

THE 23RD PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



HELD WITH

Reynolds Fork Church

Mallie, Knott Co., Kentucky

September 3, 4, 5, 1971

ELDER MANUS ISON ELDER OLUS BALDRIDGE
Moderator Clerk

ELD. J. D. FIELDS BRO. McKINLEY McINTOSH
Ass't. Moderator Ass't. Clerk

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Friday, September 3, 1971 and the two following days.

The Indian Bottom Association in session assembled with Reynolds Fork Church at Mallie, Knott County, Kentucky, September 3, 1971. Met at the church house for preaching services, and after singing some old songs of zion, Elder Ermil Ison was called to the stand, according to appointment of last years session, who was blessed to make a good introduction and able prayer, after which Elder Kirby Ison, who was chosen by the delegates of last year's session to preach the Introductory sermon, whose text was Acts 5:38-39: Refrain from these men, and let them alone: (and etc.) Bro. Kirby was wonderfully blessed to deliver a soul stirring sermon.

The delegates remained at the church house and Elder I. D. Back of Thornton Union made remarks and prayer by same.

The association then was called to order by our moderator Elder Manus Ison, who called for letters of the churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. After reading the Reynolds Fork church letter, a move and second was made to receive all the church letters, as they were in regular form, seat the delegates and refer all queries and requests to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by choosing the following as officers:

Elder Manus Ison, Moderator

Elder James D. Fields, Assistant Moderator

Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk

Brother McKinley McIntosh, Assistant Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly organized churches and received one by the name of Northern New Home. Petition and letter read, by a move and second their delegates were seated in council with us.

4. Called for churches desiring to take up fellowship with us and received a letter and acknowledgment from the Poor Fork Church, Cumberland, Kentucky, which former-

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BOTTOM ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD WITH THE NEW
BETHLEHEM CHURCH, TALCUM, KNOTT CO., KY.

1. From Hazard go to junction of Ky. 80, follow 80 to Dwarf, keep on left on 476 to Mouth of Ball Creek (about 3 or 4 miles) turn right up Ball Creek to association. (Road number is not known by me at this time, but there will be a sign, probably 1098.)
2. Coming from Cincinnati or Louisville or any point in Indiana, leaving the parkway at Campton, stay right on Ky. 15 to Haddix, Ky., take 476 (old 15) to Mouth of Ball Creek, turn left up Ball as above.
3. From Prestonsburg, Paintsville or Pikeville get on Ky. 80 toward Hindman at Allen, Ky. Follow 80 to Leburn, (east of Hindman, 2 miles) turn right on 1098 at mouth of Opposum Trot Creek to Association about 18 miles from Leburn.
4. From Whitesburg or Letcher Co., Ky. or any point in Virginia, you can get on Ky. 15 and follow it to Cody, Kentucky, turn right on Ky. 160 to Hindman, take Ky. 80 right to Leburn, (two miles east of Hindman) turn left on 1098 at a large I.G.A. store at the mouth of Opposum Trot, follow to Association about 18 miles.

ly belonged to Indian Bottom Association, a move and second was made to receive letter and acknowledgment and seat their delegates with us.

5. Upon motion and second it was agreed that we omit reading Articles of Faith and Constitution but read Rules of Decorum, and have them printed in minutes.

6. Called for letters from corresponding Associations and received:

A. NEW SALEM: Letter with delegates: Elders Banner Manns, Lonzo Yonts, Edd Moore, Mitchell Chaffins, Melvin Slone, Willie Bates, Grover Adkins, Frank Slone, Ross Hopkins, Troy Sparkman, Jerry Campbell, Clyde Hall, Monroe Owlsey, Vernon Rose, and Bros. Cobert Bates, Green Perry, Jenk Ray, Perry Tackett, Allen Pitts, J. C. Sparks, Sam Eversole, Omery Compton.

B. UNION: Letter with delegates: Elders W. F. Hubbard, Andy Bates, Fon Bolen, Joe Johnson, Homer Colman, James Gannon. Bros. Harry Moore, Lonnie Mounts, John Cable.

C. SARDIS: Letter with delegates: Elders Lloyd SESCO, Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, Bros. Delbert Kazee, Marshall Williamson, Joe Warrix, Frankie White, Troy Walters.

D. PHILADELPHIA: Letter with delegates: Elders George Woods, Bro. Ira Stepp.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Letter with delegates: Elders Joshua Hicks, Charles (Chuck) Kazee, Paris C. Tackett, Ervin Hicks, Ray Hoover, Bros. Charles Craft, Nelson Slone.

F. THORNTON UNION: Letter with delegates: Elders Raymond Collins, I. D. Back, Critt Eldridge, Mack McCloud, Wesley Yonts, Agnon Back, Charlie Gibson, Henry Welsh, Arnold Caudill, Bros. Estill Smith, Marion Sparkman, Halic Dyer Curt Polly, Robert Wagner, Wesley Combs, Alonzo Howard.

All the foregoing letters received and delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us in council.

7. Called for transit ministers and members of same faith and order, received Elders John Kelly and Green Fields, who were also seated with us.

8. By move and second it was agreed that moderator make all temporary appointments.

9. Appointed one (1) delegate from each church with entire delegation (3) from Reynolds Fork Church as com-

mittee on ministry to arrange for preaching Friday evening and Saturday morning.

10. Appointed the same committee as on ministry, but with only one delegate from each church, with Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and entire Delegation from our corresponding associations and transits to meet with us Friday afternoon at 4 P. M. to arrange the work for Saturday morning.

11. By regular move and second it was agreed that we correspond with the following associations and Clerks prepare letters to same: NEW SALEM, UNION, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, and THORNTON UNION.

12. Committee on ministry reported stand be filled Friday afternoon by: Elder Clifford Maynard, Sardis Association and Elder Frank Slone, New Salem Association.

Saturday morning by: Elder Ervin Hicks, Northern New Salem; Elder Edwin May, Sardis; Elder Joe Johnson, Union; Elder Mitchell Chaffins, New Salem and Elder Charles (Chuck) Kazee, Northern New Salem.

13. By a move and second the association adjourned until 9:30 A.M. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1971

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Paris Tackett of Northern New Salem was called on to introduce the business session who was blessed to deliver inspiring words in power, and prayer by Elder Charles Kazee of Northern New Salem, the association proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Ministers chosen to preach on stand and congregation excused to go to the stand for preaching.
3. Committee on arrangements report read and received by a move and second, committee was discharged.

4. Appointed a committee on finance:

Who reported the sum of -----	\$425.00
received from the churches and special donations	
from friends and Brothers	55.00

a move and second was made to receive their report \$480.00

5. By move and second to have twenty five hundred (2500) copies of minutes printed and that clerk be secretary treasurer, that he superintend the printing same, and that

he be allowed \$25.00 for expense.

6. Appointed same committee on ministry as on Friday to arrange for preaching Saturday evening and Sunday morning. For Saturday evening: No arrangements for Saturday evening.

Sunday: Elders and Brethern: Bro. John Preece, Indian Bottom; Elder James Pratt, Indian Bottom; Elder Verlon Fields, Indian Bottom and Elder Manus Ison, Indian Bottom.

7. Circular letter was read by Elder James Caudill, move and second to receive same and have it printed in minutes, Committee on ministry chose Elder Chalmer Engle to write one for inspection next year.

8. Brethern were called on to report on attending union meetings and Associations who reported that they had done the best they could. A move and second to receive their report and excuse their failures.

9. A move and second that union meeting and communion times be printed in the minutes.

10. By a move and second it was agreed to have obituaries and pictures printed in minutes, with the understanding that five (\$5.00) dollars be included for printing of pictures.

11. Treasurer's report:

Total for last year -----	\$660.04
Cost of printing minutes -----	\$498.75
To clerk for expense -----	25.00
Expense to Northern New Salem (last year) --	18.90
Expense to Union Ass'n (also in Mich.) ----	25.00
Service charge on two checks -----	.10
Total expense for 1970 -----	\$567.75
Balance on hand Sept. 4, 1971 -----	92.29
Sept. 4, 1971 received from churches -----	\$425.00
Special dnation by Bros. and Friends -----	55.00
Received for pictures -----	67.00
Total amount in treasury -----	\$639.29

12. Letters prepared by clerks to corresponding associations as follows:

A. NEW SALEM: To convene with the Long Fork Church, Hartley, Pike Co., Ky. beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1971 and the two following days. Elders Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Olus Baldrige, Clark Hays, Manus Ison, Ison Stallard, Verlon Fields, Perry Tackett, and Bros. Melvin Blair, McKinley McIntosh, J. B.

Eversole.

B. UNION: To convene with the Little Hope Church, Clintwood, Dickerson Co., Va. beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1971 and the two following days. Elders Kirby Ison, James Pratt, Manus Ison, Verlon Fields, Clark Hays, James Caudill, Carl Back, Olus Baldrige, Isom Stallard, and Bros. Cleon Combs, Melvin Blair, John Preece, John Back, Willie Eldridge, McKinley McIntosh.

C. SARDIS: To convene with the Little Virgie Church Kimper, Pike Co., Ky. beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1971 and the two following days. Elders Kirby Ison, McKinley McIntosh, Olus Baldrige, Manus Ison, Carl Back, J. Nelson Seals, Clark Hays, John Preese.

D. PHILDELPHIA: To convene with the Mt. Olive Church, Warnock, Ky., Route 2, Greenup, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1972 and the two following days. Elders Kirby Ison, Olus Baldrige, Verlon Fields, J. Nelson Seals, Carl Back, Bro. John Preese.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM: To convene with the Pleasant View Church, Medina, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1971 and the two following days. Elders Kirby Ison Olus Baldrige, Ermil Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Green Fields, Bros. Cleon Combs, Birthel Mosley, McKinley McIntosh.

F. THORNTON UNION: To convene with the Little Rock Church, Kona, Letcher Co., Ky. beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1972 and the two following days. Elders Kirby Ison, J. W. Pratt, Ison Stallard, Verlon Fields, James Fields, Arlie Caudill, James Caudill, Clark Hays, Carl Back, J. Nelson Seals, Manus Ison, Olus Baldrige, Bros. George Whitaker, Willie Eldridge, Dee Combs, John Preese, R. S. Hill, Cleon Combs, McKinley McIntosh, Melvin Blair, Alvro Hubbard.

13. Committee on ministry chose Elder J. Nelson Seals to preach the introductory sermon in 1972 and Elder Glenn Adkins be his alternate.

14. In regard to request for the 1972 session of the Indian Bottom Association, it was agreed by a move and second that the New Bethlehem, Talcum, Knott Co., Ky. have next session.

15. Request from the Powell Church asking the Indian Bottom Association's Committee on Council to help in a problem. A move and second was made to send committee on the third Saturday morning in October, 1971. They also asked for ministers to visit them.

16. Committee on Council report called for, Elder Kirby Ison, committee secretary, reported they had met several times and among them they met with the Poor Fork Church and advised them what steps they should make to return to the Association, move and second to receive report. By same move and second th same committee retained, for more information on committe see 1970 minutes, item 15.

17. Request of Big Creek Church to change their meeting time from the third to the fourth in each month. A move and second to grant their request.

18. Request from New Home Church to have resolution in 1964 minutes reprinted in 1971. A move and second was made to grant their request.

Resolution as follows: Item 16, 1964 minutes:

Our Assistant Moderator, Elder Beckham Fields, came forward in the closing of our Association and requested our Moderator to make a resolution set forth in item 16 of the minutes.

Resolved that the moderators of our churches exercise strict disciplinary action toward the violators of our rules and practice and the orders that are placed in our association minutes by which the members are to live. These orders and rules of practice are not grievous to the redeemed of God, and we feel that every true-born soul wants to, and will, do the things that please God, and thus keep the peace in the family. Mark them that creep in among you and who their disobedience tear down and destroy the peace and happiness of the church. Put them from among you, and when that old fleshly nature has been destroyed, they will give you no more trouble, for they will have a new love that will cause them to glorify God and not man.

19. Resolved by the association that the clerk draw up a resolution of appreciation to the Reynolds Fork Church and community at large for the care and consideration given the 1971 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

20. By a move and second it was agreed that we omit the reading of this year's minutes, but that they stand approved to be printed.

21. A move and second to adjourn to the time and place of our next Association.

The Association was closed by remarks and prayer by Elder I. D. Back of the Thornton Union Association.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.

Elder Manus Ison, Moderator

Elder James D. Fields, Assistant Moderator

Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk

Brother McKinley McIntosh, Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION AS REQUESTED IN ITEM 19

Resolved that the Officers and Delegates of the seventy-sixth session of the Indian Bottom Association extend their most heart-felt thanks to the Reynolds Fork Church, and their friends and the Community at large. Also the Brethern and Sisters of sister churches and Associations who helped to care and feed us and our correspondence while in session during this meting. May God bless you in basket and store. We wish to thank the people who have charge of the building where the delegates met Saturday, as well as anyone that aided in any way to make this another wonderful association.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1971

Brother John Preece, who took no special text, but was blessed to speak from that great text, Brotherly love and Christian duties, and prayer by same.

Elder Robert Haynie from New Salem Association spoke from Paul concerning the mysteries of Christ.

Elder Verlon Fields who spoke in great power about the love and mercies of God and what manner of manis this.

Elder Manus Ison who spoke from Paul's writings, Be ye steadfast and unmoveable and always abounding in the work of the Lord.

CIRCULAR LETTER

My beloved Brethern and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association:

Being called upon by our Delegates to write a circular letter for your inspection with fear and with umbelness, I will ask God to direct my mind in writing this letter. The subject or subjects that have born heaviest upon my mind will be found in Micah - chapter 6, verse 8.

He hath shewed thee a man what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God. I am thoroughly convinced that where the word man appears in this text it includes women too. Therefore where the word man is used in this letter it includes women too. Realizing that many pages could be written on this subject, it is my inten-

tion to use the last three phrases in the order they appear in the verse.

Do justly in the beginning God created man from the dust of the earth. Created him for only one purpose and one purpose only. That purpose was to glorify him and extol his name above every name under the shining court of heaven. God will not force any man to honor and glorify him, he gives a man his own choice to choose life and live or choose death and die. So my beloved Brethern my mind runs back to the words of the great apostle Paul to the Roman Brethern, Romans 5th chapter, verse 12-13. Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned for until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. But being in that dreadful condition under the sentence of an eternal death by reason of his own sin and being wholly deprived of any saving power it moved the Father of love and mercy. Who so loved the world that he was willing to come to our relief by the gift of his own son. O, what glorious love is this.

I hear one say that except ye have the spirit of Christ ye are none of his. Oh poor man or poor woman where are you that hath not the spirit of our blessed savior. Oh if they could but view their future destiny. If they could but realize the uncertainty of life and sureness of death and judgment they are not ready to meet God yet. Death lieth at the door it is only through the tender mercies of God that the brittle thread of life hath sustained us and we are today on praying grounds and pleading terms with him that holds our life in his hands. He who speaks and it is done, and commands and it stands still. My Beloved Brethern, we preach that a man or a woman has to repent and be borned again before they can go to heaven. Then we should be able to tell men and women what an experience is. The Bible says it is a Godly sorrow for sin. I had to become sorry in my heart when God let me understand I had violated his law and was a sinner in his sight. I made up my mind if I had to go down to hell I would go down praying and it would come to my mind that God said he would not turn a praying heart away. That would encourage me to pray on. I would pray every time God would give me a mind to and on one dark night I got willing for God's will to be done and I believe God lifted the burden. I was praying for and put a love in me that caused me to love the whole world.

So I am depending upon that little hope to take me to heaven. So in coming to a close with this letter my beloved Brethern and Sisters, we should show our love to one an-

other in such a way that our children and our neighbors and all that know us can see that there is reality in serving the Lord.

Written by your unworthy servant

James Caudill

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

MAY 1972

LITTLE DOVE—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in May 1972. Elders Critt Eldridge, Verlon Fields, Manus Ison, I. D. Back and Bro. Lewis Craft. Communion: Second Sunday in July.

REYNOLDS FORK—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders Kirby Ison, Verlon Fields, Manus Ison, I. D. Back, Agnon Back and Bros. John Preece, Arnold Caudill and Moderator. Communion: Third in June.

BULL CREEK—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Elders Odis Ritchie, Ermil Ison, Brother Lewis Craft and Moderator. Communion: Third in August.

LITTLE ZION—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Elders Andy Bates, I. D. Back, J. W. Pratt and Hershel Baldrige. Communion: Third in July.

POOR FORK—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Elders J. W. Pratt, Manus Ison, I. D. Back, John Wright. Communion time not turned in.

CEDAR GROVE—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1972. Elders Dillis Combs, Ermil Ison, Dallas Ramsey, Hershel Baldrige, Melvin Watts, Brother John Preece. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

JUNE 1972

HAPPY HOME—Union: First Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Hershel Baldrige, Glenn Adkins, Clark Hays, James Fields, Carl Back and Brother Lewis Craft. Communion: First in July.

CLEAR FORK—Union: First Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Clark Hays, J. W. Pratt, Hershel Baldrige, J. Nelson Seals. Communion: First in July.

NORTHERN NEW HOME—Union: First Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Virgil Halcomb, Nelson Seals, Irvin Hicks, Melvin Watts.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders I. D. Back, Verlon Fields and Lewis Craft. Communion: Second in August.

NEW HOME—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Irvin Hicks, Joe Johnson, Ermil Ison, Lloyd SESCO, Clifford Maynard. Communion: Second Sunday in July.

KINGDOM COME—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders: All the same faith and order is welcome. Communion: Secnd Sunday in July.

OVENFORK—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Issac Sanders, Manus Ison, Ismay Sparks, Carl Back, Lester Hubbard, Dave Wagnor, I. D. Back. Communion: Second Sunday in July.

POWELL—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Glenn Adkins, Odis Ritchie, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen. Communion: Third in July.

MAPLE GROVE—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders: All the same faith and order. Communion: Third in July.

BIG CREEK—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Ermil Ison, Robert Haney, A. O. McKnight Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Melvin Wright, Basil Hall, J. W. Pratt, Jim T. Caudill. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

NEW BETHLEHEM—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders Burton Howard, Frank Slone, Andy Bates and Brother Cobert Bates. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

DIXON MEMORIAL—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders: All ministers of the same faith and order are invited. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

IVY POINT—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders: no list turned in. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

AUGUST 1972

DEFEATED CREEK—Union: First Saturday and Sunday in August 1972. Elders Virgil Halcomb, Bill Halcomb, J. W. Pratt, Melvin Wright, Verlon Fields. Communion: First Sunday in August.

OBITUARIES

DENVER S. RALEIGH



It is with a saddened heart that I write the obituary of my dearly beloved brother, Denver S. Raleigh.

Brother Denver was born to Steve and Mary Jane Maggard Raleigh on Sept. 23, 1908, and departed this life on August 11, 1971, making his stay here on earth 62 years, 11 months, 11 days.

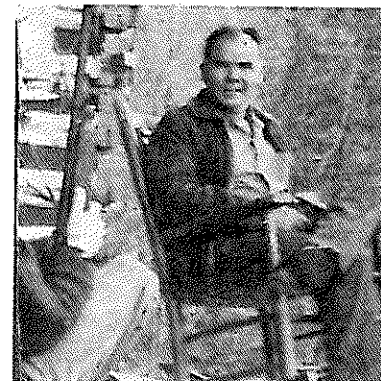
Early in life he married Callie Ison and to this union was born seven children. Two preceeded him in death in infancy. He has left to mourn his passing three girls and two boys, his wife and a host of friends and relatives.

Brother Denver joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on January 8, 1955 and was a faithful member.

He was bedfast three months before his passing, bearing his sickness with patience continuously calling on the Lord. Just a few days before he died he told his sister Lilly that he had a mansion to go to and we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Submitted by a brother.
Delmar Raleigh

ELDER ESTILL JENT



By the request of the family I will try to write an obituary of Elder Estill Jent. He was the son of Thomas Jent and Rebecca Messer Jent. He was born March 12, 1907 being 63 years, 4 months and 22 days of age at the time of his passing.

Several years ago he felt he needed the Savior and turned to the Lord for mercy and God heard his pleas and later he joined the James Memorial Regular Baptist Church and sometime later he

felt he was called to preach and with God's help he begin preaching and later was ordained a minister. He enjoyed going to church and hearing the brethern preach the gospel, but for a few years he was badly afflicted and couldn't go to church very much, but he bore his sickness in patience feeling that he had a home to go to where he could rest in peace forever more.

He is survived by his wife: Susan Lewis Jent, 5 sons, Hubert Jent and Thomas Jent both of Johnson City, Tenn.; Elmer Jent, Ypsilanti, Mich.; John S. Jent, Huntington, Ind. and Leroy Jent at home. Seven daughters, Corina Schenkle and Geneva Marschand both of Huntington, Ind.; Evolee Hollins, Hindman, Ky.; Fay Lahn, Chicago, Ill.; Carolyn Jent and Phyliss Jent both at home and Lena Wheatly, Morehead, Ky. Also surviving is one brother William Jent, Hindman, Ky. one sister Melda Slone, Viper, Ky. and 20 grandchildren and one great-grand daughter as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

To his family, whom he loved very much, if you ever expect to see Daddy again you will have to fall out with sin and make his God your God. So sleep on Brother Estill, we hope to meet you where we can all be together, forever.

Elder Crit Eldridge

RILEY FOUTS



It is with much sadness that I try to write a short obituary about a dearly departed brother in hope.

Elder Riley Fouts, son of Murray and Jensey Fields Fouts, was born Feb. 10, 1894 and passed from this life Nov. 7, 1969, making his stay on earth 75 years, 8 months and 27 days. He had been in poor health for the past few years and he was in the hospital when the angels

called and he answered the call that we must all answer.

Early in life he was married to Bettie Lee Owens and to this union were born four children. Two of his children are still living. He had two girls that were killed in an auto accident and this left him very broken hearted, but the Grace of his Lord held him and his good companion up.

After his companion passed away he was married to Belle Mullins and they lived a happy devoted life together

enjoying their good fellowship in the church.

Brother Riley joined the Oven Fork Regular Baptist Church 35 years ago and he had been a worker in the church for many years. At one time he was the Moderator of the Big Cowan Regular Baptist Church. At the time of his passing he was the pastor of the Oven Fork Church and the Maple Grove Regular Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn his passing his companion, Sister Belle Fouts, one son, Shirley Fouts and one daughter, Bettina Jones, 7 grandchildren and one great-grandchild besides a host of friends and relatives.

Submitted by a brother in hope.

Delmar Raleigh

BETTIE FOUTS

It is with much sadness that I try to write a few words about a dearly departed sister in hope.

Bettie Lee Owens Fouts was born at Livingston, Ky., March 10, 1903 and passed away October 17, 1967 at Benham, Ky., being 64 years, 7 months and 7 days at her passing.

Sister Fouts was the daughter of the late Edward Lee Owens and Mary Belle Elkins Owens.

She was married to Riley Fouts on November 7, 1917, and was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church in May, 1957 and was a member of the Oven Fork Regular Baptist Church at the time of her death.

Among survivors are her husband, Riley Fouts, Partridge, Ky., one son, Shirley Fouts, Lynch, Ky., one daughter Mrs. Bettina Jones, Athens, Ohio. Also her mother, Mrs. Mary Belle Owens, London, Ky. and one brother, Robert Owens, also of London, Ky. and seven grandchildren.

Submitted by a brother in hope.

Delmar Raleigh

FRANKIE JANE REYNOLDS JACOBS

Frankie Jane was born May 5, 1898 and deceased this life March 28, 1971. She was the daughter of Ike and Leander Slone who both have preceded her in death. In early life Frankie Jane was wed to William Reynolds who preceded her in death. Unto this union was born 13 children, five of those preceded her in death. Sister Frankie Jane leaves to mourn her passing two step daughters whom she loved very much, 5 daughters and 3 sons, Mrs. Lona Calhoun, Sunman, Indiana; Mrs. Alice Slone, Raven, Ky.; Mrs. Eva

Craft, Sunman, Indiana; Mrs. Edna Gibson, Pippa-Passes, Ky.; Mrs. Edith Gibson, Mousie, Ky.; Mrs. Easter Owens, Legioner, Indiana; Mrs. Lydia Margant Owens, Dayton, Ohio; Steven Reynolds, Worthville, Ky.; Roy Reynolds, Pippa-Passes, Ky.; Vurnis Reynolds, Columbus, Ohio. Also to mourn her passing 65 grandchildren, 84 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren and one brother, and five sisters.

In later life sister Frankie Jane was wed to Wash Jacobs of Pippa-Passes, Ky. and remained a faithful wife some 30 years until death. Her good companion Wash Jacobs is left to mourn her passing.

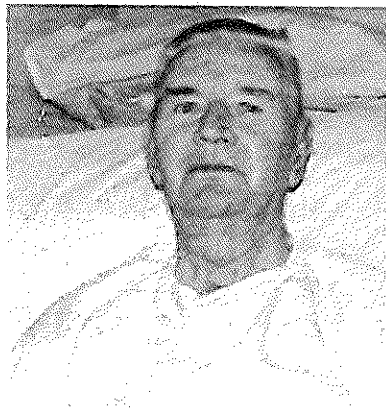
Sister Frankie Jane professed a hope of her salvation and attached herself to the New Home church approx. 57 years ago and has remained a devoted member until death.

Sister Frankie Jane was a true christian and a loving mother throughout her life and when she come down on her bed she told her children that she was in a big field that was very green and at the end of the field was a hill and there she met her savior and he told her that all she had to do was come on over on the other side.

We feel and believe that Mother is asleep in the arms of Jesus, no worry, no pain, just resting from all of her labor. I feel that if the family wants to meet sister Frankie Jane again you must repent and be born again.

Written by Elder Dillis Combs and the Family.

WHEELER FELTNER



With heavy heart we will try to write an obituary of our dad and brother, Wheeler Feltner, (born November 18, 1878) who passed away November 4, 1968, making his stay on earth 88 years, 11 months and 17 days.

In 1900 her was married to Matilda Smith; to this union was born seven children - three girls and four boys. His wife and two of his sons preceded him in death. Left

mourn are: Martha Richie, Ruda Stacy, Astor Felner (all of Lotts Creek); Nancy Polly of Dunda, Michigan; Wayne Feltner of Hardburly, Ky.; and also five sisters and a host of friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

He jointed the Old Regular Baptist Church August 17,

1948; he lived a good christian life.

In 1924 he married Jennie Hurt who also preceded him in death.

Approximately two years before he died, Brother Wheeler fell and broke his hip and was confined to his bed for most of the remainder of his life. He bore his pain with patience.

Towards the end he told his daughter that dying is just going home where there will be peace and joy. About the last words he said were addressed to his sister when he took her by the hand and said: "God bless you. I love you."

The church has lost a fine member; and the children have lost a good daddy; but we believe that our loss is heaven's gain.

To his children, if you ever want to go where Daddy is, make his God your God. Children, repent.

Written by his daughters Martha Richie and Ruda Stacy and his sister, Lizzie Combs.

REBECCA BROWN



This is hard for me to write the obituary of my dear aunt who entered Eternal life Monday, March 15, 1971 at the residence of one of her sons, Albert Brown of Ermine, Ky.

She was the daughter of the late Dixon and Nancy Caudill. She was born April 23, 1888, being 82 years, 10 months, and 22 days of age at the time of her passing.

She married George Brown in the year of 1910. He passed away a few years before her. They were so good and close to each other. It almost took her life then to have to give him up. I am also writing the obituary of him too. He never joined any church but Aunt Rebecca saw him in her dreams and visions till I believe with all my heart they are resting together. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Mayking about 30 years ago. She then come into the Kingdom Come Church by letter about three years ago. Se was a faithful member. My son-in-law would go get her and she would come down and stay with me so she could attend church both days.

Surviving her are four sons: Albert Brown, Ermine, Ky. Charlie Brown, Akron, Ohio; Steve Brown, Munroe Falls, Ohio; Diron Brown, Winter Garden, Florida; one daughter: Dixie Johnson, Ravenna, Ohio; one brother Charlie Caudill, Whitesburg, Ky.; two sisters: Sarah Raleigh, London, Ky. and Pheba Jane Isom, Blackey, Ky. Also 26 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Two sons preceded her in death. Her baby son, Ray Brown was killed in the Korean War. Her many friends who know her was to love her because of the good life she lived before her children and friends. Aunt Rebecca will long be remembered. Thank God for a Hope that I will met her some day.

Written by her neice, Mrs. Nancy Ann Caudill
Arlie Caudill's wife.

JAMES COMBS



On May 13, 1923, when spring was in full bloom, a little flower was born into the home of E. H. and Armeldia Roark Combs, in Letcher Co., Kentucky. James grew up and played with his brothers up and down the hills overlooking the north fork of the Kentucky River, where he is soon to be laid to rest. It was here he grew to manhood, worked on the home-place farm and for several

years dug coal in various mines located in Letcher County.

In the year of 1946, he met and married Margaret Burroughs of Letcher County. Sister Margaret has been a faithful and loving wife; and into this union was born six children. I don't believe I have ever seen children who thought anymore of their daddy than did Jerry, Betty, Sandra, Danny, and Jeffrey. Their first born, little James Edward preceded him death, while an infant. Also left to mourn his passing in addition to his children and loving wife are three brothers, Clayton of Batesville, Indiana, Wess of Whitesburg, Kentucky, and Cleon of Latonia, Kentucky. Also preceeding him in death were two brothers, Edgar and Ira, and two sisters, Vada and Mae. He also leaves a loving daughter-in-law, the former LaRuth Whitaker of Whitesburg,

Kentucky, and a little grandson, Jerry, Jr.

In June, 1962, he obtained the mercies of God and was joined to the body of the Pilgrim Home Church at Milan, Indiana, and proved faithful until his passing on November 20, 1970, in Fort Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton, Ohio. Shortly after his conversion, he felt his calling to the ministry. He obeyed the call of his Master and began to publish glad tidings of great joy to the world of the lost. He was not only blessed with the call to the ministry, but also was gifted to sing Zion's songs with perhaps greater power and sweetness than anyone whom the Regular Baptist have known within our time. He will truly be remembered by all who were blessed to sit beneath the sound of his voice. Oh, how he sang, "I am dwelling on the Mountain," "I am trying to travel a path that is straight," "Just One Rose Will Do," "Take this Letter to My Mother", "When Mary had come the Lord Jesus to seek," and many others. It seems that even now I can hear him singing.

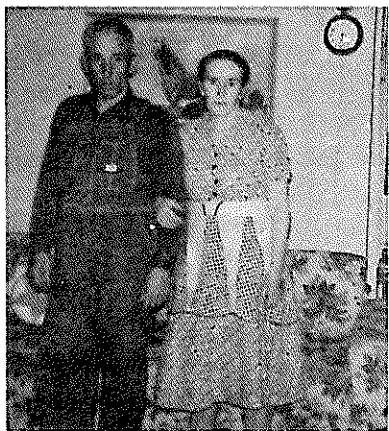
No Brother was more dedicated to the cause of the church than was Brother James. He was happy in the service of his master and wanted to share this happiness with others. Again and again he would travel all night and day with myself and Marc Dotson and Kell Day or his brother Cleon Combs to his beloved mountain country of Kentucky or Virginia to worship with his brothers and sisters, and friends. Many of these journeys were long and tiresome, but God payed him many times for his labor.

One of these paydays came when his son Jerry and daughter-in-law, LaRuth found that peace with Jesus that Brother James often preached about. He truly loved his family and his hope was that some day they could join him in him labor. Sister Margaret stood right by the side of Brother James and held him up as high as her tender arms could hold him.

The church has lost a true pillar. His family has lost a wonderful daddy, the sinner has lost a real friend and I have lost a fellow traveler that I shall remember and miss until my dying day, I visited him just before he died and he said, "Brother Ermel, I dreamed last night that you and I were preaching together in a little narrow place". So it's not good-bye Brother it's just so long for a little while. Sleep peacefully now and we will see you in the morning when we wake up.

Elder Ermel R. Ison

SQUIRE WATTS JR.



With a sad and lonely heart I will try to write the obituary of a dear loving husband and father, Squire Watts Jr. He was born February 23, 1906. Deceased October 25, 1970 at the Whitesburg Hospital. He was the son of the late Eli and Pollyann Campbell Watts.

Early in life he was married to Goldie Watts. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and six children, two boys and four girls. Alleen Watts, Hallie, Ky.; Lullie Ford, Kingsport, Tennessee; Clarence Watts, Jonesboro, Tenn.; Rural V. Watts, Kingsport, Tenn.; Georgia B. Watts, Hallie, Ky.; Ivory Faye Watts, Hallie, Ky. also five grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters, a host of friends and relatives. His Father, Mother, two sisters and a brother preceded him in death. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Cedar Grove the fourth Saturday in August 1958. He and his wife were baptised the same day.

He was a faithful member to the church. He was also the clerk and treasurer at the time of his death. Those beautiful old songs he used to sit at home, and sing in the church I will never forget.

God only knows how we miss him. There is a place in my heart, a place in the church, that can not be filled.

As the song says He died at his post. He was a great song leader. So by the help of the Lord we hope to meet him again some day.

Written by his heart broken wife
Goldie and Family.

DOCK PRATT

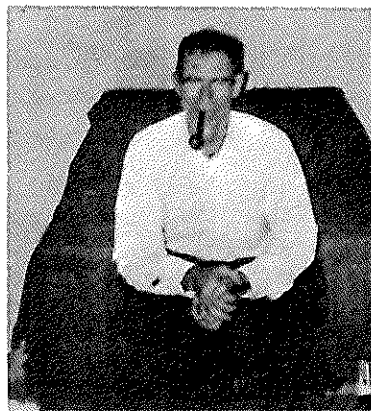
Dock Pratt was born January 11, 1887 into the home of Wilburn and Polly Pratt, and deceased this life June 14, 1971 making his stay 84 years, 5 months and 3 days.

In early life Uncle Dock met Florance Caudill of Hollybush, Kentucky and on January 22, 1915 they were united in marriage and unto this union was born 9 children -- 5 boys and 4 girls. Sister Florance, who was a devoted mother, wife and christian, proceeded Uncle Dock in death August 24, 1955 and she now is resting, we feel, from all

her labor and trouble waiting for Jesus to come. Uncle Dock leaves to mourn his passing nine children, Clyde Pratt, Hampton, Va.; Claude Pratt, Jameston, Va.; Coolidge Pratt, Vacaville, California; Frank Pratt, Vermillon, Ohio; Pete Pratt, Greenwood, Del.; Opal Pratt, Leburn, Ky.; Margaret Smith, Bidwell, Ohio; Elveta Charles, McClure, Ill.; Lauda Kerley, McClure, Ill., 36 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two brothers, Bee Pratt, Leburn, Ky. and Dan Pratt, Leburn, Ky. Also a host of friends and relation who will miss uncle Dock very much Uncle Dock told many times that he felt about 16 years ago that God had forgiven him of his sins and that he had a better home at the end of this life. Uncle Dock was a good father and a dear neighbor and lived his life in a way that even the youngest child could see the love he had for his fellow man. The death angel has now claimed the life of Uncle Dock and he can't ever come back any more, but I would like to say to his children, grandchildren and all the relation that according to uncle Dock's life and his profession that if you ever see him again you must repent of sin and be born again because we deeply feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a brother and neighbor,
Elder Dillis Combs

CURTIS OLIVER



Curtis Oliver was born September 22, 1902, departed this life March 14, 1971 at 9:15 A.M. Whereas it has pleased the Almighty God to call home a beloved husband and father, Brother Curtis Oliver to his reward on high. Therefore be it that in his passing the family has lost a beloved member, the community an upright man and his church an outstanding member. He always stood

ready to help any and all people who needed his help. His home was always an open house for his church and his many friends. Just before he died he told his son that he was ready to go, but the only reason he hated to go was, he hated to leave his wife and little children, he loved them so much.

He never owned a car but he always managed to be where he was needed, and enjoyed being there.

Our loss, we hope, is heaven's gain. Those left in mourning are his wife Dorothy Smith Oliver, and his children: Floyd, Boyd, Lloyd, Curtis Jr., Scottie, Elmer, Juanita, Maxine, Lois, Joyce and Allie, 30 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters Flossy and Lizzie, one brother Moses Oliver.

Written by his son and daughter, Boyd and Lois Oliver

ROSA ANNA COMBS SMITH



Dear friends, by the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of my dear mother-in-law, Rosa Ann Combs Smith, born May 10, 1893, life ceased here on earth May 3, 1971, about eight o'clock in the evening. Making her stay here on earth 77 years, 11 months and 23 days. Rosa Anna was the daughter of Elijah and Sicilina Combs.

Early in her life Rosa Anna was united in marriage to Grover Cleveland Smith, June 14, 1912. To this union was born thirteen children, nine girls and four boys: Gladys Williams, Eva B. Smith, Ruthie Fair all of Leburn, Ky.; Louise Webb, Wayland, Ky.; Elsie Watts, Garner, Ky.; Vonda Lee Hicks, Columbus, Ohio, Verta Lee Smith, died in infancy, and Verna Chaffins, Leburn and Phyllis Smith at home. Of the boys there are: Earnest Smith, John Smith, died July 31, 1961, Hilliard Smith all of Leburn, Ky.; and Bethel Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 39 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Also two sisters, Tina Gibson and Lille Combs, and a host of friends.

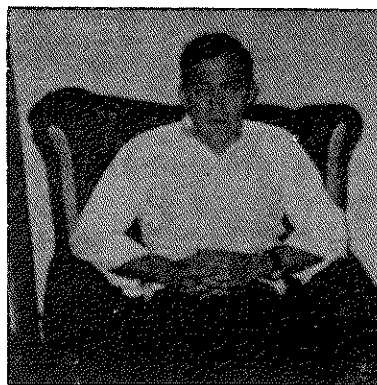
I would like to say that her dear husband Grover C. Smith's life ended on June 22, 1964. Now mother has gone to join him where I feel they won't have to depart any more.

And as the years went by, Rose Anna joined the New Home Church of Old Regular Baptist the second Saturday in July 1958 and was baptized the following meeting time, confessing a hope in Jesus Christ. The Bible says, by their walks you shall know them. I would like to say that she has bore the cross and now is waiting for the morning to come, when she will receive a bright starry crown. She always loved to go to church and to fill her seat. Even down through life she bore her pain, through sickness, telling how good Jesus is, slapping her hands and shouting to him

one of these days mother is going to live again. I would like to say to the family that you can see mother again if you have that desire to go to her. But Mother wasn't coming back to you, she has set sail for Cannon's Land. She is going where little children never suffer any more, where she will shout down the streets of pure gold. Where the walls are made of Jasper, where there is no need for the moon or the sun. Where the light is so bright, where Jesus will rein for her and thers forever and ever. Don't you want to walk with her up there where Jesus will rein forever. Children, Mother's hands have been so soft and so soothing to you up through the years that have gone by. But now they are gone. But there is a hand that is so smooth and so soft, if you will only let it guide you. And when you are sick, this hand will comfort you. When you are down, it will lift you up and when you are in trouble this hand will always bethere as it was with Mother, if you will trust it. Turn to God, He will lead you home, if you will follow. Giving your whole heart to Him, then your life will be happy and so sweet.

Written by a son-in-law and a dear Brother in hope.
Elder Irvin Hicks

EARNEST WATTS



By the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of my dear brother-in-law, Earnest Watts. Born June 4, 1927, died August 7, 1971, making his stay here on earth 44 years, 2 months and 3 days. He was the son of Floyd and Rettie Watts of Garner, Ky.

In early life he chose a wife Elsie Smith, daughter of late Grover Cleveland Smith and Rosa Anna Smith. Married on December 17, 1947 and to

this union was born seven children, five boys and two girls and three grandchildren: Donna Combs, twenty-two years old, Car Creek, Ky.; Ronnie Watts, twenty-one years old, Garner, Ky.; Darrell Watts, seventeen years old, Garner, Ky.; and at home are, Steven, 15; Tina Lynn, died in 1968, lived three years and four months; Scottie, 4; and Paul Laird, 14 months old. I would like to say, with much sadness in my heart, I am trying to write this. I would like to say that your daddy was very close to me and my family. Children, if you want to know anything about your daddy, you pray

to God and He will show you all about your daddy. God is able to come to you in a dream and show you where he is. When he was sick if he prayed to God, I feel that God would hear him, because he is a merciful God. He said "Behold, I stand at the door and knock and if any man will come in and sup with him and he with me. And this is on positive terms, a great promise from God.

I would like to say to this family to turn to God while you are young and he will lead you and never forsake you in time of trouble, God will always be there. When I came in, the kids told me they knew what I went thru with, when I lost my Daddie. Yes, when death knocks on your door you know then, children. Home will never be the same no more. You will go away and come back and there will always be a vacant spot, that will never be filled but I am going to say I believe your daddy is resting in peace and you can go and see Daddy if you want to. Not long ago on a second Sunday I was baptising a Brother and that day he told me in tears that his biggest sickness was Sin Sickness that he wished he was rid of them. He would like for me to baptize him, but children while he lay on his bed in the hospital I feel he was praying in secret to God because he told his wife that whether he got well or not, that it was all in God's hands. He was ready to be operated on and it was up to God and you know he knows best. With this hope it makes us feel he made peace with God. But children I would like to say if you want to meet him again you can pray to the same God and he will hear your prayers. He is a merciful God. It is not his will that any should perish. I would like to say that this community will miss Earnest, because he was a real neighbor, a man of consideration, a man that has worked hard for his family. He is a man that has gone day and night, he is a man that had a big heart in him. He wanted his family to live good. Now I believe he wants me to tell you not to weep for him, but for yourselves, and just prepare to come on over home, where is no more suffering, no more heart aches or pain, no more sorrows, where peace and joy bounds forever. I would like to say this is the second time God has called and we don't know who is next. So be ready to go, when God calls. Just go on pass over and the top is in view. There is a crown of Bright Glory awaits for you.

Written by your unworthy brother-in-law or uncle

Elder Irvin Hicks

DOW RITCHIE



I cannot say and I will not say

That he is dead - He's just away

With a cheery smile and a wave of his hand

He wandered into an unknown land

Leaving us to wonder how very fair

It need must be since he lingers there

So I cannot say and I will not say

That he is dead—He's just away.

Dow Ritchie was born December 28, 1878 at Talcum, Kentucky in Knott County and here he spent most of his life.

In 1898 he was united in marriage to Margaret Fugate, a daughter of Henley Fugate and Sally Johnson Fugate and to this union were born nine children.

Sarah Dobson, Anco, Ky.; Robert Ritchie, deceased in 1933; Henley Ritchie Dwarf, Ky.; Catherine Ritchie, Bulan, Ky.; Pearl Dobson, Anco, Ky.; Corsie Slone, deceased in 1956; Oscar Ritchie, Vest, Ky.; Lula Vanover, Cumberland, Ky.; and Myles Ritchie, Middletown, Ohio.

This large family he raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord. He labored hard and long and at many occupations. Many years ago, he saw the need of a Saviour and began to strive to be able to enter into the straight gate and after many, many prayer and much supplication God heard his pitiful cry and granted to him a pardon for all the wrongs he had ever done.

So upon the profession of the faith he had in our God, he gave his hand and became a member of the New Bethlehem Church, Talcum, Ky. and remained a true Christian until his passing. He would often relate to the children the sweet dreams and beautiful visions the Lord would let him see.

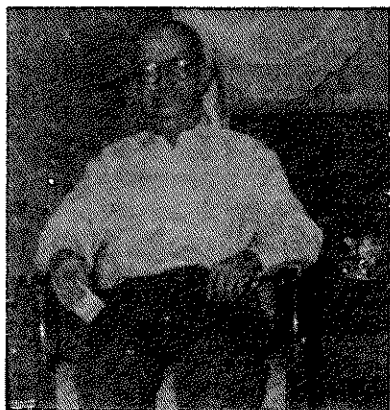
His suffering and affliction he bore with great patience until December 29, 1970 when the silver thread of life and the golden bowl was broken when he wrapped his robe about him and gently went to sleep until that great day when all the dead shall rise. Then truly can be said, "Oh Death,

where is thy sting, Oh grave where is thy victory?" Leaving to mourn his passing, seven heart broken children, 24 grand children, 104 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren, along with many relatives and friends besides a host of brothers and sisters in the Church. His Pilgrimage here in this troublesome world was 92 years and 1 day.

We feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain and we hope that after a while we will join him along with the heavenly host on the banks of sweet deliverance.

An unworthy brother in hope,
Lewis F. Craft

ENOCH MAHLON HALL



August 10, 1896, on Millstone Creek in Letcher Co., Ky., a son was born into the home of Joe and Lettie Craft Hall. They named him Enoch Mahlon. He departed from this life on January 4, 1971, making his stay here 74 years, 4 months, and 25 days.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Maggie June Webb, the daughter of Lee and Ardelia Craft Webb of Thornton Ky. and unto this union were

born 12 children. Seven of his children preceeded him in death; six were infants and his eldest child, Irene Bengé, just preceeded him, having passed from this life November 8, 1970.

Maggie, his loving companion of 53 years and 5 children are left to mourn his passing. They are Joseph Lee Hall of Louisville, Ky.; Lettie Lois Coilton, Shepherdsville, Ky.; Rebecca Jane Ison, Maineville, Ohio; Loretta Powell, Vandalia, Ohio and Carl Hall of Louisville, Ky. He also leaves two brothers, Alvin of Ermine, Ky. and Basil of Blackey, Ky. and a sister, Nannie Bentley of Millstone, Ky. to mourn his passing; also 15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Mahlon worked in the coal mines of Letcher Co. most of his life, having worked for more than 20 years for Elkhorn Colliers Coal Co., Thornton, Ky. He was also veteran of the American Armed Forces. Most of us who are members of the family knew him simply as "Grandpa" and while on what was to be a last visit to his children, he was felled by the dreaded disease, cancer, which claimed his life. A poet has written:

"Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life's but an empty dream.
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
and things are not what they seem."

"Life is real and life is earnest,
and the grave is not its goal,
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,
was not spoken of the soul."

While in the hospital, he told his family that he was not afraid to die and believed heaven to be his eternal home, and we who loved him will live in the hope of seeing him again where death will not part us and praise to God on high will be our song.

A son-in-law who loved him
Elder Ermel R. Ison

RUSHA COMBS EVERSOLE



Sister Rusha was born February 22, 1893 at Dwarf, Ky. in Perry County. She was the daughter of Sam and Matilda Young Combs. When she was a young woman she was married to Willie Combs and reared a fine and respectable family of children. Their names are as follows: Bargas Combs, Ala.; Adren Combs, Pa.; Leonard Combs, London, Ky.; Gene Combs, Lexington, Ky. Laura Laudy, Slemp,

Ky.; Dortha Larkey, Whitesburg, Ky.; Cathlene Shepherd, Detroit, Mich., and two children deceased in infancy.

After the death of Sister Rusha's first husband, later she was united in marriage to J. B. Eversole. She and Bro. J. B. spent many happy years together, and often in their happy home they entertained their children, friends, and church people. At the time of their marriage Brother J. B. had four children by a former marriage. They are as follows: Cecil and John both of Partridge, Ky., Ruby Johnson, Cumberland, Ky. and Crystal Smith, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. These four adult children greatly loved Sister Rusha and they were greatly loved and honored by her. Indeed, she and Brother Eversole were a happy couple! Often they traveled for many miles together and with friends to different counties and

states - just to be in a good old Baptist meeting. Sometimes while the brethren were driving them to some distant church on an early Sunday morning an old Spiritual hymn would echo among the hills from the very souls of those who sang praises to Him who hears every small and faint voice. Many times while these happy bands traveled in such sweet fellowship and harmony - like the voice of an angel breaking forth with glad news from afar - so was it with Sister Rusha - during the singing in the traveling automobile, she would break forth with shouts of praise in tones of thunder to her Master and Lord.

Sister Rusha wrote the obituary for her funeral, and in the obituary she told how she prayed for months for the Lord to forgive her of her sins - this happened after she had lost one of her little children in death. These were the words she wrote - "It seemed like my prayers were not going any where, and finally the Lord showed me a beautiful flock of sheep with a wall built around them - I could not get to them, but I would not give up - finally I got to a place where I could see over the wall and the sheep were men and women that she knew - then a mountain fell on me and I was in such a dark place with all kinds of beast, and the Devil was near by - but I prayed on and on and begged God to save my soul and finally two crowds of people came by me, and one crowd told me to join the church, but the other crowd told me to keep on praying, then I prayed with all my heart for the Lord to help me in this awful condition. The Lord then came to me and lifted this mountain off of me, then He walked all around me and lifted a dark cloud from over me - immediately I felt a great burden leave my soul, and I lifted my hands and clapped them for joy and praised my Lord for doing so much for me in time of such great trouble. Thank the good Lord for I have never felt that great burden any more, and I will never forget the place where this happened." She came to the Little Dove Church in September 1931 and was baptized at the hands of Elder Watson Combs. Her funeral was preached in the same church in the presence of a great host of her friends and then her body was laid to rest - just back of the church beside her first husband.

The life of Sister Rusha seemed so short, but was so sweet and useful. She left so many sweet memories for her loved and friends, and we trust the sweet remembrance of dear mother will guide her children, step-children, and friends to make every effort to join her in her beautiful Heavenly Home where good-byes and sorrows will be strangers, but joy and peace will be forevermore-in Eternity.

Written by Wardie Craft

SISTER CORDELLA RITCHIE

Sister Cordella Ritchie was the daughter of the late Sam Smith and Nancy Owens Smith, born June 28, 1884 and departed this life December 22, 1970 being 86 years old. In early life she was wed to William Ritchie and to this union was born six children, five are still living, Maudie Terry, Larkslane, Ky.; Fronie Madden, Amburgey, Ky.; Emma Madden, Ison, Ky.; Nettie Fannin, Wiscol, Ky.; Della Stone, Amburgey, Ky.; and deceased Loisenia Moore.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist church in 1910 at Clear Creek, stayed there three years and then moved her letter to New Home church until death. Sixty years of life as a wonderful christian woman, to her children, her grandchildren, her neighbors, she will be missed as a deaconess in the New Home church by the members and many friends. She leaves to mourn her passing six half-sisters, one brother, 2 half-brothers, 27 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors to mourn, but let me say to them that's left, weep not for her, but think of yourselves and your children.

Elder Burton Howard

ELIZABETH ADAMS

Elizabeth Adams was born August 11, 1880 to Esquire and Sally Watts. She was married to Dick Adams in 1898. To this union was born 14 children, Ada Martin, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Jody Adams, Leburn, Ky.; Sovie Short, Hindman, Ky.; Cloia Johnson, Pippa-Passes, Ky.; Hiram Adams, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Bethel Adams, Versailles, Indiana; Roland Adams, Indian Fields, Ky.; Olive Blevins, Dayton; Ford Adams, Mt. Sterling, Ky. Deceased are Kelly, Gladys, Prudie, and Bob. Fourteen children, 64 grandchildren, 120 great-grandchildren, 28 great-great-grandchildren.

Although Aunt Liz never joined the church we trust our loss is heaven's gain. I remember her visits and she was faithful in filling her seat. She had a wonderful personality and made friends very easily. We feel Aunt Liz will be to the community a great loss.

The Family

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 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 preceeding 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.

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, Kentucky
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NEW HOME—Billie Moore, Leburn, Kentucky 41831
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DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Linefork, Kentucky
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TOLSON—George Whitaker, Roxana, Kentucky.
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BIG LETHERWOOD—J. W. Pratt, Floyd Huff, Henry Hamp-
 ton.
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 POWELL—Perry Tackett, Dewey Fields, Willie Mullins.
 DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Parot Roark, Jim Ingram.
 BULL CREEK—Gardner Jent, Kirby Jent, John F. Jent.
 REYNOLDS FORK—J. Nelson Seals, Maynard Slone, Del-
 mar Moore.
 IVY POINT—Birtchell Mosley, Dingus Watson, Isom Stallard
 LITTLE ZION—Clark Hays, Malcom Hicks, Ross S. Hill.
 LITTLE DOVE—Dee Combs, John Preese, Dave Hampton.
 KINGDOM COME—James D. Fields, Arlie Caudill, John
 Back.
 TOLSON CREEK—George Whitaker, Watson Whitaker.
 MAPLE GROVE—Chalmer Engle, Melton Sturgill, Dewey
 Eldridge.
 OVEN FORK—Alvaro Hubbard, Melvin Blair, Herman Collier
 DIXON MEMORIAL—James Caudill, Carl Back, Henry Eld-
 ridge.
 BIG CREEK—Glen Adkins.
 HAPPY HOME—McKinley McIntosh, Vollie Mullins, Everett
 Everage.
 CLEAR FORK—Wilson Combs, Ance Engle, Lewis Lucas.
 NEW BETHLEHEM—Sila Williams, Odis Ritchie,, George
 NORTHERN NEW HOME—Cleon Combs, Ermil Ison.
 POOR FORK—Manous M. Ison, Hiram Fields, Arthur Loyd.

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 CLARK HAYES Red Fox, Kentucky
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec. by Exp-Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommendation	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
BIG LEATHERWOOD	4	3	0	0	1	1	0	72	2	\$ 25.00
CEDAR GROVE	4	1	0	1	2	0	1	77	4	\$ 40.00
NEW HOME	4	6	0	1	4	18	0	72	2	\$ 30.00
POWELL	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	24	3	\$ 20.00
DEFEATED CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	\$ 10.00
BULL CREEK	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	13	3	\$ 20.00
REYNOLDS FORK	13	0	0	1	1	0	0	50	3	\$ 30.00
IVY POINT	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	36	4	\$ 10.00
LITTLE ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	3	\$ 20.00
LITTLE DOVE	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	36	2	\$ 30.00
KINGDOM COME	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	43	2	\$ 25.00
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	21	4	\$ 10.00
MAPLE GROVE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	17	3	\$ 10.00
OVEN FORK	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	65	2	\$ 20.00
DIXON MEMORIAL	1	5	0	0	0	2	0	41	4	\$ 20.00
BIG CREEK	0	7	0	0	2	4	0	26	4	\$ 15.00
HAPPY HOME	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	44	1	\$ 20.00
CLEAR FORK	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	27	1	\$ 20.00
NEW BETHLEHEM	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	22	4	\$ 10.00
NORTHERN NEW HOME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	\$ 25.00
POOR FORK	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	33	3	\$ 15.00
TOTALS	40	28	2	9	27	25	3	782		\$ 425.00

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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: