

MINUTES
of the
SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
of
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
The Church of Jesus Christ



held with
New Home Church
LEBURN, KNOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY

September 2, 3, and 4, 1966

Elder J. W. Pratt
MODERATOR

Elder Alonzo Allen
CLERK

Elder Beckham Fields
ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Elder Olus Baldridge
ASSISTANT CLERK



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PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the seventy-first (71st) annual session of the Indian Bottom Association September 2, 3, and 4, 1966. Leburn, Knott County, Kentucky.

In session assembled with the New Home Church September 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1966 at the place arranged for the preaching. The service was introduced by Elder Verlin Fields followed by Elder Irmel Ison who preached the introductory sermon and whose text was, To fear God and keep His Commandments, this is the whole duty of man. Service at the delegate house was introduced by Elder Banner Manns of New Salem Association.

The Association was then called to order by our Moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt, who called for the letters of the several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. After reading the letter of the New Home Church, it was moved and seconded to receive all church letters, as they were all in regular form, seat the delegates and refer the queries and requests to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by choosing Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator; Elder Beckham Fields, assistant moderator; Elder Alonzo Allen, clerk and Elder Olus Baldrige, assistant clerk.

3. The Moderator then called for newly organized churches—Received none.

4. Called for churches desiring to take up fellowship with us and received Big Creek Church of Dupont, Indiana.

5. It was moved and seconded we omit reading the articles of Faith, rules of Decorum, and the Constitution in order to redeem time, but to have same printed in our minutes.

6. Called for letters from our corresponding Associations and received the following:

A. NEW SALEM with delegates: Elders, Banner Manns, Willie Bates, Hobart Bates, Berton Howard, Coy Combs, Troy Nickels, Jerry Hall Sr., Troy Sparkmon, George Wright, Haley Warns; Brethren: Hagar Watts, Johnnie Tackett, Henry King, and Bennie Slone.

B. NORTH NEW SALEM with delegates: Elders, Roy B. Akers, Hiram Adkins, Roy Caudill, Steve Osborn; Brethren: Hendrix Hampton, Don Pur-tuset, Irvin Hicks, Tip Daniels, Junior Watts, Morris Short and Marion Hall.

C. PHILADELPHIA with delegates: Elder, John Moore.

D. THORNTON UNION with delegates: Elders, Raymond Collins, Kir-bie Ison, Wesley Yountz, Hallie Dyer, W. B. Day, Guy Holbrooks, Choe Gibson, and Hargis Caudill.

E. SARDIS with delegates: Elders, J. G. Thornsby, Clyde Brown, Prosper Maynard, Burl Thornsby, Charlie Johnson, Albert Stanley, and Marshall Williamson.

F. UNION with delegates: Elders, Mander Yantz, Delbert Sanders, Elmer Church, John Sexton. Brethren: John M. Mullins, Fred Rice, A. L. Centers, and Thurston Boldman.

7. Called for transient ministers and members of same faith and order: Received Billie Day, Verlin Fields, Manis Ison of Indian Bottom Association; Charlie Caudill and Crit Eldridge of Thornton Union Association, and Hershell Sturgill of North New Salem Association.

8. Letters from our corresponding Associations were read and received and delegates seated in Council by our Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

9. Moved and seconded that Moderator make all temporary appointments.

10. Appointed one delegate from each church with the entire delegation of New Home Church as Committee on Ministry to arrange for preaching Friday evening and Saturday morning.

11. Appointed the same committee as on ministry with only one delegate from New Home Church, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerks, with delegates from our sister associations and transients to meet with us Friday afternoon to arrange the work for Saturday morning.

12. Moved and seconded that we correspond with the following Associations and our Clerk is to prepare letters to same: New Salem, Union, Sardis, Philadelphia, North New Salem, and Thornton Union.

13. Committee reported stand to be filled Friday evening by Elders: Steve Osborn and Elmer Church, and Delbert Sanders to introduce for the committee.

Saturday morning at the stand. Elders: Roy Caudill, J. G. Thornsby, Coy Combs, and Banner Manns.

14. By move and seconded the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1966

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment and after singing some old hymns of Zion, Elder Hiram Adkins was called to the stand and was blessed to introduce the services and hold prayer at the delegate house.

The Association was then called to order by our Assistant Moderator, Elder Beckham Fields.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Ministers chosen by the committee to preach on the stand and the congregation was excused from the house to go to the stand prepared for preaching service.

3. Committee report received by move and seconded and committee discharged.

4. Appointed a committee on finance who reported the sum of \$315.00 from the several churches of this union.

5. Moved and seconded to have 1600 copies of minutes printed and that our clerk, Alonzo Allen, superintend printing of same, and clerk to be secretary and treasurer.

6. Appointed same committee on ministry as on Friday to arrange for preaching Saturday night and Sunday. The committee who reported for Saturday night: Elders Hershell Baldrige, Hershell Sturgill, and Dillis Combs to close. For Sunday: Elders Alonzo Allen, Kirbie Ison, Ed Moore, and J. W. Pratt to close.

7. The circular letter written by Elder Verlin Fields, who was appointed at our last session, was read by the clerk and approved by move and seconded and ordered same to be printed in our minutes. Elder J. W. Pratt, our Moderator, was appointed to write the circular letter for the inspection of our seventy-second session of the Indian Bottom Association.

8. Brethren were called on to report on attending union meetings and associations who reported they felt they had done the best they could. It was moved and seconded to receive their report and excuse their failures.

9. Moved and seconded to have obituaries printed in our minutes with the understanding that five dollars be included for the printing of pictures.

Treasurer's Report:

Total for last year	\$392.36
Cost of printing minutes	\$287.50
Expense of trip to Florida	100.00
Postage mailing minutes	8.10
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Total Expenses	\$395.60
Balance in treasury	\$ 3.24
Received from churches this year	315.00
Received for pictures	35.00
Received of the delegation	33.00
Total on hand	\$379.76

11. Letters to Associations prepared as follows:
A. NEW SALEM: To convene with the Stone Coal Church, Garfett, Floyd County, Kentucky Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1966. Delegates chosen: Perry Tackett, John Kelly, Howard Caudill, Dillis Combs, Billy Day, Olus Baldrige, J. W. Pratt, Millard Seals, Beckham Fields, Hershell Baldrige, Wade Watts, Verlin Slone, Riley Fouts and J. B. Eversole.

B. UNION: To convene with the Thornton Gap Church, Colson, Letcher County, Kentucky on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1966. Delegates chosen: J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Olus Baldrige, Dillas Combs, Hershell Baldrige, Riley Fouts, Billy Day, Dave Hampton, J. B. Eversole, Manis Ison, Verlin Slone, Millard Seals, Wade Watts, James Fields, Reuben Riddle, Arlie Caudill and Carl Back.

C. SARDIS: To convene with the Salem Church, Goody, Pike County, Kentucky Friday before the second Saturday in September 1966 and the two following days. Delegates chosen: J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Hershell Baldrige, Olus Baldrige, Wade Watts, Dillas Combs, Billy Day and J. B. Eversole.

D. PHILADELPHIA: To convene with Mt. Olive Church, Warnok, Greenup County, Kentucky on Rt. 7 Friday before the second Saturday in August 1967 and the two following days. Delegates chosen: Beckham Fields, Hershell Baldrige, Olus Baldrige, Ernest Ward, Wade Watts, Dillas Combs, W. Pratt, Billy Day, Perry Tackett, John Kelly, Alonzo Allen and Silas Frazier.

E. NORTH NEW SALEM: To convene with the Little Family Church, Jacksonburg, Ohio on Road 744 Friday before the first Saturday in August 1967 and the two following days. Delegates chosen: Ermil Ison, Carl Caudill, Ernest Ward, Walter Anderson, Rex Ison, Steve Day, Kelley Sparkmon, Willie Bartley, Beckham Fields, J. W. Pratt, Olus Baldrige, James Fields, Alonzo Allen, James Combs, Kelly Day, Curt Short, Howard Caudill, Perry Tackett, John Kelly, Billy Day, Hershell Baldrige, and Wade Watts.

F. THORNTON UNION: To convene with the Mt. Olive Church, Blackey, Letcher County, Kentucky on Rt. 7 Friday before the third Saturday in August 1967 and the two following days. Delegates chosen: Beckham Fields, J. W. Pratt, Carl Caudill, Dillas Combs, Ermil Ison, James Fields, Arlie Caudill, Dewey Eldridge, Gardner Jent, Reuben Riddle, Tommy Jent, Hershell Baldrige, Olus Baldrige, Wade Watts, Manis Ison, Billy Day, and J. B. Eversole.

12. Committee on ministry chose Elder Dillas Combs to preach the introductory sermon at our 1967 session of the Indian Bottom Association and Elder Rex Ison to be his alternate.

13. In regard to request for the 1967 session of our Association it was agreed, moved and seconded to let Big Leatherwood Church, Cornettsville, Letcher County, Kentucky just off Rt. 7 have the 1967 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

14. Be it resolved that this Association is interested in the health and physical welfare of the people of this area of the Appalachian region and receive with gratitude the report and interest shown by the Thornton Union Association in our local hospitals and their operations. It was moved and seconded that we, the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist, aid and assist in every way, that's right and possible, to better the existing conditions of the mountain hospitals and appointed Brother J. W. Pratt to head the same along with others of this union.

15. Resolved by the Association that clerk draw up a resolution of appreciation to the New Home Church and community at large for the wonderful care and consideration given the 1966 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

16. Moved and seconded to omit reading of work of the Association to redeem time.

17. Moved and seconded that we adjourn to the time and place of our next association.

18. The business session of the annual business meeting of the Indian Bottom Association was closed with prayer by Elder Charlie Cornett.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.

Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator

Elder Beckham Fields, Assistant Moderator

Elder Alonzo Allen, Clerk

Elder Olus Baldrige, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966

A large and well behaved congregation assembled at the New Home Church and after singing some old hymns of Zion, Elder Alonzo Allen came forward and was blessed to introduce the service and led in prayer. Elder Kirby Ison followed, using as his text, "Lo I am with you always even to the end of the world." The text, I feel, took Brother Kirby and he was well blessed to bring the old time doctrine. Then came Elder Ed Moore of New Salem whose text was, "Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature, he that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Brother Ed was also well blessed in the old time doctrine. Then came our Moderator, J. W. Pratt who was well blessed to bring the 1966 session of the Indian Bottom Association to a close. I believe this was the most beautiful closing of any Association I have ever attended. In the closing out of the service, two little sheep came home telling how great things the Lord had done for them, Sister Evelyn Moore and Sister Ruie Draughn, mother and daughter, both brought a wonderful testimony. God grant that this generation might wake up and many more leave the world of sin and join up with this old blood washed army. The service closed with great rejoicing and praising the Lord; a service that will long be remembered in the hearts of that congregatin.

RESOLUTION AS REQUESTED IN ITEM 14

Resolved that the officers and delegates of the 71st session of the Indian Bottom Association extend their most heartfelt thanks to the New Home Church neighborhood and the community round about for the care and consideration extended to us and our correspondence while in session with the New Home Church. May God bless you in basket and in store. As spoken by one of the wisest of all God's creation "Solomon bids us buy the truth" but doesn't tell us how much to pay for it. I'll tell you, it is worth every effort of men and women alike, to search out the truth as it will make you free. Let this be your motto, Where truth goes I will go, and where truth lodges, I will lodge, and nothing but death shall separate me and truth. Truth is our heritage, and will make men and women lay down anything they are doing or holding that is contrary to Old Baptist practice, principles and doctrine. Truth is a precious pearl and worth more than silver and gold and worldly honor and fame. Truth is the tried in the fire, gold you can buy that thou mayest be rich. Be clothed with white raiment that thy nakedness doth not appear and anoint thine eyes with eye salve that thou mayest see. God help us to always abide in the truth.

Your humble servant, the Clerk,

Alonzo Allen

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

APRIL, 1967

BETHEL CHURCH—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1967. Elders called: All Regular Baptist of same faith and order. Burton Howard, Olus Baldrige, and Alonzo Allen.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in June.

MAY, 1967

PILGRIM HOME CHURCH—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Beckham Fields, Ermil Ison, Rex Ison, and Perry Tackett.

COMMUNION: First Sunday in June.

BULL CREEK CHURCH—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Lee Mosley, James D. Fields, Reuben Riddle, Riley Fouts, Moderator and Assistant.

COMMUNION: First Sunday in August.

LITTLE DOVE CHURCH—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1967: Ministers called: Elders: Beckham Fields, Cullon Hogg, Crit Eldridge, I. D. Back and others of the same faith and order.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

REYNOLDS FORK CHURCH—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Hershell Sturgill, Coy Combs, R. E. Holbrooks, Marvous Short, and Beckham Fields.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in June.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Hershell Baldrige, Roy Caudill, Melvin Watts and Moderator.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in August.

POWELL CHURCH—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Alonzo Allen, Ermil Ison, Beckham Fields, and Moderator. Tommy Jent, Estile Jent, Steve Osborn and Carl Back.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

JUNE, 1967

BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Dillas Combs, Ermil Ison, Rex Ison and Verlin Fields.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in August.

KINGDOM COME CHURCH—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Elders called: All Regular Baptists of same faith and order are invited.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in June.

NEW HOME CHURCH—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Ermil Ison, Ernest Ward, Dillas Combs and Beckham Fields.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

OVEN FORK CHURCH—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: All Old Regular Baptists of same faith and order are invited.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE ZION CHURCH—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Andy Bates, Hershell Baldrige, Henry King, and Moderator.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

BIG CREEK CHURCH—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Beckham Fields, Alonzo Allen, Crit Eldridge, Manis Ison and J. W. Pratt.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: All preachers of the same faith and order are invited and Moderator.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK CHURCH—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: J. W. Pratt, James D. Fields, Reuben Riddle, and Moderator.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

DEFEATED CREEK CHURCH—UNION: The first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1967. Ministers chosen: Elders: All of the same faith and order that has a mind are welcome.

COMMUNION: First Sunday in August.

DIXON MEMORIAL CHURCH—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: Melvin Watts, Rex Ison, Lee Mosley and Reuben Riddle.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

IVY POINT CHURCH—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1967. Ministers called: Elders: I. D. Back, Vanzel Slone, Manis Ison, Dillis Combs and Beckham Fields.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association:

Having been appointed last year to write a circular letter for your inspection, I have asked God many times to be my helper and guide my hand, that I might write something that would be pleasing to the good Lord.

The scripture that impresses my mind is the 6th chapter of John, beginning at the 27th verse which reads, "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said unto them, "This is the work of God, that ye believe in him whom he hath sent." They said therefore unto him, "What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? What dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." Then Jesus said unto them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from Heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from Heaven. For the bread of God is He which cometh down from Heaven, and giveth life unto the world." Then said they unto him, "Lord, evermore give us this bread."

So, my friend you can see that we must ask God for the things we stand in need of, and not go to man because he doesn't have it to give us.

So, now let us go to the book of Matthew. The 7th chapter, 7th verse. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

We hear the Lord saying, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Brothers and Sisters, I'm glad that God had pity on a poor sinner like me. When I saw myself lost without God and without hope in the world I began to ask God to have mercy on me, and to spare me a little longer. And if I hadn't gone too far, I prayed to God to save my soul. But there was a great fear came upon me, and we hear the Bible saying the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

After I had done everything that I knew to do, I was still a sinner. But when I became willing to lay it all into the hands of Jesus he saved my soul from hell. So, we are saved by grace through faith, it's not of works lest any man should boast, but it is a gift of God.

My beloved brothers, I have preached and do believe that sinner men and women must repent and be born again, if they ever enter into the Kingdom of God. So, brothers let us love one another. That this the world may know that we are His disciples.

Well, this has been a big undertaking for a man like me and I thank God for the mind he gave me to write what I have written. If you all feel that it should be printed in the minutes, you may do so, but if not just cast it aside.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus keep and direct all of you in the path of righteousness.

Written by: Your brother in Hope,

Verlon Fields

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 perseverance of the Saints. That by grace through faith 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 doctrine will be rejected by us.

16. None of the above articles shall be construed as to hold with particular election or reprobation as to make God partial directly or indirectly so as to injure children of men.

17. 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 by prayer.

2. The 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 he is about to speak.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the moderator until he is done.

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, so far as he can.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the association without leave of the same.

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

8. No member of the association shall have the liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor to whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other form or term than that of "brother."

10. The moderator shall not interrupt a brother or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his views on the subject unless he shall violate the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as the association may require.

12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided in which event he shall give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willfully 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 respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these 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 and assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found, upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.
9. Every query presented by the churches to the association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the association.
10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.
11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an association fund, for defraying the expense 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 be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the association for any pay the 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, who shall receive annual compensation for same.
13. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.
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 the 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.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Floyd Huff, Cornettsville, Ky.
NEW HOME—Wade Watts, Hindman, Ky.

CEDAR GROVE—Lovel Polly, Cornettsville, Ky.
 POWELL CHURCH—William Mullins, R. 1, Crab Orchard, Ky.
 BULL CREEK—Tommy Jent, Carcassonne, Ky.
 REYNOLDS FORK—N. J. Mullins, Mallie, Ky.
 DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Linefork, Ky.
 MAPLE GROVE—Chalmer Engle, Whitesburg, Ky.
 TOLSON CREEK—Hiram R. Whitaker, Roxana, Ky.
 LITTLE DOVE—Brax Combs, Sassafrass, Ky.
 KINGDOM COME—Arlie Caudill, Premium, Ky.
 IVY POINT—Birtchell Mosley, Garner, Ky.
 PILGRIM HOME—Kelly Day, R. 4, Brookville, Ind.
 LITTLE ZION—B. F. Logan, Jeff, Ky.
 DIXON MEMORIAL—Hubert Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.
 OVEN CREEK—Delmar Raleigh, Day Rural Sta., Whitesburg, Ky.
 BETHEL—Leroy Cornett, 733 Sycamore St., Hamilton, Ohio.
 BIG CREEK—Steve Day, Box 82, Grammer, Ind.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Reuben Riddle, Bob Logan, Bethel Halcomb
 NEW HOME—Wade Watts, Olu Baldridge, Hershell Baldridge
 CEDAR GROVE—Beckham Fields, Billy Day, Lovel Polly
 POWELL—Perry Tackett, Willie Mullins, John Kelly
 BULL CREEK—Gardner Jent, Tommy Jent, John F. Jent
 REYNOLDS FORK—Luther Seals, Millard Seals, Verlin Slone
 DEFEATED CREEK—Woodard Cornet, Willie Halcomb
 MAPLE GROVE—Troy Engle, Chalmer Engle, Doyle Roberts
 TOLSON CREEK—George Whitaker, Watson Whitaker
 LITTLE DOVE—Cullen Hogg, J. B. Eversole, Dave Hampton
 KINGDOM COME—James D. Fields, Arlie Caudill, Dewey Eldridge
 IVY POINT—David Smith, Reuben Mosley, Birchel Mosley
 PILGRIM HOME—James Combs, Silas Frazier, Curt Short
 LITTLE ZION—B. F. Logan, Malcom Hicks
 DIXON MEMORIAL—Carl Back, Leslie Caudill, Henry Eldridge
 OVEN FORK—Riley Fouts, Delmar Raleigh
 BETHEL—Ernie Ison, Ernest Ward, Carl Caudill
 BIG CREEK—Willie Bartley, Rex Ison

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. PRATT, Jeff, Ky.

RUBEN RIDDLE, Viper, Ky.

BECKHAM FIELDS, Letcher, Ky.

MANIS ISON, Hallie, Ky.

VERLIN FIELDS, Banks, Ky.

HOWARD CAUDILL, Waynesburg, Ky.

OLUS BALDRIDGE, Leburn, Ky.

HERSHEL BALDRIDGE, Leburn, Ky.

PERRY TACKETT, Waynesburg, Ky.

WOODARD CORNETT, Line Fork, Ky.

TOMMY JENT, Carcassone, Ky.

ESTILL JENT, Carcassone, Ky.

GARDNER JENT, Peru, Ind.

FRANK CAUDILL, Jeremiah, Ky.

ORRILL FLANNERY, Jeremiah, Ky.

SAM JOHNSON, Garner, Ky.

DILLAS COMBS, Leburn, Ky.

ALONZO ALLEN, Milan, Ind.

CULLEN HOGG, Cumberland, Ky.

JAMES D. FIELDS, Blackey, Ky.

R. H. FIELDS, Kings Creek, Ky.

CARL BACK, Jeremiah, Ky.

HOWARD CAUDILL, R. 1, Milan, Ind.

DEWEY ELDRIDGE, Roxana, Ky.

BEVE CORNETT, Danville, Ky.

ERMIL ISON, Mainville, Ohio

ERNEST WARD, R. 2, Morrow, Ohio.

FRANCIS MAGGARD, Partridge, Ky.

TROY ENGLE, Eolia, Ky.

CHALMER ENGLE, Whitesburg, Ky.

RILEY FOUTS, Partridge, Ky.

DAVE BOGGS, Highsplint, Ky.

JAMES M. CAUDILL, Jeremiah, Ky.

NELSON SEALS, R. 1, Bellville, Ohio

JACK BROWN, Blackey, Ky.

SILAS FRAZIER, R. 2, Sunman, Ind.

REX ISON, R. 6, Madison, 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 salutation 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 Brethren, to bear this our letter to you, towit:

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| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these 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: _____

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Received: Experience and Baptism.....; Letter.....; Restored.....; Recommendation.....; Dismissed by Letter.....; Died.....; Excluded.....; Membership.....; Money sent..... Meeting time..... Saturday and Sunday of each month.....

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 _____

OBITUARY OF MINNIE WHITAKER



Aunt Minnie Whitaker, as she was known to her many friends and acquaintances was born May 5, 1876 and passed to her great reward May 18, 1966 making her stay here 90 years and 13 days.

Early in her young womanhood she met and married Elijah Whitaker and to this union twelve children were born. They were: Pearl Whitaker, deceased; Ellen Whitaker Frazier, Hot Spot, Ky.; George Whitaker, Roxana, Ky.; Lola Whitaker Sheramin, Indiana; Watson Whitaker, Roxana, Ky.; Bee Whitaker, deceased; Suson Whitaker Raleigh, deceased; Myrtle Whitaker Miller, Winchester, Ky.; Jeff Whitaker, Roxana, Ky.; Steve Whitaker, Blackey, Ky.; Mary Whitaker, Hot Spot, Ky.; Connie Whitaker, who died in infancy.

She had 37 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

"Uncle Lige" as he was known, went to his reward 21 years ago; but during all these years of lonely widowhood, Aunt Minnie's children cared for her as tenderly and lovingly as was possible for them to do.

For the last years, Aunt Minnie was a total invalid but through all her afflictions and suffering she was an example of patience.

Twenty-four years ago, Aunt Minnie with "Uncle Lige" were baptized into the fellowship of the Tolson Creek Church of Regular Baptists, and on that day were blessed to hear their daughter Lola and daughter-in-law Alma relate their relationship with the Lord and take fellowship in the same church. Later, she experienced great joy when her children, George, Watson, and Myrtle and her grandchildren, Hiram Ray and Mary enrolled in the army of the Lord.

In her passing, her children have given up a wonderful mother. Her church has lost a faithful member, her community and Letcher County will miss her as a great citizen.

Children, grandchildren, family, neighbors and friends of Aunt Minnie,

she cannot come back to you; but as King David of old said on the death of his little son, "You, by the Grace of God can go to her," where she will no longer be frail and feeble; but will have put on that body which is **fashioned** in the likeness of Christ's glorious body. If she could speak to us, I **believe** she would say:

"Oh weep not for me, I am anxious to go,
To that haven of rest where tears never flow.
I fear not to enter that dark lonely ward;
For soon shall I rise from the old church yard.
Yes, soon shall I join that Heavenly band,
Of glorified Saints at my Savior's right hand.
Forever to dwell in bright mansions prepared.
For Saints who shall rise from the church yard."

Howard Caudill

OBITUARY OF RACHEL LUCINDA DAY



Gone home! So it is with Aunt Cinda. While still in her teens, Aunt Cinda sought the Lord and became an heir to that beautiful home called Heaven. About 8:15 p. m. Monday night, her soul took its flight to claim its inheritance.

Rachel Lucinda Day was the daughter of Wilson "Dad" Hays and Matilda Sturgill Hays. She was born August 22, 1893, making her stay here on earth 72 years, 9 months, and 15 days. Her mother, three brothers, and two sisters preceded her in death.

When only sixteen years old, she was married to Billie Day. They lived a devoted and happy life until the good Lord called her tired weary soul to rest to await the redemption of the body.

Aunt Cinda leaves to mourn her passing; her husband, Billy Day; her

father, Wilson Hays, who is 101 years old; her son Billie; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers: Henison Hays of Ohio; Woodrow Hays of Indiana; and Johnny Hays of Hazard, Ky.; two sisters: Mrs. Sarah Wilson of Tennessee and Eurilla Salyers of Letcher, Kentucky; many relatives and a host of friends.

Aunt Cinda was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church on December 24, 1913. She was truly a Christian. For nearly 53 years she has been letting her light shine that the world might see her good works and glorify the Father who is in Heaven. She was often heard to say, "I am taking my Bible for a road map". With such an accurate map, there was no need for error.

If every person to whom Aunt Cinda had done a kind deed or given good advice were to bring a lily to her grave, she would truly sleep beneath the "Lilies of the Valley".

To Aunt Cinda's relatives and friends, I'd like to say, "Don't let this be good-bye, just so long for a little while". Let her good life guide you to that beautiful home where she is enjoying the blessings of God forever and ever. Where she will sing, shout, and praise the Lord eternally while the ages roll on. May God bless the fond memories I have of her and heal all our broken hearts. So long, Aunt Cinda, for a little while.

Written by a brother in Hope.

Glenn D. Hampton

OBITUARY OF MARTHA MULLINS COLLINS

Martha was born on February 15, 1879, and departed this life February 3, 1966, making her stay here on earth, 86 years, 11 months, and 19 days.

Sister Martha was united in marriage to Brother I. N. Collins, May 27, 1898 and five children were born to this union.

Brother I. N. Collins, husband; two sons Arthur and Luther, one sister Mrs. Winnie Wright; eighteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren are left to mourn the loss of a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother and the greatest of all titles, an old mother of Israel, by the redemption of the blood of Jesus.

Sister Collins was for many years a faithful member of the Powell Regular Baptist Church. Sister Collins was loyal to her church and a faithful attender as long as her health permitted. She was much loved by those who knew her and her presence in the Powell Church will be greatly missed by the brothers and sisters.

To Arthur and Luther, let me say that it will pay you to consider the life your mother lived before you and let her God be your God. To the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, in-laws and family and friends of Sister Collins, if you will, remember this one thing, and receive counsel from a friend. A Christian life is one of self denial. You must leave the cares and pleasures of the world, be transformed by the renewing of your mind. In other words, be born again, not of a corruptible seed but of an incorruptible that liveth and abideth forever. "Take up the cross daily and follow me", says the Lord, and not man." It's a daily walk, friends. Again we hear the Lord saying, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, not man, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Live as though the Lord was coming today, and don't visit or go in the places you would not want the Lord to find you when he comes again, the second time without sin unto salvation. As much as lieth within you friends, live this life in honor and glory to God our creator that you may be privileged to meet mother again around the great White Throne where there will be no more separations.

Written by an unworthy brother, in hope of eternal life, at the request of Brother I. N. Collins, the husband of Sister Collins. Humbly,

Alonzo Allen

OBITUARY OF CATHERINE WHITAKER-CAMPBELL

Catherine Whitaker-Campbell, was born May 6, 1893, and deceased May 4, 1962, making her stay on earth 68 years, eleven months, and twenty-eight days. She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizebeth Whitaker. Early in life she married James Campbell, who has preceded her in death. To this union were born three children, two of which have preceded her in death. One daughter, Mrs. Spencer Halcomb, who is still living. She also leaves to mourn

her loss, two brothers, Alamander and William Whitaker; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha Watts, Mrs. Sophia Bradley, Mrs. Nancy Ann Crase, and Mrs. Linda Miller. There are three grandsons, Charles, James, and Johnny Halcomb.

Catherine was not a member of any church here, but according to her testimony and her life, we feel that her soul is at rest. Several nights ago, she sent for Elder Manus Ison to come to her home and when he arrived she began to tell him how great things the Lord had done for her, and that she felt there was nothing in her way. After hearing her relate this good news, Manus asked her if she wanted to join the church. She said, "No, not now, but I just wanted you to know that I was all right and was ready to go when my time comes and I wanted to hear you pray one more time before I died". She said, "I have seen many beautiful scenes", and that she wanted Manus Ison and Jim Pratt to preach her funeral when she died. She also talked to her sister, Sophia about how the Lord had removed dark clouds from her and placed her in a beautiful light that shone round about her. She also told her sister, Bertha that she was working in a beautiful garden of flowers. Then she also related to her sister, Sophia that she saw a rainbow in the presence of the Lord.

We feel that her life and work shall live on.

Written by the family.

OBITUARY OF ADA COMBS WATTS



Mrs. Ada Combs Watts was born in 1905 at Pine Top, Kentucky and departed this life December 29, 1965, making her stay on earth, 60 years. One son, Robert preceded her in death.

Ada was united in marriage to Elmine Watts in the year 1922. Three children were her blessing, for she loved them so very much. Her only son was killed in the line of duty in the U. S. Air Force. A memorial service is held each year in his remembrance. There are two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Williams of Leburn, Ky., and Mrs. Caution Combs, also of Leburn, Ky; also there are five grandchildren and a lonely and sad husband to mourn the one who was such a faithful and loving wife and mother.

We have known Ada many years. She was a real lady, a devoted mother, and an example of true Christian living in her neighborhood for all the years we can remember. She never joined any church but from her talk we do

believe her real hope was anchored in Christ, and that she like many others who have not yet come home to the church, feared not being worthy! She filled her seat each Sunday and seemed to get so much good from the good preaching! Her example is left behind her and her light should be a beacon to her daughters and the husband she so dearly loved.

May God grant each of you, who are left to mourn her loss, a home in heaven at last. She left the life of pleasure and chose the life of self-denial. Few are choosing this road today but to meet this beautiful mother and companion again, you must choose the road that leads to that country she was seeking! This road can be walked only if you are "born again"! May each of you seek and find!

Your friends, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Allen

OBITUARY OF MATILDA OWENS



It's with a sad and aching heart that I write an obituary of my loving wife, Matilda Owens. She was the daughter of Andy and Nancy Slone. She was born February 26, 1898 and died November 21, 1965, making her stay on earth 67 years, 8 months, and 25 days.

There were seven children born in our home, one girl and six boys. One boy at eleven hours old preceded her in death. The other children are: Albert Owens of St. Louisville, Ohio; Bazle Owens of Hindman, Ky., John Owens of Newark, Ohio, Lonie Gayheart of Hindman, Ky., Andy Owens of Plainwell, Michigan and Ray Owens of Granville, Ohio. We raised three of our grandchildren, Lenvill Napier of Kokomo, Indiana, Alva Napier of Hindman, Ky., and Vernie Owens of Garner, Kentucky.

Matilda joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1954 and lived a faithful life until death. She was loved by all that knew her. It was in November 1953 when she felt that the Lord forgave her of her sins. I knew she was in trouble over her sins. She would get up early to get me off to work, and as soon as I would get started, she would close the door behind me. One day in November, I came in for dinner and she was standing at the stove with her back turned to me. I always had something to say to her, but on that day something told me not to speak. I went over to the sink and started to

wash, then I heard her crying. She turned around and pointed down at the floor and said, "Alva, right there the Lord forgave my sins this morning." You talk about a happy time, it was then. She said that she looked under the door and oh what a bright light she saw. She heard a voice behind her saying, "Open the door and look out, the Lord has forgiven your sins." She said it was the lightest time that she had even seen.

In her sickness, our daughter's-in-law were so good to her. Oh, I could go telling about the good life she lived forever. I believe I will see her again. Children if you want to see Mother again, you will have to fall out with sin and serve the living God.

Written by a lonesome and broken-hearted husband.

Alva Owens

OBITUARY OF LEWIS B. COX



Lewis B. Cox, or, as we all knew him, L. B. Cox, was born July 20, 1900 at Mallie, Knott County, Ky., the son of Wm. (Bill) Cox and Susana Stacy Cox, who preceded him in death. L. B. departed this life August 30, 1966, making his stay here on earth sixty years, one month, and ten days.

On October 28, 1920, L. B. was united in marriage to Louelza Gayheart, and to this union was born ten children, three of which died in infancy. There are seven still living: Albert and Clell of Deland, Florida, Clark of Aurora, Ind., Mrs. Alma Adams of Milan, Ind., Earl of R. 3, Osgood, Ind., Walter of Versailles, Ind., and Telma (Mrs. Jerry Brooks) now living in the home with her mother. He leaves also to mourn and miss his presence, his brother, Noah Cox of Tina, Kentucky and several grandchildren and his

many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

L. B. had been an active industrious man all his life, a fine citizen, and a loyal relative. He loved his relation as far as kinship extended. He never had been in a hospital in all his sixty years until now, just before his death. My wife and I were privileged to talk with him at the hospital the night before he passed away. He was very serious and spoke of our young generation who went head-long over advise. He seemed more worried over these conditions more than his own self.

We feel our community has lost one of its best citizens and we hope Heaven has gained one more precious soul! L. B. was so very respectful of the church and we saw him filling his place in the church often in these last few months.

May the good Lord guide his family and relation to seek for the "things that matter most" first of all, and with the peace of mind that "finding these important things" brings, then move on to live the life here in the world in honor of both God and man, and find at the "end of life for which the first was made" what L. B. knew to be most important! For what is all this world's gain if we lose our soul at the end? L. B. told us that he had plenty of time to think over these things while he was ill. We feel everyone should think seriously now while life is extended and find peace at the end. L. B. seemed so rested and peaceful the night we shook his hand in parting. May the Grace of God that bringeth Salvation guide his family he so dearly loved.

Your friends in hope of the glorious resurrection.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Allen

OBITUARY OF CORA DAY ELDRIDGE

Cora Day Eldridge was the daughter of Hiram and Eliza Day. She was born May 2, 1893 and died December 10, 1965, being 72 years, 7 months, and eight days old.

She was married to N. M. Eldridge, July 4, 1909 at Blackey, Ky., and to this union were born 12 children, seven boys and 5 girls; three children have preceded her in death. The surviving children are: Virgie Caudill, Roy, Hargis, Preston, Margie Large, Vilas, Joe, Eliza Cox, and Arnold. She also leaves 43 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters surviving. Her husband, N. M. Eldridge, preceded her in death Nov. 3, 1945.

Sister Cora joined the Indian Bottom Church of Regular Baptists in 1928. She has been a faithful member of the Powell Church of Regular Baptists for several years. She also served faithfully in the capacity as a deacon of the church for several decades faithfully.

Sister Cora has lived a good life. She was loved by all who knew her. I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a brother in Christ.

Dewey Fields

OBITUARY OF VERNON FIELDS

Brother Vernon Fields was born Jan. 7, 1918, and passed from this life March 15, 1966, making his stay here on earth 48 years, one month, and six days.

He was the son of Sampson and Mary Caudill Fields of Defeated Creek, Ky. In the year of 1938 he met and married Velma Smith Fields of Banks, Ky., and to this union were born two children, Mrs. Jack Niece of Hazard, Ky., and Terry Fields of Banks, Kentucky.

Some several years ago Brother Vernon felt the need of a Savior, and according to his own words, he called diligently on the Lord, and He heard his cry and delivered him from that awful burden of sin; some time after that he joined the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church.

The brothers of the church had so much confidence in him, that the church chose him as a deacon of the church, and he lived so faithful to this vocation that many have made the remark, he was one of the best. Brother Vernon has blazed a trail to the land of the blessed for his children, loved ones and many friends.

This beautiful trail which he blazed is marked by honesty, humbleness, kindness, faithfulness, and strong love he left along its path as he lived in this life.

Though our hearts are grieved, and we are in much sorrow as we are here today. Yet we are looking to the day we will be blessed to see Brother

Vernon in that beautiful city he has told us so much about so many times. He leaves to his loss several brothers and sisters, his wife and two children, and so many friends and loved ones, but we are trying to console ourselves with the wonderful thought that he shall live again in the resurrection of the dead.

Elder Beckham Fields

OBITUARY OF ISOM TUTTLE



Obituary of Brother Isom Tuttle, the son of Rile and Sinthy Thornsburry Tuttle, was born on February 22, 1882, and died July 26, 1965, being 83 years old at the time of death. Brother Isom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1931 and was a faithful member. He was a man who liked to talk of the Bible.

He married Susie Stone in January 1908. To this union were born eight children; three girls and five boys; one killed in the army in '44; then Soprilla, 4, died in April, 1965. Brother Isom led a good life for the children and neighbors to follow, believing he has just left a world of trouble and has met with the Lord in peace.

Children if you want to see Dad again, make peace with God while this life is spared because the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodless and unrighteous of men who hold the truth in unrighteous but glory, honor and peace to everyone that doeth good.

Written by Brother Bert Howard

OBITUARY OF TONIE SEALS

In much weakness I attempt to write an obituary of this our beloved sister, obedient wife, humble and pious mother, Tonie Seals.

On September 6, 1891, at Mallie, Ky., our God sent a flower to Creed Cornett and Julia Craft. They chose for her the name of Tonie. In the beautiful hills of Knott, County, she grew unto womanhood in the home of Nelson Craft, her stepfather.

On January 4, 1905 she took by the right hand, Millard Seals, and vowed before God that she would be to him an obedient, kind and loving wife.

To this union were born 14 children, three of whom preceded her in death. Those living to mourn her passing are: Nelson of Mansfield, Ohio, Dessie of Redfox, Ky., Luther of Bath, Ky., Myrtle of Rt. 1, Hazard, Ky., Grace, Floyd and Lawrence, all of Litt Carr, Ky., Mattie, Katherine and Joyce, all of Dayton, Ohio, and Ralph of Decatur, Illinois.

In the 1930's, God spoke to Tonie to tell her that all was not well with her,



that her soul was unsaved, that she was lost. This call she harkened to and after much suffering, prayer and supplication, God, after she had laid everything at his precious feet, heard her pitiful petition and granted her a pardon, bathed her soul in his atoning blood.

Pop took up fellowship in the regular Baptist Church, Dec. 25, 1935 and Mom, always wanting to be with him, in March 1936 at the Mallott Fork Church offered her hand to the church upon the profession of her faith in Jesus Christ and wanted her membership with the Carrs Fork Church.

Elder Elam Hale and her eldest son, Nelson, upon the profession of her faith, buried her in a liquid grave to arise to walk in the newness of life.

Her life from that good day forward has been a shining light not only to her children but to the world of mankind.

After a while, they received a letter from the Carrs Fork Church and placed it in the New Home Church, then on the 4th Saturday in August, 1941, she and Pop went in the arm which constitute the Reynolds Fork Church where her membership was at the time of her passing, always holding fast to the trust she had in God. A more humble, kind and consecrated Christian woman I have never known.

Shortly after the establishing of the Reynolds Fork Church, it had to have officers to wait upon it. The church sat apart Pop and Mom to be examined and if found to be orthodox, ordained as Deacon and Deaconess so by the laying on of hands were found to be worthy and were ordained. This high and important office they fulfilled with great joy for 23 years.

Mom was afflicted for many years but her suffering she bore with great patience until the end, always more concerned about Pop and the children than she was about herself, holding to the faith and trust she had in God.

Her suffering became so severe that about 3 p. m., Dec. 6, 1965, the Cister wheel refused to roll. A tired and afflicted heart refused to beat. And again God called to her this time to say, come away to me my fair one, leave behind your tired, afflicted and frail body, come away from a world of trouble, heartaches and disappointments to a world of never ending joy and peace. So quietly, quickly and peacefully her soul slipped away to the arms of Jesus leaving behind to mourn: Pop, her afflicted companion, eleven broken-hearted children, 74 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, relatives almost innumerable, a host of friends and neighbors, one sister, Ritter of Mallie, Ky., three brothers, Mayo of Mallie, Ky., Joe of Lexington, Ky., and Johnny of Martin, Ky.

Making her stay in this unfriendly world 74 years and 3 months, a part of the foundation of this community has been removed. Pop has lost a part of him as I have never known a more devoted couple, these bereaved children, you that are unprepared, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, if you ever expect to see her again you must cry to the same God Mom cried to, make preparation while living in this world.

She has told me many times her prayers were that all her children would be saved and that if it could be the Lord's will she would love to go swiftly and before Pop did.

May I refer you to the Psalms of David 23:30; 5 and 6 and 34:17, 18 and 19, then listen to the words of the great poet who wrote:

I wonder if and when the shadows fall

On the last short earthly day,
When we say goodbye to the world outside

All tired with our childish play
When we meet the lover of boys and girls

Who died to save them from sin
Will we hear him ask as Mother did
Are all the children in?

So we sincerely feel and believe that our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.
Humbly submitted by an unworthy brother in hope.

Lewis F. Craft

OBITUARY OF HIRAM CAMPBELL

Hiram Campbell was born on January 16, 1879, and passed away July 2, 1966 at the age of 87 years, 4 months, and 16 days.

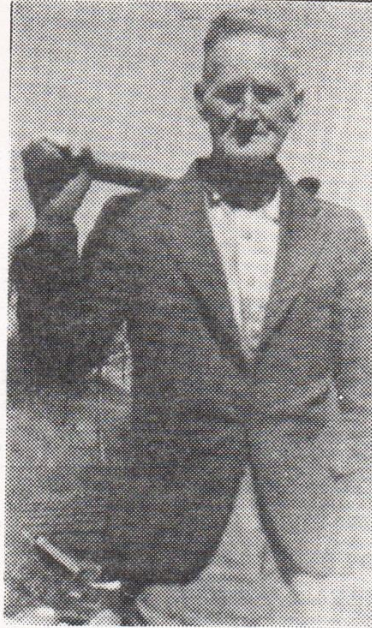
He was married to Elsie Halcomb on April 8, 1897. To this union were born five children. Two of his children preceded him in death, Maggie Adams and Carbitt Campbell; three of the children are still living, Elizabeth Hounshell of Edinburg, Indiana, Vada Adams of Hope, Indiana, and Finley Campbell of Letcher, Kentucky.

After the death of his first wife, he married Dora Fields on October 11, 1943. She died August 2, 1952.

He was a kind and loving father. His kindness did not stop there for he was loved by all who knew him. He left behind three children, 36 grandchildren, and 75 great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church but at the end he was unable to attend services. His chair in the church is now empty, not to be filled by him anymore on this earth. But we rest assured that our loss is heaven's gain and that he is resting around God's throne.

Written by his daughter-in-law,
Susana Campbell



OBITUARY OF MOLLIE PRIDEMORE PRATT

Mollie Pridemore Pratt was born May 18, 1894, and expired this life August 12, 1965. She was a daughter of William Hiram Pridemore and Margaret B. Smith Pridemore, who preceded her in death.

Mollie was married to Bee Pratt on November 23, 1921 and unto this union were born four children, Forest Drannan Pratt, William Taulbee Pratt, Geraldine Champion and Christine Waddell.

Mollie became a Christian early in life; and was an inspiration to her family and many friends. She united with the "New Home Church" and was baptized Nov. 25, 1954.

Mollie leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Bee, her family, two sons, two daughters, three step-daughters, eighteen grandchildren; five brothers, Iven, Boone, Mark, Hiram and Russell; two sisters, Melissa Singleton and Nora Gayheart; a host of relatives and many friends.

Bee Pratt and family



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Received by Experi- ence and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Recommendation	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions \$25
BIG LEATHERWOOD	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	69	2	\$25
CEDAR GROVE	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	81	4	40
NEW HOME	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	71	2	25
POWELL	0	0	2	1	2	9	0	24	3	20
DEFEATED CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	10
BULL CREEK	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	15	1	20
REYNOLDS FORK	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	3	10
IVY POINT	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	34	4	15
PILGRIMS HOME	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	20	1	20
LITTLE ZION	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	25	3	15
LITTLE DOVE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	2	20
KINGDOM COME	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	2	15
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	20	4	10
MAPLE GROVE	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	23	3	10
OVEN FORK	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	76	2	15
BETHEL	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	12	4	25
DIXON MEMORIAL	3	10	0	0	1	1	0	20	4	10
BIG CREEK	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	3	10
TOTALS	19	18	5	3	17	21	5	615		315

