

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION

OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



HELD WITH
CEDAR GROVE CHURCH
HALLIE, LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY
SEPT. 5, 6, 7, 1975

Elder Marcus Ison

Moderator

Elder Alvin Baldridge

STEWART

Eld. Carl Back

Ass't. Moderator

McKinley McIntosh

Ass't. Clerk

Elder Kirby Ison Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 1975 AND THE TWO FOLLOWING
DAYS.

The Indian Bottom Association in session assembled with the Cedar Grove Church, Hallie, Kentucky, Letcher County, Sept. 5, 1975, met at the church house for preaching services; after singing some of Zion's blessed songs, Elder Critt Eldridge, having been selected last year to introduce the services for this session, (1975) came to the stand; Brother Eldridge was wonderfully blessed in his opening remarks and prayer.

After prayer, intercession and giving of thanks had been made Elder Manus Ison, who was chosen by the delegates of the 1974 session to preach the sermon of introduction in this 1975 session, came to the stand and delivered a wonderful message which will be long remembered by this Association.

The delegates chose to remain at the house to organize and conduct the business of the Association for the day. Elder Edwin May of the Sardis Association introduced the Association with sweet remarks and a wonderful prayer by Elder Fon Bolling of the Union Association. The Association being assembled, was called to order by Elder Manus Ison, our beloved Moderator, who called for the letters of the several churches which compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. After reading the letter of the Cedar Grove Church, a move and second was made and duly carried without objection to receive the Cedar Grove Church letter together with all other 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 officers:

Elder Manus Ison.....Moderator
Elder Carl Back.....Asst. Moderator

Elder Olus Baldridge.....Clerk
Bro.McKinley McIntosh....Asst.Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison.....Asst.Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches; none were received.

4. Called for churches of our same faith and order who may desire to take up fellowship with us; none were received.

5. By move and second made and duly carried, the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and the Constitution shall be printed in the minutes.

6. Called for corresponding Associations and received the following represented by letter and the following delegates to wit:

A. NEW SALEM-Elders: Mitchell Chaffins, Burton Howard, Banner Manns, Alonzo Yonts, Ralph Howard, Cobert Bates, Billie Day, Dan Slone, Bob Bentley, Jeb Ousley, Hobert Bates, Harrison Nickolos, Dexter Dixon, Grover Adkins, Hager Watts, Ed Moore, Joe Brown.

B. UNION- Elders: Andy Bates, Walter Lowe, Fon Bolling, Dewey Sexton, Felix Sexton, Lonnie Mounts, Earnest Younts, Jess Caudill, Charlie Johnson, W.J.Hubbard, Roy Caudill, Alvin Brown, Orbin May.

C. SARDIS-Elders: Ed May, Clifford Maynard, Troy Walters, Marshall Williamson, Steve Robertson, Joe Worix, Cashier Blackman, Delbert Keezee.

D. PHILADELPHIA-Elders: Elias Cotton, Wesley Griffith, Ira Stepp.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM-Elders: Fletcher Gibson, Arlie Cornett.

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

7. Called for transient members and ministers and received none.

8. By move and second duly carried the Moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.

9. Appointed one delegate from each church

with the entire delegation from the Cedar Grove Church as Committee on Ministry to arrange for preaching services for Friday evening and Saturday morning.

10. Appointed same Committee on Ministry but with one delegate from each church with the Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerks and the entire delegation from our corresponding Associations and transits to meet with us Friday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. to arrange the business for Saturday.

11. By move and second duly carried it was agreed to correspond with the following associations of our same faith and order and the Clerks are directed to prepare letters to same.

NEW SALEM, UNION, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA
and NORTHERN NEW SALEM

12. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

FRIDAY EVENING

1. Elder Dewey Sexton
2. Elder Clifford Maynard
3. Elder Fon Bolling

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Elder Elias Cotton
2. Elder Grover Adkins
3. Elder Banner Manns

13. By move and second duly carried the Association stands adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 6, 1975

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment and after singing some of Zion's precious old songs, our dear Moderator selected Elder Burton Howard from the New Salem Association to introduce the business session of this Association. Bro. Howard was wonderfully blessed being endued with the Holy Spirit of our blessed Lord to counsel the delegates to be faithful to our

trust and to firmly face the challenges that lie ahead of us in our pathways of duty. May his blessed counsel live with us and cheer us on through the ages and for ages to come. Brother Birchell Mosley led us in prayer.

The Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Ministers chosen to preach on the stand for today and the congregation other than the delegates were excused by the Moderator to go to the stand for preaching services.
3. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was read; same was approved by move and second of the delegates and the committee finally discharged.
4. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to-wit: Glen Hampton, Oliver Mullins and Vinson Whitaker who reported the sum of \$745.00 and \$90.00 for pictures. By move and second the report was received, accepted and approved.
5. By move and second 2500 minutes of this Association were directed to be printed and that the clerk be the Secretary and Treasurer and that he superintend the printing of same and that he be allowed the sum of \$50.00 for his services.
6. Appointed same Committee on Ministry as on Friday to arrange for preaching services on Saturday evening and Sunday.

For Saturday Evening

1. Emmitt Hall
2. Truman Jent
3. Earl Mosley
4. Kirby Jent

For Sunday

1. Elder Wesly Raleigh
2. Elder Nelson Seals
3. Elder Kirby Ison
4. Elder Manus Ison

7. The Circular Letter was prepared and read by Elder I.D. Back. By move and second same was received, approved and ordered to be placed in our minutes.

The Committee on Ministry chose Bro. Glen Hampton to write one for inspection next year by the Association(1976).

8. The preaching brethren were called on to make their individual reports on attending union meetings and corresponding associations for the year who reported that they did the best they could. By move and second their reports were received and they were excused for their failures and short comings.

9. By move and second Union and Communion Meetings were ordered to be printed in the minutes.

10. By move and second it was agreed to have obituaries printed in the minutes together with pictures. With \$5.00 being included for the printing of pictures.

11. Treasurer's report:

Total receipts for last year(1974).....	\$958.29
Cost of printing minutes.....	\$625.00
Clerk's fee.....	\$ 50.00
Total expense for year.....	\$675.00
Balance on hand for Sept. 1975.....	\$283.29
Received from the several churches.....	\$745.00
Received for pictures.....	\$ 90.00
Received from donations.....	\$ 55.00
Total receipts for 1975.....	\$1175.29
Less allowance to Olus Baldrige and Nelson Seals expense as delegates to Association.....	\$ 100.00
Balance on hand September 6, 1975.....	\$1075.29

By move and second the treasurer's report was received and approved.

12. Letters prepared to our corresponding association as follows:

A. New Salem: To convene with the Long Fork Church, Hartley, Pike County Kentucky beginning on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in September, 1975, and the two following days, Elders: Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Olus Baldrige, Manus Ison, McKinley McIntosh, Birchel Mosley, Chester Gibson, Earl Mosley, Emmitt Hall, Truman Jent, I.D. Back, John Preece, Willie Eldridge, Henry Eldridge, Oliver Mullins, Clark Hays, Green Fields, Jr. Lusk, Alonzo Mosley, Glen Hampton, Carl Back, Myrl Smith, Akers

Everage, Elwood Cornett, Clarence Fields, Charlie Gibson, Hallie Dyer, Critt Eldridge.

B. UNION: To convene with the Little Hope Church, Clintwood, Dickerson County, Virginia beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1975 and the two following days: Elders: Kirby Ison, Manus Ison, Olus Baldridge, McKinley McIntosh, Charlie Gibson, Nelson Seals, Chester Gibson, Alonzo Mosley, Truman Jent, Clark Hays, Henry Eldridge, Willie Eldridge, Carl Back, Earl Mosley, John Preece, Myrl Smith.

C. SARDIS: To convene with the Samaria Church, Dingess, West Virginia beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1975 and the two following days: Elders: Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, Chester Gibson, Manus Ison, McKinley McIntosh, John Preece, Clark Hays, Manus Ison, Carl Back, Charlie Gibson.

D. PHILADELPHIA: To convene with the Mt. Olivet Church on the second Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1975 and the two following days: Elders: John Preece, Nelson Seals, Kirby Ison, Manus Ison, Ermil Ison, Clark Hays, Mark Dotson, Gene Greer, Bill Halcomb, Emmitt Hall, Chester Gibson, Cleon Combs, Green Fields.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM: To convene with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1976 and the two following days: Elders: Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, Truman Jent, Chester Gibson, Manus Ison, Alonzo Mosley, Birchell Mosley.

13. The Committee on Arrangements chose Elder Bill Halcomb to preach the introductory sermon for the 1976 session of this Association and that Elder Clark Hays be his alternate.

14. The Association called on Elder Kirby Ison, secretary of the Committee on Council, to make a report of the council's activities for the year. An oral report was made and received by the Association by proper move and second. No activities by the committee.

15. The Moderator of this Association chose I.D. Back, Clark Hays, Clarence Fields, Charlie

Gibson, Truman Jent, McKinley McIntosh, and Kirby Ison to serve as committee council until next Association 1976, and that Elder I.D. Back serve as chairman and that Elder Kirby Ison as Clerk.

16. By move and second the request of New Bethlehem Church to change her meeting time was granted.

17. For many years the Indian Bottom Association has seen and felt the pressing need for a central location with ample parking space and sufficient housing for our delegates and our associational congregation and friends. We have noted with much concern the burden put on our churches in entertaining and hosting the Association, especially in neighborhoods where churches were small and young.

We believe that our deep concern and our ever increasing burdens have reached the heights of Heaven, and our Lord and our God is offering us a plan of relief. God has ever had a plan and He reveals it to the needy and deserving; more often through His own dear servants.

Brother John Preece has found a wonderful place which could very satisfactorily be our permanently annual meeting place and future home.

Like the centurion of old who built a synagogue and gave it to God's people, Brother Preece purchased this property and is conveying same to the Indian Bottom Association as a free gift, free from all liens and debts of every nature.

The Indian Bottom Association will gladly receive and accept the gift and deed of this property with much humbleness and meekness of the Holy Spirit, and we thank Brother Preece for the Godly deed which he has done.

18. Elder Manus Ison by his authority to make temporary appointments doth appoint brethren: Nelson Seals, Glenn Hampton, Vernon Ison, William Lusk Jr., Green Fields, Oliver Mullins and John Preece as building committee for the property received from Brother Preece, our future home and meeting place. This committee shall have full control and power to collect and spend funds; to renovate, remodel and do whatever is necessary

to improve the land and building for convenience and comfort of the assemblies of the Indian Bottom Association. However, this committee shall use precaution and not be extravagant in the expenditures relating to this matter. It is further directed by this Association that Elder Nelson Seals serve as chairman of this committee and that Glen Hampton serve as clerk. The Association further orders that all checks drawn in the payments of bills etc. must be signed by both Glenn Hampton and John Preece.

19. Resolution:

Be it resolved by the Indian Bottom Association that we express our thanks and deep gratitude to Bro. John Preece for his kind generosity and love he has shown for our Association in donating to this Association property referred to elsewhere in these minutes to be our future permanent home and meeting place. This noble deed of kindness, love and admiration, we trust will live in the hearts and minds of our brethren for time immortal, and we pray that it will be unto him a memorial as long as he sojourns here, and for ages to come.

20. By the authority invested in Elder Manus Ison as Moderator of this Association to make all temporary and necessary appointments, he doth here-by appoint Eugene Adams, Agnon Back, Carl Back, Crit Eldridge and Vinson Whitaker to serve as trustees of this Association so long as they be willing and able, or until further orders of this Association. Said appointees being present at this session of this Association and properly notified doth each accept said appointment and agree to serve to the best of their skill and ability. By move and second the Indian Bottom Association approves the appointment of these trustees together with their acceptance to serve in that capacity.

21. By move and second duly carried it is ordered by the Association that delegates be allowed their expenses to distant associations to-wit: Northern New Salem and Philadelphia; gas

expenses for one six passenger automobile plus expenses for meals and lodging if any. Upon submitting a bill in writing for these expenses to the treasurer he is directed to pay for same out of treasury of this Association.

22. By move and second the treasurer is to pay expenses of Nelson Seals and Olus Baldrige as delegates to the Northern New Salem Association 1975 session. (\$75.00).

23. By move and second the treasurer of this Association is directed to draw a check on the treasury for the sum of \$25.00 payable to Elder Nelson Seals as reimbursement for expenses he had in representing this Association as a delegate to the Philadelphia Association.

24. By move and second duly carried our next session of the Indian Bottom Association will be held at our new delegate house and place on Yellow Creek, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1976 and the two following days. The Mt. Olivet Church by move and second duly carried will host our 1976 session, and thus be the first church to receive the honor of doing so at our new home and place.

25. The minutes of the Association, the 1975 session were read and by move and second approved by the Association.

26. The work of this session of this Association having been completed and no further business to be considered, by move and second this Association stands adjourned until the re-convening of same with our assembling at our new home and place on Yellow Creek, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1976 and the two following days.

After singing a farewell song amidst loving handshakes and much rejoicing Elder I.D. Back led us to His great throne of grace in a closing prayer.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association this 6th day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1975.

Elder Manus Ison.....Moderator
Elder Carl Back.....Asst.Moderator
Elder Olus Baldrige.....Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison.....Asst.Clerk
Bro.McKinley McIntosh....Asst.Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the brethren that compose the Indian Bottom
Association

Dear Brethren:

Since I was chosen to write this Circular Letter, I have meditated upon something to write about and I feel that, maybe, God has directed my mind to the trials and endurance of a Christian; thinking of serving God as being a Soldier of the Cross.

I suppose that the scripture that is most appropriate and the one that keeps coming to my mind is, 'Let us endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.' I think of these hardships as the warfare we are engaged in.

Sometimes it seems that the enemy has surrounded us and we feel weak and faint, but a soldier like Gideon comes to my mind. I think of how he fought the battle and how the ones to fight were chosen. All of God's servants have been tried and proven.

Paul said, 'I have fought a good fight.' Yes, Paul was a soldier indeed. He used the Sword of the Spirit as his weapon. His patience was often tried. Satan used all the enemies he had on Paul, only to find Paul with the whole armor of God on (the helmet of salvation; the breastplate of righteousness; the shield of faith; and the sword of the spirit).

We, today, are to endure hardships as a good soldier, always waiting on the spirit. When our Captain gives us our orders, He knows we can do as He commands. He goes before us and we are to follow Him. The weapons He gives us are not carnal but spiritual.

So as I close this Circular Letter, I do hope all of us will be good soldiers. Soon the battle

will be over for all the soldiers of the Cross and the victory will be won. We will hear our Captain say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful soldiers, come on home.' The Trump of God will sound and time will be no more.

David, though just a small lad, slew the mighty giant, Goliath. The giant was strong and came in his own might and name, but David went in the name of the Lord. We have giant power today, if we go in the name of the Lord.

We have giants here in this present world, not giants of stature, but giants in things contrary to the word of God (false witnesses and false doctrines). These are the giants we have to fight today. Let us fight in the name of the Lord and the victory will be ours.

So let us all be good Soldiers of the Lord by not doing the things that would only satisfy ~~the flesh, but would satisfy our Captain.~~ We must be obedient to the will of God, no matter how hard it is, so our captain will be pleased with our stewardship.

We know the scriptures say that if we are to reign with Him, we must suffer with Him. If we serve Him willingly, we shall receive a reward.

When this warfare is over and the peaceful feeling of victory calms our weary souls; and when the final call comes and we hear Him say, 'All is well,' it will be worth it all.

May God help us all to live close; to stay in ranks close to the Captain, to listen to His orders and obey.

Yours in Hope,
Elder I. D. Back

AN ITEM OF APPRECIATION:

We, the officers and delegates of the eightieth session of the Indian Bottom Association extend our heart-felt thanks to the Cedar Grove Church, their friends and the whole community at large for the splendid and gracious manner in which they worked so hard in making it so convenient for us.

We also wish to thank the Letcher County

School authorities for permitting us to use their school building for our business work on Saturday. It was so nice of them. We are so glad that others consider us and render their assistance in carrying on the blessed work of our dear Lord.

The food and refreshments were plenteous and could not have been better. We offer our thanks to our blessed sisters and all our friends for their part in this matter. This great spirit of consideration and cooperation prevailing in a church and neighborhood is bound to be an eternal blessing-may it ever prevail. Again the Indian Bottom Association says THANKS to every one and may the blessings of God rest upon all of you.

Signed:

Elder Manus Ison.....Moderator
Elder Carl Back.....Asst. Moderator
Elder Olus Baldrige.....Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison.....Asst. Clerk
Bro. McKinley McIntosh...Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1975

Early Sunday morning crowds began to gather at the Cedar Grove Church. Warm handshakes and lovable and happy greetings manifested the great love and fellowship so prevalent among us all. It was indicative of eternal peace which doth abound in our dear Association.

Pretty soon the spacious church house was filled and the sweet melodies of the songs of Zion began to ring out in rendering peace and glory to Him who gave His life that we might live.

Elder Carl Back introduced the services with wonderful remarks and prayer. Then came Elder Nelson Seals to the stand with a wonderful message of love and counsel. He was followed by Elder Kirby Ison, Elder Manus Ison, our Moderator brought the services to a close with a blessed message which warmed our hearts and made us to rejoice in the hope of our salvation. And thus ended another session of the Indian Bottom Association, which we believe will be remembered

for many years to come.

Brethren let's pray for peace and prosperity among God's people that the wheels of Zion will continue to roll and that we can overcome the adversary.

Your servant,

Olus Baldrige, Clerk

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

MAY

MT. OLIVET - UNION: 1st Saturday and Sunday in May, 1976, Elders called: Bill Moore, Mitchell Chaffins, Ivan Amburgey, Melvin Watts, Fon Bolling, Communion, 1st Sunday in August, 1976

LITTLE DOVE - UNION: 2nd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1976, Elders called: Melvin Watts, Ivan Amburgey, Fon Bolling, I.D.Back, Communion, 2nd Sunday in July, 1976.

REYNOLDS FORK - UNION: 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1976, Elders called: Felix Sexton, Hiram Adkins, Webster Bartley, Manus Ison, Albert Slone, Bill Halcomb, Elias Cotton, and Bro. John Preece, Communion, 3rd Sunday in June, 1976.

BULL CREEK - UNION: 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1976, Elders called; Wesley Raleigh, Ermil Ison, Bill Halcomb, Clark Hays, Clarence Fields, and Bro. John Preece, Communion, 3rd Sunday in August, 1976.

BLAIR BRANCH - UNION: 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1976, Elders called; Clive Hall, Ivan Amburgey, I.D.Back, Carl Back, Robert Haney, and Melvin Watts, Communion, 3rd Sunday in July, 1976.

CEDAR GROVE - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in May, 1976, Elders called: Melvin Watts, Hershell Huff, Robert Haney, Charles Keese, Coy Combs, Banner Manns, I.D.Back, and Bro. Agnan Back, Communion, 4th Sunday in August, 1976.

JUNE

HAPPY HOME - UNION: 1st Saturday and Sunday in June, 1976, Elders called: Grover Adkins, Ermil Ison, Kirby Ison, Manus Ison, I. D. Back, and the Moderator, Communion, 1st Sunday in July, 1976.

CLEAR FORK - UNION: 1st Saturday and Sunday in June, 1976, Elders called: Gardner Jent, Green Fields, Estill Slone, Earl Mosley, Communion, 1st Sunday in July, 1976.

NEW HOME - UNION: 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June, 1976, Elders called: Carl Back, Clark Hays, Hiram Adkins, Ermil Ison, Communion, 2nd Sunday in July, 1976.

NEW BETHLEHEM - UNION: 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June, 1976, Elders called: Felix Sexton, Truman Jent, Dewie Sexton, Charlis Gibson, Communion, 3rd Sunday in August, 1976.

BIG CREEK - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1976, Elders called: Clark Hays, Ellis Amburgey, Melvin Watts, the Moderator, Bro. John Preece, Cleon Combs, Communion, 4th Sunday in July, 1976.

TOLSON CREEK - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1976, Elders called: Andy Bates, Bill Halcomb, Kirby Ison, Charlie Gibson, Bro. Agnan Back, Communion, 4th Sunday in July, 1976.

DIXON MEMORIAL - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1976, Elders called: Howard Caudill, Clark Hays, Critt Eldridge, I. D. Back, Charlie Gibson, Bros., John Preece and Toby Breeding, Communion, 4th Sunday in July, 1976.

IVY POINT - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1976, Elders called: Charlie Gibson, Dewey Sexton, Andy Bates, Ermil Ison, Kirby Ison, Chuck Keese, Truman Jent, the Moderator, Bros. Lewis

Craft and John Preece, Communion, 4th Sunday in July, 1976.

JULY

NORTHERN NEW HOME - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in July, 1976, Elders called; Clark Hays, Truman Jent, Green Fields, I.D. Back, Bro. John Preece, Communion, 4th Sunday in August, 1976.

AUGUST

DEFEATED CREEK - UNION: 2nd Saturday and Sunday in August, 1976, Elders called; Ermil Ison, Kirby Jent, Bill Halcomb, Bro. Agnan Back, Communion, 2nd Sunday in August, 1976.

Obituaries

MALLIE SHEPHERD



Another year has come and gone and the little town of Blackey has lost a valiant soldier. We are all sad, and that aching, empty feeling that so disturbs us today will not be soon filled. However, the rejoicing in Heaven far exceeds anything Mallie Shepherd has known before.

Mallie was born on August 3, 1897, into the home of the late Mose and Polly Ann Ison. She entered eternal life on Saturday, December 28, 1974, making her life on earth 77 years, 4 months and 25 days.

On September 7, 1917, Mallie was married to Navire Shepherd who preceded her in death. Navire and Mallie had no children. However, they brought into their home Mallie's niece, Janice Sue Ison Whitaker, when she was 22 months old and were a father and mother to her. They loved her; they counseled her; they provided for her; and they prayed for her salvation.

When Mallie was 21 years old she joined the Regular Baptist Church and has been a faithful and working member. Her sweet smile and simple, genuine kindness has made a tremendous impression on friends, neighbors, and relatives. We can all remember back in brighter years how Mallie and Navire walked up and down this valley on their way to church with a dedication to serving God not often found.

Mallie leaves to mourn their loss: one sister, Marlie Adams; three brothers; Roosevelt Ison, Bradley Ison and Navire Ison, and many, many friends and relatives.

Janice Sue, Bobby Ray, Greg, and Jeff, your

visits to Blackey will never be the same again, but be of good cheer for Mallie has overcome her pain, her loneliness, being crippled, and all the sorrow of the world. She has worked hard for many years. She served her family, her neighbors, her community, and her Savior well. I'm sure she would say:

Oh, weep not for me, I am anxious to go
To that Heaven of rest where tears never flow.
I fear not to enter that dark lonely world
For soon shall I rise from the old graveyard.
You too can go live forever with Mallie and
Navire and all the friends that have gone before.
Written by a friend and brother in hope of
eternal life.

Elwood Cornett

VERSIE SLONE



Versie Slone was born April 3, 1922, the daughter of Ben Gibson and Peggy Caudill Gibson. She died at 4:20 A.M. July 6, 1975 at her home after a long illness. She was a member of the New Home Regular Baptist Church. She was married to Devoe Slone, who preceded her in death on October 1, 1967.

Survivors are: 2 sons, James Devoe, Kendallville, Indiana, Robert Lee at home; 1 daughter, June Carol Gibson, Brinkley, Ky. 1 granddaughter, 2 sisters; Nebraska Mullins, Dema, Ky., Neola Mead, Irontonville, Ohio; 3 half sisters, Jessie Slone, Topmost, Ky., Nancy Hall and Susan Isacs, McDowell, Ky., 4 brothers, Andy Gibson, Dema, Ky., Sylvester Gibson, Petersburg, Michigan, Leonard Gibson, Rittman, Ohio, and Dan Gibson, San Antonio, Texas.

Preceding her in death were 3 sisters: Clercie Slone, Verta Gibson, and Verna Gibson, half sister, Florence Mullins, brother, Maynard Gibson,

and half brother, Bill Gibson, She leaves to mourn her passing a large host of kindred and friends.

Writer unknown

JIM THACKER



With a sad heart and lonely feeling, I will try to write an obituary of Bro. Jim Thacker. He was born June 6, 1891, and died Feb. 9, 1975.

He left behind to mourn their loss 10 children, 7 girls and 3 boys, his good companion, 46 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and many friends.

He joined the New Home Regular Baptist Church on Jan. 18, 1975 and said the Lord had forgiven him for all he had ever done. Throughout his sickness I talked to him many times about the good Lord. I don't have any doubt about his soul; after he said the Lord forgave him he didn't have any more pain concerning his sickness. I believe the Good Lord sent me to his bed side to talk to him. Before he repented I told him that I would pray and for him to pray. He said he would. On about the third day after we talked he told his family the Lord had saved his soul and joined the church.

So Children, I think our loss is Heaven's gain. Just pray to meet him again in a world where trouble cannot come and parting is no more.

Written by,
Bro. Birtchel Mosley

W. M. ISON

THE GRASS WITHERETH, THE FLOWER FADETH
BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD SHALL STAND FOREVER



The prophet Isaiah, who is the author of these words, no doubt many times gazed with awe and amazement upon the beautiful green fields and colorful flowers sparkling with beauty of those Palestinian dewdrops under the rays of the magnificent sun as it shines forth in all its splendor and glory. The Prophet likens the swiftness with which this loveliness disappears to our earthly existence and pilgrimage here.

It teaches us the lesson that we are but a few days and pass on to another existence where we will reign as immortal beings forever with the ages. In this world, age and infirmities are bound to be our lot for a season. If we are to attain that bright world above we shall bear much afflictions and sorrows here. Yes, life is an example of the withering grass and the fading flower.

Thank the Lord this isn't the whole story. The wise prophet also said, the word of the Lord shall live forever. The Bible is literally filled with assurances that all who believe on Jesus have everlasting life, and we have the comfort that our departed loved ones, who so believe, are resting from their labors and waiting for the glorious day of resurrection and reunion.

Thursday evening, February 8, 1973 near 4:30 P.M., as the sun was completing its orbit across the Heavens, hiding its face from us in order to bring night and darkness to the world, Angel Gabriel was sent from Heaven to the Mountain Manor Nursing home and called for our blessed

father and took him to a land of everlasting peace and happiness.

In mid summer, August 2, 1874 almost one hundred years ago; long before the screams of the locomotives were heard in these valleys, or the little red school houses had dotted the hills, W.M.(Bill) Ison was born into the parentage of George Ison and Vina Polly Ison, at the foot of the Chestnut Hill near the mouth of Big Branch on Linefork. Here he grew into manhood working in the fields, timber woods and rafting logs down the Kentucky River to distant marketing cities.

At the age of twenty-four he was married to Sarah Dixon which was a happy union for nearly sixty years. To this union were born nine children: Dicy Halcomb, Skyline, Ky., Dee Ison, deceased, Ed Ison, deceased, Bertha Harden, Detroit, Michigan, Kirby Ison, Whitesburg, Ky., Vina Caudill, Whitesburg, Ky., Lovel Creech, Skyline, Ky., Ada Cornett, Cumberland, Ky., and Loy Ison, deceased. He also leaves 35 grandchildren, 90 great-grandchildren, and 21 great-great-grandchildren, a total of 146 decedents.

Many years ago he and Mother again joined hands together in the race for eternal life. On the same day in a little meeting house beside of the road they together made a confession of their faith in their blessed Savior and it was a pleasure and a privilege of mine to baptize them into fellowship of the Little Cedar Grove Church. We doubt any brother living or deceased enjoyed their religion and soul's salvation more than he.

In the church he was an inspiration to others around him. Many times we have seen him rise to his feet shouting and glorifying God while the brethren were preaching. He believed with his whole heart in the old time and old fashion way. It was good for him. He was never ashamed to talk, it, walk it, and live it. Like the mighty oaks of the forest these old soldiers of the cross are falling and we are going to miss them.

Dad was seldom sick until he was far beyond ninety. At about the age of 94 or 95 his health began to fail him. Each year from there on he

became more frail until the end came. Just a day or so before his passing, hr told us that he saw the Lord standing in front of him and that he had come to take him home, and that he was ready and willing to go with Him to His blessed home in Heaven. Now the grass did wither and the flower did fade, but the word of the Lord will stand forever.

Written by a son,
Elder Kirby Ison

LEROY CORNETT



Leroy Cornett was born April 8, 1925, the son of Elder Woodard Cornett and Mahalia Fields Cornett at Linefork, Ky. He passed from this life at Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, Ohio August 28, 1975. His journey here was 50 years, 4 months and 20 days.

Brother Leroy had been sick for approximately 10 years and suffered much pain and sorrow during this time. Many times we have visited in his home. He also went that extra effort to make people really wanted. We have many, many memories of prayer, singing and Bible discussions in his home. Brother Leroy was gifted with a beautiful understanding of God's written word and took great delight talking about the goodness of God to his friends and family.

In passing, Brother Leroy leaves his wife, Joyce Cornett. He was previously married to Elva Turner, and unto that union were born 7 children. The children are: Mrs. Sheila Wooten, Mrs. Phyllis Roark, Mrs. Ellen Rumpler, Mrs. Patsy Wooten, Mrs. Herma Stephen, Julius Cornett and Iney Cornett. Also left to mourn their loss are 3 brothers: Cloyce Cornett, Namire Cornett, and Herbert Cornett, and 4 sisters: Mable Cornett, Bernice Baker, Mildred

Posenereans, and Janice Anderson. He also leaves 5 grandchildren. Both his father and mother preceded him in death.

Brother Leroy was retired from Fisher Body Co., Hamilton, Ohio. He was a member of the Northern New Home Church of Old Regular Baptist at Goshen, Ohio and a preacher of the Gospel before he became unable. He was baptized by Elder Jim T. Caudill and myself after having chopped through approximately 8 inches of ice.

Brother Leroy was a great outdoorsman. He truly loved the things of nature. He loved God's good earth and now he returns to it from whence he came.

Elder Ermil R. Ison

DULSENA SLONE WATSON



It is with much sadness I write a short obituary of my wife, Dulsenia Slone Watson.

She was the daughter of Bee and Nan Slone. She was born Jan. 26, 1915. She died March 21, 1959, making her stay on earth 44 years. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1959 but was never able to be baptized. She was bedfast for several months, but bore her suffering with much patience.

She was married to Dingus Watson on April 24, 1934. There was born of their bodies 10 children. Three infants deceased her in her lifetime. 7 children are still living: Henry Watson of Lexington, Ky., Nan Taylor, Taylor Watson, Nella Slone, Kelly Watson, Paul Watson, Minnie Sue Ritchie all of Mallie, Ky. She has 16 grandchildren. She has 3 brothers and 2 sisters living, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She was loved by all her neighbors.

I will tell all her children if they ever expect to meet Mother they must lay down all the

worldly things and take up the cross and follow the Lord.

When she left out of this world she went with a smile, and I have no doubt but she is at rest. I have dreamed thst she is at rest.

Softly the stars are shining upon
the precious grave.
Beneath it lies the one I
could not save.
I think of them in silence
no eyes can see me weep.
But many a silent tear is shed
while others are asleep.
When evening shadows are falling,
I sit quiet, alone.
In my heart there comes
a longing.
If only they could come home
How I miss the welcome footsteps
of the one I love so dear.
Oft I listen for your coming,
feeling sure you are near.
Only God knows how I miss you,
only God knows the pain.
I have suffered since I lost you,
life has never been the same.
Thou art gone but not forgotten,
for as long as I have memory.
Fresh my love will ever be
for I will always think of thee.
Soft above the swirling waters,
we have crossed the bar.
Earth has lost one precious pearl.
But Heaven, has gained one bright star.
If all the world was all mine to give,
I'd give it, yes, and even more
To see the face of the one I loved,
and have her once more.

This was written by her sick and lonely husband and a brother in the Lord. God bless all the children are my wishes.

Dingus Watson

RAYMOND AMBURGEY



It is with a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my loving brother, Raymond Amburgey, the son of William and Flossie Amburgey. He was born Jan. 25, 1917, and deceased Dec. 2, 1974, making his stay on earth 57 years 10 months and 7 days. He was married to Susana Everage. He was blessed to spend the rest of his life with her. She was so good to him. God blessed them with two children: 1 daughter,

Letta Morgan; a son died at birth. He leaves 3 sisters, and 2 brothers to mourn their loss. His father, mother and 1 sister and 1 brother preceded him in death.

Raymond believed in the Old Regular Baptist Church. But he never did join the church. He had a stroke two years before he died which left him crippled. He could not walk or talk and was not able to go to church any more. I believe with all my heart he made peace with the Lord before he died. I do believe he would have joined the church if he had been able to go. When we asked him if he was prepared to die, he would point his hand toward Heaven and shake his head yes. I believe with all my heart he has joined a band of Angels, where the crippled will have new arms and legs. I feel he is rejoicing in Heaven with Mom and Dad. He also leaves his wife, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

1

Sleep on, Brother your suffering is o'er.
God took you home where there will be no more.
You suffered on earth while here you stayed.
I feel you are at rest where you now lay.

2

It hurt us to know you could not talk

We sat and watched you try to walk.
There is no crippled or dumb up there
In that land so bright and fair.

3

God didn't give you to us to keep forever.
He led you across that great river.
Your trials on earth were worth it all
For you were ready to answer His call.

4

Sleep on, Brother, you are at rest
God took you because He loved you best.
We miss you now that you are gone
But our love for you will still go on.

Written by his sister, Melba Givens

DAVE CORNETT



The Bible says that a good man's steps are ordered of the Lord. Surely Dave Cornett bore the fruits of a good man. He fought a good fight and he kept the faith. Now he has gone on home to receive his reward.

Dave Cornett was born March 7, 1901, and passed away from this life on Nov. 28, 1974, making his stay here on earth 73 years, 8 months and 21 days. He was the son of Joe and Linda Cornett, who both preceded him in death.

Many years ago he was married to Cinda Sparkman who was to him a true and loving wife. To this union were born four children: one(1) son, James Cornett of Gordon, Ky., and two daughters; Cora Caudill of Letcher, Ky., and Evelyn Holbrook of Gordon, Ky.. One daughter(Fledia Sumpter)pre-
ceded him in death.

A few years ago Dave was stricken with cancer. He bore his suffering like a valiant soldier, never complaining, but always kind, humble and

loving. He always had a friendly smile and handshake for all who came in contact with him.

In November, 1973 he was baptized into the fellowship of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church. He was not able to attend the church, but many of his brothers and sisters of the church visited him often and sang for him. This he enjoyed so much. He was always so glad to see them, but sad when they had to leave. It was a blessing to visit him and feel the love he had for his brothers and sisters in the church.

He is survived by his wife, Cinda Cornett, his son, James Cornett; his two daughters, Cora Caudill and Evelyn Holbrook, five grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

His wife has lost a good husband, his children have lost a good father, the community has lost a good citizen; the Mt. Olivet Church has lost a good member; and Heaven has gained a good soldier.

Why do we mourn departed friends,
And shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call us to His arms.

Written by a brother in Hope, Glenn Hampton

GLAYDON AMBURGEY



It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my husband. He was the son of Jesse and Elizabeth Smith Amburgey of Bath, Ky., in Knott County. He was born January 8, 1906, and departed this life on January 28, 1975, making his stay here on earth sixty-nine years and eight days.

Glaydon fathered and reared six children who loved him dearly and always respected his wishes and demands. His children who were a long way from

home during his illness were so good to help care for him.

His children are: Betty Lou Hunley, Lakewood, Ohio, Bruce Bates, Huntsville, Tennessee, Sherelene Rhoden, Jacksonville, Florida, Donald B. Amburgey, Cleveland, Ohio, James R. Amburgey, Lebanon, Ohio, and Francine Brunty, Cleveland, Ohio.

Glaydon joined the Thornton Regular Baptist Church at Mayking, Ky., in 1951. Being unable to travel, he later moved his membership to Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Ky.

Glaydon and I were married at Jeremiah, Ky., in 1943 and had (32) happy years together. He labored hard for our survival; yet most of the time was unable to work, but worked anyway. We all loved him and hope to meet him in a better world than this.

The sadness of his departure is almost unbearable for me. I loved him so much, but I pray that our family will all meet him again someday.

Written by his devoted wife,

Dona Hale Amburgey

DAVE DIXON



Dave Dixon entered eternal life, Wednesday October 4, 1972, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

He was the son of the late Wilburn and Louisa Cornett Dixon. He was born August 24, 1898, being 74 years, 2 months and 10 days of age at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife Ethel Eldridge Dixon, Blackey, Ky., four sons: Clyde Dixon, Dayton, Ohio, Paul Dixon, Danville, Ky., Claude Dixon, Louisville, Ky., and Curl Dixon, Williamsburg, Ohio; two daughters: Irene Hogue, Louisville, Ky., and Geraldine Dixon,

Blackey, Ky. Also surviving is one brother, Arch Dixon, Blackey, Ky., three sisters: Mint Campbell, Detroit, Mich., Artie Caudill Whitaker, Uluah, Ky., and Katherine Hampton, Blackey, Ky., 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a good husband and father. He told me before he passed away that he felt sure that he had a better home to go to. So, Children, if you ever expect to see Father again you will have to get right with God.

Written by request of the family
Elder Crit Eldridge

WILBUR JOEL AMBURGEY



Wilbur Joel Amburgey, son of Lester and Georgia Collins Amburgey was born June 2, 1953, at Redfox in Knott Co., Ky. He died July 9, 1974, being 21 years, 1 month and 7 days old. He was a 1971 graduate of Connersville High School. Besides his parents, other survivors are: three brothers: Lester Jr. of Connersville, Robert Allen and Larry Wayne at home, two sisters: Mrs. Danny (Joyce Ann) Evans of Connersville, and Wanda Sue at home. His grandmother, Mrs. Cora Adams of Jeremiah, Ky., several aunts and uncles of Connersville, Ind., Ohio, and Ky. He always had a big smile for everyone who knew him. Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 11, at 2 P.M. at the Little Children's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist. Officiating ministers were Elder Zee Holbrook, and Roy Caudill. By the testimony he left us, surely he is at rest.

The smile on his face, it seemed to say,
I am not dead, I'm just going away.
It breaks our hearts, That is why we cry,
He left us all without saying good-bye.

But, God is so good, so kind and so true.
He opened the door so he could walk through.

Written by his Aunt,
Mary Rose Adams

GARY WAYNE YORK



Gary Wayne York was born to Ruby Lee (Caudill) and Bernard York May 5, 1958, and deceased this life January 29, 1975, making his stay on earth 16 years, 8 months and 24 days.

He leaves both grandparents, Howard and Allie Caudill, also Donath and J. York, all of Waynesburg, Ky., Rt. 3, two uncles on his mother's side: Billie Ray Caudill of Waynesburg, Ky., and Everett Caudill, Louisville, Ky., on his father's side Jimmie York, of Cincinnati, Ohio and Bee York of Eubank, Ky., also four aunts: Nannie Bell Sesca, Gulnare, Ky., Fay Breeding, Shepherdsville, Ky., Grace Sluder, of Waynesburg, Ky., and Reva Ray, Shepherdsville, Ky.

Besides all these, he leaves a host of friends and relatives, who will deeply miss his presence. Perhaps most of all his mother and father, one brother, Larry and one sister, Debbie.

In all my 23 years as a teacher I never met a boy that I could compare to Gary Wayne York. He always had a smile for everyone he met. His joy seemed to be in talking with and listening to older people. He loved to go to church and told me that all people ought to go to church. He said he wanted no part in false acts or talk. In short, to know him was to love him.

He had no enemies and was well spoken of by both the young and the old. Yet he, like the man that kept all the Commandments lacked one thing. Knowing he had the dreaded disease called leukemia

he began to pour out his heart to the Lord begging for that one thing which was so precious to him.

Finally one sweet day while Dad and Mother were near his bedside in the medical center in Lexington, Ky., he called to his dad and said, 'The Lord has saved me.' I am sure that day will never be forgotten by either of his parents. He felt it his duty to be baptized. May God bless that day when mother and son were immersed in baptism. May God bless and keep Larry and Debbie in the faith that Mom and Gary set before them. May the Lord bless his grand parents that loved him so well. We thank his school mates and many friends that said so many kind words about him. Just remember this, that the young may die as well as the old. Be like Gary; watch and be ready, you know not the day nor the hour.

We are thankful for the kind words spoken by the ones who preached his funeral. I am sure if Gary could speak he would say, 'God bless you all.' I am sure if he could speak he would say-

To Mom and Dad

Weep not for me, my grief is o'er,
Grief and pain, I feel no more.
Face life with a smile, and some sweet day
We'll meet again at the Judgement Day.

Just smile and be glad you had a son
That knows no sorrow, His race is run
I loved you both as you loved me
So face life with a smile, whatever it be.

Written by,
Howard Caudill

VERNIE CAUDILL



Vernie Caudill was born December 31, 1907. He was the son of Leander Caudill and Maryan Back Caudill. He passed from this life on May 7, 1974, making his stay on earth 66 years, 4 months and 7 days.

Early in life he met and was married to Verna Dixon, on the 19th of December, 1927. To this union were born 9 children. One daughter Kathleen Caudill preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Verna Dixon Caudill and his children: Geneva McKinney, Veneda Phillipps, Josephene Bell, Allen Caudill, Kenneth Ray Caudill, Hansel Caudill, Russel Caudill, and Mary Lou Whitaker. He also leaves one brother L.D. Caudill, still living. These brothers and sisters have preceded him in death: Mattie Caudill, Curtiss Caudill, Minta Toliver, Castle Caudill, Virgie Frazier, and Dixon Caudill.

Sister Verna has given up a good husband, the children have given up a good daddy, and I have given up a good friend, and one that was so dear and close to me. Vernie and I have talked so much, and he has told me his experience so many times. I have no doubts but that he is in Heaven today. He received a hope in Christ many years ago, and was a strong believer in the work of Christ and His Church. Sister Verna, I know your home is lonesome now. Pray on a little longer. You can be with him soon. Children, just a word to you all. I love you all very much, I loved your daddy and mama, and I know you do too. So, if you haven't prayed, now is the time before it is too late.

Written by, Elder Carl Back

SAM JOHNSON



With a sad and lonely mind I will try to write an obituary of my beloved Bro. Sam Johnson. He was born May 6, 1892 and passed away April 1, 1975. He was the son of Alisha and Nancy Johnson. He was married to Rhoda Jane Slone Aug. 14, 1912. To this union were born 9 children; 4 deceased and 5 living. Bro. Sam joined the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church August 13, 1935 and October 23, 1953 he lay his Church Letter in at Ivy Point Regular Baptist Church and remained there until death. I feel like Brother Sam lived the closest life to the Lord I have ever seen anyone live. He preached for many years and begged people to turn to the Lord. Now his good wife and children and many friends miss him very much in this life but I feel with all my heart our loss here is Heaven's gain.

His talk to me all the time he was sick, his willingness for the Lord's will to be done. I think he lived a life here on earth that would lead us to a happy home up in Heaven.

Written by, Bro. Birtchel Mosley

CHRISTINE ELDRIDGE

Christine Eldridge, entered eternal life on Saturday February 15, 1975 at her residence at Red Star, Ky. She was born December 19, 1925, being 49 years, 2 months and 25 days of age at the time of her passing. She was the daughter of the late Robert Dixon and Tilda Dixon.

In early life she was married to John P. Eldridge. She had one daughter, Maris Miller, and three grandchildren.

About a year before her death she was stricken with a fatal disease and endured much suffering. During this time she repented of her sins and told members of her family that she felt that she had been forgiven. She wanted to have church in her home and wanted to talk to the church but was too weak to tell all that she wanted to tell.

We believe that she is at rest; she was a member of Cedar Grove Church although she was too sick to be baptized.

Written by, Bro. Agnan Back, and her husband, John P. Eldridge

ERMA A. ROARK



By the help of God we will try to write the obituary of a very dear sweet girl, Erma Ann Roark. She was the daughter of Elder and Mrs. Lloyd Eldridge. She was born September 17, 1949, and deceased October 8, 1974, making her stay on earth 25 years and 21 days.

She married Charles E. Roark October 23, 1965. To this union was born one daughter, Charlotte Ann, who preceded her in death May 8, 1970. She leaves to mourn her passing; her husband, Charles Roark, father and mother, Elder and Mrs. Lloyd Eldridge, two brothers: Herbert Eldridge of Greensburg, Ind., Hershel Eldridge of Milan, Ind., one sister: Bernice Spurlock of Halton, Ind., and a host of friends and relatives.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on October 26, 1969, and was baptized November 9, 1969. She took her membership with the Little Memory Church at Sunmon, Indiana. She talked a lot about being with the Lord through all her sickness. About two weeks before she died, she said she met the Lord in a journey, and laid her

hand in His for Him to lead her. She was blind for about a year. She dreamed of being in a field of beautiful flowers; she thought she was well and could see. We feel she is well and can see the beautiful home she has gone to. We want to beg all of her brothers and sister, also her dear husband, if they haven't made peace with the Lord to start today and be ready to meet Erma Ann when the Lord calls you home. Erma, honey, we feel we will see you again by and by.

Written by her father and mother, Elder and Mrs. Lloyd Eldridge and mother-in-law, Gemela Roark, brother and sisters in hope.

WOODARD AND MAHALA FIELDS CORNETT



Woodard Cornett was born on Linefork, Ky., Jan. 31, 1895 and passed away at his daughter's Mable Cornett at Lynch, Ky., April 5, 1973, at the age of 78 years, 3 months and 5 days. He was the son of the late Jonah and Orlean Fouts Cornett.

Mahala Fields Cornett was born at Cowan, Ky., March 8, 1903 and passed away at her home on Cornett's Branch at the age of 71 years, 9 months and 11 days. She was the daughter of the late Lansford and Mary Elizabeth Fields.

They were survived by 4 sons: Leroy of Hamilton, Ohio, Cloyce of Lebanon, Indiana, Nemire of Hamilton, Ohio, and Herbert Ben of Defeated Creek, Ky., 4 daughters: Mable Cornett, Lynch, Ky., Bernice Baker, Fortsville, Indiana, Mildred Rosenkronze of Dayton, Ohio, and Janice Huff of Lebanon, Indiana.

Woodard had 1 sister, Josie Ingram of Dryfork, Ky., Mahala had 1 brother, Robert Fields, Linefork, Ky., 3 sisters: Betty Jane Ratliff, Ind., Tildie

Miles,, Benham, Ky., and Kathyleen Brown, Madison, Ind. They had 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Mahala joined the Ingram's Creek Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized Nov., 1952. Woodard joined the Hurrican Gap Regular Baptist Church and was baptized some time in August, 1943 or 44, was ordained a minister in April, 1960. They were both faithful members and loved to go out to the house of the Lord. They both have been sadly missed by all-especially her children and in-laws all love you Poppie and Mommie.

Written by daughter-in-law

Mary Louise Cornett

DELLA VIOLA HOLBROOK

When I am through with this old clay house of mine
When no more guide lights through the windows
shine

Just box it up and lay it away,
With the other clay houses of yesterday
And with my friends, just try if you can

To bury the wrongs, since first I began to live
in this house

To bury them deep and forget, I want to feel free
and out of debt.

When I meet the Grand Architect Supreme, face to
face, I want to be clean

I know my dear friends, it's too late to mend

A bad built house when you come to the end

But to you who are building, and still on the line

Make your alterations, while yet there is time

You ask what material is best to select

It was told long ago by the grand Architect

A new commandment I give to you

That you love one another, as I have loved you

So the very best material to send up above

Is the clear straight timber of Brotherly love



Della Viola Holbrook was born April 12, 1909 to grace the home of W.B. (Bill) Holbrook and Sarah Holbrook at Cromona, Ky. Here she grew to womanhood, a kind and obedient child. Early in life she met and married Arvil (Coon) Holbrook. To this union were born three children: one girl, Serenda, and two boys: Vleatis and Kenneth both of Hazard, Ky. She was preceded in death by Arvil (Coon) and the daughter,

Serenda.

On April 2, 1950, she professed a hope in Jesus Christ, offered her hand, and became a member of the Elizabeth Regular Baptist Church. So upon the profession of her hope, she was waited upon in baptism, by her Brother R.E. Holbrook and Dixie Isom.

A true and faithful member she remained until the end and filled her seat as long as she was able to attend. She was afflicted and in poor health for many years, but this she bore with great patience, until the pale horse and his rider called her away August 2, 1975.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one brother, Sandy Holbrook of Trenton, Ohio, six grand-children, the two boys, a host of friends and relatives many precious brothers and sisters in the faith. Her stay here on earth was 66 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Along the Golden Streets a stranger walks to-night
with wonder in her heart, faith blossomed into
sight

She walks and stops, and stares, and walks and
stops again

Vistas of holiness, beyond the dreams of men
She was feeble, weak, and shackled to her bed.
Now climbs eternal hills with light and easy tread
She has escaped at last, the cruel clutch of pain

Her lips shall never taste its bitter cup again
Oh! never call her dead, this buoyant one and free
Whose daily portion is delight and ecstasy
She bows in speechless joy before the feet of Him
Whom seeing not she loved, while yet her sight
was dim

Along the Golden Streets no stranger walks today
But one who long homesick, is home to stay

Humbly Submitted by Lewis F. Craft a Brother in
Hope

Elder Ballard Meade
Elder W. F. Hubbard
Lewis F. Craft

OAKLEY FUGATE



Brother Oakley Fugate was born May 4, 1918 and passed from this life early in the morning, Nov. 11, 1974. Early in life, he was married to Ella Mae Francis, and to this union were born nine children: six daughters and three boys; two of the daughters preceded him in death. Left according to the mother tie which we all have to mourn the loss of our loved ones are sister Mae's children. Girls: Yvonne Hall, Wanda Howie, Loretta Henrikson, and Volina Kay Fugate. Boys: Allen, Gary and Robert Fugate. Brother Oakley came to the time where that great burden of sin rolled up before him, that had to be removed from his soul, or go down to the world of the lost. Brother Oakley began praying for the Lord to forgive him and to save his soul from that awful place. Brother Oakley told me and so many more that he was driving across the Bull Creek mountain, when the burden of sin got so heavy he stopped his truck and got out just under the side of the top of the Elk Creek mountain and began to pray right there till he felt that burden

move from his soul. So, we feel right there a birth took place in Heaven where Brother Oakley can be very happy for ever and ever.

At the great day when the good Lord comes after His bride, Brother Oakley will have a glorified body that will come out of that tomb to unite with that soul to live with Jesus through eternity, where there will be no end nor trouble. Brother Oakley joined the Bull Creek Church on March, the third Sunday in 1972, and was baptized the next meeting. Sister Mae joined the same day with Brother Oakley. They walked hand and hand together always, going somewhere to church or some place where they could help some one in trouble.

The Little Bull Creek Church took a travel for some deacons and the lot fell on Brother Oakley and Sister Mae, and they were ordained Deacons, August the third Saturday, 1972.

This Brother was also put in Assistant Clerk. He really did his share in anything the church needed done. He was always ready and willing to go and help in his church or neighbors. There are so many, many things we could say or write of our Brother, but space might not permit, but this I want to say to his children, repent of your sins and be ready, when God calls you out of this world to eternity. So, I will close with these few lines. May the Lord bless this family and the world of mankind and He will if they just put their whole trust in Him.

A brother in hope of a better world than this,

Elder Green Fields

JAMES R. GIBSON JR.



James R. Gibson Jr. was born May 9, 1930 at Allock, Ky., and died January 21, 1975 at Parkview Memorial Hospital New Haven, Indiana.

Butch as he was known to his family and friends was born at Allock, Ky., but had resided in Decatur, for seven years before moving back to New Haven, where he had been raised. He was employed at International Harvester Co.

Survivors are: his wife, Jane, a daughter, Jill, and a son, Jamie, at home. His parents Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson of New Haven, three sisters, Judy and Anetta Gibson, at home and Mrs. Mona Knuckles of Cookeville, Tennessee. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Halic Dyer of Sassafras, Ky., Mrs. Margaret Gibson of Wayland, Ky., and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Williams of Sassafras, Kentucky.

Funeral services were conducted at the Harper and Son Funeral Home in New Haven and burial was in New Haven, 100F Cemetary.

His last words to his parents were to tell them he loved them but he had to go home.

He loved the Old Baptist people, and loved to go to their meetings, sit with his granddad on the stand and try to sing when he was small.

So, to all his family who haven't made peace with our good Savior, please come in so you can meet Little Butch.

Written by his grandparents,

Mr. and Mrs. Halic Dyer

GREEN AND POLLY ANN SLONE



It is with so much sadness and pain that I try to write an obituary of our father and mother whom we loved so much, but with the help of the good Lord I will try.

Our mother, Polly Ann Slone, the daughter of Harison and Betsy Ann Caudill Slone was born March 12, 1890. She passed away June 16, 1964 making her stay on earth 74 years, 3 months and 5 days.

Our father, Green Slone, son of Jim and Sarah Slone was born June 18, 1888, making his stay on earth 86 years, 6 months and 11 days.

They were married August 10, 1910. They lived a happy life together for 54 years. They were blessed with a large family of ten children. Four children preceded them in death leaving behind 3 daughters and 3 sons: Lourenda Hall, Leburn, Ky., Arizona Cornett, Carrie, Ky., and Balconia Short of Kendaville, Ind., Russel Slone, Leburn, Ky., Nokomis Slone, Leburn, Ky., and Gilbert Slone, of Garner, Ky.

They also had 36 grandchildren, 82 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a great host of relatives and friends to remember them always.

They lived a good christian life. Both were members of the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. I'm sorry to say I don't know just how many years they were Christians. We just thank God they were Christians and lived their lives for the Lord.

We will always remember and love them. They were so good and kind and were loved by all who knew them. To all of their children, will you all look to God and try to meet Dad and Mom.

Written by their daughter, Lourenda Hall

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 and 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 the doctrine of original sin and that man sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.

4. We believe in the impotency or 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 the water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

9. We believe that washing of one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with His Disciples, and ought to be practiced by His followers.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgement 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 the right to administer the Gospel Ordinances but such as are legally 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 of reprobation as to make God partial directly or indirectly so as to injure children of man.

17. None of the above articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall open and close with 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 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 meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep 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 power 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 expenses of the same. For the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association for and 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 of this plan of government may be made by 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 methods 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 the power to decide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain on 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 principals of regulation; 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.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CEDAR GROVE - Floyd Huff, Venson Whitaker, Clarence Griffie

NEW HOME - Olus Baldrige, Kirby Ison, Clarence Fields

DEFEATED CREEK - Parrot Roark, Coy Fields

BULL CREEK - Green Fields, Gardner Jent, Truman Jent

REYNOLDS FORK - J. Nelson Seals, Emmitt Hall, Leroy Haynes

IVY POINT - Chester Gibson, Alonzo Mosley

LITTLE DOVE - Dave Hampton, Ralph Asher, John Preece

TOLSON CREEK - George Caudill, Aster Raleigh, Dewey Eldridge

DIXON MEMORIAL - Carl Back, Willie Eldridge,
Henry Hampton
BIG CREEK - Colburn Ison, Earl Cox, Lloyd Eldridge
HAPPY HOME - McKinley McIntosh, Clark Hays, Akers
Everage
CLEAR FORK - Wilson Combs, Lewis Lucas, Jay Lucas
NEW BETHLEHEM - George Fugate, Melvin Creech,
Earl Mosley
NORTHERN NEW HOME - Mark Dotson, Ermil Ison, Gene
Greer
BLAIR BRANCH - Eugene Adams, Charley Gibson,
Halie Dyer
MOUNT OLIVET - I.D. Back, Agnon Back, Glenn Hampton

CHURCHES-CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

CEDAR GROVE - Lovel Polly, P.O. Box 124B Viper, Ky.
NEW HOME - Birtchel Mosley, Garner, Ky.
DEFEATED CREEK - Coy Fields, Linefork, Ky. 41833
BULL CREEK - Earnest Banks, Blackey, Ky. 41804
REYNOLDS FORK - Lewis F. Craft, Rt. 1 Box 40. Hazard,
Ky. 41701
IVY POINT - Alonzo Mosley, Garner, Ky.
LITTLE DOVE - Dave Hampton, Box 42 Jeremiah, Ky.
41826
TOLSON CREEK - George Caudill, Box 502, Whitesburg, Ky.
DIXON MEMORIAL - Willie Eldridge, Rt. 1 Box 52
Blackey, Ky. 41804
BIG CREEK - Billy Ray Maggard, 1006 Center Cross
St. Edinburg, Ind. 46124
HAPPY HOME - McKinley McIntosh, Rt. 1 Box 80
Amburgey, Ky. 41801
CLEAR FORK - Wilson Combs, Rt. 2 Box 210 Hazard.
Ky. 41701
NEW BETHLEHEM - George Fugate, Talcum, Ky. 41765
NORTHERN NEW HOME - Jim Amburgey
BLAIR BRANCH - B.H. Blair, Jeremiah, Ky. 41826
MT. OLIVET - Agnan Back, Blackey, Ky. 41804

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Manus Ison-----Hallie, Ky.
Virgil Halcomb-----Indianapolis, Ind.
Bill Halcomb-----Hamilton, Ohio

Colonal Eldridge-----	Milan, Ind.
Olus Baldrige-----	Leburn, Ky.
Kirby Ison-----	Whitesburg, Ky.
Billy Moore-----	Leburn, Ky.
Clarence Fields-----	Red Fox, Ky.
Green Fields--Rt. 2 Box 315-----	Carcossone, Ky.
Gardner Jent-----	Carcossone, Ky.
Truman Jent-----	Carcossone, Ky.
Orell Flanery-----	Somerset, Ky.
J. Nelson Seals-----	Littcarr, Ky.
Dewey Eldridge-----	Kings Creek, Ky.
Carl Back-----	Jeremiah, Ky.
Frank Caudill-----	Jeremiah, Ky.
Jonah Roark----Rt. 1-----	Comnesky, Ind.
Lloyd Eldridge----Rt. 1-----	Sunman, Ind.
Bill Everage-----	Amburgey, Ky.
Clark Hays-----	Red Fox, Ky.
Hershell Baldrige-----	Hindman, Ky.
Linzy Wicker-----	Mousie, Ky.
Frank Fugate----Rt. 2 Box 803-----	Hazard, Ky.
Jay Lucas-----Rt. 2-----	Hazard, Ky.
Lewis Lucas----Rt. 2 Box 334-----	Hazard, Ky.
Sila Williams-----	Tina, Ky.
Odis Ritchie-----	Talcum, Ky.
Earl Mosley-----	Leburn, Ky.
Ermil R. Ison-292 E. Foster, Maineville Road	
	Maineville, Ohio
Kirby Jent-----	Carcossone, Ky.
Critt Eldridge-----	Jeremiah, Ky.
Charley Gibson-----	Ison, Ky.
Wesley Raleigh-----	Kings Creek, Ky.
Dewey Hampton-----	Clay City, Ky.
I. D. Back-----	Blackey, Ky.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Exp. and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommendation (and/or) Application	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
CEDAR GROVE	10	1	0	3	1	0	1	119	4	\$100.00
NEW HOME	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	78	2	\$ 40.00
DEFEATED CREEK	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	21	2	\$ 25.00
BULL CREEK	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	22	3	\$ 30.00
REYNOLDS FORK	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	53	3	\$ 30.00
IVY POINT	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	22	4	\$ 25.00
LITTLE DOVE	9	3	0	10	7	0	0	71	2	\$100.00
TOLSON CREEK	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	24	4	\$ 20.00
DIXON MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	38	4	\$ 50.00
BIG CREEK	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	34	4	\$ 50.00
HAPPY HOME	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	59	1	\$ 30.00
CLEAR FORK	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	23	1	\$ 40.00
NEW BETHLEHEM	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	25	3	\$ 30.00
NORTHERN NEW HOME	5	4	0	0	0	0	3	32	4	\$ 25.00
BLAIR BRANCH	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	46	3	\$ 50.00
MOUNT OLIVET	4	3	0	1	4	3	5	105	1	\$100.00
Total	40	19	0	18	24	15	17	772		\$745.00

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, to wit:

1. _____	4. _____
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:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Received: Experience and Baptism.....; Letter.....;
Restored.....; Application (and or) 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 _____

The Twenty Third Psalm

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*T*HE 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 FOR EVER.....