, M. V. Burke, Johnnie Tackett and Bros. J. M. Moore and L. G. Frazier.

PHILADELPHIA — Represented the following delegates: Elders John Moore, and Bros. Ralph Reed, Lee Mullins, John Reed and Wesley Woods.

SARDIS—Represented by the following delegates; Elders Edwin May, Eldon Maynard, Harvey Lowe, Tracy Hatfield, J. L. Nichols, and Bros. Harold Varney, Donnie Lowe, Loyd Sesco and Monroe Smith.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received.; Mander Yonts, Paris Hagans, Clar-

ence Fields, Lee Adams,, James Whitaker, Wm B. Smith, Dan Noble, Monroe Couch, Nick Everidge, Noah Eldridge J. W. Collins, Jerome Watts, Wm. Amburgey, E. H. Howard, Andy Bates, Raymond Howard,, Amos Stumbo, Hager Watts, L. F. Caudill and Roy Whitaker.

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 Big Cowan Church.

9. Appointed the same committee on arrangements as on ministry with only one delegate from Big Cowan Church, with moderators, clerks, visiting brethren and transients invited.

10. On motion the clerk and assistant clerk were appointed to write corresponding letters to sister associations as follows: Union, New Salem, Philadelphia and Sardis.

11. Called on the committee on ministry to report, who reported the following ministers to preach; Friday evening 1. Tyree Church, 2. Edwin May, 3. Tracy Hatfield.

Saturday 1. Earl Howard, 2. E. V. Hopkins, 3. Ballard Baker
4. M. V. Burke, 5 Elmer Church.

12. On motion the association adjourned until 9.00 A. M. Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 1, 1956

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing and introduction and prayer by Elder E. V. Hopkins proceed as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received; Lewis Craft, Sherman Slone, Alonzo Yonts, and Howard Caudill.

3. Ministers to preach at the stand were excused.

4. Called on the committee on arrangements to report. Their report was read and received and the committee was then discharged.

(a) QUERIES

5. Item No. 1—In regard to the request from the Friendship Church asking for a letter of dismissal. By move and second and passed by the association their request was granted and they are hereby dismissed from this association when joined to another association of the same faith and order.

6. Item No. 2—In regard to the query from the Ivy Point Church concerning double marriage. This association as an ad-

visory council advises the Ivy Point Church to let Chapter 19, St. Matthew be your guide in all cases of double marriage.

7. Item 3—In regard to queries from the Clear Creek Church and Little Rose Church asking the Indian Bottom Association to drop correspondence with all associations which are in direct correspondence with the Thornton Union association, until they the sister associations withdraw from the Thornton Union Association or have the Thornton Union Association to get themselves into Old Regular Baptist order.

8. Also the query from the Little Daniel Church asking the Indian Bottom Association to do something about preachers, preaching with other groups who are not in order. Their coming back and preaching in our churches thereby putting us in indirect fellowship with the Thornton Union Association.

9. Also a query from the Little Home Church as follows: We the Little Home Church now in session and after having considered a request of the Union Association recorded in 1955 minutes Item 11 which reads as follows: In answer to the request of the Indian Bottom Association, moved and seconded that we give the Indian Bottom Association one more year to make peace and report at our next association.

10. Our answer to all the above queries is contained in our answer to the request from the Union and New Salem Associations as follows: We the Indian Bottom association of old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ now in session with the Big Cowan Church of Day, Letcher County, Ky., say in answer to the requests from our sisters, the Union and New Salem Associations, that we have not made peace with The Thornton Union Association. Our reason for not doing so; was that they failed to comply with the advice of the Union and New Salem Associations, when they comply with those requests we will be ready to make peace.

Answer To Acknowledgement

Answer to acknowledgement made to us by the Sardis Association. We, The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ in session assembled with The Big Cowan Church, Day, Letcher County, Kentucky, August 31 and Sept 1, 2, 1956, say in answer to The Sardis Association and their acknowledgement that we from our hearts do freely forgive you in the Spirit of God's everlasting love and may our correspondence love and fellowship continue.

11. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Alonzo Allen, James Whitaker, and W. C. Hogg, who reported the sum of \$353.00 contributed by the Churches. Then by move and sec-

ond Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 2500 minute books and reserve 100 copies for each of our corresponding sister associations and distribute the remainder among the churches according to their contributions; and that he also have 200 church letter forms printed and distribute same among the churches. He is to receive \$35.00 for his services and pay Elder H. D. Caudill \$20.00 for his service as assistant clerk.

12. Appointed the same committee on ministry as of yesterday to arrange for preaching Saturday evening and Sunday which reported as follows: Saturday Evening - Lewis Craft, 2. Manus Ison, 3. Fon Bowling. Sunday 1. Hillis Reedy, 2. Sherman Slone, 3. John Moore, 4. J. W. Pratt.

13. Letters to the corresponding associations were read and approved and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

UNION—To be held with the Little Jocie Church, Breaks, Buchanan County, Va. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in Sept. 1956, and continuing the two following days. Delegates; Alonzo Allen, Beckham Fields, Lewis Day, Olus Baldrige, Jerome Watts, William Terry, Paris Hagans, Allonzo Watts H. B. Reedy, J. W. Pratt, Marion Francis, W. C. Hogg, James F Collins, James Whitaker, George Hagans, Manus Ison, McKinley McIntosh, Clarence Fields and Lee Adams, Letter in hands of W. C. Hogg.

NEW SALEM—To be held with New Salem church, Harold, Floyd County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in September 1956 and continuing the two following days. Delegates; Lewis Day, Alonzo Watts, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige Jerome Watts, James Whitaker, John Smith, Marion Frances, Hillis Reedy, Green Fields, Paris Hagans, W. C. Hogg, Lee Adams J. W. Pratt, George Hagans, Manus Ison, McKinley McIntosh, Clarence Fields, John Fields, Alvin Hagans, and Beckham Fields. Letter in hands of Lewis Day.

PHILADELPHIA—To be held with South Fork church, Worthington, Greenup County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1957, and continuing the two following days. Delegates; Paris Hagans, Alonzo Allen, Manus Ison, J. W. Pratt, John Smith Alvin Hagans, William Terry, Green Fields, Frank Fuiate, Alonzo Watts, Dewey Hagans, George Hagans, L. F. Caudill, Marion Francis, Oluls Baldrige, Lee Adams, Jerome Watts, W. C. Hogg, Silas Nichols and John Fields. Letter in hands of Alonzo Allen.

SARDIS—To be held with the Bent-Branch Church, Meta, Pike County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in Sept. 1956 and continuing the two following days. Delegates

Alonzo Allen, Manus Ison, Silas Frazier, Paris Hagans, J. W. Pratt Hillis Reedy, Olus Baldrige, Dewey Hagans, Marion Francis, George Hagans, and Silas Nichols. Letter in the hands of Paris Hagans.

14. Called on brethern, who were appointed to attend Union meetings and sister associations, to report. They reported and those who failed to attend were excused.

15. Financial report of treasurer:

RECEIPTS:

Balance from last year	\$ 47.13
September 3, 1955. Contributed by the churches	354.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 401.13

EXPENDITURES:

Sept. 4, 1955. To H. D. Caudill, assistant clerk	\$ 20.00
Sept. 5, 1955 To George Hagans, expense to Association	4.00
Sept. 5, 1955. To Dewey Hagans Expense to Association	4.00
Oct. 8, 1955, To George Hagans Expense to Association	6.00
Nov. 15, 1955 To Paris Hagans Expense to Association	10.00
Dec. 2, 1955 To Mountain Eagle Printing and Mailing Minutes	265.78
Jan. 5, 1956, Clerks Fee	35.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$344.78
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 56.35

16. Appointed union meetings as shown under that heading.

17. Resolved that we rescind that portion of the work in item 2 of our 1950 Minutes in regard to the manner of electing officers by nominating and electing from the floor with open vote

18. Resolved that The Indian Bottom Association elect their moderator and assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk seperately by secret vote.

19. The circular letter written by Elder Lewis Craft was read, approved and ordered to be printed in our minutes.

20. On motion Olus Baldrige was appointed to write a Circular Letter for next year.

21. On motion it was agreed that the next session of the Association be held with the Powell Church, Waynesburg, Lin-

coln County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the First Saturday in September 1957 and continue the two following days. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder Beckham Fields, and Elder H. B. Reedy to be his alternate.

22. On motion the Association was closed by prayer by Elder Edwin May and adjourned to the time and place of our next association.

Done and signed by Order of the Indian Bottom Association.

ELDER J. W. PRATT, Moderator
ELDER GEORGE HAGANS, Assistant Moderator
BRO. DAWSON DIXON, Clerk
ELDER H. D. CAUDILL, Assistant Clerk
ELDER MANUS ISON, Assistant Clerk.

Sunday, Sept. 2, 1956

A large orderly and attentive congregation assembled at the church house. After singing some of the songs of Zion. The services was introduced by Elder Hillis Reedy, who was wonderfully blessed. Elder Sherman Slone who was to have been next on the stand was absent and the vacancy was filled by Elder Tracy Hatfield whose text was St. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Elder John Moore was also absent, and Elder Beckham Fields was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by his absence and used as his text St. Mark 16:15—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The service was concluded by Elder J. W. Pratt, the moderator, using as his text 2nd Timothy 4:1—"I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom."

All were wonderfully blessed and the preaching was in harmony. Surely all who were there went away saying it was good to have been there.

And, now in behalf of the Association, we wish to express our gratitude and heart felt thanks to the good people of Cowan and surrounding community for the kind hospitality shown us during this Association. So the Sixty first annual session of this Association closes, amid great rejoicing and praising the Lord.

Yours in Hope,

DAWSON DIXON, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association,
I feel you made a bad choice when you asked me last year to prepare the circular letter for your approval at our association this year.

Therefore by the help of God I will write to you briefly the things which I feel the Lord places in my heart and on my mind if it could be His precious will to completely overshadow me with his divine love, now with a feeling of humbleness I attempt this letter but let us now pause for a moment and consider the greatness of our God, of His power, and His Undying love He so graciously extended to us His true born children through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ His dear Son.

Who can create, who can formulate, kill or make alive like God. Who can speak into existence the mountains, the valleys, the trees of the fields, the fowls of the air, the fish of the seas. Who can exalt above the hills or bring low. Who can kill or wound or make alive like God, I say Brethren and Sisters None can do these things but God?

Therefore let us give Him all the honor, the glory, and all the praise for His loving blessings He so graciously bestowed upon us through His loving son.

I am forced to believe therefore that Jesus Christ is the son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, I believe that all men are by nature sinners alienated from the life that is in God, and that when man was hopelessly lost, the Son of God Himself came down to earth to teach men and to perform His mighty miracles, even to raising the dead, He shed his sacrificial blood upon the cross to pay the infinite penalty for the guilt of the lost and dying world. I therefore believe that he who repents to the Lord Jesus Christ and trusts all things into his hand is born again by his Holy Spirit is a new creature and through this new birth entails new privileges and transformed affections is forever united with this old regular Baptist church with Christ as its head. Some will say why do you believe thus because brethren I feel I prayed just as earnestly for the Lord to show me His church after I felt he had already forgiven me and I feel he did that because the words of Jesus my king are to the children, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name with faith believing that will I do.

I know that no man can save himself by good works or by a good moral life such works in the eyes of the Lord are as filthy rags, I believe that a rebellious agent Satan the Devil both the

cause of man's fall and of his continuance in Sin. Jesus Christ therefore is a Sinner's only refuge from sin and who will finally come back riding on a cloud of His glory to gather his children (His church) and deliver them from a world of trouble.

Then let us walk uprightly before Him each day as obedient children and if we have truly repented and been born of His Divine Love we will and we will shun the pitfalls of darkness because Psalms 37-23 and 24 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

I humbly pray that we can be humble, long suffering and love each other as the Lord Jesus has loved us for He says that greater love has no man that this that a man lay down his life for his friends and ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I have commanded you to do.

I believe if we will do these things which he has told us to do that this precious hope which is Jesus Christ will guide us through a world of trouble, suffering, and pain and a finally carry us to Heaven to live and reign forever.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: Since we met last on this occasion one who we dearly loved has gone. Our beloved moderator. I believe his tired and longing soul is basking in the sunlight of God's love. He has stood the toils of life and the kicks and strips of men but never wavered to the right or left but looked like David of old to the high peaks of Heaven whence cometh his help. Brethren here truly stood a great soldier of the Lord and the world scorned him for being so bold and steadfast in regular Baptist faith, practices and ordinances. Therefore I pray God to send us another such soldier as he was, but I feel like Paul he fought a good fight he kept the faith therefore there was a crown of never fading glory laid up for him.

So Brethren If I am never permitted to write or to meet with you again my prayers are that you will move along in harmony among you and at peace with each other let the world say and do what they will. So finally Brethren farewell I hope to meet with you in a better world than this and that I believe will happen before long.

Your unworthy brother,

Lewis F. Craft.

UNION MEETINGS:

April, 1957

CLEAR FORK—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Beckham Fields, Troy Shepherd, Harrison Williams, Cephus Mosley, Steve Pratt, Burley Combs and Moderator.

JAMES MEMORIAL — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Carvey Adams, Hillis Reedy, John Sparkman, Cullen Hogg and Moderator.

OVEN FORK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: L. F. Caudill, Alonzo Watts, Lewis Day, Willie Madden, George Hagans. Gardner Jent, and Lewis Craft.

May, 1957

LITTLE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Cullen Hogg, Tracy Hatfield, Tyree Church, J. W. Pratt and Beckham Fields.

LONE VALLEY — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: George Hagans, H. B. Whitaker, H. D. Caudill, Carvey Adams, and Alvin Hagans

REYNOLDS FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alonzo Watts, John Sparkmas, Steve Pratt,, Nelson Seals, and Lee Mosley.

HURRICANE GAP — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. D. Ison, James Collins, Beckham Fields, George Hagans, and Frank Fugate.

CEDAR GROVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Olus Baldridge, H. B. Reedy, Cullen Hogg, Burley Combs, J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields.

LITTLE MAGDALENE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Alvin Hagans, George Hagans, J. W. Pratt, Harvey Adams, H. B. Reedy, Alonzo Watts, and Willie Madden.

June, 1957

PILGRIMS HOME — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Manus Ison, Steve Pratt, Mark Burke, Elmer Church, Moderator and any Brother that has a mind to come.

DRY FORK — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. D. Ison, Beckham Fields, Willie Madden, Troy Shepherd, Monroe Caudill, Lewis Craft, Moderator and assistant moderator.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Beckham Fields, Cullen Hogg and George Hagans.

NEW HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Baxter Osbourne, Manus Ison, Ellis Hopkins, George Hagans, Mark Burke and Jonah Tackett.

DOTY CREEK — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. W. Witt, Beckham Fields and H. B. Whitaker.

LITTLE DANIEL — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Willie Madden, Baxter Osbourne, Cullen Hogg, Troy Shepherd and Moderator.

POWELL — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Monroe Caudill, Alva Caudill, J. W. Witt, Olus Baldrige, Roy Whitaker, George Hagans, and Alvin Hagans.

CARRS FORK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lewis Craft, Willie Madden, Lewis Day, J. W. Pratt, Cullen Hogg and Earl Howard.

BIG COWAN — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Willie Madden, Lewis Craft, Troy Shepherd, J. W. Pratt, Olus Baldrige, and Moderator.

NEW BETHLEHEM — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lee Adams, Troy Shepherd, George Hagans and Frank Fugate.

July, 1957

DEFEATED CREEK — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. W. Pratt, Reuben Riddle, Beckham Fields, Cullen Hogg, Hillis Reedy, and Burley Combs.

LITTLE ROSE — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Frank Fugate, Lewis Lucas, Troy Shepherd, Steve Pratt, Burley Combs and Beckham Fields.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Green Fields, Manus Ison, John Sparkman, Burley Combs Curt Caudill.

SANDLICK — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Manus Ison, Willie Madden, J. D. Ison, Lewis Day, George Hagans, Monroe Caudill and Neal Cornett.

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 and given 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 churches 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 by a majority of the Union when in regular session, 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 any time in the Association; appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member, or members by their consent to transact any business which it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the Union which may violate any of the rules of the association or deviate from the Orthodox principles of religion, admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, and adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding 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 preservance 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 rea-

sonable 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 any other member 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.

OBITUARIES



ELDER DAVID M. MAGGARD

I saw a way-worn traveler,
In tattered garments clad,
And struggling up the mountain
It seemed that he was sad.
His back was laden heavy,
His strength was almost gone,
Yet he shouted as he journeyed,
Deliverance will come.
I saw him in the evening,
The sun was beaming low,
He'd over-topped the mountain
And reached the vale below,
He'd heard the song of triumph
They sang upon that shore,
Saying, Jesus has redeemed us
From suffering never more.
Then casting his eyes backward
On the race which he had run,
He shouted loud Hosanna,
Deliverance has come.
If nothing more was said here and no names mentioned the

reader would readily understand what the lines of this old song precious to every traveler to that city, means.

For some days the merciful angel of deliverance had hovered over the old home in which lay the frail body of Eld. David M. Maggard, truly a wayworn traveler. If ever a life yearned for the breaking up of the feeble crust that held it, it was that of Uncle Dave Maggard.

Eld. Maggard was born Dec. 18, 1839, and was a son of James Maggard, who was a son of David Maggard. He was born only a short distance from the spot where he lived and passed his last days.

Away back in the early settlement of the Kentucky mountains, a number of Maggard brothers and their relatives came into the Poorfork of Cumberland section of what is now Letcher County and started primitive homes and established rudiments of civilization. They were hunters and trappers and generally old-time Roger Williams Baptists. Soon after their establishing settlements and homes, with a number of others who came over the mountains from Virginia and North Carolina, they started in 1820 the old Oven Fork Baptist Church. When Uncle Dave was twenty years old, by conversion, faith and baptism he became a member of this old church, and in it his membership remained till the day of his death—more than seventy years. Some years after his admission to the church he was ordained to the ministry, and for at least sixty-three years all over the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and Southwest Virginia he preached the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. Thirty or more years ago in the old Baptist churches over the country great controversies arose over various doctrines as held by the ministers and the churches of that day. The question of predestination and election was the leading bone of contention. The old ministers sweated blood and tears in the effort to settle the question amicably and peacefully so as not to divide among themselves, but somehow could not. Uncle Dave stood on the old grounds and plead for union and peace, but his efforts were in vain. Throughout his remaining days he held his old brethren in the highest admiration and often spoke of them in love. For years with few exceptions the old man has passed on, Uncle Dave being the last.

Letcher County and Eastern Kentucky mourns his loss. A patriarch indeed has been called. The churches of the old faith and order and are in deep mourning, and as long as the members remain below they will hold his memory green. And well they may, for they will never see his like again.

Some years ago we recall, owing to his strenuous labors, his

ardent efforts of love as well as advanced years, he suffered a partial stroke of paralysis. For months it was believed to be impossible for him to ever be able to leave his home again, but the end was not yet, and he was again able to visit many of the churches and minister to them. He knew his call came from God and he never doubted it. Even under the weight of his disability, on the stand the fire of divine inspiration apparently permeated his very soul and he spoke with the same old gospel eloquence and power.

At his death he was pastor of the Indian Bottom, Big Cowan and Oven Fork churches and moderator of the Indian Bottom Association.

On Tuesday at 10 o'clock the funeral of this patriarch of the churches was held at the little Baptist church building near his home, and soon after the remains were laid away in the old Maggard burying ground nearby. It is needless to say that hundreds of those who held him so near and dear were present awaiting his last moments and at the final exercises. And another Abraham, Isaac and Jacob passed to his well earned reward. Why should his children and friends mourn? He fought for his reward in the other country and he has gone triumphantly to it. Tears count for naught. What matters now, grief's darkest day, when God has wiped all tears away. The exile is at home. The angels rejoice and God is glorified.

CHANNEY LEE SPENCER

Chaney Lee Spencer, the son of Edward L. and Cora Spencer was born August 25, 1908 and died March 22, 1935, age 26 years, 6 months and 27 days. He loved his parents and brothers and sisters and worked and helped his father all he could. He was sick over two years and bore his suffering with patience and said he wished he could get well, but that he had rather not live and be sick. Before he died he began to love and trust in the Lord. Brother Lou Riddle came and had church in the home and Chaney professed a hope and said that he felt that he had a home in Heaven and wanted his parents and brothers and sisters to meet him there.

May God bless all my children who are left in this cold hearted world without a father's love.

—Written by a broken hearted Mother,

CORA SPENCER.



ED L. SPENCER

It is with a sad and lonesome feeling, I try to write a few lines in loving memory of my dear husband, Ed. L. Spencer. He was born July 20, 1882 and died Dec. 30, 1955, at the age of 73 years, 5 months and 10 days. I have felt so heart broken I couldn't find courage and words to express my feelings.

Ed was a good husband and father, He was kind and good to everybody young and old. He loved his family and his church and all the members. He was baptized and took fellowship with the Indian Bottom Church of Old Regular Baptist the first Sunday in October 1942 and remained a faithful member until death.

He was in very poor health during the last years of his life His children took him and myself to Detroit, Michigan to care for us where he died at the home of his daughter, Cora Lee Baden. All the children were kind and good to him and all (nine), came to the funeral at the Indian Bottom Church where he was laid to rest on the hill by the church where he loved to go every time he could, and when he was not able to go he insisted that I go. He loved to visit the good people while going to Church he loved to visit Brother Dawson Dixon and sister Hattie and others and

loved to have his friends visit him. Last Oct. the first was the last time that he got to go to church and he and myself and our daughter Ruby Faye stayed at the home of Wendel and sister Maggie Brown. He was good to his children and always gave them good advice and told them to be good and kind to each other. I hope they will take daddy's advice and I pray God that they will in time become Christians as I feel their dad and mother was.

I want all the Christians to remember me and my children when they feel moved by the spirit to pray.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by a heart-broken wife,

—Cora Spencer.

JINNEY FUGATE

With much sadness I will try in the best way I know how to write an obituary of my loving Companion, Jinney Fugate, who was born April 2nd, 1888 and departed this life May 1st, 1955. She was married to Gobe Fugate and to this union were born one child, James Fugate who preceded her in Death. Jinney Fugate was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Her membership in the New Bethlehem Church, being the clerk of the church for several years up till her death. It is needless to say that my home is not as it once was. While she was with me I could wake at morning and could hear her singing the old songs of Zion around her cook stove, but now her voice is silent and my heart is lonely, and her absence is not only missed by me but by especially the little orphan children, sometimes she would have as many as 3 or 4 at a time with her in her home to care for the church has lost a great Sister and will miss her in their assembly. At the closing of the service, she would shout with great joy and Praise God on High. So my home is lonesome and my heart empty; but by God's grace, I will meet my companion again in a home where we will part no more.

—Written by a Heart Broken Husband,
GOBE FUGATE.

OBITUARY OF SISTER SUSIE MULLINS

Born Nov. 17, 1900, Deceased Oct. 12, 1955, age 54 years, 10 months, and 25 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Newton R. Mullins, two children, Hoyt Mullins and Linda Mullins, also five brothers, Riley Fields, Nick Fields, Davis Fields, John Fields and Monroe Fields, and four sisters, Cinda Holliday, Minda Murry,

Sarah Mullins, and Easter Ashley. Also a great host of friends. Three children have preceded her in death, two boys and one girl all died in infancy.

She lived a quiet and peaceful life, and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in March 1951, and lived the rest of her days there in. She has been a good kind Mother to her children, and has laid down a good example before all and especially the Mother of our country. The kindness that she showed to everyone will always be remembered by all that know her. There is no one that can take her place in our country for her sweet voice will no more be heard in our midst. There is now a vacancy in this home, that only God can fill with His tender love. Many times before she died she told her husband and children that she had seen her future home in Heaven and that there wasn't anything in her way.

Newton you have lost a faithful companion, but she will be waiting for you in Heaven. Children you have lost a good kind Mother, but remember her sweet life that she has lived before you, and by the help of God, you can meet her again.

The Old Regular Baptist Church has lost a faithful member and we pray that God will bring her husband and children home to fill her seat for our loss greater than we can ever express. And now that their sweet mother has been called home from our midst, we realize what great words the Lord spoke when He said "He that doeth the will of God the same is my brother,, my sister and my mother."

Sister, Sleep On In Peace, for we hope to meet you around the Throne of God where we will never be separated again.

—Written by
ELDER STEVE PRATT.

OBITUARY OF MR. AND MRS. L. D. FUGATE

With a sad and lonely heart I will try in the best way I know how to write a obituary of my dear father and loving mother. My father L. D. Fugate known by all his friends as "Anze" was born January 24th 1854. Died February 22nd, 1922. Dad never attached himself to any church, but his belief was with the Old Regular Baptist and was faithful in attending, and would always tell the people in his community to live right and serve God. He died in the faith of the Old Regular Baptist and told his wife and children when he departed this life he had nothing against him. As him and God made peace. Mother and Dad lived a Holy Life for many years. To this union were born seven children, five boys and two girls. Two boys preceding them in death, three boys still living and two girls. Boys: Gabe, Richard, and Jim: Girls:

Polly and Juda. Mother whose name was Elender, better known as "Sis" was born December 11, 1860, departed this life February 2, 1944. She was a member of the old Regular Baptist church. Being a member of the New Bethlehem Church at Tolcum, Kentucky at death. Mother is missed by the Brothers and Sisters. It was hard to give her up, but we believe our loss is heaven's gain. So sleep on Mother some day by the grace of God, We will meet you again.

—Written by a heart broken son,

BROTHER RICHARD FUGATE.

BROTHER MORT PATRICK

With a sad and lonely heart I will try in the best way I know how to write an obituary of my deceased Brother in the Lord, Martin Patrick, the son of Martin and Peggy Combs Patrick. He was born August 27th, 1900, departed this life April 16th, 1956. Being 55 years, 7 months and 19 days old.

Brother Mort enlisted in the army of the Lord. The Old Regular Baptist Church in the year 1939, and taken his fellowship with the Old Clear Creek church, he was ordained to the ministry in 1945.

He was married to the daughter of Bro. Brock and sister Cynthia Napier to witt: sister Luna Napier, and to this union were born four children, to witt: Elbert Patrick, Elsie Richie, Mrs. Eltra Hicks, and Mrs. Agnus Mullins. He also has living six brothers and one sister, to witt: Cornelius, Adam, Zach, Green, Milton, Andrew and Ellen. He also leaves his grandchildren besides his Brothers and Sister in the Lord and a host of friends to mourn his loss with his bereaved companion and children.

We can say for a surity we have lost a great servant out of the rank of the Old Regular Baptist and a great Husband and father out of the home but, Jesus says in his Holy Word "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God believe ye also in me, for in my Father's house there are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you, I will go and prepare a place for you and return again and claim you unto myself, that where I am ye may be also. So we feel to believe that our loss is Heaven's gain, because the life Bro. Mort lived and walked here on earth, preaching his own funeral day by day. Even pressed the dying pillow in full triumph of the faith of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the God of all grace. Doubting nothing he was always faithful and obedient, he stood for sound Doctrine and a clean House.

He was loved by all who knew him, always ready to go when

called, by day or by night for the consolation of the distressed
The nights never got to dark, the rain to hard or the snow to
deep for him to fail to go in the hour of need.

So I want to say to his lonely companion, sister Luna and
his children, I realize your home is lonesome for Daddy, his
place can never be filled but, there is one consolation he told
you before he left you, to strive to enter in the straight gate.

I visited him the day before he was called away, he said
"Brother Dan, if I could only get them to realize and understand
what a great relief it will be to me by passing on, they could
rejoice instead of weeping." So dear children let me beg you
when the light shines, don't turn it away but go down on your
knees and pray to God of all Grace to deliver you out of darkness
into his marvelous light that when you pass out of this land of
sorrow you may go on to that land that flows with milk and
honey. Where you will never grow old, and death will come no
more, and you can be with Daddy forever.

Lonely, lonely, oh so lovely,
Since our Daddy went away;
But by God's grace we'll all go to him
We'll meet Dear Daddy some bright day.

Written by Elder Dan Noble for
SISTER LUNA AND CHILDREN.

JAMES FUGATE

I will try and write a short obituary of my son James
Fugate who was born April 27, 1919, and departed this life April
12, 1945. He was a fine boy and a great singer of the Old Songs
of Zion. He joined the Regular Army and left home in defense
of his vountry, as many others did. He died in the line of duty
for his friends. What more can a man do than this lay down his
life for his friends. His presence is missed with his neighbors
and many friends. We can hear his voice no more nor see his
smiling face. He was the joy of our home, but now I am alone,
no son, nor companion to console me; Just waiting my Master's
Call, and when He calls I want to be ready that I may be one
of that number, by the grace of God I can meet Jinney and
James where we will be together forever and forever.

—A Broken Hearted Husband and Father,

GOBE FUGATE.

SILLER ISON

Siller Ison was born September 9, 1875, Died March 4, 1954, being 78 years, 6 months 25 days old, at her passing.

She was the daughter of Silas Gilley and Catherine Cornette Gilley.

She was married to Jasper Ison, April 28, 1892, he died June 19, 1943.

To this union were born 14 children, four died in infancy. Ten now living, six girls, four boys.

Mrs. Wilard Tyler, Velma, Arthur and Marion of Oscaloosa Ky., Mrs. Arthur Caudill, Bertha Ison Fields of Viper, Irwin Ison of Roxana, AArle Ison, Leatherwood, Mrs. Fred Halcomb, Blair Ky., Mrs. Andrew Frazier, Charlestown, Ind.

Many grandchildren, relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church of Big Cowan, Nov. 25, 1911 and was a faithful member until the end.

The night she died, she told the children she wanted them all to stay with her about 3'oclock in the morning she called them to her bedside and asked them not to grive after her and to meet her in Glory.

The service was held in her home and conducted by Elder Caleb Creech and E. M. Amburgey. Her body was laid to rest near her home, on Kingdom Come Creek.

Dear Mother,

Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent Is the Voice we loved to hear,
Too far away for voice or speech
But not too far for our thoughts to reach

—MINNIE HALCOMB.

OBITUARY OF SISTER SYLVANIA CORNETT

Sister Sylvania Cornett was born Jan. 26, 1871, deceased this life April 23, 1956, age 85 years, 2 months, 27 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing 4 sisters: Polly Bailey, Elmira Combs, Drucille Simpson, Lilla Fugate, also 1 brother, I. V. Hudson. Also a great host of friends and relatives. Three brothers have preceded her in death: Higa Hudson, her husband, Watson Cornett proceeded her in death January 27, 1936. She was married to Watson Cornett, for several years they lived a happy and peaceful life until his death. They were never blessed with a child to be born unto them. But through her kindness she was a mother to this whole community for many years. She professed a hope

in Christ and joined the Little Rose Church of old Regular Baptist in August, 1955, and was baptized the following month. She lived a good Christian life many years before the people and laid down a walk of life that would be well for the mothers of our country to follow. She always had a kind word and a friendly greeting for everyone. She was loved by everyone and will long be remembered throughout this country for no one can ever take her place in our hearts. God loved her more than we did and called her home to live with him in paradise where she will never have to suffer any more. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and by the help of God we look forward to meeting her around the throne of God.

—Written by
ELDER STEVE PRATT.

OBITUARY OF SARAH INGRAM

As my mind teaches me to, and by the help of My dear Lord with a sad and aching heart, I'll try to write an Obituary of My dear Mother.

Sarah Ingram, born March 19th, 1873, departed from this life December 11, 1954. God gave her a long stay here upon this earth and blessed her to raise her children to be grown, and have a home of their own.

Mother lived to be 81 years, 8 months and 22 days old, enjoying her pleasure with her children, 40 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, three sisters and a host of friends, but the most pleasure of her life, was to have an opportunity to go to Big Cowan Church to praise God for what He had done for her to listen to the word of God preached, and to shake hands with her Brothers and Sisters in Christ. She went to church as long as her health would allow her.

All through this life I've often heard her say, "I hope when this life is over, I will gain a home where there won't be any worry and will not have to suffer so much."

Mother was the daughter of the late Joe and Phirby Frazier. She was united to the Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago, and lived a life that bore the fruit of a good Christian Mother.

She was married to Leander Ingram and to their home was born 14 children, 6 girls and 8 boys. Eight of them preceded her in death.

Mother was taken sick in her daughter's home in Charlestown Indiana, on December 1, 1954. Realizing that she had to leave us and go on, she told her children that her baby has come back and is playing on the bed, beside me, that God took from my

arms at this time 39 years ago.

While suffering with much pain, she was willing to be taken to the hospital. This was something that she not willing to do before, in the Clark Co. Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, Ind. After undergoing a major operation on December 2, 1954, Mother bore her suffering with much patience. She told us children that she had to leave us that she had done all she could do for us. She felt like she had done her part by her children, taught them God's power, and I always gave you children good council, and she said, "I feel like I am leaving some of my children a praying for God's will to be done on earth." She began to shout loud over the hospital, begging God to have His way, and hoping some sweet day that her girls and boys that was in sin would fall upon their knees and beg for mercy so they could come to Mother, and then Mother turned her eyes to me and said, "Mattie dear, the pretty sun is shining so bright, and God has sent an angel after me and it came and made a cross upon my breast, and is waiting on the pretty white sand for me. Two of us girls, Victoria and Mattie, who stood by her bed side for 17 hours, listening to her words and good council she gave me. She said, "Children, I hear some kind of a sweet song up there." She began to sing with the sweetest voice, Lord I am coming home, and I joined in with her to sing them words over again and again. She said now that is all I want to take with me is them words, and thank God for that pretty song. She then turned her head toward me with her fading eyes in death. I could realize she said to me, put all your trust in Jesus for Jesus want put no more on you than you can bear, and lay up your treasures up in heaven where moths won't corrupt and thieves won't break in and steal them.

I want to say to my Brothers and Sisters that have not confessed to Jesus, put your trust in Him and when you feel His spirit in your heart, beg for His mercies that you can see Mother again.

She's only sleeping, waiting for the Resurrection Morning.
—Written by her Daughter,

**OBITUARY OF
MANERVA RIDDLE**

Manerva Riddle was born May 20, 1880. Deceased April 12, 1956, Age 75 years, 10 months, 23 days.

Was married to Eli Sumner Oct. 19, 1901, to this union was born nine children of which two preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church, Nov. 13, 1942—13 yrs. and lived her

profession. She was nice and kind to everyone making her love manifest, to her brothers and sisters in the Lord. She often talked about her children and has asked us to pray for her boys. So we must judge a tree by its fruits. She is gone not to return anymore but by the grace of God you can go to her. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

—HER CHILDREN.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CARRS FORK — Alonzo Watts, Marion Francis, Ison Everage.
BIG COWAN — Cullen Hogg, Jep Whitaker, Ellis Banks.
CLEAR CREEK — Frank Fugate, Berley Combs, Robert Combs
OVEN FORK — Lawrence Jenkins, H. L. Raleigh, Vollie Mullins
BIG LEATHERWOOD — Floyd Huff, Bob Logan, Henry Hall.
INDIAN BOTTOM — H. D. Caudill, Dawson Dixon, Wilson Hays
MALLET FORK — John H. Fields, K. Anderson, T G. Cook.
HURRICANE GAP — Troy Shepherd, Harrison Cornett,
Sibley Shepherd.
SANDLICK — Curtis Caudill, Dewey Cornett, Willie Hamilton.
DOTY CREEK — Monroe Caudill, Alva Caudill, M. L. Amburgey
CEDAR GROVE — Manus Ison, Vernon Fields, Verlon Fields.
LITTLE HOME — George Hagans, Alvin Hagans, Silas Nichols.
NEW HOME — John Smith, Olus Baldrige, William Terry.
POWELL — H. B. Whitaker, Leander Eldridge, H. C. Whitaker.
DEFEATED CREEK — Woodard Cornett, Coy Fields, Silas Cox
JAMES MEMORIAL—Beckham Fields, Green Fields, Gardner
Jent.
NEW BETHLEHEM—Joda Ritchie, G. W. Everage, Harrison
Williams.
LITTLE DANIEL—James F. Collins John Madden, J. R. Maggard
DRY FORK — Astor Whitaker, Bethel Campbell, Oscar BBrown
LITTLE BETHLEHEM — Lewis Day, Hillas Reedy, McKinley Mc-
Intosh.
REYNOLDS FORK — Millard Seals, Ambrose J. Taylor, Elam
Hale.
IVY POINT — Sam Johnson, Merlin Slone
PILGRIM'S HOME — Alonzo Allen, Colonel Eldridge, Silas
Frazier.
CLEAR FORK — Caney Gayheart, Wheeler Feltner, Fred Combs
LITTLE MAGDALENE — Wallace Mullins, Arthur Dixon,
Willie Mullins.
LITTLE ROSE — Steve Pratt, Aster Everage, Oniel Mullins.
FRIENDSHIP — Perry Tackett, Hassell Caudill, Walter Mullins
LONE VALLEY — Willie Madden, Wheeler Witt, William F.
Sumner.

NAMES OF CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Carrs Fork	John Sparkman, Litt Carr, Ky.
Big Cowan	Ellis Banks, Whitesburg, Ky.
Clear Creek	Robert Combs, Richie, Ky.
Oven Fork	H. L. Raleigh, Oven Fork, Ky.
Big Leatherwood	Floyd Huff, Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom	Dawson Dixon, Blackey, Ky.
Mallet Fork	John H. Fields, Litt Carr, Ky.
Hurricane Gap	Harrison Cornett Gordon, Ky.
Sandlick	Lewis Craft, Whitesburg, Ky.
Doty Creek	Monroe Caudill, Jeremiah Ky.
CEDAR GROVE	Squire Watts, Hallie, Ky.
Little Home	Casa Combs, Red Fox, Ky.
New Home	Jerome Watts, Garner, Ky.
Powell	Howard Eldridge, Waynesburg, Ky.
Defeated Creek	James Whitaker, Dupont, Ind.
James Memorial	Tommy Jent, Jeremiah, Ky.
New Bethlehem	Sarah Dobson, Anco, Ky.
Little Daniel	Watson Sexton, Isom, Ky.
Dry Fork	Edith Tyree, Crown, Ky.
Little Bethlehem	McKinley McIntosh, Sassafras, Ky.
Reynolds Fork	Millard Seals, Litt Carr, Ky.
Ivy Point	Birtchell Mosley, Garner, Ky.
Pilgrim's Home	Alonzo Allen, Milan, Ind.
Clear Fork	Lizzie Combs, Bulan, Ky.
Little Magdalene	Willie Mullins, Crab Orchard, Ky.
Little Rose	Monroe Cornett, Hindman, Ky.
Lone Valley	William F. Sumner, Memphis Ind.
Friendship	Walter Mullins, Eubank, Ky.

Ordained Ministers

Wm. B. Smith	Bath, Ky.
John Sparkman	Litt Carr, Ky.
Alonzo Watts	Carr Creek, Ky.
William W. Francis	Phoenix, Ariz.
Cullen Hogg	Whitesburg, Ky.
John D. Ison	Day, Ky.
D. B. Day	Dongola, Ky.
Frank Fugate	Fisty, Ky.
Burley Combs	Fisty, Ky.
Lewis Lucas	Anco, Ky.
H. L. Raleigh	Oven Fork, Ky.
J. W. Pratt	Jeff, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Carcassonne, Ky.

L. F. Caudill	Wentz, Ky.
Troy Shepherd	Gordon, Ky.
Estes Cornett	Evarts, Ky.
Curtis Caudill	Whitesburg, Ky.
Dewey Cornett	Whitesburg, Ky.
Lewis Craft	Mayking, Ky.
Lemuel Hale	Waynesburg, Ky.
Alva Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
Monroe Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
G. B. Ison	Skyline, Ky.
Manus Ison	Hallie, Ky.
George Hagans	Vicco, Ky.
Paris Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.

Ordained Ministers

Alvin Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.
Nathan Young	Fisty, Ky.
Loy Maggard	Leburn, Ky.
Olue Baldrige	Leburn, Ky.
H. B. Whitaker	Waynesburg, Ky.
Beckham Fields	Ashcamp, Ky.
Green Fields	Jeff, Ky.
Gardner Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.
Tommy Jent	Jeremiah, Ky.
Estill Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.
Harrison Williams	Vest, Ky.
Dan Noble	Sassafras, Ky.
James F. Collins	Isom, Ky.
Lewis Day	Sassafras, Ky.
Hillas Reedy	Amburgey, Ky.
William Everage	Sassafras, Ky.
Clarence Fields	Red Fox, Ky.
Nelson Seals	Hamilton, Ohio
Ealem Hale	Litt Carr, Ky.
Cephas Mosley	Garner, Ky.
Sam Johnson	Garner, Ky.
Merlin Slone	Topmost, Ky.
Silas Frazier	Sunman, Ind.
Alonzo Allen	Milan, Ind.
Ed Whitaker	Lothair, Ky.
Wallace Mullins	Crab Orchard, Ky.
Arthur Dixon	Conway, Ky.
Steve Pratt	Amburgey, Ky.
Arvill Mullins	Amburgey, Ky.
Perry Tackett	Waynesburg, Ky.
Willie Madden	Otisco, Ind.
Wheeler Witt	Underwood, Ind.

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 saluation to the ministers and messengers that may compose the _____ Association, when convened with the _____ Church, Address _____ 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 Brethern, to bear this our letter to you, to-wit:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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: Ordained Ministers

Names:

Post Offices:

Received: Experience and Baptism _____ Letter _____; Restored _____; Recommendation _____; Dismissed by Letter _____; Died _____; Excluded _____; _____; Membership _____ Money Sent _____; Meeting Time _____ Saturday and Sunday in _____.

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

Clerk's Address _____

Statistical Table

CHURCHES:	Rec. by Exp. and Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Restored	Loss by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
Carr's Fork	0	0	0	3	1	2	90	4	\$20.00	
Big Cowan	3	4	0	3	1	0	142	4	20.00	
Clear Creek	3	0	0	0	5	3	104	3	15.00	
Oven Fork	3	0	0	0	0	0	17	4	15.00	
Big Leatherwood	0	0	0	0	3	0	85	2	20.00	
Indian Bottom	0	2	1	0	2	0	69	1	20.00	
Mallet Fork	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	3	10.00	
Hurricane Gap	1	0	0	0	0	0	41	2	15.00	
Sandlick	0	1	0	0	0	0	41	3	15.00	
Doty Creek	1	2	0	0	1	2	63	2	20.00	
Cedar Grove	2	0	0	0	2	0	37	4	20.00	
Little Home	6	0	0	0	0	3	155	1	30.00	
New Home	2	0	0	0	1	0	75	2	15.00	
Powell	0	1	0	0	0	6	47	3	10.00	
Defeated Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1	10.00	
James Memorial	1	0	0	0	0	4	31	3	10.00	
New Bethlehem	2	1	0	1	1	2	55	4	10.00	
Little Daniel	0	2	0	0	0	0	43	3	8.00	
Dry Fork	2	1	0	0	0	0	22	1	5.00	
Little Bethlehem	5	5	0	2	0	3	67	2	20.00	
Reynolds Fork	0	2	0	0	0	0	14	2	5.00	
Ivy Point	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	4	5.00	
Pilgrims Home	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	1	10.00	
Clear Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	5.00	
Little Magdalene	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	5.00	
Little Rose	3	0	0	0	3	1	18	1	5.00	
Friendship	0	0	0	0	1	2	25	2	5.00	
Lone Valley	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	5.00	
TOTALS -----	37	22	1	6	23	28	13		\$353.00	

