

MINUTES
OF THE
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OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



HELD AT THE
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION BUILDING

Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky

September 1, 2, 3, & 4, 1978

Hosted by the Cedar Grove Church

Elder Manus Ison, Moderator
Elder Carl Back, Ass't. Moderator
Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison, Ass't. Clerk
Bro. McKinley McIntosh, Ass't. Clerk



Indian Bottom Association Building

Our next Association will be held in our permanent building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky just off Ky. 15.

DIRECTIONS TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

- 1. From Hazard, Kentucky, go east on Ky. 15 to Sassafras (12 miles) then follow signs up Yellow Creek about 1/2 mile to Association.*
- 2. From Hindman, Kentucky, leave Ky. 80 on Ky. 160 south about 10 miles to Ky. 15, turn right follow 15 about 4 miles to Sassafras, follow signs as in No. 1.*
- 3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow Ky. 15 west to Sassafras about 20 miles, follow signs as in No. 1.*
- 4. Accommodations for campers will be provided for and available on the building parking lot.*

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1978 AND THE TWO
FOLLOWING DAYS:**

The Indian Bottom Association being in session assembled at our Association House, Sassafras, Knott County Kentucky, September 1, 1978, being hosted by the Cedar Grove Church, met in the Congregational Department of the Association House for preaching services. After singing some of Zion's precious songs, Elder Kirby Jent having been selected last year to introduce the services for this year (1978) came to the stand; His introductory remarks were warm, gentle and spiritual. Like the manna which fed God's people in the wilderness, we were fed and feasted in this world around us. This Association will long remember this wonderful opening.

After prayer and giving of thanks had been completed in a blissful offering, Brother John Preece who was chosen by the delegates of the 1977 session to preach the sermon of introduction in the 1978 session came to the stand and pretty soon, in his usual, humble way, offered both his soul and body to God in Heaven to lead, guide and direct him in carrying out this introductory of the Indian Bottom Association. As Brother Preece was laboring with the spirit of the Great I AM, he was lifted up and carried away, yes, far, far away to the highlands where the air is pure and real. Beyond any doubt of reason, this message will live with us while generations will come and go. It was a message of peace, hope and goodwill to all mankind. As we listened to it, we were made to feel that we were rejoicing and basking in the glory of God and in the realms of everlasting sunshine of our blessed Master and Savior. Let us thank our Lord for such a blissful message.

After the introductory, the delegates were advised to assemble in their room to arrange and conduct the business of the Association for the day. The delegates being assembled, Elder Baxter Osborne of the Northern New Salem Association introduced the Association with some sweet Godly counsel and wonderfully led us to His great Throne of Grace in prayer.

The Association being assembled was called to order by Elder Manus Ison, our beloved Moderator, who called for the letters of our several churches which compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. After reading the letter of the Cedar Grove Church who is hosting the Association, a move and second was made and duly carried without opposition to receive the Cedar Grove 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 Baldrige, Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison, Asst. Clerk
Brother McKinley McIntosh, Asst. Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches, none responded.

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

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

6. Called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order. The following responded with letter and delegates to wit:

A. NEW SALEM — Elders: Burton Howard, Banner Manns, Grover Adkins, E.J. Little, Estill Slone, Mitchell Chaffins, Jimmie Park, Lee Fields, A. O. McKnight, Clifford Williams, Troy Hall, Jimmie Hall, Ledford Adkins. Joe Brown, Ed Moore, Brothers: Bill Day, Dexter Dixon, Milford Bryant, Riley Hall, James Sexton C. B. Smith, Hager Watts, Phil Martin.

B. UNION — Elders: Felix Sexton, Frank Newsome, Francis Hubbard, Fon Bowling, Garlan Mullins, Dallas Ramsey, Wester Bartley, Ival Coleman, Andy Bates, Freelon Yates, Andy Deel, Paul McClanhan, Webster Bartley, Junior Damron, Carson Wright, Brothers: John M. Mullins, Sam Ervin, Donald Deel, Amos Bartley.

C. SARDIS — Elders: Steve Robinson, John P. Church, Clifford Maynard, David Baisden, Edwin Hay.

D. PHILADELPHIA — Elders: W. C. Elkins, Harlan Barney, Brothers: Paul Boggs.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM — Elders: Baxter Osborne, Virgil Combs, Hezekiah Osborne, Alex Collier, Brothers: Clarence Jenkins, James Sexton.

The above Corresponding Associations were all represented by letter and a file of delegates. By move and second they were all received, given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us to aid in council.

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

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

9. Appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Cedar Grove Church to arrange for preaching services for Friday evening and Saturday Morning.

10. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements — same as the Committee on Ministry with the exception that the Cedar Grove Church shall have only one delegate together with the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerks, transits and the entire delegation from the Corresponding Associations to meet Friday at 2:30 P.M. to arrange the business of the Association for Saturday.

11. By move and second duly carried it was agreed to correspond with the following associations:

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

The Clerks were directed to prepare letters to same.

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

FOR FRIDAY EVENING

Elder Lee Fields
Elder Paul McClanahan
Elder Mitchell Chaffins
Elder Fon Bowling

FOR SATURDAY MORNING

Elder Steve Robinson
Elder Grover Adkins
Elder Baxter Osborne
Elder Garland Mullins

RESOLUTION:

13. Be it resolved by this Association that if and when a church member is received in full love and fellowship from one sister church to another of our same faith and order, that the church thus receiving said member shall at their earliest convenience report this work back to the church from whence the letter of dismissal was issued.

14. By move and second the Association stands adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 2, 1978

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing some of Zion's old songs to the glory of God, our Moderator selected Elder Junior Damron from the Union Association to introduce the business session of this Association. His remarks and prayer by Elder Alex Collier were well to the point; seasoned with much love and humility. It was food for God's little children on our journey homeward. The Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Ministers chosen to preach on the stand were excused by the Moderator, together with all others whom were not delegates.
3. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was read and approved by the delegates and the Committee was finally discharged.
4. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance, to wit: Elwood Cornett, I. D. Back, and Landis Everage who reported the sum of \$ 1160.00 and the sum of \$ 132.00 for pictures. By move and second the report was received and approved by the Association.
5. By move and second minutes of this Association were directed to be printed and the clerk be 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 preaching services for Saturday evening and Sunday.

FOR SATURDAY EVENING
No Service.

FOR SUNDAY
Elder Ivan Amburgey
Elder Baxter Osborne
Elder Frank O'Quinn
Elder I. D. Back

7. The circular letter was prepared and read by Elder J. C. Sparks. By move and second same was approved and ordered to be printed in our minutes. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Elwood Cornett to write one for the Associations' consideration next year.

8. The preaching brethren were called on to make their individual reports on attending Union meetings and corresponding associations for the year; all very humbly reported that they did the best they could and begged forgiveness for their failure and short-comings.

9. By move and second Union and Communion meetings were ordered to be printed in our minutes.

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

11. Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand September 1977.....	\$ 1,536.39
Oct. 25, 77 Association Record Book No. 1.....	\$ 25.00
Dec. 2, 77 printing minutes.....	\$ 840.00
Dec. 31, 77 Clerks fee.....	\$ 50.00
July 24, 78 Association Record Book No. 2.....	\$ 36.75
Total Expenses for 1977-78(until Sept 2,78).....	\$ 951.75
Balance September 1977.....	\$ 1,536.39
Less Expenses above.....	\$ 951.75
Balance September 2, 1978.....	\$ 584.64
Received from churches.....	\$ 1,160.00
Received for pictures.....	\$ 132.00
Total receipts.....	\$ 1,876.64

12. Letters prepared to our corresponding associations as follows.

NEW SALEM: Elders Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Carl Back, Critt Eldridge, Manus Ison, Clark Hays, Charlie Gibson, Olus Baldrige, Ivan Amburgey, J. C. Sparks, I. D. Back, Elwood Cornett, Fess Blair, Bill Moore, Chester Gibson, Bill Halcomb, Alonzo Mosley, Brethren: Willie Eldridge, John Preece, McKinley

McIntosh, Merl Smith, Hiram Moore, Minard Caudill, Green Fields, Clarence Fields, Harry Moore, Birtchell Mosley, Landis Everage.

UNION: Elders Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Carl Back, Critt Eldridge, Manus Ison, I. D. Back, Clark Hays, Charlie Gibson, Ivan Amburgey, Carl Ray Tuttle, Elwood Cornett, Bill Moore, Olus Baldridge, Chester Gibson, Alonzo Mosley. Brethren: McKinley McIntosh, John Preece, Merl Smith, Willie Everage, Birtchell Mosley.

SARDIS: Elders Kirby Ison, Manus Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Charlie Gibson, Ivan Amburgey, Clark Hays, Elwood Cornett, Fess Blair, Ermel Ison, Imanuel Ison, Chester Gibson, Brethren: Willie Eldridge, McKinley McIntosh, John Preece, Merl Smith, Hershel Stalling, O. J. Amburgey.

PHILADELPHIA: Elders Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Olus Baldridge, Carl Back, John Preece, Clark Hays, I. D. Back, Ermel Ison, Elwood Cornett, Merl Smith, Brethren: McKinley McIntosh, Willie Eldridge, O. J. Amburgey.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Elders Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Manus Ison, I. D. Back, John Preece, Ermel Ison, Ivan Amburgey, Elwood Cornett, Brethren: McKinley McIntosh, O. J. Amburgey, Merl Smith, Harry Moore.

13. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Ivan Amburgey to preach the introductory sermon for the 1979 session of this Association, and that Elder Truman Jent be his alternate.

14. The Association called on Elder Kirby Ison, secretary of the Committee on Council of this Association to make a report of the Council activities for the year 1977-78. Said report was made and approved by the Association.

15. The Moderator of the Association by the authority vested in him to make all temporary appointments doth appoint I. D. Back, Chairman, Carl Back, J. C. Sparks, Bob Miller, Tommy Logan, Kirby Ison, Alonzo Mosley, on the Council Committee for 1978-79.

16. By move and second the Dixon Memorial, Northern New Home, Little Zion, Tolson Creek churches were honored to host the Association for the 1979 session.

17. Came Brother Glenn Hampton and filed his report as Treasurer for the Board of Trustees for the Indian Bottom Association; the report was received and approved.

18. Comes now, Elder Olus Baldrige, Elder Kirby Ison, and Brother McKinley McIntosh and make their report on an assignment given them in our last year's (1977) session of this Association relative to Item 23 which answers the request of the Happy Home Church in the affirmative and directs the above mentioned Brethren to complete the assignment.

With God's help and assistance of many friends we have been able to complete the assignment in good order we believe. We have made a true copy of each association from the first session to the last session, 1977. However, there are two years 1887 and 1888 for which we could not account. There were perhaps no records of any session for those two years held or entertained, it being time in the divide and split of the Brethren and churches over the doctrine of predestination. We assume and so state, that there may have been no record of any session for above years mentioned since it was a most crucial time for true believers who with all their hearts were earnestly continuing for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

It affords us (your little servants) much joy indeed in getting this assignment done. We have done the best we could. We herewith hand to you this record composing two beautiful volumes containing our records for your examination, inspection and approval.

19. This Association having last year's (1977) session directed Elder Olus Baldrige, Elder Kirby Ison and Brother McKinley McIntosh to prepare and make a new complete record of the Indian Bottom Association for each and every years session from the beginning to and including the last session 1977. Said records were received from the hands of these worthy Brethren. Same was examined by the Association and approved by the delegates and officers of this Association as being true accurate in every respect. This Association extends her thanks for a job well done to these good Brethren.

20. By move and second the request of the Little Dove Church was granted and the telephone numbers was directed to be added to the name and address of all ordained ministers. It is further directed by move and second that the following liberated ministers' addresses and telephone numbers be listed in our minutes.

Brother John Preece, Brinkley, Ky. Phone 785-5455
Brother Carson Cornett, Hazard, Ky. Phone 476-2943
Brother Henry Melton, Red Fox, Ky. Phone 642-3994

21. By move and second the clerks were directed to correct typographical errors found in our minutes.

22. The officers and delegates composing the eighty-third session of the Indian Bottom Association extend our heart-felt thanks to you for the splendid and efficient manner you put forward in hosting the Association. You worked so hard, yet you seemed so happy in doing all this work for the Lord and His blessed kingdom. The food was of a great variety, well balanced and plenteous. All and in all the hosting could not have been better. The spirit of cooperation was wonderful and appreciative. Here, we feel constrained especially to mention Brother Glenn Hampton, regardless of who is responsible for the hosting, Brother Glenn pitches right in with a smile and really helps move the hosting problem forward to a wonderful session. We thank you Brother Glenn.

We hope and pray that all of you will receive a double portion of joy and that your burdens will be made lighter in the knowledge that God is ever mindful of those who labor for Him in the moral vineyard of the Blessed Lord. Again, may the peace, joy and love of Christ abound always in your life. May He continue to bless your souls to the service of your Master and your hands to the service of your fellowman.

22 A. By move and second memorials shall be printed in the minutes.

23. The minutes of this session were approved by the Association.

24. There being no further business to come before this session of the Association and all work that did confront us having been completed, by move and second we stand adjourned until reconvening of same at our Association at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept., 1979 and the two following days.

Elder Kirby Ison closed the Association with prayer.

Done and signed by order of the Association

Elder Manus Ison, Moderator

Elder Carl Back, Asst. Moderator

Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk

Elder Kirby Ison, Asst. Clerk

Brother McKinley McIntosh, Asst. Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren Delegates:

One year ago you selected me to write this Circular Letter. Realizing without the help of the Lord, I'm unable to write this letter. Being the first time I was chosen to write this letter, my subject which I desire to write about is found in Corinthians, Chapter 11.

- 11-1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- 11-2 Now I praise you, Brethren, that ye remember Me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.
- 11-3 But I would have you to know that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is man; and the head of Christ is God.
- 11-4 Every man praying and prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.
- 11-5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.
- 11-6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.
- 11-7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.
- 11-8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.
- 11-9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.
- 11-10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.
- 11-11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.
- 11-12 For as a woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.
- 11-13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?
- 11-14 Doth not even nature itself teach you that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him.
- 11-15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

- 11-16 But if a man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the Churches of God.
- 11-17 Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.
- 11-18 For first of all, when ye come together in the Church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.
- 11-19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

Brethren work in good faith, and keep the order. For it all will not be in vain, for God has loved us all and paid the price. May God bless you all.

Your Brother in Hope,
J. C. Sparks

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1978

Early Sunday morning as the sun began to peep over the great mountains of the East and breaking up the density of the fog which had engulfed Carr's Fork and adjacent valleys for the night, crowds of happy and eager people began to gather themselves at the Indian Bottom Association Building to witness the service noting the last day of the 1978 session of our dear Association. After much hand shaking and embracing of each other this huge crowd began to fill the congregational department of the building. Pretty soon the building was filled near to capacity. After singing several of Zion's songs, Elder Ivan Amburgey came to the stand and spoke many things which was food to our hungry souls. As Brother Amburgey spoke about Jesus and the everlasting love of God many shouts of praise were heard from the eager listeners. Brother Amburgey led us to His Great Throne of Grace in a wonderful prayer. Second on the stand was Elder Frank O'Quinn from the Union Association. His message was refreshing and helpful. I am sure it will be long remembered. Third on the stand was Elder Baxter Osborne, Ashland, Kentucky and Moderator of the Northern New Salem Association. Brother Osborne and his dear wife, Sister Dortha, first sung a song one of the many which Sister Dortha has composed, Oh, how sweet it was. Then Brother Baxter came to the stand and was wonderfully blessed to deliver

a message of the precious Gospel of Christ. Those who heard him I am sure will long remember. Elder I. D. Back briefly closed the service; amidst the singing, shouting and rejoicing a beautiful young lady made her way through the crowd with outstretched hands to the brethren and loudly crying"" The Lord Has Saved Me, I want to come home." Another song was sung while extending to this young convert the right hand of fellowship and reception, a glorious and blessed way to end another session of our Association.

Elder Olus Baldridge, Clerk

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

MARCH 1979

LITTLE ZION : Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: Clark Hays, Charlie Gibson, John Preece, Bill Halcomb. Communion: Third Sunday in July.

APRIL 1979

ROSE OF SHARON : Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Bill Halcomb, Ermel Ison, Alonzo Mosley, Darrel Short, Carl Back and Clarence Fields. Communion: Second Sunday in June.

BLAIR BRANCH : Union meeting third Saturday night and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Lloyd Meade, Elwood Cornett, Clive Hall, I. D. Back, Manus Ison, Bill Moore and Junior Damron. Communion: Third Sunday in July.

NORTHERN NEW HOME : Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Frank Newsom, Clark Hays, Garland Deel and Stoney Blackburn. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

MAY 1979

MT. OLIVET : Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Critt Eldridge, Ivan Amburgey, Fess Blair, Frank Newsom, Carl Ray Tuttle. Communion: First Sunday in August.

LITTLE DOVE : Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Burton Howard, Baxter Osborne, I. D. Back, Mitchell Chaffins. Communion: Second Sunday in July.

KINGDOM COME : Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Kirby Ison, Ermel Ison, J. Nelson Seals, and Green Fields. Communion: First Sunday in July.

- REYNOLDS FORK : Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Ivan Amburgey, Mitchell Chaffins, Baxter Osborne, Elwood Cornett, David Baisden. Communion: Third Sunday in June.
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BULL CREEK : Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Virgil Combs, John Preece, Alonzo Mosley. Communion: Third Sunday in August.

CEDAR GROVE : Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Fess Blair, Elwood Cornett, I. D. Back, Clyde Shepard, Marcus Combs, Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Alex Collier and Agnan Back. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

JUNE 1979

- HAPPY HOME : Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett, Ermel Ison, Alonzo Mosley, Olus Baldrige, Fess Blair, Carl Back and our Moderator. Communion: First Sunday in July.
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- CLEAR FORK : Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Milburn Slone, Toby Breeding and Virgil Combs. Communion: First Sunday in July.

NEW HOME : Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Ermel Ison, Ivan Amburgey, I. D. Back, Clark Hays and Toby Breeding. Communion: Second Sunday in July.

NEW BETHELEHEM : Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in June. All ministers of our same faith and order are welcome. Communion: Third Sunday in August.

DIXON MEMORIAL : Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey, Irvine Hicks, Bobby Breeding, Carl Back and our Moderator. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

IVY POINT : Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Charlie Gibson, Chester Gibson, Kirby Ison, Lewis Craft, Bill Halcomb and Carl Ray Tuttle. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK : Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Andy Bates, Elwood Cornett, Burton Fields, Bobby Breeding, Agnan Back, Bill Halcomb, Lewis Lucas, Charlie Gibson and Kirby Ison. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

BIG CREEK : Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Charlie Gibson, Chester Gibson, Elwood Cornett, I. D. Back, Ermel Ison, Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Robert Haney and Fess Blair. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

AUGUST 1979

DEFEATED CREEK : Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Fess Blair, Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett, Bobby Breeding and Agnan Back. Communion: Second Sunday in August.

HURRICAN GAP : Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Bobby Breeding, Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey and John Preece. Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Obituaries

HENRY HALCOMB



As night doth follow the day, and darkness follows the light so does death follow life. We are born to die. God planned it that way. It was so destined in the plan and creative program of God in the beginning. From dust we emerge and unto dust we must return. May God help us to realize that death is always near; perhaps no more than a foot step away. Death teaches us an eternal lesson; the lesson of its certainty and the necessity of our eternal preparedness.

In the passing of our loved ones we are made to realize how feebly the flame of life burns upon the secret altars of our hearts, and that it may be put out by a sudden little jar or single breath. Oh! help us Lord to realize how thin the partition is between us and the unseen world. It is as thin as the garments that cover our flesh and as easily pierced as a bubble that floats upon the waters. Life is so uncertain that any word spoken could well be our last. Therefore let us watch and pray. The great Gallilean long ago gave us sufficient warning, when He said, My time is not yet, but your time is always. May these words echo and re-echo in our hearts forever.

Amidst the beauties and in the splendor of an autumn day, October 6, 1894, a baby boy was born into the humble home and parentage of the late Joe Halcomb and Mary Ison Halcomb at the mouth of Poll Branch on Linefork. The baby was named Henry. He was a fair child and a good boy in his rearing up to manhood. At the age of 23 he met a young lady who had just moved into his neighborhood. Their love for each other was soon manifested and one beautiful spring day in 1917, they joined their hands and their hearts together in holy matrimony and settled at the mouth of Poll Branch 58 years ago and made it their home to this day.

Henry was a hard worker and a good provider for his

family. They seldom went without the necessities of life. He and Dicy walked side-by-side laboring in the fields, and in and around the home. They shared each other's burdens, sorrows and joys. Unto them were born the following children: Elder Virgil Halcomb of Litz, Florida, Eula Mae Cornett of Skyline, Ky., Eunice Crase of Whitesburg, Ky., Mary Hester Creech of Frankfort, Ky., Sarah Lou Ison of Daisy, Ky., Musette Cornett of Skyline, Ky., Koe Halcomb of Hamilton, Ohio, Elder Bill Halcomb of Hamilton, Ohio, Ford Halcomb of Lexington, Ky., Edgar Halcomb of Harlan, Ky., Monette Carolyn Lawson of Lexington, Ky., and Kirby Colen Halcomb, deceased in infancy. He also leaves 39 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren to mourn his untimly passing. He leaves two brothers, Jim and Kell Halcomb, two sisters, Bertha Biddle and Marie Ingram all residing in Indiana.

Many many years ago, Henry and Dicy gave their hearts to the Lord of Host and tried to create a christian atmosphere and influence in bringing up their 11 children in preparing them for life in this world, and for life in the world to come. How well they did speaks for itself. No better or more refined children can be found anywhere. May God bless them as they continue on their heavenly journey.

Henry was never too strong during his entire life. However, he managed to be up and on the go. Nearly five years ago his health began to fail somewhat rapidly. He was in and out of the best of hospitals several times, but to little avail. About two months ago he fell in his home resulting in a broken hip which was associated with other complications. All that loving hands and tender hands could do were rendered, but all failed. It was time to go now, God was calling him home. In the quietness and silence of the early morning hour, as the hands of the clock were nearing the hour of 5:30 A.M. January 30, 1978, the final summons came and Henry quietly and peacefully gathered his robes around him, took the wings of the morning and flew away to meet his master and loved ones in Heaven to dwell with them eternally with the ages. Today we plant his mortal remains in a little family plot near and overlooking the old home place to wait the sounding of the trumpet in the Resurrection Morning.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning at the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew out of the boundless,
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening break,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

For tho from out our bourne of time,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar.

LULA STRONG SEALS



Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her so that he shall have no need of spoil. She shall do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchant ship, she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night and giveth meat to her husband and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field and buyeth it with the fruit of her hands, she planteth

a vineyard, she girdeth her loins with strength and strengthen her arms, she perceiveth that her merchandise is good, her candle goeth not out by night, she layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff, she stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hand to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household for all her household is clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry, her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates when he sitteth among the elders of the

land. She maketh fine linen and selleth it and delivereth girdles unto the merchants.

Strength and honour are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come; she openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed. Her husband also and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all.

Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain but a woman that feareth the Lord She shall be praised, given her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Lula Strong Seals was born September 22, 1914, in Perry County, and here she spent most of her young life. Here she met J. Nelson Seals, her husband, and on August 21, 1930, she vowed before God that she would be to him a true and obedient wife. This vow she kept to the letter or to death do us part.

To this union were born 13 children and 3 preceded Mother in death, leaving 10 heart broken children to mourn the passing of mother; 5 boys: Omar, Joe, Harold Nelson, Junior and Larry, 5 girls: Eunice, Helen, Tony, Zeda and Ophelia.

This great and noble family, Brother Nelson and Sister Lula, labored hard and long to raise this family. They did, and brought them up in the fear and admonition of God.

Early in their married life, Sister Lula realized her life was not complete. She knew she was a sinner in the sight of God and she needed His divine guidance and as a result she began to pray and after much sorrow and many, many prayers, God, through the tender mercies of His Son granted her a pardon for all the wrongs she had done.

Then in 1935, she offered her hand and upon the faith she had in God and what she felt he had done for her became a member of the Carrs Fork Church of Regular Baptist, by being baptized at the hands of Brother Elam Hale and Brother Jim Caudill. This christian life she exemplified to the world. Later she went to the Reynolds Fork Church by letter, where she belonged at her passing. Brother Nelson being a minister of the gospel, she remained at his side and traveled with him as he preached the unsearchable riches of God's kingdom all over the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee, and Florida. The Old Regular Baptist Church and the welfare of its members was her very life after her family left home.

I have never known a more devoted christian mother. She looked after the affairs of her husband and she truly loved her children as few mothers do. She was always interested in each child and was concerned about their welfare.

Just a few hours before her passing she told those around her that she had never felt better, that not a pain was in her body; she felt completely relaxed. But she had had a dream that two snow white half beds were wheeled into my room; one of them was for me but I don't know who the other one was for, which leads us to feel that the vale of nature was being drawn aside.

We had her with us for such a short while as her pilgrimage with us was 63 years, 3 months and 19 days.

She walked hand in hand in the church for over 42 years and leaves to mourn her passing, her 10 children who are broken-hearted, her bereaved husband, 2 sisters, Ida and Juanita; 1 brother, Letcher, 37 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, many, many relatives and friends, and a host of brothers and sisters in the faith.

This community has lost a part of its foundation, these children, a grand and loving mother, and Brother Nelson, a devoted companion, but we feel Heaven has gained another jewel.

So Children, if you expect to see Mother again, pray and repent of your sins if you haven't already and meet Mother again when this troublesome life is o'er.

Brother Nelson, I know your heart is broken but if Sister Lula could speak to you she would say, "Press on, look up for your redemption draweth nigh."

If I should be the first to go and you remain awhile
Before you too must walk alone down life's last lonely mile
I would not have you weep nor grieve for happiness that's flown
Lest tears be dim that misty vale down which my feet have gone.

If I should be the first to go beyond life's mystic vale
Just think of me as one who goes to blaze a brighter trail
Across that unknown wilderness that on some future day
Your feet may find a smoother path along the self same way.

If I should be the first to go I shall walk slowly, Dear
For someday you will follow me across death's dark frontier
I'll mark each turn along the road that you may walk the same
I'll often pause to hear your voice if you should call my name.

If I should be the first to go beyond all earthly care
I'll try to linger near the gate until you enter there
Then hand in hand with all life's hard battles fought and won
Together we shall find what lies beyond the setting sun.

Humbly submitted by a Brother in Hope,
Lewis Craft

MILLARD SEALS



On November 6, 1881, our God sent a flower to grace the home of James and Polly Ann Bartley Seals. They chose for him the name of Millard and in the hills of Letcher and Knott Counties he grew to manhood. Early in life he met, wooed and married Tonie Cornett and unto this union were born 14 children. Three children and Mom preceded Pop in death and each child had a special place in his heart.

Pop and Mom labored hard and long to raise this large and respectable family. He worked as a farmer and whatever job he was able to find at that time and his family never wanted for the necessities of life.

He and Mom realized that they needed God in their lives and made a covenant with each other that they would repent and join the church together. On December 25, 1935, at a called meeting at Lemuel Amburgey's home Pop offered his hand and joined the Regular Baptist Church. He then was conscious of Mom and he looked at her and said, "Honey, I forgot all about you." But she came to the church in March, 1936.

Being a cold, frozen time, they had to cut away the ice in order to baptize him. At the hands of his oldest son, Elder Nelson Seals and Brother Elam Hale, he was baptized. Since that good day until death came, he was a dutiful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord and a true ambassador of God.

He and Mom came in the arm which constituted the Reynolds Fork Church. Shortly after it was established, he and Mom were ordained as Deacon and Deaconess. This high and important office they fulfilled with great humbleness, pride and joy. I suppose he was the oldest Deacon in our Association.

Listen to the prophecy, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, henceforth yea sayeth the Spirit, they do rest from their labor and their works, do follow them. Blessed and Holy is he that hath a part in the resurrection for on such the second death has no power."

One more precious scripture, "Precious in the eyes of the Lord are the death of His saints." In these scriptures, the family can take great courage for one night in my sleep, He quoted them to me.

I have seen and heard many people talk about leaving this world but I have never seen or heard one counsel and advise his family. He said, "Some of my children I feel are ready and some I am uneasy about but I want the ones who are ready to leave this world to pray for the ones who aren't ready. Let's all live together, stay together and go to heaven together."

His mind was as alert as I have ever seen. The advice to the family has proven that he was a fountain of wisdom.

So truly can be said of Brother Millard. All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change comes. Though may skin worms devour this body of mine, yet in my flesh shall I see God and with my eyes behold Him for myself and not another.

I have never known a more humble and consecrated father nor one who loved his children more.

He leaves to mourn his passing eleven children, five sons: Nelson, Litt Carr, Ky., Luther, Mallie, Ky., Floyd, Litt Carr, Ky., Lawrence, Hindman, Ky., Ralph, Stanington, Ill., and six daughters: Dessie Amburgey, Litt Carr, Ky., Myrtle Craft, Hazard, Ky., Grace Amburgey, Litt Carr, Ky., Mattie Amburgey, Dayton, Ohio, Katherine Kelly, New Carlisle, Ohio, Joyce Metzger, Centerville, Ohio, 61 grandchildren, 96 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Nearing the end, he told us that he could see a light at the creek and some of the children asked him what kind of light? Pop said a big light, a pretty light is at the river and as he grew lower and lower he asked if we couldn't see the whole foot of his bed light up in such pretty light?

He leaves besides his family, two brothers that he mostly

raised and a host of friends and relatives. We feel a truly great oak has fallen in Israel.

Listen to the Psalms of David who also wrote, "Our loss is Heaven's gain."

Psalms 23

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 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.

A Brother in Christ I Hope,
Lewis F. Craft

VIRGIE WATTS



of Littcarr, Ky., Veda of Taylar, Michigan and Sister Treva of Blountville, Tennessee.

Sister Virgie was born at Garner, Kentucky on November 20, 1903. She deceased this life on May 20, 1978, making her stay on earth 74 years and six months.

Forty-eight years ago, Sister Virgie met and married Brother John M. Watts. To this union were born seven children. Three sons, Brother Harles Watts of Mousie, Ky., Brother Leon Watts of Garner, Ky., and Roger Watts of Monroe Michigan, four daughters, Erma of Toledo, Ohio, Audrey

Three brothers are left also to mourn her passing, Arnold, Dock and L. B. Childers all of Garner, Kentucky. She also leaves one sister, Ruie of Garner, Kentucky and nineteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sister Virgie's life was truly an inspiration to all that knew her; one of the most humble people that I ever knew. She not only touched the lives of her family, but the lives of so many others also. In 1971 she came to the church and told how great things the Lord had done for her and was baptized into fellowship of the New Home Church where she remained a faithful member and a mother of all of us young Brothers and Sisters of the church until her passing.

The Bible says that they that be planted in the House of the Lord, shall flourish in the Courts of our God. Heaven itself is a little prettier today with the presence of Sister Virgie's soul. The life she lived, and the things she taught her children will live on in the memory and even tho she's gone from their presence, the memory of Mother's life may one day be the major factor in bringing them to Christ. She lived a life of faith, and died the death of the righteous.

The last words she spoke to Brother Harles was she didn't mind leaving, she was going home.

Death always takes the choicest of flower from our homes, but Sister Virgie's soul is resting where the morning stars sing together and all the Sons of God shout for joy.

I want to say to the children, Mommy has waited and watched patiently for the rest of you to come home, but, death has prevented her from seeing this. But you can see Mother again, you can sing with her again. Mother's God is very much alive, and His will is not only for mothers and fathers to come to Him, but that their children will follow in their footsteps.

Don't forget Mother's God. He loves you. Don't forget Daddy now, he loves you also and needs your presence more than ever.

May God bless this family and Sister Virgie's brothers and sisters, is my prayer for you.

Written by this un-worthy servant at the
request of Brother Harles and Sister Treva,
Bill Moore

MELVIN ADAMS



Entered eternal life on Sunday, December 28, 1975, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard, Kentucky.

He was born May 13, 1910, being 65 years, 7 months and 15 days of age at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Dana (Blair) Adams also five sons: Clyde Adams of Marengo, Ohio, Leon Adams of Jeremiah, Ky., Curtis Adams of Jeremiah, Ky., Melvin Adams, Jr. of Jeremiah, Ky., Andrew Adams of Corbin, Ky., and two daughters: Joyce Caudill of Jeremiah, Ky., and Bobby Jean Laricchuita of Largo, Florida, two brothers: Eugene Adams of Jeremiah, Ky., and Ellis Adams of Jeremiah, Ky., and six sisters: Rosana Adams of Jeremiah, Ky., Arminta Blair of Jeremiah, Ky., Martha Caudill of Jeremiah, Ky., Lucille Gilkerson of Springboro, Ohio, Tina Adams of Jeremiah, Ky., and Pressie Adams of Jeremiah, Ky. and eight grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

HETTIE ELIZABETH McINTOSH



She was born March 1, 1898, the daughter of Enoch and Polly Mullins Pridemore, in Knott County, at Amburgey, Ky., on Trace Fork. She spent her life here on Trace Fork except the 27 years she spent in Sassafras, Ky.

Early in life she met and married Brother McKinley McIntosh. Unto this union were born 6 children, one son Forester who preceded her in death. Four daughters: Gertrude Mullins of Amburgey, Ky., Lois Hudson of Monticello, Ky., Ealy McIntosh of Dayton, Ohio, Elaine Miller

and Reda Ledale Sorrell of Louisville, Ky.

Near the age of 34 years Sister Hettie realized that something was missing for a full and handsome life. God had taught her that she must die and that her soul needed to be saved, so she began to seek the throne of grace, and finally God heard her petition and granted her a complete pardon for all the wrong she had committed and from that good day until the day of her passing, I have never seen a more humble person and consecrated Christian Mother. So upon her profession in May, 1950, she offered her sweet hand and became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, and shortly there after her life had an effect on her good husband, and in 1951 on the second Sunday he offered his hand and became a member of the same church.

The second Saturday in September, 1951, they were ordained as deacon and deaconess. This high and important office they served 26 years with great honor and humbleness, traveling many, many miles day and night in all kinds of weather.

On November 3, 1977 God issued another summons for Sister Hettie. This time come Home my child, leave behind your tired and afflicted body and your good husband, your children, grandchildren and your many precious brothers and sisters. So Sister Hettie quietly and peacefully slipped away to the waiting arms of Jesus, leaving behind a broken hearted husband, 5 bereaved children, 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grand children, a host of relatives and friends, 1 brother, Johnny Pridemore, Washougal, Washington, 4 sisters, Nannie Williams, Alabama, Susie Mullins, Amburgey, Ky., Ella Mullins, of Amburgey, Ky., and Mable Amburgey, Amburgey, Ky.

To the Brothers and Sisters of the Happy Home Church, Sister Hettie would say look up, press on to the mark of the high calling of God. And as our Brother Paul said the time of my departing is at hand, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith there is therefore a crown of righteousness laid up for me which the righteous judge shall give me on that day, not only me but everyone that loves and obeys Him.

Humbly submitted by two unworthy Brothers,
Brother Lewis Craft,
and Brother McKinley McIntosh,
her husband

As I sit here all alone with a sad heart and a troubled mind I will try to write the obituary of Sister Hettie McIntosh, a dear and loving wife to me for forty eight years. Sister Hettie was born in the home of Enoch and Polly Pridemore March 1, 1898. She was raised here at Amburgey, Knott County, Kentucky. She did have father, mother and three brothers who preceded her in death.

In the year 1918, September 18th, Sister Hettie met and married one of her school mates, settled down here on Trace Fork of Irishman Creek in Knott County, Kentucky. Unto this union were born two boys: Forster McIntosh who preceded her in death, Ealy McIntosh, Dayton, Ohio, four daughters: Gertrude Mullins, Amburgey, Ky., Lois Hudson, Monticello, Ky., Elaine Miller, Louisville, Ky., and Redaledale Sorrell, Louisville, Ky.

In the year of 1945, we moved to Sassafras, Knott County, Ky., and lived there 27 years, then we retired and came back to our home town, there we lived until death called her away, to a home where trouble and sorrows are all over.

In the year of 1929, she saw her self a sinner and without God and his mercies she was going down to a lost world and she began to pray. I will write a part she says this happened to me in the year of 1929.

When I was very young the Lord taught me what was right and what was wrong, but one night in a vision, I had barely dosed I reckon, but I didn't feel like I was asleep. A light shined about me, the brightest light I ever saw. I was then wide awake, and just wondering what could be wrong with me? I lay there a while before I could go back to sleep again and it seemed like as soon as my eyes were closed that light was back again. It lit up the whole room, it seemed a short time until it was gone again, and again it came the same way, that was the third time that night, and that time I realized what it was and what it was all about, and I said, Lord what have I done? I said, help me, and He gave me a feeling to go out and pray. I said Oh Lord I have sinned against you knowing better. I was by myself except my three little children, and there was no more rest for me that night. I was all over the house trying to pray but could not get any relief, but I prayed on, it seemed like I didn't want to quit. I went out on the porch in the midnight hour and prayed, I felt like I was going to die a natural death. But I went on a long time that way, until I began to think I had sinned away the day of grace and was

doomed for hell.

I went to bed one night and I prayed Lord, if It could be Your will remove my many sins, they are like a mountain before me. Lord I have gone as far as I can go, Oh, Lord save me or I perish, let this body die and go where it may but save my soul from that burning lake. That same night I was traveling, I came to a place where there was the prettiest water I ever did see, it was as clear as a crystal. I was standing looking at that water and while I was standing looking at that water, my husband came to me; we were talking about that pretty water, I turned my head to speak to my husband and he was gone. I was surrounded by a big rock, I heard a noise, I looked around and I saw a little ladder dropped down over the rock, I was praying all the time. I said Oh, Lord help me to get out of here; without your help I am gone. A voice spoke to me and said, come up a little higher. I started up the ladder, There was just room for my feet, it was so narrow, I could see the top, I climbed and climbed until I was a long distance up and a great hand reached down and lifted me up and as I went up that heavy burden that was taking me down was gone.

I know there was a love put in my soul that I never did have before, and when I was fully on top a gate opened and I went in. I was then on a solid rock. The prettiest place I ever saw and there I gave God the praise that I felt like He had saved my soul. The meeting that was going on up there. Tongues can never express the sweetness of that place, but I expect to be there in the sweet by and by.

Husband and children, come and go with me to a country where there will be no trouble. This is my experience, or a part of it anyway.

Sister Hettie McIntosh, at the Dixon Memorial Church September, 4th Sunday in 1977, in her rejoicing in the Lord, told of having a vision. She said as she was traveling along a narrow road she had been praying for the Lord to show her something to make her faith stronger. So she traveled on, At last she came to a white stone building on the right of the road. She went to the door and it came open and inside of this building it was so beautiful, and there was a table looked like white marble stone. On that table lay a large book, the Lamb's Book of Life, the Book came open and there was my name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. My name was near the middle of the book, Oh, how plain the print was. It was a beautiful place. Oh, how good I felt to be with my Lord. I am going to Heaven someday, it won't be long.

Written by McKinley McIntosh, husband of Sister Hettie

NANNIE WILLIAMS



With a sad heart and a troubled mind I will try to write the obituary of Sister Nannie Williams. In the year of 1900, December 25, who lived on Trace Fork of Irishman Creek in Knott County, Ky., there was a great gift born into the home of Enoch Pridemore and Polly Mullins Pridemore. She grew up with us. I went to school with her, and in the year of 1918, I met and married her oldest sister Hettie McIntosh who deceased this life the second night of November, 1977. Sometime later she grew up and married Everett Centers and

unto this union one boy, Dollin Centers, Jacksonville, Florida, and three girls, Mino Roach, Dayton, Ohio, Ganetta Cook, Huntsville, Alabama, still living and Theda Burgett who preceded her in death.

Later on Sister Nannie Williams met and married Fred Williams, and they did live a happy life, and did have one son, Carl Williams, Huntsville, Alabama. Her husband Fred Williams got killed in the the mines at Carrsfork, Coal Company. After that Sister Nannie Williams has lived a lonesome life up until today. In June the second day 1951, she came forth and gave her hand and wanted to join the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ.

She did fill her seat here and elsewhere. She has traveled many trips with us to many churches. She was as true a walking person as I ever walked with. Me, Hettie and Nannie walked together for 27 years in this battle. I feel like they have fought a good battle. They have gone on to live with Jesus forever and ever.

In the home her seat will be empty, in the neighborhood she will be missed, and also here in the church.

We do believe that our loss is heaven's gain. Just before she died in her last talk with her daughter, Jenett, said, "Mom, do you see me? Do you know me?" And she said "Yes, there is no face familiar like the face of our Lord." Then she said,

Oh, Lord take this old servant home, Oh bless the Lord.

So children according to her testimony, she has gone on, yes Mother has gone home. If you ever want to see Mother again please let Mother's God be your God. Repent one and all of us to live forever and ever is my prayers.

May God bless you all.

Written by a dear Brother,
McKinley McIntosh

WILLIAM RILEY MULLINS



In much weakness and an unworthy feeling, I attempt to write a few of the things we feel and know about our precious husband, our humble Daddy and our most precious brother, William Riley Mullins.

He was born August 20, 1900, at Amburgey, Kentucky a son of Spencer and Elizabeth Mullins.

Here in Knott County he grew to manhood and at an early age on 9/18/1918, he loved and married Matilda Mullins. Unto this union were born 9 children,

three of them preceded him in death.

Brother Riley saw the need of a saviour since his unprofitable, God had uncovered which caused him much concern and he at once set about to please an offended God, so after much praying and many groans of sorrow, God heard his pitiful petition and granted him a free pardon for all the wrongs he had done. In 1951 along with his good wife offered their hands to the Old Regular Baptist Church and were gladly received and together were baptized still traveling this road together, as they have for 58 years.

Brother Riley had been in poor health for sometime but his suffering he bore with patience until the death angel called him home.

Left to mourn his passing are 3 sons: Brox, William M. and Aster, 3 daughters: Elma Pridemore, Maxine Johnson and

Virginia Mullins, 1 brother, Daniel D Mullins, 1 sister, Dicie Mullins, 20 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends and many brothers and sisters in the church, who will miss him greatly.

God please forgive each silent tear,
And prayerful wish he was here,
There are others yes we know,
But he was ours and we miss him so.

Though his smile is gone forever,
And his hand we cannot touch,
They'll never leave the memory,
Of the one we loved so much.

He never knew that night could be,
So lonely, cold and dim,
But Oh! we've learned so many things,
Because of loving him.

Our family circle now is broken,
A link is gone from the chain,
But though we're parted for a while,
We feel we'll meet again.

His stay in this unfriendly world was 76 years, 2 months and 21 days.

Written by a Brother in hope who loved him
very much.

Lewis F. Craft

BYRD OREAR FIELDS



By the help of God, I will write the obituary of my good humble dad, Byrd Orear Fields. He was born March 13, 1904, making his stay on earth 73 years, 10 months and 15 days. He was the son of John and Sarah Vine Fields. He lived most of his life in Letcher County. In 1929, he met and married Mary Miller Fields. Unto this union were born 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. One boy preceded them in death at

age five weeks.

In 1949 he professed a hope in Christ and joined the Hurricane Gap Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a good and faithful member as long as he was able to attend. He was in poor health for several years, but he bore his sickness with patience. He passed from this life Saturday, January 28, 1978. There is a vacancy in the church and in our home. We miss him so much. Children if you want to go where Dad is you'll have to choose Dad's God and live a better life. Dad is gone but not forgotten.

Written by his wife, Mary Fields and daughters, Helen Cornett and Grace Cornett.

GARNEY HALL



As I sit here alone with a sad heart and a troubled mind I will try to write an obituary of a young man, Garney Hall. He was the son of Kelly Hall and Mary Everage Hall. He was born September 17, 1939. Early in life he met and married Sinda Heck. Unto this union were born 5 children, one boy and four girls.

A few years ago he joined the United Baptist Church by professing a hope in Jesus Christ and lived a quiet and peaceful life. He attended his church as long as he lived. At the time of his death he lived in the state of Missouri. He was a truck driver. He met death in a truck accident in Arkansas, July 14, 1977.

He left to mourn the loss of him, father, mother, nine brothers and two sisters, wife, four children and many friends and neighbors.

So sleep on, Brother, sleep on we will see you again by and by.

Written by a good friend,
McKinley McIntosh

OLLIE ISON



With a sad and lonesome heart I will try and write an obituary about my Mother Ollie Ison, the daughter of Joe and Katy Smith. She was born April 6, 1892, and deceased this life on March 25, 1977.

She had married George R. Ison and unto this union were born 10 children, 7 boys and 3 girls. The girls were Flossie Patrick, Shepherdville, Ky., Lona Griffie, Louisville, Ky., Reva Callahan of Cornettsville, Ky., boys, Aaron, Newmon and Virlin of Sump, Ky., McClillon of Uluah, Ky., Marble

of West Virginia, Arule of Franklin, Ohio and one preceded her in death, Hoover Ison.

She lived an humble and good life here on earth. Everyone liked her. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Hurricane Gap some several years ago.

She smothered so bad when she would go to church she would have to take pills. She smothered half of her life, but her smothering is over.

She has one brother left, Grant Smith of Uluah, Ky.

We all miss her so much but she has gone to that good home where there is no more pain, sorrow and heart aches.

I hope and pray I will meet her again someday. All us children loved her so much, we hated to give her up. She worked so hard and saw such a hard life in this world. She loved to go to church when she was able. She wanted her children to do the right thing and begged them to go to church. She would sit down and talk to them about the Lord.

So children Mom can't come back to us, but we can go to her someday.

Written by her daughter,
Reva Callahan

KELLY ISON



With a broken heart and the help of God, I'll try to write an obituary of my Daddy. It's a great honor to write about such a man. It would take a book to tell all the good things about him. He deserves more than I could ever say.

Kelly Ison was born into the home of John and Easter Caudill Ison on January 11, 1892. He was called from life on January 14, 1978, making his stay on this earth 86 years and 3 days.

He was married to Collie Stallard Ison on May 14, 1912. Unto this union were born 11

children; 5 sons and 6 daughters. Three children preceded him in death, Loreva in 1924, Lona Mae in 1944, and Manus in 1974.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Collie Stallard Ison, 4 sons: Anzil Ison, Whitesburg, Ky., Edgar Ison, Jackson, Ky., Coy Ison, Lexington, Ky., and Komos Ison, Oscaloosa, Ky., four daughters: Opal Ison, Oscaloosa, Ky., Madge Sergent, Jackson, Ky., Avie Taylor, Clyde, Ohio, and Oma Bates, of Winchester, Indiana, 27 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He worked hard for his family in the coal mines. He provided for them the very best he could. He was a good husband to his wife and a good father to his children. He loved life and his family.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church over 30 years ago. He filled his seat as long as he was able. He loved his church. His fellowship was at The Tolson Creek Church, at Roxana, Kentucky. His favorite song was I'M GOING TO DIE ON THE BATTLEFIELD. That's what he did. He was a good soldier for the Lord. He fought a good fight; he kept the faith. I believe he has received the crown God had laid up for him. I believe Heaven's gates swung open wide to welcome him in. He would say, "Jesus will take care of me." "He's the one I'm putting my trust in." That he was ready to go. He's just beyond the sunset, where the roses never fade. Here they bloom just for a season, but where he has gone they will bloom forever.

He's taking that long deserved rest he looked forward to. It's worth all the hard work and tears he shed along the way, and there were many. Your suffering is all over Papa. What rejoicing there must have been in Heaven when you reached home. Some sweet day we will meet again. Heaven will be worth it all.

Written by his daughter,
Opal Ison

MATILDA CREECH



"Precious memories, how they linger," the congregation sang as Mom lay in state last June, and precious memories are all that we have of her now. Memories of how she gathered us around her to sing hymns before an open fire on winter nights. Of how she came home at dawn after a night of sitting by someone who was ill. Of how the long hours she spent preparing meals for us and our friends. We have precious memories of a very precious Mom.

Our mom, Matilda Creech, was here from May 21, 1895, until June 16, 1977, when she slipped away from us and joined Dad, John M. Creech, who had preceded her in death by three years, and Marie Collins, her daughter, who fell victim of cancer in 1974. Mom left behind her five of her six children: Hazel Sergeant, Melvin, Calvin, Chole and me. We are still stunned at our sudden loss of Mom but we are comforted in the sure knowledge that Mom was the kind of person that God gathers in to make citizens of Heaven.

It must have been 30 years ago that Mom became a member of the New Bethlehem Church on Bail Creek. She was a faithful member and even though she was totally blind for the last eighteen years of her life, she was led to church as often as she was physically able to go, and she thoroughly loved and enjoyed her brothers and sisters in the Lord, and that same silver cord of love which bound her to them on earth will bind her to them in heaven.

She rests in the Creech Cemetery on Big Branch of Ball in Knott County. She rests well, for her rest is in the Lord.

Written by her daughter,
Ruby Amburgey

JAMES CARL ADAMS



He was born June 1, 1913, and died January 4, 1978, being 64 years, 7 months and 3 days old at the time of his death. He was the son of the late Rudolph and Sally Cornet Adams. He is survived by his wife, Carrie Back Adams, three sons: Delmar Adams, Morehead, Ky.; Donald Adams, Jeremiah, Ky.; Stephen Adams, United States Navy in Hawaii, four daughters: Marianna Warner, Indianapolis, Ind.; Olga Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.; Sally Back, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ella Faye Turner of Louisville, Ky.; one brother: Joseph

Adams, Pulaski, Virginia; three sisters: Ellen Osborne, Pulaski, Virginia; Edna Bevins, Coburn, Virginia; Hettie Mullins, Wise, Virginia; 17 grandchildren, as well as a host of friends and relatives.

Brother Carl joined the Blair Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist, and was baptized October 18, 1954. He was also an Ordained Deacon. Years later he came and took up fellowship with the Dixon Memorial Church of Old Regular Baptist, and was a faithful member until death. The Dixon Memorial Church has given up a faithful member and sister Carrie has given up a loving companion. I am sure your life is so lonely and sad. The days and nights are so lonesome, just pray on a little longer and the Lord will come soon and take you up to be with Him.

Children, your Dad loved you so much and has prayed for you all so many times. I feel like he is in that glory world. So children, if you haven't prayed start now, if you wait until tomorrow it might not come. I know that Daddy would want you to serve the Lord so you could be with him up in heaven.

May the Lord bless you children, and your Mother.

Written by Elder Carl Back

JOYCE AND JOHNNY DARREL COMBS



It is with the saddest of feeling that I will try to write the obituary of a dear loving daughter, to wit: Mrs. Joyce Ritchie Combs. She was born on July 20, 1942, and met her death on April 1, 1975, along with her infant son, Johnny Darrel, who was 9 months and 7 days old, in an awful automobile accident. Johnny Darrel Combs was born June 25, 1974.

Joyce met and married Johnny Combs, on April 22, 1961. Unto this union were born four children, three boys and one girl. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, Johnny, along with two sons, David Lee Combs, age 13, and Ronnie Joe Combs, age 11, and a daughter, Delana Joyce Combs, age 10. She also leaves her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Ritchie of Stroh, Indiana, a brother, Vernon Ritchie of Kendville, Ind., and two sisters, Mrs. Lois Everage, her twin sister, of South Milford, Ind., and Mrs. Carolyn Owens of Stroh, Ind. She is also survived by her grandmother, Mrs. Lona Ritchie of Hardburly, Ky., and a host of other relatives and friends.

As far as I knew, Joyce was loved by everyone who knew her. She didn't belong to any church, but I hope and pray that Heaven is her gain.

I'll never forget on April 1, 1975 when Joyce picked up her children. It was Easter vacation and the children were staying with me. David was spending the whole week, day and night,

and that's why he wasn't with the others. Joyce hadn't been gone twenty minutes when the awful news came to us that she was dead. About two hours later, the baby, Johnny Darrel was dead too. He had died on the way to the hospital. The other children, Ronnie and Delana and their cousin, Donna Owens, were in the Intensive Care Unit of the Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

I am trying hard to make my peace with God so that I can look forward to seeing my little grandson whom I know is at rest around God's great throne. I hope and pray that Joyce is in Heaven too. All we know for sure is that she is in the hands of a merciful God. I hope and pray that someday I'll see her and her baby again. They were laid to rest in the same casket in the Woodruff Cemetery of Woodruff, Indiana.

Joyce's Father, Mr. Cephas Ritchie preceded us in death on September 15, 1972. He was born January 27, 1917, making his stay on this earth 55 years, 8 months and 12 days.

Joyce graduated from Hindman High School in the year of 1961.

Written by a Mother and Grandmother,
Mrs. Myrtle Ritchie

LOVING MEMORIES

Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall,
You had a kind word for each
And died beloved by all.

A voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true,
Oh bitter was the trial to part
From one as good as you.

You are not forgotten, loved ones,
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memories last,
We will remember Thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by, we'll miss you more,
Your loving smiles, your gentle faces,
No one can ever fill your vacant places.

ANNA SLONE



Sister Anna Slone was born March 29, 1896 and departed this earthly life on October 10, 1977, making her stay 81 years, 6 months, and 11 days. She was the daughter of John and Margaret Couch. She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Marie Slone of Leburn, Ky.; three sons, Florence of Leburn, Ky.; three sisters: Florence Campbell, Hazard, Ky.; Myrtle Hall, Leburn, Ky.; Pearl Baker of Beattyville, Ky.; and two half-sisters, Alma and Dora; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors. Her husband, McKinley

Slone and son, Roy Davidson preceded her in death.

On the second week-end in June, 1932, Sister Anna Slone joined the New Home Church of Old Regular Baptist faith and order where she lived as a devoted and faithful member until God called her home. Sister Anna, as we called her, lived her life in such a way as to make people want to visit the New Home Church. She was so good and kind and her ability to express her love to all, without showing partiality, seemed to be so natural and easy for her. She always greeted me with a Holy kiss. This will be my own memory which I shall cherish forever, her standing so faithfully in her job given her by the Father, greeting and helping to make visitors to the New Home Church feel wanted, welcome and needed.

I know you have your own private memories of Sister Annie. I don't want to disturb them, but if you will listen closely you can still hear her praying, "Lord have mercy on my children, and their children, and the world of mankind."

Return to Mother's God and find peace for your souls, now in this hour of need for He's standing with outstretched arms patiently waiting for you to return to Him.

Written by a Brother in Hope,
Milburn Slone

say to her children if there's one of you that has not made peace with God, don't let this day pass without calling upon His name. Because we have no promise of tomorrow. Let's all try to live the life that would be pleasing to God, so that we too, someday could join Sister Mae in her heavenly home, where we would never have to part anymore. I know you children have lost a great mother, and Brother Emmitt has lost a great companion, the church has lost a great member, but I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Brother, Oliver Mullins

ARTIE C. WHITAKER



Artie C. Whitaker entered eternal life Saturday, December 24, 1977, at her residence at Ulvah, Kentucky.

She was the daughter of the late Wilburn H. and Louisa Cornett Dixon. Early in life she met and married Harlan Caudill, who preceded her in death. Unto this union were born 8 children, 5 boys: Loye Caudill, Indianapolis, Ind., Carlos Caudill, Blackey, Ky., Earl Caudill, Lexington, Ky., Burley Caudill and Dan Caudill both of Ulvah, Ky., 3 daughters: Kathleen Bailey, Indianapolis, Ind.,

Justine Jones, California, Ky., Louanna Hampton, Louisville, Kentucky.

Later in life she met and married William Whitaker. Other survivors were one brother, Arch Dixon, Blackey, Ky., two sisters, Arminta Campbell, Wayne, Michigan, Cathrine Hampton, Blackey, Ky., 34 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren as well as a host of other friends and relatives.

She was born November 5, 1893, being 84 years, 1 month and 19 days of age at the time of her passing. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church, Hallie, Ky. Sister Artie was a faithful and devoted member and filled her seat as long as her health permitted.

Our Mother left us with "Precious Memories," and an example unparalleled to live by. She took the message the Lord left us in the New Testament and lived it daily. He told us to "Love our God with all our heart and soul, and our neighbors as ourselves." He said it, Mother believed it, and that settled it.

She loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren so much. She was interested in everything we were involved in and would talk with us about every endeavor, no matter how small. When she saw a need, she never failed to counsel us.

As we attended her in her last days, she was weak and in much pain, but her courage and consideration for her family was an inspiration to us and left us all stronger in spirit for it.

We have a beautiful picture in our minds and hope in our hearts, because we saw her enter a watery grave and arise to walk in newness of life.

We turn her over with broken hearts, but our minds are satisfied and at peace.

Written by her Daughter

EDMOND BEDWELL



Edmond Bedwell was born in 1900 to Andrew Bedwell and Sarah Griffith Bedwell. He met and married Ellen Caudill. Unto this union were born 5 children: John D. Spencer, Beatrice, Mattie and Douglas, all are still living.

My dear daddy got hurt in the old coal mines and passed away in 1931. I was only a tiny tot going on six years old. I've missed you dear Daddy no one knows how much, but Daddy I feel you are in Heaven, and that helps me so much, for I'm trying to live for Jesus and do all I can

to make things right so when He calls my name I hope you are the first one in my sight. So goodnight for tonight as my eyes are getting heavy. I'll go to sleep now after my prayers. I hope to be ready when Jesus calls. I'm looking for Him every day and hoping I'll be ready.

All is still on the hill,
Where we used to live,
Not even a house there now,
It's only an empty hill.

It has been a picture in my mind,
All of these years you have been gone,
A place I last saw you was,
A little house on the hill.

Written by your daughter who loves and misses you very much.

Beatrice Bedwell Hamilton

JOHN F. JENT



Obituary of Brother John F. Jent. Born August 8, 1912, and deceased January 21, 1978.

He was the son of Boney and Adaline Jent both of Carcassome, Ky. Married to Nola Combs Jent of Carcassome, Ky. Unto this union were born 7 daughters, and 5 sons; one daughter and one son deceased.

Several years ago he saw the need of a saviour and with the humbleness and meekness of the spirit he prayed to the Lord for forgiveness of his soul which he received. He joined the Regular Baptist Church at Bull Creek, and proved by his life, by his talk, and by his shining light that real salvation of the heart and not the head. He was faithful, honest, and highly respected by his neighbors, by his brethren and his sisters in the church, by his wife and his children.

Even with the sadness and sorrow they comfort themselves with the fact and with hope of meeting together with him in that bright, happy and eternal day.

Written by his son, Brother Donnie Jent

LAUSIE HAMMONDS



And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, "Write, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Brother Lausie Hammonds lived his faith, and he fought a good fight. He was able to gallantly face the valley of the shadow of death with full assurance that all was well and his works will live on.

Brother Lausie passed from this life at his home at Isom, Ky., July 24, 1978. He was the son of the late Noah and Marilda

Amburgey Hammonds.

Early in the bloom of his life Brother Lausie was united in marriage to Sister Mabel Combs and unto this union was born 1 son, Cecil Ray Hammonds and 1 daughter, Barbara Ann Hall. Five grandchildren also mourn his passing.

Brother Lausie received a precious hope in Christ when he sought the pardoning power of God with all his heart. This hope and experiences with God has led him, and kept him, and I firmly believe that Brother Lausie is now resting in the paradise of God. Safe and secure in his heavenly home.

In his passing Sister Mabel has lost a loving husband and companion, the children have lost a precious father, the grandchildren have lost a dear grandfather, and the Blair Branch Church has lost a wonderful and faithful member and brother, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Elder Fess Blair

SARAH ELIZABETH MULLINS

By the help of the Lord, I will try and write the obituary of this my Aunt Sarah Elizabeth Mullins. She was born January 30, 1901, in the home of Nick and Matilda Everage. Early in life she married Jasper Mullins. Unto this union were born 8 children, 4 boys: Harlan, Napoleon, Nicklas, Franklin D., 4

girls, Viola, Matilda, Olive, and Nevada. Her husband and Harlan preceded her in death. Aunt Sarah was humble, and a sweet person. She never was baptized but she professed a hope of salvation many years ago. She leaves to mourn, 7 children, 24 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 3 brothers, and 2 sisters.

So children if you want to meet Mother again, you will have to go to the same God Mother went to. I could write more about her, but space and time will not permit me to do so.

Written by a Brother in hope of eternal life,
Landis Everage

MARY MOSLEY



With a sad heart and lonely feeling I will try to write this obituary of my wife, Mary Mosley. She was born March 29, 1916, and died October 27, 1977, making her stay here in this life almost 62 years. She was the daughter of Richard Slone and Cora Blackburn Slone. She was married to Birtchel Mosley on May 10, 1933. Unto this union were born 11 children, two died at birth, leaving 9 to mourn her passing.

She accepted the Lord in early life and joined the Regular Baptist Church and lived a good and faithful life for many years. Then she became sick and didn't get to go to church any more. But she lived her life so I don't have any doubt but what she is at rest in the good Lord, because I talked to her many times after she was down bedfast. She told me she wasn't afraid to die. I thank the good Lord for the patience he gave me to be good and kind to her in every way. I did everything I knew to do for her including doctors, medicine and kindness in every way. No man could have been better to a baby than I was to her. But after all it was the good Lord's will to take her home to rest, out of her sickness and pain. So children, just try to meet Mama in a world where trouble cannot come.

Written by her husband, Birtchel Mosley

KELLY HALL



As I sit here all alone I will try to write the obituary of a dear Brother in the Lord, Brother Kelly Hall. He was born in the home of Kleenin Hall and Ida Mae Hall on May 13, 1908, here in Knott County, Kentucky. He deceased this life March 7, 1978.

Early in life he met and married Sister Mary Everage the daughter of John Everage and Lucinda Parks, on October 15, 1924. Unto this union were born 11 sons and 2 daughters. Two sons preceded him in death. Still living are Obra Hall, Austin, Ind.,

Conrad Hall, Warren, Mich.; Oscar Hall, Detroit, Mich.; Richard Hall, Westland, Mich.; James Hall, Rowland Green, Ky.; Samuel Hall, Detroit, Mich.; John Hall, Trot, Mich.; Omega Hall, Lexington, Ky.; Kelly E. Hall, Detroit, Mich.; daughters: Shirley Vanover, Louisville, Ky.; Ida Mae Vanover. He has left a good wife and eleven children and many friends to mourn their loss.

Several years ago Brother Kelly Hall saw the need of a saviour, and he began to pray. He has been a different person for a long time. At a called meeting at Brother Albert Mullins' home on Sunday evening on June 19, 1976, he came forth and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. He attended church as long as he was able. Just before he passed away one of his daughters was standing by his bed side in the hospital. She said he lay gazing into heaven. She had given him up to die, and she believed that he was looking into his future home. He looked like he was pleased, and it seemed that there wasn't a pain in his body.

So children, wife, friends and neighbors, Brother Kelly Hall will meet Jesus in peace and he has gone on to Heaven where all is peace and love. So look up everyone of you, and do like Brother Kelly Hall has done. So farewell one and all.

Written by a dear Brother, McKinley McIntosh

RUDELL HALCOMB HOWARD



Born May 8, 1924, entered into eternal life October 26, 1977.

Rudell was a faithful loving mother, wife and christian. She was a member of the Big Creek Baptist Church. She was a shining light for as long as she was able to attend. She met and married Willie Edgar Howard, February 14, 1942. Unto this union were born 2 sons and 2 daughters, Leon, Lester, Jewon and Joyce.

She leaves to mourn, these four children, her husband, her mother, Callie Halcomb, two sisters, Levena and Janice, one brother,

Robert (Bob) Halcomb, and 11 grandchildren.

She will be missed greatly by these loved ones and by the brothers and sisters in the church and all who knew her.

Jesus said, "Let your light shine." We believe her light did shine as we have seen her praise Jesus and shout so many times. Children prepare to meet her in heaven, where death will not come, where parting will be no more. Sleep on, Sister Rudell until that great day when we will arise with that glorified body like unto His. "Jesus."

MINTA BLAIR



Minta Blair was the daughter of Samuel and Jane Francis. She was born May 21, 1895, being 82 years, 4 months and 3 days old at her death.

Sister Mints met and married John Blair and unto this union was born Dana Adams of Jeremiah, Ky., also Sister Minta reared her grandson, Ray Back, who was born in her home and has always lived in her home, loving her as a mother and receiving a mother's love from

Sister Minta.

There are 4 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren, besides a host of friends and relatives who mourn the departure of their loved one.

Sister Minta joined the Little Home Church in 1938, and came to the Mt. Olivet Church in 1977. Sister Minta was a devoted member of the church and always let her light shine for Jesus. We now feel that Sister Minta is resting around the Alter of God waiting for the redemption of this body from the grave.

ARTIE CORNETT



Artie Cornett was the daughter of David and Nancy Dixon Back and the grand-daughter of the well remembered Old Regular Baptist minister, James Dixon. She was born April 25, 1892, making her stay on earth 86 years and 26 days. She was the youngest child of a large family and was the last left to fall from this great tree.

On September 13, 1913 she and the late Arch Cornett were united in holy matrimony and lived a happy devoted life until the good Lord called her beloved husband home to Glory on September 17, 1965. They built a home about two miles above Blackey, Ky., where they reared a large family (9 boys, 3 girls). The children are: Varge Cornett, Huntsville, Alabama; Eunice Bates, Blackey, Ky.; Avis Stewart, Letcher, Ky.; Verlon Cornett, deceased May, 1969, Emil Cornett, Shelbyville, Ky.; Vance Cornett, Winchester, Ky.; Lilly Blaine Cornett, Cawood, Ky.; Cleo Cornett, Lexington, Ky.; Clell Cornett, Louisville, Ky.; Mildred Strunk, Somerset, Ky.; Dean Cornett, Huntsville, Ky., and Elwood Cornett, Blackey, Ky.

Many years ago Aunt Artie and Uncle Arch saw the need for the good life. They sought the Lord and found Him to be mercifell and forgiving. Aunt Artie joined the Old Indian Bottom Church in August, 1931, and in September when she was

to be baptized, Uncle Arch joined the church at the water-side and was baptized with her. In 1956 they came in the arm that set up the Mt. Olivet Church where they both happily and faithfully served the good Lord until He called them home. Uncle Arch being ordained a deacon in the Old Indian Bottom Church, and Artie as his help-mate, served in both churches soberly and righteously.

Aunt Artie in her girlhood days became a teacher where I'm sure she affected the lives of many people, not only in the 3-R's, but in such qualities of character as honesty, morality, self-respect, perseverance, truthfulness, and all the qualities that make a better life.

God tells us to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works, and glorify the Father which is in Heaven. I feel that no person ever fulfilled this commandment more than did Aunt Artie. There is not a hollow that she hasn't traveled; not a hill that she hasn't climbed; nor hardly a home that she hasn't visited in a time of sorrow or distress. She never had to be sent for but was always there in time of need. These last few years of her life she went holding on to the arm of her baby son, Elder Elwood Cornett. All this she did for the honor and glory of God. She truly let her light shine.

Aunt Artie believed in true salvation by grace, through faith, and believed in worshiping God in spirit and truth. She never wavered but stood firm in her convictions, which were usually right, always looking to the Lord for guidance. She was a true christian, a loving mother, a good neighbor and an inspiration and light to all.

When the church was in prayer for Divine Revelation for its name, the Lord whispered a message to Aunt Artie to call it Mt. Olivet and that is how it was named.

Aunt Artie leaves to mourn her departure, her eleven children, who so dearly loved her, 42 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Our church has lost a faithful member, you children have lost a loving mother, and the community has lost a good neighbor and friend, but Heaven has gained another angel. Today we are sad because one we loved so dearly has gone home, but the angels are rejoicing for another valiant soldier has at last reached home. God has gathered another lily for His beautiful flower garden.

To the children, let me say to raise up your hands and look

unto the hills from whence cometh your help. Mother is not sick anymore; she is not tired anymore; she does not walk with a limp leaning on a cane or holding on to your arm. She is at rest around the great white throne of God, where she will praise God forever and ever in that world that has no end, and in that city where God is the light. Just vow in your hearts to meet her again in That Beautiful, That Blest Forever.

LOUISA FIELDS



Louisa A. Fields was born march 14, 1896. She was the daughter of Jasper Mullins and Elizabeth Jent Mullins. She grew up here at Amburgey, Ky. Early in life she met and married Nickless Fields who preceded her in death February 17, 1965. She has been alone here in this world for twelve long years, 6 months and 2 days.

She deceased this life February 19, 1978. She leaves to mourn their loss, 5 sons: John M. Fields, Jasper Fields, Nickless Fields, Jr., Rudell Fields, Guy C. Fields, 3 daughters: Ada B. Cal-

houn, Elizabeth Combs and Polly Franklin, 2 brothers: John Riley Mullins and Troy Mullins, 1 sister: Dora Ashley, 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren.

Louisa Fields was a good girl. She was a good mother. She was a good neighbor. She will be missed by us all. Another good mother has gone on to a new home where trouble, pain and heart aches will be over.

About three years ago Joseph Fields, one of her boys came home to visit her before she had the first stroke. He had made 2 or 3 trips and could not talk to her about the future. He would go back home and worry about it. So finally he came back and stayed all night with her, and while they were washing the dishes at the breakfast table, he said "I would like to ask you a question." She said, well go ahead and ask. Mother, if death was to come upon you how would the case be with you? And she said there is nothing in my way. So later on she awoke

and said to her daughter Polly while she sang, Jerusalem My
Happy Home Oh How I Long For Thee.
So Mother has gone home we all believe.

Written by a good friend and neighbor,
McKinley McIntosh

ELIHU BACK



Elihu Back was born February 13, 1893, and departed this life on August 22, 1978, making his journey here on earth 85 years, 6 months and 9 days.

Early in life he met and married Alta Francis, who preceded him in death. Unto this union were born two daughters: Nevada Cornett and Juanita Blair with whom he made his home after the passing of his wife, Sister Alta. He and his good companion reared four foster children: Hazel Dixon, Dulcena Back, (deceased) Joe Sumner and Morris Caudill.

Several years ago Elihu saw the evil of his ways. Realizing that he needed the savior, he sought the Lord and found Him to be merciful and forgiving. He joined the church on the third Sunday in September, 1975, and was baptized on the first Sunday in October. He was truly a christian and his life proved it.

Elihu was a good man. He was a friend and neighbor to all he knew. He was hard-working, providing well for his family. He was an honest and upright citizen. He was always kind and gentle to everybody. He was friendly to all he met. He had faith in God, hope of eternal life, and charity toward all. His last words were, "Thank everybody for coming to see me, and tell them I love them."

Elihu leaves to mourn his passing, his two daughters, Juanita and Nevada, his foster children, Hazel Dixon, Joe Sumner and Morris Caudill, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

You children have lost a kind and loving father, the community has lost a good neighbor and citizen, and the Mt.Olivet

Church has lost a good member, but Heaven has gained another angel. God has just called another tired, weary soldier home to everly be with Him. He has plucked another beautiful lily from His flower garden.

Uncle Elihu will no longer be tired or sick. He will smother no more. In Heaven there will be no tiredness, sickness or smothering, but all will be peace and joy for ever. Nothing to do but praise God while Eternal Ages roll on.

Why do we mourn departing friends?
Or shake at death's alarm?
Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to His arms.

Why should we tremble to convey?
Their bodies to the tomb,
There the dear flesh of Jesus lay,
And left a long perfume.

Written by Brother Glen Hampton

JAMES LEE GAYHART

James Lee Gayhart was the son of Dewey and Edna May Wilson Gayhart Emmalena, Ky. He was born May 4, 1955 and passed away May 13, 1978, making his stay on earth 23 years, and 9 days. Left to mourn his passing are his parents, Dewey and Edna May Gayhart, one grandmother, Sarah Wilson of Mt. Vernon, Ky., six Aunts and seven Uncles, and a host of friends. James Lee was loved by all who knew him. He was a hard working boy. Even though he was a young man, on Tuesday night before he died he made his own funeral arrangements with his mother. James Lee was laid to rest beside his half brother Huber Gayhart who gave his life for his country in World War II and his little sister Sarah Jane who died an infant. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

The following is a letter that James Lee wrote before he died.

Dear Mom & Dad:

I am write this in case something happen to me before it does you all. I know I can't last much longer way my head is I hurt it bad when I hit it on that truck fir. Mom Dad just remember I love you all and don't worry when I'm gone. Mom,

I know I broke your heart tonight when I told you what I did.
Here what I want you to do. I want Dad have my radio and
watch, Mom you keep my tape player and TV, give my clothes
to Alvin & Mer. Well, Mom close now, you Dad take care and
remember I love you all and I know you love me, you all have
proved it. Don't worry.

Love

Your

Son

James L. Gayheart

P.S. till Aunt Olga everybody friends I love them
to Mom Dad

Written by Silas Williams at the request of Dewey & May Gayhart

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not with-
standing 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 in-
struction 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 re-
cover 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 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 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 Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerks 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, re-

ceived 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 to 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 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 principals 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.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Received by Experience & Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	and Recommendation or Application	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
Cedar Grove	4	0	0	1	3	2	1	128	4	\$ 150.00
New Home	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	75	2	\$ 50.00
Defeated Creek	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	2	\$ 50.00
Reynolds Fork	5	3	0	0	3	0	0	52	3	\$ 50.00
Bull Creek	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	16	3	\$ 30.00
Ivy Point	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	34	4	\$ 20.00
Little Dove	17	3	0	1	0	4	0	112	2	\$ 150.00
Tolson Creek	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	19	4	\$ 40.00
Dixon Memorial	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	34	4	\$ 50.00
Big Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	4	\$ 50.00
Happy Home	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	45	1	\$ 50.00
New Bethlehem	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	30	3	\$ 40.00
Clear Fork	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	26	1	\$ 40.00
Northern New Home	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	4	\$ 50.00
Blair Branch	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	51	3	\$ 100.00
Mt. Olivet	13	2	0	2	4	0	0	135	1	\$ 150.00
Little Zion	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	26	3	\$ 20.00
Rose of Sharon	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	7	2	\$ 15.00
Harricar Gap	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	3	\$ 25.00
Kingdom Come	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	27	1	\$ 25.00
Total	66	14	1	5	30	16	11	916		\$ 1160.00

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We the church of Jesus Christ of Old 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, assembled and in session at our Association House and Headquarters, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, being hosted by our dear sister the _____ Church 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:

DELEGATES

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

ALTERNATES

4 _____
5 _____
6 _____

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

The state of the church is as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME

POST OFFICES

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Received by 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 a traveling spirit among us.

Done and signed by order of the church.

Elder _____, Moderator

Brother _____, Clerk

Clerk's Address _____

The Twenty Third 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 in 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.

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