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MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

INDIAN BOTTOM

ASSOCIATION

OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



Held At The
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION BUILDING
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky
September 3, 4 and 5, 1982

Hosted By:
Little Dove Church

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator (633-9269)
Elder Carl Back, Assistant Moderator (633-4344)
Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk (633-0357)
Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Clerk (633-0275)
Elder Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk (251-3278)



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 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Association.
2. From Hindman, Kentucky, leave Ky. 80 on Ky. 160 south about ten miles to Ky. 15; turn right, follow 15 about four miles to Sassafras; follow signs as in No. 1.
3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow Ky. 15 west to Sassafras about twenty 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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MINUTES of the EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION of OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1982
AND THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 3, 1982, and the two following days. Being hosted by the Little Dove Church, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. After uniting our voices in singing some of Zion's hymns, Elder Dwight Amburgey introduced the service and led in prayer.

After prayer had been rendered Elder Bill Moore, who had been chosen by the delegates of the 1981 session to preach the Introductory Sermon of this 1982 session, came to the pulpit and preached a heart-warming sermon.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, who made a few remarks to the delegates and called on Elder Hiram Adkins to come to the pulpit. Elder Adkins rendered a heart-warming sermon. After a song, Elder Grover Adkins led in prayer.

The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator, who called for the letters of our several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. A motion was made, seconded, and passed with no objection, to read the letter of the Little Dove Church. The letter was read by the clerk. By a move and second, with no objection, it was received, along with all other church letters, as they were in usual form; the delegates were seated, and all requests and queries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

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

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator
Elder Carl Back, Assistant Moderator
Bro. Glenn Hampton, Clerk
Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Clerk
Elder Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches who desired fellowship and none responded.

4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for and a letter from the Bethany Church of West Virginia was presented. There was a move and second with no objection to refer the letter to the Committee on Arrangements.

5. By a move and second with no objection the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Constitution and the Rules of Decorum were omitted, but they are to be printed in our minutes.

6. The Moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order. The following responded with letters, delegates and files of minutes:

A. New Salem: Lenford Adkins, Arthur Hamilton, Troy Hall, C. Edd Kidd, Banner Manns, Melvin Slone, Sam Lewis, Woodrow Dye, C.B. Smith, Kermit Newsome, Lonnie West, Estill Slone, Jimmy Hall, Don Parker, Grover Adkins, Dexter Dixon.

B. Union: Frank Newsome, Auty McClanahan, James Hall, Andy Bates, Allan Thacker, John Layne, Hufford Coleman, Rans Clevenger, Perry Layne, Herman West, Hezekiah Osborne, Ernest Perrigan, Jesse Bryant, Powers Caudill, Ezra Stiltner, Bill Shortridge.

C. Northern New Salem: Bill Ison, Lawrence Day, Clarence Jenkins, Aster Eldridge, Albert Osborne, Baxter Osborne, C.W. Turner, Birchel Short, Elmer Adams, Carlos Little, Troy Beverly, Herman Thompson, Danny Adams, Roy Caudill, Hillard Profitt, Charles Craft, Hollie Warren.

7. The Moderator called for transient members and ministers of our same faith and order and Ted Everidge and Toby Breeding responded.

8. By a move and second with no objection the Moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.

9. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church, with the entire delegation from the Little Dove Church to arrange for preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

10. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements to be the same as the Committee on Ministry with the exception that the Little Dove Church should have only one delegate together with the Association Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerks, transients and the entire delegation from the corresponding Associations to meet Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to arrange business for Saturday.

11. By a move and second with no objection it was agreed to correspond with the following Associations: New Salem, Union and Northern New Salem, and the clerk was directed to prepare

letters to the same.

12. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services: For Friday Afternoon - Woodrow Dye and John Layne. For Saturday Morning - Tennis Sturgill, Grover Adkins and Paul McClanahan.

13. By a move and second with no objection the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. The session was introduced by Elder Woodrow Dye, who was well blessed. Prayer was rendered by Eld. Jimmy Dye; Eld. John Layne preached a wonderful sermon, after which the Committee arranged the work for Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1982

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing some of Zion's songs to the glory of God, the Moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett, called on Elder Coy Combs from the New Salem Association to introduce and Elder Roy Caudill from the Northern New Salem Association to lead in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was made. The work was approved by a move and second with no objection and the Committee was discharged.

3. The ministers chosen to preach on the stand were excused to go to the Congregational Department of our Association Building.

4. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to wit: Merle Smith, Homer Smith and Crittie Stewart, who reported a total sum of \$2315.00 collected from the churches. By a move and second with no objection the report was received and the committee discharged.

5. By a move and second with no objection the minutes of this session of the Association were ordered to be printed. By the same motion the clerk was to be Secretary/Treasurer; he was to have 3000 copies of the minutes printed, and he was to be paid \$50.00 for his services.

6. By a move and second with no objection the dates of the Union, Communion and Memorial Services were to be printed in our minutes.

7. Elder Nelson Seals, chosen to write the circular letter for this session did not write a letter. By a move and second without any objection the letter written by the late Elder Olus Baldrige and printed in the 1973 minutes was read and ordered to be reprinted this year. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Marcus Combs to

write a circular letter for next year.

8. The Committee on Ministry being the same as on Friday arranged the preaching service for Sunday: For Sunday Morning - Carlos Little, Baxter Osborne, Dallas Ramsey, Frank Newsome.

9. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Ellis Banks to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1982 session of our Association and chose Elder Jim Fields to be his alternate.

10. By a move and second with no objection obituaries are to be printed in the minutes together with pictures with a fee of \$10.00 included for printing of pictures.

11. The Treasurer gave his report which was received by a move and second with no objection. The report was as follows:

Balance on hand 9/5/81	\$1213.91
Received from churches	2205.00
Received for printing pictures	150.00
Total in Treasury	3568.91
Paid out for printing minutes	1500.00
Clerk's fee.....	50.00
Total paid out (1981-1982)	1550.00
BALANCE ON HAND 9/4/82.....	\$2018.91

12. Letters prepared to our corresponding Associations were read and approved by a move and second with no objection.

A. New Salem: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1983 at Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky at their Association Building. Delegates to attend: Elwood Cornett, Lester Short, John Preece, Oliver Mullins, Merle Smith, Willie Eldridge, Clark Hayes, Harry Moore, Lee Mosley, Arnold Thacker, Birtchell Mosley, Chester Gibson, Ollie Mullins, Squire Watts, Johnnie Walters, Freddie Watts, Bill Moore, Homer Smith, Manus Ison, Ivan Amburgey, McKinley McIntosh, Donnie Jent, Jim Fields, Morris Shepherd, Glenn Hampton.

B. Union: To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1982, at the Ash Camp Church, Ash Camp, Kentucky. Delegates to attend: Lester Short, Elwood Cornett, Merle Smith, Willie Eldridge, J. McCool, Oliver Mullins, Chester Gibson, Squire Watts, Ivan Amburgey, McKinley McIntosh, Manus Ison, Bill Dixon, Jim Fields, Morris Shepherd, Glenn Hampton, Clark Hayes, Green Fields.

C. Northern New Salem: To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1983 at Plymouth, Ohio, at the Little Rebecca Church. Delegates to attend; Elwood Cornett, Glenn

Hampton, Morris Shepherd, Jim Fields, Merle Smith, Willie Eldridge, Squire Watts, Ivan Amburgey.

13. The ministers were called upon to make reports on their attendance at Union Meetings and Associations. They gave their reports, apologized for their failures and asked to be forgiven for their short-comings. By a move and second with no objection their reports were received and they were forgiven for their short-comings.

14. The Committee on Council was called on to make its report. It reported that no business was conducted. By a move and second without objection their report was received.

15. The request from the Cedar Grove Church was as follows:

4th Saturday July, 1982

We, the Cedar Grove Church met on the above date and after songs of Zion were sung and an introduction and prayer was made Elder Elwood Cornett came forth and seated the church.

After being found in love and fellowship a move and second was made to send a request to our beloved association asking for permission to host the 1983 session of our association.

Beloved Delegates of our sister churches, we the Cedar Grove Church, along with our sister church, the Defeated Creek Church, want to co-host the Association. We would consider it a great honor to be allowed to host the 1983 session of our grand old Association. Brothers, we truly want this opportunity to serve our precious Brothers and Sisters. We love our Association and want to help in any way we can. May God keep you in the bounds of His love.

Eld. Elwood Cornett, Moderator
Bro. Venson Whitaker, Clerk

16. The request from the Defeated Creek Church was as follows: To the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists:

We, the Defeated Creek Church, met at our last regular meeting time (2nd Saturday in August, 1982) and were found to be in love and fellowship. It was moved and seconded to write the Association a letter requesting to help host the Association for 1983.

Done and signed by Order of Church
Eld. Elwood Cornett, Moderator
Bro. Atlas Frazier, Clerk

The action on the requests from the Cedar Grove Church and the Defeated Creek Church was as follows: By move and second with no objection their requests to host the 1983 session were granted.

17. The Statement of Explanation from the Ivy Point Church was as follows:

Dear Brethren:

We apologize for the error in the last year's minutes concerning

our total membership. Records showed 39 members. Our total membership is 27. Thank you.

Elder Chester Gibson, Clerk

The statement of explanation from the Poor Fork Church was as follows:

To the 1982 session of the Indian Bottom Association:

We, the Poor Fork Regular Baptist Church, met in regular session July 3, 1982. A motion was made and seconded without any objection to send the following explanation of our membership total to the 1982 session of our Association. The Poor Fork Church has completed an audit of its members and as a result of that audit we have determined that our actual membership total is 30. Please accept and publish the revised total.

Elder Jim Fields, Moderator

Elder Dwight Amburgey, Asst. Moderator

Brother Joe Ison, Clerk

A motion was made and seconded without any objection to receive the Ivy Point Church explanation and the Poor Fork Church explanation concerning their revised membership totals.

18. The moderator appointed the same people to serve on Council Committee for the coming year as was on the Council Committee the past year. Those are: Elder I.D. Back, Elder Dwight Amburgey, Elder Morris Shepherd, Bro. Birchell Mosley, Bro. Lester Short, Bro. E. Robert Miller, Bro. Ellis Adams.

19. Bro. Glen Hampton, treasurer of the Board of Trustees, filed his report. The report was approved by move and second without any objection.

20. Our moderator felt that it would be profitable to advise our churches not to veer too far to the right nor too far to the left, but to stay in the middle of the road. Upon his advice the following order was passed by a move and second without objections. The order is as follows:

To advise the churches to have their moderators to instruct their members concerning what is proper for church members.

21. There was a move and second without objection to write a resolution of thanks to the Little Dove church for hosting the eighty-seventh session of our Association.

22. The minutes were read and approved by a move and second without any objection.

23. There being no further business to come before this session of our Association, a move and second was made without any objection to adjourn until our next Association convenes at the Association Building, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1983 and the two following days.

Elder I.D. Back made some closing remarks and dismissed in

prayer.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator

Elder Carl Back, Asst. Moderator

Bro. Glen Hampton, Clerk

Elder Jim Fields, Asst. Clerk

Elder Morris Shepherd, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1982

A large and orderly crowd eagerly began to assemble in our Association Building. Many joyful voices were tuned with the Spirit of Christ in singing praises to our Lord and Savior. After many beautiful songs of Zion were sung, the welcome was given by our beloved moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett. Elder Cornett read the Twenty-third Psalm, then called upon Elder Carlos Little to open the services. Elder Little read the Twenty-fourth Psalm. He made some wonderful remarks and suggested that we let the Lord be our shield and guide. He prayed a beautiful prayer. Elder Baxter Osborne followed. He was well blessed in expounding the mysteries of God. Many spirits caught the fire which was manifested by shouts of "Victory" during his discourse. Brother John Preece followed and preached a good repentance sermon. His text was, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Many shouts of joy were heard during his preaching. Elder Manus came forth with some words of wisdom. He advised the congregation to treasure up what they had heard and to seek the Lord while he might be found. He extended the privilege for reception of members, but none responded.

There was great love shown by the brothers and sisters as they sang a parting hymn. Amid shouts of joy and much rejoicing the eighty-seventh annual session of our beloved association came to an end.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The eighty-seventh session of the Indian Bottom Association was well hosted by the Little Dove Church. We, the delegates and officers, wish to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you," for a job well done. For your hours of cooking, serving, cleaning, and your pleasant smile to each one whom you came in contact with, may God bless you fourfold. Your untiring efforts to do a good job were written on each face. The food was delicious; the service was wonderful; and the pleasant smiles and friendly handshakes were heart-warming. You helped to make our Association a success.

We close this resolution with a prayer that God will bless you according to your needs and your deeds of service. Again we say, "Thank you."

CIRCULAR LETTER, 1982

Dear Brethren of the Indian Bottom Association:

Last year you chose me to try to write a circular letter for your inspection at our next session. Now a year has passed by and it's only four days until we meet; a year for me marked with much suffering and sorrow as you can see nearly half my mortal body is gone. But there have been a great many rewards in meeting with you my brothers, sisters and friends in many places where I have been permitted to go, and your unfeigned love and kindness that has been manifested to me, which I can never repay if I should live many years, and your prayers that you prayed in my behalf which God heard and answered. For Jesus said, "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive."

Paul said that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

I could mention a few of old time from righteous Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sara, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gedion, Barak, Sampson, Jephtha, David and Samuel and the prophets, and what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of the men and women of old time too many to remember with my feeble mind, who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought right, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fires, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection and others had trial of cruel mocking and scourging, yea moreover of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, sewn asunder, tempted, slain with the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), they wandered in deserts, and in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth.

And these all having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise, God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

And speaking of the provisions that God has made, we read that a woman of old time told David that we must need to die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again;

neither doth God respect any person: yet doth devise means that his banished be not expelled from him.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For we all know that Adam broke God's commandment and sold us under sin, so the wages of sin is death and there is no escape from this grim monster, all the suffering, sadness, heartache, tears, disappointments, temptations, wars and everything that brings trouble to the race of man. But thanks to God that he provided a way, a way that the prophets desired to look into. For Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth, and the light. And if any enter by me he shall be saved."

And speaking of promises, Jesus said the hour was coming when all that were in their graves would hear the voice of the Son of God and would come forth; they that had done good, unto the resurrection of life, and those who had done evil, unto everlasting punishment.

He came and did whatsoever the Father wanted, died on the cross, shed his blood so that whosoever would, could be saved, was put in the tomb, and on the third day rose from the dead. And I might say that many of the saints that slept rose after his resurrection, and furthermore that they are the first fruits unto God and the Son, and are with Him in Heaven and are singing a new song, with immortal bodies, glorified bodies having been redeemed from the earth.

He is coming back again as Paul says for, "I would not have you to be ignorant, Brethren, concerning them that are asleep, that you sorrow not even as others that have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."

There are many things I could say on this subject but time and space do not permit, so I say farewell, and may God bless all of you.

Your unworthy brother in hope of a glorious resurrection in Christ.

Elder Olus Baldridge

UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL MEETINGS

4th MARCH 1983 ^U ^C march - July

LITTLE ZION: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: Bro. John Preece, Elder Clark Hayes, Bill Halcomb, Bro. Lewis Craft, Elder Chester Gibson, Dwight Amburgey. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June. Ministers called: Jim Fields, Bill Moore, Dwight Amburgey, Virgil Combs and Elwood Cornett.

2nd APRIL 1983 ^U ^C April - June

ROSE OF SHARON: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elder Toby Breeding, Elis Banks, Dwight Amburgey, Bro. Virgil Combs. Communion: second Sunday in June. Memorial: second Sunday in July.

BLAIR BRANCH: Union meeting third Saturday night and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elder Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Manus Ison, Clifton Hampton, I.D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, Fess Blair, Bro. John Preece. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial: third Sunday in June. I.D. Back, Ellis Adams, Fess Blair, John Preece, Agnon Back and Charlie Gibson.

NORTHERN NEW HOME: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elder Ivan Amburgey, Gene Greer, Larry Hankins, Ronald Scott, John Preece, Marcus Combs, Jasper Fields, I.D. Back, Bob Haney, Clay Wilson, Tennis Sturgill, Keith Slone, Stoney Blackburn, Dwight Amburgey and Steve Borders. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June. Communion: fourth Sunday in August.

MAY 1983 ^U ^C may - July

POOR FORK: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elder Fess Blair, Brother Clarence Dixon, Brother Charles Shepherd, Brother Ted Everage, Elder Ivan Amburgey, Elder Jim Fields. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elder Elwood Cornett, Elder Edward Sumpter, Elder I.D. Back, Elder Dwight Amburgey, Brother John Preece, Elder Bill Moore.

LYDIA: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: John Preece, Elder Dwight Amburgey, Ivan J. Amburgey. Communion meeting: first Sunday in June.

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MT. OLIVET: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Eld. Jim Fields, Eld. Melvin Watts, Eld. Clifton Hampton, Bro. Virgil Combs, Danny Dixon, Ellis Adams. Communion: first Sunday in August. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in July.

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LITTLE DOVE: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elder Baxter Osborne, Ermel Ison, Frank Newsome, Fess Blair, our moderator. Communion: second Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: second Sunday in June.

REYNOLDS FORK: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elder Elwood Cornett, Bro. John Preece, Elder Jimmy Dye, Elder Ellis Amburgey, Elder Charles Craft, Elder Ivan J. Amburgey, Elder Jim Fields, and moderator, Bro. Lewis Craft, Elder Clark Hays. Communion: third Sunday in June. Memorial: third Saturday and Sunday in July. All ministers welcome.

BULL CREEK: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Bro. Wayne Caudill, Elder Milburn Stone, Elder Fess Blair, our moderator, Elder Junior Damron, Elder Jimmy Fields, Bro. Ollie Mullins. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in July on cemetery. Deceased members - third Sunday in June at church house.

CEDAR GROVE: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elder Paul McClannahan, Elder Robert Haney, Elder Baxter Osborne, Elder Frank Newsome. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Memorial meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

JUNE 1983

KINGDOM COME: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: James McCool, Ellis Adams, Elder Fess Blair, Bro. Virgil Combs, Bro. Clarence Dixon, Elder Clark Hayes, Elder Bill Moore. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Sunday in May. All preaching brethren invited in the same faith and order.

HAPPY HOME: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Elwood Cornett, Elder Hezikah Osborne, Elder Carl Back, Elder Bill Hall, Estill Everage, Willie Vernon Slone, Virgil Combs, B.B. Stevens. Communion: first Saturday and Sunday in July 1983. Memorial meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in August.

AUGUST 1983

CLEAR FORK: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Ellis Banks, Elder Chester Gibson, Elder Estill Slone, Elder Bill Moore, Brother Clarence Dixon. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Sunday in October.

NEW HOME: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Alonzo Mosley, Bro. Harlas Watts, Bro. Clarence Dixon, Elder Toby Breeding, Bro. Lewis Craft, Elder Bill Moore, Elder Chester Gibson. Communion: second Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: second Sunday in October.

NEW BETHLEHEM: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Roy Caudill, Elder Junior Mosley, Elder I.D. Back and Bro. Wayne Turner. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Saturday and Sunday in September.

DIXON MEMORIAL: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bro. Danny Dixon, Oscar Halcomb, *Elder James D. Fields, Elder Toby Breeding, Arthur Jent, Virgil Combs, Elder Clark Hays. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in September.

BIG COWAN: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Elder I.D. Back, Bro. Danny Dixon, Elder Jim Fields, Elder Ellis Banks, Bro. Virgil Combs. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in September. Ministers called: Elder Fess Blair, Elder Elwood Cornett and Brother John Preece.

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IVY POINT: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bro. Lewis Craft, Elder Bill Tackett, Elder Bill Moore, Bro. John Preece, Elder Dewey Sexton, Elder Charlie Gibson. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

TOLSON CREEK: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Brother Agnon Back, Virgil Combs, Elder Dwight Amburgey, Bro. Clarence Dixon, Squire Watts, Elder Jim Fields, Elder Chester Gibson, Elder Clark Hays. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

BIG CREEK: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bro. John Preece, Elder I.D. Back, Elder Jim Fields, Elder Ivan Amburgey, Bro. Clarence Dixon and Elder Elwood Cornett. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

DEFEATED CREEK: Union and Communion meeting second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elder Fess Blair, Bro. Clarence Dixon, Elder I.D. Back, Elder Ellis Banks, Bro. John Preece. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in July.

HURRICANE GAP: Union and communion meeting third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elder Danny Adams, Bro. Clarence Dixon, Elder Powers Caudill, Bro. John Preece, Elder Bill Halcomb, Elder Toby Breeding and Elder Jim Fields. Memorial meeting: third Sunday in October.

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Obituaries

ELDER WESLEY RALEIGH



Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. So it is with Brother Wesley.

Wesley Raleigh was born November 11, 1923 and departed this life on November 10, 1981, making his stay here on earth 57 years, 11 months and 29 days. He was the son of the late David Raleigh and Elsie Raleigh Slone. One sister and his only brother preceded him in death.

On January 12, 1944, Wesley married Nora Day. To this union was born one daughter, Sweila, whom he loved and

cherished with all his heart. Sweila, he was always so proud of you.

Wesley was a hard-working man. He worked as a machine operator at Blue Diamond Coal Co. until poor health forced him to retire. He wanted his companion and daughter to have the better things in life so he worked many days when he was physically unable to go.

Wesley was sick for many years and very sick the last few years. He bore his afflictions without complaint. Even in the jaws of death he would say that the Lord had been so good to him. When he hardly had breath to live, he would clap his feeble hands and praise the Lord.

On the third Sunday in April, 1960, he was baptized into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church. About two years later he made his first public offering to preach the gospel. On the third Saturday night in May, 1968, he was ordained to the ministry. This office he served faithfully and well as long as he was able to go, and many times when he was not able to go.

Wesley leaves to mourn his untimely passing, his devoted wife, Nora; his loving daughter, Sweila; his son-in-law, Jerry Coots; two sweet grandchildren, Greg and Scarlett; his broken-hearted mother, Elsie Slone; two sisters, Hazel Duncan and Sally Belle Lowe; many other relatives and a host of friends.

Wesley never had a castle to live in. He never saw his name on an office door, but he had a Heavenly father who owned the cattle of a thousand hills, and who gave him a mansion in Heaven.

Wesley was a good man. He fought a good fight; he kept the faith. Now he has gone to receive his reward. His suffering is over, no more pain, no more smothering, no more tears. He can shout and sing with the angels while Eternal Ages roll on. He preached about Heaven; he sang about Heaven; and he talked about Heaven. Now he has gone to Heaven to await the Glorious Resurrection when all the saints of God will be reunited to praise God forever and forever.

I am sure that if Wesley could speak to us today that he would say, "Don't weep for me, for I'm happy with the Lord. Just meet me in the sweet by and by."

Victorious was his fall, for he rose as he fell,
With Jesus his Master in glory to dwell.
He has passed over the stream and has reached the bright coast,
For he fell like a martyr, he died at his post.

God bless the memory of this my brother and friend.

Glenn Hampton

VERTA B. STAMPER



With precious memories we will try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Verta Stamper. She was born January 7, 1902, and passed away September 26, 1981, making her stay here on earth 79 years, 8 months and 19 days.

She was the daughter of Wiley B. Smith and Nancy Pigman Smith. She was married to Hiram H. Stamper and to this union were born three daughters.

Her mother and father, husband, and six brothers and sisters preceded her in death. Survivors are: three daughters - Jewell Combs, Fairborn, Ohio; Jeanette Stamper, Sassafras, Kentucky; Nancy Am-

burgey, Medway, Ohio; three brothers - Oliver Smith, John Smith, Glen Smith; two sisters - Ola Stamper, Dale Combs; three grandchildren - Judy, Kathy and Lisa; one great-grandchild, Charles Frederick, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Verta's health had been failing her for about eighteen months. She bore her sickness with much patience and hardly ever a complaint. On one of her visits to the hospital she was clearly heard saying that she loved everyone.

She believed in God and His son, Jesus Christ. Whenever she could, she would persuade people to get right with God while they had time and chance. She belonged to the Little Dove Church of Old Regular Baptist. She loved to go to church and she loved her brothers and sisters and friends of the old church. She will be missed by us all and we believe she has paid her final debt and is at rest with the Lamb of God.

Written by the family

LUSETTA CAUDILL SHEPHERD



Lusetta Caudill Shepherd was born February 19, 1901 and died July 10, 1982. Services for Lusetta Shepherd were held at Charlestown on Sunday, July 11, 1982, at 8:00 p.m. with Brother Clyde Shepherd officiating. Interment followed at Edlie Cornett Cemetery, Cornettsville, Kentucky. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ADRION WILLIAMS



It is with the saddest of feelings that I will try to write the obituary of my Daddy, Adrion Williams. He was born October 1, 1913 and met his death on November 29, 1981. He was the son of Sylvania and Harrison Williams. He married Sintha Terry Williams on April 18, 1938. They were married 43 years before he met his death. To this union were born eight children, five girls and two boys.

Left to mourn him are his wife, Sintha Williams, and all eight of the children. He also has two brothers and two sisters, 24 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A host of relatives and friends are also left to mourn.

He was loved by all who knew him. He didn't belong to any church, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. He was a believer in the Old Regular Baptist faith and order. He attended church as often as he could and he loved for the brothers and sisters to come to his home and have meeting for him.

I hope and pray he is in the hands of God. I hope and pray that someday I will see my daddy in heaven.

I want to say to his children, if you want to see Daddy again, you must repent of your sins.

Written by his brother and daughter,
Silas Williams and Mixine Ritchie

LOVING MEMORIES

Your gentle face and pleasant 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 one,
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 face,
No one can ever fill your vacant place.

STACY ISON



With much sadness we will try, by the help of God, to write a short sketch of a dear sister, Stacy Ison. She was born April 28, 1912 into the home of Wesley and Sarah Sturges-Ison. She was born with a birth defect. Her body grew into womanhood, but her mind stayed as a child. She never knew what life was all about.

She knew no wrong and she never committed any sin. She loved nice things in life. On December 31, 1980, about the hour of 8:00 in the morning, God saw fit to call her home. She departed in ease, making her stay on earth 68 years, 7 months and 3 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing three sisters - Della of Austin, Indiana, Sylvia of Lexington, Indiana and Okra Maggard of London, Kentucky; and one brother, Wurlury Ison of Cumberland, Kentucky.

She was born and raised in Letcher County, Kentucky. In 1955 she came to Indiana and made her home with her older sister and brother-in-law for about twelve years. She spent the remainder of her life in the nursing home in Scottsburg, Indiana.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Written by her sister and brother-in-law, Sylvia and Venon Miller

RUBY PRATER RITCHIE



I feel very sad and lonely as I write about the best and sweetest mother anyone will ever have.

Ruby Prater Ritchie was born December 27, 1919 and departed this life April 4, 1981, her age being 61 years, 3 months and 7 days. She married Estile Ritchie, a boy she was raised up with in their early life. Unto their union were born ten children. One son, Eugene Ritchie, preceded her in death. He had a fatal heart attack the last of August, 1980. Our mom was never well after that.

Her children left behind are Aaron Ritchie, Rome City, Indiana, Emma Lou Stidham, Wolcottville, Indiana, Glenna Johnston, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Junior Lee Ritchie and Billy Joe Ritchie, Rome City, Indiana, Jimmy Ritchie, La-grange, Indiana, Brend Ritchie, Rome City, Indiana, Beverly Ann Dunlap, Le-gonrie, Indiana, and Floyd Ritchie, Emmalena, Kentucky. Also left is her husband, Estile of Rome City, Indiana.

My heart will always ache when I think that I'll never again see her or hear

her sweet voice again. I know all the other children feel the same. She leaves behind her husband, nine children, three brothers, three sisters, eighteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to weep for their loss. Mom was always a worrier. She always wanted to know where her children were at all times, she worried too much over them. Mom didn't belong to any church, but she always wanted to go to the Old Regular Baptist. Two weeks before she died she called for all her children to come to the hospital room and told them not to worry over her, that she was all right. She sent word for all her brothers and sisters to be good. I feel she is all right because she suffered so much.

We, her children, want to thank Junior Mosley and Ellis Amburgy for going to Kentucky with us; they are always invited to take a part in her memorial on Big Branch of Ball at the Patrick Cemetery.

Memories are treasures that no one can steal
Death is a heartache that no one can heal
Tears may dry and fade away
But in our heart Mom, you will always stay.

The Golden Gate stood open
God saw you needed rest
His garden must be beautiful
For He always picks the best.

Written by Myrtle Ritchie for the family of Ruby Ritchie

ALLIE BALDRIDGE



It is with much sorrow I will try to write, by the help of God, the obituary of my wonderful mother-in-law, Allie Baldridge. Allie was the daughter of Nathan Maggard and Elizabeth Pratt Maggard. She was born March 1, 1894 at Leburn, Kentucky, in Knott County. She passed from this life September 20, 1981 at the McDowell Hospital. Her stay here on earth was 87 years, 6 months and 19 days.

At an early age she was married to Charlie Baldridge. To this union were born eight children. Her husband and seven children preceded her in death. Left to mourn their loss are: one daughter, Joyce

Harrison, of Louisville, Kentucky, seventeen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Many friends and relatives will miss her.

At the age of 17, Allie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at New Home. She lived a Christian life, and went to church as long as she was able. When she got disabled due to a broken hip, she couldn't walk but wanted to go to church. We would take her and pack her into church in a chair. She would say, "I don't want to be any trouble." She was never trouble, it was always a pleasure to help

her in any way we could.

Allie was a good mother, and a friend to all that knew her. Her doors were always open. Her brother and sisters would go and visit her, and sing and hold prayer. She would always say, "I am so glad they could come."

She was a mother to me for forty-five years. She always gave her children good advice. I felt I was one of them, because she treated me so. She was sick for many years with a heart condition, but bore her sickness with patience. I have rushed her to the hospital so many times, not expecting her to live until we got there. But that powerful hand would reach down and lift her up and let her come back to be with us a little longer.

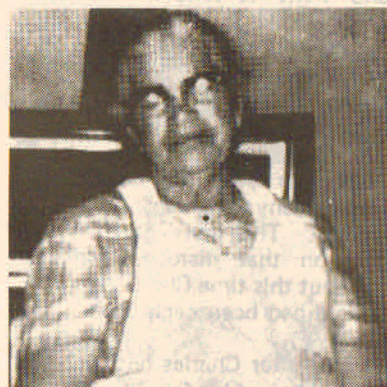
On Saturday, September 19, 1981, she was in I.C.U. at McDowell. There were times she didn't recognize who was there. Her daughter was there, she came out and said, "Mamaw has woke up, and is asking for you." I went in and said, "Mamaw, are you feeling better?" She said, "Yes, I feel better, I believe I am going to live." I said, in my heart knowing it was a short time, "Yes, Mamaw, you will live again." Those were the last words I heard her say, she went in a coma. She suffered a lot the last months here. I have heard her say so many times, "I wish the good Lord would come and take me home where my suffering will be over."

On Sunday, September 20, 1981 at 12 o'clock, the good Lord reached down with those loving hands and took her on that journey home. I feel she is resting around that throne of God, with all her loved one that have gone on. We miss her so much. I feel in my heart I will see her again where there will be no hospitals, heart trouble, or pacemakers to make the old tired heart beat.

To all her family that have not made peace, now is the time, go to the same God Mamaw went to, and you can see her again. Those little frail arms that have reached for us so many times won't be frail any more. There is a place where there is joy and peace, no troubles, sorrows or pain can enter there.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Deletha Baldridge

LIZZIE R. SEXTON



By the request of the family I will try to write a short obituary of Lizzie R. Sexton. She was the daughter of Polly and Granville Riddle. She was born July 30, 1902 and departed this life April 21, 1982, making her stay here 79 years and 3 months and 21 days.

In the year of 1923 she was united in marriage to Howard Sexton, and to this union were born 9 children, 5 boys and 3 girls. One preceded her in death, Rence Sexton of Indiana, leaving Doris Brown, Margaret Combs, both of Indiana, and Rosetta Dumm of Illinois. The boys are Roy, of Indiana, James and Charles of

Ohio, and Coleman of Hallie and Homer of Slomp.

Lizzie was a member of Cedar Grove Church for 27 years. She left good news for her family before she passed away. She said she had made peace

with the good Lord and she was ready to go when He called for her. We now believe she has left all sorrow behind and entered in a world of peace.

She leaves her children, two sisters, twenty-two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her leaving.

Written by: grandson, Carl Brown and daughter, Doris Brown

CHARLES R. PIGMAN

When I am through with this old clay house of mine
 When no more guide lights through the windows shine
 Just box it up and lay it away with the other clay houses of yesterday,
 And with it my friends just try if you can to bury the wrongs since
 first I began to live in this house.
 To bury them deep and forget I want to feel free and out of debt
 When I meet the grand architect Supreme face to face I want to be
 free and clean.
 I know my dear friends it is too late to mend a bad built house when you
 come to the end.
 But to you who are building and still on the line
 Make your alterations while yet there is time.
 You ask what material is best to select
 T'was told long ago by the grand architect.
 A new commandment I give unto you,
 That you love one another as I have loved you.
 So the very best material to send up above is the clear, straight timber
 of brotherly love.



Charles R. Pigman, son of Garland Pigman and Dessie Seales Pigman, was born November 30, 1933 at Bath, Kentucky on Wolf Pen Creek.

Here in Knott County he grew to manhood and went to school. He also attended Eastern Kentucky University for his college work and he also spent some time serving his country.

Brother Charles has always been a hard-working man. Early in life he met and married Anna Couch and to this union were born Patty Portwood, Debbie Parker, Mike, Doug and Tanya Pigman, whom he loved very much. This marriage ended in a legal separation that disturbed Charles

greatly and caused him much grief and anguish. About this time Charles realized that life was not a full life, the welfare of his soul had been neglected, so he began to set his house in order.

After much pleading and begging for mercy, Brother Charles felt the pardoning power of God's dear Son, and upon the profession of his faith in God, he offered his hand to become a member of the Little Dove Church on April 8, 1979 and was baptized May 13, 1979. His seat he filled with much humbleness and love toward all mankind until the end.

Later he met and was married to Elvie Combs on July 26, 1980, who gave Charles five step-children. They are: Donald Combs, Larry Dean Combs, Barbara Jean Hodges, Billy Rebel Combs and Brenda Faye Prater, who loved Charles as if he were their own father.

Then to those who loved him most, listen to the words of the poet:
 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.
 Let tears bedim 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 sameway.
 If I should be the first to go, I shall walk slowly Dear,
 For some day 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 at the gate until you enter there.
 Then hand in hand with all life's battles fought and won
 Together we shall find what lies beyond the setting Sun.

The Pale Horse and his rider claimed him July 29, 1982 leaving to mourn his passing: his mother, Dessie P. Amburgey; wife, Elvie Pigman; sons - Mike and Doug; stepsons - Donald Ray Combs, Larry Combs, Billy Combs; daughters - Patty Portwood, Debbie Parker, Tanya Pigman; step-daughters - Barbara Hodges and Brenda Prater; brother - Olis Pigman; sister - Wanda Caudill; three grandchildren, one step-granddaughter and a host of aunts, uncles and other relatives.

WILLIAM R. ADAMS



On January 27, 1905, William R. Adams (Bill) came into the world in a two-room log house at Isom, Kentucky, on Rock House Creek, in Letcher County, the son of loving parents, James and Sarah Back Adams. Bill was one of twelve children; Cindy, John P., Mary Ann, Julie, David, Charlie and Betty preceded him in death while Hattie, Steve, Fred, Herman and Kenneth, a nephew, who was like a brother, remain. Although James and Sarah were not highly educated, they surrounded their children with love, put food on the table, taught the values of honesty, hard work and helping their friends

and neighbors, and encouraged them to reach out for a better life.

Bill learned well from his early years at home, at Blair Branch School, at Doty Church, and as he roamed the hills, fished, hunted and played with his friends and brothers and sisters. All this was a vital part of growing up and setting direction for his life.

Bill moved beyond the familiar surroundings at home with "Pap" and "Maw," when he boarded a train for Hamilton, Ohio, in 1925 for a job with Estate Stove Company. Although the work was good, Bill wanted to further his education and serve the people of Eastern Kentucky, whom he loved so dearly. He returned to Eastern Normal School and trained to be a teacher. While at Eastern, Bill met Janey Wright of Crafts Colley in Letcher County. They were married July 23, 1928. For forty-two years they worked together to establish a home and raise a family. Janey died March 13, 1976.

Bill and Janey had three children: Lois, Douglas and James; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Following several years of teaching in Letcher County, Bill joined the Kentucky/West Virginia Power Company in Whitesburg and Hazard. He served his community as State Representative for two terms, 1948-1952, and participated in a variety of activities for the betterment of his fellowman, always extending a helping hand to those in need.

Bill's seventy-seven years were mostly filled with joy and success, but as sure as life exists, death must come. Bill departed this life at 8:12 a.m., January 22, 1982, to join Janey, Pap and Maw, David, Cindy, Charlie, John P., Mary Ann and Betty, and all the other friends who went before him. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Blair Branch, being accepted into the Church February 20, 1982. This was the church of his ancestors. His wife, Sister Janey, was a member of this church for many years before she departed this life. She had been baptized into the Doty Church in September, 1929, but brought her membership to Blair Branch Church after it was organized.

Although Bill will be missed by his family and friends and all those he touched, we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his children, James, Douglas and Lois

GRANVILLE HALL



With much sadness and by the request of his children, I undertake to write an obituary of my brother, Granville Hall.

Granville was born May 28, 1900 to Marion Holbrook and Sarah Eveline Hall. Both preceded him in death. In about 1921 Granville met and married Ritter Quillen and to this union were born ten children: Beatrice, M.C., Lou, Merv, C.B., Eurette, Ishmal, Ethyl, McKinley, Tillsman.

Granville was preceded in death by two sons, M.C. and Tillsman, and by his wife who died in March, 1963. One sister also preceded him in death, and one died August, 1982.

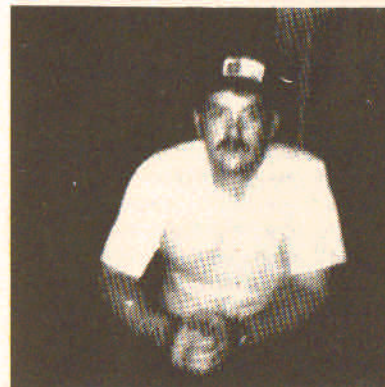
On July 13, 1963 Granville, who was a great believer in the Old Regular Baptist Church, joined the Rebecca Church at Hall, Kentucky, and was baptized. He loved to go to church and filled his seat as long as he was able.

Granville had been sick for a while and began to get worse the last weeks in July. On July 31, 1980 God called him to take his place in heaven and he answered.

Granville is survived by one brother and four sisters, eight children and thirty-seven grandchildren. Granville is loved and missed by all who knew him.

Written by his brother, Merdie Hall, and Granville's children

LEXTER BLAIR



Lexter Blair was born August 4, 1954, and entered eternal life February 27, 1982, being 27 years old.

Lexter Blair was the son of the late Bennie H. Blair and Bessie Watts Blair.

Lexter Blair was preceded in death by his first wife, Madonna Faye Blair in August of 1978. She was 21 years old at the time of her death. Madonna and Lexter Blair were married only five weeks at the time of her death. Lexter Blair remarried in November 1981, and left behind to mourn his second wife, Penny Faye Blair. Also left to mourn his passing are six brothers and three sisters, along with his mother, Bessie Blair, and lots of friends and relatives.

Life is a mystery to us all. We don't fully understand why so many things happen the way they do. But if we will put our trust and faith in the Lord and live for Him, someday we'll know the reason for many of our burdens we have to bear. There's a reason for everything that happens to us all. So, we must prepare for death now, because we were all born to die.

Written by Blair family

BETHEL CAMPBELL, SR.



Bethel Campbell, Sr., the son of Sim Campbell and Elizabeth Watts Campbell, was born September 11, 1914, making his stay on earth 67 years, four months and one day. He left this life January 12, 1982, at the Whitesburg Hospital.

He leaves to mourn his passing one sister, Susanna Campbell, Ulvah, Kentucky, one brother, Troy Campbell, of Versailles, Kentucky, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Bethel has served the Lord for years. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. He loved all of his neighbors, friends and loved ones.

He will be missed greatly by all.

Written by Mr. & Mrs. Bethel Campbell, Jr.

MINNIE ADAMS



We ask the Lord to bless us as, with much sadness in our hearts, we will try to write the obituary of our darling mother, Minnie Adams.

We feel that Jesus returned to our home on May 13, 1982 at 7:00 in the morning and called our beloved mother to heaven to rest.

She was a faithful member of the Blair Branch Church since August, 1947, and attended as long as her health would permit. She was a good, hard-working Christian mother, and she had her share of heartaches and pain, but she bore her suffering without complaining.

She was born November 20, 1982 at Jeremiah, Kentucky to the late Green and Sarah (Sis) Blair. She was married to John Craft in 1908. He preceded her in death in 1923. To this union were born three children. Two preceded her in death; one daughter from this marriage survives.

In the year 1924, January 9, she was united in marriage to Steve Adams. They were not blessed with any children, but Uncle Steve had a little daughter by a former marriage, whom she took, loved and cared for as her own. They had so much love in their hearts. They took two orphan nieces and loved and raised them as their own also. They always said she had four daughters, and she felt love and respect for each one. She loved us as though we were hers, and she wanted other people to think of us as theirs, not foster adopted.

We loved her, yes we loved her, but Jesus loved her more. He now has called her to Heaven's shining shore.

Survivors include one daughter, Artie Craft Adams of Ravensdale, Washington; one step-daughter, Ahma Adams Adler of Schererville, Indiana; and two foster adopted daughters, Gertrude Stamper Gish of Pequat Lakes, Minnesota and Mildred Stamper Adams of Jeremiah, Kentucky. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, 2 brothers - Rankin Blair of Jeremiah, Ky., and J.B. Caudill of Salem, Oregon; 3 sisters - Tina Ison of Jeremiah, Ky., Allie Breeding of Isom, and Nora Caudill of Winchester, Ky.; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

She will be missed by the brothers and sisters of the church, who respected and loved her.

Funeral services were held May 15, 1982 at the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church with the Rev. I.D. Back and Rev. Elwood Cornett officiating. Burial was in the Isom Cemetery. Letcher Funeral Home of Whitesburg had charge of funeral arrangements.

The daughters wish to thank Rev. Back and Rev. Cornett for their consoling words, and all that gave flowers and helped in any way. May God bless all.

Written by Minnie's daughters

I will not pass this way again
Lord, let me stop a while
To help someone on the way
And make somebody smile!

I will not pass this way again
Lord let me find the orphan
And give them food and show them love
And lead them to thy door!

I will not pass this way again
Lord, let me love and give
And do according to thy will
While on this earth I live
So my darling daughters there is one thing more I want to say,
Will you all try to meet Mother and Dad in Heaven someday.

Mom

VIRGINIA HAMILTON CAUDILL



Today we are grieving for one we loved so dearly has departed this life, but the angels in heaven are happy for another tired, weary Christian has winged her way home. She has crossed the river and reached the bright shore where she'll praise the good Lord while eternal ages roll on.

Virginia was the daughter of the late Arch and Susan Combs Hamilton. She was born February 28, 1916, making her sojourn here on earth 65 years, 6 months and 11 days.

Thirty-nine years ago Virginia met and married Ben Caudill. To this union were born three daughters: Brenda Brown, Gwendolyn Simpson and Nancy Oakes; and two sons: Larry Caudill and Tim Caudill, who is in the U.S. Army. She had a son, Bill Jack Dixon, who preceded her in death.

Virginia had been sick for a long time, and very sick for the last two or three years, being in the hospital much of the time. During her sickness she realized that life here is short and full of trouble; so she turned her affections on things eternal. The Lord heard her prayers and had mercy on her. In May, 1979, she was baptized into the fellowship of the Mt. Olivet Church, but her sickness made her unable to attend very much.

Virginia leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Ben Caudill; her three daughters, Brenda, Gwendolyn and Nancy; her two sons, Larry and Tim; eleven grandchildren; two sisters, Elizabeth Martin and Ina Rose Back and a host of other relations and friends.

To you, her family and friends, let me admonish you to make Virginia's

God your God, for He is a present help in a time of trouble. You are sad but she is comforted. You are grieving, but she is happy. If you could only visualize the beauties of that land, you would say, "Stay there, I'll meet you in the sweet by-and-by." Put your affections on things eternal for everything in this life must pass.

The community of Blackey has lost a good neighbor and citizen; the Mt. Olivet Church has lost a good sister; your children have lost a kind and loving mother, but heaven has gained another angel. During her years of sickness she was often heard singing "Nearer My God To Thee" and "Lord I'm Coming Home." I believe she is at home with the Lord.

Written by Glenn Hampton

BERTHA H. COMBS



The Lord called our wonderful mother, and sister-in-the-Lord, home as she slept in Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital about midnight October 10, 1981. She was so quiet and peaceful as she answered His call -- not even her roommate, nor her nurse, heard a sound.

Bertha had been sick for several weeks, and she indicated that her stay on earth was coming to an end, but she would eagerly say that heaven was her future home. Anyone and everyone who knew Sister Bertha had no doubt about that, as her daily life proved she was looking for a better life. Any conversation with her,

after a minute or two, was about the Lord, and how good He had been to her.

Bertha was born into the home of Wilburn and Elizabeth Cornett Hampton August 11, 1900 at Jeremiah, Kentucky in Letcher County. At the age of 16, she married Sam Combs of Knott County, and they had a happy life together until death called Sam from this earth to heaven September 23, 1946.

At the tender age of 17, Bertha felt the need of a Savior, so she repented and got forgiveness of her sins and joined the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church on the 3rd Saturday in April, 1918. She was a faithful member for 63 years, not letting the weather nor hardships prevent her from attending her church. Many times she would walk in the snow to church and find only one or two at the meeting, so they would sing and pray, and trod in the snow back home. The church was foremost in her life. She never got away from the old-time ways, and every church time found her preparing food to feed her company, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Her door was always open for visitors and everyone felt so welcome around her. When she became unable to attend church, she waited patiently for someone to stop and tell her about the church services and activities of the church, and when good news was brought to her, she would shout and rejoice. Even though she could not attend church, she would have her friends and family prepare food for anyone who might stop and eat at her table -- all were welcome.

Bertha was blessed with a large family that she reared to love and fear the

Lord, and to be honest and upright citizens. She was an excellent example for them to follow. Her first-born were a set of twins, Mary and Joseph; followed by another set of twins, Rebecca and Sarah. Then the following were born: Isiah, Paul, Virginia Lee, Martha and Ida Gay. She also reared four step-children, Claudia, Raymond, Nola and Watson. Joseph, Mary Combs Kincer and Virginia Lee Back preceded her in death.

Rebecca Combs Toby, Sarah Combs Donahue, Isiah, Paul, Martha Combs and Ida Gay Cody lost a good Christian mother, the community lost a thoughtful neighbor, the church lost a devoted sister, but heaven gained a jewel -- another flower to be added to the Flower Garden. All her sickness and worries have come to an end. She had endured an enormous amount of sickness in the last several months of her life, and she never ceased to worry and pray for the sinners -- always hoping that one little word would be spoken to soften the hearts of the lost. No doubt but what many of her words, and conversations, are lodged in hearts of her loved ones, and will cause them to move in the right direction in due time. Our prayer is that all her family will follow in her footsteps and meet her in her heavenly home.

Written by her family

ELDER CLARENCE FIELDS



I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband. He entered eternal life July 11, 1982. He was born March 27, 1909, to Wilson and Eliza Jane Hall Fields. He was 73 years, 3 months and 15 days old.

In 1929 he married Lucy Campbell, daughter of John and Teena Campbell. To this union were born seven children. One son, Franklin Delano, and one daughter, Marie, preceded him in death. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Lucy, and five children: Louise Williams of Georgia; J.W. Fields of Louisville; Steve Edward Fields of Oklahoma; Joy Worley and Forester Fields of North Carolina. Fourteen grand-

children and three great-grandchildren also survive. He had one brother living, Elder Green Fields, and six sisters: Nerva Caudill, Bertie Holland, Celia Caudill, Gracie Hollins, Mary Bowling and Rhoda Kristian. A host of nieces and nephews also survive.

In the spring of 1951 the Lord came to Clarence and showed him that he was lost and in danger of the flames of hell. He began to try to change his condition. He would steal away to the hills and try to pray. One evening in the fall he came home rejoicing and told me the Lord had forgiven him of his sins. From that time he went to church regularly. In February, 1952, he joined the Little Home Church. The first Sunday in March he was baptized by Elders Earl Howard and George Higgins. In a short time he got another burden. Again he prayed to the Lord. The Lord showed him he was to go preach His gospel. The first few years he had a hard time but kept trying to obey the Lord. He then went to the Little Bethlehem Church, where he was ordained to the

ministry. He was assistant moderator there for several years. He was moderator of James Memorial Church and had his fellowship there about 14 years. He was also assistant clerk of the Indian Bottom Association for about 7 years.

Clarence felt the Lord led him to the New Home Church where he was shown much love and appreciation. His brother, Green, then led in establishing a new church, the Rose of Sharon Church. Clarence felt like he was needed there and wanted to spend his last days in the church with his family.

He visited the sick. He loved to visit with brothers in the church and talk about the Lord. He had no enemies that I know of. He always wanted peace in the churches and strived for that.

His last 14 years he was in bad health and got worse as the years went by. But he went to church when he was able and several times when he wasn't able. He missed going to church toward the end. The brothers and sisters were so good to come and have church for him. He enjoyed that so much. He spent the last 8 weeks of his life in the hospital. He begged the Lord to take him home. I believe he is having a glorious time now.

He was a good father and always tried to teach his children right. Children, if you want to go where Daddy is, you have to pray to the same God he did. You must give Him your whole heart and life, just like Daddy preached for 30 years.

It is lonesome here without him. I am just waiting for the Lord to take me home, too.

With much sadness, his wife, Lucy Fields

JOANNA CAUDILL



With the help of the Lord, I will try to write this obituary of a loving little angel, Joanna Caudill.

Joanna was born July 15, 1970 at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, and passed from this life July 14, 1981, making her stay on earth one day short of eleven years.

She leaves to mourn her death her mother, Bertha Caudill; her father, Jimmy Caudill of Jeremiah, Kentucky; two brothers, Wade and Randy, both at home; one sister, Kathy, and one brother-in-law, Ward Whitetaker, and her special little nephew, Kelly. Also surviving are grandparents, Finley and Cora Everidge, and grandmother

Betty Caudill of Letcher, Kentucky, and a large number of relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

To know little Joanna was to love her. She was loved by all who knew her. In November of 1980 she was stricken down with cancer and spent most of her time in the hospital. She bore her sickness with patience.

I thank God I got to visit her at Louisville Hospital and Whitesburg Hospital. I grew to love her so much.

Jimmy and Bertha, I know you will miss little Joanna and you will have a lot of lonely days. But look up and trust in the Lord. If you haven't already

made peace with Him, please start now. Someday when this life here is over you can live with her again. Such as this little one is the kingdom of heaven made of. She is a little gem added to God's collection. Her suffering is over, her little tears all wiped away, never to suffer any more pain nor grief. Jimmy and Sis, we know how you must feel; we gave up one the same age as little Joanna, with the same dreadful disease. But thank God we feel we made it right with God and will live with Him and Joanna again. Since talking with you both and listening to you, I feel you are both praying. Please don't give up, keep praying for that better day.

Written by an uncle, Verlon Caudill

Since this letter was written, I have made arrangements to go and see Joanna in her new home.

Her mom, Bertha

ARLIE CAUDILL



Dear God help me. I need your help this morning to write this. I have written lots of obituaries of my friends, but this is the saddest one I have ever tried to write, as I sit here alone at my table this morning on June 24, 1982.

Arlie Caudill was born on July 1, 1905, and passed away on March 9, 1982, at about 20 minutes until 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, making him 76 years, 8 months and 8 days old. He was the son of Alamander and Sally Ison Caudill. He leaves to mourn his passing his companion, Nancy Ann Hawkins Caudill, and eleven children: Lee Caudill of Westland, Michigan; Emma Meade of Neon, Ky.; Grant Caudill of

Premium, Ky.; Bessie Jones of Detroit, Michigan; Essie Mullins of Dearborn Hgts., Michigan; (they are twin girls); Sallie Jones of Premium, Ky.; Boyd Caudill of Ankeny, Iowa; Paul Caudill of Taylor, Michigan; Thomas Caudill of Des Moines, Iowa; Hazel Back of Premium, Ky.; Sandra (Caudill) Caudill of Premium, Ky. Estill Caudill preceded him in death March 3, 1974 at the age of 46. An infant son named Lloyd also preceded him in death. Also surviving are 36 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and six sisters: Bonnie Hampton, Ola Cornett, Ada Dixon, Elsie Dixon, Drinda Cornett and Gladys Royce. He had lots of cousins and friends.

Arlie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1950, making him 32 years a strong believer in the Bible. He really read the Bible. He first joined the Big Cowan Church, and later went to the Little Rock Church to set up the Kingdom Come Church in the old school house across the river from where the new church house is now. We had our ups and downs in our church, but Arlie's life was in his church and he did his very best to hold it together. I have always been by his side to help in any way I could. We have been deacons about 30 years. He never got tired of working for the good of our church. No matter how cold the weather was, he always went to open the door on church time and

have the fire built and warm. Our daughter, Sallie, is the janitor of the church, but he would always go help her. He also took care of the graveyard where he now sleeps. So sleep on, honey, until that trumpet blows, then you will rise again, and we will all be together. He prayed he would live to see his children come into the church to live for the Lord. Our oldest son, Lee, and his wife are living for the Lord, and our daughter, Hazel, joined the Kingdom Come Church on the 6th day of February and was baptized on March 7, just two days before her daddy died. He would clap his hands and thank God his prayers were answered. They have moved our reunion to heaven where I am longing to go. I know you are waiting for me.

Daddy, although we saw you suffer here on earth, and tried to do everything we possibly could do to help you, we know you aren't suffering any more. Our homeplace is so lonely and we miss you so badly, but the best of it all, we know the good Lord is taking care of you now. Our highest hopes are to get to see you again someday in a prettier place than here on earth. We love you, Daddy.

Written by a broken-hearted wife and children

The sun won't go down in that city
For Jesus is the light.
There the flowers will be blooming forever
And the sun it won't ever go down.

Jesus picked a beautiful flower
When he called my Daddy home.
He'll be blooming over yonder
Where the sun won't ever go down.

VERLIN SLONE



Verlin Slone was born on January 29, 1916 at Branhams Creek, being the son of the late Farris and Mary Liz Reynolds. In early life he met and was married to Azana Short, who preceded him in death in 1979.

Unto this union were born eleven children. Two of them - Jackie and Mary Kathryn preceded them in death. Left to mourn the passing are six sons: John C., Tommy Ray, Talmadge, Arnold, Bordes and Ruby; three daughters: Minnie Perkins, Phyllis Knox and Lydia K. Mullins; three brothers: Olice, Johnny and Ivan; eight sisters: Opal, Lola, Dallas, Mildred Jean, Joann, Delna, Velma and Verdine Inis; 26 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Stanford and Carnell, and one sister, Goldia Cornett, preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church for many years.

Lewis F. Craft

BAZLE OWENS



Bazle Owens was born March 12, 1918, at Knott County, Kentucky. He died December 16, 1981, at the age of sixty-three. He was the son of Alva Owens and Matilda Owens.

He is survived by his wife, Edna L. Owens, five children and eight grandchildren. The children are: Helen Watson, Lexington, Ky.; Dortha Slone, Hindman, Ky.; Joesphine Stull, Lexington, Ky.; Dannie Ray Owens, Talcum, Ky.; Carolyn Kennedy, Illinois.

Bazle never joined any church. However, he believed in the old-fashioned Old Regular Baptist way. He attended the New Bethlehem Church regularly in his last

years. There, I believe with all my heart, he made peace with God.

I have often heard him say how pleased he would be to know that his children had made peace with God. I hope that if they haven't done so, they will before it is too late. I hope they meet their dad in heaven.

Written by a son-in-law, Carl Slone

WILLIE EDWARD HENSLEY



It is with much sadness that I take pen in hand to try and write a brief obituary of a dear, deceased friend, and to my belief, a brother in Christ. Willie Edward Hensley was born February 24, 1919 to Marion Ervin and Fanny Francis, who have preceded him in death.

In the year 1939 he was joined in matrimony to Dana Caudill Hensley. To this union were born three sons and one daughter. The sons are Clayton Morris of Louisville, Rayburn of Shepherdsville, Carl Edward, who preceded Willie in death; the daughter is Polly Eldridge of Mt. Washington, Ky.

He leaves to mourn their loss a brother, Hansford, of Virginia; sisters Ada Caudill of Jeremiah, Ky., Oma Tussing of Virginia, Vonda Sturgill of Virginia, twelve grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. A sister, Letha Tussing, a half-brother, Ross Sturgill, one grandchild and one great-grandchild preceded him in death.

I knew Willie for many years, and in those years I came to love and respect him deeply. He was an honest, hard-working man, a devoted husband and father. Having migrated to Kentucky and living in the eastern mountains for

many years, he and Dana moved to the Louisville area to be near their children. He had a love for the mountains and the people there which never dimmed, and he came back to visit as often as health permitted. He has now returned for the final time to rest on yonder hillside to await the coming of our Lord and Master. I believe dear Willie will meet Him in peace, for he told me of talking with Him in a vision by a crystal river that had no beginning and no ending. He never joined a church, but I am as satisfied as he seemed to be that he had made peace with God. So companion, sons and daughter, family and friends, press on and trust in the God of Heaven that Willie trusted in, and by his mercies we can meet again where there will be no death or sorrow, no crippled legs and shots in the arm each day. No more coal mines and black lung to cause us to smother. So long, dear Willie, until we meet again.

Written by one who will miss him so much, Squire H. Watts

JENNY SUE EDWARDS



Sister Jenny Edwards was born September 16, 1943 and passed from this life February 11, 1982.

Left to mourn her passing are one daughter, Mary Annette; three sisters, Evelyn Taylor, Arminda Ritchie and Phyllis Thornsberry, and a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Preceding her in death were a brother and sister and mother and father.

Sister Jenny had been sick for a very long time. But, during her sickness she found the need of a Savior. Sister Jenny called upon the name of the Lord and was born again. She joined the Little Dove

Church a few years ago and was a faithful member.

Through all her sickness and troubles she still went to church, even when she wasn't able. Her faith in the Lord never did falter. Sister Jenny loved everyone and everyone loved Jenny. She always had a special place in her heart for the ministers. Everyone that knew Sister Jenny loved her.

Sister Jenny laid her treasure beyond this vale of tears. Her home was always open to Jesus and her friends.

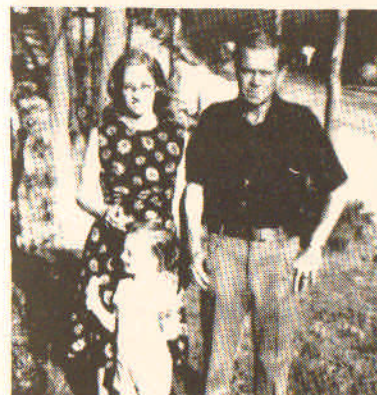
So all you who love Jesus and do His holy will, live like Sister Jenny and in Heaven you will dwell. He'll comfort and redeem you, and take you to the skies, and bid you live forever, where pleasure never dies.

We'll miss Sister Jenny, with that beautiful little smile. But weep not for Jenny, for she weeps no more. Let us all pick up the pieces and strive for that heavenly land where we'll live together in a heavenly blend.

May God bless us all.

Written by: Bro. Toby Breeding

D. Y. FIELDS



Papaw was the son of the late Bud and Eliza Fields. He was born at Ulvah, Kentucky, May 2, 1926 and entered eternal life at his home in Ulvah, Kentucky, on February 5, 1982. He is survived by his wife, Alma Fields, and their children, Donnie Fields of Independence, Ky.; Teresa Dixon of Ulvah, Ky.; and Pat Caudill of Isom, Ky. Also surviving him are three grandchildren, Kristi Dixon and Scott and Chad Fields.

We all miss Papaw a lot. Whenever we needed him, he was always there. When Daddy couldn't take me places, Papaw always would. I miss him a lot, and I love him even more than I miss him.

Written by a granddaughter, Kristi Dixon
(10 years old)

CLAUDIE MULLINS



With a broken heart I try to write the obituary of my devoted wife, Claudie Mullins. Claudie was the daughter of Watson and Millie Everage. She was born February 17, 1915 and deceased January 10, 1982 at the age of 66 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Early in life she married Valentine Mullins. Unto this union were born five children, Thomas, Cecil, Guy, Elmer and Lula. Three preceded her in death. She was such a good and devoted mother. Her life centered around her family and husband. Her hard work and strife only made her a more determined mother. Her remaining children, Elmer and Lula, were always at

her bedside trying to help with her pain and suffering. Surely no two children honored their father and mother more than they did.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Sandra and Billy Thomas, three brothers, Estill Everage of Amburgey, Ky.; Everett Everage of Louisville, Ky.; Berlin Everage of Brownstone, Indiana; three sisters, Unave Amburgey, of Mallie, Ky.; Della Everage of Amburgey, Ky.; and Juanita Mullins of Louisville, Ky.

Her father, Watson, preceded her in death, but left behind is a dear and loving mother, Millie. May the Lord always comfort Millie for her devotion to Claudie.

Claudie was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. She let her light

shine that all her friends could see that only such love could come from knowing the Lord. Her faithfulness to the Lord made her illness seem almost a blessing. She was bedfast for almost two years, but not once did she ask, "Why?" She bore her suffering with a smile. As I look back over those last two years, I can only thank God that she did not have to bear the cross alone. My prayer is that all her family and friends saw in Claudie what I did, and that they'll always serve the Lord.

My life is almost ended and certainly a part of me left when Claudie died, but I know God made a promise that he'd prepare a place for us. I'm looking for the day I can go home to meet my Savior and I know the next face I see will be that of Claudie.

God bless you all. Pray for me and my son, Elmer, and daughter, Lula. Written by her husband, who misses her so much, but a husband that had many years of happiness.

Valentine Mullins, Amburgey, Ky.

JAMES GRIFFITH



James Griffith was born December 1, 1894 and died July 12, 1982, being 87 years, 7 months and 11 days old at the time of his passing. He was the son of Harden and Martha Campbell Griffith. He was married to Frankie Watts in June of 1917. To this union were born ten children, one, a son, Lee, of Indiana, preceded him in death.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Frankie; 3 daughters, Ada Campbell of North Carolina, Stella Halcomb of Ulvah and Gonnies Griffith of Hallie; 6 sons, Rence of Ohio; Arnold of Indiana, Rema and Leslie of Tennessee; Dallas and Harmie

of Ulvah. One brother, John C. Griffith and one sister, Polly Jane Cornett, also survive.

Jimmy, as he was known in the community, was loved and respected by all that knew him. He was a member of the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church and he served his country during World War I. We feel he has gone to rest.

Written by his sister-in-law, Goldie Watts

"LITTLE" BENNIE BLAIR



Bennie H. Blair was born November 4, 1913, being 68 years old at the time of his death on December 1, 1981. He was the son of the late Preston and Celia Adams Blair.

Bennie met and married Bessie Watts June 6, 1931 and to this union were born 12 children. Two of the children, twin girls, preceded Bennie in death.

Left to mourn his passing were 7 sons, Willis Blair, Everett Blair, Larry Blair and Lexter Blair, and 3 daughters, Mary Helen Blair, Nancy Carol Blair and Bulah Mae Barrier. Also surviving are three sisters - Millie Slone, Sarah Watts and Molly Halcomb; 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

In 1940 there was a great change in Little Bennie's life as he found the Lord and took Jesus to be his savior. Bennie joined the Doty Creek Regular Baptist Church, where he was a member for 13 years. Then, when the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church was established, he became its 6th member.

In 1956 Little Bennie became the Blair Branch Church's clerk and remained the church clerk until his death, an office he filled to the very best of his ability, always being careful to record the proceedings accurately.

Daddy, we miss you, the community misses you and the church misses you, but we feel sure our loss is heaven's gain.

AMBROSE J. FIELDS



With a sad and weary heart I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear husband, Ambrose J. Fields. He was the son of Joe and Nancy Caudill Fields. He was born March 16, 1888 and departed this life March 6, 1981, being almost ninety-three years at his death.

On November 6, 1908, he married Rebecca Ann Wells, and to this union six children were born. One died in infancy. Surviving are five sons: Dennis, Pascal, Coleman, Fonda and Joe. Rebecca Ann died April 14, 1936.

On August 8, 1936, he married Minnie Stallard, and we lived almost forty-five years - a happy life - together. We would

try to go to church somewhere every Sunday. Although he never did attach himself to any church, he would always talk about the beautiful home he was going to. He said it was the prettiest place he ever saw. I believe he is resting around the throne of God. The Old Regular Baptist was his belief. He was honest, and worked hard raising his family.

Ambrose's health started failing him in 1974, when he had his first stroke. After this he was never well any more, and we had to depend on our children and our friends to take us to church and places we needed to go. From this time on we spent our lives together at home. I cared for him the best I could. He was in and out of the hospital, and he bore his suffering and never seemed to worry. He always had a smile for everyone he met. Gone is the face we loved so dear, silent is the voice we loved to hear, too far away for voice or speech, but not too far for our thoughts to reach. So sleep on, Ambrose, and take your rest. You have been a loving husband and father. I will meet you in the morning, when you leave your dusty grave.

Written by his wife, Minnie Fields

BOYD ELDRIDGE



Boyd Eldridge, 92, of Blackey, died February 6 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 8, at the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church, Blackey, with Rev. I.D. Back, Rev. Elwood Cornett and Rev. Agnan Back officiating. Burial was in the Pearl Dixon Cemetery, Blackey.

He was the son of the late Ira and Barbara Ellen Coots Eldridge.

He is survived by his wife, Polly Eldridge; one son, Carless Eldridge, Fariborn, Ohio; seven daughters: Ersley Eldridge, Hallie; Oma Jo Branson, Letcher; Mabel Sparkman, Xenia, Ohio; Audrey Halcomb,

Ulvah; Vera Banks, Blackey; Mantie Crase, Hamilton, Ohio; Mae Rogers, Blackey; one brother, Finley Eldridge, Hallie; one sister, Minerva Halcomb, Hallie; 33 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Daddy loved Mount Olive Church and loved to fill his seat at church. So, write what you feel pleasing to God, as I believe the Almighty God has my daddy with Him. He loved to read his Bible. He would tell me over the phone, "Mantie, I've read another book in the Bible." He wanted so much to be able to read the complete Bible, but death took him before he got to read all of it.

IVRY CAUDILL



With much sadness in our hearts, we will try to write the obituary of our beloved husband and father, Ivry Caudill. He was born the son of Phoebe and William G. Caudill of Jeremiah, Kentucky on October 2, 1917. He passed from this life at his residence at Letcher, Kentucky on January 10, 1982, being 64 years, 3 months and 8 days of age at his passing.

He leaves his loving wife of twenty-five years, Wanda; four children: Sharon Whitaker, Judi Campbell, Darlene Sills and Jeffrey Caudill; four grandchildren; sons-in-law: Edgar Whitaker, Jr., Danny Campbell and Steve Sills; sisters: Evaline

Hampton, Malinda Turner and Hettie Mayes; and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was a member of the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church since 1952.

He was semi-retired, having been in the coal mining business, motel business and building business.

Ivry had heart problems for awhile, having had a heart attack in 1969 and

open heart surgery in February of 1981.

He is sadly missed as a loving father to his children and as a devoted husband. His memories will live with us always. We feel that he is resting peacefully with the Lord in his heavenly home. We all hope to join him some day.

Written by his wife and children

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.

2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.

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

4. We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in: therefore, a Saviour is absolutely needed.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints. That by grace through faith they are born again and adopted into the family of Heaven; that they become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in Glory, and that He will raise them up at the last day.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances; that true believers are the proper subjects and we admit no other.

8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion, to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in the water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

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

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general 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 Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to speak.

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

5. He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but define his ideas on the proposition for debate, so far as he can.

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

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

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

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

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

11. The names of the several members of the Association

shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called as often as the Association may require.

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

13. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

CONSTITUTION

Having by unanimous voice changed our organization from an annual meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep order and rules of an Association according to the following form of government.

1. The Association shall be called the Indian Bottom Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these shall be entitled to a seat.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the union.

5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by the churches to the Association, being first debated in their own church shall come under the consideration of the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association for 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.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

CEDAR GROVE. Venson Whitaker, Box 15, Ulvah, Kentucky 41856
 NEW HOME. Birtchell Mosley, Rt. 2, Box 35, Leburn, Ky. 41831
 DEFEATED CREEK . . . Atlas Frazier, Rt. 1, Box 734, Whitesburg, Ky., 41858
 REYNOLDS FORK. .Lewis F. Craft, 3015 Christopher Rd., Hazard, Ky., 41701
 BULL CREEK Donnie Jent, Box 53A, Hallie, Ky., 41821
 IVY POINT Chester Gibson, Leburn, Ky. 41831
 LITTLE DOVE. Dave Hampton, Box 41, Jeremiah, Ky., 41826
 TOLSON CREEK George Caudill, P.O. Box 502, Whitesburg, Ky., 41858
 DIXON MEMORIAL Willie Eldridge, Rt. 1, Box 52, Blackey, Ky., 41804
 BIG CREEK. . Billie Ray Maggard, 1006 Center Cross St., Edinburg, Ind. 46124
 HAPPY HOME McKinley McIntosh, Amburgey, Ky., 41801
 NEW BETHLEHEM. . Melvin Creech, Star Rt. 1, Box 92, Malena, Ky. 41740
 CLEAR FORK Wilson Combs, RR 2, Box 201, Hazard, Ky. 41701
 NORTHERN NEW HOME . . E. Robert Miller, 405 Britton Lane, Monroe, Ohio
 45050 Phone: 539-7114
 BLAIR BRANCH Steve M. Adams, Box 23, Jeremiah, Ky. 41826
 MT. OLIVET Agnan Back, Blackey, Ky. 41804
 LITTLE ZION Ross S. Hill, Box 114, Jeff, Ky. 41715
 HURRICANE GAP Curt Blevins, Rt. 54, Box 75, Gordon, Ky. 41819
 ROSE OF SHARON Roger Gibson, Box 383, Viper, Ky., 41774
 KINGDOM COME. Henry L. Hampton, Box 68, Letcher, Ky., 41832
 POOR FORK Joe Ison, Rt. 1, Box 59, Partridge, Ky. 40862
 LYDIA Aster Jent, 285 E. 9th, Peru, Ind., 46970
 BIG COWAN Estill Everage, P.O. Box 66, Amburgey, Ky. 41801

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CEDAR GROVE. Manus Ison, Johnny Walters, Danny Dixon
 NEW HOME. Arnold Thacker, Birtchell Mosley, John M. Watts
 DEFEATED CREEK Matt Cornett, Odis Frazier, Atlas Frazier
 REYNOLDS FORK. Dwight Amburgey, Alton Young, Delmar Moore
 BULL CREEK Donnie Jent, Raymond Jent, Virgil Combs
 IVY POINT Lee Mosley, Chester Gibson, Harry Moore
 LITTLE DOVE. Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Merle Smith
 TOLSON CREEK George Caudill, Owen Day, Watson Whitaker
 DIXON MEMORIAL Carl Back, Lester Short, Willie Eldridge
 BIG CREEK. Billy Maggard, Venon Miller, Jonah Roark
 HAPPY HOME McKinley McIntosh, Ollie Mullins, Luther Ashley
 NEW BETHLEHEM. J.C. Sparks, Don Napier, Joel Combs
 CLEAR FORK Wilson Combs, Lewis Lucas, Clarence Combs
 NORTHERN NEW HOME Ermel R. Ison, Mark Dotson, Jerry Combs
 BLAIR BRANCH Crittie Stewart, Neldon Whitaker, Eugene Adams
 MT. OLIVET I.D. Back, Agnan Back, William Lusk, Jr.
 LITTLE ZION Ross S. Hill, Euri Godsey, Jay Lucas
 HURRICANE GAP Astor Caudill, Robert Harris, Jay McCool
 ROSE OF SHARON Green Fields, Roger Gibson, Lillard Taylor
 KINGDOM COME. Parrot Roark, John Back, Michael Sizemore
 POOR FORK Jim Fields, Arthur Lloyd, Joe Ison
 LYDIA Marcus Combs, Aster Jent, Jasper Fields
 BIG COWAN Ellis Banks, Clifton Hampton, Marion Day

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Dwight Amburgey	Pinetop, Kentucky	785-4993
Ivan J. Amburgey	Pinetop, Kentucky	785-4249
Carl Back	Jeremiah, Kentucky	633-4344
I.D. Back	Blackey, Kentucky	633-0749
Ellis Banks	Whitesburg, Kentucky	633-2174
Fess Blair	Ulvah, Kentucky	633-0008
Toby Breeding	Jeremiah, Kentucky	633-0006
Herman Caudill	Whitesburg, Kentucky	None Listed
Marcus Combs	1012 E. Sherman, Marion, Ind.	664-8356
Robert Combs	RR 2, Box 206, Hazard, Ky.	439-2198
Elwood Cornett	Blackey, Ky.	633-9269
Colonel Eldridge	Milan, Ind.	None Listed
Lloyd Eldridge	Sunman, Ind.	654-3229
Green Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.	633-0348
James D. Fields	Blackey, Ky.	633-0385
Jasper Fields	2352 W. 13th St., Marion, Ind.	(317) 664-2207
Jim Fields	Hallie, Ky.	633-0275
Oral Flannery	Somerset, Ky.	None Listed
Chester Gibson	Leburn, Ky. <i>Ivy Point</i>	785-3709
Charlie Gibson	Whitesburg, Ky.	633-7988
Bill Halcomb	Hamilton, Ohio	None Listed
Virgil Halcomb	214 Tampa Downs Blvd., Lutz, Fla.	None Listed
Corbit Hall	Hindman, Ky.	None Listed
Emmitt Hall	Leburn, Ky.	None Listed
Clifton Hampton	Whitesburg, Ky.	633-0428
Clark Hayes	Red Fox, Ky.	642-3715
Ermil Ison	729 E. Foster Rd., Maineville, Oh.	899-2115
John D. Ison	Day Rural Station, Whitesburg, Ky.	None Listed
Manus Ison	Hallie, Ky.	633-7959
Aster Jent	Peru, Ind.	(317) 472-1650
Kirby Jent	R2, Box 3, Carcassonne, Ky.	633-8091
Truman Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.	None Listed
Jay Lucas	RR 2, Hazard, Ky.	None Listed
Lewis Lucas	RR 2, Hazard, Ky.	None Listed
Marion Martin	Hindman, Ky.	None Listed
Bill Moore	Leburn, Ky.	785-4888
Alonzo Mosley	Garner, Ky.	785-3430
Jonah Roark	RR 1, Commiskey, Ind.	None Listed
Odis Ritchie	Talcum, Ky.	251-3683
J. Nelson Seals	Mallie, Ky.	785-5621
Hurley Short	None Listed	None Listed
Barney Slone	Topmost, Ky.	447-2202
Milburn Slone	Garner, Ky.	None Listed
Clyde Shepherd	5550 Morrisville Rd., Indianapolis, Ind.	None Listed
Morris Shephrd	Box 27, Fisty, Ky.	251-3278

J.C. Sparks	Hindman, Ky.	785-3386
Irvin Stallings	2274 Madison Ave., Norwood, Ohio	631-7085
Edward Sumpter	Cumberland, Ky.	573-5244
Carl R. Tuttle	East McDowell, Ky.	377-6898
Silas Williams	Emmalena, Ky.	785-4876
Alton Young	Mallie, Ky.	785-3017

LIBERATED BRETHREN

Ellis Adams	Jeremiah, Ky.	633-9740
Agan Back	Blackey, Ky.	633-7730
Gary Caudill	Isom, Ky.	None Listed
Jerry Caudill	U.S. Army, Fork Knox, Ky.	None Listed
Charlie Collins	None Listed	None Listed
Cleon Combs	R5, Box 363, Covington, Ky.	356-7641
Earl Combs	Carcassonne, Ky.	None Listed
Virgil Combs	Carcassonne, Ky.	None Listed
Carson Cornett	None Listed	None Listed
Wilson Cornett	None Listed	None Listed
Lewis Craft	3015 Christopher Rd., Hazard, Ky.	None Listed
Clarence Dixon	Blackey, Ky.	633-9213
Curl Dixon	Williamsburg, Ohio	724-7170
Arthur Everage	None Listed	None Listed
Estill Everage	Amburgey, Ky.	642-3223
Frank Fouts	None Listed	None Listed
Henry T. Hampton	Jeremiah, Ky.	None Listed
Arthur Jent	Ulvah, Ky.	None Listed
David Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.	None Listed
Donnie Jent	Box 53A, Hallie, Ky.	None Listed
Henry Melton	None Listed	None Listed
Harry Moore	McDowell, Ky.	377-6277
Lee Mosley	Garner, Ky.	785-3358
Ollie Mullins	Amburgey, Ky.	None Listed
John Preece	Hindman, Ky.	785-5455
Marcus Ritchie	Hazard, Ky.	378-2341
Jim Rush	Garner, Ky.	785-3414
Lester Short	Jeremiah, Ky.	633-5358
Willie K. Slone	Pippa Passes, Ky.	368-3470
Homer Smith	Jeremiah, Ky.	633-0281
Harlas Watts	Mousie, Ky.	None Listed

CHURCH	Received by Baptism & Experience	Received by Letters	Restored	Recommendation & Application	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	15	0	0	0	5	0	1	147	4	\$250.00
New Home	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	70	2	75.00
Defeated Creek	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	27	2	125.00
Reynolds Fork	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	49	3	100.00
Bull Creek	20	0	0	3	0	1	2	75	3	100.00
Ivy Point	2	0	0	1	0	0	5	27	4	25.00
Little Dove	8	3	0	0	8	0	2	139	2	250.00
Tolson Creek	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4	50.00
Dixon Memorial	4	0	0	0	4	3	1	41	4	100.00
Big Creek	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	4	50.00
Happy Home	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	100.00
New Bethlehem	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	3	100.00
Clear Fork	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	23	1	60.00
Northern New Home	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	65	4	50.00
Blair Branch	10	0	0	2	4	0	0	79	3	200.00
Mt. Olivet	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	152	1	250.00
Little Zion	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	4	30.00
Rose of Sharon	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	28	2	65.00
Hurricane Gap	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	24	3	55.00
Kingdom Come	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	18	1	40.00
Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	1	50.00
Lydia	6	2	0	3	0	0	0	19	1	40.00
Big Cowan	9	1	1	0	2	0	0	64	4	150.00
TOTAL	106	12	2	10	34	13	18	1219	—	\$2315.00

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 _____	4 _____
2 _____	5 _____
3 _____	6 _____

ALTERNATES

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 _____

Louise Sexton
John Preece
Homer Smith
Ellis Adams
Toby Breeding
DANNY Dixon
Ted Everidge
IVAN Amburgey
Ag. Back
I.D. Back
Elwood Corvett
Jim Fields
Carson Corvett

JAN 31, 1988

Earl Mosley	Harvey Creech
Squire Watts	Charles Shepherd
John Preece	Roger Gibson
Jim Fields	Eugene Wilder
I.D. Back	Earl Stone
Chon Amburgey	Carson Carson Corvett
Toby Breeding	

Nov. 1, 1987

Association Building
"odd" meeting time

Reynold Foul
New people
breaching

Call to order
call roll
chairs
assess

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